

**West Hudson Detachment
Marine Corps League**

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SUPER BOWL PARTY

The house will be open on Sunday February 3 for a Super Bowl Party.

There is a Super Bowl Pool in the slop chute, be sure to stop by and get your boxes.

**WHD WEB SITE
READY TO GO LIVE**

The new web site will go live this month. Under the guidance of Joe Melione the detachment web site has undergone a complete facelift. Bill Freda, a computer programmer and friend of the detachment has designed it to be much more user friendly for users of all levels. Take a few minutes and visit us at www.whdmcl.com. If you have any suggestions feel free to email them to us.



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December, 2007

QUARTERDECK

ONCE A MARINE—ALWAYS A MARINE

Joe Longo
Senior Vice Commandant

John Cleary
Commandant

Emanuel Vitale
Junior Vice Commandant

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the members of the detachment a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. As usual we have a very busy year ahead of us and I look forward to working together for the betterment of the detachment and our beloved corps.



Semper Fi!

John Cleary, Commandant

WELCOME ABOARD

Patrick Benzaleski and Sherman Hirschfield who were inducted at the December meeting. New members are the life blood of our detachment, keep up the good work of bringing in new members.

MEETING DATES

<i>Staff</i>	Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008 at 1930 hrs
<i>Regular</i>	Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008 at 2000 hrs
<i>Auxiliary</i>	Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008 at 2000 hrs

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 3	Super bowl Party at the Marine House
Mar. 1	St. Patrick's Day parade – Woodbridge
Mar. 16	St. Patrick's Day parade – Kearny
Mar. 17	St. Patrick's Day parade – New York City
Apr.17-19	NE Division Conference at the Hampton Inn, Carteret
Apr. 22-24	Bus trip to the Marine Corps Museum

BUS TRIP TO

MARINE CORPS MUSEUM



The detachment is having a bus trip to the National Museum of the Marine Corps from April 22 to 24, 2008. P.C. Perry Piwowarski has put together a full and exciting schedule for us. In

addition to visiting the museum We will visit the Weapons Training Battalion which is responsible for all marksmanship training and qualifications. We will have the opportunity to try out the Individual Simulated Marksmanship Trainer-Video simulated shooting.

We will also visit "Marine Helicopter Squadron One" which is responsible for transporting the President of the United States for short trips where there is limited landing space. The agenda includes visits to the Women in Military Service for America Memorial,



Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Vietnam Women's Memorial, Korean War Memorial, the World War II Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery.

We will be staying on Marine Corps Base Quantico, we will have PX privileges, chow hall privileges, and dinner at the Mickey Finn Detachment.

COST OF TRIP

Single:	\$248.00
Couple:	\$346.00
Two in a Room	\$184.00 Each
Three in a Room	\$163.00 Each
Four in a Room	\$152.00 Each

Prices are based on having 50 bus seats sold.

Space is limited so if you would like to go a deposit of \$107.00 is required by March 12, 2008.

For more information contact PC Perry Piwowarski (201) 955-1176.

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Charlie Norris reported that Jim Mulvany is in serious condition. Gabe Viggiani is under treatment for his condition as is John Mikita. Sal Marotti is nursing his pneumonia and Fred Stecker is in Clara Maas Hospital with a severe diabetic infection.

If you know of any member who is sick or in distress, call Chaplain Charlie Norris (973)694-7177.



WHD SHOOTING TEAM

Team Captain Gene Patzer reported that the "team" placed third in the Pennsylvania Masters' Event. (No small feat) Matches will start up again in March 2008. The team meets at the Bullet Hole in Belleville every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. All members are welcome. Firearms and ammunition are provided. For information call team captain Gene Patzer at (973) 770-1749.



COLOR GUARD

Perry Piwowarski reported the WHD representation at the Submariners' ceremonies in Hoboken sponsored by the Tin Can Sailors. WHD was also

there for the Annual Pearl Harbor ceremonies in Jersey City. The next event will be for the St. Patrick's Day parade in Kearny and New York City.

If you are interested in joining or know someone who is contact PC Perry Piwowarski at (201) 955-1176.

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

On Friday November 30, Saturday, December 1 and Sunday December 2 the detachment held it's annual gifts for children drive. The locations were the Shop Rite and Stop & Shop in Lyndhurst. A big thanks to the members who braved the cold! We were very successful and are grateful to the community for their support.

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT

The cost for Red Blazers has increased to \$92.50 including shipping. You can pay for a blazer with a personal credit card but the order be submitted on Detachment letterhead. Winter Jackets available for \$99.99 and wind breakers for \$94.00. Any member needing to order a blazer, winter jacket, or wind breaker may contact PC Perry Piwowarski (201) 955-1176.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Lt. Col. Connelly was presented a plaque and a certificate in appreciation for his leadership with the Marine ROTC in Elizabeth. His efforts have recruited over 100 Marines from that group. In return he thanked WHD for their support in the volunteer organizations.

Marine Dress "Blues" can be purchased from
Crown Clothing Co.
609 Paul St.
Vineland, NJ 08360
They make them for the Marine Corps.

WHD "Toys for Tots" donations were received from Jaye Tarantino proprietor of Flowerama in Belleville and the Ridge Ranch School.

The website for obtaining a copy of your DD214 online is <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>

The correct mailing address for applications of members who qualify for the Social Security Benefit is:

South Eastern Program Service Center
2001 12th Avenue North
Birmingham, AL 35285

You may apply in person by bringing the original copy of your DD 214 to any local SSA office.

Marine Matt Bucceri and his wife, Ladies Auxilliary Chaplain, Liz Bucceri host a support group for military families who would like to meet and talk with other people "in your boots". They meet every Tuesday evening at 7:30pm at the
Community Hall
500 Madison Street
Carlstadt, NJ.

You can get more information at:

military-family-support@googlegroups.com

Public Relations Officer Joe Melione with his ever-ready camera is motivated about this duty, so give some ideas that will keep him busy. You can contact Joe at (201) 997-7516 or via email at mel0529@aol.com.

VAVS

PC Murray Sklar reported that the success of the October Bingo party for the Menlo Park Vets was due in large part to the support given by the Skeeter Devil Dogs Pound #136, the volunteers from Air/Land/Sea Detachment, and the regular WHD volunteers.

Volunteers are needed when bingo resumes. Please make an attempt to show up and help out our fellow Vets.



PAYMASTER'S REPORT

Any member who is over one year behind in their dues can be reinstated as a member in good standing via the MAPS program. Contact Paymaster Cesar Huaman at (201) 923-3088 to get the process started.

Membership Dues

New Members: \$36.00
Annual Renewal: \$31.00

Lifetime Dues

To become a Life Member you must be a regular member in good standing.

Age	Fee
0 - 35	\$400
36 - 40	\$350
41 - 50	\$350
51 - 60	\$250
61 - Over	\$125

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Lifetime Members: 98
Dropped Members: 58
Past Due Members: 16
Total Members: 188

DELINQUENT MEMBERS

November 2006: Thomas Cookson
March 2007: Robert Severs
Thomas Shannon
April 2007: Joshua Maarleveld
August 2007: William Blevens
September 2007: Chester Gorksi
Jerome Mahon JR.
Eric Ranson
October 2007: Murray Bromberg
Walter Budzinski
Clark Rhiel

After one year of delinquency National will drop you from the membership list and the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission will recall your MCL Plates.



LEADERSHIP CLASSES

On April 6th from 0800 to 1600 Leadership Classes will be held in Sea Girt. They are limited to a minimum of 20 and maximum of 30. The cost is \$35.00 per student which includes coffee, pastry, lunch, and printed materials.

SCHOLARSHIP

Barbara-Ann Swain, Dept NJ Scholarship Chairperson, will e-mail Dept of NJ and National application forms to the detachment commandant for distribution to any member wanting them. She emphasized only children, grandchildren, or stepchildren of Leaguers are eligible.

NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial is also awarding two \$2,500.00 scholarships. Applications and requirements will be made available through PC Murray Sklar, WHD Scholarship Chairman, or Commandant Cleary and must be submitted by April 18th, 2008. Requirements include an essay on the Vietnam Memorial.

SLOP CHUTE

Beginning on February 1 the price of soda will be \$1.00 and beer and drinks will be \$1.50. This is the first price increase in 13 years.

We are in need of bartenders for the Friday nights at the house. Contact Jerry Spager to get on the schedule.

VFW ANNUAL DANCE

The annual VFW Dance will be held on February 9 at 7:00pm. The detachment would like to fill a table. Tickets are \$40 each. The dance will be held at:

Nutley Amvets Post #30
184 Park Avenue
Nutley, NJ

Have something special that you want posted in "The Quarterdeck"?
Contact Joe Melione mel0529@aol.com with your ideas and we'll get them published