



SITREP

LEHIGH VALLEY DETACHMENT 296

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DETACHMENT MEETINGS:
Every 4th Wednesday @ 1930
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1017 Pennsylvania Ave
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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*
Milton Solares



2020

This year marked the beginning of a new decade. It's hard to believe that we are already entering the second decade of this century. It's also hard to believe that I have had the honor of being your SitRep editor for a little over a year and a half now, and that I have been a member of Detachment 296 for only two and a half years. In that short time, I have had the pleasure of getting to know and befriend many fine Marines. It is challenging for me to explain to those outside of our Corps the bond and affection that Marines instinctually have for one another, as they generally cannot identify. We truly are a unique breed of individuals; bound together in one brotherhood despite the many differences in age, color, race, and religion. This bond transcends time and is as strong today, in 2020, as it was for our Continental brothers in 1775. Our commitment to Marine Corps values and traditions, defending our Nation and supporting her veterans, and to one another is as strong as ever. I look forward to many more decades serving alongside my fellow Marines of Detachment 296. Happy 2020 Marines!

Semper Fi,

Ria

THE MONTH IN REVIEW

NEW MEMBERSHIP

Allan Hunger was presented for new membership. Allan is a Vietnam Veteran.

Welcome aboard Marine!



The link below was provided to Detachment 296 Chaplain Joseph Malia by Roz Schroeder. Roz is a member of the Marine Corps League Bethlehem Detachment.

Each year members of the Bethlehem and Lehigh Valley Detachments, along with various other local veterans gather to celebrate the birthday of our beloved Corps at the Marine Corps Memorial in Cedar Beach Park. The ceremony is followed by a cake cutting ceremony. This year, the ceremony was held at the Knights of Columbus in Allentown.

Thank you to Bethlehem Detachment's member Doug Graves for the article and pictures.

<http://bethlehem.thelehighvalleypress.com/2019/12/04/local-marines-wish-each-other-corps-happy-birthday>

Marines from Marine Corps League Lehigh Valley Detachment 296 joined with Marines from the Bethlehem Detachment and other volunteers to distribute toys for a Happier Christmas to close to 1000 families with distribution coordinated by the Salvation Army and dispensed from the Salvation Army Building at 144 North 8th Street in Allentown.

Members of our Detachment were: Milton Solares and his wife Luz, Bob Hoffman, Bill Remo, Colyer James and Joe Malia.

With a number of volunteers now working at least their second year, the task was easier through experience.

Thanks to all who were able to help. Well done!

Submitted: Chaplain Joseph Malia

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/2020/01/24/first-marine-corps-f-35c-hits-the-fleet-in-california/?utm_source=clavis

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

Last month's meeting was held on Wednesday, 18 DEC 2019

Minutes are as follows:

Previous meeting minutes were read. A motion was made to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Applications for New Membership:

-Allan Hunger was presented for membership. Allan is a Vietnam Veteran

For: 12

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Correspondence:

-Toys for Tots distribution will be on Dec 19 and 20 2019 at the Salvation Army on 6th Street. Time 0900. Please come early as parking is difficult

Report of the Paymaster:

-Checking beginning balance: \$19,221.28. Deposits: \$211.00 (\$125 dues, \$86 Marine Corps Ball glasses).
Outgoing: \$699.67 (National/State dues), \$538.67 (Ball decorations/supplies). Ending balance: \$18,732.61

-CD: \$3,377.33

-Total: \$22,109.94

-A motion was made to accept the report

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Report of Members Sick or in Distress:

-NONE

Report of Officers:

-NONE

Committees:

PR

-Website will be taken over by Dave Gulden and has been brought up to date with the Kospia Farms event and the Marine Corps Ball.

-Ball Committee-Jason has uploaded all pictures from the Ball. If you would like a Detachment photo, you can get one from Jason. Otherwise, please order all personal photos from the photographer's website as she did not charge for her time spent. Glasses for the Ball were purchased at 40% off for \$7.00/piece.

-Cost breakdown out:

DJ \$400.00

Cake \$100.00

POW/Marine Corps Tables \$438.67

Digital pictures \$150.09

Glasses \$869.20

Ballroom/food \$4,250.73

Meals for Guest of Honor and Color Guard \$720.00

Total \$6,928.69

-Cost breakdown in:

Tickets \$450.00 cash, \$2,372.34 PayPal, \$360.00 check-Total \$3,182.34

Total cost to Detachment \$3,746.35

-The SitRep will be released again starting this month after a four-month hiatus

-Detachment picnic will be held August 22 at Emmaus Community Park

-Marine of the Year Committee will meet at a later date

Unfinished Business:

-Officer Nominations:

Commandant-Jason Smith

SR Vice Commandant-Howard Schaeffer

JR Vice Commandant-John Eyer

Judge Advocate-Bill Stoudt

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Unfinished Business continued:

-We have finally received our rifles. Bill Stoudt has taken custody of them and will clean/refurbish as needed. A safe will be purchased. New slings will also be purchased

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

New Business:

-We will be holding a game night for February's meeting which will be open to all Veterans. Please bring guests

For:13

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Good of the League:

-A comment was passed acknowledging the positive impact the Detachment has on both the CWV and the EVC, and how thankful they are that the Detachment has assumed responsibility for the Catholic cemetery flag upkeep

Announcements:

-NONE

The meeting was closed until 1930 hours on Wednesday, 22 JAN 2020