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# Semper Fi News

Los Angeles County Chapter, Incorporated  
1st Marine Division Association

## January 2012



SEMPER FIDELIS

*Dale Turner, Editor*

**'It has been said that politics is the second oldest profession.**

**I have learned that it bears a striking resemblance to the first'** *Ronald Reagan*

# Happy New Year

**Both the Los Angeles County Chapter, Inc. "Jack Coughlin Annual Fund-raiser" and the 33rd Annual Christmas Luncheon were a Success.**

As the Chapter Fund-raising Chairman I would like to take this opportunity to thank our members and supporters for their loyalty, dedication, commitment and generosity they have shown to the Chapter. Not only did we achieved our annual fund-raising goal it was surpassed by seven-hundred sixty dollars.

Even during these tough economic times our members and supporters stepped up to insure that the Chapter will continue to move forward in 2012. I commend you and extend to you all a BIG SEMPER FI!

The 2011 fund-raising period was extended from 30 September to the day of the Christmas Party. This extended period not only helped us reach our goal but also provided us with a great venue to announce the winners of the Fund-raising raffle. I'm pleased to report the winners of the 2011/2012 "Jack Coughlin Annual Fund-raiser" are as follows:

**Howard Crowell**, Third place winner (\$200), **Bill Shedlove**, Second Place Winner (\$300) and the First Place Winner of \$500 was **Adrianna Russell**. Adrianna donated her winnings back to the Chapter. Thank you Adrianna.

On Saturday, 10 December 2011 we ended the year with our 33rd Annual Christmas Party Luncheon. Although our attendance was down from previous years the 77 members and guests who attended enjoyed an afternoon filled with entertainment raffles and music. The program started with Polynesian dancers compliments of Shanika Olivero, wife of our Chapter Chaplain Phil Olivero, and her fellow dancers. The dancing and costumes were fantastic and in taste with the Holiday Season.

For the second year it was decided to forgo the silent auction and replace it with a raffle table. Tickets were sold for \$1.00 each or 25 for \$20.00. They were then placed in a bag in front of the gift they wished to win. Most everyone likes the idea. It affords them a greater opportunity to win a great prize for a small investment.

The winner of the Christmas Luncheon 50/50 raffle was Yvonne Candilora. She picked up an extra \$130 for her Christmas shopping. Needless to say Joe Candilora began adding things to his Christmas wish list and tried to pass it on to Yvonne.

Congratulation goes to Max Felser who won the two night stay and \$50.00 dinner certificate to the Marine Memorial Club in San Francisco. I hope you'll all consider joining us on December 15, 2012 for another great Christmas Party. S/F Dale Turner

### Chapter Annual Business Meeting

**Saturday, 14 January 2012**

**Odyssey Restaurant**

### SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

**You Don't Want To Miss This Years Meeting.**

**Enjoy A Great Buffet Too!**

**(See Page 3 for price and time)**

### 2012 Bodfish Campout

**Thursday, 9 February to Sunday, 12 February 2012**

**Registration Form on Page 5**

**This will be the last and final notice prior to the Campout. Get your registration in before**

**3 February 2012 and save...\$\$\$**

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

*LA CHAPTER	Dane Jensen
*LYNX Technik Inc	* <b>Arthur J. Jackson</b> CMOH WWII
*Mary Anthony <i>In memory of Tony Anthony</i>	*Floyd Johnson
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*Nile Holmes	*Tom & Diane Whetzel
*Jasper Hood	

*It's Never Too Late  
to Donate.*

**Semper Fi**

Bold Plus\* Denotes Super Grunts Status  
\$200.00+ donation

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

## 1st MARINE DIVISION FAMILY OF WARRIORS SUPPORT

As we mentioned last month, the FROs from the 1/4, 2/4 and 3/1 and Molly and I gathered at Camp Horno to distribute the 480 holiday gift certificates. Below is a picture of Molly with Sebrina King, 1/4 FRO; Paul Walters, 3/1 FRO and Felix Acosta, 2/4 FRO. They had a good time putting together the envelopes with the Chapter Happy Holiday wishes included. The FROs are still in the process of delivering them since not all families were able to attend the functions where they were distributed.



Molly and Tom Kelly



Just an update on the battalions: 2/4 just held their half way celebration in coordination with their Christmas Party and are in the home stretch. 3/1 has been deployed approximately 3 months. 1/4 has successfully deployed on their MEU and spent the holidays in Okinawa.

We hope that everyone who attended the Christmas Party was able to meet and introduce themselves to our guests from Camp Pendleton: Cpl. Sherbon and his wife Marcy, Cpl. Shukar and his wife Hannah, and Mrs. Andreea Miklis, wife of Maj. Miklis, and her mother-in-law, Debbie Miklis. Both Marcy and Hannah have been recipients of our chapter's support.

The battalion activities for 2012 have not yet been developed. We will keep you apprised of the many 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. Molly and I have been traveling to Camp Pendleton about once a month to deliver various types of support packages.

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

Semper Fidelis,  
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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.

### 2012 Chapter Business Meeting

#### LA Chapter Annual Business Meeting

**Saturday, January 14, 2012**

**Meeting starts at 10AM**

**Brunch at 11AM**

**Odyssey Restaurant**

**15600 Odyssey Dr.,**

**Granada Hills. CA 91344**

**Cost: \$30.00 Per person**

### Blue Diamond Anniversary

**Camp Pendleton California**

**January 30, to February 2012**

Refer to your Old Breed News for more information and registration form.

### BODFISH CAMPOUT

**9-12 February 2012, Piru, CA**

**See 2012 Registration Form on Page 5.**

**It is also posted in the "E" Version of the**

**Semper Fi Newsletter and may also be**

**downloaded "ON Line" at our website.**

**[1stmarinedivisionassociationla.org](http://1stmarinedivisionassociationla.org)**

**Be Sure To Get Your Registration in**

**Before February 3rd**

**SEE PAGE 5**



## A Message From Our Chapter President, Myrl Wallace

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Marines and fellow FMF Corpsman,

Happy New Year! It is the time for new beginnings, and a time to start planning our activities for 2012. The first order of business for this new year is our annual Chapter Business Meeting at the Odyssey Restaurant in Granada Hills on 14 January. The meeting will begin at 1000. Brunch will start at 1100. All of you who have attended in the past know what the buffet is like at this restaurant. Absolutely cannot be beat.

We have the annual Bodfish Chapter Campout from 9 to 12 February at the Piru Petroleum Club Park in Piru. It is advisable to get your reservation form in as soon as possible, if you haven't already. The hotel in Fillmore does fill up reasonably fast. There are other hotels about twelve miles to the east in the Magic Mountain area, but they will not give you the deal that our Best Western in Fillmore does. Plus, you are only about 7 – 8 minutes away from the Campout. While your mind is on making the reservation, think about what you may have laying around that would make a great auction item for our Bodfish Auction. We need good items for the auction. As you know, all the money raised goes to pay for the NCO Sword, and the Corpsman K-Bar, and to support the Mounted Color Guard.

We have a great year in front of us. Get out and participate in our functions, and get others who haven't in some time to come along. This is your chapter, support it.

Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever

Myrl



## A Word from Dick Cesaroni, Chapter Legal Officer

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First of all I would like to thank each and every member and or spouse who generously put us \$660 over the top of our annual goal for the years cost of operation. To you I give a great big Semper Fi & OORAH. Well-done troops. It makes me feel proud of all the support we get. *"I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure"*

I again call on all of you to join the Grunt Club or the Super Grunt Club for 2012. If you do then I promise I won't bug you each and every month about supporting the Chapter. I will even cut back on my bloviating.

In some of my past articles I have had the tendency to bloviate. I do not set out to bloviate but I do get carried away some times. Don't go rushing to your search engine or a dictionary, I will tell you what bloviate means. It is defined as: to write verbosely and windily. I only try to copy some of my fellow officers who do bloviate at times. The editor of the SFN cuts too much bloviating short. *"Old age comes at an inconvenient time"*

I hope all had is very Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry & Holy Christmas.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Bodfish Campout at the Piru Petroleum Club in February. It isn't Tar Springs but it is still Bodfish.

### The Chapter Christmas luncheon:

Just got home from the Chapter's annual Christmas luncheon. Sadly there were only 77 in attendance. Dale Turner read a report on prior attendance for this affair. When we started keeping tract of attendance about 10 years ago we had over 300 in attendance when we held the party at St. Mary's in Van Nuys about "many" years ago and today we had only 77 persons in attendance. My hat is off to those hardy and loyal people who still support their Chapter. Is the Christmas luncheon-dieing out? Are we witnessing the death throes of our annual get together? I hope not. My wife and I will be at the next luncheon even if it's only us and the waiters and the Chapter officers. Please don't let us down. But we still had fun mingling with old friends and eating great food and the silent auction & other drawings. It's still a fun time. I did say that I was cutting down on my bloviating, so Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all.

Semper Fi and Ooorah!! Stay healthy and keep it legal.

Dick Cesaroni



# 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.**

## Editor's Corner

Dale Turner, Editor  
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**T**wenty-twelve may prove to be a very interesting year not only for our great nation but also for the Chapter. Like those looking to lead the Nation we will be looking for some one to lead the Chapter in 2013.

As many of our current chapter leaders settle into their golden years younger members still remain hesitate or unable to commit to "Leading the Way". This is do in part to family and work obligations or just lacking confidence to take on a leadership obligation and commitment.

Several of our current Officers and Directors have served as Chapter President. This makes for a unique situation and a very rewarding one for the Chapter Officer or Director who may consider taking on the leadership challenge.

With all the experience the Past Presidents have to offer the Marine or FMF Corpsman who decides to run for president will give them the peace of mind to know that there will plenty of support and guidance to get him through the two year term of office.

I'm sure that this article will stimulate discussion among our current Board of Directors at the Newsletter gatherings over the next few months.

Fundraising will also prove to be an interesting this year. This will be the third year for our Family Of Warriors Awards Dinner scheduled for May 3, 2012.

I feel this will prove to be our defining year for this most worthy program dedicated to the support of our Marine Families (E-4 and below ) during deployments.

I'm confident that the 2012 Family Of Warriors Award Dinner will prove to be extremely successful and a productive one.

Last year the event netted over \$110,000. Not one cent is used for the Chapter but rather for the Families of our deployed Marines.

We have locked in three great honoree and are coming very close to locking in our forth honoree for the May 2012 event.

The three honorees that have been selected and have agreed to be honored are, Major General Mike Myatt, USMC Retired, Geoffery Stack, President/CEO Seras-Regis Group and Ernest Frankle, Producer, play write and community leader.

All three of these deserving men are Marines and truly dedicated to the families of our Marine Warriors

Until next month, Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever  
Dale



### BODFISH SKINNY

.....or just plain BS

Larry "IAS" Davis, President  
AKA "CPL LAR"  
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**Happy New Year Bodfisher's,**

I have been cogitating on L.A.P, that is "Life After President", of our internationally famous Bodfish Chapter of Marines. I will advance from I.A.S. to I.A.S., that is From "I Ain't ..." to "I Am ..." This may be hard to explain to my inquisitive family especially the grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In pondering this dilemma I have concluded that P.P. is the badge I could wear and still explain why I am so proud of it. I can say it means: Pretty Popular, or Proud Person, or Perfect Personality or .... Maybe Past President is the best after all.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the dedicated members of the Bodfish RECTUM team for their devotion to duty in covering my behind this past year. God only know how many times they saved my ass. For those of you who are not familiar with the term RECTUM it stands for "Recon Tactical Undercover Monitoring".

These highly trained Marines of the Internationally Famous Bodfish Chapter have dedicated their lives to the security and well being of our Bodfish President's and Bodfish Past President's (BFPP's) over the past forty years.

Although their identities have never been revealed and are only known to the BFPP's you can rest assure that they will be walking amongst us at the Bodfish Campout this coming February.

Perhaps you'll spot a RECTUM Team member. Just watch for an ever vigilant looking individual with cat like reflexes with in arms reach of a BFPP or the Bodfish President

I hope to see many of you next month at the Bodfish Campout.

**Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever!**

Larry I.A.S Davis, President  
(soon to be I.A.S, P.P.)


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**Funeral Honors**  
**1-866-826-3628**

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- Name of Funeral Home and Phone Number
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- Date Of Funeral

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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**

**For upcoming events and meetings**

**Contact Bob Palmquist 714-539-1043**

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**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, PO Box 220552, Newhall CA 91322-0252** (Make check payable to: **FMDA-LA**)

**Dues**

National Annual Membership - \$35.00	National Life Membership - \$1000.00
Chapter Annual Membership - \$15.00	Chapter Life Membership - \$ 100.00
<b>Total \$50.00</b>	<b>Total \$1100.00</b>

**Attention!** Active Duty Marines: Your LA Chapter Membership is **FREE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Last four digits of SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip+4): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouses Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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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