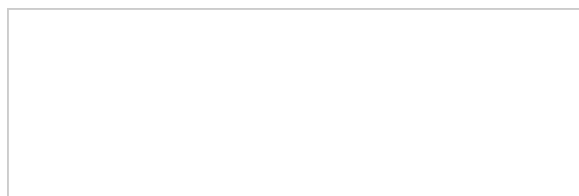


Leadership: The art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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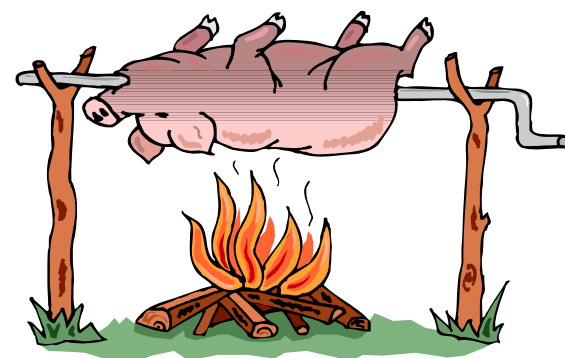
A list of inventory will be put on the WHD website from which the members will be able to order. Special items will be ordered in quantity as might be requested by the membership. PC Perry Piwowarski is looking for a four-foot long display case to show his wares.

MEETING DATES

Staff: Wednesday May 7, at 1930 hours
Regular: Wednesday May 14 at 2000 hours
Auxiliary: Wednesday May 14 at 2000 hours

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 22 Kearny Memorial Day Parade
1900 hours
May 25 WHD Annual Pig Roast
1200 hours
May 26 North Arlington Memorial Day Parade
and open house
1300 hours
June 28 Tom Watson Annual Fishing Trip
July 4 Kearny Fireworks
Sept. 23 Basilone Parade—Raritan



Pig Roast Set For May 25

The Detachment's Annual Pig Roast is set for Sunday May 25 starting at 12:00 noon, rain or shine. Rich Centi is requesting volunteers to help set up on Saturday May 24.

The committee is seeking donations of supplies to offset the costs of the event. A contribution of \$60 covers barrel of beer or you may bring soda and bottled water.

Pig Roast T-Shirts are \$10.00 each and orders are being taken now. Tickets are \$10.00 each for members and their spouse or guest. Non members are \$20.00 each.



West Hudson Detachment—Marine Corps League

May 2008

QUARTERDECK

ONCE A MARINE—ALWAYS A MARINE

Joe Longo
Senior Vice Commandant

John Cleary
Commandant

Emanuel Vitale
Junior Vice Commandant

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

As the summer season approaches, so do our recurring activities and events. Thus far, members of the West Hudson Detachment have participated in several parades and most recently attended the Gulf Company Family Day event held at the Picatinny Arsenal on April 6th. The weather was colder than hoped for, but that didn't stop the hard-charging Marine Corps Leaguers from ensuring our active-duty Marines had an outstanding day to spend with their families.



Our trip to Quantico, VA is scheduled for April 22 – 24th, and by the time you have read these words, we had been there and back, with lots of stories and pictures for our yearbook. The WHD Staff members and I hope to see you at some of our upcoming events, such as the Memorial Day parades being held in Kearny and North Arlington, our annual Pig Roast, or the 10th annual Tom Watson Memorial fishing trip in June.

Semper Fidelis Marines, - enjoy the summer.

John Cleary
Commandant

QUANTICO TRIP A BIG SUCCESS

Two van loads of WHD members headed south to visit the National Museum of the Marine Corps and other sites in the Washington DC vicinity.



WHD members gather for a photo before dinner at the Mickey Finn Detachment.



Paymaster Cesar Huaman getting a high and tight in Q-Town.



WHD Vietnam vets in front of Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC.

BUILDING FUND

The detachment maintains a building fund account that is used for the upkeep of the Marine House. We invite members to contribute to the fund. Contributions of any size are appreciated.



11/17/2007

Chaplain's Corner

O'Callahan is home nursing his ailments. Bob McGuinness was recently hospitalized with pneumonia and is recovering at home. John Mikita is home after evaluation in a New York hospital to determine why he is losing blood, and where. Bill McDonough, Joe McLaughlin and Gabe Viggiani are ailing at home while being treated for their cancers. John deVries is still nursing and under therapy from his knee replacement surgery. Jim Mulaney is still in serious condition. Fred Stecker is home but still having foot problems. Sal Marotti, though with us, will have weeks of therapy recovering from his stroke. Matt Bucceri's mother passed away and services were held for her in Vermont.

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

SHOOTING TEAM



The "Three Gun Aggregate" match was held at the Union County Police range on April 6th. On May 17th the team will be working with the Junior ROTC at the Cherry Ridge Range. Four or five Air, Land and Sea and WHD Members are pledged to come and help as instructors.

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.

VAVS

A volunteer is desperately needed to pick up and continue this long running WHD program to assist Menlo Park hospitalized veterans.

UVO

Frank McKewon confirmed that the Elizabeth "Young Marines" will be marching with WHD. Tom DiFrancisci will be the Grand Marshall at the Kearny Memorial Day parade. A Marine Corps Major will be the key-note speaker.



WHD member and Iraq war veteran Matt Bucceri and his wife, Liz host a weekly support group for military families to meet and talk with others in their situation.

Meetings are every Tuesday night at 7:00pm at:
Community Hall
500 Third Street
Carlstadt, NJ

For More Information Contact Group Coordinator
Liz Bucceri at (201) 438-3161
military_family_support@googlegroups.com

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

The detachment received a request from Marine Ken Warner of New Hampshire to perform a memorial ceremony for his brother, Marine Leslie Warner of Lyndhurst NJ. Most of the detachment was on the Quantico trip but we had five members present to pay last respects. Ken and Leslie Warner served under Gen. Lewis "Chesty" Puller at the Chosin Reservoir.

At the April meeting Cmdt. John Cleary welcomed Kevin "Doc" Johnson from the Maj. Steven Pless Detachment #1196 in Griffin, Georgia "Doc" brought his informative and very well done newsletter for our review. There was another visiting Marine from Indiana present.

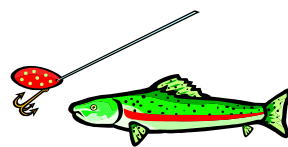
Acting for Sal Marotti, Eagle Scout Liaison Perry Piwowarski will attend presentations to Dan Mozlowski, Francis Anderson, and John DeCecco all of Boy Scout Troop #304 at the Harrison Elks Club on May 18th at 3:00 PM

WHD WINS BEST COLOR GUARD AWARD



For more information on the color guard, contact PC Perry Piwowarski at (201) 955-1176.

The Color Guard was awarded a plaque for best color guard by the American Irish Association at the Woodbridge St. Patrick's Day Parade.



"TOM WATSON" MEMORIAL FISHING TRIP

Our 10th Annual "Tom Watson" Memorial fishing trip is scheduled for Saturday, June 28th taking off from the Atlantic Highlands pier. The trip is limited to the first 40 people who sign up, and the cost is \$45.00 per person.

To Purchase Tickets Mail Your Check To:

Watson Graphics
C/o Tom Watson JR
151 Kearny Avenue
Kearny, NJ 07032

For More Information:
Call (201) 955-0283 or
email at teewats@aol.com

APRIL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Total Membership: 189
Lifetime: 99
Past Due: 8
Dropped: 60

Delinquent Members

March '07	Robert Severs
April '07	Joshua Maarleveld
August '07	William Blevins
September '07	Jerome Mahon JR Eric Ranson
October '07	William Bartolomeo
November '07	Murray Bromberg
December '07	Julius Spohn
February '08	Kevin Looby Stuart Lukowiak

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

Any member who is over one year behind in their dues can be reinstated as a member in good standing. 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

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Applications are now being accepted for the John E. Kelly Memorial Scholarship Award. Any relative of a WHD member who is currently a high school senior and attending college beginning this fall is eligible to apply. This is a one-time grant of \$500.00.

All applications must be by the committee no later than June 30, 2007. Questions or comments relating to this scholarship award can be directed to PC Murray Sklar (973) 992-3130.

Additionally, both the Department and National Marine Corps League offer other scholarships. If interested, information regarding these grants can be obtained from PC Murray Sklar."

G COMPANY 2/25 FAMILY DAY

On April 5 a contingent of WHD members descended on Picatinny Arsenal in support of the marines of G company 2/25. This year family day was held in April because these Marines are scheduled for deployment to Al-Anbar Province, Iraq in the coming months.



WHD took responsibility for running the carnival games for the children. JA Tom DeFrancisci was a big hit wearing his famous Dr. Seuss hat while Jr. Vice Commandant Matty Vitale tested out the horses.



The WHD members posed with L/Cpl Joe Dizon, his mother Evelyn, and CO Maj. Fitzsimmons. L/Cpl Dizon is a friend of Sr. Vice Commandant Joe Longo who will be deploying. A good time was had by all.

