



SITREP

LEHIGH VALLEY DETACHMENT 296

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

MEMORIAL DAY 2021



DETACHMENT OFFICERS

• *Commandant*

Marie "Ria" Mattix

• *SR Vice Commandant*

Bill Stoudt

• *JR Vice Commandant*

John Eyer

• *Judge Advocate*

Cory Shellhamer

• *Adjutant/Paymaster*

Dave Newcomer

• *Chaplain*

Joseph Malia

• *Sergeant at Arms*

Rondell Anderson

• *Web Sergeant*

Jason Smith



MEMBERS OF DETACHMENT 296 PARTICIPATED
IN THE 2021 EMMANUS MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
AND HONOR GUARD

Despite a little bit of wind, Memorial Day turned out to be quite sunny and warm compared to the previous two days which were cold, rainy, and dreary



Pictured left, the Emmaus Veterans Committee Honor Guard performs Honors at the Emmaus Remembrance Garden. The following day, they would perform Honors at six Emmaus Community Cemeteries in observance of Memorial Day

THE MONTH IN REVIEW



Marines and family members gathered at St Ann's Calvary Cemetery on 16 MAY 2021 to replace flags at Veteran gravesites to prepare for Memorial Day

23 MAY 2021

Marines from MCL Lehigh Valley Detachment 296 set out to collect donations by handing out roses as part of the Marine Corps League Rose Program. Like the better-known Poppy, the Marine Corps League Rose is given in memory of Marines who lost their lives in battle. The program traces its roots all the way back to the War for Independence, when roses were laid on the graves of fallen Marines who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Donations will be used to purchase American Flags, which will be presented to 13 local Eagle Scouts at their upcoming Courts of Honor



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/2021/06/02/marine-corps-needs-to-restore-amphibious-capabilities-commandant-says/>

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

CF#2 Emmaus, Pa. 26 May 2021

Marine Corps League Det. 296

Minutes are as Follows:

Roll Call of Officers finds all present except Paymaster Newcomer. Status: excused

Applications for new Membership: NONE

Motion was requested to accept previous months minutes. Motion was made and seconded

For: 13 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Correspondence: NONE

Report of the Paymaster:

Balance at time of meeting: \$7644.89. Monthly bank statement available at Officers' table. This report will be available at future meetings for membership to review if desired. Rose Donations from Emmaus Farmers Market: \$426.00. Motion was requested to accept Paymaster's report. Motion was made and seconded

For: 13 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Sick and In Distress:

Member Barry Garner has dementia. Chaplain Malia will forward card to his wife

Dave Guldin's friend has been hospitalized again

Jason Smith's family continues to recover. Hunter has had surgery. More on this later

Report of Officers:

Commandant Mattix reports on a Boy Scout Eagle Ceremony upcoming at 1400 hrs. on 20 June at Emmaus Community Park. There are 13 Scouts receiving the Award. Discussion was held as to the Detachment continuing the awarding of Flags, Challenge Coins, Certificates, and Medals. After discussion, a motion was requested to continue this practice. It was seconded

For: 13 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

It was reported that Commandant Mattix and Senior Vice Commandant Stoudt completed a Leadership Training Course Detachment Members, accompanied by family members, replaced Flags at St Ann's Calvary Cemetery

Standing Committees:

PR Committee: Past Commandant Smith is requesting pictures. They can be emailed to the Detachment email – mcldet296@gmail.com. Website, Facebook, and Newsletter are up to date

Judge Advocate Cory Shellhamer is working on the Google Drive for Detachment records etc. He reiterates this system should be sufficient for our needs

Marine of the Year Committee: present members are as follows: Jason Smith, Howard Schaeffer, and Shane Patton

Ribbons and Metals Committee: Jr. Vice Commandant Eyer reports, in progress

Unfinished Business:

Northeast Conference will be held 4 & 5 of June. Presently attending: Commandant Mattix, Sr Vice Commandant Stoudt, Judge Advocate Shellhamer, and Milton Solares

Department of Pennsylvania Convention will be held 16-20 of June. Presently 4 people may be attending. Our Detachment will register 5. This was discussed to fill minimum voting requirements. Detachment will pay for those attendees. Commandant Mattix will email proposed AP changes for Detachment to review as to ensure voting reflects members' decision

Roster audit is being conducted. Commandant Mattix requested members update their information as soon as possible. This can be done through the Detachment email, at meeting time, or addressing any Officer. Member profile information can also be updated by members themselves through the MCL Library Member Portal. Commandant Mattix will email Detachment info on how to access

Flags were discussed for the Eagle Scout Court of Honor. A cost from the Flag Store was \$430.00 with discount. American made. Other options will be considered, most reasonably priced will be purchased. Motion to purchase was made and seconded

For: 13 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Challenge Coins will also be purchased for this and other purposes. Motion was made and seconded

For: 13 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Various events were mentioned for Memorial Day

It was mentioned that Emmaus Veterans Committee is in need of help, especially on the weekends

Good of the League:

Chaplain Malia will be presiding at Military Honors with Bethlehem Detachment. Their Chaplain will not be attending

Commandant Mattix will be interviewed by WFMZ TV and WAEB iheart radio. Information at a later date

Meeting was closed until 23 June 2021 at 1930 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted

Fred R. Babcock

Life Member