

THE **JARHEAD** JOURNAL

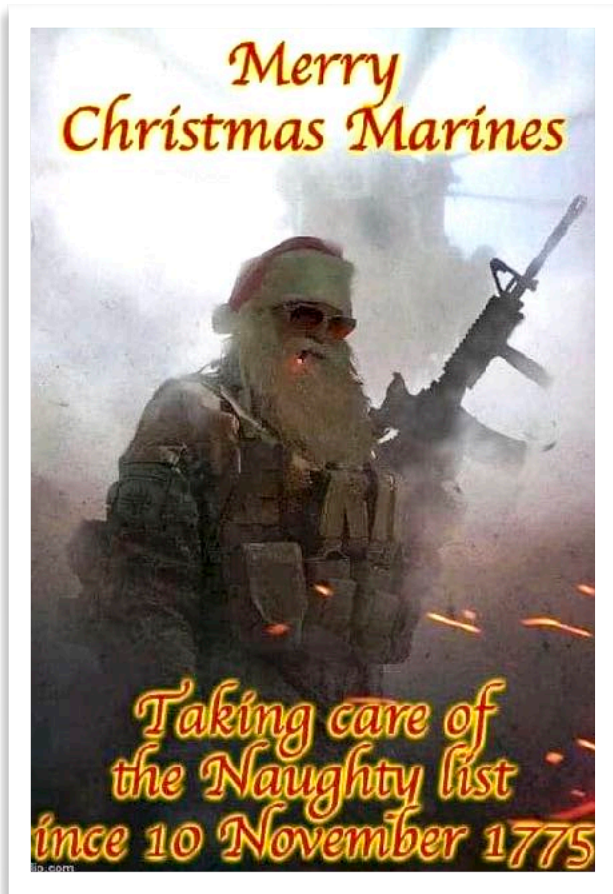
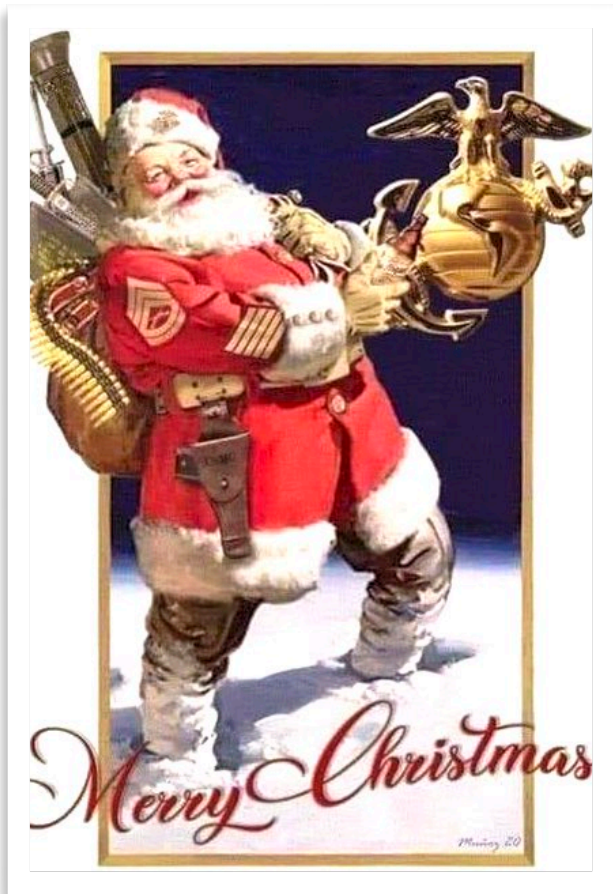
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Warren Blacklock enjoyed the first piece of cake as the oldest Marine at both the Toys for Tots Breakfast and at our detachment party.

ARE YOU READY FOR CHRISTMAS?



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

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Sgt. at Arms:	Carter Mitchell
Color Guard Commander:	Ed Mampe
Quartermaster:	Frank Contee
Va Hospital Visits:	Warren Blacklock
Junior Past Commandant	Charles Walgreen
Web Sgt.:	Mel Ellingsen
Fun Chairman:	

Our next meeting is scheduled for
17 December (Tuesday)
Start Time 1830 or 6:30 pm
Steven's Restaurant

Where Stuff Is

- #1 249th USMC Birthday Celebrations
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If you are not getting my emails with the meeting minutes, email me, John Jezioro at jezfamily11@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.](#)



Randy Lund (R) won last year with Joe Womack (L) placing second.

Ugly Christmas Sweater Competition is back!!!
Once again we will look for the best Ugly Christmas Sweater and award the winner at our December meeting!

COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

Greetings to all the members of
Detachment 801 of the
Marine Corps League!

Our detachment is about to embark on one of our most challenging missions of the last few years. ***We need new members!*** We need to identify and induct new members so our detachment can remain the BEST DAMN DETACHMENT IN THE NATION.

We will officially kick off this mission on 1 February. Awards will be presented to those who can successfully identify and get inducted new members. Details are in the works. We're working on tools to assist you in your mission. More to be discussed at our December meeting.

During this year of the 250th Birthday of our Corps, what better time to invite those brothers and sisters who have served to join the Marine Corps League!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain's Message November 2024

As we approach the holiday season it behooves us to take time to count our blessings and give thanks to our Lord for providing us the opportunity to live in a country where we can express ourselves freely and reap the rewards that come with our efforts.

The newspapers and media remind us on a regular basis that freedom isn't free and it comes with a cost. Let us never forget those that have paid the ultimate price to allow us to live the life of our choosing.

This is an ideal time to reach out and offer a welcoming and supporting hand to those less fortunate. Not only will it serve to provide a boost of energy to the recipient it could serve as a shot of adrenaline to yourself.

In closing, I hope you enjoyed Happy Thanksgiving with your family and loved ones.

Semper Fi!

Joe Womack

Chaplain

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

MESSAGE FOR SR. VICE COMMANDANT



Dec 1st thru Dec 20th, MACG-48 Reserve unit's Toys For Tots (TFT) warehouse (where all the toys in Lake County are collected, organized and distributed) is located at:
3201 Maryland St,
North Chicago, 60088

Warehouse is open M-F, 8:30am - 4pm, Dec 1st-20th.
They're looking for volunteers to assist with toy organization and sorting!

****Busiest week at the TFT warehouse requiring as many volunteers as possible is Dec 2-6!**



COLOR & HONOR GUARD



Color and Honor Guard

Prior to the burial service for Marine Thomas J. Koncan, Sr. we will stand casket guard. Date TBD.

The Color Guard is scheduled to Present Colors at the Warren Funeral home and cemetery on the 14th of December prior to the Placing of Wreaths.

Next practice will be on January 11th, 1830 at Al Seyler's house.

We have practice on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at the American Legion Post 771 in Gurnee starting at 1830.

Ed Mampe Color Guard Commander

PH #847-641-9689

CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS



Warren Blacklock has volunteered to be our VA Hospital Visitation Chair. Both Warren and Nada Sydow are certified to enter the residential areas. These members are starting the process to get certified.

Ed and Carol Mampe

Linda Smolich

Al Blut and Charlotte Stevens

Walter Roth

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.



EAGLE SCOUTS



We will have presented 22 Ka-Bars by the end of November. We have two scheduled for December and two more for January.

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 for the 12th annual Naval Station Great Lakes Christmas Dinner at Christian Liberty Academy on Christmas Day.

Christian Liberty Academy (CLA) will be hosting 50 Navy Recruits, from Naval Station Great Lakes, on Christmas Day. Recruits will be given bus transportation to CLA, a motorcycle escort, flag line welcome, formal welcoming ceremony, Christmas luncheon and dinner, and use of cellphones for the day. A day away from boot camp for Navy recruits on Christmas Day.

Volunteers are requested for a flag line in front of CLA (arrive by 9am). Volunteers are welcome to stay for the noon luncheon (RSVP to bob.stack@christianliberty.com required).

Charles Walgreen
President

*Christian Liberty Academy of
Arlington Heights, IL
is honored to welcome*

US Navy Recruits

from Naval Station Great Lakes on

Christmas Day 2024

Christian Liberty Academy

502 W Euclid Ave

Arlington Heights, IL



**A luncheon will be served to the recruits & volunteers
(RSVP required).**

Volunteers requested for a flag line along Ridge Ave.

Please arrive by 9 am.

For RSVP and information, contact

Bob Stack bob.stack@christianliberty.com

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

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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Facebook:

www.facebook.com/mclnational - MCL National

www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064587650733 Chicago Area MC Co-Council

www.facebook.com/groups/67134899955 2nd District Facebook

www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068070852934 Department Facebook

www.facebook.com/groups/48678176402 Detachment Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/groups/mclhonorguardandcolorguard - MCL Honor Guard / Color Guard

www.facebook.com/groups/447677227018622 - MCL National Membership Committee

www.facebook.com/groups/mcluniforms - MCL Uniforms Buy-Sell-Trade

www.facebook.com/groups/mclconnections - MCL Connections (MCL members only)

www.facebook.com/groups/usmccollectibles - USMC Sell Your Sh**!

Other:

www.youtube.com/themarinecorpsleague - Click “subscribe” for new content

www.instagram.com/hqmcl – MCL national Instagram

www.militaryorderofthedevildogs.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