



AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is: **20 August 2025**



Emerald Empire Detachment member Matt Scott received his new membership card from detachment Commandant Joseph Lamm.

Matt is currently working on a project up at Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) and drove down after work through the Portland traffic to make it to the July detachment meeting.



Emerald Empire Detachment #917 has submitted the annual IRS Form 990-N to the IRS. The IRS has accepted it, so we are current for another year.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

ANNUAL NOTICE

EXPIRATION: 31 AUGUST



*AS OF 2019, ALL MEMBERSHIPS RENEWALS ARE DUE IN AUGUST.
IF YOU HAVE LICENSE PLATES, CONSIDER MAKING SURE YOUR DUES
ARE RENEWED IN JULY TO AVOID ANY ISSUES.*

RENEW TODAY WITH YOUR
LOCAL DETACHMENT PAYMASTER



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND DUES PAYMENT REMINDER

It's time to renew your membership. August 31st is just around the corner. All annual memberships expire in August. If you are an annual member, your dues are due now.

Don't wait and don't forget.

Fill out the form below and provide it to your detachment paymaster along with your annual dues payment. While you're at it, please remind your fellow members it's time to renew. It is a good idea to renew early so that, when life happens, you're already paid up.

Remember, you are paying ahead, not paying behind. Membership makes your detachment strong and doing your part, like paying dues on time, helps keep it that way. Please do not procrastinate. Square it away today.

Please fill out the form and provide to your detachment paymaster along with your annual dues.

RENEWAL FORM



Please fill out this form and give to your Detachment Paymaster along with your annual dues.

Member Number: _____ Detachment Number: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Join Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Home Cell Work

Email: _____ Dues Total: _____

Please mail this form, along with your annual dues, to your detachment paymaster or give it to them at the next meeting. Detachment contact information can be found in our locator.

Military Funeral Honors (TAPS)

The Defense Department provides military funeral honors to recognize the sacrifice and contributions of our nation's veterans. The following individuals are eligible to receive military funeral honors: Military members who die while on active duty, Veterans who served in the active military, naval or air service, and were discharged or released from that service by means of an "honorable" or "under honorable conditions" discharge. Providing military funeral honors is the nation's way of showing gratitude and paying final tribute to a veteran's honorable military service.

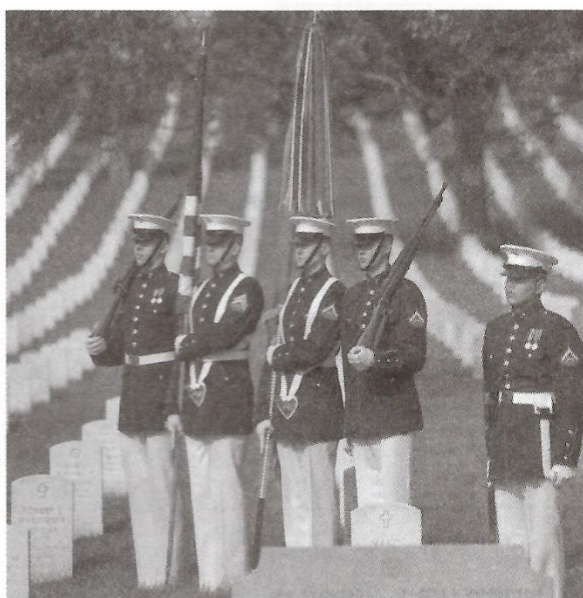
Learn how the military can honor a veteran at their funeral, and find out how to get a military grave marker. Who is eligible for military funeral honors and how to request them Funeral honors include the playing of "Taps," the presentation of a U.S. flag, and a detail of uniformed military personnel. Learn more about what happens during military funeral honors. These honors are provided for free for veterans and active-duty members. See if you or your loved one is eligible for military funeral honors. Please visit <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/casualty-assistance/military-funerals/eligibility/>

How to Request Military Funeral Honors. The funeral director who handles the veteran's service will request the honors. You will need to provide the veteran's discharge papers to verify eligibility. If you need a copy, submit an emergency request for military records to the National Archives. Please visit <https://download.militaryonesource.mil/12038/MOS/Misc%20Files/mos-mfh-nara-form.pdf>

Military Funeral Memorials. Veterans and reservists are eligible for other memorial items.

Learn how to apply for memorials, including: Headstones, markers, medallions, plaques, and urns, burial flag Presidential memorial certificate These memorials are available for veterans buried in private cemeteries. Spouses or dependent children buried at national or veterans cemeteries may also be eligible for headstones or markers. Please visit <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/memorial-items/>

Military Funeral Honors Directory. Use the Military Funeral Honors Directory by locating the state or territory in which the requested funeral honors will take place. Under the state, you will find a local phone number for each of the military services. Choose the phone number that corresponds to the military service of the deceased. Numbers for each military service will apply, in most cases, to the state as a whole. But some states will have more than one phone number per military service, listed by county or city. For additional information, contact Military OneSource at 800-342-9647. <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/resources/tools/military-funeral-honors-directory/>



Veterans Burial Allowance and Transportation Benefits **<https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/veterans-burial->**

Find out how to get Veterans burial allowances (sometimes called “Veterans death benefits”) to help cover burial, funeral, and transportation costs.

Am I eligible for allowances to help pay for a Veteran’s burial and funeral costs? You may be eligible for Veterans burial allowances if you’re paying for the burial and funeral costs and you won’t be reimbursed by any other organization, like another government agency or the Veteran’s employer. You must also meet all of these requirements. One of these relationships or professional roles describes your connection to the Veteran:

You’re the Veteran’s surviving spouse, or You’re the surviving partner from a legal union (a relationship made formal in a document issued by the state recognizing the union), or you’re a surviving child of the Veteran, or you’re a parent of the Veteran, or you’re the executor or administrator of the Veteran’s estate (someone who officially represents the Veteran), or you’re a family member or friend who isn’t the executor of the Veteran’s estate, or you’re a representative from a funeral home, cemetery, or other organization.

The Veteran must not have received a dishonorable discharge, and one of these circumstances must be true. The Veteran died as a result of a service-connected disability (a disability related to service), or the Veteran died while getting VA care, either at a VA facility or at a facility contracted by VA, or The Veteran died while traveling with proper authorization, and at VA’s expense, either to or from a facility for an examination, or to receive treatment or care, or the Veteran died with an original or reopened claim for VA compensation or pension pending at the time of death, and they would’ve been entitled to benefits before the time of death, or The Veteran died while receiving a VA pension or compensation, or the Veteran died while eligible for compensation or a VA pension at

their time of death, but instead received full military retirement or disability pay or The Veteran had been getting a VA pension or compensation when they died, or the Veteran had chosen to get military retired pay instead of compensation.

Note: We’ll also provide an allowance for the cost of transporting a Veteran’s remains for burial in a national cemetery.

You can’t get burial allowances for certain individuals

We don’t provide burial allowances if the individual died in any of these ways: On active duty, or while serving as a member of Congress, or while serving a federal prison sentence.

Call us. National Cemetery Scheduling Office:800-535-1117

Headstones and markers:800-697-6947 VA benefits hotline:800-827-1000 MyVA411 main information line:800-698-2411 Telecommunications Relay Services (using TTY)TTY: 711

National Cemetery Administration: <https://www.cem.va.gov/>

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NCA Resources Guide

The National Cemetery Administration provides burial and memorial benefits for Veterans and their eligible family members, and maintains national cemeteries as national shrines, sacred to the honor and memory of those interred or memorialized there. The VA provides compassionate, professional services to ease families through the loss of their loved one. Learn more about VA Memorial Benefits.

Pre-need Eligibility for Burial in a VA Cemetery

Pre-need™ means before the time of need. This application is for planning for your own burial in advance. Please don't complete this form if you're requesting burial at the time of need. Find out how to schedule a burial: <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/schedule-a-burial/>

Choose the VA national cemetery where you'd prefer to be buried:
<https://www.va.gov/find-locations/>
What information do I need to apply? To apply, you'll need your (or your sponsor's):

- Social Security number
- Date and place of birth
- Military status and service history (like service dates, discharge character, and rank—commonly found on the DD214 or other separation documents)

Discharge papers (DD214 or other separation documents) Note: If you don't have discharge papers, find out how to request the DD214. <https://www.va.gov/records/get-military-service-records/>

How to request your records from the National Archives. You can request records from the National Archives online, by mail, or by fax. Note: If you're submitting an application for VA benefits, we'll request your DD214 for you when we receive your application. You don't need to do this yourself through the National Archives.

Option 1: Request your records online

You can request your military service records online using the National Archives' eVetRecs tool. When you get to

eVetRecs, select Make a new request. Request your records using eVetRecs on the National Archives website. <https://vetrecs.archives.gov/VeteranRequest/home.html>

Option 2: Fill out the National Archive's request form (to mail or fax)
Fill out a Request Pertaining to Military Records (Standard Form 180).
Download and print a copy of the SF-180 in PDF format : <https://www.gsa.gov/reference/forms/request-pertaining-to-military-records>.

VA Burial Benefits and Memorial Items

VA burial benefits can help service members, Veterans, and their family members plan and pay for a burial or memorial service in a VA national cemetery. Family members can also order memorial items to honor the service of a Veteran. Find out how to apply for the burial benefits you've earned, and how to plan for a burial in advance or at time of need.

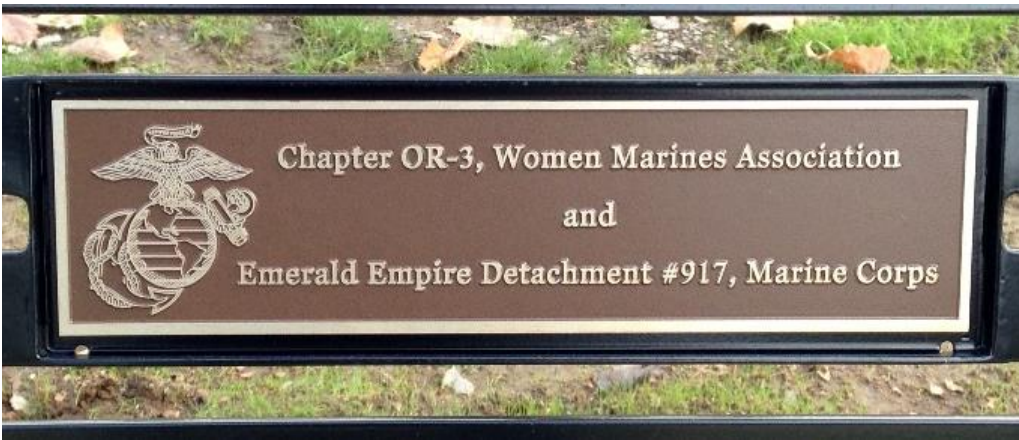
Get Veterans Burial Benefits Eligibility. Find out if you qualify for burial in a VA national cemetery and for other burial honors.

Veterans Burial Allowance. Learn how to apply for a burial allowance to help pay for a Veteran's funeral services, burial, and transportation costs.

Benefits for Burial or Memorialization. Find out how to apply for a headstone, marker, medallion, Presidential Memorial Certificate, plaque, or urn to honor a Veteran's service.

The previous information was taken from the April – June 2025 Edition, Volume 69, Issue 2, of the Semper Fidelis (The Official Newsletter for Retired Marines, Surviving Spouses and Families; Headquarters, United States Marine Corps).

Copies obtained via Detachment Life Member Ray Miller.



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

He is working with Willamalane Parks and Recreation (who owns and maintains the Veterans' Park). 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. As of this newsletter there has not yet been a reply. Stand-by for further details as they become available.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

6 August – Jess M. Wise, Jr. **Deceased**

10 August – Emily “Dea” Cutting **Deceased**

12 August – Eva McDonald

18 August – Thadd Pooler

21 August – Joy Cavin

27 August – Dave Huber

31 August – Bobby Graves



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



CORPSMAN



Joy Cavin – Joy’s sister-in-law Eleanor, age 86, developed compromised circulation in her legs. This led to Eleanor have one leg amputated on Friday, 11 July 2025, and her second leg amputated on Wednesday, 16 July 2025. Eleanor has developed 4 different infections and is now fighting for her life. Eleanor will be going home in a couple days, to her daughter's house in Drain, on hospice... Joy will help with providing care for her a couple days a week and taking meals down, too. Beyond that, time will tell.

Please keep Joy and Elenor in your thoughts and prayers.

Kim Lonberg – Kim will be taking a couple months off from the league/detachment. Kim is dealing with some heart related issues, and her grandson A.J. is going to be going back to the University of Washington for his brain surgery (epilepsy related).

Please keep Kim, and A.J. in your thoughts and prayers.





Fund-Raising Breakfast Service for Sunday, 20 July 2025



At the 20 July 2025 fund-raising breakfast, 26 paid meals (and one free – we always provide the bartender a free breakfast) were served for a total of \$261.00 (due to one extra order of protein). We also received \$26.00 in tips.

The GRAND TOTAL received was: \$287.00.



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 for a ½ day. Departure at about 0700 hours, with check-in before that (so early morning).

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

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GOING FISHING – AND CAN COMMIT – Contact Craig via the detachment email address:

mldet917@gmail.com

IF WE RESERVE A CERTAIN NUMBER OF SPACES/BOATS AND THEN WE ARE SHORT THE COST WILL INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY.



Emerald Empire Young Marines

The Young Marines have added another Recruit to their numbers.

They made a field trip to the Wings and Waves Water Park, and the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum, in McMinnville, Oregon.

Their Annual Whitewater Rafting Trip is coming up in the very near future.

There is some planning and discussion about having the Young Marines perform a flag replacement each year at the Moose Lodge #1726 on FLAG DAY.

Oregon museum to receive combat-tested fighter jet in ‘rare and historic moment’

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A Sailor directs an AV-8B Harrier from Marine Attack Squadron (VMA) 211 during flight operations aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu (LHA 5). U.S. Navy

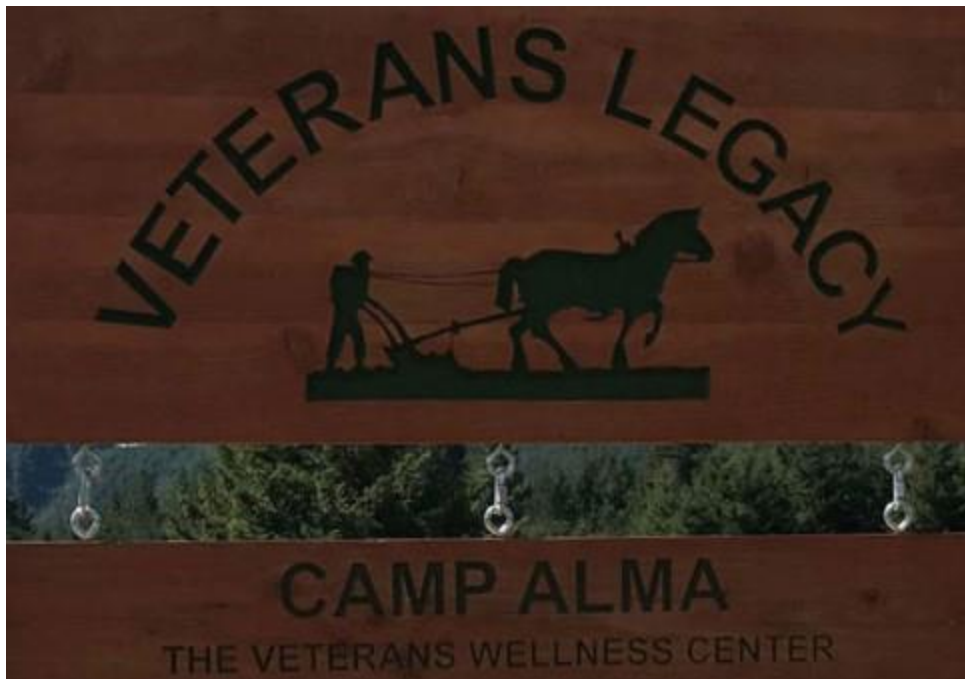
Move over [Spruce Goose](#): Oregon aviation enthusiasts have a new historic aircraft to adore. The [Tillamook Air Museum](#) announced Wednesday that it will receive a historic, combat-tested fighter jet, an AV-8B Harrier II, which will join its permanent collection. On Aug. 4, the jet will be flown directly to Tillamook from a U.S. Navy test facility in California's Mojave Desert, the museum said. The aircraft's arrival under its own power marks "a rare and historic moment for the region."

Initially designed in the 1970s, the AV-8B Harrier II model was first introduced into the U.S. Marine Corps in 1985. The Harrier that will join the collection in Tillamook has logged 5,518 total flight hours, including 631 combat hours flown across 88 missions since its introduction in 1995, according to the museum. During its 30-year career, the jet was flown in operations in Iraq and Syria, and was used in roles in Singapore, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Albania, and the Arabian Gulf.

Harrier jets were a fixture of 1980s and '90s pop culture, featured in movies, TV shows and video games. The AV-8B Harrier II was featured in 1994 film "True Lies" starring Arnold Schwarzenegger.

After arriving on the north Oregon coast, the aircraft will be demilitarized and prepared for permanent exhibition, the museum said. It is being provided on long-term loan by the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, Florida.

"This aircraft represents an extraordinary chapter in modern military aviation," museum curator Christian Gurling said in a news release. "We are proud to accept this historic piece of Marine Corps history. Acquisitions such as this are fast positioning the Tillamook Air Museum as a world-class destination for aviation heritage, as we continue to broaden and enhance the scope of our exhibits."



Junior Past Commandant Dave Huber was in contact with Dr. Lebow. Seems Dr. Lebow had received an email informing him that there might possibly be veterans living out in the woods on public land.

Dave and Dr. Lebow are working on getting together to discuss the issue. They might try and contact them to ensure they are alright and/or to see if they need some assistance.

With Dave's years of working in the woods of Lane County and beyond, he may be able to guide Dr. Lebow to areas that they most likely would be living.

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

Dinner @ 1800 hours

Meeting Starts @ 1900 hours

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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)

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)

17 August 2025

21 September 2025

19 October 2025

16 November 2025

21 December 2025