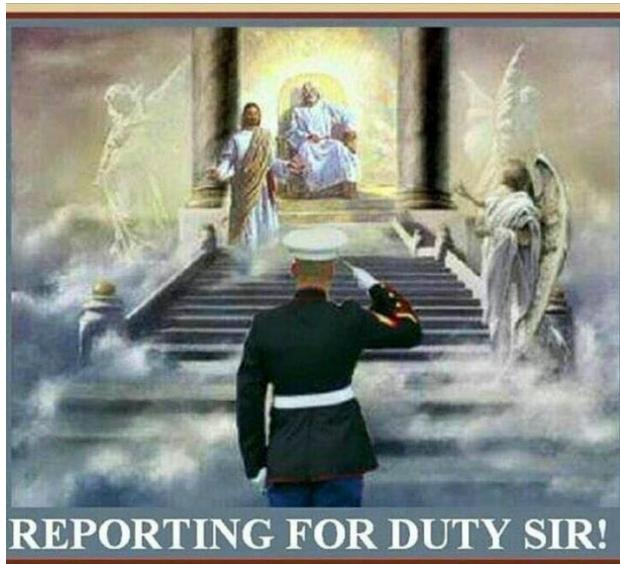




NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is set for: [17 November 2021](#)

[Dinner Menu for the 17th: Burger & Fries](#)



In Memory Of:



James F. Swogger, Sr.

Reported for Duty on Heaven's Scene - 25 October 2021

United States Marine Corps 1966 - 1969

Another guard at the gates.... God rest his soul!

On September 30th, 2021, Jim was going to be on the Honor Flight to our nation's capital to view the memorials dedicated to those who have served this great nation. It was on Friday, 1 October, that I talked with Barb Swogger and found out that James had been told he had six

months to live and that he was going to go on the Honor Flight but due to congestive heart failure and kidney failure, and developing a "rash" it was determined that he should not go.

Jim was placed on Hospice.

Jim and Barb Swogger joined the Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League during the August 2021 detachment meeting.

Thad and Nancy Lukasik visited Jim & Barb. They sat with Jim while Barb went to her eye appointment. I made a stop and visited Jim & Barb, taking some United States Marine Corps balloons to decorate the area. When Jim saw the balloons, he kind of perked up.

The following week Thad had worked his magic and had asked the I & I Captain and 1stSgt if they could make a visit to Jim in uniform. Thad Lukasik, Captain Duckin and 1stSgt Chandler visited Jim on 14 October 2021. Captain Duckin gave Jim one of their challenge coins. And not only did the Captain and 1st Sgt wear their uniforms, they wore their dress blues, and had a nice, unhurried visit. Thad reported that when Jim first spotted the Marines, he gave a big ooorah!

After returning from the Honor Flight, Steve and Lois Price, presented James Swogger with an Honor Flight hat which they procured during their trip. Steve said that it brought James to tears.

On Monday, 25 October, after receiving word that the Hospice nurse had informed Barb that Jim had only a few days to live, Thad and Nancy Lukasik went to be with Barb & Jim. Later that day, Jim passed away. Thad & Nancy Lukasik made a second trip over to be with Barb.

The hospice nurse came while they were there, and Barb's granddaughter Vanessa also came back. Thad & Nancy stayed until the mortuary came to take Jim's remains. Vanessa said she would stay with Barb for a while. Nancy, said a prayer over Jim (she said that was the first time she had ever done that).

Jim had made a request that his celebration of life be at held at the Moose Lodge, that there be a pot luck meal, and that the Marines handle things. Thad has already spoken to Martin and Martin said "whatever we want," they are good with it. So, when this is planned and scheduled an email will be circulated with the information.





CORPSMAN



Robert Bowker – I received an email from Robert that read:
Just to let all know, I'm at the end of my second week of covid. On the upside of it and doing better. I will see you at next meeting.

Robert Bowker



James Pilling - I received an email from Jim that read:

For the past week, I haven't felt very chipper and have not been to any restaurants or bars in the area. Saw my Doctor yesterday, and my lungs are clear, BP good, O2 good level but really weak. He ordered a covid test and it came back positive this morning. I am at home on 10-day quarantine. Drinking the right fluids and behaving. Have no idea where I got the covid. My family and friends are all safe and covid free. Be safe out there. Jim Pilling
Jim also wrote, that he was “just resting and trying to get my strength back!”

Please keep Robert & his family, and Jim and his family, in your thoughts and prayers as they work toward recovery from this virus.

Chaplain's Corner

God designed us in His image and with emotions. Our tears for others reveal deep love and compassion, not necessarily a lack of faith. We can approach God with raw wounds or old scars because He knows we feel Each prayer, whether silent, sobbed, or shouted with confidence, demonstrates our trust in his promise to hear and care for us. What emotions to you try to hide from God? Why is it often hard to be honest with God about difficult or overwhelming emotions? He is the safest repository for our strongest feelings.



Detachment Chaplain Nancy Lukasik reported at the meeting that she had sent a card to Craig & Kelli Myers and several others. She talked with Craig and that there was still one family member fighting Covid-19, so it will still be some time before they feel they can be around others.

Nancy also reported that she and Lois were going to take Barb Swogger out for a break on Friday the 22nd of October while Thad stays with Jim Swogger.

Good of the League

Announcements

CELEBRATION!!

246th Marine Corps Birthday

Cake Cutting



Marines, join us as we
celebrate the 246th birthday of the
United States Marine Corps!!

10 November 2021 at 5:30 pm

Moose Lodge
2011 Laura Street
Springfield, OR

OOH RAH!!

CELEBRATION!!

246th Marine Corps Birthday

Dinner & Dance



Join Marine Corps League Detachment 917
as they celebrate the 246th birthday of the
United States Marine Corps!!

13 November 2021

Happy/Social Hour 5 pm – 6 pm
Ceremony 6 pm
Dinner

Moose Lodge
2011 Laura Street
Springfield, OR



Dance to the music of
Down & Dirty

**\$20 per person
Cash only
Pay at the door**

RSVP Required by **11/5/21:**

MCL917.org or call

541-554-5041 – leave a
message with your name,
phone number, # in your party,
and # of dinners (i.e., 1 steak &
1 chicken)

**No checks
No credit cards**

Menu

**New York Steak or
Baked Chicken
Baked Potato
Mixed Vegetables
Salad
Dinner Roll
Birthday Cake**

The traditional celebration includes a reading of Order 47:

MARINE CORPS ORDERS

No. 47 (Series 1921)

HEADQUARTERS U.S. MARINE CORPS

Washington, November 1, 1921

759. The following will be read to the command on the 10th of November, 1921, and hereafter on the 10th of November of every year. Should the order not be received by the 10th of November, 1921, it will be read upon receipt.

- (1) On November 10, 1775, a Corps of Marines was created by a resolution of Continental Congress. Since that date many thousand men have borne the name "Marine." In memory of them it is fitting that we who are Marines should commemorate the birthday of our Corps by calling to mind the glories of its long and illustrious history.
- (2) The record of our Corps is one which will bear comparison with that of the most famous military organizations in the world's history. During 90 of the 146 years of its existence the Marine Corps has been in action against the Nation's foes. From the Battle of Trenton to the Argonne, Marines have won foremost honors in war, and in the long eras of tranquility at home, generation after generation of Marines have grown gray in war in both hemispheres and in every corner of the seven seas, that our country and its citizens might enjoy peace and security.
- (3) In every battle and skirmish since the birth of our Corps, Marines have acquitted themselves with the greatest distinction, winning new honors on each occasion until the term "Marine" has come to signify all that is highest in military efficiency and soldierly virtue.
- (4) This high name of distinction and soldierly repute we who are Marines today have received from those who preceded us in the Corps. With it we have also received from them the eternal spirit which has animated our Corps from generation to generation and has been the distinguishing mark of the Marines in every age. So long as that spirit continues to flourish Marines will be found equal to every emergency in the future as they have been in the past, and the men of our Nation will regard us as worthy successors to the long line of illustrious men who have served as "Soldiers of the Sea" since the founding of the Corps.

JOHN A. LEJEUNE,
Major General
Commandant
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Mission of Honor Flight

The mission of Honor Flight is to transport America's veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials dedicated to honoring those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

Emerald Empire Detachment #917 members, Steve & Lois Price participated in the South Willamette Valley Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. from 1 – 3 October 2021. James Swogger was also going to be on this flight until his health prohibited his participation.





Steve & Lois Price preparing to leave on their Honor Flight; a proper greeting at the airport in Washington, D.C., at the Mall, the Lincoln Memorial, the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial, and the Marine Corps Memorial (near Arlington Cemetery).





Stephen & Lois Price participated in the Laying of a Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soilder.
This is definitely a great privilege.

The two links below will take you to photographs taken during this Honor Flight trip. There are **a lot** more photos of the group as they made their way to the different memorials and other honor flight activities than I can possibly enter into this newsletter. Given them a look.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/fXrFH2kBbzPfdsjG6>

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/bb2QYAtXS6kkFfgd7>

It seems Steve did get himself into “trouble” a few times during the trip. It seems participants are prohibited from carrying their own luggage, or picking up the tab for drinks. This resulted in him getting his hand “slapped” as he put it. Bad boy Steve.



EMERALD EMPIRE DETACHMENT #917 Fund-Raising

Breakfast Service for 17 October 2021

We served 41 orders for a total of \$287.00 during the breakfast service. We also received \$58.00 in tips. For a grand total of: \$345.00. By the end of the service the only thing leftover was some gravy.

This is the second largest amount so far, second only to September's breakfast service where we served 47.







Everyone pitching in to make the breakfast service a successful effort.



A new toaster donated by Thad & Nancy Lukasik.



After the breakfast service, Dan Stombaugh donated a lightly used Griddle to assist with the pancake production.

We are back to our regularly scheduled 3rd Sunday of the Month

**21 November 2021
19 December 2021**



Sergeant Medina is the new Marine Corps Lane County Toys for Tots coordinator for 2021. Sergeant Medina hails from Rapid City, South Dakota and joined the United States Marine Corps in 2015. Sergeant Medina has been with the I & I Unit,

Springfield, Oregon for 2 years. Sergeant Medina is on the Staff Sergeant Promotion List, and is just waiting to find out when he will receive his promotion warrant.

Sergeant Medina provided a Toys for Tots donation box to the Moose Lodge, and promised Martin that he will ensure donations are picked up this year. He also informed the meeting that there were already 113 boxes placed for this year's donation drive.

The current planned distribution dates are tentatively set for 11 (Saturday) & 12 (Sunday) December 2021.

More information will be forth coming as the Toys for Tots meetings are just getting underway.

Sergeant Medina also offered his assistance with web media to help enhance the detachment web page.



Sergeant Medina assembling a Toys for Tots donation box for the Springfield Moose Lodge, and receiving an Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League, challenge coin / chip from detachment commandant Peter Bock.

NOVEMBER 2021 BIRTHDAYS



**11 November 1914 – Donald Brownrigg Deceased
(China Marine)**

Please take a moment and remember Donald on the day he would have celebrated the anniversary of the day he was born.

If I have not displayed your birthday during your birth month that is because I do not have the day and month (do not send the year) of your birth. If you would like to appear on the birthday list, please get me the information.



**The YOUNG
MARINES**

There are currently 14 Young Marines, and 7 recruits pending orientation. There was a Saturday meeting at the Moose Lodge regarding the recruitment of Adult Leaders (of which there is still a critical need).

The Young Marines did have a camp out at the Young Marines camp outside Sweet Home, but they were not allowed a bon fire due to the still waning fire restrictions. A new generator has been donated to ensure power to the camp, there is still one hut that needs the metal roof put on, and depending on the weather they are looking at conducting a “Boot Camp” over two weekends in January.

Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League Banner Stand



The banner stand, with bungey cords, is now stored in the Emerald Empire Detachment #917 shed.

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

Please remember to turn this information in at the monthly meeting or send it in before the meeting so we can compile it over time.

To facilitate the tracking, accounting, and reporting of Community Service Hours performed by Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League, members (Life/Regular/and Associate) we are asking each member to submit the following information.

Anytime a member performs Community Service Hours (Toys for Tots, Scouting, Young Marines, Funeral Honors, Parades, Assistance to Marines/ FMF Corpsmen / FMF Chaplains, Marines 4 Life, Rose Program, general assistance, etc.) we need to gather that information under the type of assistance or community service and the total number of hours performed for those tasks.

To simplify this task, we ask each member to track their own community service and the number of hours spent performing that service. Then submit this information each month using the monthly meeting date (3rd Wednesday of each month) as the due date of each submission. This information will be collected, and tallied by the detachment each month so that at the end of the year we are able to submit the required information needed to complete the Detachment Annual Report. The easiest method of delivery would be to bring it with you to the monthly meetings. If unable to attend then the information can be submitted via email. Please submit only one monthly report and not a report for each activity each time performed.



DETACHMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Detachment Number: _____ Department: _____

Funeral Honors

How many Funeral Honors has your Detachment performed between January 1st and December 31st?

Community Service

How many Community Service Hours has your Detachment performed between January 1st and December 31st (examples: Toys 4 Tots, Scouting, Young Marines, Funeral Honors, Parades, etc.)?

Toys 4 Tots

How many children has your Detachment helped in the past Toys 4 Tots season?

How many toys have been collected by the Detachment in the past Toys 4 Tots season?

How dollars were collected in donations for Toys 4 Tots in the past season?

Transitioning Marines and their Family

How many Marines, FMF Corpsman, and FMF Chaplains and their families have been assisted between January 1st and December 31st? (This includes Marine 4 Life events, Rose Program, general assistance, etc.)

Other Notes of Interest

Detachment Commandant

Email

Phone

Email this form to your Department Commandant. Departments to NVC. NVC to the COO.

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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3rd Wednesday of the Month

Dinner @ 1800 hours

Meeting Starts @ 1900 hours

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Department Web Site: <http://www.mcl-oregon.org>

National Website: www.mcnational.org

2021 Meeting Dates **(Tentative) – ALL** **WEDNESDAYS**

**AS OF FEBRUARY – Meetings are at Moose Lodge 1726 Springfield,
Oregon**

17 November

15 December