



## ***OUR HOUSE***

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

**MAY-** The month began with a fun event...the West Hudson Youth Shoot. On the 1<sup>st</sup>, Marines and youngsters met at Riverdale Police range. Prior to the event, a Safety briefing and classroom were conducted, instructing on safety and proper range procedures, prior to actually handling any weapons. Afterwards, shooters took turns enjoying a day of fun and competition. The event was Sold Out! Great job all.

Personalized  
one on one instruction  
for all shooters

No bunnies, no turkeys,....  
Just a good time sending lead  
down range



## West Hudson Detachment's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Match

Sunday, 1 May 2022  
10:00 – 14:00

Our shooting team cordially invites Marines, Associates, Friends and Family to our eighth annual Youth Match. Other than SAFETY, there's only one rule.... Have Fun! \$20 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.

Same Location  
as 2020!

**Riverdale Pistol Range  
2 Dalton Drive Riverdale, NJ**

**\*\*No walk-ins accepted\*\***  
To RSVP or obtain information, please email  
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**OFFICIALLY SOLD OUT**





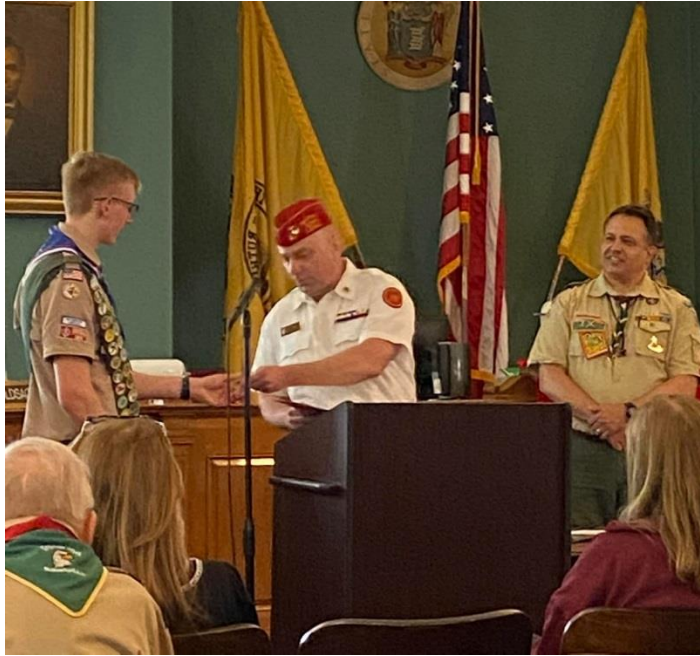
Later, on the 11<sup>th</sup>, we had our General Membership meeting. Once again, thoughts and ideas on upcoming events. A break was taken, and two new members were sworn in.

Welcome aboard, Marines Ankur Sinha and Aaron Thomas. Also a new addition to the Color Guard. Congratulations and Semper Fi!



Then, back to business. Plans to be made. Next up, the Memorial Day parade and the annual Pig Roast.

On the 14<sup>th</sup>, P.C. Tegge attended a Court of Honor for newly promoted Eagle Scout Matthew Bronico, Troop 166, Rutherford, N.J. Congratulations young man, and well done. Word has it, this young man has enlisted in the USMC, and is due to depart in October. Congratulations and good luck!



Again, on the 20<sup>th</sup>, P.C. Tegge and Jr. V.C. Bennet attended another Court of Honor, for Frederick Liller, also in Troop 166, Rutherford, N.J. Congratulations and good luck in future endeavors.



Also, that day, P.C. Healy, Sr. V.C. J. Engdahl, and Ed Ramirez took turns at the Nutley Shop-Rite, Shaking the cans for our VAVS summer drive, supporting our Bingo games at the Menlo Park Veterans Home. It was a decent day and surprisingly, we had a good collection. Thanks Marines!



And, that evening, a little fun back at the House: The Taco and Margarita evening. A little late for Cinco de Mayo, but with the same flavor!





The Tacos were delicious. Thanks to Elenita for the delicious meal, and a big KUDOS to Sean, our bartender, for the Sangria and margaritas!

A fun night for all.

Then, the following morning, West Hudson Marines were off to New York, for the annual Muddy Run, in Monticello, N.Y. A “fun” event to challenge minds and spirits. This years’s Iron Men were: A. Tegge and son, Cesar Huaman, and Sean Glennon.



The troops were cheered on by Jr. V.C. Dale Bennet and his lovely wife. Maybe studying the course for next time?

The same day,(21<sup>st</sup>) West Hudson’s Shooting Team met at the House for a safety lesson and some handling instructions prior to heading out to the range for some practice. As always: Safety is the number one priority. Once there, techniques and practice help hone the skills of marksmanship!





A few days later, the Kearny **Memorial Day** parade was held. After a 2 year cancellation, it was great to get out on a beautiful evening and celebrate. Even more reason to celebrate: OUR OWN **Cesar Huaman** was named the Grand Marshal. Congratulations to a deserving Marine. Cesar's been serving with West Hudson for over 30 years, and going strong. Along with him, our Color Guard assisted with leading off the parade.





Almost looks like a recruiting poster, RIGHT? Semper Fidelis, Marines, and, as always thank you for your Professionalism and appearance, representing West Hudson.

Once under way, West Hudson Marines also marched along Veterans Way.



Then, the parade!





This year's parade was emcee'd by yet another West Hudson Marine; P.C., and Dept. of New Jersey State Commandant J. Cleary.



On the 28<sup>th</sup>, P.C. Tegge and Jr. V.C. D. Bennet made the rounds in Kearny, laying wreaths at the various Kearny Memorials. Always a somber moment. Respect!



And on the same day, members met at the House....setting up and prepping for the Pig Roast. Again, the big tent arrived, and everyone running around cleaning, checking equipment, arranging for the pick-up for tomorrow's main event. Lots to be done, yet being handled in an orderly fashion...almost like we've done this before. Fortunately, the weather's much more agreeable than last year.



Outside, lawn's cut, grilles clean. Now to clean out the firepit. Logan once again made sure the job was done right!





In memory of  
**Tommy DeFrancisco**  
United States Marine and dedicated member  
of the West Hudson Detachment

Then cleaning up inside, and a little maintenance.



Then, time for the big event! The star of the show!



Once again, Bill Freda got to work, prepping and bracing the pig for tomorrow's big event!  
Of course, a little fun was had!



With the preparations underway. Here's to a great turnout tomorrow.

On the 29<sup>th</sup>, early preparations again underway. Prior to the opening, Marines still running around setting the House up for guests. Again, under the watchful eyes of Cesar Huaman!

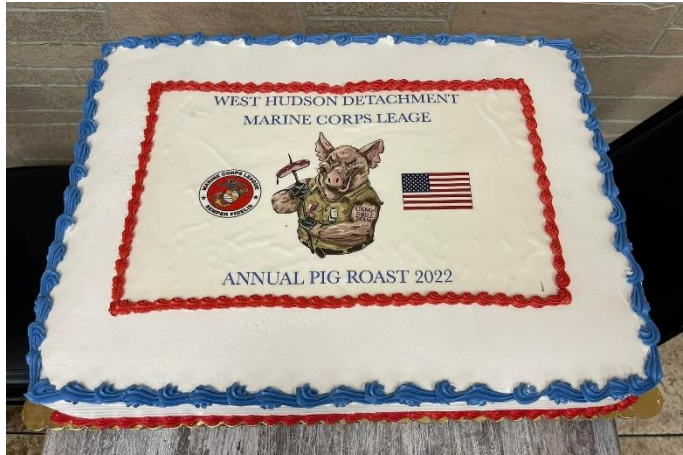


And, of course, the star, waiting in the wings!



Then, Finally the Big event! *Let the fun begin!*





And then, THE STAR! Once again, fantastic job done by Chef Bill Freda.





After all the eating and drinking, family and friends went back to the tent for the annual tricky tray and 50/50. Again. The ladies were amazing, and an assortment of items kept the bidding going for a while. Congratulations to all our winners.

Taking a moment, Marines all hoisted a drink to honor those who went before. In honor of Memorial Day....Semper Fidelis and thank you to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.





Finally, on the 30<sup>th</sup>, the House was open to visitors for half the day. While there. Cesar Huaman and Sean Glennon helped with clean up, putting away the tables and chairs, and stowing equipment in the proper location. Thank you, Marines, for the outstanding work.

Well, another month on the books. A little busy, yet still much to be done. ***Semper Fi***, Marines and keep watching out for each other.

This month's birthdays:

\*W. Maskal- 5/10 R.I.P.

P. Kasparian- 5/14

V. Surriga- 5/15

A. Tegge- 5/30

J. Grochowski- 5/31

And a very special birthday wish to Bob Hope- 5/29. Thanks for the memories!



