



MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is set for: **19 May 2021**

EMERALD EMPIRE DETACHMENT'S NEWEST LIFE MEMBER:



Emerald Empire Detachment #917's NEWEST LIFE MEMBER is Rudy Grein. Rudy receives his Life Membership Card from Detachment Senior Vice-Commandant (Acting Commandant) Peter Bock at the 21 April 2021 monthly meeting.

Congratulations Rudy.

I will resist uttering the famous chant from the Movie - Rudy.



CHAPLAIN & CORPSMAN



Joseph Lamm – Joseph's daughters were riding in a car that was struck by another vehicle. The girls were taken to the hospital, and subsequently went home where they are recuperating from their injuries.

Please keep Joseph and his family in your thoughts and prayers as the girls recuperate.

Chaplain's Corner



Detachment Chaplain Nancy Lukasik

Hey, Marines! Did you know that God calls all Christians to show compassion to people in need? Psalm 82:3-4 says "Defend the weak and the fatherless, uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." We see people every day that need help. Love them like Jesus would. That's sometimes a tall order in today's world. But if you can, remember to love the person, not the deed or situation.

Blessings!

Detachment Chaplain Nancy Lukasik also sent out “Missing You” cards to a few members letting them know we miss them and hope to see them in the future.

Good of the League Announcements



AFTER-ACTION REPORT INFORMATION FOR 2020 DISTRIBUTION

Total Number of Volunteers for 2020: 65
(During a Normal year this requires several hundred volunteers)

Number of distribution sites: 4

Total Number of toys distributed: 31,768

Total Number of books distributed: 4079

Total Number of stocking Stuffers distributed: 2148

Total Number of Toys Distributed: 33,556

One (1) Toy = 1 Toy

Three (3) Books = 1 Toy

Five (5) Stocking Stuffers = 1 Toy

Total Number of Children receiving toys: **13,081**

Average number of toys given to each child: 2.57



The YOUNG MARINES

The Emerald Empire Young Marines conducted their Graduation Ceremony on 24 April 2021 (Saturday) at 5 PM. The ceremony was held at the new Young Marines Meeting location inside the Moose Lodge 1726 at 2011 Laura Street, Springfield, Oregon.

The Guest Speaker was Bill Lelash. Bill was a Ch-46 Helicopter Pilot in Vietnam. Bill has been instrumental in obtaining some much-needed funding for the Emerald Empire Young Marines.

Following the Graduation Ceremony, a fund-raising dinner was held. And then music was provided by a live band.

The proceeds were donated to the Emerald Empire Young Marines.

The current CO of Emerald Empire Young Marines is retiring, and will be moving to Tennessee. The Andersons are also withdrawing from leading the organization after many years of service to the Emerald Empire Young Marines.

THE EMERALD EMPIRE YOUNG MARINES ARE IN GREAT NEED OF ADULT LEADERSHIP. The only applicant did not successfully complete the application process.

Any interested adult(s) should be directed to Lois Price, or Thad Lukasik regarding the application process required. Lois and Thad's information can be found at the end of this newsletter.

We Want You



For an Emerald Empire Detachment Officer's Position

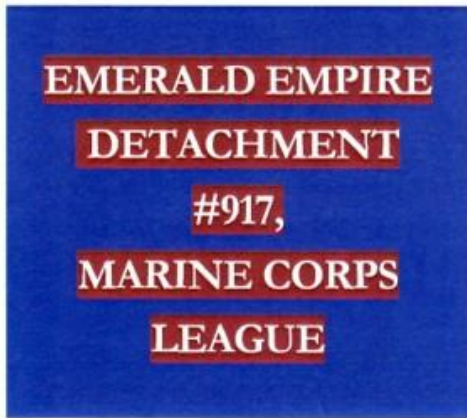
During the 19 May 2021 monthly meeting, the nominations for elected detachment officers (Commandant, Senior-Vice Commandant, Junior-Vice Commandant, and Judge Advocate) will take place.

Voting/elections will take place at the 16 June 2021 meeting, with Installation of Officers set to take place at the 21 July 2021 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.**

Emerald Empire Detachment #917 Tri-Fold Brochures



A new batch of advertising / informational brochures have been printed and ready for distribution. Come to a meeting and pick up some brochures. Perfect if you have a high traffic area to display some, or hand them out to Marines, FMF Corpsmen and FMF Chaplains, or persons that would make a good associate member.



This brochure contains just about all the information needed to inform persons what the Marine Corps League is and what the Marine Corps League does.

The current meeting location is also displayed on the back page.



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



16 May 2021 (3rd Sunday of May)
0900 – 1200 hours (9 am – Noon)

MOOSE LODGE 1726

2011 Laura Street

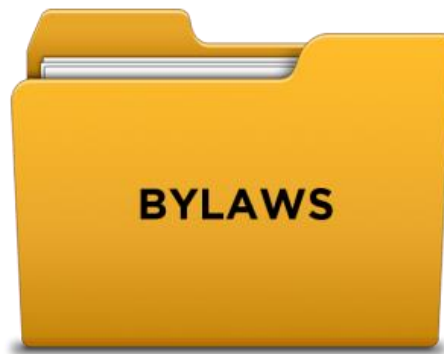
Springfield, Oregon

This is going to be the 1st Fund-Raising Breakfast conducted by the Emerald Empire Detachment #917. The proceeds from the event are donated to Emerald Empire Detachment for conducting the breakfast service.

The anticipated menu is going to be kind of basic for the 1st one: Hash browns, Eggs, Sausage, etc.

If all goes well, it is expected the Emerald Empire Detachment will conduct a breakfast one Sunday of each month, and the menu will become more flexible as we get accustomed to the process.

And if successful, it is anticipated that the annual fund-raising yard sale would no longer take place. This of course is subject to the discussion and decisions of the membership and leadership.



The actual By-Law Change may come down to simply removing one sentence containing inaccurate information. The proposed change will be published when received.

DEPARTMENT OF OREGON
SUMMER CONVENTION
9 & 10 July 2021

Here is the latest word form Department of Oregon, Marine Corps League:

Detachment Commandant's,

Below you will see a forwarded email from National in regards to elections. Due to the "level system" for the counties in Oregon, I will assume that you will make the best call needed to get your detachment elections taken care of. All that I ask is that you send your new ROI's to Lou (neube@att.net) so that he can account for them and get them forwarded up the chain.

SUMMER CONVENTION - July 9th & 10th, Klamath Falls, OR.

Agenda is still being worked on, but there are a few things I wanted to fill you in on:

- Dinner will be Friday evening - Social Hour 1700, Dinner Buffet starts at 1800 - cost \$16 (menu in registration)
- Hotel accommodations are being worked on for a discount rate - it is easier to have an approx head count of who is coming so we can reserve enough blocks of rooms.
- Saturday meeting - 0800-1200 - uniform = MC/MCL Polo shirt and slacks (black or tan)
- The meeting will organized and structured to follow the guidelines - but we do have a lot to cover in a short amount of time.
- Nominations/Elections for Department staff will need to happen too.
- ALL POSITIONS (minus the Chaplin) for OR MCL Department will be open. So, if you have Marines interested or have someone in mind, please email me directly.

That is all I have for the moment. I know there is a lot more to talk about, but I will try to keep these emails shorter.

Semper Fi!
AJ Davila
Sr.Vice Commandant
OR Dept MCL

MAY 2021 BIRTHDAYS



13 May – Janis Fornachiari **Deceased**

25 May – Barry Fryrear

Please take a moment and remember Janis and Barry 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.

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.

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.

EMERALD EMPIRE DETACHMENT # 917

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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

19 May

16 June

21 July

18 August

15 September

20 October

17 November

15 December