

MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is set for: **17 MAY 2023**

IN MEMORY OF

WILLIAM (BILL) ARVEL CUMMINGS, JR.

21 JANUARY 1946 – 27 MARCH 2023





(These are medals that Bill should rate – pending confirmation)

On April 11 I was notified by Craig Myers that Bill and Shirley Cummings have both passed away from medical issues.

Bill's brother in-law, Mike (Shirley Cummings half-brother), stopped in and informed Craig. He said it was about 2 weeks ago. Bill developed a brain bleed and was in the hospital and Shirley developed pneumonia and was staying with other family. Shirley then fell and broke her hip and was in the hospital at the time as well. They both passed a week or so apart he said.

Mike said Bill was cremated at Springfield Memorial Gardens.

I subsequently contacted Springfield Memorial Gardens and was able to obtain the date that Bill passed away. I also asked them to relay to Bill's daughter, Diane Barnes, that I would like to speak with her about obtaining more information and Next-of-Kin information.

On April 26, I spoke with Diane Barnes (Bill's daughter) and was able to obtain more information. Service Arrangements are pending later for a combined service for William and Shirley Cummings – Diane will notify the Marine Corps League when details are finalized. This is tentatively being thought of for later in June and will be a memorial service. I also provided Diane with some information as to the benefits that William rated as a Marine Corps Veteran.

A combined Obituary for William & Shirley is also pending.

William and Shirley were both cremated, and their ashes will be spread in Hawaii. William had previously been stationed in Hawaii, and Shirley always wanted William to take her to Hawaii but he quit flying some time ago – but he told Shirley she would have to cremate him to get him to fly to Hawaii – so they are both going to Hawaii for their final resting place.

Bill was admitted to the hospital with a bleeding stroke. While he was there Shirley was staying with her daughter Diane. Shirley fell and broke her hip, so she was admitted to the hospital. While there Shirley had a heart attack. Shirley passed away in the hospital on 21 April 2023. Not knowing that Shirley had passed, William passed away 6 days later on 27 April 2023.

William Cummings was retired from the excavation business that he owned and operated.

Shirley Cummings was retired from her profession as a phlebotomist.

CRESWELL 4TH OF JULY PARADE 2011



Bill rode in Marine Bill Call's restored Vietnam era Jeep. This was a moment of reflection for Bill, since he was in communications (Wire Man) in Vietnam, and frequently accomplished his mission using just such a jeep. Yes, that is Bill in the passenger seat.

CHRISTMAS TREE GIVEAWAY DECEMBER 2011

Bill had a customer who owned a Christmas Tree Farm, and who wanted to donate Christmas trees to veterans for free. Bill utilized his company equipment to drive to and from Oakridge, Oregon, to load and haul all those trees to My-Comm for the give away.



LIFE MEMBERSHIP MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



Bill receives his Life Membership Card & Pin from Emerald Empire Detachment #917 Commandant Stephen Price during the December 2014 Detachment Meeting.

Bill's LIFE MEMBERSHIP date was 25 July 2014

OPERATION PATHWAY:

Some of you may be asking what is Operation Pathway?

Well, MCL member SgtMaj Jess Wise had a medical condition which required the removal of about 3/4 of his right foot. This changed his mode of travel to the use of a wheelchair and as he improved, he learned to walk and move about in a new way. Operation Pathway, as it was named, created an environment at Jess's home that he could move about his property in an unrestricted way.

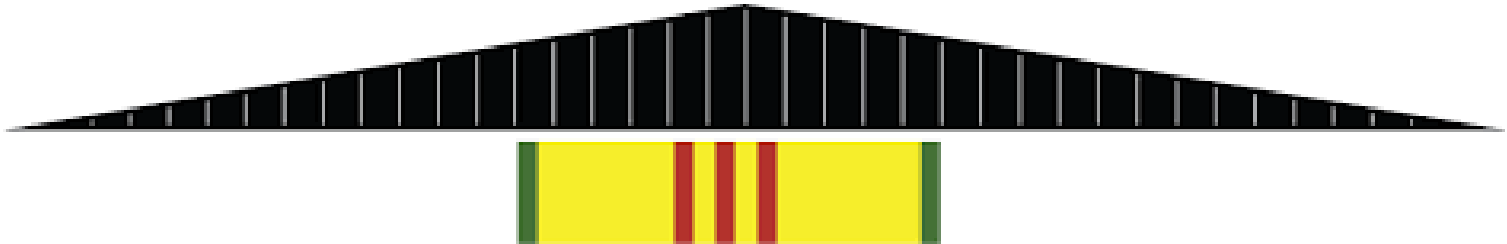
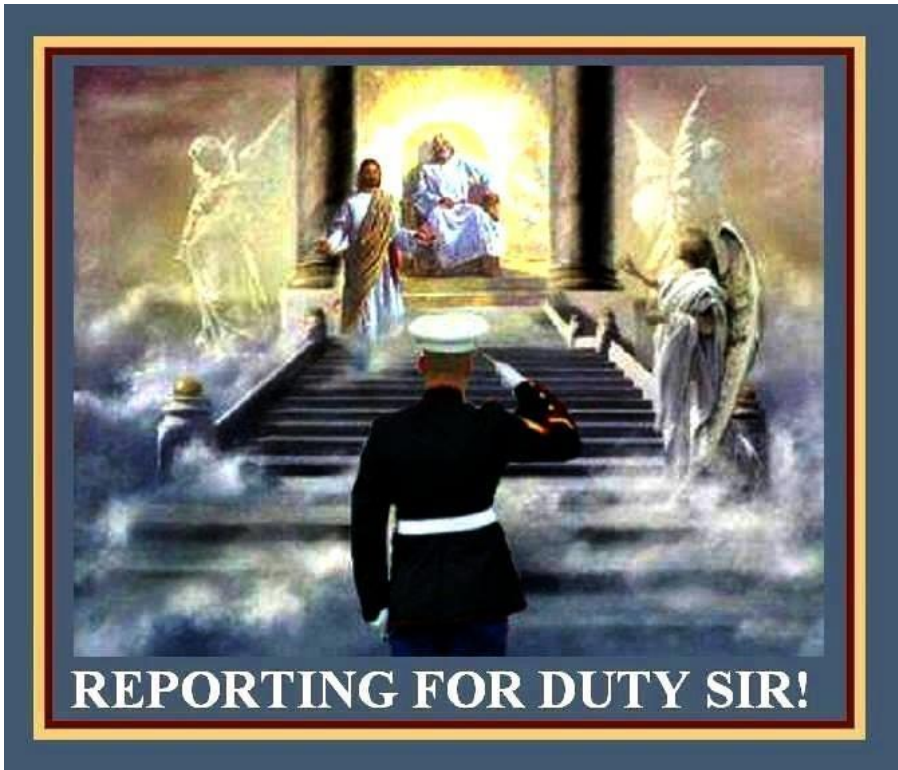
So, with the tradition and commitment of Marines take care of Marines, several members offered to help the SgtMaj and his family to do some improvements and finish some projects at his home.

Bill was one of those Marines who stepped up and helped accomplish this monumental feat.



The first major part was to replace the driveway parking area and sidewalk to the front porch so a wheelchair could roll across it easily.

Bill utilized his excavation experience, skills, and equipment to accomplish the demolition, removal, and hauling away of all the old concrete.



Getlin's Corner Foundation

From: Lon Getlin <lon@getlinscorner.org>
Date: April 24, 2023 at 05:58:36 PDT
To: Barker Debbie <GunnyB7@charter.net>
Subject: Thank you and your Detachment!!!

Good morning, Debbie.

A great surprise arrived in the mail on Friday: my hat and a very much appreciated \$1,000 donation to the foundation! Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending my hat and for your support of Getlin's Corner Foundation. Please also convey my appreciation to your detachment members.

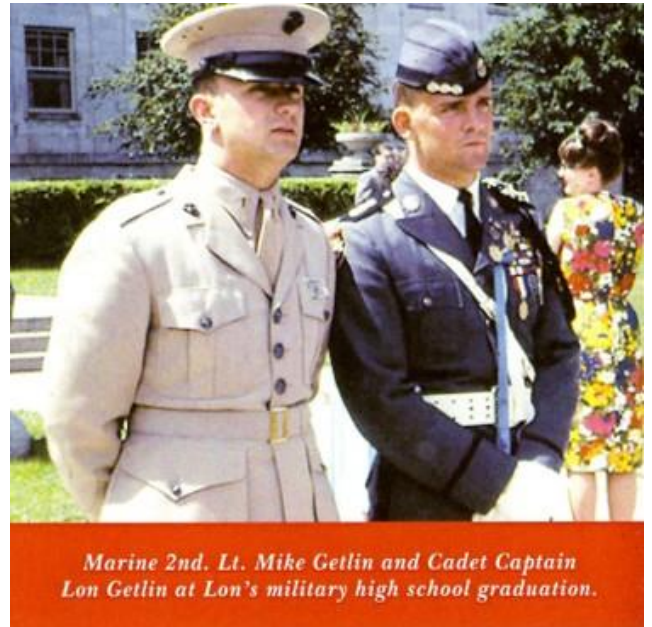
I cannot speak too highly of your hospitality and the warmth you folks all showed to me. You made me feel like family sitting around somebody's living room. It was very much appreciated, Debbie.

I hope to be able to speak at the state's national convention in June, and if I do, I will hope to see you there. Meanwhile, stay well and my warmest regards to all your Marines!

Semper Fi.

Lon

Lon Getlin
Founder & Chairman
Getlin's Corner Foundation
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www.getlinscorner.org



On 19 April 2023, Lon Getlin (Captin, USMC; Infantry Officer & Pilot) gave a presentation about Getlin's Corner to the Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League. Subsequently, the detachment made a donation to the Getlin's Corner Foundation in the amount \$1,000.00.



PURPOSE: The purpose of the foundation is to ensure that the historic Battle of Getlin's Corner and the 15 Marines who died in it are never forgotten, and that their sacrifice and that of the 47 Marines who were wounded will not have been in vain.

MISSION: Our mission is to provide need-based academic scholarships to the children of enlisted Marines and Navy Corpsmen who served in Marine units.

Getlin's Corner Foundation
is where "Thank you for your
service!" walks the talk.

**We thank you for
your support.**

www.getlinscorner.org

THE BATTLE OF GETLIN'S CORNER

Getlin's Corner was extraordinary! No other Marine battle of such short durations resulted in as many of the nation's 3 highest awards for valor: 6 Silver Stars, 4 Navy Crosses, and the Medal of Honor. It is named after Company Commander Mike Getlin and the map coordinates where the battle took place.

In the late afternoon of 30 March 1967, the 220 Marines of India Company were attacked by a 700-800-man battalion of the North Vietnamese Army (NVA). The battle lasted just six hours and included hand-to-hand combat, which was a rarity in the Vietnam War. The NVA's objective was the company command post which was breached numerous times. Finally, close to midnight and as the NVA were regrouping for a final assault, two Marine helicopters from VMO 2 broke the back of the enemy attack and forced the NVA battalion to withdraw from the battlefield.

**FOR A FULL ACCOUNT OF THE
BATTLE , GO TO
www.getlinscorner.org**



Captain Michael P. Getlin
Navy Cross



2nd. Lt. John P. Bobo
Medal of Honor



92% of all donations made directly to GCF go into scholarships



90% of all donations made through PayPal go into scholarships

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JACK RILEY, Squad Leader, Battle of Getlin's Corner

Honoring the Marines who made the ultimate sacrifice:

Captain Michael P. Getlin

Captain Ralph B. Pappas

2nd Lt. John P. Bobo

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Corporal Walter Nerad, Jr.

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PFC Wallace Williams

HOW TO DONATE

Make a tax-deductible contribution via PayPal by scanning the QR Code.



OR mail your contribution to 3822 Wellington Ct., West Linn, OR 97068 to avoid PayPal fees charged to the foundation.

FOR INFORMATION ON GETLIN'S CORNER FOUNDATION EMAIL lon@getlinscorner.org

FOR SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION GO TO: www.getlinscorner.org

GCF is a registered 501(c)(3) and all donations are tax deductible.

For the latest most up-to-date information on Getlin's Corner Foundation visit their website:

<https://getlinscorner.org/>

For much more information on the Battle of Getlin's Corner visit:

<https://getlinscorner.org/learn/the-battle-of-getlins-corner/>



From the Chaplain's Corner



It is MAY!! And we have actually seen the sun a few times in the past couple of weeks - YAY!



May is a great time to get out and get some of the much-needed Vitamin D from that strange, very bright orb that we have not seen for a while; just be sure to protect yourself from those UV rays when you DO get out.



I'm excited to finally have my garden planted - can't wait for those bean sprouts to push their curved heads out of the warm earth; for my carrots & radishes to surface and my beets to germinate. My blueberry bushes and strawberry plants are blossoming, too... so exciting!



May is also a great month to celebrate any Mothers in your life, whether related to you or not.

And of course, Memorial Day is a very important time to remember those who have given the greatest sacrifice in the service to our great country. I am so thankful for their commitment to keep America the "land of the free and home of the brave"!

Semper Fi,
Joy Cavin, Chaplain
Emerald Empire MCL #917





CORPSMAN



James (Jim) Pilling – Jim had a follow-up with his urologist and then had surgery to remove tumors from his bladder. Jim is to undergo 6 weeks of chemotherapy. He went through this same type of cancer treatment about 1 ½ years ago. This is a recurrence and Jim told me that they were classifying his cancer as “aggressive.” Jim is “Thinking Positive, and has his two daughters and families in his corner.”

I told Jim, “If there is anything we (me or the League) can do for you please do not hesitate to let us know,” and that I would let the members know what is going on.

Jim’s chemotherapy is currently on-hold. Jim reports: “Prayers to Ray and family. My bladder cancer treatment has been placed on hold. Urologist cannot find enough of the drug for my 6-week chemotherapy treatments. Will bide my time and remain optimistic!”

Please keep Jim and his family in your thoughts and prayers as he traverses the path of cancer treatment.



Ray Miller – Ray was admitted to Riverbend Medical Center on Monday, 17 April 2023, as a precaution to prevent further injury. He underwent neurosurgery on Thursday morning. They were able to relieve the pinching of the spinal cord. As of Saturday, he was awaiting a Physical Therapy evaluation to determine if he could go home and have inpatient therapy or if he would go to inpatient (Boot Camp) physical therapy. It will be a long process to see how much hand/arm and leg use can be regained.

Steve & Lois Price visited with Ray on Friday. They reported that Ray was making improvements: the swelling in his hands had gone down drastically and he was getting feeling in his legs. Ray was up and sitting in a chair and felt like talking.

By Saturday Ray was able to close both hands into a gentle fist, and the swelling in his hands was mostly gone. He said that Friday night when the nurse was getting him into bed, he was able to feel that she was doing something with his feet (compression devices for his legs).

Ray has some new hardware in his upper vertebraes.

Nancy Lukasik talked to Linda who said he is in quite a bit of pain. They offered him Tylenol with oxycodone but he refused it. So, he's just taking Tylenol. He sees the nurse practitioner on Tuesday and starts physical therapy on Monday (it has just been a week.) She says he is a "tough old bird," and is doing okay."

Talked to Ray on 28 April 2023, he sounds good. They are waiting for some meds to be delivered. He starts Physical Therapy on Monday, followed by Occupational Therapy on a different day. Sounds like this will be a daily routine. He also has a surgery follow-up coming up.

Please keep Ray and Linda in your continued thoughts and prayers as they travel this long road of recovery.



Nancy Lukasik – Nancy was able to attend the April meeting. She is getting used to the pacemaker, and she looked good.



Eddie Mosteller – Eddie had surgery for his back, and during this surgery they think he may have suffered a stroke (experiencing some symptoms like stroke). Jeanne will let us know more later when they make a diagnosis. More testing to take place.



Kim Lonberg – Kim was at the April meeting and reported that she is doing well. She recently settled into RV living in Coburg and is kind of enjoying it. She continues to recover from her surgery, and learn new lifestyle changes.



MAY 2023 BIRTHDAYS

13 May – Janis Fornachiari **Deceased**

25 May – Barry Fryrear

Please take a moment to remember Janis and Barry on the Anniversary of the day they were born.



Fund-Raising Breakfast
Service for Sunday,
16 April 2023



The breakfast service for 16 April 2023 served 42 (not counting the bartender) total people (37 paid \$8.00, 4 paid \$9.00, 1 child ate a pancake for free). The extra dollar charge is for those wanting more than a normal portion of breakfast items. This brought in \$332.00. We also received \$65.00 in tips, for a Grand Total of \$397.00 (3 dollars short of yet another record of funds taken in).

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**

I received the below email from the Southern Oregon Detachment's Paymaster Loren Otto. Following that, on the next page is the letter from National showing that starting 1 July 2023 – the cost of a LIFE MEMBERSHIP is going to double in price.

If you have procrastinated like me, **now is the time to ACT** before the prices **DOUBLE**. Never have to worry about being current on your membership.

Marines,

If you are thinking about becoming a life member, now is the time to do it. The price will go up on July 1st (see letter from National Headquarters below).

Currently the price is:

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

As you can see, now is the time to become a life member and never pay dues again.

Semper fi,
Loren Otto, Paymaster
541-292-9667



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 Borcka, National Executive Director, Marine Corps League
National Board of Trustees
All Departments
All Detachments (Members)

United States Marine Corps History for the Month of May

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



Marines Help Put Down Prison Riot

On May 2, 1946, Marines from the Treasure Island Marine Barracks aided in suppressing a three-day prison riot at Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary in San Francisco Bay. The Marines were under the command of Warrant Officer Charles L. Buckner, a veteran of the Bougainville and Guam campaigns in World War II, and did not suffer a single casualty.

Marine Helicopter Comes Under Fire in Beirut, Lebanon

On May 5, 1983, a UH-1N helicopter carrying Colonel James Mead, the commander of the American peace-keeping force in Lebanon, was hit by machine gun fire in Beirut. Colonel Mead and his crew had just taken off in the helicopter to investigate artillery and rocket exchanges between Syrian-backed Druze militiamen and Christian Phalangists that was endangering French members of the multinational peace-keeping force when they came under fire.



Marines Help Evacuate New Orleans Flood Victims

On May 8, 1995, Marines from Marine Forces Reserve demonstrated the Corps' quick-response capabilities in helping evacuate more than 2,500 civilians from the New Orleans area after one of the most devastating storm in more than 200 years hit the region.

Marines March Toward Naha, Okinawa

On May 10, 1945, the 22nd Marines, 6th Marine Division, executed a pre-dawn attack across the Asa River Estuary and captured a bridgehead that allowed them to continue their attack toward Naha, the capital of Okinawa.



John Mackie Becomes First Marine to Earn Medal of Honor

On May 15, 1862, Corporal John F. Mackie became the first Marine to earn the Medal of Honor for his Service on the USS Galena during actions against Confederate shore batteries at Drewry's Bluff, near Richmond, Virginia.

Marines Attack Half Moon Hill

On May 16, 1945, the 22nd and 29th Marines continued an attack against Half Moon Hill, a day that the 6th Marine Division would later describe as the "bitterest" of the entire Okinawa campaign. By May 18, the famed Japanese "Shuri line" was breached by American forces.



Marine Aviation Program Begins

On May 22, 1912, First Lieutenant Alfred A. Cunningham became the first Marine officer to be assigned to "duty in connection with aviation" by Major General Commandant William P. Biddle after reporting for aviation training at the Naval Aviation Camp at Annapolis, Maryland. This marked the official beginning of the Marine aviation program.

V-22 Osprey Makes its Debut

On May 23, 1988 the V-22 Osprey, the world's first production tilt-rotor aircraft, made its debut at Bell Helicopter Textron's Arlington, Texas, facility. More than 1,000 representatives from the military, the aviation industry, and the media gathered to hear various speakers, including then-Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Alfred Gray, praise the versatility of the aircraft.



Operation Pipestone Canyon

On May 26, 1969, Operation Pipestone Canyon began when the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines and 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines began sweeps in the "Dodge City"/Go Noi areas southwest of Da Nang, Vietnam. 610 enemy troops, as well as 34 Marines, were killed during the operation, which ended approximately one month later, in late June.

Operation Sea Angel

On May 29, 1991, elements of a joint task force that included the 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade departed the South Asian nation of Bangladesh after nearly two weeks of disaster relief operations following Cyclone Marian, which resulted in more than 136,000 fatalities. The task force delivered relief supplies using helicopters, C-130s, and landing craft in *Operation Sea Angel*.





Emerald Empire Young Marines Graduation

22 April 2023

The Emerald Empire Young Marines conducted Graduation Ceremonies at the Springfield Moose Lodge on 22 April 2023 at 1630 hours.









Registration is now open for the [2023 Oregon Women Veterans Conference](#), which will be held on May 20 and 21 at the Salem Convention Center. Hosted by the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, this free, biennial event is the largest gathering of women veterans in the state.

Women veterans from every branch of military service, era and background are invited to attend this free event celebrating the service and contributions of women who answered the call to serve throughout history. The conference will include informational workshops, keynote speakers and networking opportunities.

This year's theme, "Stronger Together — Voices of Service" is a testament to the continued strength, diversity and community of our women veterans, said ODVA Director Kelly Fitzpatrick, who is an Army veteran and the first woman to lead the state agency.

"Oregon continues to be a leader in recognizing, remembering and honoring the outstanding contributions of women who have served their country, and we are proud to be able to host this year's conference in person again," Fitzpatrick said. "Together, our collective voices achieve more, overcome challenges, and allow our stories to be shared."

Women veterans make up one of the fastest-growing segments of the Oregon veteran community, with an estimated 25,000 women veterans living in the state today, representing nearly one-tenth of overall veteran population.

The first Oregon Women Veterans Conference was held 25 years ago in 1998.

"The camaraderie and shared calling of service is what inspires our lives and is what continues to unite women veterans across every generation and era of service," said ODVA Women Veterans Coordinator Jessica Bradley.

The conference is an opportunity for women veterans to socialize, connect to resources, learn about their earned veteran benefits, and celebrate their service.

Attendance is free, but registration is required. Please visit wvc.oregondva.com to register and find additional event information on lodging and sponsorship and vendor opportunities.

Established in 1945, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs is dedicated to serving Oregon's diverse veteran community that spans five eras of service members. ODVA administers programs and provides special advocacy and assistance in accessing earned veteran benefits across the state. Learn about veteran benefits and services, or locate a local county or tribal veteran service office online at oregon.gov/odva.

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- [Women Veterans Conference Flyer.png](#)



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Stay connected with the latest veteran information **#oregonvet**

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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.

**!!!!!!! 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).

EMERALD EMPIRE DETACHMENT #917
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEER HOURS
TRACKING FORM

Date	Project, Task or Event	Hours

TOTAL HOURS: _____

I certify that the above is a true and correct record of my volunteer hours.

Name: _____

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

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.

EMERALD EMPIRE DETACHMENT # 917

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2023 Meeting Dates

ALL WEDNESDAYS

17 May 2023

(Dinner – Steak, baked potato, salad, dinner roll)

21 June 2023

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.

28 May 2023

18 June 2023

16 July 2023

20 August 2023

17 September 2023

15 October 2023

19 November 2023

17 December 2023