



# APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is: **16 April 2025**



# **Ruth Ann Holland**

**Reported on Heaven's Scene – 19 March  
2025**



**Ruth passed away on Wednesday, 19 March 2025, at about 7:30 p.m.**

**On 26 April 2025, (time is yet to be determined), the Moose Lodge #1726 (Springfield, Oregon) in conjunction with the **Emerald Empire Detachment #917**, of the **Marine Corps League**, will conduct a Memorial Service for Moose Lodge Member, Marine Corps**

**League member, and Women Marines Association member Ruth Ann Holland. Emerald Empire Detachment #917 Junior-Past Commandant Dave Huber, and longtime family friend, will be performing the Marine Corps League Order for Religious Funeral Service.**

**Detachment members should wear Red Cover, Red Polo Shirt, and Black Pants and Shoes.**

**Additional information will be forwarded when it becomes available.**

**Please keep Martin, his wife Cheryl, Ruth's sister, and the whole extended Holland family in your thoughts and prayers.**



**The Robert Bowker Family wrote: Our prayers go out to all her family and to all who cared about her. May God Comfort your hearts. The Bowker family**

**JAMES F PILLING wrote: God bless Ruth. She is at rest now. Prayers to her family!**

**2025-2026 Elected Officers**  
**Emerald Empire Detachment #917**



**ELECTED POSITIONS:**

**Commandant Joseph Lamm**  
**Senior Vice-Commandant Stephen Price**  
**Junior Vice-Commandant Paul Grinde**  
**Judge Advocate Debbie Barker**

**These Marines were nominated and then elected “by acclamation.”**

**APPOINTED POSITIONS (to be determined):**

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

**Automatic Position**  
**Junior Past-Commandant Dave Huber**

**April – Installation of Officers**

**May – Installation Report to National**

## 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.**

**Here is Craig's most recent experience with this benefit:**

Hi Paul

Just an update here. Got back last night.... with a couple of Marines, I served with.

Got to the car at the airport, pulled out a copy of my VA benefits, pulled up to the gate, pressed the help button for the operator, she came on the video screen and asked how she could help, I responded that I needed help with Service-Disabled veteran parking.

She asked me to hold up my documentation to the camera for verification, I did, she asked for my parking ticket number which I read to her and she said OK. I said OK what, her response was, did the gate open, I looked forward and responded yes, she said then ok have a good night and like that my \$280 parking fee went to zero and I left.

Now the grunts I was with, they pulled up to the gate, didn't remember to push the help button for the attendant, and said nothing came up about discounts so they inserted their credit card, paid the bill, and went home.

**Moral of the story – attention to detail gets you a great discount / benefit.**

## Disabled Veteran Parking at the Portland (PDX) Airport – First 14 days FREE

Guest Dennis Hughes said that Disabled Veteran Parking is also available at PDX.

**Here is a brief outline of Portland's requirements. When in doubt always go to the PDX website (shown at end of this information) for the most up-to-date information.**

### DISABLED VETERAN PARKING

Disabled veterans of the United States Armed Forces can park without charge in the Economy Lot for up to a maximum of fourteen (14) consecutive days, upon meeting the requirements below. The established parking fee for the Economy Lot will be applied for any stay beyond the fourteen (14) days.

To receive the validated parking, a disabled veteran **must present**, at the time of exiting the Economy Lot, their valid, state issued driver's license and vehicle registration in addition to one of the five approved credentials that reflect that the disability was service-related or service-connected:

1. A valid, state issued, Disabled Veterans license plate;
2. A valid Veteran Health Identification Card with the designation 'service-connected' on the Card identifying a service-connected disability
3. A Form DD214 showing release from duty due to a disability;
4. Military ID (DD Form 2765/1173) with a "DAVPRM" or "DAVTMP" code on the form; or
5. Department of Veterans Affairs Benefits Summary Letter summarizing current benefits received from the VA for service-related disability. Please note, all other forms of military or veteran status, such as a Veteran Health Identification Card, that do not have 'service-connected' printed on the card, are not accepted to receive the validated parking.

To receive the disabled parking discount, the cashier will require the appropriate disabled parking credential upon processing your payment. **Payment needs to be made at one of the open cashier booths at the exit plaza. Disabled parking discounts will not be processed at the automated Quick Pay machines in the garage.**

**<https://www.flypdx.com/Parking>**



## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

22 April – Stephen Price

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



# **CORPSMAN**

**A.J. Lonberg (grandson Kim Lonberg)** – Due to an insurance change, A.J.'s testing at the University of Washington Hospital has been postponed until 2 April.



**Jim Pilling** – wrote: “Trying to behave. Three more weeks before my second immunotherapy infusion of anti-bladder cancer medicine! 🙏🏻”  
Thoughts and prayers to Jim and his family.

**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.



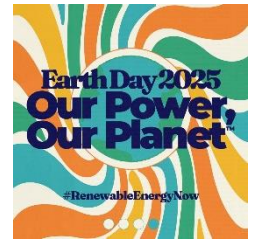
**Nancy Lukasik** – Nancy sent me the following: I'm on an antibiotic, using two inhalers, and am being provided a nebulizer to aid my breathing. I run out of breath very quickly when I walk. Got a secondary sinus infection, no surprise there. But I am a lot better. Wasn't able to walk for a while, went to Slocum this week and got an injection into my hip. I have bursitis and tendinitis, but that is getting better too. Ain't it fun getting old? It sure isn't for sissies!



## *From the Chaplain's Corner*



April – what do you think of when you hear that month named? When I looked up April quotes, I came across several ‘observances’ which are recognized in our country. A few are: World Autism Awareness Day (the 2nd); Earth Day (the 22nd and all month is Earth Month); as well as National Parks week (April 19 to April 27). With my son on the autistic spectrum, that one is near and dear to my heart and ALL of us live on Earth, so hopefully we observe and strive to take care of our planet.

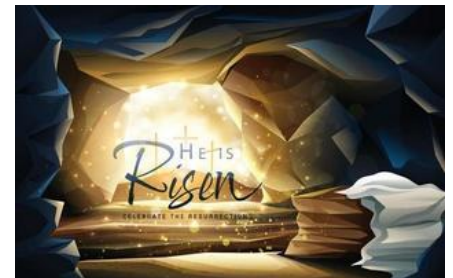


I had not heard of National Parks week, but our nation is famous for setting aside large tracts of land for all of us to enjoy the glories of nature we are blessed to have available to us. I’ve been to several of them but seeing more is on my bucket list.

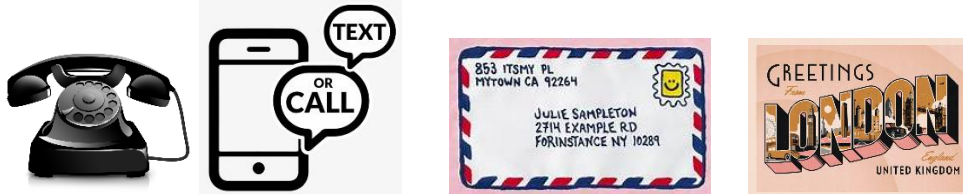
April stands for:

“A = A New Month, P = Push Yourself, R = Rejuvenate, I = Inspire Others, L = Laugh Lots.” This sounds like good advice.

We celebrate Easter on the 20th, rejoicing in the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and bringing new life to anyone who chooses to follow Him. Even if you don’t, you can enjoy chocolate bunnies and Easter Sunday brunches.



Whatever you do to celebrate April, encourage others to join in. Reach out to friends and family you haven’t seen for a while – a simple phone call, or a ‘snail mail’ note card can mean a LOT to others.



Semper Fi,

Joy Cavin  
Chaplain  
Emerald Empire Detachment #917  
Marine Corps League

# **Free Entrance to National Parks for Current Military, Veterans, and Gold Star Families**

Get the most current information on requirements and how to get one, go to:

<https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/veterans-and-gold-star-families-free-access.htm>

Military Lifetime Pass

Who Is Eligible for a Military Lifetime Pass

Veterans of the US Armed Forces and members of Gold Star Families are eligible for a Military Lifetime Pass.

For purposes of this program, a veteran is identified as an individual who has served in the US Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves.

Gold Star Families are next of kin of a member of the US Armed Forces who lost his or her life in a “qualifying situation,” such as a war, an international terrorist attack, or a military operation outside of the United States while serving with the US Armed Forces. Eligibility requirements are in section 3.2 of Department of Defense Instruction 1348.36.

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## **THANK YOU FROM**

**Marine Don Gomez wants to thank our detachment for the Red Blazer Jacket and Marine Corps League Cover with Emblem.**

**The coat was donated by detachment member Dan Stombaugh, but we did not have anyone that it fit. So, when Department of Oregon Junior Vice Commandant Bill Sump visited our February meeting the coat was sent with him because he had someone that could use one.**

**The cover and emblem were donated by detachment member Paul Grinde. After purchasing a new one the additional cover was cleaned and donated for someone who needed one. Again, sent with Bill Sump.**

# **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.

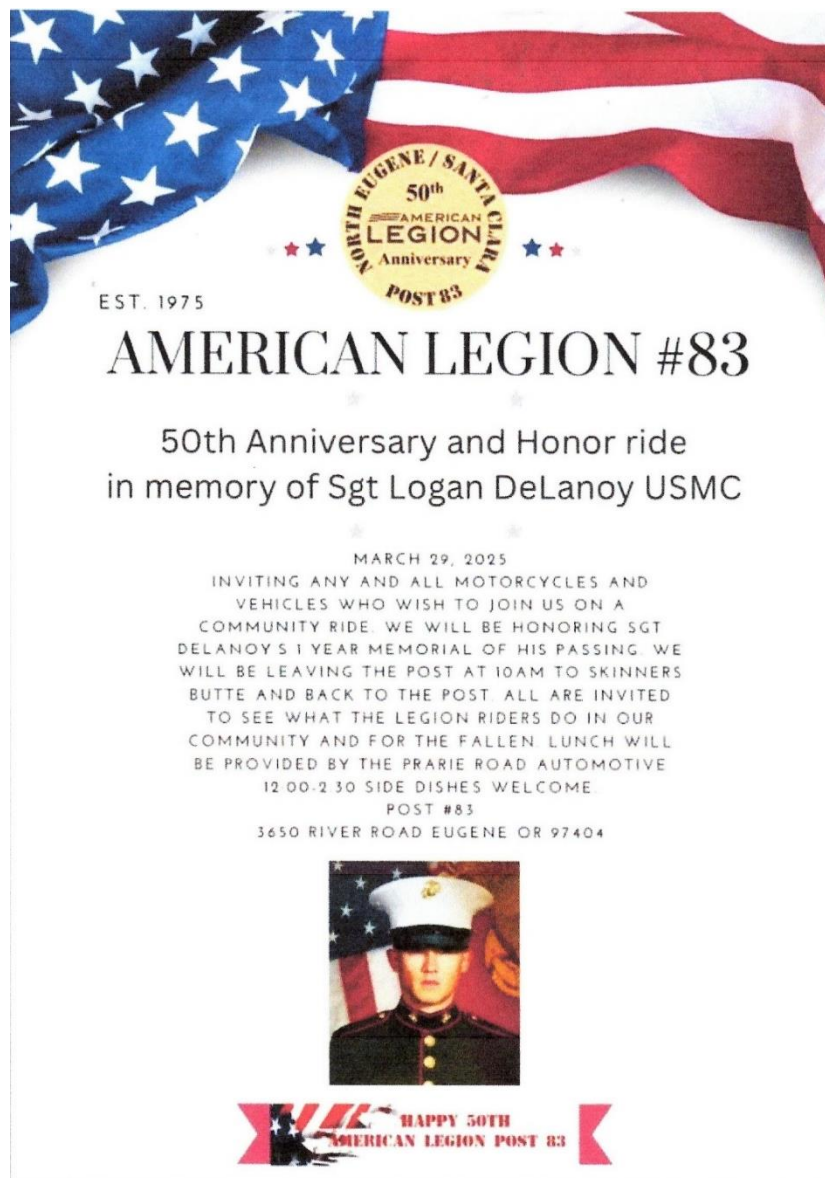
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## **Guests**

Christopher (Chris) Wade attended the March meeting as a guest. Chris served in the USMC from 1993-1999 in the Reserves, with an MOS of Motor Transport. He was discharged in 2001 after completing two years inactive reserve. Chris started at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, then went to Camp Lejeune for Motor Transport School, and subsequently spent his Reserve Time at Salem, and Portland, Oregon. He found us on Facebook. It sounds like he looks forward to joining our detachment.

Dennis Hughes attended his 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting as a guest. He has been studying the National By-Laws, and National Admin Procedures, before he submits his application for membership and signs the oath of membership.



**This flyer was received from Department of Oregon Junior Vice-Commandant, and Commandant of Detachment 1481, Bill (Bulldog) Sump. He spent many years with the American Legion Riders.**

**Bill Sump (Lincoln City Detachment Commandant & Department Junior Vice-Commandant) and his Lincoln City detachment paymaster/wife Jeanette Sump attended. Also attending was Emerald Empire Detachment Junior Vice-Commandant Paul Grinde.**

**A tragedy occurred during the Memorial Ride. One of the motorcyclists acting as a “road guard” was struck by a vehicle at the intersection of River Road and Irvington. He later passed away at the hospital.**

See: The Register-Guard article: <https://search.app/UBpbSdBwKGMHm9F47>



**GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION WAS 22  
March 2025, and the is now open as of 25  
March 2025.**

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Museum Hours 10am - 5pm  
Café and Shop Hours 9am - 3pm

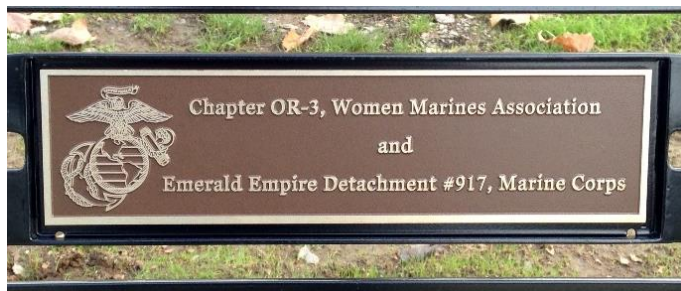


The OREGON MILITARY MUSEUM's Mission is to inspire and educate visitors about Oregon's military heritage and legacy, including the National Guard, the state's early militia, and all branches<sup>[1]</sup> of the Armed Forces. The museum also aims to meet its professional stewardship obligations for the historical artifacts and archives entrusted to its care.

The Oregon Military Museum and Historic Park honor the men and women who have served the state of Oregon and our nation in our armed forces.

Oregon Military Museum Project  
Camp Withycombe  
15300 SE Minute Man Way  
Clackamas, OR 97015  
503-780-4735

**They are currently conducting a Buy-A-Brick fund raiser. Go to:**  
**<https://oregonmilitarymuseumproject.org/honor-brick>**



**Stephen and Lois Price have volunteered to reach out to the City of Springfield regarding the requirements for benches and memorial plaques in the Veteran's Memorial Park.**

**The detachment and the Women Marines Association donated a bench (with plaque) when the Women Veteran's Memorial was added to the park. We are thinking about adding a Memorial Plaque for the detachment's past members, or another bench with a Memorial Plaque. Standby for further details/information.**



Senior Vice-Commandant Stephen Price will be staging all the necessary equipment, tools, and such at the camp in preparation for some good weather to complete window repair, and get the brush whacked back some more along with cutting the grass.

Now if only the weather will cooperate.

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## Fund-Raising Breakfast Service for Sunday, 16 March 2025



At the 16 March 2025 fund-raising breakfast, 20 meals were served for a total of \$200.00. We also received \$14.00 in tips.

**The GRAND TOTAL received was: \$214.00.**

The April 20<sup>th</sup> breakfast service will be Easter, so I believe that will be a busy day.



Craig Myers is looking into the possibility of putting together another fishing trip out of Newport, Oregon. Look for details in future newsletters or emails.



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 “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.

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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



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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**Moose Lodge 1726**  
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3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month

**Dinner @ 1800 hours**

**Meeting Starts @ 1900 hours**

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

Detachment Web Site: <https://marinecorpsleaguedet917.org>  
**I am working on creating another Detachment Website. It is a work in progress.**

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

National Website: [www.mcleaguelibrary.org](http://www.mcleaguelibrary.org)

# **2025 Meeting Dates**

**MARK YOUR 2025 CALENDARS NOW**  
**(3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month)**

**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**  
**(3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month)**

**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**