



JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is: **15 January 2025**

May The YEAR 2025 Be Good to You All



2025 Calendar

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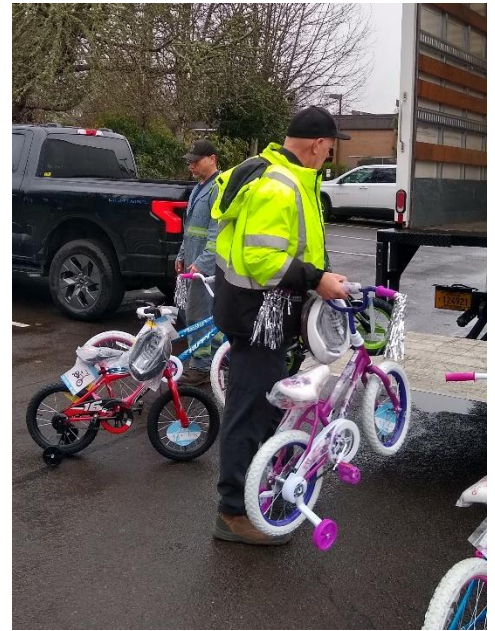
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On December 13th, 2024, Craig Myers helped HM2 Noriega pickup 45 bicycles and some other toys that were donated to Toys for Tots from the folks at Lane County Public Works.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

7 January – Debbie Barker

18 January – Thad Lukasik **Deceased**

21 January – Patrick Burke

23 January – James (Jim) Pilling

28 January – Matthew Bowerman

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



CORPSMAN

Nancy Lukasik – Nancy received word that her brother who lived in Eugene passed away. The detachment sent her flowers. Please keep Nancy in your thoughts and prayers as she deals with the recent loss of her husband Thad and now her brother.



Thad & Nancy Lukasik

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.



Bill & Shirley Cummings – Bill & Shirley Cummings will be buried in the VA National Cemetery, Roseburg, Oregon. The Springfield I & I Staff will be doing the honors. Date will be published when determined.

Kim Lonberg & A.J. Lonberg (grandson) – A.J. was at the University of Washington Hospital Neurology for evaluation of on-going seizures. Kim took care of her great-granddaughter while A.J. was there. Please keep them both in your thoughts and prayers that a diagnose and treatment can be completed.



Joseph Lamm – Joseph’s twin daughter Shelby was driving her car when a person driving a stolen van, the wrong way, in Springfield attempted to hit her vehicle head-on. She was able to react so that the vehicles did not hit head-on. She then had to take cover in an alley as police dealt with the driver of the stolen van. She ended up with bruised ribs.



Check out the Emerald Empire Young Marines Facebook page for all the details on the Springfield Christmas Parade, Promotions, Recognition of Adult Volunteers, and many more topics and photos.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/213551575149996/>



Ruth Holland received her Membership Card from Emerald Empire Detachment Commandant Joseph Lamm at the 18 December 2024 meeting.

Way to go Ruth.



Fund-Raising Breakfast Service for Sunday, 15 December 2024

At the 15 December 2024 fund-raising breakfast, 17 meals were served for a total of \$170.00. We also received \$15.00 in tips.

The GRAND TOTAL received was: \$185.00.

It was a very manageable morning.

Marine Corps League 12-inch diameter stickers available for **FREE**. I have 6 of them – **FIRST COME FIRST SERVE** –

I will have them available at our monthly meeting(s) until they are gone. (See meeting dates at end of this newsletter.)

Great way to get the League name and image out there. Put it on a car window, put it on a glass door, or just put it where it will be seen.



Vintage USMC in Klamath Falls, Oregon

The Marine Corps established the barracks there for the treatment of active-duty Marines who had contracted primarily mosquito borne illnesses such as malaria in the South Pacific. They ran them through pretty fast, I guess, with many returning to the fight. It was only open 1944-1946.

Photos and Information Courtesy of
Dan Stombaugh



Photo Right: Note the two pillars. All 6 Marine Corps Divisions are shown. I assume the 2 Eagles on top represent the Commanding Officer being a Marine Corps Full Bird Colonel or Navy Captain. (Paul's assumption)



USMC 250th ANNIVERSARY COINS



U.S. Marine Corps 250th Anniversary 2025 Proof Five-Dollar Gold Coin



U.S. Marine Corps 250th Anniversary 2025 Proof Half Dollar



U.S. Marine Corps 250th Anniversary 2025 Proof Silver Dollar



U.S. Marine Corps 250th Anniversary 2025 Three-Coin Proof Set

Uncirculated versions of the 3 separate coins above are also available:

U.S. Marine Corps 250th Anniversary 2025 Uncirculated Five-Dollar Gold Coin

U.S. Marine Corps 250th Anniversary 2025 Uncirculated Half Dollar

U.S. Marine Corps 250th Anniversary 2025 Uncirculated Silver Dollar

ALL THE ABOVE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PRE-SALE ON THE US MINT WEBSITE

<https://www.usmint.gov/product-schedule/2025/?upcoming=true>

on January 2, 2025, at 12 noon (eastern time) – 0900 West Coast Time.

Prices should be available then. EXPECT THESE TO GO FAST!!!

COMPLETE DESCRIPTIONS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE.

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.



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

The Emerald Empire Detachment #917 donated to the Moose Lodge for their Food Boxes back in November. On 22 December the food boxes were ready for assembly and pick-up. Lois Price provided the following pictures.



Marine Corps League

Emerald Empire Detachment No. 917

Minutes of the meeting 18 December 2024

1. **Opening Ceremony.** The meeting was called to order at 1916 by Commandant Joseph 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 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 message was received from Robert Bowker and family sending blessings and a wish for a better new year.
8. **Report of Paymaster.** Paymaster Lois Price reported that the adjusted working balance of the detachment's account is four thousand nine hundred nine dollars and five cents. (\$4,909.05).
9. **Report of any member or member's family sick or in distress.**
 - a) Nancy Lukasik learned of her brother's death last night.
 - b) Kim Lonberg's grandson, A.J. Lonberg, is in a Seattle hospital for tests.
 - c) Joseph Lamm's twin daughters were in an automobile accident resulting in Shelly having multiple bruised ribs.
10. **Report of Officers.**
 - a) Commandant Joseph Lamm stated that a customer of his is donating three hundred (\$300.00) dollars to the detachment.
 - b) Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde has purchased a few twelve (12) inch Marine Corps League decals which may be placed on vehicles for advertisement.
11. **Report of Standing Committees.**
 - a) Young Marines – The Young Marines participated in the Christmas parade. They attempted to use Toys for Tots banner but were denied. They passed out candy but only collected three (3) toys. The Commanding Officer's daughter was promoted in the rain.
 - b) Toys for Tots – Craig Myers assisted the program in obtaining forty-five bicycles from Springfield Public Works for distribution.
 - c) Veteran's Legacy – No report.
 - d) Vet's Court – No report.

12. Reports of Special Committees. None.

13. Unfinished Business.

- a) The Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde stated that a temporary hold has been placed on Levi's Landing area for the 17 May 2025 Military Appreciation game. He will place an order for twenty (20) tickets with a provision that more can be ordered if needed.
- b) Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde researched a couple of hosts. However, National Headquarters suggest that the detachment name be included in the website name. He will attempt to retain the version the detachment had been using with a new host.
- c) During a discussion on purchasing a "brick" it was determined that some type of memorial to decrease detachment members be established locally rather than on the East Coast. Springfield will be contacted regarding the Veteran's Memorial site. Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde motioned that the discussion be tabled for further information. Paymaster Lois Price second. Motion passed.
- d) On delivering a load of lumber to the Young Marines campsite Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price purchased the needed window.

14. New Business.

- a) Commandant Joseph Lamm authorized that Chaplain Joy Cavin be reimbursed for the flowers sent to Nancy Lukasik.
- b) Junior Past Commandant Dave Huber motioned for the detachment provide fifty (50%) percent of the ticket cost for the baseball game. Adjutant Ray Miller second. Motion passed.
- c) Junior Vice Commandant Pauk Grinde motioned to reimburse Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price for the cost of the window (\$271.41) as well as for the Christmas parade candy (\$182.00) for the Young Marines to pass out with the funds coming from the Young Marines escrow account. Chaplain Joy Cavin second. Motion passed.

15. Ceremony of Installation of Officers. N/A

16. For the Good of the League.

- a) Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde reminded the detachment to turn in their volunteer hours sheets.
- b) The menu for the next quarter follows:
 - January – ham, scalloped potatoes coleslaw, dinner rolls

 - February - pork chops, mashed potatoes & gravy, applesauce, rolls, cherry pie

 - March – corned beef & cabbage dinner

17. Announcements. Craig Myers stated that Bill Cummings' brother, Mike, is making arrangements to have Bill and his wife Shirley placed in the VA cemetery in Roseburg, OR. He will inform the detachment of the date.

18. Closing Ceremony. The closing was conducted by Commandant Joseph Lamm at 2038 until the next meeting on 15 January 2025.

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

Dinner @ 1800 hours

Meeting Starts @ 1900 hours

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Detachment Facebook Page: [MCL Detachment 917](#)

Detachment Web Site: www.mcl917.org
I am working on creating another Detachment Website. It is a work in progress.

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

National Website: www.mcleaguelibrary.org

2025 Meeting Dates

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

15 January 2025 (Ham, scalloped potatoes, roll, and coleslaw)

19 February 2025 (Pork chops, mashed potatoes & gravy, roll, applesauce, cherry pie)

19 March 2025 (Corn beef & cabbage, red potatoes, carrots & onions, and Barbara's idea for another item)

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

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(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