



THE SITREP

LEHIGH VALLEY DETACHMENT 296

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EDITION: DECEMBER 2023

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DETACHMENT MEETINGS:
Every 4th Wednesday @ 1930
EMMAUS FIRE CO. No. 2
1017 Pennsylvania Ave
Emmaus PA 18049

DETACHMENT OFFICERS

- *Commandant*
Bill Stoudt
- *SR Vice Commandant*
Cory Shellhamer
- *JR Vice Commandant*
John Eyer
- *Judge Advocate*
Jason Smith
- *Adjutant/Paymaster*
Colyer James
- *Chaplain*
Joseph Malia
- *Sergeant at Arms*
Milton Solares
- *Web Sergeant*
Jason Smith

Greetings Marines! Another light month has passed as we do not have much going on during the Holiday season. However, looking just one week ahead we have the anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7th. The attack on Pearl Harbor was the push needed to get the United States directly involved in World War 2. The United States affirmed its commitment to fight and stomp out vile Militaries, Governments or other Regimes that may be out there. Often (as back then across the Pacific and around the world) it is Marines leading the charge as the "tip of the spear" like we have done so many times in the past. If you are fortunate enough to know of a living World War 2 Veteran (sadly they are becoming very few) please reach out to them this holiday season and express your gratitude/appreciation and who knows, you may even get a good story out of it! Secondly, we have our officer elections and installation ceremony at our next meeting on Dec. 20th. Not much to mention other than the few upcoming events within the next 2 or 3 months which will be listed on the next page. May your holidays be merry and happy and as always, Semper Fi Marines!

After the next page you will find the meeting minutes from November's meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Toys for Tots: Distribution will occur Dec. 19th (0800-1500) and Dec. 20th (0800-1200) at the Salvation Army located at the Salvation Army on 8th and Turner in Allentown.

National Mid-Winter Conference: Jan 21st – 24th details can be found on the National Marine Corps League website:
[Marine Corps League – Marine Corps League \(mcleaguelibrary.org\)](http://mcleaguelibrary.org)

MCL Dept. of PA Winter Meeting: Jan 19th – 20th details can be found on the department website:
[Calendar \(pamcleague.com\)](http://pamcleague.com)

SCUTTLEBUTT FROM THE FLEET

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

[News \(marines.mil\)](http://marines.mil)

[Marine Corps - Independent News For Marines | Marine Corps Times](#)

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. Please include the words "SitRep Additions" in the subject field of your email so your message gets flagged as important.

Semper Fi Marines!

Cory Shellhamer

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MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Marine Corps League, Lehigh Valley Detachment-296, CFC #2 Emmaus, Pa. 15 November 2023 19:30 hours

MINUTES As FOLLOW:

ROLL CALL of OFFICERS: All Present and with Membership in Attendance, a Quorum is met.

APPLICATION for MEMBERSHIP: NONE

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was requested to accept, and Seconded the Minutes as written and Emailed. For 13 Against 0 Abstentions 0

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

REPORT of the PAYMASTER: Paymaster James reports a balance at Meeting Time of \$4968.15. Full Report at Officer's Table for review.

Motion was made and Seconded to Accept.

For 13 Against 0 Abstentions 0

MEMBERS SICK OR IN DISTRESS: Chaplin Malia reports on the following Members and Family Members: Jim Valle, George Magaro, Jerry Tiede, Richard Stoudt, Joe Deddo, Ria Mattix. Keep these Members and Family Members as well as all our Membership and Families in your thoughts and prayers. Also, Active Duty, Military, Police, and First Responders.

REPORT of the OFFICERS: Toys for Tot's Distribution will be on December 19th (8am to 3pm) and December 20th (8am to 12noon). Location 8th & Turner St. Allentown at the Salvation Army.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Ball Committee: Ball was held with a light turnout. Pictures are pending.

WEB SITE / SOCIAL MEDIA SARGENT: Ball Picture Selections and Postings, Pending

OLD UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Round of Nominations for Detachment Officers

Commandant Bill Stoudt

Sr. Vice Commandant Cory Shellhamer

Jr. Vice Commandant John Eyer

Judge Advocate Joe Miller

ELECTION and Final Nominations will be held at the December (20th) Meeting.

By-Law Change proceeding.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Randy Schueck presented a Donation from the Emmaus Lions Club to our Organization.

GOOD of the LEAGUE:

Chaplain Malia mentioned a Medicare Advantage addition, Veterans Valor Program.

Jr. Past Commandant Smith expressed Thanks for the Award by our Membership to his Daughter.

The meeting was closed until December 20th (PLEASE NOTE) 2023 at 19:30 hours.

Respectfully Submitted

Fred R. Babcock

Life Member

NOTE: Minutes may be edited only by the Detachment Commandant