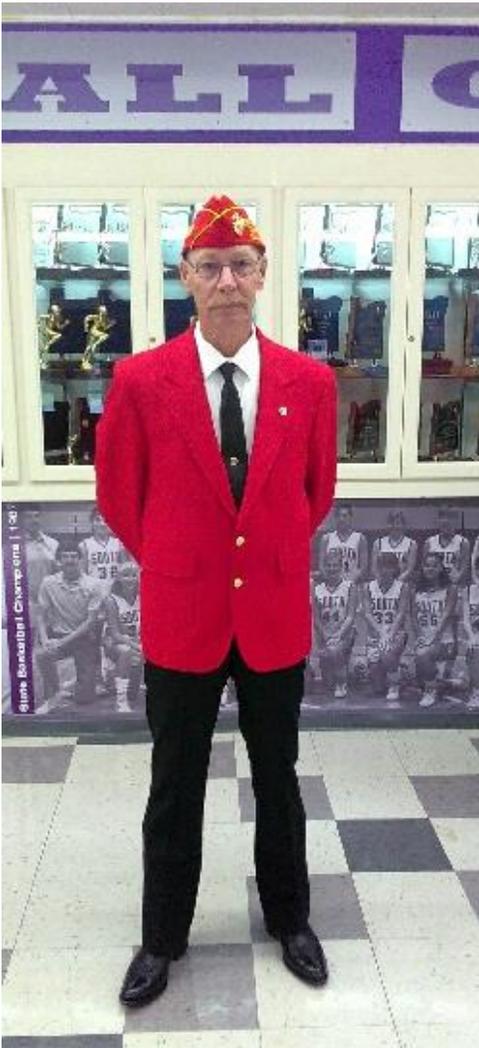




June 2020 Newsletter

Our next monthly meeting is set for: **17 June 2020**

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE EMERALD
EMPIRE DETACHMENT COMMANDANT
FOLLOWS:**



To the members of Detachment #917

It is with sad news that I must report the passing of Detachment member Tom Yackley, Please say a prayer for Tom, his Wife and the rest of the family. Look for more details on Tom in the Chaplain & Corpsmen area of this newsletter.

I am pleased to announce that the **June 17th meeting is going to take place.** This meeting will be conducted in my back yard. Pay attention to the meeting time and place below.

**I will be ordering Pizza for everyone.
Bring your own drink and a lawn chair to sit on.
Official uniform will be the Red Cover and Red Shirt**

Place: 908 1st Place, Springfield, Or.

Time: 16:00 – 18:00 social time

Official Meeting: 18:00 – 19:00

Thanks,

Marine Corps League Detachment #917

Commandant

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A RETURN TO MAKIN ISLAND

If you have not seen this it is definitely something to watch. I am not technologically savvy enough to provide a link that you can just click on so you will have to copy and paste it into your internet browser. It appears if you right click on the link it will give you a list of options, one of which is to open it. If you choose that option it goes to the video. I have watched it.

This was provided by Emerald Empire Detachment member James Pilling (Doc- FMF Navy Corpsman).

A true story about 19 Marines killed in the Gilbert Islands in 1942 (defending against the Japanese). They had to retreat, so they asked the islanders to please bury their dead so the Japs couldn't find them. Years later, they checked and found a man who had been a teenager then and remembered where they were buried. They sent a C130 and an honor guard over there and found all 19 had been buried with their helmets on, their rifles in their hands, in perfect condition. The islanders had really done a wonderful job. As they were loading the bodies, a voice from out of nowhere started singing "The Marine Hymn".....gave everyone goose bumps. Turns out, the voice was from a man who spoke no English but remembered a song the Marines taught him when they landed. Very touching. They got all 19 and their photos are at the end. This of course was WWII!

https://www.youtube.com/embed/C6f_FvZpm3g



CHAPLAIN & CORPSMAN





**Our brother Marine Tom Yackley has reported for duty
“On Heaven’s Scene.”**

Please continue to keep Claire Yackley, and the Yackley family in your thoughts, and prayers. I just learned today that Tom has passed. Please see the information below from Emerald Empire Detachment Chaplain Nancy Lukasik.

“Ray Miller called to tell me that Tom Yackley passed away over the weekend. His wife, Claire, plans to meet with their church on Wednesday regarding arrangements, and Ray will let me know if there needs to be a military component. We will find out the date and time of services so that any Detachment members who wish to attend may do that.”

Ray Miller also passed the following information:

“Tom Yackley passed on May 30. The family will be meeting with his church tomorrow (Wednesday) to set up the funeral. I will let you know the details as soon as the church contacts me.

Ray also passed along, “I just received word that the funeral for Tom Yackley will be at 1000, 13 June, 2020 at St. Paul Catholic Church located

at 1201 Satre Street, Eugene, Oregon. Military honors will be at graveside in Salem, Oregon.”

**Additional information will be passed as soon as it is received.
Semper Fi Tom, we will miss you.**

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

Good of the League

- **Detachment Chaplain Nancy Lukasik wrote to let me know that Jeanne Mosteller called her. She and Eddie are well, griping about the quarantine. Their address for now is PO Box 9622, Greenville SC 39604. They found a house and will close on it in early June. Debbie Barker received an email from Jeanne who said they will close on their house Friday, 5 June.**
- **Please see the new email address for Nancy Lukasik in the detachment officers contact information at the end of this newsletter. This may be temporary as she continues to resolve her previously hacked email address.**



Images forwarded from Emerald Empire Detachment Junior Vice-Commandant Steve Price.

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. However, if we can order at least 15 masks, she will drop the price to \$15.

If you are interested in purchasing one or more of these masks with the EGA, please let me know by Friday, 6/5/20. Debbie's email address is shown at the end of this newsletter.



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 – FOR SALE -
\$5.00 each – What a Deal



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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3rd Wednesday of the Month

Dinner @ 1800 hours

Meeting Starts @ 1900 hours

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