



West Hudson Det. Marine Corps League

Our House

Quarterly newsletter

October, November, December 2017

October- The month began with our S.O.S. breakfast held at the house. Plenty of activity going on with Kearny celebrating its sesquicentennial (150) birthday. Like the 4th of July, the field adjacent to the house was transformed to a playground for the day's events. Our chef (A. Tegge) worked his magic at the grille/oven. Patrons were offered their choice of "SOS", pancakes, eggs, bacon, toast, coffee and juices. Along with the chow, some stories were exchanged and we continued doing what Marines do.....share stories!





A.Waldron has been busy around the house....problems along the driveway have been rectified and at a much lower cost. Thank you **Adam, Jack, Roger, and Cesar** for the outstanding job.

During the monthly meeting, we were introduced to new appointee **Nelson Gordon Jr.**



Welcome aboard, Marine!

On the 15th, we held the officer installation meeting at the house. **Commandant A. Tegge, Sr. V.C. J. Healy, Jr. V.C. A. Waldron, Paymaster C. Huaman, and J.A.G. T. DiFrancisi** took their oaths among families and friends, sworn in along with members of the **Ladies Auxiliary**. It was a great day and celebrated by all. Congratulations all.





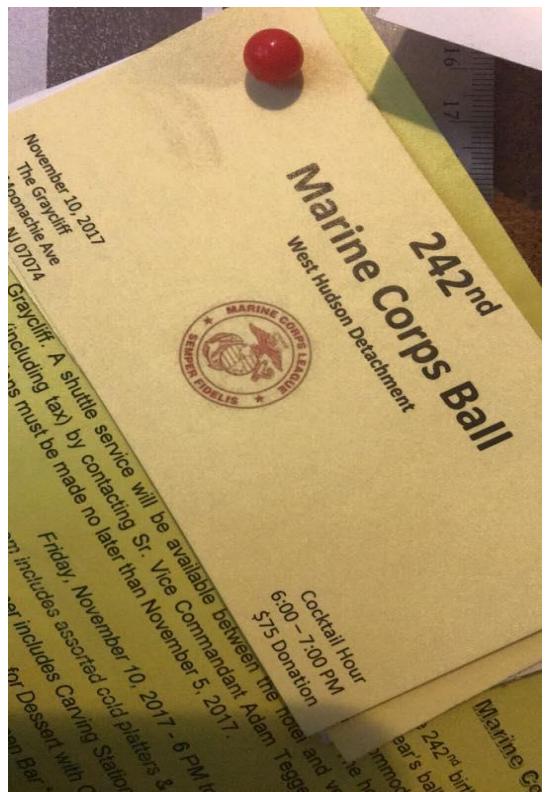
Once again, on the 19th, we held our monthly VAVS Bingo, at the Menlo Park Veterans' Home. **P.C. Roger Maccagnano, R. Lemlinelle Sr., J. Healy, Jack Engdahl, Rob and Eileen Milligan** hosted the event for our senior vets. It was a good day and laughs, stories were exchanged. Thanks, once again, to all who came out to support this event.

NOVEMBER- The month began with the staff meeting. There, final plans were made for the upcoming **Marine Corps Ball**. **A. Waldron** displayed the coffee mugs for this year's place settings. As always, an outstanding choice.

On the 8th, the general membership meeting took place. Lots of discussion regarding the upcoming ball..... Troops all getting their uniforms done for the event.

Then, on the 10th, **Happy Birthday Marines**.....It's here. Our Marine Corps Ball. This year held at the **Graycliff**, in **Moonachie, N.J.** An outstanding time, and an elegant setting. A great time was had by all.









On the 11th, Veterans' Day, the **Kearny V.F.W.** sponsored a cake cutting ceremony, honoring the Marine Corps birthday. Food, drinks, and stories, as well as speeches. Again, our Marines were on hand to help celebrate and pay respects to our veterans. A special thanks goes out to **Sean Glennon** for playing the bugle during the ceremonies (also memorialized in the local newspaper). **Jr. V.C. A. Waldron** was also present paying respects. **Semper Fi, Marines !**





On the 16th, the VAVS Bingo, in Menlo Park. Again hosted by **Roger Macagnano, J. Healy, Ron Leminelle Sr., Jack Engdahl, and Rob Milligan**. Another great turnout, and fun for the vets. Thanks Marines!

On the 18th, Newly elected **Commandant A.Tegge** attended an **Honor Court** for several new **Eagle Scouts. Adrian Kulasza, Alex Severino, and Peter Neumann** were recognized for their hard work at the **Hasbrouck Heights V.F.W.** Congratulations young men, on an outstanding accomplishment. Something to be very proud of, in the spirit of the Corps.



DECEMBER- Beginning the month, the collections were held for our annual *Gifts for Children* fund. Marines took turns “shaking the cans” at the Shop Rite and Stop and Shop in Lyndhurst, N.J. Once again, troops braved the elements to collect for a good cause. Well done Marines, Thank you all!





Early on, at the request from **Barb DeAngelo (N.J. State MCL)**, we provided some gifts for **Moms 2 Moms**, a charity for Mothers of special needs children. We were glad to assist and supplied gifts for about 100 children at their party. Thank you for letting us be part of your event.



On the 7th, **Cmdt. A Tegge** attended a **Toys for Tots** collection drive at **Allied Building Products, Totowa, N.J.** Much thanks for their support and efforts.



Then, on the 8th, **P.C. Roger Maccagnano, and Comdt. A.Tegge** attended another **Toys for Tots** collection drive at **University Hospital, Hoboken, N.J.** Once again, this drive, originated by Roger, had a great turnout. Thank you to all involved.





On the 10th, troops assisted with a collection for our ***Gifts for Children***, hosted by **Hells Kitchen Lounge, Newark, N.J.** Our sincere thanks go out for the event and the gifts.



On the 13th, along with the regular monthly business, the Detachment accepted and swore in Marine Jason Tramontana. **Welcome aboard Marine, Semper Fi !**



The 20th was a busy day as **West Hudson Marines** and **N.J. State Police** provided gifts to children at **Babyland Child Services, in Newark, N.J.** This has become a joint effort between Marines and Troopers for years now, and brings joy to children during the Christmas season. Well done all!! **Special note:** Troopers rendered aid to an infant while at the home, resuscitating her and keeping her comfortable until Newark EMS responded. These are our Finest!



That evening, **Comdt. A. Tegge** again attended a **Court of Honor** for several members of Wood-Ridge Scout Troop 181. Scouts **Sam Jacob** and **Chris Mursch** attained the rank of **Eagle Scout**. Well done !



On the 21st, West Hudson Detachment hosted the monthly VAVS Bingo at the **Menlo Park Veterans' Home**. As always, a good turnout there, and Marines **J. Healy, Jack Engdahl, Ron Lemire Sr., and Rob Milligan** shared time, stories, and a few bucks with our veterans. Thanks for coming out Marines.

The 22nd, Marines distributed gifts and gift certificates to families in the area. Along with the walk-ins, our Marines made deliveries to families throughout the area, well into the evening (Just like Santa's helpers). This year was our best to date, with gifts going out to about 240 children. Along with those, several bundles were packed for distribution to an orphanage in Puerto Rico, supplied by N.J. State Police, and 2 more for the Ronald McDonald House charities. ***Outstanding job Marines and friends!***



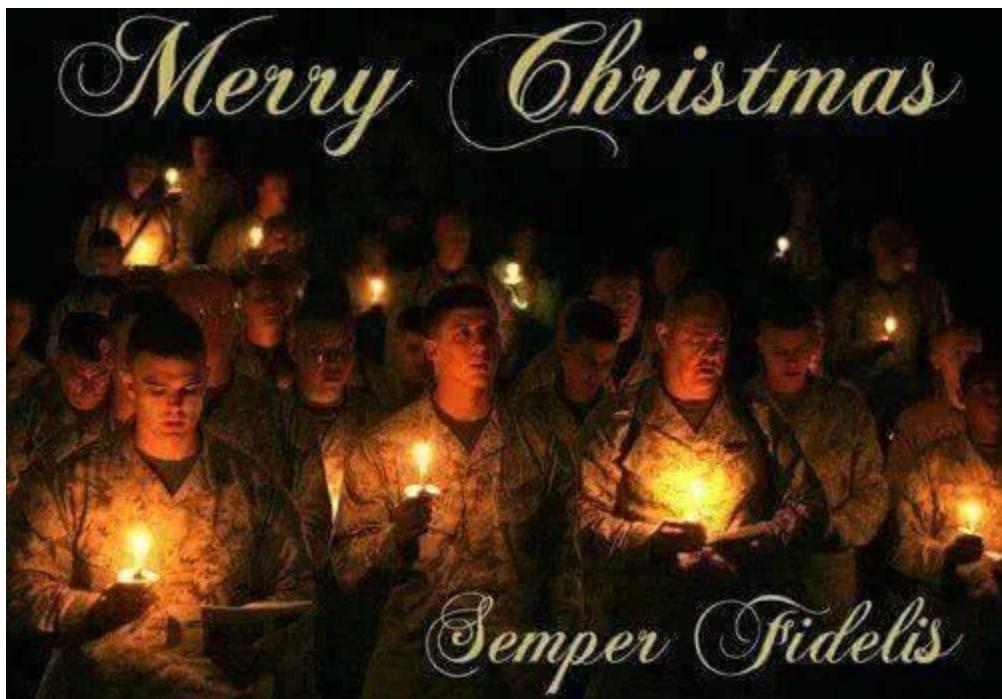


On the 24th, our detachment supplied gifts for around 35 children at the **Iglezia Bautista Gerizim** (Union City church), a new charity for us. The children were happy and got to enjoy some joy for the season. This is how it's supposed to be. **Merry Christmas** to all.



It's been an amazing year! New members, and sadly, the passing of several older members. Yet the Detachment is strong, resilient, and determined, much the same as our beloved Corps.

Merry Christmas to all, and best wishes for a healthy, happy new year !



Semper Fidelis, Marines everywhere!