



# SITREP

## LEHIGH VALLEY DETACHMENT 296

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### DETACHMENT MEETINGS:

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday @ 1930

**\*\*\*Meetings will temporarily be held via the ZOOM APP until further notice\*\*\***

### 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*

Rondell Anderson

• *Web Sergeant*

David Guldin



### JR VICE COMMANDANT

### JOHN EYER

I asked Detachment 296 JR Vice Commandant John Eyer to share a few time-in-service photos with me and to give me a little background story of their origins. Below is one taken of him while serving in the Republic of Vietnam.

“One thing I remember, which I am sure most vets do, as we traveled from 15th Aerial Port to Marble Mountain Air Facility was seeing people doing their “business” right along the roadway. I soon realized that I was not in Kansas anymore.

I was assigned to Squadron HMM-262 for about 2 weeks, then they were re-deployed to the USS Tripoli. I was re-assigned to H&MS-16, and TAD to HMM-364.

Believe it or not I do miss my brothers and some of the good times we had. I still grieve for my brothers I have lost.

Now, I will come to the picture. The photo was taken a few days after I arrived in-country. The rifle I am holding is an M1 Carbine with folding stock, like the ones used by Paratroopers in WWII.

When I got my hooch, being the “fng”, the Marine who was rotating home gave me the rifle with one requirement, that when I leave to go back to the world I give it to the “fng” who was replacing me, which I did. Supposedly this M1 has been passed down for many years.”

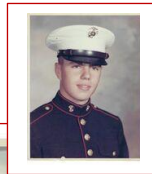


**ATTENTION ON DECK...**

Last month I challenged you to test your luck at guessing "Who's Who in Detachment 296" based on some time-in-service photos. The answers are revealed below...compare them to yours to see how well you recognized your fellow Detachment members.



**HOWARD COOPER**



**MICHAEL DONATACCI**



**JOHN REPERT**



**FRED BABCOCK**



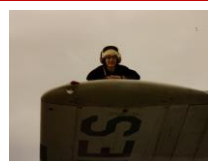
**CHARLIE HELFRICH (ON RIGHT)**



**COMMANDANT JASON SMITH**



**RICHARD PODGUSKI**



**SITREP EDITOR RIA MATTIX**



**ADJUTANT/PAYMASTER RON HECKMAN**



**SR VICE COMMANDANT HOWARD SCHAEFFER**

# **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/2020/05/27/how-the-marine-corps-is-conducting-a-modernization-overhaul-of-infantry-weapons/>

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 suspended due to COVID-19

We will be conducting our monthly meetings via the ZOOM APP until current circumstances change. A link to the meeting will be sent a week prior, via e-mail. Please make sure that your e-mail is current and up to date with Commandant Smith, so you are able to receive the link. If there are any questions, please contact Commandant Smith.