



# Semper Fi News

Los Angeles County Chapter, Incorporated  
1st Marine Division Association



GOD BLESS AMERICA

Dale Turner, Editor

SEMPER FIDELIS

'Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases:  
If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it' - Ronald Reagan

The below listed Marines, FMF Corpsman and Friends donated to Al Kinsley's Memorial Service and Bodfish Chapter in his Memory.

**On behalf of the Kinsley Family, Thank You.  
Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever!**

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*See Al Kinsley Memorial Service Page 5*

## Welcome Aboard To New Chapter Life Member

### Charlie Chase

1stLt. 1962-1969 - Vietnam 1968

The Chapter welcomes Charlie & his wife Gretchen to the Chapter.

Charlie joined the Marine Corps in 1962. Following Boot Camp he was assigned to H&S 1st Bn, 5th Marines. Charlie served as a forward observer until he was selected for flight school.

Upon completion of his training Charlie was Commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

He soon found himself in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot with HMH 463 (Jolly Green Giant)

Charlie & Gretchen live in Nogales, AZ. Charlie became a Bodfish member at the San Antonio Reunion in 2010. He is planning to attend the Bodfish Campout in Feb/2013

Charlie is the first to become a  
"Super Grunts Club" member for 2012/2013

Sponsored by Dale Turner

## 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 Chapter.

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

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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**

|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| *LA CHAPTER                           | Dane Jensen                                |
| *LYNX Technik Inc                     | * <b>Arthur J. Jackson</b><br>CMOH WWII    |
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| *Bonnie Clark                         | <i>her father Herb Parry.</i>              |
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| <i>In Memory of Jim Collins</i>       | G.J. "Sandy" Sandoval                      |
| *Coleman Coughlin                     | Lenny Schustal                             |
| *Jack Coughlin (Deceased)             | Bill Shedlov                               |
| *Pat Coulter                          | Robert Simoneau                            |
| *Howard Crowell                       | *Chuck Singer                              |
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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

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division**  
**Family of Warriors Support**  
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*Molly and Tom Kelly*

It has been an extremely busy time for our families. The 2/4 has returned and is currently returning from their post deployment leave. The 3/1 has also returned and is currently in their post deployment leave. The 1/4 advanced party has returned and is preparing for the homecoming for the rest of the battalion in mid-June. It does not seem possible that they have been deployed that long. It seems just like yesterday we were sending them off.

On Sunday, 10 June from 1200-1600 Operation Help a Hero and the Laguna Niguel Military Support Committee will be working hard to make this a great homecoming for the single Marines and Sailors. Did you know that young, single Marines and Sailors often return from deployment in the middle of the night, with no family present to welcome them back on American soil? Most immediately check into the barren barracks rooms with nothing but the clothes on their backs and all their belongings in storage. Their first night spent back "at home" often leaves them with no means to clean themselves up, get a decent meal or relax.

The mission on Sunday, 10 June is to let the brave, young men of the 1/4 know the sacrifices they have made on our behalf are appreciated. It is hoped to surprise 650+ young, single Marines and Sailors with gifts and sentiments of gratitude left in their barracks rooms (on their racks). Each Marine will be provided with a clean room, presents to show appreciation, a fridge full of refreshments, necessities to help them clean up, welcome home signs and more. Ideally, every Marine will be able to come home with the ability to take a shower, put on clean clothes, get some dinner and enjoy some pampering without the need to go into storage or the store.

This is a great opportunity to show our single Marines and Sailors that we care about them also. Molly and I planning on attending this event and would really like to see other chapter members and their spouses and/or friends participate. Call us if you want to carpool or need any further information. If you cannot participate but would like to contribute some items to be used to welcome home our Marines & Sailors, please contact us. This is really Marines helping Marines!!

The final homecoming date for 1/4 has not been determined. We will keep you apprised of all the homecoming activities as they become finalized. Homecoming is always a great experience for the Marines, Sailors and their families.

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

Semper Fidelis,  
 Tom Kelly

## 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."*

### JUNE

#### Corpsman UP/ Memorial Service

Saturday, June 23, 2012 - 1100 1500

\$15.00 per person

VFW Post 6885 (661-252-6885)

16208 Sierra Highway, Canyon Country, CA 91351

Coordinator for this event, Norm Kellems

### 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

Date and cost to be determined

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



## A Message From Our Chapter President, Myrl Wallace

bigwallace@comcast.net - (805) 937- 0156



Marines and fellow Corpsman,

It has been a busy May. It was reported to me by our Chapter Vice-President that the Family of Warriors Awards Dinner went well. Thanks again to Charlie Meter for standing in for me.

Also congratulations to the 2012 Family of Warriors honorees, Major General Mike Myatt, USMC Ret., Col Ernest Frankel, Jeff Stack and Heeman Lee. It is a great program with all the support of our sponsors and gift givers going to help the spouses and children of our deployed Marines.

Al Kinsley Memorial Service was an outstanding final salute to a great Marine and good friend. Thanks to all who helped to make this tribute a success.

I hope to see many of you at the Corpman Up & Memorial BBQ on Saturday, 23 June. Till then, Semper Fi, Myrl

### 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.

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.

# Al Kinsley Memorial Service

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012



The day was bright and sunny at VFW Post 6885. The Bodfish Chapter Banner was hung. A drawing of “Al in the clouds” sat atop a table next to the coveted Bodfish President Emeritus Bone. Flowers adorned an easel that held Al Kinsley’s picture.

Family and friends sat patiently, slightly baking, in the warm sun. All was set. Then came the command, “March on the Colors” and the Young Marines of Santa Clarita Valley advanced at a slow march as Bodfish Bag Piper Don Taylor played a slow Marines Hymn.

The colors were posted and Deacon Pat Coulter walked to the lectern to officiate the celebration of life. Al was surely smiling from that big Bodfish Saloon in the sky knowing that his good friend and retired mustang Marine Major was handling his service.

During the ceremony several friends and family spoke of Al and how he had made such a positive impact on their lives. Al’s brother Bill (Bodfish Chapter Chaplain) shared emotional words and thoughts with all.

Bodfish Gunny Emeritus, Bob Barron, sat close and kept a watchful eye on the current Bodfish President Myrl “IAS” Wallace and Vice-President Bill Turner and all Bodfishers insuring that they maintained proper decorum. It was a grand celebration of life.



Al’s son, Herbert A. Kinsley IV, known to all as “Bert” read from the scriptures and then addressed the guests.

Bert thanked everyone for their support and love shown to their father and to the family.

A life had been celebrated and it was now time to render a final salute to a great man, Marine and friend. The honor guard raised their rifles and fired three volleys. Bodfish Bugler, Lenny Schaustal, raised his bugle and sounded TAPS.

Major Pat Coulter, USMC Retired presented the flag to “Bert” Herbert A. Kinsley, IV. Semper Fi & Bodfish Forever!

## Editor's Corner

Dale Turner, Editor  
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### A word from your Chapter Adjutant, Dale Turner

Below is the yearly schedule for Officers and Directors meetings. The meetings are held in the Odd months of each calendar year.

I recommend that you cut and post the below schedule in a place you can readily reference.  
Semper Fi DT

### Los Angeles County Chapter, Inc. 1st Marine Division Association

#### Officers & Directors Meetings

O&D meetings are held on odd months of the calendar year.

**January**

**March**

**May**

**July**

**September**

**November**

With the exception of January (General Business Meeting) all O&D meetings are generally held on the last Tuesday of the odd month in conjunction with the newsletter mailing.

#### By-Law, Article 4, Paragraph 6 Meeting of Members

#### Attendance:

Attendance by all officers and other members of the Board Of Directors is expected at all meetings. Any member of the Board Of Directors who is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings shall be automatically released from his office.



## BODFISH SKINNY

.....or just plain BS  
MYRL "IAS" WALLACE  
PRESIDENT Feb 2012– Feb 2013

### Attention Bodfishers! Pass the word

## 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.*

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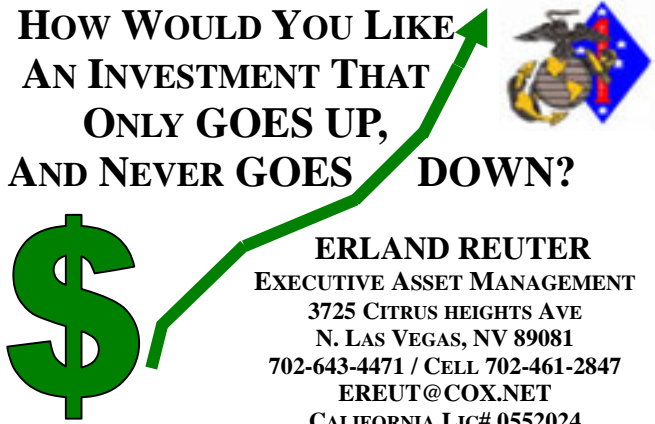
Upon the Death of Member of the Chapter the Family shall instruct the Funeral Director to call the below number and provide the listed information to Headquarters Marine Corps.

**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.**

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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**

**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 Call  
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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 |
| <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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