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Semper Fi News

Los Angeles County Chapter, Incorporated
1st Marine Division Association



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Dale Turner, Editor

SEMPER FIDELIS

CHAPTER ELECTS FMF CORPSMAN AS PRESIDENT

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I would like to thank you all for the confidence that you have bestowed upon me for the next two years. There will be many challenges coming towards us over this period of time. The challenge of dealing with the financial situation of the national office is still ahead of us. As this is being written, the meetings that will occur during the First Marine Division Anniversary are yet to be held. There will be decisions made that will affect all of the chapters. This is the time to make the individual decisions on the chapter level to keep us together as a viable organization.

My goal for the coming year is to not just grow membership. Yes, we do need new members, but instead I encourage you to recruit each other into becoming more active members. We need, not only new officers, but volunteers to help in the various activities that we perform regularly. We meet on the last Tuesday of each month to fold and address the Semper Fi News. Right now we have enough volunteers for that, but some of the folks would not mind having some new blood step in occasionally. You will find out where and when help is needed within our organization.

We have coming up in the next few months the Family of Warriors Dinner, scheduled for Thursday, 2 June 2011. This is handled professionally, but we need the members to step up to support it and get the word out. The Corpsman Up BBQ/Memorial will be held this spring. A great time with outstanding food, but the participation has been dropping off. We have yet to decide if we are going to have the Del Mar Campout this fall. Just not enough interest. We need to get the interest up again. Everyone who has ever attended this event has had an outstanding time.

So, like I said before, get active in your chapter. If you need a ride, call someone. We have many members that would be more than happy to give you a ride. If you are unsure if you have anything to offer, call one of the officers. I know we can use your help in whatever you can do.

Semper Fi

Myrl Wallace, President
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The Chapter Mourns the Passing of

Mike "Squidley" Enos, EM2, USN

28 June 1946 - January 13, 2011

U.S.S Navasota (AO-106) Vietnam

In support of the 1st & 3 Marine Divisions

Funeral service will be private

**Cards of condolences may be sent to:*

Mrs. Jane Enos and Family

*3901 Eagleridge Drive
Antioch, CA 94509*

Jim Collins, PFC, USMC

January 13, 1931 - January 16, 2011

1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division - Korea

Memorial Services at Camp Hamilton is Pending.

Notification will be sent out when date is established.

**Cards of condolences may be sent to:*

Mrs. Rosemary Collins

*3684 S. Prism Sky
Tucson, AZ 85735*

Jim and Mike knew each other and were good friends. They both were Life Members of the Chapter and Bodfish.

Without a doubt, after checking in with St. Peter at the pearly gates they most likely headed to the big

"Bodfish Saloon In The Sky" to join

John Loomis, Vic Betcher, Ben Holibonich,

Jim Forni, Jack & Tommy Coughlin, Lucky Cooper

Red Merrill, Dick Rowland, Fidel Hernandez ,

Crow Crawford , Jim Cook , Glen Pratt, Bob Balance

and Leonard Hamilton , just to name a few.

*Many a Sea Story will be told
along with a Bodfish Tale or two.*

Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever!

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GRUNTS CLUB MEMBERS

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

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

**Grunts Club Members
1 Oct 2010 to 30 Sept 2011**

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| <p>*LA CHAPTER</p> <p>*Mary Anthony <i>In memory of Tony Anthony</i> Ruth Davis <i>In Memory of Jim Davis</i> Bob Barron</p> <p>*Martha "Marti" Bigbie <i>In memory of David Bigbie</i></p> <p>*Paul Blum</p> <p>*Joe Candilora</p> <p>*Bud Cashin</p> <p>*Dick Cesaroni</p> <p>*Mark Cleaves Gary Condrey</p> <p>*Coleman Coughlin</p> <p>*Jack Coughlin (Deceased)</p> <p>*Pat Coulter</p> <p>*Howard Crowell</p> <p>*Larry Dawell Ed Demrest Mike Enos (Deceased) Max Felser</p> <p>*Terry Garrett Jimmy Greene George Hofstetter</p> <p>*Nile Holmes</p> <p>*Jasper Hood</p> <p>*Art Jackson (MOH) Dane Jensen</p> <p>*Floyd Johnson</p> <p>*Tom Kelly</p> <p>*Paul Kim</p> <p>*Gary Kipp</p> <p>(31)</p> <p>39SG/22G</p> | <p>*Al Kinsley Dennis Kumaus Kathy Lander <i>In Memory of Richard Lander</i></p> <p>*Al Lansdale</p> <p>*J.J. Leonard</p> <p>*Bill Maker Dave Marshall Barbara Martin <i>In Memory of John Martin</i></p> <p>*John F. Meseure</p> <p>*Charlie Meter</p> <p>*Richard Oldenburg</p> <p>*Sally Parry <i>In loving memory of her father Herb Parry</i> Bob "HomDog" Perry Roland Pinza Edna Rea</p> <p>*Jeff Roberts Tom Rohrback</p> <p>*Francis Shea <i>In memory of Phil Shea</i> Bill Shedlov</p> <p>*Chuck Singer</p> <p>*Maury Starr John Stoddard</p> <p>*Zack & Sue Taylor Don Tennenbaum</p> <p>*Bill Turner Charles "Eddie" Turner</p> <p>*Dale Turner</p> <p>*Myrl Wallace</p> <p>*Tom & Diane Whetzel</p> <p>*Al Wright</p> <p>(30)</p> |
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Semper Fi

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61 Honored Grunts Club Members for
OCT. 1, 2010/ SEPT 30, 2011

*Thank You For Your
Continued Support*

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



Molly and Tom Kelly

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

Currently the 1/4 is on post-deployment leave, including our FRO Sebrina King. A needed period of rest for all!!!

On Friday, 25 March, the Battalion will be having their Family Day at Lake O'Neil. Chapter members are invited to attend. This is a great opportunity to meet the Marines and Sailors and their families that we support. Molly and I will be traveling down to Camp Pendleton if anyone would like to carpool with us. Please contact us for further information.

For those interested, the 2/1 is sponsoring a winter clothing drive to support one of their Company Commanders in providing winter clothing for Afghan children. Warm clothing will help the children stay in school this winter. They haven't had a school open since the Soviet invasion of 1979. Right now they have four schools in operation, and children are flooding in by the hundreds, but they have no cold weather clothes (coats, boots, gloves, beanies, scarves, etc). Any gently used or new clothing would be appreciated. Please contact Molly for further information.

Molly has also become aware of Marines who would like scarves to help keep them warm from the cold weather. She has started crocheting as many as she can. If you or anyone you know would like to join her, please give her a call. The scarves will be sent to the 1st Regiment who are on a full year's deployment (approximately 500 will be needed). She will be collecting them at the Bodfish campout or can make arrangements to pick them up.

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

Semper Fidelis,

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2011 Calendar of Events FEBRUARY 2011

1st Marine Division Anniversary

Camp Pendleton/Oceanside CA

Monday, January 31 to Friday, February 4, 2011

Refer to your OBN for more information

Or call FMDA HQ at 760-967-8561

Bodfish Campout, Piru, CA

10 - 13 February 2011

**Big lunch and presentation on Friday,
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**The United States Marine Corps Mounted
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A Word from Dick Cesaroni, Chapter Legal Officer

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An organization called Veterans Affairs Services (VAS) is providing benefit and general information on VA and gathering personal information on veterans. This organization is not affiliated with VA in any way. <http://www.vaservices.org/us/index.html>

VAS may be gaining access to military personnel through their close resemblance to the VA name and seal. Our Legal Counsel has requested that we coordinate with DoD to inform military installations, particularly mobilization sites, of this group and their lack of affiliation or endorsement by VA to provide any services.

In addition, GC requests that if you have any examples of VAS acts that violate chapter 59 of Title 38 United States Code, such as VAS employees assisting veterans in the preparation and presentation of claims for benefits, please pass any additional information to Mr. Daugherty at the address below.

Michael G. Daugherty
Staff Attorney
Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of General Counsel (022G2)

The Chapter Christmas Luncheon: Glad to see a full house. Hope everyone had a great time and enjoyed him or herself. How did that new approach to the silent auction work out for those that attended? Good? Bad? Indifferent? Let Dale Turner know. He put a lot of work into the luncheon as well as a bunch of other folks so let him know what you think of the new auction setup.

Also: Do not forget the BODFISH Chapter campout this year in Piru, CA. There is going to be a new and exciting addition to the Bodfish Bevy of Beauties this year. Check your newsletter and get your reservations in to Dale Turner ASAP. Good time and great food.

Until next month,

Stay healthy and Semper Fi

Dick Cesaroni

Smart Ass !

Two young businessmen in Florida were sitting down for a break in their soon-to-be new store in the shopping mall. As yet, the store wasn't ready, with only a few shelves and display racks set up. One said to the other, "I'll bet that any minute now some senior is going to walk by, put his face to the window, and ask what we're selling."

Sure enough, just a moment later, a curious senior gentleman walked up to the window, looked around intensely and rapped on the glass, then in a loud voice asked, "What are you sellin' here?"

One of the men replied sarcastically, "We're selling ass-holes.
Without skipping a beat, the old timer said, "You're doing well. Only two left"

Seniors -- don't mess with them, they've been around!

If you haven't got a smile on your face And laughter in your heart, then you are just, a sour old fart!

Special thanks to Jacques Loraine, Phoenix Chapter for sending the article.



“Mike & Dale “ A day of Clamping and fishing with Captain Morgan...”

“ He was trained by the Navy... and influenced by Marines...”

Dale Turner, Editor

It is not easy to write about someone who was as close as a brother to you without getting emotional. But the fact is, I lost a close friend and fishing buddy on January 13, 2011, Michael Thomas Enos.

Many of you knew him as Squidley a fun loving fellow who made every event he attended a joy to be at whether a Marine function, Clamper trip or a fishing/camping trip.

Mike joined the Navy on August 12, 1963 after graduating from High School. He did his Boot Camp at the Naval Training Center, San Diego. He completed several Naval Training Courses prior to and during his tour of duty. He served on the U.S.S. Navasota as an Electricians Mate (EM2). He did several West Pac deployments and spent time in the south China Sea off the coast of Vietnam. During one West Pac tour he met his wife Jane in the Philippines. They eventually married and upon

completion of his service settled down in Northern California. Mike and Jane raised two daughters, Amy and Becky. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and two grandsons. I want Jane and the family to know how much he loved them.

I loved him like a brother and will truly miss him.

Enough already! Mike knew I would write something in the Newsletter and he made me promise to keep it up beat and not make everyone sad and reaching for a tissue.

Here it is. Mike “Squidley” was trained by the Navy, but he was influenced by Marines”. He loved the Marine Corps and 1st Marine Division Association and especially all the “Jar Heads” he met. His love for his fellow servicemen and women was unmatched by most. Some ask, “How did a “Blue Water” sailor assigned to a refueling/supply ship get into the FMDA. He wasn’t a Corpsman. Just how did he qualify?”

The fact is, up until January 13, 2011 there were two Blue Water Sailors in the FMDA. One served aboard a Submarine **in support of** 1st Recon by transporting the Marines to their area of operations. And the other was Squidley who was an Electricians Mate aboard a refueling/supply ship. Just how did he qualify for FMDA membership.

Well, it is like this. While sailing off the coast of Vietnam, in the South China Sea, with the U.S Seventh Fleet one of Squidley’s ancillary duties was maintaining and distributing **VD** films to the 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions in Vietnam.

I would venture to say that the distribution of those films probably did more to save the lives and good health of more Marines than that blue water sailor in the submarine did. Now, that’s direct support. And that’s how Squidley qualified to become a proud member of the FMDA.

Bodfish Past President Glenn Denton, MGySgt, Ret. paved the way to Squidley’s future with the FMDA by introducing him to the Bodfish Chapter. There he soon became influenced by the Marines their spirit and love God Country and Corps.

In 2002 Mike thought it was time to take the full spirit of the Bodfish Chapter and share it with all at the FMDA Annual Reunions. The Bodfish Hospitality Room soon became the place to be and hang out, leaving all the political BS outside the door and enjoying time with fellow Marines, Corpsman and friends. Some of Mikes treasured moments were spent in the Bodfish Saloon at the Bodfish Campouts . He really liked the annual FMDA Reunions. There he could really show folks what the Bodfish Chapter was all about, **having fun**. He would often recall the Bodfish good times we had in Palm Springs, Kansas City, Denver, Philadelphia, Nashville, Anaheim and San Antonio. Although Mike would admit that some reunions were better than others he could not say which one he liked the best. I would say that perhaps it was that Mike’s best FMDA Reunion was in fact the one he was attending at the time. He loved them all.

Mike’s proudest moment came in 2009 when he was elected Bodfish Chapter President. I must say, he was the most rambunctious President we have ever had. His mind was always going 110 MPH thinking of ways to get more members into the Bodfish Hospitality Room. Dreaming up new Bodfish Covers, patches, pins and even a spinning wheel. What a great guy he was. He will truly be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Mike came to me the other night in a dream. He told me that all is well in Heaven and it is true the streets are well guarded by United States Marines. He went on to say that upon arrival he was informed by Saint Peter that he would be in charge of the “**Big Bodfish Saloon in the Sky**”. He then said” *Hey Buddy, Let everyone know , I’m with my Marine buddies, no Guard Duty, and tell HU Campbell that “Recon Lou” saved me a lower bunk. It can’t be any better than that... Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever*”.

P.S.

It was Mike’s wishes not to have a funeral or memorial service. He just wanted to fade away and leave everyone with good thoughts of the fun times we all shared.. Mike was laid to rest on Thursday, January 20th near his Mom and Dad in a cemetery off of Highway 88 in California’s Gold Country. The immediate family was in attendance for a small graveside good-bye .

*On Saturday, 12 February 2011 a Memorial Service will be held at the Bodfish Campout. It is important that I tell you that Mike knew that this was going to happen. We agreed that there would be no mourning and carrying on. If you would like to speak at the Bodfish Memorial Service there is only one rule. You must agree to share a funny or amusing Squidley tale **No sad stuff!** We all loved him.*

Until next month, Happy Trails, Semper Fidelis and Bodfish Forever.

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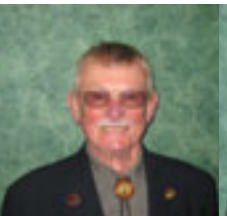
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We wish them fair winds and clear sailing - Semper Fidelis



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

Bob "IAS" Martinez, President

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Mike "Squidley" Enos on 13 January followed by Jim Collins passing on January 16th. The Chapter has lost two great men. My condolences go out to both families and especially to Rosemary Collins and Jane Enos.

I hope to see many of you at the Bodfish Campout starting February 10th. Below is a poem written by Bodfish Member Archie Curtis.

Here's a Poem Titled " Squidley"

Not everyone can be a Marine
So the saying goes
Then there are folks who really want to try
Why? Nobody knows

We called him Squidey to his face
Mike Enos was his name
A Navy man who served us well
In Nam' he had no shame

The things he did would make one proud
When it came to his beloved Corps
He'd help out anyone who'd ask
He'd even sweep the floor

When we heard he had cancer
It hit like a ton of bricks
Why should someone as good as gold
Have to suffer these hard licks

We got the news that brought us grief
Squidley had passed away
We're not ashamed tell you folks
Tears fell, we prayed for his soul today

No longer will he feel the pain
the burn beneath his skin
He's headed for a better land
We'll miss that awesome grin

Squidley is now on high
He'll won't suffer anymore
When he gets to the Pearly Gates
He'll say" I want to serve the Corps"

St Peter sent him down the hall
Where Chesty Puller and Basilone reside
Squidley got his dying wish
To be by his hero's side

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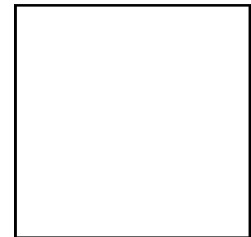
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- Name Of Deceased Marine
- Date Of Funeral

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