



JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is set for: 20 July 2022

A Happy 4th of July to each
and every one of you!!!!!!
Semper Fidelis



CORPSMAN



Rudy & Angie Grein – Rudy and Angie Grein came down with Covid following their vacation trip to Florida. I told Rudy to let us know if there is anything we can do for them. As of this writing they have not made any request for assistance.

Rudy was recovered and able to attend the June meeting, and help cook at the Father’s Day breakfast service.



Jim Pilling – Jim went in on Thursday, 9 June, for “shots” to his back. He expected he would be laid up for 3 – 5 days following the shots. I asked Jim to let us know if there was anything we could do to assist him, and that we hoped he would be back on his feet in time for Father’s Day breakfast. Jim, his daughters and son-in-law all made it to the father’s day breakfast. Jim wrote the following:

On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to thank all of the Marines who gave up their Father's Day morning to provide a very nourishing breakfast to many members of the community.

Also, thank you for the get-well card from the League. I appreciate it and taking one day at a time after my two back procedures.

**Semper Fi
Jim Pilling**



Nancy Lukasik – Nancy went through a period of substantial pain. She was able to attend the June meeting and was feeling better.

Nancy sent the detachment a Thank You card for the gifts she received from the detachment at the June meeting.

Announcements / Good of the League



**Thad & Nancy Lukasik
Celebrated their 47th Wedding Anniversary on 22 June 2022.**



The Emerald Empire Detachment #917 has a NEW Facebook Page.

It is: [MCL Detachment 917](#)

If you have a Facebook account you can search our name (as shown above) on your account page search tab, and it should take you to our NEW Facebook page.

If you do not have a Facebook page, and try searching the internet for our new Facebook page, it does not currently show. This is most likely because it is so new.

There is still an old internet search result that shows our OLD name but that site brings up the log-in to Facebook in Malaysian. **DO NOT GO TO THAT SITE BECAUSE IT IS NOT US.** I suspect that may have something to do with our OLD Facebook page being taken out of action. Our webmaster has attempted to contact Facebook, but to no avail



The new detachment flag poles which had not been functioning properly were replaced by the company. Both poles now function as they were intended, and are now in use.

Thanks to Ray Miller for handling this situation.



Recruiting Cards Available at June Meeting

The following examples of recruiting cards were available at the June monthly meeting. These are for placement on vehicles displaying Marine Corps, FMF Navy Corpsmen, or FMF Navy Chaplain insignias, or just to pass out.

These are printed on Water Resistant Paper so wet/damp weather will not affect them. A Sharpie ultra-fine pen, or water proof ink pen, can be used on the blank version to place contact information (I don't expect you to use your own address – but you can use the detachment mailing address like I did and the detachment email address, or use your own phone/email address). Or, you can just take the version with my contact information.

If you did not get any of these and would like some, please let me know.



I see by the sticker on this vehicle that you value your connection with the United States Marine Corps. There is another way to support the Corps, with and by your membership in the Marine Corps League. The League's purpose is to support the Corps and to assist present and former Marines and their families. For more information about the opportunities and Membership in the League, please contact:

Name _____
Street _____
City _____
Phone _____

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Marine Corps League



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Marine Corps League



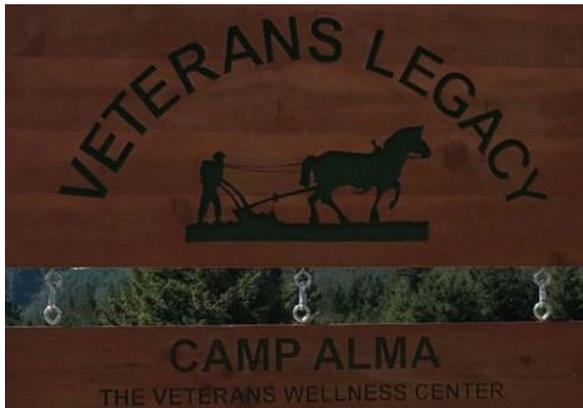
Chaplain's Corner



Chat from the Chaplain

July... Independence Day... fireworks, hot dogs, apple pie, corn on the cob... I'm so thankful for our country, despite the shape it's currently in. As we celebrate the red, white & blue in a few days, please remember to thank the Supreme Commandant for the liberties we have and may we all represent as we recognize the responsibility, we have to maintain said liberties. May we all have a safe 4th of July (and the rest of the month, too).

Joy



A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the remaining funds (\$142.26) raised for the Marine Band performance plus an amount (\$157.74) from the general fund be donated to Vet's Legacy. The total donation was: \$300.00. This is to assist Vet's Legacy with their mission to provide veterans a safe, supportive environment for healing and eventual reintegration into their communities.



Fund-Raising Breakfast Service **for Sunday,** **19 June 2022 (Father's Day)**



There were 47 diners that took part in the breakfast service on 19 June 2022. There were 27 fathers served for free. There was \$147.00 for the meals and \$110.00 in tips for a grand total of: \$257.00.



All dressed-up and ready-to-go.



It is time to make the waffles.



Preparation is a large part of the work. Rudy on hashbrowns, Steve on eggs to order, Ray on biscuits & gravy, bacon and sausage.



Participants socializing after a hearty meal.



Nancy Lukasik, Linda Miller – tallying the orders information, and Ray & Linda Miller’s friend Paco who participated in the meal.



Thad Lukasik on “dining room” duty.



Lois working the order window, and Dave Huber working the toast and English muffin station.



Ray Miller preparing the gravy boiler pot. Mike Barker working the dish washing station.



Steve Price and Ray Miller – What is the best way to clean the grill? Things are winding down.



Oregon Veterans' Homes COVID-19 Update

June 24, 2022

As we continue to protect and treat all veterans and residents of the Oregon Veterans' Homes entrusted to our care during these extraordinary times, we remain committed to providing information through regular updates. This email contains updates to active COVID-19 cases at the Homes.

COVID-19 CASE STATUS at OREGON VETERANS' HOMES

These counts are cumulative since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic on March 11, 2020 and current as of 8 a.m. June 23, 2022.

Oregon Veterans' Home - Lebanon

Active positive cases	1
Total recovered cases	55
Total COVID-19-related deaths	13
Total COVID-19 positive cases	69

Oregon Veterans' Home - The Dalles

Active positive cases	1
Total recovered cases	19
Total COVID-19-related deaths	4
Total COVID-19 positive cases	24

*Please note: The number of Total COVID-19 Related Deaths has been and will **continue** to be updated to include residents who have recovered **from COVID**, but COVID was listed as a contributing cause of death.*

VACCINATIONS

The Homes have and will continue to offer COVID vaccinations and boosters to all residents, including newly admitted residents.

OREGON VETERANS' HOMES ADMISSIONS

Admission to both Homes is dependent upon several factors during the COVID-19 pandemic. Applicants are encouraged to contact the Home regarding the current status of admissions. Eligibility includes veterans, their spouses, and those who have lost a child to military service, commonly known as Gold Star Parents.

For more information, please call the Oregon Veterans' Home in Lebanon at 541-497-7265 or the Oregon Veterans' Home in The Dalles at 541-296-7190 or visit www.oregonveteranshomes.com.

VISITATION STATUS

The rules and regulations that apply to visitation in long-term care settings during COVID-19

change frequently. In order to protect our residents, we ask that visitors comply with COVID-19 regulations, which currently include wearing a mask within the facility.

Alternate means of connecting with residents such as video chat, calling, texting, or social media are encouraged, specifically when there are active cases of COVID-19 in the building. Please contact the facility's Activity Department if you need assistance with this.

541-497-7265 Oregon Veterans' Home - Lebanon
541-296-7190 Oregon Veterans' Home - The Dalles

OHV COVID-19 UPDATES ONLINE

COVID-19 case information can also be viewed online at <https://www.oregon.gov/odva/Vets-Homes/covidupdates/Pages/default.aspx>. Information will be updated as events occur, Monday-Friday during regular business hours.

PHONE INFORMATION LINE

A special update phone line is available for the public to hear COVID-19 case information for each Oregon Veterans' Home.

541-730-4344 Oregon Veterans' Home - Lebanon
541-226-3526 Oregon Veterans' Home - The Dalles

(This information was provided by Steven Price)



July 2022

BIRTHDAYS

26 July – Ronald Cooper, Sr. **Deceased**

26 July – Robert McGuigan

Please take a moment to remember Ronald and Robert on the day that they were born.



The Emerald Empire Young Marines held an overnight campout at their facility outside Sweet Home, Oregon.



The Softball Tournament held at Bob Artz Memorial Park, in Springfield, Oregon, during the 21st and 22nd of May brought in 4 boxes of toys.

Yard Sale 2022

The final fund-raising yard sale took place on 9-12 June 2022. The total amount taken in was: \$1,167.80. After a few trips to the dump and Lane Forest Products to recycle some wood, and lunch for the crew on Friday, \$118.00 was deducted from the amount. Then donations (\$48.50) were added in. The grand total amount raised was: **\$1098.30**

Distribution of the funds from the yard sale have been tabled at this time (pending further discussion).

Detachment Commandant Dave Huber presented the Moose Lodge with a Certificate of Appreciation for allowing us the use of the lodge for conducting our yard sale (indoors).

Thanks to Mike & Debbie Barker for use of their trailer and working the yard sale. Thanks to Steve & Lois Price, Thad & Nancy Lukasik, Ray & Linda Miller, Joy Cavin and her son Jamie, Kim Lonberg and Paul Grinde.



Someone donated a box of Noritake China. We are still looking for a buyer. On-line there is a smaller set with an asking price of about \$345.00. If you know someone who is interested, please let us know. What we have is shown on the left above.



Waiting like compressed springs to spring into action.



Head cashier – no not the taps that the arrow is pointing to.



At this time, it has been decided that this is the final yard sale for Emerald Empire Detachment #917.



The Marine Corps Birthday Ball date is set for November 11th, 2022, which falls on a Friday. The Moose Lodge will also be conducting a Veteran's Dinner on that date.

Commandant Dave Huber has arranged for the band Red Thunder to play.

Mike Barker has acquired more decorations.

They are looking at arranging for the Young Marines to be the servers for the dinner.

There will be a "hard date" to get your RSVP in by to ensure proper food ordering and preparation.

There will be a cake. The decoration of the cake will require creativity due to licensing issues with most Marine Corps related images and icons.

They want to get an 11 x 17 poster completed for posting in clubs/military organizations/etc. There will also be a smaller version for posting at the local VA clinic.

Additional planning will occur between now, the to-be-determined RSVP date, and the ball.

The committee is comprised of the following individuals:

Debbie Barker; Dave Huber; Lois Price; Kim Lonberg and Ray Miller.



A MOMENT IN MARINE HISTORY

It's Marine Monday, and we're highlighting LtCol Alfred Austell Cunningham, the "Father of Marine Corps Aviation."

Alfred Cunningham was born in 1881. During the Spanish-American War, he joined the 3rd Georgia Volunteer Infantry, serving in the occupation in Cuba before mustering out. In 1903, while working as a real estate agent in Atlanta, he became an aviation enthusiast after a balloon ascension. Cunningham returned to the military in 1909, commissioning as a Marine second lieutenant on 25 January. Assigned to the newly-established Advance Base Force school in Philadelphia, Cunningham joined the Aero Club of Philadelphia and began teaching himself to fly.

On 12 February, 1912, Cunningham proposed to the school's commander that the Advance Base Force should include a small aviation section for reconnaissance and scouting. The proposal went quickly up the chain of command to Major General William Biddle, the Commandant of the Marine Corps. Biddle approved the idea, but there was no money to purchase an airplane. Instead, Cunningham and Lt Bernard Smith were ordered to train with the Navy's aviators at Annapolis.

Cunningham's efforts to get airplanes for the Advance Base Force paid off on 24 August 1916, when Major General Commandant George Barnett authorized an Advance Base Force aviation unit, but the United States' declaration of war against Germany in April 1917 disrupted these plans.

Cunningham was adamant that Marine Aviation play a fighting role in the war. When he found out that the Army would not let his squadron directly support the 4th Marine Brigade, Cunningham sought other combat roles, leading to the Marine Day Wing of the Navy's Northern Bombing Force. After the war, Cunningham, now Director of Marine Aviation, helped establish aviation squadrons with both the East and West Coast Advance Base Forces and directed Marine Aviation to support ground Marines in the Caribbean and Central America. Cunningham was rotated out of aviation in 1922 and served in non-aviation roles until he retired in 1935. He died 27 May 1939, having laid the groundwork for the modern Marine Air-Ground team.

**PHOTO CREDIT: Marine Corps History Division
#USMC #USMChistory #Marines #USMCMuseum**

(This Marine History moment was brought to you by detachment member Rudy Grein.)

Membership Renewal

Annual Notice

Expires 31 August



**Renew today with your
local Detachment Paymaster**

National Headquarters no longer sends out notices when annual membership dues are due. All annual membership dues are now due on the 1st of September each year.

As you know, membership is the life blood of any organization. Your membership dues contribute to the overall programs of the Marine Corps League and keeps our membership growing.

Each member is a valuable part of the mission of the Marine Corps League 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.

I ask that if you pay your dues on an annual basis that you please get your renewal into the detachment paymaster as soon as possible so the necessary paperwork can be completed in a timely fashion.

Semper Fi,
Paul Grinde
Junior Vice-Commandant
Emerald Empire Detachment #917

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

**The next form should be completed and turned in by
the 21 September 2022 monthly meeting. It has been
requested that the forms be completed on a quarterly
basis (next due for July / August / September).**

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

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Meeting Starts @ 1900 hours

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

National Website: www.mclnational.org

2022 Meeting Dates
ALL WEDNESDAYS

20 July 2022 – Baked Potato Bar

17 August 2022 – Bar Menu Items

21 September 2022 – Steak with Baked Potato

19 October 2022

16 November 2022

21 December 2022

2022 Fund Raising Breakfast

Dates

ALL SUNDAYS

17 July 2022

21 August 2022

18 September 2022

16 October 2022

20 November 2022

18 December 2022