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141 Upcoming Events

**Detachment Meeting
May 13 @1900**

**Mothers day at Geissler's
May 10—12**

**Memorial Day
May 27**

**Fathers Day at Walmart
June 14—16**

**Get Involved, Volunteer!!
Uniform Up!**



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Commandant's Corner



Hello Detachment 141,

May is here and things are moving fast. Flag pin sales are Mother's Day weekend and we need some volunteers. We will also need help at the Westfield Walmart on Father's Day weekend. Sign up at the barracks.

Commandant
Chris Cekovsky

A huge thanks is in order for everyone involved in the recent services for JR. He will be surely missed.

Please join us at the barracks on Monday the 13th at 6pm for BBQ pork and brisket sandwiches at 6pm.

Semper Fi,
Chris Cekovsky
Commandant

From the Paymaster:

Annual renewals begin September 1 for annual members. Please submit your dues to the paymaster and stay current.

Detachment 141 meets monthly on the second Monday at 1900. Social hour at 1800. Detachment phone number is 413-562-4850.

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Chris Cekovsky

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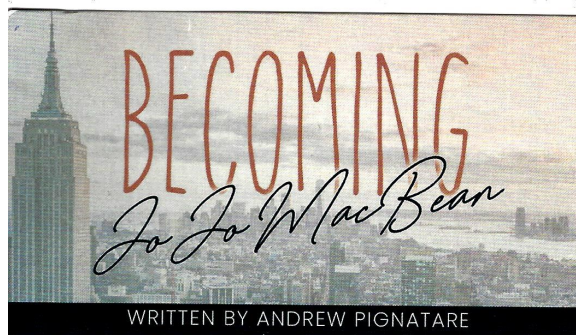
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The Shadow Paymaster

By Roger Beer

I became paymaster not long after I transferred into this detachment. So, I was new to the job and the organization and had plenty to learn. Fortunately, there was a ledger book and a very good filing system. There was also a helpful calendar of important dates such as state and federal requirements. All this made it possible to ease into the job and build from a good foundation. I had J. R. to thank for what I inherited.

I also inherited J. R.'s watchful eye. From time to time, he would call me with a question about something that he had noticed. Sometimes I was able to answer his question by looking into my records. Sometimes he had found something that I missed and I needed to make a correction. It was always a collegial exchange. Between the two of us we kept the detachment finances squared away.

Since I live in South Hadley and J. R. was often at the barracks, I could ask him to keep an eye out for important mail such as bills and bank statements. He would call me and tell me when one of these things had arrived. Then I could drive over knowing that I would find whatever it was that I was waiting for. There were also times we agreed to meet somewhere and J.R. would hand off whatever he had.

While he was Commandant, we both signed the detachment checks. This meant meeting face to face. This too could be anywhere, bank parking lots, shopping centers, automobile repair shops, etc. The farthest away we ever met was Hinsdale.

Over the years we also swapped stories and talked about things of common interest. J. R. had plenty of stories but I contributed as well. We would talk about detachment business and then just enjoy a chat. Of course, if I wasn't home and Susan answered the phone the two of them would chat. So, Susan got to know him as well. He was a good friend to us both.

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The Shadow Paymaster (continued)

Looking back at all his help and collaboration I think that while I was paymaster the detachment also had a shadow paymaster. He didn't hold an official office or get much recognition for his contribution but he was there and I valued his support as well as his friendship.

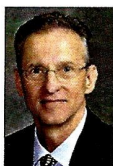
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