



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

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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*
John Eyer (acting)
- *Chaplain*
Joseph Malia
- *Sergeant at Arms*
Rondell Anderson
- *Web Sergeant*
Jason Smith



DID YOU KNOW...

July 3, 1776: the day before the Continental Congress adopted the final draft of the Declaration of Independence, John Adams wrote that festivities should include:

"Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forever more."

July 4, 1826: Both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, signers of the Declaration of Independence who each later became President, died on the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration

July 4, 1831: James Monroe is the third president to die on July 4th

July 4, 1884: The Statue of Liberty was formally presented to the United States by the people of France

THE MONTH IN REVIEW

June proved to be a busy month for Detachment 296. We kicked the month off with the Northeast Division Conference the weekend of June 5th. Detachment Commandant Ria Mattix, accompanied by Sr Vice Commandant Bill Stoudt, Judge Advocate Cory Shellhamer, and Detachment member Milton Solares attended Saturday's meeting. Saturday evening, they were joined by Tiffani Berger for the banquet



On June 19th, Commandant Mattix, Sr Vice Commandant Bill Stoudt, Jr Vice Commandant and acting Paymaster/Adjutant John Eyer, and MARINE 4 LIFE liaison Colyer James attended the Department of Pennsylvania Convention. The Detachment won several awards at this year's Convention including Certificates of Participation for the Newsletter and Facebook Page, 3rd place award for participation in the Toys 4 Tots program, and 2nd place award for the Detachment website. Certificates and plaques were presented to Chaplain Joe Malia and MARINE 4 LIFE liaison Colyer James for their participation in Toys 4 Tots, and to Webmaster Past Detachment Commandant Jason Smith at the monthly meeting



The month wrapped up with Good Citizenship Awards being presented to 13 Emmaus Eagle Scouts at their Court of Honor. In addition, each Eagle Scout received an American Flag, Detachment Medal, and Detachment Coin. The Scouts dedicate numerous hours in addition to their time spent coming up the ranks as Boy Scouts to attain the rank of Eagle. It was both an honor and a privilege to be able to be a part of the ceremony



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/2021/05/28/marine-corps-continues-to-get-smaller-under-latest-budget-proposal/>

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!

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MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

CFC #2 Emmaus, Pa. 23 JUNE 2021

Marine Corps League Det. 296

Minutes are as follow:

Roll Call of Officers finds all present, with John Eyer acting as temporary Adjutant/Paymaster. Guest at meeting is Vice Commandant Mike Waluk, NE Division, as introduced by Commandant Mattix

Application for Membership:

One Guest observing at this time

One transfer from Schuylkill/Carbon Detachment, Dave Gregorio, who voice vote affirmed his approval for membership
- For 13, Against 0, Abstentions 0

Motion was requested to accept minutes from previous month's minutes. Motion was made and seconded - For 14, Against 0, Abstentions 0

Correspondence: NONE

Report of Paymaster: Previous Paymaster Newcomer experienced a problem with his accounts with the possibility of a trail to our Detachment account. To not jeopardize our account (it appears there has been no problem), all accounts have been segregated and Jr. Vice Commandant, Eyer accepts the position of Paymaster at this time. Balance at Meeting time \$7588.66 not including CD. Motion was made and seconded to accept - For 14, Against 0, Abstentions 0

Family Members Sick & In Distress: Past Commandant Smith reports baby Hunter has had Brain Surgery and his (Jason's) father is experiencing complications. Please keep his family in your prayers

Report of Officers:

Commandant Mattix and officers and members attended the NE Division Conference. It proved informative and enjoyable, and information learned will be to our benefit

Members of our Detachment with Northampton Detachment attended a Funeral Service

Detachment Members attended an Eagle Court of Honor for 13 Boy Scouts. A gift card was procured and presented to Howard Schaeffer' secretary, Nicki, for her calligraphy on certificates

Commandant Mattix and officers and members attended the Department Convention. It was again informative and enjoyable. Commandant Mattix has been appointed Aide-de-Camp for District 3, by Sr Vice "Doc" Hockenbury. Commandant Mattix assured Members her allegiance is with our Detachment

Standing Committees:

Web site is up to date. John Eyer to check with EVCI link. Facebook and SitRep are up to date. Roster is a work in progress

Ball Committee is progressing with a date of 13 November

Awards Committee: no report

Marine of the Year: no report

Unfinished Business:

Commandant Mattix has made contact with GYSGT Eisenhower of the Reserve Unit. Objective: develop a working relationship to provide mutual support between the Unit and Detachment

New Business:

Detachment Members will provide Color Guard for a Baptist Church for the 4th of July

National Convention and issues to be addressed during our next meeting. Detachment will be contributing a 1/4-page ad to the program

Good of the League:

Colyer James addressed some welfare and fundraising ideas he is investigating

Picnic coming up, 21 August

Chaplain Malia has MCL jackets available and can also order

Department awarded our Detachment awards for the following:

Facebook page, SitRep, Website (2nd Place), Toys for Tots (3rd Place)

Special Certificates were presented by Commandant Mattix on behalf of India Battery, Allentown to Colyer James and Joe Malia for their participation in the 2020 Toys for Tots Campaign. Daniel (India Battery) thanks Detachment for their support during Toys for Tots

Commandant Mattix thanked Detachment members for their contribution for these and other commitments

Meeting was adjourned until 28 JULY 2021

Respectfully Submitted

Fred R. Babcock

Life Member