









JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is: 18 June 2025

To all,

Received this information this morning (17 May 2025).

"Our Dad gently passed away at 7:05 a.m. today. He looked very peaceful and no longer in pain. He was the most amazing, loving man and will be deeply missed."

Semper Fi, Jim.

Your comrades are there to greet you on Heaven's Scene.

Any service details will be provided when known.



U.S. Navy FMF Corpsman



San Diego Police Lieutenant (Retired) (35 years)







James (Jim) F. Pilling



Marine Corps League Emerald Empire Detachment #917 LIFE MEMBER

I received the following text earlier today:

"Hello from Jim Pilling

Thank you for all the good memories, laughter, funny jokes, and friendship through the years.

I have decided that the end is near and will go on hospice soon.

My girls will keep in touch with you during this process.



Jim has been battling cancer for quite some time now. He is a true warrior, and celebrated his 87th birthday this past January.

Please keep Jim, his daughters and their families in your thoughts and prayers as Jim travels the final steps along the path of this life.



Emerald Empire Detachment #917 – Newest Members



<u>Christopher Wade</u> — 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.

<u>Dennis Hughes</u> - 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.

Visitor, 21 May 2025 Meeting



Jay Lara and his wife Margaret attended the Ems Military Appreciation Baseball game, donated hats to our previous Mid-Winter Conference, and has been on the detachment email listing for quite some time.

Jay has decided now is the time to check out the Marine Corps League.

Jay is married to Margaret, and they have 3 kids. They run two on-line retail websites. One is PAYTORAID (Marine Raider Gear).

Jay served in the USMC from 1994 – 1998, he was an 0331(machine gunner), spent time at Bangor, Washington where he was able to do cross training with Green Berets, and spend time at Camp Pendleton with 1st Battalion, 4th Marines (Camp Horno), 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF.

Jay is leaning toward joining the Marine Corps League.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

4 June - Kim Lonberg

5 June – Dave (Doc) Turner

12 June – John Lane Deceased

15 June 1950 - Dan Stombaugh

23 June - Thomas H. Williams Deceased

24 June – Teresa Robinowitz

Please take a moment and remember each one of those celebrating the "Anniversary-of-the-Day-They-Were-Born."



CORPSMAN



<u>Joseph Lamm</u> – Joseph was in for a cancer check-up. Joseph reported that he is "cancer free."



From the Chaplain's Corner

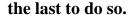
Welcome to summertime, officially! I'm writing this from my motel at Winchester Bay, first outing of the summer. (It's not quite June... the 1st is Sunday and it's Friday.)



What do you think of when you think about the month of

June? Father's Day is an obvious one, what else? Flag day, often on the same weekend as Father's Day, is June 14th. Oh, yes, and the end of the school year in

Oregon. Many states have already let their students out for the summer, but we're always among









When I was little, Mom would often load up the six of us kids in the station wagon and take off



for Vancouver Island, where my grandparents & 2 sets of aunties & uncles lived. We'd sometimes stop by Winchester Bay and grab a couple cousins to go with us. My Mom was amazing... camping all the way up the Olympic Peninsula to Port Angeles, where we would catch the ferry to Victoria B.C.



The older kids would help corral us younger ones and we would

have so much fun with our cousins up on the Island.

That is one of my fondest and earliest memories from the month of June in my childhood. We'd get up while it was still dark, kiss Dad goodbye while he was still sleeping, and start driving. I think I need to start writing down some of those memories so they aren't lost to the passage of time. Maybe you should, also.

Have a good month and reach out to someone you haven't seen or spoken to in a while, just to let them know you care and are thinking about them. As always, if you have a need or know someone who does, please let us know so we can reach out to them.

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





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







On that date we gathered for some comradery, fellowship, some good food, a win for the local Ems baseball team. We meet some new Marines and spouses. Two of the unused tickets were given to a Marine and his wife to come and join us at LEVI Landing.



Debbie Barker, her daughter Stephanie Wilcox, and granddaughter Aubrey Wilcox.



Ray & Linda Miller along with their son Jason and daughter-in-law Tammi.



Chris & Susannah Wade Chris is one of newest members.



Jay & Margaret Lara

Jay donated many items for our last Mid-Winter Conference, and has been on the email list for quite some time. Jay attended the May meeting as a visitor.



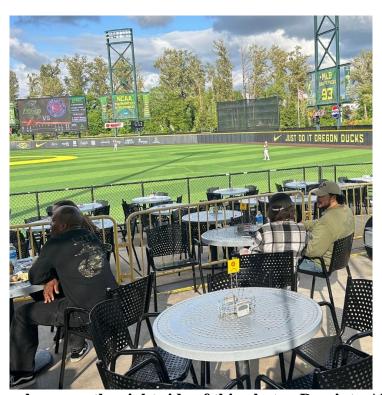
Matt Scott, his mother Peggy, and his friend Shelley.



The start of the game was a little damp, but we had some sun breaks. The chill and wind arrived in the later innings.



Paul & Amy Grinde also attended. Paul busy taking photos, and Amy doing her best to hide.

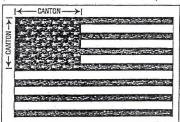


Alex & Shea Ruelas are shown on the right side of this photo. Ran into Alex at the drink stand, and invited them to join us. Two of the unused tickets, and a detachment challenge coin were given to them, and we look forward to having Alex check us out. Alex was in about 8 years and spent some time at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Matt Scott spent some time talking with Alex.

Displaying The United States Flag

The United States Flag should be displayed with honor as it represents our great nation.

> Canton: Top inner corner of the flag. (The blue field with white stars.)



Displaying the flag with other flags. a) Above other flags when flown on the same pole. b) With other flag poles, the United States flag should be displayed to its right. It should be the first one hoisted and the last one lowered.





After displaying the flag, it should be carefully folded and stored. Folding the U.S. Flag: Fold twice lengthwise, and starting at the stripes end, fold into triangles as shown.

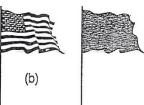
Care and Disposal of the United States Flag

The United States Flag may be mended. It may also be

washed or dry-cleaned. Some dry-clearners will provide this

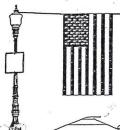
service free of charge. When a Flag has become no longer

fit for being displayed, it should be destroyed. It's destruction

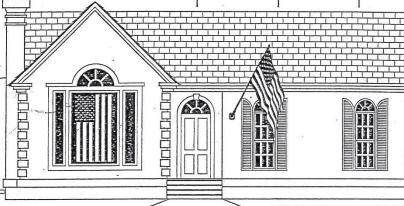


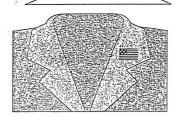


Displaying the flag from a building or house. From a staff mounted on the building. Vertical in a window with the canton to the flags right. Or hang the Flag from a rope with the canton away from the building or home.



If displaying over a street, the canton should be on the north or east side.



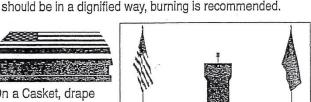


Displaying a lapel pin, should be worn on the left lapel near your heart.

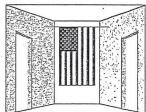


Displaying The United States Flag on its right and the staff on top of all others. In a group of flags, it should be in the center and its tip the highest.

On a Casket, drape the Flag so the Canton is at the head and over the left shoulder of the body. Never lower the Flag into the grave.



right side. (Above) Or flat against the wall behind the speaker. (Right) Never use as a decoration of any kind.



When hanging the Flag in a lobby, or corridor, it should be displayed on the opposite side of the main entrance, the canton should be displayed to the person's left as they come in the main entrance door.



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Memorial Day Service, Springfield Veterans Park 26 May 2025

















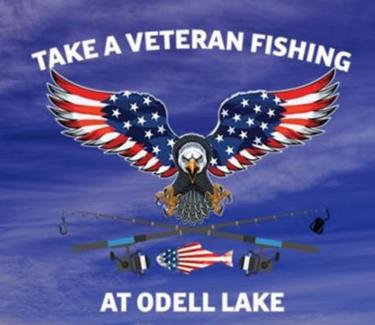


The service was attended by Stephen & Lois Price, and Debbie Barker.

The scheduled "Fly Over" did no take place most likely due to the cloud cover that was present that morning.

(Photos courtesy of Debbie Barker)

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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

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, 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

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 to our attention by Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League, LIFE MEMBER Craig Myers.

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 <u>permanent sportfishing regulations</u> and for any <u>in-season regulation updates</u>, 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 <u>Take the family fishing page</u>. 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 <u>online</u> or at an <u>ODFW license</u> <u>vendor</u> or <u>office that sells licenses</u>.

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



Department of Oregon Officers for 2025 – 2026

Commandant William "Bulldog" Sump Senior Vice-Commandant Alan Lynn Junior Vice-Commandant James "Bill" Gabriel Judge Advocate Jeff Hoey Adjutant & Paymaster Sterling Repass Chaplain Craig Loney Sergeant-At-Arms John Beasley Web Sergeant Eric Chandler Junior Past Commandant Benjamin Quen

Emerald Empire Detachment #917 was represented by Stephen & Lois Price, Craig Myers, and Graham Hilson.



Saturday Meeting



Robert Webber, Coos Bay / Coquille River Detachment # 1042







Welcome / Hospitality Bag items



Stephen & Lois Price were greeted at their camp ground by a herd of Elk.

(Photos courtesy of Lois Price)



Stephen & Lois Price and Terry & Pat Anderson spent three days doing work at the Young Marines Camp 28, 29 & 30 April 2025.

They mowed, cut brush, and fixed the broken window.

Pat & Lois did a complete field day on the cook shack went thru everything, then started on study area did the same thing threw out what was not needed cleaned and moped the floor.

Terry started the brush hog around the whole area until the ants got the better of him. Steve installed the widow and weatherized around it then installed the trim, then went to the mowing of the lawn and road way and around the sleeping areas.

Terry & Steve then got started on the water system to get it running. 4" PVC pipe was full of gravel; then the discharge line had debris in it so cleaned out; reassembled it; the big tank was half full, so went and started it; only took 30minutes to fill 750 gallons of water; good water volume.

There needs to be more work on the system but will do later. Joseph Lamm is donating spray to take care of the ants.

Terry and Steve are going up Thursday, Morning to spray and do the front walk way replacement.

We had spent three days up there, stayed at County Park across the water.





The camp.





Steve working and Sierra checking out the camp.





Inside the main building.





Everyone remember the funs times cleaning the "head?" NOT.



Lunch time. Steve, Lois taking photo and Terry & Pat Anderson.



Burning up the brush and shrubs, a little heat, and smoke to keep the mosquitoes away.

FROM THE EMERALD EMPIRE YOUNG MARINES C.O.

Hi Paul,

Just wanted to give the League a quick update. We just had an encampment over the weekend where we completed Recruit Training for 3 new Young Marines! Steve & Lois Price as well as Pat and Terry Anderson have done a TREMENDOUS amount of work over the last several weeks getting our camp in tip top shape. The DR Brush Hog Deb Barker donated to the Young Marines helped clear a ton of area for us to better utilize!

Here's a link to our Facebook page for some pictures: of our trip. Lois has some great pictures of all the work they did to the camp over the last two weeks. https://www.facebook.com/share/p/12KmSL5Zbuk/

We currently have 1 new recruit who has completed his application and 3 new interest forms. Interest forms don't always amount to new recruits, but I am following up with each and every one in order to grow our unit. We have two new Adult Volunteers, Graham Hillson and Summer Martin. We are hoping to recruit some more eager Adult Volunteers as Pat & Terry, Steve & Lois are all trying to take a step back and turn this program over to a younger generation. They will all ALWAYS be welcome to participate in whatever they

want to within Young Marines, but we want it to be at their leisure. All of them have contributed more than we could ask to this great program. So, if you have anyone who might be interested in helping out, send them my way!

I recently attended the Adult Leadership Conference in Dallas TX. I learned a lot of valuable information and made some contacts with some of the units to our south. We are hoping to work together and do some group events with our units. One topic that came up is that HQ has mandated that all units transition to the new digital woodland camouflage uniforms. This is especially frustrating for numerous reasons. The first is obviously the cost. We currently have an excessive stock of the regular woodland uniforms; enough to last us a very long time. The other concern that was brought up was that it would make our youth look too much like actual Marines wearing a very similar uniform. Both of these issues were brought up at the conference, but the message given was this is the directive and move forward. So, we will be working on some fundraising to purchase new uniforms.

One of the next National events coming up for Young Marines is Pearl Harbor Day. The official dates have not been set yet, but I believe it's generally Dec 3rd - 8th. YM's are an essential part of the ceremony and parade for this event. I have tasked my staff to create a rough budget for a trip of this nature to see if it may be feasible for Emerald Empire Young Marines to attend. If not this year, then next year. Not only would it be an amazing experience for our Young Marines, but it would be something we could use to promote in our recruitment efforts. Our unit has some funds available due to some amazing donations, but most definitely not enough to cover new uniforms and a trip of this magnitude. So, we WILL be fundraising. If any League members have any fundraising thoughts or ideas, we are wide open!

I also wanted to make everyone aware of an event I recently came across on Facebook for Lane County Veterans Group. They are hosting a veteran's lunch at the Elks lodge in Eugene on May 17th from 11am - 2pm. All veterans are welcome. Here's a link to their Facebook event: https://www.facebook.com/share/1Bcqsh6pCk/ I'm going to do my best to attend and hopefully do some fundraising.

Thanks,

Casey Bartlett
Emerald Empire Young Marines
Unit Commander



Fund-Raising Breakfast Service for Sunday, 25 May 2025 Memorial Day Weekend



At the 25 May 2025 fund-raising breakfast, 18 paid meals (of which one paid for extra bacon; and we always provide the bartender a free breakfast) were served for a total of \$181.00. We also received \$20.00 in tips.

The GRAND TOTAL received was: \$201.00.



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.



The 10-inch diameter, cloth patch, is now available at the Semper Fi Store on the Marine Corps League National Website for \$25.00.

It would make a great addition to a Red Nylon Jacket, any other Marine Corps related jacket / sweatshirt, or any jacket / sweatshirt.

Let the public know you are a proud member of the Marine Corps League.

Stephen Price & Paul Grinde did some clean-up work at Debbie Barker's place. Steve mowed the property, and Paul did week-whacking. Steve also fixed the railing and a piece of decking on the back deck. Paul also loaded and dropped off some yard debris at Lane Forest Products. Paul still has one more area to hit later, and some rock/broken blocks to haul to Lane Forest Products.

Steve and Paul also got to spend some time with Pixie and Abby. They are Debbie's miniature schnauzers.



The detachment has obtained a package of 3 different cards from the Semper Fi Store (1 - blank, 1 - Sympathy, and 1 - Get Well).

Will see about having some done with the same Marine Corps League fancy logo but with the following detachment specific message:

"The members of the Emerald Empire Detachment #917 of the Marine Corps League offer our sincerest condolences for your loss."



Doc "Dave" Turner's Japan Temple Pilgrimage

Doc Turner took his grandson, his grandson's friend, and a niece to Japan and gave them a tour of some of the prominent cities.

Dave put them on the plane back home and prepared to complete the 2^{nd} half of his walking Pilgrimage Tour of the Temples.

Unfortunately, the morning he was to start he had a 104-degree temperature, and spent five days recuperating under the care of his sister-in-law.

Seems it was a flare up of bronchitis coupled with COPD (from agent orange exposure while serving as an FMF Corpsman in Vietnam).

He has already made reservations for returning to Japan next year and completing his walking Temple Pilgrimage Tour.

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Marine Corps League "Mission Statement"

Marine Corps League Mission Statement (As shown on our detachment website)

Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines, former Marines, FMF Navy Corpsmen, FMF Navy Chaplains, Associate Members, and to their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

The Mission of the Marine Corps League (as shown on national website)

The mission of the Marine Corps League is to promote the interest and to preserve traditions of the United States Marine Corps; strengthen the fraternity of Marines and their families; serve Marines, FMF Corpsmen, and FMF Chaplains who wear or who have worn the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor; and foster the ideals of Americanism and patriotic volunteerism.

LEAGUE PATCHES



The detachment bought Marine Corps League patches (regular and associate). These are available for purchase for those persons wishing to buy new league shirts, or replace old league shirts.



Regular Patches are \$4.00 each

Associate Patches are \$7.00 each

Emerald Empire Detachment #917 Advertising Pens



The pens are available to detachment members for \$1.00 each pen. This covers the cost of the pens and earns the detachment approximately 23 cents per pen.

The pens are for handing out to Marines, Corpsmen, Chaplains, and persons we want to try and recruit for membership.



HATS & VISORS

Eagle, globe, anchor & "Semper Fi" White Sun visors and Black Marine Corps League hats - \$1.00 each — What a Deal. Hats/Visors are now available at the monthly meetings.



DETACHMENT COINS / CHIPS



Available for \$1.50 each which off-sets the cost of buying them and earns the detachment 45 cents on each one purchased. They are available for purchase in-person during the monthly meetings and from the detachment paymaster.



You can carry one on you as your representation of the detachment when "challenged." You can also give them out to Marines, FMF Corpsmen, FMF Chaplains, and persons who may want to be associate members as recruiting tools; or as gifts to family, friends, and acquaintances who are veterans themselves.

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Phone: (541) 746-3321 3rd 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

2025 Meeting Dates

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

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 (3rd Sunday of the month)

8 June 2025 (DATE CHANGE)

20 July 2025

17 August 2025

21 September 2025

19 October 2025

16 November 2025

21 December 2025