



MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is: **19 March 2025**



WE WANT YOU!

**Please come to the 19
March 2025 meeting with
your nominations, or to
volunteer, for the 4 elected
positions of the Emerald
Empire Detachment #917.**



ELECTED POSITIONS:

**Commandant
Senior Vice-Commandant
Junior Vice-Commandant
Judge Advocate**

APPOINTED POSITIONS:

**Paymaster
Adjutant
Chaplain
Sgt-at-Arms
Webmaster**

**Automatic Position
Junior Past-Commandant**

March – Nominations / Volunteer

April – Voting

May – Installation of Officers

June – Installation Report Needs to be at National



The role of the Military & Family Readiness Specialist is to provide resources, information, assistance, referral, and follow-up services to Service Members and Families from all branches.

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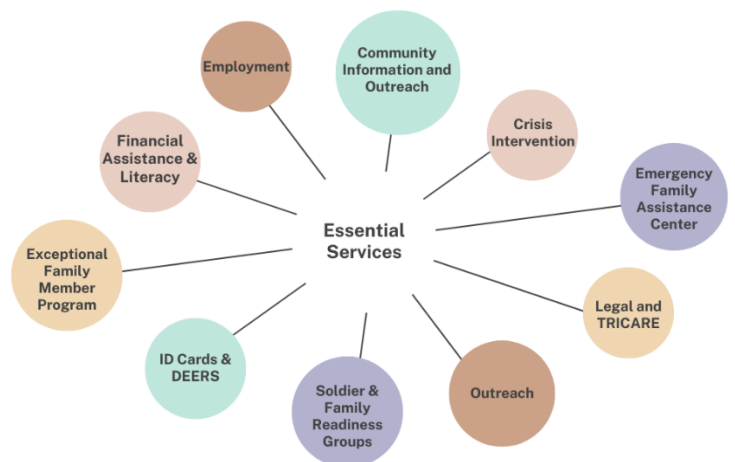
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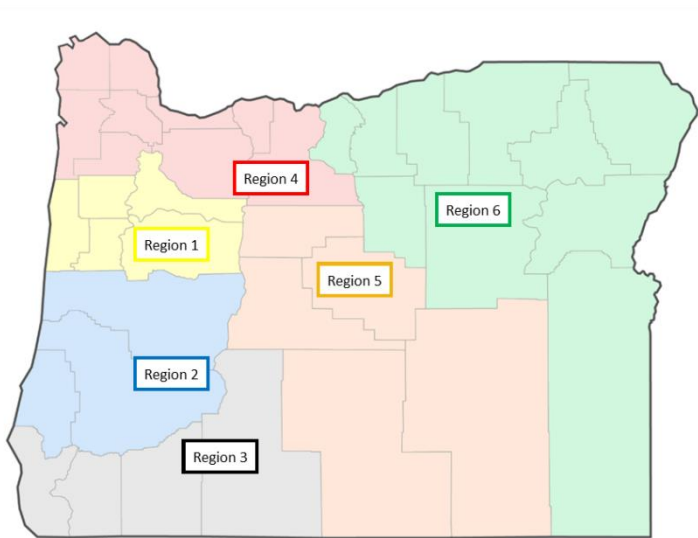
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Wounded Warrior & Disabled Veteran Parking at the Eugene Airport – First 14 days FREE – additional days at Economy Rate



For the most up-to-date information and requirements go to the Eugene Airport website. Wounded Warrior & Disabled Veteran Parking information can be found at:

<https://www.eugene-or.gov/1720/Parking>

then go to the ACCESSIBILITY TAB near the bottom and it will provide detailed information on their requirements, documents required, and departing/paying process.



This lead was provided by Emerald Empire Detachment # 917 LIFE Member Craig Myers.



**BRIGADIER GENERAL
WALTER S. MCILHENNY,
USMC
(DECEASED)**



Brigadier General Walter Stauffer "Tabasco Mac" McIlhenny was born 22 October 1910 in Washington, D.C. He received his education at Force School and Central High School in Washington, D.C., and Lane High School in Charlottesville, Virginia. He later attended the University of Virginia, also in Charlottesville. He served two years with the Washington

High School Cadets, and four years in the Virginia National Guard, attaining the rank of platoon sergeant.

Honorably discharged from the National Guard on 15 June 1935, he enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve and completed the Platoon Leaders' Class that summer. He was commissioned a Marine Reserve second lieutenant, 3 December 1936, with a rank date of 6 November. During subsequent summer assignments to active duty, he attended the National Rifle Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, as an instructor and shooting member of the Marine Corps Reserve Rifle Team. He was a member of the 1937 team that won the Hilton Trophy and the A.E.F. Roumanian Trophy; coach of the 1938 team that won the Roumanian Trophy; captain of the 1939 team that won the Rattlesnake Trophy; and winner of the Bronze medal in the National Individual Rifle Match, which entitled him to the Distinguished Marksman Badge.

Prior to reporting for extended active duty in World War II, he was an engineer with the Continental Oil Company until 1940, when he joined the family firm, the McIlhenny Company of Louisiana, makers of Tabasco Sauce.

Called to active duty as a first lieutenant following the outbreak of World War II, General McIlhenny served continuously until December 1945. After completing The Basic School for Marine Corps Officers at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, he was assigned to the 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, at New River (later Camp Lejeune), North Carolina, and served with that unit throughout the entire war. In May 1942, he embarked with the 5th Marines for Guadalcanal, where the 1st Marine Division made its initial landing on 7 August 1942 under heavy enemy fire.

For heroism as Executive Officer and later Commanding Officer of Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, during the landing on Guadalcanal and its subsequent capture and defense, he received both the Navy Cross and the Silver Star Medal. He also received two Purple Hearts for wounds received in this campaign, along with the Presidential Unit Citation that was awarded to the 1st Marine Division (Reinforced) for heroism on Guadalcanal.

In December 1943, he again participated in combat against the enemy, this time at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, as the 1st Battalion's Plans and Training Officer. He served subsequently as Regimental Intelligence Officer, and 3d Battalion Commander. In September 1944, during the landing on Peleliu, Palau Islands, he served as Regimental Plans and Training Officer. Again, he received the Presidential Unit Citation as a member of the 1st Marine Division (Reinforced). The unit was awarded the honor for heroic action in the assault and seizure of Peleliu.

On his return to the United States in December 1944, then Major McIlhenny was assigned to Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Virginia, where he completed the Instructor's Orientation Course and served

as an instructor in the Rifle Units Section. He also completed the Artillery School at Fort Benning, Georgia, during this assignment.

Relieved from active-duty 26 December 1945, Major McIlhenny continued his affiliation with the Ready Reserve in his home state of Louisiana. He organized and trained Volunteer Training Unit 8-25 in Lafayette, Louisiana, and commanded that unit until his retirement from the Reserve. On 1 November 1959, he was placed on the retired list of Marine Reserve officers and was advanced to brigadier general by reason of having been specially commended for heroism in combat.

In addition to his Marine Corps service, General McIlhenny was one of the founders of the Marine Military Academy in Harlingen, Texas, a private military college preparatory boarding school for boys in grades 8 through 12 that remains the only school in the world to offer military leadership based on the traditions of the United States Marine Corps. Under his guidance, the Marine Military Academy has grown steadily since 1965. He supported the Academy from its very inception and was one of the original seven co-guarantors of the loan to establish the school. Many major projects were undertaken through his leadership and he is listed as a major contributor to the Academy. For many years, he served as the President of the Board of Trustees of the Academy and was the President Emeritus of the school at the time of his death.

However, Brigadier General McIlhenny was perhaps best known as the president of the McIlhenny Tabasco Sauce Company, located in New Iberia, Louisiana. His company's creation of two recipe books under his direction, *The Charlie Ration Cookbook* and *The Unofficial MRE Recipe Booklet*, and donation of thousands of bottles of the hot pepper sauce to Marines serving in Vietnam have helped make Tabasco a standard fair for those serving in the field even today.

Brigadier General McIlhenny passed away 22 June 1985 after a brief illness. He had made his home on Avery Island, Louisiana, and was laid to rest there in Grove Cemetery after a simple military service.





The Greatest Army Invention: History of the P38

Story by Maj. Renita Foster

It was developed in just 30 days in the summer of 1942 by the Subsistence Research Laboratory in Chicago. And never in its history has it been known to break, rust, need sharpening or polishing. Perhaps that is why many soldiers, past and present, regard the P-38 C-ration can opener as the Army's best invention. C-rations have long since been replaced with the more convenient Meals, Ready to Eat, but the fame of the P-38 persists, thanks to the many uses stemming from the unique blend of ingenuity and creativity all soldiers seem to have. "The P-38 is one of those tools you keep and never want to get rid of," said Sgt. Scott Kiraly, a military policeman. "I've had my P-38 since joining the Army 11 years ago and kept it because I can use it as a screwdriver, knife, anything." The most vital use of the P-38, however, is the very mission it was designed for, said Fort Monmouth, N.J., garrison commander Col. Paul Baerman. "When we had C-rations, the P-38 was your access to food; that made it the hierarchy of needs," Baerman said. "Then soldiers discovered it was an extremely simple, lightweight, multipurpose tool. I think in warfare, the simpler something is and the easier access it has, the more you're going to use it. The P-38 had all of those things going for it."

The tool acquired its name from the 38 punctures required to open a C-ration can, and from the boast that it performed with the speed of the World War II P-38 fighter plane. "Soldiers just took to the P-38 naturally," said World War II veteran John Bandola. "It was our means for eating 90 percent of the time, but we also used it for cleaning boots and fingernails, as a screwdriver, you name it. We all carried it on our dog tags or key rings." When Bandola attached his first and only P-38 to his key ring a half century ago, it accompanied him to Anzio, Salerno and through northern Italy. It was with him when World War II ended, and it's with him now. "This P-38 is a symbol of my life then," said Bandola. "The Army, the training, my fellow soldiers, all the times we shared during a world war." Sgt. Ted Paquet, swing shift supervisor in the Fort Monmouth Provost Marshal's Office, was a 17-year-old seaman serving aboard the amphibious assault ship USS New Orleans during the Vietnam war when he got his first P-38. The ship's mission was to transport Marines off the coast of Da Nang. On occasional evenings, Marines gathered near Paquet's duty position on the fantail for simple pleasures like "Cokes, cigarettes, conversation and C-rations." It was during one of these nightly sessions that Paquet came in contact with the P-38, or "John Wayne" as it's referred to in the Navy. Paquet still carries his P-38, and he still finds it useful. While driving with his older brother, Paul, their car's carburetor began to have problems. "There were no tools in the car and, almost simultaneously, both of us reached for P-38s attached to our key rings," Paquet said with a grin. "We used my P-38 to adjust the flow valve, the car worked perfectly, and we went on our merry way." Paquet's P-38 is in a special box with his dog tags, a .50-caliber round from the ship he served on, his Vietnam Service Medal, South Vietnamese money and a surrender leaflet from Operation Desert Storm provided by a nephew. "It will probably be on my dresser until the day I die," Paquet said. The feelings veterans have for the P-38 aren't hard to understand, according to 1st Sgt. Steve Wilson of the Chaplain Center and School at Fort Monmouth. "When you hang on to something for 26 years," he said, "it's very hard to give it up. That's why people keep their P-38 just like they do their dog tags. ... It means a lot. It's become part of you. You remember field problems, jumping at 3 a.m. and moving out. A P-38 has you reliving all the adventures that came with soldiering in the armed forces. Yes, the P-38 opened cans, but it did much more. Any soldier will tell you that."

Unopened vintage P-38s in their original paper wrapper are getting much harder to find and are becoming collector's

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items since more and more people are putting them in their military & medal displays or their P-38 collections. P-38 collections don't cost too much and don't take up much space and they're a lot of fun finding the hard to get ones. I've had the same P-38 on my key-ring ever since my first Boy Scout camping trip when my Scoutmaster gave it to me to open the big cans of peaches for the delicious cobbler he would make over the campfire in a huge cast iron skillet. I can still taste that delicious cobbler as we sat around the campfire before crawling into our sleeping bags. My Scoutmaster was a WWII and Korean War veteran that knew how handy the little P-38s were and he gave one to every new member of the Scout troop on their first camping trip. Recently P-38s have added a new role to their long list of uses. Shelters and organizations that aid the homeless hand them out and also they were included in the humanitarian relief packets dropped into Afghanistan. I've also been told they have been handed out here in the USA by relief organizations after natural disasters (hurricanes, tornadoes, storms and floods) for when the power is out and electric can openers no longer work. A P-38 is a lesson in simplicity at it's best. Don't you wish everything in life could be as simple and useful as a P-38.

List of P-38 Uses By Steve Wilson, MSG Proponent NCO, Dept of the Army
Office of the Chief of Chaplains, The Pentagon

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| 1. Can Opener | 14. Gut Fish (in the field) | 28. Striking Flint |
| 2. Seam Ripper | 15. Scale Fish (in the field) | 29. Stirring Coffee |
| 3. Screwdriver | 16. Test for 'Doneness'
When Baking on a Camp
Fire | 30. Puncturing Plastic Coating |
| 4. Clean Fingernails | 17. Prying Items | 31. Knocking on Doors |
| 5. Cut Fishing Line | 18. Strip Wire | 32. Morse Code |
| 6. Open Paint Cans | 19. Scrape Pans in the Field | 33. Box Cutter |
| 7. Window Scraper | 20. Lift Key on Flip Top
Cans | 34. Opening Letters |
| 8. Scrape Around Floor
Corners | 21. Chisel | 35. Write Emergency
Messages |
| 9. Digging | 22. Barter | 36. Scratch an Itch |
| 10. Clean Out Groove on
Tupperware lids | 23. Marking Tool | 37. Save as a Souvenir |
| 11. Reach in and Clean Out
Small Cracks | 24. Deflating Tires | 38. Rip Off Rank for On-the-
Spot Promotions |
| 12. Scrape Around Edge of
Boots | 25. Clean Sole of
Boot/Shoe | |
| 13. Bottle Opener | 26. Pick Teeth | |
| | 27. Measurement | |

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**History of the P-38 brought to you by Emerald Empire Detachment
#917 member Dan Stombaugh.**

U.S.M.C. FUNERAL HONORS



<https://www.hqmc.marines.mil/Agencies/Casualty-MFPC/Funeral-Honors-Request-Form/>

The above link takes you to the Headquarters Marine Corps website for information on Funeral Honors. It has all the information on what is needed to submit a request for USMC Funeral Honors. There is a time frame that requests need to be submitted (7 days minimum prior to the service) and that information is also there. Information on how to obtain a burial flag is also on this site.

The website is best viewed on a desk top computer. Tablets and phones require more navigating to find the Funeral Honors portion of the website.

THIS SITE IS THE MOST UP-TO-DATE FOR INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENT ON HOW TO SUBMIT A REQUEST. ANY INFORMATION NOT FROM THIS SITE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED OBSOLETE – AND SHOULD NOT BE USED.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 March – Raymond Chiapuzio **Deceased**

3 March – Jay McCarty **Deceased**

5 March – Mike Barker **Deceased**

16 March – Edward Lagrone **Deceased**

16 March – Lois Price

17 March – Graham Hilson

30 March – Richard Eubank

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



CORPSMAN

A.J. Lonberg (grandson Kim Lonberg) – A.J. is still dealing with ongoing seizure activity. Early March is the trip back to University of Washington Medical Hospital for testing to determine the course of action (either a “stint” or removal of a portion) that will hopefully stop the epileptic seizure activity. The form of epilepsy he has does not respond well to medications. He also still in the ongoing process of seeking medical benefits and disability due a head injury while on active duty.



Jim Pilling – Received this update from Jim:

Cancer has not spread to other organs. Stage 2 aggressive cancer in bladder and muscle. Next Monday (3 March 2025) I begin immunotherapy IV for 6 weeks. Oncologist has doubled my dosage and hope the medication will knock out the cancer. I go to Willamette Valley Cancer Institute for 2-3 hours of IV medication! Thinking positive!

🙏 Semper Fi. Thanks for inquiry! Will keep you posted!

Ruth Holland – Dave Huber reported that Ruth is now home having good days and bad days in the recuperation from the fall that broke her ribs and caused a small puncture of her lung. She also had been battling pneumonia that settled in during her recovery.

Drop her an email or give her a call.

Her son Martin’s mother-in-law is not doing well. Please keep Ruth & Martin in your thoughts and prayers.



Rudy Grein – Rudy’s mother passed away in her sleep with no pain on Sunday morning the 9th of February up in Kent, Washington. His mother’s brother, Rudy’s uncle, then suffered a heart attack and passed away later the same day. (I believe there is something to the phrase “died of a broken heart.”) His brother and sister are taking care of all the arrangements. Please keep Rudy in your thoughts and prayers.

Dave Huber – Dave’s brother-in-law has been battling kidney failure, dialysis, and transplants for several years. All of this has led to a very rare disease / complication occurring. His brother-in-law has seen a specialist that will be attempting an experimental treatment; however, the prognosis is not good.



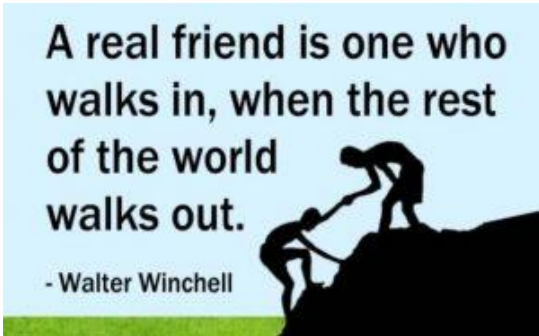
Nancy Lukasik – Nancy did not attend the February meeting due to experiencing some pain in trying to walk and get around.



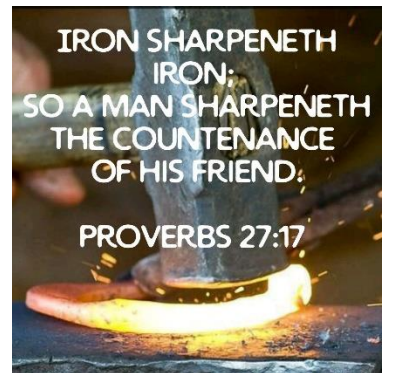
From the Chaplain's Corner



Did March come in like a lion? Only time will tell if it goes out like a lamb. The weather in Oregon is anything but predictable, like they say, "If you don't like the weather, wait 5 minutes, it will change."



In an uncertain situation or world, the one thing I count on are friends, and I am grateful for those with whom I interact. During Covid, we kind of got accustomed to not being as sociable and I challenge myself and all of you to put effort into breaking that paradigm. I need to get out more and visit with friends and associates, but it's difficult to change. YOU can help build up yourself and your circle of compatriots by putting together that trip to the coast, for lunch and some sightseeing; or get together for lunch, coffee, or a picnic (as the weather improves). The possibilities are endless and each of us will benefit.



**Proverbs 27:17 says,
"As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend."
(NKJV)
Let's work on that and see how good it makes us feel.**

As always, be well, stay safe, and let us know if you are in need or know of any Marine Corps League members who may be.

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

Guests



At the February meeting we had the Department of Oregon Junior Vice-Commandant William (Bulldog) Sump (Commandant George C. Leber Detachment # 1481), and John Beasley (George C. Leber Detachment member) as guests. Bulldog gave a rundown of the activities taking place at the Department of Oregon Summer Convention. Bulldog also informed us that he does have on-and-off medical issues due to the Camp Lejeune contaminated water.



Dennis Hughes also attended. This was his second detachment meeting and is information gathering in regards to membership.

Department of Oregon, Marine Corps League **SUMMER CONVENTION 16-18 May 2025**

On-line registration can be found at:

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/2025-department-of-oregon-summer-convention>

Extensive additional details can be viewed, printed, or downloaded at:

<https://mcl-oregon.org/> and going to the NEWS tab upper right corner.



Detachment Senior Vice-Commandant has the replacement window, and brush hog ready to go; however, he is waiting for the weather to become more cooperative. When the weather does cooperate, he is planning to take his travel trailer and camp out at the County Park across the lake from the Young Marines camp. This way he is closer and the drive much shorter to get to the camp to do the work.

As soon as the camp is up and running, they will be conducting their “Boot Camp.” They have 2 more kids who have joined and are awaiting their “boot camp.” They also have a Woman Marine who has begun the process to become a registered adult with the Young Marines. She also has a Marine husband. She was looking into trying to start a Young Marines group in the Creswell area until she found out there was one already in the Springfield, Oregon area.



Marine Corps League 12-inch diameter stickers available for **FREE**. I have 5 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.



Fund-Raising Breakfast Service for Sunday, 16 February 2025



At the 16 February 2025 fund-raising breakfast, 25 meals were served for a total of \$250.00. We also received \$29.00 in tips.

The GRAND TOTAL received was: \$279.00.

We started off the new year with 3 very manageable breakfast services.

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS 250th ANNIVERSARY COINS



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DESCRIPTION.**



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





Eugene Ems' Military Appreciation Night, 17 May 2025 (Saturday)



WHO: The Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League & Marine Corps Reservists & Marine Corps Inspector and Instructor Staff & all Veterans of the United States of America (American Legion & Veterans of Foreign Wars & Vietnam Veterans of America & Disabled Veterans of America & Military Officers Association of America)

WHAT: Attend a baseball game between the Eugene (EMS) Emeralds and the Spokane Indians

WHEN: 17 May 2025 (Saturday game); Game Start Time: 5:05 PM (estimated by Ems at this time)

WHERE: PK Park, 2800 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Eugene, OR 97401

WHY: A night of camaraderie, brotherhood, and social interaction; and have your service recognized (Military Appreciation Night: A Special tribute to all branches of the military that serve this great country of ours).

DETAILS:

1. We have a section of 20 (currently) seats reserved in the name of the Marine Corps League. The block of seats will be on the 1st Base Line in the Levi's Landing area with Picnic (In-Game; all-you-can-eat picnic). Food served from 5 – 6:30 p.m. Each person will receive 2 drink tickets that can be used on soda, water, beer, or wine.
2. Tickets are \$40.00 per adult. This includes game admission and the picnic meal described above.
3. The Emerald Empire Detachment #917 will purchase the tickets ahead of time. **We need to know ASAP if you are wanting a ticket, in case we need to order more than 20 tickets.** Persons can then purchase the tickets from the league for only \$20.00. This makes it a half-price deal.
4. Parking fee (yet to be determined). Handicap parking is available.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE GAME

Semper Fidelis

Marine Corps League

Emerald Empire Detachment No. 917

Minutes of the meeting 19 February 2025

1. **Opening Ceremony.** The meeting was called to order at 1902 by Commandant Joseph Lamm with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Chaplain Joy Cavin's invocation. Guests were Department Junior Vice Commandant William Sump and John Beasley. Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price read the mission statement.
2. **Roll Call of Officers.** All officers were present except the Sergeant-at-Arms was excused and 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 Paul Grinde to waive the reading of the minutes accepting the minutes as published. Dave Huber second. Motion passed.
7. **Correspondence.** A belated "Thank You" letter was received from the North Salem High School JROTC for our donation.
8. **Report of Paymaster.** Paymaster Lois Price reported that the adjusted working balance of the detachment's account is five thousand one hundred thirty-seven dollars and fifty-five cents. (\$5,137.55).
9. **Report of any member or member's family sick or in distress.**
 - a) Kim Lonberg's grandson, A.J. Lonberg, reoccurring problem of seizures.
 - b) Nancy Lukasik is having trouble walking.
 - c) Rudy Grein's Mother passed away, in her sleep, on 9 February and later that day hid uncle had a heart attack.
 - d) David Huber's brother-in-law has developed a rare disease, which likely is terminal from having been on dialysis, receiving a kidney, having it fail, returning to dialysis, and receiving another kidney.
 - e) Ruth Holland is currently at home on a good day to bad day basis.

10. Report of Officers.

- a) Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price has picked up the window for the Young Marines' camp along with a bush hog.
- b) Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde stated that the detachment has a new website name, marinecorpsleaguedet917.org and is learning the process of setting up a website.

11. Report of Standing Committees.

- a) Young Marines – The Young Marines equipment will be taken to the campsite. They have two new recruits and one new lady adult volunteer leader. They are planning a “boot camp” in March.
- b) Toys for Tots – No report.
- c) Veteran’s Legacy – David Huber stated he is planning a trip to Camp Alma. Currently there are twelve veterans living at the facility. They sold over twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) in produce grown at the camp last year.
- d) Vet’s Court – No report.

12. Reports of Special Committees. None.

13. Unfinished Business. Commandant Joseph Lamm will meet with the Eugene Emeralds to complete the contract for the 17 May 2025 baseball game.

14. New Business.

- a) Adjutant Raymond Miller stated that nominations for elected officers would have to be in March with the election in April and the installation in May to conform with the National By-Laws.
- b) David Huber motioned that the detachment purchases a red polo shirt, MCL patch, and red cover for a new member. Tabled.

15. Ceremony of Installation of Officers. N/A

16. For the Good of the League. N/A

17. Announcements.

- a) The 2025 Summer Conference is to be held at the Beach Club and Events Center in Lincoln City, OR 16 – 18 May 2025.
- b) A flyer was received indicating other types of resources that are available for help veterans. Information will be in the next newsletter.
- c) Debra Barker brought some of Mike’s Marine Corps/Marine Corps League items for the taking.
- d) Three twelve- inch stick-on decals are available, first come, first served.
- e) A red cover is available. (This was donated after the meeting to a Lincoln City league member.)

18. Closing Ceremony. The closing was conducted by Commandant Joseph Lamm at 2025 until the next meeting on 19 March 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, former Marines, FMF Navy Corpsmen, FMF Navy Chaplains, Associate Members, 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



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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2025 Meeting Dates

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

**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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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