



# **SITREP**

## **LEHIGH VALLEY DETACHMENT 296**

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

*All gave some...*

*Some gave all*

### **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



Memorial Day, formerly known as Decoration Day, began in the years after the Civil War when Americans in various towns and cities began holding springtime tributes to fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers. Decoration Day originally honored only those lost while fighting the Civil War. During World War I, the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars. Initially held on May 30 from 1868 until 1968 when Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, Memorial Day is now observed on the last Monday in May.

# THE MONTH IN REVIEW



Members of Detachment 296 accepted donations for roses at the Emmaus Farmers Market on May 18

On Wednesday, May 8th members of our detachment met with the Emmaus High School Fitness Team as they prepared for their national meet at Indiantown Gap. After presenting Coach Corch with two checks, one from our detachment and one from a private donor, we had a chance to talk with many of the team members. The team members were very appreciative of our support and are looking forward to bringing back another National Championship. Detachment members present included, Fred Babcock, Joe Malia, Bob Hoffman, Mike Donatacci, and Colyer James.



## MCL HISTORY OF THE ROSE:

“In 1778, during the War of Independence, the Marine Corps Rose was dedicated to those Marines who made the Ultimate Sacrifice for their country. This tradition was continued by the French during World War One when the Marines attacked the Germans in the trenches at Belleau Wood; roses were planted by the grateful French people at the graves of the Fallen Marines.”

Submitted: John Eyer

JR. Vice Commandant



## SCUTTLEBUTT

## FROM THE FLEET

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

<https://www.militarytimes.com/news/your-military/2019/05/30/marines-sailors-and-coasties-play-catch-up-in-arctic-warfare/>

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, 24 APR 2019

Minutes are as follows:

(Recording corrupted...dictation prior to this point not recorded)

*Correspondence:* NONE

*Report of the Paymaster:*

Money Market: \$3,376.83

Checking: \$5,922.58

Total: \$9,299.41

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:*

Rich's Father -in-Law has completed his radiation treatments

*Report of Officers:* NONE

*Standing Committees:*

PR:

The donation page is now available on the detachment Website. Donations can be made via PayPal. Dues may also be paid via PayPal (a 2.2%-.30 per transaction fee will be applied).

There are still 200 tickets left to sell for the gun raffle. For those who are interested but are not local, they can email Jason with the option to pay via check, PayPal, VENMO. Local laws apply for out of state participants. If they cannot take possession of the prize, a cash award equal to the price of the gun will be given.

The Detachment's involvement in the Department Facebook page was discussed. Jason will be taking on more responsibilities.

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 looking into venues. Detachment agreed on a range of \$50.00-\$75.00 per ticket with a cash bar option.

Ballots for Marine of the Year were distributed, count will be held at tonight's meeting.

*Unfinished Business:*

We will be taking donations for roses at the Emmaus farmer's market on May 19<sup>th</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1000-1400.

Please meet at the Triangle.

Marine Corps Youth Physical Fitness Nationals will be held at an indoor facility near Ft Indiantown Gap this year the weekend of May 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed.

The Detachment will be presenting \$500.00 donation to the Emmaus Fitness Team. Jason will email the date/time once it is decided for anyone who would like to attend.

*New Business:*

There will be a free dental clinic available to veterans held on June 9<sup>th</sup> at Aspen Dental on Airport Road.

Discussion was had about the Detachment making a \$100.00 donation for a lifetime membership to the Emmaus Historical Society. Further discussion will take place at next month's meeting.

*Good of the League:* NONE

*Announcements:*

The Emmaus Veteran's Committee will meet at 1400 at the CWV on May 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the final details for the Memorial Day activities. Kickoff for the parade will be at 0900 at Emmaus HS. A ceremony will be held indoors if there is inclement weather.

Votes were counted: CONGRATULATIONS Joe Malia for being named Marine of the Year! Joe will receive his awards at next month's meeting.

The meeting was declared officially closed until 22 MAY 2019.