

**Marine Corps League
Emerald Empire Detachment No. 917
Minutes of the meeting 19 March 2025**

- 1. Opening Ceremony.** The meeting was called to order at 1904 by Commandant Joseph Lamm with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Chaplain Joy Cavin's invocation. Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price read the mission statement. Chris Wade was present as a guest.
- 2. Roll Call of Officers.** All officers were present except the Judge Advocate which is a vacant position.
- 3. Application for Membership.** None.
- 4. Balloting.** N/A
- 5. Ceremony of Initiation.** N/A
- 6. Minutes of previous meeting.** A motion was made by Debra Barker to waive the reading of the minutes accepting the minutes as published. Paul Grinde second. Motion passed.
- 7. Correspondence.**
 - a) An invitation for the detachment to obtain a credit card was received.
 - b) An email from National Headquarters requesting an update of information for the VAVS Team.
 - c) An email regarding a fiftieth anniversary of American Legion Post #83 in Eugene was received. In addition, it is recognizing the one-year anniversary of the passing of Sgt Logan Delanoy, USMC with a motorcycle/automobile run with a luncheon to follow.
- 8. Report of Paymaster.** Paymaster Lois Price reported that the adjusted working balance of the detachment's account is four thousand five hundred ninety-six dollars and fifty-five cents. (\$4,596.55).
- 9. Report of any member or member's family sick or in distress.**
 - a) Ruth Holland is currently in the Pete Moore Hospice Facility.
 - b) Jim Pilling is hanging on but appears fragile and has lost weight.
 - c) Nancy Lukasik is recovering from the latest version of COVID.
 - d) Kim Lonberg's grandson A.J. Lonberg is returning to see a brain surgeon.
- 10. Report of Officers.**
 - a) Commandant Joseph Lamm proposed that the detachment think about having a 250th Marine Corps Anniversary coin made.
 - b) Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price will be going up to the young Marines' camp with the window tomorrow.
 - c) Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde has sent out "Missing You" letters, emails, and postcards to members who have either stopped coming to meetings, fallen away, or Life Members that we haven't heard from.
 - d) Junior Past Commandant Dave Huber stated that Ruth Holland's family has asked to have the detachment provide a memorial service when appropriate. He agreed.

11. Report of Standing Committees.

- a) Young Marines – The Young Marines will be serving the US Army Reserve here at the Moose Lodge as an act of community service.
- b) Toys for Tots – No report.
- c) Veteran's Legacy – David Huber has not had a chance to visit Camp Alma.
- d) Vet's Court – No report.

12. Reports of Special Committees. None.

13. Unfinished Business.

- a) Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde reported that twenty (20) tickets for the 17 May 2025 Military Appreciation game have been contracted for at a cost of forty dollars (\$40.00) per ticket. However, the detachment will pay the fee upfront and members may purchase the tickets for twenty dollars (\$20.00) per tickets. If more tickets are needed, we will adjust the contract,
- b) A discussion recurred regarding the possibility of honoring passed detachment members which covered various aspects surrounding the memorial on Mohawk in Springfield. It was recommended that the detachment reach out to Willamalane Parks and Recreation to see what is allowed on their property.
- c) Nomination of officers – Commandant: Joseph Lamm, Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price, Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde, Judge Advocate Debra Barker.

14. New Business. With no further input for nominations, Adjutant Ray Miller motioned that the slate of nominated officers be elected by acclamation. Kim Lonberg second. Motion passed.

15. Ceremony of Installation of Officers.

16. For the Good of the League

- a) Craig Myers reported on utilizing the "free parking for handicapped veterans" at the airport. He stated if you follow the procedures, it works well.
- b) Dan Stombaugh spoke regarding the potential of changing the environment at the department level. Elections will be held at the state convention in May 2025 to make changes in the personnel controlling the department. If at all possible, members should attempt to attend the convention.
- c) Craig Myers asked if there would be any interest in a fishing trip out of Newport, OR. If sufficient interest he would check availability.
- d) Denis Hughes asked if the detachment had received information regarding the Oregon Medal of Honor Memorial selling bricks.

17. Announcements.

- a) Martin Holland entered the meeting room to announce Ruth Holland's Memorial Service will be 26 April 2025
- b) Debra Barker brought some of Mike's Marine Corps/Marine Corps League items for the taking.
- c) Three twelve- inch stick-on decals are available, first come, first served.

18. Closing Ceremony. The closing was conducted by Commandant Joseph Lamm at 2025 until the next meeting on 16 April 2025.