



AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is: **21 August 2024**



Members who pay their dues annually – Please get your renewal in As Soon As Possible. We need time to process and forward paperwork. **ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE TO NATIONAL BEFORE 1 September 2024.**

We got 4 renewals by the July meeting and I am hoping that more come in soon.





AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

6 August – Jess M. Wise, Jr. **Deceased**

10 August – Emily “Dea” Cutting **Deceased**

18 August – Thadd Pooler

21 August – Joy Cavin

27 August – Dave Huber

Please take a moment a remember, or recognize, each of them on the
“Anniversary-of-the-Day-They-Were Born.”



CORPSMAN



Thad Lukasik – Nancy Lukasik reported that Thad received a good report from his doctor regarding his last blood work. She added that Thad does not feel that great but that the new medications are working on the cancer.



Lois Price – Lois' cousin who lived in Tillamook, Oregon has passed away.



Jim Hale - Detachment Chaplain Joy Cavin sent a card to Jim Hale's family in North Carolina.



David Dutch – Detachment Chaplain Joy Cavin also sent a card to David Dutch who is the Detachment Commandant of the Westmoreland County #1416 Detachment, Marine Corps League. David was wounded while attending a rally where an assination attempt was made on Donald Trump. (This is provided for informational purposes only and does not infer support for or against the views held during the rally.)

From the Chaplain's Corner



“The first week of August hangs at the very top of summer, the top of the live-long year, like the highest seat of a Ferris wheel when it pauses in its turning, The weeks that come before are only a climb from balmy spring, and those that follow a drop to the chill of autumn, but the first week of August is motionless, and hot. It is curiously silent, too, with blank white dawns and glaring noons, and sunsets smeared with too much color.” — Natalie Babbitt



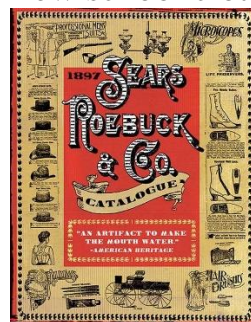
This quote from Natalie Babbitt contains so many of the elements that make up the month of August. When I think of August, I think of hot, dry, dusty days, beginning to harvest my mom's garden, picking blackberries for jelly and huckleberries for pie. Dry, yellow grass with grasshoppers clacking away as we ran through it.



Running to escape the start of school, having to go to bed while it's still bright daylight outside. Going to the county fair – where a roll of nickels would last the whole day when I was little and being SO thrilled when riding the



Ferris wheel and roller coaster. Getting the Sears Roebuck order of our new school clothes!



As we move from summer into autumn, we need to prepare ourselves to reach out to others, enjoying with friends and family the hot days with picnics and barbecues; trips to the beach or lake; or visiting over a tall cool glass of iced sweet tea.



Have a wonderful month and be sure to come to Marine Corps League on the 21st (3rd Wednesday of each month) and help with the breakfast we cook and serve one Sunday each month (date is in this newsletter). As always, please let us know if you have any needs or concerns so we can reach out in support or encouragement.

Semper Fi,
Joy Cavin
Chaplain

Emerald Empire Det.#917, Marine Corps League



Fund-Raising Breakfast Service for Sunday, 28 July 2024



The July 28 Fund Raising Breakfast information will be posted in the September 2024 newsletter.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE &



Detachment Senior Vice-Commandant Stephen Price reported that he has repaired the riding mower at the Young Marines camp, and done some work on the water system.

Lois Price reported that the young marines, have a rafting trip planned for the last weekend in July. The weekend of the 13th of July, they conducted a Physical Fitness Test (PFT) and had a Land Navigation class. The Young Marines also received a message via the detachment's webpage of a youth interested in joining.

Joy Cavin reported an example of how the Young Marines make a positive difference in the lives of those youth who participate in the Young Marines program. Former Young Marines Trenton Edwards and his sister Chyanne Edwards helped her load a van, so Joy could help move her former roommate to Wyoming. Trenton Edwards runs his own tree service.

IRS 990 Form

Detachment Paymaster Lois Price reported that the IRS 990 Form has been submitted, and accepted by the Internal Revenue Service. We are good for another year.

For Pact Act information go to:

<https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/>

It covers a whole lot of different types of toxic exposures and service periods.

Marine Corps League National Convention Proposed By-Law Changes

The Emerald Empire Detachment reviewed the proposed by-law changes during the July meeting. The detachment's input was forwarded by Detachment Adjutant Ray Miller to the Department of Oregon.

New Roof for Navy Veteran

Department of Oregon Junior Vice-Commandant William (Bulldog) Sump put together a Go-Fund-Me page for a Navy Veteran whose roof was way past due for replacement. This veteran has never asked for anything in return for his dedication to fellow veterans. He and his wife dedicate their lives every day to the American Legion Riders and provide multiple flags for veterans' burials every day without any questions or asking for any money for the flags.



Roof needing repair.

Roof being repaired by Marine Veteran and roofer Joling L.L.C. Construction, Albany, Oregon.



Finished roof.

Emerald Empire Detachment # 917 made a \$200.00 donation toward this effort.

(Photos and information courtesy of the Marine Corps League Department of Oregon website.)



Vets Helping Vets HQ Veteran Advocates



The Wall of Honor

The Wall of Honor originally called Faces of the Fallen represents all of our Fallen Heroes that gave their lives in combat operations from 2001 through 2021. As of November 2021, it now includes the service men and women killed in action of Desert Storm, Desert Shield, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, and Operation Enduring Freedom. The Wall of Honor did not change much in size after Vets Helping Vets HQ took over ownership of it. Each panel is 38" by 82" and there are 34 panels with 104 names on each side of the panels. There are 2 panels dedicated to Major sponsors and panels that explain when and how each of the wars began.

The Wall of Honor can be set up and displayed at your location. We have had great success displaying the Wall of Honor at schools, museums, shopping malls and other various locations. Viewing the Wall of Honor is an emotional experience for many and reminds us that the price of freedom is not free. Many have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms that we enjoy today. Read the history of the Wall of Honor below. To arrange to have the traveling Wall of Honor brought to your location contact Vets Helping Vets HQ at (541) 791-4357.

History of the Wall

The Wall of Honor was originally called Faces of the Fallen and is a visual tribute to each serviceman or woman killed in the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. The display was originally created in 2003 by Alicia Tallman for her senior project at Milwaukie High School. Her sister, Kelly Tallman, assumed responsibility for updating the display. All of the students who have worked on Faces of the Fallen have taken great pride and ownership in the project, ensuring that each individual is properly honored.

The original Faces of the Fallen consisted of 24 panels, measuring eight feet tall by three feet wide, with biographies and photos on both sides. Its flexible design enabled the user to configure set-up based on available space or desired impact. The size and magnitude gives viewers an immediate, breathtaking sense of ultimate sacrifice made by today's soldiers. When InSpirit Marketing Inc. started the B-Mart Freedom Fest celebration in Albany nine years ago, they arranged for the Faces of the Fallen to be brought to Albany and set up at Heritage Mall from late October through the weekend after Veterans Day. InSpirit Marketing continued this every year until 2014, at which time they looked for an organization to take over possession and maintain the Hall of Honor.

Vets Helping Vets HQ was approached and took possession of it the summer of 2014. The Wall of Honor formerly known as Faces of the Fallen, was only current through the year 2010. During the time it was on display at the Heritage Mall in Albany, Oregon 2014, Arthur Meeker, owner of Xtreme GrafX, a graphic art company, approached Vets Helping Vets HQ, (VHVHQ), with a proposal that he would reprint all the data on new panels before the next viewing in October, 2015. Many thousands of hours were put in to create a new format for the new "Wall of Honor." On October 9, 2015 at 6:30 PM the last panel was printed to represent those servicemen and women of all branches across the USA that paid the price in Iraq and Afghanistan. Later that evening it was put on display at the Heritage Mall again, only this time with a new look.

The Wall of Honor represents our Fallen Heroes from 2001 through 2021. As of November, 2021, it now includes the service men and women killed in action of Desert Storm and Desert Shield, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, and Operation Enduring Freedom. The "new" Wall of Honor did not change much in size. Each panel is 38" by 82". There are now 34 panels with 104 names on each side of the panels. There are 2 panels dedicated to Major sponsors and panels that explain when and how each of the wars began.

We must remember that while most people celebrate Veterans Day and Memorial Day just two days per year, for Gold Star families, those who have lost someone in war, those memories are every day of the year. There is an empty chair at the dinner table every night.

To book the Wall of Honor

Contact Vets Helping Vets HQ at 541-791-4357

Email vhvhqthebunker@gmail.com

Minimum Display Area

1) 40'W x 50'L x 12'H

2) 36'W x 60'L x 12'H

The Wall of Honor

has been

Displayed at the following locations

The Heritage Mall in Albany, Oregon

Evergreen Aviator Museum, McMinnville, Oregon

Canyonville Elementary School, Canyonville, Oregon

Chinook Winds Casino, Lincoln City, Oregon

American Legion Post 10, Albany, Oregon

Donations can also be made – See the Vet's Helping Vets website for more details.

(Information obtained from the Vet's Helping Vets website.)

<https://vetshelpingvetshq.com/>

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TOURS OF DUTY

WE WERE. WE ARE. WE WILL ALWAYS BE.

~ OUR STORY ~

Tours of Duty was founded to address the suicide epidemic within the veteran community. In speaking with veterans, a recurring theme emerged: the loss of the sense of purpose they had experienced in the military. To help reconnect veterans to a mission of purpose that is central to their core values; while leveraging their invaluable experiences and expertise, we sought a meaningful mission. This led us to the complex issue of POW/MIA, with over 81,000 service members left behind and more than 38,000 estimated to be recoverable. Further to that, our Gold Star families have languished for decades without answers as our government has been wholly ineffective in supporting them. The passion of our servicemen to live the oath of, "No man left behind" while gaining new skills for their post military lives has been invaluable to the mission of Tours of Duty.



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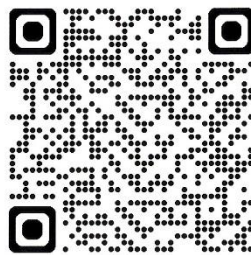
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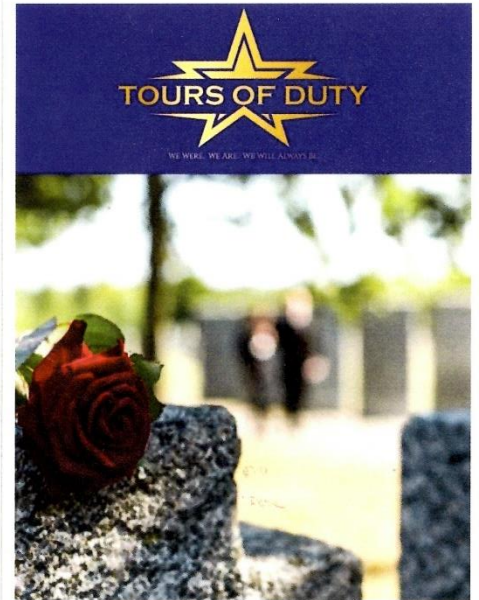
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Tours of Duty
can be mailed to:

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VIETNAM RECOVERY
MISSION 2024



TOURS OF DUTY MISSION
STATEMENT

Our mission is to honor the sacrifice and service of our nation’s veterans by tirelessly searching for and bringing home our Prisoners of War (POW’s) and Missing in Action (MIA’s). With unwavering dedication we strive to provide closure and solace to their families, unsure that no fallen hero is left behind. Together we will tirelessly pursue every lead, employ cutting-edge technology, and collaborate with government agencies and international partners to uncover the truth and bring our heroes home. Our organization stands as a beacon of hope, offering support, comfort, and solidarity to the families of those who still wait, advocating for the fullest possible accounting of our nation’s POW’s and MIA’s. Our efforts extend beyond the battlefield, reaching into archives, historical records and communities to gather information and piece together the stories of those who never made it home.

MAJOR SPONSORS

- American Legion Post 138 Auxiliary in Tampa FL
- American Legion Post 71 in Denton TX
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3345 in Strongsville OH
- Tobacco Barn Distillery
- Tunison Foundation/Placid Lassie
- Jerry’s Home Improvement Center



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For the History of the United States Marine Corps

see:

**"The United States Marine Corps: 1775 - 1916" -
A History of Heroes**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zYFhmtDg-cg>

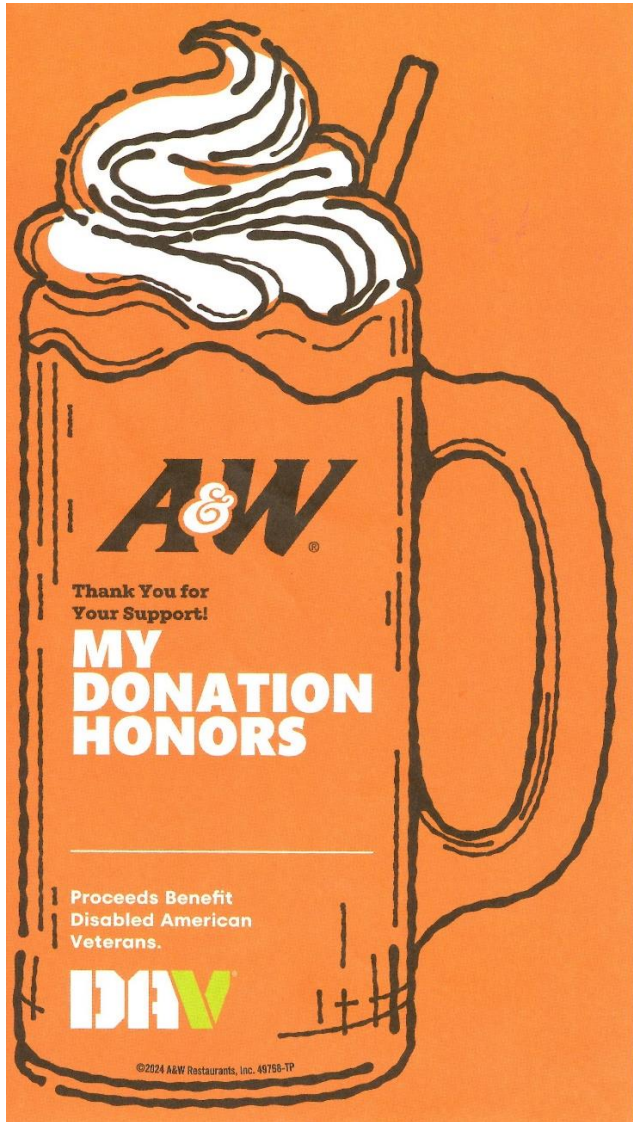
**"The United States Marine Corps: 1917 - Today" -
A History of Heroes**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ny_Cd0hYfrE

(Recommended by detachment Life Member Rudy Grein.)

**NATIONAL ROOT BEER FLOAT DAY AND
SUPPORT FOR THE DISABLED AMERICAN
VETERANS**

6 AUGUST 2024, 2 – 8 p.m.



Make Sure to Read the “FINE PRINT” regarding participation and availability!!!!

Marine Corps League
Emerald Empire Detachment No. 917
Minutes of the meeting 17 July 2024

1. **Opening Ceremony.** The meeting was called to order at 1900 by Commandant Joseph Lamm with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Chaplain Joy Cavin's invocation.
2. **Roll Call of Officers.** All officers were present except the Sergeant-At-Arms and Webmaster, who were absent.
3. **Application for Membership.** None.
4. **Balloting.** N/A
5. **Ceremony of Initiation.** N/A
6. **Minutes of previous meeting.** A motion was made by Paul Grinde to waive the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as published. Dave Turner second. Motion passed.
7. **Correspondence.** None
8. **Report of Paymaster.** Paymaster Lois Price reported that the adjusted working balance of the detachment's account is six thousand two hundred twenty-six dollars and eighty-four cents. (\$6,226.84).
9. **Report of any member or member's family sick or in distress.**
 - a) Lois Price lost a cousin who was living in Tillamook, OR.
 - b) Thad Lukasik had a good report from his doctor. The drugs are working on the cancer.
 - c) An email was received reporting that David Dutch, Commandant of Detachment 1416 Westmoreland County in Pennsylvania, was shot twice (chest and liver) in the attempt to shoot former President Trump on Saturday, 13 July 2024.
 - d) Jim Hale, of Rogue Valley Detachment, is not doing very well.
10. **Report of Officers.**
 - a) Commandant Joseph Lamm said he had an idea for uniformity at the breakfasts.
 - b) Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde reported that he has sent letters to all annual payers and four have remitted their dues.
11. **Report of Standing Committees.**
 - a) Young Marines – The Young Marines are going on a rafting trip this weekend. The unit has a new recruit. Steve Price has worked on the lawnmower and water system at the camp. Joy Cavin stated that a couple of Young Marines assisted in loading the trailer helping her roommate move.
 - b) Toys for Tots – No report.
 - c) Veteran's Legacy – No report.
 - d) Vet's Court – No report.
12. **Reports of Special Committees.** None.
13. **Unfinished Business.** In response to the "Buy A Brick" donation, an attempt was made to the Gary Sinise Foundation Veteran's Home Donation Program requesting notification of an event in our area that resulted in no response, as yet. The detachment adopted a "wait and see" posture.

14. New Business.

- a) The detachment reviewed the twenty-four proposed amendments to the National By-Laws with the following results: all proposed amendments were approved except numbers 11, 16, 18, 19, and 20.
- b) Commandant Joseph Lamm decided, with the agreement of the attending members, to purchase ten (10) matching Marine Corps aprons to be worn at the breakfast events. Total cost was two hundred twenty-eight dollars and eighty cents (\$228.80).

15. Ceremony of Installation of Officers. N/A

16. For the Good of the League. None.

17. Announcements. A reminder that the July breakfast was switched to 28 July 2024 and several regular workers will be travelling.

18. Closing Ceremony. The closing was conducted by Commandant Joseph Lamm at 2014 until the next meeting on 21 August 2024.

Marine Corps League “Mission Statement”

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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3rd Wednesday of the Month

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Meeting Starts @ 1900 hours

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2024 Meeting Dates

MARK YOUR 2024 CALENDARS NOW

21 August 2024 (Bar Food Menu from Moose Lodge)

18 September 2024 (To be determined)

16 October 2024 (To be determined)

20 November 2024 (To be determined)

18 December 2024 (To be determined)

2024 Fund Raising Breakfast

Dates

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