

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

1. **Opening Ceremony.** The meeting was called to order at 1908 by Commandant Joseph Lamm with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Acting Chaplain Dan Stombaugh's invocation. Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price read the mission statement.
2. **Roll Call of Officers.** All officers were present except the Chaplain, who was 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) An email was received from Department with the PLM Audit roster.
 - b) An email was received from Department requesting a donation to fund two memorials for Sergeant Charles B. Mawhinney. One to be located in Lakeview, OR (birthplace) and one located in Baker City, OR. (place of death).
8. **Report of Paymaster.** Paymaster Lois Price reported that the adjusted working balance of the detachment's account is five thousand one hundred sixty-one dollars and five cents. (\$5,161.05).
9. **Report of any member or member's family sick or in distress.**
 - a) Chaplain Joy Cavin is assisting her sister-in-law Eleanor, who has had her second leg removed.
 - b) Nancy Lukasik has moved to a new apartment, in the same facility, and is doing well.
 - c) Kim Lonberg is having heart issues.
 - d) A.J. Lonberg, Kim's grandson, is returning to Seattle, WA for brain surgery.
10. **Report of Officers.**
 - a) Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price talked with Neil Laudati regarding the memorial bench but has not heard back as yet.
 - b) Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde is working on updating the tri-fold brochures. Also, a supply of greeting cards have been created for the Chaplain to send on various occasions.
 - c) Paymaster Lois Price reported that the 990 N has been filed and accepted.
 - d) Webmaster Paul Grinde created a link on the website directly to the latest newsletter.

11. Report of Standing Committees.

- a) Young Marines - The Young Marines have acquired a new recruit. The unit visited the Air Museum and the waterpark. The Young Marines replaced the flag at the Moose Lodge on Flag Day. The Lodge Manager would like it to be an annual ceremony. Next month they will be river rafting on the McKenzie River.
- b) Toys for Tots – No report.
- c) Veteran’s Legacy – Junior Past Commandant Dave Huber was in contact with Dr. Lebow, who spoke of the possibility of veterans living in the woods around Camp Alma. He would like to make contact with them to ensure they are alright and/or in need of some assistance. Dave Huber will guide Dr. Lebow around the area in search of these individuals. It was suggested that they also contact the local county and federal forestry officials.
- d) Vet’s Court – No report.

12. Reports of Special Committees. None.

13. Unfinished Business. See Senior Vice Commandant’s report.

14. New Business.

- a) Matt Scott was presented with his membership card.
- b) Adjutant Ray Miller inquired as to raising the level of the financial assistance fund from two hundred (\$200) to one thousand dollars (\$1,000). A discussion ensued as to the manner to increase the fund. Dave Turner motioned that we take eight hundred (\$800) from the general fund to raise the limit. Christopher Wade second. Motion carried.

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

16. For the Good of the League. Craig Myers requested a show of members wanting to go on a fishing trip. With several members showing interest, he will pursue the possibility of setting one up.

17. Announcements.

- a) Dan Stombaugh brought flag patches for anyone who wants one. He also stated that an article on the internet reported that a Marine Corps Harrier would be coming to the Tillamook Air Museum.
- b) A Women Veterans Conference will be held in Bend, OR, on 27 September 2025 at the Riverhouse Lodge in Bend, for all branches of the service.
- c) Cottage Grove is holding Bohemia Mining Days.
- d) BLM has closed all lands to camping from Bend, OR to Madras, OR.

18. Closing Ceremony. The closing was conducted by Commandant Joseph Lamm at 2025 until the next meeting on 20 August 2025.