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1st Marine Division Association



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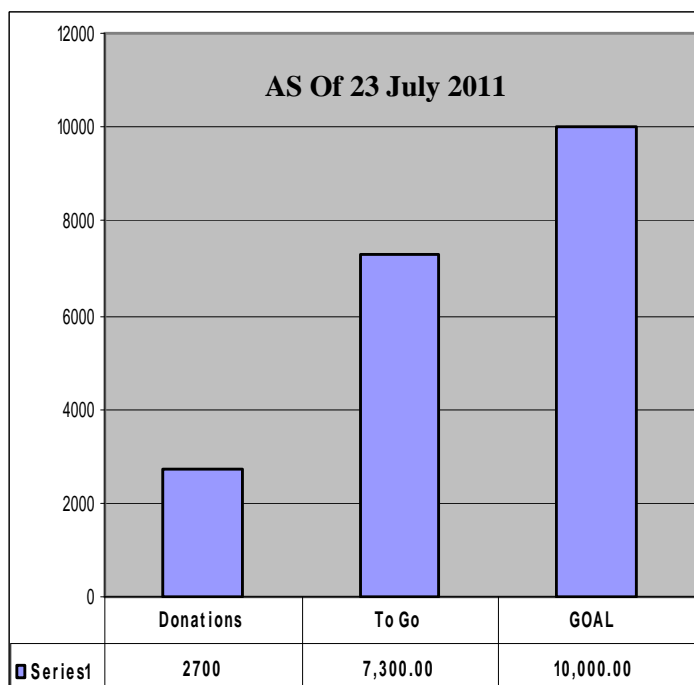
Dale Turner, Editor

SEMPER FIDELIS

After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

Will Rogers

JACK COUGHLIN 2011/2012 Chapter Fund-raiser At A Glance



EARLY SUPPORTERS TO THIS YEARS CHAPTER FUND-RAISER AND ENTRY INTO OUR HOLIDAY DRAWING .

SUPER GRUNTS LEVEL

JOE CANDILORA - ROSEMARY COLLINS - BILL TURNER
HEEMAN LEE - JOE SMITH - MYRL WALLACE
DALE TURNER - JACK COUGHLIN
DAN KUMAUS - NILE HOLMES - GARY KIPP

GRUNTS LEVEL

RUTH DAVIS - BONNIE CLARK - LENNY SCHUSTAL
DAVE MARSHALL - ED DEMREST

THE CHAPTER THANKS THE ABOVE MEMBERS FOR THEIR
CONTINUED AND EARLY SUPPORT.

NOTE: Every fifty dollars donated you will receive one entry into our holiday drawing. The drawing will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at the Chapter Annual Christmas Luncheon . You do not need to be present to win.

SUPER GRUNTS (\$200.00) will receive one additional entry (5) into the drawing.

1st Prize \$500 - 2nd Prize \$300 - 3rd Prize \$200.00

The Chapter Mourns the Passing of

John J. Meehan

March 18, 1945 - June 4, 2011

Sgt. John Meehan served in Vietnam with HQ ,1st Mar Div

John also served as FMDA VP from 2003-2005

He was laid to rest at Calverton National Cemetery, Port Washington NY. He is survived by his wife Janice and their three sons, Mike, Matt and Marty.

SEMPER FI MARINE!

Info received 7/23. No further available prior to going to press.
Thanks to Chris Wright for providing the sad news.



John & Janice

2011 LA CHAPTER DEL MAR , CAMP PENDLETON CAMPOUT

FRIDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER - SUNDAY, 2 OCTOBER

See pages 3 and 5
for Cottage and meal costs

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GRUNTS CLUB MEMBERS

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

**Grunts Club Members
1 Oct 2010 to 30 Sept 2011**

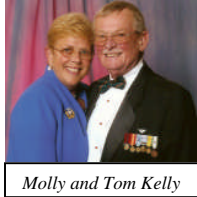
<p>*LA CHAPTER</p> <p>*Mary Anthony <i>In memory of Tony Anthony</i> Bob Barron</p> <p>*Martha "Martie" Bigbie <i>In memory of David Bigbie</i></p> <p>*Paul Blum</p> <p>*Joe Candilora</p> <p>*Bud Cashen</p> <p>*Dick Cesaroni</p> <p>*Mark Cleaves</p> <p>*Rosemary Collins <i>In Memory of Jim Collins</i> Gary Condrey</p> <p>*Coleman Coughlin</p> <p>*Jack Coughlin (Deceased)</p> <p>*Pat Coulter</p> <p>*Howard Crowell Bonnie Clark <i>In Memory of Jack Clark</i></p> <p>*Larry Davis Ruth Davis <i>In Memory of Jim Davis</i> Ed Demrest Mike Enos (Deceased) Max Felser</p> <p>*Terry Garrett Jimmy Greene George Hofstetter</p> <p>*Nile Holmes</p> <p>*Jasper Hood</p> <p>*Art Jackson (MOH) Dane Jensen</p> <p>*Floyd Johnson</p> <p>*Tom Kelly</p> <p>*Paul Kim (32)</p> <p>41SG/22G</p>	<p>*Gary Kipp</p> <p>*Al Kinsley Dan Kumaus Kathy Lander <i>In Memory of Richard Lander</i></p> <p>*Al Lansdale</p> <p>*J.J. Leonard</p> <p>*Bill Maker Dave Marshall Barbara Martin <i>In Memory of John Martin</i></p> <p>*John F. Meseure</p> <p>*Charlie Meter</p> <p>*Richard Oldenburg</p> <p>*Sally Parry <i>In loving memory of her father Herb Parry</i> Bob "HomDog" Perry Roland Pinza Edna Rea</p> <p>*Jeff Roberts Tom Rohrback</p> <p>*Francis Shea <i>In memory of Phil Shea</i> Bill Shedlov</p> <p>*Chuck Singer</p> <p>*Maury Starr John Stoddard</p> <p>*Zack & Sue Taylor Don Tennenbaum</p> <p>*Bill Turner Charles "Eddie" Turner</p> <p>*Dale Turner</p> <p>*Myrl Wallace</p> <p>*Tom & Diane Whetzel</p> <p>*Al Wright (31)</p>
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Semper Fi

Bold Plus* Denotes Super Grunts Status
\$200.00+ donation

63 Honored Grunts Club Members for
OCT. 1, 2010/ SEPT 30, 2011

**Support the
1st Battalion,
4th Marines,
1st Marine Division**



Molly and Tom Kelly

Tim Hawkins has once again represented the chapter at the annual Burbank 4th of July parade. This is an annual event for Tim in which he collects items for the 1/4 in his vintage USMC jeep. Molly and I have taken the diapers and wipes he collected down to Camp Horno. THANKS Tim for your ongoing support!!!

The 1/4 Birthday Ball will be held on Friday, October 28, 2011 at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina on Harbor Island Drive. Cost for the event is \$65/person. A special room rate of \$99/night is available. This is always a great event!! Molly and I will be going and we hope that you can join us to show our support not only to the battalion but also to the Corps. Please contact us for the hotel reservation code for the reduced rate.

To help offset the cost of the Birthday Ball for the active duty Marines, a cookbook is being created by the families and friends of the 1/4. The net proceeds will be used to reduce the cost to the active duty Marine. If you are interested in providing some great recipes, advertising space or buying a copy of the finished product, please contact Molly. She will be handling all cookbook related questions.

The Battalion is currently at Camp Horno finalizing their preparations for deployment prior to year end. Family events are being planned around their training schedule. If you would like to be kept apprised of all the events please send us your email address so that we can furnish you with information in a timely manner.

Don't forget, we are still accepting baby blankets and manufacturer coupons!!

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

Semper Fidelis,
Tom Kelly
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2011 Calendar of Events

NOTE: 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.

SEPTEMBER

Del Mar Campout 2011 - Camp Pendleton, CA Friday, 30 September thru Sunday, 2 October 2011.

A limited number of cabins will be available for a two (2) night stay.

Make your wishes for a two (2) day stay known early).

Kids Cove \$99.00 per day

Back Row \$85.00 per day

See page 5 for more information.

Saturday Evening Meal will be held at the Eagles Nest, Camp Pendleton Golf Course. Cost of the meal is \$22.00 per person, tip and service charge included.

Contact Tom Kelly at 818-884-5355 or takellype@att.net.

NOVEMBER

DAY AT THE RACES

Oak Tree Park, Santa Anita

Thursday, November 3, 2011

COST:

Member & one guest **\$34.00** per person,

Non-Member & additional guest (s) **\$38.00** per person

Includes buffet lunch, tax, tip,
program and valet parking

236 Marine Corps Birthday Party

Thursday, 10 November 2011

Location and Time to Be Determined

DECEMBER

33RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Monterey At Encino

16821 Burbank Bl., Encino, CA 91423

Saturday, December 10, 2011 - 1100 - 1500

Price: \$35.00 Per person Tax/Tip Included

NOTE: This is my favorite Chapter event of the year.

It affords us a time to share the holiday season together and to reflect on the years accomplishments.

Plan now to reserve your table of eight and join us for a great Christmas luncheon.

Contact Dale Turner for more info. 661-253-1981 - dalefmda@earthlink.net



A Message From Our Chapter President, Myrl Wallace

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Marines and Fellow Corpsman,

It is summertime, and all are off on vacations of various sorts. Sharron and I have taken two of our Granddaughters back east for a Wallace family reunion. Tom and Molly Kelly are off soon for a reunion of their own, and are going to be attending the First Marine Division Reunion in our nation's capital, Washington, D. C. As our Chapter Rep, Tom will be representing our interests at the meetings there. If you have a concern that you feel needs to be brought up, give Tom a call and let him know.

During the summers in our Marine Corps history there have been various trips, that can't be called reunions. On 3 August 1950 eight Corsairs of VMF 214, the famous "Black Sheep" squadron, launched from USS Sicily and executed the first Marine Aviation mission of the Korean War at Inchon. On 17 August 1942 Marines of the 2nd Raider Battalion under LCOL Evans Carlson landed on Makin Island from two submarines. They destroyed a seaplane base, two radio stations, a warehouse, and killed about 100 enemy soldiers. And, on 24 August 1814, Captain Samuel Miller's 100 man detachment from Marine Barracks Washington fought the Battle of Bladensburg for the defense of our nations capital. The Marines suffered eight killed and fourteen wounded.

Check out our upcoming events on page 3. Pay attention to the information on Page 5 regarding the Del Mar Campout. Don't procrastinate, get your money before the deadline. Tom Kelly is handling this years event. It is his first year in doing so and as Dick Cesaroni and Dale Turner can tell you it can be demanding. Help Tom by following the instructions and getting the information and payment in ASAP.

Are you a member of the Grunts Club? It's that time again to renew your Grunts Club status. Help support the Chapter by joining the Grunts Club (100.00 Donation) or become a

SUPER GRUNTS CLUB member with a \$200.00 donation.

Any donation to the Chapter is greatly appreciated and helps us to continue doing great things for our Marines, Corpsman and the community.

Until next month,
Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever

Myrl

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW FMDA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ALL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Gentlemen,

I would like to introduce myself as the oncoming Executive Director of the First Marine Division Association.

It is an honor and a pleasure to serve this association of Warriors and Heroes, and I look forward to speaking with all of you in the near term. My goal is to contact each one of the Chapter Presidents in the coming week via telephone or in person. I look forward to speaking with all of you.

S/F-

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Save this page.. It will be your only printed notice**DEL MAR CAMPOUT 2011****Friday, 30 September - Sunday, 2 October****Check out no later than 1000, Monday, 3 October 2011****COTTAGES**

Kid's Cove – 14 Cottages @ \$99.00 per day

Back Row – 16 Cottages @ \$85.00 per day

Most cottages have a minimum Three (3) day stay. A few two (2) day stays are still available. Contact Tom Kelly. The cottages now have only one double bed (no pull-out sofa or futon). Participants must bring air mattresses or cots to accommodate children.

CHECK IN TIME: 3:00 PM**CHECKOUT TIME: 10:00 AM****RV SPOTS**

Spaces 1-10 @ \$50.00 per day

CHECK- IN TIME: 1:00 PM**CHECKOUT TIME: 10:00 AM****MEALS**

Meals are as follows:

Saturday Mess Hall Breakfast: \$5.00 per person

Sunday Mess Hall Breakfast: \$5.00 per person

Saturday Dinner at EAGLE'S LANDING LOUNGE at the Marines Memorial Golf Course

Barbeque Buffet including Chicken, Pork Ribs and Trimmings: \$22.00 per person

All three (3) meals for "campers" and guests: **\$32.00** **NOTE: No reduced prices for children**

NOTE: * Payment must be received by 10 September 2011. No reservations will be accepted after that date. Full payment to MCCA and return of all un-rented cottages and RV spots is due 16 September 2011.

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

It seems that a new requirement comes up each year. In addition to the names of people attending the mess hall breakfasts MCCA now also wants a list of names of all participants staying in cottages and visiting the P.X. and Cash Sales. If you are reserving a cottage for family or friends submit their names also. It also saves you from paying a surcharge.

Email the names to Tom Kelly at **takellpe@att.net**.



Editor's Corner

Dale Turner, Editor
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Greetings all,

This past month I have had the opportunity to reflect on the past fourteen years serving as Chapter Editor.

Personally, I never thought I would still be doing this job after all these years. For me, it has become a labor of love. For my wife, Emily, she has leaned to "abandon ship" on newsletter day to avoid listening to my moments of frustration.

I recall in the early years after taking the Semper Fi News over from our past editor, Will Gaefcke, who by the way was an outstanding teacher and helped me with the formatting in the beginning, being reminded of the importance of being politically correct.

I would often make comments in my Editors Corner that would bring floods of Emails, phone calls and even letters. I would be reminded by an old Texas attorney and Life Member, the late Victor Branch, that in accordance to National By-Laws I was not permitted to comment on or elude to any political issues. He would report my comments to the FMDA national leadership where the word would come down where reminding me to be "Politically Correct" For the most part I've been pretty good about being politically correct. Although I must say I miss hearing from those old Marines and I enjoyed listening to their comments that clearly marked their political affiliation.

Political Correctness is ruining this country and it has become, **One Big Ass Mistake America**. WOW! I think I see a new acronym in the making, "OBAMA".

The Government, Military, Law Enforcement along with the private sector are big users of acronyms.

Acronyms save time in all types of communication and make a statement or point with no further explanation needed.

I'm tired of this political correctness crap. I'm convinced that political correctness has become **O.B.A.M.A.**

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



BODFISH SKINNY
.....or just plain BS
Larry "IAS" Davis, President
AKA "CPL LAR"
CplLar@aol.com

I was asked why there is a black band around the base of my bone. The Bone is of course the badge of office of the Bodfish I.A.S President.

I replied it is in honor and memoriam of our Past President Michael "Squidley" Enos.

Squidley was one of a kind. He was always happy and fun to be around. He was creative and coming up with something new to entertain his Bodfish Brothers was an ongoing challenge to him. He was unbelievably generous with his time and talents to our Chapter.



Pictured is Squidley with Carol Johnson, Bill "P.P" Maker's sister and prominent member of our Bevy of Beauties taken on the River Walk at the San Antonio convention in August 2010.



Also a picture of Squidley entertaining the troops with his interpretation of Elvis, taken at Tar Spring Ranch (ah the memories).

Squidley was our Bodfish Historian and P.P. (Past President) and put together our Hospitality Suite for all of the 1st Mar Div Assn. conventions and other functions. You will be sorely missed my brother.

Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever!!
Respectfully submitted,
Cpl. Lar

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Funeral Honors
1-866-826-3628

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

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Life Member of the FMDA, Los Angeles and Bodfish Chapters

Going in to MCRD I showed my ID and exchanged salutes with the Marine sentry. I looked at the young Marine and said, "Thank you for serving." He looked back at me, saluted again, and said, "Thank you for leading the way." What a class act!

Submitted by Erland Reuther
Lt.Col, USMC Retired

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.

Desert Cities Mitchell Paige MOH Chapter

- **AUGUST Chapter Meeting** - 1130 Thursday, 18 August
Desert Falls Country Club, Palm Desert

Guest Speaker Stanley Buddy Sklar, BOD Marine Corps Heritage Museum

- **SEPTEMBER Chapter Meeting** - 1130 Wednesday, 21 September
Desert Falls Country Club, Palm Desert

Guest Speaker SgtMaj Scott Samuels, 7th Marine Regiment

- 30 September Wounded warriors BBQ, MCB 29 Palms starts at 1130

Contact Jim Sullivan for more info. (760) 219-8317 Email: jsullivan@dc.rr.com

Southern California Chapter

Chapter Meeting - SNCO Club

Saturday, 27 August 2011 1600

Call Marty Vasquez for more info at 760-757-6981

Orange County Chapter

Chapter Annual LUAU

Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach CA

Saturday, 24 September 2011 1100-1600

Cost: \$20.00 per person

RSVP is a **MUST** (*Liability Release Forms must be signed & turned in by 10 September*)

Contact Bob Palmquist 714-539-1043

Los Angeles County Chapter Inc – 1st Marine Division Association Membership Application/Renewal Form

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Membership in the 1st Marine Division Association, Incorporated, is open to anyone who at anytime **honorably served in, is now serving, was attached to, or in support** of the 1st Marine Division. Dues are as noted below, circle choice of membership and mail application and check to: **1st Marine Division Association, Los Angeles County Chapter, PO Box 220552, Newhall CA 91322-0252** (Make check payable to: **FMDA-LA**)

Dues

National Annual Membership - \$35.00

National Life Membership - \$1000.00

Chapter Annual Membership - \$15.00

Chapter Life Membership - \$ 100.00

Total \$50.00

Total \$1100.00

Attention! Active Duty Marines: 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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