



# OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is set for: 20 October 2021

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## CORPSMAN



**Craig & Kelli Myers – Keep Craig , Kelli and their family in your thoughts and prayers as they work through & deal with a Covid-19 exposure.**



The very first “Sergeant Major Jess M. Wise, Jr. Young Marine of the Year Award” recipient was Young Marines Corporal Tyee Matthews.

YM Corporal Tyee Matthews was presented the award by Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League, Commandant Joseph Lamm, on 21 March 2018.

Tyee was accompanied by his parents Abigail & Brandon Matthews along with his grandparents Micki & Carl Matthews.



The Matthews family recently moved to Tennessee. After this move, Tyee was bitten by a mosquito and contracted the “West Nile Virus.”

About one in every 150 people will develop severe “neuroinvasive” disease where the virus infects and affects the central nervous system (brain and/or spinal cord).

Signs of **neuroinvasive WNV** include the signs and symptoms of inflammation of the brain (encephalitis), inflammation of the membranes around the brain known as the meninges (meningitis), inflammation of the spinal cord and nerves arising from it (myelitis).

Tyee developed meningitis and spent time in the Intensive Care Unit. He is now on the road to recovery.

Please keep Tyee, and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

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## *Chaplain's Corner*



A large ship or even a small boat needs a rudder to guide it. Without it, it will wander aimlessly. By reading God's word daily, the Bible becomes our rudder. It will set your path as you go through your day. It will help you avoid the strong currents that want to pull you this way or that. No matter how large the boat (problem), God's word will keep us straight. How much better is it to have God's word in our mind, than that of the people who want to drag us down? Consider daily what you put in your mind. The old saying is true: garbage in, garbage out. It is God who loves you more than you can understand.

Cheers!

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# Good of the League Announcements

## Emerald Empire Detachment # 917

### Newest Member & Associate Member



James F. Swogger, Sr.

(If the Corps wanted me to smile – they would have issued me one)

James F. Swogger, Sr. is the detachment's newest regular member. James served in the Marine Corps from 1966 – 1969.

James will be going on the 30 September 2021 Honor Flight. James will have a Registered Nurse as his "Guardian." James has also indicated he intends to make a visit to Sergeant Major Jess Wise's gravesite at Arlington National Cemetery during this visit.



### Mission of Honor Flight

The mission of Honor Flight is to transport America's veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials dedicated to honoring those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

James also reported, during the September meeting, that he had been to Roseburg V.A. Medical Center for tests and was very, and emotially, happy to report that the results were negative (he does not have cancer).



Barbara (Barb) A. Swogger

Barbara A. Swogger is the detachment's newest associate member. Barbara is James' wife, and care provider.

Their applications for membership were approved during the August meeting.





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# Membership Card Presentation



Ruth Holland receives her Marine Corps League Membership Card from Acting Detachment Commandant Debbie Barker during the September monthly meeting.



Ruth previously received her membership pin during the June monthly meeting from Detachment Commandant (and longtime family friend) Dave Huber.

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## **Donation to Moose Lodge 1726**

**During the September meeting a motion was made, seconded, and passed by a vote to make a donation to the Moose Lodge 1726 to assist them in their upcoming State Inspection of their kitchen facilities.**

**This decision was made due to the generous support the Moose have given to the Emerald Empire Detachment #917, the Emerald Empire Young Marines, and for the detachment's use of their kitchen for our fund-raising breakfasts.**



Acting Detachment Commandant Debbie Barker presented a check for \$400.00 to Moose Lodge Junior Past President Martin Holland (middle), and Moose Lodge Administrator Michael Scott (holding check).

During the same meeting, brand new associate member Barb Swogger decided that she wanted to make a “matching donation” to the Moose Lodge.



Barb Swogger presents Moose Lodge Administrator Michael Scott (holding check) and Junior Past President Martin Holland (right) with a “matching donation” check for \$400.00.

Michael Scott also informed the detachment during this presentation, that the Moose Lodge 1726 made a presentation at their recently concluded State Convention. This presentation was in regards to their “Heart of the Community Award” for their donation of the use of their facilities for our detachment, the use of their facilities for the Emerald Empire Young Marines, and the use of their facilities/food for our fund-raising breakfasts.

Not only was this presentation made at the State level, but their Moose Lodge Presentation was also read on the floor of Moose International. It was supported and suggested that other Moose Lodges consider looking into supporting similar organizations throughout the International Moose Lodge organization.

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# Received from Eddie Mosteller

Paul,

Please give Dave our best wishes and condolences for his brother. He has a lot of support there with you guys. Thank you also for the wishes for Jeanne and her brother. We miss you all very much and hope all is well. I am going every month to the league here, but it is not nearly the same. I'll try to straighten them out though it will be tough.

Tell everyone we said Hi.

Love you all

Jeanne and Eddie.

Semper Fi

PS. Check out this website. I have become heavily involved in this and it has given me a lot of satisfaction.

<https://www.veteranlastpatrol.org/>



## **Mission Statement**

Last Patrol: Serving veterans by bringing new friends to veterans in hospice.

## **Purpose**

America's veterans served their country. They protected us and our way of life. We must stand by them.

Our veterans know about patrolling land, sea, and air. Veterans in hospice are on their final fight and in their last patrol. Whether it goes by the name "battle buddy" or "shipmate" or "wingman" --- all veterans understand that tough assignments are best faced together.

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# **EMERALD EMPIRE DETACHMENT #917 Fund-Raising**

## **Breakfast Service for 12 September 2021**



**Information from detachment Paymaster Lois Price regarding the financial information from the breakfast services:**

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| May   | \$165.00 | paid Moose Lodge \$50.00 | Total \$115.00 |
| June  | \$156.00 |                          |                |
| July  | \$240.00 |                          |                |
| Aug   | \$230.00 |                          |                |
| Sept. | \$363.00 |                          |                |

Average \$192.60

Please note the totals have basically gone up.

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The total taken in during the September breakfast service was \$329.00 (purchased meals) + \$34.00 (tips) for a total of \$363.00.

We served 47 people on 12 September 2021. This was the largest number of people served to date. This was also the breakfast service with the most complications (toaster, pancake griddle and gas oven acting up). There were people lined up and ready to order right at the 9 am start time, and orders continued with the last one right at the 11:00 am end time.

**We are back to our regularly scheduled 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month**

**17 October 2021**

**21 November 2021**

**19 December 2021**

# OCTOBER 2021 BIRTHDAYS



3 October – Russell Smith **Deceased**

3 October – Paul Grinde

5 October – Chuck Lang

28 October 1939 – David Denton **Deceased**

28 October – Nancy Lukasik

Please take a moment and remember all those who would have celebrated the anniversary of the day they were born and those who will celebrate the anniversary of the day 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.

# Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League Banner Stand



I finally put together a stand for our detachment banner. The top one shows the stand with weights if it is windy, and the bottom shows the stand without the weights. There is a banner on each side, so you can see it from either side. I made a slight adjustment since the photos were taken, so the slight “bow” in the top has been eliminated.

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# UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL



The Birthday Ball Committee of Ray Miller, Debbie & Mike Barker, Lois Price, Dave Huber and Moose Lodge representatives Martin Holland and Mike Scott are working to plan the celebration of the 246<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Birthday Cake Cutting on 10 November 2021 and the Birthday Dinner / Ball on 13 November 2021.

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# **Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League, Tracking of Community Service Hours**

Please remember to turn this information in at the monthly meeting or send it in before the meeting so we can compile it over time.

To facilitate the tracking, accounting, and reporting of Community Service Hours performed by Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League, members (Life/Regular/and Associate) we are asking each member to submit the following information.

Anytime a member performs Community Service Hours (Toys for Tots, Scouting, Young Marines, Funeral Honors, Parades, Assistance to Marines/ FMF Corpsmen / FMF Chaplains, Marines 4 Life, Rose Program, general assistance, etc.) we need to gather that information under the type of assistance or community service and the total number of hours performed for those tasks.

To simplify this task, we ask each member to track their own community service and the number of hours spent performing that service. Then submit this information each month using the monthly meeting date (3rd Wednesday of each month) as the due date of each submission. This information will be collected, and tallied by the detachment each month so that at the end of the year we are able to submit the required information needed to complete the Detachment Annual Report. The easiest method of delivery would be to bring it with you to the monthly meetings. If unable to attend then the information can be submitted via email. Please submit only one monthly report and not a report for each activity each time performed.



## DETACHMENT ANNUAL REPORT

**Detachment Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Department:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Funeral Honors

How many Funeral Honors has your Detachment performed between January 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>?

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### Community Service

How many Community Service Hours has your Detachment performed between January 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> (examples: Toys 4 Tots, Scouting, Young Marines, Funeral Honors, Parades, etc.)?

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### Toys 4 Tots

How many children has your Detachment helped in the past Toys 4 Tots season?

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How many toys have been collected by the Detachment in the past Toys 4 Tots season?

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How dollars were collected in donations for Toys 4 Tots in the past season?

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### Transitioning Marines and their Family

How many Marines, FMF Corpsman, and FMF Chaplains and their families have been assisted between January 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>? (This includes Marine 4 Life events, Rose Program, general assistance, etc.)

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### Other Notes of Interest

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Detachment Commandant

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Email

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Phone

**Email this form to your Department Commandant. Departments to NVC, NVC to the COO.**

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## **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.

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### **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.

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## **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 - **\$1.00 each – What a Deal. Hats/Visors**



**are now available at the monthly meetings.**



## **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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National Website: [www.mclnational.org](http://www.mclnational.org)

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

**AS OF FEBRUARY – Meetings are at Moose Lodge 1726 Springfield,  
Oregon**

**20 October**  
**17 November**  
**15 December**