

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

1. **Opening Ceremony.** The meeting was called to order at 1900 by Commandant Joseph Lamm. The Acting Sergeant-at-Arms Chris Wade led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Chaplain Joy Cavin's invocation.
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 Paul Grinde 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 email was received from a Garret Hunter wanting to connect with a 503 (C) 3 organization to organize a Marine Corps Birthday Ball. After some research by the Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde, it was determined to be a scam.
 - b) An email was received from the Bowker family with an update.
8. **Report of Paymaster.** Paymaster Lois Price reported that the adjusted working balance of the detachment's account is four thousand seventy-two dollars and twenty-seven cents. (\$4,072.27) with an additional two hundred eighty-six dollars (\$286.00) from Sunday's breakfast to be deposited.
9. **Report of any member or member's family sick or in distress.**
 - a) Nancy Lukasik had surgery on her right eye for glaucoma.
 - b) Kim and A.J. Lonberg have moved into the new home on Coburg Road. A.J. will have to return to Seattle, WA as seizures continue.
 - c) Chaplain Joy Cavin will undergo surgery on her left eye on Friday, 20 March 2026.
 - d) Chris Wade's wife will have back surgery on Monday, 25 April 2026, and will be laid up for six to eight weeks.
 - e) Lois Price has skin cancer return to the top of her head.
 - f) Junior Past Commandant Dave Huber's sister-in-law, in Spokane, WA, had a tumor removed and will be going home tomorrow, 19 March 2026.
10. **Report of Officers.**
 - a) Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price attempted to connect with the local Marine I & I staff but found the reserve center locked and without possible access. He is going to the youth camp on Friday, 20 March 2026, to begin preparation for summer use. Another work party is scheduled for Friday, 3 April 2026, to clean away brush and remove the mole hills.
 - b) Paymaster Lois Price reported that there were eighteen breakfast patrons for two hundred eighty dollars (\$280) and six dollars in tips (\$6.00).

- c) Webmaster Paul Grinde if you attempt to go to the website on Friday, 20 March 2026, there will be a problem as the server will be down for an upgrade. In the future only the detachment email will appear for the officers listed on the website thereby eliminating personal information. The newsletter will also eliminate personal email addresses and telephone numbers.

11. Report of Standing Committees.

- a) Young Marines – The Young Marine last drill was cancelled since many of the youths were participating in school sports activities. The truckers' quarterly breakfast was held.
- 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 Springfield Vets Memorial addition is still pending.
- b) Officer nominations: Ray Miller rescinded his nomination for the year 2026 – 2027 officers which was: Commandant: Joseph Lamm, Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price, Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde, and Judge Advocate Debra Barker. A nomination was made for the following: Commandant: Joseph Lamm, Senior Vice Commandant Christopher Wade, Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde, and Judge Advocate Debra Barker. Ray Miller motioned that as there were no further nominations the slate of nominees be accepted by unanimous vote. Lois Price second. Motion passed.
- c) Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde stated that there was no price difference if the oak highlight is removed from the flag case. Also, he proposed that the deceased names be engraved on red plates with gold lettering. These would be attached to the shelf holding the flag case with jump rings in the order of passing.
- d) The Eugene Emeralds Military Appreciation Night tickets have arrived. They are twenty dollars and fifty cents (\$20.50) each. Contact Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde to procure one or more.

14. New Business.

- a) Judge Advocate Debra Barker motioned that the detachment assumes fifty percent (50%) of the cost for the flag case. Ray Miller second. Motion passed.
- b) Delegates to the summer conference will be Commandant Joseph Lamm, Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde, and Christopher Wade.
- c) Senior Vice Commandant Steve Price motioned that the detachment reimburses the delegate to the summer conference for the cost of the meeting. Robert Graces second. Motion passed

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 2030 until the next meeting on 15 April 2026.