

Marine Corps League  
Emerald Empire Detachment No. 917  
Minutes of the meeting 19 November 2025

1. **Opening Ceremony.** The meeting was called to order at 1900 by Commandant Joseph Lamm the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Chaplain Joy Cavin's invocation. Allen Truesdale was introduced as a guest.
2. **Roll Call of Officers.** All officers were present, except 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. Dave Huber second. Motion passed.
7. **Correspondence.**
  - a) An email from the Department Commandant requesting nominations for Department Marine of the Year and Department Associate of the Year.
  - b) An email from the Department Commandant stating the awarding of the commemorative rifle that was raffled off.
  - c) The Department Commandant requested that any members who have interest in a department office submit their names.
  - d) Copies of the updated Marine Corps League forms was provided by department.
  - e) A plaque contained a Certificate of Appreciation from the Getlin's Corner Foundation was received. The plaque will be place near the POW table in the lobby.
  - f) A letter from the Getlin's Corner Foundation was received thanking the detachment for its support.
8. **Report of Paymaster.** Paymaster Lois Price reported that the adjusted working balance of the detachment's account is five thousand four hundred thirty-one dollars and five cents. (\$5,431.05).
9. **Report of any member or member's family sick or in distress.**
  - a) Kim Lonberg is having a bout of nausea.
  - b) Nancy Lukasik is having problems getting around and is now using a wheelchair.
10. **Report of Officers.**
  - a) Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price is going up to the camp to turn off the water for winter.
  - b) Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde placed copies of the Semper Fi magazine at the Veteran's Home in Lebanon, OR and in the VSO waiting room.

- c) Webmaster Paul Grinde has added a history page to the website in order to post historical articles of interest. Please use PDF format when submitting articles to be added.

**11. Report of Standing Committees.**

- a) Young Marines – The Young Marine attended the D.A.R.E. run in Medford, OR. They conducted the flag ceremony at the Soaring-by-the-Sea event. They will be participating in the Springfield, OR Christmas parade. It is anticipated that they will act as servers at the December Truck Drivers Breakfast here at the Moose Lodge.
- b) Toys for Tots – The Stuff the Bus event was held and Craig Myers loaded toys to the reserve center. The Dairy Mart stores are now selling trains again.
- c) Veteran’s Legacy – No report.
- d) Vet’s Court – No report.

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

**13. Unfinished Business.**

- a) Neil Laudati said that the grant request is moving through the process.
- b) The application to participate in the Springfield, OR Christmas parade has been sent in. A work party to decorate a float will meet at MYCOMM on 5 December 2025 at 1500. The parade theme is Enchanted Snowman Forest. Any help with decorations and labor will be appreciated.

**14. New Business.** The Women of the Moose would like the detachment to participate in a potluck dinner on our December meeting night. This would eliminate a conflict with the kitchen. In general, it was agreed upon.

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

**16. For the Good of the League.**

- a) Debra Barker found some Marine Corps Birthday glasses from the 231<sup>st</sup> to the 234<sup>th</sup> celebrations. If anyone would like any or all let her know.
- b) Dan Stombaugh located an organization listed as the Pacific Northwest Marine Association. It was started in 2024 by Dean Howes in Salem, OR. He will try to find more information.

**17. Announcements.** None.

**18. Closing Ceremony.** The closing was conducted by Commandant Joseph Lamm at 2025 until the next meeting on 17 December 2025.