



SITREP

LEHIGH VALLEY DETACHMENT 296

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



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

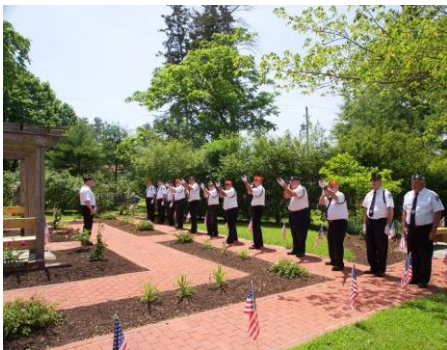
*HAPPY INDEPENDENCE
DAY 2019*



THE MONTH IN REVIEW



MEMORIAL DAY 2019





MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL, BSA

KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY

On 18 May, members of Detachment 296 attended the Minsi Trails Council Jambo event where they provided guidance to the scouts on their flag folding techniques and etiquette. It was impressive to see that the boys required very little help as their skills were already right on point!



The gun raffle was a big success! Thanks to all who participated!



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/2019/06/28/will-marine-raiders-leave-california-to-consolidate-on-the-east-coast/>

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, 22 MAY 2019

Minutes are as follows:

A motion was made to forgo the reading of last month's minutes.

In favor: 17

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Correspondence:

Judge Advocate Bill Stoudt had contacted Senator Pat Toomey's office to inquire about the status of the Detachment rifles. He is awaiting an answer.

Report of the Paymaster:

Money Market: \$3,376.94

Checking: \$5,272.18

Total: \$8,649.12

A motion was made to accept the report. The motion was seconded.

In Favor: 17

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Report of Members/Family Members Sick/In Distress:

Anna's son's wife has suffered a massive heart attack. Doctors are trying to determine the cause.

Report of Officers:

The Boy Scout Jambo Event was a big success. Detachment members were on hand to observe the scouts' flag folding and etiquette techniques (all of which were impressive).

Detachment members received \$600.00 in donations for roses at the Emmaus Farmer's Market. There will be another opportunity on June 2, 2019 from 1000-1400. Please note, due to the by-laws, we cannot break the stand down early.

Standing Committees:

PR:

The Detachment Website and Facebook page are up to date. 130 raffle tickets were sold through the Facebook page.

If you have any pictures of your time in service, please submit them for inclusion in the SitRep.

The Marine Corps Ball Committee will be meeting to discuss venues for the Birthday Ball.

WAEB conducted an interview covering Heartland Hospice and the Marine Corps League. Mention was made in honor of Detachment member Hank Brokate. Heartland Hospice is holding a sock drive until mid-June. They are also looking for Vet-to-Vet volunteers. Please contact Chaplain Malia if you are interested.

Anything media/audio related can be found on the Website for a period of about a month. Historical files are kept for approximately a 5-year period.

After the meeting, for anyone interested in participating, a prayer will be held for Veterans, Troops and Law Enforcement personnel.

Unfinished Business:

2019 Detachment 296 Marine of the Year was awarded to Chaplain Joseph Malia. Chaplain Malia was presented with his award. He has served as Chaplain for the past 3 years and has served in just about every other position in the Detachment.

The gun raffle was a tremendous success. Proceeds were 4,905.00. 520.00 received via the VENMO account, 130.00 via PayPal. Cost for 3 firearms was 1,760.00. Tickets were drawn: all 3 winners were tickets sold by Detachment member Shane Patton. Thank you to Donna of Emaus Fire Co 2 for selling \$200.00 in tickets.

Carwash will be held on July 20, 2019. Volunteers are needed.

July 6, 2019 (tentatively) we will be taking donations for roses at Breinigsville fireworks. Volunteers are needed.

PLEASE DO NOT VOTE "YES" FOR AN EVENT IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND. THIS COMMITS THE DETACHMENT WITHOUT ENSURING THERE WILL BE ENOUGH MEMBERS TO RUN THE EVENT. IF YOU CAN NOT BE THERE, PLEASE STATE SO UPON VOTING SO COMMANDANT SMITH CAN DECLINE THE REQUEST WHEN ASKED.

New Business:

Attempts will be made to secure a caterer for the Detachment picnic on August 17, 2019.

Good of the League:

The new banner will be picked up.

There will be a free dental clinic available to veterans held on June 8, 2019 at Aspen Dental on Airport Road.

Coyler James has taken a position with Marine for Life. If you know of any Marines, please pass their contact information to him.

Announcements: NONE

The meeting was declared officially closed until 26 JUNE 2019.