

Marine Corps League  
Emerald Empire Detachment No. 917  
Minutes of the meeting 18 June 2025

1. **Opening Ceremony.** The meeting was called to order at 1900 by Acting Commandant Steve Price with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Chaplain Joy Cavin's invocation. Acting Senior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde read the mission statement. Membership cards and pins were presented to Dennis Hughes and Christopher Wade.
2. **Roll Call of Officers.** All officers were present except the Commandant and Sergeant at Arms who were excused.
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 and accepting the minutes as published on the website. Lois Price second. Motion passed.
7. **Correspondence.**
  - a) A late request for assistance from the North Salem High School JROTC was received.
  - b) A request for a donation was received from the Marine Corps Heritage Fund.
8. **Report of Paymaster.** Paymaster Lois Price reported that the adjusted working balance of the detachment's account is five thousand one hundred twenty-three dollars and five cents. (\$5,123.05).
9. **Report of any member or member's family sick or in distress.** As of last report, Rudy Grein was getting an ultrasound on his leg for blood clots. He is also attempting to increase his hearing disability through the VA.
10. **Report of Officers.**
  - a) Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price reported that an individual is attempting to donate property near the camp used by the Young Marines. A process has begun to assess the possibility of ownership.
  - b) Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde contacted the University of Oregon regarding the likelihood of our placing a greeting on the jumbotron. While possible, it would not be a guarantee that the message would appear. He has located some of the trifold brochures in the closet and will update the website. He has been in contact with the Department Commandant regarding membership recruitment and retention.

**11. Report of Standing Committees.**

- a) Young Marines – The Young Marines camp had a work party from the detachment mow the area, worked on the buildings, and cleaned the head. They will be going up there next month.
- b) Toys for Tots – No report.
- c) Veteran’s Legacy – No report.
- d) Vet’s Court – No report.

**12. Reports of Special Committees.** Dennis Hughes reported that he was in contact with Colonel Jason P. Affolder. US Army (Retired), Senior Army Instructor for the North Salem High School JROTC. Col. Affolder stated that they do not know why the request for assistance was so late in arriving at our detachment and that the team did not compete this year. However, they are planning to compete next year. Hopefully a request for assistance will be received in time.

**13. Unfinished Business.** Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price was in contact with Neil Laudati of Springfield, OR regarding the memorial for passed detachment members. Various options are to be explored regarding the best method of presentation.

**14. New Business.** None

**15. Ceremony of Installation of Officers.** N/A.

**16. For the Good of the League.** Volunteer sheet for 1 January through 30 June 2025 need to be turned in at the next meeting.

**17. Announcements.**

- a) Debra Barker thanked Paul Grinde and Steve Price for their assistance in cleaning up and preparing her property.
- b) Lois Price announced that there are updated generic business cards available to pass out to prospective members.

**18. Closing Ceremony.** The closing was conducted by Acting Commandant Steve Price at 1945 until the next meeting on 16 July 2025.