

THE MONTH IN REVIEW



Congratulations to our 2021

Lehigh Valley Detachment 296 Marine of the Year, Senior Vice Commandant Bill Stoudt. Along with serving as Detachment Senior Vice, Bill is also responsible for the security and care of the Detachment rifles. He is a member of the Emmaus Veterans Committee and has served on over 175 Honor Guards. Bill has been instrumental in making my first year as Commandant a success as he is always there to lend a hand. He continuously works behind the scenes to help things run smoothly. His commitment to the Detachment is steadfast and true. It is an honor having him serve at my side. Sir, you make your Commandant and Detachment proud!

Congratulations and Semper Fidelis

God Bless,

Ria

2022 OFFICER ELECTIONS!

JUST A REMINDER: OFFICER ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT OUR MEETING ON 15 DECEMBER...

NOMINATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

COMMANDANT – RIA MATTIX

SR VICE COMMANDANT – BILL STOUDT

JR VICE COMMANDANT – JOHN EYER

JUDGE ADVOCATE – CORY SHELLHAMER

***DUE TO CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER'S MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, 15 DECEMBER, IN THE BASEMENT AT CITIZEN'S FIRE CO NO 2**

SCUTTLEBUTT FROM THE FLEET

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

<https://www.marinecorpstimes.com/naval/2021/12/08/berger-ill-accept-a-smaller-marine-corps-to-make-light-amphibs-happen/>

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!

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Monthly Meeting Minutes

Marine Corps League LV Det. 296

CF#2 Emmaus, Pa. 17 November 2021

Minutes are as Follows:

Roll Call of Officers finds all present except Sgt at Arms, Rondell Anderson. Status: Excused

Application for New Members: NONE

Motion was requested to accept previous month's minutes. Motion was made and seconded

For: 16 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Correspondence: NONE

Report of the Paymaster: Paymaster James reports a balance at meeting time of \$6029.80. Paymaster's Report available at Officer's table for Review. Paymaster James also reports the taxes for the Detachment have been filed. Motion was made to approve Paymaster's Report and seconded.

For: 16 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Sick or in Distress: Dominick Amedeo's sister-in-law continues with her struggle. Chaplain Malia's sister is still having heart issues and his mother-in-law has entered hospice. Ron Heckman's Grandson, Fireman Kloss, is hospitalized from burns. George Magaro has suffered from a fall. Hunter, the child with cancer, has had his first birthday but continues with issues

Report of Officers: Commandant Mattix reported on the trip to J.J. Rattigan's for the Birthday. All indicated it was fun, however a later arrival next year and more participants would be suggested. Paymaster James reported on the Birthday at the Cedar Beach Marine Monument. The event lasted about twenty minutes, about twenty Marines were in attendance, and about one hundred others. Birthday Cake Ceremony followed at the Columbia House

Standing Committees: Web Sergeant Smith reports Facebook, website are up to date. Waiting Ball pictures. Advise him if you wish to update information on the roster

SitRep is up to date

Marine of the Year Committee announced that this year's recipient is Sr Vice Commandant Bill Stoudt. Membership offered a round of applause

Marine Corps Ball was deemed a success. Attendees consisted of 50% Detachment members and others included National League members, Department Members, Active Duty, family members and others. Discussion was held as to the inclusion of other participants in the planning and financial responsibility of the 2022 Ball. A motion was made and seconded to secure the facility for the 2022 Ball. Date of Ball will be 12 November 2022

For: 15 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Unfinished Business: Officer nominations were again opened. No additional nominations. Our current Officers are standing, and elections will be held at the meeting on 15 December

NOTE: This is the 3rd Wednesday due to holiday. Meeting will be in the BASEMENT at CFC #2

New Business: Wreaths Across America date is 18 December. Detachment members are reporting to various locations around the Valley. Discussion was held as to having the Detachment be responsible for Saint Ann's (Calvary) Cemetery in Emmaus. Discussion was tabled until a later meeting

Good of the League: Catholic War Vets has asked for the name of a family to which they could provide a Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner. Commandant Mattix will communicate with Brenda with the name of a family. Toys for Tots is collecting. If you do not know of a drop off location, Commandant Mattix's workplace is accepting donations

Announcements: None

Meeting was closed until 15 December 3rd Wednesday, at 19:30 hours

Respectfully Submitted

Fred R. Babcock

Life Member