



AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is **19 August 2026.**

**There was NO QUORUM at the 15 July 2026 meeting, so
no official meeting or business decisions could be
conducted!!!!**

**Instead, informal discussions took place. Hopefully we will be
able to conduct business at the 19 August 2026 meeting.**

**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
Chesapeake / 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.

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.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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

10 August – Matthew Scott

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

31 August – Karen Reeves

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

REMEMBER: IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS DURING THE MONTH OF THE MEETING – AND YOU ATTEND THE DINNER BEFORE THE MEETING - THEN YOUR DINNER IS PAID FOR THROUGH THE DAN STOMBAUGH MEMORIAL DINNER FUND!!!!



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

Seems after all the waiting for the grant seeking process to take place, it was decided that no money would be budgeted by the city for the cost of placing a Memorial Bench in the Veterans Park. Since we were unable to conduct official business at the July meeting, due to a lack of a quorum, discussion did not take place. At the August meeting we hope to discuss funding the project by the detachment alone. This would require raising some funds for this purpose.



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

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, 5 July 2026

**A NEW RECORD FOR TOTAL NUMBER OF MEALS
SERVED AND TOTAL AMOUNT TAKEN IN.**

**Record # Served: 49 (previous record was 47)
Record Total Taken In: \$490.00 + \$60.00 (Tips)
= \$550.00 (previous record was \$399.00)**

This was facilitated by cribbage tournament participants that took part in the breakfast.

We had a great amount of help with Kim & AJ Lonberg, Ray & Linda Miller, Steve & Lois Price, Dave Huber and Dave Jr, Paul Grinde, and Norm Hart all pitching in on the holiday weekend. THANK YOU ALL!!!



It was good to see Norm Hart helping out with the breakfast service. Norm is keeping busy with his work, and his cars. Norm also reported that his cancer number is zero, so Fantastic News.



CORPSMAN



Kim Lonberg & AJ Lonberg – AJ had 2 bad seizures on Wednesday (15 July). They traveled to Seattle on Thursday (16 July) to see the doctor. Kim reports that it is taking AJ longer to recover from the seizures and that his memory loss is increasing.

Keep AJ & Kim in your thoughts and prayers.



From the Chaplain's Corner



Welcome to August, the bridge between summer and autumn. We see schools readying for returning students and students mourning the end of freedom as they return to classrooms on beautiful, sunny days that they could be having SO much adventure, instead!

August, month of picnics (MCL picnic on the 15th!) and camping trips, swimming and water skiing, harvesting of summer gardens and putting up of produce from the same.

It's a great time to gather with family and friends to embrace the sunshine and soak it up for the coming rain and storms.

However, you choose to enjoy August, remember to reach out to those you haven't seen or heard from recently, letting them know they are missed and that we would love to see them again.

As always, if you have a need or know someone else who does, please let us know so the Marine Corps League family can contact them.

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



Emerald Empire Young Marines

The Emerald Empire Young Marines are in dire need of more registered adults and kids for the program. It seems the national program does not have a National Footprint in advertising.

Steve Price has been to the camp twice recently. Once to pickup the riding mower and take it in for servicing to get it running again. The second time was to take Joseph Lamm's riding mower to cut things back and down. Seems Joseph's mower also ended up breaking down.

Steve was going to consult with Craig Myers about getting with the management company to see where the road clearing down to the camp is on their list – to voluntarily clear the roadway. Seems the blackberries are going wild and the road is closing down with overgrowth. The company is doing it at no cost so it is when their schedule accommodates.

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



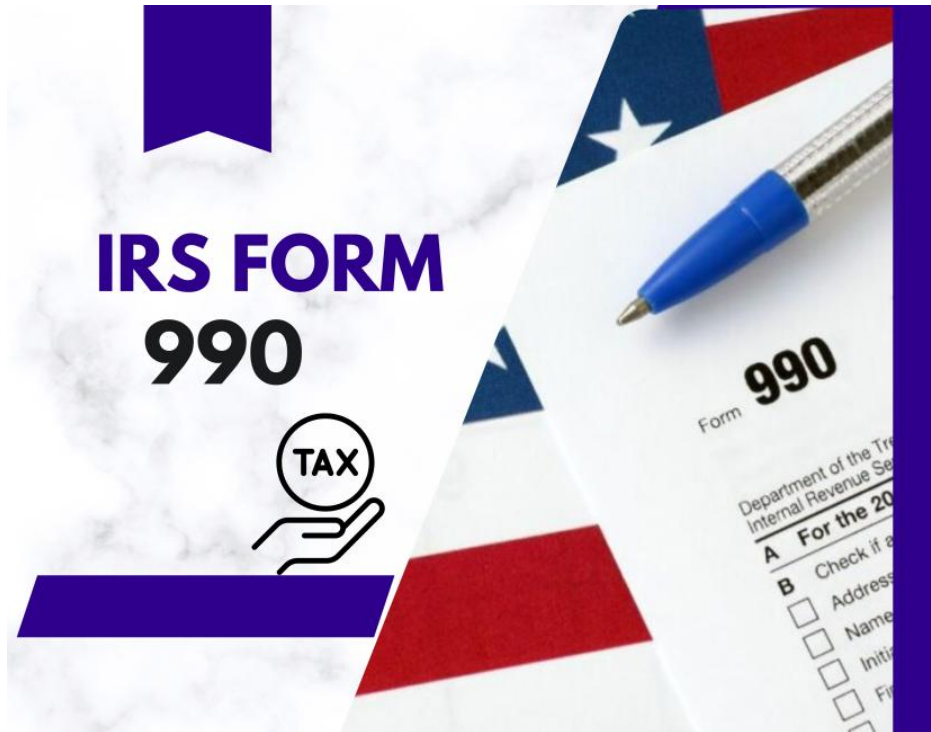
The Black Marine Corps League hats – are still available for \$1.00 each – **WHAT A DEAL**. Hats are available at the monthly meetings. There are **only 2 remaining**. Get yours before they are gone.



DETACHMENT COINS / CHIPS

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





Emerald Empire Detachment #917 has submitted the annual Internal Revenue Service Form 990-N to the IRS. The IRS has accepted it, so we are current for another year. This covers the Tax Year 2025 with an end date of 30 June 2026.

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
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Detachment E-mail Address:

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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)

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

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(3rd Sunday of the month)

16 August 2026

20 September 2026

18 October 2026

15 November 2026

20 December 2026