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Los Angeles County Chapter, Inc.
1st Marine Division Association
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Mounted Color Guard
Bodfish Campout, 13-15 Feb'09



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Los Angeles County Chapter, Incorporated
1st Marine Division Association

February 2009

Dale Turner, Editor



SEMPER FIDELIS

Tom Whetzel Elected 18th President of the Los Angeles County Chapter, Inc See Presidents Message on Page 4



Bodfish Campout

Camp Hamilton, Bakersfield CA
February 13 - 17 2009



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The Chapter Mourns the Passing of Colonel Thomas D. Burnette E - 2 - 11 Korea

Col Tom Burnette passed away on 9 January 2009 . Services will be private.
Tom he will be laid to rest at the National Cemetery in Grand Prairie, Texas. The family has requested in lieu of flowers that donations be made in his memory to the 1st Marine Division Association Scholarship fund, Inc.

Cards may be sent to:

The Burnette Family,
2573 North Shore Lane, Westlake, CA 91361

Semper Fidelis Marine...Until we meet again.

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)

Dues

National Annual Membership—\$30.00

Chapter Annual Membership - \$15.00

Total \$45.00

National Life Membership-\$1000.00

Chapter Life Membership- \$100.00

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: _____

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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: _____

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IF THIS IS A RENEWAL, CHECK HERE

ACTIVE DUTY CHECK HERE

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ATTENTION ANNUAL MEMBERS

FINAL NOTICE YOUR DUES R DUE

If you are an Annual member your National and Chapter dues were due January 1, 2009. Your membership will be considered delinquent if payment is not received by February 15, 2009 and You will not receive a March Newsletter.

Annual Dues: \$30.00 National \$15.00 Chapter
Total \$45.00. Make check payable to: FMDA-LA
Mail to: 24415 Lisa Kelton Place , Newhall, CA 91321

Officers & Directors

A Meeting of the Chapter Officers & Directors has been called by the Chapter President, Tom Whetzel

Tuesday, 24 February 2009

Time: 1130

**Vincenzo's Pizza
24504 Lyons Ave, Newhall, CA**

Note: If you are unable to attend please call either the President or Adjutant.

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Spelling and grammar errors are purposely added for those who enjoying finding and pointing them out.

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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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|------------------------|------------------------|
| *American Legion 507 | Kathy Lander |
| *LA CHAPTER | In memory of |
| *Jim Anderson | Richard Lander |
| *Mary Anthony | Ione Lovell |
| In memory of | In memory |
| Tony Anthony | of Bob Lovell |
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| *Terry Garrett | In memory of |
| *Jim Hackett | Phil Shea |
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| Nile Holmes | Maury Starr |
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| *Jerry Johnson | Charles "Eddie" Turner |
| *Tom Kelly | *Dale Turner |
| *Paul Kim | *Myrl Wallace |
| *Gary Kipp | *Tom & Diane Whetzel |
| | *Al Wright |
| | Terry Young |

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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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2009 - 2011

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Tom Whetzel

Vice-President



Maury Starr

Adjutant



Dale Turner

Treasurer



Bill Turner

Secretary



Myrl Wallace

Legal Officer



Dick Cesaroni

Membership



John Arthur

Sgt At Arms



Charlie Meter

Chapter Directors

2009 - 2011



Richard Oldenburg



Norm Kellems



Jim Greene



Ed Demrest



Jim Mann



Nile Holmes

A Message from Junior Past President Bill Turner

I wanted to thank all of you who attended our annual business meeting in person.

Not many of you showed up, but, of those who did reported it was one of the best yet, food (buffet) was excellent with many choices from entrees to sweets.

I would like to express my appreciation for all the support that has been expressed and extended to me over the past two years as your chapter president. I look forward to continue serving the chapter as chapter treasurer.

A special thanks to those who chaired any one of our events, those who showed up for our monthly newsletter party and to each of you, for your membership.

Also thanks to our associate members and especially those who support our chapter with taking out ads in our Semper Fi News; Sgt. Grit, Quail Valley Silk Screen, Vietnam Battlefield tours by Ed "Tex" Stiteler, Alpine Village, H & M Military Supplies, Vincenzo's Pizza, and Marine Corps Musicians Association.

Semper Fi

Bill Turner, Past President



Bill Turner is presented with the Eagle Globe and Anchor Award for his service as LA Chapter President by Chapter Adjutant Dale Turner.

Bill Turner will continue to serve the Chapter as the new elected Treasurer.

FMDA-LA Calendar of Events

2009 Calendar of Events

February

Bodfish Campout,
February 13, 14, 15th
Camp Hamilton, Bakersfield, CA

May

Memorial/Corpsman Celebration
VFW Post 6885
Sierra Highway
Canyon Country, CA
Saturday, May 16th
\$18.00 Per Person

August

August 24—29 Anaheim Marriott, CA

September

Del Mar Campout
Camp Pendleton, CA
September 11, 12, 13, 14
Price: TBD

October

Day At The Races
Thursday, October 15, 2009
Price: TBD

November

Marine Corps Birthday
Tuesday, November 10th
American Legion Post 507
Newhall, CA
1730- 2100

Price: Small Donation

December

31st Annual Chapter Christmas Party
Monterey At Encino
16821 Burbank Bl, Encino, CA
Saturday, December 12, 2009
Time: 1100 - 1500
Cost : \$30.00 per person

Bodfish Campout

13-16 February 2009

If you need to make reservations do it
NOW (C-Page 4)

The Hampton Inn is filling up fast.
Believe me when I say this is the place
you want to stay at if you do not have a
motor home, trailer or tent.

There is room for about 20 full size RV's at
Camp Hamilton
(No hook ups or power. You need to be
self contained)

If you are bringing a motor home or trailer
Email or call Dale Turner and let him know
(Contact info on page 2)

Directions to Camp Hamilton are simple.
First there is no physical address. If you are
coming from the south (LA Area) take I-5
North to 99 North. Exit Hwy 65, North to Por-
terville.

Go about five miles to Lerdo Hwy and turn
left . Go about 1/2 mile and watch for the
Camp Hamilton sign on the right.
Coming from the North either on
I-5 or 99 exit
Lerdo Hwy/Shafter Exit
and go East to Camp Hamilton.
Watch for Camp Hamilton Sign on left .

Mike Enos is providing an "All You
Can Drink BS Chip" for the BS Saloon.
The cost of the BS Chip is \$50.00.
The BS Chip is good for your
entire stay.

Make donation payable to: FMDA-LA
and put "BS Chip" in memo.

All funds spent in the BS Saloon goes to the
Bodfish Chapter
Money spent at the Camp Hamilton "Crow Bar"
goes to Camp Hamilton and not to the Chapter.

A Message From Our Chapter President, Tom Whetzel (twhetzel@socal.rr.com) 661-251-7564

Semper Fi Marines and FMF Corpsman

Happy New Year to all members, and I hope this message finds everyone in great health. Our annual business meeting that was held at the Odyssey Restaurant, on January 10; in which a change in leadership for our Chapter went very well. I was deeply honored to be elected your new Chapter President.

As one of my first duties I appointed Jack Coughlin as Honorary Chapter President. Jack who always goes above and beyond the call of duty for this great Chapter has held every office in the Chapter and has mentored and provided direction and guidance to many of the past presidents and officers.

I have appointed GySgt Phil Olivero Chapter Chaplain. Phil expressed his desire to serve as our Chaplain. His long time standing in the Chapter having served both as a Director and Devil Pup Coordinator coupled with his dedication to the Chapter and FMDA makes him the perfect selection for this appointed. In addition, I have appointed him a Director At Large for the Chapter along with Heeman Lee who will also continue to serve a Korean Marine Liaison.

Phil Olivero is on active duty at Camp Pendleton and will serve as an excellent resource for the Chapter.

The appointment of Heeman Lee as a Director At Large has been earned with his dedication as our Chapter Liaison Officer to the Korean Marines Associations in the LA area.

I have appointed Chapter Life Member Joel Forman as our new Chapter Representative. He looks forward to attending the April Director and Chapter Representative meeting in Anaheim. He will also attend the FMDA Reunion in August, also being held in Anaheim. I look forward to his input and reports.

I have been blessed with a great staff of Officers and Directors to assist me as we lead the Chapter into the next two years. As I said when I addressed the membership at the Odyssey, "The Chapter runs like a well oiled machine and like my Dad would say, If it isn't broke, don't try and fix it". We will continue to work as a team and fine tune the Chapter thereby making it even better.

Here are your new Officers and Directors for 2009-2011:

Maury Starr Vice President, Dale Turner Adjutant, Bill Turner Treasurer, Myrl Wallace Secretary, Dick Cesaroni Legal Officer, John Arthur Membership, Charlie Meter Sgt. At Arms and Directors Richard Oldenburg, Norm Kellems, Jim Greene, Ed Demrest, Jim Mann and Nile Holmes

I'd also like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank Tom and Molly Kelly, who have given so much of their time, and effort as Chapter liaison to the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines,. They have done an outstanding job with the ¼, and I hope they will continue with that position.

As your new Elected President I will do my up most to discharge my duties of this position, and I know with your support, and cooperation, the next two years of the Los Angeles County Chapter, will be great.

I will be attending the Division Anniversary in Oceanside from 26— 30 January and will provide a report in my March Article

I am calling for an Officers/Directors meeting to be held in conjunction with the Newsletter mailing on Tuesday, 24 February 2009 at Vincernzo's Pizza, Newhall. This newsletter announcement coupled with a forthcoming Email notification will serve as "Proof Of Notice"

Until Then, Semper FI and Bodfish Forever

Tom Whetzel
President



Bodfish Skinny

or Just Plan BS

report by
Bodfish Past President & Chapter Rep.
Dale Turner



The Bodfish Campout will take place Presidents Weekend 2009 beginning Friday, 13 February to Monday 16 February. You may arrive as early as Monday, 9 February. The BS Saloon will open at 5PM on the 9th and will remain open all through the campout.

The Bodfish Chapters Hotel of choice

Hampton Inn, 8818 Spectrum Parkway, Bakersfield 661-391-0600 Rate \$75.00. Ask for Sara or Tesa. Located 3 miles from Camp Hamilton. Be sure to say you are attending the 1st Marine Division Association Bodfish Chapter Campout at Camp Hamilton when making your reservation.

Note: I personally visited the Hampton Inn and met with the Manager Sarah Maughan and Assistant/Sales Manager Tesa Pele. They are looking forward to our arrival.

For those not staying at Camp Hamilton the Hampton Inn will be a great place to end the day and relax in great comfort.

The Hampton Inn provides a hot breakfast from 0600 to 1000 daily. In addition, there is a snack shop located in the lobby area and purchases may be charged to your room.

The Hampton Inn will provide a shuttle run on Friday and Saturday morning.. The one run a day departure time will be approximately 10AM.

The Inn has a great lobby for visiting and enjoying your personal libations. A meeting room has been made available to the Chapter Officers and guests of the Hampton Inn at no additional cost..

Directions to the Hotel:

99 North, exit Hwy 65/Porterville, left on Merle Haggard Drive, left onto Spectrum Parkway (you're there).

99 South, exit 7th Standard/Merle Haggard Drive, turn left onto Merle Haggard Drive, right on Spectrum Parkway.

I hope to see many familiar faces at the Campout along with some new ones.

I have been in direct contact with GySgt Pete McConnell SNCOIC of the USMC Mounted Color Guard. They are scheduled to attend and will be arriving on Friday.

Until then Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever Dale

Bodfishers...Attention On Deck!

This years Bodfish Campout has the potential of a fantastic Presidents Day weekend. With that said please keep in mind Camp Hamilton is not like Tar Spring Ranch.

This is like going back some thirty years ago. to the early Bodfish Campout, days.

We will all have to work together to insure everyone has a great time.

Here is what **will** and **will not** be provided by way of meals.

• **Breakfast "None"** Everyone will be on their own for morning chow. However coffee and pastries will be made available.

• **Lunch** - Hot dogs and Chips will be served on Friday and Saturday **at noon**. A donation of \$2.00 is requested .

• **Dinner** - Dinner will be served on Friday & Saturday at approximately 1700.

Friday will be Chicken with side dishes. Saturday will be Deep Pit Pork loin and Beef Roast with fixings. Cost per meal \$10.00 per person. Tickets must be purchased for the evening meals.

"No tickie no eatie !!" We need to get a head count ASAP.

Just like in the past, If everyone brings and donates a little we will have plenty. Tickets will go on sale Thursday.

The following items, food and paper goods are needed..

Coffee

**Sugar/Sweet& Low
Creamer (Milk)**

Hot Dog Buns (We have the Hot Dogs)

Mustard, Relish, Ketchup & Onions

Chips and Snacks

Tom Martin will be bringing the paper goods, plates, napkins, plastic knives forks and spoons (However, we may need more)

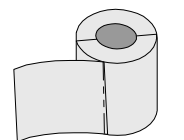
Norm Kellems is getting the Hot Dog winners at a great price. We need buns!!

Bill Turner is bringing the pastries, donuts etc.

**We are anticipating between 150
to 200 people will be at Campout.**

Don't forget this

Don't get caught without it!



**Paper
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