



# West Hudson Detachment "The Quarterdeck"



NOV 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**

I would like to especially thank everyone who's hard work and dedication helped make this years Birthday Ball such a success! Also, I would like to thank everyone who attended for showing your support! We had a very good showing and next year I hope even more join us.

### **New Members**

Cmndt Melione performed the induction ritual for Jonathan Fredrick Hoffman who served with the 3rd. Marine Division.

### **Chaplain's Corner**

Chaplain Charles Norris reported:

- 1) On the passing of long time member "Frank" Francis Kraemer whose wake was attended by a WHD contingent.
- 2) John Holle is ailing with a heart condition.
- 3) John Mikita, Tony Russell, and Joe McLaughlin, although ailing with various cancers, were in attendance at WHD Marine Ball on Nov. 6th.

### **Color Guard**

PC John Cleary, Color Guard sergeant, reported they performed flawlessly at the 235th. Marine Corps Ball.

### **Paymaster**

Caesar Huaman reported a carry-over in the special account of \$1,250.28 Deposits of interest \$0.56 with expenses totaling \$ -0- leaving a balance of \$1,250.84. He reported a carry-over of the checking account of \$9,672.63 and deposited \$2,901.84 Expenses totaled \$1,336.76 leaving a balance of \$11,237.71. The building fund receipt was \$-0-and paid out \$-0- for balance of 7,206.19. His report was accepted as made.

### **Sunshine Club**

Jerry Spager, Sunshine Club Chairman, reported that as of Oct13th to Nov.10th Sunshine Club Receipts totaled \$439.00 of which \$251.21 was paid for expenses; \$18.00 was given to the Chaplain's Fund; and \$169.79 turned over to the Paymaster. His report was accepted as presented.

### **VAVS**

Next Bingo Party at Menlo park will be Thursday Dec 23.

### **Shooting Team**

Team Captain Gene Patzer is waiting for the schedule from Joe Reily, Dept NJ. A WHD "Turkey Shoot" will be held Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Public Relations

Tom Jesse has "re-upped" and is now in boot camp

## Upcoming Events

- Dec. 4 "Gifts for Children" drive starts – Volunteers urgently needed -- Sign Up.
- Dec. 6 WHD "Turkey Shoot"
- Dec. 7 Pearl Harbor Ceremonies at Jersey City Wharf
- Dec. 7 Pearl Harbor Ceremonies at US Submarine "Ling"
- Dec. 15 Visit "Babyland" to deliver toys.

## Correspondence

- 1) A letter of WHD Scholarship award was sent to Peter DreFrancisci.
- 2) Thank you letter was received from Peter DeFrancisci for WHD Scholarship award along with letter from David Ballaban registrar of Albright College attesting to his attendance

## New Business

- 1) Cmdnt Melione reported "Gifts for Children" drive will commence Dec 4th. and requested volunteers sign-up to man the posts
- 2) He noted that PC Murray Sklar will be holding the Temple Beth Shalom Veterans Day ceremonies he has organized and run for twenty-four years.
- 3) Cmdnt Melione reported that WHD presented a \$400.00 check to "Marines Care" November 6th.

## 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.)

## Quartermasters Report

PC Joe Longo reported that sales of the old stock has been exhausted and. he will be investing in new inventory with his profit balance of \$710.00. He will order Embroidered WHD Marine League emblem and your name in front left chest area Field Jackets in lots of six of any size for \$85.00. Joe demonstrated WHD "Peace" tee shirts for \$10.00.



## For the Good of the League

- 1) Cmdnt Melione reported that the WHD Marine Ball celebrating the 235th. Marine Corps League Anniversary was a huge success.
- 2) The Cmdnt announced that the 50/50 raised \$3,400.00 and first prize of \$510.00 was won by the Holiday Inn Chef, The second and third prizes of \$255.00 each when to Dennis Devit and Mike Pilger.
- 3) Disk Jockey Wolfies pledged for 2011 Marine Ball.
- 4) UPS supports and will collect "Toys for Tots."

## Yearbook Americanism Submittal and Membership

PC John Cleary: the yearbook is accepting all information, articles, and/or photos for the 2010/2011 Yearbook. He was presented with the National Honorable Mention Award by PC Sklar at the Dept NJ Staff Meeting. As membership chairman PC Cleary said there were 186 members and he has dropped 119 members who were delinquent with dues. There are 97 "Life" members.

**Retreat** - Retreat was held at 21:10. The meeting was adjourned until Dec 8, 2010

