



OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is set for: **18 October 2023**

ONE OUNCE SILVER MILITARY MEDALS

Available from the United
States Mint

(Currently on back order)



LOIS PRICE

Community Service Volunteer of the Year 2022 – 2023, Moose Lodge 1726, Springfield, Oregon



Lois Price was awarded the Community Service Volunteer of the Year for 2022-2023 by the Springfield Moose Lodge #1726. Lois was then entered in competition against all the other Moose Lodge Community Service Volunteers of the Year for 2022-2023 for the State of Oregon. Lois finished in 3rd Place in that competition.

Emerald Empire Detachment Commandant Dave Huber, and Springfield Moose Lodge member, thought it was fitting to award Lois her Certificate during the September meeting of the Emerald Empire Detachment #917 as an additional recognition of her achievement.

**Congratulations Lois on this Outstanding
Achievement!!!**

CORPSMAN



Ray Miller – Ray is progressing with his recovery. He is currently using arm crutches with the goal of eventually being able to walk without aids.



Jim Pilling – Jim reported, “Got word Friday that after my last bladder cancer surgery, I am now cancer free. No more chemo treatments. Been a tough 3 months. C-word deleted from my vocabulary. See a Neurologist Monday for evaluation and better diagnosis for my Post Polio Syndrome. Hope to then delete the P-word as well. Hope to be at meeting Wednesday.

Everyone be safe and stay healthy. Semper Fi!!

Jim was planning on trying to make it to the September meeting; however, he passed along “I will not be at tonight's meeting. After testing of my legs, they are quite sore. Also, at age 85, I really don't like driving at night. Have a good meeting. Semper Fi!! Hope everyone is safe and stay healthy.”

Jim's daughter Robin Hiestand suffered a fall and broke her hip. The detachment sent her Get Well / Thinking of You card.



Rudy Grein – On 20 September, Rudy's wife Angie had day surgery at McKenzie Willamette Hospital to remove Kidney Stones. Rudy was told by the doctor that they got all the stones. As of this writing Angie should be recovered from her procedure.



Kim Lonberg – Kim’s grandson AJ Lonberg is dealing with a recent diagnosis of epilepsy, and health issues from his service in the Marine Corps. They are working on getting him to use his VA benefits to seek treatment.



Norman Hart – Norman passed along, “Doing ok just busy with work and my hobbies. Waiting to be retested on cancer.” We are hoping for a “clear of cancer” retest.

Announcements

**Stephen Price will be contacting the Reserve Unit Assistance Coordinator. We want 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 financial assistance.
The detachment will receive a briefing soon about this contact.**

David James Huber has assisted the detachment with cooking during the last several fund-raising 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.



From the Chaplain's Corner



October brings cooler weather and RAIN, which has been very nice!
Columbus Day celebrates the ‘discovery’ of North America, or Indigenous People’s Day for those who prefer to celebrate those peoples who lived here long before Columbus was supposed to discover our continent. Please celebrate heartily whichever way you choose without prejudice for how others do it.

We also get to enjoy Octoberfest events, fresh apple cider, hayrides through the pumpkin patch, and jack-o-lanterns, to say nothing of witches and goblins and all kinds of trick-or-treaters! As months go, October can be a fun one.

We also see fewer hours of daylight, which can trigger feelings of depression for those who are sensitive to lowered sunlight. If you struggle with this yourself, or know someone who does, there are special lights you can get to help compensate for it, and often a phone call or card to folks you haven’t seen for a time can greatly encourage them and will brighten your day, too.



When there are not as many hours of light outside, pick up your efforts to shine your light and share it with your friends and family. Hoping to see you all at the weekly meeting on the 3rd Wednesday and/or at the monthly breakfast on the 3rd Sunday of each month, where we get to cook & serve breakfast to all who come.



Please let us know of anyone who needs a card, visit, call, or is in need of prayer.

Semper Fi,
Joy Cavin, Chaplain
Emerald Empire Detachment #917
Marine Corps League



OCTOBER 2023

BIRTHDAYS

3 October – Russell Smith **Deceased**

3 October – Paul Grinde

5 October – Chuck Lang

28 October 1939 – David Denton **Deceased**

28 October – Nancy Lukasik

Please take a moment to remember each of these people on the Anniversary of the day they were born.



Fund-Raising Breakfast Service for Sunday,
3 September 2023

The breakfast service for 3 September 2023 served 33 meals for a total of \$266.00. We also received \$50.00 in tips, for a Grand Total of \$316.00.

United States Marine Corps

History for the Month of October

(Courtesy of: **MarineParents.com** 
a Place to Connect & Share[®]



Gilda Jackson Becomes First African-American Female Marine Colonel

On October 1, 1997, Colonel Gilda A. Jackson, of Columbus, Ohio, became the first African-American female Marine to achieve the rank of Colonel during a ceremony at MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina. Prior to her promotion, Jackson served as the Special Projects Officer of the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing.



One of Earliest Known Uses of "Marines" by Continental Congress

On October 5, 1775, the Second Continental Congress held a meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in which they used the word "Marines" on one of the earliest known occasions.

The word was used in direction to General George Washington when it directed him to secure two vessels on "Continental risk and pay", and to give orders for the "proper encouragement to the Marines and seamen" to serve on the two armed ships.

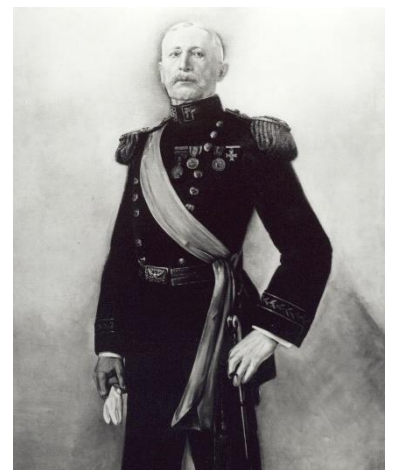
Marines Assist China in Surrender of Japan

On October 6, 1945, U.S. Marines under the command of Major General Keller E. Rockey accepted the surrender of 50,000 Japanese troops in North China on behalf of the Chinese Nationalist government.



Marines Capture Noveleta, Luzon, Philippines

On October 8, 1899, 375 Marines under the command of future Commandant of the Marine Corps George F. Elliott captured the insurgent town of Noveleta, Luzon, in the Philippines during the Philippine Revolution. There were 11 Marine casualties.



Eighth Marine Regiment Activated

On October 9, 1917 the 8th Marine regiment was activated at Quantico, Virginia.

While the regiment didn't see combat in Europe during World War I, the regiment did participate in operations against dissidents in Haiti for more than five years during the 1920s.

During World War II, the regiment was assigned to the 2nd Marine Division and participated in combat operations on Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, and Okinawa, earning three Presidential Unit Citations in the process.





This Week in Marine Corps History: Operation Bumblebee

On October 11, 1951, a Marine battalion was flown by transport helicopters to a front-line combat position for the first time when Marine Helicopter Transport Squadron-161 (HMR-161) lifted the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, as a part of Operation Bumblebee, northeast of Yanggu, Korea.



Operation Maui Peak

On October 19, 1968, Operation Maui peak ended nearly two weeks after it began 11 miles northwest of An Hoa, Vietnam. More than 300 enemy forces were killed in the 13-day operation.



Beirut Bombing

October 23, marks the anniversary of the single deadliest day for the Marine Corps since Iwo Jima in World War II. However, the chain of events that led up to this tragic event began more than a year prior, in June of 1982.

On June 6, 1982, the Israeli Defense Forces invaded southern Lebanon in response to an assassination attempt on Israel's ambassador to the

UK by Palestinian terrorists, in an attempt to create a buffer zone between Israel and a joint Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) and Syrian force stationed in Lebanon. After two and a half months of fighting, a 2,000 member multinational peacekeeping force, including 800 Marines from the 32d Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU), was deployed to Beirut to oversee the withdrawal of PLO guerillas on August 25.

5th MEB Heads to Cuba

On October 28, 1962, 10,000 Marines of the 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade left Camp Pendleton by sea en-route for the Caribbean during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

A week prior, the entire Marine Corps had been put on alert and elements of the 1st and 2d Marine Divisions were sent to Guantanamo Bay to reinforce the U.S. Naval Base.



Marines Raid Caco Stronghold in Haiti

On October 31, 1919, a Marine and gendarme, led by Sergeant Herman H. Hanneken, disguised themselves as Cacos and entered the headquarters of the Haitian Caco Leader, Charlemagne Peralte, killing Peralte and dispersing his followers. Sergeant Hanneken and Corporal William R. Button were each awarded the Medal of Honor for their respective roles in the mission.



Two WWI Medals of Honor, Two Names, One New York Marine

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. -- A Brooklyn Marine received two Medals of Honor for heroism on June 6, 1918, during the historic Battle of Belleau Wood. He also had two names.

That June day, Gunnery Sgt. Charles Hoffman conducted a one-man counterattack against a dozen Germans soldiers armed with five light machine guns, trying to throw the 5th Marine Regiment off Hill 142 overlooking the wood.

But when he was one of the escorts bringing the Unknown Soldier back from France in 1921 to Arlington, Virginia, he was Gunnery Sgt. Ernest Janson.

Janson was already a veteran before World War I, having served 10 years in the U.S. [Army](#) before he enlisted in the [Marine Corps](#) in June 1910. He was promoted to corporal less than a year later and made sergeant in August 1914, serving aboard a variety of naval ships up until 1916.

At some point, and for reasons nobody seems to know 100 years later, his enlistment in the Marines was as Charles Hoffman. There are no records or mention of Janson's motivation for serving as Hoffman during the war.

After the World War, he changed his name to Janson, which apparently was his real name, although the official [Medal of Honor](#) Society website records his Medal of Honor as being awarded to Charles Hoffman, not Ernest Janson.

The two Medals of Honor for the same action is easier to explain.

In 1918, the 5th Marine Regiment was fighting as part of the Army's 2nd Division.

Hoffman/Janson got one from the Army because he served in an Army division and one from the [Navy](#), because the Marines are a part of the Navy. This was not that unusual in World War I. The Army and Navy were both allowed to recommend members to receive the Medal of Honor.

Five other Marines would be double recipients -- getting a medal from the Army and a medal from the Navy -- for the same actions in the same battle.

The rules were changed after the war, so that has never happened since. A new standard was established by the Medal of Honor review board to require only one medal could be awarded for a single action.

At Belleau Wood, Janson, at 39, was one of the company's oldest and most experienced Marines when the unit moved into the line for combat in the spring of 1918.

The Germans were pushing toward Paris once again in the Second Battle of the Marne. American commander Gen. John J. Pershing committed American divisions under French command to stop the attack.

One of those divisions was the 2nd, which included a brigade of soldiers and one brigade of Marines.

The Battle of Belleau Wood marked a turning of the tide in June 1918.

The arrival of the 2nd Division, with its two Marine regiments, stopped the final German offensive of the war on June 1, 1918, some 30 miles from Paris. By June 5, the Marines were ordered to the offensive to clear Belleau Wood of German forces.

On June 6, the attack kicked off. The day would be one of the bloodiest in Marine Corps history. The Marine regiments suffered 1,087 killed or wounded on this first full day of the Battle of Belleau Wood.

Janson's company reached its objective near Belleau Wood on a terrain feature known as Hill 142.

Only two of the five Marine companies had been present at the start of the attack, and two more Marine companies arrived just in time to provide the manpower to hold their position.

While hastily organizing his defense on the objective, Janson saw a dozen enemy soldiers armed with light machine guns approaching his unit position.

Janson gave the alarm to his Marines and rushed to stem the counterattack, bayoneting two enemy soldiers, and forcing the remainder to flee the scene.

"His quick action, initiative and courage drove the enemy from a position from which they could have swept the hill with machine-gun fire and forced the withdrawal of our troops," noted his medal citation.

Janson's Medal of Honor would be the first among the American Expeditionary Forces.

In November 1918, Hoffman returned to the United States and was admitted to the Naval Hospital in New York, for continued treatment of wounds received in action in June.

He also dropped his assumed name and returned to Ernest Janson by 1921.

As a serving Medal of Honor recipient, Janson was selected to represent the Marine Corps service as a pallbearer for the Nov. 11, 1921, internment of the World War I Unknown Soldier, joining two Navy petty officers and five Army noncommissioned officers.

Janson continued his Marine Corps service as a [recruiter](#) in New York City up until the summer of 1926 when, at 48, he was transferred to the Marine Barracks at [Quantico](#), Virginia. Promoted to sergeant major that fall, Janson retired and returned to New York.

Janson died on Long Island after an illness in May 1930 and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Brooklyn.

His gravestone has Ernest August Janson on top, but the final line reads: "AKA (Also Known As) Charles E. Hoffman.

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Marine Corps History Submitted by Detachment Member Rudy Grein

Theresa “Sue” Malone Sousa



Obituary

Theresa “Sue” Malone Sousa, 96, of Essex, CT, formerly of McLean, VA, died Friday, May 5, 2023, after a brief illness. Born in Winchester, VA, the daughter of Joseph Harrison and Lillie Lehigh Malone, she graduated from Stephens City High School in 1945 and took a job in Washington, D. C. In 1950, she enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves and was called to active duty during the Korean Conflict. Based in Camp Pendleton, California, her first assignment was driving a jeep to deliver mail, providing occasions to chauffeur and socialize with the stars of the film “Flying Leathernecks”—John Wayne, Robert Ryan, etc.

Passionate about softball, Sousa played semi-professionally in D.C., and at Pendleton played on the Women Marines’ team and the top-rated civilian team —the California Ramblers in Los Angeles.

Her 32-year federal government career began in 1952 at the Department of the Interior, U. S. Geological Survey, and covered a broad range of assignments — notably being Exhibits and Information Officer for a joint venture between the Department of the Interior and NASA. This cooperative effort resulted in NASA launching the first satellite devoted exclusively to the study of the Earth and its resources (Landsat). As U.S. Government representative, Sousa designed, installed, and manned exhibits about the project for the Spokane World’s Fair and scientific conferences in Stockholm, Manila, Cairo, San Juan, Paris, etc. (Landsat 9 continues to orbit the earth, sending back data about climate change and helping to power Google Earth.) Sousa ended her government career as Chief Visual Information Officer for all of U.S. Geological Survey.

In 1960, she was invited to join a committee spearheading a new organization—the Women Marines Association. Engaged and active in every facet, she served as National President from 1974-1976 and was a presence at every national convention until the year before her death, lending her wit and wisdom as Mistress of Ceremonies and Installing Officer. Among WMA members, she is affectionally known as “Our Founding Mother.”

She is survived by her sister Nancy and brother-in-law Woodbridge D'Oench of Old Saybrook, CT; her longtime friend Eileen Scanlon of Essex, CT; nieces and their husbands — Sarah (Thomas Jenei) of Grafton, MA; Susannah (Leonardo Cardoso Salvador) of San Francisco, CA; also, Carol Hedleston of Valrico, FL, and a great nephew Benjamin Jenei.

She was predeceased by a sister, Beulah Malone Smith; three brothers—Joseph, Howard, and David Malone, and a nephew Stephen Malone.

A service in her memory is being planned for a later date at the Women in Military Service to America (WIMSA) Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery. Sousa served on the founding board of the Memorial for 17 years.

Her friends and fans, the lives she touched, span the nation, and circle the globe. Semper Fi. The family thanks the staff at Essex Meadows Health Center for the care and caring they gave this special person during the last months of her life.

To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit www.doolittlefuneralservice.com.





John Wayne "The Duke" with Marines Peggy Gordon, from N.C. (left) and Pfc. Sue Souza (right) in 1950-51 aboard the Pendleton in field during the filming of the movie "Elmer Fudd"



Submitted by Detachment Member and Woman Marine Association Member Lois Price

USMC 248th Birthday Cake Cutting

CORRECTION!!!!

We may have Marines from Wyoming attending our ceremony this year.

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

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

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

18 October 2023

(Bratwurst on a Hoagie, Sauerkraut on the side, German Potato Salad)

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.

15 October 2023

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