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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 moving right along in the month of July. We had an outstanding turn-out for the Family Picnic at Eldridge Park. It was good to see so many Marines and local Veterans attend with their families. Made for much camaraderie between the Vets, their families and the volunteers. There were a couple of special events we were fortunate to be able to be a part of. We awarded two scholarships to local high school students. Jace Barr, a graduate of Elmira High School and son of our own Tom Barr and Andrew Fedeles, a Horseheads High School graduate. The most notable event of the day was the awarding of a Quilt of Valor to Janis Lunger. This honor is richly deserved. Janis is a steadfast supporter of the E.J. Brewer Detachment, and a co-founder of the Young Marine Program, she unselfishly devotes her time, energy, and resources to the continuing success of both programs.

The Detachment is currently selling Marine Corps Ball tickets to any and all members. Please contact Rob Ostrander to purchase the tickets. Also, we are looking to start selling ads for the Ball program. Any and all assistance is appreciated. Let's get on board and get the ads cranking.

We are also in the process of selling gun raffle tickets. The tickets can be purchased at the League office or contact Joe Sabatini. They are \$10.00 each or (3) for \$25.00. These raffles/ad/ticket sales are excellent fund raisers for the Detachment.

I want to thank everyone for all the assistance in making this year's picnic a huge success. A special shout-out to the Young Marines, they worked hard and added an extra level of Esprit. We are especially grateful to Dan Lunger for the time and work he put into cooking all the food

Semper Fi....

SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Detachment volunteer hours for June are as follows:

- Month - 315 hrs
- Quarter - 1,023 hrs
- YTD - 1907.51 hrs

EJ BREWER DETACHMENT MARINE CORPS LEAGUE, MINUTES OF MEETING 2 JULY 2026

Opening Ceremony - Meeting called to order at 1700 hours

Roll Call of Officers – Paymaster Excused, Commandant Excused, SGT of Arms Excused

Minutes of previous meetings – approved as published in June Iron Mike

Correspondence N/A

Report of Paymaster - Total reserve funds: \$24963.82

- EJ Brewer Scholarships: \$4500
- FAST balance: \$3448.86
- Working capital: \$17014.96
- May income: \$5189.95
- May expenses: \$2855.88
- Monthly balance: \$24963.82 ▪ Paymaster budget approved with no dissent.

Report of those in distress: Chris Kamas is in the Chemung Vally Nursing Facility

Volunteer hours: Monthly: 268 Q2: 976 YTD: 1860 *Do Not include Honor Guard

Report of Officers:

- Jr. Vice – Dues renewal is August 31st \$40 for those that are not lifetime members

Standing committee:

- Scholarship Committee:
 - 3 scholarships were awarded to local students. Scholarship winners honored at our family picnic July 25
- Ball committee
 - Tickets on sale July 2 \$50 Single \$90 Couple, only open to MCL members
 - Open to non-league members in September
 - Will wait to see how many tickets are sold before committing to posters and flyers.
 - Looking for cake escorts
- Shooting Match – September 6th & October 3rd
 - In process of getting special events certificate from NRA to allow us to use non-NY compliant firearms
 - Pine City Sportsman
- Young Marines:
 - 1 Cpl, 8 Pvt, 4 in recruit training
 - Will participate in flag ceremony Elmira Pioneers
 - Will staff color guard at Eldridge Park orchestra concert on 27 June.
 - Ruck march in September 3 mi hump
- Family picnic:
 - July 25, 1200 to 1500 hours.
 - All veterans are welcome.
 - Will be fully catered
- Cornhole tournament
 - 5 September at Big Flats American Legion Hall - \$250 usage fee for facility
 - Goal is 20 teams participating with 10 boards needed.
- Golf Committee
 - 20 teams participated
 - 33-hole sponsors
 - 26 June 2027 is date for tournament next year

Gun Raffle: Tickets are available - \$10 each we have 200 for sale

Old business: N/A

New business: N/A

Announcements: Stand-down August 27th 10am -1pm Dunn Field

End of meeting Sgt. At Arms retired the colors at 1934 hours.

Meeting was adjourned at 1936 hours.



DUES NOTICE

The anniversary date for detachment dues is 09/01/2026. If you haven't paid them and you are not a life member, PLEASE submit \$40.00 to our Edward J. Brewer Detachment, Post Office Box 236, Horseheads, NY 14845.

If you have any questions, please contact me. If you have paid your dues, please disregard this notice.

Semper Fidelis,

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"Once a Marine – Always a Marine"

251ST BIRTHDAY BALL

- Ball Ticket on Sale (See attached flyer) to Members only. Will go on sale to non-members in September
- Last meeting held was on 7/15/2026
- Next meeting - 8/12/2026 @ 6PM
 - Upcoming deadlines
 - 8/6 - Ball Ads to members for solicitation
 - 9/3 – Ball tickets open to non-members
 - 10/23 – Ball ads to the committee (NO late ads will be accepted for this year)
 - Posters/Flyers

- Discussed developing & Printing. Will hold off until we see the numbers after Members buy tickets
- Sponsorship Packages
 - Janis to make the list nice & neat to be presentable to businesses
- Begin looking for escorts and cake escorts

Confirmed Escorts

Matt McInerney
Art Lavalee
Steve Paciorek
Rob Ostrander

Potential Escorts

Dan Loven
Dennis Shehan (Joe to speak with on Thursday)
Ray Willette
George Hartman
Tim Krusen

CHAPLAIN REPORT

Kris Kamas is in the Chemung County Nursing Facility

HONOR GUARD REPORT

Funerals (1)— 1 (7/31/26, Lenard Struble)

PAYMASTER

Working Capital \$ 14,210.14

FAST Balance \$ 3,457.86

EJ Brewer Scholarship \$ 4,500.00

Total Reserve Funds \$ 22,168.00

Monthly Income \$ 1,024.47

Monthly Expense \$ 3,176.58

Monthly Balance \$ -2,152.11

Negative monthly balance should be remedied by Dwyer Fund donation for Golf Tournament.



EJ BREWER
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
— DETACHMENT —
— ★ ★ ★ —
PROUDLY HOSTS
251ST
MARINE CORPS
Birthday Ball

HONOR ★ COURAGE ★ COMMITMENT



SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 7TH, 2026



ILL EAGLE TAP HOUSE
200 E. CHURCH ST.
ELMIRA, NY 14901


ILL EAGLE
— TAP HOUSE —

★ **TICKET PRICES** ★

★ LEAGUE MEMBERS ★		★ NON LEAGUE MEMBERS ★
 SINGLE \$50		 SINGLE \$60
 COUPLES \$90		 COUPLES \$100

★ ★ ★ CELEBRATING 251 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR NATION ★ ★ ★

— ★ ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE. ★ —

YOUNG MARINES

- Events:
 - 7/12 - Provided Color Guard at the Elmira Pioneers game as well as set up a table for recruiting
 - 7/25 - Helped set up for the Veterans Family Picnic
- Upcoming Events:
 - 8/3 - New recruit class (0326) begins.
 - 5 recruits
 - 8/29 - Class at Tanglewood Nature Center
 - 9/12 - Flag retirement at the Ancient Order of Hibernian's
 - 9/19 - Elmira Heights 130th anniversary parade and event
 - 9/25-26 - Over night at Tanglewood Nature Center.
 - 9/26 - Ruck a mile fund raiser. Start the hump at Tanglewood and will go to ECF Club house for a hotdogs and hamburger cookout. There will be an ice cream truck there that will be donating proceeds to the Young Marines.
- Fundraisers:
 - Regal Cinemas movie tickets
 - 25% of every packet (two tickets) sold will be donated to the Young Marines.
 - Can be used at ANY Regal Cinemas at any time.
 - Fund raiser is going on now for 60 days.
 - The link is: https://u2095113.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=u001.BUqyo2weqiL4lvKqItSx0CoOHMub-2BBVzs2Xfd3UVQWooJPfag1-2B1gzFiSjHXDkoCW0cc8F6RdDIu3iKfGfJPGS-2Bb-2FYyvDaksyzgsrr0SzCo9N1f0ZJPafq9j-2BwQ0sCs9e2j2GoAp46P7-2BPtCqd-2BpcF6p1cePmpaW7aOnNkstRXI-3Djfl8_6c55VhXSnkRHxchoFXVL8C7xiYhNODUYoKEzJtFuuU0MfoegW-2FWpiopC4bQeBZo3eDkeLjAC-2FzUnRhE8N-2FUn8T-2Fhz-2B64IFUjxFqEh-2FLWXETiD0wEC3wfxV-2BC9AxKAQaFGEpugSKwK84KZs7MmGFmrXXEaMJpwcU7nX3XqdSpKnVGImch40wVRwK6YZ7O8bacJA1rdmjH94fIM8dHgFl6tPxuywS-2FVMmbWOjtTPn9h1eKlM-2F6358gK6Jyhtm7eYIK8hEByAz-2Flq5PjXQN-2FrhCwVZNzWLWnuFpbtI5U6cLoFy18bHFiAdHmyhDlyY-2BxnSvGGGaKdALs-2FoS4b-2FSsLtzu-2FgBO-2BHttVFNSQ1LJtdcsgpgfhDaBkBJ8TzrjU8E6Don3naDDiCKNC9ikkowjqxUG6KPAUJDC-2Ffx8V0EZFd2XzA-3D

- Ruck A mile
 - The kids will be asking for donations for each mile of the Hump that will take place on 9/26. Anyone wishing to participate is welcome to register.
 - More information to come.
- Field of Flags
 - Working with the city to place flags at the veteran's memorial park in the city.
 - Individuals will purchase flags & a plaque in remembrance of a veteran
 - The flags will be placed in the park on Nov. 7th and will remain up through the week of Veteran's Day for the Veteran's Day ceremonies.

CAR DECAL AVAILABLE

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





E.J. Brewer Scholarship
Winners 2027
Grace Spaulding
Jace-Thomas Barr
Andrew Fedele



E.J. Brewer Family Picnic

Quilt of Valor Presentation Janis Lungner



4th Annual E.J. Brewer MCL Golf Tournament



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August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Wing Night - Legends 6pm	4 Lunch @ Pietros 1200 Exec. Officers Mtg 6PM	5	6 MCL Dinner 6PM MCL Det. Mtg 7PM Ball Ads to members for Solicitation	7	8
9	10	11 Lunch @ Elbow Room 1200	12 MCL Ball Mtg - 6PM	13	14	15
16	17	18 Lunch @ Kikis Eats n Sweets 1200	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Lunch @ Cracker Barrel 1200	26	27 Safety Stand Down at Dunn Field 10am - 1pm	28	29

THEY SUPPORTED US SO NOW WE NEED TO SUPPORT THEM

A.R.T.S Auto Service	Fix Rite Service	Donavan's Auto
Banfield Baker Corp	G & G Consulting	Edgar Enterprises
Barber Funeral Home	George Hoare Memorial Co., Inc	Elbow Room
Barrett Bowhunting	Gerould's Pharmacy	Empower FCU
Beijing Garden	Greg's Auto Body	Farmers Insurance
Bernie Murray's	Hands on Chiropractic	First Heritage FCU
Bethie's Place	Herman's Auto Repair	Sand Box
Big Flats Legion Post 1612 Skinner	Hilliard	Sanitary Barber
Ernest		
Bill's Locksmithing	Humula – Allstate Agency	Schamel Brother Contractors
Bradley Farms	Jim's Gym	Seneca Lake Wine Driver
Buckley's Automotive	John Mills Electric	Seneca Lodge
Carbonic Systems	Mammoth Designs	Sullivan's Funeral Home
Casella	Manzari's Grill	Tomasso's
Charm Pool	Mengel, Metzger & Barr	Vandusen Machinery
Clune Insurance	Nick's Pub & Grill	Wally's Hall of Fame
CMD Group	N W Technology Consulting	Walter J Kent Funeral Home
Confidential Brokerage	Nel's Tractor	Wilke & Baker Dentistry
Curren Powe Sports	Nucor/Vulcraft	Zeigler Florists
DiPetta Chiropractic	Olthof Funeral Home	Barrett Funeral Home