



JULY 2026 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is **15 July 2026.**



4 July 2026, Saturday

Our Newest Membership Application

Emerald Empire Detachment #917

Anthony James (AJ) Lonberg, served from Jul 2017 – Feb 2019. He started by completing Boot Camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California. Next came Infantry Training, and then he attended Security Forces School, Virginia in the area of Cheasapeake / Norfolk, Virginia. AJ was then assigned to Bremerton, Washington, until his discharge in Feb 2019. AJ suffered a head injury during his time in service. He experiences seizures and is working at getting disability for these seizures. AJ was also an Emerald Empire Young Marine, and is the grandson of Associate Member Kim Lonberg.



Welcome Aboard AJ.

When you see AJ please greet him and introduce yourself.

Department of Oregon Distinguished Service Award, and Emerald Empire Detachment #917 Distinguished Citizen Award; case of Robert (Bob) E. Johnson

On 22 June 2026, Emerald Empire Detachment #917 Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde traveled to the residence of Bob Johnson to make the presentations of the above mentioned awards. Bob was nominated by Paul Grinde for the recognition of all the years of dedicated service Bob has contributed to numerous veteran organizations and projects. For a complete listing see the History Archive page of the Emerald Empire Detachment #917 Website at:

<https://marinecorpsleaguedet917.org/history-archives/>



The reading of the Department of Oregon Distinguished Service Award (with ribbon).



The presentation of the Department of Oregon Distinguished Service Award (with ribbon).



The reading of the Emerald Empire Detachment #917 Distinguished Cizizen Award, and presentation.



Then came the celebration of Bob's 95th Birthday (a few days early as his birthday was 27 June) with a birthday cake. The Emerald Empire Detachment #917 signed a Birthday Card for Bob and it was mailed to him prior to the awards presentation. Bob had the card, envelope and short letter from the Detachment Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde prominently displayed on the coffee table so he could see them.

Bob is a very proud United States Marine Corps Veteran. He has numerous USMC related items displayed inside and outside of his home.



Robert (Bob) E. & Carol Johnson



Bob's service dog, and family dog, Shadow. He is a very good boy.

Emerald Empire Detachment #917

Memorial Flag Case

In Memory of Our Deceased Members



We are awaiting the installation of the display shelf. When the shelf is in place, the above case and the name plate chains will be displayed in the entry of the Moose Lodge with the other military memorials.



JULY **BIRTHDAYS**

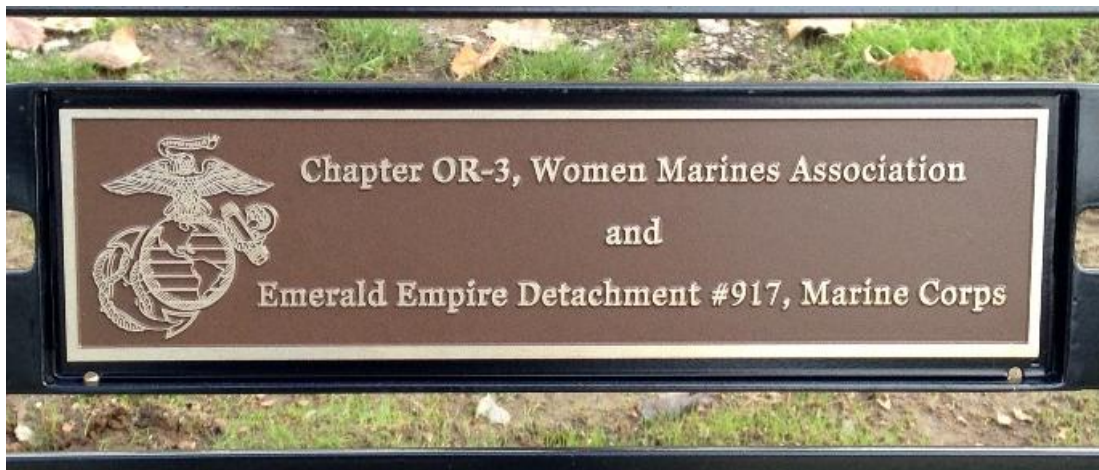
14 July – Ray Miller

26 July – Ronald Cooper, Sr.

Deceased

26 July – Robert McGuigan

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



(This is an archive photo of a bench that the detachment and the WMA collaborated on.)

The process continues.

This new bench will be placed in Memory of our Past Members of the Emerald Empire Detachment's. Continue to: Standby to Standby (government process at work).

Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League POTLUCK PICNIC



WHO: The Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League invites all league members, family/kids, Young Marines, Marines, FMF Corpsmen, and FMF Chaplains.

WHAT: A potluck picnic with the Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League.

WHEN: 15 August 2026 (Saturday); Start Time: 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM.

WHERE: Shelter B, Lively Park (6100 Thurston Road, Springfield, Oregon).

WHY: Camaraderie, brotherhood, and social interaction.

DETAILS: This will be a potluck picnic with the Marine Corps League providing the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, salt/pepper, napkins, cups, utensils, and Chinnet dinner paper plates.

**You only need to bring a Side Dish or Dessert, and
Non-alcoholic drinks for your group.**

Those attending are asked to bring a side dish or a dessert. Bring your own non-alcoholic drinks.

Right now, the number of attendees is unknown.

There is a playground for kids, room to throw Frisbees or play catch, and an indoor pool for any who want to swim (fees to be paid by the individuals).

The two striking pavilions at Lively Park offer electric cook-tops, gas grills, food prep areas, and seating for up to 150 people. Lively Park also features lush green lawns, restrooms, parking, and a large playground, making it popular for celebrations, company picnics, and family gatherings.

IF ATTENDING:

Please let us know – by 15 July 2026 - (contact information shown below):

- (1) How many adults and children in your party.
- (2) If you are bringing a side dish (type), or desert (type); so, we can plan accordingly.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE POTLUCK PICNIC

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POINT OF CONTACT: Emerald Empire Detachment Email: mcldet917@gmail.com,
or Paul Grinde at beavers@epud.net

Detachment Web Site: <https://marinecorpsleaguedet917.org>





Fund-Raising Breakfast Service for Sunday, 21 June 2026 (Father's Day)

At the 21 June 2026 fund-raising breakfast, we served 26 tickets/meals. 13 of those were fathers, so they ate for FREE. 13 at \$10.00 equals \$130.00, plus \$40.00 in tips.

GRAND TOTAL received was: \$170.00.

Not bad for a “holiday” and one half were at “no charge.”

**The July breakfast service will be:
5 July 2026 instead of the 19th of July.**



CORPSMAN

Eddie Mosteller – Lois advised the members that she had talked to Jeanne Mosteller, and that Eddie had fallen (due to very low oxygen levels) and was treated at the hospital. They found fluid around the heart and that issue has been addressed. Eddie is back at home now, but is on oxygen 24 hours a day.



Kim Lonberg & AJ Lonberg – Kim advised, “Well we are still going back-and-forth to Seattle with no change even with the device it’s a little bit better but not too bad. I think I’ve talked Kara into changing her work schedule to get off earlier on the third Wednesday and I have talked AJ into joining the Marine Corps league so I’m hoping we will both be there this month and I’m going to go read the picnic stuff now. It’s just been crazy and stupid around here. miss you all so very much. See you soon.

Kim

AJ submitted his application for membership at the June meeting.

Linda Miller – Linda took a tumble on their ramp while going out to take her sister to a doctor appointment. Linda was transported to the ER and had fourteen stitches in her right arms from hitting the edge of the ramp. She's sore and barely moving but nothing major. They took chest and arm x-rays to check for damage but nothing broken. She did not hit her head.



Chuck Lang – Ray Miller has reported that Chuck seems to be in good spirits, but is using a wheelchair now. Chuck and his daughter are tentatively slated for attending the detachment picnic.

Keep Jeanne & Eddie, Kim & A.J., Linda, and Chuck in your thoughts and prayers.

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



(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)



Emerald Empire Young Marines



The Young Marines helped serve the Trucker's Breakfast which was held at the Moose Lodge the second weekend of the June. Five Young Marines participated.

The camp is still on the list for road clearing. Steve's last visit to the camp found the road is really starting to get grown over. Hopefully

Cascade Timber Consulting, Inc. can get it done before fire season locks them out of the forest.



The Young Marines are still trying to recruit both young participants as well as adult leaders.

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, with detachment website, 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. The new version has the detachment website on the pen also.



HATS

The Black Marine Corps League hats – are still available for \$1.00 each – **WHAT A DEAL**. Hats are available at the monthly meetings. There are **only 2 remaining**. Get yours before they are gone.



DETACHMENT COINS / CHIPS

Available for \$1.50 each. They are available for purchase in-person during the monthly meetings and from the detachment paymaster.



EMERALD EMPIRE DETACHMENT # 917
OFFICERS & CONTACT INFORMATION:

Commandant Joseph Lamm

Senior Vice-Commandant Chris Wade

Junior-Vice Commandant Paul Grinde

Judge Advocate – Debbie Barker

Adjutant Raymond J. Miller

Paymaster Lois J. Price

Chaplain Joy Cavin

Web-Master Paul Grinde

Sgt-at-Arms: Matt Scott

Junior Past-Commandant Dave Huber

To Contact Detachment Officers – use the detachment Email address shown below. Communications will be forwarded to the appropriate detachment officer.

Moose Lodge 1726
2011 Laura Street
Springfield, OR 97477-2100
Phone: (541) 746-3321
3rd Wednesday of the Month

Dinner @ 1800 hours

Meeting Starts @ 1900 hours

Mailing address:

Emerald Empire Detachment #917
PO Box 70455 Springfield, OR 97475

Detachment E-mail Address:

mcldet917@gmail.com

Detachment Facebook Page: [MCL Detachment 917](#)

Detachment Web Site: <https://marinecorpsleaguedet917.org>

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)

15 July 2026 (Hamburgers & Hot Dogs, Chili on the side, Potato Salad (no onion), Watermelon, Chips and Dips)

19 August 2026 (Salad Bar – Self Serve – with fixings, chopped grilled chicken, Corn on the Cob)

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)

NEW DATE FOR JULY – 5 JULY 2026

(The lodge asked if the league could switch with them, so we are now doing the 5th of July and NOT the 19th of July.)

~~19 July 2026~~

16 August 2026

20 September 2026

18 October 2026

15 November 2026

20 December 2026