



SITREP

LEHIGH VALLEY DETACHMENT 296

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WELL DONE MARINES

DETACHMENT MEETINGS:
Every 4th 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

Members of the Ceremonial Guard were awarded the Distinguished Service Award for their dedicated service despite the challenges and restrictions imposed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Pictured below from left to right: Detachment Senior Vice Commandant Bill Stoudt, Detachment Junior Vice Commandant John Eyer, Detachment Chaplain Joseph Malia, Detachment member Robert Hoffman, Detachment member Fred Babcock, and Detachment member Milton Solares



"FOR PARTICIPATION, UNYIELDING SUPPORT, AND DEPENDABLE SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE CEREMONIAL GUARD DESPITE THE CHALLENGES AND RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC DURING THE PERIOD OF MARCH 2020 THROUGH MARCH 2021"



THE MONTH IN REVIEW

On 26 September, members from Detachment 296 gathered at the Emmaus Farmer's Market to collect donations as part of the Marine Corps League Rose Program. Money from the program will go toward purchasing flags for Eagle Scout Courts of Honor, donations to local and other charity needs, and the Emmaus High School Marine Corps Fitness Team



UPCOMING DATES

27 OCTOBER – monthly meeting

10 NOVEMBER – MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY (we are currently discussing the possibility of a group outing to J.J. Rattigan Brewing in Pottstown, PA to celebrate)

11 NOVEMBER – Veterans Day

13 NOVEMBER – 3rd Annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball Celebration hosted by Lehigh Valley Detachment 296 @ Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center/SureStay by Best Western (if you would like to attend, please see Commandant Mattix for details)

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/2021/10/06/new-investigation-reveals-more-details-on-fatal-marine-aav-accident/>

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

CFC#2 Emmaus, PA 22 SEP 2021

Marine Corps League, Det 296 Lehigh Valley

Minutes are as follows:

Roll Call of Officers finds all present except:

John Eyer, Jr. Vice Commandant - Status: Excused

Jason Smith, Junior Past Commandant/Web SGT - Status: Excused

Application for Membership: NONE

Motion was requested to accept previous minutes. Motion was made and seconded

For: 15 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Correspondence:

MCL PA Department Fall Meeting will be 15-16 OCT at Fort Indiantown Gap

MCL PA Department Winter Meeting will be 21-22 JAN in Harrisburg

MCL Mid-Winter Conference will be 24-26 FEB in Norfolk, VA

(Further information listed on mcl.library.org/conference - see Commandant Mattix for password)

PA Department Commandant Brady, as well as National Commandant Baker, advise that funds are needed for disaster relief due to Hurricane Ida. Member Ocie Tarver pledged \$50.00. Motion was made that Detachment match that donation. It was seconded

For: 15 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

The Detachment received an Invitation to a Birthday Celebration hosted by J.J. Rattigan Brewing in Pottstown, PA. Consideration is underway to attend as a group. Further discussion will be held at our next meeting

Report of the Paymaster:

Balance at time of our meeting, \$5607.25 General Fund and \$3378.00 in CD. Paymaster James reports 13 members are outstanding on dues. If you are outstanding, please come forward. If you know of someone who is, please contact them. Motion was made to accept the Paymaster's report and seconded

For: 15 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

A Donation Button payment method for our website is still under investigation

Sick and In Distress:

New member Jim Valle is suffering with an illness

Junior Past Commandant Smith's nephew continues with his struggles

Chaplain Malia's two sisters are facing heart issues

Please keep all these parties in your everyday prayers

Report of Officers: NONE

Standing Committees:

Facebook and Website are currently up to date

Marine of the Year: selection has been made and will be announced at the Ball

Marine Corps Ball: progressing and contract has been signed. Photographer has been selected; speaker has been selected. Music selection underway, communicate with committee as to your personal preference

Unfinished Business:

Gun Raffle: Sr. Vice Commandant Stoudt reports due to Hurricane Ida and supply chain issues with wholesaler a raffle is not feasible at this time. His suggestion is that it be postponed until June of 2022. Ticket prices etc. will be further discussed at that time. A Motion was made to accept his recommendation and seconded

For: 15 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Detachment's Liability Insurance was further discussed. The issue is to retain coverage knowing that we are also covered under the National's policy. Further information will be discussed at next meeting for our decision in March

Rose Sale this Sunday, 26 SEP, at the Emmaus Farmer's Market

Our Detachment CD was discussed, as to the lack of interest and our need for funds. A Motion was made to cash it in and apply funds to the General Fund. This was seconded and vote was held

For: 15 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Good of the League:

Chaplain Malia is in possession of pictures and documents from the Khe Sanh Veterans Association. These may be borrowed and returned to Joe, for your perusal

Commandant Mattix is looking for your suggestions for a Detachment fun night. This would be a way to encourage camaraderie and fellowship

Commandant Mattix presented Detachment Marines Fred Babcock, Bob Hoffman, Joe Malia, Milton Solares and Bill Stoudt with the Marine Corps League's Distinguished Service Award. This in recognition of their service in the Emmaus Veterans Committee Honor Guard. John Eyer will also be receiving this honor at a later date

The meeting was adjourned until 27 OCT 2021

Respectfully Submitted

Fred R. Babcock
Life Member