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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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COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Our Detachment was well represented at the Spring Marine Corps League Spring meeting. Many thanks to those members in attendance. Our Detachment continues to be very active and we continue to increase our membership and member participation. The Scholarship applications have been disseminated and we are now turning our attention to the golf tournament, the family picnic, and the Marine Corps Ball. Thank you to all our members for all your hard work and dedication. Semper Fi....

SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Since tracking our detachment volunteer hours, as a detachment we have accrued 1,439 hours year to date. For the month of February, we had just over 273 hours. Keep up the good work providing support to our community!

MINUTES FOR MARCH 2026 MEETING

EJ Brewer Detachment Marine Corps League, minutes 3-5-26

- No quorum was present, due to the lack of three elected officers, so “a casual meeting” was held.
- Sgt. At Arms reported issues with downloading and reading the “Iron Mike”
 - Commandant reported he would make sure a printed copy is available at future meetings.
 - There was an offer from a detachment member to provide printed copies.
- Commandant reports that there are no facial hair regulations from National. There are also no regulations as to hairstyles in general.
 - Commandant suggested that hair should be neat and properly cut.
- A discussion was held about whether honor guard members should be voted in by the membership.
 - Commandant recommended that the honor guard members make that sort of decision.
 - Discussion was held about creating a “standard operating procedure” (SOP) document members of the honor guard would use to guide performance, duties, and other things.
 - There was conversation about recurring absences from Honor Guard duties.
 - All uniform or other gear purchases go through the Quartermaster/Sgt at Arms. This must always happen.
 - A new paymaster has been appointed by the Commandant.
 - Tim Krusen was sworn in by the Commandant.
- Golf Committee reports that a meeting will be held soon to discuss recruiting donors.
- Ball committee reported on dates for submitting and paying for ad requests
 - Looking for venues to hold the ball.
 - Prices will not be set until venue is selected
- Signup sheet was presented for “dine in night”. Event is in May.
- Meeting was adjourned at 1954 hours.

251ST BIRTHDAY BALL

We have had two meetings so far and are getting quotes and proposals for photographers. It was decided to go with Ill Eagle Tap House again this year. We did get other quotes and offers for other venues but the majority decided to stick with Ill Eagle.

We are working with Ill Eagle to finalize the menu and pricing. With that being said, we were informed that prices on the food have gone up (as we all are aware of I'm sure) thus the food pricing will be raised slightly unfortunately. Once we get the pricing set, we will determine the cost of the tickets. Our goals are to have the ticket prices set at our next meeting on April 15th.

CHAPLAIN REPORT

Chris Kamas is in the Chemung County Nursing Facility

HONOR GUARD REPORT

of Funerals: 3

**Glenn McClelland, US Army, 3/6/26, 9 members participated. Family remitted a check to the Detachment in the amount of \$250 as a 'Thank You.'

**Walter McNeil, USMC, 3/21/26, 6 members participated. Funeral Home remitted a check to the Detachment in the amount of \$25 as a 'Thank You'.

**Tibor 'Teddy' Koczan, USMC, 3/27/26, 6 members participated. Deceased Marine was from Tioga County but was buried at Woodlawn National Cemetery.

of Parades: 1

**St. Patrick's Parade, Horseheads, NY, 3/14/26, 5 members participated

of Ceremonial Events: 2

**Vietnam Veterans Day Commemoration, Woodlawn National Cemetery, 3/29/26, Firing Detail and Taps, 9 members participated.

** Vietnam Veterans Day Commemoration, Eldridge Park, 3/29/26, Firing Detail and Taps, 9 members participated.

PAYMASTER

Working Capital - \$15,835.69

FAST - \$3,406.86

Total Reserve Funds - \$19,242.55

Monthly Income - \$2,486.27

Monthly Expenses - \$867.00

Yearly Income - \$40,068.78

Yearly Expenses - \$45,141.04

YOUNG MARINES

Several of us attended the Departments quarterly meeting in Beacon NY on March 20th & 21st. A lot of good information came from it.

- NE Div. Conference May 15-16 in Wilkes Barre PA. If you are interested in going let me know & I can get you the details.
 - In addition to the normal business discussed, the plan is to also hold training sessions for detachment & Department members. Training may consist of Paymaster training etc.
- Shooting team
 - It was discussed that in the past, the Dept. would reimburse the det. For its ammunition. However, going forward the Dept. will reimburse the Det. The Insurance fees.

CAR DECAL AVAILABLE



If you would like one or more decals let me know. They are \$5.00 each.

THEY SUPPORTED US SO NOW WE NEED TO SUPPORT THEM

A.R.T.S Auto Service
Banfield Baker Corp
Barber Funeral Home
Barrett Bowhunting
Beijing Garden
Bernie Murray's
Bethie's Place
Big Flats Legion Post 1612
Bill's Locksmithing
Bradley Farms
Buckley's Automotive
Carbonic Systems
Casella
Charm Pool
Clune Insurance
CMD Group
Confidential Brokerage
Curren Powe Sports
DiPetta Chiropractic

Fix Rite Service
G & G Consulting
George Hoare Memorial Co., Inc
Gerould's Pharmacy
Greg's Auto Body
Hands on Chiropractic
Herman's Auto Repair
Hilliard
Humula – Allstate Agency
Jim's Gym
John Mills Electric
Mammoth Designs
Manzari's Grill
Mengel, Metzger & Barr
Nick's Pub & Grill
N W Technology Consulting
Nel's Tractor
Nucor/Vulcraft
Olthof Funeral Home

Donavan's Auto
Edgar Enterprises
Elbow Room
Empower FCU
Farmers Insurance
First Heritage FCU
Sand Box
Sanitary Barber
Schamel Brother Contractors
Seneca Lake Wine Driver
Seneca Lodge
Sullivan's Funeral Home
Tomasso's
Vandusen Machinery
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Wilke & Baker Dentistry
Zeigler Florists
Barrett Funeral Home