



West Hudson Det.

Marine Corps League

Our House

Quarterly newsletter

July, August, September 2017

JULY- The month began with a newspaper article about our **COLOR GUARD** attending the Matt Fenton 5K run in Little Ferry, N.J. This is a regular memorial run, and having our Marines start the event made it more memorable.



Next, the Town of Kearny celebrated the **4th of July** with a town party and fireworks display across from the house. Families, friends, and visitors came by and enjoyed a warm summer afternoon of fun and festivities. Our house was open and we enjoyed a nice cookout

and drinks. It was nice seeing all the smiling faces and activities going on....from the “bouncy house” to the pony rides and the inflatable batting cage., courtesy of Kearny. A visit from the mayor and our councilwoman was a surprise and enjoyable. Afterwards, an impromptu visit from our favorite piper. A few rousing tunes, followed by our Anthem, and the town singing along to God bless America! Talk about coming together!!



At the staff meeting, discussions took place regarding upcoming events and planning for them. Then, at the regular monthly meeting, the final stage for the camping trip. The troops finalized the head count for food planning, equipment, etc.

On the 21st, troops mustered and went for a relaxing breakfast before heading off to the campgrounds for another fun filled weekend. Once again, a nice turnout, and the usual joking, teasing, and comradery! Marines enjoying being among Marines, Semper Fi!







AUGUST-On the 6th, the Shooting Team took part in the 4 Position Match at Cherry Ridge, N.J. A regular event, teams participate to demonstrate their dedication to marksmanship. Great job to all, and Semper Fi!

At the monthly general membership meeting, plans were discussed for the upcoming events such as the National Convention, parades, and the Kearny memorial 5K run.

The 16th brought a cool morning for the running of the **Kearny 5K**, dedicated to the memory of SSgt Jorge Oliveira. Runners took part from all over, and all ages. Our troops were, once again, out in force and showed our colors while supporting this great cause. Congratulations and great job to all our runners!



**3rd Annual
5K Run/Walk**
(In Memory of SSG Jorge Oliveira)
Proceeds to Benefit the SSG Jorge Oliveira Scholarship Fund

Saturday, August 26, 2017
8:00am – Sign-in & Registration
9:00am – Run/Walk Begins
@VFW Post# 1302, 300 Belgrove Dr., Kearny

Prizes to be awarded to fastest runners
Registration Fee: \$20 per person in advance
(Pre-register @ RUNSIGNUP.COM thru Wednesday, August 23rd)
Note: Registration Fee on the day of the race is \$25 per person
Water & Refreshments will be provided
For more information, please email vfwpost1302@gmail.com
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The shooting team took place in the Rifle Qualification course, held at Cherry Ridge, N.J. on the 27th. Once again, members distinguished themselves while demonstrating their dedication to marksmanship. Semper Fi, and well done team West Hudson!

SEPT- The month began with plans for upcoming events and general discussions among staff members. We received info on the 9th about the appreciation from the N. Arlington Boys' Soccer Club. Thanks go out to the team members for showing who's behind them!



That same day was a celebration for PC Joe Melione, whose daughter was married. Several members attended the occasion and witnessed proud Papa!! Congratulations to the beautiful bride!



On the 16th, runners from all around converged in Seaside Park for the annual ***Semper 5*** run to benefit MARSOC. N.J. State and Team West Hudson also took place in the event, displaying our Esprit de Corps!



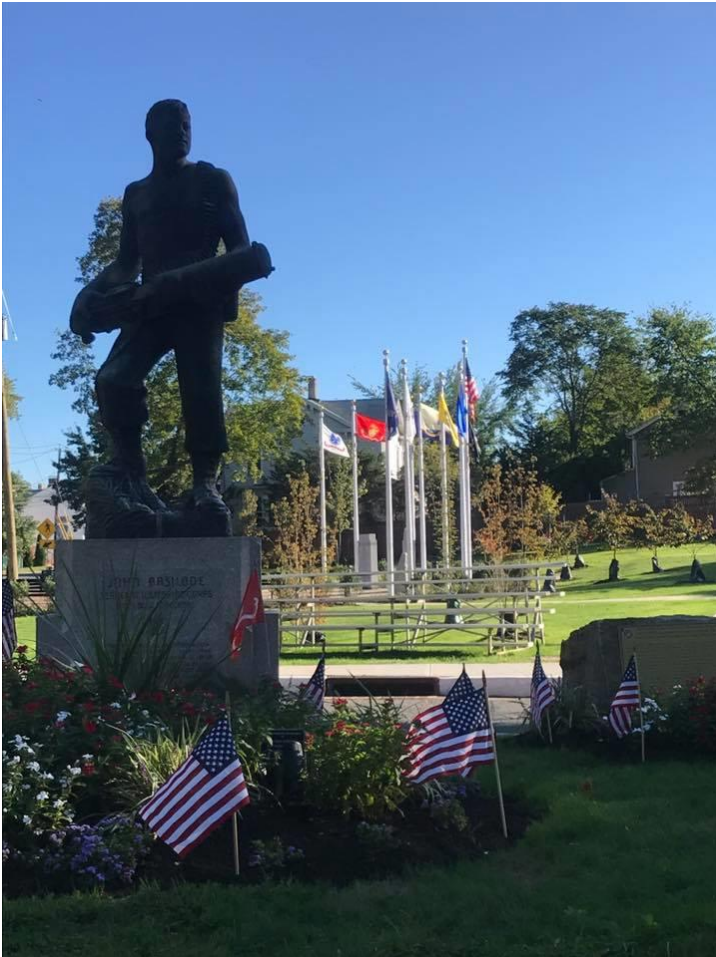


Needless to say, after the run, troops enjoyed a slice or two, and a cold one! OUTSTANDING job to all!

On the 24th, one of the biggest Marine Corps events on the east coast: the ***Basilone Day parade*** in Raritan, N.J. This parade commemorates a true Marine hero: **Gy. Sgt. John Basilone**, and Marines from far and near come to take part in the celebration. Prior to the actual parade, we got to meet Dianne Hawkins, John Basilone's niece.







The day was sunny and warm, yet all the troops showed up in uniform and definitely showed their Marine Corps pride. Semper Fi !

Finally, on the 30th, the **VAVS** cookout for veterans at the **Menlo Park Veterans' Home**, in Edison, N.J. Members got together and cooked up burgers, hot dogs, and baked beans for veterans and staff at the home. Although a brisk, cloudy day, we were able to provide some chow to all, providing appreciation for their service, those who came before us!





Again, we've been busy and look forward to much more to come. Semper Fidelis, Marines !

