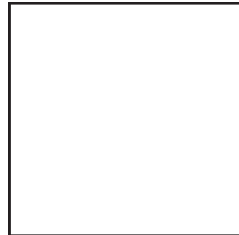


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August 2008

Dale Turner, Editor

1st Bn, 4th Marines Support Continues with a New Type Collection Box Story on Page 5



JACK IS BACK!

Jack was released from VA Hospital on July 14th and is at home getting settled in. Coleman stayed with him for the first two weeks helping him get used to his new walker. The walker is quite unique. It is a converted Gas Powered Chain Driven Toro lawnmower. (See page 6 for more on Jack)
Give him a call 818-782-8156

Please no calls before 9AM or after 6PM PST

RV SPOTS SOLD OUT!!

All the RV spots for this years Del Mar campout have been reserved with a check **We are sold out.** The only spot available is **RV Spot "0"**. This is not the best place to set up. The side of your rig is usually used as a rest stop for people passing by with a full bladders. If you're interested, in this pissy spot, call before mailing your check **Call Dale Turner 661-253-1981**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Final date to reserve your cottage for the
Camp Pendleton Del Mar Campout is
Friday, August 15th 2008
Your Check is your Reservation

Checks must be received
By 5PM on 15 August

Send your check payable to: **FMDA-LA**
24415 Lisa Kelton Pl., Newhall CA 91321

Also, If you plan to attend the
Dinner on Saturday night you must have your
tickets purchased by
August 15th .

Absolutely no tickets will be sold after that date
for either a cottage or for the Saturday Dinner
Dinner **will not be at Sharkey's O Club.**
See Page 5 for more info

OKTOBERFEST Chapter Fund-raising Update Just 6K away from our Goal

Thanks to the members who continue to support the Chapter and help to keep the LA County Chapter strong.

Over the last year we have lost a number of Grunt Club members (\$100.00 donation) do to their passing . But, we have gained several new Grunt Club members.

I'm still hopeful that we will reach our goal of 15K. Currently just a little over 9K has been raised.

Whether you purchase 1 ticket (\$5.00) or 40 ticket (\$200.00) every dollar raised goes directly to the chapter and is not shared with any other organization, and ,you have a chance to win \$5000.00.

The Chapter relies on the generosity of it's members to help us meet the expenses of the newsletter, mailing and printing costs along with other programs we support throughout the year.

So, dig out those raffle tickets along with you check book and help support your chapter. *Semper Fi Dale Turner*

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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, 24415 Lisa Kelton Place, Newhall CA 91321** (Make check payable to: **FMDA-LA**)

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The following members are major contributors to the
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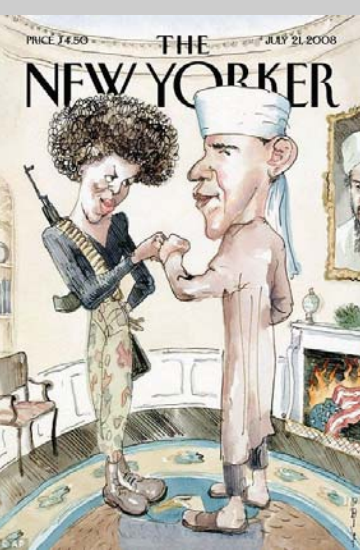
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Dale Turner, Editor

Editors Corner 2008 ***Mooned At Rite-Aid***

Not even home a full day and Jack Coughlin comes close to being arrested for indecent or perhaps decent exposure depending on the point of view.

It all started with a trip to the barber shop where he had his mustache removed along with his long wavy hair that was flipping up in the back. He kind of looked liked Robert Duval in "Lonesome Dove" that old crusty weathered look if you get my drift .

After returning to a semi- regulation Marine haircut he was off to OSH Hardware for some WD-40 to help loosen up a sticky left wheel on his newly acquired walker. He was being assisted by his son , Bodfish Chapter President Coleman Coughlin.

After some routine maintenance on the walker and the placement of some USMC stickers they were off to their final stop, Rite Aid Pharmacy. This is where the real trouble began.

As mentioned on the front page of this issue Jack is trying to get acquainted with his power walker, a converted Toro chain driven power lawnmower with side rails and power hand brakes and a hand throttle. This walker can take you from 0 to 6 MPH in five seconds.

Jack exited the vehicle, driven by his son, on the passenger side, set up his walker and started across the parking lot towards the main entrance. Coleman kept cautioning him not to give it too much gas as Jack struggled to maintain control between the hand throttle and hand brake.

To add to the pending incident Jacks pants were three sizes too big from the 25-30 pound weight loss from his hospital stay. In addition, he was not wearing a belt and his wallet and check book were in his back pocket adding the weight needed to make what was going to happen next occur. With out warning Jacks pants dropped to his ankles. Fortunately he was able to hit the "kill switch" on the power walker, thus diverting a major disaster. Unfortunately walking directly behind him were two ladies who now found themselves faced with a set of cheeks unlike any another they have ever seen . Who would have guessed that when they left to go to shopping for the day they would find themselves "mooned" by a 76 year old Marine in the Rite-Aid parking lot.

Now , you would think it would be over...not a chance when a Coughlin is involved.

Jack said, try picking up your pants when you are using a walker. Nearly impossible according to him. The more he bent over to pull his pants up the bigger the "Moon" got. Within seconds a crowd began to gather and they did not know what to make of it, an old man in a walker with his pants around his ankles and some young guy with a funny tattoo of a fish and "Bodfish Forever and USMC" on his leg , down on his knees yelling "Hold still , I'll help you get it up".

As for the two ladies, they walked by turning their heads back for one final look with big smiles on their faces.

I would like to make a suggestion. Jack, since you have never had any formal motorcycle training on the use of hand throttle and brake control I would highly recommend getting rid of that Power Walker and getting yourself a conventional one.

Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever.

Dale

dalefmda@earthlink.net (661-253-1981)

PS It's good to have you back Jack, I love Ya like a brother.



Dick Cesaroni

If you are going to attend the Chapter's "Day At The Races" scheduled for Thursday, October 16th, 2008 Complete the order form below cut and mail it to me 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 \$34.00 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:
Dick Cesaroni
27154 Garza Drive
Santa Clarita, CA 91350-2156

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING TICKETS IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2008

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 10th.
NO EXCEPTIONS.

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Date check / M.O. received: _____

Check No: _____

Amount of Check: _____

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FMDA-LA Calendar of Events

DEL MAR CAMPOUT
12—15 September 2008
Check your June issue of the Semper Fi News for cost.
Last day to reserve a cottage is Friday, August 15th, 2008
RV SPOTS SOLD OUT

Alpine Village Fund-raising
This years Alpine Village opening night will be held on Friday, (NOT SATURDAY) 12 September 2008 at 7PM
This date is in direct conflict with our Del Mar Campout.

The Chapter had no control over either event dates. It is doubtful if any members will be attending Alpine Village.

The Chapter Officers will be at Camp Pendleton ON Friday afternoon

DAY AT THE RACES



Is Scheduled for Thursday, Oct 16th
The cost this year will be \$34.00.
Valet parking is included in the price
Enjoy a great Day At The Races, in an outstanding lounge, good food and good old Marine fellowshiping.

ALL RESERVATIONS (Your Check and order from) MUST BE IN DICK CESARONI'S HANDS BY THE 10th of SEPTEMBER.

The Chapter has posted a 50%, \$380.00, deposit with Oak Tree, Santa Anita.

The deposit is fully refundable if they have written cancellation with in 30 days of the scheduled event.

ORDER FORM ON PAGE 6

Going To Nashville In August for the FMDA Reunion? Two LA/Bodfish Seats Still Available.

The Chapter has purchased three tables, seating for ten, for the Saturday night Banquet Dinner. If you would like to sit at one of the LA/Bodfish Tables please send your payment of \$75.00 per person along with your meal choice to Dale Turner.

Make check payable to FMDA-LA "Not Dale Turner" and mail to:

Dale Turner
24415 Lisa Kelton Place
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BODFISH NASHVILLE '08

For questions concerning the Nashville Bodfish Hospitality Room call or Email Squidley at 925-754-0869 shortstick3901@aol.com

Located in the Nashville Star Room, in the Delta Section of the Opryland Hotel



Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon "March On The Colors" In celebration of 233 Years of Defending Freedom



Saturday, 8 November 2008 - 1100 AM to 3PM

Castaway Restaurant
1250 Harvard Road
Burbank CA 91501
\$35.00 Per Person

A Message From Our Chapter President, Bill Turner (billturner26.2@att.net)



SUPPORT: According to Webster's Dictionary, support is defined as to give courage, faith, or confidence to help comfort, strengthen. Back (often back up) suggests support, as financial aid, moral encouragement, etc. given to prevent failure. As learned in Boot Camp Training you NEED the support of the platoon or the squad to accomplish a task, and preventing failure. You see all the time in action movies, television police stories, someone is always requesting backup, cover me, stand by, for my signal.

As members of the Los Angeles Chapter you elected the officers and the board members, in effect promising to support them in the challenges so they will not fail. Some of our scheduled meetings and events have fallen short on attendance, costing the Los Angeles County Chapter needless expense. (\$) When an activity is planned, scheduled and announced via newsletter, or E-mail we need support. We need to have a count of the number attending the meeting or activity in order to plan for food, seating, tables, and a bar if needed. We are always looking at a deadline. We only have seven (7) activities planned for the remainder of the year (2008).

1. Reunion (Nashville, TN 27 August to 30 August)
2. Oktoberfest (Annual Chapter Fund-raiser)
3. Del Mar Campout (September 12th to 15th)
4. Day at the Races (October 16th)
5. Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon (November 8th)
6. Christmas Holiday Party (December 13th)
7. Business Meeting and Election of Officers (January 2009)

All of these events and activities require a deadline.
Your chapter participation is wanted, needed, and appreciated.

Bill Turner, President

Semper Fi Marines and FMF Corpsman

More on the up and coming reunion in Nashville. The Gaylord Opryland Hotel, does not have a coffee shop. So if you like to eat breakfast, the only place in the hotel is the buffet for eighteen dollars, or you can walk down the street to the Cracker Barrel General Store, and restaurant. The hotel does offer coffee at small shops in the hotel, at three fifty (\$3.50) a cup, no free refills.

The hotel has a free shuttle bus that starts at 0900 to take you to the mall. There are a lot of places to eat there, they have a large food court, and a Chili's.

Transportation from the airport to the hotel is by bus, or taxi. If they give us the same deal as they did in April, it will cost twenty five dollars round trip for the bus per person. Or take a taxi for twenty five dollars. So if you come with your wife, the taxi is the same price for both one way, and you don't have to wait for the bus. Also if there is more in your party, the taxi is still twenty five dollars.

Until Then, Semper FI and Bodfish Forever

Tom Whetzel, Chapter VP
LA Chapter Representative.



Tom Whetzel

Chapter Member Tim Hawkins and the "Marine Pamper Jeep Express"



Mrs. Amelia Miller, Key Volunteer from Bravo Co. and also a recipient of our drives, and discussed other needs of the young families. 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.

The rest of our scheduled activities to date are:

- Sept – Del Mar Campout – Diaper/Baby Wipe Drive
- Nov/Dec – Holiday Commissary Gift Certificates
- Ongoing – Manufacturer Coupons & Baby Blankets

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

Semper Fidelis,
Tom Kelly

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

Wow!!! What can we say? The support for the 1/4 families that the chapter members and friends of those members have shown is overwhelming. We had an extremely successful diaper/baby wipe, in association with the Corpsmen Up/ Memorial Service, which hasn't stopped.

We received a call from chapter member Tim Hawkins who had a delivery of diapers for us. Tim has restored a Marine Corps Jeep, which was in the 4th of July parade. The goal was to fill the Jeep with diapers and wipes for the 1/4 families. He definitely succeeded!! Our vehicle was again loaded for a trip to Camp Horno. To add to that delivery were baby blankets and infant caps donated by 2 women from Canoga Park Lutheran Church. They had heard about what the chapter was doing and felt it was a small way in which they could show their support for our troops. We also received baby blankets and diapers from a woman at JJ & Julie Leonard's church. Thanks also to Hugh Rafferty of the Coastal Valleys Marine Corps League Detachment. He made and donated 24 infant watch caps. We met with Staff Sgt. Rogers and



SSgt Rogers Molly Kelly Amelia Miller Tom Kelly

The Flying Bridge Welcomes the LA County Chapter - 1st Marine Division Association

Unlike Sharkey's O Club, the Flying Bridge Restaurant, located outside the Main Gate, jumped at the opportunity to work with the Chapter for our Saturday night dinner and roasting by waiving room rental, room setup and bar fees.

The cost will remain the same \$25.00 per person, tax and tip included. The dinner will be **Hawaiian Thyme** buffet. I can assure you that in speaking with the Flying Bridge the food will surpass what we have had at Sharkey's over the past two years. The Flying Bridge has made their Banquet Room available with a dedicated Bar Tender. This is a private room free from outside distractions. So pull out your favorite Hawaiian shirt or skirt and plan to get a lei. A TV will be available in the Bar for all the USC fans (I took care of you Joe!) We have guaranteed 50 guests minimum with a 140 maximum. A \$500.00 deposit has been posted to secure the facility which will be applied to our final bill.

You **will not** be able to purchase dinner tickets at the door. Dinner tickets must be purchased on or before August 15th. The cost of the dinner was factored into the \$280.00 Cabin and meal fee. However, many of you only secured your cabin rental with a payment of \$210.00. If you plan to attend the dinner and roasting get your money in **NOW!! (\$25.00 per person)** Make Check payable to : FMDA-LA and mail it to Dale Turner 24415 Lisa Kelton Place Newhall, CA 91321

Saturday Night Tentative Schedule

- Social Hour 1600 (4PM)
- Annual Roast 1700 (5PM)
- Dinner 1800 (6PM)
- Mix and Mingle 1900 (7PM)

Attention!!

Friday Night Burn Your Own Steak At Sharkey's O Club is still available for those who wish to go to the club on their own.. However, Dick Cesaroni will need a head count ASAP so he can inform Sharkey's on how many members will be attending. If you fail to get your request into Dick do not be surprised if there are not any steaks available when you just walk in the door. Please give him a call if you plan to "Burn Your Own Steak".

Sharkey's will be collecting the \$10.00 fee from attending members. You must deal directly with them. The Chapter is not involved in the Friday night function. *Semper Fi... Dale*