



# SITREP

## LEHIGH VALLEY DETACHMENT 296

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### DETACHMENT MEETINGS:

*Due to COVID, next month's meeting will be held via ZOOM on 16 DECEMBER 2020 at 1930 hrs  
A link will be sent via email*

### DETACHMENT OFFICERS

• *Commandant*

Jason Smith

• *Sr Vice Commandant*

Howard Schaeffer

• *Jr Vice Commandant*

John Eyer

• *Judge Advocate*

Bill Stoudt

• *Adjutant/Paymaster*

Ron Heckman

• *Chaplain*

Joseph Malia

• *Sergeant at Arms*

Rondell Anderson

• *Web Sergeant*

David Guldin



On 13 November, Detachment 296 celebrated the 245<sup>th</sup> birthday of our Corps at the Lehigh Valley Marine Corps League Birthday Ball Celebration. This is the second year the Detachment has held this event. Unfortunately, due to the COVID pandemic, we were missing quite a few members. This year's guest speaker was Commandant Dennis Tobin, National Marine Corps League Commandant. It was both a privilege and an honor to have him personally deliver his 245<sup>th</sup> birthday message to our Detachment. The Marine Corps Color Guard was comprised of Marines from India Battery 3d BN 14<sup>th</sup> MAR. Detachment 296 2020 Marine of the Year, Jr Vice Commandant John Eyer, received his award during the ceremony. The oldest Marine present was past Jr Vice Commandant Bob Hoffman. The youngest Marine, LCpl Tyler Sitar, serves with India Battery 3d BN 14<sup>th</sup> MAR.

**FOLLOW THE LINKS BELOW TO ACCESS COMMANDANT DAVID H BERGER'S  
245<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY MESSAGE AND VIDEO**

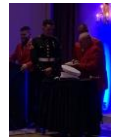
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<https://www.marines.mil/News/Marines-TV/video/771859/>

# THE MONTH IN REVIEW



Members and family of Detachment 296 celebrated the 245<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Birthday on 13 November 2020



Detachment 296 Marine of the Year 2020

Oldest and youngest Marines

*Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dave Newcomer and his family as they mourn the loss of two family members this month*

## 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/2020/11/24/marine-corps-short-6-infantry-battalions-navy-short-100-ships-this-new-strength-index-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.

Semper Fi Marines!

Ria Mattix

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## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Last month's meeting was held on 17 NOV 2020

Minutes are as follows:

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made. The motion was seconded

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Applications for Membership: NONE

Correspondence: NONE

Report of the Paymaster:

-Beginning balance: Checking-\$16,842.52. There were zero deposits. Checks written were as follows: \$270.00-Birthday Ball Photographer, \$40.00-Fire Co No 2 hall rental, \$500.00-Allentown Rescue Mission, \$189.00-SR Vice Commandant Howard Schaeffer for the Birthday Ball cake, and \$400.00-Birthday Ball DJ. There was a debit card transaction for Birthday Ball glasses for \$667.80. Ending balance \$14,775.72. CD account-\$3,377.73. Total-\$18,153.45. A motion was made to accept the Paymaster Report. The motion was seconded

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Report of Family Members Sick or in Distress:

-Dave Newcomer's family has suffered another death; this is the second in the past month

Report of Officers: NONE

Standing Committees:

-PR: The Website and Newsletter are up to date

-Marine of the Year: John Eyer was awarded his medal at the Marine Corps Ball on 13 November 2020

-Marine Corps Ball Committee: The Marine Corps Birthday Ball was held on 13 November 2020. The final financial report will be submitted. There are still 19 glasses left-they are being sold at \$10.00/piece. Contact Commandant Jason Smith if you would like to purchase one. Jason will be uploading the pictures onto the Detachment Dropbox as soon as he gets the USB card from the photographer. An email with the link will follow

Unfinished Business:

- The new Detachment computer will be purchased
- If you ordered a jacket, please submit payment to Chaplain Joe Malia as soon as possible
- Officer nominations are as follows:

Commandant-Ria Mattix

SR Vice Commandant-Bill Stoudt

JR Vice Commandant-John Eyer

Judge Advocate-Cory Shellhamer

Elections will be held at December's meeting. Appointed positions are as follows:

Paymaster                      SGT at Arms

Adjutant                        Web SGT

Chaplain                        Newsletter Editor

New Business:

- There was discussion about installing a Detachment Marine Corps League only Honor Guard. No final decision was made, it will require further discussion

Good of the League:

- Reminder that Birthday Ball glasses can be purchased for \$10.00/piece

Announcements:

- If you have magazines and would like to donate them to "Support the Troops", please see Chaplain Joe Malia. "Support the Troops" will send them to troops serving overseas
- It was suggested that the Detachment consider supporting the local Marine and Navy Reserve units by putting together care packages
- There has been no word regarding "Toys for Tots" this year. Attempts to contact the Marine Reserve unit POC have been unsuccessful

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