

Marine Corps League
Emerald Empire Detachment No. 917
Minutes of the meeting 18 February 2026

1. **Opening Ceremony.** The meeting was called to order at 190. 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. Commandant Joseph Lamm asked for a moment of silence in memory of detachment member Dan Stombaugh. 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.** An email was received from Department providing the information for the Summer Conference to be held 24 thru 26 May 2026 at the Beach Club in Lincoln City, OR. Webmaster Paul Grinde will send a broadcast message to the detachment with the particulars.
8. **Report of Paymaster.** Paymaster Lois Price reported that the adjusted working balance of the detachment's account is four thousand one hundred sixty-five dollars and fifty-seven cents. (\$4,165.57) with an additional three hundred ten dollars (\$310.00) from Sunday's breakfast to be deposited.
9. **Report of any member or member's family sick or in distress.** Unsure if it considered distress but the Chaplain reported that Kim and AJ Lonberg are moving to a location on Coburg Road. Also, AJ Lonberg needs to return to Seattle, WA for adjustments.
10. **Report of Officers.**
 - a) Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price stated that he would be going up to the Youth Camp next week to turn on the water. In addition, there are a lot of gopher/mole holes at the camp that needs to be taken care of along with a clean-up of twigs that are littering the camp.
 - b) Sergeant-at-Arms Matt Scott stated he was glad to be back and that he missed the group.
 - c) Webmaster Paul Grinde the website is up to date.
11. **Report of Standing Committees.**
 - a) Young Marines – The Young Marine have two new recruits that are beginning training. There is a need for more registered adults as three of the existing adults are retiring.

- 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) The Eugene Emeralds announced that their Armed Forces Appreciation Night would be 22 May 2026 which is a Friday night. The cost for Levi Landing is forty-one (\$41.00) dollars. We will need approximately twenty tickets. A broadcast message with details will be sent by Webmaster Paul Grinde.
- b) Officer nominations for the year 2026 – 2027 are:
 - Commandant: Joseph Lamm
 - Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price
 - Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde
 - Judge Advocate Debra BarkerIn addition, the following detachment members indicated an interest in serving as:
Matt Scott – Senior Vice Commandant; Christopher Wade – a Vice Commandant office. Nominations will close at the March meeting with voting to follow. The officer installation will be at the April meeting.

14. New Business.

- a) Debra Barker motioned that the detachment assumes fifty percent (50%) of the ticket price for the Eugene Emeralds Armed Forces Appreciation Night tickets. Matt Scott second. After discussion regarding the clarification that all tickets are covered by the fifty percent (50%) motion, the motion passed.
- b) Paul Grinde suggested that a memorial for the detachment's deceased members be created here in the Moose Lodge. There is an Air Force veteran that makes flag cases that the detachment could attach brass plates with the name of the member to the base. A discussion ensued regarding how to attach the plates. Further information will be obtained regarding a shelf, the changes to the base of the case, and the location in the Moose Lodge.

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

16. For the Good of the League. None

17. Announcements. None

18. Closing Ceremony. The closing was conducted by Commandant Joseph Lamm at 2010 until the next meeting on 18 March 2026.