



MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is set for: **17 March 2021** - See "NEW" Detachment Meeting Location in Newsletter & on Website.



CHAPLAIN & CORPSMAN



Chaplain's Corner



Greetings, Marines!

In the Bible, Luke tells the story of a man named Simeon who patiently waited for the coming of his Master (Luke 2:25). The Holy Spirit revealed to Simeon that he would not see death until he saw the Messiah (v. 26). As a result, Simeon kept waiting for the One who would provide “salvation” for God’s people (v. 30). When Mary and Joseph entered the temple with Jesus, the Holy Spirit whispered to Simeon that He was the One! The wait was finally over! Simeon held Christ in his arms—the hope, salvation, and comfort for all people.

We find ourselves in a season of waiting, for vaccinations, for relief from quarantine, for something positive! In the meantime, may we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah with fresh ears: “Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint” (Isaiah 40:31). As we wait, He provides the hope and strength we need for each new day.

Detachment Chaplain Nancy Lukasik has been busy calling members.

She talked with Marilyn Cooper and was told that she is doing “ok,” but still gets teary eyed when talking about Ron.

She also spoke with Steve Kanaga and wished him a happy 69th birthday. Steve’s work place has strict protocols during this COVID-19 problem, so until that is resolved he is unable to attend. Steve loves what he does so he is happy to keep working.

Nancy also spoke with Dave “Doc” Turner. Dave “thanked us” for the card he received from the detachment, and that he was “happy.” Dave receives his 2nd COVID-19 vaccine shot on 18 February 2021, and looks forward to being able to attend the March meeting.

Good of the League Announcements

Still Need Your Flu Shot????



!!!CORPSMAN!!!

Some more Navy humor courtesy of my relative.

You can retire to **Phoenix, Arizona** where...

1. You are willing to park three blocks away from your house because you found shade.
2. You've experienced condensation on your butt from the hot water in the toilet bowl.
3. You can drive for four hours in one direction and never leave town.
4. You have over 100 recipes for Mexican food.
5. You know that "dry heat" is comparable to what hits you in the face when you open your oven door at 500 degrees.
6. The four seasons are: tolerable, - hot, - really hot, - and ARE YOU KIDDING ME??

OR:

You can retire to **California** where...

1. You make over \$450,000 and you still can't afford to buy a house.
2. The fastest part of your commute is going down your driveway
3. You know how to eat an artichoke.
4. When someone asks you how far something is, you tell them how long it will take to get there rather than how many miles away it is.
5. The four seasons are: Fire, Flood, Mud and Drought.

OR:

You can retire to **New York City** where...

1. You say "the city" and expect everyone to know you mean Manhattan.
2. You can get into a four-hour argument about how to get from Columbus Circle to Battery Park, but can't find Wisconsin on a map.
3. You think Central Park is "nature."
4. You believe that being able to swear at people in their own language makes you multilingual.
5. You've worn out a car horn. (IF you have a car.)
6. You think eye contact is an act of aggression

OR:

You can retire to **Minnesota** where...

1. You only have three spices: salt, pepper and ketchup.
2. Halloween costumes have to fit over parkas.
3. You have seventeen recipes for casserole.
4. Sexy lingerie is anything flannel with less than eight buttons.
5. The four seasons are: almost winter, winter, still winter, and road repair.
6. The highest level of criticism is "He is different," "She is different," or "It was different!"

OR:

You can retire to **The Deep South** where...

1. You can rent a movie and buy bait in the same store.
2. "Y'all" is singular and "all y'all" is plural.
3. "He needed killin'" is a valid defense.

4. Everyone has two first names: Billy Bob, Jimmy Bob, Joe Bob, Betty Jean
5. Everything is either: "in yonder," "over yonder" or "out yonder."
6. You can say anything about anyone, as long as you say "Bless his heart" at the end!

OR:

You can move to **Colorado** where:

1. You carry your \$3,000 mountain bike atop your \$500 car.
2. You tell your husband to pick up Granola on his way home, so he stops at the day care center.
3. A pass does not involve a football or dating.
4. The top of your head is bald, but you still have a pony tail.

OR:

You can retire to **Nebraska**

1. You've never meet any celebrities, but the mayor knows your name.
2. Your idea of a traffic jam is three cars waiting to pass a tractor.
3. You have had to switch from "heat" to "A/C" on the same day.
4. You end sentences with a preposition; "Where's my coat at?"

OR:

FINALLY....you can retire to **Florida** where...

1. You eat dinner at 3:15 in the afternoon.
2. All purchases include a coupon of some kind - even houses and cars.
3. Everyone can recommend an excellent cardiologist, dermatologist, proctologist, podiatrist or orthopedist.
4. Road construction never ends anywhere in the state.
5. Cars in front of you often appear to be driven by headless people.

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And now, A truly heartwarming story

One afternoon a lawyer was riding in his limousine when he saw two men along the roadside eating grass.

Disturbed, he ordered his driver to stop and he got out to investigate.

He asked one man, "Why are you eating grass?"

"We don't have any money for food," the poor man replied. "We have to eat grass."

"Well, then, you can come with me to my house and I'll feed you," the lawyer said.

"But sir, I have a wife and two children with me. They are over there eating grass under that tree."

"Bring them along," the lawyer replied. Turning to the second poor man he stated, "You may come with us, also."

The other man, in a pitiful voice, then said, "But sir, I also have a wife and six children with me!"

"Bring them all as well," the lawyer answered. They all entered the car, which was no easy task, even for a car as large as the limousine.

Once under way, one of the poor fellows turned to the lawyer and said, "Sir, you are too kind. Thank you for taking all of us with you."

The lawyer replied, "Glad to do it. You'll really love my place.

The grass is almost a foot high."

Come on . . . did you really think there was such a thing as a heart-warming lawyer story? Just look at Congress – there are over 400 Lawyers!!!

My apologies Steve Kanaga for that last one.



THE NEW MEETING LOCATION FOR

**Emerald Empire Detachment #917
Marine Corps League**

Will be at:



**Springfield Moose Lodge 1726
2011 Laura Street
Springfield, OR 97477-2100
Phone: (541) 746-3321**

As of 17 February 2021, this will be our physical meeting location. DO NOT SEND ANY CORESPONDENCE TO THIS ADDRESS! All correspondence or contacts should still be sent to our Post Office Box, or detachment email address.

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

Detachment E-mail Address:
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Marine Corps League Membership

After some delays, we have received some “membership cards.”

Below Detachment Senior Vice-Commandant Peter Bock receives his membership card from Detachment Commandant Dave Huber.



So, if you have been “patiently waiting” for your membership card – the March 17th meeting might be a good day to attend. Hope to see you there.



The After-Action-Report is pending “Acceptance” by National. When it has been accepted then we will be provided a copy for publication to the detachment & newsletter.

This will cover all 4 distribution points & organizations that deal with children that were also provided toys.

Stand-by for the “Official Word.”

There are also some discussions taking place about perhaps using Oregon State Human Resources to “vet” recipients of toys. This would accomplish two things. One taking Toys for Tots out of the vetting (questioning recipients to ensure eligibility) process and eliminating any liability there regarding personal information gathering. Second, by removing the “vetting process” during distribution would increase the efficiency of getting toys to the recipients on distribution weekend.

There will be a “work party” on 10 April 2021 (Saturday) at the Young Marines Camp (outside of Sweet Home, Oregon). All the details will follow via email and newsletter when available. It sounds like Detachment Junior Vice-Commandant Stephen Price is already planning to tackle items on the list prior to this event.

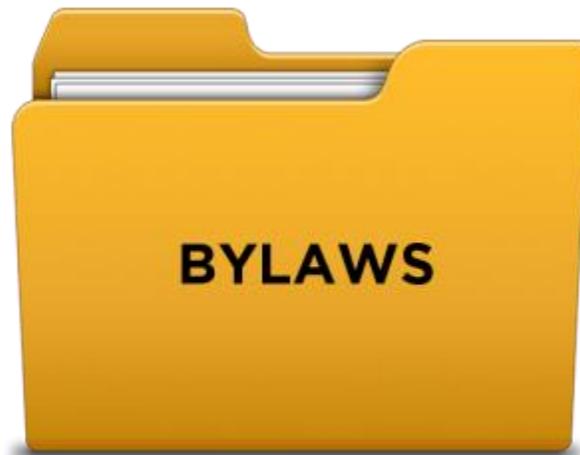


**The YOUNG
MARINES**

Commandant Dave Huber reported that he has heard positive feedback between the interaction of the Moose Lodge and the Emerald Empire Young Marines.

A “Shed” for the Emerald Empire Young Marines to use at the Moose Lodge location is a “must.” So, look forward to information on “shed building” activities in the upcoming future (and better weather). It seems that our very own Stephen Price is going to be overseeing this project.

Previously reported, an “anonymous donor” has given the Emerald Empire Young Marines a significant donation. This donation was \$20,000.00. The donor is interested in meeting with the Emerald Empire Young Marines and taking a tour of their “camp.” These details are being worked on through the Young Marines and will be reported on here as the details become known.



Look for upcoming proposed changes to our Emerald Empire Detachment #917 By-Laws. These will mostly be cleaning up grammatical errors/misspellings and such. Any proposed changes will be published in the detachment newsletter prior to the vote to accept or not accept (per the By-Laws). The vote will take place at the monthly meeting following the publication of the proposed changes in the newsletter.

So “Ears Open, Eyeballs, Click.”

Detachment Adjutant Ray Miller has typed a new “digital” copy of the By-Laws, so we now have a digital version to ensure ease of correction and change. This coupled with the detachment Judge Advocate receiving a copy of the new digital version has led to the discovery of those needed changes mentioned above.

Good work Ray & Thad.

1st-Responders & Military Veterans Appreciation Breakfast



10 April 2021 (Saturday)

6 am - 1 pm

Cost: NO COST

AMERICAN LEGION POST 40

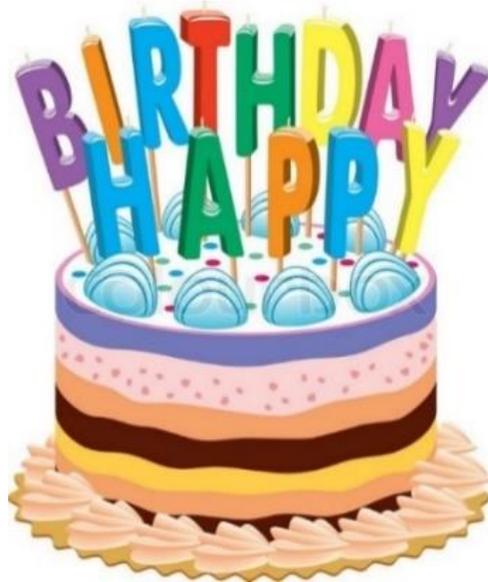
344 8th Street

(Corner of 8th Street and "C" Street)

Springfield, Oregon 97477

Ph #: 541-746-1752

MARCH 2021 BIRTHDAYS



1 March – Raymond Chiapuzio

3 March – Jay McCarty **Deceased**

5 March – Mike Barker

16 March – Edward Lagrone **Deceased**

16 March – Lois Price

17 March – Graham Hilson

30 March – Richard Eubank

[Take a moment to remember our current and past members on the days they were born.](#)

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.



Detachment Commandant Dave Huber has been in contact with Doctor LeBow with Veterans Legacy. There are currently no residents at the camp. However, as previously reported they learned some things to help improve the assistance they provide going forward.

Dave is working on arranging a tour of the camp to see the improvements.

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)

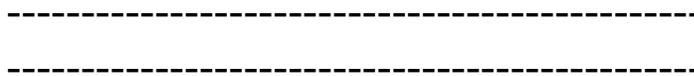
The mission of the Marine Corps League is to promote the interest and to preserve traditions of the United States Marine Corps; strengthen the fraternity of Marines and their families; serve Marines, FMF Corpsmen, and FMF Chaplains who wear or who have worn the Eagle, Globe and Anchor; and foster the ideals of Americanism and patriotic volunteerism.

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.



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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.

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3rd Wednesday of the Month

Dinner @ 1800 hours

Meeting Starts @ 1900 hours

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Detachment Web Site: www.mcl917.org

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

National Website: www.mclnational.org

2021 Meeting Dates **(Tentative) – ALL** **WEDNESDAYS**

AS OF FEBRUARY – Meetings at Moose Lodge Springfield, Oregon

17 March

21 April

19 May

16 June

21 July

18 August

15 September

20 October

17 November

15 December