



THE SITREP

LEHIGH VALLEY DETACHMENT 296

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EDITION: JANUARY 2023

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

Marines, hopefully this newsletter finds you well! As wonderful as the holiday season is, I hope all of you can find time to wind down from busy schedules. Marines, we must always remember what it is to be a Marine and the struggles/sacrifices we have made to earn that title. Please take this into account during your day-to-day happenings. No one is surprised when Marines hold a door for someone or perform some other seemingly small kind gesture. It is this reputation we must uphold and protect as it reflects not only on yourself but the Marine Corps League and the Marine Corps overall. We should always try to do the right thing.

I hope you all can and are staying warm this winter unless doing stuff in the snow is your thing then hats off to you!

Interesting information for the month of January as it relates to the Marine Corps is that in January 1991, Operation Desert Shield became Operation Desert Storm where US and Coalition forces were eventually able to liberate the nation of Kuwait from Iraq's control.

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

THE MONTH IN REVIEW

TOYS FOR TOTS:

Toys for tots provided 3,000 toys for 917 last month which is nothing short of outstanding and a prime example of the Marine Corps League mission! Bravo to all of those that dedicated the time to service our community!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Marine Corps League Dept. of PA meeting:
Jan 19th – Jan 20th [Calendar \(pamcleague.com\)](http://pamcleague.com)

Marine Corps League Natl. Mid-Winter Conference:
Feb 22nd – Feb 24th : [CLICK HERE](#)

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!

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Lehigh Valley Detachment 296 Meeting Minutes Dec. 20th, 2023

Roll Call of Officers:

Commandant: Bill Stoudt – Present
Sr. Vice Commandant: Cory Shellhamer – Present
Jr. Vice Commandant: John Eyer – Present
Judge Advocate: Jason Smith – Present
Chaplain: Joe Malia – Ill/Excused – Joe Dunton filling in
Sgt at Arms: Milton Solaris – Excused Fred Babcock filling in
Web Sergeant & Past Commandant: Jason Smith – Present
Newsletter Editor: Cory Shellhamer – Present
Motion made to accept previous meeting's minutes and seconded – 11-0-0
New Member(s) Joining:
-Robert Feckete and voted on – 9-0-0 (associate members cannot vote on new members)

Correspondence:

- Thank You note for the Detachment's donation to the Lion's Club.
- Eagle Scout Ceremony for Troop #43 in Bath on Jan 12th. Detachment members requested.
- Eagle Scout of Honor Ceremony at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church for Troop #431 on Jan 6th. Detachment members requested.

Paymaster's Report:

Starting Balance: 4968.15 **Expenses:** 433.61 **Incoming Funds:** 167 **New Balance:** 4701.54
Motion made to accept and Seconded: 12-0-0

Members Sick or in Distress:

- Rondell's Brother passed away
- Joe Malia: Ill and missed meeting
- Bill Remo is undergoing Surgery
- John Eyer's Daughter has been cleared to drive after her accident
- Hunter is doing well for now but unfortunately is terminal

Report of Officers:

- Toys for Tots did 917 families and 3000 toys!

Standing Committees:

Ball Committee is done and we are not planning another one
Website Committee: Everything is up to date as of this meeting

Unfinished Business:

- Bylaw updates are finished and no further actions needed from detachment. We are only waiting on approval from the Department of PA.
- Officer Nominations:

Commandant: Bill Stoudt and no new nominations
Sr. Vice Commandant: Cory Shellhamer and no new nominations
Jr. Vice Commandant: John Eyer and no new nominations
Judge Advocate: Joe Miller and no new nominations

New Business:

- Officer installation will be next month and done by Doc Hockenbury from Northampton Detachment

Good of the League: NOTHING

Announcements: NOTHING

Meeting closed for official business until next Detachment meeting on 1/24/24 at 1730

Respectfully Submitted by Cory Shellhamer and approved by Commandant Bill Stoudt

NOTE: Minutes may be edited only by the Detachment Commandant