



Semper Fi News

Los Angeles County Chapter, Incorporated
1st Marine Division Association



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GOD BLESS AMERICA

Dale Turner, Editor

SEMPER FIDELIS

“No arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is as formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women.” - Ronald Reagan

GRUNTS CLUB MEMBERSHIP RUNS FROM 1 OCTOBER TO 30 SEPTEMBER

JACK COUGHLIN 2013/2014

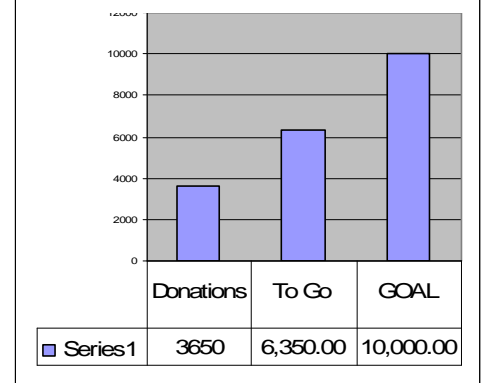
Chapter Fund-raiser At A Glance

The Chapter thanks the following members for their continued support.

**Jack Coughlin - Ruth Davis - Bonnie Clark - Leo Rothove - Dale Turner
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Howard Crowell - Joe Candilora - Dave Marshall - Dan Kumaus
Norm Kellems - Bill Turner**

The Chapter and its future is dependent upon the generosity and support of our members. Help us reach our goal by making a donation, in any amount. Thank you. Semper Fidelis Dale Turner, Fundraising Chairman.

HELP REACH OUR GOAL,
DONATE TODAY



Chapter Mourns The Passing Of:

Thomas M. Johnson

January 25, 1919 - June 26, 2013



A Chapter Life Member, Tom passed away at his cottage in Santa Clarita, California on June 26th, 2013 at age 94. He was born in Willis Kansas. He is survived by his son, Duane Johnson, his daughter Marilyn Johnson-Hackett, and his brothers Wesley Johnson and David Johnson. He has one grandchild,

Jeannine Johnson, daughter of deceased

son Ronald Johnson. He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years Margaret Johnson .

Captain Thomas M. Johnson, USMC served during WWII in the Pacific as a Dive Bomber pilot. He flew over 30 missions among them Bougainville and Luzon. A musical tribute to his time in the Philippines, “Wartime Romance” will be playing in Branson, Missouri in the fall of 2013. Tom will be forever remembered and treasured for his down to earth advice, integrity, love for his colleagues and athletes, sense of humor, bright disposition and love of life.

Until we meet again, Semper Fi Marine. DT

Marine Corps Develops Workout Program for Marines over age 60 Submitted by Major Pat Coulter, USMC Retired (Chapter Life Member)

Many of us older Marines would like improve our physical conditioning. Here’s a workout program that may help you reach your goal.

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room on each side. With a 5 lb. potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides. Hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax. Each day you’ll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to 10 lb. potato bags.

Then try 50 lb. potato bags, and eventually, try to get to where you can lift a 100 lb. potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight out for more than a full minute. (*I’m at this level.*)

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag. Semper Fi!!!

In Search of the Chapters Oldest Marine or FMF Corpsman

THE CHAPTER RECENTLY LOST TWO OF ITS OLDEST MARINES, COL. PAUL DUPRE, AGE 98 AND CAPT. TOM JOHNSON, AGE 94.

I WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUR CURRENT OLDEST MARINE OR CORPSMAN.

IF YOU WERE BORN BEFORE 9/26/1924 PLEASE CONTACT ME.

THANKS AND SEMPER FI DALE TURNER (661-253-1981)

MARINES TO SUPPORT THIS YEARS DEL MAR CAMPOUT

Marine Instructors from Infantry Unit Leader Training Company will set up a static weapons display and answer questions on Saturday, 21 September during our annual Del Mar Campout.

Spelling and grammar errors are purposely added for those who enjoying finding and pointing them out.

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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 2012 to 30 Sept 2013**

<p>*Mary Anthony <i>In memory of Tony Anthony</i> Bessie Bales <i>In memory of</i> Howard "Bodfish" Bales Bill & Robin Bales</p> <p>*Joe Candilora</p> <p>*Bud Cashen</p> <p>*Dick Cesaroni</p> <p>*Charlie Chase</p> <p>*Dan & Jan Chernin <i>In Memory of Monty Fisher</i></p> <p>*Howard Crowl</p> <p>*Bonnie Clark <i>In Memory of Jack Clark</i></p> <p>*Jack Coughlin (Deceased)</p> <p>*Pat Coulter Fay Crawford <i>In Memory of</i> SgtMaj Leland "Crow" Crawford</p> <p>*Larry "Cpl Lar" Davis</p> <p>*Ruth Davis <i>In Memory of Jim Davis</i> Ed Demrest</p> <p>*David Franklin Jimmy Greene Virginia Hatzidakis <i>In Memory of George Hatzidakis</i></p> <p>*Nile Holmes</p> <p>*Jasper Hood</p> <p>*Arthur J. Jackson CMOH WWII</p>	<p>*Floyd Johnson</p> <p>*Tom Kelly</p> <p>*Paul Kim</p> <p>*Gary Kipp Jim Kuehn</p> <p>*Dan Kumaus</p> <p>*Pat Lutz</p> <p>*LYNX Technik Inc Dave Marshall</p> <p>*Bill Maker</p> <p>*John F. Messeure</p> <p>*Charlie Meter Geo Moore</p> <p>*Erland Reuter <i>In Memory of</i> Lt.Col. Henry Totske</p> <p>Julio Rodriguez</p> <p>*Leo Rothove <i>In Memory of Charlie Bergin</i> Lenny Schustal Bill Shedlov</p> <p>*Steve & Adriana Russell</p> <p>*Chuck Singer</p> <p>*Col. Joe Smith Maury Starr</p> <p>*Bill Turner Charles "Eddie" Turner</p> <p>*Dale Turner</p> <p>*Gabriel Vazquez</p> <p>*Myrl Wallace</p> <p>IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO DONATE</p>
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Bold Plus* Denotes Super Grunts Status \$200.00+ donation

50 Honored Grunts Club Members for OCT. 1, 2012/ SEPT 30, 2013

The British Military writes OFRs (officer fitness reports). The form used for Royal Navy and Marines fitness reports is the S206. The following are actual excerpts taken from people's "S206s":

- When he joined my ship, this Officer was something of a granny; since then he has aged considerably.
- This man is depriving a village somewhere, of an idiot.
- She sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them.

1st Marine Division**Family of Warriors Support**

Tom Kelly—818/884-5355

takellype@att.net



Molly and Tom Kelly

Times are very hectic for the Marines and Sailors of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines and their families as they prepare for deployment in August. They have just returned from their sea time and are in the final preparations. This also means that the families are quite busy getting everything done before a 7 month deployment. Some families will be staying on base and others will be traveling to stay with family and/or friends for the length of the deployment.

Molly and I have been busy collecting toys and stuffed animals from the Dollar Store near us. This store was designated as one of 6 stores who will be dedicated to the 1/4. This program is part of Homefront America and their back-to-school program. The collected toys and stuffed animals will also be shared with other Family Readiness Officers (FRO'S) in the 1st Regiment..

A big thanks to Dick and Rose Cesaroni for a donation of stuffed animals which Molly and I delivered to the 1/4 and also the 1/5. It seems their daughter was going to throw them out. They were in excellent condition and Dick & Rose felt that some of the children would be able to use them. The FROs were ecstatic and have since distributed them to various families.

Thanks also goes to Joe Rose, who is a friend of the chapter through Bill Turner. He is a store manager for grocery store chain and periodically donates foodstuffs to the 1/4 for distribution. Bill has just delivered a truck full of items which are definitely appreciated by the Marines and Sailors.

Once the battalion is deployed, we will have a clearer picture of future events. We will keep you informed of the events as they are finalized.

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

Semper Fidelis,...

Tom Kelly

2013 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**FMDA National Reunion**

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, See your Old Breed News for more info.

Wisconsin Chapter President and Bodfish Member

Mick Olson has secured the Milwaukee “1” Room located on the main floor for the Bodfish Hospitality Room.

There will be a Bagpiper assigned to the Bodfish Room daily.

Bodfish Saloon Manager and Bodfish VP Norm Kellems plans

on attending and setting up the Bodfish Hospitality Room.

Norm is looking for volunteers to help set up

and man the Bodfish Hospitality Room.

Donations of \$100.00 or more gets you a

Bodfish Hospitality Pin.

Make donations payable to Norm Kellems

Give him a call at: 661-944-6081

SEPTEMBER

Del Mar Campout, Camp Pendleton, CA

September, 20,21,22, Checkout Monday 23 Sept, 2013

See page 5 for details

OCTOBER

Day at the Races - Thursday, October 17, 2013

1100- 1500

\$40.00 Per person

Price includes lunch, valet parking, program & tip

NOVEMBER

Marine Corps Birthday Celebration

Sunday, November 10th 1700—2000

VFW Post 6885 (661-252-6885)

16208 Sierra Highway, Canyon Country, CA 91351

No Coordinator needed, just show up.

DECEMBER

Chapter Annual Christmas Luncheon

Monterey at Encino

Saturday, 14 December 2013 1100 to 1500

A Special Price will be offered to those who purchase a table of eight.

A Message From Our Chapter President, Charlie Meter

cmeter@att.net - (661) 297- 0733



Marines, FMF Corpsman and Friends of the Chapter,

We were last, but we got the biggest applause! My First Lady, Joyce L'Heureux, and I attended a July 4th Spectacular at the Hollywood Bowl. It was put on by the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra and famous popular singer, Josh Groban. It was a sellout, with nearly 18,000 very patriotic people attending.

Veterans were honored when each service song was played of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Marine Corps. The Army and Navy had the most people stand while their song was being played. To be expected, the Air Force was next, as far as total people. Now came the shocker! More Coast Guard people stood than Marines. That was a first for me. When the Marines Hymn was played, I proudly stood at attention, at which time the crowd, by far, gave us the loudest applause! It was an emotional moment for Joyce and me.

When I sat down, it got more emotional. A woman in the row behind me tapped me on the shoulder. I turned around and saw tears rolling down her cheeks. She then said, "Thank you for serving our country." I'll never forget those few words, along with the sincerity she displayed.

Semper Fidelis,
Charlie Meter



A Word from Dick Cesaroni, Chapter Legal Officer

dick_rose@sbcglobal.net - 661-297-2028

FYI: Today (July 11th), in 1798 The U.S. Marine Corps was formally re-established by a Congressional act that also created the U.S. Marine Band.

Greetings to all of my fellow Marines and Corpsman

First of all would like to reiterate (not in a tiresome way) a comment made by Dale Turner in the July issue of the SFN that relates to keeping the line of communication open and up to date so your Chapter's Board of Directors know what is going on and so we may want to contact you by home phone, cell phone or email.

It seems that when you change phone numbers or email addresses the last ones to get the word if at all are your Chapter's Board of Directors.

If you do have any changes in any of these categories please drop John Arthur (Membership Officer) an email letting him know about any changes so he can update our Chapter files. We may never have to call you but if we do then we would like to have "current" information.

"Aging": Eventually you will reach a point when you start lying about your age and start bragging about it. Thus is so true. I love to hear them say "you don't look, that old".

Reminder that this is the season for giving, so please get into the giving mood and give to the Grunt Club or we will be outside the front gate at Camp Pendleton with a hat full of pencils.

Also if you are going to Wisconsin for the FMDA reunions do not forget Norm Kellems and the BS Room at the hotel. BS stands for the Bodfish Saloon. Norm and his wife bust their tail getting things to the site, setting it up and making all Bodfishers happy. If you are going to the reunion please send him \$200 and if you aren't going then just send him a \$100 or whatever you can afford. You will sleep better at night knowing that you helped save the Bodfish Saloon. And Chesty Puller will not haunt you when you are sleeping.

"The older we get the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for". Except the Kaiser Pharmacy line.

We held an Officer's and Director's meeting last Tuesday (June 25th) and as soon as the Secretary sends me the minutes I will let you know what took place. That's what minutes are for.

I got the minutes from the Secretary and nothing real; important was discussed.

In closing please let me say, *"You know you are getting old when everything dries up or leaks"*

Until next month or when ever.
Stay healthy and keep it legal.

DEL MAR CAMPOUT 2013

Friday, 20 September - Monday, 23 SEPTEMBER

Check out no later than 1000, Monday, 23 September 2013

COTTAGES

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

Back Row – 16 Cottages @ \$89.00 per day

- Most cottages have a minimum three day stay. Two night stays are limited. Call Tom Kelly for availability.
- Cottages now have only 1 double bed. (Cots & air mattresses are needed to accommodate guests & children.)

RV SPOTS

Spaces 34-43 @ \$40.00 per day

COTTAGE CHECK-IN TIME: 3:00 PM

RV CHECK-IN TIME: 1:00 PM

CHECKOUT TIME: 10:00 AM

MEALS

Saturday Mess Hall Breakfast: \$5.50 per person

Sunday Mess Hall Breakfast: \$5.50 per person

Saturday Dinner - Eagles Landing Lounge, at the base Golf Course, Barbeque Buffet including Chicken, Pork Ribs and Trimmings: \$26.00 per person

All three (3) meals for "campers" and guests: **\$37.00** NOTE: No reduced prices for children

NOTE: * Payment must be received by 31 August 2013. No reservations will be accepted after 31 August.

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

IMPORTANT! Base Security Issue. NAMES OF EVERY ONE IN YOUR PARTY MUST BE ON THE CAMPOUT ROSTER. THE ROSTER WILL BE GIVEN TO BASE OPERATIONS AND MCCS.

Email the names to Tom Kelly at takellpe@att.net. Or call 818-884-5355



The bugle is sounding "First Call"

and the jockeys and horses parade on the track.

With the background of the San Gabriel Mountains you can join your fellow Marines and friends for an enjoyable afternoon at beautiful Santa Anita on Thursday, October 17th.

There are several guarantees. First you will have your car parked by a valet. Secondly you will have admission to the "smoke free" Club House with a daily program of the races. Third, a sumptuous buffet will be available from noon to 2:00 P.M. (That's 1200 to 1400 for those who still tell time the Marine way.)

There will probably be a race that is dedicated to the First Marine Division Association, Los Angeles County Chapter, Inc.

Last year the highlight of the afternoon was the FMDA-LAC race which produced the largest payoff for the day.

All this for \$40.00: food, parking, admission, and a program. But best of all, the camaraderie of spending an afternoon with fellow Marines. There is no limit on the number of friends you can bring so make it a gathering. Plan now and reserve your spot.

For Questions and more information contact the Event Coordinator Richard Oldenburg at: 661-557-2730 or Email him at: jazjoc@dishmail.net

NOTE: THE DAY AT THE RACES RESERVATION FORM IS LOCATED ON THE NEXT PAGE

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHAPTER, INC. 1ST MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION



“DAY AT THE RACES”

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2013

Location: Santa Anita Race Track, Arcadia, CA



SANTA ANITA TICKET (S) ORDER FORM

YOUR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____
PHONE NO. _____
EMAIL: _____

Number of ticket(s) you wish to order at \$40.00 each: (______).
For a total cost of \$_____.

Payment must be received by Friday, September 27, 2013.

***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, SEPTEMBER 27, 2013.

Your check and order form **MUST** be received by 5:00PM September 27, 2013.

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.

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

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

Amount of check: _____ **Packet Mailed:** _____ / _____ / _____



Editor's Corner

Dale Turner, Editor
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Greetings All,

For those who have claimed the title Marine will tell you that the time spent in the Corps, be it one hitch or a career, has made a difference in their life. And for most, it has been a positive one.

Many of us will also tell you it has also had a profound effect on our family and how they too look upon our beloved Corps and truly understand the meaning of, "Once a Marine, Always a Marine." It is a life long commitment.

Below is a message sent to me that may best reflect how our family, loved ones and friends see that commitment to the very end.

Dear Dale,

I don't know exactly who was responsible for 11 incredible Marines at my fathers burial on July 8th at 11:31 a.m. at the RNC but whoever it was my deepest thanks from our family. We drove to the site in the motorcade and the first thing I saw was the Marines. They're here! I cried to my brother. The Marines they are here!

They took my fathers casket from the car and carried it to the platform and saluted slowly over him; fired the guns, played the bugle and folded and presented me with the flag.

I could not have gotten through the passing of my father without them. It made a somber moment even more so and yet, the joy and pride that I felt for My father, that he should be so remembered by his fellow Marines touched me so deeply I was smiling through my tears. I know he was smiling too. It makes the days now that he is gone, endurable. Because if I am sad all I need to do is think of the Marines being there for my father and it's all OK.

Again, if you know who they are or how it happened , please send my sincere deep appreciation for giving me this beautiful last memory of my father.

Marilyn Johnson-Hackett
"Wartime Romance."

P.S. Wartime Romance will be playing in Branson during the Veterans holidays in Oct-Nov. this year. We hope to see over 100,000 veterans there. We will be sure to mention to our audience that he was a proud member of the LA chapter of the First Marines Division! Please see www.wartimeromance.com for info on Branson.

Our brotherhood is second to none and our love and dedication to our Corps and fellow Marines remains steadfast.

As our mortal time ends here on earth as Marine's we know what lies ahead, for it is written, "If the Army and the Navy every look on Heaven's scenes, they will find the streets are guarded by **United States Marines**"
God Bless the Johnson & Hackett family.
Semper Fidelis, Dale Turner, U.S. Marine



BODFISH SKINNY

.....or just plain BS

BILL "IAS" TURNER

PRESIDENT

Feb 2013– Feb 2014

I'd like to thank those who have sent in their support for our Bodfish Saloon. Your BFHR Pins will be waiting for you at the FMDA Reunion.

August is here and with it comes the Bodfish Hospitality Room or commonly referred to as the "Bodfish Saloon or just plain BS" will be in full operation at the 1st Marine Division Association Reunion in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Bodfish Hospitality will be on the main floor in Milwaukee Room #1.

If you are planning on attending the reunion you may want to consider supporting the Bodfish Hospitality Room with a contribution of \$100.00. Your support of 100.00 or more will get you a Bodfish Hospitality Pin identifying you as a **Bodfish Saloon supporter**.

Your pin, when worn, will entitle you to unlimited libations and snacks while at the reunion.

If you think a \$100 contribution is too much, then buy your drinks from the hotel bar and your snacks from the hotel convenience store or **BYOBB (Bring Your Own Brown Bag)**

If you don't contribute you will be asked to pay \$3.00 per drink.

NOTE: There will be no more "four finger pours" for you moochers who are looking for a free ride.

If you would like to secure your Bodfish Hospitality Room 2013 Pin send your contribution payable to:

Norm Kellems
9706 E Ave s-8
Littlerock, CA 93543
Phone: 818-317-5108

If you not going to be at the reunion for the entire week then a \$20.00 a day, per person, will get you the same benefits.

If you prefer you can make donation at the Bodfish Saloon at the FMDA Reunion.

Until next month

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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

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

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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)

ANNUAL	DUES	LIFE
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: _____

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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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IF THIS IS A RENEWAL, CHECK HERE ACTIVE DUTY CHECK HERE

Don't Live in the Los Angeles Area ? Join One of Our Partnering Chapters

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For Membership, upcoming events and meetings

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For Membership, upcoming events and meetings

Contact Dave Marshall 714-549-3939 or Sha Ratnapala (562)882-2045

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3252 Florista St. Los Alamitos, CA 90720 - Phone # 562-430-6033

Call Dave Marshall at 714-5493939 or Neil Reich at 714-526-0627 for more information.