

Marine Corps League
Emerald Empire Detachment No. 917
Minutes of the meeting 15 October 2025

1. **Opening Ceremony.** The meeting was called to order at 1901 by Acting Commandant Steve Price the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Chaplain Joy Cavin's invocation. The Marine Corps League Mission Statement was read by Acting Senior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde.
2. **Roll Call of Officers.** All officers were present, except the Commandant, who was excused, and the Sergeant-at-Arms, who was absent.
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. Chris Wade second. Motion passed.
7. **Correspondence.**
 - a) An invitation to purchase more pens was received.
 - b) An email from the Department Commandant establishing the criteria for the counting of monies after a fundraiser.
 - c) The Department Commandant requested that all detachments review and either accept or reject the enclosed Department By-Laws.
 - d) Information was provided to Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde that a 250th Marine Corps Ball was to be held on 8 November 2025 by the Soaring-By-The Sea Foundation.
 - e) An email generated from Department stated that the detachments had to register and report activities to the State Department of Justice. After some researching and the Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde contacting the State, it was found to be unwarranted and the Marine Corps League Detachments are not basically charitable organizations but social/fraternal in nature.
 - f) The Department Commandant stated the he would serve only one year in office.
8. **Report of Paymaster.** Paymaster Lois Price reported that the adjusted working balance of the detachment's account is five thousand thirty-four dollars and five cents. (\$5,034.05).
9. **Report of any member or member's family sick or in distress.**
 - a) A. J. Lonberg, had brain surgery in Seattle, WA. He arrived home late Thursday and is to be officially cared for by his grandmother, Kim Lonberg.
 - b) Kim says she is fine but is exhausted.
 - c) Joy Cavin's brother-in-law, an FMF corpsman during Korea, passed away on 1 October 2025.
 - d) Debra Barker's brother-in-law, Lon Hanson, passed away on 27 September 2025.

- e) Nancy Lukasik is having problems obtaining her arthritis medication and is therefore having trouble getting around.
- f) Robert Graves had a boating mishap and had to be rescued from the water. He said it took two hours in a hot shower to warm himself.
- g) Both Steve Price and Ray Miller had falling accidents with minor bruises.

10. Report of Officers.

- a) Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde has updated the recruitment brochures with the new website. The Department website is down and in process.
- b) Webmaster Paul Grinde says the website is currently functioning. He requested any suggestions to improve the website.

11. Report of Standing Committees.

- a) Young Marines – Graham Hilson has joined the ranks of registered adult leaders. The unit has need of more adult leaders, as two are retiring in April, and youths to participate in the program. Steve Price will be going to the youth camp on Friday to see what needs to be done. He asked for any volunteers. Craig Myers said that he met with the President of Cascade Timber Consultants. He said they have the equipment to widen the entrance road to the camp.
- 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.

- a) No response from Springfield, OR as yet regarding the bench.
- b) The Detachment will celebrate the 250th Marine Corps Birthday on 10 November with a cake cutting ceremony at the Springfield Moose Lodge. Social will begin at 1700 and the ceremony will commence at 1800.

14. New Business.

- a) Debra Barker motioned that we accept the Department's By-Laws. Dave Turner second. Motion passed.
- b) A discussion began regarding participation in the Annual Springfield Christmas Parade. A work party would prepare the trailer on 5 December 2025. A request will be made regarding the possibility of our collecting toys enroute for Toys for Tots. Debra Barker will handle the registration.
- c) Ray Miller motioned to purchase three hundred (300) pens with the detachment's name and website printed on them. Dan Stombaugh second. Motion passed.

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

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

17. Announcements. Reminder of serving breakfast this Sunday.

18. Closing Ceremony. The closing was conducted by Acting Commandant Steve Price at 2043 until the next meeting on 19 November 2025.