



SITREP

LEHIGH VALLEY DETACHMENT 296

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This month's edition of the SITREP is dedicated to our "Devil Docs", those rare individuals who are willing to put their lives on the line to come to the aid of wounded Marines and Sailors. Semper Fidelis

-Submitted for inclusion by Fred Babcock, Life Member

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

Corpsman Poem

"I'm the one called "Devil Doc"

I shall not walk in your footsteps,
but I will walk by your side.
I shall not walk in your image,
I've earned my own title of pride.

We've answered the call together,
on sea and foreign land.
When the cry for help was given,
I've been there right at hand.

Whether I am on the ocean
or in the jungle wearing greens,
Giving aid to my fellow man,
be it Sailors or Marines.

So the next time you see a corpsman
and you think of calling him "squid,"
think of the job he's doing
as those before him did.

And if you ever have to go out there
and your life is on the block,
Look at the one right next to you
I'm the one called "Devil Doc."

Harry D. Penny, Jr. HMC
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THE MONTH IN REVIEW

EMMAUS HIGH SCHOOL

FITNESS TEAM



Robert W Longenberger passed away on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at the age of 96. Bob was a veteran of both WWII and the Korean War. The Detachment sends our deepest sympathies to the Longenberger family. Fair Winds and Following Seas Marine

Emmaus High School Fitness Team Coach Lenni Maguire joined the Detachment for the first portion of our meeting where Commandant Mattix was able to present her with a check for \$500.00. The team had a highly successful season after having to deal with the many restrictions and obstacles COVID imposed over the last two years. This year, the team will travel to Nationals for the first time since COVID began. The Detachment voted to donate an additional \$500.00 to help support the team in making the trip a reality. As a sign of support, the Detachment invited the team to join them for pizza on the night of the meeting next month before the start of official business, giving members of both the team and the Detachment an opportunity to mingle.

To learn more about the Marine Corps Youth Physical Fitness Program, follow the link below:

<https://www.marines.mil/Portals/1/Publications/MCO%206100.11.pdf>

SCUTTLEBUTT FROM THE FLEET

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

<https://www.marinecorpstimes.com/naval/2022/04/05/some-lawmakers-back-marines-in-disagreement-over-navy-amphib-force/>

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 March 2022

Marine Corps League LV Detachment 296

Minutes are as follows:

Roll Call of Officers finds all Present

Commandant Mattix Dedicated this meeting in memory of the passing of Detachment Members Charlie Helfrich, Robert Hoffman, and Bob Longenberger. Secondly, in Remembrance of the 4 Marines lost in Norway in the Osprey failure.

A donation check was presented to Coach Lenni Maguire of the Emmaus Youth Physical Fitness Team.

Application for New Members: None (However, Milton Solares introduced his Guest Tom Murray).

Due to cancellation of last month's meeting, no Minutes to present.

Correspondence: NONE

Report of the Paymaster:

Colyer James reports Funds at Meeting time \$5586.45. Full report available for review at Officer's Table. Motion to Accept was received and Seconded.

For 17 Against 0 Abstentions 0

Members Sick and in Distress:

Chaplain Malia's report was lengthy in scope. Please keep the following members and family members in your prayers as they deal with challenges. Dave Newcomer (Sister), Ron Heckman (Grandson), George Magaro (Self), Dominick Amedeo (Sister-in-Law), Jason Smith (Infant-Hunter, Sister-in-Law, and Dad), and Milton Solares (Friend), and last our brother Al. Secondly, prayers and condolences to the Families of our brothers who recently passed. Chaplain Malia offered a Prayer.

Report of Officers:

National Chaplain and Detachment Member Howard Schaeffer attended the National Mid-Winter Meeting. Commandant Mattix, Sr. Vice Commandant Stoudt, and Paymaster James attended Pennsylvania Department meeting in Harrisburg. A Department Paymaster search is in progress. Department is considering a meeting in this area. Commandant Mattix asked for feedback as to our help hosting. Northeast Division Meeting will be 1 & 2 April in New Brunswick, N.J.

Standing Committees:

Website, Facebook: UP to Date

Marine of the Year: No Report

Ball Committee (12 Nov. 22): Progressing

Unfinished Business: NONE

New Business:

A request for donation was received from the Leathernecks MC Club. No action taken.

A suggestion by Commandant Mattix to host a Pizza Party for the Emmaus Fitness Team was made. A Motion was made to extend invitation to them and Seconded. Jr. Vice Commandant Eyer will reach out. Details Later.

For 17 Against 0 Abstentions 0

Oath of Office was Administered to Jr. Past Commandant Smith.

Good of the League:

29 March is Vietnam Remembrance Day. Commandant Mattix expressed the Detachment's support.

Meeting was concluded with the Bell Ringing Ceremony, remembering with Reverence those Honored by way of our Dedication of this Meeting, to their Memory.

Meeting was closed until 27 April 2022 at 1930 Hours

Respectfully Submitted Fred R. Babcock

Life Member