



DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is: **18 December 2024**



From

Paul & Amy Grinde

This year has brought pain, medical challenges, and sorrow to some of our dear friends.

Peace, Love, Comfort, and Joy came down to earth on Christmas Day.

We wish that Peace, Love, Comfort, and Joy touches every one of you on this Christmas Day,
and that those feelings continue throughout the coming New Year.

Paul & Amy Grinde





**WE NEED EACH AND EVERY MEMBER.
IF WE HAVE NOT SEEN YOU IN A WHILE, PLEASE LET US
KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO TO GET YOU ACTIVE AGAIN.**



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
249th BIRTHDAY CAKE CUTTING CEREMONY
10 NOVEMBER 2024



On 10 November 2024, Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League, conducted an informal cake cutting ceremony to celebrate the 249th Birthday of the United States Marine Corps.





The tables were decorated, the colors were displayed, and the toasting Whiskey was ready to go.







The first part of the program was the arrival and social visting.



The first step in the cake cutting ceremony was the reading of Order 47 from General John A. Lejeune, and the birthday message from current Marine Corps Commandant Eric M. Smith. Then it was time to present the Oldest and the Youngest Marines present. This year we had a tie for the Oldest Marine. The **Oldest Marines** were Eva McDonald & Bobby Graves. Both Eva and Bobby were born in August of 1937 (age 87). They were born on different days but Master of Ceremony Junior Vice-Commandant Paul Grinde made the call that it was going to be a tie.

Eva McDonald – August 1937 – Served in Qunatico, Virginia, and was a secretary for all the Chaplains. “A wonderful job,” is how she described it. There she met a “great navy guy, - the rest is history.”

Bobby Graves – August 1937 – Bobby started out joining the Oregon National Guard in 1954, then the United States Marine Corps on 10 September 1954, Pendleton January 1955, Japan 1957-59, Tiawan 1958 Combat Zone, Cherry Point 1959-1960, El Toro 1961-63. Discharged COG after the Cuban Missile deal. Served with 186 Inf Tank Co with the National Guard, and MAW in USMC. He is a Life Member of VFW Springfield and Marine Corps League. Bobby has also been a long time teacher of karate, and a member for 70 years of the Japan Karate Association and University of Oregon for 20 years.

The **Youngest Marine** was Casey Bartlett.

Casey Bartlett – Enlisted in the Marines in 1997 and served until 2001. Casey served with HQ 4th Marines Regimental Scout Platoon, then Fox Comapany, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines. Fox Company was a small boat company that conducted Raids from the sea. He deployed to Okinawa twice, Korea twice, Thailand twice, and Singapore. Casey is also the Unit Commander for the Emerald Empire Young Mairnes orgnaization.



The first cut of the was done by the Oldest Marines (Eva McDonald and Bobby Graves). The second cut was done by the Youngest Marine (Casey Bartlett). Unfortunately, 2 of the photos of the cake cutting turned out to be videos and they would not play in the PDF version of this newsletter.



After cutting the cake, the Oldest and Youngest were served their cake first. There was then a singing of The Marines' Hymn. Music was provided by Detachment Adjutant Ray Miller. Then cake was provided to all present. And more socializing took place.





The last event of the evening was the reading of the Deceased Members of the Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League. A toast was then made to those members. TAPS was then played, and this concluded the ceremony.

I would like to recognize those members, guests and visitors who participated in this event.

Paul & Amy Grinde; Dan Stombaugh; Rudy & Angie Grein; Debbie Barker; Stephanie & Aubrey Wilcox; Karen Reeves; Ray & Linda Miller; Steve & Lois Price; Eva McDonald; Kim Lonberg; Seth & Destiny Yamada; Nancy Lukasik; Joseph Lamm; Mike & Cathy Olson; Bill McGinnis; Tim & Carol Halloran; Graham Hilson; and Dave Huber.

Special Thanks to:

Ray Miller for The Marine's Hymn, TAPS and music
 Dave Huber for the use of his NCO Sword & Providing the toasting Whiskey
 The Moose Lodge # 1726 for the use of their facilities



Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League, member Dan Stombaugh has found a Non-Profit Organization called Vina Moses (Vina Moses Center serves the community of Benton County, Oregon. We help people through times of hardship, engaging the community to build resilience and improve wellbeing. Our location is set up like [a thrift store](#), but everything is free: household goods, clothing, food, and other items donated by the community are available to people who need them most.

[Vina's Aid](#) may be able to assist with rent, utility, prescriptions, and other urgent financial needs. We also offer [Vina's Back to School](#) and [Vina's Giving Tree](#) seasonally!) **that handles Toys for Tots in the area of Corvallis, Oregon.**

Dan spent Friday (22 Nov 2024) volunteering. He said that there was lots of items there and while he was working someone dropped off a trailer load of about 500 boxes. Dan said he was worn out by the end of the day.



Willamette Valley Quilts of Valor

On 16 November 2024, A. (Anthony) J. Lonberg was presented with a Quilt of Valor from the Willamette Valley Quilts of Valor, at the American Legion Post in Brownsville, Oregon.



Willamette Valley Quilts of Valor representative Judy Clay and American Legion Post representative Norm Simms (Post Commander) showing A.J. Lonberg his new Quilt of Valor.



A.J. with his mother, and proud Grandmother Kim Lonberg. A.J. started out in the Emerald Empire Young Marines. He then joined the Marines and served from 2017 – 2019. He started out in Security Forces at Bangor, Washington, and was in Supply when he got out.

The Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League, voted to donate \$500.00 to the Willamette Valley Quilts of Valor to assist them in their continuing effort to:

Cover Service Members and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

**To donate locally contact:
Willamette Valley Quilts of Valor
PO Box 640
Brownsville, Oregon 97327
Judy Clay: 541-808-1970**

**Or visit their national website at:
<https://www.qovf.org/>**



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11 December – Rudy Grein

18 December – Peter Bock

22 December – Norman Hart

23 December – James McKee **Deceased**

Please take a moment and remember every one of them on the “Anniversary-of-the-Day-They-Were-Born.”



CORPSMAN

Thad & Nancy Lukasik

Thad passed away at 07:42 a.m., 30 October 2024.

**A Memorial Service for Thad will be Saturday,
January 25, 2025, at 1 pm.**

**The location will be at the Northwood Christian
Church, 2425 Harvest Lane, Springfield, Oregon.**

**The church is right across the street from Page
Elementary School, and sits at the corner of Hayden
Bridge Rd and Harvest Lane.**

**Service at 1:00, with a reception to follow in the
Fellowship Hall. There will be a light lunch and
drinks. Thad's favorites, carrot cake, pretzels, and
oatmeal-raisin cookies!**



**A Marine Honor Guard will present the national ensign, and deliver it to
Nancy.**

**The Emerald Empire Young Marines, Emerald Empire Detachment #917,
Marine Corps League, and friends old and new from Toys for Tots are
specifically invited, along with residents of our senior living residence, church
friends, work friends and all are welcome and encouraged to attend.**

**The service will also be live-streamed on You Tube so that those who cannot
attend in person may view the service on line.**

**I intend to have many photos of Thad in the newsletter following the Memorial
Service.**



From the Chaplain's Corner



December, month of the winter solstice, one of the longest months of the year, as well as one of the coldest months. In December, many religions celebrate a major holiday, Chanukkah and Christmas, to name just two. Often a time of joyous gatherings with family and friends, it can also be a poignant time of past memories, some sweet, some sad. My hope and prayer for all is that this December brings light and happiness to each of us.



We can reach out to those who may be learning a “new normal” as we walk the various paths before us. As people we know and care about come to mind, why not pick up the phone and call to let them know you are thinking of them? Or see if they can meet you for a cup of coffee or bowl of soup. It’s time to step out of our comfort zone and share the warmth and light of our lives with those around us.

As we prepare for the holidays, wrap those gifts, trim that tree, bake those goodies, cook those savory meals, and enjoy the season to the fullest.

Upcycle a cute mug, adding a packet of hot cocoa and a candy cane to share with a friend, or simply send a card. Real mail that isn’t a bill or an advertisement is rare these days and I for one am thrilled to hear from someone in “real life,” not just through electronic media. Stay warm and may you experience the best of this season.



**Semper Fi,
Joy Cavin
Chaplain
Emerald Empire Detachment #917
Marine Corps League**



The Emerald Empire Young Marines will be participating in the 72nd Annual Springfield Christmas Parade. They will collect toys which will then be donated to Toys for Tots.

2 Female Young Marines completed Basic Training, and another young lady visited with her grandmother and is interested in joining.

The Young Marines are still in need of Registered Adults to assist, and more youth to participate.



Fund-Raising Breakfast Service for Sunday, 17 November 2024



At the 17 November 2024 fund-raising breakfast, 28 meals were served. Four orders were free. 23 orders paid the normal rate of \$10.00 for a total of \$230.00. One order the person paid \$12.00 for extra ham for a total of \$12.00. The two totals added together for \$242.00.

We also received \$28.00 in tips.

The GRAND TOTAL received was: \$270.00.

We had the Bartlett Young Marines assisting with Cleanup and various tasks.

Dave Huber, Jr. did his normal outstanding grill and order preparation. Steven Price manned the main grill and did the meat, eggs, and biscuits preparation and cooking.

Debbie Barker manned the pancakes grill; Dave Huber manned the breads and bacon station. Lois Price took the orders. Ray Miller manned the dish washing station, and Lois did dining-room setup and coffee station. Paul Grinde did a little of this and a little of that.

Mike & Cathy Olson (prospective new members): Mike did order deliveries, and Cathy did Young Marine supervision, cleaning, and dining room cleanup.

Tim & Carol Halloran (prospective new members) took part in the breakfast meal.



During the breakfast service, Junior Past Commandant Dave Huber presented Brian Wickman and Cheryl Holland with a donation of \$1,500.00 to the Moose Lodge toward the replacement of the kitchen cooler.

Feed A Family At Christmas! Fill 50+ Food Boxes

This year's goal for the Bingo players and the Moose Lodge 1726 are donating 50+ food boxes making this Christmas a little bit better for a few families. Players and Members are being asked to donate the food items for the food boxes.

Dates for Collecting Food Items and Pick-up:

- October 13 thru December 15, 2024.
- Food Box pick-up day is December 22nd at the Springfield Moose Lodge.

Bingo players please donate 3 cans of goods and receive FREE, 1 extra packet. Other members donate what you can.

Items Needed:

Corn, Beans, Yams, Pumpkin for Pies, Graham Cracker Crust (8"), Evaporated Milk, Butter, and Rolls.

In Lieu of Purchasing Items:

A cash donation of \$5.00 or more for: Hams, 5 lbs. of Potatoes, and other missing items is appreciated. Submit donation to Cheryl/Martin during Bingo or at Social Quarter.



Emerald Empire Detachment #917 donated \$100.00 to the Moose Lodge 1726 to assist them with their mission to provide 50 Food Boxes during the holiday season.



The Springfield Moose Lodge, 2011 Laura St, Springfield OR, 97477, 541.746.3321
Qualified members and their guests are welcome at the Lodge.

United States Mint Issuing Commemorative Coins to Celebrate the 250th Birthday (10 November 2025 - Monday) of the United States Marine Corps

Passing the Word

Compiled by Kyle Watts

250th Birthday Coins Unveiled At Marine Corps Museum

The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation and the U.S. Mint unveiled a trio of commemorative coin designs honoring the 250 years of Marine Corps service and sacrifice during a minting ceremony on July 17 at the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

“Next year will mark 250 years of the Marine Corps making Marines and winning battles on behalf of our great Nation,” said General Eric M. Smith,

the Commandant of the Marine Corps. “These coins represent the cultural significance of our Corps and will directly contribute to the telling of our history and preserving our institution in the hearts of future generations.”

The last coin minted in honor of the Marine Corps was for the Corps’ 230th Birthday in 2005, and the generated funds enabled the construction of the NMMC, where the 250th commemorative coins were officially revealed.

The images on the coins cover 250

years of “every Marine is a rifleman.” The gold coin depicts the Marine Corps Color Guard while the flag raising of Iwo Jima is on the silver coin. The third coin is a clad coin and it features two Marines: one dons the continental uniform of 1775 with a musket and the other is in modern-day camouflage utilities wielding a M4 service rifle.

On July 26, 2023, President Joe Biden signed into law the 250th Marine Corps Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act following its passing through Congress, authorizing the minting of over 1 million commemorative coins. All surcharges generated from coin sales will support the MCHF and the NMMC’s future educational, historical and cultural programs that preserve, showcase and educate the public on Marine Corps history, traditions and culture.

The commemorative coins become a part of next year’s national celebration of the Marine Corps’ 250th Birthday, and this set will be the only commemorative coins minted in 2025. Specifically, the signed legislation authorized the Department of Treasury to mint 50,000 five-dollar coins, 400,000 one-dollar coins, and 750,000 half-dollar coins.

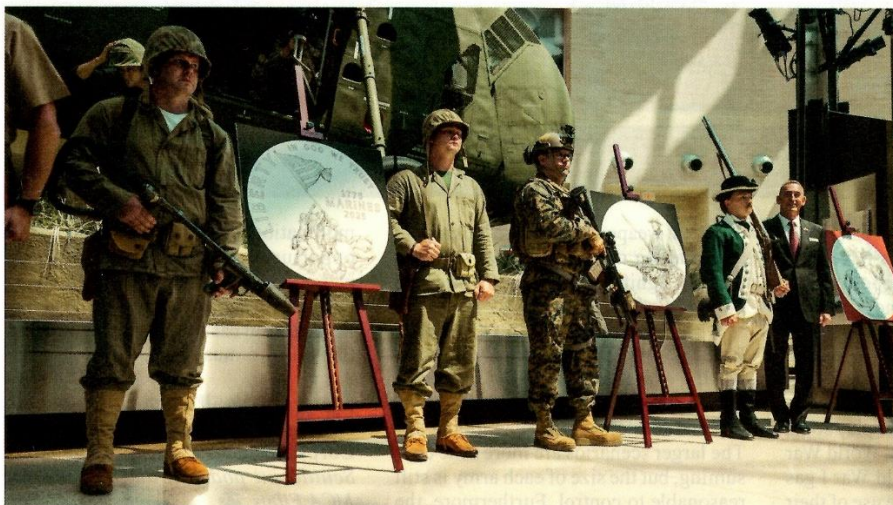
To view the Marine Corps’ 250th Birthday commemorative coins, please visit <https://www.usmint.gov/learn/coin-and-medal-programs/commemorative-coins/us-marine-corps-250th-anniversary>. Sales will be available in early 2025, at <https://www.usmint.gov/>.

Shaehmus Sawyer



LCPL JOAQUIN DELA TORRE, USMC

Above: LtGen Gregg Olson, director of Marine Corps Staff, left, and retired MajGen James Lukeman, president and CEO of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, unveil the new trio of commemorative coins dedicated to the 250th Birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps at the National Museum of the Marine Corps on July 17.



U.S. Marine reenactors pose in uniforms matching the scenes depicted on the new commemorative coins dedicated to the 250th Birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps.

LCPL JOAQUIN DELA TORRE, USMC



VIETNAM VETERANS
MEMORIAL FUND



FOUNDERS OF THE WALL

The Wall That Heals
national tour
schedule for 2025

The Wall That Heals 2025 Tour dates include:

- Sebring, Fla. (March 6 - 9)
- Kissimmee, Fla. (March 13 - 16)
- Baton Rouge, La. (March 20 - 23)
- Corpus Christi, Texas (March 27 - 30)
- Laredo, Texas (April 3 - 6)
- D'Iberville, Miss. (April 10 - 13)
- Whiteville, N.C. (April 24 - 27)
- Roxboro, N.C. (May 1 - 4)
- Johnson City, Tenn. (May 8 - 11)
- Liberty, S.C. (May 15 - 18)
- Shaler Township, Pa. (May 23 - 26)
- Warren, Ohio (May 29 - June 1)
- Troy, N.Y. (June 5 - 8)
- Claremont, N.H. (June 26 - 29)
- Farmington, Maine (July 3 - 6)
- Montgomery Township, Pa. (July 10 - 13)
- Antioch, Ill. (July 17 - 20)
- St. Louis County, Mo. (July 24 - 27)
- Buckner, Mo. (July 31 - August 3)
- Nevada, Iowa (August 7 - 10)
- Emporia, Kan (August 14 - 17)

The Wall That Heals 2025 Tour dates continue next page:

Spokane, Wash. (August 28 - 31)
Ellensburg, Wash. (September 4 - 7)
Port Townsend, Wash. (September 11 - 14)

Independence, Ore. (September 18 - 21) -THE ONLY OREGON LOCATION

Orange, Calif. (October 2 - 5)
Clovis, Calif. (October 9 - 12)
American Canyon, Calif. (October 16 - 19)
Wylie, Texas (October 30 – November 2)
Athens, Ala. (November 6 - 9)
Crystal Springs, Miss. (November 13 - 16)

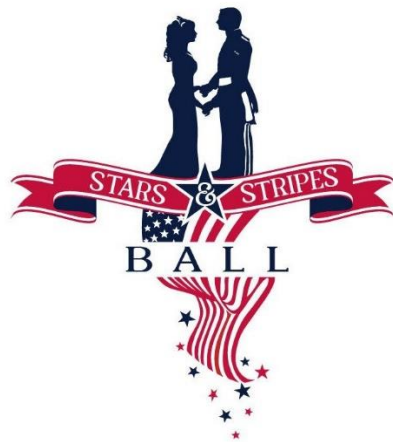
**For the most up-to-date schedule, please visit <https://www.vvmf.org/The-Wall-That-Heals/>*

Our three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial along with a mobile Education Center begins its 30th tour season on March 6, 2025, in Sebring, Florida. During the 2025 tour, we will bring The Wall to 31 communities across the country. At every stop, we'll pay tribute to the 58,281 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam and honor the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces in the Vietnam War. In addition to educational exhibits, our mobile Education Center will display the photos of service members whose names are on The Wall that list their home of record within the area of a visit. The Center will also display photos of Vietnam veterans from the local area honored through VVMF's *In Memory* program, which honors veterans who returned home from Vietnam and later died.

“In 2014, I saw a need of brotherhood, purpose, and camaraderie in our local veteran community. A chance for veterans to be brought together, share their experience(s), and grow as honorable veterans who will provide a shining light of leadership to all future vets in need. Together, we will outreach to any and all veterans that we can to provide a hand up.”— Michael Aaron, USMC, Founder of LINK UP VETS



They also put on the:



A formal event held in November.

The evening includes a toast to our Military Branches, dinner, silent and live auctions, games, and dancing!

Guests must be 18 years or older.

Guests need not be Veterans to attend.

All proceeds benefit Link Up Vets and our mission to assist Veterans.

If you have any questions, please contact Link Up Vets.

See their website for all that they do.

<https://linkupvets.org/>



Veterans Legacy had an “Grand Opening” Celebration on 8 November 2024. Detachment members Dave Huber, and Steven & Lois Price attended. The following photos were provided by Lois Price.

Veterans Legacy is now fully functional with 13 permanent male residents. Female veterans apply to Veterans Legacy, and are then referred to an organization in Eugene, Oregon. This organization has homes that have been renovated and are provided for the purpose of housing homeless female veterans.

Veterans Legacy is now operating on “Donations” to keep operating.







Marine Corps League

Emerald Empire Detachment No. 917

Minutes of the meeting 20 November 2024

1. **Opening Ceremony.** The meeting was called to order at 1905 by Commandant Joseph Lamm with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Chaplain Joy Cavin's invocation. Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price read the Marine Corps League Mission Statement. Anthony Lonberg was present as a guest.
2. **Roll Call of Officers.** All officers were present except the Judge Advocate which is a vacant position.
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 Debra Barker to waive the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as posted. Dave Huber second. Motion passed.
7. **Correspondence.**
 - a) A request for a donation was received from Semper Fi & America's' Fund.
 - b) The Marine Corps Heritage Fund offered an opportunity to purchase a "brick" to be placed along the path surrounding the National Marine Corps Museum.
 - c) Umpqua Bank invited the detachment to open a business credit card.
8. **Report of Paymaster.** Paymaster Lois Price reported that the adjusted working balance of the detachment's account is five thousand two hundred eight dollars and five cents. (\$5,208.05).
9. **Report of any member or member's family sick or in distress.** None.
10. **Report of Officers.**
 - a) Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde is looking into billboard sites and advertising locations for recruiting.
 - b) Webmaster Debra Barker stated that the website down. The cost has more than doubled.
11. **Report of Standing Committees.**
 - a) Young Marines – The Young Marines need to recruit more young people as well as adult leaders. The Young Marines will be participating in the Springfield Christmas Parade to collect toys for the Toys for Tots Program. Two young ladies have completed "boot camp."

- b) Toys for Tots – There has been no information forthcoming from the coordinator although it is understood that various changes have been made by the Marine Corps staff.
- c) Veteran’s Legacy – Junior Past Commandant reported that the “Grand Opening” was held at Camp Alma on 8 November 2024. There are thirteen permanent male residents. There is a possibility of adding female residents in the future. Currently female veterans are housed in Eugene. The camp is fully functional in providing for the residents. Veterans Legacy is still primarily funded by donations.
- d) Vet’s Court – No report.

12. Reports of Special Committees. None.

13. Unfinished Business. There has been no response from department regarding the existence of PSA’s for recruiting new members.

14. New Business.

- a) Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde motioned that a donation of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars be given to Quilts of Valor for supplies. This organization provides handmade quilts to veterans. Lois Price second. Motion passed.
- b) Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde was contacted by the Eugene Emeralds inviting the detachment to attend Military Appreciation Day on 17 May 2025. Tabled for more information.
- c) A discussion ensued regarding the establishment of a new website. Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde was tasked with exploring three websites for consideration.
- d) Consideration to purchase a “brick” was tabled for future discussion.
- e) Junior Past Commandant Dave Huber stated that the Springfield Moose Lodge is preparing fifty (50) food boxes to be provided to the needy. The Lodge is collecting various nonperishable food items for the boxes. He motioned that the detachment donates one hundred (\$100.00) dollars toward this endeavor. Dan Stombaugh second. Motion passed.

15. Ceremony of Installation of Officers. N/A

16. For the Good of the League. None.

17. Announcements.

- a) Nancy Lukasik stated that a memorial service for Thad Lukasik would be held at the Northwood Christian Church in Springfield on 25 January 2025 at 1300.
- b) Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price announced that the Eugene Veterans Café would be held on 23 November 2024 at the Eugene Elks Lodge located at 2470 W. 11th Avenue, Eugene, OR from 100 to 1400. They are inviting “all Veterans, their families, and the providers who support them to come together for a meal.”

18. Closing Ceremony. The closing was conducted by Commandant Joseph Lamm at 2023 until the next meeting on 18 December 2024.

Community Service Volunteer Hours

A reminder that detachment member's hours of volunteering, in any venue, needs to be tallied and reported annually to the department. **These are to be kept on a calendar year basis and turned in to the detachment at the end of December (the December meeting would be the best time).**

**EMERALD EMPIRE DETACHMENT #917
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEER HOURS
TRACKING FORM**

Date	Project, Task or Event	Hours

TOTAL HOURS: _____

I certify that the above is a true and correct record of my volunteer hours.

Name: _____

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

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.

EMERALD EMPIRE DETACHMENT # 917
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3rd Wednesday of the Month

Dinner @ 1800 hours

Meeting Starts @ 1900 hours

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Detachment Web Site: www.mcl917.org

**WE NO LONGER HAVE A DETACHMENT WEBSITE – DUE TO THE COST ALMOST DOUBLING
IN PRICE**

Department Web Site: <http://www.mcl-oregon.org>

National Website: www.mclnational.org

2024 Meeting Dates

MARK YOUR 2024 CALENDARS NOW

18 December 2024 (Ham, scalloped potatoes, and coleslaw)

2024 Fund-Raising Breakfast **Dates**

MARK YOUR 2024 CALENDARS NOW

15 December 2024

2025 Meeting Dates

MARK YOUR 2025 CALENDARS NOW
(3rd Wednesday of the month)

15 January 2025

19 February 2025

19 March 2025

16 April 2025

21 May 2025

18 June 2025

16 July 2025

20 August 2025

17 September 2025

15 October 2025

19 November 2025

17 December 2025

2025 Fund-Raising Breakfast

Dates

MARK YOUR 2025 CALENDARS NOW
(3rd Sunday of the month)

19 January 2025

16 February 2025

16 March 2025

20 April 2025 (Easter)

18 May 2025

15 June 2025 (Father's Day)

20 July 2025

17 August 2025

21 September 2025

19 October 2025

16 November 2025

21 December 2025