

February 2021 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is set for: **17 February 2021** - See
"NEW" Detachment Meeting Location in Newsletter & on Website.



CHAPLAIN & CORPSMAN





On 7 January 2021, Jim Pilling reported that he was “Doing well. Two treatments down, 4 to go? Thinking positive.”

Keep Jim in your thoughts and prayers as he continues his treatment regimen.



After the passing of his brother’s wife Connie, Dave Huber has been assisting his brother and making trips up north to Washington.

We mentioned in the January newsletter that Dave’s brother-in-law Jody Cady was recently in the hospital. Jody has passed away since then.

Please keep Dave in your in thoughts and prayers as he maneuvers through the troubling times of the loss of two of his family members.



Joy Cavin – Joy’s brother Steve Shirtcliff just recently passed away from a Heart Attack. Please keep Joy in your thoughts and prayers as she maneuvers these difficult times dealing with the loss of her brother, and this past summer the loss of her roommate.



Also Known as



Emerald Empire Detachment Chaplain Nancy Lukasik reported that Detachment member Thad Lukasik was feeling “a little anxious.” It seems that Thad’s 85th birthday on Monday, 18 January 2021, had something to do with this.

Happy Bithday Thad....

Chaplain's Corner



Good day, Marines! This might well be as challenging a year as was 2020. It's certainly a good time to "get right" with God.

Our elected leaders seem to be failing us, but following our spiritual leaders and knowing God can bring great peace, and peace is a wonderful gift to have. Many people chase after money, but you can't buy peace. Peace is knowing you are right with God, you are right in relationships, and you are living the life God wants you to live. Yes, being in His will has a natural by-product - PEACE! Blessings!

Nancy Lukasik, Chaplain
Emerald Empire Detachment

REFLECT & PRAY

I'm grateful, God, that I can count on You to walk with me through everything.
Thank You for Your Peace.

Emerald Empire Detachment #917's Newest Member



Ruth Ann Holland — Enlisted into the United States Marine Corps on a two-year enlistment after high school entering July 1964 and serving until August 1966.

Ruth was assigned to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, 1st Recruit Battalion, San Diego, California serving in administration. Ruth said it was kind of an interesting time since the Marine Corps was receiving persons from “the draft” and there was a variety of individuals “who really did not want to be there.”

She said she made a mistake by getting out at the end of her enlistment, but she was engaged to a guy. Unfortunately, the guy turned out later on to be a jerk.

She later married her husband and they were married 52 years before he passed away last year.

Ruth has been a family friend of Dave Huber’s family longer than Dave can remember. Ruth’s son is also a member of the Moose Lodge in Springfield.

Good of the League Announcements

THE NEW MEETING LOCATION FOR

Emerald Empire Detachment #917
Marine Corps League

Will be at:



Springfield Moose Lodge 1726
2011 Laura Street
Springfield, OR 97477-2100
Phone: (541) 746-3321

As of 17 February 2021, this will be our physical meeting location.
DO NOT SEND ANY CORRESPONDENCE TO THIS ADDRESS!
All correspondence or contacts should still be sent to our Post Office
Box, or detachment email address.

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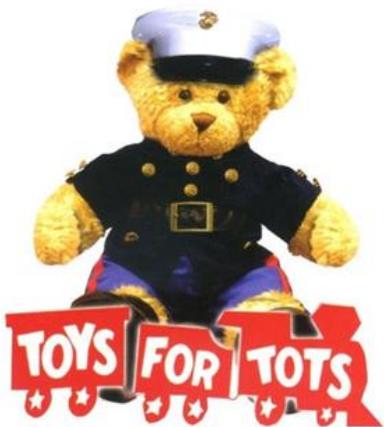


Emerald Empire Detachment member Eddie Mosteller sent me this video. Check it out by copying and pasting this address in your internet search, or go to the Emerald Empire Detachment website and view it there.

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Patriot

Eddie also reports: “We are having a good time. And we miss all of you. I'll be sending you papers to fill out soon for transfer to my new MCL. It's not as good as 917, but the people are really nice.... Anyway, hope everyone is gettin' long ok, (that's SC talk). Yes, I did have my grits this mornin'.”



No activity at this time.

The “After Action Report” is due out at the end of the month, so that information can be shared soon.

FEBRUARY 2021 BIRTHDAYS



24 February – Steve Kanaga

Take a moment to remember Steve on the day he was 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 Emerald Empire Young Marines held their meeting for the 1st time at the Moose Lodge, Springfield, Oregon. This was also the 1st day of their “boot camp” for the new Young Marine recruits.



**The YOUNG
MARINES**

Emerald Empire Detachment #917 Commandant Dave Huber was present to give the recruits a “welcome to their new recruitment.” Dave heard later from Brandon Matthews that it was a “good” meeting. The Young Marines were set to meet again at the Moose Lodge on Saturday 23 January 2021.

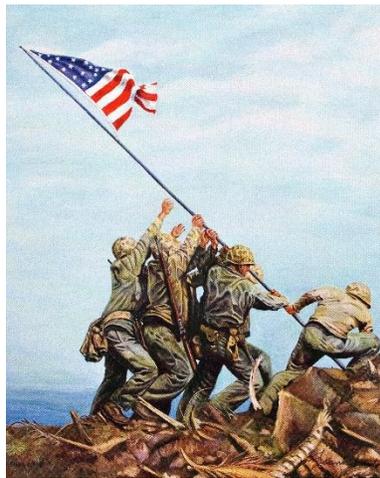
A member of the Moose Lodge stepped up and donated funds to cover the cost of having the new Young Marine Recruits “dog tags.”

There is still more discussion to take place, and some more details that need to be worked out, but discussions are continuing about the feasibility of moving the Emerald Empire Young Marines to the Moose Lodge on a permanent basis.

Thad Luksik also spoke with Terry Anderson. Thad said that Terry was enthusiastic about meeting at the Moose Lodge. A couple of the details that would need to be worked out are storage, and maintaining the “confidentiality” of the Young Marines.

USMC History

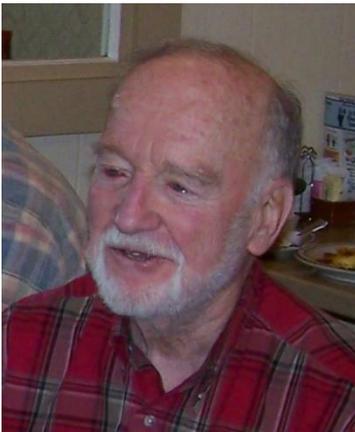
76th Anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima



On 19 February 2021, please remember our deceased members who participated in the battle of Iwo Jima.



Russell Smith (4th Marine Division), John Lane (4th Marine Division), Stanley Mellies (5th Marine Division), Thomas Williams (5th Marine Division)



Also, friends of our members and our detachment:

Craig Leman (left)(5th Marine Division – Platoon Commander of Thomas Williams) and Bill Call (right)(3rd Marine Division).



And my father,



Ardon (Bud) Grinde (5th Marine Division)

Marine Corps League “Mission Statement”

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 –
FOR SALE - \$5.00 each – What a Deal



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.



Detachment Commandant Dave Huber met with Dr. LeBow. Dr. LeBow advised that things at Vet's Legacy is moving right along. The 4 persons previously living at the camp are on their feet now and have moved on.

The camp received a large donation of work from a construction company who had apprentices in need of work to continue their apprenticeships. They re-sided all of the buildings, made & installed new windows.

Dr. LeBow also advised that lessons have been learned from the 1st group to include better screening and better services for the needs of those residing at the camp.

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3rd Wednesday of the Month

Dinner @ 1800 hours

Meeting Starts @ 1900 hours

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National Website: www.mclnational.org

2021 Meeting Dates
(Tentative) – ALL
WEDNESDAYS

AS OF FEBRUARY – Meetings at Moose Lodge Springfield, Oregon

20 January

17 February

17 March

21 April

19 May

16 June

21 July

18 August

15 September

20 October

17 November

15 December