



Semper Fi News

Los Angeles County Chapter, Incorporated
1st Marine Division Association



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GOD BLESS AMERICA

Dale Turner, Editor

SEMPER FIDELIS

'If we ever forget that we're one nation under GOD, then we will be a nation gone under.'

-Ronald Reagan



Myrl Wallace President Maj. Ross Schellhaas Guest Speaker Charlie Meter Vice- President

The Chapter was honored to have Major Ross Schellhaas as our guest speaker at the Chapter Annual Business/ Membership meeting.

Major Ross Schellhaas, Commanding Officer, Infantry Unit Leader Training Company, expressed his sincere appreciation to the Chapter for their support to the IMLC. (See Presidents message page 4)

The Chapter have been supporters of the Infantry Mortar Leader's Course (IMLC) at Camp Pendleton.

In 2009 the 1st Marine Division Association, under the presidency of Gerald Pendas, withdrew their annual financial awards support to the School Of Infantry.

Chapters in the Western Region of the Association pulled together and committed to supporting the awards program.

Today the Orange County, Southern California, Desert Cities, Hawaiian Islands and Los Angeles County Chapters each support several of the courses with four awards each year. The award is presented to the graduating honor man.

WELCOME ABOARD

Sgt. Travis P. Garrett, USMC

Active Duty VMGR-352

Travis has served in the Corps for eight years. He's a crew chief on a C-130-. Last year he delivered black sand from Iwo Jima to the Bodfish Campout. He and his wife Erin are newly weds. We look forward to seeing him at the Bodfish Campout .

He was sponsored by his dad ,Terry Garrett

2012 Bodfish Campout

Thursday, 9 February to Sunday, 12 February 2012

Pre-Registration cut off date is 3 February 2012.

Registration form was posted in last months issue and may be down loaded on line at the Chapter website.

Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever!

Chapter Mourns the Passing of

Captain James John Weiry, USMC

March 4, 1926 - January 3, 2012

Jim passed away at the Veterans Home in Lancaster on Tuesday, 3 January 2012. Jim was a long time member of the Association, Bodfish and Orange County Chapters. Jim served with the 3d Mar Div on Iwo Jima as a Private. After the war Jim went to college and received a commission in the Marine Corps Reserve. He saw action with the 7th Marines in Korea and was awarded the Silver Star.. Jim was very active with the Iwo Jima Committee and helped to coordinate the Annual Iwo Jima Banquet at Camp Pendleton.. He will be laid to rest at the National Cemetery in Riverside. Services pending. Will keep you updated.

Thanks to Dave Marshall for providing the information. DT

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP REVOLKED

Wade A. Luethi

Luethi's membership was reported in the December 2011 issue. It was brought to the attention of the Chapter that Luethi was discharged from the Marine Corps under less than honorable conditions.

Dale Turner, Reporting

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GRUNTS CLUB MEMBERS

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

**Grunts Club Members
1 Oct 2011 to 30 Sept 2012**

*LA CHAPTER	*Jasper Hood
*LYNX Technik Inc	Dane Jensen
*Mary Anthony	*Arthur J. Jackson
<i>In memory of Tony Anthony</i>	CMOH WWII
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<i>In Memory of George Hatzidakis</i>	*Gabriel Vasquez
*Nile Holmes	*Myrl Wallace
	*Tom & Diane Whetzel

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to Donate.*

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61 Honored Grunts Club Members for
OCT. 1, 2011/ SEPT 30, 2012

1st MARINE DIVISION FAMILY OF WARRIORS SUPPORT



Molly and Tom Kelly

Right now is a quiet time for the families of the battalions. They are in the process of mapping out their activities for the year. In the March/April timeframe the 1/4 is planning their half-way dinner. This is always a fun time for the wives. Molly hopes to attend this year once the date is set. If you would like to join her, please contact her. Also in preparation for the homecoming of the 1/4, there will be a potluck and banner making party on May 19th. It is interesting to see how creative the wives and children are in developing their banners.

We will keep you apprised of the many other opportunities you will have to join Molly and me in meeting and interacting with the families of our deployed Marines and Sailors. It is always fun!!!

Don't forget, we are still accepting baby blankets and manufacturer coupons!! We now have even more families to support in addition to diapers/wipes and gift certificates. Thanks to Betty Kipp and Kathy Johnson, the Kipp's daughter, for joining those who are regularly sending in their coupons.

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

Semper Fidelis,
Tom Kelly
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2012 Calendar of Events

NOTE: 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.

BODFISH CAMPOUT 9-12 February 2012, Piru, CA Pre-Registration

Pre-Registration is posted in the "E" Version of the Semper Fi Newsletter and may also be downloaded "ON Line" at our website.

1stmarinedivisionassociationla.org

Pre registration must be received by Friday, 3 February 2012

Note: RV & Tent Hook-Ups are sold out
On Site Registration is available:

On Site Fees are:

\$10.00 Registration Fee

\$15.00 per meal

Chapter is invited!!

GRAND OPENING

Armed Forces Recruiting Station

Valencia Town Center Mall

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24th

1000- 1600

SSgt Robert Castillo, Station Commander, USMC
Has invited the Chapter to join their fellow Marines
for the opening of the new recruiting station.

Space will be made available to the Chapter should we wish to set up our Chapter Recruiting Booth.



A Message From Our Chapter President, Myrl Wallace

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Marines and fellow FMF Corpsman,

Our annual Membership Meeting has come and gone. For those of you who attended, you not only enjoyed an outstanding meal, but an outstanding talk given by our guest of honor, Major Ross Schellhaas. Major Schellhaas is the Commanding Officer of the Infantry Unit Leader Training Company at Camp Pendleton. He prepares our NCO's for their eventual leadership rolls in the field. He is a former Enlisted Marine and First Gulf War Veteran, having attained the rank of Sergeant before leaving the Corps to go back to school. After graduating, the Major realized that he is once a Marine, always a Marine, and came back as an Officer. Major Schellhaas brought us up to date on what is happening within our Marine Corps.

He primarily discussed how the upcoming cuts in defense spending is going to affect the Corps. It is not pretty, but our Marine Corps has suffered through cuts of this sort before and not only has survived, but became even more skilled and tougher. The Major fielded a variety of questions from our membership that covered just about every aspect of today's Corps. We do not get many active duty Marines to bring us information on what is going on in our Corps today, and we certainly thank the Major for his sharing with us, and for his service.

With this being an off year Membership Meeting, there were no elections. I did discuss once again the necessity of our members to get out the word to all other members that a function is going to take place. Encourage those stay at homes to attend our annual meeting, Christmas Party, Del Mar Campout, and Day at the Races. Without attendance, these function will cease to exist.

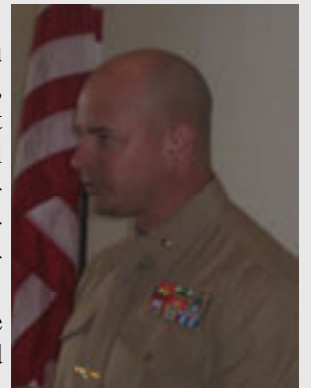
This upcoming month of February brings us to the Bodfish Campout in Piru. After moving to Piru, we experienced a severe drop off of attendance, but as the word is getting out, people are starting to show up again.

True, we don't have an Amtrack, or a fire truck, but all of the spirit is still there and fun abounds.

We know that John Loomis, Gunny Ben, Howard "Bodfish Bales and Squidley are indeed watching over us.

Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever

Myrl



An Irish daughter had not been home for over 5 years.

Upon her return, her father cussed her. Where have ye been all this time? Why did ye not write to us, not even a line? Why didn't ye call? Can ye not understand what ye put yer old mum thru?

The girl, crying, replied, "Sniff, sniff....dad....I became a prostitute...."

"Ye what!?! Out of here, ye shameless harlot! Sinner! You're a disgrace to this family."

OK, dad-- as ye wish. I just came back to give mum this Luxurious fur coat, title deed to a ten bedroom mansion plus a Savings certificate for \$5 million. For me little brother, this gold Rolex and for ye daddy, the sparkling new Mercedes limited edition convertible that's parked outside plus a membership to the country club....(takes a breath).... and an invitation for ye all to spend New Years Eve on board my new yacht in the Riviera, and...."

Now what was it ye said ye had become?" says dad.

Girl, crying again, "Sniff, sniff....a prostitute dad! Sniff, sniff."

Oh! Be Jesus! Ye scared me half to death, girl! I thought ye said a Protestant'. Come here and give yer old man a hug!"



A Word from Dick Cesaroni, Chapter Legal Officer

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First of all I would like to remind all members that the BODFISH Campout will be held in the month of February. Please refer to your Semper Fi News for times and dates. From my wife, Rose, to all Bodfish Bevy of Beauties (I am not wearing a cover to remove and place over my heart) so I bow my head in reverence to the sounding of the name of the great Bodfish Bevy of Beauties that you all remember to bring your official Bodfish Beauty cover to the annual campout in February (February 9-12, 2012).

You know which one I am referring to, the flashy pink one trimmed in pink fur with a tiara in the front and a copy of the Bodfish Beauty's theme song. The hat (or cover) is the one that the Bodfish President wishes he had instead of "The Bone." In fact it would look great in addition to "The Bone." The he would really be I.A.S.

"He who laughs last didn't get the joke"

Attn: All members. I am looking for some feedback on a project that the Board of Directors has been discussing for some time. And that is an Official Challenge coin for the Los Angeles County Chapter. We have an approved design and it looks pretty good. It is based on the original Los Angeles County Chapter design if any of you remember it. So, if you would be interested in buying one if we can get it going, I would be interested in knowing that. It would sell for around \$5 or \$6 bucks. If you have an interest in this challenge coin please drop me an email at dick_ros@sbcglobal.net. We would like to know if there is any interest before we spend any money. Thanks in advance.

Now to the annual Business luncheon and Officers and Directors meeting held on January 14th, 2012 at The Odyssey Restaurant in Granada Hills: WE had a small turnout (again) but those that did attend had a super time and a great meal. I want to thank Maj. Ross Schellhaas, CO, Infantry Unit Leader Training Company, Camp Pendleton. He graced us with his presence and gave a short presentation and was available for several A' & Q's from the group.

I happened to ask him about the weapon that I was assigned to when I was in 1/5/1 and over on Okinawa, the 106 recoilless rifle. Judging from the look he gave me, I soon discovered that the Corps marched on without the 106 and me. I had just dated myself. He then very professional let me know what had taken the place of the 106 recoilless rifles. Thank you for your courtesy Major.

"If people learn from their mistakes, many are getting a fantastic education".

OK! OK No more verboseness. I promised, but it so difficult to do.

Until next month, Semper Fi. Stay healthy and Keep it legal.

Dick Cesaroni

It became the Tune & Song of the 1st Marine Division

A way back, during World War Two, when the 1st Marine Division's 5th Marines were fighting in the Pacific, they would be pulled out of the fighting and sent to Australia for rest, training and reorganization to prepare for the next assault.

As a tribute to the friendliness and caring of the Australian people the 5th Marines adopted, as their regimental song, which was a favorite of the Australian people, and still is, "Waltzing Matilda".

Waltzing Matilda was in the beginning a poem composed by Andrew Barton "Banjo" Paterson. It is sometimes considered the second National Anthem of Australia. It was inspired by 19th century labor unrest - a series of events known as the Shearers' Strike of 1894.

Waltzing Matilda is possibly Australia's best known song.

Although it features some strange elements, including archaic slang, it seems to strike a chord with many Australians. When he wrote the words Paterson had no idea how enduring his poem turned ballad would be.

Definitions of the Australian Slang:

MATILDA: A word of German origin for a rolled up blanket.

WALTZING MATILDA: A term similar to "on the wallaby" meaning traveling the outback with your belongings in a knapsack.

SWAGMAN: A swagman is literally a man who carries a swag or a bundle containing belongings.

COOLIBAH-TREE: A kind of gum tree (Eucalyptus coolibah)

TROOPER: A mounted policeman.

SQUATTER: A term for a wealthy farmer.

BILLY: A tin can, of about 2-4 liters, with a handle used for boiling water and making tea on an open fire.

BILLABONG: A waterhole that is replenished after a rain or the old course of a river now cut off from the main flow that reconnects only after a rain.

TUCKER BAG: A bag used for storing food. The work tucker was probably coined from the phrase "to tuck it away".

JUMBUCK: An archaic word for a sheep rarely used.

WALTZING MATILDA

Once a jolly swagman camped by a billabong
Under the shade of a collibah-tree
And he sang as he watched and waited till his billy boiled,
"Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me?
Waltzing Matilda, waltzing Matilda,
Who'll come a waltzing Matilda with me?"
And he sang as he watched and waited
till his billy boiled,
"Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me?"
Down came a jumbuck to drink at the billabong:
Up jumped the swagman and grabbed him with glee.
And he sang as he shoved that jumbuck
in his tucker bag.
"You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me.
Waltzing Matilda, waltzing Matilda,
You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me."
Up rode a squatter, mounted on his thoroughbred,
Down came the troopers, one, two, three:
"Who's that jolly jumbuck you've got in
your tucker bag?
You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me!
Waltzing Matilda, waltzing Matilda,
You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me!"
Up jumped the swagman and sprang into the billabong:
"You'll never catch me alive!" said he;
And his ghost may be heard as you pass
by that billabong,
"You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me!
Waltzing Matilda, waltzing Matilda,
You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me!"
And his ghost may be heard as you pass
by that billabong,
"You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me."

Special thanks to WWII Veteran, PFC Jasper Hood, USMC Fox Company, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines for providing this outstanding article.

Editor's Corner

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Monday, 23 January 2012 - 1300

Greeting All,

Each month as I format the newsletter I always leave my article as the last task, in hopes that I will think of something to address or write about.

I must say I can't think of a thing to write about this month and with the Bodfish Campout just two weeks away and a lot to do to get ready for it it's time to turn to my "Filler File"..

Years ago I created a "Filler File". The file consists of short stories, clean jokes and trivia sent to me by fellow members. It makes for a good tool when I have a space to fill. This month it's my space that needs filling.

This has got to be one of the most clever fillers I've received in awhile. Someone out there either has too much spare time or is deadly at Scrabble. I wish I could
Until next month, Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever
Dale

DORMITORY:

**When you rearrange the letters:
DIRTY ROOM**

PRESBYTERIAN:

**When you rearrange the letters:
BEST IN PRAYER**

ASTRONOMER:

**When you rearrange the letters:
MOON STARER**

DESPERATION:

**When you rearrange the letters:
A ROPE ENDS IT**

A DECIMAL POINT:

**When you rearrange the letters:
IM A DOT IN PLACE**

THE EARTHQUAKES:

**When you rearrange the letters:
THAT QUEER SHAKE**

AND FOR THE GRAND FINALE:

MOTHER-IN-LAW:

**When you rearrange the letters:
WOMAN HITLER**



BODFISH SKINNY

.....or just plain BS

Larry "IAS" Davis, President
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One day Sgt. Maker called me and said "Cpl. Lar, I want you to write something and send it to John Loomis that will cheer him up, as he does not have much more time".

It was a tough assignment. This was the ultimate result:

ODE TO BREVET CORPORAL LOOMIS

*It's always been tough for me to say what's in my heart.
The love and respect I have for you is real, you old fart.*

*I think about the camping, all the fun and stories too.
No one, John, can spin a yarn quite as well as you.*

The times around the campfire on a star filled coolish night.

*The tales of desperate combat ending
it was just another fight".*

*Times we spent at Tar Spring Ranch just being with our
Brothers, will always live with me,
not understood by others.*

*I will always remember the singing, the
"Bevy and the beauty.*

*No matter what they say my brother,
I still think you're a cutie.*

*Sitting here and writing this, a tear is in my eye.
The only thing I can think to say is "damn John, what a guy.*

With love and respect, your brother, Cpl Lar

After the memorial at Loomis', Lindy gave me a hug and told me John enjoyed the poem.

I like this picture of John and Lindy very much. They have made a lot of Marines very happy.




Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever!
Larry I.A.S Davis, President
(soon to be I.A.S., P.P.)



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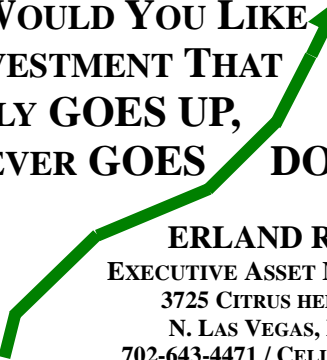

Upon the Death of Member of the Chapter the Family shall instruct the Funeral Director to call the below number and provide the listed information to Headquarters Marine Corps.

Funeral Honors
1-866-826-3628

- Name of Funeral Director
- Name of Funeral Home and Phone Number
- Name Of Deceased Marine
- Date Of Funeral

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Register Early and Save Fifteen Dollars for the 2012 Bodfish Campout

Pre-Registration will end on Friday, 3 February 2012 at 1700.

Late Registration and walk-in's fees will be as follows:

Late Registration Fee: \$10.00 per person (PP) - Friday Meal: \$15.00 PP - Saturday Dinner \$15.00 PP Total \$40.00

Please "Cut Out" or make a copy of the below form and get your fees in before the deadline.

If you have any items for the Silent Auction please bring them. Also, food donations for breakfast for the first day or so are needed.

Tom Martin will be bringing his usual annual Bodfish Campout donation of paper plates and eating utensils. This has been Tom's contribution for the past twenty-three years. Tom will also be monitoring the chow line for wristbands.

YES... Wristbands They will be issued at check-in. **No wristband .. NO Food.**

We look forward to having long time Bodfish Bevie favorites **Bonnie Clark and Ruth Davis** at the check-in table.

Those attending and staying over during the Campout whether at the Motel or in their RV should be checked or in place by Thursday night.

The United States Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard will be arriving on Thursday.

The Horse Marines will be presenting colors on Friday morning. The Bodfish Sword of Honor and Devil Doc Awards will be presented at the morning formation 0800 on Friday. Following the morning formation the Bodfish Reverse Draw will begin. The Big meal for Friday will be served at 12 Noon sharp.

ATTENTION !

Please complete the Pre-Registration Form below.

Pre-Registration must be received by February 3, 2012

No one will be available to receive registrations after February 3rd.

Therefore, registrations and payments received after that date will not be recorded.

Please Do Not include any other donations or Event payments in your Bodfish Campout Check.



Bodfish Campout 9 February - 12 February 2012
Piru Petroleum Club, 3824 Guiberson Rd., Fillmore CA 93015



Name: _____ Date Received _____ Registration# _____ CK# _____
Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone Number: (Cell or Home phone) : _____ Email: _____

Please Do Not include any other donations or Event payments in your Bodfish Campout Check.

PRE-REGISTRATION:

Number in your party _____ Times \$5.00 per person (Pre-Registration fee) \$ _____

Fri. 10 Feb _____ Meal Tickets (10.00 per person) **Friday Meal served at 12Noon** \$ _____

Sat. 11 Feb _____ Meal Tickets (10.00 per person) \$ _____

NOTE: No Charge for Active Duty Marines and FMF Corpsman

RV/Trailer/Tent Information

Due to the limited space and number of electrical hook up boxes(8) with approximately two plugs Members are encouraged to bring and use their own generators.

I will be arriving on (Circle one) Th - Fri - Sat *** I will be departing on (Circle One) Sun - Mon.

Size of RV/Trailer _____ ft. Size of Tent _____ x _____ ft.

Elect hook-up requested No / Yes (\$10.00 per day Times _____ days) ..On Site Campers Only \$ _____

Motel Information



I will be staying at the:

Best Western La Posada Motel in Fillmore

827 Ventura St. Fillmore, CA 93015 - (805) 524-0440

TOTAL \$ _____

"Please Total All Above"

Make your check payable to: FMDA-LA and mail to: Dale Turner 24415 Lisa Kelton Pl., Newhall, CA. 91321-2341
Please put "Bodfish Campout 2012" in the memo portion of your check.

The Chapter would like to thank you for electing to receive the "E" version of the Semper Fi News . It helps defray some of the Chapters costs allowing us to direct those saved funds to other programs the Chapter supports such as the awards program at the School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton each year.

In addition to having the ability to add extra pictures from chapter events the "E" version allows me, as the editor, to offer space to partnering Chapters to get their upcoming events posted.

Below are some upcoming events by partnering Chapters.

Desert Cities Mitchell Paige MOH Chapter

For upcoming events and meetings

Contact Jim Sullivan for more info. (760) 219-8317 Email: jsullivan@dc.rr.com

Southern California Chapter

**For upcoming events and meetings Call
Marty Vasquez for more info at 760-757-6981**

Orange County Chapter

**New Chapter President
Ike Oshana
For upcoming events and meetings
Contact Dave Marshall 714-549-3939**

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Membership Application/Renewal Form**

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