



Semper Fi News

Los Angeles County Chapter, Incorporated
1st Marine Division Association



GOD BLESS AMERICA

JULY 2012

Dale Turner, Editor

SEMPER FIDELIS

'The nearest thing to eternal life we will ever see on this earth is a government program.'
Ronald Reagan

LA County Chapter, Inc. Annual Jack Coughlin Fund-raiser.

The fund-raising period runs from
1 June to 30 September 2012

Current Grunts Club Membership expires on
30 September 2012 (See Page 2).

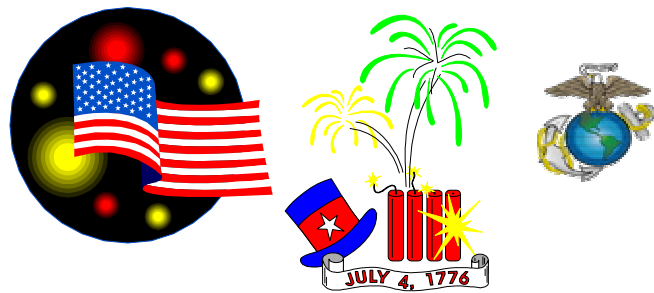
The funds received from the generosity of
our members and "Friends of the Chapter" is
the Chapters only source of income.

Without it, we could not survive as a Chap-
ter.

As in the past a special drawing will be held
at the Annual Chapter Christmas Luncheon for
those who donate \$50.00 or more. Please lend
your support and donate.

Thank you and Semper Fi
Dale Turner, Fund-raising Chairman

Happy Independence Day



July 4, 2012

236 YEARS OF "ONE NATION, UNDER GOD"
AND HIS MARINES STANDING GUARD.

Semper Fi

The Chapter thanks the following members
and supporters for their early donation to this
years annual fund-raiser

1 October 2012 to 30 September 2013

Jack Coughlin (Deceased)
3rd year of a 5 year \$200.00 annual endowment .
Steve and Adrianna Russell

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Nile Holmes
Bill Turner
Dave Marshall
Bill Shedlov
Ed Demrest
Anita Waselinko

PROOF OF NOTICE

There will be a meeting of Officers and Directors
on Tuesday, July 31, 2012 at 1100

Location: Vincenzo's Pizza,
24504 Lyons Ave, Newhall 91321

PLEASE RSVP

DT Adjutant

1st Marine Division Association 65th Annual Reunion

PORTLAND, OR August 13 - 18, 2012

Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel

Bodfish Hospitality Room

Located on the second floor in the
Mt. Hood Room near Sgt Grits, PX



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GRUNTS CLUB MEMBERS

The following members & Supporters are major
Contributors to the Annual LA Chapter Fund-raiser.

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

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| *LA CHAPTER | Dane Jensen |
| *LYNX Technik Inc | *Arthur J. Jackson
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<i>In loving memory of
her father Herb Parry.</i> |
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Jimmy Greene | |
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<i>In Memory of George Hatzidakis</i> | |
| *Nile Holmes | |
| *Jasper Hood | |

*It's Never Too Late
to Donate.*

Semper Fi

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

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

1st Marine Division
Family of Warriors Support
 Tom Kelly—818/884-5355
 takellype@att.net



Molly and Tom Kelly

The 1/4 has safely returned from their MEU and is now on post deployment leave. Unlike the Marine Corps fashion, “hurry up and wait”, they arrived ahead of schedule. Thanks to all the chapter members who responded to the call of Operation Help a Hero. Since they arrived early, it was necessary to “improvise, adapt and overcome” which meant that most, if not all, of our volunteers were not able to participate. The work parties took place on a very short notice and started on Monday, June 4th with the first of the units arriving that evening. All the barracks were made ready for that evening’s and the following evening’s arrivals. On Wednesday they were able to finish the rest of the barracks in time for the last of the battalion’s units arrival on Thursday evening. Again, thanks to all for volunteering even though we actually were not able to participate. Next Time!!!

The 3/1 has also returned with their final units’ homecoming on June 21st. They will be at Camp Horno for approximately a week and then will be on their post deployment leave. Thanks for all the prayers in bringing our Marines and Sailors safely home.

Molly and I would also like to thank those members, spouses and friends for their continued support of the battalions. The next time we go down to Camp Pendleton, we will not only be transporting diapers (thanks to the Family of Warriors dinner), but also baby blankets thanks to Rose Cesaroni and her crocheting friends and to Carol Rutledge. We are also experiencing an increase in the number of coupons that we send down every 2 weeks so much so that we have started using flat rate boxes. Thanks go to Anna Brown, Betty Kipp, Dave Marshall, Kathy Johnson (Kipp’s daughter), Nancy Johnson, Rose Cesaroni, Don Tennenbaum and Mary Johnson for all their support.

Summer activities are being planned and we will keep you apprised of the opportunities to interact with our Marine and Sailor families. Stay tuned for more!!!

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

Semper Fidelis,

Tom Kelly

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2012 Calendar of Events

ATTENTION!

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.”

AUGUST

65th Annual Reunion

Marriott Riverfront, Portland, OR

August 13-19 2012

SEPTEMBER

Del Mar Campout, Camp Pendleton

Friday, 14 September to Sunday, 16 September

Kid Cove Room \$99.00 a night ,3 Night Min

Back Row Rooms \$85.00 a night (some 2 night min)

Meals:

Messhall Breakfast \$5.50 per person (All ages)

Saturday Buffet Dinner Eagles Landing Golf Course

\$22.00 per person (All ages)

All three meals \$33.00 person , regardless of age.

See page 4 for more information.

Coordinator for this event, Tom Kelly

OCTOBER

DAY AT THE RACES

Thursday, October 18, 2012

\$38.00 per person

Coordinator for this event, Richard Oldenburg

NOVEMBER

Marine Corps Birthday Celebration

Saturday, November 10th, 1700—2400

VFW Post 6885 (661-252-6885)

16208 Sierra Highway, Canyon Country, CA 91351

No Coordinator needed, just show up.

DECEMBER

34th Annual Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 15, 2012 1100—1500

Monterey At Encino 16821 Burbank Bl. Encino CA 91436

\$35.00 Per person Tax, Tip, Entertainment included in price

Coordinator for this event, Dale Turner

JANUARY 2013

Annual Membership Meeting & Election of Officers

Saturday, January 19, 2013 0930

Special Discounted Price for Members & Guests

\$25.00 per person.

Coordinators for this event Turner & Turner

FEBRUARY 2013

Bodfish Campout, Fillmore

Thurs. Feb 9th, Friday, Feb 10th & Sat, Feb 11th

Checkout Sunday Feb 12th by noon



A Message From Our Chapter President, Myrl Wallace

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Marines and fellow Corpsman,

Independence Day is upon us. For many of us, it is a day of BBQ's, picnics, a day at the beach, or just relaxing. This is as it should be. But, we as Marines and as Americans need to remember and teach what this day in history actually was. The war that was fought to gain our independence. The sacrifices that our founding fathers made to achieve that end. Needless to say that through the years we have had to go to war many times to keep our independence. Unfortunately, the enemies of our country have discovered that the best way to take away our freedoms is not through war, but from within.

I have heard so much apathy and complaining these past couple of months about the elections system. These same people are the first ones to start barking about the people that are elected. We have just had our state primaries, and I have yet to find anyone who went out and voted. Folks, get involved enough to vote. It is your freedom that we are talking about here.

It is the middle of summer, and hopefully if you are not on vacation, or have already returned, you have one planned. If not, we do have our annual Del Mar Weekend Campout at Camp Pendleton. The cabins have all been renovated and modernized. You have to pay real money to stay somewhere else like this. We have some great meals planned, and of course the Bodfish will be providing refreshments. These will lead to many true stories, and of course Tom Kelly reciting ancient and honorable prose. Get your reservations now!

Marines, this is your Chapter. Support it. Have a safe and fun summer.

Semper Fi
Myrl Wallace

DEL MAR CAMPOUT 2012

Details for this year's DEL MAR CAMPOUT are complete. The dates are 14 September through 16 September 2012.

COTTAGES

We have reserved 14 Cottages in Kid's Cove at \$99.00 a day and 16 Cottages in the Back Row at \$85.00 a day.

We have RV Spaces 34-43 (2nd Row) at \$50.00 a day.

Most cottages have a minimum Three (3) day stay. We have a few (two) day stays available. Contact Tom Kelly at takellype@att.net or 818 884-5355 to reserve your cottage. The cottages now have only one (1) double bed (no pull-out sofa or futon). "Campers" must bring air mattresses or cots to accommodate children.

MEALS

Saturday Mess Hall Breakfast: \$5.50 per person.

Sunday Mess Hall Breakfast: \$5.50 per person.

Saturday Dinner at EAGLES LANDING LOUNGE at the Golf Course.

Barbeque Buffet including Chicken, Pork Ribs and all the Trimmings: \$22.00

All three meals for "Campers" and Guests: \$33.00 All meals are **PRE-SOLD**. Meal tickets will not be sold at Del Mar. No reduced prices for Children.

EVENTS

As of this date we have a tour of the Ranch House scheduled for 1100 on Saturday, 15 September

RESERVE YOUR COTTAGE OR RV SPACE

Cottage rental must be paid within ONE (1) WEEK after making reservations in order to hold the reservation. No reservations will be accepted after 22 August 2012.

Full payment to MCCA and return of all un-rented cottages and RV Spaces is due 31 August 2012.

Make checks payable to FMDA-LA

*Put "Del Mar Campout" in memo portion of your check.

Mail to: FMDA-LA
P.O. Box 220552
Newhall, CA 91322-0252

Note: In addition to the names of people attending the mess hall breakfasts MCCA requires a list of all participants staying in cottages and visiting the P.X. and cash sales.

BODFISH! ATTENTION!!

BODFISH HOSPITALITY ROOM

Join us in the **Mt. Hood Room** located on the **Second Floor** of the Marriott Portland Downtown Waterfront Hotel. The Bodfish Hospitality Room will be open starting on Tuesday, 14 August 2012 . It will remain in operation through Saturday night, 18 August.

If you would like to contribute to the Bodfish Hospitality Room send your check to the Bodfish Room Coordinator, Norm Kellems.

Make check payable to:

Norm Kellems

Put "Bodfish Hospitality" in memo portion of check

Mail to:

**Bodfish Hospitality Room 2012
C/O Norm Kellems
9706 E. Ave S-8, Littlerock, CA 93543**

Those Marines and FMF Corpsman who contribute \$100.00 or more will receive a 2012 Bodfish Hospitality Room Pin.



This pin when worn, in the Bodfish Hospitality Room, will entitle you to unlimited drinks and snacks at no additional cost . This pin is a "Bodfish badge of honor" that shows your loyalty to the Bodfish Chapter.

**You can not get a better deal anywhere.
Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever!**

*HM2(FMF) Robert L. Owens
August 31, 2007*

Owens a U.S. Navy FMF Corpsman serving with Marines, wrote a wonderful poem and it is re-copied here for you. It is titled

"Bury me Next to a Marine"

*Bury me next to a Marine,
When my time has come to an
end, So I can spend eternity,
Beside my brother and friend*

*I've served beside them for
years And they've inspired me
every day. They've never asked
for anything, So a debt I can
never repay.*

*None of them served for glory,
None for money or fame. But
they've served in every clime
and place, Heroes with but one
name.*

*No one will ever outdo them,
Their honor is never outdone.
They will all go down in history,
As America's favorite sons.*

*Marines will never fail you,
And their guard will never
cease. Please bury me next to a
Marine, So I may rest in peace.*

*The title "Marine" cannot be bought, rented
or lent it can only be earned .*



May God Bless our FMF Corpsman

Editor's Corner

Dale Turner, Editor
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Saturday, 23 June 1430.

Emily and I just got home from the Chapter's Memorial Service honoring the 274 members who have left us to report to their final duty station, Heavens Gate.

The names were read of those members who have left us since our last Memorial Service. I have listed them in the order in which they passed.

John Meehan
Francis Shea
Howaed "Bodfish" Bales
Jim Wiery
Al Kinsley



The Memorial Service was followed by a celebration honoring our Chapter's FMF Corpsman.

Listed from front to rear are **Joe Candilora**, Korea, **Myrl Wallace**, Vietnam, **Jim Mann**, Vietnam, **Chuck Gore**, Korea and **Marshall Rowe**, Vietnam.

Each FMF Corpsman expressed their feelings and thoughts of their time assigned to the Marines. Each agreed it was the best of times, and at times, the hardest of times. They had no regrets and would do it all again. They were honored to serve with the Corps.

Regardless of who you served with our FMF Corpsman were a very special breed of man.

I recall them to be dedicated and committed to the well being of all us Marines. Weather it was an aspirin for a headache, a bandage for a scrape or morphine for a wound "Our Doc" was always there to address the needs of "His Marines".

I was proud to see that five of our FMF Corpsman took the time to join us for our Annual "Corpsman Up" celebration. We are honored to have you as members and our own Chapter FMF Corpsman.

"Semper Fi Doc's"



BODFISH SKINNY

.....or just plain BS

MYRL "IAS" WALLACE
PRESIDENT Feb 2012- Feb 2013

Not too much has been happening around north Santa Barbara County this past month. We did have our annual Elks Rodeo, which I was an active participant of the volunteer hosts for VIP guests. In talking with some of our VIP's I was asked if I knew John Loomis. A lot of our guests are ranchers, and have had business with John, or Loomis farm supply. It was indeed refreshing to meet people from outside of the First Marine Division who have known one of our members in years gone past. Needless to say, there were stories which none of the Bodfish had ever heard before. Most of which cannot be passed in proper company. Some of our guests asked if the Bodfish was still meeting at Tar Spring Ranch. I explained our current arrangements, and of course that would bring up another story. It was a good weekend. A lot of money was raised for local youth recreation, good friends were made, and the legend of the Bodfish continues farther and wider than we can imagine.

Semper Fi & Bodfish Forever
Myrl "IAS" Wallace

First Call is sounding.

Richard Oldenburg



It's time for the races. On October 18th at 1300 the horses will be at the starting gate for the FMDA-LAC's Day at Santa Anita.

Doors open at 1100.

Once again Marines and their guests will enjoy the buffet for lunch, perhaps place a bet and maybe win some money.

The all inclusive Santa Anita FMDA-LAC's package includes:

- Valet Parking
- Admission to the Club House
- Buffet from 1200 to 1400 hrs.
- Daily Racing Program
- And the Early Bird Special

All of the above for only \$38.00 per person

Payments received by October 1, 2012 will also receive the Early Bird Special, a voucher for placing a bet on the Daily Double or Exotic Bets (pick 4 and 6)

More information will be forthcoming in the August and September Semper Fi News along with a **Registration Form**.

Questions? Call Richard at 661-972-0703


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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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Just send your Email address to:
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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

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**For upcoming events and meetings Call
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**For upcoming events and meetings Call
Dave Marshall
714-549-3939**

**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
Total \$50.00	Total \$1100.00

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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