

November 2025 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is: **19 November 2025**

Happy 250th Birthday



10 NOVEMBER 2025

The Commandant of the United States Marine Corps video message for the 250th USMC Birthday can be found at the following link – when it becomes available. Approximately 5 days before 10 November 2025.

<https://www.cmc.marines.mil/birthday/#>

The traditional celebration includes a reading of Order 47:

MARINE CORPS ORDERS
No. 47 (Series 1921)
HEADQUARTERS U.S. MARINE CORPS
Washington, November 1, 1921

759. The following will be read to the command on the 10th of November, 1921, and hereafter on the 10th of November of every year. Should the order not be received by the 10th of November, 1921, it will be read upon receipt.

- (1) On November 10, 1775, a Corps of Marines was created by a resolution of Continental Congress. Since that date many thousand men have borne the name "Marine." In memory of them it is fitting that we who are Marines should commemorate the birthday of our Corps by calling to mind the glories of its long and illustrious history.
- (2) The record of our Corps is one which will bear comparison with that of the most famous military organizations in the world's history. During 90 of the 146 years of its existence the Marine Corps has been in action against the Nation's foes. From the Battle of Trenton to the Argonne, Marines have won foremost honors in war, and in the long eras of tranquility at home, generation after generation of Marines have grown gray in war in both hemispheres and in every corner of the seven seas, that our country and its citizens might enjoy peace and security.
- (3) In every battle and skirmish since the birth of our Corps, Marines have acquitted themselves with the greatest distinction, winning new honors on each occasion until the term "Marine" has come to signify all that is highest in military efficiency and soldierly virtue.
- (4) This high name of distinction and soldierly repute we who are Marines today have received from those who preceded us in the Corps. With it we have also received from them the eternal spirit which has animated our Corps from generation to generation and has been the distinguishing mark of the Marines in every age. So long as that spirit continues to flourish Marines will be found equal to every emergency in the future as they have been in the past, and the men of our Nation will regard us as worthy successors to the long line of illustrious men who have served as "Soldiers of the Sea" since the founding of the Corps.

JOHN A. LEJEUNE,
Major General
Commandant
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10 November 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

Two hundred and fifty years ago, before our Nation declared its independence, a small group of men gathered in Philadelphia and formed a Corps of Marines. From that moment, our story has been bound to the story of America itself. A quarter of a millennium later, Marines remain at the center of our Nation's defense. Ready to fight, ready to win, and ready to uphold the trust placed in us since 1775.

Across centuries, Marines have fought on distant shores and in desperate battles, earning a reputation for discipline, toughness, and valor. From the Revolution to the World Wars, from Chapultepec to today's operations across the globe, every generation has proven worthy of the title Marine. They secured liberty, defended allies, and carried forward the promise of a free Nation, and a free world. We are the heirs of that legacy, and we are its stewards.

This anniversary reminds us that our standards are the foundation of our Corps. Honor, Courage, and Commitment are not abstractions, but the code that binds us to one another and to all who went before. Every Marine, in every clime and place, must hold true to these values. The conflicts ahead will demand nothing less.

I could not be prouder of the Marines I see serving today. At home, at sea, and across the globe, you carry forward our proud traditions with skill and ferocity. It is your discipline, initiative, and fighting spirit that anchor our Corps. The battles of the next 250 years will challenge us in new ways, but I have no doubt we will prevail. Happy Birthday Marines!

Semper Fidelis,

Eric M. Smith
General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps

Marine Corps League
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Marines, FMF Navy Personnel, and Associate Members,

Fellow Leathernecks, Devil Dogs, and Semper Fi Guardians of the Corps' Eternal Flame, As we gather under the glow of this grand 250th Birthday Ball, I, your 66th National Commandant of the Marine Corps League, stand humbled and honored to raise my glass to you—the unbreakable backbone of our shared legacy. On November 10, 2025, we commemorate a quarter-millennium of Marine Corps excellence, forged in the crucible of 1775's Tun Tavern, where a handful of resolute souls birthed the Continental Marines. From the frozen decks of the frozen Chosin Reservoir to the sunbaked sands of Iwo Jima, from the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli, our Corps has etched its name in the annals of valor, unyielding and unmatched.

Two hundred and fifty years! What a testament to the indomitable spirit that courses through our veins. We've stormed beaches, scaled cliffs, and stared down tyrants, all while embodying the ethos: Semper Fidelis. We've lost brothers and sisters in the shadow of the eagle, globe, and anchor, their sacrifices a sacred debt we honor not with words alone, but with deeds. And here, in the hallowed ranks of the Marine Corps League, we—veterans, retirees, and supporters alike—carry that torch forward. You are the living bridge between yesterday's thunder and tomorrow's triumphs. Your tireless advocacy, your mentorship of young recruits, your unwavering commitment to Toys for Tots, Wounded Warriors, and community service—these are the quiet battles that sustain our Corps' soul.

Reflect with me on the giants who paved our path: Chesty Puller charging through hellfire, Dan Daly defying death twice over, and the countless unnamed heroes whose blood stains the pages of history. Their echoes resound in our drill fields today, reminding us that a Marine is more than muscle and marksmanship; it's a mindset of selfless service, a brotherhood forged in fire. As threats evolve—from cyber shadows to great-power rivalries—our League stands vigilant, amplifying the Corps' voice in the halls of power, ensuring no Marine is forgotten, no promise left unkept.

To you, the heart of this League: Your stories fuel our fire, your resilience inspires nations. You've earned this night of revelry—don your uniforms, share your sea stories, and let the skirl of bagpipes stir the ghosts of glory. But as we toast, let us pledge anew: We will defend the Corps, uplift its families, and pass the colors to the next generation, unbroken and bold.

So, raise your glasses high, my fellow Marines! To the United States Marine Corps—250 years young, eternally fierce. To our fallen, rest easy, we've got the watch. To you, the League—Semper Fi and keep the faith!

TJ Morgan
66th National Commandant



The poster features a red top section with the Marine Corps emblem (an eagle with wings spread, holding a globe, with a banner above it that reads "SEMPER FIDELIS") and the official seal of the United States Marine Corps. The seal is circular with a blue border containing the text "DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY" and "UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS". Below the red section is a grey section with silhouettes of Marines in various poses. The text "250th" is in red, and "Marine Corps Birthday Ball" is in large, bold, dark blue letters. The bottom section is dark blue with the text "HOSTED BY" above the Soaring by the Sea Foundation logo, which is a white cross with wings. To the right of the logo, the date "SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8th" is written in white.

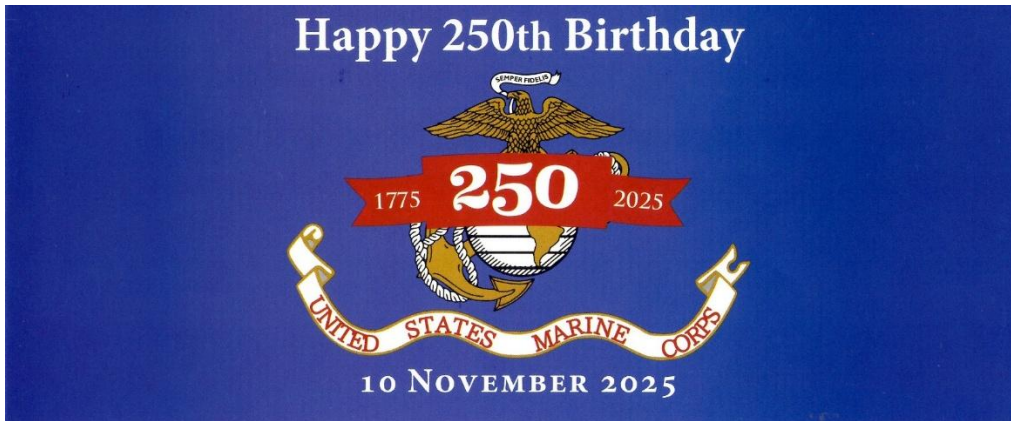
250th
Marine Corps
Birthday Ball

HOSTED BY
SOARING BY THE SEA FOUNDATION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8th

FOR DETAILS GO TO:

<https://www.soaringbythesea.com/events/250th-marine-corps-birthday-ball>



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
250th BIRTHDAY CAKE CUTTING CEREMONY
10 NOVEMBER 2025

WHO:

Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League

DATE:

10 November 2025 (Monday)

TIME:

Social Hour / Gathering will begin at 1700 (5 PM)

Cake cutting ceremony begins at 1800 hours (6 PM) (Birthday messages will be read, the oldest and youngest Marines will be chosen, cake will be cut and served, and finally a toast will be made to the deceased members of the Emerald Empire Detachment following the reading of their names. Singing of the Marine Hymn. This will conclude the Cake Cutting Ceremony.)

LOCATION:

Moose Lodge 1726, 2011 Laura Street, Springfield, OR

COST:

The only cost is if you chose to purchase drinks from the bar (non-alcoholic & alcoholic) – water is available from the bar at no cost.

THERE IS NO MEAL:

Please dine before or after attending the cake cutting.

ATTIRE:

Your favorite United States Marine Corps, FMF Navy Corpsman, of FMF Navy Chaplain attire. This is not a formal event.

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:

Please email the number of persons in your party that are attending just so we have enough cake and serving items available.

Email: mcldet917@gmail.com

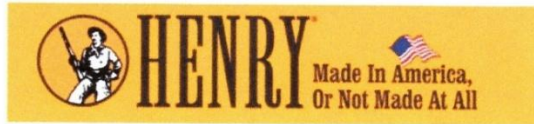
OPEN TO:

ALL – MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEMBERS, MARINES, FMF NAVY CORPSMEN, FMF NAVY CHAPLAINS AND THEIR GUESTS. ALSO, ANY FAMILY MEMBER OF A DEPLOYED MARINE / FMF NAVY CORPSMAN / FMF NAVY CHAPLAIN

DISSEMINATION:

PLEASE DISSEMINATE THIS INFORMATION TO ANY MARINES, FMF NAVY CORPSMEN, FMF NAVY CHAPLAINS THEIR GUESTS, ANY FAMILY MEMBER OF A DEPLOYED MARINE / FMF NAVY CORPSMAN / FMF NAVY CHAPLAIN, AND ANY VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS.





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>

This is the .22S/L/LR version. One site has it for \$1,350.00.

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





73RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

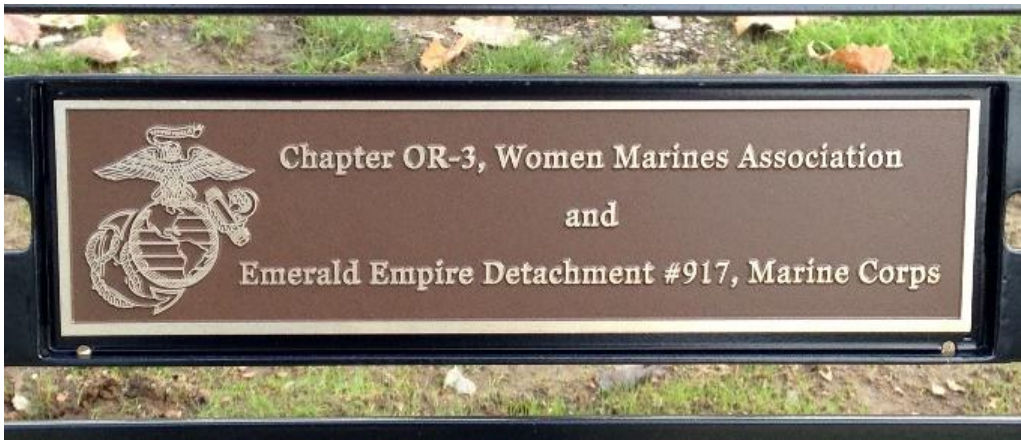
When: 6 Dec 2025 (1st Saturday in December)

Time: 1 – 4 PM

Theme: Enchanted Snowman Forest

DETAILS TO COME VIA EMAIL AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

Emerald Empire Detachment #917 is planning to participate this year.



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.**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



11 November 1914 – Donald Brownrigg **Deceased**

Please take a moment and remember Donald (our China Marine) on the
“Anniversary-of-the-Day-He-Was-Born.”



From the Chaplain's Corner



November 2025 Chaplain's Corner

Hello, I'm back! It's been a challenging 3 months for me, and I appreciate the love and support you have all extended to me. As you all know, losing a person close to you is rough, and I've lost two, on Aug 1 and the other Oct 1. I'm considering skipping the 1st of each month and going straight to the 2nd for the next little while.

November is a time of reflection and thankfulness for me and as I consider it, I truly have many things to give thanks for. First, I am grateful for the nation that we are privileged to live in. Despite the conflicts and difficulties America is facing, it's still the best and strongest country in the world, in my humble opinion. I'm not a world traveler, by any means, but I watch the news a little bit, and we're still #1 in many ways!!

Secondly, I am so thankful for the friends and family I have, and my recent losses have emphasized to me how precious my loved ones are. I am endeavoring to express my love and appreciation to friends and family; at each moment those opportunities appear. Proverbs 25, verse 11 says, "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver" in the English Standard Version. Good words to attend to.

The third focus of my grateful heart is health, happiness, and God's provision of my needs. I'm not the picture of health, but I'm in pretty good shape for the shape I'm in, and many people are not able to say that. Happiness is found within, and I'm glad to feel happy and content with my lot. And God's provision of my needs knows no end. He sends me people when I need help; work when I need additional income; and spiritual guidance from those who care about me and have my best interests at heart.

May I encourage you to create your own personal list of things to be grateful for? And keep it handy to refer to when you cross a rough patch in your walk-through life. You can always add to it, as more points of gratitude present themselves to you. My list is not complete, by far, but I only want to take up so much space with what I write.

I hope you enjoy some holiday feasting and good fellowship with your fellow humans this month and that you're able to find and appreciate something to be grateful for each day.

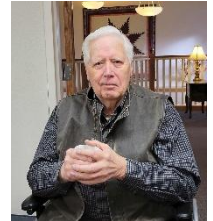
**Semper Fi,
Joy Cavin
Chaplain
Emerald Empire Detachment #917
Marine Corps League**



CORPSMAN



Debbie Barker – On 27 September 2025, Debbie’s brother-in-law Lon Hanson passed away at his home at age 76. He was Minnesota Veteran drafted into the Air Force and spent 2 years stationed in Michigan. Lon passed due to complications of Parkinson’s



Stephen Price – Steve was walking on his back deck, and stepped on a board and fell through up to his upper leg. He had quite the bruise going on, and said he was numb. Steve is planning a deck board replacement project.



Raymond Miller – Ray was getting up, and the next thing he knew he was on the floor. He hit the right side of his head. Following the 19 October meeting they went to River Bend to get a wound on his leg treated. They spent most of the night and morning there. Linda observed, and now knows how to properly bandage the wound. Ray had an appointment at a wound care facility to evaluate/treat what caused the wound and how to properly treat it.

Kim Lonberg –

AJ's surgery was 7 October 2025, Kim was not in Seattle with him, as she was taking care of his little girl. A.J. has some side-effects of the anesthesia, but two days following surgery, he was home by 11PM. He will have follow up items to start adjusting the sensors which will hopefully finally end the seizures. Kim told Joy she was doing okay, but is really tired. Kim has been approved to be A.J.'s care provider.





Joy Cavin - FYI, my brother-in-love, Ira, Marine Corps corpsman in Korea, had a massive stroke last Monday night (29 September 2025) and passed away up here at Riverbend on Wednesday (1 Oct 2025). He married my sister when I was 8 years old. He's the one I tried to get involved with the Coquille MCL. He was 86 or 87. It's been a rough week, but I will be at League next week.



Ira "Butch" Roscoe Huffman, 86 of Myrtle Point, on 1 Oct, he passed away in Springfield. Ira proudly served his county in the United States Marine Corps from 1958 to 1962.

Robert Graves – Robert had a life-threatening event occur while preparing to move his sailboat from the Port Angeles area of Washington. While putting chains up onto his sailboat, the dingy he was in pushed backward out from under him. Robert landed in the very cold water. He was in the water for about 20 minutes. A boy who never walked that area previously saw Robert in the water. The boy took a small boat out and rescued Robert from the frigid water. Anyone who knows about water temperatures in the Oregon/Washington area knows that the cold water can cause hypothermia to set in very quickly. Robert related the story to Stephen Price, and told him, "Lucky to be here....and there is a reason I am still here.... I just do not know what the reason is yet."

The boy saved Robert's life.



Nancy Lukasik – Nancy has been dealing with being in-between medical providers for her arthritis. This has caused a disruption to her arthritis medications. She visited with Ray & Linda Miller while having her hair done.



Fund-Raising Breakfast Service for Sunday, 19 October 2025



At the 19 October 2025 fund-raising breakfast 31 paid meals were served. This month we had 23 at regular price (\$10.00), 2 orders at \$11.00, and 5 orders at \$12.00, and one free for the bartender. The total for meals is: \$312.00. We also received \$25.00 in tips.

The GRAND TOTAL received was: \$337.00.



One of newest members, Dennis Hughes, jumped in and ran the hashbrown station (along with several other things). At-a-boy Dennis. Thank you.



Emerald Empire Young Marines

Detachment Life Member Craig Myers has some contacts with timber consultants, and will see if he can arrange the use of their Road Brushing Crew to cut the brush back along the road down to the Young Marines Camp. They have the right equipment to make this project much more efficient and thorough.

Seven trees also need to be taken down and removed, so that is the next major project.

Craig Myers reported there was a 100% turn out of those who committed to go fishing. Unfortunately, due to bad weather the fishing part of the trip was cancelled due to very high swells.

There was a Crab Trip of 13 people who went out and picked up crab pots. The participants each received the limit of 12 crab per person.

There was 2 active-duty Marines, and the spouse of 1 of them.



So, all in all a Great Crabbing Trip but an unsuccessful fishing trip. There is always the next one.

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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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)

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
(3rd Sunday of the month)

16 November 2025

21 December 2025