



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

APRIL- the month began with the staff meeting on the 14th. It continued into a smaller, modified meeting with very few in attendance. During the meeting, plans were discussed about upcoming events, and possible changes coming about as a result of COVID restrictions being eased. Also, while at the meeting, new member, Marine Ismael Marcano, was introduced and sworn in.



Welcome to West Hudson, Marine!

Later, during the month, a visit to our own John Schmidt. Once again, funny and feisty, we talked the day away. Before leaving, I asked him to strike a pose for the guys!



Always the jokester, and a fighter!

On the 24th, Marines and Kearny Town council members met for the rededication of Miglin Park, named in honor of Charles Walter Miglin, a Marine killed during World War II. On hand for the ceremony were his niece: Barbara McCanna, Kearny Mayor Santos, Council woman Dorothy Jean Gaunt Doyle and others. Cmdt. Healy, UVO/Sr. V.C. A Waldron, and Shayne Vaykovich joined in the rededication. A beautiful morning.



The other names on the plaque are fellow Kearny residents, killed in the war, from varied branches of service. All played in this neighborhood as kids.

Sadly, on that same day we received the news that P.C. John Schmidt had lost his battle and passed on. A devastating blow to all of us who knew and loved spending time with him. He will surely be missed.



Obituary of John V. Schmidt

Schmidt, John V., 80, of Lyndhurst, died on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at home surrounded by his loving children. Mr. Schmidt was born in Newark and lived in Bloomfield and Kearny before moving to Lyndhurst. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps from 1962 - 1967, serving two tours in the Vietnam War and receiving his honorable discharge with the rank of Corporal. John was a Volunteer Parsippany-Troy Hills Fireman in the 1990s and also worked for the Parsippany Water Department during that time. He was a lifetime member of the Marine Corps League West Hudson Detachment and the Jersey Skeeters Pound #136. He enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren as well as playing Xbox, working on his train board, and watching horror movies. John is survived by his loving children, Veronica

Marshman (Robert), Kim Schmidt, Stan Schmidt (Gina), Gretchen Eakins (Kevin), and John Schmidt (Laura), by his cherished grandchildren, Rebecca Schmidt, Nicholas Schmidt, Robert P. Marshman, Clarissa Schmidt, John Schmidt, Jr., Dylan Schmidt, Donovan Eakins, Steven Schmidt, Ryan Eakins, Jason Schmidt, and Samantha Schmidt, and by his dear brothers and sisters, Ray, Florence, Margie, Maryann, Dee, and Joe. He was predeceased by his brothers, Hank, Charlie, Eddie, Al, and Fred.

On the 26th, P.C. A. Tegge attended a Court of Honor for newly promoted Eagle Scouts: Jack Gaige, and Joe Toscano, from Troop 17, Hasbrouk Heights. Congratulations on a job well done. Keep up the outstanding work!



Marines joined together at Our House on the 30th, to have a remembrance to our lost brother, John Schmidt. Another space at the counter downstairs. Here's to another of the good ones, gone too soon! Semper Fi, and Godspeed Schmidty.



MAY- On the 3rd, after rendering honors at his wake, Marines gathered to pay final respects to John Schmidt. Truly a moving, respectful ceremony to mark the passing of one of our own.



At the Staff/General Meeting on the 12th, ideas were exchanged about ways to improve the house, and fund it. Also, Cesar Huaman suggested a Pig Roast as a way to get some more of our Marines to stop by, with the pandemic restrictions being lifted. Short notice, but stranger things have happened...we are Marines, after all.

Later on: Events taking place marking Memorial Day. P.C A.Tegge took part in a UVQ gathering. Placing wreaths around Kearny at Memorial sites. Again, veterans showing respect.



On the 29th, Marines met at the house to do a little prep work for the Pig Roast. The tent was delivered, and we even got a break with a bigger one. At the same time, the Pigmeister General, Bill Freida arrived and began prepping the star for tomorrow's event. As always, Jheremy was the dedicated muscle, hauling the star inside!





Making everything clean and shiny! PFC Logan, getting the guys moving!

Then, on the 30th, Cmdt. Healy, PC. A.Tegge, Jheremy Valderama, and Logan, joined with scouts and other veteran organizations for the annual flag ceremony at Arlington cemetery. A cold dreary day, all went swiftly about the cemetery placing flags alongside graves of veterans from all conflicts, and eras. The event drew a large turnout and was a respectful remembrance to those who have served!





After, back at OUR HOUSE, things were abuzz, final set-ups going on for the big day ahead. Still, windy, rainy, and brisk....But it's a GO!





A big thanks to Jr. V.C. Jack Engdahl and his wife Carol, for braving the elements and providing many of the goodies for the raffle.

And then the big event! In spite of the rain and cold, we had around 60 people show up and enjoy the day. A lot of time spent under the big top!!



Plenty of activity and interest in the raffle prizes. The tickets were flying! Thanks to John Cleary's mom and Robin Healy for keeping track of all the activity.

It sure was a good thing having the bigger tent! At one point it was a downpour, yet all were having a good time. Once again, more thanks to P.C. A.Tegge for setting up the grilles for the other goodies (burgers, dogs, clams, corn). The was no shortage of food for the party. Meanwhile, back in the pit area...the Pigmeister was working his magic!



Again, P.C. J. Cleary arrived to help decorate the feast. He sure loves working with his knives! Meanwhile, the raffles went off. Lots of laughing, yelling...and of course Cesar up on his box, making the announcement!



Shortly after, the star of the show was moved inside, and the crowd followed, to enjoy the carving and a few announcements .



Finally, after all the fun and enjoying the pig, we enjoyed some coffee and another annual treat: The Pig Roast cake!



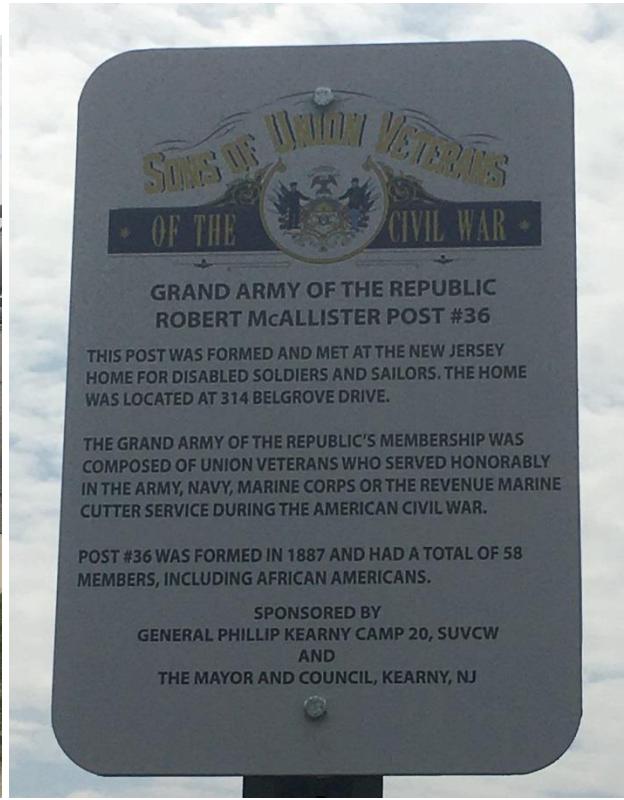
A few lingered and enjoyed comraderie downstairs in the lounge. A perfect end to an otherwise crazy day! Thanks to all who helped make this event the success it truly was!

JUNE- The month began with several members setting up a Poker night, on the 4th. There, the guys bought in, and spent the evening laughing, joking, and doing what Marines do: play cards! A good time was had. Well, by a few!



On the 9th, not enough members were in attendance, so the meeting was cancelled. Still, things are moving along: P.C. A. Tegge has gotten a quote for the removal and replacement of the siding. The staff agreed to the cost and estimate, and eagerly await the new look!

On the 11th, P.C. A. Tegge was again on hand for the memorial and marker dedication to the Grand Army of the Republic. Town council members were also on hand to mark this historic memorial. Congratulations.



Then, on the 16th, Once again, P.C. Tegge along with other instructors held an NRA Rifle and Instructors Course at the house. A good way to help educate people in the proper care and use of weapons and the safety involved.



Then, out to the range!



Well, another quarter done. Little by little, we're coming back. Marines back to coming out to the House. Coming up...Plans for Marine Corps Ball, Semper V run, in Seaside, and whatever else cooms our way. ***Stay well, and Semper Fi!***

