



# AUGUST 2020 Newsletter

Our next monthly meeting is set for: **19 August 2020 (tentatively)**  
- exact date/time/location - to be determined

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## Membership Dues

1 September 2020

Those members that pay their membership dues annually are reminded that annual dues renewal date is the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2020.

Please do not wait till then to pay your dues, we need lead time to process checks / paperwork, get those items forwarded to Department, and from Department to National in a timely fashion so personnel rosters are up-to-date and to prevent a lapse in your copy of the Semper Fi magazine.

Membership Dues are \$30.00 for one year.

Renewal checks should be sent to the detachment paymaster, via our post office box (shown at the end of this newsletter). Enclose a note so we know what the check is for or put it in the memo section of the check to ensure the funds are directed accordingly.

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## CHAPLAIN & CORPSMAN



**In Memory of our detachment member Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Mark Yackley, USMC (Retired) the Emerald Empire Detachment #917 decided at their June 2020 meeting to make a donation in Tom's memory to the American Cancer Society in the amount of \$500.00.**

**Claire Yackley sent a card to the Emerald Empire Detachment #917 via Emerald Empire Detachment #917 Chaplain Nancy Lukasik: A copy of what the card contained is as follows:**

"To the Members of the Marine Corps League, Thank you for attending Tom's funeral on June 13 to honor him. Ray Miller did a great job with the readings. Commandant Huber, thank you for your presentation of condolence. Finally, thank you to all of you who have sent me sympathy cards. I really appreciate it! I am heartbroken that my husband of 44 years is gone. I'm especially upset because this terrible disease took him so soon and so young. Sincerely, Claire Yackley"

Nancy also said that Claire had phoned her the other day to say how overwhelmed she feels at the generous gift of \$500 to the Cancer Society in Tom's name. She wanted Ray to get the check to her to turn in, as she had some others also, and their office is closed. She knows someone personally at that group. She was near tears, and is just very grateful!

This information was passed along at the July monthly meeting.

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**If you, or your family, are sick or in distress please do not hesitate to let us (League) know.**

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## **Vistor**



Steve Moore knows, and used to work with, current detachment member Rudy Grein. Steve and Rudy have known each other for about 18-20 years.

Steve enlisted in the United States Marine Corps from Springfield, Oregon and served from 1972-1975. Steve served with 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 9<sup>th</sup> Marines (9<sup>th</sup> Marines Regiment), with 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, 8<sup>th</sup> Marines (8<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment). Steve was part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division, and the Second Marine Division (Camp LeJeune). Steve is now retired from his work as the auto body repair manager, has 3 grandchildren and now serves as a pastor.

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## Good of the League Announcements

- **Vet's Legacy – nothing to report at this time**
  - **Toys for Tots – nothing to report at this time**
  - **Vet's Court – nothing to report at this time**
  - **World War II Memorial Monument – Last word is that the committee is looking at obtaining “Private Donations/Money” to be able to complete this project.**
  - **The 2020 YARD SALE – is CANCELLED UNTIL WE CAN GET THROUGH THE PANDEMIC and then determine a date/time/location. This means the detachment will have to be fragile with our “general fund” monies until we conduct our fund-raising yard sale or come up with other “fund raising ideas.” Dave Huber is talking with Martin Holland – with the Moose Lodge – about fund raisers – maybe around Spring of 2021.**
    - **Annual Fishing Trip – is canceled for 2020.**
  - **Jeanne and Eddie Mosteller wanted to let everyone know that they “say hi” from South Carolina. They have found a “beautiful house,” but are dealing with problems caused by their moving company (damaged goods; things that do not belong to them; 8 pages of missing items that belong to them). It has now been turned over to their attorney.**
  - **Rudy & Angie Grein – are buying a new house with an inheritance that Angie received from her US Army veteran uncle. Rudy is back to therapy for his knee replacement, and he was going to have a doctor's appointment with the VA for evaluation.**
  - **The Young Marines advertising is ready to go (and would be done on KEZI and Radio). The advertising will be paid for through the funds of the Emerald Empire Young Marines.**
- The first priority is “Adult Staff Members” to oversee the operation of the Young Marines Organization. Recruitment of Young Marines would follow successful recruitment of the adult leaders.

Unfortunately, the advertising is currently on hold, since the Young Marines National Organization has the Young Marines still in a “no go” status because of the Pandemic. It has been determined that to advertise now when things cannot take place is not the prime time, so advertising will most likely be pushed back to September.  
(Additional details to follow when available)

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## Eagle Globe and Anchor Masks



These masks are made by a woman Marine in CA. They are made of knit material (think t-shirt type material) and have the EGA screen-printed on them. They are very comfortable but glasses will fog up a little while wearing them. She sells them for \$20 each + shipping.

Debbie mentioned at the July monthly meeting that she has one extra left, so if you are interested contact Debbie.

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# Marine Corps League “Mission Statement”

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.

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## 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.

# AUGUST 2020 BIRTHDAYS



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

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

18 August – Thadd Pooler

21 August – Joy Cavin (**recovering from recent surgery**)

27 August – Dave Huber

**Take a moment to remember our current members, associates, friends and deceased members on the “Anniversary of the Day” they were born.**

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## **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.

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## HATS & VISORS



Eagle, globe, anchor & “Semper Fi” White Sun visors and Black Marine Corps League hats – FOR SALE - \$5.00 each – What a Deal

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## 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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3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month

**Dinner @ 1800 hours**

**Meeting Starts @ 1900 hours**

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