



# DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is set for: **20 December 2023**

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**On 10 November 2023, members and friends of the Emerald Empire Detachment #917 gathered to celebrate the birthday of the United States Marine Corps. The Moose Lodge also conducted their annual Veteran's Day Dinner on the same day.**



**Dave Huber**



**Matt Scott with his girlfriend Emma Standish, and his mother Peggy Harley.**



**Peter Bock**

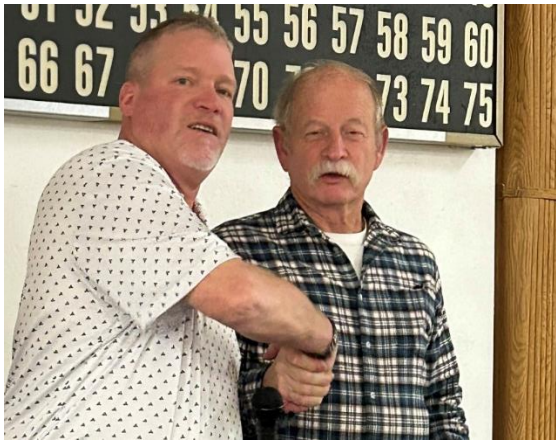
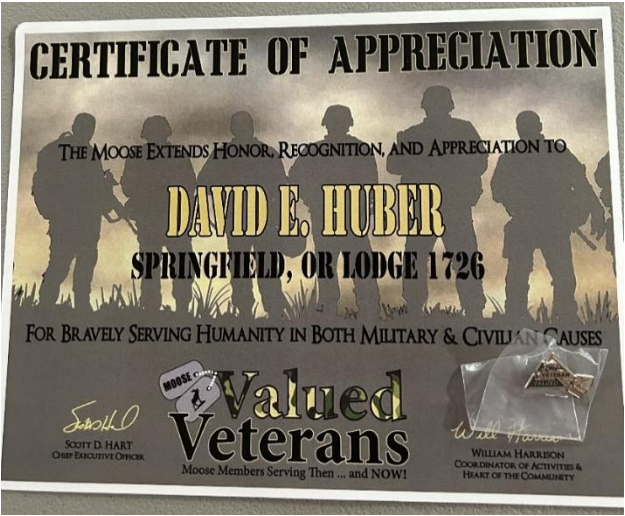


**Ruth Holland, Lois Price, and Eva McDonald**

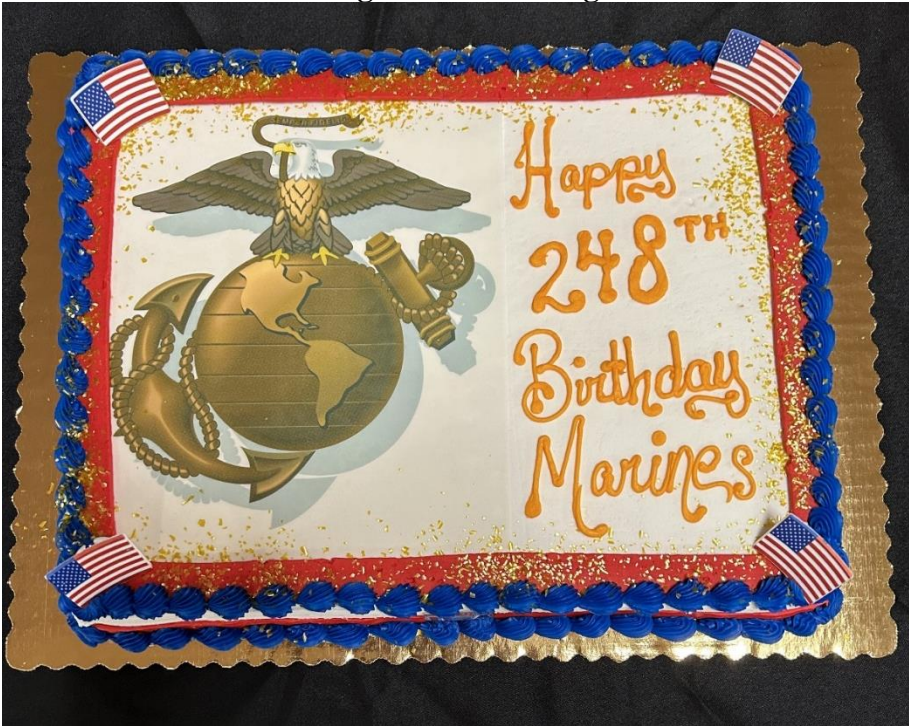


**Moose Lodge President Wilbur Brown presented Certificates for Valued Veterans along with a Pin.**





Following the presentations by the Moose Lodge, the United States Marine Corps 248<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cake Cutting Celebration began.







**Beryle Ferriera**



**Bobby Graves**



**Taggard & Heather Hecker**



**Joseph & Tamara Lamm**



**Socializing and camaraderie prior to the ceremony beginning.**





**Linda Miller and Bobby Graves visiting.**







**Peter Bock, Ruth Holland, Stephen & Lois Price, Beryle Ferriera, and Matt Scott.**







**Ray Miller, Master of Music**



**Ceremony about to begin.**



**Opening prayer.**



**Emerald Empire Detachment Commandant Dave Huber reading the Commandant of the Marine Corps Birthday Message.**





**Cutting the first piece of cake for the Oldest Marine Present, Beryle Ferriera (92 ½ years old), then Youngest Marine Present, Matt Scott (47).**



**Beryle Ferriera was drafted into the United States Marine Corps in 1952, from San Francisco, California. He served in Korea and was discharged in 1954. He was in Special Services, and started out with a Headquarters unit because he knew how to type.**

**Matt Scott entered the United States Marine Corps in 1996, and started in FAST (Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team) Company. He then served with Fox Company 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Marines. Matt was discharged in 2001.**



**The last Emerald Empire Detachment tradition was a toast of Johnnie Walker Black to the United States Marine Corps. Sergeant Major Jess M. Wise, Jr., started this tradition while he was a member of the Emerald Empire Detachment. Following Jess's passing, the toast was changed to a toast to Sergeant Major Jess M. Wise, Jr.**



# Emerald Empire Detachment Members, Back When It All Started

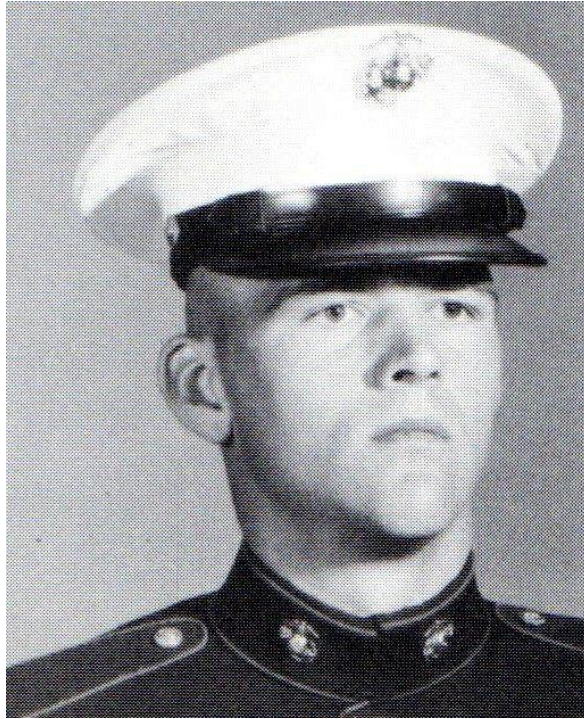


Karen Reeves, Private First Class, Only Photo During Time in the Corps, About February 1962,  
Barracks 2441, WM Company, Camp Pendleton, California



Ray Miller, Boot Camp Photo, Parris Island, South Carolina, June 1962





**Dan Stombaugh, Boot Camp Photo, Oregon Platoon, San Diego, California, 1968**



**Paul Grinde, Private, USMC, MCRD, San Diego, California 5 Feb -2 May 1980**





Rudy Grein, Boot Camp, November 1986, San Diego, California

**Linda & Ray Miller Celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 19  
October 2023**





# CORPSMAN



**Jay & Amy Hall** – Matt Scott informed the members that Jay’s wife Amy was undergoing treatment for Breast Cancer (to include surgery and radiation).



**Kim Lonberg** - Kim’s sister passed away on 15 November 2023.

**Please keep Jay, his wife Amy, and Kim Lonberg in your thoughts and prayers.**

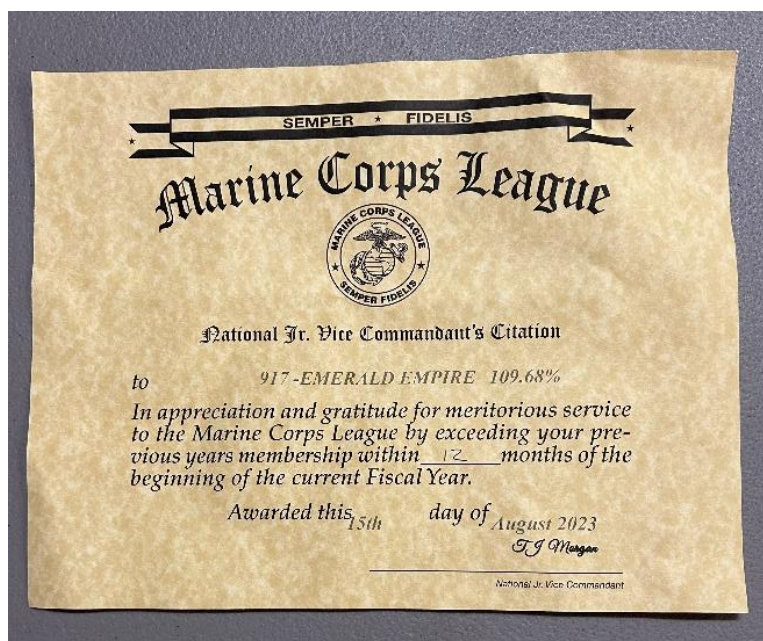


# Announcements

## FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF OREGON COMMAMDANT BENJAMIN QUEN

Detachments who obtained 100% in membership growth for the 2022-2023 period. As I previously mentioned, your efforts resulted in the Department of Oregon to receive a Second-Place award with 114.83%. In addition, we contributed to the NW Division receiving a Second-Place award as well. The following awards were sent to me, and they are on their way to the detachments.

- Crater Lake Detachment #373 – 102.93% - Received Certificate and 100% Ribbon
- Daniel E Crockett Detachment #1228 – 103.70% - Received Certificate and 100% Ribbon
- Central Oregon Detachment #1308 – 107.41% - Received Certificate and 100% Ribbon
- Emerald Empire Detachment #917 – 109.68% - Received Certificate and 100% Ribbon
- USS Oregon Detachment #470 – 112.07% - Received Certificate and 100% Ribbon
- Calvin E Murphy Detachment #578 – 128.13% - Received Certificate and 100% Ribbon
- Rogue Valley Detachment #386 – 128.30% - Received Certificate and 100% Ribbon
- George C Leber Detachment #1481 – 269.23% - Received National 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Plaque (Detachment Size 15-50), Certificate and 100% Ribbon
- Coquille River Detachment #1042 – 316.67.93% - Received National 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Plaque (Detachment Size 15-50), Certificate and 100% Ribbon
- **Congratulations to those detachments for achieving such a great recognition.**







**Emerald Empire Detachment Junior Vice-Commandant Paul Grinde, and Emerald Empire Detachment Commandant Dave Huber, display the National Junior Vice Commandant Citation for exceeding our previous years membership, the 100 Percent Membership Ribbon, and Department of Oregon Commandant Challenge Coin.**





# From the Chaplain's Corner



## December, time of celebration; time of sadness; time of sharing?



December brings the winter solstice and several different types of religious holiday celebrations. It can also be a time of sadness and deprivation for many families, due to school holidays, and children home needing to be fed.



I'd like to challenge you if you aren't always able to be joyful and join in the celebrations – try making a contribution to your local church food pantry or to Food for Lane County. Many public schools collect and distribute canned and dry goods to help their families make it through the Winter Break.

Sharing from your abundance with those who are struggling can create a warm & fuzzy feeling and bring a spark of happiness to your soul. Giving gloves, knit hats, scarves or blankets to your local St. Vincent de Paul or Goodwill can warm your heart, too.



If you do enjoy the holidays, reach out to someone you know or suspect is struggling and know they will benefit from it. In a world that is often cold and indifferent, just knowing somebody cares enough to reach out is a blessing.

May each of you be blessed this holiday season. Be sure to pray for our country.

Joy Cavin, Chaplain  
Emerald Empire MCL





# **DECEMBER 2023**

# **BIRTHDAYS**

11 December – Rudy Grein

18 December – Peter Bock

22 December – Norman Hart

23 December – James McKee **Deceased**

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



**Fund-Raising Breakfast Service for Sunday,**  
**19 November 2023**

**The breakfast service for 19 November 2023 served 33 paid meals. This brought in \$270.00. We also received \$62.00 in tips, for a total of total of \$332.00.**



# United States Marine Corps

## History

On This Date in 1915, Major Smedley Darlington Butler, while serving as the commanding officer for the 5th, 13th, and 23rd Companies and Marine and Sailor detachment aboard the U.S.S. Connecticut, led the attack on Fort Riviere on 17 November 1915 during the Haitian Campaign.

Following a concentrated drive, several different detachments of Marines gradually closed in on the French bastion fort, cutting all avenues of retreat for the Haitian guerrilla group bandits inside. After reaching the fort on the southern side where there was a small opening in the wall, Maj. Butler gave the signal to attack. Marines from the 15th Company poured through the breach, engaged the Haitian guerrillas in hand-to-hand combat, took the bastion, and crushed the guerrilla resistance. Throughout this perilous action, Maj. Butler was conspicuous for his bravery and forceful leadership.

Maj Butler was awarded his second Medal of Honor for the extraordinary heroism for his actions, having received the first for actions in Veracruz, Mexico in 1914. Maj Butler is one of two Marines to receive two Medal of Honors on separate occasions throughout his career.



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Butler, S.D.  
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1st Indorsement.

HEADQUARTERS U. S. MARINE CORPS, Washington, February 4, 1916.

From: Major General Commandant.  
To: Major Smedley D. Butler, First Brigade, Marine Corps,  
Port au Prince, Haiti. (Via: Brigade Comdr.)

Subject: Medal of Honor.  
Enclosures: 7 (medal, neck ribbon, breast ribbon, rosette,  
receipt form, return envelope, H.D.G.O. 177,  
1E/4/15).

The Major General Commandant takes great pleasure in forwarding the attached letter from the Secretary of the Navy presenting you with a Medal of Honor as a recognition of the distinguished service rendered by you in the line of your profession; and feels that the service rendered confers distinction not only upon you but upon the whole Corps.

By order of the Major General Commandant:

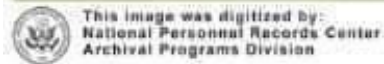
JOHN A. LEJEUNE

ABL

Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps.

H.E.R.

FILE—S. H.



(This USMC history was submitted by Detachment Member Rudy Grein.)



# Tun Tavern To Be Re-Built



## Women Marines Association

Ann Lane Crittenden · 3h · 🗨️



FOR ALL MEMBERS AND FOLLOWERS: BIG NEWS: From Ken Hopper Marine Corps Reserve Association:

ALL - FIRST, HAPPY BIRTHDAY Marine. I did not send a note, because I know you were inundated & had more important things to do, like getting ready for a MC Ball. But I promise, I did raise a glass in toast to each of you.

SECOND, how many times in your Marine Corps career did you hear or even talk about "Tun Tavern?" For those that attended the Saturday portion of our NMCC meeting, you may recall a brief from Mr. Pat Dailey of his dream of rebuilding "The Tun."

Well I am excited to tell you, that dream is going to become a reality!!! UuuuRAH!!!!!! We are on schedule to have the grand opening on **10 Nov 2025. In time for the celebration of our 250h MC Birthday!**

To bring you up to speed:

- We are ready to sign the paperwork to purchase the land. The building location will be approximately 250 yards from the original location.
- We have selected an architect
- We have selected a construction company
- We have our website up & running. From the site, you can select your level of support & yes, there are multiple levels of support.

Here is an exciting part, to help us raise funds, we have secured the only female coppersmith in the U.S. She will be hand making a limited edition number of 18th century copper mugs. Only 1,500 of these will be produced! So if you want one of these collector items you will need to get your order in EARLY. Here is the best part if you purchase one of the mugs:

- They will be numbered
- They will have the circa 1775 USMC emblem & the Tun Tavern stamp
- You will also be able to have your name hand engraved on the face of the mug where.....
- they will be displayed in a special case, specifically designed to house the mugs in THE TUN itself. **AND** you will never ever have to pay for a beer in the Tun! That is correct, these mugs will be bottomless....

I could go on & on, but I am glad you have read this far. Bottom line, you & your members have the opportunity to be part of history. You have the opportunity to leave a legacy for those Marines that follow in our footsteps. Think about it, we are going to rebuild the BIRTHPLACE OF OUR CORPS, don't you want to be a part of that?

Click on the link to discover more about the project & determine your level of support, [THE TUN PROJECT](#)

Feel free to forward this email to ALL of your Marine contacts & again please to your membership. We on the The Tun Board of Governors appreciate your assistance in raising funds to complete the project.

**OH, if you have not heard, SECNAV has directed CMC to hold the official 250th Ball in Philadelphia.**

Semper Fi,

Ken



thetun.org  
**Home**

**(Above information submitted by Detachment Senior Vice Commandant Debbie Barker via the Women Marines Association)**

**The following information was obtained from thetun.org website. Additional information available on their site.**

The Tun Tavern Legacy Foundation, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed by members of these organizations with origins at Tun Tavern that are still in existence:

- United States Marines (1775)
- Pennsylvania Freemasons (1731)
  - St. Andrew's Society (1747)
  - Society of St. George (1729)
- The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick (1771)
  - United States Navy (1775)

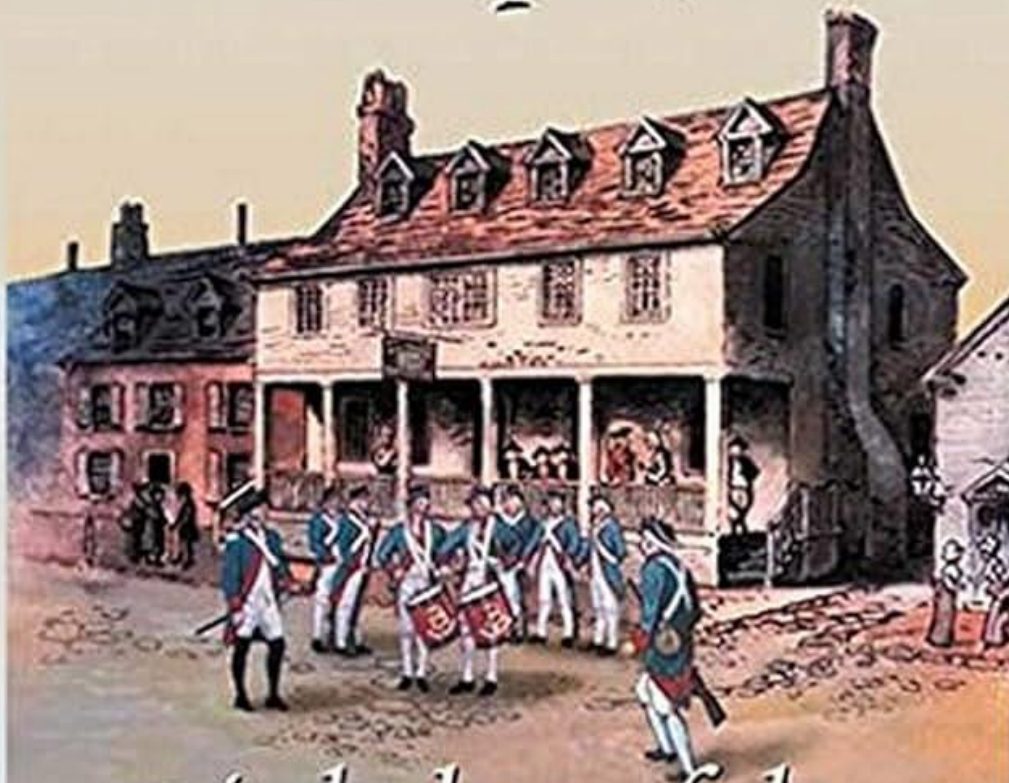
Members of these organizations are represented on our Board of Governors and are working together to re-establish *The Tun*<sup>TM</sup> in Philadelphia.

***Our Mission: To rebuild and re-establish The Tun<sup>TM</sup> as it was, a functioning mariner's tavern reminiscent of colonial Philadelphia, serving period-influenced refreshments, food, and entertainment and offering an educational experience through exhibits, historical documents, and special events. All profits from operations of The Tun<sup>TM</sup> will be donated in perpetuity to support veteran causes, Masonic charities, educational scholarships, and qualified charities as determined by The Tun Tavern Legacy Foundation's independent Board of Governors.***



# Tun Tavern

*Philadelphia, Pa.*



*Birthplace of the  
Continental Marines*

(Photo from internet)



The link below is a video of the Emerald Empire Young Marines conducting a Color Guard ceremony held at Lone Oaks assisted living center on Veterans Day.

The person taking the video turned the camera part way through it. I haven't found a good way to edit it to make it easier to watch.

[https://youtu.be/mkd5ZoGHhSU?si=F\\_3hwajGZGNQV\\_YM](https://youtu.be/mkd5ZoGHhSU?si=F_3hwajGZGNQV_YM)

Casey Bartlett  
Unit Commander  
Emerald Empire Young Marines

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On 16 November 2023, Stephen Price, Terry Anderson, and Casey Bartlett met with the owner (Giustina Land & Timber Company) of the Young Marine Camp, and the owner of the adjoining property (Paul Kuebrich). They discussed what needed to be done, and how to accomplish what needed to be done.

The camp will be put under a 99-year lease (which has already been paid for) to the Emerald Empire Detachment #917. The rest of the lease paperwork will still read like the old lease paperwork. There is a full easement access to the property thru the neighboring properties on the road. This is Paul Kuebrich's Property.

There was also an original member from when the camp was a Boy Scout Camp. It appears that over time the buildings on the site occupied 3 different locations to include the current building location which was located there sometime between 1975 – 1980.

Jim Search is going to do some calling to see what other properties there might be that can be transferred. He will also help with materials (gravel, PVC pipe for water system, and anything else needed).

There are still on-going discussions with the Marine Corps Reserve Unit (Engineers) about work that needs to be done at the camp. The more trades/Military Occupational Specialties that can be utilized at the camp the better the chance the engineers can undertake the project as a community service / training. The road work at the camp will require an Environmental Impact Study be conducted. Stephen Price will be talking with Giustina Land & Timber Company to see if they can facilitate the conducting of the study, since the company is experienced in this area.

Standby for further information as it becomes available.

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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.

## 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 - **\$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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3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month

**Dinner @ 1800 hours**

**Meeting Starts @ 1900 hours**

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National Website: [www.mclnational.org](http://www.mclnational.org)

# 2023 Meeting Dates

## ALL WEDNESDAYS

**20 December 2023**

~~(Turkey Breast, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Roll, Apple Pie)~~  
Changed to a Potluck with the lodge. Information to follow via email.

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## 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**

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# 2023 Fund Raising Breakfast Dates

## ALL SUNDAYS

The price is now \$8.00 for breakfast.

3 December 2023

~~17 December 2023~~ (Changed to 3 December 2023)

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# 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