



*** ***JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER*** ***

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

Emerald Empire Detachment #917 **Marine of the Year 2018**

At the May 16th monthly meeting, Detachment member Mike Barker was awarded the Emerald Empire Detachment # 917 MARINE OF THE YEAR Award for 2018. The presentation was made by Acting Commandant (Senior Vice-Commandant) Paul Grinde.

Mike was presented with a plaque, the Marine of the Year Medallion, and the Marine of the Year ribbon.



SUPPORTABLE JUSTIFICATION for the Marine Corps League Marine of the Year Award

Mike Barker served the citizens of Lane County as a County Veterans Services Officer for about 10 years until his retirement from that duty.

Being the consummate professional, and with unwavering devotion to his fellow United States of America veterans and their families, Mike Barker has continued to use his wealth of knowledge and experience gleaned from all those years as a Veterans Services Officer to ensure that those veterans in need of help with Veteran Benefits claims receive that help and expertise.

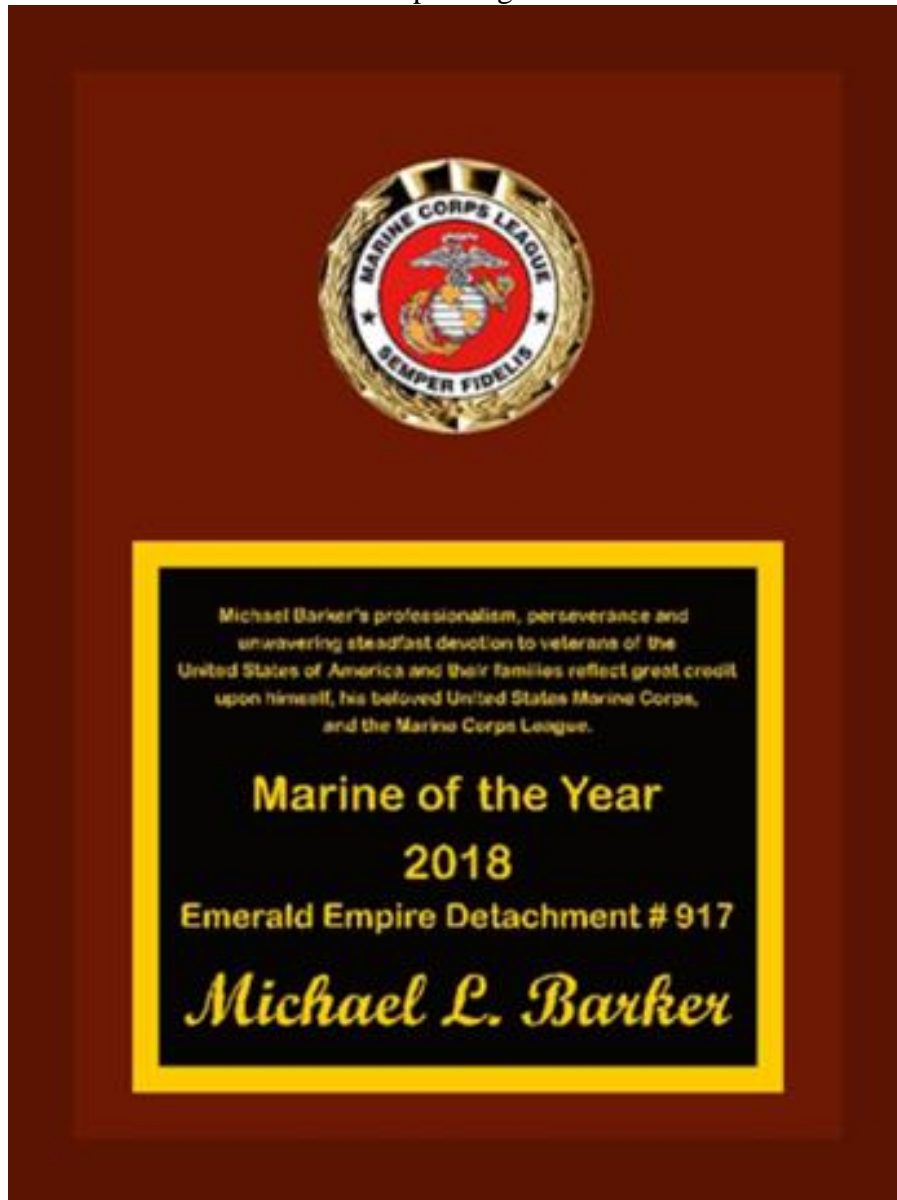
To accomplish his goal of ensuring that all veterans receive the benefits earned by their service and due them for that service, Mike Barker travels on his own time, and at his own expense, to veteran group locations in the City of Cottage Grove, Oregon; Creswell, Oregon; Springfield, Oregon; and Eugene, Oregon. Mike Barker has even traveled to the homes of veterans, and their families to help facilitate the processing of veteran benefits.

Mike Barker is not only a Life Member of the Marine Corps League, but he is also a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Veterans of Foreign War, American Legion, and the Disabled American Veterans. Mike Barker also attends the Women Marines Association meetings. Mike Barker has also sat on a Quarterly Committee of the Veterans Administration Hospital out of Roseburg, Oregon; and The Oregon Department of

Veteran Affairs Quarterly Committee. Mike Barker participated on those committees is an attempt to ensure that medical treatment problems and issues surrounding veteran benefits were identified and addressed.

Mike Barker's selfless assistance and tireless efforts have positively impacted a vast number of veterans and their families; and he continues to impact more lives each and every week.

Mike Barker's professionalism, perseverance and steadfast devotion to veterans of the United States of America and their families reflect great credit upon himself, his beloved United States Marine Corps, and the Marine Corps League.



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD (EAGLE SCOUT):



Marine Corps League



*Good Citizenship Award
Presented to*

Tristan Joseph Garcin

*Who Has Attained the Rank of
Eagle Scout*

*Department of Oregon
Emerald Empire Detachment #917*



Joseph Lamm

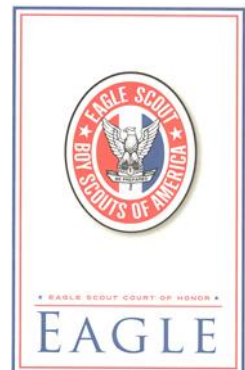
Commandant

Raymond J. Miller

Adjutant

23 May 2018

Date



On 23 May 2018 at 7 p.m., Senior Vice-Commandant Paul Grinde was present at the Eagle Court of Honor for Tristan Joseph Garcin. Eagle Scout Tristan Garcin was presented with the Marine Corps League Good Citizenship Award by Senior-Vice Commandant Paul Grinde. The Eagle Scout Court of Honor held at the Wesley United Methodist Church, Scout Room, Eugene, Oregon.

Tristan is the son of Alan & Letitia Garcin. Tristan is also the brother of Sebastian Garcin (who received his Good Citizenship Award on 24 May 2017). Tristan started scouting at the age of 10 and by age 14 he had completed the requirements for Eagle Scout. Tristan's Eagle Project was to build a shed for Wesley United Methodist Church that would house the water pump and electricity panel that services the community garden for the church. This project was completed by Tristan along with scouts from Troop 100. The goal is to protect the pump and panel from the elements as well as provide the church a way to lock and protect their

expensive investment. They also laid down rock to provide a mud free environment for any work being done on the pump and panel.
Tristan is a member of Boy Scout Troop Number 100, Oregon Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

!!!!!! THIS IS THE 25th MARINE CORPS LEAGUE GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD PRESENTED BY EMERALD EMPIRE DETACHMENT #917 !!!!!!



Sebastian Garcin (Emerald Empire Detachment #917's 24th Good Citizenship Award presented 24 May 2017) and his brother Tristan Garcin (Emerald Empire Detachment #917's 25th Good Citizenship Award presented 23 May 2018).



CHAPLAIN / CORPSMAN:



Ronald Cooper, Sr. – Was able to make it to the May meeting. Ronald has had some recent visits to the emergency room and a couple stays in the hospital. He said he was well enough to start getting around a little.

Chuck Lang - Nancy Lukasik spoke with Chuck and that he was able to have the procedure on his carotid artery on his left side. Chuck is at home, and told Nancy that he “takes care of myself.” She said he was talkative. Please consider dropping Chuck a line, a text, an email or drop by to let him know we are thinking about him.



The Emerald Empire Young Marines have chosen the:

THE SERGEANT MAJOR JESS M. WISE, JR.
YOUNG MARINE OF THE QUARTER

for the 1st Quarter of the year 2018.

THAT AWARD GOES TO:

BRENNEN WHIPP

Congratulations Brennen!!!



*Emerald Empire
Detachment #917*



Marine Corps League

*The Sergeant Major Jess, M. Wise Jr.
Young Marine of the Quarter*

Presented to

YM Lance Corporal Brennen Whipp

In appreciation and gratitude for meritorious service in the interests of the United States of America, the United States Marine Corps, the Marine Corps League Detachment #917 and the Emerald Empire Young Marines
Awarded this 28th day of April 2018

*Joseph Lamm (Commandant)
Raymond J. Miller (Adjutant)*

On 19 June 2018, Emerald Empire Detachment Adjutant Ray Miller attended the Emerald Empire Young Marines Saturday Drill. Adjutant Ray Miller presented YM Lance Corporal Brennen Whipp with “The Sergeant Major Jess M. Wise, Jr. Young Marine of the Quarter certificate award on behalf of the Emerald Empire Detachment #917 (Department of Oregon, Marine Corps League). The YM of the Quarter is selected by the Emerald Empire Young Marines Adult Leadership Staff. At the end of the year, the 4 Young Marines of the Quarter will vie for selection as the Young Marine of the Year. Congratulations to Brennen on his selection as the Young Marine of the Quarter for the 1st Quarter of 2018.



Adjutant Ray Miller and YM Lance Corporal Brennen Whipp are “standing tall and looking good”.

(Pictures provided by Abigail Mathews and Joy Covin)



- ❖ The Emerald Empire Young Marines recently completed their “Boot Camp” at the Sweet Home, Oregon facility. There were 7 new Young Marine Recruits who attended the Boot Camp, and 5 of those 7 graduated. On 19 May 2018 another Physical Fitness Test (PFT) was going to be conducted and upon completion of that PFT it was expected that the other 2 Young Marine Recruits would then be graduated.
- ❖ Thad Lukasik reported that while attending the Adult Leaders Conference in San Antonio, Texas, the adult leaders received a flash drive from the Drug Enforcement Agency containing information as he put it “anything you wanted to know about drugs.” Since the Young Marines is an Anti-drug / Stay in School program this would provide valuable information to help in regards to the Anti-drug portion of the program.
- ❖ The National Young Marine of the Year is a young lady from Virginia.
- ❖ The National Young Marine Organization has received a Platinum Status Rating making it one of the TOP 5 % 501(c) 3 Non-Profits in the United States of America.

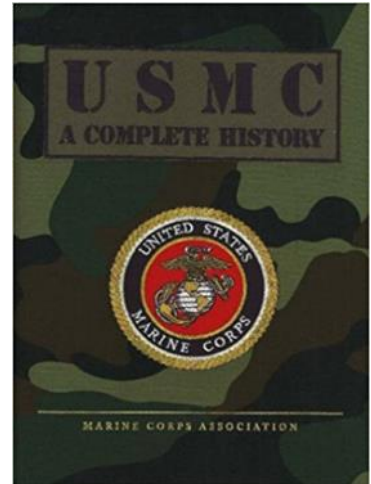
GOOD OF THE LEAGUE **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Do you have Leatherneck Magazines, Semper Fi Magazines, or any other Magazines that you would like to donate to the Oregon Veterans’ Home, Lebanon, Oregon? If so bring them with you to a monthly meeting and give them to Paul Grinde who will ensure they are delivered to the Oregon Veterans’ Home. All donations will be directed to the Marine Corps Veterans residing there.

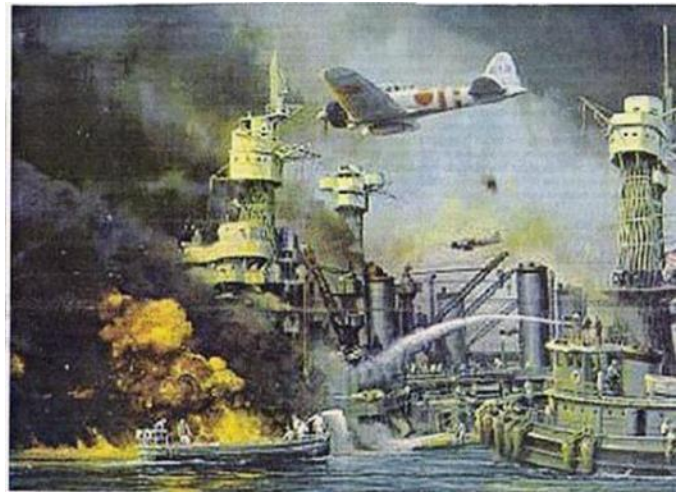
➤ Proposed changes to the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures are now available for viewing, downloading, and printing on the national website: <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/convention/>

➤ **SPECIAL RAFFLE to occur at June 2018 Monthly Meeting**

A copy of the “USMC, A Complete History (Camo Cover) produced by the Marine Corps Association was donated by Joyce Denton to the detachment. This book belonged to Dave Denton. The book is in the plastic cover and is in “like new” condition. It will be raffled off at the June meeting. This raffle will be separate from the 50/50 raffle.



➤ Detachment Chaplain Nancy Lukasik reported that she tried calling several members to include Robert Flores but was not able to make contact with him. It is possible that Robert has returned to Texas. Nancy also spoke with Joyce Denton. Joyce is doing fine, and donated the USMC book shown above to the detachment. Joyce also said she has at least 2 (most likely 2X sized) Marine Corps League shirts for anyone wanting them.



US Navy Ship DD390 Rob Talbot

{USS Ralph Talbot (DD-390) was a Bagley-class destroyer in the United States Navy, named for USMC Second Lieutenant Ralph Talbot, who was awarded the Medal of Honor during World War I.}

Local Pearl Harbor Survivor Plans to Attend 77th Anniversary Remembrance

Tex Estes – is a 44 year member of the Springfield ELKS Lodge. Tex is also a U.S. Navy veteran who was serving aboard the Destroyer USS Ralph Talbot (DD-390) the morning of December 7th, 1941.

Tex has never been back to Pearl Harbor as part of the Anniversary Remembrance. Rick Armosino has had some discussions with Tex and following these discussions Tex decided he would like to attend this year. Rick Armosino provided a briefing to the detachment members before the start of the May monthly meeting. Rick is the Chairman overseeing the planning and raising of funds to get Tex on a Special Honor Flight to Pearl Harbor along with accommodations. The plan is to fly Tex (with Rick as his attendant / escort) to Hawaii on 5 Dec 2018, attend the Ceremony on 7 Dec 2018, and return home on 8 December 2018.

Rick informed the group that Tex will be receiving a "Special Invitation" from the U.S. Navy to attend the ceremony, and that Tex will be "Reserved a Place of Honor" during the ceremony.

Tex is 94 years of age.

This is not a traditional "Honor Flight" so all of the costs for flights and accommodations need to be covered.

Donations to cover costs should be made to:

Elks Lodge 2145
(Attention: Tex Estes Honor Flight)
1701 Centennial Blvd, Springfield, OR 97477
(541) 747-2145

According to Rick any excess funds will be donated to the Honor Flight organization.



We Want You

For an Emerald Empire Detachment Officer's Position

The nominations for the elected positions (Commandant, Senior Vice-Commandant, Junior Vice-Commandant, and Judge Advocate) were conducted during the May 2018 monthly meeting. The nominations are:

Commandant

Craig Myers – nominated
Paul Grinde – nominated
Dave Huber – volunteered

Senior Vice-Commandant

Peter Bock – nominated

Junior Vice-Commandant

Steve Price – nominated

Judge Advocate

Robert Shirley – Volunteered
Peter Bock – Nominated

Voting will be conducted during the June 2018 monthly meeting. These nominations and volunteers do not preclude anyone from also stepping forward to volunteer as a self-nominated volunteer to fill any of the elected positions.



Emerald Empire Detachment 2018 Fund Raising Yard Sale

The annual detachment yard sale, which is our primary fund raising event, is now set for 7, 8, 9 and 10 June 2018. That is Thursday (set-up day), Friday (sale day), Saturday (sale day), and Sunday (sale/tear down/storage/donation).

SET-UP STARTS AT 0930 HOURS ON 7 JUNE 2018 (MEET AT DETACHMENT SHED). MY-COMM WILL BE OPEN/WORKING THAT DAY SO PLEASE AVOID IMPACT ON THE BUSINESS. WE WILL NEED TO LOAD ALL THE ITEMS FROM THE SHED AND MOVE THEM TO THE SALE LOCATION FOR SET-UP

ITEMS TO BRING

TABLES (AS MANY AS POSSIBLE)

SAW HORSES AND PLYWOOD (TO MAKE TABLES) (AS MANY AS POSSIBLE)

HANGERS IF BRINGING CLOTHES

STICKERS FOR PRICING

PENS

MASKING TAPE

YARD SALE SIGNS

TARPS TO COVER ITEMS EACH NIGHT

So, gather your items, pre-clean and price them. It saves a lot of time during set-up if everything is clean and priced. Then all we have to do is set it out.

We need to commit to the time needed to compile, prepare, conduct, and shutdown another sale if we expect to meet or beat last year's record setting amount. We also need donations. So if you know family, friends, or co-workers who are looking to donate items we can use as many items as possible. Hot items include sporting goods, tools, furniture, and working electronics.

Dave Huber has stepped up and volunteered his home in Springfield (again) as the site for the detachment yard sale.

The location will be:
Dave Huber's residence
908 1st Place
Springfield, Oregon
(C) (541) 554-1894
dave_huber@outlook.com
(2 story green house)

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



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.

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Meeting Starts @ 1900 hours

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