



# IRON MIKE

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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:** 3 June 2021 at 1900 Hours at the IAV Club and via Zoom

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## **Commandant's Message**

If you have not done so, consider donating to the IAVC. We need to keep them open. The June meeting will be in person and by Zoom. I don't have much to report. Sponsor a motion if anyone would like to go to the convention, as the Detachment will help pay for the expenses. The Detachment should get more involved with the State. Janis should have new cards to give to prospective members at the next meeting.

SF,  
Jack

**E.J. Brewer Detachment, Marine Corps League**  
**Meeting Minutes 6 May 2021**

In attendance:

Kamas, Smetanka, Witchey, Bresser, Andrus, Guzman, Hazard, Loukopoulous

- 1) Meeting called to order 1902 hours.
- 2) Roll Call of Officers, all in attendance except Schamel and Collins who were excused.
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Opening Prayer.
- 4) Minutes from last meeting – motion to accept Guzman, seconded by Witchey, all in favor.
- 5) Guest Speaker – Jim Hackett, Chairman of Committee to bring a Gold Star monument to Chemung County, spoke to the MCL members present about making a donation to the project. It is a seventy-five-thousand-dollar project directed toward the Woody Williams foundation. This is a 501C3 tax deductible foundation regarding donations made. The matter was tabled pending further feedback and discussion from the membership.
- 6) Correspondence – Thank you card from Bonnie Oaks for the flowers. Money presented in memory of Patrick Brewer from several donors (thank you cards will be sent).
- 7) Application for Membership – David Yerkes
- 8) Paymaster reports \$17,162.28 with \$845.28 in the FAST Fund. Motion to accept by Loukopoulous, seconded by Andrus, all in favor.
- 9) Sickness and Distress – Schamel and Collins have medical concerns; keep them in your thoughts and prayers.
- 10) Scholarship Committee – Kamas reports that there have been approximately 50 packets for the MCL and Vietnam Veteran Scholarships distributed.
- 11) Old/Unfinished Business – Thank you to Ray Lear for temporarily standing in as Sergeant of Arms. A \$200 donation was motioned for the IAVC, made by Guzman and seconded by Smetanka, all in favor. The detachment bugle needs to be repaired, costing approximately \$100. Guzman made a motion to allocate one-hundred dollars for the repairs, which was seconded by Andrus, all in favor. A rifle also needs to be repaired, costing approximately \$50. Loukopoulous made a motion to allocate fifty dollars for the repairs, which was seconded by Andrus, all in favor.

- 12) New Business – Marine Corps Ball decision will be made in the near future, as to whether it will take place or not, when the Ball Committee meets to discuss the same.
- 13) Marksmanship Team – The dates for the MCL postal matches this year are scheduled for 10 July and 2 October.
- 14) Good of the Cause – The Family Picnic will take place this summer and is still in the planning stages, but will take place as the IAVC. Got Your Six Veterans Group (GY6) has also been invited to collaborate with the MCL at the picnic.
- 15) Purple Heart Committee – \$200 has been allocated toward this endeavor.
- 16) Good of the League – Hazard thanks the Detachment for keeping the MCL going for all of those who benefit. He also encouraged everyone to continue to recruit new members, which includes associate members. Hazard can be contacted at [alberthazard2@icloud.com](mailto:alberthazard2@icloud.com) if anyone is interested in registering as a volunteer of the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) at the Bath VA.
- 17) Motion to adjourn 2009 hours by Guzman and seconded by Loukopoulous, all in favor.

### **CHAPLAIN'S REPORT**

Marines,

As always, I ask all members to please act as my eyes and ears to bring forth any needs of members and our community. Continue to take care and stay safe and well.

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

The Finger Lakes Funeral Directors Association meeting in Watkins Glen, NY, at the Harbor Inn Hotel, granted each of 12 Honor Guards a charitable donation of \$1000 check to be used at each unit's discretion.

