



SITREP

LEHIGH VALLEY DETACHMENT 296

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DETACHMENT MEETINGS:

Every 4th Wednesday @ 1930

*****Meetings will temporarily be held via the ZOOM APP until further notice*****

DID YOU KNOW...

DETACHMENT OFFICERS

- *Commandant*

Jason Smith

- *SR Vice Commandant*

Howard Schaeffer

- *JR Vice Commandant*

John Eyer

- *Judge Advocate*

William Stoudt

- *Adjutant/Paymaster*

Ron Heckman

- *Chaplain*

Joseph Malia

- *Sergeant at Arms*

Rondell Anderson

- *Web Sergeant*

David Guldin

On July 11, 1798, John Adams, second President of the United States, approved "An Act for Establishing and Organizing a Marine Corps". The following day, President Adams appointed William Ward Burrows the Major Commandant of the new Corps.

On July 26, 1947, the National Security Act of 1947 was enacted, reaffirming the status of the Marine Corps as a separate military service within the Department of the Navy. The act provided for Fleet Marine Forces and confirmed the Corps' mission of seizing and defending advanced bases, as well as land operations in support of naval campaigns.

While these two Acts initially established the Marine Corps as we know it, a separate and independent branch of our Armed Forces, it has been the blood, sweat and tears of each Marine that has served in our beloved Corps that has earned the distinction as America's finest and fiercest fighting force. From Tun Tavern to Belleau Wood, Iwo Jima and the Chosin Reservoir, to the jungles of Vietnam, Grenada and the deserts of Iraq and Afghanistan, Marines of all generations have proven the mettle and strength that runs through the veins of each and every warrior who has stepped on those yellow footprints and has earned the right to be called one of the "Few" and the "Proud". Marines know a brotherhood like no other, one that does not end when their time in service is over. It is not an Act of Congress or a Presidential Declaration that defines the Marine Corps as a military force in its own right, it is the undying devotion and spirit of every Marine past, present and future that has and continues to set the standard to which all others aspire to achieve. As we look to the future, there can be no doubt that the Marine Corps will continue to play a vital role in supporting and defending the freedoms for which those who have come before fought so hard to earn. To all Marines past, present and future-thank you for your service and Semper Fi!

THE MONTH IN REVIEW



~ WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY ~

Our thoughts and prayers are with Sr Vice Commandant Howard Schaeffer and family. Howard's mother, Patricia M. Schaeffer, passed away 27 July 2020.

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE!

Please contact Ron Heckman to pay your annual membership dues...

Ron Heckman 610-965-6935 (home)
610-737-2326 (cell)

SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

23 SEPTEMBER 2020

EMMAUS COMMUNITY PARK

1930 HOURS

****Those unable to attend-please be on the lookout for the ZOOM link, which will be sent via email prior to meeting date/time****

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/2020/08/21/julys-accident-that-killed-9-is-the-deadliest-aav-incident-in-marine-corps-history/>

If you would like to submit something to *The SitRep*, please contact me via email or text. I welcome any input you, as a Detachment, may have. My apologies in advance if I have omitted any matters of importance for this month's edition and ask that you let me know if I have done so.

Semper Fi Marines!

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MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Last month's meeting was held via ZOOM on 22 JULY 2020

MINUTES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

JULY 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Last month's meeting minutes were read. There was a motion to accept the minutes as read

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Application for New Membership:

-NONE

Correspondence:

-Vet Fest has been cancelled

-Detachment picnic will be held at Emmaus Community Park on 22 August 2020 at 1100 hrs

Family Members Sick or in Distress:

-Howard Schaeffer's mom has been put on hospice; she has been battling breast cancer

Report of Officers:

-A motion was made to hold another gun raffle

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Standing Committees:

Marine Corps Ball Committee:

-The Ball will be held Friday 13 November 2020. The ball is currently in the planning stages and the contract has already been signed. If members have any suggestions or requests for this year's ball, please contact one of the committee members-Jason Smith, Howard Schaeffer, or Ria Mattix. The ball will be advertised as the Lehigh Valley Marine Corps Ball hosted by Marine Corps League Detachment 296. This will hopefully attract more participants as we try to include other Detachments/Marine Veterans in the area who are not members of our Detachment

Marine of the Year Committee:

-Rondell has agreed to join the Marine of the Year Committee. This year's award will be presented at the Marine Corps Ball

Good of the League:

-If you need Detachment polo shirts or League covers, see Howard Schaeffer

-Detachment bi-laws have been adjusted to reflect the following: Paymaster and Adjutant are now appointed positions

-Next month's meeting will take place at the Detachment picnic

The meeting was closed until 22 AUGUST 2020