







NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

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

Emerald Empire Detachment #917
Marine Corps League
PIZZA FEED



On 14 October 2026, the detachment members and 11 of the I & I Staff (including spouses), Springfield, Oregon gathered at the Roaring Rapids Pizza Company, for Camaraderie, brotherhood, and family fun coupled with social interaction.

Members & family attending were: Joseph Lamm, Karen Reeves, Chris & Susannah Wade, Paul & Amy Grinde, Ray & Linda Miller, Joy Cavin, Stephen & Lois Price, Craig & Kelli Myers, Kim & Aj & Hallie Lonberg, Debbie Barker & Stephanie & Aubrey, Norm & Fran & Frank Hart.

I & I persons attending were: Captain Gunther (first name), First Sergeant Gabriela Villagomez, 2 staff sergeants, 3 sergeants and 1 lance corporal (and spouses of 3 Marines).

We look forward to assisting them as requested for the upcoming Toys for Tots drive.

This was also a gathering to say good-bye to Debbie, Stephanie and Aubrey as they prepare to relocate to Houston, Texas. Stephanie's employer, Bow Tech, is relocating there. Stephanie and Aubrey are following the company; and Debbie is going with her daughter and granddaughter.




















PRIDE
DEVOTION
LOYALTY
PREPARE TO MARCH











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

Seems the area the shelf was placed used to be a window. When they closed up the window area and made it a wall they did not put any studs in the opening. It was just drywalled over. Stephen Price has places several large toggle bolts into the drywall and should now hold the weight of the display, and the eventual Moose Lodge display which will be on the other end of the shelf.



Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Informal 251st USMC Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony

10 November 2026 (Tuesday)
1800 hours
Moose Lodge, 2011 Laura Street, Springfield, Oregon

No Cost to Attend

Drinks (Alcoholic and non-alcoholic available) are available for purchase.

There will be a Memorial Toast toward the end of the ceremony. This will be of Johnnie Walker Double Black, and is a toast tradition started by SgtMaj Jessie M. Wise, Jr. (USMC Retired), for remembrance of our members who have passed.

There is no cost to those who wish to participate in the toast using the Johnnie Walker. If you wish to not use the Johnnie Walker during the toast please have something ready to drink for this toast.



Program Outline

Welcome

Invocation

General Lejeune's Birthday Message

USMC Commandant Eric Smith's Birthday Message

Oldest & Youngest Marines introduced

Cake Cutting – Cake Presented to Oldest (1st) & Youngest (2nd)

Reading of deceased members name(s) since last birthday ceremony

TAPS

SgtMaj Jessie M. Wise, Jr. Memorial Toast

Anchors Away and Marine's Hymn

Ceremony Conclusion

Cake served to attendees and socializing.

251st USMC Birthday

The 251st USMC Birthday Video Message.

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History of the Marine Corps Birthday Celebration

The U.S. Marine Corps begins preparations for its "birthday party" every summer. Activities become more feverish as the fall hues arrive. By early November, every Marine is either rehearsing his role in the "party" or pressing, polishing, and spit-shining in order to appear at his or her best for the Birthday Ball. This has not always been the case, however. In fact, Marines have not always celebrated their founding on November the 10th.

Formal commemoration of the Marine Corps' birthday began on 10 November 1921. That particular date was chosen because on that day the Second Continental Congress resolved in 1775 to raise two battalions of Continental Marines.

Until 1921, the birthday of the Corps was celebrated on another date. An unidentified newspaper clipping from 1918 refers to the celebration of the 120th birthday of the Marine Corps on 11 July "as usual with no fuss." It is doubtful that there was any real celebration at all. Further inspection of documents and publications prior to 1921 shows no evidence of ceremonies, pageants, or parties. The July date was commemorated between 1798 and 1921 as the birthday of the Corps. During the Revolution, Marines fought on land and sea, but at the close of the Revolution the Marine Corps and the Navy were all but disbanded. On 11 July 1798, President John Adams approved a bill that recreated the Corps, thereby providing the rationale for commemorating this day as the birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps.

On 21 October 1921, Maj Edwin McClellan, Officer-in-Charge, Historical Section, Headquarters Marine Corps, sent a memorandum to Major General Commandant John A. Lejeune, suggesting that the original birthday on 10 November 1775 be declared a Marine Corps holiday to be celebrated throughout the Corps. Maj McClellan further suggested that a dinner be held in Washington, D.C., to commemorate the event. Guests would include prominent men from the Marine Corps, Army, and Navy, and descendants of the Revolution.

Accordingly, on 1 November 1921, Madigan Lejeune issued Marine Corps Order No. 47, Series 1921. The Order summarized the history, mission, and tradition of the Corps, and directed that it be read to every command on 10 November each subsequent year in honor of the birthday of the Marine Corps. This order has been duly carried out.

Some commands expanded the celebration during the next few years. In 1923 at Fort Mifflin, Pennsylvania, the celebration of the Marine Corps' 148th birthday took the form of a dance in the barracks that evening. Marines at the Navy Yard, Norfolk, Virginia, staged a sham battle on the parade ground in commemoration of the birthday. The battle lasted about twenty minutes, and was witnessed by Portsmouth and Norfolk citizens. At Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the birthday was celebrated on the 12th, since a special liberty to Santiago had been arranged on the 10th. The morning activities included field and water sports, and a shooting match. In the afternoon the Marines won a baseball game, 9-8, over a Cuban team. In the evening, members of the command put on a variety show followed by four boxing bouts.

The first so-called "Birthday Ball," such as suggested by Maj McClellan, was probably held in 1925 in Philadelphia. No records have been located of one prior to 1925. Guests included the Secretaries of War and Navy, Major General Commandant Lejeune, famous statesmen, soldiers, and sailors.

The principle event was the unveiling of a tablet on the site of Tun Tavern. The tablet was a gift from the Thomas Roberts Reath Post, American Legion, whose membership was composed exclusively of Marines.

The celebration was held in conjunction with the annual convention of the Marine Corps League. A parade included Marines, Regular Army, and Navy detachments, National Guard, and other military organizations. The evening banquet was held at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel and a ball followed at the Bellevue-Stratford.

It is not possible to determine precisely when the first cake ceremony was held, but there is evidence of a ceremony being held at Quantico, Virginia, in 1935. Also on record was one held at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., in 1937 where Major General Commandant Thomas Holcomb presided at an open house for Marine Corps officers. Ceremonies included the cutting of a huge cake designed after the

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From 1937, observances of the Marine Corps Birthday appeared to develop spontaneously throughout the Corps as if they had a life of their own. The celebrations were publicized through every media. Newsreels, motion pictures, and displays were prepared to summarize the history of the Corps. In 1943, standard blank Marine Corps scrap books were forwarded to all districts to be filled with 168th anniversary clippings, scripts, pictures, programs, and other memorabilia, and returned to Headquarters. Unfortunately, none of these scrapbooks remain in official files.

In 1951, a formal Birthday Ball Pageant was held at Headquarters Marine Corps. Similar to the pageant today, the script described the Marines' period uniforms and the cake ceremony. Although this is the first substantive record of a pageant, *Leatherneck* magazine of 10 November 1925 pictures Marines at a pageant in Salt Lake City, Utah, which had taken place "several years ago."

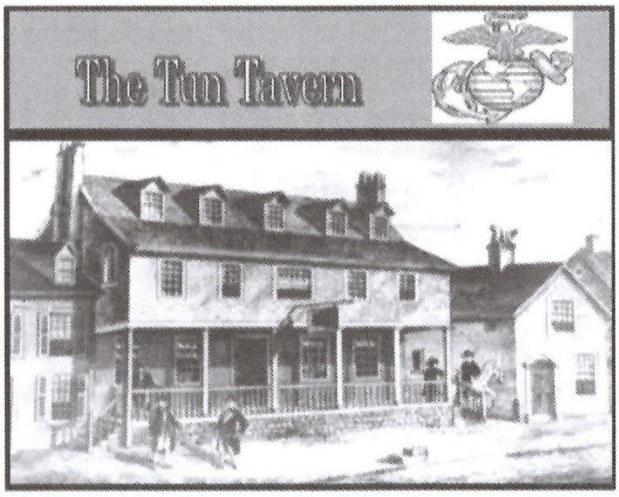
On 28 October 1952, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr., directed that the celebration of the Marine Corps Birthday be formalized throughout the Corps, and provided an outline for the cake ceremony, as well as other formal observances. This outline was included in the Marine Corps Drill Manual, approved 26 January 1956.

Traditionally, the first piece of birthday cake is presented to the oldest Marine present and the second piece to the youngest Marine present. When and where this tradition began remains unknown. Some records indicate this practice, and others vary it depending on the dignitaries present at the ball. First pieces of cake have been presented to newlyweds, the Secretary of the Navy, governors, and others, but generally speaking, the first pieces of cake go to the oldest and youngest Marines at the ball.

At present, celebrations of the Marine Corps Birthday on 10 November differ at posts and stations throughout the Corps. All commemorations include the reading of Marine Corps Order No. 47, and the Commandant's message to those assembled. Most commands sponsor a Birthday Ball of some sort, complete with pageant and cake ceremony as prescribed in the Marine Corps Manual.

Like the Corps itself, the Birthday Ball developed from simple origins to become the polished, professional function that all Marines commemorate on 10 November around the world.

Marine Corps Historical Division



Marine Corps Birthday Celebration Guadalcanal, circa 1942

LtCol W. W. Stickney, the commanding officer, cuts a Thanksgiving cake with a Japanese officer's sword at Guadalcanal, as hungry Leathernecks look on." (Official USMC Photograph)



1921 Marine Corps Birthday Message

The following will be read to the command on the 10th of November, 1921, and hereafter on the 10th of November of every year. Should the order not be received by the 10th of November, 1921, it will be read upon receipt.

Marine Corps Order No. 47 (Series 1921)

Headquarters

U.S. Marine Corps Washington
Date: 1 November 1921



On November 10, 1775, a Corps of Marines was created by a resolution of Continental Congress. Since that date many thousand men have borne the name "Marine". In memory of them it is fitting that we who are Marines should commemorate the birthday of our Corps by calling to mind the glories of its long and illustrious history.

The record of our Corps is one which will bear comparison with that of the most famous military organizations in the world's history. During 90 of the 146 years of its existence the Marine Corps has been in action against the Nation's foes. From the Battle of Trenton to the Argonne, Marines have won foremost honors in war, and in the long eras of tranquility at home, generation after generation of Marines have grown gray in war in both hemispheres and in every corner of the seven seas, that our country and its citizens might enjoy peace and security.

In every battle and skirmish since the birth of our Corps, Marines have acquitted themselves with the greatest distinction, winning new honors on each occasion until the term "Marine" has come to signify all that is highest in military efficiency and soldierly virtue.
This high name of distinction and soldierly repute we who are Marines today have received from those who preceded us in the Corps. With it we have also received from them the eternal spirit which has animated our Corps from generation to generation and has been the distinguishing mark of the Marines in every age. So long as that spirit continues to flourish Marines will be found equal to every emergency in the future as they have been in the past, and the men of our Nation will regard us as worthy successors to the long line of illustrious men who have served as "Soldiers of the Sea" since the founding of the Corps.

John A. Lejeune,
Major General Commandant

The traditional celebration includes a reading of Order 47:

MARINE CORPS ORDERS
No. 47 (Series 1921)
HEADQUARTERS U.S. MARINE CORPS
Washington, November 1, 1921

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JOHN A. LEJEUNE,
Major General
Commandant
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10 November 2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

For 251 years, the United States Marine Corps has been our Nation's premier expeditionary force in readiness. Born from the sea and forged in the fires of conflict, Marines have fought, and won, in battles all over the world. From our first amphibious landing 250 years ago at Nassau to the volcanic sands of Iwo Jima, and from the bold invasion of Inchon to the mountains of Afghanistan, we have always marched forward with rifles in hand. The Marines who came before us paved our legacy in sweat and blood. They built a foundation of excellence and proved time and again that Marines remain ready to answer the call.

As we reflect on our proud and illustrious history and commemorate the founding of our Corps, we must take inspiration for the future. We are marching forward, as we always have, to fight and win our Nation's battles in every clime and place. We're preparing every day by innovating and evolving. Through our ingenuity, ruthless adherence to standards, and sheer grit, we continue to demonstrate the unmatched lethality of our expeditionary naval forces.

Today, the operational demand for Marines is high. At this very hour, 40,000 Marines are forward deployed and stationed around the world to secure liberty and to strike when our adversaries test our resolve. Just as always, Marines are ready to go wherever the Nation needs us, whenever it needs us.

Sergeant Major Ruiz and I could not be prouder of your dedication to upholding our legacy as America's *Soldiers of the Sea*. This is who we are, and we are up to the challenge. We are honored to stand beside you as we prepare for the fights ahead. Happy 251st Birthday, Marines!

Semper Fidelis,

Eric M Smith

General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps

THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Congressionally Chartered in 1937 as a Veteran Service Organization

2026 Birthday Message from the National Commandant of the Marine Corps League

Members of the Marine Corps League,

Welcome to our 251st birthday of the United States Marine Corps. Since 1775 we have been successfully recruiting Marines. It all goes back to our roots at Tun Tavern! We look forward to the day in the not-too-distant future when we will be able to charge our glasses in The Tun yet again. In the meantime, we settle for photos in front of a marker beside a street in Philadelphia until the successful efforts of the foundation working to build the new facility are completed.

This year has special meaning as we celebrate the 250th birthday of our great Nation. Around the same time that we began marking the anniversary of the birth of our Corps with cake cutting ceremonies and birthday balls just over 100 years ago; across the Potomac River from our nation's capital Marine veterans of Belleau Wood, gathered with other Veterans of World War I to demand an accounting for the benefits that they were promised would be waiting for them upon their return from winning the war in Europe. Major General Smedley Butler gave an impassioned speech to those assembled at the encampment in 1932, and not long after that the Marine Corps League was born. We continue as a League to *serve* one another and petition for our earned benefits to this day.

In 2026 we started placing a greater focus on the "S" in Veteran *Service* Organization. Meanwhile, as we maintain our focus on the camaraderie and our traditions that are so richly observed as Marines; we also continue supporting youth via Scholarships, Scouting, Toys for Tots, Young Marines, and Youth Physical Fitness, as they ARE the future of our Nation, our Corps, and ultimately our League. We continue to be a force multiplier for funeral honors with resolute Honor Guards across the nation, while also focusing on Veteran *Service* Officers (VSO's) and Legislative Affairs. Unit cohesion in your detachment and actively demonstrating that your members belong and are greatly valued is a real key to growth as we all work at building a better mouse trap to recruit & retain members.

Finally, in this month especially, wherever and whenever you celebrate the birth of our beloved Corps, raise a glass for our brothers and sisters regardless of generation, for we are all Marines. "Old Breed? New Breed? There's not a damn bit of difference so long as it's the Marine breed." ----- Lt Gen Chesty Puller.

Happy Birthday Marines.

Semper Fidelis,



Russ Miller
National Commandant/CEO
Marine Corps League

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.

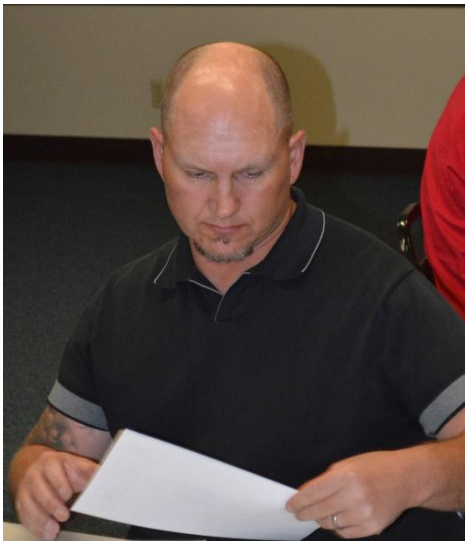
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Taggart Hecker has completed his application for membership in the Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League. We look forward to voting on his application in the near future at a meeting.

Taggart has served as a Tow Gunner (0352), Tanker, and Marksmanship instructor. He served from 1993 – 1999 with 1st Bn 4th Marines, 3rd Bn 1st Marines, Headquarters and 4th Tanks.

Taggart visited our group back in about 2016. He also runs his own pest company, Fidelis Pest Control, LLC.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11 November 1914 – Donald Brownrigg Deceased

Please take a moment and remember Donald (our China Marine) 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!!!!!



Member Craig Myers reported that he had a meeting with the Staff Sergeant and Sergeant running Toys for Tots this year.
They are looking for more community sponsors in the community. They currently have KEZI, Bi-Mart, Bicoastal, and RV Corral (fill a toy hauler).
On Dec 4th, the U of O hockey game will also have a toy collection event during the game.
Distribution will still be under the new version, where local non-profits, schools, and some fire departments will conduct toy distributions.

There is an Event Tracker (Excel program) available that I have previously emailed to all members. If you are in need of another copy let me know and I will email another copy (can't get it to fit in this newsletter).
The following 4 Toys for Tots posters are for printing and posting. So, if you have a prime location, copy the poster, print it, and post it.

During our Pizza Feed, the I & I staff attended, and it sounds like they are very interested in assistance from our detachment.


TOYS FOR TOTS
LANE COUNTY OREGON
Bringing Hope, JOY & SMILES
TO CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY
SCAN HERE
DONATE TODAY!
VISIT OUR HOMEPAGE FOR MORE INFO!
DONATE TOYS
SUPPORT FAMILIES
SPREAD JOY
BUILD A BRIGHTER TOMORROW
TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE THE HOLIDAYS BRIGHTER!
LANE COUNTY TOYS FOR TOTS
Collecting new, unwrapped toys for children ages 1–12 in Lane County. Help us bring joy to local families this holiday season!
Lane County Toys for Tots
@LaneToysforTots
www.website.com


TOYS FOR TOTS
Lane County
SAME COMMUNITY.
BRIGHTER TOMORROWS.
YOUR MONETARY DONATION HELPS
PROVIDE TOYS FOR CHILDREN
AGES 1–12 IN LANE COUNTY.
SCAN HERE
TO DONATE
BUYS TOYS
FOR CHILDREN
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SUPPORTS
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TOGETHER WE MAKE A BRIGHTER TOMORROW.
LANE COUNTY TOYS FOR TOTS


TOYS FOR TOTS
Lane County
COMMUNITY.
KIDS.
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USMC
SCAN HERE
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TOYS FOR TOTS
Lane County
YOUR MONETARY DONATION HELPS
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UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
TOYS FOR TOTS
Lane County
SAME COMMUNITY. BRIGHTER TOMORROWS.
COLLECT DONATE CHANGE LIVES.
SCAN HERE TO DONATE
YOUR MONETARY DONATION HELPS PROVIDE TOYS FOR CHILDREN AGES 1–12 IN LANE COUNTY.
BUYS TOYS FOR CHILDREN AGES 1–12
SUPPORTS LOCAL FAMILIES IN LANE COUNTY
CREATES BRIGHTER TOMORROWS
BRINGS HOPE, JOY, AND OPPORTUNITY



The monument was damaged. The legacy endures.

On October 21, 2026, the historic Iwo Jima monument outside of Marine Corps Base Quantico's Main Gate in Virginia was severely damaged in an act of vandalism.

The limestone sculpture, created by renowned artist Felix de Weldon, depicts one of the most recognizable moments in American military history: the raising of the American flag atop Mount Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima on February 23, 1945.

For generations, this monument has stood as a tribute to the courage, sacrifice, and enduring legacy of the United States Marine Corps.

Now, it needs our help.

Help Restore a Piece of Marine Corps History

The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation is launching a fundraising effort to support the restoration of this historic memorial.

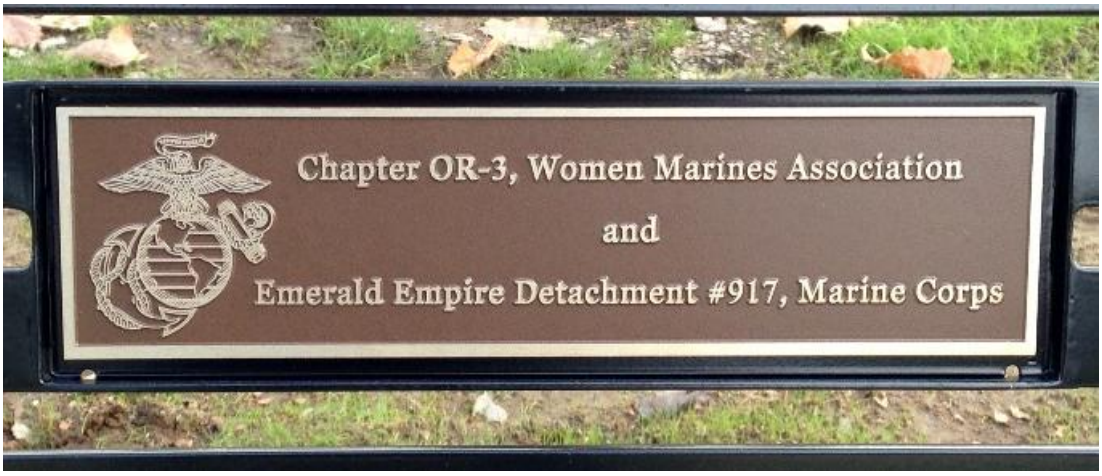
The damage is extensive. One of the monument's figures has lost its head, and additional portions of the sculpture have sustained significant damage.

While the full scope of restoration work is still being assessed, our commitment to preserving this important piece of Marine Corps heritage remains steadfast.

We invite all Marines, veterans, families, and Americans across the country to join us in supporting its restoration.

https://www.marineheritage.org/restore-iwo-jima?emci=227392d8-d9c7-f111-bf5b-000d3a4fbe83&emdi=4dc63636-6ad4-f111-bf5b-000d3a54442e&ceid=13040070

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 into 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, 18 October 2026

During the 18 October 2026 fund-raising breakfast service, we had 19 paid orders (18 @ $12.00, and 1 @ $13.00), for a total of $229.00. We also received $28.00 in tips. This came to a total of $257.00.

We were a little shorthanded, but Norm Hart took on making the pancakes, cooking, and assorted other tasks. Paul Grinde finally figured out the toasting machine and his usual supernumerary tasks. Stephen Price covered the majority of the cooking responsibleness, and Lois the order taking, coffee, and other duties. Ray Miller commanded the scullery and Linda covered set up, coffee and other duties.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THAT MADE THIS A SUCCESSFUL EFFORT. Not a great number of orders but happy customers.



74TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

(also known as Oregon's "**Oldest and Coldest**" Parade)

The parade will be held in rain or shine. Dress WARMLY & DRY and prepare for any kind of weather. Bring extra blankets or warm clothing, especially for children.

Information available at: https://www.oregonriderssociety.org/event-details/springfield-christmas-parade-2

Application at: https://www.oregonriderssociety.org/springfield-application
(Control click to see information and full application)

Float Preparation:

Date: 4 Dec 2026 (Friday)
Time: 3 PM-5/6 PM
Location: My-Comm, 1860 N. 42nd Street, Springfield, Oregon

Parade:

Theme: Miracle
Date: 5 Dec 2026 (1st Saturday in December)
Staging time: 9:30 AM (0930 hours)

Staging Location: Entrance into the parade entry staging area is only through the Olympic and 28th checkpoint. (FOR FLOATS) You will not be permitted to enter any other point of the parade route.

Do not drop off participants or non-participating vehicles through this point. Please communicate this to anyone who is operating a vehicle and will be in need of accessing any of the staging area.

Participants will need to park, and walk to the float; or catch a ride on the float from My-Comm to staging (prior to 9:30AM – will vary depending on our staging number). ENTRY NUMBER will be disseminated at Float Prep & Email. This will help in finding the float location.

Parade Staging Area (control click to see map)

Time: 1 PM PROMPT Start Time – 3 PM (approx.) End Time

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, OR CHANGES MAY RESULT IN ADDITIONAL EMAILS BEING FORWARDED OUT.

CORPSMAN



Kim Lonberg – Kim's granddaughter had surgery for tumors on her pituitary gland. Kim has a lot on her plate with taking care of AJ and now her granddaughter having brain surgery.



Rudy Grein – Rudy underwent knee replacement surgery, left knee on 24 September 2026.
He is convalescing at home, and working on trips around the neighborhood to keep things functioning.

Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



From the Chaplain's Corner



November - so much packed into this month:

Mid-term elections, 251st Birthday of the Marine Corps, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, Black Friday. My focus is on being thankful for all the ways we are blessed. So many people in this world don't have shelter, adequate food, clothing, even clean water. Things we often take for granted in our great country.

My hope and prayer is that we can all recognize and be thankful for the ways we are blessed, and be mindful of the needs of others, doing what we can to address those needs. Maybe knit or crochet warm caps or scarves, donate used clothing to the mission, or even give funds where we are able, to causes we know are managed well.

Take a minute each day to give thanks for 3 things you are grateful for, and take another minute to pray for those who don't have those advantages. As always, let the Marine Corps League know if you or anyone you know has a need, we might be able to address.

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

Emerald Empire Young Marines

They now have 2 more female registered adults, but are now down to only 6 Young Marines on the books.

The Young Marines will be performing the Colors at the Soaring by the Sea Foundation 251st Marine Corps Birthday Ball on 7 November 2026.

The Young Marines camp water is now off for the winter, and the grass has been mowed down by the open range cattle.

There still needs to be a major cleanup repair of the damage done by the thieves early this year.



New Born Care Package

During the Pizza Feed we became aware that an I & I Sergeant and his wife are expecting their 1st child around 12-14 December 2026.
So, start thinking about what items we need to include and be ready to discuss and make decisions at the 18 November 2026 meeting.
Expecting dad (left photo), and mom (middle of right photo). I don't have a good one of her.





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
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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

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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 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)

2027 Meeting Dates

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(3rd Wednesday of the month)

20 January 2027

17 February 2027

17 March 2027

21 April 2027

19 May 2027

16 June 2027

21 July 2027

18 August 2027

15 September 2027

20 October 2027

17 November 2027

15 December 2027

2026 Fund-Raising Breakfast Dates

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