

# THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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And the winner of the Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest was....Allan Perez.



## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

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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

21 January (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 - 17 May, Saturday

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801**

**SR. VICE COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE**



We donated \$2,000 to the Toys For Tots Foundation and presented the check to MACG-48 on December 19th. Thank you to all that have donated and collected toys and money in 2024!

We're coordinating with Jewel and other stores for Shake the Can donation collections dates for 2025.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

**Chaplain's Message December 2024**

We are rapidly coming to the end of another year filled with sadness, happiness, frustration and a longing for a new direction in both our personal lives and the life of our Nation as a whole.

Overall, as a Nation, we have been blessed with prosperity, the right to freedom of choice, speech and expression of religion.

Could we not find a more appropriate time to reflect on all of the good that God has granted us and to show our gratitude by acts of kindness to our fellow man.

Here is wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Semper Fi!

Joe Womack

Chaplain

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801**

**Celebrating Christmas with Navy Recruits since 2011**



Since Christmas 2011, a year following the loss of their son, LCpl James Stack, USMC, KIA in Afghanistan, Bob and Linda Stack, (members of Detachment 801), have shared Christmas dinner with 45 Navy Recruits at Christian Liberty Academy in Arlington Heights. Our Lake County Marine Corps League Foundation has contributed to the event for many years. Click on the picture of Bob being interviewed to see what ABC and Fox aired on TV.



## **COLOR & HONOR GUARD**



### **Color and Honor Guard**

Members of the Color Guard attended the Funeral of Marine veteran and detachment member Thomas Koncan, Sr.

Next practice will be on January 8th, 1830 at Al Seyler's house. Then on the 22nd at Al's 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](mailto:sennhs@yahoo.com).



# EAGLE SCOUTS



Since 1 July, will have presented 25 Ka-Bars by the end of December. We have 7 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.

There were no new requests for assistance for the remaining 2024.

We will be scheduling a quarterly meeting of the Board in the New Year 2025.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Other:

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

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

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

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

[www.linkedin.com/company/marine-corps-league](http://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)