



***** MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER *****

Our next meeting will be on: **16 May 2018**

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

On Saturday 14 April 2018, Junior Vice-Commandant Dan Stombaugh and Senior Vice-Commandant Paul Grinde attended the Spring Fling. Debbie & Mike Barker were also at the Spring Fling visiting with a Navy veteran that they have known and assisted for quite some time.

Dan & Paul greeted all the Marine Corps veterans residing at the Oregon Veterans' Home Lebanon, Oregon. Detachment Challenge coins were left or given to all. Dan Stombaugh also assisted Marine Veteran Fred in getting out to the sites and BBQ. Dan had met Fred when Dan had stopped previously to gather information on volunteering / visiting Marine Corps Veterans at the home.

It was a very rewarding 4 hours. We even met a FMF Navy Corpsmen who wants contact with the Albany Detachment regarding membership. His information was forwarded to the Albany Detachment.



Volunteers for the Spring Fling were provided t-shirts (to help identify volunteers to visitors, residents, and staff). Due to shortage of t-shirts, Paul literally gave the “shirt off his back” to another volunteer (so he was able to display the red Marine Corps League t-shirt to all those present).

Junior Vice-Commandant Dan Stombaugh reviews the names of the Marine Corps Veterans and their room locations as we made the rounds to greet them all, and to see if they wanted to attend the activities, and if they wanted assistance in attending the activities.

New Members & Transfers & Guests

Rebecca Bradley: Attended the April monthly meeting. Rebecca has recently left the Marine Corps along with her husband Dakota Bradley (Dakota did not attend) who is also a Marine. Rebecca had sought out the Emerald Empire Young Marines, and attended the PFT competition in Albany. Rebecca was a Corporal, and worked in Nuclear Biological and Chemical (NBC - which is now called CBRN as an abbreviation for their Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Operations Specialists (MOS)). She is currently taking computer classes at LCC. Rebecca and Dakota have two puppies and some bunnies. Introduce

yourself when you see Rebecca (and hopefully Dakota). Rebecca also has photos of Mel Huffman's Marine Corps Dress Blues painted plane.

DUES REMINDER:

We appreciate your membership and contribution to the organization. This is a reminder that annual memberships expire on August 31st of each year. Please submit dues to the detachment paymaster Lois Price.



CHAPLAIN / CORPSMAN:



Barry Fryrear: Before the April monthly meeting we were informed by Richard Tracy (Dick Tracy) of the Elks that Barry had suffered a stroke and was at Riverbend Hospital (Room 6236). I stopped in and visited Barry on that following Thursday.

Barry suffered a Stroke on Sunday 15 April 2018. The event was witnessed and he was transported to Riverbend Hospital. Barry underwent about 6 hours of surgery.

When I stopped in to visit with Barry, his sister Beverly Mitchell was also there (from Virginia). Beverly arrived on the Tuesday following the stroke, and will head back home again the following Tuesday.

Barry was able to shake my hand, and take hold of a detachment challenge coin with the left hand. His speech was good, and he was able to track cognitively. Barry said that it sounds like he was going to be able to leave Riverbend in a couple days, and go to the rehabilitation facilities at the University Hospital (at the old Sacred Heart Hospital). He was wearing a patch over one eye (but that they were rotating it from eye to eye) due to some double vision issues.

I left Barry to visit with his sister, but also left some United States Marine Corps themed balloons so everyone will know there is a United States Marine on board.

Barry was in room 6236 at Riverbend Hospital but should be at the Sacred Heart (Hospital) Rehabilitation Facility by now. Please consider getting in and letting Barry know that we are thinking about him.

Craig Myers: Craig returned from a conference in Florida, and visiting friends, just before the April monthly meeting. Shortly thereafter he came down sick with a really bad cough that turned into pneumonia. This knocked him down for a few weeks and he was finally able to go back to work when round two of being sick started. Please give Craig a shout out (but maybe from a distance) and let him know that we are thinking about him and missing him.

Chuck Lang: Is still working on recovering from his severely twisted ankle that damaged ligaments and tendons. Ray Miller reported that Chuck is using a walker to get around. Dan Stombaugh called and talked to Chuck and offered him a ride to the meetings, but Chuck said that the ankle is still very painful to get around on. Please give Chuck a call, or text (fastest contact method) and let him know we are thinking about him and missing him.

Ron Cooper: Ron is up and moving around according to Dan Stombaugh. So Ron is on the road to recovery from his surgery. Give Ron a call or email and let him know we are thinking about him and missing him.

DETACHMENT COINS / CHIPS



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.



Thad Lukasik reported that the Young Marines National Spokesperson, R. Lee Erme y had passed away.

Young Marines mourns the passing of R. Lee Erme y, celebrity spokesperson

Monday, April 16, 2018

The Young Marines, a national youth organization, mourns the passing of R. Lee Erme y, 74, who died of complications of pneumonia on Sunday, April 15, 2018. For decades, Erme y was the celebrity spokesperson for the Young Marines, lending his name and his strong support to the youth program.

“We are deeply saddened by Lee Erme y’s death,” said Mike Kessler, former national executive director and CEO of the Young Marines. “We felt so fortunate that he fully supported the mission of the Young Marines. He was such a great role model for our youth members, and his presence heartened us all.”

Erme y was a frequent guest at the Young Marines’ adult leadership conference at which he motivated and inspired the adult volunteers of the program. Erme y helped raise tens of thousands of dollars to support the mission of the Young Marines as the emcee of the charity auction at the annual Young Marines Golf Tournament. In addition, Young Marines always enjoyed meeting Erme y at the GLOCK Sport Shooting Foundation’s Annual Shoot and Gunny Challenge.



Ronald Lee Erme y was in the United States Marine Corps for 11 years. He rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant, and later, after serving 14 months in Vietnam and two tours in Okinawa, Japan, he was bestowed the honorary rank of Gunnery Sergeant by the Marine Corps.

Medically retired in 1971, he used his G.I. Bill benefits to enroll at the University of Manila in the Philippines where he studied drama. Francis Ford Coppola was filming “Apocalypse Now” in the area and cast Erme y in a featured role.

He went on to star or appear in approximately 60 films. Erme y’s most famous role was Gunnery Sergeant Hartman in Stanley Kubrick’s “Full Metal Jacket” in 1987, for which he was nominated for a Golden Globe. He won the Best Supporting Actor award for the same film from The Boston Society of Film Critics.

In addition, Erme y appeared in numerous character roles in such films as “Leaving Las Vegas,” “Se7en,” and “Dead Man Walking.”

“Gunny Erme y was a true friend of the Young Marines and supported us in every way possible,” said Col William P. Davis USMC (Ret), national executive director and CEO of the Young Marines. “He was more than a spokesman; he cared about our youth. He always made time for the Young Marines and enjoyed being with them. He would always encourage them to be proud of themselves, stay healthy, get good grades, and be good

representatives of our program. I can't say enough about his service to our country, our veterans, and the Young Marines program. We send our heartfelt condolences to Lee's family."

(Information from Young Marines National Website)

Thad Lukasik and Terry Anderson will be attending the National Adult Leadership conference in San Antonio, Texas from 9 – 13 May 2018.

The Emerald Empire Young Marines completed a combined PFT along with the Linn-Benton Young Marines, in Albany, Oregon. YM Corporal Tyee Matthews scored a perfect 500 on the PFT, and another Young Marine did 30 pull-ups. The Young Marines were also able to view Mel Huffman's United States Marine Corps Dress Blues painted airplane.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



- **DAVE HUBER REPORTED THAT THERE IS USUALLY SOMEONE OUT AT CAMP ALMA ON THURSDAY'S AND FRIDAY'S FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH WORK AT CAMP ALMA. BUT YOU PROBABLY WANT TO CONFIRM THAT THERE IS WORK TAKING PLACE THERE ON THOSE DAYS BEFORE YOU DRIVE OUT THERE.**
- **DAN STOMBAUGH ALSO MENTIONED THAT A COUPLE THINGS THEY MAY ALSO NEED IS A CHAINSAW AND SOME DEHUMIDIFIERS.**



- **THAD LUKASIK REPORTED THAT HE HAS CONTACTED COSTCO REGARDING FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE GENERAL VOLUNTEERS AT THE TOYS FOR TOTS DISTRIBUTION.**
- **THE DETACHMENT WILL STILL PROVIDE FOOD FOR THE REGULAR MARINES, YOUNG MARINES, AND TOYS FOR TOTS PERSONNEL.**
- **TOYS FOR TOTS IS STILL LOOKING FOR A LOCATION WHERE THEY CAN MOVE THE TICKET DISTRIBUTION (TICKETS FOR DAY / TIME TO SHOW UP FOR GOING THROUGH TOY DISTRIBUTION) LOCATION. THIS WOULD TAKE PLACE ON 14 DECEMBER 2018 (FRIDAY), AND START AT 3 PM. THE LOCATION NEEDS TO HAVE PARKING WITH AN EASY IN AND OUT.**

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.

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



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.

OREGON HERITAGE EXCELLENCE AWARD





From: LAUDATI Niel <nlaudati@springfield-or.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 10:33 AM

Subject: RE: Oregon Heritage Award

Good morning – I hope this email finds you well. We were honored to accept the 2018 Oregon Heritage Award for the Lionesses sculpture! Both Ree and Shelley were able to make it to the event and join us on stage. The project received incredibly positive feedback at the conference and attendees were very interested in the work of the committee. We were also able to pass on Alison and Rip’s information to a couple of communities looking to do projects in the future. Photos are attached.

The lighting project for the sculpture will be moving forward this summer, I’ll keep you posted.

All the best,

Niel Laudati

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