

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

1. **Opening Ceremony.** The meeting was called to order at 1902 by Commandant Joseph Lamm. The Sergeant-at-Arms Matt Scott led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Chaplain Joy Cavin's invocation. Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price read the mission statement.
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. Matt Scott second. Motion passed.
7. **Correspondence.** The Bowker family sent greetings from Idaho. They said that one daughter has married and another has had surgery. The renovation project is almost complete.
8. **Report of Paymaster.** Paymaster Lois Price reported that the adjusted working balance of the detachment's account is five thousand eight hundred thirty-six dollars and five cents. (\$5,836.05).
9. **Report of any member or member's family sick or in distress.**
 - a) Kim Lonberg had her car run into and it is undrivable.
 - b) Nancy Lukasik was out and about today and was tired out.
 - c) Robert Graves is in good health.
10. **Report of Officers.**
 - a) Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price stated that the water at the camp is turned off and is waiting for Spring.
 - b) Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde handed out recruiting information during the Springfield Christmas Parade.
 - c) Sergeant-at-Arms Matt Scott reported that he will be absent January – March while undergoing medical treatment.
 - d) Webmaster Paul Grinde will update the website for the new year. In addition, if you have any historical articles, please provide them in PDF format in order to upload to the website.
11. **Report of Standing Committees.**
 - a) Young Marines – The Young Marine participated in the Springfield Christmas Parade. They met the lady who originally began the unit in 1992. She would like to get reinvented by writing grants for the program. The Young Marines hope to raise

sufficient funds to attend the Pearl Harbor Day remembrance in 2026. The unit has a new female recruit.

- b) Toys for Tots – Craig Myers loaded toys to the reserve center on 13 December and stated that toys have been distributed except for a couple of non-profits and the hospital.
- c) Veteran's Legacy – No report.
- d) Vet's Court – No report.

12. Reports of Special Committees. None.

13. Unfinished Business. None

14. New Business.

- a) A discussion regarding the possibility of participating in the Department's gun raffle on 14 February 2026 took place. This was tabled pending the receipt of more details from Department (i.e. ticket sales, location of drawing, etc.).
- b) Chris Bowers of the Eugene Emeralds contacted Commandant Joseph Lamm stating that the 2026 Military Appreciation game would be on 22 May 2026. He wanted to know how he could spread the word throughout the military community.
- c) The Moose Lodge is providing one hundred twenty-five (125) food baskets this year and donations are falling short. Past Detachment Commandant Dave Huber motioned to donate two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to the project. Dan Stombaugh second. During the discussion, with further information provided, the motion was amended to five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Motion passed.
- d) Dinner requests for the next four months:
 - Jan - Ham, Scalloped potatoes, tossed salad, dinner roll
 - Feb – Spaghetti feed with garlic bread, green salad
 - Mar – Corned beef and cabbage, boiled potatoes, carrots, and onions
 - Apr – Pork chops, mashed potatoes with gravy, green salad, dinner roll

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

16. For the Good of the League. Dan Stombaugh has set up a program where a detachment member attending the meeting during their birthday month would receive the meal free provided the Junior Vice Commandant has your month and day of birth for the newsletter.

17. Announcements. Plans to rebuild Tun Tavern is under way.

18. Closing Ceremony. The closing was conducted by Commandant Joseph Lamm at 2021 until the next meeting on 21 January 2026.