

**West Hudson
Detachment
#209**



**Marine Corps
league
2017 - 2018**

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National Holidays & Patriotic Events

- Independence Day
- Marine Corps Birthday
- Veteran's Day
- Memorial Day

Independence Day Celebration

July



Annual holiday celebration with family and friends at the
Marine house in Kearny

Independence Day Celebration

July



Marine Corps Birthday Ball

November



Marine Corps Birthday Ball

November



Kearny Veteran's Day Ceremony

November



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HIGHLIGHTS
Fire causes damage at Harrison's Pechter's Bakery. Photos & story.
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VETERANS HONORED

At the Kearny Veterans Day celebration, a bugler played in honor of all veterans. In photo on right, Third Ward Councilwoman Carol Jean Doyle places a wreath, with a civilian, at a war memorial at Veterans Memorial Park on Kearny Ave.

Photo by Barbara R. Goldberg



Veteran's Day Ceremony

November

December 7, 2017

West Essex Tribune



BETH SHALOM VETERANS DAY CEREMONY: Temple Beth Shalom conducted its 31st annual Veterans Day commemoration on November 12. The ceremony included a rifle salute, guest presentations, and a wreath ceremony. Show here at the program are representatives of various military branches: John Cleary, P.C., Junior Vice Commander of the Marine Corps League (Marines); Steve Hoffman, Commander of the Jewish War Veterans (JWV) of the USA Post 740 of Livingston (Army); John Craig, Second Vice Commander of American Legion Post 306 (Navy); Joel Lebowitz, Junior Vice Commander of JWV Post 740 (Army); and Peter Berkowsky of the JWV Post 740 (Air Force).

Kearny Memorial Day Parade

May



John Cleary (Past Detachment Commandant, Jr Vice Commandant -NJ State) and Adam Waldron (Jr Vice Commandant) lead the town's Memorial Day ceremony ¹¹

Memorial Day Pig Roast

May



Memorial Day Pig Roast

May



Memorial Day Pig Roast

May



Honor Guard Color Guard & Bugler

Provided for
• **Members, Marines & All Veterans**

Honor Guard for Gunnery Sergeant William Walakovits

August



Memorial Service for Joe McLaughlin March



Basilone Parade

September



Basilone Parade

September



Matt Fenton Memorial 5K

July

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Matt Fenton Memorial 5K

On Sunday, June 4, 2017, at 9 a.m., the Seventh Annual Matt Fenton Memorial

Top Little Ferry males were Patrick Ryan, 26, at 19:29.86, and John Weidner,

to 80+ and top male/female Little Ferry resident prizes were distributed.

The West Hudson Detachment led the Matt Fenton Memorial 5k

Kearny St. Patrick's Day Parade

March



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March



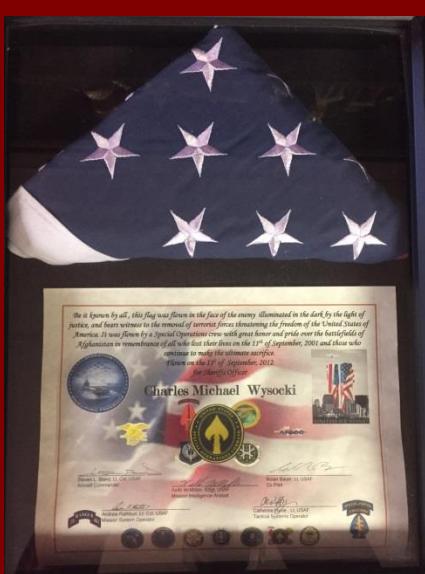
Kearny St. Patrick's Day Parade

March



Michael Wysocki's Celebration of life

April



West Hudson Detachment supporting the neighboring American Legion in a celebration of life of one of their 24 former members

Kearny Memorial Day Parade

May



Detachment Bugler



Youth

- **Scouting Unit**
- **Eagle Awards Program**
- **Scouting Leadership**
- **Youth Physical Fitness**
- **Youth Shooting Sports**
- **Sponsor of Youth Soccer**

Troop 305 Retiring of the Colors

June



West Hudson Detachment members partner with the local Scout Troop in their annual flag retirement ceremony

Troop 305 Retiring of the Colors

June



Court of Honor – Troop 17

October



West Hudson Detachment
recognizes the achievement of
Adrian Kulesza, Alex Severino and Peter Neumann
on their Eagle Scout

Court of Honor – Troop 181

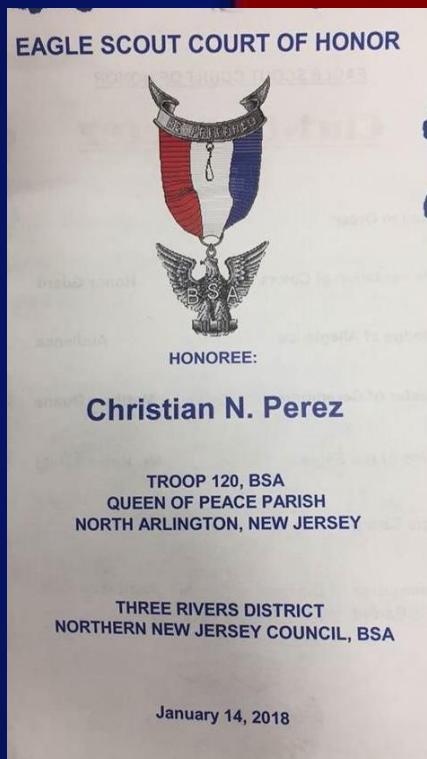
December



West Hudson Detachment
recognizes the achievement of
Sam Jacob and Chris Mursch of
Wood-Ridge Boy Scout Troop 181
on their Eagle Scout

Court of Honor – Troop 120

January



West Hudson Detachment recognizes the achievement of Christian Perez of North Arlington Boy Scout Troop 120 on his Eagle Scout

Court of Honor – Troop 166

April



West Hudson Detachment recognizes the achievement of Kyle Sanzo of Rutherford Boy Scout Troop 166 on his Eagle Scout

Scouting leadership



Dept of NJ YPF Annual Competition March



Dept of NJ YPF Annual Competition

March



MCL Shooting Team

NRA Basic Rifle Course - Youth

January



Sponsor of North Arlington Youth Soccer



Memorial Day Flag Placement at Arlington Cemetery

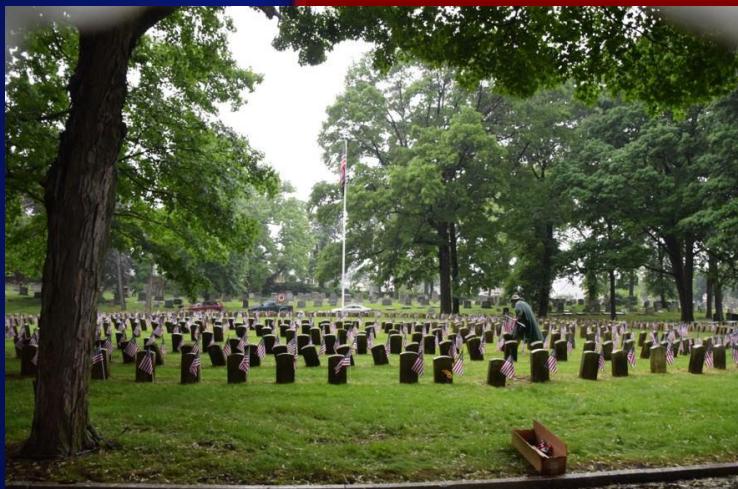
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West Hudson Detachment partners with the American Legion, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to place flags at Arlington cemetery

Memorial Day Flag Placement at Arlington Cemetery

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Americanism Programs

Memorial Day Wreath Placement

May



Memorial Day wreath placement at
monuments throughout the
town of Kearny

Americanism



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town of Kearny

Flag Retiring Ceremony

May



West Hudson Detachment Color Guard partners with the local Boy Scout Troop to properly retire the Nation's Colors

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Charity Drives

- **Toys for Tots**
- **local Gifts for Children**
- **Donation to a local Church**
- **Babyland Toy Drive**
- **Moms to Moms Toy Drive**

Toys for Tots

Hoboken Medical Center

December



Toys for Tots

Allied Construction

December



Gifts for Children

Hell's Kitchen

December



Toys for Children
HOLIDAY DRIVE

PRESENTED BY
THE RANDY HAZE TRIO
& THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
WEST HUDSON DETACHMENT

LIVE MUSIC BY
THE RANDY HAZE TRIO
CHAD PFF
ZED NEVER
ROBERT RAY
DINI THE PRODUCER
AND MORE!

BRING A NEW UNWRAPPED TOY
AND PUT A SMILE ON A CHILD'S FACE
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

SUNDAY DEC10
2-11PM

WEST HUDSON DETACHMENT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

A poster for the "Toys for Children" holiday drive. It features a stylized Santa Claus wearing sunglasses and a Marine Corps League detachment seal. The poster includes details about the event, live music performers, and a call to action to bring unwrapped toys.

Annual Gifts for Children Campaign

December



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December



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December



Our annual Gifts for Children campaign was our best to date, with gifts going out to about 240 children



Gift Donation to Union City Church

December



**Our detachment supplied gifts to approximately 35 children
at the Iglesia Bautista Gerizim.**

Babyland Toy Drive

December



Marines Roger, Eduardo, Tommy D and Cesar partner with the NJ State Troopers in donating toys to Babyland Family Services in Newark

Moms to Moms Toy Drive

December



The Marine Corps League collected 200 gifts for Moms 2 Moms, a charity for mothers of about 100 special needs children

Annual Iwo Jima Charity Beefsteak

February



Detachment members and state officers
join together for brotherhood,
camaraderie and a bit of beef



John's war
face



John's happy
face



The award
winning bread
tower

Assisting Veterans

- **Chairing the local VAVS**
- **Hosting Activities at the Veteran's Home**
 - **Monthly Bingo**
 - **Annual BBQ**
- **SSgt Oliveira Memorial 5k Run**
- **Semper Fi 5k Run**
- **VFW POW Ceremony**
- **VFW Community Awards**
- **American Legion Celebration of Life**

Menlo Park Veteran's Home Annual BBQ

October



Menlo Park Veteran's Home

Monthly Bingo



SSgt Oliveira Memorial 5k Run

August



**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 Belgrave 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
Follow us on Facebook & Twitter
USATT Certified Course
PROUD SUPPORTERS
A collage of logos for various organizations, including the VFW, USATT, and other local businesses.



Semper Fi 5k Run

August



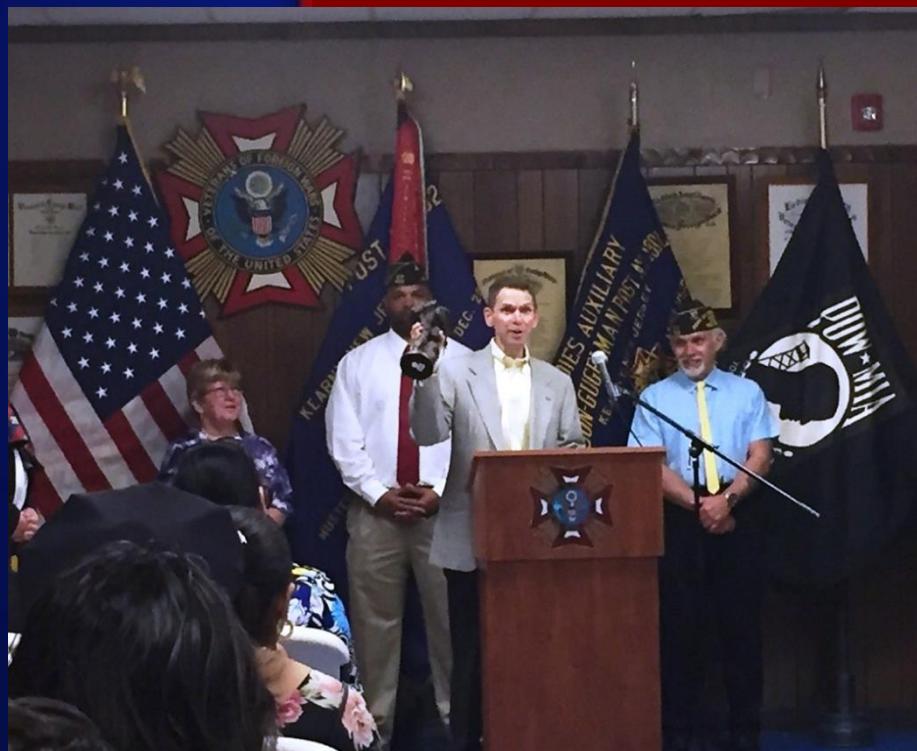
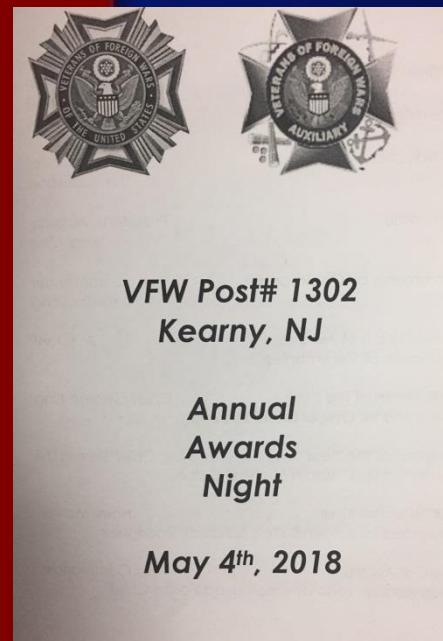
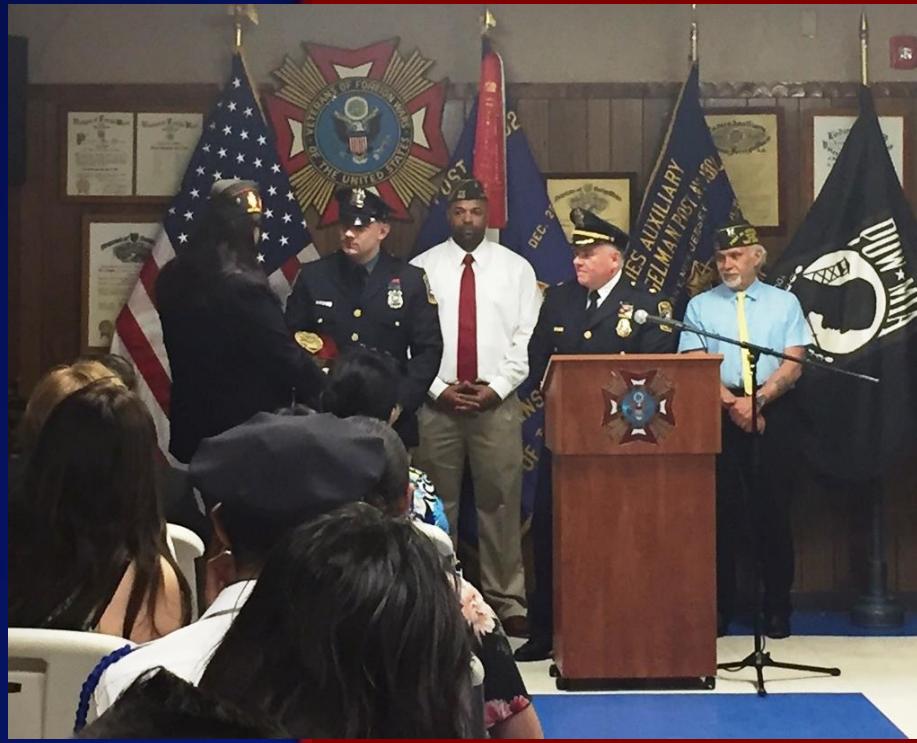
VFW Post 1302 POW Ceremony

September



VFW Post 1302 Community Awards Night

May



Charles Wysocki Celebration of Life (American Legion)

April



Scholarships

- **Sponsors Detachment Scholarship**
- **Participates in Department Scholarship** 65

SOS Breakfast to Benefit the Scholarship Fund

October



Bess McVeigh Scholarship

June



John and Cesar present the annual
detachment “Bess McVeigh Scholarship”
to a local high school student

Annual Cigar Dinner Benefiting the Scholarship Fund

March



Several detachment members and friends enjoying a stogie
at the annual cigar dinner benefiting the
MCL scholarship fund



West Hudson Detachment's Annual Cigar Night

When: Saturday, 3 March 2018 1800 to 2300
Where: Marine Corps League 286 Belgrave 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.

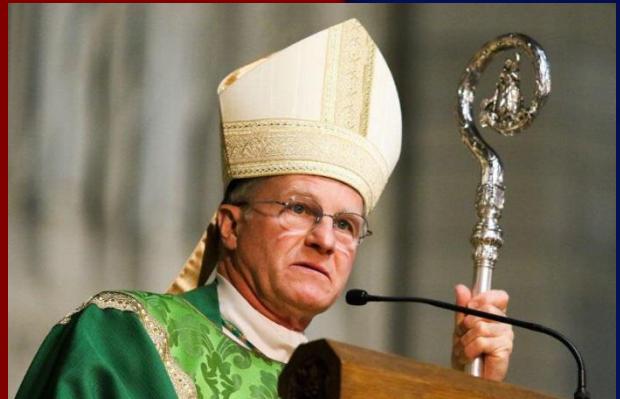


The Detachment

- **Nominated Candidates for the Four Chaplins Award**

Four Chaplain's Ceremony

February



75th anniversary of The Four Chaplains

Four Chaplain's Ceremony

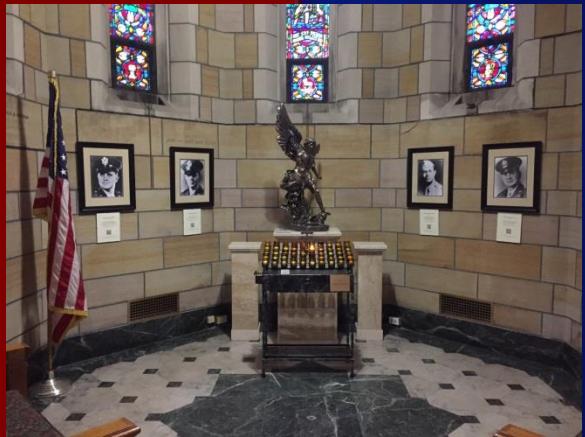
February



75th anniversary of The Four Chaplains

four Chaplain's Award Ceremony

May



Detachment members Adam, John and Adam

four Chaplain's Award Ceremony

May



Two detachment members receive the
Four Chaplains award

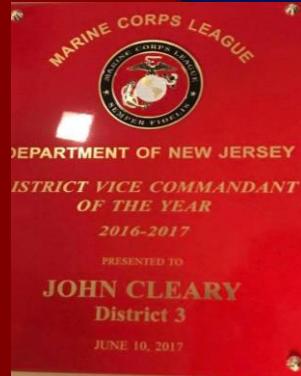
Conventions & Rallies

Detachment Representative

- **Attended Department Convention**
- **Attended National Convention**
- **Participated in Dept Meetings**
- **Attended Dept leadership School**
- **Chaired Department Convention**

Department of NJ State Convention

June



Department of New Jersey leadership School



Attended by detachment
member Jack Engdahl

Department of New Jersey Memorial Day Ceremony



Brigadier General Jemal J. Beale
The Adjutant General
Department of Military & Veterans Affairs

Cordially invites you to attend the
Annual Memorial Day Ceremony

On Saturday, the 26th of May 2018 at 10:30am

At

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery
350 Province Line Road
Wrightstown, New Jersey 08562

Dress Military: ASU/Class A
Civilian: Business Casual

Memorial Day ceremony with the Governor Murphy
and Brigadier General Beale

Department of New Jersey Memorial Day Ceremony



Memorial Day ceremony with the Governor Murphy and
Brigadier General Beale

Helping Marines

Assisted with

- **Neighboring Detachment Parade**
- **Neighboring Detachment Officer Installation**

East Rutherford St Pat's Parade

March



West Hudson Detachment assisting the Air, Land & Sea
Detachment in their Inaugural St Pat's parade

Bayonne Detachment Officer Installation

April



West Hudson Detachment assisting the Bayonne
Detachment with their Officer Installation

Detachment

Overview

The West Hudson Detachment :

New member recruiting program that resulted in 15% increase in members this year.

Recognizes member achievements at its annual Awards Ceremony in June

Recognizes the Americanism/Historian Program

Sponsors an annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball

Honors a member as the Detachment Marine of the Year at the Annual Awards Ceremony

Supports a Marine Corps League Auxiliary Unit

Supports a Devil Dog Pound

Supports a Detachment Shooting team and annual shooting events such as the Carlos Hathcock Match, Youth Turkey Shoot, & Three Gun Aggregate

Hosts an Annual Super Bowl party at the Marine House

Consistently featured in Semper Fi magazine

Produces a Detachment newsletter, “Our House”

Hosts an annual Detachment camping trip

Detachment Meeting

June



Detachment Marine of the Year

June



Marine of the Year Adam Waldron
and Commandant Carl Daynston

Shooting Team

Annual Garand Match

June



Detachment Meeting

July



Detachment Camping Trip

July



Detachment Camping Trip

July



Detachment Meeting

October



Swearing in of Marine Nelson Gordon Jr



Officer's Installation

October



Detachment Meeting

December



Swearing in of Marine Jason Tramontana



Tommy Defrancisci's 98th Birthday

December



Shooting Team

NRA Range Safety Officer Course

February



Detachment Meeting

February



Swearing in of Marine Dominick Rotondo



Annual Super Bowl Party

February



A great time had by all at the
Super Bowl Party....

Annual Detachment Staff & Officers lunch

February



Detachment Meeting

May



Swearing in of Marine Jonathan Reuter



Newsletter



West Hudson Det.

Marine Corps League

Our House

Quarterly newsletter

January, February, March 2017

January- The month began with the membership agreeing to award Certificates of Appreciation to supporters and organizations assisting with the Christmas Gifts for Children drive. Thanks to all the donations and support, we were able to bring some joy to well over 100 children. Paying a visit to the American Legion and Past Commandant John Cleary paid a visit to neighbors at the American Legion Post, and presented their membership the award, which they were happy to accept. The way things work well: Veterans working together for a good cause and helping the public.



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Marine Corps League

OUR HOUSE

Newsletter

October, November, December 2016

October- The month started off with a great SOS breakfast at the house. Family and friends were treated to morning chow, consisting of scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, and the old favorite of chipped beef on toast (S.O.S.) Nice way to start the day: food, friends, and fun!



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Marine Corps League

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Newsletter

Jul, Aug, Sept 2016



July was a great month....sunshine, parties, family, friends, and comrades!

We enjoyed a great 4th of July together, although rain interrupted the festivities for a bit. Plenty of great chow, served up by the grillmaster general, Adam Tegge and John Schmidt.

Needless to say, the ladies also brought cookies and cakes for after dinner (Whew).



Plenty of laughs and stories shared by all until nightfall, when the show began...



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January, February, March 2018

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!

Shooting Team



Rifle & Pistol
Competitions



Fun Shooting
Events

Looking For A Few Good Men
with a competitive spirit to join our team

West Hudson Detachment Ladies Auxiliary

President	Alima Zimmer
Senior Vice President	Linda Kaplarczuk
Junior Vice President	Barbara Paul
Chaplain	Eileen Carstedt
Judge Advocate	Dottie Norris
Secretary / Treasurer	Harriet Sklar
Guard	Helene Streckfuss



West Hudson Detachment Ladies Auxiliary



Detachment Awards

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



Department Meritorious Unit Commendation



Presented to

West Hudson Detachment

In appreciation and gratitude for Service to the Department of New Jersey
and the Community

Awarded this 9th Day of June 2017

For the period June 2016 to June 2017

Authorization for the wear of the Department Meritorious
Unit Commendation Ribbon by each member of the entity to
which this award was made during the period indicated is
approved

Harry Prince
Department Commandant

Barbara DeAngelo
Department Adjutant

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



Certificate of Appreciation

West Hudson Detachment

For your outstanding participation, exceptional leadership and support of the
Marine Corps League Scouting Program. It is through your efforts that
our future leaders are formed and trained to serve and honor God and Country

Awarded this 9th day of June 2017

Timothy Daudelin

Scouting Chairman



Department of New Jersey, Marine Corps League

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ROLL CALL

AROUND THE LEAGUE



West Hudson Detachment in Kearny, NJ, recognizes the youngest and oldest Marine present during their birthday ball celebration. Tommy DeFrancisci is 97 years young and is joined by his two sons, members of the detachment and representatives from Mission Transition.



Members of the Department of New Jersey and West Hudson Detachment participated in the annual Semper Five charity 5K in Seaside Heights, NJ. Left to right: Jack Engdahl, Roger Maccagno, Joe DeAngelo, Barb DeAnglo, Cesar Huaman, Robert Pinero, Adam Tegge and Dan Hoffman.



Helping make dreams at Christmas are Sgt. Jim Woodard, Maj. Phil Beckerich and Sgt. Aaron Bialek.



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