



West Hudson Detachment

“The Quarterdeck”



JUNE 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

It is always an honor to welcome in new members. New members = new ideas; and new support at the house. Hopefully these men will take an active part in our detachment as so many of you do constantly. However, the drop-off is far exceeding the installations, and the same ones carry out the “chores” of the house. I urge you, **once again**, donate a few hours of your time; if not every week, at minimal, for our special events. Semper fi!

New Members

Cmdnt Melione performed the induction ritual for Andrew Espoito, Brian T. Wakk, and Brian Stanislaus.

Chaplain’s Corner

Chaplain Charles Norris reported:

- 1 Bob McGuinness is in Canterbury Nursing Facilities in Cedar Grove and will be moved back home by his daughter Joanne as soon as a full time caregiver can be hired.
- 2 John deVries is n the hospital taking medication for muscle spasms.
- 3 Charles Russell has prostrate and liver cancer.
- 4 Joe McLaughlin is still extremely uncomfortable and continues to receive pain-killing medication.

Color Guard

The next parade the color guard will march in is the Kearny/Harrison Peruvian Parade on July 18th.

Paymaster

Caesar Huaman reported a carry-over in the special account of \$1,245.90 deposits of interest \$0.85 with expenses totaling \$ -0- leaving a balance of \$1,246.75. He reported a carry-over of the checking account of \$18,563.88 and deposited \$263.94. Expenses totaled \$3,099.59 leaving a balance of \$15,728.23.

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

Jerry Spager, Sunshine Club Chairman, reported that as of May 12 to June 9th. Sunshine Club Receipts totaled \$1167.00 of which \$625.66 was paid for expenses; \$54.00 was given to the Chaplain’s Fund; and \$487.34 turned over to the Paymaster. His report was accepted as presented.

VAVS

Bar-B-Que at Menlo Park Veterans Nursing Home on Sept 18th. Help is needed contact Roger for details.

UVO

Frank McKewon/Bob Gast/ -- Frank McKeown reported the UVO is suspended until September

Shooting Team

Team Captain Gene Patzer again invited the members to join the team to the “Schuetzen Range” the 1st and 3rd Monday of any month. Weapons will be loaned for the practice.

The next match will be on 8/15/10 8:30 AM, Rifle Qualification Match Cherry Ridge Range -Highland Lakes, NJ .

For the Good of the League

1. The Scholarship Chrmn, PC Sklar, with much pride and pleasure presented WHD Betsy McVeigh Kearny High School award to: Carolyn Melione; Cmdnt Joe Melione's daughter

Detachment Awards:

2. **Life Membership Pins** to George Sono and Mike Walker:
3. Cmdnt Melione named Frank Buffardi as "**Marine of the Year**":
4. **Distinguished Citizen's award** went to PC Joe Longo:
5. **Distinguished Service Certificates** to Cesar Huaman, Roger Maccangnow, and citizen Robert Vernoy with gratitude for his selfless dedication to WHD:
6. **Meritorious Commendation** to Victor Vallato, and Mark Harnell Hoggie Bar and Grill:
7. **Certificates of Appreciation** to Frank Buffardi, PC John Cleary, Carl Dayston, Tom De Francisi, Bill Freda, Cesar Huaman, Tom Jesse, Ron Leminelle, PC Joe Longo, Roger Maccangno, Bill Magai, Sal Marotti, Frank Mckeown, Charlie Norris, Gene Patzer, Jerry Spager, and PC Murray Sklar.

Upcoming Events

Sunday July 18th Peruvian Day parade; Location Harrison/Kearny Meet at the House at 12pm
Camping trip to Washington DC Friday Sept 3rd. returning Monday Sept 6th.
Sept 18, Bar-B-Que at Menlo Park Veterans Nursing Home
Sept 26, Basilone Parade Raritan NJ.

Correspondence

A letter from Robert Vernoy with a most generous contribution to the scholarship fund in memory of Ed Smith. Letters of acknowledgement were sent to Mr. Vernoy and to Elaine Smith.

New Business

On June 25th the detachment collected \$900.00 dollars at the Nutley shoprite. Proceeds will benefit the VAVS.

Old Business

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) reported on the recent kitchen renovation completed in time for the Pig Roast with kitchen floor, kitchen stove (to the delight of Ron Leminelle) A complete report is filed in the minutes. Renovation for meeting room and flooris next on schedule.

Historian No Report.

Quartermasters Report

PC Joe Longo reported that sales were stagnant although most of the old stock has been exhausted. He will be investing in new inventory with his profit balance of \$710.00.

Membership

Total Membership 189
Dropped Members 117

Lifetime Members 98
Unpaid Membership 12

Retreat - Retreat was held at 21:10. The meeting was adjourned until July 14, 2010

