



# APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

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

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## **!!!! THIEVES ARE AT IT AGAIN !!!!**

If anyone contacts you (by phone, mail, email, text, or by any other method) and asks you to pay (for anything) with Gift Cards – **DO NOT DO IT!!!!!!**  
Even if it comes from someone that appears to be someone you know.

Detachment member Peter Bock advised that he has again received a message that appeared to be from someone he knows asking for Gift Card payment to help a person out in dire need.

**PAY BY GIFT CARD = ATTEMPT TO STEAL YOUR MONEY**

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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.

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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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# 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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## *From the Chaplain's Corner*



It is April! I expected to be enjoying sunny days, interspersed with some rain, much warmer than it has been. Sometimes, dealing with disappointment is hard, sometimes it is just annoying, but how we each deal with it helps determine whether we have (and sometimes others) a good day or not. As we enter the Easter season, I must once again be amazed by how difficult it must have been to go through that, as an observer or a participant. I would encourage each of us to try to be aware of how we face rough times, knowing we might not be the only folks affected by our attitude.

Hopefully by the time April turns into May the sun will be out, our gardens will be growing and we can finally put away the warm clothes! Have a great month.

Joy Cavin, Chaplain  
Emerald Empire Marine Corps League #917

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Joy also provided this update on how Kim Lonberg is doing



Kim is doing pretty well. She got moved into her 5th wheel a few weeks before she had the bariatric procedure she has been working toward for the past year, which was done on 17 March. She is home now, in a lovely RV in Coburg. Steve & Lois helped move her rig to the spot she wanted (was put into a temporary spot to begin with) and they leveled it and got her all set up, with the help of AJ, her grandson.

The surgery went well, but the recovery time is more extended than she anticipated and likes. She is working to adjust to the lifestyle changes necessary. I took her a potted geranium for outside, on her front porch and she was delighted! She loves geraniums and can see it from her recliner in the living room. She looked good today when I was there and was happy to have me visit her.

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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.oregonodva.com](http://wvc.oregonodva.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](http://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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**Fund-Raising Breakfast Service for Sunday,**  
**19 March 2023**

**!!!!A NEW RECORD FOR FUNDS TAKEN IN!!!!**

**The breakfast service for 19 March 2023 served 43 total people (41 paid \$8.00 and 3 paid \$9.00). The extra dollar charge is for those wanting more than 2 pieces of bacon or sausage. This brought in \$355.00. We also received \$44.00 in tips, for a Grand Total of \$399.00.**

**The number served is not a record (that would be 47), but with the new price of \$8.00 plus the added \$1.00 extra charge (as noted above) we reached a NEW RECORD FOR TOTAL FUNDS TAKEN IN.**









**In anticipation of a possible record number of persons served, we had Thad & Nancy Lukasik, Ray & Linda Miller, Mike & Debbie Barker with granddaughter Aubrey, Joy Cavin and son Jamie, Dave & Melissa Huber, Matt Scott (sorry we did not get a picture of Matt – but a big WELCOME BACK to Matt), Peter Bock, and Paul Grinde.**

**With a great turn out by our members we were able to handle all the preparation, meal service, and cleanup with efficiency. Everyone contributed to make this a successful effort.**

**THANK YOU TO ALL**



# CORPSMAN



**Ray Miller** – Ray is dealing with some issues causing weakness in his limbs as well as numbness in hands and feet. This leads to problems using keyboards and pens to write; buttons and zippers become an impossible task; and driving is not possible. This has also led to problems standing, walking and fall issues. There are some conflicting ideas regarding the cause (side effects of meds, covid or neurological) but the primary care provider has finally ordered expedited MRIs (March 31<sup>st</sup>) to find out what is going on.

**Please keep Ray in your thoughts and prayers as they work to find the cause and get to working on a solution.**



**Dan Stombaugh** – Dan's mother Adele Josephine (Hastings) Stombaugh passed away at age 98.

**She was born 19 March on her mother & father's homestead in Natrona County, Wyoming. Her grandfather pioneered a homestead in Wyoming in about 1920.**

**Adele Josephine (Hastings) Stombaugh passed away on March 13, 2023, just shy of her 99th Birthday. She is now at peace with her Lord Jesus Christ.**

Adele was a loving Mother, teacher, friend, and neighbor. She won the hearts of everyone she knew.

Adele is survived by her five children, Daniel, Cynthia, June, Rosa, and Goldie, plus an abundance of Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren, and Great-Great Grandchildren. She was so very proud of all her children and was able to spend time with each of them shortly before she passed.

Adele taught Kindergarten at Bible Baptist Church in Klamath Falls, OR and was truly loved by the children and her co-workers. She was a gifted teacher and mentor. After retiring from teaching, she moved to the Portland area in 1987, following her children, and settled in Tigard, OR.

Among Adele's many gifts, she was a passionate writer of poetry and stories, and was so thrilled to have had five of her poems published in books of poetry through the years. Adele especially loved music. She sang, played the piano, and was a beautiful whistler. She especially loved Hymn's; her favorite hymn was "In the Garden".

Memories of Adele will be cherished by the many hearts she touched.

Peace be with you Mother, in the arms of the Lord, for you left your mark on this world with your Love and Kindness.



**Information courtesy of Dignity Memorial**



**Joseph Lamm – Joseph reports that his surgery for melanoma skin cancer went well. Joseph has completed 5 out of 16 immunotherapy treatments. He travels to Portland for the treatments, so it is a full day by the time he travels up, has treatments, and gets back home. Needless to say, his energy level “sucks” at times and does get sick now and then. But for the most part he says he is doing “pretty good.” Hopefully Joseph will be up to stopping on his next trip to visit.**



**Rudy Grein** – Rudy and his wife Angie took a cruise through the Panama Canal. Seems those big “boats” are not as stable as I thought as the 14-foot waves caused Rudy to take a tumble and injured his back. Seems the waves also made him not shave e.g., this photo.



**Nancy Lukasik** – Got a call from Thad on Tuesday morning to let me know that Nancy was at Riverbend Hospital. Nancy had been having some ongoing issues, so on Saturday 25 March they went to see her doctor. After an EKG and another test, she was directed to the Emergency Room at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at Riverbend. Thad was okayed to drive Nancy to the ER where she was subsequently admitted about noon. On Monday (27 March) Nancy underwent surgery to have a Pace Maker implanted. Nancy was released to go home on Tuesday.

**NOTE: If you have a medical emergency call 911. The Fire Department is available to respond 24 hours a day 7 days a week. The fire department responding to your home typically does not have a monetary cost, unless you are transported to the hospital by ambulance.**

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# APRIL 2023 BIRTHDAYS



22 April – Stephen Price

Please take a moment to remember Stephen on the Anniversary of the day he was born.

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## A CASE OF STOLEN VALOR

The following link leads to a story of Stolen Valor, and the sentencing the person received for committing that Crime. This article was forwarded by detachment member Rudy Grein.

<https://turnto10.com/news/local/sarah-cavanaugh-sentencing-stolen-valor-case-march-14-2023>

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# United States Marine Corps

## History for the Month of April



### 3rd Amphibious Corps Progresses on Okinawa

On April 3, 1945, Marines with the 3rd Amphibious Corps continued to progress along their front on the Japanese island of Okinawa, clearing Zampa Misaki and seizing the Kachin Peninsula. This effectively cut the island in two, and was accomplished more than a week ahead of the schedule originally set by Marine Corps leaders.



### 1st Marine Division Clashes with Communist Chinese Forces

On April 5, 1947, five Marine guards were killed and eight more were wounded during an attack by Communist Chinese forces near the Hsin Ho ammunition depot in northern China. This was the last major clash between the 1st Marine Division and Communist Chinese forces and occurred just four days after the 1st Division and 1st Marine Aircraft Wing had received their withdrawal and redeployment plans from China on April 1.



### Lieutenant Colonel John H. Glenn Selected for Space Training

On April 10, 1959, Lieutenant Colonel John H. Glenn, Jr. was named as one of the original seven Project Mercury astronauts selected for space training. All seven astronauts were volunteers and were selected by NASA out of a pool of 110 candidates, all of whom were leading military test pilots. Just under three years later, in February of 1962, Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth.



## 4th Marine Brigade Attacked in Verdun, France

During the late night and early morning hours of April 12-13, 1918, the 4th Marine Brigade suffered its first gas attack by German forces. In the attack, German forces bombarded the 74th Company, 6th Marines near Verdun, France with mustard gas. Nine Marine officers and 305 enlisted Marines were gassed during the attack and evacuated. 30 Marines were killed in the attack.



## Joe Foss Born

On April 17, 1915, future Medal of Honor recipient Joseph "Joe" Foss, was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

In 1940, Foss joined the Marine Corps as a pilot, and went on to become a leading American "ace" during World War II. During his time in the Corps, Foss won 26 aerial victories and received numerous awards, including the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Medal of Honor for his actions over Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands where he recorded 23 confirmed (and numerous other probable) kills in just over a month between October and November of 1942.

Following his time in the military, Foss had a number of jobs, including serving as the 20th Governor of South Dakota, the Commissioner of the American Football League, and the President of the National Rifle Association. He died in Arizona in 2003 at the age of 87.



## Marine Security Guard Killed in Lebanon

On April 18, 1983, more than 60 people, including 17 Americans, were killed when a car bomb exploded outside the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon. Among those killed was Marine Security Guard Lance Corporal Robert McMaugh, who was later buried at Arlington National Cemetery. A further seven Marine Security Guards were wounded in the explosion.





## Marine Aviators See First Action in Korean War

On April 21, 1951, carrier-based Marine airplanes made their first contact with enemy planes over North Korea. Captain Philip C. DeLong shot down two YAK fighters and 1st Lieutenant Harold D. Daigh destroyed one more and damaged another near Pyongyang. Both pilots were with VMF-312 flying from the *USS Bataan*.

## Merritt "Red Mike" Edson Born



On April 25, 1897, future Medal of Honor recipient Merritt "Red Mike" Edson was born in Chester, Vermont.

In October 1917, Edson received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps, and served in France and Germany during World War I. Following the war, Edson held several positions before going to flight school in 1922. After graduating flight school and being designated a Naval Aviator, he performed several assignments in Central America and China.

When World War II broke out, Edson was assigned as the Commanding officer of the Marine Raiders. While commanding Marine Raiders on Guadalcanal, Edson earned the Medal of Honor for the defense of Lunga Ridge on September 13-14, 1942. During the battle, Edson's Raider Battalion, along with two companies of the 1st Parachute Battalion, were assigned to defend Lunga Ridge, a short distance south of Henderson Field in what was supposed to be a relatively uneventful mission.

On the first evening of the mission, 2,500 Japanese forces unexpectedly attacked Edson and the approximately 800 Marines under his command. Edson and his Marines withstood repeated assaults by the Japanese, despite sustaining 256 casualties. After the battle, Edson was awarded the Medal of Honor for his, "extraordinary heroism and conspicuous intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty..."

Edson retired from the Marine Corps in 1947, after being promoted to the rank of Major General. Following his time in the Corps, Edson became the first Commissioner of the Vermont State Police before later serving as the Executive Director of the National Rifle Association. In addition to the Medal of Honor, Edson also earned two Navy Crosses, the Silver Star, and two Legions of Merit during his time in the Corps.



## American Flag Raised Over Derne

On April 27, 1805, First Lieutenant Presley O'Bannon and seven other Marines, along with Greek and Arab forces, who were under the command of American Consul William Eaton raised the American flag over the fortress at Derne, a pirate stronghold in Tripoli. This was the first time the American flag had been raised over a conquered fortress in the Old World. Two Marines were killed and another was injured in the assault on the city.



## A-6E Intruder Departed from Marine Corps Service

On April 28, 1993, the last A-6E *Intruder* was decommissioned from Marine Corps service. All-Weather Attack Squadron 332 transferred the last Marine A-6E to St. Augustine, Florida, and prepared for the squadron's transition to the F/A-18D and relocation from Cherry Point to Beaufort, South Carolina.

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

**The next form should be completed and turned in by  
the 19 April 2023 (since no March meeting) monthly  
meeting. It has been requested that the forms be  
completed on a quarterly basis (January, February &  
March).**

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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Project, Task or Event</b>	<b>Hours</b>

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>?

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**Community Service**

How many Community Service Hours has your Detachment performed between January 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> (examples: Toys 4 Tots, Scouting, Young Marines, Funeral Honors, Parades, etc.)?

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>? (This includes Marine 4 Life events, Rose Program, general assistance, etc.)

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**Other Notes of Interest**

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Detachment Commandant

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Email

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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.

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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.



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

**Dinner @ 1800 hours**

**Meeting Starts @ 1900 hours**

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# **2023 Meeting Dates**

## **ALL WEDNESDAYS**

**19 April 2023**

**(Dinner – Spaghetti & meatballs, salad, garlic bread)**

**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.**

**16 April 2023**

**21 May 2023**

**18 June 2023**

**16 July 2023**

**20 August 2023**

**17 September 2023**

**15 October 2023**

**19 November 2023**

**17 December 2023**