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LEHIGH VALLEY DETACHMENT 296

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2021 NATIONAL CONVENTION

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

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

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



National Chaplain and President of the Marine Corps League Foundation Howard Schaeffer and Detachment 296 Commandant Ria Mattix attended the Marine Corps League 2021 National Convention in Springfield, Illinois

*246th United States Marine
Corps Birthday Ball*



THE MARINES OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY MARINE
CORPS LEAGUE DETACHMENT 296 WOULD LIKE
TO FORMALLY INVITE YOU TO ATTEND "THE
LEHIGH VALLEY MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY
BALL", CELEBRATING THE 246TH BIRTHDAY OF
THE MARINE CORPS. THE BALL WILL BE ON
SATURDAY, THE 13TH OF NOVEMBER 2021

AT SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

AT THE BEST WESTERN LEHIGH VALLEY HOTEL
AND CONFERENCE CENTER, BETHLEHEM, PA.

RSVP BY 23 OCTOBER 2021

VIA EMAIL AT:

MCLDET296@GMAIL.COM

FOR INFORMATION: (484) 788 - 2980

COST PER TICKET IS \$100.00

ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST
COME FIRST SERVE BASIS

ATTIRE:

MCL - FORMAL DRESS

ACTIVE DUTY/QUALIFIED MARINE
CORPS VETERAN - DRESS BLUE 'A'

CIVILIAN MALE - SUIT AND TIE

CIVILIAN FEMALE - EVENING GOWN

***IF THE EVENT IS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID CONCERNS ALL TICKETS WILL BE FULLY REFUNDED

THE MONTH IN REVIEW

DETACHMENT 296 PICNIC



On 21 August, members and family of Detachment 296 gathered for the annual Detachment picnic at the pavilion at Emmaus Community Park

ATTENTION MARINES

UPCOMING EVENTS:

AUGUST 22: Detachment meeting – 1930 hrs @ Emmaus Fire Co No 2

AUGUST 26: MCL Rose Program – 1000 hrs @ Emmaus Farmer's Market, the Triangle in Emmaus

NOVEMBER 13: Lehigh Valley Detachment 296 Birthday Ball – 1800 hrs @ Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center, Bethlehem

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/2021/09/02/fired-marines-question-about-leader-accountability-should-not-be-dismissed/>

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!

Ria Mattix

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MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

CFC #2 Emmaus, PA 25 Aug 2021

Marine Corps League Det 296 Lehigh Valley

Minutes are as Follows:

Roll Call of Officers finds all Present except Jr. Vice Commandant - John Eyer: Excused and Judge Advocate - Cory Shellhamer: Excused

Application for New Members: None

Motion was requested to accept previous months minutes. Motion was made and seconded:

For: 16 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Correspondence: None

Report of the Paymaster:

Balance to date at time of meeting: \$5903.03. Balance in the CD: \$3372.99. Total balance: \$9281.02

Motion was requested to accept Paymaster's report. Motion was made and seconded:

For: 16 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Sick and In Distress:

Junior Past Commandant Smith reports cousin's son continues with his struggles with cancer. Please keep him and his family members in your thoughts

Report of Officers:

Commandant Mattix, with National Chaplain Schaeffer, attended the National Convention. Commandant Mattix reports all By-Law changes were approved. Secondly, the League is now represented by a new board of Officers, led by our new National Commandant Baker. Commandant Mattix did present check to the Marine Corps League Foundation

A discussion was held as to our Liability Insurance. It was discovered that we were also covered under the National League's coverage. The decision as to dropping our insurance was tabled pending further information

Brief reports on the picnic and the Color Guard activities were given, as well as EVCI recent activities

Web Sergeant Smith reports that the Website and Facebook sites are up to date. A new form of payment method for donations is under investigation, perhaps something other than PayPal

Committee Reports:

Ball Committee working and progressing

Marine of the Year working and progressing

Unfinished Business:

Wreaths Across America: donations received, more information will follow

New Business:

Rose Sale at the Emmaus Farmer's Market is in jeopardy because of their scheduling. This event was later confirmed as "cancelled"; John is working on another date. Since the meeting, 26 SEP has been reserved

The Renewal for Hank Brokate's Hometown Hero Banner was discussed. The renewal fee is \$75.00. Motion was made and seconded to renew:

For: 16 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

The Membership discussed a Gun Raffle as a fundraiser. The particulars are as follows: Number of tickets: 500. Cost per ticket: \$20.00 each. Sales to commence in October and run into December. Drawing will be held at our December business meeting. The prizes will be a shotgun, AR style rifle and a handgun (all tactical in nature) and will include a box of ammo. Sr Vice Commandant Stoudt will report on cost next meeting. Motion was made and seconded:

For: 16 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Good of the League:

Commandant Mattix requested that members go to MCL Library Portal and update their information. Please contact Commandant Mattix or Paymaster Colyer James for the password to access the main page to set up profile:

<https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/member-library/>

Meeting was closed until 22 September 2021 at 19:30 hours