



THE QUARTERDECK

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Marine Corps League-West Hudson Detachment #209
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COMMANDANT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

I am excited about the mood around the Marine House. As we plan for our upcoming events there is a real spirit of cooperation. From the cooks in the Galley to the staff in the Slop Chute, the Shooting Team, the Color Guard, and everyone who is stepping up to the plate I believe we are positioned for great things. In keeping with that spirit I would like to encourage you all to mark our events on your calendars and plan to join in. We have a strong detachment so lets show the world.

OLD BREED? NEW BREED? THERE'S NOT A DAMN BIT OF DIFFERENCE SO LONG AS IT'S THE MARINE BREED!

OOH-RAH!
Joe Longo

MEETING DATES

Mar. 4 7:30 pm Staff Meeting
Mar. 11 8:00 pm Regular Meeting
Mar. 11 8:00 pm Ladies Auxiliary

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 28 8:00 am Boat Safety Course
Mar. 8 TBA St. Patrick's Day Parade
Woodbridge, NJ
Mar. 15 TBA St. Patrick's Day Parade
Kearny NJ
Mar. 29 8:00 am Dept NJ Leadership College
Sea Girt, NJ
May 24 WHD Annual Pig Roast
Jun. 2-6 Parris Island Trip
Jun. 27 Tom Watson Fishing Trip

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

- Thank you letters were received from NJ Memorial Home at Menlo Park for hosting the January bingo party, the Nutley Family Service Bureau for WHD donation for the holiday season and six more from the families who received WHD gift certificates.
- A Note was received from John Toms, a WWII vet, and 15 year member, is "totally disabled" and has been house-bound, but is proud to be a part of the "League" and enjoys the monthly reports.
- PC John Cleary, reported our membership stands at 189; 110 members have been dropped for non-renewal of dues and five are "MIA."
- PC John Cleary is seeking articles, photos, and items of interest for the "2009" yearbook.
- PC Perry Piwowarski, reporting for Sal Marotti, said an Eagle Scout presentation will be made February 27th. in No. Arlington at the Queen of Peace Church
- Gene Patzer reported a Boat Safety Course will be given by the NJ State Police 75 Rutgers St (2nd floor) Belleville, \$65.00. Register, deposit and directions by email: info@njsecurityguard.com.
- An anonymous donor gave WHD a "Laptop Computer"
- American Legion Post #359 has donated a "Juke Box" to WHD.
- Super-Bowl winners of WHD pool. 1st Qtr: Betty Pflugi 2nd Qtr: Sal Marotti 3rd Qtr: Roger Maccagano 4th Final Qtr: Jim Kelly. Betty Pflugi donated her winnings to WHD. Carl Dayston won the 50/50
- The WHD Ladies Auxiliary purchased a rear door replacement, which will be installed by a volunteer at no fee.
- A requirement for a short patriotic essay will be reviewed by the WHD scholarship committee to be included in the application form.
- This year's pig Roast is in the planning stages.
- A "Challenge Coin" is being considered for distribution to members.

Chaplain's Corner

Frank McKewon is recuperating slowly from his by-pass surgery. Joe McLaughlin is nursing his condition. John Staugaitis is also at home recuperating from quadruple heart by-pass and aorta valve repair. Fred Stecker is in serious condition nursing his leg infection. Gabe Vigianni is battling his cancer. We wish them all a return to good health. Bob McGuinis had been ailing but did turn out for the "Four Chaplains" ceremonies at St Stevens Church.

*If you know of members who are sick or in distress call
Chaplain Charlie Norris 973-694-7177
email chaplain@whdmcl.com*

WHD SHOOTING TEAM



The Dept of NJ has not released its "2009" Shooting Schedule yet, however there is a Pennsylvania rifle match scheduled for May 29, 30, 31. Practice has been changed to the 1st. and 3rd. Monday of each month and has moved from the "Bullet Hole" to the "Schuetzen Park" 3167 Kennedy Blvd., No. Bergen. The Shooting Team is offering the opportunity for WHD members to purchase Shooting Team T-Shirts. The price is \$15.00 per shirt. All WHD members are invited to practice with the team at "Schuetzen Park" 3167 Kennedy Blvd., No. Bergen every 1st. and 3rd. Monday of each month.

*If you are interested in joining the team or purchasing a
T-Shirt contact Gene Patzer at (973) 770-1749
shoot@whdmcl.com*

VISIT US ON THE WEB

Check out the West Hudson Detachment web site for pictures of events, up to date calendars, or even to email staff members.
www.whdmcl.com



COLOR GUARD

PC John Cleary, reported that in addition to Dress Blues the "Marine Corps League" uniform will be the dress for some WHD color guard events. The uniform will consist of Red MCL Cover, Blue Trousers with blood stripe, White Shirt, and Black Shoes.

If you know anyone who may be interested, have them call PC John Cleary, colorguard@whdmcl.com

"TOM WATSON" MEMORIAL FISHING TRIP

Our Annual "Tom Watson" Memorial fishing trip is scheduled for Saturday, June 27th - taking off from the Atlantic Highlands pier. The trip is limited to the first 35 people who sign up, and the cost is \$45.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased by mailing your check to:

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

If you have questions, contact him at (201) 955-0283 or via email at teewats@aol.com

VAVS

PC Perry Piwowski reported on the successful bingo party at the Menlo Park Nursing Home renewed in January. He is seeking volunteers to assist. The day and time have been selected to accommodate retired members of the detachment who are able to volunteer for this committee.

If you are interested in helping with VAVS contact PC Perry Piwowski at 201-955-1176, vavs@whdmcl.com

PARRIS ISLAND TRIP JUNE 2-6



Eleven members have signed up for the trip. All charges for the train reservations must be made with a non-refundable deposit of \$200.00. The cost is \$350.00 per couple, \$500.00 for a single. Meals not included. Participants could park their car at the WHD Marine House, and hire a Taxi for a shared cost of \$12.00 to Penn Station, Newark.

If you are interested contact Sr. Vice Cmdt. Joe Melione 201-997-7516, svicemdt@whdmcl.com

QUARTERMASTER

Jr. Vice Cmdt. Roger Maccagnano is taking the quartermaster responsibility. We are in the process of setting up the web site to take orders and pay for products. You can view available products on the quartermaster page of the web site, click on test link. As always products are available at meetings.

Quartermaster Roger Maccagnano, quartermaster@whdmcl.com



PAYMASTER'S REPORT

Annual memberships dues are \$31.00 annually; and new memberships will be \$36.00. Please submit the correct amount when renewing your membership.

The fees for becoming a lifetime member:

Age	
0 - 35	\$500
36 - 40	\$400
41 - 50	\$400
51 - 60	\$300
61 - Over	\$150

- Any member who is over one year behind in their dues can be reinstated as a member in good standing via the MAPS program. Contact Paymaster Cesar Huaman at (201) 923-3088 to get the process started.
- To become a Life Member you must already be a Regular Member in good standing.
- The NJ Motor Vehicle Commission will recall any MCL Plates issued to a member that fails to renew their annual dues.

Super Bowl Sunday At The Marine House



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