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LEHIGH VALLEY DETACHMENT 296

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MEET YOUR NEW JUDGE ADVOCATE:

CORY SHELLHAMER



About me: My name is Cory Shellhamer. I am 32 years old and a single father of a wonderful 6-year-old "little dude". I work full time in IT for St Luke's University Health Network. I am very passionate about the Marine Corps League and devote as much time of my busy

schedule as time/other duties allow. I am very happy to have been elected and to serve at the Judge Advocate for Marine Corps League Detachment 296 - Lehigh Valley.

USMC career: I joined the Marines when I was 18 - fun fact I turned 19 in Bootcamp and told NO ONE! - as I was struggling to discover what I wanted to do with my failing attempt at college. I left class early one day and drove from Lehigh Carbon Community College to the recruiters' office and left for bootcamp 3 to 4 months later. I was joined to the 2D Combat Engineer Battalion out of Camp Lejeune, NC as a Motor-T operator. With that unit I went on a few deployments. My first deployment was a MEU (lucky me right!?) in 2009 attached to 3rd Battalion 2nd Regiment. I then was shipped to Haiti in 2010 as part of the international Earthquake relief mission attached to the same unit. Then in late 2010 I attended the Motor Vehicle Recovery Course in Ft. Leonard Wood Missouri. Shortly after I deployed to Afghanistan in March of 2011 and returned to the states in October. I then separated from the Marines after attaining the highest rank of Corporal of Marines in January 2012 after 4 wonderful years in our beloved Marine Corps.

What I love about the MCL: The biggest thing that drew me into the Marine Corps League was the camaraderie that we all miss from being around Marines. Camaraderie that we all know we cannot get anywhere else. It is a special sort of feeling to be able to joke with someone who is 2 or 3 times your age and still laugh/understand the jokes and make the same jokes we made back like we were on Active-Duty. I will give the League and detachment as much time as possible to fulfill my duties and then some if possible!

I very much look forward to serving as the Judge Advocate of Lehigh Valley Detachment 296 and spending as much time as possible with my extended family!

Semper Fi - Cory Shellhamer

DETACHMENT MEETINGS:

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

DETACHMENT OFFICERS

• *Commandant*

Ria Mattix

• *SR Vice Commandant*

Bill Stoudt

• *JR Vice Commandant*

John Eyer

• *Judge Advocate*

Cory Shellhamer

• *Adjutant/Paymaster*

Ron Heckman

• *Chaplain*

Joseph Malia

• *Sergeant at Arms*

Rondell Anderson

• *Web Sergeant*

David Guldin

THE MONTH IN REVIEW

OFFICER INSTALLATION

Officer Installation was held on 27 January. Congratulations to the 2021 Detachment 296 Officers!



Pictured left to right:

Installing Officer - Leanna L. Dietrich
Past Chief Devil Dog

Commandant – Ria Mattix

Sergeant at Arms -Rondell Anderson

Sr Vice Commandant – Bill Stoudt

Adjutant/Paymaster – Ron Heckman

Jr Vice Commandant – John Eyer

Judge Advocate – Cory Shellhamer

Chaplain – Joseph Malia

Past Commandant – Jason Smith



CONGRATULATIONS to the newest Detachment 296 member Gerard “Jerry” Tiede. Jerry is a Vietnam Veteran and served as an F-4 Phantom Aviation Ordnance Systems Technician. Welcome aboard Marine and Semper Fi

SCUTTLEBUTT FROM THE FLEET

Follow the link below to find out what is happening now in the FMF:

<https://www.armytimes.com/news/your-military/2021/01/29/a-new-sniper-rifle-for-the-army-marines-and-socom/>

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. 27 Jan. 2021

Marine Corps League Det. 296

Minutes are as Follows:

Roll Call of Officers, finds all PRESENT

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept was made. Motion was Seconded.

For: 15 Against 0 Abstentions 0

Correspondence: None

Report of the Paymaster:

Beginning Balance Checking \$14,908.72. Two deposits were made totaling \$100.00.

Two checks written for Dues for 92.00, leaving a Present Balance of \$14,916.72.

CD balance \$3377.79. Leaving an Ending Balance of \$18,294.51

Motion to accept was made. Motion was Seconded.

For: 15 Against 0. Abstention 0

Report of Family Members or Members Sick or in Distress:

Commandant Smith request his Mother-In-Law, Child of his close Cousin, Father, Uncle, and close Friend of his Wife, be kept in our prayers as all are facing medical issues.

Report of Officers: Nothing to Report

Standing Committees:

Ball Committee:

Ball was considered a success and aspects of it were improved by way of learning process. Photographer will return portion of the fee due to quality of pictures and portraits.

PR Committee:

The Website, FB page and Newsletter are up to date

Marine of the Year Committee: None

Jackets are being worked on and should be ready by next meeting.

Installation of New Officers: Installation Performed and New Officers Posted

Commandant: Ria Mattix

Sr. Vice Commandant: Bill Stoudt

Jr. Vice Commandant: John Eyer

Judge Advocate: Cory Shellhamer

Chaplain: Joseph Malia

Sergeant at Arms: Rondell Anderson

Adjutant/Paymaster: Ron Heckman

Guest on Board to Preside in Installation

Leanna L. Dietrich Past Chief Devil Dog, Past Department Commandant

Rick Welker Asst. District Vice Commandant

Robert Hockenbury District Vice Commandant

Howard Schaeffer National Chaplain

Commandant Mattix Addressed for Membership; Gerard Tiede

New Member Candidate was introduced and voted on and accepted.

For 15 Against 0 Abstention 0

New Business:

Outgoing Commandant Smith offered his Farewell and Thanks for his 7-year tenure.

Commandant Mattix offered thanks to Outgoing officers and to those presiding in

tonight's Installation.

Good of the League: None

Announcements: None

Meeting was closed until 24 February 2021

Respectfully Submitted

Fred R. Babcock, Life Member