

JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is set for: **21 June 2023**

NEWEST LIFE MEMBER

Emerald Empire Detachment #917

Marine Corps League



At the May meeting, Norman Hart was presented with his Marine Corps League LIFE MEMBER Pin, LIFE MEMBER Card, and LIFE MEMBER Gold Plated Commemorative Card.

The presentation was conducted by Emerald Empire Detachment #917 Commandant Dave Huber.

Norman first joined the Marine Corps League / Emerald Empire Detachment #917 back in 2015.

Make sure to Welcome Norman as our newest Life Member. We will be seeing more of Norman as he deals with treatments to address a recurrence of cancer (see Norman in the Corpsman section of this newsletter).



Ronald (Ron) A. Cooper, Sr.

United States Marine Corps

**Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League
(Deceased)**

Was honored for his service in the United States Marine Corps, and his post-military service to Lane County Veteran's Court during the Memorial Day Ceremony, Springfield Memorial Gardens, Springfield, Oregon, on 29 May 2023.

The Ceremony included a Wreath Laying Ceremony, Color Guard/Native American Honor Guard, Military Honors Presentation, Guest Speakers, POW/MIA Tribute, and a Musket Salute.



From the Chaplain's Corner



It's June –

Seniors are graduating from high school;



Dads are celebrating Father's Day;



Folks are heading out on vacation (like the Prices & Grindes, for example); and

Teachers are breathing great sighs of relief;



It is a time for barbeques, fresh flower bouquets and fresh berry delights!



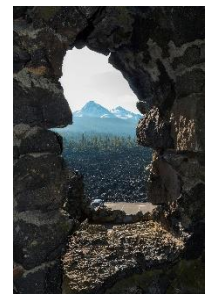
Enjoy the increase in sunny days (before it gets too hot) and take advantage of them to take a day trip to the coast or a picnic up in the mountains. The

Old McKenzie highway, when it opens, is an

amazing drive over to Sisters where you can check out the quilting shops, views of the Three Sisters, Mt. Jefferson, 3-Fingered Jack, and several other snow-capped peaks in the Oregon Cascades.



Whatever you do and wherever you go, enjoy yourself and always remain mindful of all the kids out of school who are not always well monitored by their families.



Be sure to let me know if you have any needs our Marine Corps League can address or if you know of others who do.



Semper Fi,
Joy Cavin, Chaplain
Emerald Empire Marine Corps League





CORPSMAN



Thad & Nancy Lukasik attended the breakfast service at the Moose Lodge on Sunday 21 May 2023. Ruth Holland's daughter-in-law informed them that Ruth was admitted to the hospital at McKenzie Willamette with complications of COPD, congestive heart failure and that her oxygen levels were extremely low. Martin Holland added that his mother Ruth was doing a little better but not a lot of answers at this time. Her oxygen levels are up, but she is still short of breath and coughing up a lot of "junk."

Ruth sent me this information on Monday (22 May 2023),

"Thanks for all the prayers 🙏 . I am a little better today. Hard to breathe and talk. Lots of meds and breathing treatments. Hope to go home in a couple of days."



James (Jim) Pilling – Jim let Joy Cavin know, “I begin my bladder cancer chemo treatments on May 19, 2023 and then for the following 5 weeks. Thinking I will beat the C word!!”

Jim had his first Chemo on Friday 19 May 2023. Jim reported, “Chemo went well. Long day. I was injected through a catheter two different types of chemo over a 3-hour time frame. A bit week but taking one day at a time. You folks stay safe and healthy!! Only 5 more Fridays of this joy!! 🙌🙏”

Jim should be done with Chemo after the 23 June 2023 treatment.

Jim is also seeing a dermatologist and was not able to make it to the May meeting after getting 4 areas “cut on” as he put it.



Linda Miller – On May 22, 2023, Linda had an office visit surgery to remove an infected portion of a toe on her left foot. Ray put out the following information, “It went well. She is down for three to five days.” “The surgery went better than expected. She is in a small boot for a week and goes back to have the stitches out next Tuesday. She actually drove her sister's car home.” She is allowed to get around more than was previously thought. Between the two of them they can fix meals, but Ray had already prepared meals for a week ahead of time.



Ray Miller – Ray is progressing, his legs are getting stronger but his hands are not coming along as rapidly as he would hope. He is hopeful that things will improve. He took a little break from his physical and occupational therapies while Linda recovers from her foot surgery.

As my old Tae Kwon Do Grand-Master would say, “The journey of a Thousand Miles begins with one step.”



Eddie Mosteller – Lois Price spoke with Jeanne on 12 May 2023. Jeanne said that Eddie was in for another MRI. The results show that Eddie is in the early stages of Dementia. They are working on getting her some assistance to help take care of Eddie at home. Jeanne could use some moral support. Those that know Eddie and Jeanne should consider giving them a call.

Please keep them in your prayers. They may be across the country in South Carolina, but they are still a part of the Emerald Empire Detachment and Marine Corps family.

**Eddie & Jeannie Mosteller
1088 Corie Crest Dr
Boiling Springs, SC 29316**

Jeanne’s phone number is: (509)-370-3470

Eddie’s phone number is: (509)-370-3469

They are on East Coast Time, so 3 hours later there than here.



Lois & Stephen Price – Lois & Steve have very recently experienced the loss of their daughter-in-law Tabitha Price, and two first-cousins to include Navy Corpsman Terry Yearout.

All these losses were very sudden and unexpected.

Norman Hart – Norman will be starting Radiation treatments soon (5 days a week for 8 weeks) for cancer that has returned after being previously treated over 4 years ago.

We hope and pray that these treatments will bring about a complete recovery and defeat of this cancer.



Joseph Lamm – Joseph told me, “I’m hanging in there. Today was a little tough this morning. Not consistent on when I get sick so that’s fun lol.” He has had multiple 30-minute infusions. He has been trying to catch up on all those things that get put on hold when dealing with serious medical issues.



JUNE 2023 BIRTHDAYS

5 June – Dave (Doc) Turner

12 June – John Lane **Deceased**

15 June 1950 – Dan Stombaugh

23 June – Thomas H. Williams **Deceased**

24 June – Teresa Robinowitz

Please take a moment to remember Dave, John, Dan, Tom, and Teresa each on the Anniversary of the day they were born.



Fund-Raising Breakfast
Service for Sunday,
28 May 2023



The breakfast service details for 28 May 2023 will be reported in the July 2023 Newsletter.

HELP

With the Summer months upon us, we are going to be VERY SHORT STAFFED through at least August 2023. It would be greatly appreciated if any and all detachment members, family, friends, etc. that can “LEND A HAND” can help with the breakfast services.

Dates are shown on the very last page of the monthly newsletters.



OPERATION DESERT STORM PATCH – FREE

Desert Storm Veteran, or know one, this patch is for free – contact Dan Stombaugh at:

dwstombaugh@msn.com

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE UNIFORM ITEMS FOR SALE

The following Marine Corps League Uniform items have been donated by Detachment Member Dan Stombaugh, and are for sale. Proceeds go to support the Emerald Empire Detachment #917 General Fund.

The Marine Corps League Regular Member Red Cover (needs the Eagle Globe and Anchor) is a size 7 ½.

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.

The items are valued at about:

Cover: \$30.00 - \$35.00

Aviator Shirt \$30.00 - \$35.00

Red Blazer was well over \$100.00 when purchased.



Buy One or Buy All – but get them before they are gone.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES – DOUBLING **IN PRICE – AS OF 1 JULY 2023**

Currently the price is:

0-35	\$500.0
36-40	\$400.00
41-50	\$400.00
51-64	\$300.00
65+	\$200.00

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
National Headquarters

20 April 2023

From: National Board of Trustees, Marine Corps League
To: Marine Corps League Membership
Re: National Board of Trustee (BOT) Action on Life Membership Fees

National Board of Trustee (BOT) Action on Life Membership Fees

The National Board of Trustees met on 19 April 2023 to discuss the Marine Corps League's Life Membership Fees. It was determined that the Life Membership Fees have not been increased for approximately 19 years. In the year 2004, it was the last time that Life Membership Fees were increased at the National Convention. The National Board of Trustees has been discussing this increase for many years. The following paragraph is reprinted from the National Administrative Procedures:

“Section 7050. Life Members. ... Effective 1 September 2021 the Life Membership fee shall be as established by the National Board of Trustees and shall be posted on the National Website.”

The National Board of Trustees has the fiduciary responsibility for the operation and budget requirements of the Marine Corps League. After full discussions and considerations, the National Board of Trustees voted and approved the following:

Effective 1 July 2023, the Life Membership Fees will increase as per the following chart:

\$1000.00 – 35 years of age and lower
\$ 800.00 – 36-50 years of age
\$ 600.00 – 51-64 years of age
\$ 400.00 – 65-84 years of age
\$ 100.00 – 85 years of age and higher

The above Fees are only available if the member's annual dues have been paid and the member is in good standing. Any member desiring to pay their Life Membership Fees at the current rate, must do so and be post-marked no later than 30 June 2023. Any Life Membership payments after that date are listed above.

On behalf of the National Board of Trustees,

Johnny Baker

Johnny Baker
National Commandant/CEO

cc: Bob Borka, National Executive Director, Marine Corps League
National Board of Trustees
All Departments
All Detachments (Members)

A couple members have already submitted their paperwork to take advantage of the current Life Membership dues before they double in price.

When the Life Membership presentations are made, we will post the information in the newsletter following the presentation.

There is a couple more that sound very interested in the Life Membership and we hope we can get them on-board before the dues go up.

From the desk of the Paymaster.....

Notice to annual dues payers:

In accordance with National Headquarters rules, if an annual dues payer lapses past one year from the expiration date of the membership they will be dropped from the detachment's roster.

At this point there are two options, (1) the member can be re-installed by paying all back dues to include the current year; or (2) re-apply as a new member by completing a new application for membership.

If option number two is chosen, all previous membership service is eliminated and service time in the Marine Corps League begins anew.

Therefore, it behooves annual dues payers to keep their membership current. National Headquarters no longer places membership expiration dates on detachment rosters making it easy for a member to slip through the cracks.

The Detachment Adjutant has provided the Detachment Junior Vice-Commandant with a listing of Annual Dues Payers. If you have any question as to when your dues are coming up for Renewal, please feel free to contact him (contact information shown under Detachment Officers at end of Newsletter).

REMINDER – ALL ANNUAL DUES EXPIRE ON THE 1ST OF SEPTEMBER OF THE EXPIRATION YEAR.



Getlin's Corner Foundation

The detachment received a Thank You email from Lon Getlin for the donation that the Emerald Empire Detachment #917 made to Getlin's Corner Foundation following the April meeting. Lon also thanked us for the return of his hat which was left following the meeting.

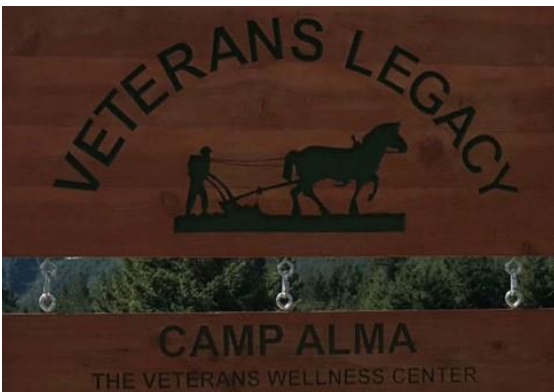
The Emerald Empire Young Marines conducted a joint camping trip to their camp outside Sweet Home, Oregon with the Tualatin Valley Young Marines out of Hillsboro, Oregon (West of Portland, Oregon).



**The YOUNG
MARINES**

Terry Anderson & Stephen Price spent some long hours and sweat equity getting the camp whipped into shape before the Camp Out could take place.

Can you guess what some of the meals were? MREs (Meals Ready to Eat) of course.



Vet's Legacy has invited the Emerald Empire Detachment #917 members to a lunch at the camp.

Planning for a date will take place to determine a time to partake of this offer.

**YOUR Emerald Empire Detachment Officer's for the
Year June 2023 - May 2024 are:**



Elected Officers are:

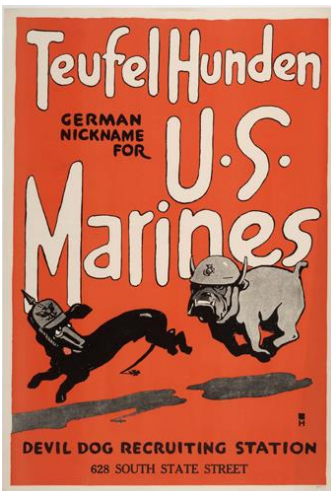
Commandant: Dave Huber
Senior Vice-Commandant: Debbie Barker
Junior Vice-Commandant: Paul Grinde
Judge Advocate: Thad Lukasik

Appointed Positions are:

Adjutant – Ray Miller
Paymaster – Lois Price
Webmaster – Debbie Barker
Chaplain – Joy Cavin
Sgt-at-Arms – Norman Hart
Jr. Past Commandant – Peter Bock

United States Marine Corps History for the Month of June

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



German Troops Attack American Forces in France

On June 2, 1918, the German 28th Division attacked American troops on the Paris-Metz Road, hitting the American 2nd Division, including the 4th Marine Brigade. The Marines opened fire with deadly accuracy, helping hand German troops a setback that set the stage for Marine victory at Belleau Wood which would soon follow.

24th MEU Rescues Air Force Pilot

On June 8, 1995, a Marine recovery team from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit stationed on board the *USS Kearsarge* rescued American pilot Captain Scott O'Grady, USAF, who had been shot down over Bosnia six days earlier.



Marines Land at Guantanamo Bay



On June 10, 1898, the First Marine Battalion, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Robert Huntington, landed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The next day, Lieutenant Herbert Draper raised the American flag over Camp McCalla where it flew for the next eleven days. Huntington later sent the flag to Colonel Commandant Charles Heywood informing him (Heywood) that, "[w]hen bullets were flying, ...the sight of the flag upon the midnight sky has thrilled our hearts."

Flag Flies Continuously at Marine Corps Memorial

On June 12, 1961, President John F. Kennedy signed a Presidential Proclamation calling for the American flag to be flown at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, "at all times during the day and night."

The proclamation came as a result of discussions between the Attorney General's office and Marine Corps officials earlier that year on improving the visibility and appearance of the monument.





Marines Assault Saipan

On June 15, 1944, the V Amphibious Corps assaulted the west coast of the island of Saipan in the Mariana Islands. The assault was preceded by hours of naval gunfire and airstrikes and by nightfall the 2nd and 4th Marine Divisions had established a beachhead 10,000 yards wide and 1,500 yards deep despite heavy Japanese resistance.

24th MEU Returns to Mogadishu

On June 20, 1993, the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) returned to Mogadishu, Somalia, to be ready to provide support to United Nations peace-keeping troops if needed. Earlier that month, the 24th MEU had cut short Exercise Eager Mace 93-2 in Kuwait to be on hand for possible operations in Somalia.



North Korean Troops Invade South Korea

On June 20, 1950, eight divisions of the North Korean People's Army crossed the 38th Parallel and invaded the Republic of Korea shortly before dawn. Within three days, Seoul, the capital city of South Korea, had been captured.

10 days later, on June 30, President Harry S. Truman ordered a naval blockade of the Korean coast and authorized the sending of U.S. ground troops to Korea. Two days later, General Douglas MacArthur, the Commander in Chief Far East, formally requested that a Marine regimental combat team be deployed to the area.



Operation Jay

On June 25, 1966, *Operation Jay* began approximately 20 miles northwest of the central Vietnamese city of Hue. The operation, which lasted nine days, saw the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines land north of the North Vietnamese 812th Main Force Battalion, while the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines landed south of the enemy's position. Caught between the two Marine units, the North Vietnamese battalion suffered more than 80 dead during the course of the operation.

Lewis "Chesty" Puller is Born

On June 26, 1898, Lewis "Chesty" Puller, the most decorated Marine in history, was born in West Point, Virginia.

Puller would enlist in the Marine Corps in 1918 during World War I (although he didn't see action during that war) and in 37 years of service, he served in numerous conflicts during the "Banana Wars," including the Occupation of Haiti and the Occupation of Nicaragua, World War II, including the Battles of Guadalcanal and Peleliu, and the Korean War, including the Battle of Inchon and the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir.

By the time he retired in 1955, Puller was (and still remains) the most decorated Marine in the history of the Corps. Puller is one of only two American servicemen to be awarded five Navy Crosses (the other being Rear Admiral Roy Davenport) and, with the Distinguished Service Cross awarded to him by the U.S. Army, he is the only serviceman to have been awarded the nation's second-highest military awards for valor six times.





Battle of Belleau Wood Comes to an End

On June 26, 1918, one of the most important and legendary battles in Marine Corps history--The Battle of Bois de Belleau, or Belleau Wood, came to an end after 20 days of bitter fighting.

This was a battle that exemplified the Marine Corps' core values of honor, courage, and commitment. It was a battle that catapulted the Marine Corps to worldwide prominence. And it was a battle that helped turn the tide of "The Great War" (as WWI was then known) in favor of the Allies.

#OTD in 1945, Marine pilot Bob Klingman used the propeller of his F4U Corsair to chop off the tail of a Japanese reconnaissance plane. Because his guns had frozen due to the high altitude, he turned his fighter into a buzzsaw to down the enemy. He then managed to fly back to base even though 6" had broken off one propeller blade while the other two blades were bent back. Chunks of the Japanese plane were also stuck in the Corsair's engine cowling. Klingman was awarded the Navy Cross and the Air Medal with Gold Star for his actions

This United States Marine Corps History was forwarded by detachment Life Member Rudy Grein.

For more information on Marine Bob Klingman visit: <https://sofrep.com/news/robert-klingsman-the-marine-pilot-brought-down-a-japanese-bomber-with-his-own-propeller/>



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

**The next form should be completed and turned in by
the 19 July 2023 monthly meeting. It has been requested
that the forms be completed on a quarterly basis (April,
May, June).**

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. This information will be collected, and tallied by the detachment 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 meeting. 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.

The form that follows can be copied and printed for ease of tracking your hours. Then turn in at the monthly meeting (or mail).

The below form is an example of the type of information we are looking to track.



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.mclnational.org

2023 Meeting Dates

ALL WEDNESDAYS

21 June 2023 (Dinner is from Bar Menu)

19 July 2023

16 August 2023

20 September 2023

18 October 2023

15 November 2023

20 December 2023

2023 Fund Raising Breakfast Dates

ALL SUNDAYS

The price is now \$8.00 for breakfast.

18 June 2023

16 July 2023

20 August 2023

17 September 2023

15 October 2023

19 November 2023

17 December 2023