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

1. **Opening Ceremony.** The meeting was called to order at 1858 by Commandant Joseph Lamm. The Acting Sergeant-at-Arms Craig Myers led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Acting Chaplain Nancy Lukasik's invocation. Senior Vice Commandant Chris Wade read the Marine Corps League mission statement.

2. **Roll Call of Officers.** All officers were present except the Judge Advocate, who was excused, the Chaplain and Sergeant-at-Arms, who were 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 Senior Vice Commandant Chris Wade to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and accepting the minutes as published on the website. Paymaster Lois Price second. Motion passed.

7. **Correspondence.** Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde received an email regarding an organization to help disabled veterans through fly fishing.

8. **Report of Paymaster.** Paymaster Lois Price reported that the adjusted working balance of the detachment's account is five thousand five hundred five dollars and forty-two cents. ($5,505.42). A question was raised if this balance included the monies expended for the pizza gathering. It did not and the expense of six hundred fourteen dollars and eighty-two cents reduces the stated working balance.

9. **Report of any member or member's family sick or in distress.**
    a) Kim Lonberg's granddaughter is to undergo surgery for a brain tumor.
    b) Rudy Grein is in recovery from knee surgery and is walking.

10. **Report of Officers.**
    a) The Junior Vice Commandant Paul Grinde reported that there are five annual payers yet to renew their memberships.
    b) Webmaster Paul Grinde will upgrade the website after receiving the current minutes and prepare the newsletter.

11. **Report of Standing Committees.**
    a) Young Marines – Paymaster Lois Price reported the Young Marines have acquired two female registered adults but are down to six youth participants. A recruiting drive is needed for more participants. The camp needs to be cleaned up and winterized.
    b) Toys for Tots – Craig Myers reported that the Toys for Tots coordinator requested the detachment float for the Springfield Christmas Parade in support of the program. They are reaching out for sponsors for help, i.e. BiMart and KEZI. The RV Corral is planning to have a toy hauler at the 18th and Chambers Street BiMart. A toy collection will also take place at the Lane County Ice Arena on 4 December 2026 for a U of O hockey game.

c) Veteran's Legacy – No report.
d) Vet's Court – No report.

12. **Reports of Special Committees**. None.

13. **Unfinished Business.** A discussion was held regarding the forthcoming Marine Corps Birthday. It was reiterated that the cake cutting ceremony would take place at 1800 on 10 November 2026 in the dining area of the Springfield Moose Lodge. Commandant Joseph Lamm will obtain the cake with various other detachment members providing the appropriate decorations. A separate free dinner for all veterans will be served by the Lodge on 11 November 2026.

14. **New Business.**
    a) The float for the Springfield Christmas Parade will be assembled on 4 December 2026 at the MYCOMM location at 1500.
    b) In keeping with the Marine Corps League's mission, it was suggested that a baby care package be put together for an active-duty Sergeant and his wife as they are expecting their first child in December 2026. Ideas pertaining to what to include table the idea until next month pending thought results.

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

16. **For the Good of the League.** None

17. **Announcements.** Adjutant Ray Miller announced that he was contacted by a representative of Madison Middle School in Eugene. The school is planning a first ever school assembly to honor veterans on 9 November 2026 at 0900. They wanted to know if any of our members would be willing to attend. There were five volunteers.

18. **Closing Ceremony.** The closing was conducted by Commandant Joseph Lamm at 2011 until the next meeting on 18 November 2026.