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Dale Turner, Editor



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### AFTER 42 YEARS IT'S TIME TO SAY FAREWELL TO THE BODFISH CAMPOUT

Time has taken it's toll on the old buildings and on many of us. Although expected it was a sad moment when Lindy Loomis announced that the Bodfish campout would be no more.

As I looked around at the many faces in attendance over the week I could not help to miss the many faces that once graced this great event. Most have gone to Heavens Gate for their last duty assignment as others are too old or ill to attend.

However, for the 170 brave soles that did attend the final campout we had a great time and enjoyed and savored every moment.

The Chapter will continue and the motto "Bodfish Forever" will hold true in the hearts, minds and the dedication of those Marines, FMF Corpsman Sailors, Soldiers and Airman who have contributed to the Chapter over the years.

Our next Bodfish Annual meeting will be held during the 68th Division Anniversary in Ocean-side, CA beginning January 26, 2009. The Bodfish Hospitality Room will be up and operational at the

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 Bodfish Forever!  
 Dale Turner, BFPP & BFCR



Lindy Loomis thanks all who have supported the Bodfish Campout for the past 42 years. "It's time, this is the last campout" Camp Gunny Bob Barron eyes filled as Lindy said farewell.

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**Bob Beachboard**  
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**Gene Wuestenfeld**  
**HQ 11th Marines CW**

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**Chuck Wiley**  
**Wpns Co 2/1 Korea**

Sponsored by Dale Turner & Jack Coughlin  
 (It only took Jack and I five years to get Chuck to join)

### The Chapter Mourns the Passing of **Robert A. Frushon** **MGySgt, USMC (Ret)**

Robert passed away this past June 2007 at Mayo Hospital in Phoenix, AZ.

The Chapter just recently learned of his passing

Bob served 36 years in the Corps and saw combat action with the 11th Marines in Korea and Vietnam.

In addition to his gallant 36 years of service Bob served as the Captain of the USMC Rifle and Pistol Team for 15 years.

Our condolences to his wife Barbara Frushon and family.

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The following members are major contributors to the  
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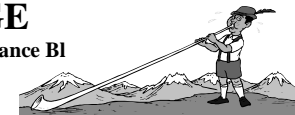
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**Staff Briefing**

The Commanding Officer of a Regiment in the U. S. Marine Corps was about to start the morning briefing to his Staff and Battalion and Company Commanders. While waiting for the coffee machine to finish its brewing, he decided to pose a question to all assembled. He explained that his wife had been a bit frisky the night before and he failed to get his usual amount of sound sleep.

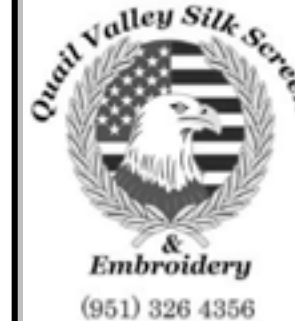
He posed the question of just how much of sex was 'work' and how much of it was 'pleasure?' The X.O. chimed in with 75-25% in favor of work. A Captain said it was 50-50%. The Colonel's Aide, a Lt., responded with 25-75% in favor of pleasure, depending on his state of inebriation at the time.

There being no consensus, the Colonel turned to the PFC who was in charge of making the coffee. What was HIS opinion? With no hesitation, the young PFC responded, "Sir, it has to be 100% pleasure." The Colonel was surprised and, as you might guess, asked why?

"Well, Sir, began the PFC, "if there was any work involved, the officers would have me doing it for them."

The room fell silent.

Semper Fi Mac!  
Bless the Marine Corps.  
God bless PFC's



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Dale Turner, Editor

### Editors Corner 2008

*I'm proud to announce that I'm your Bodfish Chapter Rep.*

History was made at this last campout. For the first time we have a father and son who have held the office of Bodfish President. In fact the Chapter has had three Coughlin's as President. Tommy, Jack and now Coleman .

The Bodfish Chapter report is nearly finished. It will be mailed by 1 March to National HQ and to the Deputy VP and the FMDA VP..

I'll be heading to Nashville, TN on April 11th to represent the Bodfish Chapter at the Directors Spring meeting. I'll report on the meeting in the May Newsletter.

While in Nashville I plan on looking into our Bodfish Hospitality Room.

Mike "Squidley" Enos is already making plans to drive all the Bodfish memorabilia to Nashville. Like in the past we hope to have another great hospitality room for all to enjoy. Pass the word!!

I hope the folks in Nashville are more hospitable then the hotel folks were in Philly. If they are anything like the hotel folks in Palm Springs, Kansas City and Denver we're in for a great week.

As you may haave already read or heard the Bodfish annual meeting and election of new officers for 2009 will be held at the Guesthouse Inn in January during the Division Anniversary.. A word to the wise, book your room early at the GUESTHOUSE INN . Don't forget to mention the Bodfish Chapter when making your reservations .

The Bodfish Sword of Honor and Devil Doc Awards will be presented during that week to a Marine NCO and FMF Corpsman from the Division.

Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever!! Dale



Could this be the mystery "Cannon Paint Crew" ?  
The Boys from Texas?  
The eyes of Texas our upon us!



Jack & Coleman Coughlin

### BODFISH SKINNY (1) .....or just plain BS

We have reached the end of an era! The news was passed at the recent Campout at Tar Spring Ranch that there would not be any more of the events. This decision was made by Lindy Loomis and I don't believe it came as a surprise to any of us. The buildings are getting old and they are beginning to show the wear and tear of the last forty two years. This brings along a greater amount of possible liability and just adds to the overall fear that someone might get hurt on the property.

I took a few moments to look at some of the pictures that cover the walls. I saw General Snedeker, General Balance, Mitch Paige, "Crow" Crawford, and of course, John Loomis. Naturally, there are many others and I only mention these few at this time. They are all legends of Tar Spring Ranch and of our Corps. Just to have been a part of this gives me a certain amount of awe and pride. I am sure, like many of you, we have our own memories of our time at the Ranch. Also, I was very pleased that all of my kids were able to share in this last Campout. They have all been going since they were teenagers.

The Past Presidents had a meeting and to be sure, it will be "Bodfish Forever" We know that we could never duplicate any thing but we will have the Campout in conjunction with the First Marine Division Anniversary in the latter part of January.

In this article, over the next months, I will be giving you updates and let you know how things are progressing. Give me some feed back from time to time, all ideas are welcome.

Well we had our regular election of new officers for the Bodfish Chapter, the results were: Coleman Coughlin, President; Bob Martinez, Vice President; Norm Kellems, Treasurer; Tom Whetzel, Secretary, Myrl Wallace, Sgt at Arms; Chapter Rep, Dale Turner; Bobby Barron, Camp Gunny and Lindy Loomis Grounds Keeper. A fine group to lead us into the uncharted water of a new venue. You might notice the new name of my article. Our new President let me know who was boss from the very start. He said he wanted a name change. I protested that I was the editor, and he told me he was the President. He seems to be wrapped up in himself and is a "me" type of person. You know, everything is about "me". He even told me, "It's 'me' way or the freeway." I'll just wait to see how all this turns out. You might remember "Skinny's" the latest news, gossip, scoop, rumor or "scuttlebutt" That's all for now.

Jack Coughlin, Bodfish Forever Editor and Past President



Back: Bob Marintez, Coleman Coughlin, Tom Whetzel  
Front: Bill Kinsley, Norm Kellems, Al Kinsley

## FMDA-LA Calendar of Events

**United States Marine Corps  
Battle Color Detachment  
Saturday, March 1st 2008  
10AM  
Rose Bowl Stadium  
1001 Rose Bowl Drive,  
Pasadena, CA 91103**

Look for our Chapter members and family

**Corpsman Up !  
and Chapter Memorial Service**  
*(This will be a combined event)*

**Saturday June 7, 2008  
Rancho San Antonio Boys Town of the West  
21000 Plummer Street, Chatsworth, CA  
West of DeSoto Ave.**

*Price and time to be announced*

### Bodfish Sword Of Honor and Devil Doc Award 2008

The Bodfish Sword of Honor and Devil Doc Award was presented at the Bodfish Campout. Bob Bobst, Bodfish Past President and WWII FMF Corpsman, presented the Devil Doc Award to FMF Corpsman HN Devin J. Whitaker (pictured left). Whitaker is assigned to the 5th Marines Regimental Aid Station, Camp Pendleton, CA. The Bodfish Sword of Honor was presented to Sergeant Brian S. Giaretta by Bodfish President Emeritus and Korean War Vet Al Kinsley. Sgt Giaretta is assigned to Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines. Both men have seen action in Iraq.



Sgt Brian Giaretta, Al Kinsley, Bob Bobst, HN Devin Whitaker



It's time to relax and "Wet Down" the awards in the Bodfish Saloon

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

*I'd like to commend Tom and Molly Kelly for all their fine work and dedication to the 1st Battalion 4th Marines Support Program. I hereby relinquish my space in the newsletter to the Editor to pay tribute to the Kelly's and our 1st Bn 4th Marine warriors. Till next month, Semper Fi Bill*

### Support the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Marines, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division

This has been an exciting month for us. Molly and I have been very busy with Marine Corps functions.

On 28 January, Molly and I traveled to Camp Pendleton for the 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division. It was an excellent week filled with Marine Corps history and also an opportunity to interface with active duty Marines. Lt Col Bohm, Commanding Officer of the 1/4, hosted the unit hosting for the 1<sup>st</sup> Marines. All those who attended had an excellent opportunity to talk with some of the current active duty marines and share sea stories. At our lunch table we had a corporal who was totally in awe of Mr. Evans who was on the West Virginia at Pearl Harbor and also with Tom who served



Bill Turner, President - Lt Col Eric "Chris" Hastings—Tom Kelly, 1/4 Liaison

in Korea. At the static display we met Marines and Corpsman of the 1/4 who were recipients of the packages we sent last year. Check the web page to see the pictures. At the dinner, Lt Col and Mrs. Bohm and Major and Mrs. Zollman were our guests. We were also very happy to have the incoming Commanding Officer of the 1/4, Lt Col Eric "Chris" Hastings with us.

On Friday, 8 February, Bill Turner, J.J. Leonard, Molly and I attended the 1/4 Change of Command ceremony at Camp Horno. It was an extremely moving ceremony and makes one proud to be a Marine veteran. Lt Col Hastings replaced Lt Col Bohm as the Commanding Officer. He has a standing invitation to the members of the chapter to visit him when they are at Camp Pendleton.

One of the new support activities is baby blankets. Quite a few of the chapter wives knit and/or crochet and we thought it would be a great opportunity to welcome the new members of the 1/4 with a gift of handmade love from the chapter. Yes we are expecting a rise in the number of family members since their return from deployment.

#### Our scheduled support activities are:

- June – Memorial Service/Corpsmen Recognition – Diaper/Baby Wipe Drive
- Sept – Del Mar Campout – Diaper/Baby Wipe Drive
- Nov/Dec – Holiday Commissary Gift Certificates
- Ongoing – Manufacturer Coupons & Baby Blankets

Thank you for all your support in keeping with the spirit of the Corps.

Semper Fidelis,  
Tom & Molly Kelly

#### Thank you note from Major Jay Zollman, Executive Officer of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Marines

Tom, Molly and the LA Chapter,

*Thank you so much for the invitation to the Anniversary Ball. It was wonderful to see you all again and to be in the presence of such legendary Marines.*

*I will always value your friendship and will thank God he blessed our battalion with supporters like you.*

Jay and Ria Zollman

# Bodfish Campout 2008



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Squidley and the Bodfish Saloon Bevy's

A Warriors Story

Bodfish Handshake

New Bodfishers are introduced to "The Creature" Young and Old alike

