

THE **JARHEAD** JOURNAL

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Here are the Members who collected, donated and/or distributed toys for the 2024 Toys for Tots Program. **THANK YOU!!!**

L to R: Randy Lund, Jim Sroka, Al Seyler, Ed Mampe, Carol Mampe, Ed Cooper and Charles Walgreen.

SPREAD THE WORD....WE NEED NEW MEMBERS!!!

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

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Junior Past Commandant	Charles Walgreen
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Fun Chairman:	

Our next meeting is scheduled for

18 March (Tuesday)

Start Time 1800 or 6:00 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 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 1800

Memorial Day Remembrance and Picnic - 31 May, Saturday

From Ed Cooper-Sr. Vice Commandant

As of: Monday, March 3, 2025

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Sat, 6/7	10am-3pm	Jewel-Osco 3124 N Lewis Ave, Waukegan, IL
Sat, 7/12	10am-3pm	Jewel-Osco 6509 W Grand Ave, Gurnee, IL
Sat, 7/26	10am-3pm	Jewel-Osco 900 E Rollins Rd., Round Lake Beach, IL
Sat, 8/16	10am-3pm	Jewel-Osco 6509 W Grand Ave, Gurnee, IL
Sat, 9/6	10am-3pm	Jewel-Osco 3124 N Lewis Ave, Waukegan, IL
Sat, 9/20	10am-3pm	Jewel-Osco 900 E Rollins Rd., Round Lake Beach, IL

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

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain's Message February 2025

Is Spring just around the corner? Following a frigid start to the year we are now beginning to see signs that the end of winter, with the biting cold, is not that far away. Is this a mirage or are we really starting to see spots of green in our lawn?

New leadership---let us take some time out of our day to say a prayer for the new leadership of our country; so that they will make the correct decisions that affect our way of life, freedoms that we enjoy today and peace and prosperity in the world.

Several of our fellow members are experiencing health related issues---a word of kindness and encouragement will do wonders for their egos and ours.

Hoping to see you all at our St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 18. Should be a fun night for all.

Semper Fi!

Joe Womack



**OUR MARCH MEETING FALLS ON
THE 18TH STARTS AT 6:00 PM.**

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 !!

**FOLLOWING IS THE SIGN-UP
SHEET IS YOUR NAME THERE?
No? WHY NOT?**

CALL US BY MONDAY 10 MARCH

ST. PADDY'S DAY MEETING & PARTY

SIGN-UP SHEET

MARCH 18, 2025 - STARTS AT 6:00 PM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Spouse (Significant other)</u>
1. Ellingsen, Mel	Shirley
2. Seyler, Al	Kathi
3. Jezioro, John	
4. Linda Smolich	
5. Wayne Carle	
6. Warren Blacklock	
7. Walter Roth	
8. Nolan Webster	
9. Charles Walgreen	
10. John Hamel	
11. Tom Koncan	
12. Joe Womack	Merry Lynn
13. Mike Brooker	Barbara
14. Al Blut	Charlotte
15. Ed Mampe	
16. Carol Mampe	
17. David Drdla	
18. Ed Mrozinski	
19. Randy Christopher	Karen
20. Jim Sroka	Marcia
21. Randy Lund	Tina
22. Andrea Morales	
23. Nick Pantaleo	Kelly
24. Ed Cooper	Nicole
25. Allan Perez	
26. Frank Contee	
27. Peter Karlovics	
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29.	
30.	
31. There's plenty of room for more!!!	



COLOR & HONOR GUARD



Color and Honor Guard

The color guard performed two rifle volleys in the month of February, the first one was on the 17th at Ascension Cemetery for Detachment 801 member John Kotarba, the second one was on the 22nd at St. Joseph Church in Round Lake for a Marine Roger Ellickson.

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

CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS



WANTED: WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN so we can keep this rewarding program going that Warren Blacklock started in December 2007. That's 18 years ago!!

WHEN: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month
TIME: 13:30 to 15:00 (1:30 to 3:00 PM)
WHERE: Captain James A. Lovell Hospital, North Chicago (We meet in the canteen in the main building).

CONTACT: Voluntary Service Office
Building 135, Room 101
Phone: 224-610-3714

There is a process that ensures the safety and well-being of our Veterans and their families, and provides a successful volunteer experience.

- General Orientation & Volunteer Application
- Background investigation
- Tuberculosis (TB) screening
- Photo & ID Tag

All this can be done in a couple of hours on the same day.

Please join our team and let's cheer up our veterans and make a difference!! Please contact Linda Smolich if interested and if you have any questions. Her phone is: (847) 204-5348



EAGLE SCOUTS



Since 1 July, will have presented 32 Ka-Bars by the end of February. Presentations are scheduled for 1 March, 9 March and 16 March.

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.

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

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.*

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