



# September 2024 NEWSLETTER

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



**PLEASE ENSURE YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE UP-TO-DATE. If you are not sure please do not hesitate to ask.**

**We really do need each member.**





**Graham Hilson received his Membership Card and Pin from Detachment Commandant Joseph Lamm at the 21 August 2024 meeting.**

**Make sure to welcome Graham back to the detachment when you see him.**

**Graham has also submitted his paperwork to become a Registered Adult Volunteer with the Emerald Empire Young Marines program.**

**Way to go Graham.**



## **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

19 September – Roland Field **Deceased**

Please take a moment a remember Roland on the “Anniversary-of-the-Day-He-Was Born.”



# **CORPSMAN**



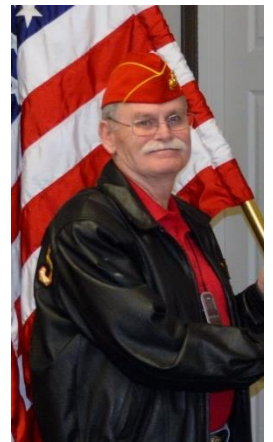
**Ruth Holland** – Ruth has been battling some health concerns that are progressing. She had a 3 day stay in the hospital but is now back home. Dave Huber reported she is doing better, and is scheduled for some more tests.

**Mike Barker** – Mike's has had some problems with low oxygen levels in his blood and this has caused some coughing attacks if he exerts himself.

Mike was admitted to the hospital with bi-lateral pneumonia, and placed on IV antibiotics. Mike was subsequently placed in the Intensive Care Unit on a ventilator.

Debbie has set up a Caring Bridge page for Mike “to keep people informed as to his condition and progress. There are just too many people to inform and I don't want to forget anyone.”

<https://www.caringbridge.org/> - You will need to provide your name (first and last), email address and a password to create a profile. Then you can log in to visit Mike's caring page.



**Please keep Mike and Debbie in your thoughts and prayers as Mike battles this serious disease.**



**Thad Lukasik** – Thad had some recent scans of his cancer. The great news is that the scans show the mass near his pancreas has decreased in size. The not so good news was the side effects of taking the barium contrast kind of messed him up for a few days, so he was not able to attend some of the recent detachment functions.

**Nancy Lukasik** – Thad reported that Nancy has been experiencing some heart related problems which have caused shortness of breath.



**Jim Pilling** – **Update from Jim Pilling** - Due to my neuropathy (no cure) and Post Polio Syndrome afflictions, I haven't been driving. I just sold my 2019 Toyota Highlander with 12,000 miles on it to my granddaughter and her husband at a family discount. They needed a newer car for their family. Another loss of independence. Still have a good attitude and a "back seat" driver's license. Stay safe and healthy.  
SEMPER FI!!



## *From the Chaplain's Corner*

**September is here** — marking the transition from summer to fall and ushering in an energy that makes us want to savor every moment of crisp mornings and cozy evenings!

**“September is dressing herself in showy dahlias and splendid**

**marigolds and starry zinnias.”** — Oliver Wendell Holmes



Usually, September is one of the best months to visit the Oregon coast, so pack up a picnic and head for the beach! But be prepared for the weather, which could be sunny & warm, sunny & cold with a north wind blowing, or foggy and cold (but the fog usually burns off). Enjoy the wind and the waves and take field glasses to look for whales!

*I read this poem by J.R.R. Tolkien on Facebook today and thought it worth sharing:*

***ALL THAT IS GOLD DOES NOT GLITTER*** by J.R.R. Tolkien

*All that is gold does not glitter,  
Not all those who wander are lost;  
The old that is strong does not wither,  
Deep roots are not reached by the frost.*

*From the ashes a fire shall be woken,  
A light from the shadows shall spring;  
Renewed shall be blade that was broken,  
The crownless again shall be king.*

**As school starts and traffic picks up**, watch out for all those kiddies who don't always use the crosswalks! And pray for teachers, paraprofessionals, and administrators, as they get to know their new students, who come to them with SO many needs, beyond learning.

**And we must “Never Forget” September 11, 2001** – When you think about it, there are a lot of people who were not alive or old enough to recall the horror of the events on 9-1-1!

And if we who were around don’t share with them, how will they learn? Take a moment on 9-11-2024 to remember and thank God for the emergency personnel who sacrificed their own lives trying to save the victims of these attacks, and for the families left behind by ALL who died that day.

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







# **Fund-Raising Breakfast Service for Sunday, 28 July 2024**



**At the 28 July 2024 fund-raising breakfast, 26 meals were served, 2 were free, so 24 total paid meals for a total of \$240.00. There was also \$26.00 in tips, for a grand total of: \$266.00.**

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**At the 18 August 2024 fund-raising breakfast, we served 40 meals (2 with extra bacon @ \$1.00 each) for a total of \$402.00. There was also \$61.00 in tips, for a grand total of \$463.00.**

**Detachment members Dave Huber along with his wife Melissa and son Dave, Steve Price, Lois Price, Ray Miller along with his wife Linda, and Paul Grinde were kept hopping for about an hour and 15 minutes. Then things calmed down. We also had the assistance of Nick from Moose Lodge.**

**A big shout out goes to detachment Life Member Jim Pilling for bring 17 of his family members, plus himself, to account for \$180.00 worth or orders. This does not include in tip that may have occurred.**

**THANK YOU, JIM!**

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**The detachment approved a Gift Card for \$50.00 from Gray's Gardens to be provided to Melissa Huber for helping the detachment's fund-raising breakfasts by cooking the pancakes.**

**THANK YOU, MELISSA**

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# GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

## Celebration of Life for William (Bill) and Shirley Cummings



On 17 August 2024, A Celebration of Life was held for Emerald Empire Detachment LIFE MEMBER William (Bill) Cummings and his wife Shirley. Bill and Shirley passed away within one week of each other last year. This event was held at their home on Millican Road in Springfield, Oregon.

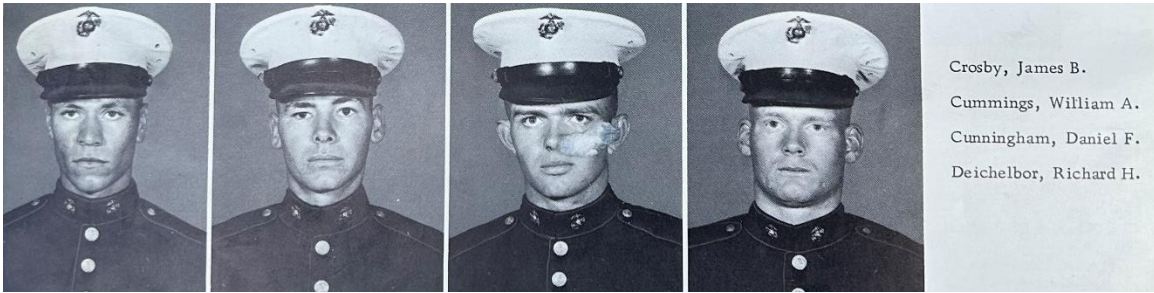
Representing the Emerald Empire Detachment was Craig Myers and his wife Kelli, Steve and Lois Price, Mike and Debbie Barker, and Paul Grinde.

Bill and Shirley are survived by their daughter Diane Barnes, and son William Arvil Cummings, III.





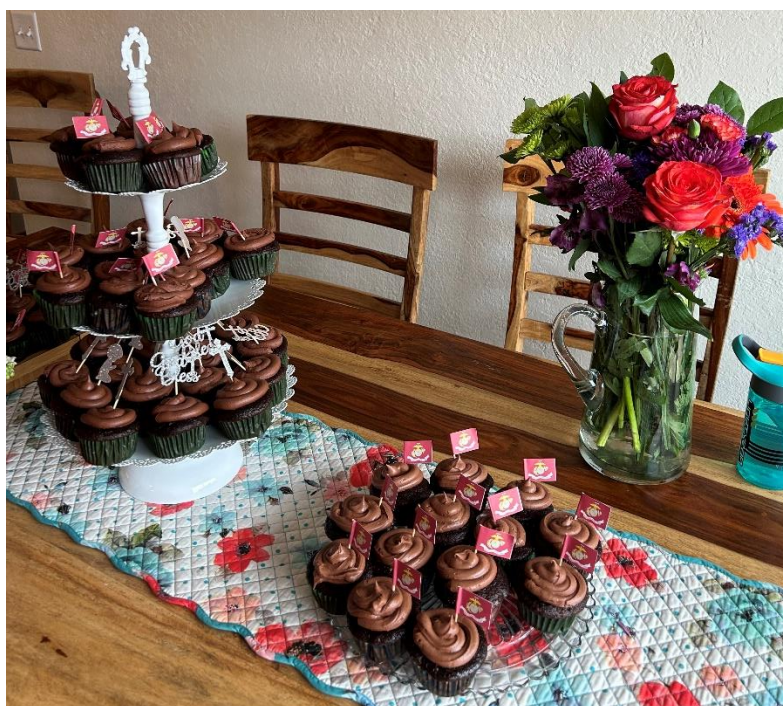
Diane Barnes



William Arvil Cummings, Jr. is shown second from the left. This was taken from his Boot Camp, Platoon Book, dated 1964.



Bill's Purple Heart from his service in Vietnam.





Steve and Lois Price



Craig and Kelli Myers

Mike and Debbie Barker had to leave early so I failed to get their photo.



A mystery was solved by Bill's Brother-In-Law Mike Dorman. The above photo shows a date of 1972, which is 8 years after Bill graduated from Boot Camp in 1964.

This photo is Mike Dorman's Boot Camp Platoon Photo. Mike says that Bill talked him into joining the Marines.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND PHOTOS OF WILLIAM (BILL) ARVIL CUMMINGS, JR. PLEASE SEE THE MAY 2023 EMERALD EMPIRED DETACHMEN #917, MARINE CORPS LEAGUE. THIS CAN BE FOUND ON THE DETACHMENT WEBSITE:

[Mcl917.org](http://Mcl917.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



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

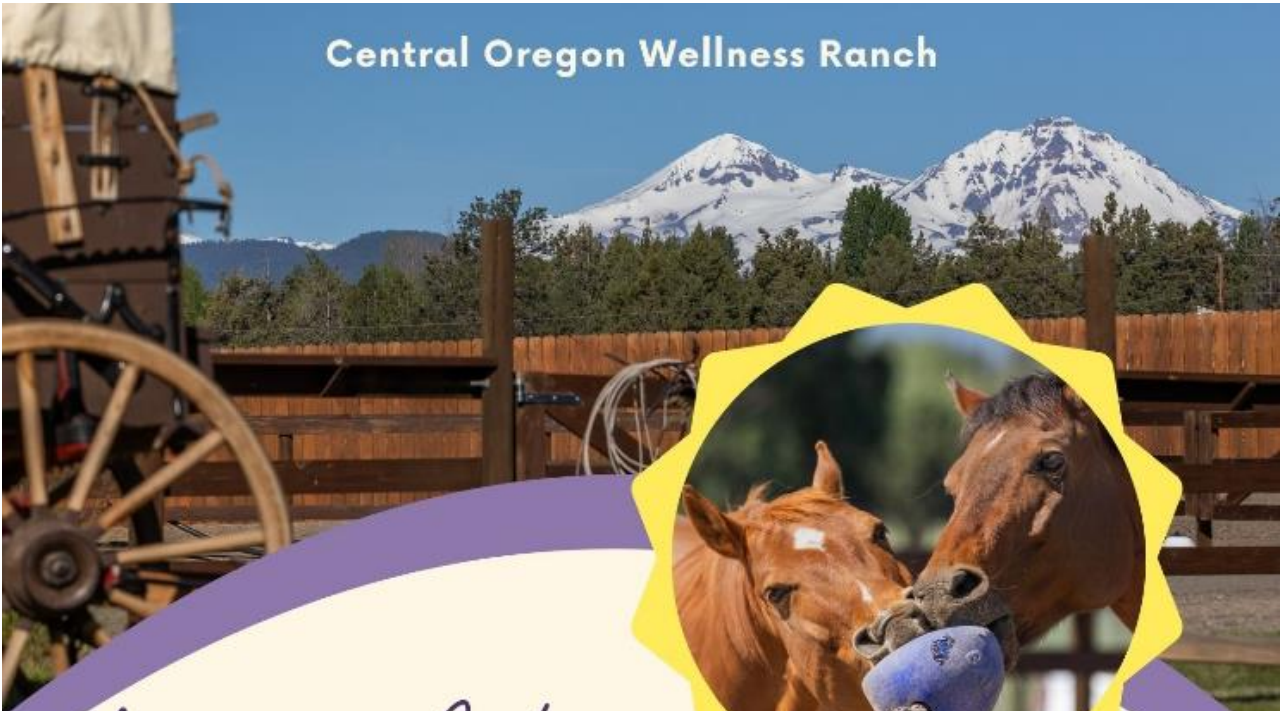
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*Women Veterans*  
SUMMER WELLNESS RETREATS

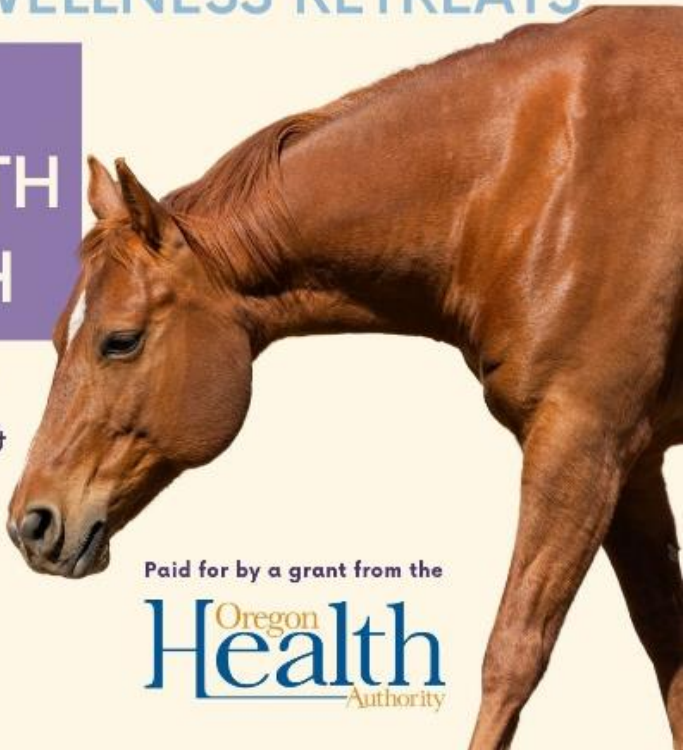
JULY 26TH  
SEPTEMBER 20TH  
OCTOBER 4TH

@ 8:15am-4:30pm

One-day of self-care &  
wellness activities

RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

Please contact Tammy:  
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healwithhorses@outlook.com



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<https://homeofthebrave.longlead.com/part/1/who-killed-andre-butler>



Nick Ut/Getty Images

*He was born on Independence Day, joined the Marines, and died as a disabled man living in a tent on the streets of Los Angeles. But this veteran's death sentence came long before he set up camp outside a federal property that was founded to house service members like him.*

Words by Andrew Nusca

**See the whole story at the website shown above the photo.**

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**Emerald Empire Young Marines** have a **FACEBOOK** Page. **Young Marines Commanding Officer Casey Bartlett** has created the new page. Please go to the below link to see the new Facebook page:



[https://www.facebook.com/groups/213551575149996/?ref=share\\_group\\_link](https://www.facebook.com/groups/213551575149996/?ref=share_group_link)

On 10 August 2024, the Emerald Empire Young Marines conducted their Saturday drill. They had a new female recruit join. They also conducted a “Target” Building exercise. They built simple target stands for Nick Skreptos. Nick had allowed the Young Marines to use his personal range to conduct rifle qualification. Nick’s stands were well used and in need of some renewal. Young Marines, built the stands, painted, and stenciled the stands to give back to Nick.





Emerald Empire Detachment members Stephen Price, and Graham Hilson, were able to respond to the call for assistance and support. Detachment Member Lois Price provided the photographic support.

All good projects require the right supplies, tools, and knowledge. Then under the proper supervision the Young Marines worked for and completed their task with some special results.



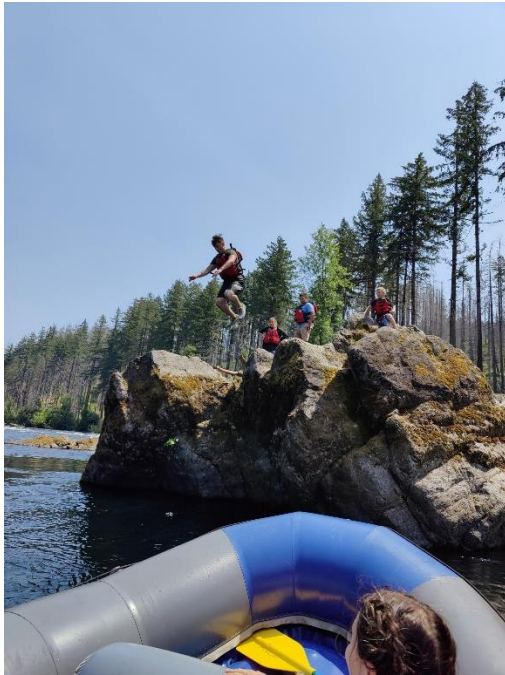
The Young Marines Camp.



The Emerald Empire Young Marines had their annual river floating trip during July. Heading down the river.



Time out for a lunch break. Then back on the river for some water sports.







Who knew that floating the river could be so energy intensive.

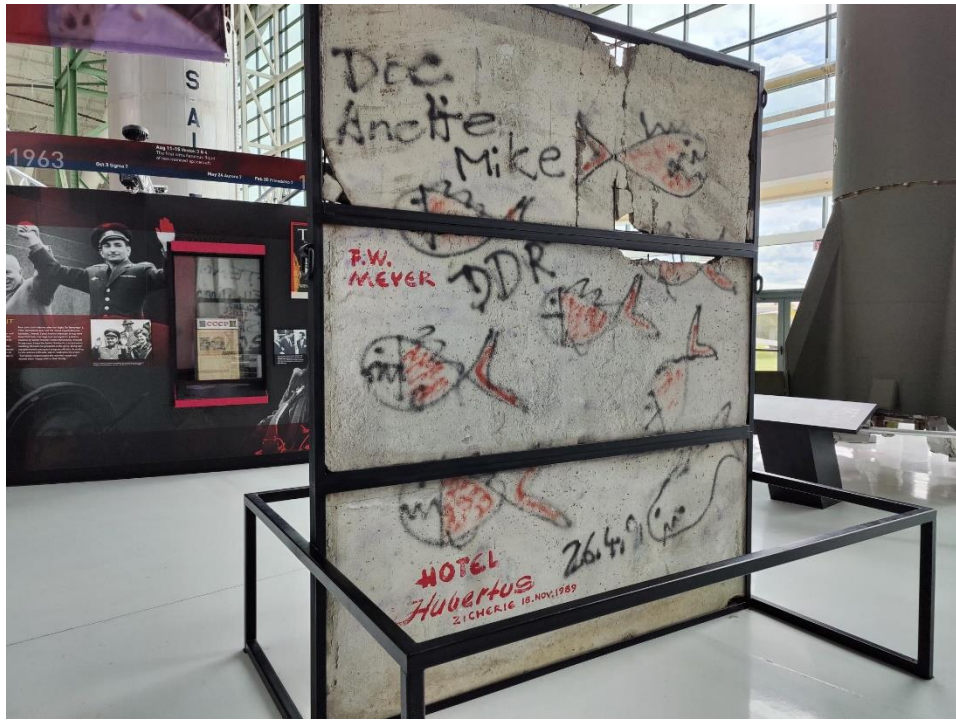


The Young Marines originally were going to be at their camp on 24 August 2024, but due to staff shortage they could not get all the things they needed to get done before going up there.

So, they went to the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum and the Wings and Waves waterpark. Both locations are right next to each other in McMinnville, Oregon.







Part of the Berlin Wall





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The Emerald Empire Young Marines are still looking for more kids to participate in the program, and more Registered Adult Volunteers to assist in running the program.

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There will be some work done at the camp on 6 September 2024. Steve Price and Joseph Lamm will be doing some pest control work in and around the buildings.



**Craig Myers, owner of My-Comm, has been working with Veterans Legacy and Dr. Lebow to bring Hamm Radio Equipment and Operation to the Alma Camp.**

**Craig has also been working with Veterans Legacy to provide communication/phone service between the Camp and the vans that transport residents to appointments with the Veterans Administration as far away as Roseburg, Oregon.**



# BOWKER FAMILY UPDATE



On Aug 16, 2024, at 18:10, Robert Bowker <rotabow6@yahoo.com> wrote:

Good afternoon, Paul, I see you sent me some Li Hing Moi powder! Wow, that is some good stuff! Thank you so much. You all seem to know when I need a little pick-me-up. Both Tawnee and Bobby needed and had operations in the past few months. Plus, Becca, her husband and two children have had to move in with us. That puts our little Detachment at nine people residing in this home. On top of all that our beloved b a t f agency has taken my license and will not reinstate me until I have a commercial location for at least 3 months. This would be nearly impossible, so I'm no longer self-employed. This puts us in a very vicarious situation. The doctors have insisted that I need to be on disability and retire. That won't give us enough money to even begin to support nine Souls. I'm doing the best I can with what I got to work with, so please keep the Bowker Detachment in your prayers. Once again Paul thank you so much for the kind gesture and blessings to the entire 917 Robert Bowker

Paul,

Thank you, the wood supply is great. We had giant winds here and that took down several trees. We have wood for this winter.

Tawnee still has pain, but seems to be improving slowly. Their watching closely to make sure nothing lease show up that isn't supposed to be there. Bobby doing well with no long-term side effects.

The ATF told me that they are systematically doing away with all homegrown gun shops as their licenses expire and forcing them to either go big or go home. I'm okay with going home and selling all my stuff off. That'll float us for a while financially, so no need to worry. I do however very much appreciate all of you and thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

Once again, I tried that powder and just love it! That sure brightened up my day. Blessings to all of you, the Bowker family.



**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](http://www.toursofduty.org)**

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**The 249<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the United States Marine Corps is coming. 10 November 2024 will fall on a Sunday this year. Discussions will take place as to when and where the Birthday Cake cutting ceremony will take place.**



**Stand-by to stand-by for details as they are finalized.**

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# **Jim Hale Celebration of Life**

**(past Department of Oregon Commandant, Marine Corps League)**

## **OBITUARY – JAMES ‘JIM’ HENRY HALE**

Jim Hale passed into the pearly gates of heaven on July 2, 2024, at his home in Gamewell, NC. He served our Lord faithfully these last 40 years wherever he lived and in each church he attended. James Henry Hale was born Dec 30, 1938 in Stark City, MO, and was the son of the late Owen Gordon Hale and Mildred Georgia Garrett. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Donna Forbes and brother, Butch.

He joined the Marine Corps in Jan 1956. He served in Morroco; Iwakuni, Japan; 29 Stumps; Camp Pendleton; Camp Lejeune; Vietnam. He felt his greatest assignment was leading a debriefing team for “Operation Homecoming” when the POWs came home from Hanoi.

In 1983 he moved to Lompoc, CA and began attending Trinity Church of the Nazarene. It was there that he met and married his soulmate and best friend, Diana Lee Arthur McCrary. They married June 22, 1985 and Jim gained 2 bonus daughters, Debbie Lee and Susan Marie.

In 1986 he began working for U. S. Secret Service at President Ronald Reagan’s Ranch. Jim later transferred to Wash, D.C. where he drove our First Ladies between 1989 – 2001. During these years he was fortunate enough to travel to 65 countries in conjunction with my driving assignments. Jim was transferred to the Field Office of San Francisco; while there he was assigned to drive such dignitaries as President Putin of Russia, President Chirac of France, former Presidents Ford, Carter and Clinton, and other foreign leaders visiting our country. He retired Jan ’04 and returned to Grants Pass with his bride.



Jim was a charter member of the Rogue Valley Det of Marine Corps League, having served the first year as Sr. Vice, and 2<sup>nd</sup> year as Commandant; he subsequently became the Oregon State Commandant. He also worked with the Young Marines of Merlin, OR in conjunction with the MCL. In Grants Pass, he attended Grace Bible Church where he served as Board Chairman for 8 years, manned the grill at the New Hope Christian School booth during the fair each year, golfed, and hung out each morning with his peers at both The Powderhorn Café and the Donut Shop. He and his wife, Diana have supported missionaries in both Things to Come and Grace Ministries International programs for 19 years and personally adopted into their family a couple from Malawi, Africa and personally support and nurture they and their daughter, Heather, while she attends Grace Christian University in Grand Rapids, MI.

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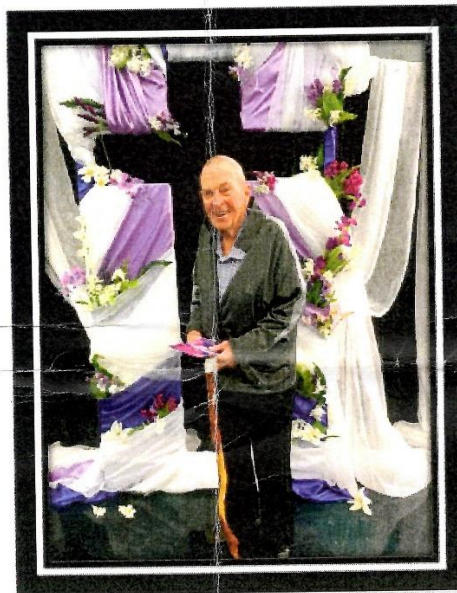
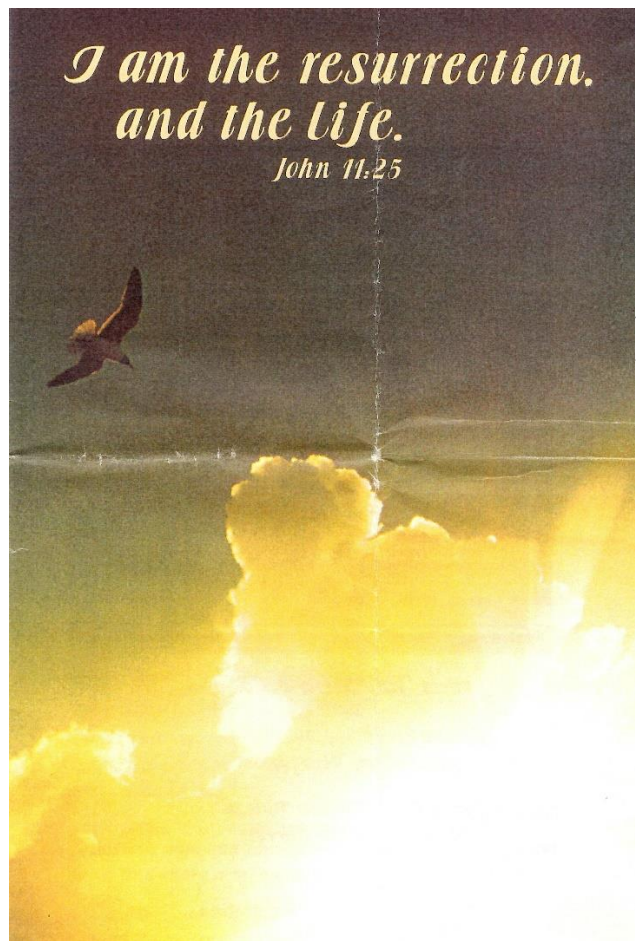
Jim moved to Lenoir, NC in April 2018 where he shared a home with his bride. He attended Waterlife Church and loved to greet attendees at their 9 a.m. services. Prior to his medical decline the past 18 months, he loved to golf, walk at Broyhill Park, travel, and dine at both Paula's Diner and Southern Crossroads and hangout with the guys at Hudson DAV

Survivors in addition to his wife are daughters: Carol Holland (Murf), Susan Cooper (Mike), Debbie (Jason), and Shannon Van Boven, 11 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Funeral service to be held at WaterLife Church, 1007 Morganton Blvd SW, Lenoir, NC July 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. Online condolences may be left at [www.evansfuneralservice.com](http://www.evansfuneralservice.com) or sent to 5058 Ralph Winchester Rd, Lenoir, NC 28645. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Caldwell County Amorem & Palliative Care, 526 Pine Mountain Rd, Hudson, NC.



*Thank you kindly for your  
thoughts & prayers on passing  
of my loving husband of 39 yrs.  
He loved the Marines & MCL.*

*Love & blessings*  
*Diana Arthur Hale*



*James 'Jim' Henry Hale*

*Born December 30, 1938  
Stark City, Missouri*

*Son of Owen Gordon Hale &  
Mildred Georgia Garrett*

*Died July 2, 2024  
At Home, Lenoir, North Carolina*

*Celebration of Life*  
*James Henry Hale*

December 30, 1938—June 2, 2024

*Welcome ~ Pastor Todd Braswell*

*Military Flag Ceremony ~ U. S. Marines*

*Military Honors & TAPS ~ Hudson DAV*

*Call to Worship ~ Pastor Todd Braswell*

*Prayer ~ Pastor Todd Braswell*

*In the Garden ~ Natalee Phillips*

*Tribute ~ Debbie McCrary*

*Beulah Land*

*Remarks & Scripture ~ Pastor Todd Braswell*

*Psalm 121:1-8, 122: 1-2, 139:1-2; John 14:1-4*

*I Corinthians 15:19-23; Revelation 22:4-5, 21*

*How Great Thou Art ~ Congregation\**

*Live Like It ~ led by Daniel Turner\**

*Note: This last song exemplifies the joy and love which Jim radiated. As you leave, share the love of the Lord with those around you.*

*Join Jim's wife and family in the foyer, eat some finger foods and share a memory you have of Jim with others.*

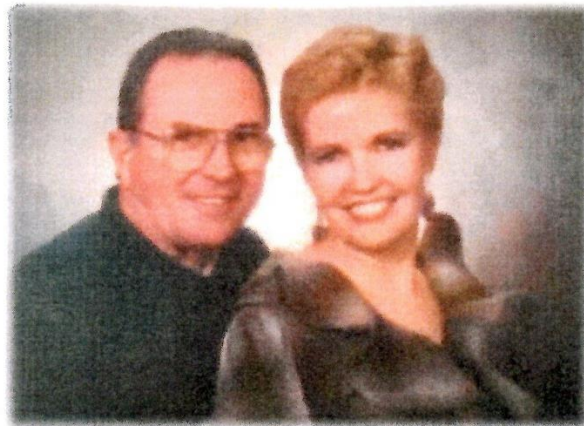
*\* Stand if you are able*

*Don't Grieve for Me*

*Anne Lingren Davison*

*Don't grieve for me,  
For now I am free.  
I am following the path  
God laid out for me.  
I took His hand  
When I heard His call.  
I turned my back  
And left my all.*

*Jim and Diana  
Married June 22, 1985  
Joined in love forever*



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# Marine Corps League

## Emerald Empire Detachment No. 917

### Minutes of the meeting 21 August 2024

1. **Opening Ceremony.** The meeting was called to order at 1858 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. Graham Hilson was presented with his membership card and pin.
2. **Roll Call of Officers.** All officers were present except the Sergeant-At-Arms and Webmaster, who were absent.
3. **Application for Membership.** None.
4. **Balloting.** N/A
5. **Ceremony of Initiation.** N/A
6. **Minutes of previous meeting.** A motion was made by Paul Grinde to waive the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as published. Dan Stombaugh second. Motion passed.
7. **Correspondence.** A "Thank You" note was received from Diane Arthur Hale for the kindness and prayers for the loss of her husband.
8. **Report of Paymaster.** Paymaster Lois Price reported that the adjusted working balance of the detachment's account is six thousand two hundred seventy-four dollars and four cents. (\$6,274.04).
9. **Report of any member or member's family sick or in distress.**
  - a) Mike Barker is having some medical problems.
  - b) Ruth Holland was hospitalized for three days and is home. They are continuing to run tests.

- c) Thad Lukasik had a reaction to barium last week. His doctor said that his pancreatic cancer is decreasing and that he is doing better. He is still taking chemo therapy.
- d) Nancy Lukasik is having heart problems and is experiencing shortness of breath.

#### **10. Report of Officers.**

- a) Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price thanked all those who attended the memorial service for Bill and Shirley Cummings.
- b) Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde reported that three more annual payers have remitted their dues.

#### **11. Report of Standing Committees.**

- a) Young Marines – The Young Marines were going on a camping trip but with insufficient adult supervision plans have changed to a trip to see antique aviation and a water park. They are still looking for adult volunteers. Lois Price stated that they have identified the Marine Corps League/Young Marines liaison and she has contacted him regarding administrative problems. Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price will have a work party at the camp on 6 September 2024.
- b) Toys for Tots – No report.
- c) Veteran's Legacy – Junior Past Commandant reported that he has been unable to visit Camp Alma as he is assigned to grand jury duty. Craig Myers stated that he has been contacted regarding the establishment of a ham radio station at Camp Alma. The equipment will be donated by retiring ham operator. He has also been requested to set up a link between Camp Alma and Roseburg.
- d) Vet's Court – No report.

#### **12. Reports of Special Committees.** None.

#### **13. Unfinished Business.** None.

#### **14. New Business.**

- a) Junior Past Commandant Dave Huber proposed that the detachment purchase a potted plant to give Melissa for her participation at the breakfast. Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price second. During the discussion the motion was amended to a gift card in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) from Gray's. Motion passed.
- b) Senior Vice Commandant motioned to create a fund for the Detachment Chaplain in order to purchase cards and postage. The Chaplain Joy Cavin declined stating she would submit receipts as items were purchased.
- c) Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price stated that a request, from the Springfield Moose Lodge 1726, for funds to assist in the procurement of a cooler for the kitchen would be forthcoming.
- d) Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde reminded the detachment that a menu for the pre-meeting dinner has not been established. The following menu was approved:  
September – meatloaf, mashed potatoes, and green beans

October – brauts, sauerkraut, boiled potatoes

November – steak, baked potatoes, salad, and rolls

December – ham, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw

In addition, Kim Lonberg will prove pumpkin bars at the November dinner.

- e) A discussion ensued regarding the Marine Corps Birthday. Since it falls on a Sunday and the Moose Lodge will probably do their annual Veterans Day Free Meal program, do we want to hold a cake cutting ceremony on Monday, 11 Nov, after the dinner or on Sunday when there is no activity at the Lodge other than the normal breakfast. The subject was tabled awaiting a report on what the Lodge is going to do in that time frame.
- f) Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde proposed that the detachment donate two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to Tours of Duty organization. Joy Cavin second. Discussion showed that this organization is involved with the return of the remnants of those Missing In Action. Recovery attempts of 38,000 MIAs from Vietnam is ongoing. Junior Past Commandant amended the motion to donate five hundred dollars (\$500.00) with Dan Stombaugh second. Motion passed.

**15. Ceremony of Installation of Officers.** N/A

**16. For the Good of the League.** None.

**17. Announcements.**

- a) A reminder that detachment members 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 bases and turned in to the detachment at the end of December.
- b) Dan Stombaugh brought a couple of years of past Leatherneck Magazines to be taken or they will be recycled.

**18. Closing Ceremony.** The closing was conducted by Commandant Joseph Lamm at 1957 until the next meeting on 18 September 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 bases 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.

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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.

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## 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.

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### 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.



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### 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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# **2024 Meeting Dates**

**MARK YOUR 2024 CALENDARS NOW**

**18 September 2024 (Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy and fresh green beans)**

**16 October 2024 (Brauts, sauerkraut, boiled potatoes)**

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

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

# **2024 Fund-Raising Breakfast**

## **Dates**

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15 September 2024

20 October 2024

17 November 2024

15 December 2024

# **2025 Meeting Dates**

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**(3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

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**(3<sup>rd</sup> 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**