



SITREP

LEHIGH VALLEY DETACHMENT 296

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

ADAM POLSTER

HOMETOWN HERO

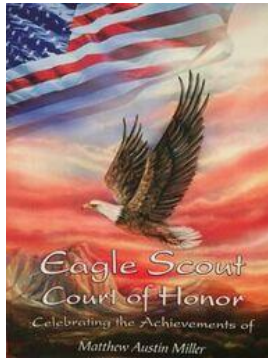
On March 8th Detachment 296's very own Adam Polster was recognized as Hometown Hero at the Lehigh Valley Phantoms hockey game. Adam enlisted in the Marine Corps in 2009. He served multiple tours during Operation Enduring Freedom taking part in over 60 combat patrols, and earning two Purple Hearts. Adam continues to serve his community as a local Police Officer. He is one of 38 heros out of 1530 applicants chosen to be recognized this season. *CONGRATULATIONS ADAM* and *SEMPER FIDELIS!*

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



THE MONTH IN REVIEW



On Saturday, March 9, several of our detachment members attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony for a young man, named Matthew Miller. During the event we presented Matthew with a citation, a medal, an American flag, and a detachment challenge coin. Going to these events is always a fun time. We get the honor of recognizing these young men for their efforts and get to thank them, and their parents, for their commitment to improving the local community. Each of these ceremonies follow basic guidelines, but each have a personal touch to them. During this particular event, we heard many stories about Matthew's time as a Scout. The thing that I found great was that during Matthew's Eagle Scout Project the young man believes he has found his calling in life. His Project involved testing the water in a local pond to help determine its effects on the local wildlife. Through his hard work on the project Matthew was able to make presentations to many local government and park officials. Also due to his hard work Matthew was offered a summer internship to help him reach his future career goals. Submitted: Commandant Smith



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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/2019/03/22/recruits-with-first-partially-gender-integrated-marine-boot-camp-company-earn-the-title-marine/>

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, 27 FEB 2019

Minutes are as follows:

A motion was made to accept the previous minutes as written. The motion was seconded.

For: 26

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Correspondence

A letter came from the department: The Spring Department meeting will be held the 15th and 16th of March. Anyone who wants to attend can do so and submit a report.

Delegates for the department convention will be officers.

National NE division conference will be held in Binghamton, NY on April 5 and 6 if anyone is interested in attending. Please reach out to Commandant Smith and he can register you.

The national convention is August 4-9. Sr. Vice Commandant Schaeffer will be one of the delegates.

A motion was made to have a half page ad (\$90). The motion was seconded.

For: 26

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

A letter was received from Lenny Maguire from the Emmaus HS fitness team. They took second place finishes in the national championship meet (2018) as well as in the male and female divisions, and also boasted the number one national male athlete. This year is the 43rd year the club will compete at the national level. The national competition will be held in May in Fort Indiantown Gap.

Report of the Paymaster:

Money Market: \$3,376.61

Checking: \$7,768.96

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

For:

26

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Report of any Member/Family Member Sick/In Distress:

Rich Podquski's aunt passed away and his father in law was diagnosed with cancer.

One of Efrain's friends from work found out his daughter passed away

John Eyer's great granddaughter was just diagnosed with leukemia. She is only 10.

Report of Officers:

The Eagle Scout event for Matthew Miller took place last month. The detachment was also asked to appear at another Eagle Scout event on March 9 (Assumption BVM Church in Bethlehem) at 1 PM; the detachment was referred to appear at these events by other scouts.

Registration for the mid-winter conference has already gone out.

Standing Committees:

PR:

The online roster has been updated. Pictures are needed for Michael Arias, Rondell Anderson, and Ian Dodson.

The 2018 year in photos page was added to the website as well. If there are any photos you would like to see on the website, please reach out to Commandant Smith.

The new officers have been updated to the officers' page. Pages have also been added for the Eagle Scout award as well as the installation of officers.

Marine of the Year: Nominees will be announced next month.

Picnic: Picnic will be on August 17th. The same caterer will be used.

Unfinished Business:

There are 500 tickets (\$10/ticket) available for the gun raffle. The first prize drawing is for the 1911, 2nd ticket for the Mossberg semi-auto shotgun, 3rd ticket for an AR-15. The prizes will be selected during our May Detachment Meeting.

New welcome aboard pamphlets have been made with the new officers. They will be made available to new members as well as available to the public at any event we may have a table.

Due to no response and postponements, there will be no blood drive.

Since Walmart and Target haven't panned out, the Emmaus Farmer's market is an option to sell roses. A motion was made to set up a table there on 5/19. The motion was seconded.

For: 26

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

6 people will also be needed to sell roses for the Upper Macungie fireworks event in July.

On March 29th, Mission BBQ will serve a free sandwich to Vietnam veterans.

If you haven't paid your dues, talk to Terry. Postcards have already been sent out. If there are issues with paying your dues, talk to Jason privately.

The meeting was declared closed until March 27, 2019.