



DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is set for: [15 December 2021](#)



CORPSMAN



Ruth Holland – Ruth experienced a medical emergency while at the Moose Lodge for the Marine Corps birthday Dinner & Dance. She was transported to Riverbend Medical Center and spent a couple days undergoing tests. Ruth is now at home resting and recuperating. The last word from her son Martin was that there was still no determination that led up to this medical problem.

Please keep Ruth in your thoughts and prayers as her doctors work toward getting her back on her feet.

Chaplain's Corner

Greetings, Marines!

It's easy to get frazzled when the holidays approach, but don't forget the reason for the season. Instead of focusing on material things, remember that Jesus is called "the Prince of Peace." He brings the peace of knowing that our sins do not need to condemn us to death, because He came to save us from our sins, not to judge. Sometimes we judge ourselves too harshly, and sometimes we sin. But God loves us no matter what!



Good of the League

Announcements

CELEBRATION!!

246th Marine Corps Birthday

Cake Cutting

On 10 November 2021, the Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League conducted a cake cutting ceremony to celebrate the 246th Birthday of the United States Marine Corps.



Graham Hilson (left) is visiting with Kelli & Craig Myers. Graham has returned from an approximately 3-year exchange program for the Army Corps of Engineers in Germany.

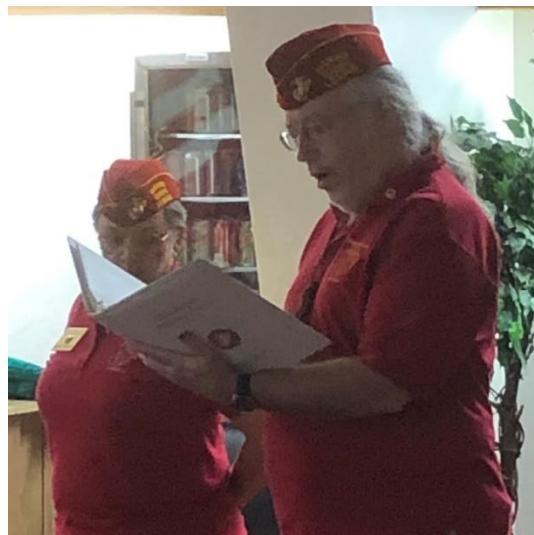
Camaraderie and visiting with old and new friends were the order of the day.



The United States Marines from the I & I Staff, Springfield, Oregon were also on hand to help celebrate the birthday.







The cake cutting ceremony began with the Detachment Commandant Peter Bock and Senior Vice-Commandant Debbie Barker reading the historical message of Marine Corps Commandant General John A. Lejeune. This was followed by the video message from current Marine Corps Commandant General David H. Berger.



Then came the determination of the oldest and youngest Marines present. The oldest Marine present was determined to be Emerald Empire Detachment member Thad Lukasik at age 85.

The youngest Marine present was Corporal Bishop Burns of the I & I Staff, Springfield, Oregon.



Corporal Burns was given the honor of cutting the cake under the watchful and experienced eye of detachment member Thad Lukasik.



Corporal Burns lined up the first and then second cut of the birthday cake.



Thad Lukasik receives the first bite of cake, followed by Corporal Burns with the second bite of cake.



Cake was then made available to the rest of the celebrants.



The final tribute was the Sergeant Major Jesse M. Wise, Jr. (USMC, Ret.) memorial toast of Johnnie Walker Black Whisky.

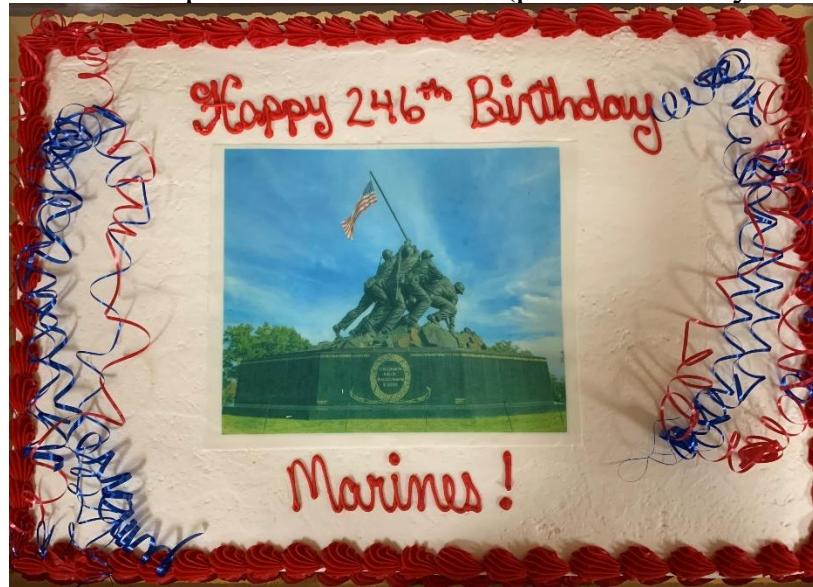


246th Marine Corps Birthday

Dinner & Dance



The Fallen Marine Table was part of the 246th Marine Corps Birthday Dinner & Dance held on 13 November 2021 at the Moose Lodge, Springfield, Oregon. No Marine Corps Birthday celebration would be complete without a cake. (photos courtesy of Debbie Barker)



This is the 1st Marine Corps Birthday celebration Dinner & Dance that Emerald Empire Detachment #917 has conducted at the Moose Lodge. It was done on short notice of about 3-4 weeks.

Dave Huber utilized his meat cutting abilities and cut beef loins into the steaks. The Moose Lodge provided the chicken and the rest of the meal. The Emerald Empire Young Marines provided the Color Guard. And the hall was looking pretty good according to Debbie Barker.

Many things were learned. We hope this will become an annual event for the Marine Corps Birthday celebration. This will require a concerted effort and more extensive planning over a longer period of time. So, look forward to the word on planning & preparations and get involved. We want the 2nd event to be a greater success.

“Valued Veteran” Certificate & Pin **Awarded to Peter Bock**



Emerald Empire Detachment #917 Commandant Peter Bock is awarded the “Valued Veteran” Certificate and Pin by Moose Lodge 1726 Administrator Michael Scott, Junior Past President Martin Holland, and Moose Lodge President Wilbur Brown (looking at photo from left to right).

Emerald Empire Detachment's Associate Members Pins Awarded



Emerald Empire Detachment #917 Commandant Peter Bock presented the Marine Corps League Associate Membership Pins to Barb Swogger, and Joy Cavin (from L-R). Barbara was also presented with her late husband James Swogger's Regular Membership Pin (James passed away 25 October 2021).

Emerald Empire Detachment #917's Newest Associate Member



Kim E. Lonberg of Creswell, Oregon applied for Associate Membership in the Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League. Kim's husband Loy Lonberg was a Marine who passed away 7 years ago. Kim had been a volunteer with the Emerald Empire Young Marines, and will partially retire after recently losing her job.

There is an interesting story about Kim's connection to the Emerald Empire Detachment. Emerald Empire Detachment member Thomas Williams received a red electric scooter that he used often and even took with him when he moved to the Vet's Home in Lebanon, Oregon. After Tom passed away, that scooter was donated to the Vet's Home so that other veterans could have access to a scooter. The scooter that Tom received was given to him by Kim after her Marine veteran husband Loy passed away.

Kim's application for membership was voted on by the members and approved. Make sure to introduce yourself and give Kim a warm "welcome aboard" when you see her.



Happy 52nd Wedding Anniversary

Lois & Stephen Price will celebrate their 52nd Wedding Anniversary on 29 November 2021.

Congratulations to Lois and Stephen.

A motion was made, seconded, discussed, voted on and passed for Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League, to make a donation to Brook's transplant / medical cost fund.

The detachment made a \$300.00 donation to Brooke's fund. (See additional information on the photo to the right)



Hi my name is Brooke I'm a type one diabetic since I was 10 and due to type one diabetes I'm now in end stage renal failure on dialysis three times a week I'm awaiting a skp transplant (simultaneous kidney pancreas) January of 2020 I was in a coma for six days by November 2020 I was in kidney and heart failure I have a five year old who id like to see grow up there is a lot of expenses coming up even after the surgery anything helps

Marine Corps League



Good Citizenship Award

Presented to

Bernard Anderson

*Who Has Attained the Rank of
Eagle Scout*



*Department of Oregon
Emerald Empire Detachment #917*

Peter Bock

Commandant

Raymond J. Miller

Adjutant

1 December 2021

Date

On 1 December 2021, detachment member Paul Grinde will present the Marine Corps League Good Citizenship Award to Eagle Scout Bernard Anderson at the Oregon Trail Council – Boy Scouts of America building, Eugene, Oregon.

Bernie started scouting as a “tiger” in the first grade, he is currently a student at the University of Oregon and is pursuing a business degree.



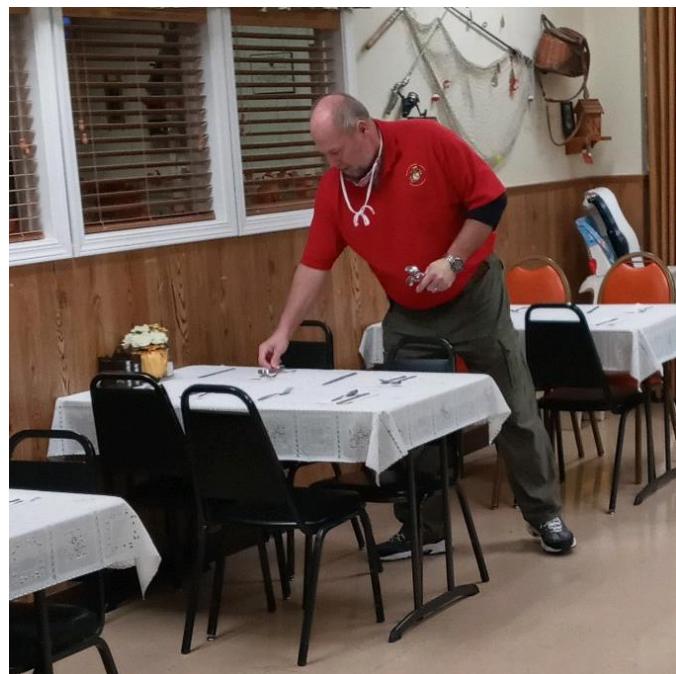
**EMERALD EMPIRE DETACHMENT #917 Fund-Raising
Breakfast Service for 21 November 2021**

We served 29 orders (which includes one free order to the Moose Lodge representative) for a total of \$196.00, plus \$47.00 in donations, for a grand total of \$243.00.

The number of customers, and that they arrived spread out over the 2 hours of service time, made for a fairly manageable breakfast service.





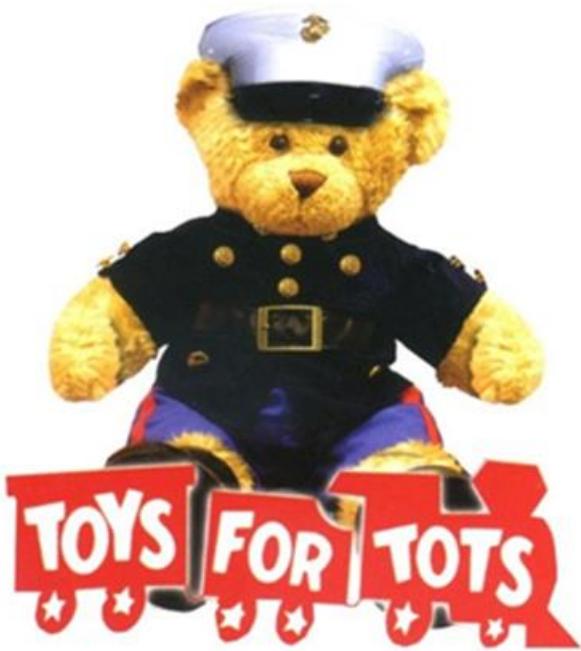


(Photos courtesy of Peter Bock)



(Photo courtesy of Paul Grinde)

We are back to our regularly scheduled 3rd Sunday of the Month
19 December 2021 is the next breakfast service



**TOYS FOR TOTS DISTRIBUTION WILL
OCCUR 11 (Saturday) – 12 (Sunday)
DECEMBER 2021**

Toys for Tots had a meeting on Tuesday the 17th of November 2021. It was disseminated that there is a SHORTAGE OF TOYS this year. They are looking for toys for all age groups, and especially in the age group of 12-14 years of age. Thad Lukasik passed along those items such as "Make-up" & Hair Dryers/Curling Irons are also needed for the older kids (girls) age group; and Stuffed Animals are always needed. Please disseminate the word about the toy shortage to any and all groups (that you belong to) or individuals that you know.

There will be a Christmas Parade in Springfield, Oregon on 4 December 2021. The start time is 1 PM, and will be conducted in the old-style format and follow the normal parade route.

Sergeant Medina has the Toys for Tots already enrolled in that parade. The Toys for Tots Committee has the parade covered so there is no need for personnel from the league. Dave Huber is working on getting his “Santa & Reindeer Sleigh” entered along with Toys for Tots.

Toys for Tots Food Service

Joy Cavin - 541-554-7982 - nightlight@comcast.net & Kim Lonberg - 541-968-6745-
k_lonberg@yahoo.com will be coordinating and operating the Food Service for Marines, and Marine Corps League volunteers, just as we have done for past years.

[From Joy - It would be marvelous if you could let Kim or me know IF and WHAT you can bring and when you'll have it to the Reserve Center (Or just bring it, we will appreciate it). Our contact info is above if you need to call or text about anything.]

You can also volunteer to help manage the food service, if we know in advance.]

Food Service items needed for Saturday distribution are:

Fruit Trays

Veggie Trays

Cookies (Homemade or good Costco Variety)

Deviled Eggs

Soda (Variety to include some diet versions)

Water (small individual serving size)

Grapes & Cut Oranges

For Sunday distribution (Please bring by noon)

Sandwich trays (Variety – Costco or Jimmy Johns or Jersey Mike’s, etc.)

DECEMBER 2021

BIRTHDAYS

11 December – Rudy Grein

18 December – Peter Bock

22 December – Norman Hart

23 December – James McKee
Deceased

Please take a moment and remember these Marines on the day they celebrate, or would have celebrated, the anniversary of the day they were born.

If I have not displayed your birthday during your birth month that is because I do not have the day and month (do not send the year) of your birth. If you would like to appear on the birthday list, please get me the information.





The YOUNG MARINES

The Young Marines conducted a drill on 13 November 2021. They now have 24 Young Marines registered, and of that the breakdown is about 50-50 (male / female).

The adult volunteers / help is starting to come around with 4 parents helping out, and former Young Marine Jamie Leach still awaiting the approval of his paperwork.

A transportation company working out of the Portland Airport has donated a 15-passenger van to the Emerald Empire Young Marines for their use. The van does not require a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) to operate. There are some issues that need to be resolved, as the Young Marines are not allowed to own property. Terry Anderson will be picking the van up and driving it back to Springfield.



(This photo is only a representation and not an actual photo of the van.)

The Moose Lodge 1726 has approved the parking of the passenger van in the Moose Lodge parking lot. Steve Price is going to do some investigative leg work into insurance requirements and liabilities regarding ownership of the van and allowing the Emerald Empire Young Marines the exclusive use of the vehicle.

The Emerald Empire Young Marines are also on the list of the Lelash Foundation to receive more funds (amount will be known when distributed). A Marine Captain who flew CH-46 helicopters in Vietnam has been the driving force behind this support.

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

Please remember to turn this information in at the monthly meeting or send it in before the meeting so we can compile it over time.

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. Then submit this information each month using the monthly meeting date (3rd Wednesday of each month) as the due date of each submission. This information will be collected, and tallied by the detachment each month 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 meetings. 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.



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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3rd Wednesday of the Month

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Meeting Starts @ 1900 hours

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National Website: www.mcnational.org

2021 Meeting Dates

(Tentative) – ALL

WEDNESDAYS

**AS OF FEBRUARY – Meetings are at Moose Lodge 1726 Springfield,
Oregon**

15 December