

Marine Corps League  
Emerald Empire Detachment No. 917  
Minutes of the meeting 17 September 2025

1. **Opening Ceremony.** The meeting was called to order at 1905 by Commandant Joseph Lamm with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Chaplain Joy Cavin's invocation.
2. **Roll Call of Officers.** All officers were present.
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. Steve 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 eight hundred forty-four dollars and five cents. (\$4,844.05).
9. **Report of any member or member's family sick or in distress.**
  - a) Commandant Joseph Lamm has a walking boot to get around.
  - b) A. J. Lonberg, Kim's grandson, was to have brain surgery yesterday but was postponed because of a blood test at the last minute. They will reschedule the surgery in two or three weeks. Kim Lonberg, as his caregiver, is exhausted and could use a break. Commandant Lamm asked if anyone could spare some time to give Kim a break to contact Chaplain Joy Cavin.
10. **Report of Officers.**
  - a) Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price learned from the Department Commandant that the Coquille Detachment's charter has been pulled. In addition, a former department officer has been removed from the Marine Corps League via Chapter 9 process.
  - b) Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde sent more emails to individuals who have not renewed the membership.
  - c) Webmaster Paul Grinde has the newsletters and minutes on the website. He requested any suggestions to improve the website.
11. **Report of Standing Committees.**
  - a) Young Marines – The Young Marines went to Grants Pass, OR and took down a large flag (40X80) and re-raised it. There was a large group from various organizations present. They still have one recruit. The program is still looking for

- volunteer adult leaders and new recruits. This weekend the unit may or may not go up the old McKenzie Highway because of the fire in the area.
- b) Toys for Tots – Craig Myers met with the MSgt and Sgt Cardino, the coordinator, today. He was informed that Toys for Tots would like to reestablish the ties it had with the community prior to last year. Everyone agreed that there was a breakdown in communication. The Toys for Tots staff are looking forward to working with everyone.
  - c) Veteran’s Legacy – No report.
  - d) Vet’s Court – No report.

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

**13. Unfinished Business.**

- a) Senior Vice Commandant has had no response from Springfield, OR as yet regarding the bench.
- b) Craig Myers stated that two boats have been reserved for the fishing trip. Also, he invited the active-duty Marines to join us on the trip. A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of the detachment paying the charter fee. Adjutant Ray Miller motioned for the detachment to pay the charter fee for any active-duty Marine that goes on the trip. Matt Scott second. Motion passed.
- c) In accordance with the detachment’s By-Laws two signatures are required on a check that disburses funds. In an effort to have at least two members available at all times to sign a check it is necessary to appoint a replacement. Therefore, the Commandant requests the removal of Thad Lukasik (deceased) from signatory duty and has appointed Debra Barker as the third signatory on the detachment’s checking account.

**14. New Business.** Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price asked if any member would consider becoming a Veteran Service Officer. He had the information regarding the training program.

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

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

**17. Announcements.**

- a) Joy Cavin thanked the detachment for its consideration in the loss of her sister.
- b) Dave “Doc” Turner stated that the VA would provide flu shots on 4 October 2025 and spoke on the uncertain status of COVID shots.

**18. Closing Ceremony.** The closing was conducted by Commandant Joseph Lamm at 2021 until the next meeting on 15 October 2025.