



# APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is set for: **20 April 2022**

**Meeting Dinner Menu for April:** Will be **VENISON STEW with cornbread.** If you were not at the March meeting but plan to be at the April meeting and want Venison Stew, you need to contact Dave Huber and tell him how many orders so they have enough stew on hand to meet the demand!!!!



## **Emerald Empire Detachment** **#917's Newest Associate Member**

The Emerald Empire Detachment's newest Associate Member is:  
Tawnee Lyn Bowker.

Tawnee is the wife of detachment associate member Robert Bowker. She home schools their 3 children (1 with special needs), and is a housewife. Tawnee is a person of few words.

A vote was conducted and Tawnee was accepted as the newest associate member by unanimous vote.



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# CORPSMAN



**Mike & Debbie Barker** – From the evening of Saturday 12 March to the morning of Sunday 13 March 2022 four trees came down at Mike & Debbie’s place. The process of a tree coming down caused other trees to come down due to wind. These trees took out TV/Cable/Internet/power/telephone and also blocked their driveway. They were able to get the trees cleared out of the drive and worked to get their services restored. Mike & Debbie were able to attend the Wednesday meeting.



**David “Doc” Turner** – Dave was looking good as he was able to attend the March 2022 monthly meeting. It was good to see Dave again. We look forward to seeing him much more.



# **We Want You**

## **For an Emerald Empire Detachment Officer's Position**

During the March 2022 monthly meeting, the nominations for elected detachment officers (Commandant, Senior-Vice Commandant, Junior-Vice Commandant, and Judge Advocate) took place. However, nominations will be accepted right up to voting, so if you wish to throw your hat into the arena and run for an elected officer position then be at the April 2022 monthly meeting.

Voting/elections will take place at the April 2022 meeting, with Installation of Officers set to take place immediately following.

**Step-up and help determine the direction of  
“YOUR” detachment.**

The nominations for elected officer positions are:

Commandant

Dave Huber – nominated

Senior Vice-Commandant

Debbie Barker - nominated

Junior Vice-Commandant

Paul Grinde – nominated

Mike Barker - nominated

Judge Advocate

Thad Lukasik

Appointed Positions are:

Adjutant – Ray Miller willing to carry-on

Paymaster – Lois Price willing to carry-on

Webmaster – Debbie Barker willing to carry-on

Chaplain – Joy Cavin willing to accept this appointment

Sgt-at-Arms – Robert Bowker willing to accept this appointment

Jr. Past Commandant – Peter Bock (by By-law's definition)

# Chaplain's Corner



**Remember, fellow Marine Corps members, God doesn't ask you to figure it all out. He only asks you to believe! *Godfruits.com***



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**EMERALD EMPIRE DETACHMENT #917 Fund-Raising  
Breakfast Service for 13 March 2022**

**There were 24 diners that took part in breakfast service on 13 March 2022. There was \$168.00 for the meals and \$45.00 in tips for a grand total of: \$213.00.**

**The next breakfast service will be 17 April 2022, which breakfast service falls on Easter Sunday. The Moose Lodge will be open, and we will be doing breakfast service. There will be a “special menu” change for this breakfast service only. There will be Waffles (instead of pancakes), there will be ham, there will also be Strawberries / Blueberries and Whipped Cream for the waffles.**



Steve Price and Dave Huber prepping the bacon, sausage and gravy.



Paul Grinde – Did anyone ask if I even know how to cook pancakes? – no.



Lois took over Pancakes, Peter Bock manned the sanitation station, Nancy Lukasik manned the order station, and Paul Grinde and Dave Huber did a little bit of everything but stayed away from the cooking.



Checking the gravy temperature. No Nancy Lukasik is not dancing in the background – she is blotting up the water that was dripping from the ceiling. Steve Price cooking the eggs to order.

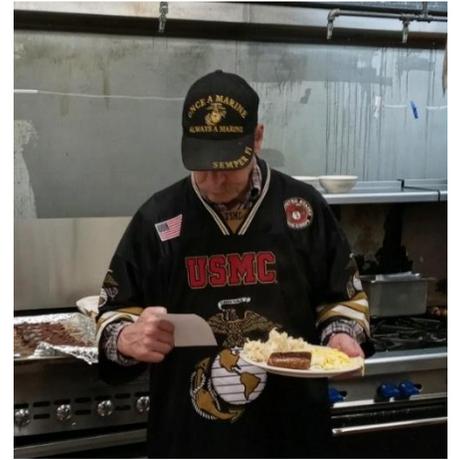


Peter Bock – sanitation station, and Lois Price working the flap jack station.



Steve Price cooking eggs to order and Rudy Grein manning the hashbrown station and filling in on eggs to order when needed.

Dave Huber – checking the order to ensure it is complete and correct before delivering.



(Pictures courtesy of both Rudy Grein & Peter Bock)



## **APRIL 2022 BIRTHDAYS**

**22 April – Stephen Price**

Please take a moment and remember Stephen on the day he celebrates the anniversary of the day he was born.

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Casey Bartlett is the new Commanding Officer of the Emerald Empire Young Marines. Casey is a “Marine” who served with F Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, 5<sup>th</sup> Marines, and did a 4-year enlistment.

Casey has children who are recruits in the Young Marines and he did not want to see the program go away, so he stepped up and is learning the role as Commanding Officer of the Young Marines. Casey said he had been active in the Junior ROTC in high school and he sees some similarities to the Young Marines, and he would like his kids to have the same opportunities to experience things only available in these kinds of programs. There are also some new and younger adults getting involved with the Young Marines.

There are items that need to be moved from the Vet’s building in Eugene, to the new storage shed at the Moose Lodge. They are planning to accomplish this task during their next drill Saturday.

Thad and Terry Anderson were going to get some work done on the van, due to a “shimmy” in the frontend. And then the van was going to be delivered to Industrial Finishes for the painting and Young Marines logo work.

The Young Marines were given a private tour of a restored PBY airplane (if memory served me correctly the owner of Industrial Finishes has a restored PBY airplane).

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Staff Sergeant Medina (received his promotion).

Toys for Tots was contacted by the University of Oregon regarding sponsoring a “fund raising” softball tournament” at Bob Artz Memorial Park, 7807 Thurston Rd, Springfield, OR 97478.

This is will be May 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the proceeds will be going to Toys for Tots.



The Marine Corps Birthday Ball date is 10 November 2022. This is a Thursday. Planning (to include advertising and flyers) needs to start early. To that end, “The Birthday Ball committee” has been formed and will consist of the following individuals:

Debbie Barker

Dave Huber

Lois Price

Kim Longren

Ray Miller



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## Do we want to hold a Fund-Raising Yard Sale this year? That is the question.

Possible dates of 9-12 June 2022 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) were suggested as well as a date-to-be-determined in July. Still awaiting word if the 9-12 June dates will work for the lodge.

This **MUST BE** an entire detachment commitment. This requires a lot of work, and we need a lot of new restock items.

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# Oregon hires Lane County deputy DA to serve as state's anti-poaching special prosecutor



SALEM, Ore. — Oregon has stepped up enforcement of wildlife laws by hiring an anti-poaching special prosecutor.

The state Department of Justice hired Jay D. Hall last month.

Hall prosecuted major crimes for 12 years through the Lane County District Attorney's office in Eugene. According to DOJ:

*Hall is an expert on using state Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) statutes to hold poaching rings accountable.*

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Representative Ken Helm, Co-Chair of the Legislature's Wildlife Caucus, is happy the position has been filled. "This is a bipartisan effort that is important to all Oregonians," Helm said, "Now that all three components of the legislative strategy are in place, our ability to tackle poaching across the state is greatly enhanced."

According to DOJ:

*The new prosecutor role is the final strategy of a three-prong approach legislators mapped out in 2019 to reduce poaching crimes across the state. Increasing detection of poaching through a public awareness campaign and increasing enforcement of wildlife laws by hiring additional OSP Fish and Wildlife Troopers were the first two strategies.*

Hall's experience will serve him well as Oregon grapples with poaching problems across the state, according to Captain Casey Thomas with Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division.

"It is great to see the final piece of anti-poaching legislation in place," Thomas said. "The Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division has already collaborated with Mr. Hall on several important topics. Mr. Hall brings an impressive resume to this position, including being a former recipient of the Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division Prosecutor of the Year award. He will be working with our agency, ODFW and prosecutors around the state to provide training and resources that will help combat poaching in Oregon."

Yvonne Shaw, who coordinates [the state's Stop Poaching campaign](#), agrees.

"Fulfilling this role increases our chances of holding poachers accountable," she said. "Prosecuting crimes against fish, wildlife and their habitats preserve natural resources that belong to all Oregonians."

(Story Courtesy of: NBC 16 KMTR Eugene, by News Staff, Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 2022)

**(This information was sent to me by Craig Myers)**

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## **The enduring legacy of Warfighting provides impact three decades later –**

### **by General Berger, Commandant of the Marine Corps.**

Thirty-three years ago, the 29th Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Al Gray, published Fleet Marine Force Manual 1 - Warfighting. This "little white book" was, and is, one of the most important statements our Service has ever made about how we understand the essential foundations of our profession: what war is, how we prepare for it, and how we fight when it comes. This anniversary is an appropriate time for us to pause and consider the impact of Warfighting, what it means for us today, and where we need to go with its ideas in the future.

As the largest and most flagrant act of conventional armed aggression in Europe since 1945 unfolds in Ukraine, many of us are naturally reflecting on what we think we know about warfare, and what has and has not changed over the years. The Marines who wrote Warfighting, and the strategists and thinkers of different eras upon whose ideas they drew for inspiration, were engaged in a similar sort of active reflection, fusing their observations about contemporary affairs with their knowledge of history to advance the profession. As General Gray later observed, this process was, and remains, essential: "Like war itself, our approach to warfighting must evolve. If we cease to refine, expand, and improve our profession, we risk becoming outdated, stagnant, and defeated."

With this admonition in mind, it is worth remembering the breadth and excitement surrounding the bottom-up revolution in military thought that produced FMFM 1. This was not limited to the Marine Corps, but was really the last genuine far-reaching period of reform for the U.S. military as a whole. It was a true civil-military effort to process defeat in Vietnam, the ever-present Soviet threat, advances in military technology, and ongoing learning from the operational successes and failures of both American and foreign militaries into the doctrine and organizational structures that still shape our activities today. Politicians and their advisors, generals, historians, and more junior military members in all the services put their utmost energies into this learning process. It produced not only the maneuver warfare concepts that have shaped the thought of Marines for decades, but also the efforts at Joint integration reflected in the Goldwater-Nichols legislation and the far-reaching revolution in professional military education and manpower management that flowed from it.

For Marines, this remarkable achievement enshrined in our basic doctrine an understanding of the nature of war that is timeless. Warfighting reminds us of essential factors in war that we ignore at our peril: the power of the human will and spirit; the ever-present influence of friction, fog, and chaos; and the likely futility of any approach to warfare that seeks an unattainable certainty or prioritizes a single element of the combined arms equation over the integrated application of the whole.

Warfighting, like the works of other great strategic minds that inspired it, is above all else a theory grounded in history - and we must ensure that our understanding of that history remains sound. While advances in technology generate a great deal of discussion and are obvious to all, less obvious is the fact that our understanding of history itself has also evolved. Are we assessing both the march of technology and the lessons of history as regularly and aggressively as we should? Are we adjusting our course as necessary? Are we being true to the 29th Commandant's challenge to "refine, expand, and improve our profession" and evolve our approach to warfighting?

I believe we are, but we must commit to a more rapid pace of institutional learning to meet the challenges of both today and tomorrow. A quick look at the headlines on any given day makes obvious the urgency of the effort. In the spirit of the era of deep thinking and great reform that produced FMFM I, I want to hear more from Marines at all levels, and those who support and care about Marines, on the lessons of contemporary and more distant history, and about the implications of the current era of unprecedented technological change on warfighting. As Marines, "becoming outdated, stagnant, and defeated" is simply not an option.

The below link will take you to a video titled:

### **Force Design 2030: The Future of the Marine Corps**

<https://www.hqmc.marines.mil/cmc/?videoid=808566&dvpcc=false#DVIDSVideoPlayer133302>

**(This information was sent to me by detachment member Rudy Grein)**

# Link to Federal / State Excess Property

I received the following information from Craig Myers. Please give it a look. You may belong to a group or organization that can benefit from this program.

Hi Paul

Here's a link to a Federal/State program that allows others to obtain excess/no longer used gov. property.

I was thinking that the Young Marines needed a portable shelter for their equipment storage and they may be able to get one through this program.

<https://www.gsa.gov/buying-selling/government-property-for-sale-or-disposal/personal-property-for-reuse-sale/for-state-agencies-and-public-orgs/eligible-organizations-and-activities>

## **Educational Activities of Special Interest to the Armed Services**

Certain schools and the following national organizations are eligible to receive donations of Department of Defense (DoD) surplus property:

- Young Marines of the Marine Corps; and
- League/Marine Corps League.

The list is longer I just copied the above

Craig Myers  
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VMGR-352, WC-613*

# **!!!!!!! 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 rather than having to compile it  
on the fly when required.**

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.

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 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?

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How many toys have been collected by the Detachment in the past Toys 4 Tots season?

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How dollars were collected in donations for Toys 4 Tots in the past season?

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**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.

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## 2022 Department of Oregon Summer Convention

### Attention Marines!

Oregon Marines, the registration form is now available. Please register for the summer convention as soon as possible. Click the link below to open the pdf file. Print it, fill it out, and mail it with include check for registration fees. All information concerning the 2022 Summer Convention is on the registration form.

Central Oregon Detachment #1308, 61445 SE 27th St #38, Bend, OR 97702.

Link: <https://mcl-oregon.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/2022-Registration-Corrected.pdf>

Semper Fi



## 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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**Moose Lodge 1726**  
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3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month

**Dinner @ 1800 hours**

**Meeting Starts @ 1900 hours**

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

National Website: [www.mclnational.org](http://www.mclnational.org)

# 2022 Meeting Dates **ALL WEDNESDAYS**

**20 April 2022**

**18 May 2022**

**15 June 2022**

**20 July 2022**

**17 August 2022**

**21 September 2022**

**19 October 2022**

**16 November 2022**

**21 December 2022**

# **2022 Fund Raising Breakfast**

## **Dates**

**ALL SUNDAYS**

**17 April 2022**

**15 May 2022**

**19 June 2022**

**17 July 2022**

**21 August 2022**

**18 September 2022**

**16 October 2022**

**20 November 2022**

**18 December 2022**