



Semper Fi News

Los Angeles County Chapter, Incorporated
1st Marine Division Association



AUGUST 2012

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Dale Turner, Editor

SEMPER FIDELIS

SPECIAL CHAPTER "LIFE MEMBERSHIP" OFFER

See Chapter Application on back page.

LA County Chapter, Inc. Annual Jack Coughlin Fund-raiser.

The fund-raising period runs from
1 June to 30 September 2012

Current Grunts Club Membership expires on 30 September 2012 (See Page 2).

The funds received from the generosity of our members and "Friends of the Chapter" is the Chapters only source of income.

Without your support, we could not survive as a Chapter.

As in the past a special drawing will be held at the Annual Chapter Christmas Luncheon for those who donate \$50.00 or more. Please lend your support and donate.

Thank you and Semper Fi
Dale Turner, Fund-raising Chairman

The Chapter thanks the following members and supporters for their early donation to this years annual fund-raiser

1 October 2012 to 30 September 2013

Jack Coughlin (Deceased)

3rd year of a 5 year \$200.00 annual endowment.

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1st Marine Division Association 65th Annual Reunion

PORTLAND, OR August 13 - 18, 2012

Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel

Bodfish Hospitality Room

Located on the second floor in the

Mt. Hood Room near Sgt Grits, PX



The Semper Fi News is the only monthly connection to the Internationally Famous Bodfish Chapter

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GRANDSON OF LIFE MEMBER RECIEVES DEVIL PUPS HIGHEST HONOR

Daniel Hansen, 14 year old grandson of Chapter & Bodfish Life Member Ed Gallego graduated from the 10 day Devil Pup Program at Camp Pendleton on Saturday, 14 July 2012.

"Daniel is a straight "A" student that is "Hell Bent" on attending the U.S. Naval Academy and becoming a Marine Officer, said his proud grandpa"

This young man has set a standard for other young people to emulate. Daniel serves as a Corporal with the Miramar Young Marines. During his three mid-school years he raised over \$10,000 for the Warriors Foundation that benefits wounded Marines and Sailors.

During his 10 day Devil Pups experience Daniel accomplished what few Devil Pups achieve. He scored 400 on his Physical Fitness Test, a perfect score. Daniel was named, **"Company Honor Pup"**

For his dedication Commitment and leadership skills Daniel was awarded Devil Pups highest honor the **"Holland M. Smith Award"**.

We wish Daniel well on his quest to becoming a Marine Corps Officer and to claim the title **"United States Marine"**. **Congratulations Daniel.**



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GRUNTS CLUB MEMBERS

The following members & Supporters are major
Contributors to the Annual LA Chapter Fund-raiser.

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

*LA CHAPTER	Dane Jensen
*LYNX Technik Inc	* Arthur J. Jackson CMOH WWII
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*Bessie Bales	*Tom Kelly
<i>In memory of</i>	*Paul Kim
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* Charlie Chase	Geo Moore
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*Bonnie Clark	<i>her father Herb Parry.</i>
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*Mark Cleaves	<i>In Memory of Maj. Burdette Hagerman</i>
*Rosemary Collins	*Steve & Adriana Russell
<i>In Memory of Jim Collins</i>	G.J. "Sandy" Sandoval
*Coleman Coughlin	Lenny Schustal
*Jack Coughlin (Deceased)	Bill Shedlov
*Pat Coulter	Robert Simoneau
*Howard Crowell	*Chuck Singer
*Larry Davis	*Col. Joe Smith
*Ruth Davis	Maury Starr
<i>In Memory of Jim Davis</i>	*Zack & Sue Taylor
Ed Demrest	Don Tennenbaum
Max Felser	*Bill Turner
*Terry Garrett	Charles "Eddie" Turner
Jimmy Greene	*Dale Turner
Virginia Hatzidakis	*Gabriel Vazquez
<i>In Memory of George Hatzidakis</i>	*Myrl Wallace
*Nile Holmes	*Tom & Diane Whetzel
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to Donate.*

Semper Fi

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

1st Marine Division

Family of Warriors Support

Tom Kelly—818/884-5355

takellype@att.net



Molly and Tom Kelly

On Friday, 27 July, the 1st Regiment held a Baby Shower for all expectant Moms. Each Mom was given a diaper bag which held a baby blanket (provided by the chapter), diapers (provided by the chapter), wipes (provided by the chapter) and other infant needs. This was a great event, enjoyed by all and was wonderful exposure for the chapter. Pictures from the event will be included in next month's article.

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 will be taking the diapers, wipes and other infant items he collected down to Camp Horno. THANKS Tim for your ongoing support!!! We will also be taking down additional baby blankets thanks to Rose Cesaroni and her crochet group and Carol Fender, a friend from Canoga Park Lutheran Church.

Chapter members are invited to the Change of Command ceremony on Thursday, 6 September on the Parade Grounds at Camp Horno. Lt. Colonel Norton will be turning the battalion over to Lt. Col. Bronzi. This is always a very moving experience and our participation and attendance shows our support for the battalion. Please join Molly and me for this event. We will have more information in the next newsletter.

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

Semper Fidelis,
Tom Kelly

Second Call is Sounding.

Richard Oldenburg



It's time for the races. On October 18th at 1300 the horses will be at the starting gate for the FMDA-LAC's Day at Santa Anita.

Doors open at 1100.

Once again Marines and their guests will enjoy the buffet for lunch, perhaps place a bet and maybe win some money.

The all inclusive Santa Anita FMDA-LAC's package includes:

Valet Parking - Admission to the Club House

Buffet Lunch - Daily Racing Program All of the

above for only \$38.00 per person

Payments received by October 1, 2012 will also receive the Early Bird Special, a voucher for placing a bet on the Daily Double or Exotic Bets (pick 4 and 6)

Registration Form: A copy of the Registration form may be down loaded on line or printed from the "E" Mail version of the Semper Fi News. On line click on "Semper Fi News" select August 2012 issue.

Questions?

Call Richard at 661-972-0703

PLAN TO ATTEND

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."

AUGUST

65th Annual Reunion

Marriott Riverfront, Portland, OR

August 13-19 2012

SEPTEMBER

Del Mar Campout, Camp Pendleton

Friday, 14 September to Sunday, 16 September

Kid Cove Room \$99.00 a night, 3 Night Min

Back Row Rooms \$85.00 a night (some 2 night min)

Meals:

Messhall Breakfast \$5.50 per person (All ages)

Saturday Buffet Dinner Eagles Landing Golf Course

\$22.00 per person (All ages)

All three meals \$33.00 person, regardless of age.

See page 4 for more information.

Coordinator for this event, Tom Kelly

OCTOBER

DAY AT THE RACES

Thursday, October 18, 2012

\$38.00 per person

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 0930

Special Discounted Price for Members & Guests

\$25.00 per person.

Coordinators for this event Turner & Turner

FEBRUARY 2013

Bodfish Campout, Fillmore, CA

Thursday, Feb. 7 Friday, Feb. 8 Saturday, Feb. 9 2013

Checkout Sunday, Feb. 10th by Noon.



A Message From Our Chapter President, Myrl Wallace

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Marines and Fellow FMF Corpsman,

Here it is in the middle of summer, and Sharron and I have not taken a vacation yet. We did manage to get down to Camp Pendleton and spent three days at the South Mesa Inns of the Corps Lodge. Had a very good and relaxing time. Of course we did have to spend some time and money in the new Exchange there. Our summertime vacation will be spent in Portland, OR at the First Marine Division Reunion. As of this writing there will be at least three of your officers attending. I have heard from a couple members that have indicated that they will be there also. Norm Kellems will be taking the Bodfish trailer up, and we will be setting up the Internationally Famous Bodfish Hospitality Room. Having worked in Portland for a couple months every year for all the years that I worked in my civilian job, I do not have any intention of being a tourist. I will, however, be attending all the meetings, and taking care of business at the Hospitality Room.

I did have a conversation with the National Executive Director Sean Dobeck recently, and he is very concerned, as we all are, about the declining membership. We know that time has taken the toll of so many of our members, and this is the reason that we all must increase our efforts towards recruiting Marines that are of a much younger age than most of us. This includes active duty Marines. A suggestion was made that we start a drive to collect funds to invite these young warriors to the banquet at the Division Anniversary. This is an excellent idea, and it will be discussed further. There will be more information on this plan in later editions.

Semper Fi, Myrl

FINAL NOTICE !!

DEL MAR CAMPOUT 2012

Details for this year's DEL MAR CAMPOUT are complete. The dates are 14 September through 16 September 2012.

COTTAGES

We have reserved 14 Cottages in Kid's Cove at \$99.00 a day and 16 Cottages in the Back Row at \$85.00 a day.

We have RV Spaces 34-43 (2nd Row) at \$50.00 a day.

Most cottages have a minimum Three (3) day stay. We have a few (two) day stays available. Contact Tom Kelly at takellype@att.net or 818 884-5355 to reserve your cottage. The cottages now have only one (1) double bed (no pull-out sofa or futon). "Campers" must bring air mattresses or cots to accommodate children.

MEALS

Saturday Mess Hall Breakfast: \$5.50 per person.

Sunday Mess Hall Breakfast: \$5.50 per person.

Saturday Dinner at EAGLES LANDING LOUNGE at the Golf Course.

Barbeque Buffet including Chicken, Pork Ribs and all the Trimmings: \$22.00

All three meals for "Campers" and Guests: \$33.00 All meals are **PRE-SOLD**. Meal tickets will not be sold at Del Mar. No reduced prices for Children.

EVENTS

As of this date we have a tour of the Ranch House scheduled for 1100 on Saturday, 15 September

RESERVE YOUR COTTAGE OR RV SPACE

Cottage rental must be paid within ONE (1) WEEK after making reservations in order to hold the reservation. No reservations will be accepted after 22 August 2012.

Full payment to MCCS and return of all un-rented cottages and RV Spaces is due 31 August 2012.

Make checks payable to FMDA-LA

*Put "Del Mar Campout" in memo portion of your check.

Mail to: FMDA-LA

P.O. Box 220552

Newhall, CA 91322-0252

Note: In addition to the names of people attending the mess hall breakfasts MCCS requires a list of all participants staying in cottages and visiting the P.X. and cash sales.



BODFISH SKINNY

.....or just plain BS

MYRL "IAS" WALLACE

PRESIDENT Feb 2012– Feb 2013

I understand that Norm Kellems has put air in the tires of Squdleys old Bodfish Hospitality trailer. I also have been told that since there has been no rain in the desert recently he is considering taking a hose to it and wash off some of the cobwebs that have grown on it.

The upcoming trip to Portland for the 1MARDIV reunion festivities is the reason for all of the physical activity.

Bodfish initiations will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights sometime after the sun goes down.

Bodfish Past President Dale Turner will have a limited number of Bodfish Life Member Coins for sale at a cost of \$20.00. Not a bad deal considering the Bodfish Chapter has no Annual Dues.

Due to the number of Bodfish Past Presidents and the current President and Vice President attending the reunion security will be heightened. Therefore, the Bodfish RECTUM Team (Recon Tactical Undercover Monitoring Team) has been activated and will be in attendance.

Norm is asking for donations to the Bodfish in order to run the Hospitality Room for that week. Make a large enough donation, and you will receive a pin which will entitle you to have the beverage of your choice without further costs. If that donation is too steep for you donate a 1.75 Liter Bottle of any libation or a case of beer. However, that wont get you a Bodfish Hospitality Pin.

This is a deal that can only be matched by getting to stand in the chow line at the 21 Area Mess. Speaking of the 21 Area Mess, if you have not sent in your reservations for the September Del Mar Campout, you must get them in as soon as possible. It looks like we may have a Bodfish Hospitality Room there too..

It is going to be GOOD.

Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever

Myrl "IAS" Wallace

BODFISH! ATTENTION!!

BODFISH HOSPITALITY ROOM

Join us in the **Mt. Hood Room** located on the **Second Floor of the Marriott Portland Downtown Waterfront Hotel.**

The Bodfish Hospitality Room will be open starting on **Tuesday, 14 August 2012**. It will remain in operation through **Saturday night, 18 August.**

If you would like to contribute to the Bodfish Hospitality Room send your check to the Bodfish Room Coordinator, Norm Kellems.

Make check payable to:

Norm Kellems

Put "Bodfish Hospitality" in memo portion of check

Mail to:

Bodfish Hospitality Room 2012

C/O Norm Kellems

9706 E. Ave S-8, Littlerock, CA 93543

Those Marines and FMF Corpsman who contribute \$100.00 or more will receive a 2012 Bodfish Hospitality Room Pin.



This pin when worn, in the Bodfish Hospitality Room, will entitle you to unlimited drinks and snacks at no additional cost. This pin is a "Bodfish badge of honor" that shows your loyalty to the Bodfish Chapter.

You can not get a better deal anywhere.

Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever!

Editor's Corner

Dale Turner, Editor
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Let me start this months "Editor's Corner" by saying that the comments, opinions and reflections expressed in my column are mine and mine alone.

They do not express or reflect the opinion of the Los Angeles County Chapter, Inc., the Officers, Directors or the members.

We have all been reminded from time to time to stir clear when it comes to politics and religion in our interaction with associates, friends and family.

On Thursday, July 2012 I received a letter reminding me of just that.

I can not, nor will, I apologize for my own political mindset and beliefs. But I do regret having offended a dear friend by placing a cartoon in the 2008 issue of the Semper Fi News and again in the August 2011 issue writing an article that addressed political correctness and acronyms.

It is unfortunate that they waited and dwelled on the issue for as long as they did. I found this too to be troubling to me.

This matter has caused me to wonder just how many more members I may have offended and lost their friendship and perhaps even their support to the Chapter.

A lesson has been learned. In the future I will strive to ensure that my political views are not conveyed in my column and should I find a political cartoon, I find amusing, I will find another just as clever from the opposing political party to post.

In closing, this is not the first time I have ruffled some feathers and knowing how I am it most likely wont be the last. All I ask is that if you find something I say or post upsets you send me an Email or pick up the phone and "Sound Off".

I've been around the block a few times and getting my ass chewed is not an experience foreign to me.

For those of you who are inquisitive you can satisfy your curiosity by going to the Chapter website and clicking on Semper Fi News. The cartoon is located in the August 2008 issue on page 7. (Front cover of the New Yorker Magazine) . I had permission from the Legal Department of the New Yorker to copy and post it. The August 2011 editorial located on page 6 can be read on the Chapter s website as well .

This matter was also brought to the attention of our Chapter President. It is scheduled to be addressed on Tuesday, 31 July at the Chapters Officers and Directors meeting.

I hope to see many of you at the FMDA Reunion in Portland. You'll find me in the Bodfish Hospitality Room.

Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever D.T.

Two New Palominos Adopted



The Los Angeles County Chapter, Inc. working in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management , Wild Horse and Burro Operations, (BLMWH&B) has acquired two more Palominos for the United States Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard.

The two new, four legged, members of the Horse Marines completed their training at the Northern Nevada Correctional Facility on June 22, 2012.

Located just outside Reno this correctional facility provides the back drop for the breaking and training of the wild horses using inmates. The training is closely monitored by BLM staff who ensure that all requirements, care and grooming standards are met.

Our Chapter has been involved with the acquisition and adoption of the horses used by the USMC Mounted Color Guard for the past ten years.

Through the generous contributions made by our Chapter members and Bodfish members we have been able to support the Horse Marines with not only the horse adoptions but with the purchase of their USMCMCG Belt Buckles, Honda 2000 portable generators for their trailers, a Craftsman Air Compressor, custom door decals & magnets and custom saddle blankets just to name a few.

Every February at the Bodfish Campout the "Horse Marines", as we like to call them, join us for the three day celebration. They open and close each day by marching on the colors and retiring them at dusk.

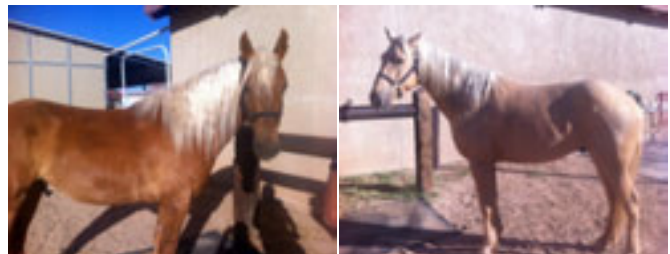
During the Bodfish Campout we take the opportunity to not only initiate the two legged Marines into the Bodfish but we also initiate the four legged ones.

As Howard " Bodfish" Bales would say, " Hell, those horses appear smarter then some of those Marines, lets initiate them into the Bodfish too".

Traditionally Horses assigned to the USMC Mounted Color Guard are named after Marine Corps battles. They are also given an everyday name.

PELELIU (Ares)

FALLUJA (Sunny)




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Dale Turner, Reporting

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Number of ticket(s) you wish to order at \$38.00 each: (____).
For a total cost of \$_____.

*Payment received by October 1, 2012 will receive the Early Bird Special,
a voucher for placing a bet on the Daily Double.*

***Indicate the number of VALET parking passes you will need: _____.**

Each ticket purchased includes the following: Valet parking, admission, racing program and lunch in the Sierra Vista Terrace (Smoke free glass enclosed indoor dining). TV Screen on every table with a great view of the track.

Please enclose a check) for your total with this order form. (Please no cash or credit cards)

Make checks payable to: **FMDA-L A**

Mail to: **L.A. County Chapter, Inc. - FMDA**
P.O. Box 220552
Newhall, CA 91322--0252

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING TICKETS IS: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2012.

Your check and order form **MUST** be received by 5:00PM October 3, 2012.
This allows Richard Oldenburg time to process the orders and get the packages mailed out to you.
“NO” orders will be accepted after this date. NO exceptions.

This information is being printed in the SEMPER FI News letter and there will be no other notifications so either use this form or make a photocopy & use that.

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Date check received: _____ **Check No.** _____

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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

For upcoming events and meetings

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

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**For upcoming events and meetings Call
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**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 Member ship - \$ 100.00
Total \$ 50.00	Total \$1100.00

REUNION SPECIAL

**Chapter Life Membership \$50.00
Offer Expires 31 August 2012**

*Note: Must be a paid up member of
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Attention! Active Duty Marines: Your LA Chapter Membership is **FREE**

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