



MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is **18 March 2026.**



Detachment Officers

2026-2027



18 February 2026 Meeting – Nominations took place for:
(Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice-
Commandant; Judge Advocate)

The officer nominations for the year 2026 – 2027 are:

Commandant: Joseph Lamm

Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price

Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde

Judge Advocate Debra Barker

In addition, the following detachment members indicated an interest in serving as:
Matt Scott – Senior Vice Commandant; Christopher Wade – a Vice Commandant
office. Nominations will close at the March meeting with voting to follow. The
officer installation will be at the April meeting.

18 March 2026 Meeting – Additional Nominations & Voting

15 April 2026 Meeting – Installation of Officers

**Step-up and help run the detachment!! If everyone
does a little, a lot gets done!!**



DEPARTMENT OF OREGON

2026 Summer Convention

Hosted by **Marine Corps League George C Leber**

About this event

The Department of Oregon Marine Corps League Summer Convention is being hosted by Lincoln County, George C Leber Detachment #1481, on the weekend of April 24, 2026.

Event #1 ~ Friday, April 24, 2026, 5-7pm

Registration/Hospitality

Attire: Casual

Event #2 ~ Saturday, April 25, 2026, 10am-12pm

2026 Department of Oregon Summer Convention

The Beach Club & Event Center

2020 NE 22nd St

Lincoln City, OR 97367

Uniform of the Day: Red Polo & Cover

Event #3 ~ Saturday, April 25, 2026, Convention Dinner

Hawaiian Theme

5pm - No Host Cocktail Hour

6pm - Color Guard/Welcome/Prayer/Dinner

7pm - Raffle/50-50 Drawing

The Beach Club & Event Center

2020 NE 22nd St

Lincoln City, OR 97367

Attire: Hawaiian, receive a free raffle ticket if your attire represents both the islands and the Marine Corps! Let's see what you got!

Event #4 ~ Sunday, April 26, 2026, 10-12pm

MODD Grand Growl

The Beach Club & Event Center

2020 NE 22nd St

Lincoln City, OR 97367

2026 Summer Convention
Department of Oregon
Marine Corps League
Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Contact Number _____

Detachment _____

Title _____

2026 Summer Convention - Number of Attendees _____ X \$30 per person = _____

Hawaiian Themed Dinner Saturday Night - Number _____ X \$70 per person = _____

Raffle Tickets Saturday Night drawing - 6 tickets for \$5 - Quantity _____ X \$5 = _____

50/50 Tickets Saturday Night Drawing - 6 tickets for \$5 - Quantity _____ X \$5 = _____

22 Trailblazer Rifle w/4x Bushnell Scope Drawing Saturday - Quantity _____ X \$5 _____

Total = _____

Names of Convention Attendees and Titles _____

This form is only needed if you are unable to register on our Zeffy link.
Call Bulldog (951)392-9105, if you would like assistance with online registration

Please mail completed registration form & check to:

MCL #1481
PO Box 605
Lincoln City, OR 97367

**THIS PAPER FORM OF REGISTRATION SHOULD ONLY BE USED IF YOU ARE
UNABLE TO REGISTER ON THE ZEFFY LINK – ON FOLLOWING NEWS PAGE
UNDER EVENT PRICES.**

**2026 Summer Convention
Department of Oregon
Marine Corps League
Itinerary**

**All Events will be at:
The Beach Club & Event Center
2020 NE 22nd St
Lincoln City, OR 97367**

Registration

Friday, April 24, 2026 from 1700 to 1900 hrs

Drinks & Light refreshments provided

Convention

**Saturday, April 25, 2026 @ 0930 hrs Check In
1000 hrs — Start of Meeting**

\$30 per person prior to April 1, 2026, after the price goes to \$35 per person.

Attire - Red Polo & Cover

Hawaiian Themed Dinner

5pm - No Host Cocktail Hour

6pm - Color Guard/Welcome/Prayer/Dinner

7pm - Raffle/50-50/Rifle Drawings

Price is \$70 per person, and will increase to \$75 on April 1, 2026

Attire: Hawaiian, receive a free raffle ticket if your attire represents both the Islands and the Marine Corps! Let's see what you got!

MODD Grand Growl Sunday, April 26, 2026 @ 1000 hrs

NEWS

***2026 Department of Oregon Convention**

Please mark your calendars

April 24, 2026, Check-in at Beach Club 5pm to 7pm open bar up to \$300 paid already and appetizers will be provided

April 25, 2026, Convention 10am to 12pm at Beach Club Dress Attire Covers /Red polos if you have one

April 25, 2026, Dinner at The Beach Club

A Hawaiian buffet will be 6pm to 7pm. The flag ceremony will be provided by the local Boy Scouts. A Gun Raffle and silent auctions as well.

Dress attire will be beach shirts no formal attire

Happy hour

5pm to 6pm

Music provided till 7pm

April 26, 2026, MODD Grand Growl, 10 am to 12pm At Beach Club

2020 NE 22nd St. Lincoln City, OR 97367

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Event Prices

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-summer-convention>

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***Summer Convention Update**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Commandant of Seaside has informed the Dept. Commandant they will not be able to hold the summer convention. It will be held in Lincoln City, OR by the George C. Leber #1481 April 24 to 26 at the Beach Club. Additional information will be posted.

MCL Department of Oregon Summer Convention

Admission 2026 Convention - \$30

Department of Oregon, Marine Corps League, Summer Convention on April 25, 2026. Location of the meeting is the Beach Club and Event Center, 2020 NE 22nd St, Lincoln City OR 97367. Check-in 0930 hrs. Meeting starts at 1000 hrs. Attire - Red Polo & Cover. The price will increase to \$35 on April 1, 2026.

The Islands Dinner - \$70

Saturday night Hawaiian Theme Dinner on April 25, 2026, at the Beach Club & Event Center, located at 2020 NE 22nd St, Lincoln City OR 97367. No Host Cocktail Hour 1700 hrs. Dinner 1800 hrs. Music by Dylan Crawford. Attire - Hawaiian, receive a free raffle ticket if attire represents both the Islands and the Marine Corps! Let's see what you got! The price will increase to \$75 on April 1, 2026.

Saturday Night Raffle - \$5

6 tickets for \$5.00 for the raffle on April 25, 2026, at The Beach Club & Event Center, during the dinner event. Winners need not be present!

Saturday Night 50 – 50 - \$5

6 tickets for \$5.00 for the 50/50 Drawing on April 25, 2026, at The Beach Club & Event Center, during the dinner event. Winner need not be present!

Convention T-Shirt - \$30

2026 MCL Summer Convention Aloha T-Shirt.

Rifle Raffle - \$5

22 Trailblazer rifle with a 4x Bushnell scope. Drawing will be held during the dinner event. Winner must be 18, and able to pass background. Transfer transaction will be handled by Lincoln City Sporting Goods.



Eugene Ems' Baseball Armed Forces Night, 22 May 2026 (Friday)



WHO: The Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League & Marine Corps Reservists & Marine Corps Inspector and Instructor Staff & all Veterans of the United States of America (American Legion & Veterans of Foreign Wars & Vietnam Veterans of America & Disabled Veterans of America & Military Officers Association of America)

WHAT: Attend a baseball game between the Eugene (Ems') Emeralds and the Hillsboro Hops

WHEN: 22 May 2026 (Friday game); Game Start Time: 6:35 PM (as shown on their 2026 schedule)

WHERE: PK Park, 2800 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Eugene, OR 97401

WHY: A night of camaraderie, brotherhood, and social interaction; and have your service recognized (Armed Forces / Military Appreciation Night: Thank a veteran or those currently serving by bringing them to Armed Forces Night. We'll be celebrating all the branches of the military and thanking them for their service).

Promotion: Giveaway Friday: The Ems are honoring those who have served our country with a Patriotic Hat giveaway presented by Kiefer! On Giveaway Friday the first 1,000 fans inside PK Park will receive this item, so get here early and don't miss out! Gates open at 5:30pm. | First 1,000 fans



DETAILS:

1. We have a section of 20 (currently) seats reserved in the name of the Marine Corps League. The block of seats will be on the 1st Base Line in the Levi's Landing area with Picnic (In-Game; all-you-can-eat picnic). Food served from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Each person will receive 2 drink tickets that can be used on soda, water, beer, or wine. (In-Game Picnic: Your group will be allowed into the 1st base picnic area around the same time as first pitch and will enjoy the 90 minute all-you-can-eat buffet throughout the beginning of the game. Your group will then stay in the picnic area for the remainder of the game.)
2. Tickets are \$41.00 per adult. This includes game admission and the picnic meal described above.
3. The Emerald Empire Detachment #917 will purchase the tickets ahead of time. **We need to know ASAP if you are wanting a ticket, in case we need to order more than 20 tickets.** Persons can then purchase the tickets from the league for only \$20.50. This makes it a half-price deal.
4. Parking fee - \$6.00 (Electronic/Card Only – No Cash). Handicap parking is available but limited.



BASEBALL CLUB
- SINCE 1955 -

EMERALDS ALT IDENTITIES:



**JOIN US AT THE
BALLPARK!**



**Emerald Empire Detachment #917
at the Ballpark!**

**May 22nd | 1st Base Picnic | PK Park
First Pitch @ 6:35 | Gates Open @ 5:30pm**

Eugene Emeralds vs. Hillsboro Hops

Join us as for our Armed Forces Night at the Ballpark!

Get there early to receive your Patriotic Cap Giveaway!



EMERALDS BASEBALL.COM



541-DIAL-EMS

PK PARK CLEAR BAG POLICY

Bag Policy - To provide a safer environment for the public and significantly expedite fan entry into stadiums, the Eugene Emeralds have implemented a clear bag policy that limits the size and type of bags that may be brought into PK Park. Exceptions to this policy will be made for diaper and medical bags, but fans will need to have these bags properly inspected.

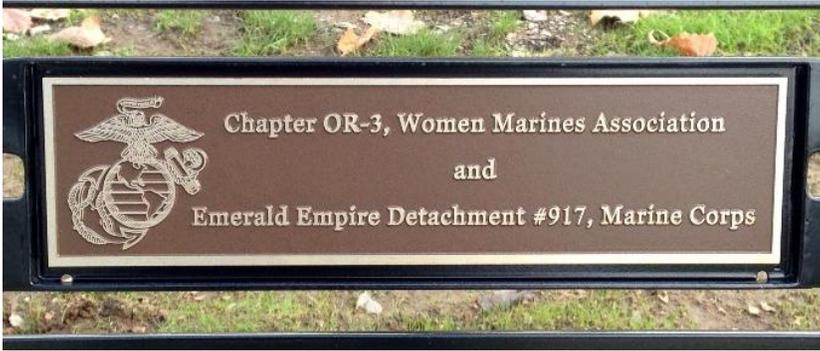
The Emeralds strongly encourage fans to not bring any type of bags, but fans will be able to carry the following style and size bag, package, or container:

- Bags that are clear plastic, vinyl or PCV and do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12"
- No buckles, grommets/hardware, or décor can be concealing any part of the bag
- One-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Ziplock bag or similar)
- Small clutch bags, approximately the size of a hand, with or without handle or strap, may be taken into the venue (can't be larger than 4.5" x 6.5")

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Approved Items:

- Clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC bags that do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12" or one-gallon clear plastic storage bag (one per person)
- Small clutch bags that do not exceed 4.5" x 6.5" (approx. the size of a hand), with or without a handle or strap
- Factory sealed plastic water bottles
- Empty water bottles (please note that water bottles containing liquid will not be allowed)
- Medical liquids
- Baby bottles
- Binoculars (not in cases)
- Blankets
- Cameras for still photography (not in cases)
- Seat cushions

**FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THEIR POLICY WILL RESULT IN YOU HAVING TO
TAKE YOUR BAG BACK TO YOUR CAR – AND YOU DON'T WANT TO BE
SECURING VALUABLES IN YOUR VEHICLE!!!**



(This is an archive photo) Niel Laudati, Assistant City Manager for the City of Springfield, Oregon, is having on-going discussions with Stephen Price for the costs (bench, plaque, and installation). This is for a 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. Continue to: Standby to Standby.

MARCH

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 March – Raymond Chiapuzio **Deceased**
- 3 March – Jay McCarty **Deceased**
- 5 March – Mike Barker **Deceased**
- 16 March – Edward Lagrone **Deceased**
- 16 March – Lois Price
- 17 March – Graham Hilson
- 30 March – Richard Eubank



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



From the Chaplain's Corner



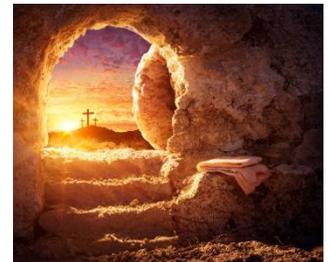
Our church does a potluck supper the first Sunday of each month, with a different “theme” for each month. For March, next Sunday, the theme is “green” food... My first thought was a green salad (duh), which I will probably provide sides of sliced ham, grated cheddar, boiled eggs, etc., for folks to create a chef’s salad. Other thoughts are pistachio pudding, steamed cabbage or asparagus, creamed peas, lime Jello, green beans, even deviled eggs that have been dyed green, lol. A girlfriend just messaged me the cutest boiled egg “flowers” – the stems being green onions, with a base in a thick cucumber slice, topped with an egg, the end of the egg white cut off in a scalloped edge, looking like a white flower with a yellow center. How creative people can be!



March holds many memories for me: 1) I was married on St. Patrick’s Day (it was the Saturday when most of our friends had Spring Break), 2) we adopted our daughter and our 1st Sunday as parents was Easter that year 3) our son was born on the 15th and we brought him home on our 16th anniversary, and, 4) on our 10th anniversary, in Hawaii, we watched the bed race competition, with teams flying in from all over the nation for the St. Patrick’s day parade. Do you have fond memories when you think about the month of March?



This year, Good Friday is in March, on the 29th and is remembered as one of the darkest days in history. But then, it’s always wise to keep in mind that Easter Sunday comes right after, where we celebrate the resurrection.



Much of my walk down memory lane involves times I spent with friends and family, some of them feasting times. This year, why not include others in making more memories to recall fondly in the future? Call a friend or family member you haven’t seen for a while and get together with them for a cup of (green) tea, a walk or a meal. Maybe drive over to the coast and watch the waves crashing over the jetty in Florence or Winchester Bay. The next Marine Corps League meeting is the day after St. Patty’s Day and we are looking forward to some good, St. Patty’s themed, food on the 18th of March! Hope to see you there.

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



PICNIC ANYONE?

Detachment member Chris Wade proposed having a family picnic for the detachment members and their families. Look for future details. Need to get planning ASAP so we are ahead of the game.



Fund-Raising Breakfast Service for Sunday, 18 January 2026



At the 15 February 2026 fund-raising breakfast, we had 28 paid meals at \$10.00 for a total of \$280.00. We also received \$36.00 in tips.

GRAND TOTAL received was: \$316.00.



Paul Grinde is looking into obtaining a Flag Display case similar to the one shown. This would be a memorial for the detachment's deceased members to be displayed in the Moose Lodge. The emblem at top would be a Marine Corps League challenge coin. How to display the names is a work in progress. Most likely hanging name plates from the shelf that supports the case. Stephen Price has permission to make the corner at the entry area into a veteran's corner.

Stand-by for more information.

Visit: <https://www.craftedcasesnc.com/>



CORPSMAN



Kim Lonberg & AJ Lonberg – Kim and AJ will be moving to the Willakenzie area off of Coburg Road, in Eugene. After the move, Kim says she will be back to meetings and events with the detachment.

Greetings

Jay Hall – Jay sends his greetings to everyone, via Matt Scott. Jay is experiencing raising a son at an older age than the average Marine.



Uniform, Clothing, and Other Items for Free to Someone That Can Use Them



Men's Dress Blue Trousers, (Poly/Wool Blend); with NCO Blood Stripes already attached; Size 37 Long, never been hemmed, tag still attached. (Contact Paul Grinde – contact information at end of this newsletter)



(Not actual photo)

POW/MIA, Heavy Nylon Flag; Still in the box; 5-foot X 8-foot size
Contact: Stephen & Lois Price (contact information at end of this newsletter)

(Not actual photo)

Marine Corps League Red Blazer; Size 42 Short
Contact: Nancy Lukasik via Paul Grinde (contact information at end of this newsletter)



Floor mats (pair)

Contact: Paul Grinde (contact information at end of this newsletter)

Emerald Empire Young Marines

From: Casey Bartlett <casey.bartlett78@gmail.com>

Subject: Updates/Planning



Good Evening,

I know a lot of you have been asking for a schedule for the year. Unfortunately, it's difficult to plan too far out when we have limited staff. I wanted to update you all on some events we know we have coming up though.

Brian from the Moose Lodge asked me yesterday if we could do a flag retirement for their flag. He's supposed to leave a flag on our desk. I told him we would try to do it next drill if it was available. If not, at our convenience.

I'm going to try and schedule swim qual the first drill in March. Subject the availability at the pool. They typically don't like the second drill in March as it's usually spring break, but they've made accommodations in the past. I'll update once I know for sure.

Pat, Terry, Lois, & Steve have announced that they will be retiring in April. They have graciously said they will get us through one more encampment! Summer and Eric are bathing having to take a step back due to personal reasons but will be available on a very limited basis. That leaves us with me, Graham, and our brand-new AV, Aliesha Scott. As well as Monique doing our financials. (Monique, we could use you for more if you're available).

So, we will likely shoot for the first drill weekend in April for encampment. That would be the afternoon of the 10th, 11th, and come back early afternoon of the 12th.

I've been in contact with the Navy/Marine Corps. ROTC program at OSU. We are planning a trip up on April 25th (they have a backup date of May 2nd in case something comes up on their end) to do a tour of their facility and get some information on their program. We will break for chow, and then they will have demonstrators run the obstacle course. Afterwards, our YM's will run it. I've invited the other 4 units to join us for this event.

On the morning of May 16th, we will be doing a color guard for the Purple Heart Foundation at the Elks Lodge in Eugene. I made a contact at the Sportsman Show. They were very impressed with our YM's. This is a regional event for them, so there will be multiple groups from their organization, and they said they will raise donations for our unit. They will also give us a chance to speak and advocate for our program.

Our annual rafting trip down the McKenzie is in July. We typically do it on a Friday. Date TBD.

I also met someone at the sportsman show that wants us to come out in August (I believe) to help fin clip steelhead smolts. It would be a really cool and educational community service event.

Just wanted to put these events on your radar. We will need to fill in the drills in between. We need to wrap up recruit training prior to April encampment.

I'd like to squeeze first aid/CPR in there somewhere if possible.

I don't know if we realistically have enough staff to pull off Pearl Harbor or not. Or funding. We have a plan for fundraising, but the rifle for the giveaway still isn't done. We are at the mercy of the builder right now. We also need to purchase new uniforms by April.

Aliesha has experience with grant writing, and I have tasked her with applying for various grants for us. Some are very specific, such as camp improvement, some more related to DDR type things, and others are more generic. We obviously cannot count on these funds, but if any of them come through it would be a big help.

I'm going to ask that ALL of you please spread the word that we are in need of AV's. People who can show up pretty consistently. I need some AV's to fill billeted roles such as XO, Adjutant, and Training Officer.

Lastly, Monique, can you work on our financials please? We are locked out again. We have 3 potential new recruits who've submitted paperwork and I'd like to stay on top of them.

Thanks everyone, I appreciate all of you.

Casey

Senior Vice-Commandant Stephen Price reported there are either moles or gophers wreaking havoc upon the ground at the camp. Lots of pushed up dirt hills all over the area.

Also, there are a whole lot of small twigs that were blown down since his last visit to the camp.

2 more recruits have started their book learning.

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 **NEW** pens are available to detachment members for \$2.00 each pen. This covers the cost of the pens, and the detachment earns about 50 cents per pen toward the next order of pens.

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 the detachment earns about 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

2026 Meeting Dates

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

18 March 2026 (Corned Beef and Cabbage; boiled potatoes, carrots, onions; dinner roll)

15 April 2026 (Pork Chops; mashed potatoes with pork gravy; green salad; dinner roll)

20 May 2026

17 June 2026

15 July 2026

19 August 2026

16 September 2026

21 October 2026

18 November 2026

16 December 2026

2026 Fund-Raising Breakfast

Dates

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

15 March 2026

19 April 2026

17 May 2026

21 June 2026 (Father's Day – Fathers Eat Free)

19 July 2026

16 August 2026

20 September 2026

18 October 2026

15 November 2026

20 December 2026