

APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is: **17 April 2024**



Detachment Officers 2024,

Emerald Empire Detachment #917

17 April 2024 Meeting – Nominations
(Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice-
Commandant; Judge Advocate) **to be followed by**
Voting

15 May 2024 Meeting – Installation of Officers

Step-up and help run the detachment!!

Emerald Empire Detachment #917

Newest Member



Commandant Dave Huber welcomes Emerald Empire Detachment's newest member Jorge Correa. Make sure to introduce yourself to Jorge when you see him around.

Jorge Correa – Jorge is a Navy Corpsman, who served from 1991 – 2015. He served on ships (to include the Battleship Missouri in 1991) and green side commands (to include 2nd Bn, 3rd Marines, and Americas' Battalion, 3rd Bn, 3rd Marines, Hawaii).

Doc Correa is a PhD, kind of a double-doc. Doc is also the director of the Eugene Vet's Center.

Doc has been married for 30 years. His wife Heather is a teacher, who is thinking of transitioning to be a therapist. She is also an equestrian. They have 2 dogs.





CORPSMAN

Dave Huber – Dave Huber’s mother Lavada Sessums’ gall stone surgery was reset to 27 March 2024 at St. Luke’s Hospital, Bosie, ID. The original doctor wanted a surgeon with experience in dealing with gallstones stuck in the gallbladder ducts to perform the surgery.



Joseph Lamm - Stephen Price reported that Joseph Lamm has Covid again. It appears the chemotherapy for Joseph’s cancer still has his immune system lowered.

Jim Pilling – I checked in with Jim and he wrote, “Trying to behave. The post-polio syndrome in my legs and neuropathy in my legs and feet have me cruising around with a walker. I gave up driving for fear of causing or having an accident. My oldest daughter and son in law were driving me around. Daughter had hip replacement surgery 3 weeks ago so she is rehabbing the hip and not able to drive. Youngest daughter and her husband contacted Covid a week ago and are isolated. I haven't been around them for past 2 weeks so hopefully I will be okay. I keep busy watching NCAA men and women's basketball. Thinking positive knowing there is no cure for neuropathy. Be safe and stay healthy. Hopefully I can make a breakfast next month. SEMPER FI!! I will be praying for Thad and Nancy and any other MCL members on the sick list!!”





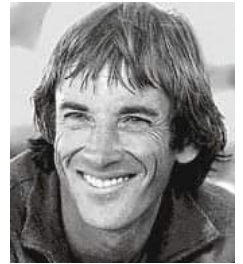
Thad Lukasik - Thad has a bone marrow disorder called MDS. MDS is a group of disorders in which the bone marrow fails to make enough healthy red blood cells, white blood cells or platelets. MDS is considered a blood cancer. He has been receiving some shots to stimulate the production of white blood cells, and will be undergoing treatments for this disease. This treatment was why he was not able to attend the March meeting. He was receiving an “infusion” treatment that ran later than expected.

While being evaluated by his doctor(s), a mass was found in relation to his stomach / pancreas. He underwent an endoscopy procedure so that they could get biopsies from this mass. The results showed that it **WAS NOT** pancreatic cancer. **This was a great relief to Thad and Nancy.** The mass is a cancer, but it is a treatable cancer. While at home following this procedure, Thad could not get oxygen. He was transported by ambulance to Riverbend Medical Center and admitted to the ICU. It was determined that he had developed pneumonia. He hopes to be released from the hospital by about the 28th of March.

Famous Veterans: Scott Glenn - USMC



Theodore Scott Glenn, better known as Scott Glenn (b. 1941), is an American actor. His films include Urban Cowboy (1980), The Right Stuff (1983), Silverado (1985), The Hunt for Red October (1990), The Silence of the Lambs (1991), Roger in Training Day (2001), The Bourne Ultimatum (2007), among others.



After graduating from a Pittsburgh high school, Glenn entered The College of William and Mary where he majored in English. He joined the USMC for three years in the early 60s.

Fun Fact: How Glenn saved director Francis Ford Coppola's life during Apocalypse Now.



<https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/.../scott-glenn-landed.../> (Repost from June 2020) #usa #usmc #veterans

(This Famous USMC Veteran moment was brought to you by detachment LIFE Member Rudy Grein. I cannot seem to get the link to work for me though.

Rudy is still on the mend, but having problems with the State Accident Insurance Fund.)





From the Chaplain's Corner



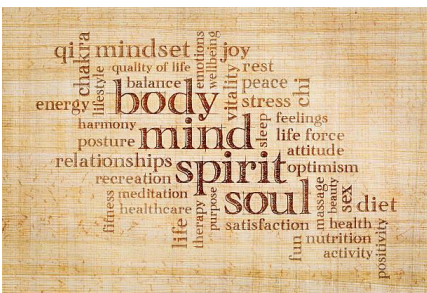
April holds many things, but this year a holiday is not one of them, since Easter was in March. School employees see April as the "long" month of the school year, as it has no days off and from experience, I know how long April feels in that context. Some months, like November, have several days or even weeks off (think Christmas off for 2 weeks; and March has Spring Break).



April does offer some highlights, though. "April showers bring May flowers" is a good thing... good to remember when we get too many consecutive rainy days. I love the flowers in May, with new growth on trees and shrubbery and more sunny days. And I'm already planning my garden, and

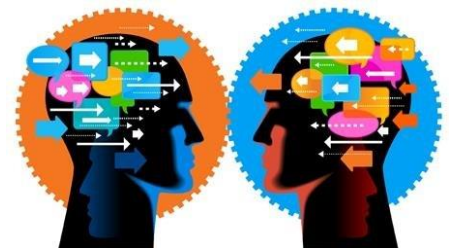


budgeting for the cost of renting a rototiller (or maybe buying a used one). My soil tends to compact and get pretty hard over the winter, so tilling is pretty essential.



When I think about tilling the tough soil, weeding & preparing it for seeds or plant starts, I start to think about the importance of prepping my life for new growth. How can I become more productive; what do I need to do to prepare myself in body, soul & spirit for a positive life? I think everyone preps in different ways.

Some people begin an exercise program, walking more in the better weather or doing yoga or chair programs; praying or meditating to build up their spirits and reaching out to others for fellowship, strength & support. One of the far-reaching effects of covid is that people are less comfortable with face-to-face interaction and tend to be more isolated. It's great to have online friends, but other people in person to thrive!



Joy Cavin, Chaplain
Emerald Empire Detachment
Marine Corp League



Fund-Raising Breakfast
Service for Sunday,
17 March 2024



At the 17 March 2024 fund-raising breakfast, we served 25 people which brought in \$250.00. We also received \$26.00 in tips, for a total of \$276.00. The cost of breakfast has been raised to \$10.00 per meal, with a \$1.00 for each extra item of meat.

The warm sunny weather was a contributing factor to our reduced number of meal participants.



Emerald Empire Young Marines Jackson Bartlett, and sister Maddy (Madison) Bartlett assisted with breakfast deliveries and cleanup. Young Marines Commanding Officer, and father, Casey Bartlett provided support and direction.



Jorge & Heather Correa also attended. Jorge is a Navy FMF Corpsman and is our detachment's newest member.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) A request for donation was received via detachment LIFE Member Gwen Best. The North Salem High School JROTC Lady Vikings Unarmed Drill Team and Vanir Guard Color Guard, Viking Battalion, wants to travel to Florida to compete in the JROTC Nationals. Seems the Army will not help cover these costs. A motion to provide a \$500.00 donation was made by Debbie Barker, and seconded by Robert Graves. The motion passed by unanimous vote.



- b) Commandant Dave Huber received Summer Convention (Bend, OR April 26-27 April) Registration information from the Department of Oregon Commandant. Commandant Dave Huber will forward the information to interested person or persons who contact him via email.
- c) Stephen Price made a motion that the detachment provide a \$1,000.00 donation to the Moose Lodge maintenance fund to assist them with covering the cost of repairs to the large walk-in cooler, Dave Turner seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous vote. The check was presented to Moose Lodge Officers Martin Holland, and Wilbur Brown.





Dave Huber with Wilbur Brown (left photo) and Martin Holland (right photo).

- d) Received via detachment email address: That on 6 April 2024, a Purple Heart Medal presentation to Corporal Jason Dougherty, USMC, for wounds received in Ramadi, Iraq on 2 Jan 2005. This is a 19-year-old mistake that will finally be corrected. The location is the Skinner Butte Park and tentative time is 1000. Paul Grinde forwarded the information to detachment members, via email, for those that can attend.



- e) Detachment members Ruth Holland & Robert Graves will be going on the Honor Flight scheduled for 25 April 2024.



- f) <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/congress-poised-roll-back-veteran-gun-ban-reluctant-biden-backing>

(An article that may interest you, submitted by detachment LIFE Member Craig Myers.)

g) Blessings from the Bowkers.

Looks like we made it through the winter and still have firewood to spare! Again, we can't thank all of you enough. That level of commitment and kindness seems to emanate with abundance from the 917... Repairs are getting close to complete and we have settled in to a nice little house for us all. The latest weight of garbage we've removed is 62,740 lbs. We've had to get the house entirely and even replace large portions of the plumbing and electrical. Extensive roof repair floor, carpet, flooring, and underlayment was required. Some structural repair of trusses that had been cut out for some odd reason. Extensive burning of brush, dead trees and other biodegradable debris has nearly been completed. The sprinkler system has been repaired and seems to all be functioning correctly. We still have one bathroom that is inoperable and I plan on that in the next month. It'll be nice to have two bathrooms with five people in the house! We still haven't figured out how to deal with somewhere between 1500 and 2000 tires that were dumped on the site, for they want a tremendous amount of money for disposal. I'm still thinking of some creative ideas on what to do with them. I'm sure I could go on and on, but I'm sure you've heard enough.

Blessings to all of you and we all send our love,

Robert Bowker

Marine Corps League “Mission Statement”

Detachment Commandant Dave Huber has tasked the Senior Vice-Commandant with reading the Marine Corps League Mission Statement at each meeting so that we all are reminded on a regular basis what the “mission” of the Marine Corps League is, and what we should be striving for.

Marine Corps League Mission Statement (As shown on our detachment website)

Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines, FMF Corpsmen and former Marines and FMF Corpsmen and to their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

The Mission of the Marine Corps League (as shown on national website)

The mission of the Marine Corps League is to promote the interest and to preserve traditions of the United States Marine Corps; strengthen the fraternity of Marines and their families; serve Marines, FMF Corpsmen, and FMF Chaplains who wear or who have worn the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor; and foster the ideals of Americanism and patriotic volunteerism.



LEAGUE PATCHES ARE IN

The detachment bought Marine Corps League patches (regular and associate). These are available for purchase for those persons wishing to buy new league shirts, or replace old league shirts.



Regular Patches are \$4.00 each
Associate Patches are \$7.00 each

Emerald Empire Detachment #917 Advertising Pens



The pens are available to detachment members for \$1.00 each pen. This covers the cost of the pens and earns the detachment approximately 23 cents per pen.

The pens are for handing out to Marines, Corpsmen, Chaplains, and persons we want to try and recruit for membership.

HATS & VISORS



Eagle, globe, anchor & “Semper Fi” White Sun visors and Black Marine Corps League hats - **\$1.00 each** – **What a Deal.** Hats/Visors are now available at the monthly meetings.



DETACHMENT COINS / CHIPS

Available for \$1.50 each which off-sets the cost of buying them and earns the detachment 45 cents on each one purchased. They are available for purchase in-person during the monthly meetings and from the detachment paymaster.



You can carry one on you as your representation of the detachment when “challenged.” You can also give them out to Marines, FMF Corpsmen, FMF Chaplains, and persons who may want to be associate members as recruiting tools; or as gifts to family, friends, and acquaintances who are veterans themselves.

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Meeting Starts @ 1900 hours

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2024 Meeting Dates

MARK YOUR 2024 CALENDARS NOW

17 April 2024 (Ham and scalloped potatoes, Peas, Dinner Roll, and salad)

15 May 2024

19 June 2024

17 July 2024

21 August 2024

18 September 2024

16 October 2024

20 November 2024

18 December 2024

2024 Fund Raising Breakfast

Dates

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21 April 2024

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16 June 2024 (Father's Day)

21 July 2024

18 August 2024

15 September 2024

20 October 2024

17 November 2024

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