



# SITREP

## LEHIGH VALLEY DETACHMENT 296

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**DETACHMENT MEETINGS:**  
Every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday @ 1930  
EMAUS FIRE CO. No. 2  
1017 Pennsylvania Ave  
Emmaus PA 18049

## Memorial Day 2022

### DETACHMENT OFFICERS

• *Commandant*

Marie "Ria" Mattix

• *SR Vice Commandant*

Bill Stoudt

• *JR Vice Commandant*

John Eyer

• *Judge Advocate*

Cory Shellhamer

• *Adjutant/Paymaster*

Colyer James

• *Chaplain*

Joseph Malia

• *Sergeant at Arms*

Rondell Anderson

• *Web Sergeant*

Jason Smith



This month, while searching for the "perfect picture" to capture the emotion of Memorial Day I stumbled upon this image, and it really spoke to me. From afar it looks like just another image of a pair of dog tags. However, upon closer inspection, you see that this specific set of tags is blank. As I looked at the image, it struck me – this is the perfect representation of what Memorial Day means. Memorial Day is the day we remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice and died in service to our country, regardless of whose name is punched into the metal on those tags. Yes, there are those whose names will live forever on the lips of many due to their widely known acts of bravery or sacrifice, and I do not mean to suggest we diminish or disrespect the sacrifice *they* made, but are *they* any more worthy than those whose names are unknown? We are called to remember *ALL*, not just those who are well known, on this sacred day. As we look ahead to Memorial Day, let us keep *ALL* our fallen brothers and sisters in our hearts and minds. *ALL* whose bodies still lay where they fell in the fields of the Colonial and the Civil Wars, the woods of far off lands, those buried under the depths of the seas or in the rocks and crevices of the highest mountains, those reclaimed by the vines of tropical jungles or covered by the sands of the dessert, those who were shot out of the sky and couldn't be retrieved – along with those whose families were fortunate enough to bring home and whose final resting places are marked by the Stars and Stripes as she waves above a sea of white granite. Let us remember with eternal gratitude and reverence *ALL* who have gone before. We are a grateful Nation.

# THE MONTH IN REVIEW

## EHS FITNESS TEAM

The Detachment, along with the Emmaus Veterans Committee and American Legion, hosted a pizza party for members of the Emmaus High School Fitness Team before our April monthly meeting. It was a fantastic opportunity to get to connect with the team and hear about their upcoming trip to Nationals. After dinner, donations were presented to help offset the approximately \$10,000 expense it would cost for the trip. Fundraising for the team had taken a hit during COVID and the team was incredibly grateful to have help in making their first trip to Nationals since the start of the pandemic a reality.

Follow the link to read the article published in the East Penn Press:

<https://www.lvpnews.com/20220512/emmaus-youth-physical-fitness-team-receives-donations/?publication=eastpenn>

*\*\*\* The fitness team placed second at Nationals, and two of the boys placed 5th and 6th overall in the nation!*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

-Monthly meeting 25 May 2022 at 1930 hours

-Memorial Day: Detachment will be participating in the parade and Memorial Triangle ceremony. Meet at Emmaus High School parking lot at 0815

-Pennsylvania Department Convention will be held 22-26 June at Camp Hill, PA (please let Commandant Mattix or Paymaster James know if you plan to attend)

-Vet Fest at Steel Stacks: Detachment will maintain a table at the event. The date is 16 & 17 July. More information to follow

-Detachment picnic, Emmaus Community Park, Saturday 6 August

## SCUTTLEBUTT

## FROM THE FLEET

Follow the link below to find out what is happening now in the FMF:

<https://www.marinecorpstimes.com/news/your-marine-corps/2022/05/16/lethal-and-survivable-or-irrelevant-and-vulnerable-marine-corps-redesign-debate-rages/>

If you would like to submit something to *The SitRep*, please contact me via email or text. I welcome and encourage any input you, as a Detachment, may have.

Semper Fi Marines!

Ria Mattix

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## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

CF#2 Emmaus, Pa., 27 April 2022 Marine Corps League Det 296

Minutes are as follows:

Roll Call of Officers finds all present except Jr Past Commandant,

Jason Smith and Sgt At Arms, Rondell Anderson. Both excused. Application for New Membership: NONE

Motion was requested to accept minutes from previous month, as

emailed. Motion was made and seconded.

For 12 Against 0 Abstentions 0

Correspondence: Chaplain Joe Malia read a thank you from the Longenberger family which included a donation.

Second, a note and donation were received from that service in lieu of flowers.

Report of the Paymaster: Paymaster Colyer James reports a balance of \$5716.45. Printed report at Officers Table for review. Motion to accept was made and seconded.

For 21 Against 0 Abstentions 0

Sick or in Distress: Jr Past Commandant Jason Smith's family, member Dave Newcomer's sister, member Dominick Amedeo's sister-in-law, Milton Solares' friend, members George Magaro, Al Hunger and Ron Heckman. Last, the granddaughter of member Joe Deddo.

Report of Officers: Paymaster Colyer James attended the NE Division Meeting.

Pennsylvania Department Convention will be held 22-26 June at Camp Hill, Pa. Commandant Ria Mattix encourages anyone who has interest to attend. Communicate with any Officer if you are interested.

Commandant Ria Mattix reports that before this meeting members of the Emmaus Physical Fitness Team were our guest for pizza. At that time, a check was presented to them to defray expenses for their trip to Nationals. Donations were also presented to them from the American Legion and The Emmaus Veterans Committee, Inc.

Standing Committees:

Website and Facebook-NO REPORT Marine of the Year-NO REPORT

Ball Committee: Paymaster Colyer James is requesting suggestions for favors for attendees. Bring ideas to our next meeting.

Unfinished Business: Gun raffle was discussed as a fundraiser. As in the past, this would be a three gun drawing. Tickets will be \$10 with a 500 ticket sale. Drawing will be held at the Detachment picnic. Motion was made to proceed and seconded.

For 12 Against 0 Abstentions 0

Detachment picnic, Emmaus Community Park, Saturday 6 August

Fundraising was discussed. Ideas included wreaths at Christmas for Veterans' graves. Marine Rose Campaigns at gun shows and the Macungie car show. If anyone has an idea, please sound off at next meeting.

Flag replacement at Calvary Cemetery (Memorial Day) will be held 15 May, 13:30 hours.

Memorial Day: Detachment will be participating in the parade and Memorial Triangle ceremony. Stay aware of announcements forthcoming.

Vet Fest at Steel Stacks: Detachment will maintain a table at the event. The date is 16 & 17 July. More information to follow.

Good of the League: Commandant Ria Mattix introduced Joe Miller and member Fred Babcock introduced Bob Mohr as guests and potential members.

DUES ARE DUE.....

Meeting was closed until 25 May 2022 at 19:30 hours

Respectfully Submitted Fred R. Babcock

Life Member