

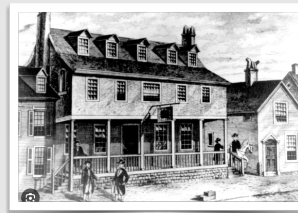
# THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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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 [www.lakecountymarines.com](http://www.lakecountymarines.com)

**SEMPER FIDELIS**



**Spread the Word....We Need New Members!!!**

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Our next meeting is scheduled for

18 February (Tuesday)

Start Time 1830 or 6:30 pm

Steven's Restaurant

#### Where Stuff Is

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If you are not getting my emails with the meeting minutes, email me, John Jezioro at [jezfamily11@ameritech.net](mailto:jezfamily11@ameritech.net) or text me at 847-807-0736 and we'll get it worked out.  
\_John Jezioro, Adjutant.

### SAVE THE DATES

St Patrick's Day Meeting and Dinner - 18 March, Tuesday

Memorial Day Remembrance and Picnic - 31 May, Saturday

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

**Chaplain's Message January 2025**

Welcome to January 2025, with a new year and another frigid month staring us in the face. How do we react?

First, let's thank the Lord that we still have our wits intact following all of 2024's crazy events. The devastation of fires in California should serve as a catalyst to ensure our being thankful that we have a life, a home and a bed to lay our bodies down for a quiet night's sleep, without all of the angst those unfortunate people are experiencing.

Let us also remember and pray for the victims of the recent American Airlines/Blackhawk Helicopter crash in Washington D.C. and the medical jet crash near Philadelphia.

The new year brings hope that our nations future is positive, the economy strong and our health good. Happy New Year!

Semper Fi!

Joe Womack

Chaplain



Our March meeting falls on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

So—We be invitin ya to a Det. 801 St. Paddy's party at our meetin. We be having some goodies to be partaking of and a wee spot of some liquids for medicinal purposes only.

Bring your Bride or your favorite (not both) and let us know you are coming. We be needin a count to make sure we have enough Corn Beef, Cabbage and Fixins.

Plan on wearing your "Greens"( prize for best dressed Lad and Lass), stick around and enjoy some camaraderie. All the Irish Marines will be there---- Pantaleo, Szempruch, Ellingsen, Karlovics, Mrozinski, Sroka ( sounds more like Notre Dames offensive line ) ----- and many more !!

**Be There!!!!**



## **COLOR & HONOR GUARD**



### **Color and Honor Guard**

Next practice will be on 25 February, 1830 at Al Seyler's house. Then on the 2nd and the 4th Wednesday on the month always starting at 1830.

Ed Mampe - Color Guard Commander

PH #847-641-9689

## CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS



We are looking for someone to chair this committee. Warren needs to step down but he has all this info, so please give him a call!

Ed and Carol Mampe

Linda Smolich

Al Blut and Charlotte Stevens

Walter Roth

Warren Blacklock

Al Seyler

Current plans call for the team to visit the veteran community on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 1:30 until 3:00 PM. Warren and Nada will start next week to run recognizance at the VA before everyone gets approved.

If you want to participate, call Warren Blacklock (847) 918-8252 or leave him an email at [sennhs@yahoo.com](mailto:sennhs@yahoo.com).



## EAGLE SCOUTS



Since 1 July, will have presented 28 Ka-Bars by the end of January. Col. Jim Homan presented on 11 January. Both Charles Walgreen and Mel Ellingsen presented on 1 February. We have 4 more scheduled for 2025.

We're always looking for help making these presentations.

Mel Ellingsen (847) 274-8144 Eagle Scout Chair

***Lake County Marine Corps League Foundation***

**Officers and Directors**

**President- Charles Walgreen**

**Treasurer- Mel Ellingsen**

**Secretary- Jerry Pedrin**

**Directors**

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

The foundation approved \$1,000.00 for a local Marine whose aged father lost everything in a house fire on January 15<sup>th</sup> (his pets were lost too). Unfortunately living on a fixed income, he did not have home insurance so now the Marine is paying to get his father back on his feet.

No other requests at this time.

Charles Walgreen  
President

***Related Military Links to Click***

**Midwest Veterans Closet**

**US Department of Veterans Affairs**

**Lake County Veterans Assistance Commission**

**Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs**

**Marine Corps League Headquarters**

**Honor Flight Lake County**

**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](http://www.lakecountymarines.com/newsletters)**

# Marine Corps League (MCL) Resources

## Websites:

[www.mclnational.org](http://www.mclnational.org) – MCL national website – **SHIPS STORE**

[www.mcleaguelibrary.org](http://www.mcleaguelibrary.org) – MCL national public documents / resources

[www.mcleaguelibrary.org/member-library](http://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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\_\_\_\_\_ <https://lakecountymarines.com> \_\_\_\_\_ Detachment website

## Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/mclnational](https://www.facebook.com/mclnational) - MCL National

[www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064587650733](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064587650733) Chicago Area MC Co-Council

[www.facebook.com/groups/67134899955](https://www.facebook.com/groups/67134899955) 2<sup>nd</sup> District Facebook

[www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068070852934](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068070852934) Department Facebook

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[www.facebook.com/groups/mclhonorguardandcolorguard](https://www.facebook.com/groups/mclhonorguardandcolorguard) - MCL Honor Guard / Color Guard

[www.facebook.com/groups/447677227018622](https://www.facebook.com/groups/447677227018622) - MCL National Membership Committee

[www.facebook.com/groups/mcluniforms](https://www.facebook.com/groups/mcluniforms) - MCL Uniforms Buy-Sell-Trade

[www.facebook.com/groups/mclconnections](https://www.facebook.com/groups/mclconnections) - MCL Connections (MCL members only)

[www.facebook.com/groups/usmccollectibles](https://www.facebook.com/groups/usmccollectibles) - USMC Sell Your Sh\*\*!

## Other:

[www.youtube.com/themarinecorpsleague](https://www.youtube.com/themarinecorpsleague) - Click “subscribe” for new content

[www.instagram.com/hqmcl](https://www.instagram.com/hqmcl) – MCL national Instagram

[www.militaryorderofthedevidogs.org](http://www.militaryorderofthedevidogs.org) – MODD Kennel website

[www.nationalmcla.org](http://www.nationalmcla.org) – MCL national Auxiliary

[www.linkedin.com/company/marine-corps-league](https://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](mailto:publicrelations@mcleague.org)**