



# JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is set for: **19 July 2023**



**Wishing everyone a safe and blessed 4<sup>th</sup> of July.**



**Jeanne & Eddie Mosteller, 16 June 2023, at their home in South Carolina.**

**Following the breakfast service on Father's Day, 18 June 2023, we did a Facebook messenger visit with Jeanne and Eddie. It was great to be able to see and speak with them both. We hope to conduct other such get togethers in the future.**

**Jeanne wrote this, "He really enjoyed the card he received. He misses you guys a lot. Thanks for thinking of him."**



**We Miss & Love you both.**





# From the Chaplain's Corner



**It is July – welcome to summer HEAT, bar-b-ques, fireworks, and all kinds of outdoors activities!**

**Remember your sunscreen, hats, and bug spray.**

**Have a very safe, fun, and adventurous month and if you are battling health issues, I pray your treatment(s) will be successful and endured with little discomfort! Please let me know (or any other members who can contact me) of any health issues so we can be praying for you and yours.**

**As we celebrate Independence Day, even in the midst of ongoing national struggles, I am SO very thankful for each and every one of YOU who have served. I am truly blessed to know so many veterans of our Armed Forces and I want to recognize all who put their lives on the line for our great country - America.**

**Semper Fi,  
Joy Cavin**

**Chaplain, Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League**





# CORPSMAN



**Ruth Holland** – On 23 May 2023, Martin reported, Mom doing lot better came home from hospital today.  
As of 26 June 2023, her son Martin reported, “Mom is doing real good improving more every day.”

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**James (Jim) Pilling** – Jim was not able to attend the Father’s Day breakfast or the following meeting. He wrote, “Nice picture. Pass on breakfast tomorrow. 4th chemo treatment leaving me without much energy. 2 more to go! 😊 Happy Father’s Day to all! 🙌”

**Jim we are all thinking about you and praying for the defeat of cancer.**



**Linda Miller** – Linda is on the mend and attended the breakfast service and meeting.

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**Ray Miller** – Ray is continuing to show improvement. There is still a lot of work yet to be done.

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**Eddie Mosteller** – Besides the information with the new photo of Eddie & Jeanne, Eddie sent this after receiving the card the detachment members sent to him:

“Paul,

Please let every know that I really appreciate it. I am in good spirits right now. I feel like it is getting better every day. Spending a lot of time at the hospital. MRI, blood work, x-rays. Have a phone call tomorrow morning from a speech therapist at 0830. You can see what time I am writing this. Days and nights backwards for now. I have a personal doctor that works for the VA that sees to our every need. She has a person that works for her that is responsible to get us anything we need, like a new walk. It would be great if we could somehow get on a conference call. I know there is a 3-hour difference, but you can the hour I am calling now. Ok, I am signing off from Tranquility Base II. Hope we make this work. We Love you guys.



**Norman Hart** – Norman had completed 6 radiation treatments on 21 June 2023. Excluding weekends and holidays he will have 1 treatment each day.

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**Joseph Lamm** – Joseph had another infusion treatment on the Friday following the meeting.

**This was number 10 of 16 treatments.**

**Treatments occur at Oregon Health Sciences University, so a protracted process for each treatment.**

**Joseph was able to attend the Father’s Day breakfast.**



**Mike Barker** – Mike was loading some cement blocks into the bucket of his tractor when he got his finger in between the block and a hard place (tractor bucket lip). Doctor Debbie said stitches not needed but that Steri-Strips would be applied.

**We all hope things heal up well, and fast, as Mike is currently the grill master for breakfast service.**



**Please keep all in your thoughts and prayers as they “do battle” with life’s major medical concerns.**





## JULY 2023 BIRTHDAYS

26 July – Ronald (Ron) A. Cooper, Sr. **Deceased**

26 July – Robert McGuigan

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





**Fund-Raising Breakfast**  
**Service for Sunday,**  
**28 May 2023**



**The breakfast service for 28 May 2023 served 34 orders (1 bartender; 21 paid \$8.00, and 12 veterans ate for free). This brought in \$168.00. We also received \$38.00 in tips, for a Grand Total of \$206.00.**







**In response to our call for assistance, we had Mike & Debbie Barker, Steve & Lois Price, Paul Grinde, Peter Bock, Matt Scott and his girlfriend Emma, Thad and Nancy Lukasik (good to see Nancy out and about), Ray & Linda Miller were able to get out and come eat and visit (good to see them able to get out and about), Joy Cavin and her son Jamie, Kim Lonberg, Norman Hart, and Joseph Lamm was able to come and eat and visit (good to see Joseph).**

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**Fund-Raising Breakfast**  
**Service for Sunday,**  
**18 June 2023**



**The breakfast service for 18 June 2023 served 39 orders. Since it was Father's Day, all fathers ate for FREE. This brought in \$147.00. We also received \$41.00 in tips, for a Grand Total of \$188.00.**

**We had the assistance of Dave Huber's wife Melissa Huber (taking orders), and son David James Huber (grilling the hashbrowns).**

**Member Matt Scott assisted in order delivery, and his mother Peggy (recovering from auto accident) attended.**

**There was Mike (cooking the eggs) & Debbie Barker (pancakes), Dave Huber (toasts and muffins), Norman Hart (running bacon, sausage, biscuits, and gravy), Paul Grinde (dishes and delivery), Thad (dining room) & Nancy Lukasik, Ray & Linda (order tallying), and Joseph Lamm attended breakfast.**

**The assistance and participation of all is greatly appreciated.**

**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 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.**

# 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.**



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*on 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.

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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 1<sup>ST</sup> OF SEPTEMBER OF THE EXPIRATION YEAR.**

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## United States Marine Corps

### History for the Month of July



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

### Marines Celebrate America's 25th Anniversary

On July 4, 1801, third President of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, reviewed Marines led by the second Commandant of the Marine Corps, Lieutenant Colonel William W. Burrows, and the Marine Band. The review took place on the grounds of the White House grounds and the Marines performed drills and fired salutes in observance of our country's 25th anniversary.



### A-4 Skyhawk Retired

On July 6, 1990, the last two A-4 Skyhawks from Marine Aircraft Group 32 flew their initial flights from Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point in North Carolina to Naval Air Station Patuxent River in Maryland, as

the Marine Corps decided to retire the Skyhawk from its active aviation structure. The Skyhawk was one of the oldest, most versatile attack aircraft in USMC history, having been in service for more than 30 years.



## 1st Marine Air Wing Activated

On July 7, 1941, the 1st Marine Air Wing (1st MAW) was activated at Quantico, Virginia. Less than a year after its activation, the 1st MAW participated in the Marine Corps offensive at Guadalcanal. The Guadalcanal campaign

would be the first of many legendary battles in the Wing's history, and over the course of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, the 1st MAW earned five Presidential Unit Citations for gallantry.

## "An Act for Establishing and Organizing a Marine Corps"

On July 11, 1798, second President of the United States, John Adams, approved "An Act for Establishing and Organizing a Marine Corps", and it became law. The following day, President Adams appointed William Ward Burrows the Major Commandant of the new Corps. In August, Major Burrows opened his headquarters in Philadelphia, which, at the time, was still the capital of our young nation.



## *USS Iwo Jima* Decommissioned

On July 14, 1993, the *USS Iwo Jima* was decommissioned after over 30 years of service in a ceremony at Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia. The ship, named for the World War II battle in which three Marine divisions defeated 20,000 Japanese troops, was commissioned August 26, 1961, and it was the first ship





specifically designed as an amphibious assault ship from the keel up.

## Battle of Soissons

On July 18, 1918, the 4th Marine Brigade began an attack near Soissons, France. The attack was part of a World War I three-division counterattack against German forces. The

Marines sustained 1,972 casualties in the first two days of the battle.

## V Amphibious Corps Land on Tinian

On July 24, 1944, the V Amphibious Corps, a formation of the United States Marine Corps composed of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Marine Divisions, landed on Tinian, in the Mariana Islands during the Marine Corps' Pacific Campaign in World War II.

The following morning, under the command of Major General Harry Schmidt, the 2nd and 4th Marine Divisions began a shoulder-to-shoulder sweep of the island. Organized enemy resistance faded within a week, and on August 1, Major General Schmidt declared the island secure.



## National Security Act of 1947

On July 26, 1947, the National Security Act of 1947 was enacted, reaffirming the status of the Marine Corps as a separate military service within the Department of the Navy.

The act provided for Fleet Marine Forces and confirmed the Corps' mission of seizing and defending advanced bases, as well as land operations in support of naval campaigns.



## General John A. Lejeune Assumes Command of U.S. Army's 2nd Division

On July 28, 1918, United States Marine Corps Brigadier General John A. Lejeune assumed command of the U.S. Army's 2nd Division in France during World War I. Lejeune remained in that capacity until August the following year, at which point the unit was demobilized. Lejeune was the first Marine officer to hold an Army divisional command, and following the armistice that ended the war, he led his division in the march into Germany.

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### **!!!!!!! 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 (July, August, September).**

**Forms for April, May and June need to be turned in at the July meeting. Due to the numerous proposed amendments to National By-Laws, Uniform Regulations, and such we did not get to this topic.**

**The forms can be found on previous newsletters on the detachment website. Just print that separate page and copy as needed.**

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# 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.

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## The Mission of the Marine Corps League (as shown on national website)

The mission of the Marine Corps League is to promote the interest and to preserve traditions of the United States Marine Corps; strengthen the fraternity of Marines and their families; serve Marines, FMF Corpsmen, and FMF Chaplains who wear or who have worn the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor; and foster the ideals of Americanism and patriotic volunteerism.



## Emerald Empire Detachment #917 Advertising Pens



The pens are available to detachment members for \$1.00 each pen. This covers the cost of the pens and earns the detachment approximately 23 cents per pen.

The pens are for handing out to Marines, Corpsmen, Chaplains, and persons we want to try and recruit for membership.

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### HATS & VISORS

Eagle, globe, anchor & “Semper Fi” White Sun visors and Black Marine Corps League hats - **\$1.00 each** – **What a Deal.** Hats/Visors are now available at the monthly meetings.



### DETACHMENT COINS / CHIPS

Available for \$1.50 each which off-sets the cost of buying them and earns the detachment 45 cents on each one purchased. They are available for purchase in-person during the monthly meetings and from the detachment paymaster.



You can carry one on you as your representation of the detachment when “challenged.” You can also give them out to Marines, FMF Corpsmen, FMF Chaplains, and persons who may want to be associate members as recruiting tools; or as gifts to family, friends, and acquaintances who are veterans themselves.

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**EMERALD EMPIRE DETACHMENT # 917**

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3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month

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**Meeting Starts @ 1900 hours**

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# **2023 Meeting Dates**

## **ALL WEDNESDAYS**

**19 July 2023 (Spaghetti & meatballs, salad, garlic bread)**

**16 August 2023 (Baked Potato Bar)**

**20 September 2023 (Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, corn on the cob, dinner roll)**

**18 October 2023**

**15 November 2023**

**20 December 2023**

# **2023 Fund Raising Breakfast Dates**

**ALL SUNDAYS**

**The price is now \$8.00 for breakfast.**

**16 July 2023**

**20 August 2023**

**17 September 2023**

**15 October 2023**

**19 November 2023**

**17 December 2023**