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Los Angeles County Chapter, Incorporated
1st Marine Division Association



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GOD BLESS AMERICA

Dale Turner, Editor

SEMPER FIDELIS

To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical. Thomas Jefferson

BODFISH MEMBER SELECTED AS THE 17th SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE MARINE CORPS

Sergeant Major Michael Barrett relinquished his post as the 1st Marine Division Sergeant Major to Sergeant Major Mike Kufchak on Friday, 22 April. Sgt Maj Barrett was selected to serve as the CMC senior enlisted advisor, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps.



SgtMaj Barrett joined the Bodfish Chapter at the 1st Marine Division Association 2009 National Reunion in Anaheim, CA.

The secret Bodfish Handshake was demonstrated to the new Bodfish members by Major General Richard Mills, also a Bodfish Life Member and yours truly.

Being a farm boy Sgt Maj had no problem understanding the handshake.

Congratulations

**Sgt. Maj. Mike Barrett
Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever**

**Santa Clarita Valley
Armed Forces Day Festival
Saturday, 21 May 2011
See Pages 3 and 5**

A TIME TO REMEMBER



Since our last Memorial Service the following members have reported to their final duty station, Heavens Gate.

**Don Farquhar
David Bigbie
John Code
Mike "Squidley" Enos
Jim Collins**

*Until we meet again
Semper Fidelis*

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

**Memorial Service & Corpsman Up BBQ
Saturday, May 28th
See Page 3 for location and time.**

Welcome Aboard

Raymond L. Martinez

**Cpl - 1956-1961 MAW VMA 331 - Cold War
It took Ray's brother many years to finally get him to join.
Recruited by his brother, Bobfish Past President,
Bob Martinez**

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GRUNTS CLUB MEMBERS

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

**Grunts Club Members
1 Oct 2010 to 30 Sept 2011**

<p>*LA CHAPTER *Mary Anthony <i>In memory of Tony Anthony</i> Bob Barron *Martha "Martie" Bigbie <i>In memory of David Bigbie</i> *Paul Blum *Joe Candilora *Bud Cashin *Dick Cesaroni *Mark Cleaves *Rosemary Collins <i>In Memory of Jim Collins</i> Gary Condrey *Coleman Coughlin *Jack Coughlin (Deceased) *Pat Coulter *Howard Crowell Bonnie Clark <i>In Memory of Jack Clark</i> *Larry Davis Ruth Davis <i>In Memory of Jim Davis</i> Ed Demrest Mike Enos (Deceased) Max Felser *Terry Garrett Jimmy Greene George Hofstetter *Nile Holmes *Jasper Hood *Art Jackson (MOH) Dane Jensen *Floyd Johnson *Tom Kelly *Paul Kim (32) 41SG/22G</p>	<p>*Gary Kipp *Al Kinsley Dennis Kumaus Kathy Lander <i>In Memory of Richard Lander</i> *Al Lansdale *J.J. Leonard *Bill Maker Dave Marshall Barbara Martin <i>In Memory of John Martin</i> *John F. Meseure *Charlie Meter *Richard Oldenburg *Sally Parry <i>In loving memory of her father Herb Parry</i> Bob "HomDog" Perry Roland Pinza Edna Rea *Jeff Roberts Tom Rohrback *Francis Shea <i>In memory of Phil Shea</i> Bill Shedlov *Chuck Singer *Maury Starr John Stoddard *Zack & Sue Taylor Don Tennenbaum *Bill Turner Charles "Eddie" Turner *Dale Turner *Myrl Wallace *Tom & Diane Whetzel *Al Wright (31)</p>
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Semper Fi

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63 Honored Grunts Club Members for
OCT. 1, 2010/ SEPT 30, 2011

Support the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Division



Molly and Tom Kelly

In spite of all the rain, the Battalion Family Day at Lake O'Neill was held on 25 March. Molly, Nile Homes and I made it down there early to help Sebrina King, Family Readiness Officer, set up. The sun came out about a half hour before the festivities began. Although it was a little muddy, no one seemed to care and a good time was had by all. Chapter member Tim Hawkins sent us down with a load of diapers and assorted infant products. Tim serves as a collection point for various groups in the Burbank area, including the July 4th parade. A table was set up with the diapers and other items and was available to the families. As always, the families were very appreciative of our support. Nile also set up a table for the 700-800 (no kidding!!) paperback books which he brought with him. They were available to anyone who wanted them. Needless to say, the Marines and their families had a fun time looking for just the right book. A games area was set up for the kids and there were multiple door prize drawings. The best part was meeting all the Marines and their families. Molly even met a Marine who is from Valparaiso IN where she attended college.

The 1/4 Change of Command ceremony will be held on Thursday, 19 May, at the Area 53 parade deck at 1000. Lt. Col. Clearfield will be turning the command over to Lt. Col. Norton. All chapter members are invited to attend. This is a very moving ceremony and is a great way to show the incoming Commanding Officer of our commitment to the Battalion. Wouldn't it be great if we had a showing of at least 20 members!! Please contact me (phone or email) if you are interested in attending since I will be responsible for the reservations. Also if you are interested in carpooling please contact me.

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

Semper Fidelis,

Tom Kelly
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2011 Calendar of Events

NOTE: 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.

MAY

CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

1st Battalion 4th Marines

Thursday May 19, 2011 1000

Lt.Col Clearfield will relinquish his command to LtCol Nelson on the parade deck Horno Area , Camp Pendleton.

All members are welcome to attend.

*Please send Email to Tom Kelly if you are interested in attending
takellype@att.net*

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY ARMED FORCES DAY FESTIVAL

Saturday, 21 May 2011 11-7pm

Hart Park, Newhall, CA

\$10.00

Prepaid ticket purchase provide access to all activities, 2BBQ meal tickets, and 2 raffle tickets
Tickets are available at the following locations.

- Newhall American Legion
- VFW Post 6885, Canyon County
- College of the Canyons Veterans Office
- Or contact Santa Clarita Valley Armed Forces Day Festival on Facebook.

Corpsman UP/ Memorial Service

Saturday, 28 May 2011

1100-1500

VFW Post 6885 16208 Sierra Highway Canyon Country, CA 91351

Cost: \$15.00 Per person, Corpsman and active duty FREE

Everyone else pays \$15.00 with advance payment.

At the door payment will cost you \$18.00 plus a \$2.00 cover charge. Get your payment in early or it will cost you \$20.00 at the door.

JUNE

Family Of Warriors Awards Dinner

Thursday, June 2 2011 1800-2200

Sheraton Universal Hotel

333 Universal Hollywood Drive

Universal City, CA 91608

This years honorees, John Semcken, Bob Barker

And Boeing Corporation

Tickets \$250.00 per person

For information contact Dale Turner

Contact information located on page 2



A Message From Our Chapter President, Myrl Wallace

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One hundred forty nine years ago on the fifteenth of May, Corporal John Mackie became the first Marine to earn the Medal of Honor. He was serving in USS Galena, and saw action at Drewrys Bluff which blocked the James River approaches to Richmond, Virginia. On the 22nd of May 1912, First Lieutenant Alfred Cunningham report for duty at the Naval Aviation Camp at Annapolis, Maryland, thus becoming the first Marine Corps Aviator. These are events of note in the glorious history of our Marine Corps that have largely been forgotten. We owe our heritage to these heroes of the past. Remember our history and teach it to the younger generations.

The month of May brings us Mothers Day. Do not forget your mothers, living or past on this special day, for without them, where would we all be.

We have the Chapter Memorial and Corpsman Up BBQ at the Canyon Country VFW. This is the perfect way to kick off the Memorial Day weekend. Norm Kellems is taking the lead once again, and has arranged for the Hollywood Caterers to provide the food on this day. 21 Area Mess Hall at Camp Pendleton cannot hold a candle to the meal that we will be enjoying. If you are not going to be elsewhere, do come to your chapter Memorial.

And finally we have Memorial Day itself on Monday the 30th. Do take time to attend a memorial event near where you live. Those Heroes who have gone before us deserve our time and remembrance.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Until next month, Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever

Myrl



DEVIL PUPS WANTED

If you are ready to meet a challenge and get a little taste of the Marine Corps while learning good citizenship, team work, and leadership then we are looking for you. Boys and Girls ages 14 to 17 who are in good health and ready to meet the challenge need to give me a call.

There are a limited number of openings and only the best qualified will be selected. The standards are high. No disciplinary problems, gang bangers or problem people will be accepted. This is not a ten day babysitting program for lazy parents. Just like the Marine Corps we are looking for a **few good young men and women.**

The 10 day program will be held this July and August at Camp Pendleton , California.

To apply call:

J.J. Leonard, Devil Pup Coordinator

818-992-1414 or Email: jjjuscmbcmc@aol.com

**A Word from The Commanding Officer
1st Battalion, 4th Marines**



Dear Los Angeles County Chapter - 1st Marine Division Association,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and prosperous. This is a time of significant transition in our battalion. As you know - we've completed our incredibly successful deployment with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), a deployment highlighted by the re-capture of the Merchant Vessel Magellan Star from Somalia Pirates, Humanitarian Assistance Operations in Pakistan, and Theater Security Cooperation Exercises in Indonesia, Maldives, Kuwait, and Jordan - where we trained a Jordanian Task Force for their deployment to Afghanistan. Now that our successful association with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit is complete, we are once again part of 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division. It is great to be back in Camp Pendleton. The aforementioned transition means that much of the battalion will change character as we say farewell to a great many of the old hands who have been with our outstanding team over the last several years. We will welcome many new Marines and Sailors and their families as the moving season goes into full swing this spring.

We have already begun training hard for our next deployment with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit scheduled to begin in early December.

Accomplishments; the Battalion received an extremely positive assessment from a team of Officers from 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines for our work on Defensive Operations in March. During that same month the Battalion was inspected by the Commanding General's Readiness Inspection Team, and it's Logistical Readiness Team. The team found the Battalion to be 100% Mission Capable, and the team commented that we were in the top tier of all the Infantry Battalions they had inspected over the last two years. A great accomplishment and a testament of your Marines and sailors pride, purpose, and professionalism – Sergeant Major Jones and I are very proud.

Upcoming maker events; the Battalion leaves for Bridgeport, California to participate in Exercise Mountain in June – this training is considered by most Marines to be the most mentally, and physically challenging training in the Marine Corps. From July until September the Battalion will participate in numerous Special Operation Training Group exercises which are centered on amphibious operations, and the unique and special skills required for a 31st MEU deployment. In October the Battalion will conduct a Major Rehearsal Exercise aboard Camp Pendleton – a two-week event marked by strenuous training with live ammunition. On top of these marker events, the individual companies continue their unit and individual training to ensure your men are prepared and ready for any contingency.

Sadly – this will be my last newsletter submission as the Commanding Officer of 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Both Sergeant Major Jones and I will be leaving the Battalion in late May. Our replacements are LtCol Kevin Norton, and Sergeant Major Scott – outstanding men and leaders. It has been the greatest honor of my life to be the steward of this historical Battalion in this historic Division for the last two years. Thank you again for all the chapter's support – our families and supporters are my heroes – know that your efforts are deeply appreciated and very humbling.

Semper Fidelis

LtCol Joseph R. Clearfield



**Santa Clarita Valley
Armed Forces Day Festival**
Saturday, May 21, 2011 11am - 7pm
William S. Hart Park
24151 Newhall Ave, Newhall, CA 91321

**Join the Santa Clarita Valley in honoring
the men and women serving in the U.S
Armed Services and meet your local
Military and Veteran organizations.**

- Special Guest Speaker
- US Army Color Guard
- Live Music
- Inflatable Obstacle Course
- BBQ Lunch and Dinner
- Performances by SCV Young Marines and JROTC
- Camouflage and Radio Instructions
- Face Painting
- Marine LAV
- Army & Marine Humvee's
- National Guard Ambulance
- Marine K-9
- Raffle prizes

**All the above for the
advance payment price of
\$10.00 per ticket**

Prepaid ticket purchase provides access to all activities, 2 BBQ meal tickets, and two raffle tickets!

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Editor's Corner 2011

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Greetings all,

Here we are approaching the half way point of the year, June will be here before we know it. Where does all the time go?

It has been a busy first five months of the year for me with the chapter elections in January, reports due to national, Bodfish campout and upcoming Family of Warriors Awards Dinner.

I wanted to address a concern I have. I get about three requests a week from Chapter members, family and friends to join them on Face Book. **Thanks for the invitation, but no thanks.**

I have nothing against "Face Book" "My Space" or any of the internet online Personal information sharing. But quite frankly, I don't have time for that kind of stuff.

I guess I'm old school or just not in tune with all the new and innovative ways of telling everyone what goes on in my life or what show Emily and I watched last night on TV or what we had for dinner.

I receive on an average of 60-80 E-mails and 6 -10 phone calls a day. Most deal with chapter business, concerns or questions. That in it's self keeps me busy enough and on the computer or phone more than I care to be.

Let me address forwarded Emails. It is simple **I DO NOT** open them, they are deleted. If you think it is something I must see, then "Cut & Paste" it into a new clean Email message title it and send it to me.

Face Book and **forwarded Emails** are not for me. If you have something to tell me, send me an Email or give me a call, I like hearing a voice on the other end.

There are a couple of members who know what I'm looking for and take the time to honor my request. So I say to them, thank you **Jasper Hood and HU Campbell.**

My computer is a tool that helps me keep the Chapter moving forward and getting the Semper Fi News to you. You'll find no games, smut or BS on my computer, except for Bodfish BS, and I have plenty of that.

Until next month, happy trails,

Semper Fidelis and Bodfish Forever.

Dale

6 BEVY HATS LEFT



To Reserve your Hat Email Emily Turner at dalefmda@earthlink.net or call Dale at 661-253-1981. Then send **\$12.00** payable to: **FMDA-LA** and mail to: Emily Turner, 24415 Lisa Kelton Place, Newhall CA 91321. Be sure to put Bevy Hat in remark portion of your check.

Your name will be placed on your hat, stored and brought to the 2012 Bodfish Campout.

Or if you plan on attending any Chapter event between now and then give a call or Email and we will bring it to you.

Don't MISS OUT .

Bevy's Rule/ Bodfish Forever



BODFISH SKINNY

.....or just plain BS

Larry "IAS" Davis, President
AKA "CPL LAR"
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A wonderful event that us Bodfish and all members of the 1st Marine Division Assn. should consider an imperative, is to attend an Anniversary at Camp Pendleton of the 1st Marine Division.

Our Association is welcomed in a way that will warm the cockles of your Marine heart. We are presented with exhibits, displays and some hands on weapons training by the Regiments. We have been shown air and ground attacks, hand to hand combat techniques, trebuchet contests by the "Cannon Cockers" and even been allowed to live fire the M-16 A4.



The photo to the right was taken by the very lovely Faye Crawford, prominent member of our "Bevy of Beauties", after my stunning example of marksmanship. We were given body armor and helmet and a Marine to coach us individually. The targets were life size and made of rubber. They went down when you hit them and were reset automatically.

I thought we would get to shoot a few rounds for familiarization. I didn't ask "should I stop now?" and the coach didn't say OK that's enough." I went through the whole magazine and was given a most welcome compliment. The Marine said "You shoot as well as most of the Marines around here. You must still be shooting." I said "yes I have been shooting a lot these last few years since I got interested in Black Powder and I've been attending many Rendezvous' and Shoots around the State.

The 1st Marine Division makes us so welcome you really feel that "Once a Marine, Always a Marine" is not just a slogan but a reality, as our Commandant has stated.

God bless the Marine Corps.

Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever

"Cpl Lar"

Note: 2012 Bodfish Campout 16-19 Feb 2012, Piru, CA

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Funeral Honors
1-866-826-3628

- Name of Funeral Director
- Name of Funeral Home and Phone Number
- Name Of Deceased Marine
- Date Of Funeral

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“LOVE”

“ THE WONDERFUL LOVE OF A BEAUTIFUL MAID,
THE LOVE OF A STAUNCH, TRUE MAN,
THE LOVE OF A BABY, UNAFRAID,
HAVE EXSISTED SINCE TIME BEGAN.

BUT THE GREATEST OF LOVES,
THE QUINTESENCE OF LOVES,
EVEN GREATER THAN THAT OF A MOTHER,
IS THE TENDER, PASSIONATE, INFINITE LOVE,
OF ONE DRUNKEN MARINE FOR ANOTHER .“

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 picture 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 that are being hosted by partnering Chapters.

Desert Cities Mitchell Paige MOH Chapter

- May 8th - Desert Hot Springs High School, Marine JROTC Awards Ceremony, 1900 at school gym. Chapter to award an outstanding cadet the annual Semper Fi Award.
- May 19th Monthly Chapter Meeting, 1130 at Desert Falls Country Club, Palm Desert
 - May 27th, Change of Command Ceremony, 1/7 at MCAGCC, 29 Palms

Southern California Chapter

Chapter Meeting and Cookout
 Friday, 20 May 2011 1100, Location: Fiddlers Green 11th Marines
 Call Marty Vasquez for more information at 760-757-6981

Orange County Chapter

Chapter Annual Picnic
 Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach CA
 Saturday, June 25,2011 1100-1600
 Cost: Free (Donations accepted)
 RSVP is a **MUST** (*Liability Release Forms must be signed & turned in by 10 June*)
 Contact Bob Palmquist 714-539-1043
 or Email: replyusmc@yahoo.com

Share the Newsletter but more importantly recruit a new member

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
Total \$50.00	Total \$1100.00

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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: _____
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Applicant's Signature/Date: _____ Sponsor: _____

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