

Marine Corps League  
Emerald Empire Detachment No. 917  
Minutes of the meeting 20 August 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. Joe Morris and Renee Boyett were invited guests.
2. **Roll Call of Officers.** All officers were present except the Commandant, 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. Paul Grinde second. Motion passed.
7. **Correspondence.**
  - a) A "Thank You" card was received from our Chaplain for the flowers.
  - b) An email was received from the California Department requesting a card or note to be sent to an ailing member.
  - c) An email was received from Department regarding the Mid-Winter Conference to be held in Albany, OR on 24 – 26 October 2025.
  - d) The Department sent an email regarding the raffling of a Henry Spirit of the Corps 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tribute Edition, .22 S/L/R rifle. There will be 2000 tickets at \$5.00 each with the drawing to be held on 11 November 2025 at the Bend, OR Marine Corps Birthday celebration. Proceeds will be used to send the Department Commandant to the National Conference.
8. **Report of Paymaster.** Paymaster Lois Price reported that the adjusted working balance of the detachment's account is four thousand six hundred seventy-six dollars and five cents. (\$4,676.05).
9. **Report of any member or member's family sick or in distress.**
  - a) Commandant Joseph Lamm injured his ankle at work today with possible torn ligaments.
  - b) Nancy Lukasik has had eye work done without success and is contemplating the next step.
  - c) Kim Lonberg will be undergoing a nuclear stress test.
  - d) A. J. Lonberg, Kim's grandson, is having seizures more frequently. His is in Seattle, WA to have a procedure to implant a controlling device in the brain. Kim is on family medical leave and will be his caregiver during this time.

**10. Report of Officers.**

- a) Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price will be going up t the camp tomorrow to clear the road and make sure everything is ready for the Young Marines.
- b) Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde has not had any of the emails or letters returned as yet and two members have renewed.
- c) Paymaster Lois Price stated that we need another signatory on the checking account.
- d) Webmaster Paul Grinde will bring the calendar up to date.

**11. Report of Standing Committees.**

- a) Young Marines – This past month the Young Marines assisted in the serving of a trucker’s breakfast at the Moose Lodge. The truckers we pleased with the group and stated they would return in December for another breakfast if the Young Marines would be there. Approximately ninety (90) truckers were served.
- b) Toys for Tots – No report.
- c) Veteran’s Legacy – No report.
- d) Vet’s Court – No report.

**12. Reports of Special Committees. None.**

**13. Unfinished Business.** Senior Vice Commandant has been contacted by Neil Ladauti, who is attempting to acquire a grant from the state to place a bench at the memorial. We will be able to honor our deceased members with this bench.

**14. New Business.**

- a) Adjutant Ray Miller motioned that the Detachment reimburse the Junior Vice Commandant for the eighty-five dollars (\$85.00) for the flowers. Debra Barker second. Motion passed.
- b) Steve and Lois Price, Debra Barker, and Graham Hilson volunteered to attend the Mid-Winter Conference in Albany, OR. The Department will be notified.
- c) Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde attended a Junior Vice Commandant’s Conference at the request of the Department Commandant. A need for national advertisement is need to promote the league. A recommendation was to recycle your Semper Fi magazine by covering your address with the detachment’s information and placing the magazine in a location to be read by other individuals, i.e. other military organizations, VA clinic, etc.
- d) Dinner choices: September – brisket, baked potato; October – Sauerkraut & brats, with potato salad; November – Turkey with stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, pumpkin pie; December – am, scalloped potatoes, tossed salad, rolls.
- e) A fishing trip has been scheduled for 28 September 2025. The Gracie K has been reserved with Captain Jack. There is a limit of 16 people per boat and a second boat will be reserved if needed. The trip will cost \$100.00 per person with crab pots at \$25.00, limited to 10 pots, and a one-day fishing license is required, shellfish license is needed for crab pots. Contact Craig Myers at cm0070@aol.com or 541-729-0121

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

**16. For the Good of the League. N/A**

- 17. Announcements.** Dan Stombaugh announced that he saw an article regarding the USS New Orleans on fire off White Beach, Okinawa, Japan. Okinawan coast guard were attempting to extinguish the flames. A report of to crew members injured.
- 18. Closing Ceremony.** The closing was conducted by Acting Commandant Steve Price at 2031 until the next meeting on 17 September 2025.