



NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is set for: **15 November 2023**



USMC 248th Birthday Cake Cutting

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

NEWEST LIFE MEMBER Emerald Empire Detachment #917 Marine Corps League



On 15 October, 2023, Jim Pilling was presented his LIFE MEMBERSHIP Card, his Brass LIFE MEMBERSHIP Card, and his LIFE MEMBERSHIP Pin. The presentation was made at the start of the fund-raising breakfast service.

The presentation of the LIFE MEMBERSHIP was made by Emerald Empire Detachment #917 Junior Vice-Commandant Paul Grinde, and was made in front of the attendees of the fundraising breakfast, which included 10 of his family members.

There is something truly special about Jim because we ended up with a RECORD SETTING BREAKFAST ATTENDANCE AND FUNDS RAISED.

Happy Veterans Day!

In honor of all the men and women who served and continue to serve this country, "Happy Veterans Day!" Thank you for your service and your sacrifice. God bless you and God bless America. -JD

Veterans Day, in the United States, national holiday (November 11) honoring veterans of the armed forces and those killed in the country's wars. The observance originated in 1919 on the first anniversary of the 1918 armistice that ended World War I and was known as Armistice Day.



Marine Corps League Good Citizenship Award



On Monday, 9 October 2023, Emerald Empire Detachment Adjutant Ray Miller presented Luke Manning with the Marine Corps League Good Citizenship Award for achieving the highest rank of Eagle Scout. The presentation was made at the St. Alice Catholic Church Parrish Hall. Luke is the 1st Eagle Scout for Boy Scout Troop 12 as this Troop was formed about 2021.

Luke Manning started scouting at the age of 6, and by the age of 15 he had completed the requirements necessary to be awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. Luke's Eagle Scout Project was the assembly and installation of a fence, dog waste station, bike rack and concrete pad at Robin Park, in Springfield, Oregon.

Luke's Eagle Court of Honor was held on a previous date with the presentation taking place at a time / date that worked for Luke, the Scout Troop Master, and Ray Miller.

Luke is the son of Christine & Zachariah Manning. The Mannings are also friends of Ray & Linda Miller.

CORPSMAN



Jim Pilling – Jim previously passed along, “Thanks for your thoughts about my health and my daughter’s health. She appreciated the thoughts and the card. Her hips are getting better with Physical Therapy. Should see you for the breakfast on the 15th.”

Jim let me know, “I was just diagnosed with Idiopathic Neuropathy in my legs. No cure and Physical Therapy may alleviate some pain. I should be at the breakfast on October 15, 2023.”



Rudy Grein – After reporting that Rudy’s wife should be recovered from her kidney stone surgery, Rudy let me know that the doctor has missed one, so they were going to have to do another procedure. Angie has been dealing with kidney stones since age 16, so unfortunately the ultrasonic kidney stone busting is not an option anymore.

Rudy fell at work, on 11 October 2023, when his chair rolled out from under him. He was sitting in the Emergency Room at McKenzie Willamette Hospital, awaiting pain meds and x-rays.

Rudy’s injury included a “spiral fracture” of his left upper arm. This resulted in breaks in 4 different locations. Rudy had surgery on Wednesday evening.

Graphic Images Warning – break x-rays



The day of the break.



Post surgery repaired. The new 6 Million Dollar Man. We can rebuild him, we have the technology.
Better, stronger, faster.

Announcements



LEAGUE PATCHES ARE IN

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

**DUE TO NEW REPORTING REQUIREMENTS –
DETACHMENT OFFICER ELECTIONS WILL
MOST LIKELY TAKE PLACE EARLIER
THAN NORMAL. STAND-BY.**

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE UNIFORM ITEMS
FREE TO A GOOD HOME – ANY MARINE
CORPS LEAGUE MEMBER – ANY
DETACHMENT

The following Marine Corps League Uniform items have been donated by Detachment Member Dan Stombaugh.

The Marine Corps League Regular Member Red Cover has already been spoken for. The Van Heusen “The Aviator” white shirt (comes with the patches for both arms but they need to be sewn on) and is a size 17 ½ neck.

The Red Blazer is a Hardwick and comes with the Marine Corps League buttons already attached. This blazer is a size 42 Regular.

All items are in Great Shape.



Certificate of Appreciation & Gift Certificate



On 18 October 2023, Emerald Empire Detachment #917 Commandant Dave Huber presented his son David James Huber with a Certificate of Appreciation for his assistance to the detachment with cooking during the last several fundraising breakfast services.

The detachment unanimously approved a motion to provide a Certificate of Appreciation and Gift Certificate for a 1 Night Stay at Three Rivers Casino & Resort as a way of thanking him for his dedicated assistance to Emerald Empire Detachment.

The Gift Certificate will be presented when a date is selected that works for David James Huber.



Lane County Leadership Prayer Breakfast

Thad Lukasik will be hosting a table at the event on 25 October 2023. A local anonymous citizen sponsors the table, and Thad gathers locals to attend. The table is already full. Great work Thad.

This is the first event since the pandemic shutdown such gatherings.

MOOSE LODGE #1726 CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS DONATION



On 18 October 2023, Emerald Empire Detachment #917 Commandant Dave Huber presented a Donation to Moose Lodge #1726 representatives Wilbur Brown – President and Martin Holland 1st Past President. This donation is to go toward the Moose Lodge’s goal of handing out 50 Christmas Food Boxes.

There is also a donation box when you enter the Moose Lodge for persons who wish to donate food items toward the Christmas Food Boxes.

Normally, the persons who come to play bingo at the Moose Lodge donate food items toward these Christmas Food Boxes. Donations are accepted up till 15 December 2023.

Donation suggestions:

Pumpkin

Chicken Broth

Cranberry Sauce

Stuffing Mix

Cake Mix

A dozen eggs

Sweet Potatoes

Green Beans

Pie Filling

Cornbread Mix

Frosting

1 pound of sugar and flour



Toys for Tots Coordinator Staff Sergeant Huff

Toys for Tots Assistant Coordinator HM2 Noriega

Important Dates

2 December 2023 (Saturday) – Bethel School District Distribution

9 December 2023 (Saturday) – 4J School District Distribution

16 December 2023 (Saturday) – Springfield Distribution (1 day only – Only previously registered applicants from on-line)

20 December 2023 – Donation Boxes will be collected. Any remaining toys will be donated to Non-profits and Schools.

Additional Information as it becomes available.

Emerald Empire Detachment #917 Reaches Out to Marine Corps Reserve Unit – Letting them know we are here to aid those in need of assistance.

Josh Jordan

Oregon National Guard
Military & Family Readiness Specialist



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During the October 2023 meeting, Stephen Price was tasked with contacting the Reserve Unit Assistance Coordinator. Stephen contacted Josh Jordan who is, as his card shows above, a Military & Family Readiness Specialist. We wanted to ensure that there is someone at the Reserve Center that knows that the Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League, is there in case any Marines or Corpsmen need some assistance or financial assistance. Stephen Price provided Josh Jordan with a detachment officer listing. Josh will contact the Emerald Empire Detachment via the officers listing if he becomes aware of any Marines, FMF Navy Corpsmen, or FMF Navy Chaplains that need assistance.



From the *Chaplain's Corner*



Thank you, Veterans!!

Veteran's Day is a great time to recognize the veterans in your life.



I appreciate all who have served or are serving!

November also brings Thanksgiving to mind - turkey dinner, pumpkin pie, family & friends gather to feast. We often have 'extra' people at our holiday feasts - folks who don't have family nearby or who don't have anyone to

celebrate with really appreciate being included.

As you enjoy fresh apple cider & yummy pumpkin pie, remember to be thankful for the blessings in your life. Express your gratitude to those around you for what they do for you.

It's never out of vogue to let those you love know you are thankful for them, too, whether they are near or far away.





Thad Lukasik reported that the Emerald Empire Young Marines are doing okay.

Stephen Price & Terry Anderson are working with the Marine Corps Reserve Master Sergeant to try and arrange work on the road to the Young Marines Camp.

A new Female Adult Leader has joined the Young Marines staff.

Terry Anderson & Young Marines Commanding Officer Casey Bartlett are working with a new network to connect with youth in the State of Oregon.



NOVEMBER 2023

BIRTHDAYS

11 November 1914 – Donald Brownrigg **Deceased**

Please take a moment to remember our China Marine Donald Brownrigg on the Anniversary of the day he was born.



!!! A NEW RECORD !!!

Fund-Raising Breakfast Service for Sunday,
15 October 2023

The breakfast service for 15 October 2023 served 56 paid meals. This is a NEW RECORD NUMBER OF MEALS SERVIDED. This brought in a NEW RECORD AMOUNT of \$449.00. We also received \$70.00 in tips, for a NEW RECORD GRAND TOTAL of \$519.00.

We were short handed this month, but Peter Bock and Larry Price pitched in and did outstanding work. Kim Lonberg filled in at the pancake, and many other tasks. We were able to get Kim on her way to a family dinner on time.

We did have one mis-delivered meal, so we will need to provide those affected a free meal next month.



(Photos courtesy of Peter Bock. But he missed himself.)



United States Marine Corps

History for the Month of

November

(Courtesy of:)

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22nd MAU Lands on Carriacou



On November 1, 1983, 300 U.S. Marines from the 22nd Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU) staged an amphibious and helicopter landing on the island of Carriacou, 15 miles northeast of Grenada, in a search for Cuban military installations or personnel. 17 Grenadian soldiers were captured in the assault, and arms, ammunition, and training sites were found as well. The next day, the 22nd MAU left Grenada and headed to Beirut, Lebanon to replace the 24th MAU.

Operation Desert Shield



On November 8, 1990, President George H.W. Bush announced his plan to add more than 200,000 additional troops to those already deployed to the Persian Gulf area in support of Operation Desert Shield. With the addition of II MEF units from the Marine Corps' East Coast bases, and the 5th MEB from California, the number of Marines deployed to the area swelled to nearly 90,000 within two months.



First Celebration of Marine Corps' Birthday

November 10, 1921, marks the date of the first formal celebration of the Marine Corps' birthday as November 10. On October 21 of that year, Major Edwin McClellan sent a memo to then-Commandant of the Marine Corps, John A. Lejeune, proposing that the original date of the founding of the Marine Corps, November 10, be declared a Marine Corps holiday to be celebrated by Marines across the globe. Less than two weeks later, on November 1, Commandant Lejeune issued Marine Corps Order No. 47 summarizing the history, mission, and tradition of the Corps, and directed that it be read to all Marine commands each year on November 10.



Vietnam Veterans Memorial Dedicated

On November 13, 1983, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, containing the names of more than 13,000 Marines who lost their lives in Vietnam, was dedicated during a ceremony in Washington, D.C. The dedication, and the parade preceding it, were part of a week-long salute to veterans of the Vietnam War.



4th Marine Regiment Begins March to Germany

On November 17, 1918, the 4th Marine Brigade, as a part of the 2nd Division American Expeditionary Force, began marching toward the Rhine River to provide support to American forces occupying Germany. On their march toward occupied Germany, the Marines passed through Belgium and Luxembourg.



Marines Secure Tarawa

On November 20, 1943, the 2nd Marine Division, commanded by Major General Julian C. Smith, landed on Betio Island, Tarawa Atoll, in the Gilbert Islands.

After three days of bitter fighting that saw more than 1,000 Marines lose their lives and a further 2,100 wounded, Major General Smith declared the island secure.



Subic Bay Closes

On November 24 1992, Marines lowered the flag at the Subic Bay U.S. Naval Facility in the Philippines for the last time. The lowering took place during ceremonies to turn over the facility to the government of the Philippines, ending almost a century of U.S. presence in the country.



Operation Lancaster II

On November 25, 1968, the conclusion of Operation Lancaster II ended 10 months of military action against the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army troops in the west-central region of the demilitarized zone region. Over 1,800 enemy were killed, 42 captured, and 913 weapons seized during the operation.



Chosin Reservoir

On November 27, 1950, eight Chinese Communist divisions in Korea launched a massive attack intended to destroy the 1st Marine Division. This led to one of the most well-known chapters in Marine Corps history as the Marines successfully fought their way southward out of Chosin Reservoir to the coastal port of Hungnam.

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.

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

15 November 2023

(Ham Steak, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Salad, Roll, Pumpkin Pie)

20 December 2023

(Turkey Breast, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Roll, Apple Pie)

2024 Meeting Dates

MARK YOUR 2024 CALENDARS NOW

17 January 2024

21 February 2024

20 March 2024

17 April 2024

15 May 2024

19 June 2024

17 July 2024

21 August 2024

18 September 2024

16 October 2024

20 November 2024

18 December 2024

2023 Fund Raising Breakfast Dates

ALL SUNDAYS

The price is now \$8.00 for breakfast.

19 November 2023

17 December 2023

2024 Fund Raising Breakfast Dates

MARK YOUR 2024 CALENDARS NOW

21 January 2024

18 February 2024

17 March 2024 (St. Patrick's Day)

21 April 2024

19 May 2024

16 June 2024 (Father's Day)

21 July 2024

18 August 2024

15 September 2024

20 October 2024

17 November 2024

15 December 2024