



## \*\*\* **APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER** \*\*\*

Our next meeting will be on: **18 April 2018**



### **CHAPLAIN / CORPSMAN:**



**Ray Chiapuzio:** Junior Vice-Commandant Dan Stombaugh visited with Ray. Dan reported that Ray told him he was “doing okay,” and that he wants to continue his membership with the detachment but in a limited roll (due to physical limitations associated with age).

**Mike Barker:** Debbie reported that Mike is suffering from a “bad cold,” so he was not able to attend the meeting and was also going to miss his Thursday VFW Veteran’s Benefits assistance.

**Ron Cooper, Sr.:** Ron reported he would be having surgery on his left leg on Tuesday 27 March 2018. It is unknown how long he will be out recuperating or how long he will spend in the hospital following surgery.

**Please keep Ray, Mike, and Ron in your thoughts and prayers.**

# **Debbie Barker KEZI News**

## **Hometown Hero**

### **EUGENE WOMAN WORKED IN CRIME LAB AFTER RETIRING FROM MARINES**

**After serving in the Marines and working in the State Police Crime Lab, a Eugene woman continues to serve the community.**

**Posted: Fri Feb 09 17:38:07 PST 2018**

**Updated: Fri Feb 09 17:38:07 PST 2018**

**Posted By: Monica Hernandez  
KEZI News Story**



After serving for 20 years in the Marines and recently retiring from working in a state police crime lab, Debbie Barker is continuing to serve her community. Debbie Barker says "Well, I went in in 1973, went to boot camp in October of '73. It wasn't common, we still have the smallest number, the smallest percentage of women. I believe right now it's only six percent. That's pretty small." "I was discharged in 1975 because I was pregnant and at that time, you could not stay in the Marine Corps, you couldn't stay in any branch of the service if there was anybody that could call you 'mother'." "I wasn't thrilled with having to leave but I missed the Marine Corps and I really did want to go back. The rules changed a year after I was discharged." "Then I went back and stayed until I retired. Just over 22 years. I was a legal services specialist and I retired as a gunnery sergeant E7" "It was challenging at times, I enjoyed it. I wanted to do something different with my life than hang around my little home town so to me, it was an adventure and it was."

The above information was taken from a news story done by KEZI News on 9 February 2018. For the full video story and pictures go on-line to KEZI News at <http://www.kezi.com/content/video/473658193.html>

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## **COINS / CHIPS ARE IN**



The new supply of detachment challenge coins / chips are in. They are being sold for \$1.50 each which off-sets the cost of buying them and makes the detachment 45 cents on each one sold. So stock-up (10 for \$15.00) while they last. 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, and FMF Chaplains as recruiting tools; or as gifts to family, friends, and acquaintances who are veterans themselves.

You may notice that the detachment web-page, the detachment newsletter, and detachment correspondence headings utilize this art work since they are unique to our detachment.

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## VETERANS LEGACY PRESENTATION



At the March monthly meeting, Dave Huber made a motion that the Emerald Empire Detachment #917 should make a donation in the amount of \$200.00 along with detachment member's names to Veterans Legacy. The member's names are only so they can show the amount of community support when applying for additional funding grants. The motion was seconded and passed.

A “work party” is also scheduled for 7 April 2018 at the camp in Alma. The beginning time is 0800 hours and will continue to a time yet-to-be-determined. Directions to the camp are shown below or you can contact Dave Huber about commuting out to the camp together. Here is Dave’s information:

Hi Paul,

Will you put the word out that the Veteran’s legacy group work day is going to be 4/7/18 @ 0800 at camp alma. Anyone wanting to go and wants to follow me out to the camp please let me know by 4/3/18. They should bring gloves, dusk mask, hat and boots.

David E Huber

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Cell (541) 554 - 1894

### Directions from Eugene to Camp Alma

The address is 21600 Siuslaw Road. Some maps say Siuslaw River Road, but the road sign just says Siuslaw Road.

I’ve known several people who put the address in their GPS and got lost. Some units try to take them all the way to Loraine, then back along Siuslaw Road to the Camp.

I think the best route from Eugene is:

- From the intersection of W. 11<sup>th</sup> (Hwy 126) & Greenhill Road turn LEFT on the Greenhill Road. In about a ¼ mile the bends to the right and becomes Crow Road. Stay on Crow Road all the way until it T’s with Territorial Hwy.
- Turn LEFT onto Territorial Hwy. In about ¼ mile turn RIGHT onto Wolf Creek Road. Follow Wolf Creek Road until its end, about 11.4 miles, where it becomes Siuslaw Road. The last houses on Wolf Creek Road are just before mile marker 7. After mile marker 7, Wolf Creek Road is just a paved logging road. **WATCH OUT FOR TRUCKS.**
- At the intersection where Siuslaw Road come in from the left, the road bends sharply to the right. From that point on the road is called Siuslaw Road. The camp is a little over a mile from that intersection. You will come out of the trees, and a large pasture will be on your left. The Camp is in the middle of the pasture on the left.

Allow for about 35-40 minutes from the W. 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Greenhill Road intersection and whatever time you need to get to W. 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Greenhill Road.

### Directions from South Lane County/Cottage Grove

Cottage Grove-Lorane Hwy, Left on Territorial Hwy to Lorane W. Rd. which turns into Siuslaw River Rd. Camp Alma is 19 miles on the LEFT.



# THE SERGEANT MAJOR JESS M. WISE, JR.

## YOUNG MARINE OF THE YEAR AWARD



The Young Marine of the Year has been selected by the Emerald Empire Young Marines. Corporal Tyee Matthews has been selected and will be the very first "Sergeant Major Jess M. Wise, Jr. Young Marine of the Year Award" recipient.

YM Corporal Tyee Matthews was presented the award by Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League, Commandant Joseph Lamm. Tyee was accompanied by his parents Abigail & Brandon Matthews along with his grandparents Micki & Carl Matthews.



YM Corporal Tyee Matthews will also be attending the National Junior Leadership School (JLS) being held in June at Camp Rilea Armed Forces Training Center, Warrenton, Oregon.

At the conclusion of the award presentation, Young Marines XO Thad Lukasik also took the opportunity to show the detachment members the backpacks that the Young Marines are now using. Some time back the members voted to provide a donation to the Young



Marines told the purchase of the new backpacks. These backpacks replaced some old ALICE packs that were past their prime.



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## OREGON HERITAGE EXCELLENCE AWARD GOES TO:

**From:** LAUDATI Niel <nlaudati@springfield-or.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 19, 2018 11:11 AM  
**Subject:** Oregon Heritage Award

Good morning committee members,  
I thought I would start your Monday off with some great news - the Lionesses project will be honored with the 2018 Oregon Heritage Excellence Award! The Oregon Heritage Awards recognize individuals,

businesses and organizations for outstanding efforts on behalf of Oregon heritage by raising the quality of heritage-oriented activities. The City nominated the project in January.

**From the Oregon Heritage Commission:** *'The Lionesses' has been selected for excellence in honoring an underrepresented segment of the population through an innovative process that built understanding and community support and created an impactful heritage memorial as an outcome.'*

The Excellence Awards will be presented on **Thursday, April 12 from 7-9 p.m.** at the Great Hall at Sunriver Resort. There is a cost associated with the dinner, but we would love for you to attend if you are interested. If you would like to be there and need assistance with ticket cost, please let me know. You can purchase tickets at the [conference registration](#) page under "Register now."

Thank you again for your hard work and dedication to this project.

All the best,

Niel

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6 Young Marine Recruits will be attending “Boot Camp” at the facility located in Sweet Home, Oregon.

Thad Lukasik & Terry Anderson will be attending the National Young Marines Conference beginning 9 May 2018 in Texas.

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## **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE** **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



100 Years Proud 1918-2018

### **30TH BIENNIAL WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION (WMA) CONVENTION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE**

WHEN: August 30- September 3, 2018

WHERE: Crystal Gateway Marriott

MORE INFO: [Convention@womenmarines.org](mailto:Convention@womenmarines.org)

Raffle tickets to win a Cruise are available from Debbie Barker for \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00.



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○ **SPRING FLING AT THE OREGON VETERANS' HOME, LEBANON, OREGON 14 APRIL 2018**



This does not require having completed the volunteer sign up process and would be a good chance for anyone who is considering the volunteer application to see what the facility is like, meet the management team and most importantly, meet some fellow Marines who reside there. Did I mention free lunch also? Let's try to get a group together for this 14

April event.

Semper Fi,

The above event is for the Veterans who live at the Veterans' Home in Lebanon, Oregon. Everyone is invited to attend. They are also looking for volunteers to help take veterans around to the various activities and displays, or to just sit and talk with the resident veterans. Since this is open to the public volunteers do not need to complete the background check or orientation. You are just not allowed to be in the "private room" of the veterans.

Any questions, or if you want to sign up to volunteer with escorting veterans, contact Megan Eddy (information shown in the flyer above, or her card shown below) or Bess Broce (information shown below).



**Megan Eddy**

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- **A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND PASSED THAT THE DETACHMENT WOULD PURCHASE A BRICK IN THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS. THE BRICK WILL READ:**

Emerald Empire # 917  
Springfield Oregon  
MCL Puller Sponsor

## The Marine's Marine!

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT OF THE CHESTY PULLER MONUMENT WITH AN ENGRAVED BRICK AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS

1ST LT JAMES H. HENNINGTON 1ST BATTAL, 1ST MARINE BRIGADE MCL PULLER SPONSOR	COL ALAN HERRINGTON GRATER CLEVELAND MCL PULLER SPONSOR	1ST LT JAMES H. HENNINGTON 1ST BATTAL, 1ST MARINE BRIGADE MCL PULLER SPONSOR	1ST LT JAMES H. HENNINGTON 1ST BATTAL, 1ST MARINE BRIGADE MCL PULLER SPONSOR
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**DONOR INFORMATION**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT DETAIL**

I am registering \_\_\_\_\_ bricks at \$210.00 each for a total contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_

☐ My Check (Payable to Marine Corps Heritage Foundation) is enclosed  
☐ Please Charge My Credit Card  
☐ American Express   ☐ VISA   ☐ MasterCard   ☐ Discover

CARD NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME ON CARD \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE PULLER SPONSORSHIP BRICK RESPONSE FORM**

**INSCRIPTION LINE 1**  
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**INSCRIPTION LINE 2**  
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**INSCRIPTION LINE 3**  
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**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT TO:**  
**MARINE CORPS HERITAGE FOUNDATION**  
 Attn: MCL Puller Statue Program  
 18900 Jefferson Davis Highway | Triangle, VA 22172  
[marineheritage.org](http://marineheritage.org)

**BRICK ENGRAVING GUIDELINES:**  
 Each inscription may contain a maximum of three lines of text, with each line comprised of up to 20 characters each. The third line must remain exactly as listed. Characters, for the purpose of determining inscription length, include all letters, punctuation, and spaces. You may purchase as many bricks as you like—please copy this form to indicate purchase of multiple bricks for placement together. The registered purchaser will receive a proof copy of the requested inscription before it is engraved onto the brick. All bricks purchased through the Marine Corps League's Engraved Brick Program will be placed within the League's named trail segment in Semper Paratus Memorial Park.

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- **The previously read and published (two months) detachment by-law changes were voted on and passed.**

- A motion was made, seconded and passed that the “fines” collected from the Chuck Lang “Cuss Can” be utilized as a source of donations to the Emerald Empire Young Marines Treasurer on a semi-annual basis. I would expect that number of fines to increase.

- Vet’s Court had a District Quarterly Meeting the week before our segment monthly meeting. There was a briefing by a VA representative regarding upcoming changes in the VA’s participation.

- Vet's court conducted a graduation on 29 March 2018 which had also been designated as Vietnam Day.

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- Terry Duddy was invited by detachment member Ronald Cooper, Sr., to attend our monthly meeting. Terry is an Army veteran, a life time member of the American Legion Hollywood, California, Post #43 (the richest American Legion Post in the U.S.), a teacher, a Prop Maker, and an actor. Terry is also a mentor with the Lane County Circuit Court Vet's Court. The American Legion Post #43 began a Program for Law & Order where members of each of the law enforcement agencies were treated to entertainment and recognized for their contributions to the public.

Terry is currently working on getting this type of program in place for not only Law Enforcement but also for all 1<sup>st</sup> Responders. Terry is shooting for a March 2019 program. Terry will be liaising with our own Dan Stombaugh, so stand by for future information.

This program is not only to recognize the law enforcement and 1<sup>st</sup> responders but to also seek out those veterans in these fields and draw them to the veteran organizations as new members.

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# We Want You





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

During the May 2018 monthly meeting, the nominations for elected detachment officers (Commandant, Senior-Vice Commandant, Junior-Vice Commandant, and Judge Advocate) will take place.

Voting/elections will take place at the June 2018 meeting, with Installation of Officers set to take place at the July 2018 meeting.

Throw your hat into the arena, and run for an elected officer position. If everyone does a little – a lot gets done.

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## **On this day (29 March 1973) in history:**



Forty-five years ago today, combat and combat support units withdrew from South Vietnam. This marked the beginning of the end of nearly two decades of direct U.S. military involvement in Southeast Asia, but the social, cultural and psychological wounds of the Vietnam War still linger for those Americans who lived through it,

and especially for the veterans who served during this turbulent time in our nation's history.

There are over 120,000 Vietnam-era veterans living in Oregon today, representing more than a third of our total veteran population. They represent the largest single demographic and the true leaders in our veteran community.

And yet, too often and in too many ways, our Vietnam-era veterans remain invisible to the general public. Their incredible courage and remarkable achievements, both in Southeast Asia and here at home, too often go unrecognized. Their unique challenges and adversities too often go unacknowledged.

Young men and women returning from their service in Vietnam were not welcomed home. They were shunned and ignored. They were not allowed to take their rightful place among America's heroes. They came home, not to the soldier's rest that they deserved, but to a new battlefield, one in which they would be forced to struggle for the respect and recognition they had rightfully earned.

It has taken generations for the fruits of their labor to be known, but today we stand as a proud and grateful nation, humbled by the valor and sacrifice of those who answered their nation's call—including the 58,000 U.S. service members who went to Vietnam and never came home.

They did not make the decision to go to war; they went because their country asked them to. They kept the faith. They represented the best the United States of America had to offer and they fought for freedom, the mark of a true patriot. They put their lives on the line to help and save others.

We stand together to say now, what we should have done 45 years ago: "Thank you, and welcome home."

*Mitch Sparks is a retired Navy veteran and acting director of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs.*

*Photo caption: This photo, found in the ODVA archives several years ago, depicts three unidentified service members and two apparent civilians holding a State of Oregon flag at the Tan Son Nhut Air Base in southern Vietnam.*

Stay connected with the latest veteran information **#oregonvet**



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# **Emerald Empire Detachment #917**

## **Service Record Book/Personnel Record**

### **Information Request**

One of the duties of our detachment adjutant is to maintain a Marine Corps League Service Record Book style record of each member. The attached file is the one created by Marine Corps League National Headquarters. This record is so when persons transfer between detachments this can be sent to the new detachment to identify awards and offices held etc.

We are asking each member to provide as much of the information they can within this PDF form that emailed to all members at their email addresses. If you have received Marine Corps League Awards we would ask that besides listing them if you would make a copy (scan or copy) and include that in the information that you return.

I was able to edit and save the file. So please fill it in, save it, and then email the completed form back to Ray Miller at his email address shown on the email. If you cannot get the file to "fill and save" please print out the form and complete it in ink. If you do that, then please bring it with you to a monthly meeting or mail it back to Ray Miller (address will be provided if you cannot send it back electronically).

Your assistance in completing this task would be greatly appreciated.

**ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED IS FOR MARINE CORPS LEAGUE USE ONLY.**

Paul Grinde  
Senior Vice-Commandant  
Emerald Empire Detachment #917  
Marine Corps League

Service Records Book

(For Marine Corps Detachment use only: All material will be held in confidence)

**PERSONAL MILITARY  
HISTORY**

Please print all entries.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

You're Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Served \_\_\_\_\_

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Enlisted/Commissioned Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Discharged/Retired Date: \_\_\_\_\_

WWII \_\_\_\_\_ KOREA \_\_\_\_\_ VIETNAM \_\_\_\_\_ Vietnam Era \_\_\_\_\_ DESERT STORM \_\_\_\_\_ OTHERS: \_\_\_\_\_

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DOD Ribbon(s) See page 2

MCL Award(s) See page 3

Date Posted: \_\_\_\_\_



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Marine Corps League  
Order of Precedence for Ribbons

	Distinguished Citizens Gold		Detachment Elected Silver
	Distinguished Citizens Silver		Detachment Appointed Bronze
	Distinguished Citizens Bronze		Detachment Recruiter Bronze
	Distinguished Service Award Bronze		Community Service Ribbon
	National Marine of the Year		Board of Trustees Commendation
	Division Marine of the Year		National MUC
	Department Marine of the Year		Department MUC
	Detachment Marine of the Year		Individual Meritorious Commendation
	National Recruiter of the Year Silver		Kennel Dog of the Year
	National Recruiter of the Year Silver		Chief Devil Dog Indiv Commendation
	National Recruiter of the Year Bronze		Pack Dog of the Year
	National Staff Elected Silver		Pack Leaders Indiv Commendation
	National Staff Appointed Bronze		Pound Dog of the Year
	Department Commandant		Pound Keepers Indiv Commendation
	Department Staff Elected Silver		Past Chief Devil Dog
	Department Staff Appointed Bronze		Past Pack Leader
	Department Recruiter of the Year Silver		Past Pound Keeper
	Detachment Commandant		Membership Ribbon

### Awards Presented

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Other Special Awards


Leadership Positions






## Detachment Fund Raising Yard Sale

The annual detachment yard sale is our primary fund raising event. It is that time of the year to do your spring cleaning so gather, clean, price your donations. We will need to determine the sale location for this year, and the dates to conduct the yard sale.

With our moving, Paul and Amy Grinde have donated a large number of items, but we need more items. The larger the number of items the larger the sale and the more potential we will have to try and meet or break the amount of money raised last year (RECORDING SETTING YEAR).

As you may remember, we held the sale at Dave Huber's home and we had items from Jess Wise's estate and lots of donations from members and non-members.

The last time I was at the shed there was still plenty of room to store items if necessary. Just remember all the items will have to be moved to the sale location (when determined).

Location dates & times to be determined.

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**EAGLE, GLOBE, ANCHOR & "SEMPER PAR" WHITE SUN VISORS AND BLACK MARINE CORPS LEAGUE HATS – FOR SALE - \$5.00 EACH – WHAT A DEAL**



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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)