



OUR HOUSE

Quarterly Newsletter

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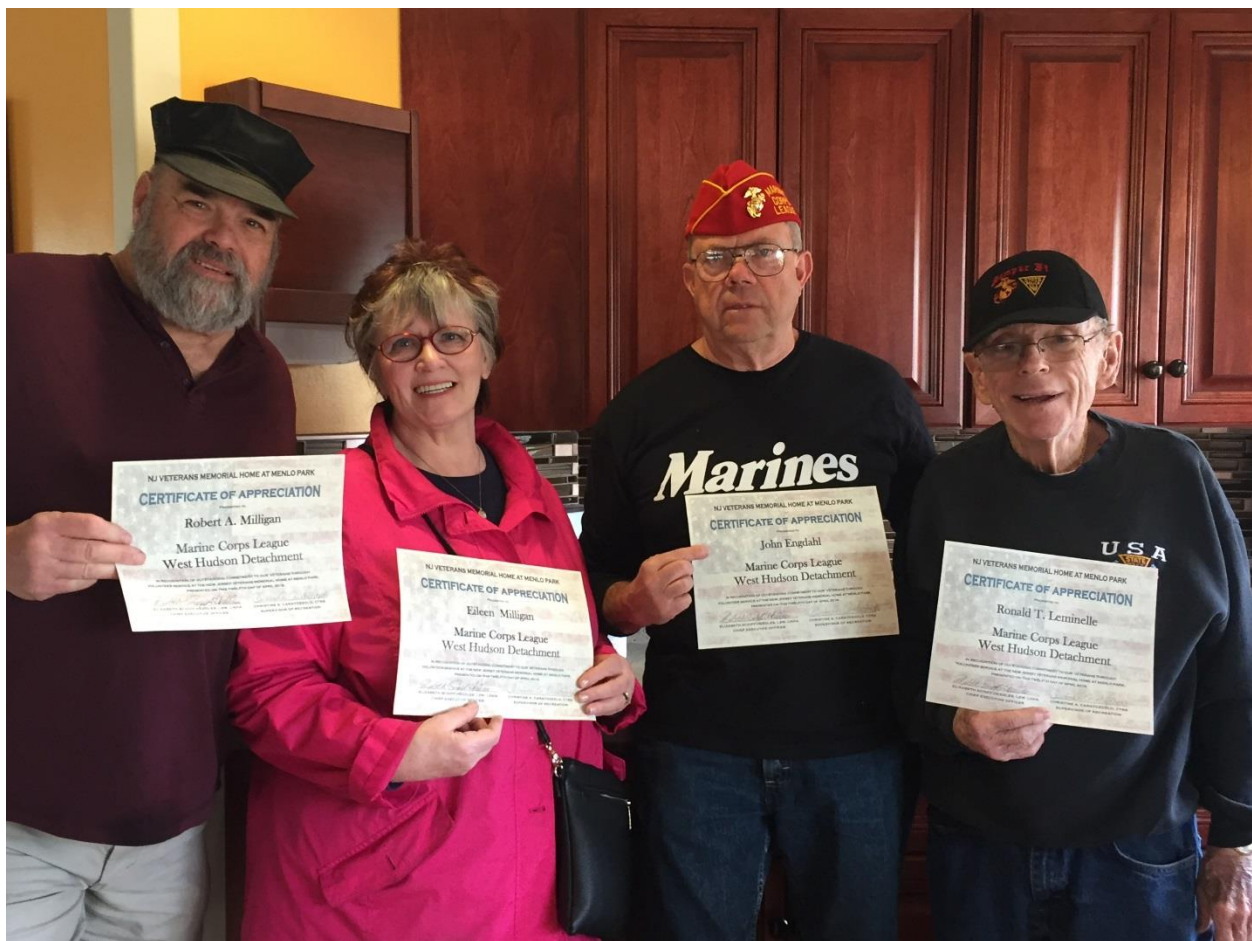


Principles: The members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps. Those who belong have the respect of a nation, the loyalty of their own, and the pride of being a part of history

April- The month began with the staff meeting on the 3rd to discuss items for the regular monthly meeting and plans for upcoming events.

On the 10th, the regular meeting took place with members being made aware of the latest goings on at the house. Repairs continue with Jack Engdahl and Adam Waldron frequenting the house. Thank you both for the monumental effort you put forth.

On the 18th, Marines Jack Engdahl, Ron Leminelle Sr., Rob Milligan, and his wife Eileen, as well as Sr.V.C. John Healy sponsored our monthly Bingo at the Menlo Park Veterans Home, in Edison, N.J. Prior to the games, Certificates of Appreciation from the Menlo Park Veterans Home were issued to the members for their continued dedication to our veterans. Thank you for all you do! Then, on with the games!



Later, on the 27th, the Legion of Honor Awards ceremony was held at St. Stephens R.C. Church in Kearny, N.J. at the Chapel of the 4 Chaplains.

Legion of Honor Award: John Healy, Steven Spohr, Timothy Davis, and Jim Halloran

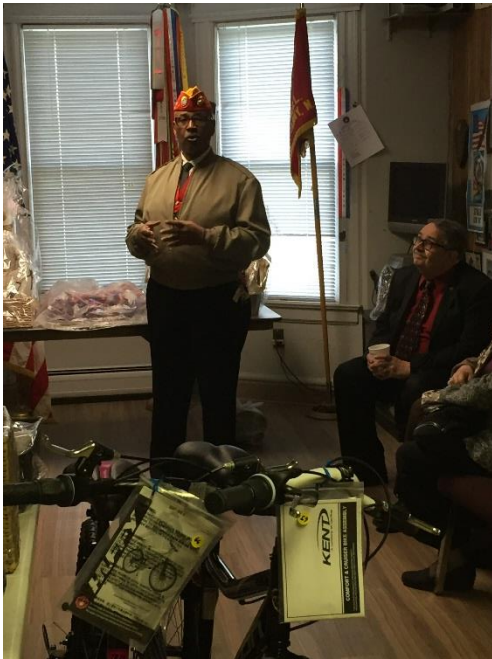
Legion of Honor Humanitarian Award: Cesar Huaman, Sal Cenicacelaya, and Roy DeYoung

Legion of Honor Life Saving Award: NJSP Trooper Sgt. Robert Ravatto

Jr. Legion of Honor Award: Carlie Passafaro



Afterwards, a brief breakfast back at the house, and some thoughts on the day and the awards.



Later that evening, the BIG event: our 1st Beefsteak Dinner, held at the American Legion hall. It took a lot of work, but it's here. From the turnout and prizes.. Looks like a winner!





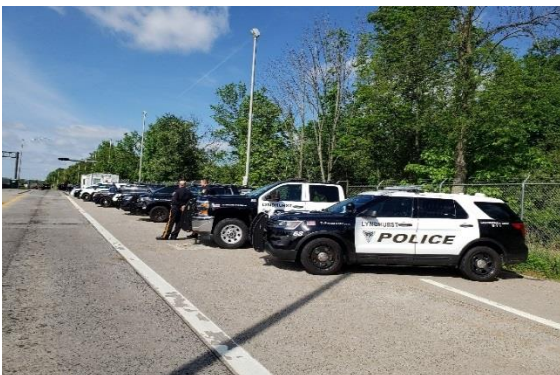
Thanks to all who made it work and enjoyed the evening with us!



MAY- On the 1st, Staff members again met to discuss topics for the general monthly membership meeting. New Month, still busy!

On the 3rd, members met and discussed plans for upcoming events like the Camping trip, Memorial Day parade, Basilone parade, and the Dept. of N.J. M.C.L. Conference. Plenty still going on, keeping everyone busy.

May 11th, around 160 Marines of Golf Company, 2/25 returned from deployment in Afghanistan. Among them, our own Jheremy Valderama. The troops were met and escorted through New Jersey by members from Leatherneck Nation M.C., as well as many Law Enforcement agencies, on their trip to Picatinny Arsenal.





On the 14th, WHD Marines assisted the Bayonne Detachment with their installation of officers. Always a pleasure assisting!



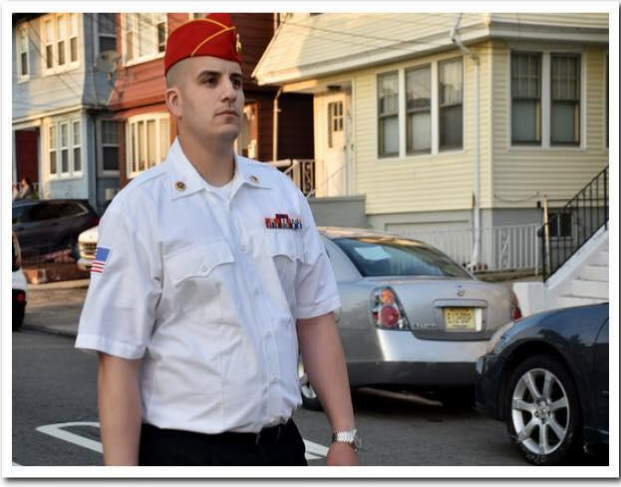


On the 16th, P.C. R. Maccagnano, Sr. V.C. J. Healy, and Rob Milligan sponsored the monthly Bingo at the Menlo Park Veterans Home. As always, we were greeted with jokes, and appreciation.

Next up, on the 23rd, the Kearny Memorial Day Parade. Our *color guard* again led the detachment, supported by members of the Elizabeth H.S. J.R.O.T.C. program. This year's parade Master of Ceremonies was our own, P.C. John Cleary.







Afterwards, back to the house, and showing off our new Museum upstairs, as well as the memorabilia about the house....Plenty of history here!



Next up, the PIG Roast! The annual event is a lot of work, with plenty of last minute preparations. The work party assembled on the 25th to ready the house. So much to do!!!!!! Once again Bill Freda made the preparations for the pig: butchering, and dressing it for the event.



First thing on the 26th, Jr. V.C. Adam Waldron, along with members of the Kearny area U.V.O. met with local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and proceeded to Arlington cemetery, where flags were placed on the graves of every veteran. An annual event, it is a solemn reminder of those who have served this great nation.





Thank you all for this undertaking. Rest in Peace Veterans.

Early in the morning, Bill Freda was hard at work, prepping the guest of honor...L/CPL PORKY...Hahaha. Midday, troops were on hand, enjoying the beautiful day, great chow, and being among our own...Marines!

2019 PIG ROAST

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
WEST HUDSON DETACHMENT**



Sunday May 26th
12:00 – 20:00

286 Belgrove Drive, Kearny

Please come out and support the Detachment

Family and friends are welcome

Great food and fun

Price includes food and beverage

\$20 per member

\$30 member and 1 guest

\$35 non member

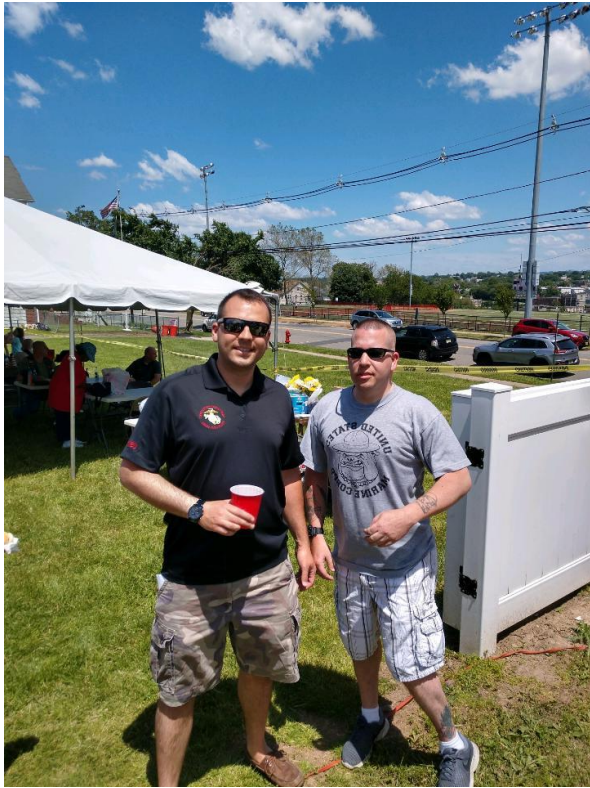
Children under 12 are free.



**Our Own:
Pigmeister Chef
Bill Freda**



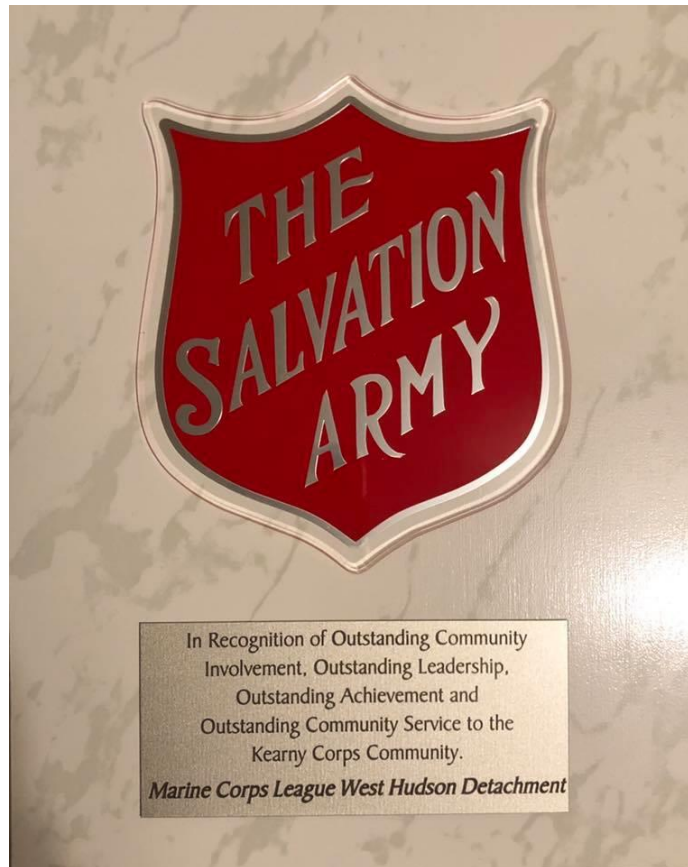




During the festivities, Jheremy Valderama presented the detachment with the flag flown over their base in Afghanistan, as well as a hand written note from then Secretary of Defense James Mattis, AKA: Mad Dog !



On the 29th, P.C. John Cleary and Jr. V.C. Adam Waldron attended an appreciation dinner sponsored by the Salvation Army for the veterans. The Detachment was awarded the Community Service Award.



Like the plaque says: **OUTSTANDING!**

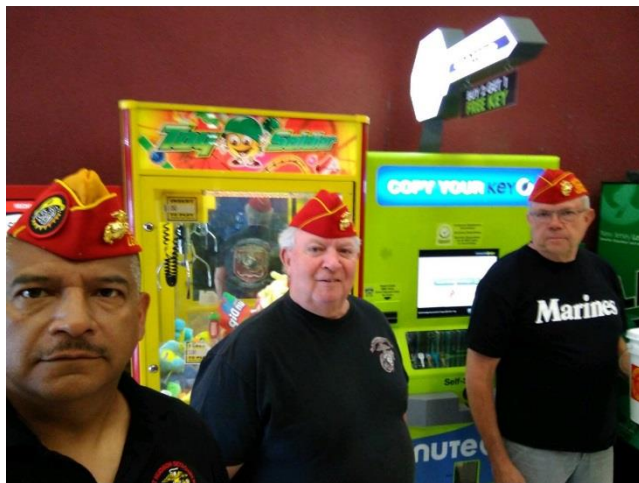


Finally, on the 31st, Sr. V.C. J. Healy and Jack Engdahl took their post at the Belleville Shop-Rite, “shaking the can”, collecting for the V.A.V.S. fund. Weather was Warm and shoppers friendly. A good start!

Later, on the 31st, Commandant A. Tegge attended a Court of Honor for newly promoted Eagle Scouts: James Iezzi and Martin Romines, from Troop #5, Hackensack, N.J. Congratulations on a job well done !



JUNE- The month began with the “shake the can” event continuing on the 1st and 2nd. A big **THANK YOU** goes to Jack Engdahl, Walter Rudolph, Rob and Eileen Milligan, Adrian Monsilla, P.C. Roger Maccagnano and Cesar Huaman for putting in the hours helping raise funds. Thanks to your efforts, we’re in good shape for the entire year!



Again, that evening, Commandant A. Tegge attended another Court of Honor for newly promoted Eagle Scouts: Brandon Ramirez and Giovanni Martinez from Troop 38, Newark, N.J. Well done!



On the 5th, the Staff members met to discuss items for the regular monthly meeting. As always, time is flying and much still going on.

At the regular monthly meeting, on the 12th, members were apprised of ongoing changes and upcoming events. Adam Waldron reminded all about the upcoming camping trip in July, as well as plans for upcoming events like the Basilone Parade in Raritan. During the meeting, the annual awards ceremony took place, recognizing Marines for their service and support.

Certificate of Appreciation:

Mike Walker- helping with events, coming through when he can.

Gunny Carlos- same as above.

Adrian Mansilla- donating items, specifically, to Eduardo's Dad. And helping out as needed.

Adam Waldron- championing/coordinating the beefsteak dinner, heading up the building and grounds projects, as well as his community works with the UVO and others.

Dominick Rotondo- stepping up as the Service Officer.

Rob Milligan and Eileen Milligan- for their efforts and helping out with the monthly VAVS Bingo games.

Jay Hauck- For his partnership and support.

Individual Meritorious Commendation:

Walter Rudolph- for his aggressive soliciting of donations for the varied events through the year.

Eduardo Soriano- for stepping up, helping fill in at the slop chute, color guard, etc.

John Healy- for maintaining the VAVS Bingos, and funds.



At the N.J. State Convention, Joe DeAngelo was elected the new Commandant for the Department of New Jersey, and P.C. John Cleary was promoted to Sr. Vice Commandant for the "STATE". Congratulations on your new appointments! We're all sure you'll serve us proud!



Also, at the convention, our own Alima Zimmer was appointed President of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary for the Department of New Jersey. Congratulations Alima, you're an example of one Hard Charger.



On the 20th, P.C. Ron Leminelle Sr, Rob and Eileen Milligan, and Sr. V.C. Healy attended the season's final VAVS Bingo at the Menlo Park Veterans Home. Due to a scheduling mix-up, the Bingo was a Joint Bingo with the ISELIN V.F.W. Although a bit confusing, it was agreed...It's all for the vets! Another great day. See you in September!

Later in the month, P.C. John Cleary attended the *annual scholarship award*. This year's award winner is Kearny H.S. senior: Lauren DeSilva. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

Finally, on the 30th, shooters from varied Detachments met at Cherry Ridge, N.J. range, for the M-1 Garand match. As always, Marines doing what they know: SHOOTING a rifle! Outstanding, and Semper Fi!

Well, another quarter on the books. So much done, so much yet to do. But, our Marines are up to the task. As always: ***Semper Fi, Marines !***