



THE SITREP

LEHIGH VALLEY DETACHMENT 296

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EDITION: March 2024

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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**
Joe Miller
- **Adjutant/Paymaster**
Colyer James
- **Chaplain**
Joseph Malia
- **Sergeant at Arms**
Fred Babcock
- **Web Sergeant**
Jason Smith
- **Past Commandant**
Ria Mattix

Howard Schaeffer and Jason Smith addended and participated in the wreath laying ceremony at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier through the Chapel of the 4 Chaplains. I have a few pictures attached below and had to be selective with the ones chosen due to space limits. Included also are pictures from the National Mid-Winter conference courtesy of Colyer James.

If there are ever any events you do on behalf of the detachment, please send them to me with a quick story of what the event was for or about and I will try to include them in the next newsletter edition for the month of the event. As always Marines, carry your heads high and always walk into a room like you own the place! Remember, we are and always will be the best branch of the military!

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

THE MONTH IN REVIEW

CHAPEL OF 4 CHAPLAINS AT ARLINGTON NATL CEMETERY



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nothing on the Radar for now!

NATL. MID-WINTER CONFERENCE



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 FEB 28, 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 – Excused – Joe Dunton Filling in
Sgt at Arms: Fred Babcock
Web Sergeant: Jason Smith
Past Commandant: Ria Mattix
Newsletter Editor: Cory Shellhamer – Present
New Member(s) Joining: NONE

Correspondence:

Motion made to accept FEB's Meeting minutes 11-0-0
Donation from Emmaus Historical Society

Paymaster's Report:

- Report given by Paymaster Colyer James, accepted, seconded and approved 11-0-0

Members Sick or in Distress:

- Updates provided by Joe Dunton:
- Joe Dunton's granddaughter suffered a concussion and has been in an out of hospitals
- No updates on the condition of Hunter
- Jason's Sister-In-Law showed no cancer in last scan
- Joe Malia had rotator cup surgery

Report of Officers:

- NONE

Standing Committees:

- Website Updates:
- Website Up to Date
- Jason will add a page for the Chapel of 4 Chaplains and their trip to Arlington Natl. Cemetery

Unfinished Business:

- NONE

New Business:

- Emmaus Fitness Team has a new coach, no point of contact. Motion made to donate to them made and seconded 11-0-0
- Sean Patton took a committee position on the MCL Natl. Fitness Committee
- Macungie Park manager is running a program to assist veteran through a program run by/with Home Depot
- Memorial Day Parade in Emmaus – planning has started
- The Detachment's non-profit status has been renewed and is good for another year
- We have liability insurance that needs to be renewed. We have Liability insurance through MCL National. Motion made to drop our own liability insurance and seconded. 11-0-0
- MCL Dept. of PA meeting is on 3/16/24

Good of the League:

- Ocie Taver is giving away a recliner

Announcements:

- Sadly David Gregoire is moving to Florida

Meeting closed for official business until next Detachment meeting on 3/27/24 at 1930

Respectfully Submitted by Cory Shellhamer and approved by Commandant Bill Stoudt

NOTE: Minutes may be edited only by the Detachment Commandant