



# SITREP

## LEHIGH VALLEY DETACHMENT 296

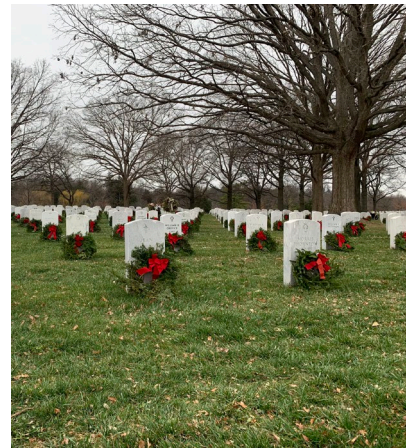
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**DETACHMENT MEETINGS:**  
Every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday @ 1930  
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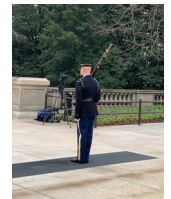
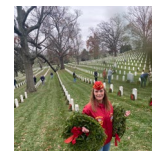
### DETACHMENT OFFICERS

- *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

## Wreaths Across America 2021



*Members of Lehigh Valley Detachment 296 participated in laying wreaths to honor Veteran graves in both local, and Arlington National Cemeteries. Laying wreaths on the graves of Veterans has become an annual tradition around the Nation. The picture above is one of the most recognizable and iconic symbols of the season. I was fortunate enough to accompany our National Chaplain, Howard Schaeffer to Arlington. It was an absolute honor and humbling experience.*



# THE MONTH IN REVIEW

## TOYS-FOR-TOTS



Members of the Detachment participated in the sorting and preparing of toys collected for the Marine Corps Reserve Toys-For-Tots program. Approximately 1,000 local families received toys. Pictured above is Lehigh Valley Detachment 296 Paymaster/Adjutant Colyer James

## UPCOMING EVENTS

-2022 Department Winter Meeting, 21-22 JAN 2022, Radisson Hotel Harrisburg, PA

-Detachment Leader's Course, 5 FEB 2022, Hqtrs, Bldg. Ft. Indiantown Gap, PA

-National Mid-Winter Conference, 24-26 FEB 2022, Sheraton Hotel Norfolk, VA

-Department Spring Meeting, 18-19 MAR 2022 Hqtrs, Bldg. Ft. Indiantown Gap, PA

-Northeast Division Conference, 1-2 APR, Plainsboro, NJ

-2022 Department Convention, 22-26 JUN 2022 Radisson Hotel Harrisburg, PA

See Commandant Mattix for specifics and further information on these events

## OFFICER INSTALLATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE DURING JANUARY'S MEETING

### 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/2022/01/07/marine-amphibious-combat-vehicles-to-return-to-waterborne-operations/>

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

Marine Corps League, Lehigh Valley Detachment 296

CFC #2 Emmaus, PA

15 DEC 2021

Minutes are as Follow:

Roll Call of Officers finds all present except: Junior Past Commandant/Web Sergeant/Facebook Admin, Jason Smith, and Chaplain Joe Malia. Both Parties Status: Excused

Commandant Mattix introduced Michael Waluk, Northeast Division Vice Commandant

Application for Membership:

Joe Dunton was recommended for Associate Membership by Fred Babcock. Discussion was held and motion was made and seconded

For: 17 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

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

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Report of the Paymaster:

Paymaster/Adjutant Colyer James reports balance at meeting time is \$5452.43. Full report is available for viewing at the Officers' Table. Motion to approve was made and seconded

For: 15 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Sick and In Distress:

Rich Podguski thanked members for their prayers and reported his Father-In-Law passed away. Please offer your condolences

Report of Officers:

Commandant Mattix advised membership of a donation of "lapghans", knitted by a women's group, through Paul Fiske. Commandant Mattix will deliver to Mosser Nursing Home for residents for Christmas

Standing Committees:

-SitRep emailed to membership

-Website and Facebook up to date through November. Ball pictures and any other items will follow

-Marine of the Year: nothing to report

-Ball Committee: contract pending

Unfinished Business:

Election of Officers for 2022: All Officers for 2021 were re-nominated, accepted and no other nominations were made. Motion was made and seconded to affirm by voice vote. One vote was held for all officers. Officers for 2021 will remain for 2022 Installation of Officers will be during January's Meeting

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Wreaths Across America: Detachment members will be serving in different venues locally. Commandant Mattix and National Chaplain/Detachment member Howard Schaeffer will be going to Arlington. Jr Vice Commandant, John Eyer, reports some progress for placing wreaths next year at St. Ann's in Emmaus. Also, there will be wreaths will be placed at Hank Brokate's, Ron Heckman's father, and another's grave before Christmas

Toys for Tots: Paymaster/Adjutant Colyer James has been spearheading this effort for this year. Approximately 1,000 families will be receiving toys. Several members will assist in toy distribution

Ribbon Committee:

If anyone served as an Elected Officer, or held an appointed position, please let Jr Vice Commandant, John Eyer, know

Good of League:

Northeast Division Vice Commandant Mike Waluk described the benefits of Leadership School. A session will be held at Fort Indiantown Gap on 5 FEB 2022. See Commandant Mattix or Paymaster/Adjutant Colyer James for information

Meeting was closed at 2020 hours until 1930 on 26 JAN 2022

Respectfully submitted

Fred R. Babcock

Life Member