



November 2020 Newsletter

Our next monthly meeting is set for: **18 November 2020** – To be held at the VFW, Springfield, Oregon – social time starting at 5:00 PM, meeting starting at 6:30; VFW closes at 8 PM.

245th United States Marine Corps Birthday Cake Cutting Celebration

Date: 9 November 2020 (Monday)

Time: 1800 hours (6 P.M.)

Location:  VFW Post 3965, 5344 Main St, Springfield, OR 97478

Uniform of the Day: Your most Marine Corps themed attire.

This is a chance to mingle with other Marines who are members of the VFW.

There will be a traditional reading of the 1st Birthday Message of General John A. Lejeune, and the Birthday Message from the 38th Commandant of the United States Marine Corps General David Berger.

There will be a cake cutting, and probably a round of the Marine Corps Hymn (so practice up).

Most importantly there will be camaraderie, socialization and merriment celebrating the 245th Birthday of the United States Marine Corps.

**The traditional celebration
includes a reading of Order 47:**

MARINE CORPS ORDERS
No. 47 (Series 1921)
HEADQUARTERS U.S. MARINE CORPS
Washington, November 1, 1921

759. The following will be read to the command on the 10th of November, 1921, and hereafter on the 10th of November of every year. Should the order not be received by the 10th of November, 1921, it will be read upon receipt.

- (1) On November 10, 1775, a Corps of Marines was created by a resolution of Continental Congress. Since that date many thousand men have borne the name "Marine." In memory of them it is fitting that we who are Marines should commemorate the birthday of our Corps by calling to mind the glories of its long and illustrious history.
- (2) The record of our Corps is one which will bear comparison with that of the most famous military organizations in the world's history. During 90 of the 146 years of its existence the Marine Corps has been in action against the Nation's foes. From the Battle of Trenton to the Argonne, Marines have won foremost honors in war, and in the long eras of tranquility at home, generation after generation of Marines have grown gray in war in both hemispheres and in every corner of the seven seas, that our country and its citizens might enjoy peace and security.
- (3) In every battle and skirmish since the birth of our Corps, Marines have acquitted themselves with the greatest distinction, winning new honors on each occasion until the term "Marine" has come to signify all that is highest in military efficiency and soldierly virtue.
- (4) This high name of distinction and soldierly repute we who are Marines today have received from those who preceded us in the Corps. With it we have also received from them the eternal spirit which has animated our Corps from generation to generation and has been the distinguishing mark of the Marines in every age. So long as that spirit continues to flourish Marines will be found equal to every emergency in the future as they have been in the past, and the men of our Nation will regard us as worthy successors to the long line of illustrious men who have served as "Soldiers of the Sea" since the founding of the Corps.

JOHN A. LEJEUNE,
Major General
Commandant
75705--21



CHAPLAIN & CORPSMAN



Ronald Cooper, Sr. – Nancy Lukasik spoke with Ron: Ron is still undergoing dialysis treatments 3 times a week. After his treatments he is pretty worn out, so he has not been able to make it to Vet’s Court or monthly meetings.

Keep concentrating on your treatments and we hope you get to feeling better soon.



Linda Miller – Linda had cataract surgery on her right eye the day of the meeting, and she still made it to the October meeting. Linda is a real “trooper.”



Rudy Grein – Rudy’s mother-in-law Sharon is in the hospital and will be for the next 7 days battling an infection from a previous surgery.

Please give your thoughts and prayers to Ron, Linda, and Rudy during these trying times and periods of recovery.

Chaplain's Corner



After speaking with the Rogue Valley Detachment's Chaplain, our very own Chaplain Nancy Lukasik has been inspired to start a Chaplain's Message for our newsletter. The Rogue Valley Chaplain is also going to start one for their detachment's newsletter. This is the inaugural "Chaplain's Message" for the Emerald Empire Detachment, Marine Corps League.

Hey, Marines, what's your outlook on life? I read of a guy who starts his day by making a list of things he is thankful for. He seems to go through the day with a joyful attitude. Jesus told us "You have Me," and if He isn't enough to fill you nothing will. Let Jesus' love flow into your life. Blessings!

These are both troubling and exciting times that we are going through. Honestly, if I didn't have God in my life, I might be a basket case. If your thoughts veer toward negativity, remember God's promise to love us, no matter what!

If any Emerald Empire Detachment member has suffered losses due to this catastrophic event, or if any member becomes aware of any Marines, FMF Corpsmen, or FMF Chaplains that have suffered losses during this catastrophic event – PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO LET THE EMERALD EMPIRE DETACHMENT KNOW.

We have some items stored in the detachment shed that can be given to those who have suffered losses. We also have some funds available for limited assistance. We in no way can replace the great work being done by so many organizations already assisting those affected, but we can help.

Guests / Visitors / New Members



Robert and Tawnee Bowker

Robert is a “Life Time Associate Member” of the Marine Corps League. He was the Past Sergeant of Arms for the Major General Marion E. Carl Detachment #1087 (Roseburg, Oregon) – and wants to transfer to Emerald Empire Detachment. Robert is a Gunsmith by trade. We look forward to getting his membership transferred to Emerald Empire Detachment.

Good of the League Announcements



Emerald Empire Detachment Commandant Dave Huber wants everyone who received an email from him asking for a “Gift Card to help out his nephew” to know that:

This was a Scam; his email was hacked / hijacked by scammers.

Please read the following information from the FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION [Consumer Information](#):

Many different kinds of [imposters](#) ask you to pay with gift cards. Someone might call you and claim to be from the IRS, collecting back taxes or fines. The caller might say he’s from tech support, asking for money to fix your computer. The caller might even say she’s a family member with an emergency and needs money right now.

But they all have in common an urgent need for you to send money right away. Imposters will sometimes ask you to [wire money](#) to them but, increasingly, they tell you to go put money on a gift card. Here’s what happens: the caller will often tell you to go buy a popular gift card, frequently, iTunes, Google Play, or Amazon. The caller will tell you to get the card at a particular store near you – often Walmart, Target, Walgreens, or CVS. They may even have you buy several cards at several stores. Sometimes, the caller will stay on the phone with you while you go to the store. Once you buy the card, the caller then will demand the gift card number and PIN on the back of the card. Those numbers let them immediately get the money you loaded onto the card. And once they’ve done that, the scammers and your money are gone, usually without a trace.

Other kinds of scammers, some of them also imposters, who might demand payment by gift card include:

- callers pretending to be from a utility company, telling you to pay your bill by gift card or they’ll cut off your power or water
- sellers on online auction sites who ask for gift cards to “buy” big items like cars, motorcycles, boats, RVs, tractors and electronics
- someone posing as a servicemember to get your sympathy, saying he has to sell something quickly before deployment and needs you to pay by gift card
- callers who say you’ve won a so-called prize, for a sweepstakes you probably never entered – but first, you have to use a gift card to pay fees or other charges
- someone buying something from you, probably online, who sends a check for more than the purchase price – and asks you to give them the difference on a gift card. [\(That check, by the way, will turn out to be fake.\)](#)

These are all scams. In fact, if anyone tells you to pay by gift card, or by wiring money – for any reason – that’s a sure sign of a scam. Every time.

Mike Barker has procured 500 newly printed Emerald Empire Detachment, Marine Corps League, tri-fold brochures.

Mike Barker has also procured 500 newly printed Marine Corps League generic business cards that each person can add their own contact information to.

Mike Barker is working with the printer to procure “Water Proof Paper” printings of the vehicle contact cards (shown below). These can be filled in with, permanent marker (extra fine point sharpies work great for this) and left on vehicles (even during inclement weather). The page can be cut into quarters so we get 4 cards per page.

All of these items can be utilized for recruiting new members to the Emerald Empire Detachment.



I see by the sticker on this vehicle that you value your connection with the United States Marine Corps. There is another way to support the Corps, with and by your membership in the Marine Corps League. The League's purpose is to support the Corps and to assist present and former Marines and their families. For more information about the opportunities and Membership in the League, please contact:

Name _____
Street _____
City _____
Phone _____

Semper Fidelis



I see by the sticker on this vehicle that you value your connection with the United States Marine Corps. There is another way to support the Corps, with and by your membership in the Marine Corps League. The League's purpose is to support the Corps and to assist present and former Marines and their families. For more information about the opportunities and Membership in the League, please contact:

Name _____
Street _____
City _____
Phone _____

Semper Fidelis

Marine Corps League



I see by the sticker on this vehicle that you value your connection with the United States Marine Corps. There is another way to support the Corps, with and by your membership in the Marine Corps League. The League's purpose is to support the Corps and to assist present and former Marines and their families. For more information about the opportunities and Membership in the League, please contact:

Name _____
Street _____
City _____
Phone _____

Semper Fidelis

Marine Corps League

Marine Corps League



I see by the sticker on this vehicle that you value your connection with the United States Marine Corps. There is another way to support the Corps, with and by your membership in the Marine Corps League. The League's purpose is to support the Corps and to assist present and former Marines and their families. For more information about the opportunities and Membership in the League, please contact:

Name _____
Street _____
City _____
Phone _____

Semper Fidelis

Marine Corps League

Joseph Lamm was able to make it to the October monthly meeting. It was good to see Joseph.

Dave Huber is back from multiple trips to “fight fires.” WELCOME HOME DAVE – YOU DESERVE A VACATION.



The YOUNG MARINES

The advertising on KEZI results were not what they were hoping for, so they are going to “Plan B.” This is going to be advertising on radio with a contact phone number. Thad Lukasik is going to be the contact person for the radio ads.

Terry Anderson is currently the “acting CO” for the young marines as Brandon Mathews is going to be moving back to Tennessee around the first of the year.



Toys for Tots 2020 had their first meeting on 13 October. There will be a lot of changes this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Distribution weekend will be Dec 12 & 13th, which is also going to be a “drill weekend” for the reserves so there will be more Marines involved this year.

Major changes will be a “drive through” distribution, persons will receive toys that are age & gender appropriate for the children listed on their paperwork, what or how bikes will be done is yet to be decided, there will only be a need for about 1/3 of the number of volunteers as previously needed in past years, and there will be NO POTLUCK FEEDING OF MARINES/VOLUNTEERS.

The next meeting will be held on the 27th of October at the Reserve Unit.

As additional details and information become know they will be disseminated.

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.

November 2020 BIRTHDAYS



11 November 1914 – Donald Brownrigg **Deceased**

[Take a moment to remember Donald as we also Observe Veteran's Day.](#)

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.

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.

EMERALD EMPIRE DETACHMENT # 917 **OFFICERS & CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Commandant Dave Huber
(C) (541) 554-1894
dave_huber@outlook.com

Senior Vice-Commandant Peter Bock
(541) 799-8446
sr32mason@yahoo.com

Junior-Vice Commandant Stephen Price
(541) 741-1772
lostrose7@msn.com

Judge Advocate Thad Lukasik
(541) 461 - 1160
thadlukasik42@comcast.net

Adjutant Raymond J. Miller
(H) (541) 689-9456
ray.miller.usmc@gmail.com

Paymaster Lois J. Price
(541) 741-1772
lostrose7@msn.com

Chaplain Nancy Lukasik
(541) 461-1160
NancyLu505@gmail.com

Web-Master Debbie Barker
(541) 746-9295
GunnyB7@charter.net

Sgt-at-Arms Debbie Barker
(541) 746 – 9295
GunnyB7@charter.net

Springfield BPOE Elks Lodge #2145
1701 Centennial Blvd Springfield, OR 97477
3rd Wednesday of the Month

Dinner @ 1800 hours

Meeting Starts @ 1900 hours

Mailing address:

Emerald Empire Detachment #917
PO Box 70455 Springfield, OR 97475

Detachment E-mail Address:

mcldet917@gmail.com

Detachment Facebook Page:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Marine-Corps-League-Det-917/214059775343828>

Detachment Web Site: www.mcl917.org

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

National Website: www.mclnational.org