

**West Hudson
Detachment
#209**



**Marine Corps
League
2016 - 2017**

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Parades & Special Events

Independence Day Celebration

July



Town of Kearny



Independence Day Celebration

Monday, July 4th at Veterans Field



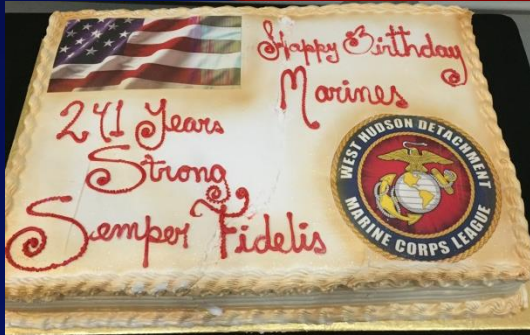
Basilone Parade

September



Marine Corps Birthday Ball

November



Marine Corps Birthday Ball

November



2016 Ball



Kearny Memorial Day Parade

May



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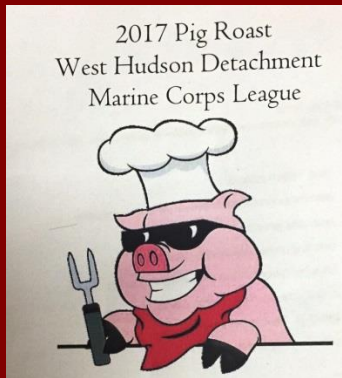
97-year-old WWII
veteran honored as part
of Kearny Memorial Day
observances

BY MICHAELANGELO CONTE | THE JERSEY JOURNAL
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Memorial Day Pig Roast

May



Honor Guards & Funeral Details

Basilone Parade

September



Columbus Day Parade October

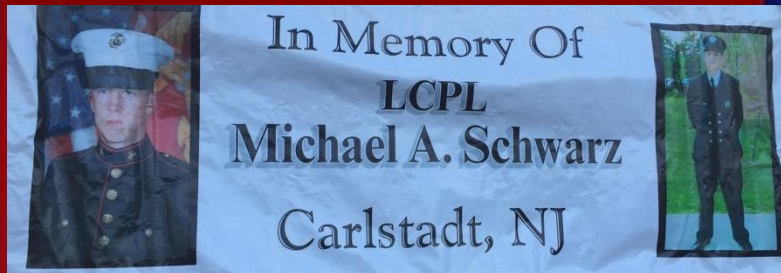


Detachment Bugler



Michael Schwartz Memorial Run

November



Kearny St. Patrick's Day Parade March



Kearny St. Patrick's Day Parade March



Funeral Detail for Victor Villalta



Harrison Councilman Villalta dead at 67

By Kevin Canessa Jr.
Observer Correspondent

HARRISON —

Victor B. Villalta, a Democrat who for most of the last decade served Harrison as Second Ward councilman, died Tuesday, May 24.

He was 67. Villalta was born in Lima, Peru, on March 12, 1949, and his family came to the United States in 1964 when he was just 14. They chose Harrison as their home — and he'd go on to spend the rest of his life here.

In 1966, he was a player on the Harrison High School state soccer championship team.

A year later, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. But it wasn't easy for Villalta to get into the Corps at first.

He told *The Observer* a story several years ago of how he and his best friend wanted to enlist together — but his friend was already 18, and he was still 17, a year younger than the minimum age for enlisting.



Villalta in a recent photo, L, and in a 2012 photo.



Observer file photos

to enlist, but you had to be 18 to do that," Villalta told *The Observer* in 2012. "Mickey was 18, but I was 17. So I was still a few months short of 18."

But the recruiter said parental consent would be good enough for him to join the Marines short of turning 18. Since

way to basic training a short time later.

And then he'd go on to Vietnam.

Before heading to Vietnam and after he completed his basic training, Villalta was first sent to Okinawa, Japan, for two weeks.

When he was finally deployed to Vietnam, he remained for 13 consecutive months before being honorably discharged. He earned a Bronze Star with "V" for valor, a Purple Heart for being injured in action and a Good Conduct Medal, among many other awards.

Villalta's grandson, Ryan, also became a Marine.

It was when Villalta was chosen as grand marshal of the 37th Hispanic State Parade of New Jersey in West New York and North Bergen that he shared these stories. He dedicated that honor to all Latinos

who served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

As a civilian, Villalta worked for Keystone Automotive Industries for 33 years, holding several positions from driver to working his way up to general manager. He also worked for the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission for 10 years, retiring in 2014.

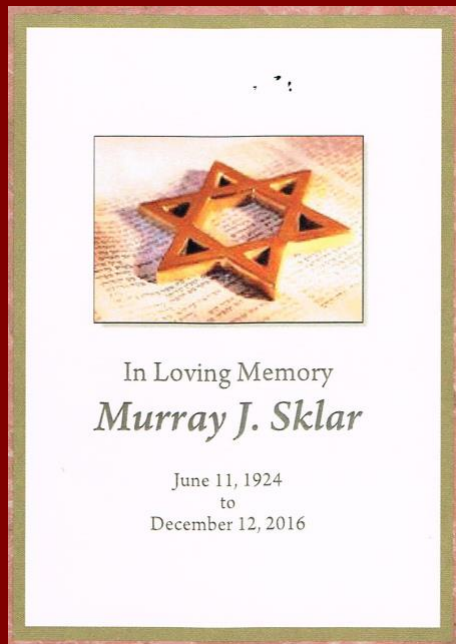
Service to Harrison & the community

Villalta was first elected to the Harrison Town Council in 2003, but he lost his seat in a hotly contested 2007 election to Steve McCormick by a razor-thin margin. But just four years later, in 2011, he'd return to the council after soundly defeating the wife of the man who beat him four years earlier — Maria McCormick.

see VILLALTA page 2

HIGHEST CASH PAID ON THE SPOT FOR YOUR OLD GOLD & DIAMOND

Funeral Detail for P.C. Murray J. Sklar



Youth

Court of Honor – Troop 17

November



Eagle Scout Court of Honor

John Shamus Mullins



BSA Troop 17
Hasbrouck Heights
Northern New Jersey Council
November 6, 2016



Court of Honor – Troop 181

December



Eagle Court of Honor

for

Thomas Colarusso

Matthew Cupo

Andrew Rojas

December 11, 2016



Court of Honor – Troop 17



Court of Honor – Troop 166

May

Boy Scout Troop #166
Rutherford, New Jersey
Eagle Scout Court of Honor
Honoring

Scott Edward Catlett

May 12, 2017
Rutherford Borough Hall
176 Park Avenue
Rutherford, NJ 07070



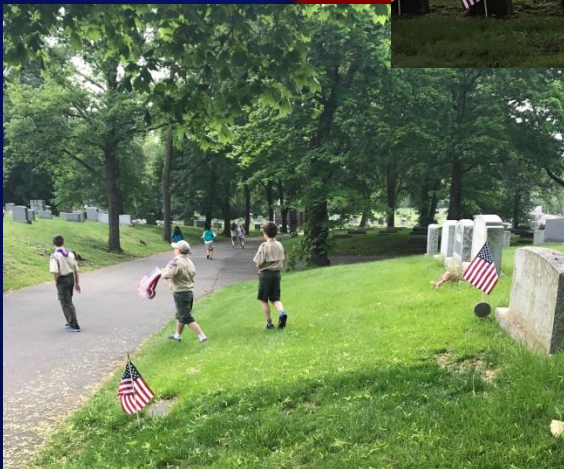
Trustworthy
Loyal
Helpful
Friendly
Courteous
Kind
Obedient
Cheerful
Thrifty
Brave
Clean
Reverent



Eagle Scout & Since 1912

Memorial Day Flag Placement at Arlington Cemetery

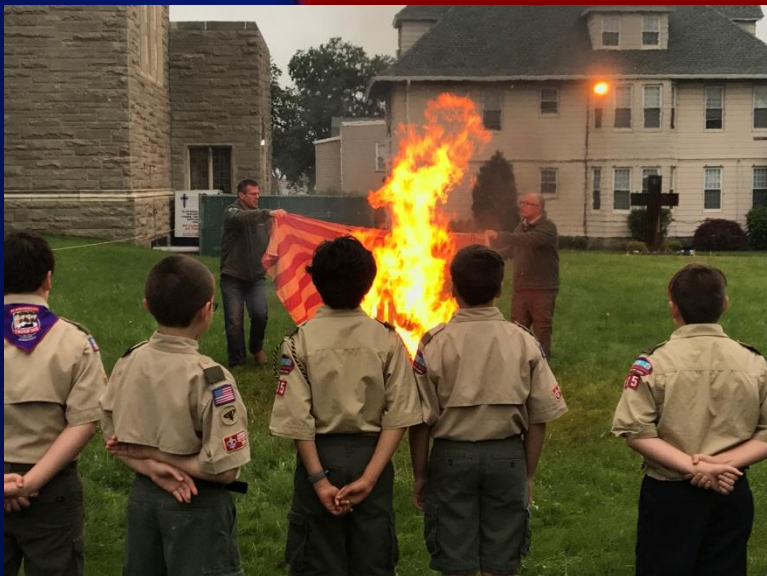
May



Troop 305

Retiring of the Flag Ceremony

May



Scouting leadership



Dept of NJ YPF Annual Competition March



Shooting Team

5th Annual Youth Bunny Shoot

February

Marine Corps League



Certificate of Participation

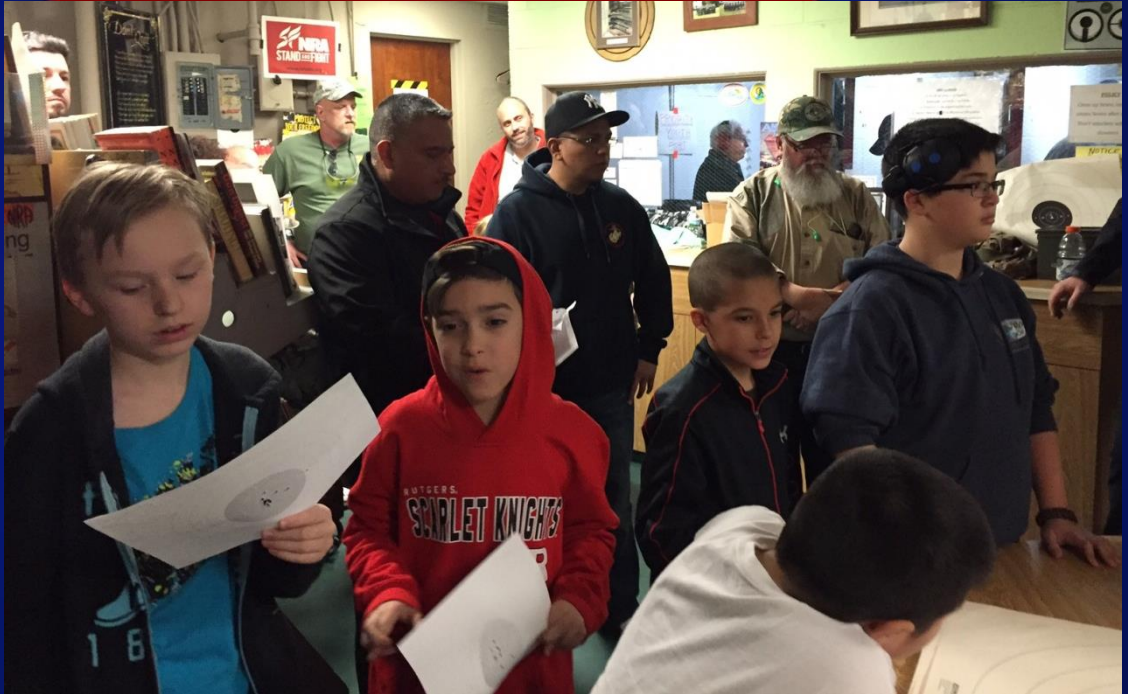
John Capozzi

Has successfully completed the necessary requirements of
West Hudson Detachment's
5th Annual Bunny Shoot

Presented on 19 February 2017



Detachment Senior Vice Commander
Detachment Shooting Team Captain



Personalized name on one invitation for all families.

Gifts include: use for the course... Have Fun!
regulation targets.

West Hudson Detachment's
5th Annual
Turkey / Bunny Shoot

Sunday, 19 February
10:00 - 3:00

Our shooting team cordially invites Marines, Associates, Friends and Family to our 5th annual Turkey / Bunny Shoot.

Other than SAFETY, there's only one rule... Have Fun!
\$10 includes the use of a .22 rifle, 30 rounds of ammo and targets.
Eyes and ears free of charge.
A great event for the entire family.

Scheutzen Park
3167 John F. Kennedy Blvd, North Bergen, NJ

For more information email
marcoridenedc7@gmail.com or alngg@hotmail.com

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Americanism Programs

Americanism

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE National Headquarters

2016 Americanism Results Platoon

CONTACT Award	Department	Detachment
Honorable Mention	Texas	Deanne Hawkins Detachment 323
Honorable Mention	Tennessee	Capt. Jack Holland Detachment 235
Honorable Mention	Washington	Lewis County Cpl. Joseph P. Bier Detachment 1119
Honorable Mention	Indiana	Bobby Ray Detachment 1377
Honorable Mention	Indiana	Southeast Marines Detachment 1394
Honorable Mention	Indiana	Cpl. Jordan L. Spears Detachment 1434
Honorable Mention	Pennsylvania	Westmoreland County Marines Detachment 1416
3rd Place	South Carolina	Lewis G. Watkins Detachment 1131
2nd Place	Michigan	Edson Kline VanSlyke Detachment 1423
1st Place	Alabama	McLaughlin Detachment 1091

Company

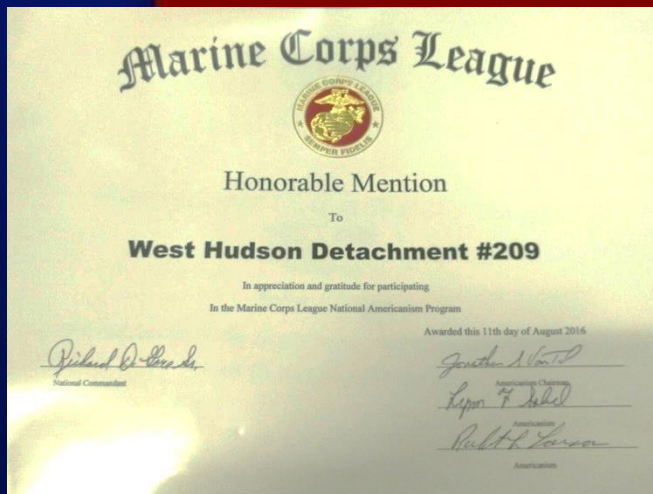
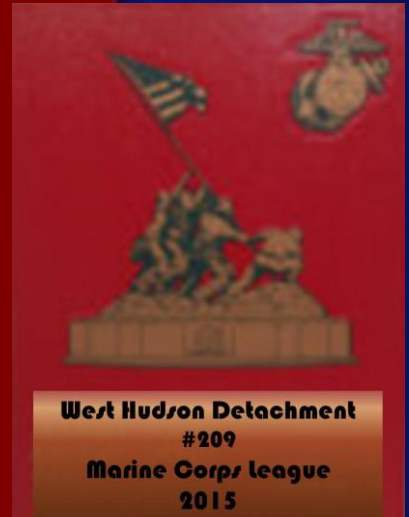
Award	Department	Detachment
Honorable Mention	South Carolina	Owen-Kennemore Detachment 1105
Honorable Mention	Missouri	Cpl. Mason O. Yarbrough Detachment 1081
Honorable Mention	South Carolina	Julian D. Dusenbury Detachment 410
3rd Place	Indiana	Southern Indiana Leathernecks Detachment 931
2nd Place	Texas	Big "D" Detachment 316
1st Place	South Carolina	Low County Detachment 803

Battalion

Award	Department	Detachment
Honorable Mention	Montana	Great Falls Detachment 688
Honorable Mention	New Jersey	West Hudson Detachment 209
3rd Place	Pennsylvania	Northampton County Detachment 298
2nd Place	Alabama	P. L. Wilson Detachment 447
1st Place	Tennessee	Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment 924

Gil Gray Award Michigan John C. Rock Detachment 902

Congratulations and Semper Parati!



Charity Drives

Friends & Family for Freedom Fund Beefsteak November



Babyland Toy Drive

December



Annual Gifts for Children Campaign

December



Toys for Tots Horseshoe Tavern December



Toys for Tots Hoboken Medical Center December



Annual Iwo Jima Beefsteak

February



Shaking the Can for Department of NJ Warrior Fund May



Assisting Veterans

Menlo Park Veteran's Home Volunteer lunch



Menlo Park Veteran's Home Monthly Bingo



Menlo Park Veteran's Home Monthly Bingo



State of New Jersey
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
NJ VETERANS MEMORIAL HOME AT MENLO PARK
132 EVERGREEN ROAD
PO BOX 3013
EDISON, NJ 08818

CHRIS CHRISTIE
Governor
Commander-in-Chief

☆
MICHAEL L. CUNIFF
Brigadier General
Adjutant General

April 26, 2017

Mr. Roger Maccagnano
Marine Corps. League West Hudson
286 Belgrove Drive
Kearny, NJ 07032

Dear Mr. Maccagnano:

On behalf of the residents and staff at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your organization for hosting a bingo party with prizes for our residents.

Our residents really enjoyed playing bingo and spending time with such caring people like you. They were very appreciative of all the hard work you did in providing them with this wonderful party and generous prizes.

Again, thank you so much for thinking of our residents.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Brandspiegel".

Joseph Brandspiegel, MBA, LNHA
Chief Executive Officer

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dorothy De Los Reyes".

Dorothy De Los Reyes, CTRS
Supervisor of Recreation

VAVS



Past Commandants John Schmidt and Roger Maccagnano “shaking the can” and raising money for VAVS and the Menlo Park Veterans Home..

Memorial 5k Run

August



Scholarships

SOS Breakfast to Benefit the Scholarship Fund

October



Annual Cigar Dinner Benefiting the Scholarship Fund

February



West Hudson Detachment's Annual Cigar Night

When: Saturday, 25 February 2017 1800 to 2300
Where: Marine Corps League 286 Belgrove Drive Kearny, NJ
Cost: \$25 per person which includes:
-2 Cigars
-2 Drinks
-Salad, Bread, Pasta with Gravy and Meatballs

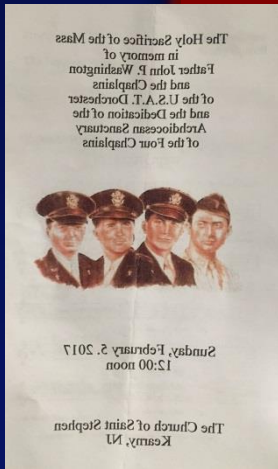
All proceeds will be going to the MCL scholarship.



The Detachment

Four Chaplins' Ceremony

February



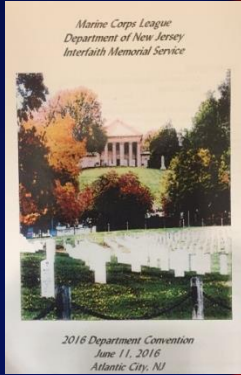
Conventions & Rallies

Department of NJ State Convention



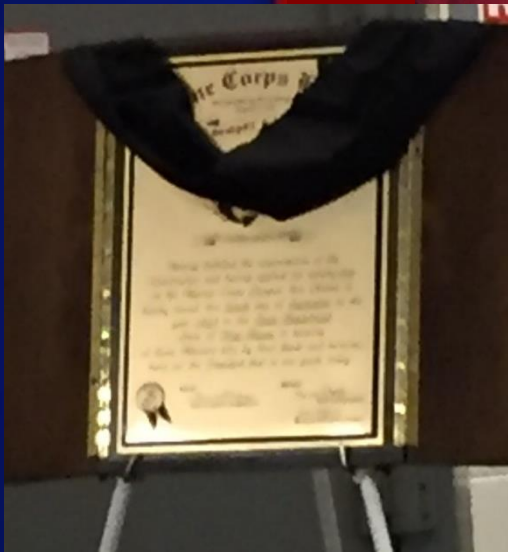
Department of NJ State Convention

June



Department of NJ State Meeting

January



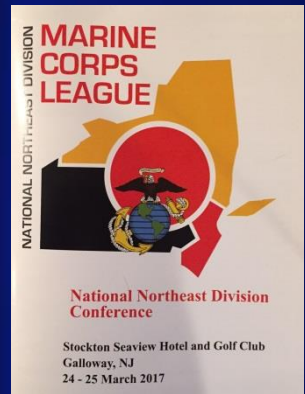
Department of NJ State Meeting

March



National Northeast Division Conference

March



Helping Marines

Comcast Cares Community Project April



Detachment Overview

The West Hudson Detachment :

New member recruiting program that resulted in 18% increase in members this year.

Recognizes the Americanism/Historian Program

Sponsors an annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball

Honors a member as the Detachment Marine of the Year at the Annual Awards Ceremony.

Supports a Marine Corps League Auxiliary Unit

Supports a Devil Dog Pound

Supports a Detachment Shooting team and annual shooting events such as the Carlos Hathcock Match, Youth Turkey Shoot, & Three Gun Aggregate

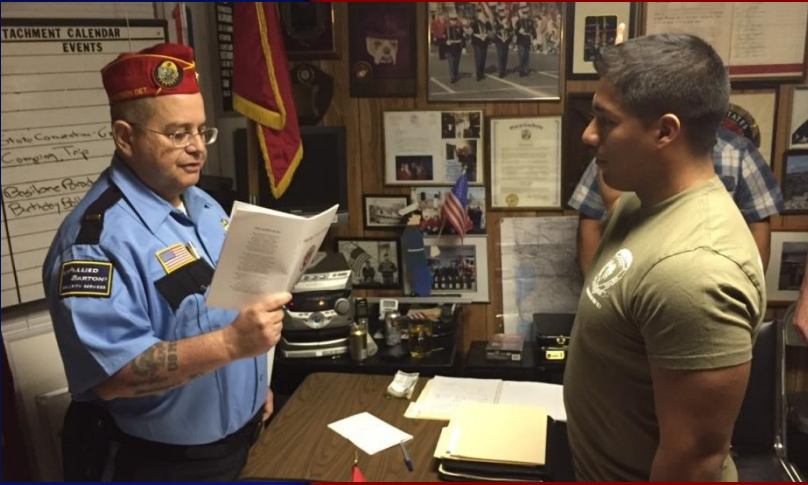
Hosts an Annual Super Bowl party at the Marine House

Is consistently featured in Semper Fi magazine

Produces a Detachment newsletter, "Our House"

Detachment Meeting

June



Detachment Marine of the Year

July



Shooting Team Rifle Qualification

August



Officer's Installation

October



Detachment Meeting

October



Carlos Hathcock Match

October



Shooting Team

NRA Shotgun and Pistol Certification

October



Detachment Meeting

February



Annual Super Bowl Party

February



Detachment Meeting

April



Services for Kathleen Maccagnano May



Newsletter



West Hudson Det.
Marine Corps League
Our House
Quarterly newsletter
January, February, March 2017

January- The month began with the membership agreeing to award Certificates of Appreciation to supporters and organizations assisting with the Christmas Gifts for Children drive. Thanks to all the donations and support, we were able to bring some joy to well over 100 children. Paymaster Cesar Husman and Past Commandant John Cleary paid a visit to our neighbors at the American Legion, Post 99, and presented their membership the award, which they were happy to accept. The way things work well: Veterans working together for a good cause and helping the public.



West Hudson Det.
Marine Corps League
OUR HOUSE

Newsletter
Jul, Aug, Sept 2016



July was a great month.....sunshine, parties, family, friends, and comrades!

We enjoyed a great 4th of July together, although rain interrupted the festivities for a bit. Plenty of great chow, served up by the grillmaster general, Adam Tegge and John Schmidt.

Needless to say, the ladies also brought cookies and cakes for after dinner (Whew).



Plenty of laughs and stories shared by all until nightfall, when the show began...



West Hudson Det.
Marine Corps League
OUR HOUSE
Newsletter

October, November, December 2016

October- The month started off with a great SOS breakfast at the house. Family and friends were treated to morning chow, consisting of scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, and the old favorite of chipped beef on toast (S.O.S.) Nice way to start the day: food, friends, and fun!



Later, the Shooting Team enrolled new candidates in a NRA pistol/shotgun instructor course in Waretown, N.J. The all day event covered safety and basics needed to train and work with shooters. Along with the classroom, plenty of range time was allotted, well into the evening.

Shooting Team



Rifle & Pistol
Competitions



Fun Shooting
Events

Looking For A Few Good Men

with a competitive spirit to join our team



West Hudson Detachment Ladies Auxiliary

President	Alima Zimmer
Senior Vice President	Linda Kaplarczuk
Junior Vice President	Barbara Paul
Chaplain	Eileen Carstedt
Judge Advocate	Dottie Norris
Secretary / Treasurer	Harriet Sklar
Guard	Helene Streckfuss



Detachment Awards

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



Department Meritorious Unit Commendation



Presented to

West Hudson Detachment

In appreciation and gratitude for Service to the Department of New Jersey
and the Community

Awarded this 10th Day of June 2016

For the period June 2015 to June 2016

Authorization for the wear of the Department Meritorious
Unit Commendation Ribbon by each member of the entity to
which this award was made during the period indicated is
approved

Harry Prince
Department Commandant

Charles Fields
Department Adjutant

Marine Corps League



Honorable Mention

To

West Hudson Detachment #209

In appreciation and gratitude for participating
in the Marine Corps League National Americanism Program

Awarded this 11th day of August 2016

Richard D. ...
National Commandant

Jonathan ...
Americanism Chairman
Lynn ...
Americanism
Ruth ...
Americanism

SEMPER PARATI

The Magazine of the Marine Corps League

Roll Call

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Senior Vice Cmt. of the West Hudson (NJ) Detachment Adam Tegge recognized Hasbrouck Height's Troop 17 newest Eagle Scout, Andrew Severino, on 30 April 2016 with the Good Citizenship award.

On 13 April 2016, Marsha Lasko, director of Volunteer Activities at the Menlo Park Veteran's Home, recognized West Hudson Detachment Jr. Vice Cmt. John



Healy (L) and Past Cmt. Roger Maccagnano (R) for their efforts throughout the year in working with the veterans. Activities hosted by West Hudson Detachment members include monthly bingo and an annual BBQ.

ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE

SEMPER PARATI

THE MAGAZINE OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



On November 12, 2016, members of the West Hudson Detachment celebrate the 241st birthday of the Marine Corps. Left to right: Joseph DeAngelo, Jr. (State Judge Advocate), Michael Apricena (Past Commandant and member of the LCpl. Jedh C. Barker Detachment), John Cleary (Membership Chairman and Past Commandant), Ray Santana (Commandant Air, Land & Sea Detachment), Barb DeAngelo (State Adjutant) and Brian Gillespie (National Public Relations Committee member).



Top Photo: On November 6, 2016, Senior Vice Commandant, Adam Tegge recognizes John Mullins of Troop 17 in Hasbrouck Heights, NJ for his achievement of Eagle Scout.



Left Photo: At the Gooney Bird Detachment of New Milford, NJ Birthday Ball where our oldest and youngest Marines are both women. Pictured at the cake cutting ceremony is Maybelle Schneider, 93 years old, and Shifali Masih, at 37 years young. In the background is Commandant Ron Vrablic.

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On September 18, 2016, members of the West Hudson Detachment Color Guard lead the 35th Annual John Basilone Memorial Parade in Raritan, NJ.



On October 16, 2016, members of the West Hudson Detachment install their officers for the 2017 fiscal year.



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