

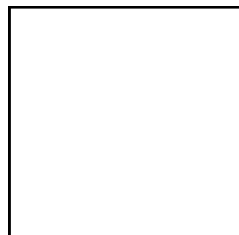
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JULY 2010

Dale Turner, Editor

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No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms.
Thomas Jefferson

IMPORTANT NOTICE - PLEASE READ

The Editor along with many members of the Semper Fi Mailing Squad will be attending the FMDA National Reunion in San Antonio, TX.. Therefore, the AUGUST and SEPTEMBER Issues of the Semper Fi News will be combined and mailed on **Tuesday, 27 July 2010**
You will not receive a Newsletter in September

DEL MAR CAMPOUT

Camp Pendleton, CA
October 1 - 4 2010

Payment must be received by
Friday, 10 September 2010.
See pages 3 and 4 more info

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**)

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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: National Membership is **\$20.00**. Your LA Chapter Membership is **FREE**

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List no more than two _____

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Applicant's Signature/Date: _____ Sponsor: _____

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ACTIVE DUTY CHECK HERE

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Los Angeles County Chapter "Jack Coughlin"

Annual Fund-raising Drive

Once known as the Oktoberfest Annual Chapter Fund-raiser it has now been redesigned as the Los Angeles County "Jack Coughlin" Annual Fund-raising Drive.. The renaming comes as a tribute to the greatest Chapter Fund-raiser this chapter has ever known and co- founder of the prestigious Grunt and Super Grunt Club.

Support Your Chapter Today with a donation or better yet become a member of the Grunt Club.
More on Page 6.



Welcome Aboard To New Chapter Life Member Bud Cashen

Bud is a long time Life member of National and a Founding member of the Blue Diamond Team. Bud was recruited on June 5th at the LAPD Valley Traffic Safety Fair and Car show where the Chapter has a recruiting Booth.

SSgt Bud Cashin is a Korean War Veteran. He served in the Corps from 1949 to 1954 with C-1-5 and 1st CSC.

Welcome aboard Bud, we hope to see you at upcoming events .

Chapter Thanks

Mrs Betty Marshall and her Daughter Mrs. Anita Wise for their donation of Marine Corps memorabilia. The donation was from Mrs. Marshall's late husbands collection . Greg Marshall was a member of the Association and LA Chapter prior to his passing.

We will be pleased and honored to include their donation in future Chapter auctions

A BIG SEMPER FI Goes Out To Tom Whetzel, Maury Starr, Bob Schol, Lenny Shautel, Bill Turner and Dale Turner

For the fine job of manning the Chapter's Recruiting Booth on Saturday, 5 June 2010.
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GRUNTS CLUB MEMBERS

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

Grunt Club status is achieved with a minimum
annual donation of \$100.00

**Grunts Club Members
1 Oct 2009 to 30 Sept 2010**

*LA CHAPTER	Kathy Lander
*Mary Anthony	In memory of Richard Lander
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*Coleman Coughlin	*Don Reid
*Jack Coughlin (Deceased)	*Jeff Roberts
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*Tom Kelly	*Al Wright
*Paul Kim	Terry Young
*Gary Kipp	(26)
Al Kinsley	(28)

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54 Honored Grunt Club Members for
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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

**A Burial Detail will not be provided
unless the above is complied with.**



Dale Turner, Editor

Editors Corner 2010

“Jack Coughlin” LA County Chapter Annual Fund-raiser

From July 1 to September 30th the Chapter will hold its Annual Fund-raiser. Now designated as the “Jack Coughlin” LA County Chapter Annual Fund-raiser in memory of the greatest Chapter Fund-raising Chairman the chapter has ever known. All the proceeds from this event are used to run the Chapter from October to September. Donations are used for the monthly publication and postage of the Newsletter, VA Volunteer Program, School Of Infantry Award program, FMDA Scholarship Program just to name a few. This Annual fund-raising event is the “Life Blood” of the Chapter.

Without your support we would not continue to support the programs we now support or continue to exist as an active Chapter.

To add a little incentive and to make the Fund-raising a little exciting we will have a drawing. Just as last year a drawing will be held and three winners will receive a cash prize. The first name to be drawn will receive \$500.00, the second name to be drawn will receive \$300.00 and the third name drawn will receive \$200.00.

The drawing will take place on Saturday, October 2, 2010 at the Del Mar campout, Camp Pendleton California.

Here is how to enter the drawing;

For every \$50.00 you donate you will receive one entry into the drawing.

Example: \$50.00 = 1 entry, \$100.00 = 2 entries

150.00 = 3 Entries and \$200.00 = 5 entries and **Super Grunt Status.**

You do not need to be present to win. Your winnings will be mailed to you.

I fully understand that not everyone can afford a \$50.00 donation and do not want any member to feel pressured to donate more than they can afford. Any donation, regardless of the amount, is truly appreciated and goes to achieve our goal. Our goal this year is \$10,000.00. It is 5K lower than Jack Coughlin’s annual goal, but being the new Fund-raising guy on the block I wanted to make it achievable.

For those of you who are Grunt Club Members your Grunt Club status will expire on September 30, 2010.

Grunt Club members here is an opportunity to raise your level to super Grunt with 200.00 donation and get five chances at winning.

Make your tax deductible donation to: **FMDA-LA** and put **donation** or if you are renewing your Grunt Club status put either **Grunt Club** or **Super Grunt** donation in the memo portion of your check. Mail your donation to:

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

Until next month,
Happy Trails, Semper Fidelis and Bodfish Forever.
Dale dalefmda@earthlink.net 661-253-1981



BODFISH SKINNYor just plain BS



Bob “IAS” Martinez, President

We are only about six weeks away from the 1st Marine Division Association National Reunion in San Antonio, Texas. You still have plenty of time to make arrangements to attend. Rooms are filling up fast and the last word I got was that they had about 50 rooms left.

Mike “Squidley” Enos has the Bodfish Trailer packed and ready to go. We are going to have a great Bodfish Hospitality Room.

I have authorized fifty percent of my personal security team (RECTUM) to campout in Squidleys driveway from now and until he pulls our for San Antonio. We can’t afford to have that trailer stolen again. Hope to see you in San Antonio. “Remember the Alamo!”

Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever!
Bob “IAS”

LA County Chapter Recruiting Booth

The Chapter set-up a recruiting booth at the 7th Annual LAPD Valley Traffic Division Car show on June 5 at Warner Center Park in Woodland Hills.

The spot was donated by Valley Traffic Advisory Council (VTAC)

The Chapter was assisted by SSgt Duran and Sgt Rojas from Recruiting Group Los Angeles (RGLA).

The Marine Corps Pull-Up Bar, located at our booth drew a crowd of spectators to watch those who dared to meet the challenge.

It helped to recruit one new member, on the spot, and give info and applications to six other 1st Mar. Div. Veterans.



LA Chapter Recruiting Booth



Newest Chapter Member
Bud Cashen



Pictured left: Two year old Luke Chao assisted by Marines and his Dad, William Chao, was one of the favorites who excited the crowd when he “Met The Challenge”.



Luke’s Dad served with 1st Bn. 9th from 1985-89 when the 9th Marines were part of the 1st Marine Division back in 1980’s at Camp Pendleton.



MESSAGE FROM The Chapter Legal Beagle

Greetings to all. As your new/current Chapter Rep for 2010, I am asking for input from all members of the Los Angeles County Chapter as to how things are being run in our Chapter and the FMDA as a whole that I can take with me to the annual reunion of the FMDA in August in San Antonio. Are we/they transparent enough? Should you be getting more info as to what is going on?

If you have any complaints/opinions that need to be shared with the association now is the time to speak up.

Let me know what you feel is wrong or right with the association and I will try and present it to the FMDA administration. As for the Chapter just contact any of the Chapter Officer’s and or Directors and let us know how we are doing. Good or bad!

If you do not feel that the information is flowing up and down then let us know. The only way that we know your concerns is that you let us know.

I just returned from a few days in Virginia. My wife and I (and 16 year old grand-son) took some time out to drive up north to the Marine Corps Museum (only about an hour plus from Richmond to Quantico area). Before touring the museum again (we did it in 2008) we decided to go to Tun Tavern for some lunch inside the museum. Just as we were walking in, “Peepsight” Pendas, (the Past president of the FMDA), was walking out and we darn near bumped into each other. Expect the unexpected.

After a few friendly exchanges of words we all proceeded on our way. If you haven’t visited the new museum, I strongly suggest that if you are ever in the area or even an hour or so drive away it is well worth the trip.

Of course they have a great gift shop where you can spend any loose change (or bills) that you may have on Marine Corps memorabilia.

Do not forget the re-union in San Antonio. It’s a great place for a reunion.

As of 13 June, our granddaughter is now boots on the ground in Afghanistan with the U.S. Army for nine months. Good luck kid & Semper Fi.

Until next month please stay safe and healthy.

Dick Cesaroni, Legal Officer
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2010 Calendar of Events

AUGUST

Bodfish Hospitality Room, San Antonio, TX
The Bodfish Hospitality Room will open on
Monday, August 23rd
and will remain in operation until
Sunday, August 29th

SEPTEMBER

Orange County Chapter LUAU
Saturday, 25 Sept. 2010

1:00pm to 6:00pm

Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station
800 Seal Beach Bl, Seal Beach, CA 90740
\$20.00 Per person

Barneys Beach House On The Base

Note: You will need to sign a release of Liability Form - Contact Dale Turner for form.

OCTOBER

Del Mar Campout, Camp Pendleton, CA

October 1 - 4, 2010

RV Spaces - 10 Spaces available.

\$40.00 a night (No minimum stay)

This rate applies to Military & Non-Military
No exceptions!

Cottages (30 cottages available)

Cottage Rate \$75.00 a day, three day minimum
\$225.00 (Cottage only no meals)

Second cottage in same members name

is \$80.00 a day, three day minimum

\$240.00 (cottage only no meals)

Messhall Meals (Sat/Sun Breakfast)

\$12.00 Per person (Covers both meals)

Saturday Dinner at China Star Buffet,

Oceanside

\$13.00 Per Person Price includes Tax/Tip

Del Mar Campout Payment Must Be received By

Friday September 10th

All unsold cottages must be turned back to MCCA on
Monday, September 13th.

Chapter shall pay for all cottages and RV spots NLT
Monday, 13 September 2010

A Message From Our Chapter President Tom Whetzel

twhetzel@socal.rr.com) - 661-251-7564

Semper Fi Marines and FMF Corpsman

First, Diane and I want to wish you all a Safe and Happy Fourth of July. I know we are all gearing up for our reunion in San Antonio, Texas, and I hope to see you all there.

The Officers and Directors had a special meeting on June 23rd, for the Family of Warriors, with Iris Caplan. And the Chapter, will continue to have more fund raisers for the support of the families of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, and the 1st Marine Division.

At this time, it gives me great honor to announce that I'm making our own **Jimmy Greene, Honorary President.** I know Jack would be very happy about this..

Jimmy's hard work, support and dedication to the Chapter over the past twenty years has earned him this prestigious title.

Until next month, I bid you, Semper FI and Bodfish Forever
Tom Whetzel



Del Mar Campout 2010 Friday, October 1st to Monday, October 4th

Cottages (30 Cottages available)

Cottage Rental and meals for two: \$275.00

Cottage Rental and meals for one: \$250.00

Cottage \$75.00 a day with a three day minimum (\$225.00)

Note: Second cottage in the same name \$80.00 a day three day minimum (\$240.00)

(You can get around this surcharge by putting the second cottage in another family member/ persons name)

RV Spots (Spaces 0-10) \$40.00 a day (No minimum) Note: No price Adjustment for retired or active duty.

Meals prices are as follows:

Sat.Messhall Breakfast: \$6.00 per person

Sunday Messhall Breakfast \$6.00 per person

Saturday Dinner China Star Buffet \$13.00 per person (Price included tax and tip).

All Meals are **Pre-Sold.** I (Dale Turner) will not be selling meal tickets at Del Mar this year.

The Chapter has to submit a list to MCCS of the names of those eating in the Messhall for each day.

(Note: No reduced or half price for children.)

Additional meals for guests (All three meals \$25.00 per person)

FULL PAYMENT must be received by Friday, September 10, 2010.

No reservations will be accepted after that date!

The Chapter has to make full payment to MCCS and turn-in all un-rented cottages and RV Spots on Monday, September 13, 2010.

Make check payable to: FMDA-LA (Put "Del Mar Campout" in Memo of check)

Mail to: FMDA-LA

P.O. Box 220552,

Newhall CA 91322-0252

For further information or questions concerning this event contact Dale Turner at 661-253-1981 between 0900—1700

Bodfish Hospitality Room San Antonio 2010

Dear L. A. County Chapter and Bodfish Chapter Members:

A message from your Junior Bodfish Chapter Past President.

A follow-up to last months message.

A big "Thank You" to the following individuals and organizations who have sent in donations to date supporting the Bodfish Chapter Hospitality Room in San Antonio this August.

***Camp Hamilton *Mike Enos **L. A. County Chapter, Inc.
*Dave Franklin *Emily Turner **Bodfish Chapter
**John Meseure **Dale Turner **Myrl Wallace
*Dick Cesaroni *Tom Whetzel ** Bill Turner
Nile Holmes *Bill Maker *Coleman Coughlin**

Besides all the flags, banners and pictures hung-up around our hospitality room, this year there will be some new and unique items for sale to support the Room activities and our Internationally Famous Chapter. These items, promoting our chapter, are so cool! They were designed and commissioned by dedicated Bodfishers. They are meant to be worn, displayed, carried, stuck on, challenged, and drank. All net proceeds collected from the sale of these items, and any other items donated by loyal Bodfishers, will benefit the Bodfish Hospitality Room and the Bodfish Chapter itself.

These yearly reunions are always great fun, especially with a Bodfish Hospitality Room. We swear in dozens of new Bodfishers every year which makes for super entertainment. One of the highlights of the swearing in ceremony is the motivational and inspirational taped message from your 2009 Bodfish President. It warms your heart and lifts your spirits.

Please send all donations to:

Mike Enos

3901 Eagleridge Drive

Antioch, Ca. 94509

Make checks payable to Mike Enos

In memo write: Bodfish Hospitality Room—San Antonio

Note: Should you donate \$200.00 or more, please email or call me and let me know what your favorite beverage is.

I'll be sure to have it available for you at the reunion.

Thanks for all your help.

Semper Fi & Bodfish Forever

Mike Enos, BFPP

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Support the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines



Molly and Tom

With the deployment of the Battalion, family activities are being planned by Sebrina King, 1/4 Family Readiness Officer.

Chapter members are invited to attend any and all of the activities. We are planning on attending as many of the functions as possible. On Sunday, 11 July, a "New Moms/Moms To Be Party" will be held from 1 to 4 pm. What a great way to show our new Moms that we are a "Family of Warriors". A Beach Day and potluck will be held on Sunday, 25 July at the Del Mar Beach Area. At this time we are planning on attending both activities. If you like to join us or would like further information, please contact us at (818) 884-5355.

The success of the "Family of Warriors" dinner will allow the chapter to provide greater assistance to the families of the Marines and Sailors. If you have any additional ideas for support activities please contact us.

Upcoming support activities for 2010 include:

- New Moms/Moms To Be Party – 11 July
- Beach Day Potluck – 25 July
- Diaper/baby wipe drives – September
- Holiday Gift Certificates – November/December
- "Welcome Home" Activities – December
- Baby blankets/clothes/toys – Ongoing
- Manufacturer Coupons – Ongoing

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

Semper Fidelis,

Tom Kelly

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