



# October 2025 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is: **15 October 2025**

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**A GREAT MARINE PASSED – AND REPORTED  
FOR DUTY ON HEAVEN’S SCENE**



Photo added by Vita Brevis

# Richard William "Bill" Call

<b>BIRTH</b>	17 Jan 1926 Tillamook, Tillamook County, Oregon, USA
<b>DEATH</b>	14 Jul 2024 (aged 98) Milwaukie, Clackamas County, Oregon, USA
<b>BURIAL</b>	Willamette National Cemetery Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, USA
<b>PLOT</b>	SECTION KK SITE 1594
<b>MEMORIAL ID</b>	272585138

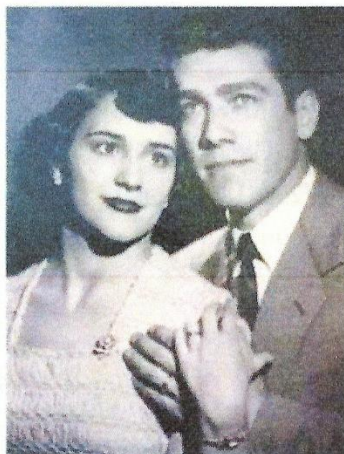


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Bill Call  
January 17, 1926 - July 14, 2024

*The Oregonian*  
Portland, Oregon  
Friday, July 19, 2024

Richard William "Bill" Call passed away on July 14, 2024. He was born in Tillamook, Ore., to Robert J. and Leola Call on Jan. 17, 1926. Bill attended Pleasant Valley Primary School, Benson High School and Lewis & Clark College night school. He enlisted in the US Marine Corps in January 1944, during World War II. He was assigned to the 3rd Marine Division, 3rd Tank Bn. Hdq. Co. He was part of the Guam and Iwo Jima campaigns. He was discharged in 1947. Bill re-enlisted in the Marines in 1950 and went to Korea. He was part of the operation making the landing at Inchon and also the Chosin Few with the 1st Motor Transport Bn. 1st Marine division. He was discharged from active duty in 1951, but continued to serve in the reserves till August of 1956. In 1951, Bill went to work at Pierce Freight Lines as an over the road truck driver. That is where he met his wife,, who also worked there. They married in 1952 after a two-month courtship. Bill continued to work for the company over the next almost 20 years and worked his way up to General Manager. He left the company in late 1970 to pursue his dream of owning his own business. In early 1971, Bill and his wife, , purchased Reddaway Truck Line in Oregon City, Ore., a very small local trucking company. He then built it over the next 18 years into the largest regional trucking company on the West Coast. After he sold the business in 1989, Bill needed something to keep him busy, so he decided to get into commercial



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real estate. He also started collecting and working on old antique cars. Bill started filling up a warehouse with his car collection. He was also the driving force behind the founding of the "Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club" in 1999. In 2006, he drove one of his old Plymouths across the United States, and on this cross-country drive he had an inspiration to become active in USMC veterans' organizations in the Portland area. He joined the 1st Marine Division Assoc. and assisted in forming the 3rd Marine Division Association. He also joined the China Marines, The Chosin Few and the Marine Corps National Motor Transport Association.

In November of 2013, at the age of 87, Bill signed up for two years to serve as part of the "Honor Guard" that attends all the Marine funerals at the Willamette National Cemetery.

Bill and his wife, , were also longtime Portland Trailblazer season ticket holders and for many years never missed a game.

Bill loved life and loved his family more than anything.

Bill is survived by his wife, , of 72 years

A private military graveside service will be held at Willamette National Cemetery on July 24, at 1 p.m.

Arrangements by Mt. Scott Funeral Home.





**Creswell 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade – 4 July 2011**





**Bill Call with his Vietnam era USMC Communications jeep. Riding with Bill is Bill Cummings (who was a communicator in Vietnam).**

**We asked Bill if he would attend the parade, and he did. Driving down from Portland with his pickup pulling his hauling trailer with the jeep inside.**



**Presentation of Plaque for Supporting the Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League, in the Creswell 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Just a small glimpse into what Bill's Place was like inside.**

# **Bill & Shirley Cummings Inurnment Ceremony**



On 12 September 2025, an Inurnment Ceremony was conducted for Bill & Shirley Cummings at the Springfield Memorial Gardens at the NEW Veterans area.

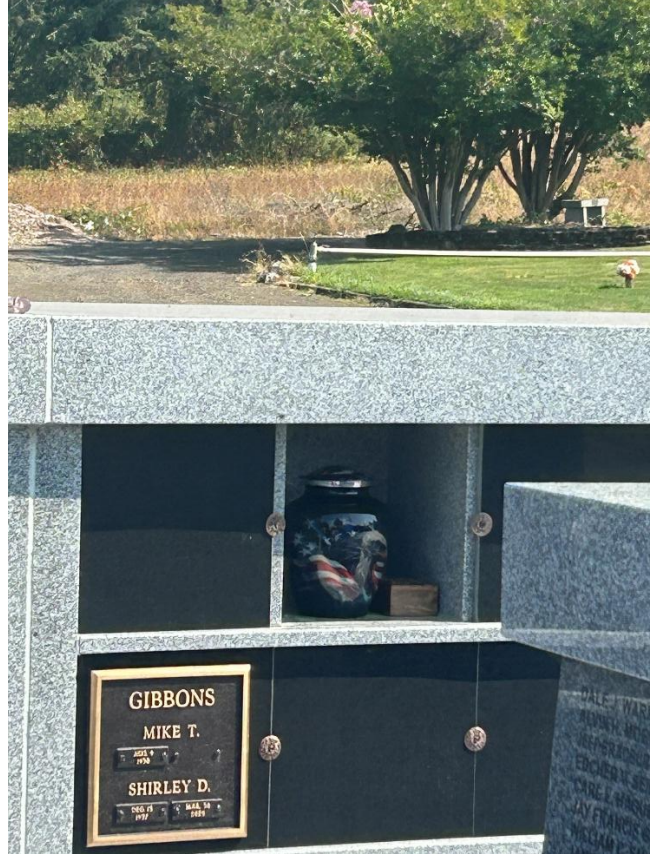
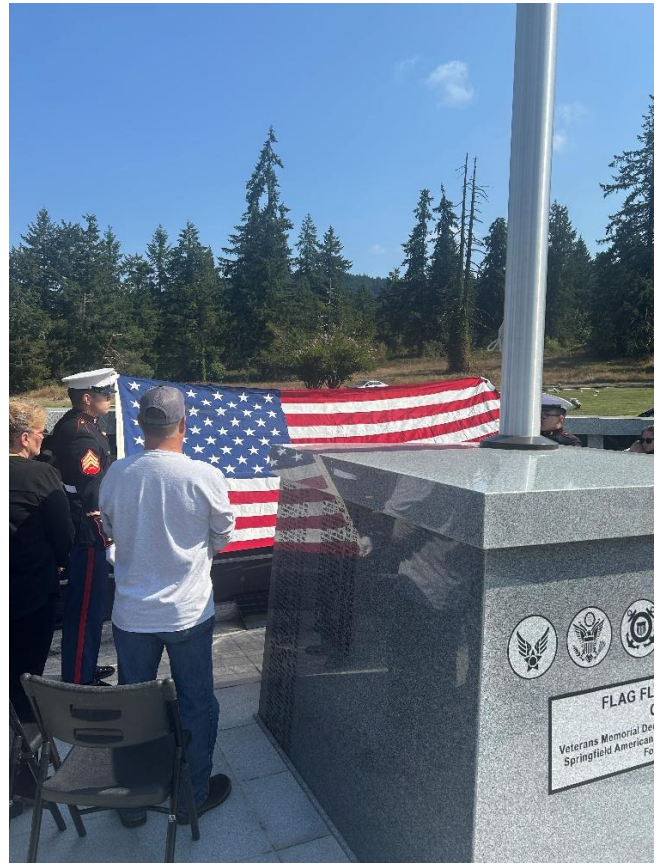
There was a United States Marine Corps Color Guard, which conducted the flag display, folding, and presentation to the family member on behalf of the President of the United States, the United States Marine Corps and A Grateful Nation.

It was a small service for family and they invited the Marine Corps League friends and members to attend. Attending on behalf of the Emerald Empire Detachment #917, was Stephen & Lois Price, Craig & Kelli Myers, and Paul Grinde.

Bill & Shirley's ceremony was the first one conducted at the New Veterans Memorial area.

There was one other couple who were inurned there but there was no ceremony.







# 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



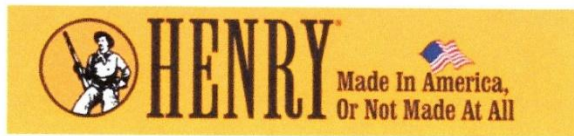
With out YOU, and NEW Members this is what can happen!!!!!!

As of this publishing:

**Coquille River #1042 Detachment, Department  
of Oregon**

No Longer Exists





## Spirit of the Corps 250th Anniversary Tribute Edition

.22 S/L/LR

### Department of Oregon Marine Corps League's 2025 Raffle

Nov  
10

#### Nov 10

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

2025 Raffle of a Henry Spirit of the Corps 250th Anniversary Tribute Edition,  
.22 S/L/LR.

A total of 2000 tickets are for sale at \$5 a ticket. The drawing will be on November 11, 2025, at the Bend Birthday Celebration. The winner will be notified by telephone, and must make pick up arrangements with Lincoln City Sporting Goods. Winner must be 18 years old and able to pass background.

Good luck Marine!

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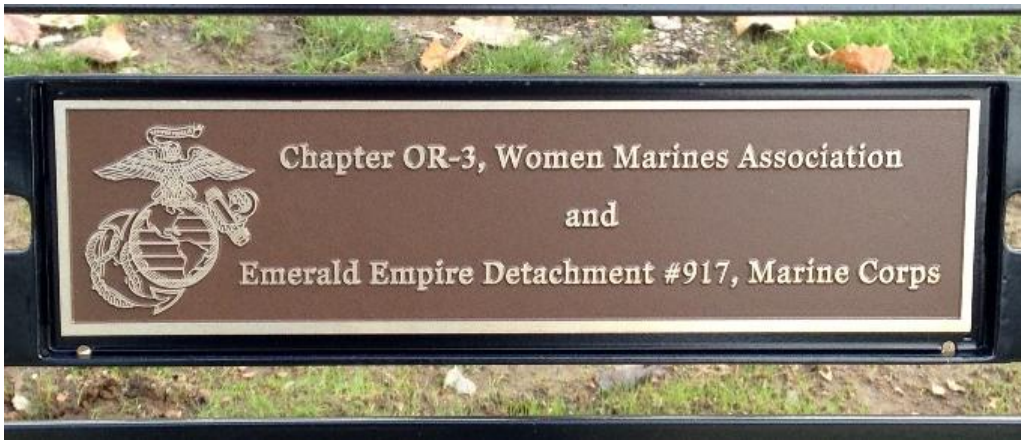
#### **One chance of winning**

**\$5**

Tickets are \$5 each. You must be 18 years old and able to pass background.

### **To Get E-Tickets, Go to:**

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/department-of-oregon-marine-corps-leagues-raffle--2025>



Niel Laudati, Assistant City Manager for the City of Springfield, Oregon, has written up and submitted a request for a GRANT from the State of Oregon. This grant will be for the placement of another new bench in the Willamalane Parks and Recreation

Veterans' Park. This new bench will be placed in Memory of our Past Members of the Emerald Empire Detachment's. We are still waiting to hear back.

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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3 October – Russell Smith **Deceased**

3 October – Paul Grinde

5 October – Chuck Lang

28 October 1939 – David Denton  
**Deceased**

28 October – Nancy Lukasik



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

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# **CORPSMAN**



**Kelli Myers** – Please keep Kelli in your thoughts and prayers as her sister battles cancer.

**Joseph Lamm** – Joseph was in attendance at the September meeting. Walking Boot and all. Says he has been in it now for one month and will start the second month and see how it goes. He said the doctor told him about 8 – 12 weeks. So, it is going to be a month-to-month thing.



**Raymond Miller** – Ray is still on the wait list for Physical Therapy in October. The neurosurgeon will see Ray after completion of the physical therapy for an MRI.

**Kim Lonberg** – Kim wrote: We go to Seattle this Wednesday (10 September) for pre-op and then AJ's surgery is on the 16th. I am currently on FMLA because we cannot leave him alone anymore.

I cannot express how much I appreciate you all for all your help and support. You all mean the world to me. Thank you. Kim

It seems that before the surgery a blood test revealed a possible risk concerning a blood clotting issue. So, the surgery was cancelled and A.J. was sent home. As can be expected A.J. was upset that yet another delay in addressing his seizures.

And everyone was exhausted. It appears that there is now a 2–3-week delay before the surgery will take place.

To make things even more stressful, A.J. daughter's hand got slammed in a door. So, she is dealing with a couple broken fingers.



**Keep Kim, A.J. and the whole family in your thoughts and prayers.**



# Fund-Raising Breakfast Service for Sunday, 21 September 2025



At the 21 September 2025 fund-raising breakfast 29 paid meals were served. One was at \$5.00, since the bartender who we normally feed for free insisted on paying \$5.00 anyway. The total for meals is: \$285.00. We also received \$7.00 in tips.

**The GRAND TOTAL received was: \$292.00.**



## Emerald Empire Young Marines

Hi Paul,

I just wanted to share an event the Young Marines just participated in today. Since it was an off-drill weekend and this was the first week back to school, we only had 3 YMs and myself able to volunteer.

We were invited by the Rogue Valley Young Marines to participate in a flag retirement ceremony for a 40'x80' flag in Grants Pass. It was a pretty special event. YM LCpl Bartlett made a slide show of all the

pictures for our social media:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1BVSxrAdyW/>

Also, here are a couple of links to some videos of the flag being lowered and the new one being raised. The Kiwanis club raised the \$4500 for the new flag.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1EXgBcjQwa/>

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/17Dd7tymjL/>

Thanks, Casey

**Young Marines Needs More Registered Adults and More Young Marines**



# 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.



### **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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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>

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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)**

**15 October 2025 (Sauerkraut & brats, German potato salad, German Chocolate Cake)**

**19 November 2025 (Turkey with stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, pumpkin pie)**

**17 December 2025 (Ham, Scalloped potatoes, tossed salad and roll)**



# **2025 Fund-Raising Breakfast**

## **Dates**

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

**19 October 2025**

**16 November 2025**

**21 December 2025**