

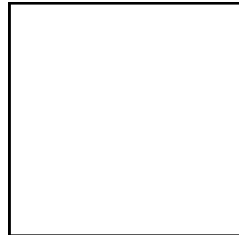
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## MAY 2010

Dale Turner, Editor

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### WORDS FROM THE PAST

The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government. Thomas Jefferson

# In Loving Memory



Let Us Not Forget  
"FREEDOM IS NOT FREE"  
It Comes With A Price

Memorial Day May 31, 2010

Memorial Service & Corpsman Up  
BBQ Has been Changed to  
**Saturday, May 15th**  
See Page 3 for location and time.

## Welcome New Chapter Life Member Ben Cross

Captain, 1st Force Recon, Gulf War Veteran  
Ben is the owner of Semper Fi Tow, Newhall CA

Ben enlisted in the Corps in 1983. He received a meritorious promotion to Corporal. He was assigned to 1st Force Recon prior to leaving the Corps to attend Law School at UCLA. Upon graduation Ben re-entered the Marine Corps as an Officer and rose to the rank of Captain. He left the Corps in 1992 to start his business Semper Fi Tow.

### CHAPTER LIFE MEMBER RUNS FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR

Referred to as "Private Numb Nuts" during Machine Gun School Dan Kumaus went on to become the class Honor man.

Many years have passed since his days as a machine gunner in Vietnam to his run for Los Angeles County Assessor. Visit Dan's website at: <http://www.dankumaus.com>

You can also read about his combat action in a book titled "More Than A Few Good Men" written by his C.O., Lt. Col. Robert J. Driver, USMC Ret.

Semper Fi Dan - You've got my vote - Dale Turner, Editor.

### Los Angeles County Chapter Inc- 1st Marine Division Association Membership Application/Renewal Form

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The new address is :

**1st Marine Division Association  
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Phone numbers and Email and Website remains the same .

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**GRUNTS CLUB MEMBERS**

The following members are major contributors  
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Grunt Club status is achieved with a minimum  
annual donation of \$100.00

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1 Oct 2009 to 30 Sept 2010**

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| Al Kinsley                   | (28)                                  |

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- Date Of Funeral

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## Editors Corner 2010

### What Next, The USS Pelosi?

The following was taken from the Washington Times.

*It has been edited so as not to offend any of our liberal minded readers. If you find this article to be offensive, give me a call. I promise to listen, with an open ear, to your liberal minded views. The Editor.*

#### By THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The late Rep. John Murtha, Pennsylvania Democrat, has achieved his highest undeserved honor. Navy Secretary Ray Mabus has decided to name the Navy's newest San Antonio Class amphibious transport-dock LPD 26 the USS John P. Murtha.

This is a slap in the face to every service member who Bridled when Murtha publicly accused Marines in Iraq of intentionally killing women and children in cold blood.

"This dishonors every Marine who will serve aboard the ship," a Navy officer told the Washington Times. "And it sends a poor message to the acquisition community that politicians can have ships named after them just for sending pork back to their districts." *Milblogger "CDR Salamander"*, who served in the Navy for 21 years, told us this was "a naked political move" and "nothing about this man will be inspiring to the crew assigned to the ship."

To his credit, Murtha was a combat-wounded veteran of Vietnam, but he is hardly unique in that respect. The USNS Benavidez is named for Army Master Sergeant Roy P. Benavidez, who, wounded and under heavy assault, saved the lives of eight men at Loc Ninh in South Vietnam in 1968. He was awarded the medal Of Honor. Likewise the USNS 1st Lt. Harry L. Martin, which is named for a Marine who was mortally wounded on Iwo Jima while leading his men in a counterattack against massed Japanese suicide charge. The USNS Shughart is named after Sergeant First Class Randy Shughart, killed at the Battle of Mogadishu in 1993. These are the types of veterans who should be given such an honor.

The idea to name a ship after Murtha probably did not originate with the Navy Secretary. Some speculate that this is House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's parting salute to one of her loyal hatchet men.

San Antonio Class vessels traditionally are named after cites, and this is the first such ship to be named after a person.

Because this recommendation breaks protocol and tradition, the Navy Department should release the documents that pinpoint its origins and the process by which it was decided..

It's doubtful that the ship naming will do much to honor Murtha. The brave Marines and sailors who serve aboard this vessel probably will refer to it on as **LPD 26** or come up with a colorful nickname like "Porky Pig" or the "Fat Bastard" (The Marine Favorite).

Perhaps Murtha could still be useful in supply the ships slogan: "**Cold Blooded Killers**".

#### Editors Final Parting Comment.

*I can not begin to tell you just how many articles, jokes and political Emails are sent to me daily. Most of them I quickly scan and delete. But, every now and again one will grab my attention and spark a fire in me. This was one of those Emails. Perhaps not good for the blood pressure but I get pleasure in sharing the idiotic and self serving decisions from the fools who are elected and appointed. To all of them I say,*

**SEMPER FI MAC!!!**

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



**BODFISH SKINNY  
.....or just plain BS**



Bob "IAS" Martinez, President

Due to heighten security conditions the Bodfish President is in seclusion and unable to provide an article for this edition.

All Bodfish security agents and Past Presidents have been place on high alert. In addition a new highly trained group has been activated. The **RECON** Tactical Undercover Monitoring Team (**RECTUM** Team) has been activated to cover the Presidents "Six".

Rumor has it that he will be attending LA Chapter Memorial Service and Corpsman Up BBQ on 15 May in disguise. Perhaps disguised as Bodfish Past President Jimmy Greene. Listen carefully for the accent. If it an't Irish it an't Jimmy. Bodfish Forever.

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



Molly and Tom Kelly

On 8 April, Molly and I participated in the Battalion Pre-Deployment Family Day at Lake O'Neill. A fun time was had by all. We met quite a few of the families that we support with the diapers, coupons and blankets. They are very appreciative of all our efforts.



On 19 April, we will be driving to Camp Pendleton to deliver approximately 300 children's books for the "United Through Reading" program. The books were collected for the ship's library. The Marines and Sailors will be able to read a book to their child, sibling, cousin, etc. on video. These videos will then be sent to the child during deployment. This effort was jointly done with Canoga Park Lutheran School and the Canoga Park/West Hills Chamber of Commerce. A BIG thank you to all who participated!!

Our first diaper/baby wipe drive of the season will be held in conjunction with the Memorial/ Corpsman Up BBQ. Please bring your diapers/wipes to the BBQ or send a donation to the chapter with "1/4 support" in the comment line of your check. There is usually an increase in babies just before deployment or just after and they can definitely be used.

Upcoming support activities for 2010 include:

- Diaper/baby wipe drives – May/June and October
- Family Battalion Picnic – Summer '10
- 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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## 2010 Calendar of Events

### MAY

#### Family Of Warriors Benefit Dinner

Sheraton Universal Hotel, Universal City, CA  
Saturday, 22 May 2010 1800—2200

#### Honoring

**Dr. Edward Feldman  
Mr. Edward Roski  
Mr. Kent Valley  
Captain Dale Dye**

Members will soon be receiving an invitation and sponsor menu.

You can help by selling a \$250.00 dinner ticket and or a Sponsor AD

Net profit will go to support the families of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines

For more information contact Dale Turner at 661-253-1981

#### Corpsman Up! & Memorial Service

When: **Saturday May 15, 2010**

What time: 1100 - 1500

Where: VFW Post 6885

16208 Sierra Highway, Canyon Country, CA

Price: \$15.00 per person

Chapter FMF Corpsman are free!!

**Please order your tickets Now.**

### JUNE

#### LA Chapter Recruiting Booth

Saturday, June 5, 2010 0800 –1500

VTAC Car Show and Safety Fair

Warner Center Park,

5800 Topanga Cyn Bl. Woodland Hills

If you would like to help man the booth contact

Dale Turner @ 661-253-1981

### SEPTEMBER

Orange County Chapter LUAU

Saturday, 25 Sept. 2010

1:00pm to 6:00pm

Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station

Seal Beach, CA

\$20.00 Per person

Live Polynesian Entertainment

Hawaiian Food

Barneys Beach House On The Base

There will be a 50/50 raffle.

## A Message From Our Chapter President Tom Whetzel

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**“Once a Marine Always a Marine”** Those are fine words that have a real meaning. No other branch of service can say that, or do they have the words on their flag that say Semper Fidelis, “Always Faithful” We are faithful to one another, we are a brotherhood, and always will be.

Have you ever notice when you are out shopping, or at a outing and you see a person wearing an Army ball cap, someone might say thank you for your service, but when you see a person wearing a Marine Hat or shirt, and you will always hear someone say , “Semper Fi Marine”.

I know I do, because it’s me saying it.

So next time when you are out, try it, and believe me it will make you both feel good.



### First Annual Family Of Warriors Dinner

Buy now you all should have received an invitation to our First Annual Family Of Warriors Dinner to be held on Saturday, May 22, 2010. Although, the dinner is pricy for many of our members I would hope that you would support the program by sharing the spirit of the event with others who may be in a position to be a sponsor , donate or attend the dinner.

The net proceeds of the dinner will go to support the Families of our Marines and FMF Corpsman assigned to the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Also, funding will also be used to support the Chapter “1-4 Holiday Support Program”.

Iris Caplan, President of ICAP Specialty Events has done an outstanding job in identifying and securing four great honorees for the Semper Fidelis “Always Faithful “ Award.

The list of Event Sponsors she has secured is impressive. They include Majestic Reality Co. , Steven Spielberg, Tom Hanks, Rita Wilson and Saes-Regis Group just to name a few.

As Iris and our Family Of Warriors Committee ( Dale Turner, Bill Turner, Charlie Meter) head into the final days leading to the event I’m confident that their efforts along with the support from the Corporate community and fellow Marines will make this an outstanding and profitable event.

I hope to see all chapter members at the Memorial Service / Corpsman Up celebration that has been re-scheduled for Saturday May 15th .

The Chapter will be setting up a recruiting both on Saturday, June 5th at Warner Center Park. LAPD, Valley Traffic Division and the Valley Traffic Advisory Council has made a space available to us at no cost. If you would like to help man the table please contact my self or Dale Turner.

The time and address location of the above mentioned events are posted on page 3.

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

Tom Whetzel

## A Word From The Jr. Bodfish Past President

From all the pictures that have been sent to me of the Bodfish Campout 2009 at the Piru Petroleum Club, it looks like Dale did a super job in organizing the campout and that everyone contributed enormously to insuring its success. I’m sure next year will be even better.

Congratulations to Bobby Martinez for being elected the 35<sup>th</sup> President of the Internationally Famous Bodfish Chapter of the First Marine Division Association. His appointment is so well deserved. For years Bobby has always worked hard to insure the Bodfish Campouts at the Tar Spring Ranch were fun and enjoyed by everyone.

### A note to my dear friends

Those of you who have concern for me already know what’s going on in regards to my health, so I will not give details here on my medical condition or long term prognosis.

Everyone on earth will have physical or mental anguish at some time in their life. This alone does not make them a special person or in any way different than the next individual. I feel the real special people are those of you in the L. A. County Chapter and Bodfish Chapter who took the time, and were thoughtful enough, to put me in your prayers, to send me all the wonderful cards, the e-mails, the phone calls, the letters, the great video and all the pictures taken at the Bodfish Campout in February. I enjoyed reading them all.

During the nine days while I was recovering in the hospital after surgery, one Jarhead from Newhall called me every day (sometimes twice a day *whether I wanted him to or not*) to check on my well being.

Words cannot express my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you. You guys and gals are the best.

I have every intention to seeing many of you at the San Antonio Reunion next August. Arrangements are being made to have the Bodfish Chapter Hospitality Room up and running.

I love you guys and God bless you all.  
Semper Fidelis and Bodfish Forever,

Mike Enos

Bodfish Chapter Past President, Historian and Event Coordinator

In the history of Antioch Kaiser Hospital no patient has ever decorated their room.

Initially Squidley had the room filled with pictures of the legendary Bodfish. The Doctors and Nurses first thought the Squid was a fishing fanatic.

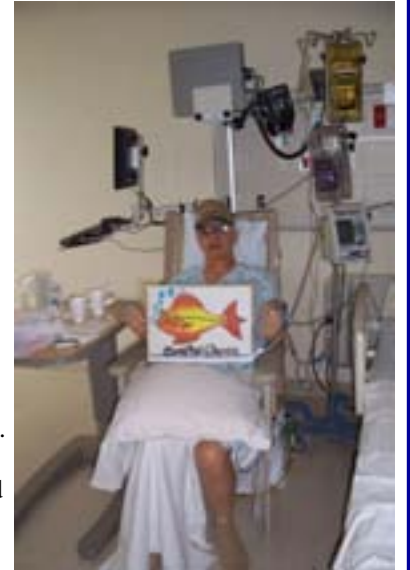
In an effort to set everyone straight he sent Jane, his wife, home to get some pictures of the Bodfish guys and Marine stuff to put along side the Bodfish.

Pictures were soon posted that created some wondering thoughts form the nurses.. One nurse was overhead saying to another nurse, “ Did you see that picture of Mr. Enos with his hand on that mans rear end?” The other nurse replied, “Yes I did.. Perhaps he belongs to a gay fishing club”.

“You may be right” the other replied, “I don’t see any women in the pictures” One orderly asked Mike, “Sir, are you a member of a band?” pointing to the picture of the Bodfish guys in Nashville holding the Guitars.

Mike replied proudly, “Yes I am son, they call my group **Squidley and the Bell Hops** . He then asked the young man if he liked Gladiator movies, inviting him to watch one with him. The young orderly was last seen running down the hall.

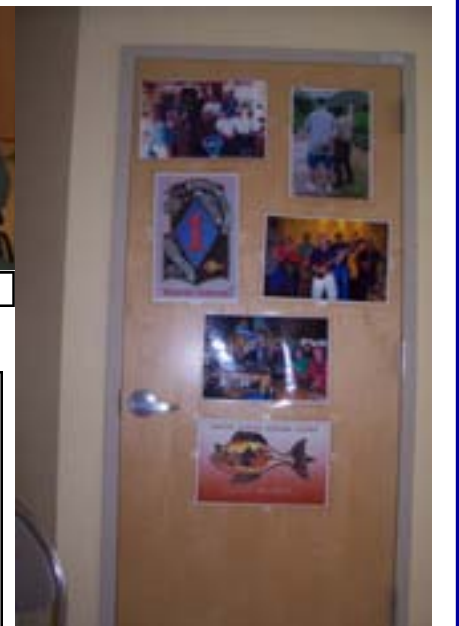
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