

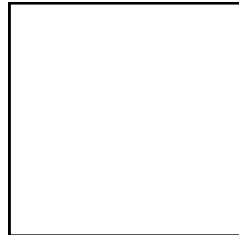
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August/September 2010



Dale Turner, Editor

SEMPER FIDELIS

When injustice becomes law, resistance becomes duty.

Thomas Jefferson

IMPORTANT NOTICE - PLEASE READ

The Editor along with many members of the Semper Fi Mailing Squad will be attending the FMDA National Reunion in San Antonio, TX..

Therefore, the AUGUST and SEPTEMBER Issues of the Semper Fi News have been combined.

DEL MAR CAMPOUT

Camp Pendleton, CA

October 1 - 4 2010

Payment must be received by
Friday, 10 September 2010.

See pages 3

DAY AT THE RACES

Chapter Director, Richard Oldenburg, will be coordinating this years Annual LA Chapter Day At the Races.

This event is held at Santa Anita Race Track, Arcadia, CA and has been a real hit over the years drawing out many of our members. It offers a great day, an excellent buffet lunch and the playing of the Marines Hymn by their "Horn Blower" The date is Thursday, October 21, 2010 starting at 1100. See page 3 .

LA Chapter Mourns the Passing of Bodfish Bevy

Pat Loomis

July 9, 1920 - July 20, 2010

Pat Loomis was the older sister of the patriarch of the Bodfish Chapter the late John Loomis. Pat was one of the original Bodfish Bevy's of Beauty. I will always remember her for her humor, kindness, generosity, great stories of the early days of Bodfish and the Old Corps Marines and Corpsman. But most of all I will miss her outstanding home made jam's . Love Ya Pat, Bevy's Rule!!

Bodfish Forever!! Dale C-Page 5 "Bodfish Skinny"

WIN

\$500.00 - \$300.00 - \$200.00

SEE PAGE 6

CHAPTER ANNUAL FUND-RAISER

Below are the names of those members who have

joined the Grunt Club for 2010/2011

Terry Garrett, Ruth Davis, Bud Cashin,

Tom Rohrback, Tom Kelly, Eddie Turner,

Coleman Coughlin, Bill Turner,

Myrl Wallace, Dale Turner, Mike Enos,

Dave Marshall, Floyd Johnson, Robert Boland

Dennis Kumaus, Mark Cleaves *Jack Coughlin

*Note: Prior to Jack's passing he left \$1000.00 to the LA Chapter with instructions to keep him in the Super Grunt Club (\$200.00 Annual Donation) for five years after his passing.

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: 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: _____

Aug/Sept 2010
Issue

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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 are major contributors
to the Annual LA Chapter Fundraiser.

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

**Grunts Club Members
1 Oct 2009 to 30 Sept 2010**

*LA CHAPTER	Kathy Lander <i>In memory of Richard Lander</i>
*Mary Anthony <i>In memory of Tony Anthony</i>	*Ione Lovell
Bob Barron	<i>In memory of Bob Lovell</i>
*David Bigbie	*Bill Maker
Ruth Davis	Dave Marshall
<i>In Memory of Jim Davis</i>	*John F. Meseure
Joe Candilora	*Charlie Meter
*Dick Cesaroni	*Richard Oldenburg
Mark Cleaves	*Sally Parry
Gary Condrey	<i>In memory of her father Herb Parry</i>
*Coleman Coughlin	*Don Reid
*Jack Coughlin (Deceased)	*Jeff Roberts
*Pat Coulter	G.J. "Sandy" Sandoval
*Howard Crowell <i>In memory of Phil Shea</i>	*Francis Shea
*Larry Davis	Bill Shedlov
Ed Demrest	*Chuck Singer
*Mike Enos	*Joe Smith
Don Farquhar	*Maury Starr
*Terry Garrett	*John Stoddard
George Hofstetter	*Zack & Sue Taylor
*Nile Holmes	Don Tennenbaum
*Jasper Hood	*Bill Turner
*Art Jackson MOH	Charles "Eddie" Turner
*Floyd Johnson	*Dale Turner
Norm Kellems	*Myrl Wallace
*Tom Kelly	*Tom & Diane Whetzel
*Paul Kim	*Al Wright
*Gary Kipp	Terry Young
Al Kinsley (28)	

Semper Fi

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\$200.00+ donation

54 Honored Grunt Club Members for
OCT. 1, 2009/ SEPT 30, 2010

*Thank You For Your
Continued Support*



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PLEASE CUT THIS OUT AND SAVE IT

Upon the Death of Member of the Chapter the Family shall
instruct the Funeral Director to call the below number and
provide the listed information to Headquarters Marine Corps.

**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.**



Dale Turner, Editor

Editors Corner 2010

“Jack Coughlin” LA County Chapter Annual Fund-raiser

From July 1 to September 30th the Chapter will hold its Annual Fund-raiser. Now designated as the “Jack Coughlin” LA County Chapter Annual Fund-raiser in memory of the greatest Chapter Fund-raising Chairman the chapter has ever known. All the proceeds from this event are used to run the Chapter from October to September. Donations are used for the monthly publication and postage of the Semper Fi News along with other meaningful and programs.

This Annual fund-raising event is the “Life Blood” of the Chapter. Without your support we would not continue to support the programs we now support or continue to exist as an active Chapter. Please see article on page 5 entitled

“What. Does The Chapter Do With All The Money We Donate?”

To add a little incentive and to make the Fund-raising a little exciting we will have a drawing. Just as last year a drawing will be held and three winners will receive a cash prize. The first name to be drawn will receive \$500.00, the second name to be drawn will receive \$300.00 and the third name drawn will receive \$200.00.

The drawing will take place on Saturday, October 2, 2010 at the Del Mar campout, Camp Pendleton California.

Here is how to enter the drawing;

For every \$50.00 you donate you will receive one entry into the drawing.

Example: \$50.00 = 1 entry, \$100.00 = 2 entries

150.00 = 3 Entries and \$200.00 = 5 entries and **Super Grunt Status.**

You do not need to be present to win. Your winnings will be mailed to you.

I fully understand that not everyone can afford a \$50.00 donation and do not want any member to feel pressured to donate more than they can afford. Any donation, regardless of the amount, is truly appreciated and goes to achieve our goal. Our goal this year is \$10,000.00. It is 5K lower than Jack Coughlin’s annual goal, but being the new Fund-raising guy on the block I wanted to make it achievable.

For those of you who are Grunt Club Members your Grunt Club status will expire on September 30, 2010.

Grunt Club members here is an opportunity to raise your level to super Grunt with 200.00 donation and get **five** chances at winning.

Make your tax deductible donation to: **FMDA-LA** and put **donation** or if you are renewing your Grunt Club status put either **Grunt Club** or **Super Grunt** donation in the memo portion of your check. Mail your donation to:

FMDA-LA
P.O. Box 220552,
Newhall, CA 91322-0252

Until next month,
Happy Trails, Semper Fidelis and Bodfish Forever.
Dale dalefmda@earthlink.net 661-253-1981

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Here are the programs we support.:

United States Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard.

The Chapter working in partnership with the Bureau Of Land Management Wild Horse and Burro Program adopts and pays the fees for the Palomino’s that are then given to the USMC Mounted Color Guard. The Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard appear nation wide and at the Rose Parade on New Years day. where the Chapter is recognized for its support. The Chapter has also purchased two Honda 2000 generators for their horse trailers and a Sears Craftsman air compressor for their stables located in Barstow, CA. In addition, the Chapter now purchases the official Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard Western Belt Buckles that are presented to each Horse Marine who completes their equestrian training. Our estimated annual cost to support the USMCMCC is approximately \$1000.00.

School Of Infantry, Mortar Man Leadership Course.

The Chapter sponsors the award presented to the honor graduate of the four week Mortar Man Leadership Course.

This Award is presented four times a year. In addition, a perpetual Award, bearing our Chapters name, is displayed on the Quarter Deck of the school building. This annual cost of this program is \$160.00 annually.

Bodfish Chapter Sword of Honor and Devil Doc Award.

The Chapter supports this annual award that is presented to a Marine Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) and a Fleet Marine Force Corpsman (FMF Corpsman). The Marine NCO is presented with the very best NCO Sword, it meets Marine Corps regulations and is measured to fit Marine. It can be used for all parade and ceremonial functions and duties.

The FMF Corpsman is presented with a Marine Corps K-Bar fighting knife that is displayed in a custom oak case that is engraved with the Bodfish Chapter name and phrase “Bodfish Forever”. The chapter donates about \$400.00 annually in support of the Bodfish Chapter.

Chapter Plaques

1st Marine Division Band

This year the Chapter donated a plaque to the new 1st Marine Division Band Build, Camp Pendleton. The Chapter has assisted the Band with the purchase of 1st Mar Div Band T-shirts. Our support is on going and funding provided if available.

The Chapter has purchased bricks bearing the Chapters name at several Veteran Parks throughout Los Angeles County over the years. We hope to raise the funding this year to place a large size plaque at the Newhall Veteran Park. 1

Donations

The chapter donates to the following:

- 1st Marine Division Association Scholarship Fund (approx 10% of our total fund-raising drive).
- 1st Marine Division Association Blue Diamond Team (Supporting Blue Diamond Chapter) \$200.00 annually.
- FMDA Reunion Journal Full page color Ad in memory of departed Marines ,FMF Corpsman of the LA County Chapter. \$500.00.
- Veteran Hospital Volunteer program, Sepulveda, CA
- VA Wheelchair Basket Ball Team 100.00
- 1-4 Family Support— Funded though the LA Chapter Family of Warriors Account.

This will give you a good overview on how the money donated is spent. If you have any questions give me a call.

Semper Fi!

Dale Turner, Editor and Fund-raising Chairman. Contact Info. on Page 2

2010 Calendar of Events

AUGUST

Bodfish Hospitality Room , San Antonio, TX
The Bodfish Hospitality Room will open on Monday, August 23rd and will remain in operation until Sunday, August 29th

OCTOBER

Del Mar Campout, Camp Pendleton, CA

October 1 - 4, 2010

RV Spaces - 10 Spaces available.

\$40.00 a night (No minimum stay)

This rate applies to Military & Non-Military
No exceptions !

Cottages (30 cottages available)

Cottage Rate \$75.00 a day, three day minimum

\$225.00 (Cottage only no meals)

Second cottage in same members name

is \$80.00 a day, three day minimum

\$240.00 (cottage only no meals)

Messhall Meals (Sat/Sun Breakfast)

\$12.00 Per person (Covers both meals)

Saturday Dinner at China Star Buffet,
Oceanside

\$13.00 Per Person Price includes Tax/Tip

Del Mar Campout Payment Must Be received By

Friday September 10th

All unsold cottages must be turned back to MCCA on Monday, September 13th.

Chapter shall pay for all cottages and RV spots NLT Monday, 13 September 2010

DAY AT THE RACES

Thursday October 21, 2010

37.00 Per Person

Includes Tax Tip and Valet Parking



If you are going to attend the Chapter’s
“Day At The Races” scheduled for
Thursday, October 21st, 2010

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: _____ - _____ - _____

PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH

No. of tickets: _____ at \$37.00 each. Total: \$_____.

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

Price includes: Valet parking, admission, racing form & lunch.
The Terrace Lounge is a smoke free environment.

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, October 6, 2010

Your check and order form must be received by 5:00PM this date.

This will allow time to process the orders and get the packages mailed out to you.

“NO” orders will be accepted after October 6, 2010.
NO EXCEPTIONS.

FOR OFFICAL USE ONLY

Date check / M.O. received: _____

Check No: _____

Amount of Check: _____

Notes: _____



A Message From Our Chapter President Tom Whetzel

twhetzel@socal.rr.com) - 661-251-7564

Semper Fi Marines and FMF Corpsman

I know we are all gearing up for our reunion in San Antonio, Texas, and that's why this will be the last newsletter until October. So when you come to San Antonio make sure you come by the Bodfish hospitality room, that Mike has set up for us. Yep the Bodfish Junior Past President Mike "Squidley" Enos will be there.

As you know It's time for the Grunt's and Super Grunt's to start sending in your money for the Chapter Annual Fund-raiser. Jack started this program, and would want to see it continue. The fund-raiser helps us keep the Chapter strong and the Semper Fi newsletter coming to your home each month.. And don't forget we have a drawing and you could win your money back.

Also, In October we have ,Del-Mar Campout and the Day at the Races , so please start thinking about the two events, and plain to attend.

Until October, I bid you, Semper FI and Bodfish Forever

Tom Whetzel



Del Mar Campout 2010 Friday, October 1st to Monday, October 4th

Cottages (30 Cottages available)

Cottage Rental and meals for two: \$275.00

Cottage Rental and meals for one: \$250.00

Cottage \$75.00 a day with a three day minimum (\$225.00)

Note: Second cottage in the same name \$80.00 a day three day minimum (\$240.00)

(You can get around this surcharge by putting the second cottage in another family member/ persons name)

RV Spots (Spaces 0-10) \$40.00 a day (No minimum) Note: No price Adjustment for retired or active duty.

Meals prices are as follows:

Sat.Messhall Breakfast: \$6.00 per person

Sunday Messhall Breakfast \$6.00 per person

Saturday Dinner China Star Buffet \$13.00 per person (Price included tax and tip).

All Meals are **Pre-Sold**. I (Dale Turner) will not be selling meal tickets at Del Mar this year.

The Chapter has to submit a list to MCCS of the names of those eating in the Messhall for each day.

(Note: No reduced or half price for children.)

Additional meals for guests (All three meals \$25.00 per person)

FULL PAYMENT must be received by Friday, September 10, 2010.

No reservations will be accepted after that date!

The Chapter has to make full payment to MCCS and turn-in all un-rented cottages and RV Spots on Monday, September 13, 2010.

Make check payable to: FMDA-LA (Put "Del Mar Campout" in Memo of check)

Mail to: FMDA-LA

P.O. Box 220552,

Newhall CA 91322-0252

For further information or questions concerning this event contact Dale Turner at 661-253-1981 between 0900—1700

Bodfish Hospitality Room San Antonio 2010

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

A message from your Junior Bodfish
Chapter Past President.

A big "Thank You" to the following
individuals and organizations who
have sent in donations to date supporting the Bodfish Chap-
ter Hospitality Room in San Antonio this August.

*Camp Hamilton *Mike Enos **L. A. County Chapter, Inc.
*Dave Franklin *Emily Turner **Bodfish Chapter
**John Meseure **Dale Turner **Myrl Wallace
*Dick Cesaroni *Tom Whetzel ** Bill Turner
Nile Holmes *Bill Maker *Coleman Coughlin
*Thomas Rohrback, Dave Marshall, George Moore

There are some on the above list that can't make it to the
reunion. Even though they're not going, they have
donated to the Bodfish Hospitality Room Fund. This exem-
plifies the "Spirit of Bodfish". John Loomis would be smil-
ing and loving it. Three things that really characterize the
meaning of being a "Bodfisher" and of the Bodfish Chapter
itself: **Levity, Libations and Loyalty.**

I'd like to ask a favor. Any of you that have contact with
your local Marine recruiter, could you ask them for some
items such as decals, pencils, ID tags, pens, key chains, hats,
etc. We will be having some games in the
hospitality room that will require some prizes. These items
would be great handouts and not cost us anything. Thanks.

We are going to have a lot happening in the Bodfish Hospi-
tality Room in San Antonio. With that, I'd like to solicit any
ideas from you on how we can make our room even better
and more fun for all. Please let me know if you have any
good suggestions. Thanks.

Please send all donations to:

Mike Enos

3901 Eagleridge Drive

Antioch, Ca. 94509

Make checks payable to: Mike Enos

In memo write: Bodfish Hospitality Room—San Antonio

**Note: Should you donate \$200.00 or more, please email
or call me and let me know what your favorite beverage is.
I'll be sure to have it available for you at the reunion.**

Thanks for all your help.

Semper Fi & Bodfish Forever

Mike Enos, BFPP

shortstick3901@aol.com - 925.754.0869



**BODFISH SKINNY
.....or just plain BS**



Bob "IAS" Martinez, President

*I'm sad to report the passing of Patricia "Pat" Loomis.
Pat is the older sister of the late John Loomis.*

*Pat was one of the original Bodfish Bevy's and lead the
Bodfish Bevy parade for many years. Pat celebrated her
90th birthday on July 9th 2010. She passed away quietly
on July 20th in Arroyo Grande, CA Services were held
on July 27th in Arroyo Grande, CA
Our deepest sympathy to the Loomis Family.*

**Attention On Deck!! There will be a Bodfish
membership meeting on Thursday, 26 August 2010 at
1600 in the Bodfish Hospitality Room in San Antonio
Texas.**

Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever!

Bob "IAS" Martinez, Bodfish President 2010

"WHAT DOES THE CHAPTER DO WITH ALL THE MONEY WE DONATE?"

*Response by Past Chapter President Dale Turner current Adjutant,
Assistant Treasurer, Fund-raising Chairman and Editor.*

That was a question recently asked of me by a chapter member.
It is a fair question and one that most likely crosses many a mem-
bers mind. His question prompted me to address his concern in this
article.

I will explain our administrative expenditures and list the programs
we support along with donations made annually.

Chapter Administrative Expenditures

The Chapter has no paid employees and no overhead, since we are
all volunteers and work out of our homes.

The major administrative expense is the newsletter. The cost of
printing, postage and mailing labels runs the Chapter right at
\$4800.00 a year. About every three years we have to replace either
the Editors or Membership Officers printer at a cost of about
\$200.00.

We also spend about \$500.00 a year on replacing printing cartridges,
buying paper, other office supply needs and miscellaneous mailing
costs.

As the Chapter Editor and Adjutant I use about four ink cartridges
a year. I pay for two and the chapter pays for two.

The Chapter subsidizes the LA Chapter Representative with a pay-
ment of 200.00 for his travel when it takes him **out of State** to rep-
resent the Chapter at the Officer & Directors meeting and at the
National Reunion. He's only reimbursed once the trip is completed
and receipts for the travel are submitted.

There are States fees that are paid to the State of California annu-
ally for our Incorporation. Approximately \$75.00.

So, that pretty much covers our administrative expenditures.

See our donations and programs supported on Page 6.