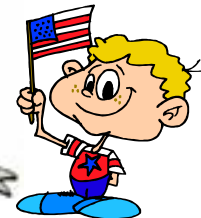
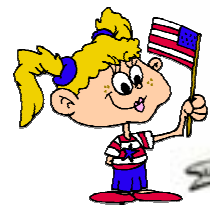


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Dale Turner, Editor



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**SSGT Greg Rogers, 1st Battalion
 4th Marines Joins The FMDA and
 LA Chapter**



From all the Marines and Corpsmen that were able to attend we thank the 1st Marine Division Association members from the bottom of our hearts.

It is not everyday we get to rub elbows with the Hero's of our Corps. And it was very special to see the younger Corpsman interact with the "seasoned" Corpsmen.

The event touched me and made me realize if we don't cherish this time with our real Hero's we will lose it forever.

So with that I wish to be a member and help out when my schedule allows me.

Semper Fi,

SSgt Greg Rogers, USMC
 1st BN, 4th Marines



Corpsman Up!



Once again the Chapter had the honor of recognizing the FMF Corpsman in the Chapter. As an added honor five active duty FMF Corpsmen from 1st BN 4th Marines, 1st Marine Division joined with us in this years celebration.

Back Row Left to Right "Seasoned FMF Corpsmen" Chapter Members

Chuck Gore, Korea - Joe Candilora, Korea - Myrl Wallace, Vietnam - Marshall Rowe, Vietnam - Luis De La Cruz, Vietnam Era

Front Row Left to Right "Active Duty FMF Corpsman"

HN Martinez, Iraq - HM3 Williams, Iraq - HN McKinna, Iraq
 HN Harthcock, Iraq - Chief Delaroca, Iraq

All the above active duty FMF Corpsman are currently serving with 1st BN, 4th Marines. They have all served in other 1st Marine Division units. All the above Corpsman will be deploying with the Battalion later this year.

The turn out for the combined Corpsman Up & Annual Memorial Service was well attended. See page 4 for more on the event.

WELCOME ABOARD!

Raymond P. Warren , L/Cpl - 1-5 - Iraq War Vet 2003/05

Sponsored by Al Lansdale

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Sponsored by Norm Kellems

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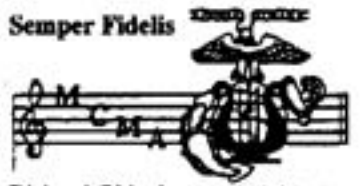

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Dale Turner, Editor

This issue of the Semper Fi News will either turn out to be a disaster or most of you won't even notice any difference in the printing, which I hope will be the case. If the photos and the some of the print is not clear, then I blew it, if not, good it worked.

So what am I referring to? Well in the past the old printer had me convert everything that was in color, mostly pictures, to black and white, a time consuming task.

Our new printer, Lutz Printing, has a better copy machine and the quality of the print and photos, when in color, doesn't seem to be effected.

What this will mean that is the Semper Fi News will now be in partial color when posted to our Website. I'll hope for the best.

Next Subject: Here is an update on Jack Coughlin. He is doing better and his motivation level has increased 100%. Last week, 19 June, he was moved to VA Hospital in West Los Angeles.

He will soon begin an extensive physical exercise program starting off slowly and working up to three-hours a day.

Jack wanted to thank all those who have sent cards or who have sent words of encouragement through myself, Bill Turner, Coleman and other visitors. His son, Coleman, went home to Arizona on Saturday 21 June. So needless to say Jack will be looking for some company. Jack would really enjoy having members stop by and say hell-o. Visiting hours are from 0900 to 2000.

He is located in the following section of the VA Hospital.

Jack Coughlin, USMC Vet
 3 West POD "D Bed 57
 VA Hospital, West LA
 11301 Wilshire BL.,
 LA CA 90073

I believe the above address can be used as a mailing address for cards and notes.

Next Subject: The Chapters Annual Fund-raiser (Alpine Oktoberfest) is off to a good start. I'll be faced with some time frame issues that will put me to the test with managing the incoming donations. I leave for the Nashville reunion on 20 August. I hope most of you who intend to support the Chapter Fund-raiser this year will get your donation and raffle tickets in early in August. I still hope to exceed last years total donations and put a big smile on Jack Coughlin's face. After all this is his program and he has spent the last twenty three years building it and helping, along with your generosity and support, to make the LA County Chapter strong. We are the only Chapter, that I know of, that has "Life Membership Funds" set aside as required by IRS in an interest earning account. It took us many years to achieve this goal and IRS 501c19 non-profit requirement. Well, till next month "Happy Trails to You"

Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever. *Dale*
 dalefmda@earthlink.net (661-253-1981)



Dick Cesaroni

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:
 Your Chapter has established a new policy as it relates to ALL events scheduled by the Los Angeles County Chapter where a fee is required for attendance (e.g. The Chapter Christmas luncheon, Corpsman/Memorial Service luncheon, Del Mar Campout, Day At The Races.

Members wishing to attend ANY of the Chapters planned events that requires a fee to be paid MUST purchase that ticket prior to the event. That means ANY event (no exceptions).

A deadline date for purchasing tickets will be printed in the chapter newsletter. ALL CHECKS must be sent to the Treasurer by the listed deadline. Your ticket is your reservation.

Any checks received after that date will be returned to that member.

We have also established a "NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR" policy. In other words, "NO TICKEY- NO EATEY". We will not sell any tickets at the door and if you show up and you have not made a reservation by sending the Treasurer a check prior to the cut off date you will be turned away. We are sorry for these drastic measures but we have been burned so many times in the past that we are forced to adopt these policies. To many times we have begged and pleaded with members to send in a check(s) prior to the event, which for some reason they don't and still show up at the event.

The people that we deal with require a head count from us so the treasurer must have a head count in order for him to order the right amount of food and other services. On to many occasions members who did not send in their checks to make reservations have showed up at an event and we found ourselves running out of food and or space. This has to stop!

So once gain, I cannot impress upon you the importance of sending in your check by the listed dateline. NO CHECK- NO RESERVATION(S). AGAIN, NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT. Any questions or if you need more clarification just call me or email me.

Dick Cesaroni – Legal Officer
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FMDA-LA Calendar of Events

DEL MAR CAMPOUT
 12—15 September 2008
 Check your June issue of the *Semper Fi News* for cost.
 Last day to reserve a cottage or RV Spot is **Friday, August 15th, 2008**

Alpine Village Fund-raising
 This years Alpine Village opening night will be held on **Friday, (NOT SATURDAY) 12 September 2008 at 7PM**
 This date is in direct conflict with **our Del Mar Campout.**

The Chapter had no control over either event dates. It is doubtful if any members will be attending Alpine Village.

The Chapter Officers will be at **Camp Pendleton on Friday afternoon**

DAY AT THE RACES



Is Scheduled for Thursday, Oct 16th
 The cost this year will be \$34.00.

Valet parking is included in the price

If you would like to attend a great Day At The Races, in an outstanding lounge, good food and good old Marine fellowshipping call or Email Dick Cesaroni or Dale Turner ASAP. .

We need to have 20 people signed up and paid for by the **10th of September.**

The Chapter has posted a 50%, \$380.00, deposit with Oak Tree, Santa Anita.

The deposit is fully refundable if they have written cancellation with in 30 days of the scheduled event.

If you would like to attend Call Dick or Dale for an Order Form

Dick and Dale's contact info is on the Bottom of page 6

Going To Nashville In August for the FMDA Reunion? We Still Have Four LA/Bodfish Seats Available.

The Chapter has purchased three tables, seating for ten, for the Saturday night Banquet Dinner. If you would like to sit at one of the LA/Bodfish Tables please send your payment of \$75.00 per person along with your meal choice to Dale Turner.

Make check payable to **FMDA-LA** "Not Dale Turner" and mail to:

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 In celebration of 233 Years of Defending Freedom



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Castaway Restaurant
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A Message From Our Chapter President, Bill Turner (billturner26.2@att.net)



Continued From Last Month

I'll toss out a few (dozen) ideas, to hopefully inspire you to make the decision to sacrifice your relationship with your television.

Take the money that you would have spent on cable TV and spend it instead on family membership to the LA Zoo, Museum of Fine Arts, The Children's Museum, and other excellent opportunities that our city provides.

Spend fun, family time together at these interesting, engaging, and educational places. Yes, it is more work to load up and drive to these places than it is to plop down on the couch with the remote control, but I've found the long-term benefits to be more worthwhile.

Turn off the TV and read a good book. If you don't like to read, get audio books also known as "Books on Tape" though most are available on CD or MP3 format now as well. These are available for free from your public library so there is no excuse not to listen. You can also listen to some great motivational and inspirational audio programs.

You may volunteer at your favorite charity such as American Stroke Assoc, American Heart Assoc, March of Dimes, become a Decent at your local court house, become a mediator for the D.A. office. There are many organizations that could use your time and skills.

As a performing artists—musician, trick ropes magician, Quick draw, Juggler, borrowing TV time is a great way to create time to practice, rehearse, and develop new routines and material. It is a great way to pull time seemingly out of thin air to use to create an exercise program, plant a garden, read a book to a child or blind person, make a phone call to an old friend whom you haven't talked to in years. These are things that you will remember for the rest of your life. These activities are so much more meaningful than watching a poorly written sit-con.

Many have written about putting more life into your years by focusing on these little things that mean so much. Now, you cannot only put more life into your years, you can actually borrow the time to do it. You can borrow these "TV hours" interest free and you never have to pay them back. What a great deal. How many hours are you going to borrow tonight? In what ways are you going to improve your life with those hours? If your already in an organization, run for an office, help plan activities, write articles for their newsletter or publication, get involved, support those who you elected. If your reading this, your already a member or connected to the FMDA LA chapter, how about using your borrowed time selling tickets to the Octoberfest? This is our major fund raiser or life blood, the chapter gets 100% of every ticket sold, every dollar goes to the chapters general fund. Use your resources, (family, friends, doctor, dentist, barber, car wash, pharmacy, anywhere you spend money) you can't sell if you don't ask.

Semper Fi Marines and FMF Corpsman

Well, what a great reunion this is going to be. The Gaylord Opryland Hotel, is big and beautiful, and lots of places to eat. I was only there for two days, so I was unable get to see down town Nashville. I did talk to this gentleman who has lived there all his life, and he informed me that Jack's in Nashville is the best BBQ you will ever have. Right down the street from the hotel is a Cracker Barrel General Store, and restaurant. Lot's of food for a small price. I have a list of places to eat, but not enough space in the newsletter to list them all.



Tom Whetzel

Now the Chapter Rep. Meeting. The meeting was good, the changing of some of the Chapter By-laws was put on hold until August. One of the main things that was voted on was the Old Breed News. If you (DID Not) send in your \$15.00 a year fee, you will not be getting it anymore. You can still read it on line. The only reason you got one this time was for the reunion.

The other day a few people came up to me, and said where did you get that T-Shirt with the 1st Marine Division Association LA Chapter on it? It was in the Semper Fi News letter's May & June 2007. They were only \$10.00. Sorry you missed out, it's a great shirt. PLEASE read your Semper Fi Newsletter, and don't miss out. If you have any questions about the reunion please send me a e-mail, or call.

Until Then, Semper FI

Tom Whetzel, Chapter VP
LA Chapter Representative.
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In Memory of the 249 members who have passed on.

From May 2007 to 7 June 2008 fourteen members have left us to join their fellow Marines at their final duty station "Heavens Gates"

Bill Banducci - Jess Bazan - Vic Bethcher - Fred Coblentz - Art Donnelly - Bob Fushon
Robert George - Gwinn Girad - Jerry McHale - John Ortega - Norm Osborne - Everett Partridge
George Waselinko - Bob Wolfenstein

1-4 Support

The Chapter's 1-4 Pampers and Baby Wipe Drive was a BIG success. The donations made at the Corpsman Up/Memorial Service filled up Tom & Molly Kelly's car. The baby blankets and matching caps donated by the LA Chapter wives were a welcomed surprise to the wives of the Marines and FMF Corpsmen of 1-4. Kudo's to Chapter member **Nile Holmes** who obtained a large donation of Huggies and Baby Wipes from Stater Bros, Store #56, located in San Dimas **Outstanding** Job Niles. Other members attending the BBQ made cash donations for the purchase of even more Pampers and Baby Wipes. Great Job !!



Molly Kelly shares the handcrafted bracelets and key fobs made by member Terry Garrett. Terry donates a portion of his profits to the 1-4 support. To date Terry has donated nearly \$500.00 to this great Support Program.



The Corpsman Up Luncheon/BBQ was outstanding. As always, Norm Kellems did a great job in getting the food lined up. Below are photos take on that beautiful sunny Saturday afternoon by various Chapter members.



SSgt Luginbulh & SSgt Rogers

Dale Turner reads the names of the 14 departed members

Joe Candilora honors all Marines on behalf of all FMF Corpsmen with a moving reading.

Chapter President Bill Turner presents each Chapter Corpsman with a "Corpsman Challenge Coin" on behalf of the LA County Chapter

Norm Kellems tries to recall another "Sea Story" for the young Marines and Corpsmen.