



West Hudson Det.

Marine Corps League

Our House

Quarterly newsletter

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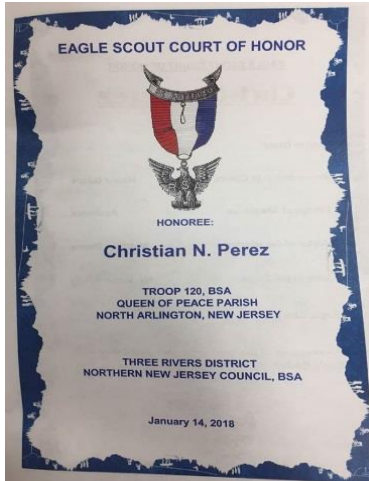
JANUARY- We celebrated the New Year with 2 of our birthday boys: **PC Roger Maccagnano (12/31)**, and **Tommy D (1/2)** at the house. A great way to bring in the new year, among friends. ***Happy birthday !***



At the staff meeting, members went over results from the Christmas drives, etc. As expected, the turnout was better than last year and far more children were given a chance for a happy holiday. **Well done, Marines!**

Inclement weather and illness caused the cancellation of the monthly meeting. Retiring to the lounge, we discussed items and hashed out ideas for next month.

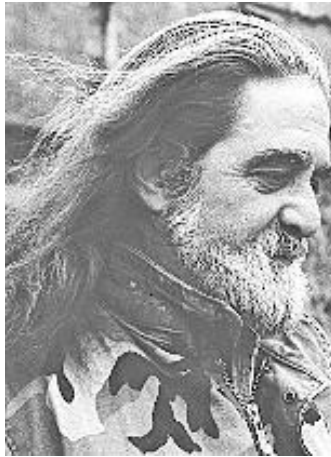
On the 14th, an **Eagle Scout Court of Honor** was held at the **Queen of Peace, North Arlington, N.J.** for **Christian N. Perez**. **Commandant A. Tegge** was on hand and presented the **Marine Corps League Citizenship** award for this memorable and outstanding accomplishment. ***Congratulations, and well done!***



Also, on the 14th, **N.J. State Troopers**, in conjunction with the **West Hudson Marine Corps League** presented gifts at the **Hispanic Alliance of Atlantic County, Three King's Day** event. One final gift of kindness for the new year. Thank you Troopers, and Marines!



Later, on the 17th, we learned of the sad passing of **Life Member Joseph A. McLaughlin**. Joe was born 12/24/1939 in Jersey City, N.J. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1957, later attaining the rank of Corporal, and served in 2nd BN, 2nd Marines. He was Honorably discharged in 1959. He later joined the Marine Corps League in 1981, becoming a Life Member in 1985. He was Past Captain of the Shooting Team. He leaves behind his beloved JoAnn Barbieri, his daughter and grandchildren. At his request, donations may be made to the **Semper Fi Fund**. Rest in Peace, your watch is up, Marine.



Also, on the 17th, Jr. Vice Cmdt. A.Waldron and his wife announced the birth of their daughter: **Adrianna Michelle**, born 0808 hours, coming in at 8 lbs. 5 ozs. Welcome to the world and much love from all your new uncles and aunts!



On the 18th, we held our monthly **VAVS Bingo** at the **Menlo Park Veterans' Home**. Members **Jack Engdahl, John Healy, Roger Maccagnano, Rob and his wife Eileen Milligan** were in attendance and got to enjoy an afternoon with our veterans. Thanks to all supporting this worthwhile endeavor.

February- The monthly staff meeting discussed upcoming events at the monthly membership meeting.

Later, members got together at the house to enjoy some fun, and Roger's Chili, for Superbowl Night! It was a good turnout and a fun night out for the fans! Glad you all enjoyed the evening.



At the monthly meeting, on the 14th, we welcomed new member, Marine Dominick James Rotondo. **Welcome aboard Marine!!**



On the 15th, once again we sponsored VAVS Bingo at the Menlo Park Veterans' Home. Jack Engdahl, Ron Leminelle Sr., and John Healy shared the day with vets and families, and offered time and prizes to these deserving folks!

On the 22nd, staff members met at Steve's Sizzling Steaks, in Wood-ridge to enjoy a friendly get together. The turnout, although not the complete staff, was a good one. The food was delicious!



On the 24th, members enjoyed an evening of comradery at the ***Jedh Barker Detachment*** beefsteak dinner. Once again, Marines enjoyed sharing the evening, exchanging stories, and ideas, as well as supporting each other. It was a great night, with plenty to eat.





Yes, we **WON**, **Best Bread Tower**....Now that's some good eating!!! Way to go West Hudson family!

MARCH- The monthly staff meeting was cancelled due to the impending storm and snow.

Marines from **West Hudson** and guests from the **Jedh Barker Det.** shared an evening at the house, enjoying Cigar Night. The kitchen was open and a light dinner set out. After, troops relaxed in the lounge exchanging stories and relaxing in the company of fellow Marines. As always a good time was had by all!



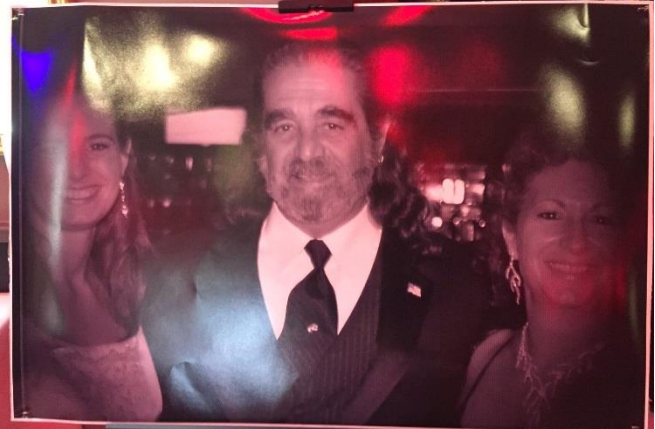
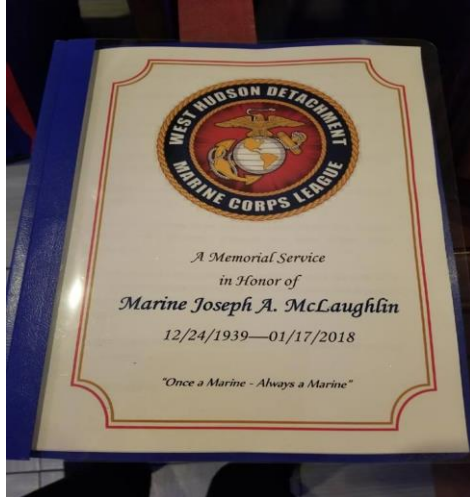
West Hudson Detachment's Annual Cigar Night

When: Saturday, 3 March 2018 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

All proceeds will be going to the MCL scholarship.



On the 9th, Marines gathered for a memorial, honoring our own: **Joe McLaughlin**. The family sponsored the evening, with friends and family sharing thoughts and memories. It was truly a celebration of his life and it was an honor to share. The **color guard** and the **West Hudson Detachment** held a special moment of honor, showing our Marine Corps pride and sympathy at our loss.



On the 11th, we enjoyed a nice day and again led the Kearny *St. Patrick's Day Parade*. The new members of the color guard were prepared and represented us with dignity, as expected. Way to go to all the Marines, Semper Fi! A few warm up cheers and we were good to go!





Afterward, members were treated to some delicious corned beef, cabbage, and potatoes. As always, Comdt. A. Tegge and Walter Rudolph worked their magic in the kitchen. Thank you gentlemen for the hard work and the fantastic meal.





Rounding out the month, PC John Cleary and Cesar Huaman assisted Marines from throughout the state at Colts Neck High School for the Young Marine Physical Fitness program. Students from schools all over attended, competing for top honors and learning the Marine Corps way: Competition and comraderie. Thanks to all the Marines who helped, and congratulations to all the potential future Marines.







Congratulations to all the participants. Semper Fidelis!

It's been a busy quarter, with lots of activity around **OUR HOUSE**. The members and staff continue to work together looking for ways to improve and increase our membership. Any thoughts or ideas are always appreciated and welcome. Finally, the shooting team has gotten under way. Several classes have been given at the house for Range Safety Officers, training members about range procedures and overall safety protocols. The team has found a new venue for practice in Secaucus. Practices are held twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. All interested in shooting and competing should get in touch, via the staff.

Semper Fidelis, Marines!

