

SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is set for: **20 September 2023**

Lest we forget!



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Forwarded from Detachment Life Member Rudy Grein.

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

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).

Also,

If you have moved, changed phone numbers, email address, or any other contact information, please send us updates. You can use the detachment email address, or send it to the Junior Vice-Commandant's email shown on the detachment officers page of this newsletter.



The detachment is buying 50 of the Marine Corps League patches. These will be made available for those persons wishing to buy new league shirts, or replace old league shirts.

The IRS form 990N has been submitted and accepted by the IRS.

CORPSMAN



Ray Miller – Ray is continuing to show improvement. He is getting around on “elbow crutches” as a new therapy. Ray also is making bookmarks and earrings as a form of therapy for the fine motor skills.



Jim Pilling – I received this wonderful news on 4 August 2023, from Jim himself, “After 6 weeks of chemotherapy for my bladder cancer, (not fun), I saw my Urologist yesterday for a Cystoscopy exam to see if the tumors have disappeared. Good news, as I watched the screen, as the Doctor scoped my bladder. Tumors are gone but there is a small spot he is concerned about so in a couple weeks, he will remove that while I am under anesthesia. Then I have defeated the C word. Now I can concentrate on strengthening my legs from Post Polio Syndrome. I really appreciate all of your support. 🙏👍😊”

Jim was going to plan on making it to the August meeting; however, “I will pass on the meeting tonight. I saw the Neurologist for first time and they took 6 vials of blood from me and did exhaustive exam of my extremities. My legs are really sore and tired. Next time. You folks be safe and stay healthy.

Semper Fi.”

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



From the Chaplain's Corner



September!



What does this bring to your mind? I think of back-to-school with buses full of kids, football (Go Ducks or Beavs!). Looking forward to cooler days and Indian summer with cooler nights! Harvests and canning, applesauce, and pumpkin pies, So many thoughts.



Being semi-retired, I am having a good time giving away zucchinis, tomatoes and green beans, ha ha! And I'm still getting strawberries and raspberries... amazing! Looking at daffodil bulbs to plant now for those harbingers of spring to show us the way! Pretty soon it will be time for hayrides and pumpkins and raking those leaves when frost hits – ugh!



I hope this finds you all well and happy, maybe enjoying fresh corn and peaches. I can't wait 'til it gets cool enough to build a fire in my fireplace and enjoy the ambiance it brings. Having firewood to burn helps my budget and warms my spirit as well as the rest of me.



Have a good transition to Autumn and reach out to those you know who might need to hear from a friend as the days grow shorter. As always, let one of us in the Marine Corp League know if someone is in any kind of need for prayer or otherwise.

Semper Fi,
Joy Cavin, Chaplain
Emerald Empire MCL #917



SEPTEMBER 2023

BIRTHDAYS

19 September – Roland Field **Deceased**

Please take a moment to remember Roland on the Anniversary of the day he was born.

Fund-Raising Breakfast Service for Sunday,



20 August 2023



The breakfast service for 20 August 2023 brought in \$322.00. We also received \$53.00 in tips, for a Grand Total of \$375.00.

It is greatly appreciated that those members that were able to participate helped us serve 40 people.

We were also assisted by Dave Huber's son on the hashbrowns, pancakes, bacon and more hashbrowns.

There's a new rank insignia for the military's top enlisted adviser

“The SEAC insignia is unique in two ways. The first is the use of the Department of Defense eagle as the major design element, clearly representing the position as serving the DoD and Joint Staff. Second, it is the only senior enlisted advisor chevron that has a four-star pattern incorporated into the design.”



In November, Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Troy Black will become the senior enlisted adviser to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the top enlisted role in the U.S. military.

Of course, the Marine Corps Version will be Marine Corps colors.

United States Marine Corps

History for the Month of

September

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Lieutenant General Roy S. Geiger Attends Japanese Surrender to Allied Forces

On September 2, 1945, the Japanese Empire officially surrendered to Allied forces on board the battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, officially bringing World War II to an end.

With General Holland Smith having been transferred stateside in July of 1945, Lieutenant General Roy S. Geiger, who had succeeded Smith as Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, was chosen by Admiral Nimitz as the lone representative from the Marine Corps to attend the surrender ceremony.

Marines Attacked in Lebanon

On September 6, 1983, two Marines were killed and a further two were wounded when rockets hit their compound in Beirut, Lebanon.

Heavy fighting continued for the 24th Marine Amphibious Unit near their positions around the Beirut International Airport, culminating in the militant group Hezbollah bombing the Marine barracks in Beirut the following month.





Marine Raiders Strike Guadalcanal

On September 8, 1942, the 1st Raider Battalion and the 1st Parachute Battalion, carried out a successful raid on a Japanese supply base.

The Marines, who were supported by planes from Marine Air Group-23 and two destroyer transports, landed east of the village of Tasimboko, before advancing west into the rear of Japanese positions.

Marines Capture Wolmi-do Island

On September 15, 1950, the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines captured Wolmi-do Island in Inchon Harbor prior to the main landing.

That same day, the 1st Marine Division under the command of Major General Oliver P. Smith landed at Inchon in what is widely viewed as one of, if not the greatest, amphibious assaults of the 20th Century, and began the Inchon-Seoul campaign.



Joseph Vittori Medal of Honor

On September 16, 1951, Corporal Joseph Vittori, 22, of Beverly, Massachusetts, earned the Medal of Honor for his actions during the Battle of the Punchbowl near Songnae-dong, South Korea.

During the battle, Vittori's company was attacking Hill 749, on which North Korean troops had several entrenched positions. Following a North Korean counter-attack that resulted in heavy Marine Corps casualties, Vittori, along with two other volunteers, charged into oncoming enemy troops, engaging them in hand-to-hand combat to give his company time to consolidate its positions.

Later, Vittori volunteered to defend an isolated machine gun position on his company's flank. Over the next three hours, Vittori single-handedly fought to prevent enemy troops from breaking through Marine lines. Vittori repeatedly made trips through enemy fire to replenish his ammunition, manned a machine gun after the gunner was killed, and, despite North Korean troops closing to within feet of his position, Vittori continued to fight until he was killed. The following morning, Marines counted nearly 200 dead enemy soldiers in Vittori's vicinity.



Marines Raid Pirate Stronghold

On September 16, 1814, a detachment of Marines from the Naval Station at New Orleans under the command of Major Daniel Carmick, together with an Army detachment, destroyed a pirate stronghold at Baratavia, on the Island of Grande Terre, near New Orleans. The stronghold was commanded by the famous pirate Jean Lafitte.

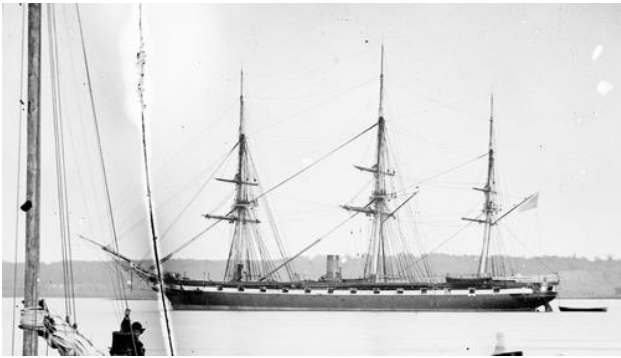
Military Operations in Urban Terrain Training Facility Dedication

On September 18 1990, the dedication of a 40-acre training facility for Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOU) at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. The dedication took place in a ceremony presided over by then-Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Alfred M. Gray.



Marines Cross Han River

On September 20, 1950, Marines of the 1st Marine Division crossed the Han River eight miles northwest of Seoul, South Korea. Five days later, the 1st and 5th Marines attacked Seoul and, by the 27th, had captured it.



Marines Land in Colombia

On September 24, 1873, 199 Marines and seamen from the *USS Pensacola* and the *USS Benicia* landed at the Bay of Panama in what is now Colombia, South America, to protect the railroad and American lives and property as local groups fought for control over the government of Panama.

Marines Secure Peleliu

On September 27, 1944, US Marines secured and raised the American flag over the island of Peleliu. Despite Marines securing the island, pockets of Japanese soldiers held out and continued to fight against American forces until April of 1947, nearly two years after the war ended.



Marines Assist China in Surrender of Japan

On September 30, 1945, U.S. Marines under the command of Major General Keller E. Rockey began landing in Northern China to assist the Chinese government accept the surrender of Japanese forces and repatriate Japanese soldiers and civilians.

Correction:

I meant to write 248th USMC Birthday Cake Cutting information coming soon. We may have Marines from Wyoming attending our ceremony this year.

10 November 2023 – Friday – 1900 Hours (7 pm) – following the Veteran’s Dinner at 5:30. Moose Lodge – Springfield, Oregon.

THE 250TH UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY WILL OCCUR ON MONDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2025.

SIGNED INTO LAW: Bill Cosponsored by Senators Hassan and Shaheen to Create Marine Corps 250th Anniversary Commemorative Coin

WASHINGTON – A bipartisan bill cosponsored by U.S. Senators Maggie Hassan and Jeanne Shaheen to authorize the U.S. Department of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in honor of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the Marine Corps in 2025 was signed into law. The coins will be manufactured at no extra cost to taxpayers and proceeds from coin sales will support efforts to preserve and share the branch’s history and tradition of service to our nation.

“The Marine Corps has kept our country safe, secure, and free for nearly 250 years, and the Marines’ steadfast dedication to our nation deserves to be honored nationwide,” **said Senator Hassan**. “I am glad to see our bipartisan bill become law, and I look forward to commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Marine Corps.”

“For nearly 250 years, the U.S. Marine Corps has bravely defended our nation and helped keep us free,” **said Senator Shaheen**. “In recognition of their unparalleled dedication and service to our country, I’m proud to have supported this law directing the Department of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins for the Marines’ 250th anniversary.”

The *250th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps Commemorative Coin Act* would instruct the U.S. Mint to issue 50,000 limited edition five-dollar coins, 400,000 one-dollar coins, and 750,000 half-dollar coins. Revenue from the sale of the coins would reimburse the U.S. Mint for designing and issuing expenses, with the remaining proceeds going to support the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, a charitable organization that funds the National Museum of the Marine Corps and hosts educational, historical, and cultural programs.

MORE INFORMATION ON THIS WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE



Blessings from the Bowkers

We miss you all. Although we were not part of your family very long and it was difficult for us to get to those meetings, you all meant so much to us. We are back in Idaho and have purchased our old home back after nearly 11 years. The home and property were nearly destroyed by over a dozen and a half crackheads living here: several in each of the three bedrooms, several in the living room, one in the stove room, one in the chicken coop, one in the out building, one in a camp trailer, two in an abandoned motor

home, one in the carport, my shop was divided into several rooms, and they cut the trusses out in the Attic of the shop to accommodate another room, they had constructed a small fence post cabin and somebody was living in that, and so on. Also, roughly 30 cats with no litter box in sight. I have removed most of the garage (45,000 lbs., Yes, 22 tons of trash) so far. The smells are beyond discrimination! I am sure you can somewhat get the picture. All our children were born here and Tawnee wanted to save the place. Her wish is my marching orders. There is no way I can allow the family to even stay here, so we are living in a hotel in Ontario Oregon for the past month and will for another two months while I completely gut and rebuild the house. This is a very difficult time in every way possible. I am doing my best to hold everyone together and move forward with this enormous undertaking. We think of you all often and miss the friendship of all the league members to this associate.

Blessings to you all,
Robert Bowker

And from the Bowker Family,

To the league. The whole family wants you to know that we miss you all and are going to make it to one of your breakfasts, we promise! Update.... Thank you all for your prayers. This has been a real hard time for my family, but I am happy to report almost all members are recovering well for this health attack. I am still struggling quite a bit with breathing, and congestion problems. Fortunately, I have avoided pneumonia and that is a very positive report. Tawnee has had to take lead to try to get the house livable and she is doing an amazing job! All three of our children are back at it giving 110% cleaning, patching holes, learning how to run my texture gun, painting, small electrical repairs, and plumbing repairs. There is much they cannot do and our patiently waiting for me to get my feet back under me. I am giving it all I got every day until I run out of steam, So I guess the report is very positive and again thank you for your concern and prayers and God bless the League,
Robert Bowker and family

Good afternoon, Paul, and blessings to the entire league. We love you all and miss you.

Covid reared its ugly head once again and has attacked our family and has laid us for the last several weeks. The youngests are doing the best and as predicted right up the chain to the oldest, I have had the roughest time. This is the first day in the last, almost 2 weeks that I have been able to function on a very limited basis and get back to work, it's been very mentally taxing to have to be sidelined with severe breathing difficulties and Non-Stop incisive coughing and hacking. Fortunately, we all made it through with God's help. We have now had to remove 54,500 lbs. of garbage, yes, 27 tons, all walls, all floors, all doors, all appliances, all switches, and plugins, and I could go on and on have had to be replaced. The kitchen is now 100% gutted with nothing but a functioning sink. The family has poured their hearts and souls into bringing our old house back to life. Every one of them would make any Marine proud of their deep dedication, drive, and devotion. I will keep you all updated with progress. If any of you would like to see pictures as things progress, please send me an email address and I can inundate you with pictures of change.

Thank you so much for all your hopes and prayers, we greatly appreciate it.

We can't thank you enough for your concern and prayers. To this point, it's been just us five with no help from anyone. To have the league so clearly sending your love and your concern means the world to this family. We can't wait till we get to see you all again, should be a month or so. Till then, Blessings to the league and I'll continue to send you pics as progress moves forwards.

Robert



This is the conditions to which we showed up to. We had no idea that they had destroyed our house. So far, we have hauled away 56,200 lbs. of garbage. Yes, over 28 tons. They also dumped between 1500 and 2000 tires that I am told will cost me \$125 per every 100 tires. Every door, every window, every wall was busted kicked in, bullet holes..... every single thing in the house was broken. Every light every fan water heater furnace... if it took electricity, it was broke. The main panel was ripped out the garage panel was ripped out. 2 months in a hotel. We've stripped the entire house down to the under laminate floors and studs and are re-sheet rocking re-carpeting reflooring, repairing the most essential things first so we can get away from that \$100 a night at the hotel..... as we can afford. I have an amazing crew That's doing so much with so little! The family has got past covid quite well. Tawnee is struggling a little, I am struggling quite a bit, but doing everything in my power to keep going... Blessings to you all, Robert.

These last pics are the rooms that we have recarpeted and re-sheet rocked. There are the kids sanding and refinishing the woodwork in the family room.





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

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.

3 September 2023 (New Date – September ONLY)

~~17 September 2023~~ (Changed to 3 September)

15 October 2023

19 November 2023

17 December 2023