



October 2024 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is: **16 October 2024**



MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW EXPIRED / LATE if you have not renewed your annual membership dues. If you are not sure please do not hesitate to ask.

WE REALLY DO NEED EACH ANY EVERY MEMBER.





Michael Leroy Barker, MGySgt, USMC Retired



HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS
Washington, D.C.

Past Legal Services Chiefs of the USMC

Master Gunnery Sergeant Michael L. Barker
Apr 1996 to Jun 1998



Mike Barker, and the Vietnam Veterans Association of America worked with OM Stone to design the Vietnam Veterans Memorial dedicated and placed in Springfield's Veterans Memorial Plaza on 11 November 2016.

"I'm hoping that they think, stop, and take a minute to think about those who didn't make it home, those who really paid the ultimate price for freedom that they enjoy in the United States," Vietnam veteran Mike Barker said.

Debbie wrote this on the Caring Bridge website:

Monday, September 16, 2024

I am sorry that I am late with this final post. There was much to do.

On 8 September 2024, at 2154, Mike passed away with Stephanie and me at his sides holding his hands. He passed away right after I told him Semper Fi.

Thank you to everyone for your prayers for his healing and your remembrances of Mike. I appreciated all of them. I have attached a photo to this post which I think everyone will enjoy.

Again, thank you even though that sounds inadequate.

Semper Fi.





Emerald Empire Detachment Fishing Trips onboard the Gracie K and baseball games at the Eugene Emeralds.



Crewell 4th of July Parades 2011 & 2015.



Marine Corps Birthdays 2010, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2020, 2022



Marine Band Concert 2019.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3 October – Russell Smith **Deceased**

3 October – Paul Grinde

5 October – Chuck Lang

28 October 1939 – David Denton **Deceased**

28 October – Nancy Lukasik

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



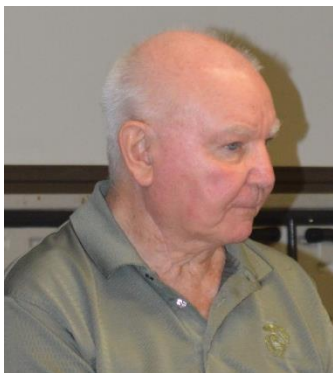
CORPSMAN



Debbie Barker – Please continue to keep Debbie in your thoughts and prayers as she continues life’s journey without her beloved spouse Mike.



Ruth Holland – Ruth underwent surgery to have a “stint” placed in a neck artery. Please keep Ruth in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers from this surgery.



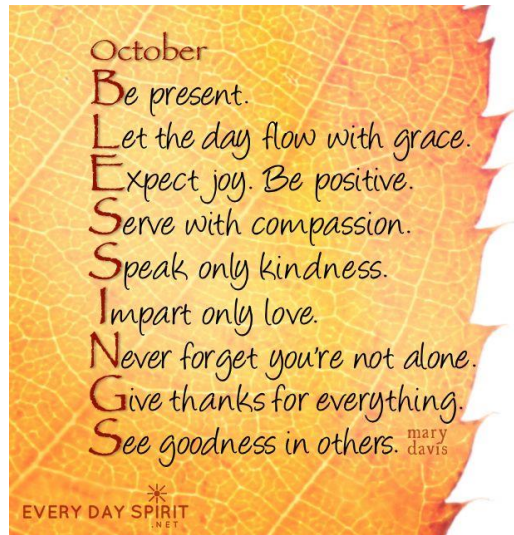
Jim Pilling – **Update from Jim.** Last week, I spent three days in RiverBend Hospital after checking into the ER in record time. I had a right lung infection that had not been diagnosed as pneumonia, Bladder infection probably turning into 3rd bout of bladder cancer. See new Urologist, October 7 or sooner.... Doing PT at home for Neuropathy and post-polio syndrome. Still thinking positive and sure keeping the medical profession in business in the area.

Stay safe and healthy. SEMPER FI!!



From the Chaplain's Corner

Shorter days, cooler temperatures, popcorn balls, candy & kids hyped up on too much sugar. Such is October. Add in countless political rhetoric, often unreasonable to at least half of our population, and this month is a hodgepodge of challenges and changes.



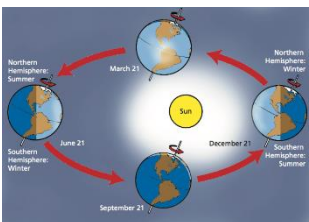
Thus, we would do well to stay mindful of the October blessings that surround us and which we can pass on and encourage others to think about.

The Bible tells us, in Philippians 4:8, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." So, if you find yourself experiencing the doldrums, or determine someone else is, pass this word along as you put it into practice in your own lives.

And watch out for all the little goblins and princesses out there on the 31st!

Joy Cavin, Chaplain

Emerald Empire Marine Corps League Detachment #917



Minutes of daylight lost between Oct. 1 and Oct. 31 across the Lower 48 states. For most of the country, we lose a minute or two of daylight at both sunrise and sunset. This means that between Oct. 1 and Halloween, there is an additional 60 to 70 minutes of darkness.

SOUTH WILLAMETTE VALLEY



OREGON HONOR FLIGHT

26 September – 30 September 2024
SEND OFF



Bus arrival, followed by the checking in process. And then it is time to socialize with all the other veterans, escorts and Honor Guards.





Two different motor cycle groups (Combat Vets Association & American Riders) along with a Corvette Club staging prior to being escorts upon departure.



Thad Lukasik with the Eugene Police Department Honor Guard, and with his Guardian Beth Sparks, wife Nancy Luakis and retirement residence friend Bill Day. Beth and Bill live in the same retirement complex as Thad & Nancy.



Thad Lukasik and his Guardian Beth Sparks. Thad, Nancy, Lois & Steve Price with another Guardian, and longtime Toys for Tots volunteer/friend Diane Chappell.



Sky Dancer giving a Blessing to the Honor Flight, and an explanation of the feather lance. The feathers are all Eagle Feathers. The dark feathers represent men military members, the flight feathers represent the women military members, the red feathers represent the military members wounded or killed in action, the Bison hide on top represents the Nation, and all the different colored bead work represents all the different branches of the military.



ALL ABOARD

Thad Lukasik getting ready to board the bus to begin his Honor Flight. Guardian Beth Sparks says her goodbye to Nancy Lukasik. Then it is time to get on aboard the bus.



The buses are rolling out. The streets were lined with the Honor Guard, family, friends, and other well-wishers. The American Riders lead the process, followed by the Corvette club, the Honor Guard who jumped into their patrol vehicle, then a Coburg Police Department vehicle, the Combat Vet Association motorcycles, and finally another Coburg Police Department vehicle.





From Eugene the procession headed North to Coburg where the Elementary School children are let out to line the side of the road with handheld American flags.

KVAL Interview with Thad Lukasik Pre-Honor Flight Trip



Twice a year KVAL joins local military veterans on the trip of a lifetime.

KVAL's Brandon Kamerman and Loren Ruark head to Washington D.C. on Friday, September 27, 2024, with the South Willamette Valley Honor Flight.

One of the veterans on that trip served during the Korean War and Brandon met with him to discuss his military service and decades of helping others.

In 1954 Thad Lukasik was just a kid from Pennsylvania, "The veterans from World War II were coming back out of college, some of them looking for jobs. Nothing around for a wet-nosed kid coming out of high school so I decided to enlist in the military."

Lukasik ultimately ended up in the Marines, "I finished boot camp at Paris Island. My orders were to the first marine division in Korea."

But fortunately, it didn't quite work out that way. The war came to an end and Lukasik was stationed stateside.

"It was wonderful. I didn't go back to the East Coast," Lukasik joked. Instead of heading back east, he was assigned to base security in California.

"Going to Hollywood and places like that as a young Marine was not all that bad."

Living in California provided him with plenty of stories to tell, went to a party, was escorted there by one of the Hollywood folks. We were in uniform, and we came in and Ginger Rogers was going out, and she grabbed me by the butt and said, 'Nice butt', and that's not the term she used, but I'm using it. [...] I didn't wash for a long time."

But it wasn't all fun. Lukasik was trained by veterans of war, "They didn't cut you any slack."

As time passed, Lukasik grew up, had kids, and ultimately stayed on the West Coast.

"I worked 25 years with Toys for Tots locally. I was just over 20 years with the young Marine program ... and I'm a member of the Marine Corps league. We help other veterans. We help families. We do what we can to help people, especially veterans."

Helping has been Lukasik's life, and he says it's all worth it., "I learned from them, I learned how grateful they are."

A nation grateful to a life of service.

Brandon asked Lukasik if he could speak with that wet-nosed kid coming out of high school what would he say?

"If I had something to say to Thad, I'd say, 'Do it over again.'"

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Received a phone call from Nancy Lukasik the morning Thad was coming home from his Honor Flight.

The Honor Flight veterans arrived in Portland, Oregon the evening of 29 September. Sometime during the trip Thad received a "nick" to a finger. With his current medical ailments causing low white blood cell counts, this small nick turned into an infection that spread to his whole arm.

Thad was transported by ambulance to the Adventist Health Hospital & Medical Center (10123 SE Market Street, Portland, OR 97216; general hospital information 1-503-257-2500). Thad was admitted for treatment and is expected to be there a few days while they work on getting this infection under control.

Thad was having a scan to find out the extent of the infection and the area involved. We will work on getting Thad and his Guardian Beth Sparks home when he is ready to travel.

I called Adventist to get visiting information. As of that call he was still in the emergency department, so no room number or phone number available yet.

Please keep Thad, and Nancy, in your thoughts and prayers.

Nancy is now in Portland, and they will hopefully be able to bring Thad home on Thursday.



Fund-Raising Breakfast Service for Sunday, 15 September 2024



At the 15 September 2024 fund-raising breakfast, 25 meals were served for a total of \$250.00. There was also \$22.00 in tips, for a grand total of: **\$272.00.**

We had help from:

Jackson, Sullivan, and Mike Howe. Mike is a Marine who Dave Huber invited to the breakfast. Dave is working on getting Mike to join the Marine Corps League. Mike's boys Jackson and Sullivan were also given information on the Emerald Empire Young Marines. Jackson and Sullivan did dining-room set up, washed, dried, and put dishes away. Busy guys.

Melissa Huber ran the pancake station, Shyla (Huber) Salas ran the break/toast station, Dave Huber did a little of everything, Lois Price took orders and kept an eye on the dining room. Stephen Price prepped the bacon, sausage, and biscuits. Stephen also ran the eggs grill.

Mike Howe ran the hashbrown station of the grill.

Paul Grinde did gravy setup, helping Jackson and Sullivan with dishes, and some meal deliveries.

Charlie Shaw kept an eye on the coffee maker, and dining room activities.

THANK YOU TO ALL!!!!!!



Jackson and Sullivan Howe, and Melissa Huber.



Jackson, Sullivan, and Mike Howe. Melissa, Shyla, and Dave Huber.



**Melissa, Dave, and Shyla Huber; Stephen Price and Mike Howe.
Charlie Shaw.**

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE



During the September meeting, Nancy Lukasik wanted to make a presentation. She said she started this idea/project about 5 years ago and that now she lives in the retirement complex where they have a knitting group, she was able to complete the project. She had knitted detachment member and Beaver Believer Paul Grinde an orange and black scarf with a Beaver Logo. They even drove all the way to Corvallis to obtain the Beaver Logo.

OUTSTANDING WORK NANCY – A VERY BIG OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY BEAVERS THANK YOU!!!



Had a great encampment this weekend with the Young Marines! We were able to finish up Recruit Training for our two recruits. We had to cram a LOT of information into a short amount of time to get it done, but we did it! We had MRE's for lunch on Saturday which was a first for some. We raised and lowered colors on Saturday, played revile and taps both days. It was a good experience for them.

Everyone's worn out, but worth it.

Casey Bartlett, CO, Emerald Empire Young Marines

To see all the photos and videos of the Camp Out / Recruit Training, and previous Emerald Empire Young Marines activities go to their NEW Facebook page at:

[www.facebook.com > groups > 213551575149996 Emerald Empire Young Marines - Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/groups/213551575149996)

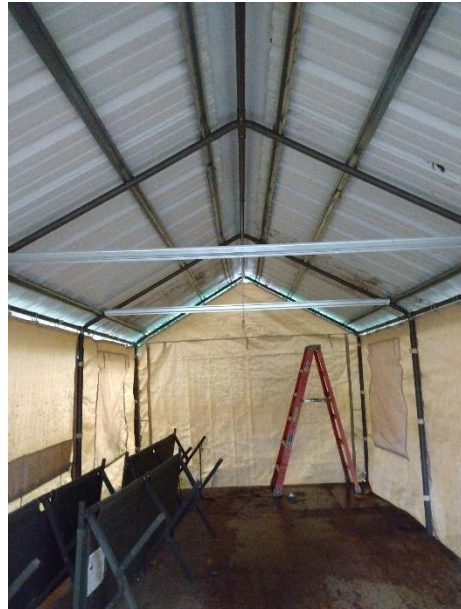
On 26 September 2024, Stephen Price, his son Larry Price, Dan Stombaugh, and Paul Grinde travelled to the Young Marines Camp Austin for a work detail. A new metal roof was placed on the female Young Marines Tent/Hut. Dan Stombaugh was taking the photos and we neglected to get one of him. Dan and Larry put in the metal struts spanning the tubular frame so that the metal sheets could be attached to those supports.

The day started out partly cloudy but soon turned just cloudy. Then the light rain started, and then fluctuated between light to heavy rain. The tree canopy slowed a lot of the rain from hitting the ground but it did make it through.

Larry did a lot of work, and even performed the crowning achievement by being the one to slide along the roof peak adding the peak cap.

For some reason the foreman Steve Price did not make it into any of the photos.

Photos courtesy of Dan Stombaugh.



Young Marine Graduation

28 September 2024



Emerald Empire Young Marines Colors



Young Marines “Assembling”



Blushing the Boots



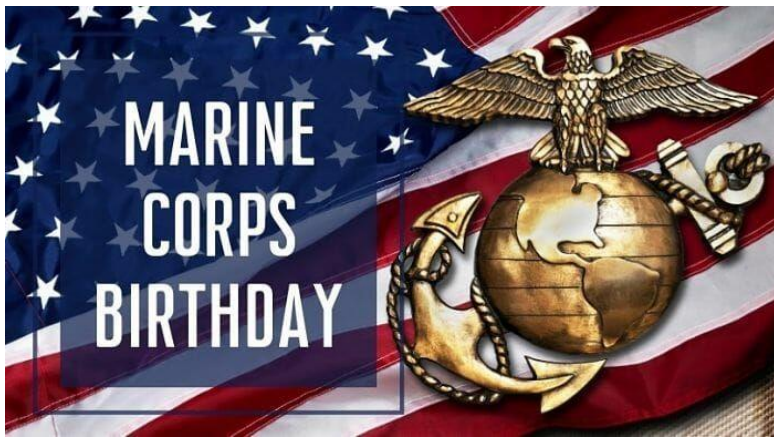
Proud parents pinning the awards ribbons on their Young Marines. The Young Marines receiving their awards from Terry Anderson.



Spencer and McKinney – the New Young Marines Graduates.



Graduation Ceremony was followed by a cake cutting, and pizza for the Young Marines, their families, and staff.



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

DATE:

10 November 2024 (Sunday)

TIME:

Social Hour / Gathering will begin at 1600 (4 PM)

Cake cutting ceremony begins at 1700 hours (5 PM) (Birthday messages will be read, the oldest and youngest Marines will be chosen, cake will be cut and served, and finally a toast will be made to the deceased members of the Emerald Empire Detachment following the reading of their names. Singing of the Marine Hymn. This will conclude the Cake Cutting Ceremony.)

LOCATION:

Moose Lodge 1726, 2011 Laura Street, Springfield, OR

COST:

The only cost is if you chose to purchase drinks from the bar (non-alcoholic & alcoholic) – water is available from the bar at no cost.

THERE IS NO MEAL:

Please dine before or after attending the cake cutting.

ATTIRE:

Your favorite United States Marine Corps, FMF Navy Corpsman, or FMF Navy Chaplain attire. This is not a formal event.

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:

Please email the number of persons in your party that are attending just so we have enough cake and serving items available.

Email: mcldet917@gmail.com

OPEN TO:

ALL – MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEMBERS, MARINES, FMF NAVY CORPSMEN, FMF NAVY CHAPLAINS AND THEIR GUESTS. ALSO, ANY FAMILY MEMBER OF A DEPLOYED MARINE / FMF NAVY CORPSMAN / FMF NAVY CHAPLAIN

DISSEMINATION:

PLEASE DISSEMINATE THIS INFORMATION TO ANY MARINES, FMF NAVY CORPSMEN, FMF NAVY CHAPLAINS THEIR GUESTS, ANY FAMILY MEMBER OF A DEPLOYED MARINE / FMF NAVY CORPSMAN / FMF NAVY CHAPLAIN, AND ANY VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS.



The detachment approved a donation of \$500.00 to the Harrisburg, Oregon chapter of Tours of Duty. Their mission is to search for the remains of POW and MIA United States service personnel and to bring them home to their families.

For more detailed information go to their website: www.toursofduty.org

Wellness Retreats for Veterans

Please pass to anyone who might be interested. There are Women's retreats and Men's retreats.

I spoke to Tammy yesterday and this is an awesome opportunity to get away, have a relaxing and rejuvenating retreat.

They supply motel rooms and gas cards to folks who live a long way from the retreat that takes place at a private ranch outside of Bend, OR. They do everything they can to alleviate barriers that people might encounter that would stop them from attending.

Thanks,
Gwen Best

The dates for the men veterans are fast approaching, and the last date for women veterans is also fast approaching. See the following flyers for information.

Central Oregon Wellness Ranch



MEN VETERANS

Summer Wellness Retreats

Join us on the ranch for one day
of self-care, wellness activities,
& time with the horses!

OCT. 4TH OR NOV. 1ST
@ 8:15AM-4:30PM

PLEASE CONTACT TAMMY:
541-815-0203

HEALWITHHORSES@OUTLOOK.COM

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Women Veterans
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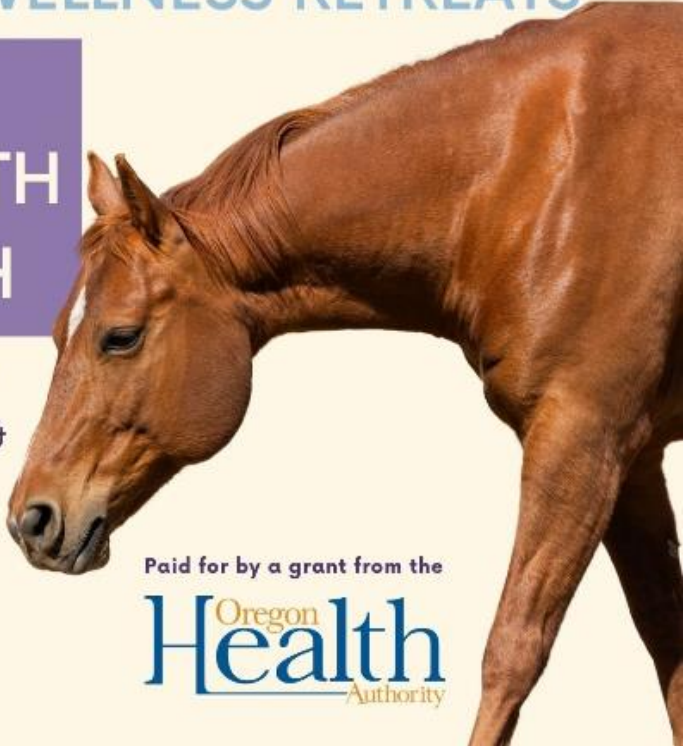
JULY 26TH
SEPTEMBER 20TH
OCTOBER 4TH

@ 8:15am-4:30pm

One-day of self-care &
wellness activities

RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

Please contact Tammy:
541-815-0203
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BOWKER FAMILY CURRENT PHOTO



From left to right looking at photo: Becca, Bobby, Robert, Hannah, Tawnee, and Nathan. This photo was taken 30 Aug 2024. The family tree behind them was planted 16 years ago when they were living at this house the first time. Their daughter Becca, age 25, and her husband and 2 kids are now living with the family. There are now 9 people living in the 1600 sq ft home.

Marine Corps League

Emerald Empire Detachment No. 917

Minutes of the meeting 18 September 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 invocation.

2. **ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS.**

COMMANDANT <u>Present</u>	SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT <u>Present</u>
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT <u>Present</u>	JUDGE ADVOCATE <u>Present</u>
SERGEANT AT ARMS <u>Absent</u>	ADJUTANT <u>Excused</u>
CHAPLAIN <u>Present</u>	PAYMASTER <u>Present</u>
WEBMASTER <u>Excused</u>	JUNIOR PAST COMMANDANT <u>Present</u>

3. **APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP. - NONE**

4. **BALLOTING ON APPLICATIONS. – Not Applicable.**

5. **CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION. – Not Applicable.**

6. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.** A motion was made by Dave Huber to waive the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as published in the September newsletter. Lois Price seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE.** – Received a letter from Tours of Duty thanking the detachment for the \$500.00 donation.

8. **REPORT OF PAYMASTER.** - Paymaster Lois Price reported that the adjusted working balance of the detachment's account is six thousand three hundred eighty dollars and 04 cents (\$6,380.04). This does not include the Sunday Fundraising Breakfast. (See attached copy of Paymaster's Report dated 21 Aug 2024.)

9. **REPORT OF ANY MEMBER OF MEMBER'S FAMILY SICK OR IN DISTRESS.**
 - (1) Ruth Holland will be undergoing surgery during the week of 23-27 September 2024 to place a "stint" in a neck artery.
 - (2) Debbie Barker – Please continue to keep Debbie in your thoughts and prayers as she travels life's path without her loving husband Mike Barker. Commandant Joseph Lamm checked in on Debbie the week prior to the meeting.

10. **REPORT OF OFFICERS.**
 - A. COMMANDANT – Nothing to report currently.

- B. SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT – **Nothing to report currently regarding Senior Vice Commandant position; however, he has personally been doing a lot of work of the Young Marines Camp.**
- C. JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT – **No new renewals have come in, so will be making contact again with those that have expired memberships. Junior Vice Commandant also reported that he would not be at the 16 October 2024 meeting due to his sister flying in to visit and stay on that date.**
- D. JUDGE ADVOCATE – **Nothing to report currently.**
- E. JUNIOR PAST COMMANDANT – **Nothing to report currently.**
- F. SERGEANT AT ARMS – **Absent – No report.**
- G. ADJUTANT – **Excused – No report.**
- H. CHAPLAIN – **Will get a card into the mail for Ruth Holland regarding her upcoming surgery. She will be sending the card to Debbie Barker signed by those who attended the September meeting. Joy will also be sending a flower arrangement to Debbie.**
- I. PAYMASTER – **Reported that we served 25 people at the 15 September breakfast service for a total of \$250.00 plus we also received \$22.00 in tips for a total of \$272.00. This was not included in the Report of the Paymaster.**
- J. WEBMASTER – **Excused – No report. It was reported by the Junior Vice Commandant/Newsletter editor that newsletters are being emailed during the time that the Webmaster Debbie Barker deals with the loss of her husband Mike.**

11. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

- A. Young Marines – **Lois & Steve Price reported that the Young Marines completed a camp out at their camp the weekend of the 14th & 15th of September 2024. Two new young ladies have joined the Young Marines and participated in “Recruit Training” during the camp out. The Young Marines did a “police call” of the camp area to collect debris which was disposed of in the camp fire. They also had a little rain during this camp out.**
- B. Toys for Tots – **No report currently.**
- C. Veterans Court – **No report currently.**
- D. Veterans Legacy – **Junior Past Commandant Dave Huber is going to be contacting Doctor Lebow and inviting the Camp Alma Veterans to attend the Free Veteran’s Dinner being conducted by the Moose Lodge on 11 November 2024 at 5:30 PM.**

12. REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES. – No special committees currently, so no report currently.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

- (a) **USMC 249th Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony – 10 Nov 2024 (Sunday) – After a group discussion and input, the cake cutting will occur on Sunday 10 November 2024 at the Springfield Moose Lodge. Social hour will start at 4 PM and the Ceremony will begin at 5 PM. No meal will be served so eat**

before or after the event. Water, Non-alcoholic drinks, and alcoholic drinks will be available for purchase through the bar. Birthday messages will be read, the oldest and youngest Marines will be chosen, cake will be cut and served, and finally a toast will be made to the deceased members of the Emerald Empire Detachment after a reading of their names. This will conclude the Cake Cutting Ceremony. Detachment Commandant Joseph Lamm will attempt to contact the Reserve Unit to invite them to the cake cutting ceremony, and Detachment Chaplain Joy Cavin will invite the Marine Corps Recruiters that come into the school where she works.

- (b) Radio Recruiting Advertisement – Commandant Joseph Lamm has a contact with Bi-Coastal Media for having a membership recruiting advertisement made. It was discussed, and determined that Senior Vice Commandant Stephen Price will contact the Department of Oregon Commandant to inquire if Public Service Announcements (audio & audio/visual versions) are in the works, or if we should proceed with our own. This topic is tabled pending the outcome of this contact with department.

14. NEW BUSINESS. – No new business was brought forward during this meeting.

15. CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. – Not applicable currently.

16. GOOD OF THE LEAGUE.

- (a) Stephen Price will be conducting a work party at the Young Marines Camp on 25 September 2024. The focus will be the re-roofing of one of the covered sleeping huts. Paul Grinde & Dan Stombaugh will be assisting Stephen, and Kim Lonberg will be arranging for her Marine grandson to attend and assist. Any other interested parties should meet at the Point Restaurant in Sweet Home at 0930 hours to caravan out to the Young Marines Camp.
- (b) Thad Lukasik will be going on the Honor Flight Thursday 26 September 2024. Departure location is the VA Clinic on Chad Drive, person wishing to send off Thad should arrive at about 0900 hours with an expected departure of 1000 hours. Thad also had a 50-minute interview regarding his going on the Honor Flight that will air on KVAL News during the week of 23 September 2024. The date of the airing of the interview will be disseminated when obtained. The news version is expected to be shorter than the 50 minutes.
- (c) Nancy Lukasik presented Paul Grinde with a black and orange Beaver knitted scarf. She started it about 5 years ago she said, and was able to complete in now that she belongs to a knitting group at their retirement housing. Nancy and Thad drove all the way up to Corvallis just to get the Beaver logo incorporated in the scarf.

17. ANNOUNCEMENTS. – No additional information presented.

18. CLOSING CEREMONY. - The closing was conducted by Commandant Joseph Lamm at 2001 hours until the next meeting on 16 October 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

Dinner @ 1800 hours

Meeting Starts @ 1900 hours

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

National Website: www.mclnational.org

2024 Meeting Dates

MARK YOUR 2024 CALENDARS NOW

16 October 2024 (Brauts, sauerkraut, boiled potatoes)

**20 November 2024 (Steak, baked potato, dinner salad and roll, with
Kim Lonberg providing Pumpkin Bars for desert)**

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

2024 Fund-Raising Breakfast

Dates

MARK YOUR 2024 CALENDARS NOW

20 October 2024

17 November 2024

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

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