

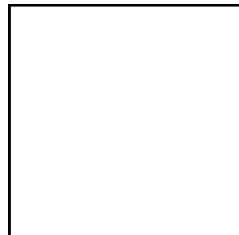
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AUGUST 2009

Dale Turner, Editor



SEMPER FIDELIS

A Message From Our Chapter President, Tom Whetzel (twhetzel@socal.rr.com) 661-251-7564

I hope all of our members had a great and Happy Fourth of July, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Del Mar campout in September. Our Legal Officer Dick Cesaroni has put in a lot of time, and hard work in organizing this trip for the membership.

As you read the August newsletter, we will be at the Anaheim reunion, hobnobbing with the chapter members, and electing a new National president.

Semper Fi News. Ever wonder where it came from, or how it gets to your mail box every month? The Semper Fi News is done by a small group of men, who come to a place rain or shine, once a month to fold, put on the address labels, and stamps, to make sure that you get your copy. I want to say kudos to the following members that always show up, and do the job. Maury Starr, Dale Turner, Bill Turner, Dick Cesaroni, Myrl Wallace, John Arthur, Charlie Meter, Jimmy Green, Ed Demrest, Jim Mann, Nile Holmes, Floyd Johnson, Tom Kelly, and JJ Leonard. Thanks Men, and Semper Fi. If any member would like to join our group, and help, please let me know, or one of the officers, and we will advise you of the date and time, and location.

On July 7, 2009, my wife and I met up with Sgt Major Bob Barron, and took the tour of the USS Midway in San Diego. What a great trip. If your ever down in San Diego, this is a must see, and it's great for kid's. It's a great ship, who saw combat in Vietnam.

Don't Forget that the cut off date for the Camp Pendleton, Del Mar Campout is 15 August. This a great Chapter function and an opportunity to visit with active duty Marines and FMF Corpsman, visit the PX and eat in the Mess Hall Mail your check and reserve your cottage or RV spot today.

I was pleased to learn that the Bodfish Chapter will have a Hospitality Room at the FMDA Reunion in Anaheim, CA. Mike Enos and Dale Turner will have the Bodfish Room up and operational on Monday night, 24 August to Sunday night, 30 August. I hope those of you who will be attending will stop by and say hell-o, join in the libations, jocularly and daily free drawings. Until next month, Semper FI and Bodfish Forever
Tom Whetzel



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National Annual Membership—\$30.00

Chapter Annual Membership - \$15.00

Total \$45.00

National Life Membership-\$1000.00

Chapter Life Membership- \$100.00

Total \$1100.00

Attention! Active Duty Marines: National Membership is **\$20.00**. Your LA Chapter Membership is **FREE**

Name: _____ Rank: _____ DOB: _____ Last four digits of SSN: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State/Zip+4): _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Spouses Name _____ Email: _____

Unit(s) Served With: _____ Dates of Service: _____ Campaigns: _____

List no more than two _____

WWII, Korea, Vietnam ,Kuwait, Afghanistan, Somalia, Iraq, Cold War, Peacetime Etc.

Applicant's Signature/Date: _____ Sponsor: _____

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\$500.00 - \$300.00 - \$200.00

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CHAPTER ANNUAL FUND-RAISER

CHAPTER WELCOMES NEW CHAPTER LIFE MEMBER

JOHN SCHAFFER

ALSO CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RECENT MARRAGE.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING RUTHIE AT THE DEL MAR CAMPOUT
SEMPER FI MARINE

The Chapter Mourns The Passing Of PFC HERBERT B. PARRY, USMC

January 29, 1933 - July 10, 2009 (76)

HQ -1st Battalion, 1st Marines - Korea 51-53

Herb saw action in Korea and was awarded the Purple Heart, twice, for wounds received in action. Services were held on 20 July at the West LA Veterans Memorial Cemetery. He was laid to rest, at sea ,on 21 July 2009.

GySgt. ROBERT L. HOYT, USMC

February 9, 1925 - July 15, 2009 (84)

H&S WPNS 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines WWII, China, Korea
Bob served in the Corps from 1942 to 1963. He saw Combat action in WWII with the 5th Marines on Peleliu and on Okinawa He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in battle. Bob was laid to rest at Forrest Lawn , Hollywood Hills, CA

Until We Meet Again Marines.....Semper Fidelis

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GRUNT CLUB MEMBERS

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

Grunt Club status is achieved with a minimum donation of
\$100.00

Grunt Club Members
1 Oct 2008 to 30 Sept 2009

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| *American Legion 507 | Kathy Lander
<i>In memory of</i>
Richard Lander |
| *LA CHAPTER | Ione Lovell
<i>In memory</i>
of Bob Lovell |
| *Jim Anderson | Jim & Sheryl Lovell |
| *Mary Anthony | *Bill Maker |
| <i>In memory of</i>
Tony Anthony | Dave Marshall |
| Bob Barron | *Bob McKee |
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| Nile Holmes | *Dale Turner |
| *Jasper Hood | *Myrl Wallace |
| *Art Jackson | *Tom & Diane Whetzel |
| *Floyd Johnson | *Al Wright |
| *Jerry Johnson | Terry Young |
| *Tom Kelly | (32) |
| *Paul Kim | (32) |
| *Gary Kipp | |

This past year several of our Grunt Club
members have joined our fellow Marines
and FMF Corpsmen at Heaven's Gate.
Their dedication and generosity to the
Chapter will be forever remembered.

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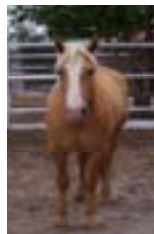
- Name of Funeral Director
- Name of Funeral Home and Phone Number
- Name Of Deceased Marine
- Date Of Funeral

A Burial Detail will not be provided unless
the above is complied with.



Dale Turner, Editor

Editors Corner 2009 Chapter Adopts Another Palomino



His name is "Tank" and he is the fourth Palomino the Chapter has adopted this year for the United States Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard.

Once Tank finishes his training (Palomino Boot Camp) he will receive his official Marine Corps Battle name and will be assigned to the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard at

MCLB Barstow, CA. There he will receive his advanced training and learn to work with the other Marine Palominos.

Here are few photos taken of "Tank" during his first two weeks of training at the Wyoming Honor Farm.



Progress notes and pictures.

06/11/09 Received the Palomino #9464 at the Honor Farm

06/12/09 Took pictures, checked health, horse looks good.

06/15/09 Put him in the big round pen, moved him around a bit, put him back in his pen.

06/18/09 Round pen work, horse responded well to direction.

06/22/09 Round pen work with the bicycle, horse responded well within a short time.



06/23/09 Round pen work while horseback, horse was a little shy of saddle horse, but came around without too much resistance.

06/29/09 Round pen work, advance and retreat, starting to accept touch. Starting to accept the halter and rope on his head and neck areas. Won't be long before horse wants to be close and haltered.



More to come.....
Thanks,
Jeff Martin, WHF
Wild Horse Supervisor

Special thanks to Art DiGrazia BLM Wild Horse and Burro Program for getting these picture to us.

It is an honor to work with the Wild Horse & Burro Program and

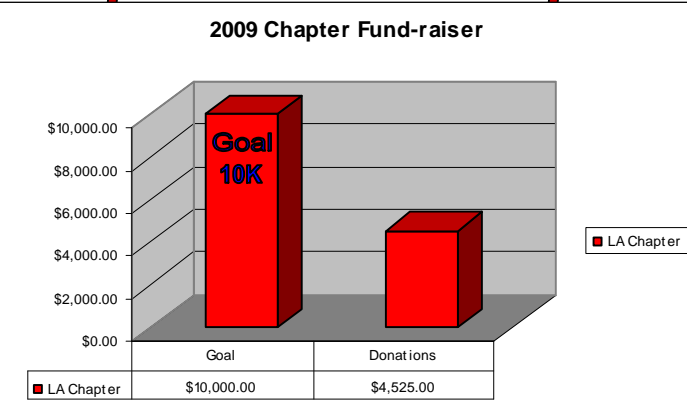
the USMC Mounted Color Guard. This is just one of many things your Chapter supports through your generous annual donations.

Until next month, I bid you Happy Trails and Semper Fidelis

Dale

dalefmda@earthlink.net 661-253-1981

Chapter Fund-raiser Update



Here's An Opportunity To

WIN

**\$500.00 - \$300.00 - \$200.00
AND SUPPORT YOUR CHAPTER TOO.**

For every \$50.00 you donate your name will be entered into a drawing.

Those who donate \$200.00 will receive an extra entry (5)

1st Place Winner will receive \$500.00

2d Place Winner will receive \$300.00

3d Place winner will receive \$200.00

All entries must be received by 5 PM, 9 Sept. 2009.

The drawing will take place at the Del Mar Campout on 12 Sept 2009.

Winners will be announce in the October issue of the Semper Fi News.

The LA Chapter would like to thank to the following Members for their donation of 50.00 or more and early entry into the September 12th drawing.

The below members are listed, left to right, in the order their donation was received

**Bill Turner - Jack Coughlin - Terry Garrett
Dale Turner - Eddie Turner - Floyd Johnson
Myrl Wallace - Dave Marshall - Michael Zadian
Richard Oldenburg - Mike Enos - Tom Kelly
Al Wright - Ione Lovell - John Stoddard
Chuck Singer - Sally Parry - Robert Shilts
Bill Maker**

List of Donators as of 23 July 2009

2009 Calendar of Events

August

FMDA Reunion

August 24—29 Anaheim Marriott, CA

Info will be in the June/July Aug OBN

There will be a Bodfish Hospitality Room

September

Del Mar Campout, Camp Pendleton, CA

Friday, September 11 to Monday, September 14

Singles - \$247.50 - Couples \$270.00

Price Includes cottage and three meals

Camp Sites are \$40.00 a night

with no minimum stay.

Payment must be received by August 15th

No refunds on cancellations after that date.

New Del Mar Policy "NO More Rain Checks!"

October

Day At The Races

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Price: \$35.00 per person

Includes Lunch, Valet Parking

& Race Form

November

Marine Corps Birthday

Tuesday, November 10th

American Legion Post 507

Newhall, CA

1730 - 2100

Price: Small Donation

December

31st Annual Chapter Christmas Party

Monterey At Encino

16821 Burbank Bl, Encino, CA

Saturday, December 12, 2009

Time: 1100 - 1500

Cost : \$30.00 per person

Tables for 8 may be purchased for \$240.00



Dick Cesaroni

If you are going to attend the Chapter's "Day At The Races" scheduled for Thursday, October 15th, 2009

Complete the order form below cut and mail it along with your check.

"I hope to see you at the Races"

Santa Anita Ticket Order Form
LA County Chapter "Day At The Races"
Please Print Clearly

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ CA., Zip Code _____

Phone Number: _____ - _____ - _____

No. of tickets: _____ at \$35.00 each. Total: \$ _____ .00

No. of Valet Parking Passes needed: _____ (No limit)

Price includes: Valet parking, admission, racing form & lunch.

The Terrace Lounge is a smoke free environment.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH

Make your Check or Money Order payable to:

FMDA-LA

Mail to:

FMDA-LA

P.O. Box 220552

Newhall, CA 91322-0252

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERING TICKETS IS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

Your check and order form must be at Dick Cesaroni's residence by 5:00PM this date. This will allow me (Dick Cesaroni) time to process the orders and get the packages mailed out to you.

"NO" orders will be accepted after September 30th.
NO EXCEPTIONS.

FOR OFFICAL USE ONLY

Date check / M.O. received: _____

Check No: _____

Amount of Check: _____

Notes: _____





BODFISH SKINNYor just plain BS

Dear L. A. County Chapter members and Bodfish Chapter members:

Because I'm the *current* Bodfish Chapter President, "I Ain't Shit". So the purpose of this letter is to enlist your support and actions as comrades, friends, and fellow Bodfishers.

GOOD NEWS!

We've secured a Bodfish Chapter Hospitality Room for the Anaheim reunion from August 24th to, and including, August 30th.

Through donations, I think we can handle the associated expenses involved. We will be located on the lower level of the Hotel in the Los Angeles/La Jolla Room. We worked with, and were well received by, the General Manager (Bill Gunderson) and Senior Event Catering Manager (Ellen Berger) at the hotel to insure members and their guests have a great experience, plus have a place to mingle and enjoy themselves throughout the reunion. Please make every effort to support National by staying at the Anaheim Marriott the duration of this year's reunion.

REQUEST TO YOU

At every reunion with a Bodfish Chapter Hospitality Room, we've had overwhelming support through donations from chapters and individuals. I'm not only asking you for financial backing of our hospitality room, but asking that you solicit members of the various other chapters and Marine organizations you are a part of to donate and attend the reunion. We want this reunion to be a memorable, pleasurable and productive event not only for our chapter members, but for all attendees.

DETAILS OF DONATIONS

1. Please send all donations to:
Mike Enos – Event Coordinator,
3901 Eagleridge Drive, Antioch, CA 94509
2. Make check payable to: Mike Enos. In *memo* write: Bodfish Hospitality Room - Anaheim

DONOR RECOGNITION

\$50.00 to \$99.00 - Donors will receive the coveted Bodfish Recognition Button

\$100.00 to \$199.00 - Donors will receive a Bodfish Recognition Button and their name will be listed on the Special Recognition Plaque in the Hospitality Room

\$200.00 to \$299.00 - Donors will receive all of the above, plus a choice of a gift. (USMC Flask, 16" USMC Sword letter opener or a replica, a genuine reproduction, of the famous USMC KBAR Knife)

\$300.00 or more - Donors will receive all of the above, plus a personalized, autographed picture of the current 2009 Bodfish Chapter President and a bottle of the famous "Bodfish Blood" wine.

Donations in ANY amount are always sincerely appreciated and will help offset the costs of the room and refreshments. As always, active duty Marines and FMF Corpsmen are not allowed to donate. We old farts will take care of them.

Thank you for your help.

Semper Fidelis & Bodfish Forever,
Mike Enos – IAS - (925) 754-0869 Email: shortstick3901@aol.com

Donations received from Chapters and Members as of 23 July 2009

L. A. County Chapter - \$200.00, Bodfish Chapter - \$200.00,
Bill Turner - \$200.00, Dale Turner - \$200.00, Mike Enos - \$100.00,
Jack Coughlin - \$50.00 (donated at the Bodfish Campout),
Gary Kipp - \$50.00, Max Felser - \$165.20,
Gene Wuestenfeld - \$50.00, Myrl Wallace - \$200.00
Dick Cesaroni - \$100.00



Molly and Tom Kelly

Support the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines

What a great month!! Tim Hawkins, chapter member, again went all out in the Independence Day parade collecting diapers, wipes, infant clothing and accessories for the 1/4 families. Tim

has restored a Marine Corps Jeep, which he drives in the parade. The goal was to fill the Jeep with diapers and wipes for the 1/4 families. He definitely succeeded!! This is the 2nd year in a row that Tim has been able to provide this effort.

On 17 July, we loaded up our vehicle for a trip to Camp Horno. Our delivery replenished the supply from our Memorial Service/Corpsmen Up BBQ. We also had an opportunity to talk to LtCol Clearfield. He thanked the chapter for their continued support and looked forward to meeting more chapter members. We invited him to share a libation or two with us at the Del Mar campout. He is looking forward to it!!

On Friday, 28 August the Battalion will be holding a Battalion Family Day from 2-6pm at Del Mar Beach Stage/Cantina area. This is a fun event for the whole family and all chapter members are invited. Food, drinks, DJ, bouncy house for the kids, etc. will be provided. Molly and I will be traveling from the FMDA Anaheim Reunion for part of the day if you wish to join us!!

The chapter is also invited to participate in the 1/4 Birthday Ball which will be held on Sunday, 8 November, at the Pechanga Resort in Temecula. More information will be provided in the next newsletter.

The rest of our scheduled activities to date are:

- Aug – Battalion Family Day
- Sept – Del Mar Campout – Diaper/Baby Wipe Drive
- Nov – 1/4 Birthday Ball
- Nov/Dec – Holiday Commissary Gift Certificates
- Ongoing – Manufacturer Coupons & Baby Blankets

When you do good things, good things follow. We are blessed to have so many who want to help us with our mission of supporting the families of 1/4. Thank you for all your support in keeping with the spirit of the Corps.

Semper Fidelis,

Tom Kelly
1-818-884-5355
t.takellype@att.net

Del Mar Campout 2009

Reservations Must Be Received By August 15th 2009

YOUR CHECK IS YOUR RESERVATION.

The Del Mar campout has been set for Friday, September 11 to Monday, September 14, 2009.

Remember that this is a "First come, First serve" basis for reservations.

FORMAT FOR MAKING RESERVATIONS FOR DEL MAR CAMPOUT.

Prices are as follows:

Cottages: \$75.00 a night with a "must" three-night minimum. Total: \$225.00 for the weekend for the cottages. Please refer to my article in the April 09' issue of the Semper Fi News letter for an explanation to the new prices and policy quoted by the Del Mar Beach Club.

RV/Trailer spots: \$40.00 a night with no minimum stay. These prices are for "everybody" (with or without military I.D.)

Checks for reservation for the cottage's and/or RV – Trailer spots MUST be in the hands of Dale Turner by Saturday, August 15, 2009 @ 5:00PM. All checks received after this date will be returned.

Make checks payable to: **L.A. County Chapter – FMDA (NOT TO ME – Dick Cesaroni)** and mail them to **Dale Turner c/o L.A. Chapter FMDA, P.O. Box 220552, Newhall, CA 91322-0252**. Please include your home phone and cell phone numbers in case we need to contact you.

Dale Turner will again be in charge of the Meal Tickets. Let him know how many people will be in your group and how many will be participating in the three meals (2 @ 21 Area mess hall & 1 @ The China Star restaurant in Oceanside on Saturday).

No Meal Tickets will be sold at the campout. Meals must be purchased prior to 15 August.

The chow prices are as follows:

- Saturday Breakfast: \$5.00 Per Person (21 Area Mess Hall)
- Sunday Brunch: \$5.00: Per Person (21 Area Mess Hall)
- Saturday Dinner : \$12.50 Per Person (China Star Buffet, Oceanside)

Note: Total cost based on two people is \$270.00

We will NOT take any reservations by phone or email. We have to have your check in order to reserve your cottage's) or RV/Trailer space. **"No Checkie No Cottage"**. For those that send in their checks first will be assigned a cottage or RV spot. DON'T wait until the last minute. Send in your check as soon as possible. Once the cottages are filled up, that's it.

NOTE: The CUTOFF date for making reservations are: Saturday, August 15, 2009 @5:00PM. This allows me (Cesaroni) time to prepare the packages for mailings and going to the FMDA Reunion. We will not accept any reservations after Saturday, August 15, 2009.

Your check must be in Dale Turner's possession by the specified date and time. Any envelopes post marked after that date will be returned.

Due to new policy set forth by Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) at Camp Pendleton., the Chapter, upon final approval of the Chapters Officers and Directors, will send our full NON-REFUNDABLE payment for all rentals to Del Mar Beach Club and turn in all unsold RV Spaces and Cottage's on: Sunday, August 16, 2009. The estimated non-refundable cost is **\$7375.00**.

NO COTTAGE OR RV SPACE REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AFTER 15 AUGUST. Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) does not refund payments or deposits. MCCS New Policy: **THERE ARE NO RAIN CHECKS ON CANCELLATIONS.** If you cancel after 15 August you lose your money. Sorry, but the Chapter has no control over MCCS policy.

For further information please contact either Dale Turner or Dick Cesaroni regarding reservations, etc.

Dale Turner, 661-253-1981 or email: DALEFMDA@earthlink.net
Dick Cesaroni, 661-297-2028 or Email: dick_rose@sbcglobal.net

Only 8 Cottages left as of 23 July - Don't miss out - Mail your Reservations TODAY!!