



## ***OUR HOUSE***

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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

***January-*** The month began on a sad note, with the passing of Past Commandant, and long time member, Ron Leminelle Sr. Along with his long service with the West Hudson Detachment, he will be remembered for working the galley during meetings and special events, and his assistance with the VAVS Bingo games, where he was a regular. Just recently, at the Marine Corps Ball, he was celebrated as the eldest Marine present. Born June 14, 1935, He joined the West Hudson Detachment and became a Life Member in July, 1996. Rest in Peace, Ron. Your tour is done, take your place guarding the streets of Heaven. Semper Fi, and God bless and keep you!





On the 6<sup>th</sup>, members paid their final respects and later toasted his life and enjoyed sharing memories. Another of our seniors gone, too soon.



On the 12<sup>th</sup>, members met for the monthly general meeting. As always, plans being made for upcoming events, and thoughts for other projects were shared. Again, the staff are busy and keeping on top of things. Also, we were greeted to the new appearance. Big thanks to Sean Glennon, Jack Engdahl, and Adrian Mansilla for the unbelievable transformations going on here.



On the 16<sup>th</sup>, the house held our S.O.S. Breakfast. Once again, P.C. “Chef” Tegge and Sr. V.C. Jack Engdahl worked their magic in the kitchen, serving up the morning chow. Members and families stopped by and were treated to morning chow and coffee.



**West Hudson Detachment's  
Annual SOS Breakfast**

All proceeds to benefit the Marine Corps League Scholarship Fund



Then, on the 17<sup>th</sup>, Sr. V.C. Jack Engdahl made the rounds, thanking our sponsors for their assistance and contributions during the Gifts for Children drive. Thanks to the Belleville V.F.W. and Kelly's Liquors, in Belleville.



Unfortunately, due to illnesses, this month's VAVS Bingo had to be cancelled. But, on a positive note: Non-Covid! So, get well soon.

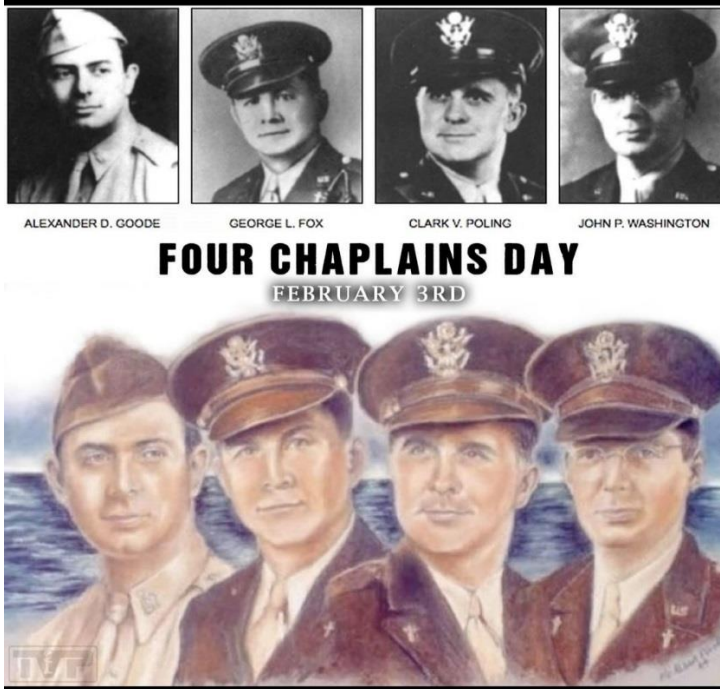
On the 27<sup>th</sup>, we received notice of another deep loss from our membership. Marine William (Billy) Maskal passed away. The sad news came from his family, who requested a family repast be held at our House. Rest in Peace, Bill.

William Maskal, 97, of East Rutherford for 60 years, passed away on January 27, 2022. Mr. Maskal proudly served in the US Marine Corps 6th Division during WWII. He served as a Gunner Corporal in an artillery crew on Okinawa, Japan in 1945 and in Tsingtao, China from 1945-1946. Prior to retiring, he was the proprietor and operator of a food concession stand in Passaic, retiring at the age of 65. William was a member of the Marine Corps League West Hudson Detachment in Kearny, the Rosol Dul American Legion Post 359 in Passaic and the V.F.W. Post 2640 in Wallington. Bill was a coin collector and an accomplished pool player. He enjoyed watching sports and was a fan of the NY Mets, Major League Baseball NY/SF Giants and NFL NY Giants. Beloved husband of the late Jean (nee Kacperowski) Maskal. Loving father of Ilona Maskal, John Maskal, Dr. Steven Maskal, Larry Maskal and his wife Janice and the late Richard Maskal. Cherished grandfather of Kimberly, Melissa, Ryan, Whitney and great grandfather of Evie. Dear brother of the late Donald Maskal, George Maskal, Jack Maskal and Edward Maskal. Funeral departing from the Kimak Funeral Home,

425 Broad Street, Carlstadt on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 10:00 AM for the interment in Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Wrightstown. Visitation Saturday, February 12, 2022 from 12-4 PM.



**February-** On the 6<sup>th</sup>, Commandant Waldron attended the Celebration Mass for the 4 Chaplains at St. Stephen's R.C. Church. It was a pleasure to be able to celebrate these men of religion after the pandemic restrictions.

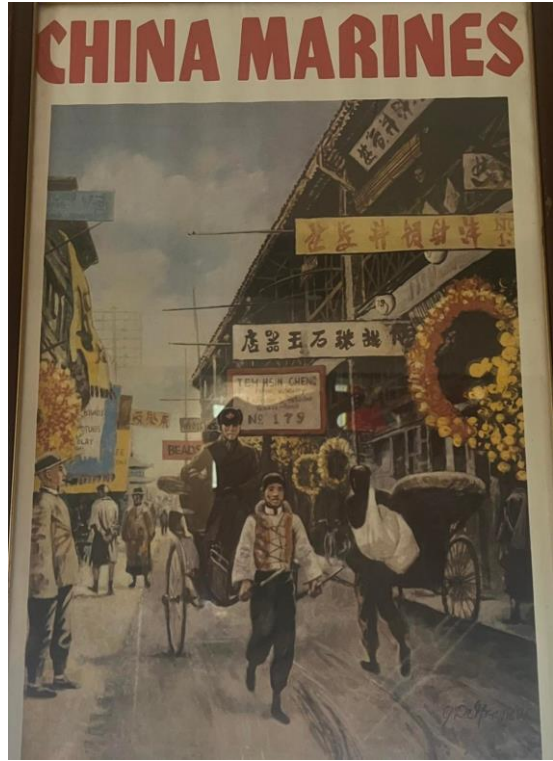


On the 9<sup>th</sup>, the general meeting was held. Again, members expressing ideas and making plans for the future...Camping, pig roast, etc.

On the 12<sup>th</sup>, members paid their respects and held the repast for Bill at the House. Family and friends who came were amazed and impressed at our special place and became aware of why Bill was so fond of coming here. Lots of memories, some laughter, some tears. Fitting to remember the life of one of our own!







Big thanks to Commandant A. Waldron for getting the House set up for the family and making the arrangements for food to be served.






**On the 13<sup>th</sup>, St. Stephen's R.C. Church held a special mass of remembrance for Father Washington, of the 4 Chaplains, and a rededication ceremony for the monument, which was recently resurfaced as a Scout Project by Eagle Scout Joe Drefko. Thank you, young man, for the outstanding job!**







St. Stephen's Church  
Kearny, New Jersey



**Mass in Honor  
of Fr. Washington  
and Chaplains of the  
Dorchester**

**The Fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**1st Reading:  
Is 6:1-2a**

**Responsorial Psalm:  
Ps 138:1-5, 7-8**

**2nd Reading:  
1 Cor 15:1-11**

**Gospel:  
Lk 5:1-11**



Later in the day, members and friends and families met at the house to enjoy a Super Bowl party. Plenty of food on hand, and the fans enjoyed the game and the fun of getting together..finally!



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Cost per Square \$ Total Prize Pool \$

Payoffs: 1st Qtr \$ 2nd Qtr \$ 3rd Qtr \$ 4th Qtr \$





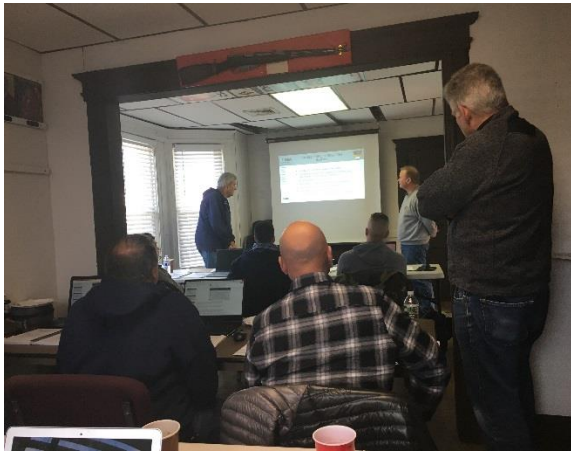
Then, on the 17<sup>th</sup>, we held our VAVS Bingo again, at the Menlo Park Veterans Home. At first, we were a little taken back at the low turnout, but were informed that due to quarantines, 2 wings would be playing “virtually”. Something totally new to us. But, as the saying goes: **Improvise, Adapt, Overcome!**”



A little odd, making sure not to block the monitor...



On the 26<sup>th</sup>, P.C. Tegge and others sponsored a Chief Range Safety Officer course at the house. Again, students were taught principles of conducting a safe range and procedures. Always good to keep fresh in their minds. Eight graduates now ready to conduct ranges. Outstanding!



The next day, on the 27<sup>th</sup>, P.C. Tegge attended a Court of Honor for Eagle Scout Mario Fanego Jr., from Troop 17, Hasbrouck Heights. He was awarded with a Good Citizenship certificate, a patch and a Challenge Coin. Congratulations on this major accomplishment!





Then, on the 28<sup>th</sup>, came the devastating news: Past Commandant Roger Maccagnano passed away in Florida, of a reported Heart Attack. Totally not ready to hear this news...Gone so young! Farewell, and Godspeed my brother.

Plans underway for the return of his body for a wake here in Kearny, and burial at the Veterans' Cemetery.

**March-** Members met at Mickey's In Lyndhurst, on Wednesday, the 2<sup>nd</sup>, to celebrate the life and memory of P.C. Maccagnano. The meeting place, a favorite "watering hole" for him and others was a fitting place to remember him, share stories, and grieve his loss. Even staff members were saddened at his loss.



On the 4<sup>th</sup>, Marines met at the House to again celebrate the life and memory of Roger. Laughs and stories abound. Remembering the origin of "Uno Mas", and tossing back a few in his memory.





The monthly membership meeting was cancelled due to the impending wake and funeral for Roger, on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Then, on the 10<sup>th</sup>, a wake was held for P.C. Maccagnano at Theile-Reid Funeral Home, in Kearny. Again, we met together to celebrate his life and share our memories. Not too many dry eyes in the house. The viewing was an early one, in the morning, from 10 AM to 12 Noon.



Then, on to Brigadier General Wm. C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery, to his final resting place.





Afterwards, the family held a repast back in the area. Marines, and families once again met, shared, laughed, cried....and REMEMBERED! A life lived No regrets!



And, as a courtesy, the funeral home placed the flowers in front of our House, in remembrance. Truly an amazing gesture of kindness!



Rest easy Brother, you're in good hands with Tommy, Billy, Schmidty, and others. May God bless and keep you! Semper Fi!

On the 13<sup>th</sup>, West Hudson Color Guard and the Detachment led the 2022 Saint Patrick's Day parade. A nice day, people enjoying the opportunity to enjoy the parade after a few years absence.







Later, friends and family returned to the House to celebrate the day with a corned beef and cabbage dinner, again cooked up by Chef Tegge.

 **WEST HUDSON  
DETACHMENT** 

IS HOSTING A CORNED BEEF DINNER  
CHARITY FUNDRAISER

TO GO ORDERS AVAILABLE

When: Sunday, 13 March 2022 1430 to 1700  
Where: Marine Corps League 286 Belgrove Drive Kearny, NJ  
Cost: **FREE!!!**  
Includes: Corned beef with cabbage & potatoes, rye bread



***Happy St. Patrick's Day to all, and Semper Fi!***

On the 24<sup>th</sup>, we again held our VAVS Bingo. Again, a mild turnout due to a bus trip for the residents, we enjoyed spending time with the residents and sharing a few laughs, and exchanging stories. Always a pleasure being here. Even here, Roger was remembered and sympathy offered for his loss, as he was the VAVS representative before me.

Finally, on the 26<sup>th</sup>, a **double celebration...Weddings!** Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Cleary (John and Sally). Along with these newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. George Sona (George and Kaitlin) exchanged vows. Congratulations and best wishes to you all for a long, healthy, happy life together.





Well, it's been a roller coaster ride of emotions for all of us here, this quarter. And yet, in spite of it all, we continue to move on. Life keeps on happening. So....Live it!

***Semper Fi, Marines!***

***NOTE:*** This will be the last Quarterly newsletter. From now on, I'll be trying it monthly. Again...Adapt!



