



# SITREP

## LEHIGH VALLEY DETACHMENT 296

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*FLAG DAY*

*14 JUNE 2022*

**DETACHMENT MEETINGS:**  
Every 4<sup>th</sup> 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



*A FLAG BY ANY OTHER NAME...* She is known by many names: "The Flag of the United States of America", "Old Glory", "The Stars and Stripes", "The Red, White, and Blue", "The Star Spangled Banner" (yes, that's a name), "The American Flag", our "Grand Old Flag", our "Colors"...but no matter what we call her, her value remains the same. Red represents hardiness and valor, as well as courage and readiness to sacrifice. Blue signifies justice for all, as well as vigilance and perseverance. White stands for purity and innocence. She is the symbol of freedom, waving in the breeze, reminding all that like the wind, freedom can shift at any time and depends upon the courage of those who would willingly lay their lives down for her to protect her and the freedom she represents. She is the call to battle, emboldening those who follow her to go places where they would otherwise not dare. She is a protector, covering those who have served, and those who have fallen, as they are brought to their final resting place. To the families of her heroes, she is a beloved reminder of a grateful Nation that will never forget their service. She is a sentry, keeping watch over the graves of her countrymen as they sleep peacefully knowing she is there. She is loved, hated, feared, and revered for all that she is and all that she stands for. She is to be honored, respected, cherished, and loved. Forever may she wave.

To learn about the history of Flag Day, follow the link below:

<https://www.almanac.com/content/flag-day-celebration-american-flag>

# THE MONTH IN REVIEW



Members of the Detachment participated in the Annual Emmaus Memorial Day Parade, followed by a ceremony. Pictured top right is The Honor Guard, which consists of Detachment members and members of the Emmaus Veterans Committee. The Honor Guard also performed Honors at the Emmaus Remembrance Gardens



The Detachment replaced flags at Veteran graves at Calvary Cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day

Detachment member and National Chaplain Howard Schaeffer introduced his guest, Justin Parambo, CEO Greater Lehigh Valley Association of Realtors. As President of the Association, Howard was able to select to donate, on their behalf, to nonprofit organizations. Our Detachment was the beneficiary of a very generous donation. The Detachment uses funds to donate to local youth and Veteran organizations, as well as provide supplies such as American Flags, Medals, Certificates, and Detachment Coins for occasions such as Eagle Scout Courts of Honor and other ceremonies. On behalf of the Detachment, thank you for helping us continue to contribute to, and support, our community!



## SCUTTLEBUTT FROM THE FLEET

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

<https://www.marinecorpstimes.com/news/pentagon-congress/2022/06/09/biden-nominates-marine-general-as-next-commander-of-us-forces-in-africa/>

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

Marine Corps League Detachment 296

CFC No 2 Emmaus, PA

25 May 2022

Minutes are as follows:

Roll Call of Officers: All present except Jr Vice Commandant John Eyer. Status: EXCUSED

Application for Membership: NONE

Motion was requested to accept previous month's minutes as written and emailed. Motion was made and seconded.  
For: 17 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Correspondence:

Upcoming Department Meeting details read

Raffle for Veterans and Youth will be held at Convention on the 18th

Nam Knights forwarded Rules for Vet Fest, at Steel Stacks, Bethlehem (16 and 17 July). Our Detachment will be participating

Report of Paymaster: Paymaster Colyer James reports balance at meeting: \$3,386.45. Report at Officer's Table for Review. Motion to accept was made and seconded. For: 18 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Report of Officers: NONE

Sick and In Distress: Members Ron Heckman, Jason Smith, Dave Newcomer, Milton Solares, Al Hunger, Joe Deddo, and Jim Bowers are facing issues with illness or family illness or other issues. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers

Standing Committees:

Web Site-Facebook Junior Past Commandant Jason Smith reports all up to date

Sit Rep-Commandant Ria Mattix requests members take pictures of events for submission

Motion was requested to nominate a Detachment member for Department and National Marine of the Year. It was seconded. Vote affirmed. For: 17 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Detachment Marine of the Year: No report

Ball Committee: Favors were discussed, photographer, and possible date change

Unfinished Business:

Gun raffle: Permit is in progress after which tickets can be printed. Date has changed from that of picnic until 16 November

Detachment picnic will be held 6 August at Emmaus Community Park. Motion was made and seconded to include the Emmaus Veterans Committee, Inc. For: 18 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Macungie Auto Show 7 August

Vet Fest 16-17 July

Marine Corps League National Convention 15 thru 19 August

New Business: NONE

Good of the League: Please pay dues. Due in August

Emmaus Physical Fitness Team finished 2nd Nationally

Josh and Ashlee Brown requested our assistance in arranging Honors for their neighbor, Marine. Detachment and EVCI will participate

Detachment will participate in the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony for the Borough of Emmaus

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Meeting was closed until 22 June at 1930 hours

Respectfully Submitted

Fred R. Babcock

Life Member