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E.J. Brewer Marine Corps League Detachment 458 of New York



Edward J. Brewer, "Joe," was an Elmira native who enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1967. Joe requested a transfer from desk duty to combat duty. He was killed in action by enemy fire while on patrol near Quang Nam, Vietnam on 06 February 1968.

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Detachment Meetings: Detachment meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 1900 hours.

Next Detachment Meeting: 1 July 2021 at 1900 Hours at the IAV Club and via Zoom

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Commandant's Message

We will be meeting at the IAVC at 1900 and also will Zoom for those who don't attend. The Family Picnic is at the end of the month. Please make an effort to invite Marines whether they are members or not. We would like to have some kids and young people. Janis has put a lot of work into this and we don't want to waste it. New members are the life blood of the detachment. We need to be signing up people. Janis has new cards to hand out at the meeting. If you can't attend the meeting, let Janis know and she will mail you a few. We are fortunate that Empower gave us a \$1500 donation. This will really help with the expenses for our Marine Corps Birthday celebration. Thank you, Janis, for taking care of this.

I received an email from David Braund, also a Marine ('84 - '88) who had an uncle serve in WWII and the Korean War. He has some things that the Korean War Vets may like to see. His uncle, Eugene "Bob" Ryan, carried a Brownie camera and he has a lot of pictures of the Korean

War. He would love to share this piece of history with those who made the history and would like to get together with any of the vets that are interested. If you could possibly put the word out to the fellow Marines, I would appreciate it. He hopes to learn more about what they saw and did during the war and possibly get ideas of somewhere to donate the items so the history can be passed on. I have invited him to our meeting.

SF,
Jack

**E.J. Brewer Detachment, Marine Corps League
Meeting Minutes 3 June 2021**

In attendance:

Schamel, Kamas, Smetanka, Witchey, Bresser, Andrus, Guzman, Collins, Loukopoulous

- 1) Meeting called to order 1903 hours.
- 2) Roll Call of Officers, all in attendance.
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Opening Prayer.
- 4) New Applicant (Member) for MCL #458 David Yerkes – unanimous approval to accept.
- 5) Minutes from last meeting – motion to accept Guzman, seconded by Kamas, all in favor.
- 6) Scholarship Committee – Kamas reports one scholarship submitted so far with a deadline of 6 June 2021.
- 7) Correspondence – None.
- 8) Paymaster reports \$18,363.08 with \$2,515. 28 in the FAST Fund. Recent significant donations received consisted of \$760 from donations made in the name of former Marine Patrick T. Brewer, Sr. and \$1000 from the Finger Lakes Funeral Directors Association.
- 9) Sickness and Distress – A local marine starting a private enterprise (business) was seeking support and guidance. A motion to donate \$200 was made by Guzman, seconded by Kamas, all in favor.
- 10) Old/Unfinished Business – Thank you cards were sent to all who donated money in memory of Patrick T. Brewer, Sr. The MCL Family Picnic will be the last Saturday in July at 1pm. The MCL Ball is tentatively planned to be held at the IAV, Andrus and Loukopoulous will collaborate to complete a menu, and Janet will seek sponsors.
- 11) New Business – Andrus will go through all 10 rifles to refurbish two at a time, which will

not incur any costs unless new parts are needed. Andrus made a motion to spend up to \$500 toward refurbishing the rifles, which was seconded by Kamas, all in favor.

12) Marksmanship Team – The dates for the MCL postal matches this year are scheduled for 10 July and 2 October. Kamas will order targets.

13) Motion to adjourn 1939 hours by Kamas, seconded by Loukopoulous, all in favor.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Marines,

There has been little recent activity regarding health and welfare of our fellow members.

Our Commandant, Jack Schamel, and former Commandant, Mel Oakes, continue their health battles and I ask for all of your prayers and good wishes for these strong Marines.

As always, I ask you to continue to be my eyes and ears to locate people in need of our assistance.

Semper Fi.

Bob Guzman, Chaplain

Marksmanship Team

The dates for the MCL postal matches this year are scheduled for 10 July and 2 October. The match on both days will begin with the handgun match in the morning followed by the rifle match in the afternoon with a break for lunch in between. The matches will be held on two days to accommodate everyone as much as possible.

Honor Guard

Report for the first Half of 2021:

Funeral Details: 13

Parades: One

Firing squad details on Memorial Day: Seven (Six of which had echo taps performed)

Other: Firing and echo taps at Dunn Field for opening of baseball season.

At all events, we have had the benefit of live taps performed in an outstanding fashion by our bugler, Carl Berman. Our honor guard continues to perform very professionally at all events. Our members are a tribute to the Marine Corps.

Semper Fi.

Tom Bruner