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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

The Detachment is doing exceptionally well. Our dinner was a success, very well attended and it was good to see the excellent socialization. Many thanks to Steve Paciorek for coordinating the event. We are continuing to maintain excellent community involvement and visibility.

Our Honor Guard has participated in numerous funeral details, parades, and Color Guards. Our Young Marines are growing and continue to maintain high visibility and involvement in the community. We're looking forward to our annual golf tournament, family picnic, and corn-hole tournament.

Many thanks to all our members for their continued commitment to the growth and success of our detachment.
Semper Fi....

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Wing Night - Legends 6pm	2 Tuesday Lunch - Elbow Room Det. Staff Mtg. 6pm	3	4 MCL Dinner 6PM MCL Det. Mtg 7PM Dept. of NY 95th Convention, Syracuse NY	5 Dept. of NY 95th Convention, Syracuse NY	6 Dept. of NY 95th Convention, Syracuse NY
7	8	9 Tuesday Lunch - Cracker Barrel	10	11	12 Flag Day Ceremony @ WEVFD 10:00 AM	13
14 FLAG DAY	15	16 Tuesday Lunch - Apple Ridge	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Tuesday Lunch - Hamlet Delight	24	25	26	27 Golf Tournament @ Tomasso's
28 Young Marines Graduation	29	30 Tuesday Lunch - Wellsburg Diner Det. Staff mtg. 6pm				

SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

- Thank you all for filling out the volunteer hours sheet. More and more members are now filling them out and it is greatly appreciated. It shows just how involved the Detachment is within our community. With that being said, our members provided 273 hours of service to our community and year to date we have provided approximately 2,015 hours to our community.
- The Dept. is holding its 95th annual convention in Syracuse NY from 6/4 - 6/7. There will be a pig roast Friday evening with the theme of the convention being patriotic in honor of the 250th Birthday of America. Anyone interested in attending, there is more information on the website at www.mclnewyork.org
- The Dinner held on the 16th was a success. Thank you to Steve Paciorek for organizing the event. I think everyone who was able to attend, had a good time. It was also good to see some of our newer members come and partake in the event.

MINUTES FOR May 2026 MEETING

EJ Brewer Detachment Marine Corps League, minutes 7 May 2026

- Meeting called to order by the Commandant at 1904 hours.
- 'Sgt at Arms presented the colors and the POW/MIA flag and led the assembled members in the "Pledge of Allegiance".
- Chaplain led the assembled members in the opening prayer.
- Roll call of officers was held. A quorum was present.
- Minutes from last meeting were approved by voice vote with no dissent.
- Correspondence was opened and read.
 - Letter was presented from the Salvation Army requesting a donation.
 - The detachment has already approved ceasing donations to this organization.
 - Letter from Toys for Tots was read, thanking the detachment for last year's \$500 donation. The detachment sent another \$500 donation in January.
- The commandant reported that a firing detail served at an Army veteran's funeral. The family sent a letter thanking the detail and sent a \$250 donation.
- Paymaster report:
 - An honor guard donation was received for \$200.
 - Total reserve funds: \$18265.05
 - FAST balance: \$3406.86

- Working capital: \$14,858.19
- Golf tournament already has payments coming in for teams and a donation from Hillard (\$1000)
- Paymaster report passed by voice vote with no dissent.
- Reports of members in duress:
 - Chaplain reported on two members in duress. Offered a card for members to sign that will be delivered to one who is in rehab.
- Reports of officers:
 - Quartermaster: 4 jackets obtained for Honor Guard. Will be distributed after sizes confirmed. Asked for guard members to stay after the meeting.
 - No other officer reports were presented.
- Reports of committees:
 - Scholarship committee has been selected. Posters and digitization for scholarships have been distributed. No applications as of now.
 - Golf committee: doing well. 3 sponsorships have been received. 13 teams have paid or have given commitments to participate. 8 are now available.
 - Dwyer funding is obtained. It will cover pre-tournament breakfast and other things.
 - 0900 shotgun start
 - Several in-tournament events will be held, including longest drive, closer to the pin, and others.
 - Texas Roadhouse will be on the 8th hole. Closest to the Pin gets a discount coupon.
 - Looking for raffle items.
 - Several professional sports teams have been approached about donations for the raffle.
 - ARTs Auto Service will sponsor a hole.
- Young Marines
 - Currently have 5 privates, having a Lance Corporal transferring from Connecticut.
 - 4 more starting this Saturday.
 - Group made a trip to “Wings of Eagles” which the members enjoyed.
 - Fund raising ideas are encouraged.

- Volunteers are encouraged.
- Ball Committee
 - Committee ahead of schedule.
 - Several venues are being considered.
 - Event will return to Ill Eagle Taphouse.
 - Ticket prices will be set soon.
 - Dwyer grant will contribute to ball funding.
- Family Picnic:
 - Eldridge Park reserved for event 25 July.
- Cornhole tournament is suggested for the fall.
 - Venue suggestions are encouraged.
- Unfinished business
 - Girl's softball team sponsorship. Horseheads Girl's Softball. A detachment member suggested we sponsor a team again. Cost is \$350 for two years. Motion was made to approve the expense. It was seconded and approved by voice vote. A suggestion was made that a game schedule be distributed to detachment members.
- New business
 - Budget discussions are coming up. A suggestion was made to add a line item for youth team sponsorships.
 - Adjutant will inquire of upcoming symphony concert on June 27 about our providing a color guard.
- Good of the League information
 - Reimbursement for rifle and pistol team will go toward insurance not ammunition.
- Announcements:
 - None made
 - Report was made that Bob Guzman will be moving so he will not be on the honor detail going forward.
 - We will not be able to sponsor the youth softball team as sponsorship opportunities have closed.
- Commandant called to close meeting at 1940.

- Sgt at Arms retired the colors and pronounced the meeting closed intros the first Monday of May.
- Meeting closed at 1943 hours.

251ST BIRTHDAY BALL

- Ball Tickets will be available for sale to members only on 7/2.
- Posters/Flyers will be printed and distributed depending on the number of tickets sold to members.
- Developed sponsorship packages in addition to the ball ads.
- We are starting to look for Cake escorts. If interested let a ball committee know. Uniform will be Dress Blue (Alphas or Bravos). The committee will discuss and decide which will be worn. Tentatively, it looks like it will be Dress Blue Bravos (Ribbons & Marksmanship Badges).

CHAPLAIN REPORT

No report this month

HONOR GUARD REPORT

Funerals: 4; 34 Marines participating

Casket Watch: 1; 8 Marines participating

Parades: 1; 5 Marines in Color Guard Participating

Ceremonial Firing Detail with Taps: 7; 11 Marines at each event participating, total 77 Marines.

PAYMASTER

Working Capital	\$ 14,351.84
FAST Balance	\$ 3,436.86
EJ Brewer Scholarship	\$ 4,500.00
Total Reserve Funds	\$ 22,288.70

Monthly Income \$4,832.34

Monthly Expense \$2,027.50

Monthly Balance \$2,854.84

YOUNG MARINES

- We have participated in the Memorial Day Parade and services at Wood Lawn National Cemetery.
- Young Marine Lcpl Whitney recited the Pledge of Allegiance
- June will be a very busy month.
 - June 12th, the Young Marines will be participating in the Flag Day ceremony at West Elmira Volunteer Fire Dept.
 - June 27th, we will be providing a Color Guard for the Orchestra in the park at Eldridge Park.
 - We have three more kids who will be graduating from recruit training. Tentatively, graduation will be held June 28th at the Family Fitness center. Everyone is welcome to come and congratulate these Young Marines on their hard work.
- Other future events include:
 - July 12th We will be providing color guard at the Elmira Pioneers game and will also be holding a recruitment table.



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
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Zeigler Florists
Barrett Funeral Home