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MEMORIAL PICNIC - MAY 2025



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801



You can view the rest of the pictures taken during the Memorial Picnic by clicking here: [PICNIC](#)

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Sgt. at Arms:	Carter Mitchell
Color Guard Commander:	Ed Mampe
Quartermaster:	Frank Contee
Va Hospital Visits:	Linda Smolich
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Our next meeting is scheduled for
24 June (Tuesday)
Start Time 1830 or 6:30 pm
Steven's Restaurant
THIS IS A DATE CHANGE!!!!!!

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If you are not getting my emails with the meeting minutes, email me, John Jezioro at jezfamilly11@ameritech.net or text me at 847-807-0736 and we'll get it worked out.

_John Jezioro, Adjutant.

[Click to Pay Your Dues Here.](#)

SAVE THE DATES

Next ***Shake the Can*** 7 June 1000 - 1500 See page 6.

Next Meeting 24 June (another date change) - Stevens

USMC A-6 Vietnam Pilot James King will be making a presentation at the 15 July meeting.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain's Message for May

This past Saturday we had the opportunity and privilege to enjoy our Lake County Marine League Memorial Day Picnic in Foss Park. Some adjustments had to be made for winds off the Lake and chill in the air. Jackets and coats became mandatory---however we survived.

More importantly we celebrated our primary reason for being there; to recognize those past members of our detachment who have gone before us.

Tom Koncan, our Commandant, gave a warm comment on what it means to be a Marine and the unity and bond that makes us special but more importantly how grateful we should be to those individuals that laid the groundwork for our group. A reading of each of the departed's name, followed by a ringing of the bell, and rifle salute and playing of Taps concluded the ceremony.

While still trying to stay warm, the remainder of the day was spent chatting, enjoying each other's company and the hamburgers, bratwurst, hotdogs, baked beans and accoutrements supplied by attendee's.

A special thank you to all who contributed. All in all-we had a fun time.

It could only have been better with a greater attendance---maybe next time.

Semper Fi!

Joe Womack

Chaplain

From Ed Cooper-Sr. Vice Commandant

Greetings and Salutations!

Reminder, we have another upcoming **"Shake the Can" Fundraiser:**

Sat, June 7th

10am - 3pm

Jewel-Osco

885 E. Belvidere Rd.

Grayslake, IL.

We had a great turnout, an unbelievable beautiful day and a record setting "Shake the Can" fundraiser amount of \$2,800 a few weeks ago.

Looking forward to another great turnout on Sat, June 7th. Please contact me with questions, suggestions, etc.

Thank you for all your support!

Semper Fi!

Regards,

Ed Cooper

Sr. Vice Commandant

MCL of Lake County

(760) 533-3850

From Ed Cooper-Sr. Vice Commandant

As of: Saturday March 22nd

2025 Fundraising Dates and Locations - **“Shake The Can”**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Sat, 6/7	10am-3pm	Jewel-Osco (Location Change) 885 E. Belvidere Rd Grayslake
Sat, 7/12	10am-3pm	Jewel-Osco 6509 W Grand Ave, Gurnee
Sat, 7/26	10am-3pm	Jewel-Osco 900 E Rollins Rd., Round Lake Beach
Sat, 8/16	10am-3pm	Jewel-Osco 6509 W Grand Ave, Gurnee
Sat, 9/6	10am-3pm	Jewel-Osco 3124 N Lewis Ave, Waukegan
Sat, 9/20	10am-3pm	Jewel-Osco 900 E Rollins Rd., Round Lake Beach
Sat, 10/4	10am-3pm	Jewel-Osco 1300 S. Milwaukee-Libertyville

Call Ed with your questions: (760) 533-3850

A CALL TO ACTION FOR OUR DETACHMENT

WE NEED MORE MEMBERS

Strength in Unity and Numbers

As members of the Best Damn Detachment, we have shared experiences that forge bonds unlike any other. Our camaraderie as Marines and Corpsman, built on mutual respect and understanding, provides a unique support system. Now is the time to extend this haven to others who have served but have yet to find the Marine Corps League

Why We Need to Expand

Each new member enriches our detachment with their individual stories, skills, and perspectives. By growing our numbers, we not only strengthen our solidarity but also enhance our ability to support one another. Imagine the wealth of experiences and knowledge that could be shared, the new friendships that could blossom, and the collective wisdom that could guide us all.

Benefits of a Larger Detachment

- **Greater Support Network:** More members mean more resources and support for each of us. Whether someone needs advice, companionship, or assistance, a larger group can provide a stronger safety net.
- **Diverse Perspectives:** New members bring fresh viewpoints and ideas, which can help us tackle challenges in innovative ways.
- **Enhanced Activities:** With more hands-on deck, we can organize more events, outings, and activities that cater to a wider variety of interests.

How to Find New Members

Recruiting new members requires a proactive approach and a genuine desire to connect with others. Here are a few strategies to consider:

Start with Your Networks-Church, Social media, Your local Watering Hole

Think about that guy wearing the USMC cover you see while shopping or that USMC flag flying on a house down the street. Or, that car in the Walmart parking lot with the USMC decal on the window. Pick up a handful of applications at the next meeting and leave them on car windows and front doors. Print the following poster and get it into your favorite bar.



HELP US CELEBRATE OUR
BIRTHDAY ALL YEAR
LONG. IT WILL BE 250
YEARS ON 10 NOVEMBER
2025.



WE'RE LOOKING FOR MARINES AND FMF CLERGY & CORPSMEN!

We are the Lake County Marines Corps League
Detachment 801. We meet on the third Tuesday
starting at 1830 at Steven's Restaurant - Gurnee.

Check us out at

SEMPER FIDELIS





COLOR & HONOR GUARD



Color and Honor Guard

Last Saturday during our Memorial Picnic, we presented Colors and fired a Rifle Volley to remember and honor our deceased members.

We have been asked to present Colors at the opening of the Wall that Heals on 17 July at 1000 in Antioch.

The color guard has practice on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, at the American Legion in Gurnee starting at 1830.

Ed Mampe - Color Guard Commander

PH #847-641-9689

WELCOME ABOARD



Welcome aboard Charles 'Dale' Bowser. He began his Marine career at MCRD San Diego in 1999 then completed training as a MT mechanic. He was stationed at Camp Pendleton and Al Asad Airbase. He was released as a Marine Corporal in 2004.

Today, Dale works for the IDOT (just had to stay with MT) and lives in Grayslake with his wife, Julia and their children.

CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS



VA Visits on May 13 and 27, 2025

- We had 2 scheduled visits for the month of May and they were very rewarding. VA volunteers on the 13th were Ed & Carol Mampe and myself.
- VA volunteers on the 27th were Warren Blocklock, Nada Sydow, Joe Womack, Ed & Carol Mampe and myself. We were able to split up into two groups and covered the 4th floor.
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- We handed out Eagles (made by Our Lady of Humility Girl Scout Troop 47780) Troop Leader's name is Jennifer. The girls pictured above helped make the Eagles.
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- We ran into Kenneth List, Chief of Community Affairs/Voluntary Services and our very own Henry Landrau.
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- Ron Thomas, a Marine VA Employee, said he filled out an application and will be attending our Memorial Picnic.

We would like to invite anyone from our Detachment to attend a one-time visit to see what it's like and if they would be interested prior to going through the whole orientation process. You must be Covid vaccinated and a flu shot to ensure the safety and well-being of our Veterans and their families, and thus provides a successful volunteer experience. So, anyone interested? Please contact Linda Smolich at (847) 204-5348.



EAGLE SCOUTS



That's Han Landrau, above, after presenting a Ka-Bar to a 22 year old Eagle Scout who was missed during the pandemic. Through June we will have presented 55 Ka-Bars since 1 July last year. That's one more than a year ago. I'm excited to present 8 Ka-Bars on 8 June in a bilingual presentation assisted by Allan Perez, Jr. Vice Commandant.

We're always looking for help making these presentations.

Mel Ellingsen (847) 274-8144 Eagle Scout Chair

THE WALL THAT HEALS

**VIETNAM VETERANS
MEMORIAL REPLICA & MOBILE
EDUCATION CENTER**



JULY 17-20, 2025

Tim Osmond Sports Complex

38 Depot Street, Antioch, IL - 24 Hour Access, Closing at 2 pm Sunday

The Wall That Heals is a three-quarters scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial along with a mobile Education Center. The traveling exhibit honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces in the Vietnam War and it bears the names of more than 52,281 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam. Visitors experience The Wall rising above them as they walk towards the apex, a key feature of the design of The Wall in D.C. Like the original memorial, The Wall That Heals is erected in a chevron-shape and visitors can do name rubbings of individual service member's names. Modern LED lighting provides readability of The Wall Day and Night.

Volunteers & Tours-Volunteer sign up at AntiochChamber.org

There are many volunteer opportunities, sign up now at AntiochChamber.org. Most Volunteer Ambassadors are at The Wall talking with and supporting the public. To help assemble The Wall or Security, contact Barbara at 847-395-2233. Tours-Contact Barbara to plan your Tour Group.

Escort The Wall

Tours

Be an Ambassador/Friend

Assemble The Wall

Remove The Wall

Overnight Security

Sponsors

The Antioch Chamber and Post 748 American Legion are offering sponsorship opportunities to assist with expenses associated with bringing "The Wall That Heals", a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, to Antioch from Thursday, July 17 through Sunday, July 20, 2025. This is a great opportunity to support an extraordinary and impactful event. See reverse side for info.

HOSTS: Antioch Chamber of Commerce and Post 748 American Legion



Visit AntiochChamber.org
Contact Barbara Porch at the
Antioch Chamber of Commerce
office@AntiochChamber.org
or call 847-395-2233



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**Jim Sroka, Ed Mampe, Warren Blacklock, Col. Jim Swab,
Al Seyler and Nolan Webster.**

There have been no requests for assistance this month.

Charles Walgreen
President

Related Military Links to Click

Honor Flight Lake County

Midwest Veterans Closet

US Department of Veterans Affairs

Lake County Veterans Assistance Commission

Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs

Marine Corps League Headquarters

Illinois Marine

VFW Action Corps Weekly

American Legion

Sgt Grit

PTSD Resources

Past copies of the Jarhead Journal can be viewed here:

www.lakecountymarines.com/newsletters

Marine Corps League (MCL) Resources

Websites:

www.mclnational.org – MCL national website – **SHIPS STORE**

www.mcleaguelibrary.org – MCL national public documents / resources

www.mcleaguelibrary.org/member-library - Password (DD2), library holds meeting minutes, forms, national bylaws / administrative procedures manuals to include MCL uniform guidance and MCL awards guidance, etc.

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www.militaryorderofthedevidogs.org – MODD Kennel website

www.nationalmcla.org – MCL national Auxiliary

www.linkedin.com/company/marine-corps-league - MCL national LinkedIn

We encourage you all as members to visit these websites and social media pages. Take a look around and know all the resources available to you on these platforms. Please share this information with all members not only in leadership positions, but your Detachment members.

*Questions about any of these resources can be addressed directly to the **MCL** National Public Relations Committee for assistance.*

publicrelations@mcleague.org