

Marine Corps League
Emerald Empire Detachment No. 917
Minutes of the meeting 17 June 2026

1. **Opening Ceremony.** The meeting was called to order at 1900 by Acting Commandant Chris Wade. The Acting Sergeant-at-Arms Steve Price led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Chaplain Joy Cavin's invocation. Acting Senior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde read the Marine Corps League mission statement.
2. **Roll Call of Officers.** All officers were present except the Commandant, Judge Advocate, Junior Past Commandant, who were excused and the Sergeant-at-Arms, who was absent.
3. **Application for Membership.** An application for Anthony J. Lonberg was read.
4. **Balloting.** Balloting was favorable.
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. Lois Price second. Motion passed.
7. **Correspondence.**
 - a) An email requesting review of changes to the National By-Laws.
 - b) Notification of the need of the annual report of activities.
8. **Report of Paymaster.** Paymaster Lois Price reported that the adjusted working balance of the detachment's account is four thousand two hundred fifty-seven dollars and ninety cents. (\$4,257.90).
9. **Report of any member or member's family sick or in distress.**
 - a) Eddie Mosteller fell at home and is on oxygen full time now.
 - b) Chuck Land is doing well, is in good spirits and is looking forward to attending the detachment picnic.
10. **Report of Officers.** The webmaster will update the website after the breakfast on Sunday.
11. **Report of Standing Committees.**
 - a) Young Marines – Steve Price has changed the locks at the youth camp. The Young Marine provided servers for the truckers' breakfast at the Springfield Moose Lodge. The unit is still trying to recruit both youth participants as well as adult leaders,
 - 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 flag case is ready, the name plates are completed, all we need is the shelf installed to place the detachment deceased member memorial.
- b) The City of Springfield is awaiting paperwork regarding the placement of our detachment memorial bench.

14. New Business.

- a) The proposed changes to the National By-Laws were read with the detachment responding favorably or unfavorably to each of the thirty-three changes. The results will be forwarded to department.
- b) A request for the Springfield Moose Lodge to switch our July 2026 breakfast date from 19 July to 5 July was presented. After discussion, it was determined that the detachment would have sufficient members to cover the switch.

15. Ceremony of Installation of Officers. N/A

16. For the Good of the League. A possible fishing trip was discussed. With the rising cost of a trip other possible outings will be explored.

17. Announcements.

- a) The Distinguished Citizen Award for Robert E. Johnson was completed at the detachment level and The Distinguished Service Award at the department level. These awards will be presented next week by the Detachment Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde.
- b) A reminder of the breakfast this Sunday, 21 June 2026. It is Fathers' Day and fathers eat free.

18. Closing Ceremony. The closing was conducted by Acting Commandant Chris Wade at 2029 until the next meeting on 15 July 2026.