



SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is **16 September 2026.**

Our Newest Member **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.

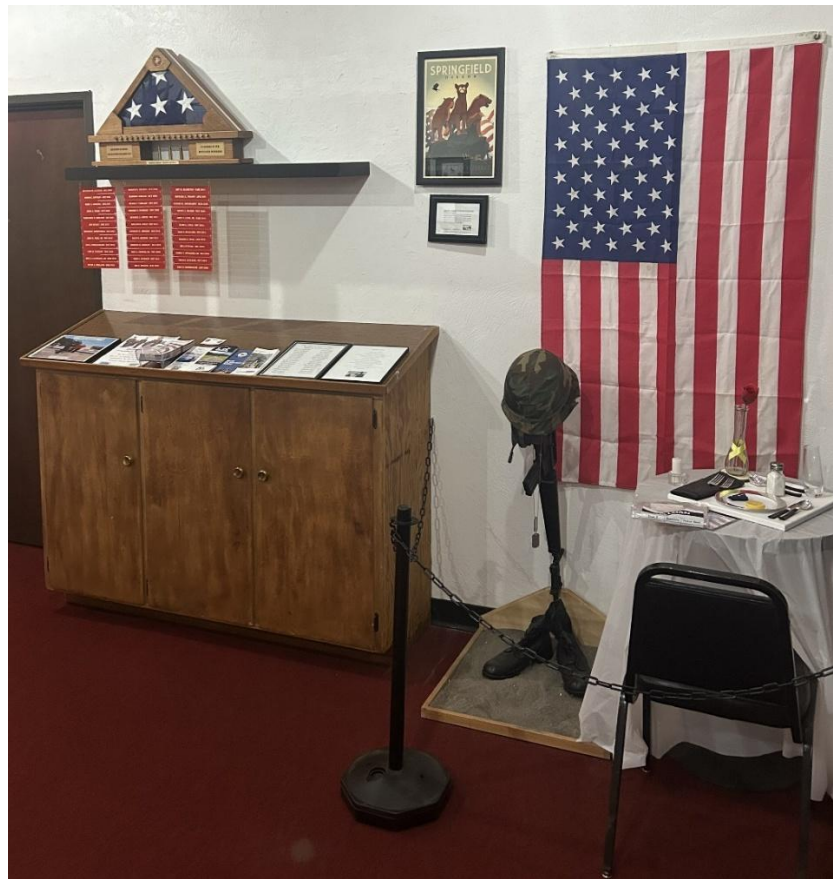
Emerald Empire Detachment #917

Memorial Flag Case

In Memory of Our Deceased Members

Is Now On Display





There may be a slight adjustment, with the name plates moving back to the middle of the shelf (depth).



September BIRTHDAYS

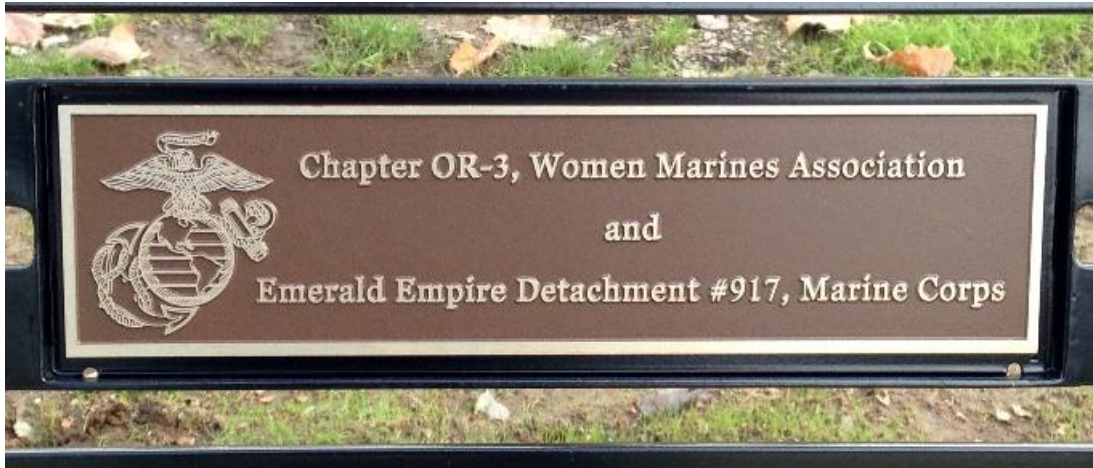
19 September – Roland Field **Deceased**

Please take a moment and remember Roalnd on the “Anniversary-of-the-Day-He-Was-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!!!!

During the Month of August 2026, three (3) members were in attendance and had their dinners paid for by this fund.

Emerald Empire Detachment #917
Memorial Bench for the
Springfield Veterans Memorial Park



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

We will be gathering information regarding the detachment just paying to have the bench purchased, plaque added, and installed.

When the details are gathered there will be information forwarded seeking donations to help cover the cost, along with detachment funds, and perhaps a donation request from the Moose Lodge.

Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League POTLUCK PICNIC





Chef Stephen Price manned the gas grill and prepared the hot dogs and hamburgerss





Top Photo: Chris Wade, Amy Grinde, Melissa Huber, Kathy Kernan & her father Chuck Lang, and Stephanie Wilcox.

Bottom Photo: Stephanie Wilcox, Chuck Lang, Aubrey Wilcox, AJ Lonberg, his daughter Hallie Lonberg, AJ's mom Kara.





Karen Reeves (back), Lois Price partially hidden, Kim Lonberg, Debbie Barker and Dave Huber.





**Top: Stephanie, Kathy, Melissa, Amy, Chris.
Bottom: AJ, Aubrey, Hallie and Dave.**



Top: Karen, Kathy, Chuck, Kim, Lois, Kara.
Bottom: Mellisa, Chris, Amy, Stephanie, Karen, Kathy, Chuck. Partial of Kim. The dogs: Sierra (big black), Abbey (white muzzle) and Pixie.



AJ, Dave, Aubrey, Hallie and Debbie.

There was quite the “spread” of food. Baked beans (2 types), home-made potato salad, mac salad, deviled eggs, cookies, brownies and watermelon.

We did not get any Young Marines, or Reserves/I &I attending.

I wish we could have had more people attend, but maybe next year.

The weather started out cloudy but changed to clear and sunny. And we had lots of space. Playground for kids was close by, and Splash was also available.



Fund-Raising Breakfast Service for Sunday, 16 August 2026

During the 16 August 2026 fund-raising breakfast service we had 24 paid orders, at the new cost of \$12.00, for a total of \$288.00. We also received \$18.00 in tips. This came to a total of \$306.00.

Things started out kind of slow, then the regular 1000 o'clock crowd came in. After that we had a few more small groups.

THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME AND HELPED SERVE BREAKFAST.



CORPSMAN



Kim Lonberg & AJ Lonberg – AJ's seizures have drastically improved. However, they believe he is still having some during his sleep. His memory has taken a hard hit. He is currently having headaches and drooping in his right eye. They will be going back to Washington in October to see if the implant probes are the source of the headaches and eye problem.

Rudy Grein – Rudy will be undergoing knee replacement surgery, left knee, on 24 September 2026. He does not wish to have visitors while in the hospital. He would welcome texts, emails, and phone calls from 1 to 11 October 2026. He will be home by himself during that time frame while his wife is in Boston for work. Contact Paul Grinde to obtain phone and email information if you do not already have it.



Nancy Lukasik – Nancy was in Riverbend Hospital on 25 July 2026 with an infection. Debbie Barker stopped to see her. Nancy had a clot in her left arm that was moving. She also had pain in her left foot which they thought was cellulitis.

Debbie visited her again on the 27th, and she was perkier and very excited about going home.

Nancy was released later that day, and was taken home. She was happy to be out of the hospital, back home, and looking forward to a shower.

Eddie Mosteller – Eddie uses a wheelchair now, and is on oxygen 24/7. Eddie is on Home Hospice for all his care. They are working on getting the VA to put in a ramp. If you want to talk to Eddie please use Jeannie's phone number.



Keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.



From the Chaplain's Corner



“Semper Fidelis” (Always Faithful) — U.S. Marine Corps (since 1883). The most recognized military motto worldwide, shortened to “Semper Fi.”

In thinking about this month, it occurred to me that Semper Fi never gets old... to be “always faithful” has to be one of the most noble statements and it is meaningful on many levels.

This month, as school starts back up and parents are often stressed out, trying to arrange before and after school care for their children, how can we be “always faithful” in our support of our children and their families? Something to think about – even if we can’t step in to meet needs every day, we can always pray for our families, and perhaps help in material or financial ways. Touching base to see if the kids need school supplies, new shoes, or a new, warm coat. Having worked in several schools, we see children all the time who need practical items.

Even if you don’t personally, know a family in need, the schools nearly all have a Family Resource Center whose coordinators are some of the most kind and compassionate people I’ve ever met. You can contact the school nearest you and ask if they need clothing, school supplies, coats, etc. In elementary schools, especially, we see little kids in the office who need a change of underwear and dry pants, after not getting to the restroom in time. A package of underwear is very inexpensive, under \$10, at Walmart.com or BiMart and can make a big difference in a child’s school experience. If you knit or crochet, warm scarves and stocking caps are wonderful when the weather turns cold.

So, think about ways you can live “Semper Fidelis” to those around you, young or old. It’s easy to get caught up in our own lives but we need to take time to look for ways we can express ourselves in kindness to others. Have a wonderful month as we head into autumn, and please let us know if you or anyone you know has a need the Marine Corps League can address.

Semper Fi,

Joy Cavin

Chaplain

Emerald Empire Detachment #917

Marine Corps League

QUILTS OF VALOR

Prior to the August meeting, Stephen & Lois Price received Quilts of Valor.



Jerry Morgan, Cpl, USMC, 3rdMarDiv, Vietnam, reads the certificate of presentation regarding Lois Price's Quilt of Valor



Jerry Morgan, Bobbie Sanford (District Coordinator), Head of the local group Pieceful Posse, and Gary Dulley, Sgt, US Army, Vietnam, uncasing Lois' quilt.



Presentation of the quilt.



Lois wrapped in her Quilt of Valor. Lois Price, Sgt, USMC, 1967-1970. The patch has Lois' military history listed along with her name.



Bobbie Sanford reads the Certificate of Presentation for Stephen Price, SSgt, USMC, 1965-1984.



Gary Dulley and Jerry Morgan uncase the quilt.



The quilt is displayed.



Stephen & Lois Price wrapped in their Quilts of Valor.



Lois pins the 50-Year Anniversary Pin on Stephen.



Stephen pins Lois with the 50-Year Anniversary Pin.

The Anniversary Pins are an extra item that are presented to Vietnam veterans until the pins are gone.

The Quilts of Valor started in 2003, with the 1st quilt being presented at the Walter Reed Medical Center.

For information on Quilts of Valor, and how to nominate a veteran to receive a quilt refer to the card, flyer, and link below:



Quilts = Healing

Request a Quilt of Valor

Visit www.QOVF.org

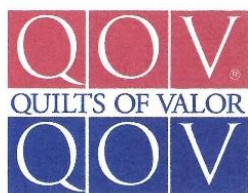
"To cover those touched by war"

B. Sanford District Coordinator 541-520-8913

Quilts of Valor® Foundation



Our Mission: to cover Service Members and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.



"My quilt isn't another military medal to be placed in a box and sit on my shelf. I was moved to tears."

- SSgt RC, US Army, Iraq 2005

"I never expected to have the hurt I have been carrying to be so miraculously softened."

- Vietnam Veteran, US Navy

"It started as a dream..."

Our History

Quilts of Valor Foundation began in 2003 with a dream, literally a dream. Founder Catherine Roberts' son was deployed in Iraq. According to Catherine:

"The dream was as vivid as real life. I saw a young man sitting on the side of his bed in the middle of the night, hunched over. The permeating feeling was one of utter despair. I could see his war demons clustered around, dragging him down into an emotional gutter.

Then, as if viewing a movie, I saw him in the next scene wrapped in a quilt. His whole demeanor changed from one of despair to one of hope and well being. The quilt had made this dramatic change.

The message of my dream: Quilts = Healing."

These quilts are called Quilts of Valor® (QOVs).

The first QOV was awarded in November 2003 at Walter Reed Medical Center to a young soldier from Minnesota who lost his leg in Iraq.



QOVF Founder, Catherine Roberts and Chaplain John Kallerson together ten years later to award Quilts of Valor at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, MD on May 2, 2014.

In 2014, QOVF reached a milestone by awarding 100,000 QOVs to Service Members and Veterans.

Five years later that number was over a quarter-million. Volunteers are working towards 500,000 comforting and healing QOVs awarded for our 20th Anniversary in 2023.

As one volunteer said, "Our QOVs touch the recipients much deeper than we will probably ever know. And if just one quilt that I make touches a Veteran such that it gives him or her the motivation to keep going, it's worth the effort."

...the Journey Continues...



- CS, US Navy, JL, Marine, VA

Quilts = Healing
Join us to provide
comforting and healing
Quilts of Valor



**Over a quarter-million
lives changed since 2003**

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QOVF IN ACTION-JOIN IN!



My Carolina National Sew Day

National Sew Day

On the first Saturday in February, thousands of volunteers across the US come together, either in groups or at home, to sew, quilt and create QOVs.

Under Our Wings*

Under Our Wings is designed to give youth and adult community organizations the opportunity to learn quilting and participate in community service, 4-H, Boy and Girl Scouts, Senior's groups, veterans organizations and more participate.

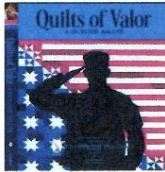


Young lady and scout Veterans.

Generations of Service
A creative, beautiful way to recognize all Military for their service and sacrifice. The online, virtual photo album honors your family, friends or ancestors.

50 State Salute

In 2018 we published our first book containing our history, wartime quilting, representative quilts from each of the 50 states and quilt patterns.



Quilt Business Program
An opportunity for quilting related businesses to partner with QOVF to support making QOVs by engaging customers, expanding publicity and more!

Donate, volunteer or be a supporter of Quilts of Valor.

Nominate Someone for a Quilt of Valor!

Are you a Veteran or Service Member or know one? Nominate them for a Quilt of Valor so we can wrap them in comfort and say, "Thank you; welcome home."
www.QOVF.org/nominations-awards

you can help by...



Donating

Money, time, materials. One Quilt of Valor can cost \$300 to make. Use your phone to donate and design a quilt you would like the raw fabric to be made from.

website a [Willamette Valley Quilts of Valor](http://WillametteValleyQuilts.org)

Group PO BOX 640
Brownsville, OR 97327

Group Donor: *Judy Clay*
State: *541 808 1970*
Undesignated: General Foundation operations

Your donation of any amount is appreciated!

Volunteering

You don't have to sew to volunteer. We can always use extra hands making kits, pressing fabric, awarding Quilts, making tops, quilting and fundraising. Although many members belong to groups who sew together at quilt shops, community rooms, churches and homes all over the United States, you may also sew individually.

Join a Group for \$10

Visit www.QOVF.org/whos-in-my-area and find a local QOV group to join, or join our QOVF LongArmy™ or Block Builder teams. Register online or make a note of your preferred group and contact the group leader to join:

Group name: _____

Contact: _____

Meeting Date and Time: _____

Become an Individual Member for \$40

Join on-line at www.QOVF.org/membership.

Not Online?

If you prefer, please complete the following information, tear off this section and mail your donation of your membership request to Foundation Headquarters. Make checks payable to: Quilts of Valor Foundation.

Please provide the following information for membership:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

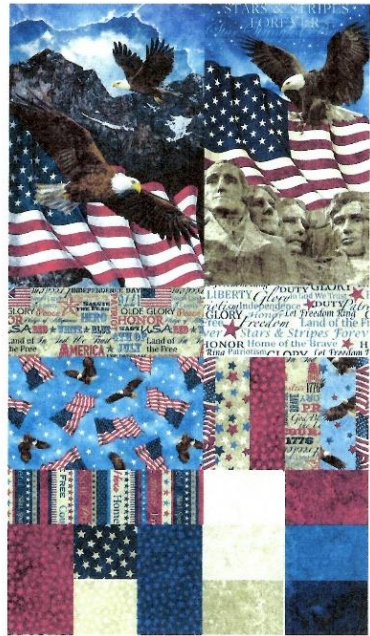
CITY: _____ COUNTY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

STONEHENGE STARS & STRIPES by Linda Ludovico & Deborah Edwards



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Northcott is proud to be an official sponsor, donating a portion of sales from Linda Ludovico and Deborah Edwards' Stonehenge Stars & Stripes collections to Quilts of Valor Foundation.

<https://www.qovf.org/>

Bobbie Sandford received a \$200.00 donation from Bryan Wickman, Administrator, Moose Lodge #1726.





Emerald Empire Young Marines

Still waiting for the road clearing to take place. The water system is producing water, and was overflowing when Stephen Price was up and checked on it recently.

There was a short-lived fire scare, with a small fire in the general area of the camp. It was contained and dealt with by the forest fire personnel.

9/11

25TH ANNIVERSARY

REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 - 2026

WE WILL NEVER FORGET
HONORING THE HEROES.
COMFORTING THE FALLEN.



Hosted by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 293

Event partners:

- American Legion Post 3
- Military Officers Association of America, Emerald Empire Chapter

Date: September 12th, 2026

Time: 0830 (8:30 a.m.)

Location: Memorial Wall, Skinner Butte Park, Eugene

AN INVITATION TO HONOR AND REFLECT

- Remember the victims of the four crash sites
- Honor Blue & Gold Star Families
- Participant reflections & personal testimonies
- Proper respect for this anniversary

THIS EVENT IS NOT LIMITED TO VETERANS. We welcome Law Enforcement, Fire, Medical professionals, Blue/Gold Star Families, Civilians connected to the attack sites, AND the general public.

We have fought to preserve the many freedoms we have as Americans, please keep remarks politically neutral and respectful of the fallen and their families.



RSVP Appreciated

<https://forms.gle/ev648BBmhkB2YtSTA>

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)

16 September 2026 - (Taco Bar)

21 October 2026 – (Bratwurst with bun, sauerkraut (on the side), red potato salad, and chocolate cake)

18 November 2026 – (Turkey with gravy, mashed sweet potatoes, rolls, and pumpkin pie)

16 December 2026 – (Ham with glaze, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, and apple pie with vanilla bean ice cream)

2026 Fund-Raising Breakfast

Dates

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

20 September 2026

18 October 2026

15 November 2026

20 December 2026