



# West Hudson Detachment “The Quarterdeck”



MARCH 2011

**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**

As mentioned in the past I would like to thank all who are “always there”. I am most grateful for those who show true dedication and support to our house and cause, However, I am still disappointed that it is always the same few. We are all part of this league and brotherhood. If we all pitched in the load would be light. So few carry so much.

## **New Members**

Cmdnt Melione postponed the induction ritual for “recruit” Angel, recently returned from Iraq/Afganistan. Until the March meeting.

## **Chaplain’s Corner**

In the absence of Chaplain Charles Norris, on his behalf, we regret to report the passing of Charles Thomas Roussel. He served in the United States Marines during the Vietnam War from Oct. 7, 1964, until being honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant on Oct. 6, 1968. Charles was a lifetime member of the West Hudson Detachment 209 Marine Corps League in Kearny, N.J. He also was the uncle of PC John Cleary.

## **Color Guard**

The next parade the color guard will march in is the St. Patricks day Parade. We will need 2 color guards. The main color guard will march in Woodbridge and the Alternate will march in The Kearny Parade.

## **Paymaster**

Caesar Huaman reported a carry-over in the special account of \$751.42 deposits of interest \$0.56 with expenses totaling \$ -0- leaving a balance of \$751.98 He reported a carry-over of the checking account of \$9,991.04 and deposited \$203.99 Expenses totaled \$1,183.36 leaving a balance of \$9,011.66

The building fund receipt was \$100.00 and paid out \$1,802.41 for balance of the kitchen renovation. He reported a balance of \$13,997.59. His report was accepted as made.

## **Sunshine Club**

With the absence of Sunshine Club Chairman Jerry Spager there was no report.

## **VAVS**

Sr.Vice Cmdnt Roger Maccagano reported the next scheduled bingo party at Menlo Park Veterans Nursing Home will be Friday Feb.18<sup>th</sup>, at 14:00. The balance in the VAVS budget is \$881.11.

## **UVO**

Frank McKewon reported wreath laying in Kearny will take place May 27<sup>th</sup>, The West Hudson Detachment will provide the Guest Speaker and the Grand Marshall this years memorial day parade

## **Shooting Team**

Team Captain Gene Patzer presented the schedule from Joe Reily, Dept NJ and requested HPSC Sklar if he could get it put on the MCL Website. He issued his usual invitation to the members to join the team to the “Shootzen Range” the 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of any month. Weapons will be loaned for the practice.

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

- 1) Cmdnt Melione reported that Fire Dept requires Fire-Extinguisher inspection.
- 2) Ron Leminelle reported the deposit to the Holiday Inn is required for 2011 WHD Marine Ball.

- 3) PC Sklar reported the Dept NJ is considering meeting every 3 months instead of bi-monthly At June convention Devil Dog awards are to be distributed at the "Grand Growl," MCL awards at the Friday session, and the Longhorn Restaurant will be solicited for the Sat. evening banquet.
- 4) Cmdnt Melione reported that fifty gift cards from our Holiday Drive were given to deserving indigent families
- 5) He also reported that the Feb.6th. "Super Bowl Sunday" Party at WHD Headquarters was a huge success.
- 6) PC John Cleary donated his Super Bowl winnings back to the house.
- 7) WHD celebrated Tommy "D's" 90-plus birthday

### Upcoming Events

- Mar. 12 Start Leader Ship School in Sea Girt at 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM.
- Mar. 13 St Pat's Day Parade, Kearny
- Mar. 25 – 26 Dept NJ Hosts NE Div (PA-NY-NJ) Conference at Hampton Inn, Woodbridge
- Apr. 15 Vietnam Vets Scholarship submittal deadline.
- May 26 Kearny Memorial Day Parade 19:00 hrs
- May 27 Wreath Laying at Kearny Memorials 17:00 meet at the Marine house
- May 29 Flag placement on Vet Graves, No, Arlington Cemetery at 8:30 AM.
- May 29 WHD "Pig Roast" at Headquarters start at 12:00
- May 30 Public "Open House" visit.
- June 1 WHD and Dept NJ Scholarship applications deadline.
- June 6 WHD 50/50 Fund Raiser VAVS and House 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM in Nutley

### Correspondence

- 1) A thank you letter was sent to Arthur Thun for his generous donation to the WHD "Gifts for Children" drive.
- 2) Fannie Kieyla sent her love-decorated card of thanks to the WHD for their Christmas food gift card.
- 3) A card was received from Bill McDonough [deceased] daughter with a picture of Bill's new granddaughter. Bill was a founding member of WHD.
- 4) Barbara Swain, Dept NJ Scholarship Chairperson, sent the "2011" form for distribution to eligible high school seniors applicants. [See new business.]

### New Business

- 1) Cmdnt Melione reported PC Murray Sklar will be Kearny Parade Grand Marshall.
- 2) PC John Cleary proposed that a landscaper be hired to clear the walk and stairs after a snowfall since members cannot be available to do the job.
- 3) Applications for Dept NJ and/or WHD scholarship and the Vietnam Vets are available from WHD Scholarship Chairman PC Murray Sklar, National application forms will not be ready until the end of February and may be downloaded from MCLLeague.org **Take note** the Vietnam Vet scholarship application is must be submitted by April 1 \$2,500.00 and requires an essay of the NJ Memorial

### Old Business

- 1) There was no further update reported from PC Joe Longo as chairman of the six man housing committee (consisting of : Frank Buffardi, PC Bob Gast, Cesar Huaman, Ron Leminelle, Bill Magai and PC Murray Sklar)

### Historian No Report.

### Quartermasters Report

No report

### Membership

<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>Lifetime Members</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>Dropped Members</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>Unpaid Membership</b>	<b>21</b>

**Retreat** - was held at 20:45.

The meeting was adjourned until March 9, 2011

