



DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is set for: **16 December 2020** –
Tentatively, 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.



CHAPLAIN & CORPSMAN



IN MEMORY OF:

Ronald (Ron) Allan Cooper, Sr.



This is the information I received from Ron's wife Marilyn:

"Ron had a cardiac event on Thursday and passed away at 2 today.

He so enjoyed being part of your group and hated missing gatherings after his health failed and then COVID-19 happened."

"He has been on dialysis since March and has had a lot of problems with his fistula. But he is tough and handled it ok.

But I didn't expect Thursday to be any different. His blood pressure was low but he wanted to go to the bank. While trying to get in the house with his Walker, he fell. He rested a bit and tried again with some help from me but he fell again and was gone.

The paramedics got his pulse back and took him to ICU. But nothing changed or got better so we decided we should let him go.

Our pastor came today with 2 of us and about 12 family members using zoom for a small service. It was special.

We are waiting until spring to bury him up in Goldendale where his family is buried.

I will miss him so much.

Marilyn Cooper "

Ronald Allan Cooper, 83, of Eugene died November 8, 2020. Arrangements by Musgrove Family Mortuary in Eugene.

To Plant Memorial Trees in memory, please visit our [Sympathy Store](https://www.musgroves.com) at Musgrove's website www.musgroves.com

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Ron receiving his initial membership card from detachment commandant Joseph Lamm, and the initial membership photo I took of Ron when he first joined the Marine Corps League.



Ron receiving his Life Time Membership card.



Judge Ilisa Rooke-Ley (photo left) & Judge Suzanne Chanti (photo right) received their personal gavels made by detachment member Ronald Cooper, Sr.

Ron was the Emerald Empire Detachment's Liaison for the Lane County Vet's Court. Ron was there soon after the Vet's Court started in Lane County, Oregon and he continued until early 2020 when Covid-19 caused a shutdown of the system, and prevented him from attending in person. Ron was a Senior Mentor within the Vet's Court.



Ron Cooper presents Detachment Commandant Stephen Price (photo left) and Past Detachment Commandant Joseph Lamm (photo right) with their own personal gavels. Ron also presented the detachment with a custom-made gavel for use during the detachment meetings.

As you can tell Ron was very proud of his custom-made gavels.

Chaplain's Corner



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER (borrowed, in part, from "Our Daily Bread")

Hey, Marines!

On a cold Christmas Eve in Belgium in 1914, the sound of singing floated from the trenches where soldiers were dug in. Strains of the carol "Silent Night" rang out in German and then in English. Soldiers who earlier in the day had been shooting at each other laid down their weapons and emerged from their trenches to shake hands in the "no man's land" between them, exchanging Christmas greetings and spontaneous gifts from their rations. The ceasefire continued through the next day as the soldiers talked and laughed and even organized soccer matches together.

There is discord and strife in our country today to the extent that some predict a fighting war between us. But we can and must do better. Through Jesus's sacrifice on the cross, He offers forgiveness and peace with God to all who trust in Him. Have you experienced the peace knowing Jesus provides? Can you find a practical way to share this peace with someone today?

If anyone 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.

245th United States Marine Corps Birthday Cake Cutting Celebration

A cake cutting ceremony took place on 9 November 2020 (Monday) at the VFW Post 3965, 5344 Main St, Springfield, OR 97478.



Kyler Nelson (Young Marine) and his mother Rosanna Barlow, Mike Barker, Rudy Grein, Johnathan Moore (Cpl - 1391), Brandon Levitt (Cpl – 0811), Tawnee and Robert Bowker, Joseph Lamm and his daughter Jazmine.



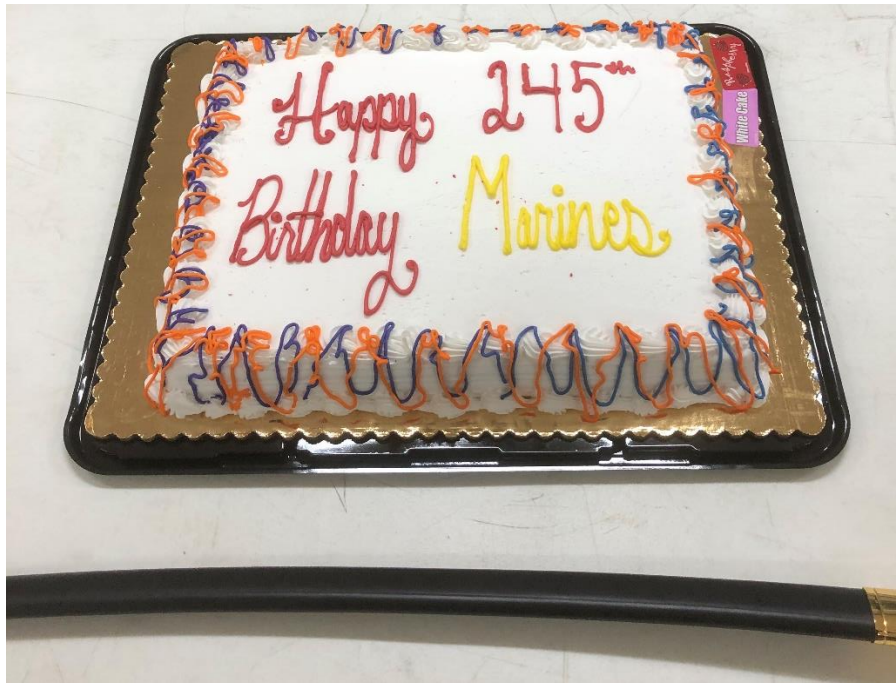
Brandon Levitt, Tawnee and Robert Bowker, Joseph Lamm, Ruth Holland (Marine and family friend of Dave Huber's, and who just recently lost her husband), Gunnery Sergeant Scott Boylan (I&I Staff and Toys for Tots Coordinator), Lois and Stephen Price; and Paul Grinde (taking pics).





Senior-Vice Commandant Peter Bock and Commandant Dave Huber read the Marine Corps Birthday messages (Marine Corps Orders 47 – General John A. LeJeune; and the 245th Birthday message from Marine Corps Commandant General David H. Berger).







The oldest Marine present, Stephen Price, and the youngest Marine present (Brandon Levitt) cutting the cake.



The oldest and the youngest enjoying the first piece of cake.



I found this photo on the VFW wall.

What has become a traditional toast to Sergeant Major Jesse Marion Wise, Jr., of a shot of Johnnie Walker Black also occurred.

Semper Fidelis Marines, FMF Corpsmen, FMF Chaplains and Marine Corps League Associate Members. I hope you were able to enjoy the birthday.

Good of the League Announcements



Toys for Tots distribution assistance needed as noted below.

Please contact Joy Cavin at her email: nightlight@comcast.net if you can assist with service in the food room during the Toys for Tots distribution on 12 & 13 December 2020.

All assistance must be coordinated with Joy Cavin due to the Covid-19 limitations (pre-set up and limited) on distribution this year. So far, it is just Joy Cavin handling this task. So, if you have time, and it works out, your assistance is needed.

There is no walk-in help allowed.

Congratulations to Amy & Jay Hall on the birth of their 1st child

I received the following email/information from former Emerald Empire Detachment Member
& Judge Advocate Jay Hall.

Paul,

Despite the fact that I have moved out of the area and my attendance in the evening at meetings is impossible I have kept up with your announcements and feel a kinship and camaraderie with our detachment.

I thought I would share and ask you to share my good news.

On November 5th my wife and I had our first child. Michael Thomas Hall, weighing in at 8 lbs, 3 ounces, 19 inches was born at 06:44. It was an arduous entry into this world but he's as healthy as a horse and his proud mama Amy is recovering at our home on the farm.

Michael enters this world with the full weight of history on his shoulders. He is named after Amy's father Michael Seely, who was a Marine Captain with 3rd Marines and served in Vietnam as a Fire coordination officer among a number of other billets. His middle name Thomas was my late father's name. As a son and grandson of Marines he will no doubt hear the call to serve. He's pictured below with me, his proud papa and also in a posture of resistance. If anybody should like to send us a note please don't send anything to my office address, our personal mailing address is:

(see newsletter note below)

We have absolutely everything we need so please don't send us anything more than well wishes.

Semper Fidelis,

Jay



Newsletter note: To protect their privacy, I have omitted the address from the newsletter; however, if someone wants to request it from me, I can provide it.

Paul Grinde Emerald Empire Detachment #917 Newsletter

Jay, also wrote that he would share the “passing” of Ron Cooper with the Vet’s Court.

Paul,

I’m saddened to hear this. I really liked Ron and he gave so much of himself to our Veterans Court program. I will share this with our Veterans Court Board.

Thanks,

Jay

The November monthly meeting was cancelled due to the restrictions put into place by the Oregon governor.

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.

DECEMBER 2020 BIRTHDAYS



11 December – Rudy Grein

18 December – Peter Bock

22 December – Norman Hart

23 December – James McKee **Deceased**

Take a moment to remember Rudy, Peter and Norman on the days they will celebrate their birth. And to remember James on the day he would have celebrated his birth.

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.



Wishing each and everyone a Merry Christmas, and hoping that you had a Good Thanksgiving. From our home to yours!



*And may you celebrate a Happy NEW
YEAR – 2021!!!*



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.

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Meeting Starts @ 1900 hours

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