



SITREP

LEHIGH VALLEY DETACHMENT 296

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DETACHMENT MEETINGS:

Every 4th Wednesday @ 1930

*****Meetings will temporarily be held via the ZOOM APP until further notice*****

DETACHMENT OFFICERS

• *Commandant*

Jason Smith

• *SR Vice Commandant*

Howard Schaeffer

• *JR Vice Commandant*

John Eyer

• *Judge Advocate*

William Stoudt

• *Adjutant/Paymaster*

Ron Heckman

• *Chaplain*

Joseph Malia

• *Sergeant at Arms*

Rondell Anderson

• *Web Sergeant*

David Guldin

REMEMBERING BEIRUT



On 23 October 1983, United States Marines and French military barracks in Beirut, Lebanon were hit by two truck bombs killing 307 people: 241 U.S. and 58 French military personnel, six civilians, and two attackers. The two sets of explosives were detonated within minutes of each other, bringing down two buildings: a complex purposed for Marine barracks, and the nine-story Drakkar complex just several kilometers from the first detonation.

The first suicide bomber detonated a truck bomb at the building serving as barracks for the 1st Battalion 8th Marines (Battalion Landing Team – BLT 1/8) of the 2nd Marine Division. 220 Marines, 18 sailors and 3 soldiers lost their lives.

Just minutes later, a second suicide bomber struck the nine-story Drakkar building, a few kilometers away, where the French contingent was stationed; killing 55 paratroopers from the 1st Parachute Chasseur Regiment and three paratroopers of the 9th Parachute Chasseur Regiment; another 15 were injured.

The “Multinational Force in Lebanon” objective was to help maintain order in Beirut during the Lebanese Civil War, with the assistance of foreign military forces. After the incident, a radical group known as “Islamic Jihad” announced that they were responsible for the attack with the intention to drive the foreign military forces out of Lebanon.

We honor the service and memory of those lost that day.

THE MONTH IN REVIEW



Detachment 296 held our annual picnic on 22 AUGUST 2020



DON'T FORGET:

The Marine Corps Birthday Ball will be held on 13 November 2020 at the Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center, Bethlehem PA

Tickets are \$100.00 per person

Block rooms are available for the evening

Contact Commandant Jason Smith to reserve your tickets

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our SGT at Arms Rondell Anderson and his wife as they welcomed Ronell L Anderson JR, born 06 JUNE 2020 at 6'11oz!



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/2020/09/25/no-more-yellow-footprints-on-parris-island-corps-considers-closing-south-carolina-and-san-diego-recruit-training-depots-to-open-third-training-base/>

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

Last month's meeting was held on 22 AUG 2020

Minutes are as follows:

An informal meeting was held at the Detachment picnic. The following announcements were made:

- All officer positions are open for election, please think about members you may want to nominate
- The Marine Corps Birthday Ball will be held on 13 November 2020 at the Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center, Bethlehem PA (same location as last year). Tickets are \$100.00 per person. Blocked rooms are available. Please let Commandant Jason Smith know if you are interested in attending
- A proposal was made to hold next month's meeting at the pavilion at Emmaus Community Park
- Next month's meeting will be held on 23 September 2020