



# West Hudson Detachment

## “The Quarterdeck”



APRIL 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

As mentioned before, we are in need of volunteers for upcoming events. I'm sorry to inform you, response has been slow in coming to almost non-existent. I'm sure, all have good intentions and time for responding has gotten away from most of us, as we all have hectic personal lives. This is an ongoing request. Please, let's help each other as well as our communities we serve by donating a few hours of your time.

Semper Fi

### New Members

No new members

### Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Charles Norris reported:

- 1) Himself, (Charles Norris) weakened from surgery to remove cancerous tissue from his left lung.
- 2) The Chaplain Visited Bob McGuinness at his nursing facilities in Cedar Grove.
- 3) John deVries is again in rehabilitation suffering with his knee.
- 4) John Cleary's mother-in-law passed away in late April

### Color Guard

PC John Cleary reported the St Patrick's Day Parade was under attended due to the cold and rain. (ED: We of WWII and Korea are beginning to feel our age.) Younger Members are encouraged to participate in more parades.

### Paymaster

Caesar Huaman reported a carry-over in the special account of \$1,294.20 Deposits of interest \$0.81 with expenses totaling \$ - 0- leaving a balance of \$1,295.01. He reported a carry-over of the checking account of \$25,023.32 and deposited \$1,668.32. Expenses totaled \$1,816.70 leaving a balance of \$24,874.94, the building fund, which now totals \$22,000.00 as of March 31, 2010. His report was accepted as made.

### Sunshine Club

Jerry Spager, Sunshine Club Chairman, reported the Mar 10 to Apr 14 Sunshine Club Receipts totaled \$1,216.00 of which \$340.91 was paid for expenses; \$87.00 was given to the Chaplain's Fund; and \$788.09 turned over to the Paymaster. His report was accepted as presented.

Pig Roast Tickets are on sale at the marine House.

### VAVS

Sr. vice Cmndt Roger Maccagano reported on the next scheduled bingo party at Menlo Park Veterans Nursing Home on May 20th.

### UVO

Frank McKewon/Bob Gast/ -- Frank McKeown reported for the group that Memorial Day Parade will be on Locust Ave. Six Memorials will be decorated May 28th. And No. Arlington Cemetery Veterans' Graves will be decorated May 30th. At 8:00 AM with a memorial services at Civil War grave circle at 10:00 AM.

## Shooting Team

Team Captain Gene Patzer invited the members to join the team to the "Shootzen Range" the 1s and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of any month. Weapons will be loaned for the practice. The first pistol match took place March 21st. The pistol qualification match took place April 1st. There will be one for Championship April 25<sup>th</sup>

## For the Good of the League

- 1) Cmndt Joe Melione announced the Bailone Parade will take place on Sept 26th.
- 2) A plaque will be presented to James Salocy, manager of the Holiday Inn for "Outstanding support during the annual USMC Birthday Ball."
- 3) The Bayonne Det. meets on the 8<sup>th</sup> of the month at the VFW Veterans'

## Upcoming Events

May 27 Kearny Memorial Day Parade at 19:00 PM  
May 28 Decoration of Memorials Meet at Marine house at 17:30  
May 29 set up tents for Pig roast. Help is needed. 08:00 at the Marine house  
May 30 Decorate Arlington Cemetery Veterans' Graves at 8:00 AM, memorial service at 10:00 AM.  
May 30 WHD Annual Pig Roast  
May 31 North Arlington Memorial day parade.  
Jun.17-19 Dept NJ 82nd. Convention Hampton Inn, Woodbridge  
Jun 25 Collection for WHD VAVS hospital funds  
Jun.26 Tom Watson Annual Fishing Trip at Atlantic Highlands – 7:00 AM sharp. \$45.00 each

## Correspondence

- 1) An e-mail note from Thomas Jesse to WHD comrades of his intended return to New Jersey and requested to return to chair Public Relations.
- 2) A letter was received from the Philadelphia Stand Down VA Medical Center executive director, Ed Speller, requesting a donation for their support to help veterans.
- 3) The Menlo Park Vets' Memorial Home sent their appreciation for hosting the February Bingo Party.
- 4) Mayor Michael DeFrancisci of Little Falls Township sent a proclamation declaring May 1<sup>st</sup> as Silver Star Banner Day to honor those who have served never be forgotten. Ceremonies will take place 9:30AM at City Hall.

## New Business

- 1) Cmdnt Melione declared a "Field Day" and erection of the tents for the "Pig Roast" on Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup>. He reported the collection for WHD VAVS hospital funds at the Nutley Shoprite on Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. at 9:00 AM for the full day. Volunteers are urgently needed to man the collections.

## Old Business

- 1) PC Joe Longo as chairman of the six man housing committee (consisting of Frank Buffardi, Cesar Huaman, Ron Leminelle, and PC Murray Sklar,) reviewed the requirements for house renovation, i.e. kitchen floor, kitchen stove, and meeting room floor. It was decided to complete the kitchen first and restore the meeting room by the Pig Roast. Since a dumpster will be made available for the debris it was decided to initiate a general house cleaning and dispose of accumulated "garbage" stored in the house.
- 2) Sr. Vice Cmndt Roger Maccagano announced there will a Bar-B-Que at Menlo Park Veterans Nursing Home on Sept 6th.

## Historian

Reporting for Sal Marotti, PC Joe Longo submitted report to Dept NJ of two Eagle Scouts. He also reported another presentation will be made in Rutherford City Hall on April 30th.

**Retreat** - Retreat was held at 20:55. The meeting was adjourned until May 12, 2010

