



# THE SITREP

## LEHIGH VALLEY DETACHMENT 296

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EDITION: FEBURARY 2024

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**DETACHMENT MEETINGS:**  
*Every 4<sup>th</sup> 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*  
Joe Miller
- *Adjutant/Paymaster*  
Colyer James
- *Chaplain*  
Joseph Malia
- *Sergeant at Arms*  
Fred Babcock
- *Web Sergeant*  
Jason Smith

Good Day/Evening Marines!

Hope all my brothers and sisters are doing well! This past meeting we held our installation of officers' ceremony and had a little bit of a pizza party afterwards. Thank you to all of those that stuck around and hung out for the 2 hours or so. It was awesome to sit around, have a few drinks and tell stories of our time in the Corps. I do highly recommend you attend should we decide to have another one of those types of meetings!

I attended the PA Department meeting last month with Bill, Colyer and Howard. A lot of good information was passed along to the detachments in attendance. There was also a moving and surprising presentation made by a representative of the Courtyards of Honor organization. He told a story of a Marine he attended high school with and who also happened to be one of the co-pilots of one of the planes to strike the Twin Towers on 9/11. He stated a memorial is being constructed in Hershey PA for our fallen brother and for all veterans and First Responders. I was truly shocked to find out that one of our own was a pilot on of the planes and had never heard of that before! If you'd like more information, I can provide what I have, or you can search the department website for contact info! It was a very moving presentation to say the least and hopefully more people will learn and hear the story about our brother Major Michael Horrocks.

After the next page you will find the meeting minutes from the January 2024 meeting.

# THE MONTH IN REVIEW

## 2024 OFFICER INSTALLATION

2024 Officer Installation Ceremony performed by Doug Graves from Bethlehem Detachment #284



## SCUTTLEBUTT FROM THE FLEET

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

[News \(marines.mil\)](https://www.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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## **Lehigh Valley Detachment 296 Meeting Minutes Jan. 24, 2024**

### **Roll Call of Officers:**

Commandant: Bill Stoudt – Present  
Sr. Vice Commandant: Cory Shellhamer – Present  
Jr. Vice Commandant: John Eyer – Present  
Judge Advocate: Joe Miller – Present  
Chaplain: Joe Malia – Present  
Sgt at Arms: Milton Solaris – Excused Fred Babcock filling in  
Web Sergeant & Past Commandant: Jason Smith – Present  
Newsletter Editor: Cory Shellhamer – Present  
New Member(s) Joining: NONE

### **Correspondence:**

- Check presented by Randy Schuek to the detachment from the Emmaus Historical Society

### **Paymaster's Report:**

- Report to be given in February's meeting

### **Members Sick or in Distress:**

- Updates provided by Chaplain Joe Malia

### **Report of Officers:**

- NONE

### **Standing Committees:**

- NONE

### **Unfinished Business:**

- 2024 Officer Installation Ceremony

### **New Business:**

- NONE

**Good of the League:** NOTHING

**Announcements:** NOTHING

Meeting closed for official business until next Detachment meeting on 2/28/24 at 1930

Respectfully Submitted by Cory Shellhamer and approved by Commandant Bill Stoudt

**NOTE:** Minutes may be edited only by the Detachment Commandant