



Semper Fi News

Los Angeles County Chapter, Incorporated
1st Marine Division Association



GOD BLESS AMERICA

Dale Turner, Editor

SEMPER FIDELIS

'The taxpayer: That's someone who works for the federal government but doesn't have to take the civil service examination.' - Ronald Reagan

Chapter Mourns the Passing Of Bodfish Posse Member

LARRY DUANE "LD" GARRETSON
(April 3, 1953 - February 16, 2012)



"LD" was a Life Member of the Bodfish Chapter and had plans to attend this past Bodfish Campout with Texas Bodfishers Don Williams, Terry Garrett and Wayne Cates.

Unfortunately, "LD" had a set back during his cancer treatment developing pneumonia which he never recovered from.

"LD" joined the Marine Corps in 1973 and served until 1977. He spent the majority of his service at MCAS El Toro and at Camp Pendleton. He started off in the Corps as a Brig Guard and later transferred to the Marine Band where he became an accomplished trumpeter.

After leaving the Marine Corps "LD" joined the Houston, Police Department where he finally worked himself into the Homicide Unit. He served 34 years on Houston PD and planned to retired at the end of March 2012.

"LD" was not only a member of the Bodfish Chapter he was also the Past President of the Texas Association of Former Marines, Charter Member of the Semper Fi Society of Brazos Valley, TX.

"LD" was also an accomplished BBQ cook. He was the chief cook of the Katy Kookers Competition Cooking Team the year they won the Grand Championship at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Bar-B-Que Cook Off.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn and his daughter Suzanne. Our condolences to the Garretson Family, may God Bless You. Until we meet again "LD"... Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever Marine.

Dale Turner, Editor & Past President Bodfish Chapter



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If you are ready to meet a challenge and get a little taste of the Marine Corps while learning good citizenship, team work, and leadership then we are looking for you.

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The 10 day program will be held this July and August at Camp Pendleton, California.

Attention Parents!

This is not a ten day babysitting program for lazy non-caring parents.

To apply call:

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

BODFISH RD 2013 IS CLOSED

All 100 entries were filled in 34 Days.

For those who participated... Thank You!

Chapter Chaplain Selected For Master Sergeant

Our own GySgt. Phil Olivero has been selected for promotion to the rank of Master Sergeant.

The promotion will take place sometime this year.

CONGRATULATIONS PHIL

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The following members are major contributors
to the Annual LA Chapter Fundraiser.

**Grunts Club Members
1 Oct 2011 to 30 Sept 2012**

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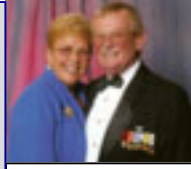
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62 Honored Grunts Club Members for
OCT. 1, 2011/ SEPT 30, 2012

1st Marine Division Family of Warriors Support

Tom Kelly—818/884-5355
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Molly and Tom Kelly

The wives and families are now in the final half of the deployment. They marked this occasion by a wonderful evening and dinner at the Camp Pendleton Golf Course. The theme for the evening was “Hollywood Glam” which even included a red carpet. A great time was had by all!!!

Some of the future events include a bowling party at the base bowling alley on April 22nd. On April 29th there will be a get together with personal makeover consultants which will include makeup, hair and clothing. For those who do not know, our own Sebrina King, 1/4 FRO, was featured on the San Diego morning news in late January as a participant in a makeover feature. Members and wives are invited to all the family events!!

Preparations are being made for the mid-June homecoming. On May 19th a potluck and banner making party will be held. It is quite interesting how creative each family can become. Join Molly and me as we go down to Camp Pendleton to add our creativeness to the designs. We will be sharing more homecoming news and information as we receive it.

For those of you on Facebook, there is now a face book page where you can go and view pictures and get updates directly from the MEU. The address is: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/1st-Battalion-4th-Marines/162723077167051>

If any of you are interested in helping us make the bi-annual diaper/wipe delivery please let us know. We are planning on making the delivery sometime in April.

Don't forget, we are still accepting baby blankets and manufacturer coupons!! We have added another person to our weekly gathering of coupons, Mrs. Mary Johnson, friend of Betty Kipp.

Thanks again for all your support in keeping with the spirit of the Corps.

Semper Fidelis,
Tom

2012 Calendar of Events

ATTENTION!

Make payment for events to: **FMDA-LA**

Mail to: **FMDA-LA P.O. Box 220552, Newhall CA 91322-0252.**

“Please put event name in memo portion of your check.”

MAY

Third Annual Family Of Warriors Awards Dinner

Thursday, May 3, 2012 1800-2200

Sheraton Universal Hotel, 333 Universal Hollywood Drive
Universal City, CA 91608

For information contact Dale Turner, Contact info. on page 2

Coordinator for this event, Dale Turner

JUNE

Corpsman UP/ Memorial Service

Saturday, June 23, 2012 - 1100 1500

\$15.00 per person

VFW Post 6885 (661-252-6885)

16208 Sierra Highway, Canyon Country, CA 91351

Coordinator for this event, Norm Kellems

OCTOBER

Del Mar Campout

Date and cost to be determined

Coordinator for this event, Tom Kelly

DAY AT THE RACES

Date and cost to be determined

Coordinator for this event, Richard Oldenburg

NOVEMBER

Marine Corps Birthday Celebration

Saturday, November 10th, 1700—2400

VFW Post 6885 (661-252-6885)

16208 Sierra Highway, Canyon Country, CA 91351

No Coordinator needed, just show up.

DECEMBER

34th Annual Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 15, 2012 1100—1500

Monterey At Encino 16821 Burbank Bl. Encino CA 91436

\$35.00 Per person Tax, Tip, Entertainment included in price

Coordinator for this event, Dale Turner

JANUARY 2013

Annual Membership Meeting & Election of Officers

Saturday, January 19, 2013

Special Discounted Price for Members & Guests

\$25.00 per person.

Coordinators for this event, Turner & Turner

FEBRUARY 2013

BODFISH CAMPOUT, PIRU CA

February 7th, 8th & 9th 2013 (Thursday, Friday Saturday)

Coordinator for this event, Dale Turner



A Message From Our Chapter President, Myrl Wallace

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Here we are to April and the 67th anniversary of the invasion of Okinawa with Operation Iceberg. It was the largest and arguably the most important battle of the Pacific Ocean area. We, as Marines of the First Marine Division, have come to know the history of this event quite well. The death of Ernie Pyle. The death of LGEN Simon B. Buckner and the subsequent assumption of his command by LGEN Roy Geiger, USMC.

But April holds another significant date in our glorious history. On 27 April 1805, 1st LT Presley O'Bannon, along with seven other Marines who were part of a force of Greeks and Arabs led by American Consul William Eaton, raised the United States flag for the first time over a conquered fortress of the Old World at Derne, a stronghold of the Tripolitan Pirates. Two Marines were killed and one wounded on the assault of this walled city.

This is not a well known fact of history, and today it would be purposely overlooked by the teachers of the pc school systems. This is why we must teach our children and grandchildren the history lessons that we know they are not being taught.

Semper Fi

Myrl Wallace



A Word from Dick Cesaroni, Chapter Legal Officer

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We (I) have noticed a disturbing fact over the past few years. More and more members ARE NOT reading their Semper Fi News letters, especially the section usually on page 3 that lists the upcoming Chapter events. The Officers, especially Dale Turner, are constantly getting calls asking him when a certain event is going to be held and how much does it cost.

Your Chapter spends quite a bit of money to get the newsletter to you so that you can be informed as to what is going on in your Chapter.

WE (Officers and Directors) have been discussing the possibility of going to the Email delivery system for our (your) monthly newsletter. Remember: "The person who always agrees with you lies to others also."

I know what you are going to say next, "But I don't have a computer." What difference does that make if you aren't going to read it either way? If we go to emailing the newsletters to you then we save a lot of money. I believe that we now have newsletters being delivered via email to 135 members. So if you are still getting the email mailed to you via snail mail then read the darn thing.

So: "If you're afraid to face the music. You may someday lead the band."

We definitely want to see more and more members at all of our functions so please read the newsletters and not just set them on the dinning room table or in your office and forget about them.

"No drunken sailor ever spent money as fast as a sober congressman".

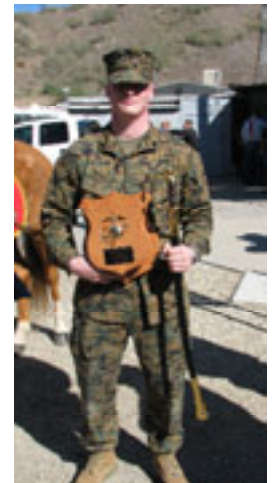
Until next month, Stay healthy and keep it legal.

Semper Fi

Dick Cesaroni

Bodfish Sword of Honor and John Loomis Bodfish "Devil Doc" Award

Each February the Bodfish Chapter presents two awards, the Bodfish Sword of Honor and the John Loomis Bodfish "Devil Doc" Award. The awards are presented to a Navy FMF Corpsman and to a Marine NCO. Below left is the Devil Doc Award. The engraved K-Bar is presented in a beautiful oak case. Right: Sgt Schukar holds his Bodfish Sword of Honor, consisting of a NCO Sword/scabbard and Sword holder engraved with the Marines name and unit.



Above Center— Camp Gunny Paul Feickert stands with Sgt Robert Schukar and HM2 John Cantu, both serve with the 1st Marine Regiment. They are accompanied by Sgt Daren Cole and Cpl; Justin Ryan from the United States Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard.



Sgt Robert Schukar surprised many bidders when he presented a United States flag that was flown in the face of the enemy by Regimental Combat Team 1 in Afghanistan on 30 May 2011. Past Bodfish President Larry Davis won the display case with a bid of \$280.00.



Bodfish Past President Bill Maker was over heard telling Bodfish First Lady Sharron Wallace, "My knee really hurts following the surgery I had two weeks ago. I appreciate you selling these 50/50/raffle tickets for me. If you need me I'll be at the Bodfish Saloon medicating my pain,"

Maker was then seen briskly walking to the Bodfish Saloon .



Above: Bodfish Gunny Emeritus and Past President Bob Barron with libation in hand positioned himself as to have a watchful eye over the Bodfish Campout. He made sure everyone had plenty chow, snacks, libations and maintain proper decorum . Pictured right: A typical gathering of members and guests during "Chow Call" the room was packed to capacity 200+ but thanks to some outstanding California weather (73 degrees) there was plenty of outside seating in the sun .

Editor's Corner

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Greetings All,

There are so many people who deserve a "Thank You" for helping to make the Bodfish Campout a success.

I'd like to start by thanking those who support and participate in the Bodfish Reverse Draw. Without their generosity we could not afford the housing of the Horse Marines, covering the meals of our active duty Marines and FMF Corpsman, Porta Potty's, trash bins, facility rental and of course the Devil Doc and Bodfish Sword of Honor Awards.

Most know who the key personnel are; Bill Maker, Bob Barron, Paul Feickert, Coleman Coughlin, Paul Young and myself, Dale Turner.

This advanced Party arrives a day early to make certain everything is up and operational for our incoming Bodfishers and guests.

This year Bill Maker decided to have knee surgery just two weeks before the Campout. Now he says he couldn't have the surgery postponed until after the Campout.

So, he showed up and quite frankly was a worthless as "Tits on a bore hog" He had his poor sister Carol cater to his every need. It was Sad .So.. Sad. to see.

Now there are those who would say by sharing this information with the members that I have thrown Bill "under the bus". Well, if it looks like a duck and walks "limps" like a duck.. it must be a duck.

My concern was who is going to be our auctioneer on Saturday since Bill was whining and telling me he just could not stand and do the job.

As I pondered this concern I saw the answer sitting among fellow Bodfishers in the dinning area. It was Don Williams a dedicated Bodfish member, fellow officer of the law, BS'er at large and a fantastic Auctioneer in his own right.

Don comes out each year from his home in Texas with some of his fellow Texas Marines and crime fighters to enjoy the Bodfish festivities.

Don stepped up to the plate and agreed to be our auctioneer. He did an outstanding Job.

I was so impressed with Don performance that I have asked him to be the Bodfish auctioneer again next year and he has agreed.

To steal a phrase from Donald Trump;
"Bill Marker.. You're Fired!"

Until next month,
Happy Trails, Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever
Dale



BODFISH SKINNY

.....or just plain BS
MYRL "IAS" WALLACE
PRESIDENT Feb 2012- Feb 2013

The first forty-five days as BF President has been an extremely difficult adjustment.

Besides all the phone calls and Emails wanting to know when I will be available for photo opportunities and autographs Sharron and I are having trouble getting used to the RECTUM Detail (Recon Tactical Undercover Monitoring).

This group of dedicated hand selected Bodfish Marines take their job much too seriously.

Sharron and I have to go to the extreme of putting aluminum foil on all our bathroom and bedroom windows.

Although, they are often hard to spot I often catch glimpses of them in the shadows on the street or at the end of an isle in the market.

I know that they are there for our safety and to protect and preserve the secrets of the Bodfish and my Bone.

The other day I took my car to the car wash and as my car passed through the rinse cycle I looked through the hazy and steamed glass widow of the car wash bay and swore I saw a RECTUM sitting in the back seat.

I must say I never took this Bodfish stuff seriously until now. I understand why I must bear the title "IAS" and be limited to a one year term of office.

The trials and tribulations I will have to endure for the next 10 months will be for the good of the Chapter and will make me a stronger Bodfish Past President.

The duties are demanding, the hours long filled with mind boggling challenges with little or no reward until the end. At which time I will claim the title, "Bodfish Past President"

Start planning now for next years Bodfish Campout. If you thought the Bodfish Hospitality Room at the reunions were good you have to attend a campout!!


Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever Myrl



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1-866-826-3628

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- Name of Funeral Home and Phone Number
- Name Of Deceased Marine
- Date Of Funeral

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dalefmda@earthlink.net

The Chapter would like to thank you for electing to receive the "E" version of the Semper Fi News . It helps defray some of the Chapters costs allowing us to direct those saved funds to other programs the Chapter supports such as the awards program at the School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton each year.

In addition to having the ability to add extra pictures from chapter events the "E" version allows me, as the editor, to offer space to partnering Chapters to get their upcoming events posted.

Below are some upcoming events by partnering Chapters.

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For upcoming events and meetings

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