



JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER

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

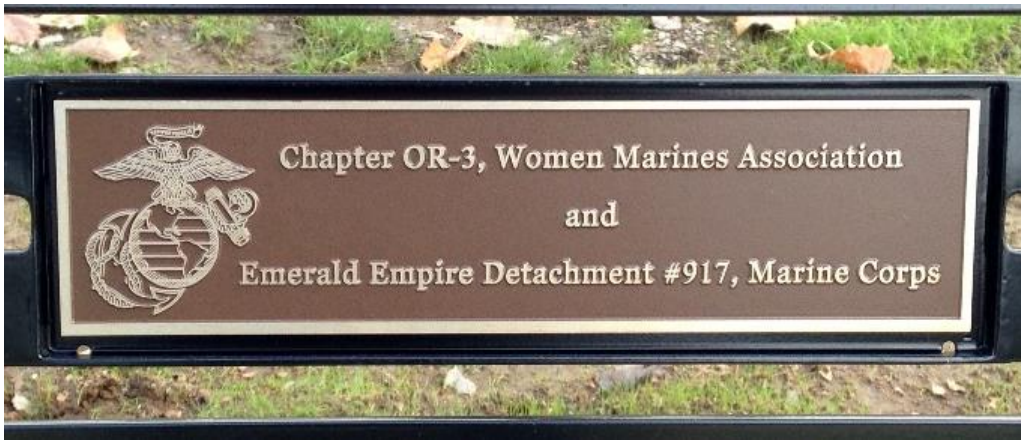


James (Jim) F. Pilling



**Marine Corps League
Emerald Empire Detachment #917
LIFE MEMBER**

Service Arrangements are Pending the completion of Jim's Affairs by the family. When information is available it will be disseminated via email.



Niel Laudati, Assistant City Manager for the City of Springfield, Oregon, is looking into the possibilities available for creating, or adding, an Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League, memorial for our past members.

Once he has comprised the options available and costs, he will relay that information to Steven Price, so that the detachment can review and decide which option will work for all parties involved.

Stand-by for further details as they become available.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

26 July – Ronald Cooper, Sr. **Deceased**

26 July – Robert McGuigan

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





CORPSMAN



Rudy Grein – Received the following information from Rudy, “About 2 months ago, I stood up and something popped in my left calf, and it started to swell a few weeks later. My Dr had an ultrasound done on my leg and they found a deep hematoma nothing to worry about I guess and swelling is gone and it doesn’t hurt anymore.”

Emerald Empire Detachment #917 – Newest Members Receive Their Membership Pins

On 18 June 2025, Christopher Wade and Dennis Hughes were presented their membership pins from Senior Vice-Commandant Steven Price.



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.

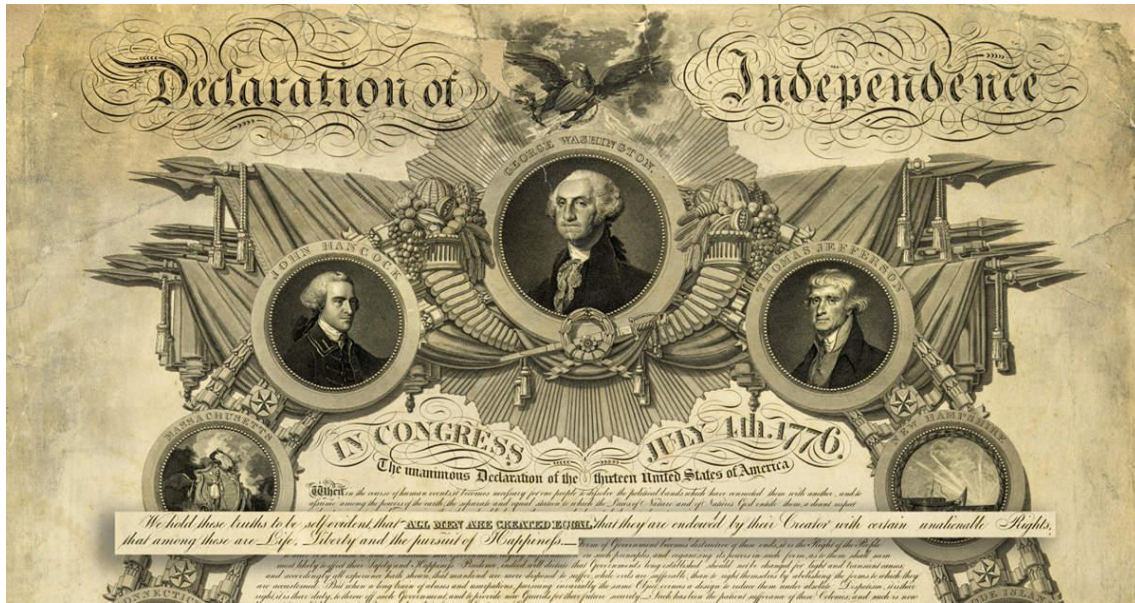
**WELCOME ABOARD
CHRIS AND DENNIS!**



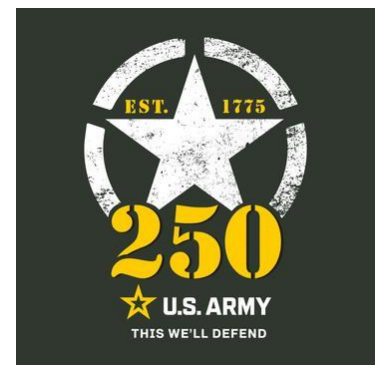
From the Chaplain's Corner



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!!



Happy 250th birthday of the USMC, US Navy, and the US Army!



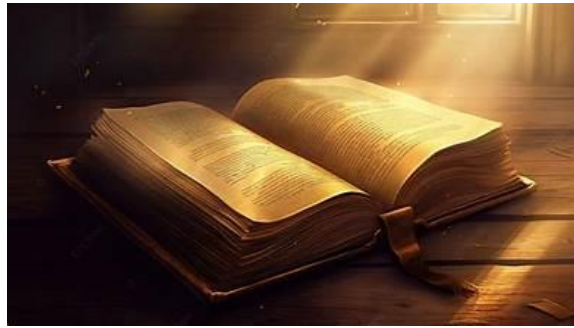
What an incredible year for celebration!



Are you celebrating the 4th of July with family or friends? What does that look like for you? I think I'm going to drive to Myrtle Point, south & inland a bit from Bandon, to be with my 87-year-old brother-in-love & other family. Ira is a Marine who served in Korea as a medic. I've tried to get him to connect with the MCL detachment in Coquille, only 9 miles from him, but he's not been interested. His son-in-law, also a Marine, is the same way. All we can do is try, right?

According to former president Ronald Reagan, *"Freedom is one of the deepest and noblest aspirations of the human spirit."*

This is the month to celebrate our freedom and the amazing country we live in, and to pray for America...



In the Bible, 2 Chronicles 7:14 says:

"If my people...":

This refers to those who belong to God, those who have a covenant relationship with Him, often understood as those who have placed their faith in Him.

"...who are called by my name":

This highlights the identity of this group, emphasizing that they are recognized and known by God's name, signifying their special status as His chosen people.

"...will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways": *This outlines the conditions for receiving God's blessings. It involves humility, prayer, seeking God's presence, and genuine repentance from sin.*

- ***"...then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land":*** *This is the promise. God pledges to respond to their prayers, offer forgiveness for their sins, and restore their land (which can be interpreted as physical, spiritual, or both).*

I find when I maintain an “attitude of gratitude” I grumble less, find fault with others less often, and generally have a better outlook on life. And, reaching out to friends & family helps me focus on others instead of myself. Let me challenge you to try that out, being thankful for the country we live in; the camaraderie of other veterans; love of our friends and families; and other groups we are active in.

Have a great month celebrating being an American!

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



Fund-Raising Breakfast Service for Sunday, 8 June 2025



At the 8 June 2025 fund-raising breakfast, 29 paid meals (and one free – we always provide the bartender a free breakfast) were served for a total of \$290.00. We also received \$26.00 in tips.

The GRAND TOTAL received was: \$316.00.



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.

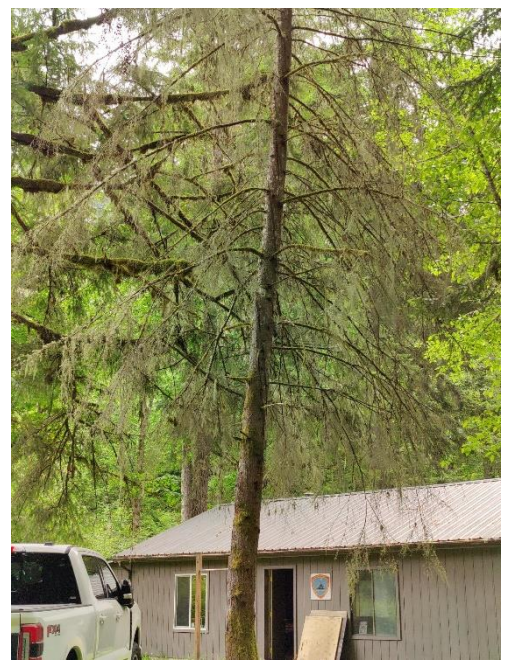
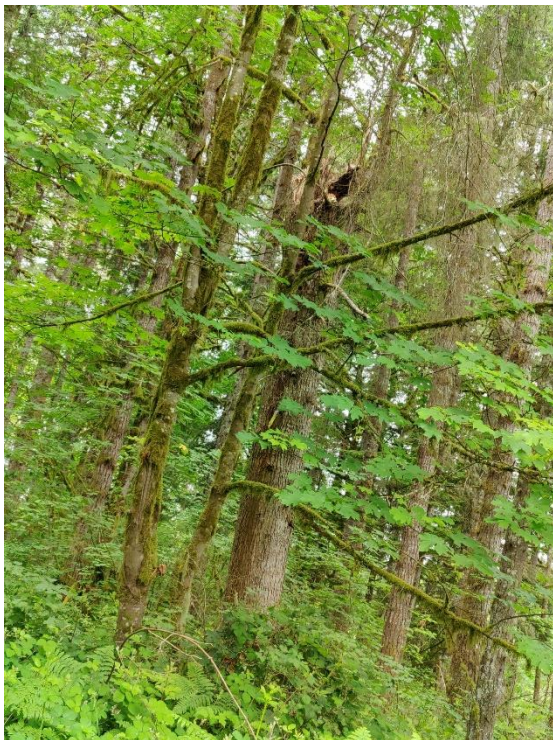


On 13 June 2025, Steven Price and Terry Anderson redid the front entry to the Young Marines main building. This included the area around the pull-up bar.



Steve also did a lot of mowing. Working on the road down to the camp which was starting to get overgrown, the camp area, etc.

Steve also identified some trees that need to be removed that are potential hazards to structures at the camp. Some being some real leaners. There will be some that can be done by volunteers, and some that may require the use of professional tree service. Photos and information will be included in a future newsletter or newsletters.





From: Commander Emerald Empire Young Marines

Just wanted to share a quick update. At today's drill, we had all 8 YM's attend (one had to leave early for a church retreat). We also had our one new recruit. We retired the flag at the Moose Lodge and raised the new one. Afterwards, we conducted our rifle qualification. It was HOT, but the YM's did well. Some still need some work on their marksmanship, but I was VERY impressed with everyone's safety on the range! Here is a link to our unit's Facebook page which has pictures.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1ZS5YgEDgu/>

We also have 3 new YM's joining who were previously in a unit in Seattle. Their family has moved to our area and are interested in re-joining the program!

Speaking of marksmanship.... last year one of my high school ROTC instructors, a retired Army LTC, reached out to me and donates to us 3 very expensive pellet rifles. Well, they were expensive for their time. I believe these are models that were used in Olympic shooting in the 80's. They are feinwerkbau's. But they are in rough shape. Lots of rust. I think one may need some o rings replaced. Does anyone at the league have any experience (or know someone who does) who might be willing to work on these for us? I'm really not interested in spending any unit money on these, but they could be nice for working on shooting fundamentals. More of a nice to have, but not a necessity. If anyone is interested, send them my way and I can send pictures.

S/F,
Casey

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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3rd Wednesday of the Month

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Meeting Starts @ 1900 hours

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2025 Meeting Dates

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

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

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20 July 2025

17 August 2025

21 September 2025

19 October 2025

16 November 2025

21 December 2025