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LEHIGH VALLEY DETACHMENT 296

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MEET YOUR NEW PAYMASTER/ADJUTANT



COLYER JAMES

Tour of Duty: December 10, 1971 - December 31, 1991

Mos: 3043/8511

I was born and raised in Buffalo, New York. I attended Cardinal Dougherty High School. After graduating I entered the Marine Corps.

So, the journey began, and I will say for the most part it was a good journey. During the journey I spent time on a few bases but most of my career was on Independent Duty.

At Camp Elmore in Norfolk VA there was an older Marine in the club who knew a lot about me. We talked for a while, and I can remember him telling me to accept orders because it will lead to better things. Then he left the club and I never saw him again.

A month later I was promoted and transferred to Albany GA. After about 6 months in I was transferred to PISC and was there for 3 years.

From there I went back overseas for a year and when I returned, I was assigned to Independent Duty in New Jersey. This is where I was introduced to multi-tasking.

It was a hard adjustment but after I settled in it was great.

New Jersey was good but the journey continued, and I got transferred to Quantico.

From Quantico I transferred back overseas for a year. Coming back to the states I was assigned to 1st Marine Corps District Headquarters.

From there I was transferred to Camp Lejeune and assigned to 2 FSSG. Once again, I received orders to MCAS Iwakuni.

From MCAS Iwakuni I was transferred to RS Buffalo NY. This is where my Marine Corps career ended. I look at this as a circle: Enlisted in Buffalo, NY and retired in Buffalo, NY.

After I retired, I worked for HSBC Bank for 8 years. From there I moved to New Jersey and worked for Franklin Township Board of Education, Somerset County NJ for 14 years.

I am now retired and a proud member of the Lehigh Valley Marine Corps League Detachment 296.....Semper Fi

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

THE MONTH IN REVIEW

CONGRATULATIONS



Past Junior Commandant and Web Sergeant Jason Smith was awarded 2nd place at the Department of Pennsylvania Convention for the Detachment website. Commandant Ria Mattix presented the award at the Detachment meeting on 28 July 2021

WELCOME TO THE LEAGUE

Jim Valle became the newest member of the League at this month's meeting



IN RECOGNITION

Bethlehem Detachment Commandant Doug Graves presented Lehigh Valley Detachment 296 Chaplain Joseph Malia with a Certificate for helping perform the Funeral Ritual for one of their Marines



WELCOME ABOARD MARINE



On 28 July, members of Detachment 296 welcomed David Gregoire to the ranks. David transferred into the Detachment after moving to the area. Welcome aboard Dave!

UPCOMING AUGUST EVENTS

21 AUGUST - DETACHMENT PICNIC @ EMMAUS COMMUNITY PARK, 1200 hrs

29 AUGUST - ROSES @ EMMAUS FARMER'S MARKET, TIME TBA

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/2021/07/29/families-of-service-members-killed-in-2020-marine-corps-aav-accident-sue-manufacturer/>

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. 28 July 2021

Marine Corps League Det 296

Minutes are as Follows:

Roll Call of Officers finds all Present

Application for Membership: None

Transfer of Member David Gregoire is complete, David is now welcomed as a member

Transfer of Office of Paymaster from Acting Paymaster Eyer to new Paymaster Colyer James was completed by Oath of Office

Motion was requested for approval of previous month's meeting minutes. Motion was made and seconded. For 20
Against 0 Abstentions 0

Correspondence:

Discussion was held regarding correspondence received from Wreaths Across America. Donations were discussed at which time an anonymous donation was made by a member, in honor of his Father, for 100 Wreaths in the Name of our Detachment. The Detachment's participation will be discussed at a later time. Date for this year's event is 18 December

SEMPER Fi Fest notification received. Date: 14 August Location: Schnecksville Fire Company Time: 1230-1830
Cost: \$25.00 per person-includes food and beverage

Report of the Paymaster:

Balance: General Account-\$7170.22, CD-\$3377.06. Motion to accept was made and seconded. For 21 Against 0
Abstentions 0

Sick or in Distress:

Jason Smith reports Hunter is again recovering after a scare. His father is improving but still with issues. Randy Schueck's wife faced complications with a colonoscopy. Please keep these parties in your prayers

Report of Officers:

Members of our Detachment participated in a Color Guard on the Fourth of July

Standing Committees:

Website and Facebook page are up to date per Junior Past Commandant and Web Sergeant Jason Smith

Ball Committee: corporate sponsors have been approached. Flyers are available for the event. Judge Advocate Cory Shellhamer and National Chaplain Howard Schaeffer are proceeding with various duties

Award Committee: Nothing to Report

Marine of the Year: Two Detachment members have been nominated, Sr Vice Commandant Bill Stoudt and Life Member Fred Babcock

Commandant Ria Mattix and National Chaplain Howard Schaeffer will be attending the National Convention. Our Commandant's departure date is 11 August. Advise if you have needs from Ship's Store. Membership requested that Commandant Mattix represent them on proposed By-Law revisions

Special Committees: Nothing

New Business:

National Chaplain and Detachment member Howard Schaeffer advises that the Marine Corps League Foundation is in dire need of funds. After discussion a motion was made and seconded to donate \$500.00. For 20 Against 0 Abstentions 1

Guest at tonight's meeting introduced by member Richard Podguski, Marine Moszcienski, representing Military Order of Devil Dogs. Invitation to Growl at Mt Penn. Date and time TBA

Bethlehem Detachment Commandant Doug Graves is in attendance. Special award presented to Chaplain Joe Malia for standing in as Chaplain for one of their member's Honors. Also, a Certificate for member Bill Remo for his participation in Toys for Tots

Commandant Ria Mattix awarded Web Sergeant Jason Smith 2nd place award for our Detachment Website on behalf of the Department of Pennsylvania

Jim Valle was proposed for membership. After it was determined all was in order, a motion was made and seconded. For 20 Against 0 Abstentions 0

Good of the League:

Marine Rose Drive will be held at The Emmaus Farmer's Market on 29 August

Color Guard at Iron Pigs Stadium will be 21 August

Detachment picnic will be held 21 August. Respond to Commandant Mattix your intention to attend and count. Invitation to members of EVCI and their families will be extended. Commandant Mattix will correspond with them

Detachment polos: see Howard Schaeffer

Meeting was closed until 25 August at 1930 hours