

Marine Corps League  
Emerald Empire Detachment No. 917  
Minutes of the meeting 16 April 2025

1. **Opening Ceremony.** The meeting was called to order at 1901 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.
2. **Roll Call of Officers.** All officers were present except the Judge Advocate which is a vacant position.
3. **Application for Membership.** There were two applications for membership in the detachment: Dennis Hughes and Christopher Wade.
4. **Balloting.** Favorable
5. **Ceremony of Initiation.** N/A
6. **Minutes of previous meeting.** A motion was made by Dave Huber to waive the reading of the minutes and accepting the minutes as published on the website. Lois Price second. Motion passed.
7. **Correspondence.** None.
8. **Report of Paymaster.** Paymaster Lois Price reported that the adjusted working balance of the detachment's account is four thousand six hundred ninety-six dollars and sixty-five cents. (\$4,696.65).
9. **Report of any member or member's family sick or in distress.**
  - a) Jim Pilling is receiving treatment for bladder cancer.
  - b) Robeert Graves is still in a mourning period and enjoys visits with members.
  - c) Joseph Lamm's Father-in-Law is going in for cancer treatment.
  - d) Kim Lonberg's grandson A.J. Lonberg is back from Seattle, WA and awaiting the results of the tests.
  - e) Debra Barker had to put down her 18 1/2 years old cat.
10. **Report of Officers.**
  - a) Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price will be going up to the young Marines' camp for a work party on 28 thru 30 April 2025.
  - b) Sergeant-at-Arms Matt Scott reported that he will begin work on the Autzen Stadium 2 ½ years construction project next week.
11. **Report of Standing Committees.**
  - a) Young Marines – The Young Marines haven't met but will be present at Ruth Holland's service. They still need adult volunteers and new recruits.
  - b) Toys for Tots – No report.
  - c) Veteran's Legacy – No report.
  - d) Vet's Court – No report.

**12. Reports of Special Committees.** Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde reported that fifteen tickets have been spoken for and he will check as to when the tickets will be available. Food service begins at 1700 with the game starting at 1705.

**13. Unfinished Business.** Ruth Holland's service will be held on 26 April 2025 at 1400. The Women of the Moose will provide a portion of the service as well as the I & I Staff for the flag presentation. The VFW have been contacted for a firing detail. The detachment will provide a portion of the service as well.

**14. New Business.**

- a) Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde presented a condolence card that had been created several years ago with the idea that it would be a good idea to have some made for the Chaplain to send when applicable. This was tabled pending further investigation of the cost and the ability to have it duplicated.
- b) A request was made by the Moose Lodge to shift our May breakfast from 18 May to 25 May to accommodate their personnel attending a convention. Adjutant Ray Miller motioned that we switch dates with the Lodge. Lois Price second. Motion passed.
- c) A menu schedule for the next four months was determined:  
May – Hamburgers/Hot Dogs, potato salad, barbeque beans  
June – Fried chicken, mashed potatoes w/brown gravy, green beans, apple pie  
July – Meatloaf, macaroni and cheese, green salad, dinner rolls  
August – Brisket, baked potatoes, fruit salad, dinner rolls

**15. Ceremony of Installation of Officers.** Installation of the 2025 – 2026 Detachment Officers was conducted by Junior Past Commandant David Huber.

**16. For the Good of the League**

- a) Craig Myers reported that there are several fishing excursions available in the coming future. On 11/12mJuly 2025 there is a Take a Veteran Fishing trip to Odell Lake and on 7/8 June and 28/29 November 2025 there will be a free fishing weekend from ODF.
- b) If there is interest, he will try to set up a five-hour bottom fishing trip out of Newport, OR in September 2025.

**17. Announcements.**

- a) Lincoln City is hosting the Department Convention 16 thru 18 May 2025
- b) Debra Barker thanked Steve Price for his assistance in moving some equipment.
- 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 2038 until the next meeting on 21 May 2025.