



AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is set for: **16 August 2023**

**REMINDER – ALL ANNUAL DUES EXPIRE
ON THE 1ST OF SEPTEMBER OF THE
EXPIRATION YEAR.**

from the desk of the Paymaster.....

Notice to annual dues payers:

In accordance with National Headquarters rules, if an annual dues payer lapses past one year from the expiration date of the membership they will be dropped from the detachment's roster.

At this point there are two options, (1) the member can be re-installed by paying all back dues to include the current year; or (2) re-apply as a new member by completing a new application for membership.

If option number two is chosen, all previous membership service is eliminated and service time in the Marine Corps League begins anew.

Therefore, it behooves annual dues payers to keep their membership current. National Headquarters no longer places membership expiration dates on detachment rosters making it easy for a member to slip through the cracks.

The Detachment Adjutant has provided the Detachment Junior Vice-Commandant with a listing of Annual Dues Payers. If you have any question as to when your dues are coming up for Renewal, please feel free to contact him (contact information shown under Detachment Officers at end of Newsletter).

NEWEST LIFE MEMBER

Emerald Empire Detachment #917

Marine Corps League



At the July meeting, Paul Grinde was presented with his Marine Corps League LIFE MEMBER Pin, and LIFE MEMBER Card.

The presentation was conducted by Emerald Empire Detachment #917 Commandant Dave Huber.

Paul first joined the Marine Corps League / Emerald Empire Detachment #917 back in 2010.

CORPSMAN



Ray Miller – Ray is continuing to show improvement. There is still more to be done.



Norman Hart – Norman had completed over one-half of his radiation treatments by the July meeting. By the August breakfast / meeting he should have them completed. Norman said he was feeling fine and was not having any side effects of his treatments.



Joseph Lamm – Joseph should be nearing the end of his infusion treatments. Treatments occur at Oregon Health Sciences University, so a protracted process for each treatment.



Jim Pilling – Jim wrote, “Done with chemo treatments. August 3, I have a test to see if the cancer tumors are gone! 🙏 🙏 post-polio syndrome is causing my legs to be weak. Getting around with a cane but not doing any marathons. Thanks for checking. Hope to be at August meeting! 🙏 Appreciate checking!,” and “Appreciate the contact. Stay safe and be healthy!!.”

Please keep Jim, Norman, Ray, and Joseph in your thoughts and prayers as they “do battle” with life’s major medical concerns.

Doc Turner's Pilgrimage - 巡礼 Junrei



Dave (Doc) Turner completed a 500 Mile Walking Pilgrimage of over 40 Temples in Japan. This was done in remembrance of his late wife Teruko Yamada Turner who passed away August 26, 2020 just short of her 75th birthday. Dave also was able to reconnect with some of Teruko's family in Japan.

Dave completed his undergraduate and Master's Degrees in Japan, so he was quite capable of speaking Japanese to arrange accommodations as he made his trek.

Dave's presence at the July meeting also garnered him a win of the 50/50 raffle, winning \$18.00.





From the Chaplain's Corner



I cannot believe it is AUGUST already! And that it is almost Autumn... although I must confess, I am looking forward to cooler weather, hunting season and prepping for the holidays (yes, I “went there”).



Summer, while hot, has been fun for me, as it is the first time in years, I have been able to really “garden” and I am enjoying it to the max! Zucchini are starting to come on strong, my Oregon Giant green beans are spectacular and almost need to be picked every day. I get a few tomatoes each day now and my berries are still going strong. Beyond needing to water every other day, all in all, it is great!

Whether you are enjoying the great outdoors camping, swimming, or hitting the beautiful Oregon coast, enjoy your time and stay safe. When it is really hot (to me, 85F or above) reach out and check on friends who do not have central A/C. If it gets too hot in *my* living area, Gunny and I go hang out in my bedroom until it cools down a bit – or we go for a drive in the air-conditioned car, lol.



Whatever you do, if you hear of anyone in need of assistance or prayer, please do not hesitate to let me know. We need to take care of one another.

Semper Fi,
Joy Cavin, Chaplain (54) 554-7982
Emerald Empire Detachment #917
Marine Corps League





AUGUST 2023 BIRTHDAYS

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

10 August – Emily “Dea” Cutting **Deceased**

18 August – Thadd Pooler

21 August – Joy Cavin

27 August – Dave Huber

Please take a moment to remember each of them on the Anniversary of the day they were born.



Fund-Raising Breakfast
Service for Sunday,
16 July 2023



The breakfast service for 16 July 2023 brought in \$345.00. We also received \$37.00 in tips, for a Grand Total of \$382.00.

August has arrived and we should be back to normal staffing; however, we greatly appreciate seeing and having the assistance of each member that is able to participate.



Dan Stombaugh with his new Eagle, Globe, and Anchor glass case. A gift from his son to commemorate Dan's birthday.

United States Marine Corps

History for the Month of August

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Tinian Declared Secure

On August 1, 1944, Major General Harry Schmidt, commander of V Amphibious Corps, declared the island of Tinian secure. This declaration came after nine days of fighting Japanese forces that were occupying the island.

The combination of surprise, heavy preassault bombardment, and effective logistical support resulted in significantly fewer casualties (344 killed and 1550 wounded) than were experienced in previous

landings during the Corps' Pacific Campaign. As a result, the assault on Tinian was coined "the perfect amphibious operation of World War II."



Black Sheep Squadron Begins Marine Aviation Involvement in Korean War

On August 3, 1950, eight Corsair fighter planes launched from the USS Sicily and carried out the first Marine aviation mission in the Korean War. The raid targeted enemy installations with incendiary bombs, rockets, and strafing runs near Inchon, Korea. The Corsairs

were with VMF-214, more famously known as the "Black Sheep" squadron of World War II.

U.S. Troops and Aircraft Sent to Saudi Arabia

On August 7, 1990, President George H.W. Bush ordered U.S. military troops and aircraft to Saudi Arabia as part of a multinational force to defend that nation against possible Iraqi invasion. The following week, the Marine Corps announced that it had committed 45,000 Marines to the Persian Gulf area as a part of Operation Desert Shield, which would become the largest deployment of U.S. forces since the Vietnam War.



Henderson Field Secured

On August 9, 1942, the 1st Engineer Battalion began work on an airstrip taken from Japanese forces on the island of Guadalcanal.

The work was done with captured Japanese equipment and three days later, on August 12, the first American airplane, a Navy PB4Y, landed on what by then was known as "Henderson Field" to evacuate two wounded Marines.

Over the next few months, as U.S. Marines fought to take control of the island, Henderson Field would be the staging area for the evacuation of almost 3,000 wounded Marines.



Marine Raiders Strike Makin Island

On August 17, 1942, the 2nd Marine Raider Battalion under Lieutenant Colonel Evans F. Carlson landed on Makin Island.

The Raiders, who were launched from the submarines *Nautilus* and *Argonaut*, destroyed a seaplane base, two radio stations, and a supply warehouse, in addition to killing approximately 100 Japanese soldiers before leaving the island the following day.





PFC James Anderson Jr. Awarded Medal of Honor

On August 21, 1968, Secretary of the Navy Paul R. Ignatius posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor to Private First Class James Anderson Jr. for heroism in Vietnam, the first time an African-American Marine received this medal (and one of only five African-American Marines to ever be awarded this medal).

The award was received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, Sr., at Marine Barracks 8th & I, in Washington D.C. This event was also notable in that it indicated the Marine Corps was evolving and that some of the long-standing prejudices within the Corps (namely those against minority Marines) were being eroded.



Marines Return Home from Lebanon

On August 23, 1984, the last Marines to serve on peace-keeping duty in Lebanon arrived back in America. The 24th Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU) arrived off the coast of Lebanon on 9 April to relieve Marines of the 22nd MAU, who were guarding the U.S. Embassy in Beirut. The 24th MAU left Beirut on 31 July, marking the end of U.S. combat troops in Beirut for the

first time since Marines had entered the city almost two years earlier.



Battle of Bladensburg

On August 24, 1814, Captain Samuel Miller led a detachment from Marine Barracks, Washington, in the Battle of Bladensburg in defense of the nation's capital.

After fighting back three British charges, Captain Miller was wounded as British forces began to flank the Marines, forcing the Marines to retire to avoid capture. Eight Marines were killed and 14 were wounded.

COMING SOON

250TH UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
BIRTHDAY CAKE CUTTING

Information will be published as soon as it becomes available.

!!!!!!! Emerald Empire Detachment #917,
Marine Corps League, Tracking of
Community Service Hours !!!!!!!

The next form should be completed and turned in by
the 18 October 2023 monthly meeting. This form will be
for the July, August, and September months.

Marine Corps League “Mission Statement”

Former Detachment Commandant Dave Huber has tasked the Senior Vice-Commandant with reading the Marine Corps League Mission Statement at each meeting so that we all are reminded on a regular basis what the “mission” of the Marine Corps League is, and what we should be striving for.

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, FMF Corpsmen and former Marines and FMF Corpsmen 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.

Emerald Empire Detachment #917 Advertising Pens



The pens are available to detachment members for \$1.00 each pen. This covers the cost of the pens and earns the detachment approximately 23 cents per pen.

The pens are for handing out to Marines, Corpsmen, Chaplains, and persons we want to try and recruit for membership.



HATS & VISORS

Eagle, globe, anchor & “Semper Fi” White Sun visors and Black Marine Corps League hats - **\$1.00 each** – **What a Deal.** Hats/Visors are now available at the monthly meetings.



DETACHMENT COINS / CHIPS

Available for \$1.50 each which off-sets the cost of buying them and earns the detachment 45 cents on each one purchased. They are available for purchase in-person during the monthly meetings and from the detachment paymaster.



You can carry one on you as your representation of the detachment when “challenged.” You can also give them out to Marines, FMF Corpsmen, FMF Chaplains, and persons who may want to be associate members as recruiting tools; or as gifts to family, friends, and acquaintances who are veterans themselves.

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Meeting Starts @ 1900 hours

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2023 Meeting Dates

ALL WEDNESDAYS

16 August 2023 (Baked Potato Bar)

20 September 2023 (Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, corn on the cob, dinner roll)

18 October 2023

15 November 2023

20 December 2023

2023 Fund Raising Breakfast Dates

ALL SUNDAYS

The price is now \$8.00 for breakfast.

20 August 2023

17 September 2023

15 October 2023

19 November 2023

17 December 2023