



West Hudson Detachment

“The Quarterdeck”



MARCH 2010

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 would like to thank everyone involved for their continued support and commend them on a job well done presenting all our events. ALL are encouraged to participate. We always need new and more volunteers for these events.

New Members

No new members

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Charles Norris reported:

- 1) Joe McLaughlin, John Mikita and Ed Pflugi are fairing well.
- 2) Bob McGuinness and Fred Stecker are still ailing,
- 3) John deVries is home using a walker, feeling and doing much better
- 4) Pat O'Conner's wife fell and is nursing a broken bone.
- 5) John Holey is mending from a broken hip.
- 6) Bill Maskal was hurt in a one-car accident after he left the WHD "Super Bowl" game. We wish them well soon

Quartermasters Report

No Report

Color Guard

PC John Cleary, sergeant, reported the St Patrick's Day Parade will be in full dress blues with troops in Red Wind Breakers and black trousers. The Color Guard lead this years parade and performed flawlessly. Only 4 members marched behind the color guard.

Paymaster

Caesar Huaman reported a carry-over in the special account of \$1,293.31 deposits of interest \$0.89 with expenses totaling \$-0- leaving a balance of \$1,294.20. He reported a carry-over of the checking account of \$25,620.71 and deposited \$479.75. Expenses totaled \$1,077.14 leaving a balance of \$25,023.32. The building fund, which now totals \$22,000.00 as of January 31, 2010. His report was accepted as made.

Caesar reported to the membership of the supremely generous gift of \$21,000.00 from the Ladies Auxiliary.

Sunshine Club

Jerry Spager, Sunshine Club Chairman, gave a combined report which included Super Bowl Sunday. Receipts totaled \$1107.00 of which \$327.71 was paid for expenses; \$77.00 was given to the Chaplain's Fund; and \$702.29 turned over to the Paymaster. His report was accepted as presented.

Jerry also reported the Feb 10 to Mar 10 Sunshine Club Receipts totaled \$399.00 of which \$197.80 was paid for expenses; \$20.00 was given to the Chaplain's Fund; and \$181.20 turned over to the Paymaster. His report was accepted as presented.

VAVS

PC Murray Sklar reported for Roger Maccagnano on the successful bingo party at Menlo Park Veterans Nursing Home on February 18th. The next scheduled visit is April 15th. As always help is needed contact PC Roger Maccagnano if you can assist.

Shooting Team
Vist the shooting team on-line for all the latest news and matches
<http://www.whdmcl.com/steam.htm>

Public Relations

For the Good of the League

- 1) "House Field Day" at 1000 Saturday March 13th. Was held in preparation for the saint Patricks day Parade on March 14th.

Upcoming Events

May Cherry Point Air Show, Annapolis, or Camp LeJune trip.
May 27 Kearny Memorial Day Parade at 7:00 PM
May 30 WHD Annual Pig Roast
June 15-16 VAVS Fund raising
Jun.17-19 Dept NJ 82nd. Convention Hampton Inn, Woodbridge
Jun.26 Tom Watson Annual Fishing Trip at Atlantic Highlands – 7:00 AM sharp.

Correspondence

- 1) Raffle solicitations were received from the Dept NJ Marine Corps League Ladies Auxiliary and offered for sale to the detachment members
- 2) Thank you letters were received from NJ Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park for our hosting the January bingo party and providing refreshments.
- 3) The MCL Dept NJ asked for support for their 82nd.Convention Ad Journal, and submitted an ad-blank listing cost ranging from \$100.00 for full page to \$25.00 fo4 ¼ page and \$3.00 for personal boosters. Included were room reservation forms, (which if paid before June 1st. to Dept Paymaster will save cost of tax) dinner reservations, and Dept rules of order.
- 4) Notification was received from Hudson County Veterans Affairs that on Saturday, Feb. 27th. the NJ VA Health Care System will be available at the Lincoln Park Administration Building on West Side and Belmont Ave to register veterans. Bring your discharge or DD214 forms.
- 5) A thank you note from the Kearny Gospel Baptist Church for our Christmas generosity and our service in preserving freedom.
- 6) A Valentine card and note from Elaine Smith expressing her appreciation to WHD.
- 7) Linda Ford, the wife of deceased long time WHD member, China Marine Joseph Ford, sent a short note expressing his treasured memories of the Marines and the League.
- 8) An e-mail note from Thomas Jesse to WHD comrades of his choice to relocate to Florida and requested that it be read to the members. However, he has since reversed his decision.

New Business

- 1) Cmdnt Melione appointed a six-member committee to be chaired by PC Joe Longo to review the requirements for house renovation, i.e. kitchen floor, kitchen stove, meeting room floor. He also reported that a "WHD Trip Event" is being planned for May .
- 2) PC John Cleary motion to put a WHD ad in the Dept NJ Convention Journal was passed.
- 3) Collection for WHD VAVS hospital funds on June 15th. and 16th.
- 4) PC Cleary nomination of Carl Dayston to replace non-attending Matt Bucerri as Sgt-at-arms was passed.

Retreat - Retreat was held at 20:55. The meeting was adjourned until April 14th, 2010

