

THE JAWHEAD JOURNAL

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Officers and Staff for our FY 2025 get sworn in by Rick Prescott, 2nd District Commandant above. Tom Koncan, new Commandant-Detachment 801 accepts the gavel of his post from Rick Prescott. Charles Walgreen, Jr. Past Commandant passes the detachment's USMC flag to Tom Koncan.

[Click here to see all the pictures from the October meeting.](#)

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801



Marine of the Year John Jezioro!



Certificates of appreciation were presented to officers, staff and members for the 2024 service to the Best Damn Detachment in the Nation!

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Detachment Officers

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| Commandant: | Tom Koncan |
| Senior Vice-Commandant: | Ed Cooper |
| Junior Vice-Commandant: | Allan Perez |
| Judge Advocate: | |
| Paymaster: | Mel Ellingsen |
| Adjutant: | John Jezioro |
| Chaplain: | Joe Womack |
| Asst. Chaplin | MGYSgt. Wayne Carle |
| 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

19 November (Tuesday)

Start Time 1830 or 6:30 pm

Steven's Restaurant

Where Stuff Is

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SAVE THE DATES

9 November Tom Grosvenor Memorial Toys for Tots Breakfast

7:30 am Fox Lake American Legion

9 November - McHenry Detachment Birthday Ball

10 November - Detachment 801 MCL - 249th USMC Birthday

6:00 PM Gurnee American Legion Post 771 - 2nd Floor

5-8 June 2025 - 81st Department Convention - Crystal Lake

The Year 2025 - 250th USMC Anniversary

COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

Greetings Lake County Marines!!!

I just experienced my first staff meeting last night. I'm starting to get back my sea legs so stay with me as I take on my new responsibility as your Commandant. My thanks to all of you who helped me get there.

Now for the important stuff:

- * Our 249th USMC Birthday celebration is Sunday, 10 November at the Gurnee American Legion Post 771 (2nd floor) starting at 6 PM.
- * We need help setting up between 5 and 5:30 PM.
- * And, we need help cleaning up afterwards.
- * Please remember Veterans Day on the 11th. Our Color Guard will be firing a rifle volley at the Lindenhurst Memorial / Garage depending on the weather starting at 11 AM.
- * Our next detachment meeting will be at Stevens on 19 November starting at 6:30 PM.
- * Where ever you are celebrating your 249th Birthday, please enjoy yourself.

Semper Fi,

Tom Koncan

Commandant of the Best Damn Detachment in the Nation!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain's Message October 2024

Halloween, with all its ghosts and goblins, is upon us and with it the shift in weather, and the vibrant changing of colors and falling leaves. I hope that you all have had the opportunity to enjoy this beauty that nature has provided.

October is a significant month focused on Mental Health Awareness and Breast Cancer Awareness; filled with important events and designed to educate and provide support. Also, Domestic Violence Awareness, and all of the misery and frustration that includes.

Additionally, as a point of brevity, for all of you football fans out there, the fourth Sunday of October is celebrated by the National Football League as National Tight Ends Day--- whatever that means.

It is also a reminder that the Marine Corps Birthday #249 is right around the corner. Our celebration is scheduled for Sunday, November 10, at Gurnee American Legion, 2nd Floor. Starting at 1800. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Semper Fi!

Joe Womack

Chaplain

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

**CELEBRATE THE 249TH USMC BIRTHDAY WITH THE
DETACHMENT 801**

NOVEMBER 10TH - SUNDAY -STARTING AT 1800

GURNEE AMERICAN LEGION POST 771

2ND FLOOR

749 Milwaukee Ave. Gurnee IL 60031



**Art Castillo shouts Oorah at last year's 248th USMC Birthday Party!
Who will be the oldest Marine this year?**

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

MESSAGE FOR SR. VICE COMMANDANT



Specific dates, times and locations are being finalized for Detachment 801 to collect for Toys for Tots. Details will be sent out via email once everything is confirmed.

1. MACG-48's TFT's warehouse (where all the toys in Lake County are collected, organized, and distributed) is located at 3201 Maryland St, North Chicago, 60088, open M-F, 8:30am - 4pm, looking for volunteers to assist with toy organization, distribution, etc.

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

2. The largest MACG-48 Marines' TFT event that we can support is "Jeeps OnThe Run" on Dec 1st 8am-7pm @ Ray Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, 23 US-12, Fox Lake, IL 60020

"Join us for the 12th annual Toys For Tots event! A fun filled day for the entire family! We'll kick off at Ray Jeep in Fox Lake where you'll get to see all the decorated Jeeps!

From there we'll head to the Marriott Lincolnshire resort for more fun! Modern Day Romeos band will be joining the after party too!

NO JEEP needed to join the after party!

Even grab a chance to own a BRAND NEW JEEP WRANGLER!"

Here is a link to the Jeeps on the Run: [Jeeps on the Run | Illinois Nonprofit Helping Local Charities](#)

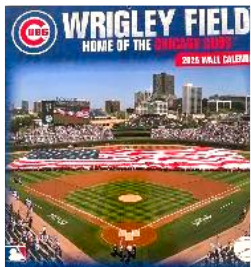
"2024 Toys for Tots Run After Party"

December 1st @ 11am - 4 pm @ Lincolnshire Marriott Resort
Marriott Dr, Lincolnshire, IL 60069

Here's the link to the party: <https://jeepsontherun.com/event/2024-toys-for-tots-run-after-party/>



COLOR & HONOR GUARD



Look carefully. That's Charles Walgreen and Walter Roth presenting Colors on the 2025 Wrigley Field Calendar.



Color and Honor Guard

Future Events:

Nov.6th Burke Hall Va Hospital 1030

Nov.7th Victory Lakes 0900 and 1030

Nov.9th Fox Lake American Legion-Toys for Tots 0730

Nov 9th Lake County Pageant at CLC 1300 and 1800

Nov.10th Libertyville Harley Davidson 1045

Nov 11th Lindenhurst Memorial 1100

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 20 Ka-Bars by the end of October. Joe Wallace made this presentation back on June 4th. More are scheduled for November.

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 purpose of the foundation is to provide comfort, support, financial assistance and educational resources to improve the quality of life for military personnel and veterans in all branches of the United States Armed Forces and their families. The activities of the foundation are to provide recruits, deployed military personnel and veterans with comfort, moral support and friendship. Provide care packages for deployed military personnel and comfort packages for injured military personnel and veterans. Provide financial assistance for families of military personnel demonstrating specific unmet needs.

Currently there are no requests for assistance.

**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.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