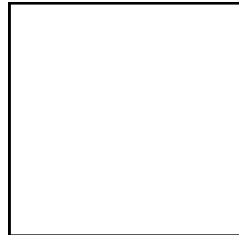


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December 2008

Dale Turner, Editor



The Officers and Directors wish all our members a joyous Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Please join us on Saturday, December 13th 2008 at the Monterey at Encino for our 30th Annual Christmas Luncheon.

Last day to purchase a seat for the Christmas Luncheon is December 6th. Your check will be your reservation.

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!

See page 3 for more information.

All members attending who would like to have Salmon in place of Turkey must let Dale Turner know no later than December 6th. His contact number is 661-253-1981 or Email him at dalefmda@earthlink.net

Chapter Election Notification

Election of Officers and/or Directors to be held on Saturday, January 10, 2009 at 10:00AM at The Odyssey Restaurant, Granada Hills, CA 91344

As outlined in Article 6 – OFFICERS OF THE CHAPTER, Section 4, ELECTION OF OFFICERS, in the By-Laws of the Los Angeles County Chapter, Inc, “The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of a Chairman and two additional committee members at least three months prior to the Annual Election. The Chairman of the Committee will present a proposed slate of Officers (Members in good standing having agreed to serve, if elected) to the President at least twenty (20) days prior to the election meeting.

The President will ensure that the slate of officers is made known to the membership at least ten (10) days prior to the election meeting. This can be accomplished by printing this information in the December 2008 and January 2009 issue of the Semper Fi Newsletter.

Nominations from the floor may be made prior to voting at the election meeting. Nominations from the floor will be contingent upon the nominee’s good standing in the First Marine Division Association, Inc and the Los Angeles County Chapter, Inc.

Los Angeles County Chapter President, W.E. “Bill” Turner, appointed the Nominating Committee on January 27, 2008.

The Nominating Committee members are: R.F. “Dick” Cesaroni, Chairman, Jack Coughlin, Member, Dale Turner, Member and Charles Meter, Alternate Member.

The slate of nominations is as follows:

Executive Committee

Office of President: Tom Whetzel
 Office of Vice- President: Maury Starr
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 Office of Adjutant: Dale Turner
 Office of Secretary: Myrl Wallace
 Office of Legal Officer: Dick Cesaroni
 Office of Membership: John Arthur
 Office of Sgt.-at-Arms: Charlie Meter

Office of Director (6 Positions)

Richard Oldenburg
 Norm Kellems
 Jimmy Greene
 Nile Holmes
 Ed Demrest
 Jim Mann

The Term of Office is January 2009 to January 2011

The cutoff date for nominations is Friday, December 5, 2008 at 5:00PM

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

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National Annual Membership—\$30.00	National Life Membership-\$1000.00
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Total \$45.00	Total \$1100.00

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GRUNT CLUB MEMBERS

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

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

Grunt Club Members

1 Oct 2008 to 30 Sept 2009

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| *Gary Kipp | *Al Wright |
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| In memory of | (30) |
| Richard Lander | |
| (31) | |

This past year several of our Grunt Club
members have joined our fellow Marines
and FMF Corpsmen at Heaven's Gate.
Their dedication and generosity to the
Chapter will be forever remembered.

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Editors Corner 2008 End Of The Year Celebration !

Dale Turner, Editor

If I had to pick just one Chapter event to attend for the year it would be the LA Chapter Christmas luncheon.

This end of the year celebration embodies all that our chapter stands for and sets the tone for the upcoming events of the new year. We can look back on the year and all our accomplishments while enjoying the company of family, friends and fellow Marines.

This year our Chapter President has a special entertainment surprise planned. We will also have our silent auction table with an array of items for you to bid on.

Also, we will have some very unique items for sale that will help spice up your holiday season.

So don't procrastinate, send in your check and secure a seat for a most enjoyable luncheon and early afternoon program.

Emily and I wish you all a very happy holiday season. We look forward to seeing you on the 13th of December

Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever.

Dale

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Dick Cesaroni

Well my good friends, Marines and Corpsman the end of the year is near. I just want to express a personal note of thanks to all of you that have supported the Los Angeles County Chapter throughout this year (and many years prior). We have, I feel, the very best of the 52 chapters within the FMDA.

You have helped support the chapter via the annual business meeting in January, the annual Memorial Service for our fallen members, the Corpsman Up luncheon, the Del Mar campout, the Chapter Day at the Races, the Chapter Christmas luncheon and especially the "Grunt and Super Grunt Club". Not only myself but also all of your Officers and Directors thank you for helping us through the year. It is with your financial support that we continue on with great success. No one likes to hear pitches for money and we don't really make a pitch to you. You give from your wallet and heart because you believe in this great Chapter and for this we again thank all of you. You help us with our month-to-month expenses.

Our main source of income has been the Octoberfest at Alpine Village, but this was probably be the last year that we will participate in that event. So that means a substantial loss of income for the Chapter and that is why it is so important for you to continue to support us for the year. If any of you have a rich aunt that would like to adopt us and put us in her will please let me know and I will send her an application for membership into the FMDA and L.A. County Chapter.

I hope to see many of you at the Chapter Christmas luncheon. Please don't forget to bring two toys (boy & girl) for the TOY'S FOR TOTS program.

Until next month, a great big SEMPER FI to all of you. Stay healthy

Dick Cesaroni – Chapter Legal Officer
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Bodfish Skinny or Just Plan BS

This months report by
Chapter Rep. Dale Turner



Due to the relocation of the Bodfish Chapter flag from Tar Spring Ranch, Arroyo Grande, CA to Camp Hamilton, Bakersfield, CA the Chapter will not have a Hospitality Room at this years Division Anniversary in Oceanside.

All our attention will be placed on the Campout at Camp Hamilton. This will include organizing a full auction and putting up a tent that will be known as the **Bodfish Saloon** or just the **BS**.

Mark your calendars. The Bodfish Campout will take place Presidents Weekend 2009 beginning Friday, 13 February to Monday 16 February.

Here is a list of places to stay:

Hampton Inn - 8818 Spectrum Parkway, Bakersfield 661-391-0600 Rate \$75.00. Located 3 miles from Camp Hamilton.

Vagabond Inn - 6100 Knudsen Drive, Bakersfield 661-392-1800 Rate \$52.89 Located 8 miles south of Camp Hamilton.

Sleep Inn - 6257 Knudsen Drive, Bakersfield 661-399-2100 Rate: \$69.00 Located 8 miles south of Camp Hamilton

Be sure to say you are a veteran/AAA/AARP and are here for the Camp Hamilton President's Day weekend campout when making reservations.

RV Rental Options:

Rental prices are based on size, slide out options and class type. Some trailers are available for delivery with a setup fee, but you must have your own generator. Most rentals have a three day minimum. Price range between \$550.00 to \$775.00 for a three to five day period.

Visit the follow rental providers on line at:

www.ElMonteRV.com

www.CruiseAmerica.com

www.Beachbound.com

Be sure to mention that you are a Veteran. There will be plenty of room for private trailers, RV's and for tent camping.

More detailed information concerning what will be needed will be outlined in the January and February 2009 Newsletters.

Keep in mind, Camp Hamilton does not have the facilities we have become accustom to at Tar Spring Ranch.

Until we get organized and build up Camp Hamilton it will be much like it was in the early days of the Bodfish Chapter. With our Bodfish "Gung Ho" spirit we will build a great Bodfish Camp at Camp Hamilton.

Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever D.T. BFPP & BFCR

FMDA-LA Calendar of Events

**Don't get caught napping!
Reserve your seat today!!**

**Mark your Calendars for the
Los Angeles County Chapter
30th Annual Christmas Party Luncheon**

**To be held on
13 December 2008
11Am to 3PM**

Monterey At Encino 16821 Burbank Bl.,
Encino CA

**Cost Per Person
\$35.00**

**Tables of eight may be
purchased for \$265.00**
(This represents a \$2.00 savings per person)

**Last day to purchase
your tickets will be
Saturday, 6 December 2008**

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Send your check today
FMDA-LA
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**Please don't forget to bring an unwrapped toy for
TOYS For TOTS**

New Location for the January 2009 Annual Business Meeting and Election



Olympus Room

Odyssey Restaurant

15600 Odyssey Drive, Granada Hills, CA 91344

Saturday, January 10, 2009

Door opens at 0930

Meeting starts at 0945

Buffet Brunch served at 1100

Cost \$34.00 per person

Includes Tax and Tip

The Odyssey offers one of the finest buffets in the in the San Fernando Valley.

Come join us as we elect our Chapter Officers and Directors for the term of 2009 - 2011 This meeting is open to all members and their guests.

The election and reporting is expected to take about an hour.

Our meeting will take place in the Olympus Room. The Olympus Room is located inside the entrance to the left of the Reservations Stand. The Chapter has guaranteed 50 meals and will prepay in advance. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT TRHE DOOR
Reserve your seat early!!

New Home of the Bodfish Chapter CAMP HAMILTON

Bakersfield, California

Attention members!!

**Bodfish Campout will be held
Presidents Day weekend 2009**

February 13 to 16

**Dig out your favorite items for our
Saturday Auction .**

**A tree planting ceremony honoring
John Loomis and Ben Holibonich
will be held on Saturday following the
Bodfish Chapter business meeting.**

More information to come in Jan & Feb Newsletter

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



This is our last chapter event for 2008 and affords us all the opportunity to gather together and celebrate the holiday season and welcome the arrival of the New Year - 2009. This year should be a very enjoyable party. Our adjutant/Editor/Past President and acting treasurer Dale Turner with others has worked all year on this event to insure we have an outstanding meal, music, silent auction items plus assign tables. Let us all gather for this year's holiday celebration and spend time together sharing sea stories with the holiday spirit. So far the response for attending has been good. We have 72 committed to be in attendance, don't wait till the last minute to reserve your table or a seat at a table. Remember! No Tickets will be sold at the door. Don't make us be the villains.

Again I regret we had to cancel our scheduled event (Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon) at the Castaways Restaurant in Burbank. But we only had 23 committed (paid) to attend, not enough — needed 80. By contracting with our choice of venue, we are given dates, (deadlines) and time schedule requesting numbers and payment which we must abide by or pay a substantial increase known as a fine or change, we can't afford it. Greatness is not something all of us aspire to. However, responsibility is a character trait that all of us want in our leaders, our friends, our family members, and as part of our own character. To be responsible is to be reliable, dependable, as having the capacity for moral thoughts or actions, further, responsibility is an obligation one accepts on his or her own initiatives. Just think for a moment about how much you value responsibility in others: Your friends, your family, your associates, your leaders. Think about the responsibility you have toward your friends, family, associates and even your leaders. If you're a member of any group you automatically assume responsibility to that group to support it and its principals and principles — or should. I know that nobody is perfect and I have certainly had moments of lack of responsibility, but I know when it happens, don't you? There is one person we can never deceive -- ourselves. What is your responsibility to the L.A. Chapter and chapter members? I hope you agree and make every effort to get your Marine friends to join our Chapter and you to support the activities. See you at the Chapter Christmas Party. *Semper Fi Bill*

Semper Fi Marines and FMF Corpsman

We had a great turn out for The Day at the Races in October, but I was real disappointed that only a few signed up for our Marine Corps Birthday Party in November. A lot of time and planning went into the party by your Officers. I know that the way things are now right now, money is tight, and going to an event cost a lot more now than it did a few years ago. There are a lot of Marine Corps Birthday Parties to go to, but this one is ours. I hope next year, if we plan it again, I hope that we can have all our members attend.



Tom Whetzel

I am glad to see that we will have a great turn out for our Christmas Party, and hope everyone will have a good time. A lot of hard work went into the planning of the Christmas Party, with the food, the center pieces, and the auction, but I think we sometimes get away from what we are there for, to celebrate the holiday with other Marines, Corpsmen and good friends... And the cost of that is priceless.

Until Then, Semper FI and Bodfish Forever

Tom Whetzel, Chapter VP
LA Chapter Representative.
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1st Battalion, 4th Marines Support

Our last and perhaps our most important activity of the year is the fundraising effort to provide **Commissary Gift Certificates for the holidays**. Due to the cancellation of the Birthday luncheon, this activity will now conclude at the Chapter Christmas Party on December 13th where you will have the opportunity to make a contribution. Last year we had tremendous support from the chapter members, friends, and other Marines. We raised over \$2,000 (80+ gift certificates) and are looking to surpass that this year. Each certificate is worth \$25. We hope that ALL will be able to participate again this year. For those who cannot make the party please make a check payable to:

FMDA-LA
1/4 Family Support
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Please put 1/4 family support in the comment line of the check. Let's help to brighten the holidays for the families of our deployed Marines and Sailors!!!

On November 6th, Molly and I went to Camp Pendleton to deliver additional baby blankets and 75 care packages for our deployed 1/4 Marines and Sailors. Through chapter member Tim Hawkins, Burbank Temple Emanu El, as part of their Mitzvah Day activities (a day of doing good works), made and donated 75 care packages to the chapter for distribution. Thanks Tim for your continued support of the 1/4.

We would like to welcome our new Family Readiness Officer (FRO), Sebrina King. She will be working very closely with the Key Volunteers and GySgt Finley.



The Marine Corps is definitely part of her family. Her father is a retired Marine, both her brothers and sister are Marine veterans and her brother-in-law is a 12 yr active duty Marine. She probably has the hardest job of all – Marine wife. She has been married to her Marine for 15 years, has 4 children, and has gone through many deployments (her husband is currently deployed to Iraq with a light armored recon unit). She knows 1st hand what the families can go through during these times and will be a great asset to the 1/4. Welcome to our Chapter!!

Molly and I would like to thank you for all your support this year, it has been awesome, and wish you a blessed Holiday Season and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Semper Fidelis,
Tom Kelly

First Responders

The following members are the first to respond to the 1-4 Holiday Gift Certificate Drive.

Paul Young	\$25.00	(1 Certificates)
Dave Marshall	\$50.00	(2 Certificates)
Gary Kipp	\$50.00	(2 Certificates)
Fitts Ryan	\$100.00	(4 Certificates)
Tim Hawkins	\$200.00	(8 Certificates)

A BIG " Semper Fi "