



# MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is: **21 May 2025**



# **In Memory of Ruth Ann** **Holland**

**26 March 1946 – 19 March 2025**



Ruth Holland, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully at the age of 78. Ruth was born on March 26, 1946, at Junction City Hospital to Frank and Estella (Drongesen) Swiener. Ruth was raised in Harrisburg, Oregon, where she graduated high school in 1964. Shortly after graduation, she enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on July 9, 1964. During her service, some of her duties were in MCI Introduction to Personnel Administration and she earned both the Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. Ruth was honorably discharged in 1966, with rank of Corporal. Ruth had a love for dancing, especially the jitterbug. It was on a dance floor that she met the love of her life, Gary Holland, through a mutual friend. They married on June 15, 1968, and welcomed their son, Martin Holland, in August 1969. Professionally, Ruth worked as a bookkeeper for several automotive and RV dealerships throughout her career. In 1988, she became a dedicated member of the Eugene Moose Lodge, where she held various positions including Senior Regent and Recorder. Her

dedication earned her degrees in the Women of the Moose, including College of Regents and Star Recorder. Ruth sponsored many new members. She was known for her creativity, especially her year-round decorated Christmas tree celebrating all seasons and holidays. Ruth is survived by her son Martin H. Holland and daughter-in-law Cheryl L. Holland; her grandchildren Storm and Natasha; three great-grandsons; and four loving sisters. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gary Holland, and her brother, Jim Sweiner. A Celebration of Life will be held on April 26, at 2:00 p.m. at the Springfield Moose Lodge, with ceremonies led by the Women of the Moose and the Marine Corps League. A private family graveside service will be held at a later date. Services in care of Major Family Funeral Home.

Obituary courtesy of:







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

**On 26 April 2025, the Women of the Moose Lodge #1726 (Springfield, Oregon) in conjunction with the **Emerald Empire Detachment #917**, of the **Marine Corps League**, conducted 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, performed the Marine Corps League Order for Religious Funeral Service.**

**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:**

**Paymaster Lois Price**  
**Adjutant Ray Miller**  
**Chaplain Joy Cavin**  
**Sgt-at-Arms Matt Scott**  
**Webmaster Paul Grinde**

**Automatic Position**

**Junior Past-Commandant Dave Huber**

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**On 16 April 2025, the installation of the Detachment Officers for 2025 – 2026 was  
conducted during the April meeting.**







**(From left to right) Matt Scott, Joy Cavin, Lois Price, Ray Miller, Debbie Barker, Paul Grinde, Stephen Price, Joseph Lamm, and Dave Huber.**

# **Emerald Empire Detachment #917 – Newest Members**

**Christopher Wade** – 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. Chris hails from the Veneta area.

**Dennis Hughes** - Dennis (USMC) Hughes served in the USMC from 2002-2006. He started out at MCRD San Diego, and then onto Camp Lejeune. Dennis was an 0311 – then changed to 0313 (A Marine Corps LAV Crewman deals with Light Armored Reconnaissance, also known as LAR. LAR units are assigned to provide surveillance ahead of infantry landings.). Dennis hails from the Elmira area.

**The Emerald Empire Detachment #917, voted unanimously to accept their applications for membership. Look for photos of Chris and Dennis when their official membership cards arrive from National.**





## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

13 May – Janis Fornachiari **Deceased**

25 May – Barry Fryrear

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





# **CORPSMAN**

**A.J. Lonberg (grandson Kim Lonberg)** – A.J. has completed the evaluation at the University of Washington. While there they collected data from 2 petti mal seizures and 1 grand mal seizure. The grand mal seizure caused A.J. a back injury due to the severity of the seizure. Now they are awaiting the doctor's evaluation of the data collected to determine a course of treatment.



**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.

On Wednesday, 16 April 2025, I received this update from Jim:  
Monday, I saw my Oncologist. He said to keep doing whatever I am doing and after my second immunotherapy infusion on Tuesday he will see me in 4 weeks after cat scan to see if the bladder cancer has gone! 🙏  
Immunotherapy infusion went well and no after effects! 💰

**Joseph Lamm** – Joseph's father-in-law was recently diagnosed with cancer. He will be having surgery in the future, and they believe it is treatable.



**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!

It was good to see her at the April meeting, she utilized her van and scooter to get around. She also has found it to be very beneficial to order groceries online and have them put them in her car when she arrives at the store.

**Debbie Barker** – Debbie reported that her cat which was 18 ½ years old passed away from kidney disease and heart failure. She still has one more cat which is 19 years old.

Debbie also thanked Steve Price for coming out and fixing the flat tire on her riding lawn mower. Unfortunately, the mower quite worker shortly thereafter, so the dealer will be coming to pick it up and get it back on line.





## *From the Chaplain's Corner*

April showers bring May flowers?... we shall see, since I think we had more sunshine than rain this April. My cherry tree is loaded with blossoms, and my strawberries are starting to flower too. Looking forward to fresh berries again! And to putting in a SMALL garden (I always say that, but don't always follow it).



I want to grow a FEW Oregon Giant green beans, a variety of tomatoes and, of course, at least one hill of zucchini, although they haven't done very well the past couple of years for me. I already have Walla Walla sweet onions planted, as well as a dozen more strawberry plants, a new blueberry bush and 2 thornless raspberry bushes.



What I want to encourage our Emerald Empire Marine Corps League members to do this month is "grow your circle of influence" – we all need more person-to-person interaction, and I think, since Covid, we have tended to be less sociable. It became easier (maybe safer, we thought?) during Covid to become more like hermits and I have found it hard to break that tendency.



With nicer weather, longer daylight hours and summer break from schools, we can create (and it can take effort, but it's worth it) fun times with friends. So, let's get out there and **JUST DO IT!** Like Nike encourages! Like the detachment going to the EMs game on May 17th!



Be safe & well and have a good time enjoying the better weather! As always, let us know if you have need of help or know of someone else who does.



Semper Fi,

Joy Cavin  
Chaplain

Emerald Empire Detachment #917  
Marine Corps League



**TAKE A VETERAN FISHING**



**AT ODELL LAKE**

## **14th Annual: Take A Veteran Fishing on Odell LAKE July 11 & 12, 2025**

**Event: Hosted by: Shelter Cove Resort, Highway West Vacations  
27600 West Odell Lake Road, Hwy 58, Crescent, OR 97733, PH: 541-433-2548**

**We welcome; All veterans (male & female), active duty & retired, disabled, from all branches of the U.S. Military Also seeking Boat Captains with equipment to troll for Kokanee and a crew member. Volunteers to help with the event as assigned.**

**Location of the event: Shelter Cove Resort and Marina on Odell Lake  
(62 miles East of Eugene)**

**A drug and alcohol free event**

**Fishing tackle provided**

**Must check in Friday by 5:00 pm at the main flag, a mandatory meeting to be assigned to a boat  
Provided at no cost to each Veteran and attending family members.**

**Boat spaces are assigned ONLY to Veterans**

**Limited camp sites provided, tent sites to be shared, dry camping only, bring your own tent / gear  
Meals provided; Friday dinner, Saturday Breakfast / Lunch**

**To sign up: Go to: [takeavetfishingatodelllake.org](http://takeavetfishingatodelllake.org)**

**Sign up as a Veteran, boat captain or a Volunteer:**

**Registration opens April 1, 2025 & Closes June 1, 2025**

**Coordinator: Bernie Hoene Email: [fish4koks@gmail.com](mailto:fish4koks@gmail.com), Cell text/call: 503-509-3507**

***"Thanking veterans one fishing trip at a time"***

This link will take you to their home page:  
<https://takeavetfishingatodelllake.org/>

At their website you will find the following information links:

[HOME](#)   [ABOUT US](#)   [EVENTS](#)   [MORE INFO](#)   [REGISTER](#)   [CONTACT](#)

Under the MORE INFO, the dates currently shown on that page are not correct.  
USE the dates shown above.

There is information on:

CAMPING   FOOD   REGISTRATION

## **ONLY VETERANS ARE ALLOWED TO GO OUT ONTO THE BOATS FOR Saturday's fishing excursion.**

All veterans fishing must have an Oregon fishing license. Those who cannot afford one must indicate on the registration form and they will be contacted by the event coordinator.

Any questions, problems issues or cancellations please contact the event coordinator at 503-509-3507 or by email at [fish4koks@gmail.com](mailto:fish4koks@gmail.com)

Phone number to Shelter Cove Resort: 541-433-2548

All Questions should be directed to the Take A Veteran Fishing Website Contacts.

The Event was brought up by Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League, LIFE MEMBER Craig Myers, at our meeting last night.

# 2025 Free Fishing Days and events

June 7-8 (Saturday & Sunday)

Nov. 28-29 (Friday & Saturday),  
Thanksgiving Weekend



On Free Fishing Weekends, you don't need a license to fish, crab or clam anywhere in Oregon. That's no license, no combined angling tag, no endorsement needed (so no Columbia River Basin Endorsement, Rogue-South Coast Steelhead Validations or Two-Rod Validations are required).

For detailed information consult their website at:

<https://myodfw.com/articles/2025-free-fishing-days-and-events>

**\*The SMALL PRINT:** Area closures, bag limits and all other regulations still apply. Be sure to check both the [permanent sportfishing regulations](#) and for any [in-season regulation updates](#), especially if you are fishing for salmon or steelhead as many regulations are set in-season.

## Free Fishing Events

The first weekend in June is Oregon's traditional Free Fishing Weekend. And each year ODFW and its partners sponsor several free fishing events throughout the state. To find an event near you, and to check out other family fishing events throughout the spring and fall, visit our [Take the family fishing page](#). This page also features everything you need to know to plan your own Free Fishing Day adventures.

**DISCLAIMER:** This information is from their website. If you have any questions, always go by what is on their website.

This event was mentioned by Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League, LIFE MEMBER Craig Myers at the detachment meeting on 16 April 2025.



# Disabled Oregon Veterans Hunting & Fishing Licenses Information

<https://myodfw.com/articles/hunters-and-anglers-disabilities>

## Disabled veterans

Oregon residents who are disabled veterans (**with a rating of at least 25 percent**) are eligible for a FREE combination license that includes hunting, fishing and shellfish licenses and a Columbia River Basin Endorsement.

Resident disabled veterans also can qualify for a \$26 elk tag.  
**First time license applicants** must submit

**This application**, and

A letter from the U.S. Veterans Administration, or any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, showing an overall disability rating of at least 25 percent.

Mail or fax these documents to:  
Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife  
4034 Fairview Industrial Dr. SE Salem, OR 97302  
(503) 947-6101 FAX: (503) 947-6117

**Renewing license holders** can renew their licenses online or at an ODFW license vendor or office that sells licenses.

**YOU MUST BE AN OREGON RESIDENT TO QUALIFY FOR THE DISABLED VETERAN LICENSE AND TAG.**

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# **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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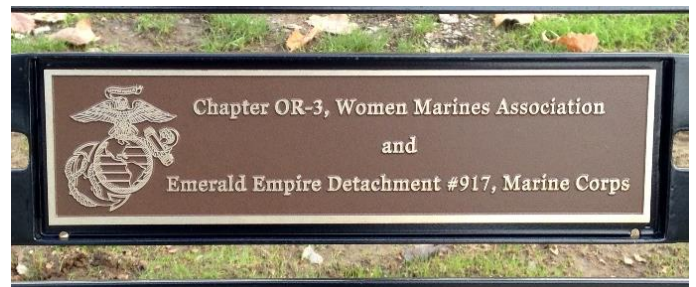


Stephen Price and Terry Anderson will be performing work at the Young Marines Camp 28, 29 & 30 April 2025. This will be mowing, cutting brush, fixing the window, and whatever else needs attention.

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There was no report, regarding the information gathering to see about adding a new bench, or plaque to the existing bench, in the Springfield Veteran's Park as a remembrance to the detachment's past members.

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Detachment Commandant Joseph Lamm will be exploring the requirements for participating in the Creswell Oregon 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Craig Myers has offered the use of his trailer (the one we have used for most of our parades). We may have to dust off the Iwo Jima silhouette, wash and clean the trailer, wash, and iron all the bunting.

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# **Fund-Raising Breakfast Service for Sunday, 20 April 2025 (EASTER)**



**At the 20 April 2025 fund-raising breakfast, 12 meals were served for a total of \$120.00.  
We also received \$15.00 in tips.**

**The GRAND TOTAL received was: \$135.00.**

**Our lowest turn-out to-date.**



Craig Myers is looking into the possibility of putting together another fishing trip out of Newport, Oregon.

Looking at a date in September (which conforms to the Yaquina Bay Charter's availability). This is the same time frame as previous detachment fishing trips. The rough estimate of cost currently is about \$100.00 per person.

Also checking on whether we can add Crab Pots (which is an additional cost / shell fish license requirement).

Look for details in future newsletters or emails.

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## 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 Web Site: <https://marinecorpsleaguedet917.org>

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)**

**21 May 2025 (Hamburgers & Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, BBQ Baked Beans)**

**18 June 2025 (Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Apple Pie)**

**16 July 2025 (Meat Loaf, Mac & Cheese, Green Salad, Dinner Roll)**

**20 August 2025 (Brisket, Baked Potato, Fruit Salad, Dinner Roll)**

**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)**

**25 May 2025 (THIS IS A DATE CHANGE FOR MAY ONLY – This is the Sunday of the Memorial Day Weekend)**

**15 June 2025 (Father's Day)**

**20 July 2025**

**17 August 2025**

**21 September 2025**

**19 October 2025**

**16 November 2025**

**21 December 2025**