

Marine Corps League
Emerald Empire Detachment No. 917
Minutes of the meeting 21 January 2026

1. **Opening Ceremony.** The meeting was called to order at 1902 by Acting Commandant Steve Price. The Acting Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Stombaugh led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Chaplain Joy Cavin's invocation. Acting Senior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde read the mission statement. A guest, Monte MacConnell, was introduced.
2. **Roll Call of Officers.** All officers were present except the Commandant and Judge Advocate, who were absent and the Sergeant-at-Arms, 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 Paul Grinde to waive the reading of the minutes and accepting the minutes as published on the website. Christopher Wade second. Motion passed.
7. **Correspondence.** An email was received from Department requesting volunteers to assume the position of Chairman for the Division for Youth Physical Fitness and Marine for Life programs.
8. **Report of Paymaster.** Paymaster Lois Price reported that the adjusted working balance of the detachment's account is four thousand six hundred eighty-three dollars and fifty-one cents. (\$4,683.51).
9. **Report of any member or member's family sick or in distress.**
10. **Report of Officers.**
 - a) Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde announced the beginning of the "Paid meeting dinner for the Month" program. He passed monies to the Paymaster to start an escrow account to pay for the detachment members' dinner who attends the meeting during their birth month.
 - b) Webmaster Paul Grinde renewed the website address. He has updated the website for the new year with the dates of the meetings and the breakfasts. In addition, he has added more historical information.
11. **Report of Standing Committees.**
 - a) Young Marines – The Young Marine have gained a couple of recruits and participated in the Trucker's Breakfast. They are planning an encampment in either February or April 2026. They are still in need of both recruits and adult volunteers.
 - 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) Neil Laudati is still working on the project and has asked Steve and Lois Price to remain on the committee.
- b) There has been no additional information forthcoming from Department on the gun raffle.

14. New Business.

- a) Ray Miller motioned to reimburse Paul Grinde for the renewal fee of thirty-five dollars and ninety-four cents (\$35.94). Christopher Wade second. Motion passed.
- b) Ray Miller motioned that the Detachment donate five hundred (\$500.00) to the Southern Oregon Honor Flight. Dave Huber second. Motion passed.
- c) Nomination for detachment office positions are needed in February with elections in March and installation in April 2026. Anyone interested in holding an elected office, Commandant; Senior Vice Commandant; Junior Vice Commandant; or Judge Advocate, let any of the officers know. The remaining positions are appointed and if you are interested in holding one of them, Adjutant; Paymaster; Chaplain; or Sergeant-at-Arms, again let us know. Some current position holders are looking to step down from office.
- d) The Acting Commandant Steve Price presented the Honor Flight donation check to the Moose Lodge representative Martin Holland to be added to their fund raiser for the Honor Flight.

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

16. For the Good of the League.

- a) Nancy Lukasik has Thad's red blazer, 42 short, available if anyone would like it.
- b) Dan Stombugh brought a few Marine Corps items for anyone who would like them.
- c) A POW flag is available from a former member. It is nylon 5'X 8'.

17. Announcements. None

18. Closing Ceremony. The closing was conducted by Acting Commandant Steve Price at 1949 until the next meeting on 18 February 2026.