



# West Hudson Detachment “The Quarterdeck”



October 2009

### Commandants Message

Thank you for your confidence in me. I hope to live up to everyones expectations and with the support of a great staff and membership, I am looking forward to a very productive term.  
Sincerely, Joe Melione

### Installation of new Officers

The Installation meeting was held on 10/18/09 at the Marine House. The following officers were installed. After the meeting food was served. Thanks to Nanina’s in the Park for their diner donation. Special thanks to Frank and Ron for making some of the food

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| <b>Commandant</b>          | <b>Joe Melione</b>      |
| <b>Sr. Vice Commandant</b> | <b>Roger MacCagnano</b> |
| <b>Jr. Vice Commandant</b> | <b>Bill Magai</b>       |
| <b>Judge Advocate</b>      | <b>Tom DeFrancisci</b>  |
| <b>Paymaster</b>           | <b>Cesar Huaman</b>     |

### Chaplain’s Corner

WHD members turned out in force to pay respects on the passing of Marine Charles de Vries. John DeVries is recovering, but still having problems with his leg. John Makita and Fred Stretcher are feeling better. Bob McGuinness, Joe McLaughlin, and Ed Pflugi are doing well. Charlie Roussel was cleared of his cancer treatment.

### Quartermasters Report

P.C Joe Longo will be taking over the quartermaster post. There will be many new items to look forward to. We still have some of the Birthday Ball coins left but once they are sold out there will be no more.

### Color Guard

WHD presentation of colors at the Basilone Detachment parade earned photo recognition in the Newark Star-Ledger newspaper, and the Kearny Weekly regognized our unit in the Kearny and Harrison Peru Day Parade. They also marched in the 2nd. Annual Columbus Day Parade in East Rutherford

### Paymaster

Cesar Huaman reported a balance of \$1,888.99 in the special account. He deposited \$2,281.23 into the checking account and read the itemized expenses amounting to \$2,006.88, leaving a balance of \$6,551.30. To date, the Building Fund received \$915.00 and has a total of \$2,956.75 as of October 1, 2009.

### Sunshine Club

Jerry Spager, Sunshine Club Chairman, reported receipts totaling \$1,120.00 of which \$100.00 was given to “Cigar Night” proceeds for building maintenance renovation, \$397.19 was paid for expenses; \$52.00, was given to the Chaplain’s Fund; and \$470.81 turned over to the Paymaster.

### VAVS

Roger Maccagnano has scheduled the next visit for the second Thurs of each month. Volunteers are needed. If you can help contact Roger 973-202-2012.

### **Shooting Team**

Team Captain Gene Patzer reported in the New York competition of 52 teams, West Hudson came in 1st. Place The team also has a new member, Marine Frank Quattromini. The last match for the season will take place on Oct 25th. A reminder was also issued for team meeting held every 1st & 3rd Monday of each month at the Schootzin Range.

### **Membership Report**

No Report

### **For the Good of the League**

At Dept NJ meeting members were urged to petition congress to make the Purple Heart Stamp become a "Forever Stamp.

Bill Freda reported that he is still working on the website project to make it readily accessible to the members and display Qtrmstr. Sale items

Tom Jesse re-presented the Marines in the "Pathways to Independence" walkathon (correspondence letter.)

### **Upcoming Events:**

Nov 10 Family & Friends for Freedom annual Beefsteak Dinner at Brownstown, Paterson

Dec 4 - 6 Gifts for Children solicitations - **Members are urged to sign in for their schedule.**

Dec 18 Gifts distribution to needy children.