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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 is doing very well. We continue to be highly visible in the community. The month of June was a great example. We were involved in the Memorial Day parade, participated in several firing details along with a Color Guard at the Flag Day ceremony in West Elmira. The Detachment also was able to award (3) scholarships to local high school students. We are looking forward to our annual golf tournament on 27 June at Tomasso's golf course. Our Family picnic is scheduled for 25 July at Eldridge Park.

The Young Marines are growing. They are becoming proficient in Close Order Drill, Color Guard Formation, and have done well during PT sessions. They are continuing to increase their visibility in the community. They participated in the Memorial Day parade, Downtown Clean-up, and the Flag Day ceremony in West Elmira. They are looking forward to participating in the America 250 celebration at Eldridge Park on 28 June. Many thanks to all of our members and volunteers who have and continue to help our Detachment and the Young Marines succeed.

Semper Fidelis

July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Pick up Ball Tickets	2 MCL Dinner 6PM MCL Det. Mtg 7PM Ball Tickets on sale to Members	3	4 INDEPENDANCE DAY
5	6 Wing Night - Legends 6pm	7 Tuesday Lunch - Curly's	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Tuesday Lunch - Legends	15 MCI Ball Mtg. ^pm	16	17	18
19	20	21 Tuesday Lunch - Maple Lawn	22	23	24	25 Veterans Family Picnic
26	27	28 Tuesday Lunch - Nicks Pub	29	30	31	

SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Several members of our Detachment attended the Dept. of NY convention last month where we learned about a few things such as the new online process to submit transmittals. The new process is much quicker to get members renewed or new members registered.

A few Detachments have tried this and saw an approximate one-week turnaround time from submission of transmittal to the member being updated/registered in the system. It is being rolled out slowly to ensure the process works. It also makes paying easier for the detachments.

Also, while attending the convention our Detachments very own Nick Paluszkiewicz "P-12" was awarded the Associate member of the Year for the Department & Rob Ostrander was awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

In addition, our Detachment is very well represented at the Department level again this year with several of our members holding key positions in leadership. Joe Sabatini was re-elected as the Southwest Area Vice Commandant, Janis Lunger was re-elected as the Judge Advocate, Nick "P-12" Paluszkiewicz was re-appointed as the Dept. Chaplain, and Rob Ostrander was re-appointed as the Dept. Paymaster. Congratulations to all!

Volunteer hours are calculated for the calendar year so, our volunteer hours are as follows:

Month of May - 307 hours

Quarter - 580 hours

Year to date - 1,464 hours

MINUTES FOR May 2026 MEETING

EJ Brewer Detachment Marine Corps League, minutes of meeting 4 June 2026

- Meeting called to order at 1700 hours. Sgt. At Arms presented the colors, led detachment in the Pledge of Allegiance. MIA/POW flag was presented.
 - Acting Chaplain then led prayer.
- Roll Call of Officers held.
- Correction to minutes regarding softball team sponsorship. Revised minutes were approved without objection.
- No correspondence
- Report of Paymaster.
 - Total reserve funds: \$22,288.70
 - EJ Brewer Scholarships: \$4500
 - FAST balance: \$3436.86
 - Working capital: \$14,351.84
 - May income: \$4832.34

- May expenses: \$2027.50
 - Monthly balance: \$2854.84
 - Paymaster budget approved with no dissent.
- Report of those in distress:
 - 2 firing details held at events in May
- Volunteer hours:
 - Monthly:
 - YTD:
- Reports of officers:
 - A suggestion was made to try to get more prospective members to attend meetings or events.
 - JAG: no report
- Standing committee:
 - 3 scholarships were awarded to local students. Scholarship winners will be honored at our family picnic.
 - Picnic is July 25.
 - Ball committee
 - Tickets on sale July 2.
 - Will wait to see how many tickets are sold before committing to posters and flyers.
 - Looking for cake escorts
 - Young Marines:
 - Promotion will be held this weekend.
 - Will participate in flag ceremony
 - Will staff color guard at Eldridge Park orchestra concert on 27 June.
 - Graduation at family fitness center 1300 hours on June 28.
 - Family picnic:
 - July 25, 1200 to 1500 hours.
 - All veterans are welcome.
 - Will be fully catered
 - Setup help is needed. Young Marines will help.
 - Cornhole tournament
 - 12 September at Big Flats American Legion Hall
 - Goal is 20 teams participating with 10 boards.
 - Golf Committee
 - 23 teams registered, 9 have paid
 - 25 paid hole sponsors
 - 27 June is date for tournament
- New business:
 - Budget, anticipated at \$51,997.50

- Expenses anticipated at \$45,064.
- There are few line items, such as \$350 for family picnic.
- Questions were asked about possible sponsorship of a brick at Tun Tavern. It was tabled at previous meeting.
- Waiting to see how much funding we get from the Dwyer Grant.
- We anticipate 3 new members as part of the budgeting process. Their dues are included in the budget proposal.
- A request was made to find someone who could build and maintain our website.
 - Budget was approved with no dissent.
- Proposed we sponsor a girls' softball team. We sponsored it last year. Held until proper paperwork is submitted to us.
- Proposed we sponsor a brick at Tun Tavern. The brick would be on the walk at the Tavern.
 - Motion was made for detachment to sponsor a brick.
 - Passed with no dissent.
- Announcements:
 - VVA selling raffle tickets for coffee table and quilt. Drawing is 4 July.
- End of meeting
 - Sgt. At Arms retired the colors at 1934 hours.
 - Meeting was adjourned at 1936 hours.
 - Meeting
- Chaplains Report
- Kris Kamas is in the Chemung County Nursing Facility

251ST BIRTHDAY BALL

BALL TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE.

- Ticket sales are for members only until September, at which time they will be open for sale to non-members (which includes members family).
- Ticket prices are \$50 per person, \$90 for a couple.
- See a ball committee member for your ticket(s). There are limited number of tickets (120), so get yours before we run out.

Our next meeting will be July 15th.

CHAPLAIN REPORT

Kris Kamas is in the Chemung County Nursing Facility

HONOR GUARD REPORT

Funerals (1)—John Terrio; 6/13/26

Ceremonial (2)

** (6/12/26) Flag Day, Town of Elmira; Color Guard and Echo Taps

** (6/18/26) Chemung County Senior Games Ceremony, Harris Hill; Color Guard

PAYMASTER

Working Capital	\$ 17,014.96
FAST Balance	\$ 3,448.86
EJ Brewer Scholarship	\$ 4,500.00
Total Reserve Funds	\$ 24,963.82

Monthly Income	\$ 5,189.95
Monthly Expense	\$ 2,855.88
Monthly Balance	\$ 2,334.07

YOUNG MARINES

We are GROWING!!!!

- We currently have 9 Young Marines (1 Cpl, 8 Pvt's). We also have 4 Poolees who will be starting recruit training in August.
- Upcoming events:
 - We have developed a color guard and they will be participating in their first color guard detail at Eldridge Park on June 27th for the orchestra in the park event. The event is free so come on out and watch these kids perform.
 - June 28th, 1PM Family Fitness Center in Elmira will be the Recruit graduation is you are interested in coming out and supporting these young men and women.
 - July 12th, we will be at the Elmira Pioneers game. We will be setting up a recruitment table and our Color Guard will once again be in action.
- Our first encampment will be in August as well.

CAR DECAL AVAILABLE

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



SAVE THE DATE!



WHAT: EJ Brewer Marine Corps League
Annual Family Picnic

WHEN: Saturday July 25th

Where: Eldridge Park – Dance Hall

TIME: Noon – 3pm

Please RSVP to Janis at jlunger@empowerfcu.com or
(607)331-8747

Fully Catered event by Dan Lunger!

Wrist bands to the first 100 for 4-hours to enjoy the Park
Includes mini-golf and all rides!!!

**Please bring your Family and invite fellow Veterans and
their Families that want to know more about the League or
just have a great Family Day at Eldridge Park!**

Open to all Chemung County Veterans and their Families!

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
Wally's Hall of Fame
Walter J Kent Funeral Home
Wilke & Baker Dentistry
Zeigler Florists
Barrett Funeral Home