







OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is **21 October 2026.**

Live every day to its fullest. We know not the time we have on this earth or in our lives. Life is finite.

Emerald Empire Detachment #917
Marine Corps League
PIZZA FEED



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

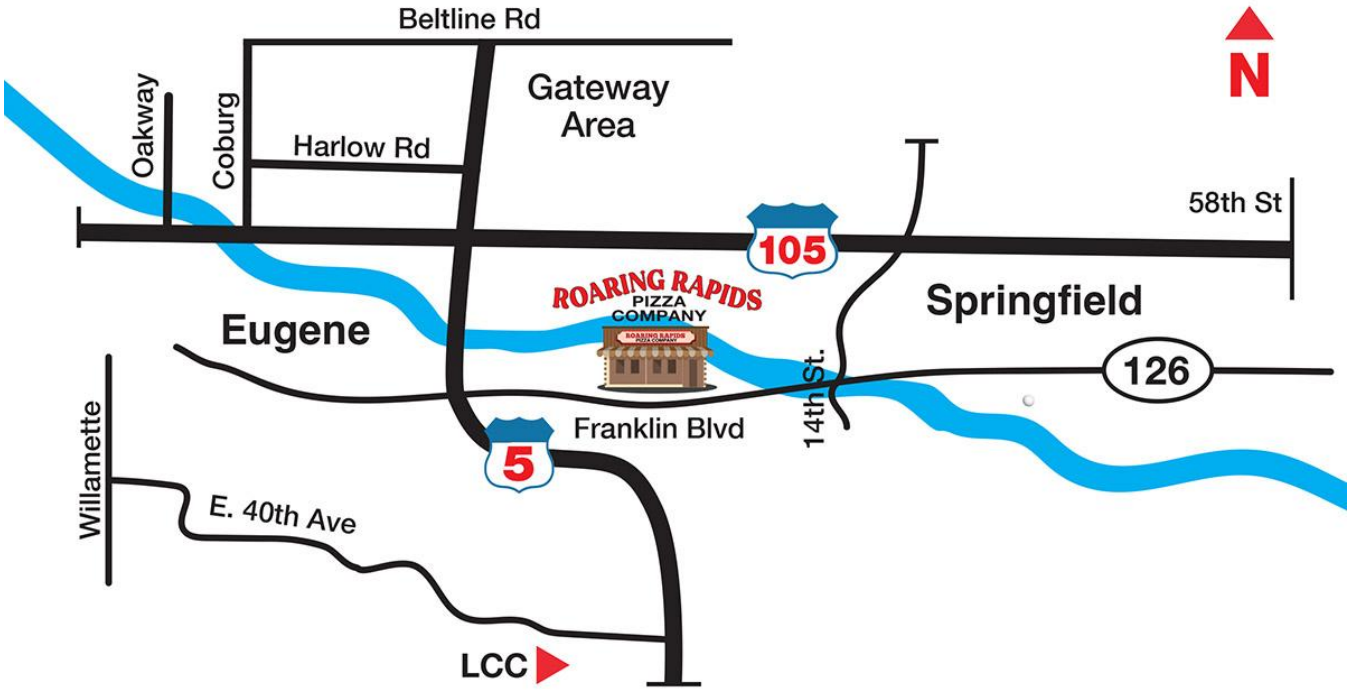
<u>WHAT</u>:
PIZZA FEED

<u>WHEN</u>:
14 October 2026 (Wednesday), 1800 (6 pm) – 2000 (8 pm)

<u>WHERE</u>:
Roaring Rapids Pizza Company, 4006 Franklin Blvd, Eugene, Oregon







<u>WHY</u>: Camaraderie, brotherhood, and family fun coupled with social interaction.

<u>DETAILS</u>: This will be a pizza feed. Pizza will be provided by the Emerald Empire Detachment #917, of the Marine Corps League.

Drinks are the responsibility of each individual / family. Beverages are available from Roaring Rapids Pizza Company. Beverage choices / prices are shown near the bottom of the menu page on their website. A link is provided later in this flyer. All drinks must be obtained from Roaring Rapids Pizza Company.

We have space reserved for this gathering.





There is a carousel for the kids (fees to be paid by the individuals), and an outdoor patio to take in the view of the Willamette River (weather permitting).

IF ATTENDING:

Please let us know – before 14 October 2026 (contact information shown below):

(1) How many adults and/or children will be in your party;

(2) Your choice of pizza from their menu https://roaringrapidspizza.com/menu-best-pizza-delivery/;

(3) Any special diet restrictions we may need to consider.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE PIZZA FEED

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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

Emerald Empire Detachment #917
Memorial Flag Case
In Memory of Our Deceased Members
Is Now On Display



251st USMC Birthday Ball

Tickets are now available for the Ball at Soaring by the Sea. Here is the link: https://www.soaringbythesea.com/events/251st-marine-corps-birthday
Can you get this out to the detachment?

Thanks,
Chris

--
Chris Wade, SHRM-SCP

For more information, please go to https://www.soaringbythesea.com/



Thank you for being part of this mission. Together, we keep history airborne.

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3 October – Russell Smith Deceased

3 October – Paul Grinde

5 October – Chuck Lang

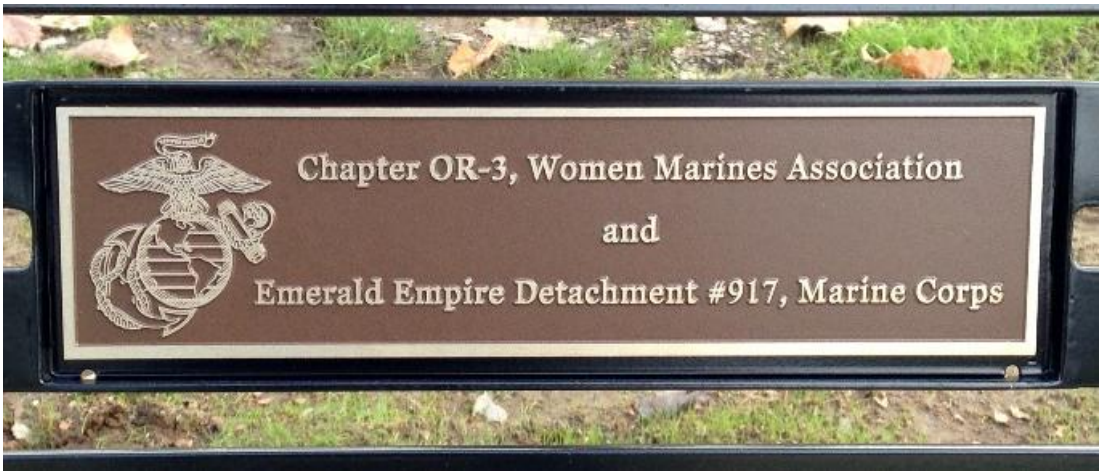
28 October 1939 – David Denton Deceased

28 October – Nancy Lukasik

Please take a moment and remember them all 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!!!!!

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.)

Still pending the receipt of information / cost to do it ourselves.

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.

Previously, it was brought up whether a “long lost” plaque commemorating Springfield Veterans had been incorporated in to the “New” Vietnam Veteran Memorial in the Veteran’s Park, Springfield, Oregon.

Stephen Price reported that this plaque will be out for this year’s Veteran’s Day Celebration.





Fund-Raising Breakfast Service for Sunday, 27 September 2026

During the 27 September 2026 fund-raising breakfast service, we had 16 paid orders, for a total of $192.00. We also received $7.00 in tips. This came to a total of $199.00.

CORPSMAN



Kim Lonberg & AJ Lonberg – AJ will be returning to the University of Washington Hospital during October for evaluation of what may be causing him severe headaches, and a drooping eye. It is suspected that one of the electrodes implanted previously may be pressing on a nerve. His seizures had significantly diminished in frequency and severity until this new problem arose.



Rudy Grein – Rudy underwent knee replacement surgery, left knee, on 24 September 2026.
Following surgery he had to walk the obstacle course (okay the hallway). When he had demonstrated his proficiency, and with the doctor's okay, he was sprung and allowed to return home to continue his recovery and therapy.
I will have to find out where he had surgery, so I don't end up with any of those "duck" colored yellow socks. Ouch my eyes hurt.





Robert Bowker – I spoke with Robert for about an hour on the phone. His back is in terrible shape, but he cannot afford the cost to have repair surgery done. They are also going to be putting their home up for sale, since he cannot do the upkeep work nor can they afford to have someone do the upkeep work.

Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



From the Chaplain's Corner



October, time for festivity, with Octoberfest celebrations, Harvest parties and Halloween events!

Preparation month for the big holidays, like Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Eve. Lots of football (GO Ducks! Oh, and Beavers).

Falling leaves mark the change of seasons and Fall truly arriving. Lots of pumpkin spice in lattes and treats. Cooler temperatures lead to sweaters and raincoats coming out.

Wherever you are and whatever you're doing, have an awesome autumn! Take care of yourself and reach out to others whom you haven't seen recently.

Reach out to the Emerald Empire Marine Corps League if you have a need we can address or if you know others who do.

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

Emerald Empire Young Marines

The Emerald Empire Young Marines conducted a "Color Guard" with their new Digital Camouflage uniforms.

They are also working on going to the Pearl Harbor Anniversary Celebration this year. They are in need of a female registered adult to accompany the group.

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:
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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)

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)

18 October 2026

15 November 2026

20 December 2026