



# West Hudson Detachment

## “The Quarterdeck”



December 2009

**Commandant: Joe Melione**  
**Jr. Vice Commandant Bill Magai**  
**Paymaster Cesar Huaman**

**Sr. Vice Commandant Roger MacCagnano**  
**Judge Advocate Tom DeFrancisci**  
**Adjutant Murray J. Sklar**

### Commandants Message

I want to thank the Members of the Detachment for their dedication and hard work over the past year. Also, I would like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for their support over the year, and always.

### New Members

Matthew Malkowicz served with 2nd. Marine Air Wing in Cherry Point as a navigation instructor. Michael Pagani presently on active duty. Both were accorded membership.

### Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Charlie Norris reported:

- 1) He had contacted Ron Leminille, who was home recuperating from knee replacement surgery.
- 2) John deVries was moved to a rehabilitation home where he will be nursed for his stroke.

### Quartermasters Report

PC Joe Longo sold the remainder of the “challenge coins”, sweat shirts, “Pig Roast” tee shirts, and other gear at “bargain-store” prices to make way for his new stock.

### Color Guard

PC John Cleary, Sergeant, reported no immediate commitments. He outlined dress code. Khakis are not to be worn. Only qualified NCO's and officers are permitted to wear blue trousers with a “blood stripe.” Blue trousers belts are web khaki. Appointed department and national officers can wear their distinctive caps only while they hold office. Marine Corps metals are not to be worn on League uniform except on formal occasions and never mixed with League awarded medals.

### Paymaster

Caesar Huaman reported a carry-over in the special account of \$1,888.99 deposits of interest \$1.00 with expenses totaling \$500.00 leaving a balance of \$1,389.99. He reported a carry-over of the checking account of \$6,409.01 and deposited \$7,483.00. Expenses totaled \$6,458.53 leaving a balance of \$7,433.48. He paid out \$73.00 for heating system repair parts from the building fund, which now totals \$3,014.75 as of Nov. 30, 2009. His report was accepted as made.

### Sunshine Club

Jerry Spager, Sunshine Club Chairman, reported receipts totaled \$562.00 of which \$180.89 was paid for expenses; \$38.00 was given to the Chaplain's Fund; and \$343.11 turned over to the Paymaster. His report was accepted as presented. Jerry announced there will be a “Super Bowl” pool at the WHD party Feb 7th. at \$10.00 per box.

### VAVS

PC Murray Sklar reported for Roger Maccagnano on the successful bingo party at Menlo Park Veterans Nursing Home on November 19th. The next scheduled visit is Jan 22, 2010. He proposed that a donation of \$100.00 be collected from WHD, the Pound 136 Devil Dogs, and the WHD Ladies auxiliary that will be given to the “Wounded Warriors Foundation” in the name of the Menlo Park Veterans. The membership approved the expenditure. Contribution was received from the Shooting Team and Art Thun.

### **Shooting Team**

Team Captain Gene Patzer reported they are waiting for the new Dept of NJ shooting team schedule.

### **Public Relations**

Tom Jesse reported, at the staff meeting, on the fine Temple Beth Shalom Veteran's Day program, chaired by PC Murray Sklar, and is trying to get his report and comments of the event into the local papers

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

Cmndt Joe Melione thanked the members who collected a total of \$1,500.00 for "Gifts for Children" in the cold and Frank Buffardi for keeping the house open and preparing a delicious "chicken soup" to warm their gullet when they came in from their "watch."

He also especially thanked Frank Buffardi, Matty Vittale, and Ron Leminelle for repairing the heating system saving over \$700.00 from PSE&G costs.

Members were reminded that the Vietnam Veterans' Foundation is offering a \$2,500 scholarship Monies usually collected for the 50/50 were donated to the "Gifts for Children" funds.

Victor Villalta reported the fire in Harrison last week dislocated eleven families with children ages four to eleven, he asked if the Detachment would contribute for toys for them. He received \$50.00 from the Shooting Team and \$50.00 from WHD.

### **Upcoming Events**

Jan. 9, 2010 Cigar Party / Birthday Party for Tommy D's 90th. Birthday at WHD Hdqtrs - 7:00 PM  
Cost \$25.00 Includes 2 cigars 2 drinks and food.

Feb. 7 Super Bowl "Tailgate" Party at Hdqtrs 6:00 PM

Mar. 27-28 NE Div. Mid Winter Conference, Scranton, PA

### **Correspondence**

Donations and acknowledges sent:

Raffle solicitations were received from the Dept NJ Marine Corps League and Marine Corps League Ladies Auxiliary.

A letter from NE Div. Vice Cmndt Dick Brown announcing the mid-winter conference in Scranton, PA. along with registration application and raffles in support of the Marine Corps "League Foundation.

An invitation was received from the USS Ling Naval Museum to participate in their Pearl Harbor Ceremony

A thank you was received from the NJ Menlo Park Recreation Supervisor to WHD for hosting the Bingo party and refreshments for the patient veterans.

A letter was sent to the Dept NJ Scouting Chairman, Ray Skarzynski, for giving WHD Dept Scouting patches for awarding to achieving Eagle Scouts.

### **New Business**

Cmndt Melione suggested that the membership consider a "WHD Trip Event."

Some suggestions: visit to the USS Constitution; Aberdeen proving grounds; the coming Air Show at Cherry Point, SC; Quantico Marine Museum. Details will be released when available.