



# SITREP

## LEHIGH VALLEY DETACHMENT 296

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### DETACHMENT MEETINGS:

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

## *Happy 246<sup>th</sup> Birthday Marines!*

This year our beloved Marine Corps celebrates its 246<sup>th</sup> birthday. Ours is one born of conflict, when an aspiring Nation in its infancy was struggling to break free from the tyranny of the British Empire. Birthed in a tavern, Marines are known for our reputation to never back down from a fight. Throughout history, Marines have gained the admiration and respect of both allies and enemies alike. No better friend, no worse enemy: how true that statement is. For generations, Marines have answered the call to fight for and protect those who cannot fight for or protect themselves. Marines are watchdogs, eagerly waiting to be let off leash to defend the defenseless. Once given the order, Marines will fight with ferocious tenacity. WWI Marines fighting The Battle of Belleau Wood were given the name "Teufel Hunden" (German for "Devil Dogs") because of the ferocity with which they fought. Admiral Chester Nimitz would go on to say that "Uncommon Valor Was a Common Virtue" when referring to Marines fighting on the black volcanic sand of Iwo Jima. Major General Frank E. Lowe observed that "The safest place in Korea was right behind a platoon of Marines. Lord, how they could fight!". What makes Marines different from our other brothers in arms? Perhaps Father Kevin Keaney, 1st Marine Division Chaplain during the Korean War, summed it up perfectly when he said "You cannot exaggerate about the Marines. They are convinced to the point of arrogance, that they are the most ferocious fighters on earth- and the amusing thing about it is that they are." Marines take pride in arrogance. Marines take pride in being known as the "first to fight". The list of quotes about Marine prowess on the battlefield goes on and on. Quotes that were hard won and paid for with the blood, sweat, and tears of our Marine brothers that came before us. Quotes that every Marine today can claim as their own by proxy of the fact that we are all Marines. Our legacy is like no other. As Marines all around the globe prepare to celebrate the birth of our beloved Corps, let us not forget what First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt had to say about Marines: "The Marines I have seen around the world have the cleanest bodies, the filthiest minds, the highest morale, and the lowest morals of any group of animals I have ever seen. Thank God for the United States Marine Corps!" Happy Birthday Marines! Although we may better resemble the "not as lean, still as mean" quote, each one of us continues to embody the pride and traditions which set us apart from all others. We are Marines, and like all Marines, we will now and forever remain "Always Faithful".

God Bless and Semper Fi Marines

# THE MONTH IN REVIEW

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 10 NOVEMBER: MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY

- Marine Corps Birthday event at Cedar Beach Monument @ 1600 hours
- Detachment outing to Birthday Celebration at J.J. Rattigan's in Pottstown (time/details TBA)

### 11 NOVEMBER: VETERANS DAY

### 13 NOVEMBER: 246<sup>TH</sup> MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL CELEBRATION

- Marine Corps Birthday Ball Celebration at SureStay Best Western Hotel and Conference Center @ 1800 hours (tickets still available, see Commandant Mattix)

### 17 NOVEMBER: MONTHLY MEETING

- Detachment meeting will be held **THIRD** Wednesday of the month due to Thanksgiving. We will be meeting in the basement meeting room CFC no 2 @1930 hours

## 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/2021/10/29/sleeves-are-officially-back-as-marine-corps-makes-big-changes-to-its-tattoo-policy/>

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 LV Det. 296

CFC #2 Emmaus, Pa. 27 October 2021

Minutes are as Follows:

Roll Call of Officers finds all present except Jr. Vice Commandant John Eyer. Status: Excused

Motion was requested to accept previous month's minutes

Motion was made and seconded

For: 21 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

### Correspondence:

Paymaster James received a notification of the Department Birthday Ball, 6 November in Harrisburg (Radisson Hotel). If interested see Colyer

### Report of the Paymaster:

Paymaster James reports checking balance: \$7983.84. Printed report available at Officer's table. Motion was requested to approve Paymaster's Report. Motion was seconded

For: 21 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

NOTE: A pay/donation button has been added to website. PayPal is now up and running

### Sick or in Distress:

Dominick Amedeo's Sister-In-Law is battling cancer. Joe Malia's Sister and Mother-In-Law are facing heart issues. Please keep these Family Members and any others in your prayers

Rose drive at the Emmaus Farmer's Market produced \$100.00. Thank you to all Marines who participated

Judge Advocate Shellhamer has moved files from Dropbox to OneDrive

### New Business:

The need to form an all-Marine Corps Color/Honor Guard was raised, resulting from discussion by Northampton, Bethlehem, and our Detachment(s). Commandant Mattix agreed to serve as Coordinator for our Detachment. Motion was requested to offer our cooperation in this group effort. Motion was made and seconded

For: 21 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

If you are willing to take part in this effort, please Report to Commandant Mattix

Standing Committees:

Website, Facebook, and SitRep are all up to date

Marine of the Year will be announced at the Ball

Ball Committee:

Get your request to attend, food choice, payment, music choice, etc. in ASAP

Unfinished Business:

A discussion was held to keep or drop our Detachment Insurance. After discussion, a motion to retain was requested. Motion was seconded

For: 22 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Nomination of Officers was held. Our Current Slate of Officers were all again nominated for Year 2022. All excepted, except Jr. Vice, Eyer (absent). November, nominations will be held for any other candidates. Elections will be held at our December Meeting

Good of the League:

There was interest in attending a Birthday Celebration at J.J. Rattigan's in Pottstown. More information to follow

Our Detachment received the National Jr. Vice Commandant award at the recent Department Meeting. This denotes a membership increase from previous year

Marine Corps Birthday event at Cedar Beach Monument will be held on the Birthday at 1600 hours

Commandant Mattix informs that the attendees at the Ball will include some National League Members, Department Members, our Local Reserve Marine Members as well as many other interested Marines. The Guest Speaker is a surprise

PLEASE NOTE: OUR MEETINGS WILL BE THE **THIRD** WEDNESDAY IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER. THEY WILL BE HELD **DOWNSTAIRS**, CFC #2

Chaplain Malia offered our normal prayers and acknowledged Marine Sitar who died in an accidental death. He was a member of the Reserve Unit Color Guard and participated in the cake cutting at our last Ball

Meeting was closed until 17 November at 19:30 hours