

Marine Corps League
Emerald Empire Detachment No. 917
Minutes of the meeting 15 April 2026

1. **Opening Ceremony.** The meeting was called to order at 1903 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.
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 the department regarding the availability of free tickets to a baseball game to be held at Roto-Rooter Park. There is a choice of ticket dates, either July 3rd, 4th or 5th. To obtain ticket(s) contact the Detachment Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde.
8. **Report of Paymaster.** Paymaster Lois Price reported that the adjusted working balance of the detachment's account is seven thousand two hundred twenty-six dollars and twenty-seven cents. (\$7,226.27).
9. **Report of any member or member's family sick or in distress.** None reported.
10. **Report of Officers.**
 - a) Junior Past Commandant Dave Huber received an email from the Vet's cemetery in Roseburg, OR that the marker for Dan Stombaugh has been placed.
 - b) Sergeant-at-Arms Matt Scott stated he has the sniffles and that he is a board member of Solid Stripes in Creswell, OR. The program helps veterans cope.
 - c) Webmaster Paul Grinde stated that the website is up to date.
11. **Report of Standing Committees.**
 - a) Young Marines – The Young Marine had to cancel their last two drills since many members were involved with school sports tournaments. This is another indication that the unit need to recruit more participants both youths and adult leaders. The work party reported that upon arriving at the youth camp they found it had been vandalized and burgled. Equipment was taken and the copper wiring in the attic was removed.
 - 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. None

14. New Business. Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde presented the history of ninety-five-year-old Korean Veteran Robert (Bob) E. Johnson currently residing in Southern Oregon. Mr. Johnson's activities after leaving active duty provided continuing activity to both civic and veteran projects. Along with the history a recommendation was made for the issuance of the detachment level Distinguished Citizen Medal – Bronze. In addition, it was recommended that the request be endorsed and forwarded for consideration at both department and division/national level.

15. Ceremony of Installation of Officers. The installation of the 2026-2027 board of officers was installed by Junior Past Commandant Dave Huber. Installed officers were:
Commandant – Joseph Lamm
Senior Vice Commandant – Chris Wade
Junior Vice Commandant – Paul Grinde
Judge Advocate – Debra Barker
Advocate – Raymond Miller
Chaplain – Joy Cavin
Paymaster – Lois Price
Sergeant-at-Arms – Matt Scott
Webmaster – Paul Grinde

16. For the Good of the League.

- a) The detachment memorial flag case is on order along with the name plates.
- b) Conference attendees will be Commandant Joseph Lamm, Senior Vice Commandant Chris Wade, Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde with wife Amy, and Sergeant-at-Arms Matt Scott with girlfriend Kenzi.
- c) The Eugene Emeralds Military Appreciation game is 22 May 2026.
- d) A detachment picnic will be held on July 18th at Splash picnic area in Springfield, OR. This will be potluck with the detachment providing the hamburger patties, hot dogs, buns and condiments.
- e) Meal request for the next four months:
May – self-serve burrito bar
June – self-serve potato bar
July – barbeque hamburgers and hot dogs, a side of chili, potato salad, watermelon with chips and dips provided by Debra Barker.
August – corn on the cob, self-serve salad bar with all the fixings.

17. Announcements. Mr. Robert E. Johnson sent greetings to the detachment.

18. Closing Ceremony. The closing was conducted by Commandant Joseph Lamm at 2033 until the next meeting on 20 May 2026.