



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

October- The month began with our staff meeting. Plans and details finalized for the up coming events. So much to do!!!

On the 7th, the detachment hosted a SOS breakfast at the house. The turnout was great and everyone enjoyed some great eats, as well as sharing some laughs and stories.



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

When: Sunday, 7 October 2018 0900 to 1200
Where: Marine Corps League - 286 Belgrave Drive Kearny, NJ
Cost: \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 12
Includes: SOS, toast, pancakes cooked to order eggs, juice, and coffee

All proceeds to benefit the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund





Then, on the 10th, at the monthly regular meeting, three new inductees joined our ranks. Welcome aboard Marines John Gasper, Daniel Armand, and Nicholas Valdez (a charter member of the Gooney Bird Det. #434).





Meanwhile, work was underway downstairs in the lounge! Out with the old, in with the new. Outstanding team effort by all involved!



On the 14th, Bill Freda, and our Color Guard, marched in the Belleville/Nutley Columbus Day parade. The weather a bit brisk, yet everyone was enjoying the day.





On the 18th, members hosted a Bingo at the Menlo Park Veterans Home, in Edison, N.J. Once again, we were met with happy greetings and appreciation. Thank you to all the volunteers who continue to help here!

On the 21st, West Hudson Detachment hosted the swearing in ceremony for elected staff officers. Congratulations: Commandant Adam Tegge, Sr. V.C. John Healy, Jr. V.C Adam Waldron, Sgt-at Arms: Juan Camacho- Gonzalez, Paymaster: Cesar Huaman, Judge Advocate: Tom DeFrancisi.

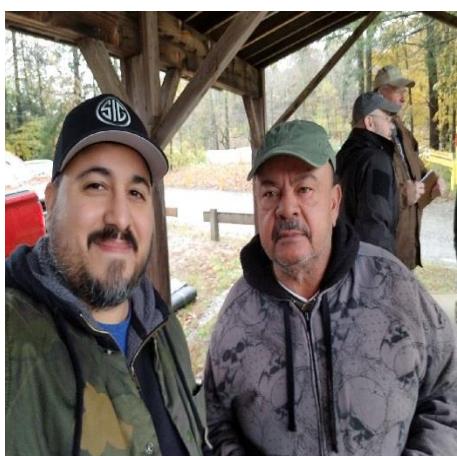




Along with West Hudson Staff, Our Ladies Auxiliary held their swearing in ceremony as well. Congratulations Ladies!



Later, on the 28th, the shooting team took to the range at The Cherry Ridge range, for the Carlos Hathcock match. Once again, a nice day and a great turnout. Well done, Marines!



November- A busy month begins! Final plans underway at the staff meeting on the 7th. Then, on the 9th.... our **Marine Corps Ball**. The evening was great, music festive, and Marines got to celebrate another birthday of our beloved Corps!





Continuing the tradition, the 1st piece of cake shared by the youngest and most senior Marines.



Then, let the party begin!





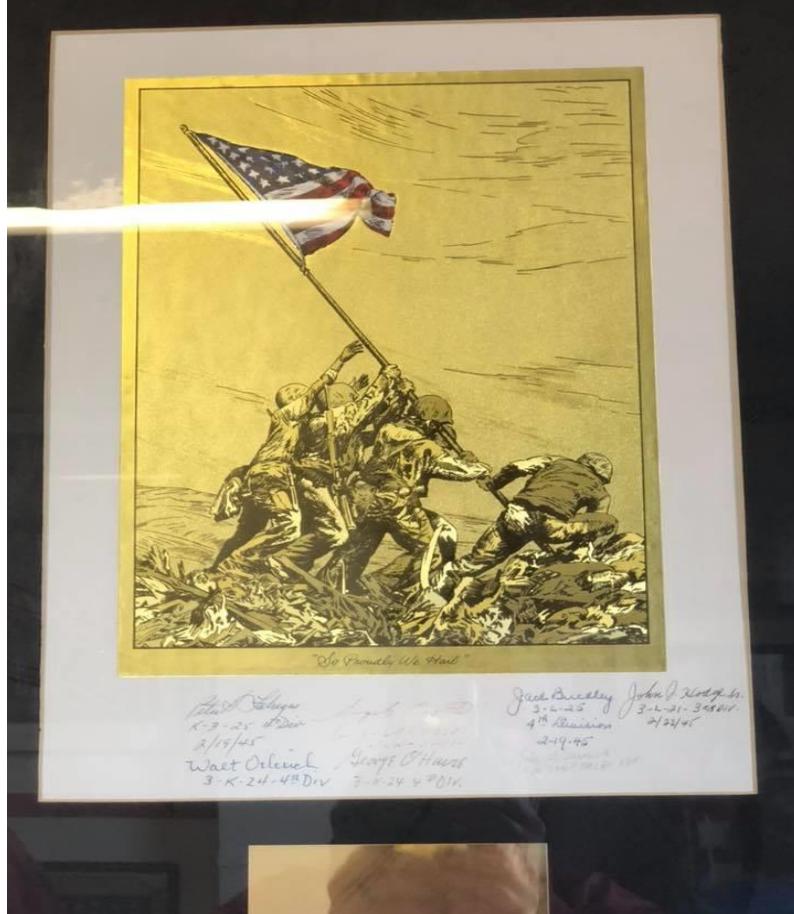
Starting the day, on the 11th (Veterans' Day), Jr. V.C. Adam Waldron attended a joint ceremony, honoring veterans at the American Legion, Post 99. Along with the speeches, our own Marine Sean Glennon played taps during the ceremonies. Thank you, Marines, and all branches for serving our great country.





Later, after the joint Memorial Day event, our house was open for the unveiling of our new Museum, upstairs. Thanks to the efforts of the Boy Scouts, under the direction of Commandant A. Tegge's son, Kristian Tegge, the house was packed with visitors who were awed and amazed with the piece of history created here. Outstanding work and thank you for the hours of hard work put in creating this monument to our history.





The town had never known of the existence of our history. Now it can be shared by all. Again. Thank you to the Scout Troop 17, Hasbrouck Heights, and all involved.

Then, on the 13th, members attended the annual **Friends and Families for Freedom** dinner, at the Graycliff Manor, in Moonachie. The night was fun, and food plentiful. Again, Marines and other service members enjoyed the beefsteak, done to perfection.





On the 15th, our monthly Bingo was held at the Menlo Park Veterans' Home. P.C. R. Maccagnano and Sr. V.C. John Healy, along with his grand daughter Alyssa, hosted. Our dedication was tested in that it snowed that day, and after finishing up there, we were treated to the day from Hell, on the highways, going home.

On the 17th, a memorial service was held for Marine John Maphet. Although, not a member of West Hudson, he was a Marine, and we pay our respects. Along with detachment members, an honor guard was present from the local Reserve unit. The service was a tribute to this Marine's life and now he's at rest. Semper Fi, and God rest his soul in peace.





Finally, on the 30th, the Gifts for Children collection began. West Hudson Marines took their posts at the Shop-Rites in Lyndhurst and Belleville. Once again, the turnout was incredible, with troops “shaking the cans”.



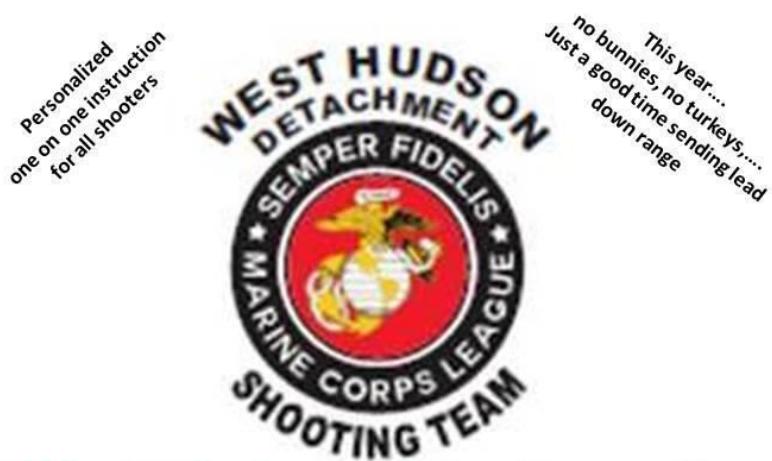




December- The month continued with collections through the 2nd. Food was made at the house for returning members to have a bite and warm up a bit. Thanks to the efforts of all participants, and all involved, we surpassed last year's donations, making for a better holiday for the children. Once again, outstanding work West Hudson Marines!

On the 8th, the shooting team sponsored an NRA sanctioned RSO (Range Safety Officer) course at the house. Attendees learned the safety procedures necessary to conduct competitive matches and keep them safe. The course was a full day long and helps assure that safety will be the top priority at all matches. Congratulations and well done.

On the 16th, the shooting team sponsored a Youth Turkey Shoot at the Woodland Park Range. Shooters attended a preliminary safety briefing, as well as instruction on range procedures. Then the fun began!



West Hudson Detachment's 6th Annual Youth Shoot

Sunday, 16 December 2018
8:00 – 11:00

Our shooting team cordially invites Marines, Associates, Friends and Family
to our sixth annual Youth Shoot

Other than SAFETY, there's only one rule.... Have Fun!

\$15 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.

New Location!

Woodland Park Range
1267 McBride Ave, Woodland Park, NJ

No walk-ins accepted

To RSVP or obtain information, please email
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Congratulations to Jr. V.C. Waldron's son, Tim, on his 2nd Place award! His 2nd time shooting! Wow, a rifleman in the making! Outstanding job shooters, instructors, and RSOs.

Finally, on the 18th, P.C. Roger Maccagnano , along with Paymaster (Trooper Lt) Cesar Huaman, and State Police Sgt. Rob Ravotto attended a gift distribution at Babyland, in Newark, N.J. This annual outing took on a special meaning this year. One of the youngsters was non responsive last year and received resuscitation from Sgt. Ravotto, who was an EMT prior to becoming a Trooper, and then treated by Paramedics and transported to the local hospital. This year, that youngster was present and enjoying the festivities! Outstanding job to all personnel for helping avert a tragedy.





On the 20th, Sr.V.C. John Healy, and his elves, Rob and Eileen Milligan, hosted the VAVS Bingo at the **Menlo Parks Veterans' Home**, in Edison, N.J. Once again, we were met with joy and laughter. Another successful outing!



Finally, on the 21st, members met at the house for the distribution of gifts from our Gifts for Children collections. Toys were stacked all around the rooms with sacks being made up for designated families. As always, the procedure went smoothly and everyone left with smiles. Some were in tears, thanking us for making Christmas a Happy Holiday.







Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and an OORAH New Year!!! Semper Fi, Marines.

Additionally, bags of gifts have been distributed among local churches and several given to Troopers, destined to Puerto Rico on a humanitarian trip. Again, bringing joy to children near and far!

