



**SEMPER FI "E" NEWS  
SUPPLEMENTAL  
JUNE 2012**

**Dale Turner, Editor**

On behalf of the Officers and Directors of the Chapter I want to thank you for electing to receive the Chapter Newsletter electronically.

This supplemental to the June 2012 issue is just one of the options made available to the Chapter by the magic of the internet.

I'm sad to report that those members receiving the Newsletter by "Snail Mail" will not see this. Oh Well, Semper Fi Mac!

I sincerely hope you enjoy this extra bit of Chapter News.

Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever

Dale Turner, Editor



## **A Message From Our Chapter President, Myrl Wallace**

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Marines and fellow FMF Corpsman,

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of this month, we are having our annual Memorial and Corpsman UP BarBQ at the Canyon Country VFW. I urge all of our membership to attend this important event. It is the one time every year that we can all be together and remember the Marines that have gone on before us. In this day and age our past is being purposely ignored by the powers to be. What is not being ignored is being changed to fit political expediency. It is not only important that we remember, but we should all bring as many family members as possible so that they may learn and enjoy the day.

Norm Kellems will be coordinating the meal so be sure to bring your appetite.

We have also coming up before long our Del Mar Campout at Camp Pendleton on 23 September. This is another outstanding event that the Los Angeles County Chapter has every year.

Unfortunately, participation has been dropping off the past couple of years. The cottages on the beach at Camp Del Mar were completely renovated last year and now equal any commercial beach resort on the West Coast. We have a great party the whole weekend. There are our active duty brothers that stop by and visit with us. We are able to catch up with what is going on in our Corps first hand. We normally get to visit one of the commands of the First Marine Division and learn how things have changed since we were lean and mean. Our brunches at the 21 Area Mess shows us how the chow has changed since we last stood in line with a metal tray, or mess kit. The Saturday Night Banquet has been getting better and better every year.

I charge you all to get off your backsides and support your chapter. If we continue on as we have been, it will not be long before these events will be nothing but history. Once we lose them, there is little chance that we will be able to get them back.

Semper Fi

Myrl Wallace

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## Howard “Bodfish” Bales

**His headstone is proudly displayed and stands in formation with his fellow Veterans.**

**In addition, a tree was planted in “Bodfish Bales” memory at Camp Hamilton, Bakersfield California this past Memorial Day.**

**A special thanks to our Bodfish Bagpiper Don Taylor for keeping the Chapter informed.**

**Also, Thanks goes to Bill Bales for providing the headstone photo taken by Bodfish Past First Lady Bessie Bales .**

**Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever!!**





# BODFISH SKINNY

.....or just plain BS

MYRL "IAS" WALLACE  
PRESIDENT Feb 2012– Feb 2013

Well, it has been a bit somber around the Bodfish this past month. We had the Memorial for Marine, our friend and President Emeritus Al Kinsley. There were stories galore of our President Emeritus, all TRUE. I know this as a fact, because a Bodfisher always tells the truth, and this was backed up by Bodfisher Deacon Pat Coulter. And we know that Pat is the MOST truthful Bodfisher of all. Hot chow was trucked to us in the field, and it was not only appreciated by all in attendance, but it was also quite tasty.

We all miss Al, even though most of us only saw him once a year at the Bodfish Campout. Get around and visit any Bodfish member when you can. Pick up as many true stories as possible. We need some new twists to these stories. Some of them have been heard too many times. We need to have some more "truth" in them.

Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever  
Myrl IAS Wallace

## CONGRATULATIONS

Myrl Wallace for achieving such a great honor  
ALL STATE LEADING KNIGHT FOR 2012



## CHAPTER MEMORIAL SERVICE / CORPSMAN UP BBQ OFF TO A SLOW START

As of 10 June there are only ten members  
signed up for the Corpsman Up/  
Memorial Service scheduled for  
Saturday, 23 June.

A head count for food is needed by  
20 June.

## 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

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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 MCCS 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 MCCS requires a list of all participants staying in cottages and visiting the P.X. and cash sales.

**ALSO, WE DO NOT HOLD COTTAGES OR RV SPOTS WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT UNLIKE WAL-MART WE DO NOT HAVE A "LAY AWAY" PROGRAM**

**Please No installment payments.**