



Semper Fi News

Los Angeles County Chapter, Incorporated
1st Marine Division Association



MAY 2012

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Dale Turner, Editor

SEMPER FIDELIS

The Chapter Mourns the Passing of Past LA Chapter President and Bodfish President Emeritus Herbert A. "AL" Kinsley III

October 7, 1929 - April 5, 2012

Born October 7, 1929 in Providence, RI to Hubert A. Kinsley Jr. and Mildred Allewalt Kinsley. Al was the oldest of three children. The family moved to Catonsville, Maryland where Al spent his school years.

He graduated from Catonsville High on June 5, 1947 at the age of eighteen. The next day June 6, 1947 Al joined the Marine Corps and headed off to Boot Camp, Parris Island, South Carolina.

Al spent the next eight years in the Marine Corps. He served with Ammo Company, 1st Ordinance Bn., 1st Marine Division in Korea. He achieved the rank of Sergeant before deciding to leave active duty.

He went to work for General Motors in Van Nuys, CA. He and his wife Mary lived in Van Nuys and later in Simi Valley, CA where they raised their three children, Bert, Linda and Lori. Mary died of cancer in 1985.

Al worked at GM for 31 years. During his time at GM Al made many friends some of which were Marines. He eventually got them into section he supervised. They enjoyed working for Al. They had a "Gung Ho" spirit getting their work done with quality in record time. Their reward for their hard work, "To Play Cards With Al". Oh how Al loved to play cards! If their was a table near by the cards came out. They would play for hours on end and even into the next day.

Besides playing cards Al enjoyed painting and many today treasure his work and gift he gave to them. One thing most may not know is, Al loved to sing and was pretty good at it. Forty years ago Al could be heard singing in many of the Southern California night clubs.

Al will be missed. He will never be forgotten as long as one person who knew him is still alive. He touched so many people in his life. And for those of us he touched and called them his friend our lives will forever be that much richer.

To the Kinsley Family, May God Bless You, and bring you comfort in knowing what a great man Al Kinsley was.

Al is survived by his brother Bill, sister Corine, his son, Bert, two Daughters Linda and Lori, 10 Grandchildren and 8 Great Grandchildren. We will miss Al dearly.

Semper Fi & Bodfish Forever Dale Turner



Welcome Aboard Marines!

Cpl. BUD ECKERT, USMC Retired New Chapter Life Member

Bud served with LCo., 3d Bn., 1st Marines and saw combat action with the Regiment in Vietnam.

Bud has spent the last few years traveling the world. We have missed him and his wife Debbie at the Bodfish Campouts. The Eckert Family attended many Bodfish campouts over the years.

Bud served as Bodfish President in 2001.

We are pleased to have them back and look forward to seeing them again. We know the Bodfish Bevy of Beauties will be happy to see Debbie again.

(Sponsored by Bodfish Past Presidents Bill Maker & Dale Turner)

Sgt. Robert A. Schukar

Afghanistan Veteran
1st Marine Regiment.

Sgt Schukar is currently assigned as an Infantry Squad Leader with B Co., 1st Marine Regiment.

Sgt. Schukar is also a member of the Bodfish Chapter and a member of the ECV Marine Detachment "MARDET".

(Sponsored by Dale Turner)

Sgt. Daren M. Cole

Iraq Veteran, 9th Com Bn.
Sgt Cole is currently assigned as the NCOIC of the United States Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard, Barstow, CA.

Sgt Cole is also a member of the Bodfish Chapter and a member of the ECV Marine Detachment "MARDET".

(Sponsored by Dale Turner)

It should be noted that both Marines are recipients of the Bodfish Sword of Honor. Sgt Cole in 2011 and Sgt Schukar in 2012

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The following members are major contributors
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**Grunts Club Members
1 Oct 2011 to 30 Sept 2012**

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Semper Fi

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1st Marine Division Family of Warriors Support

Tom Kelly—818/884-5355
takellype@att.net



Molly and Tom Kelly

The families have been extremely busy this past month. They started by participating in the 3rd Annual Easter Eggstravaganza sponsored by the 1st Regiment. All families were invited to the potluck luncheon and Easter Egg Hunt on the Camp Horno softball field. Needless to say everyone had a great time especially with The Bunny!!

May is a very busy month for the all the families. One of the new battalions we support, 2/4, returned safely in April and had a great homecoming. The 3/1 is preparing for their homecoming in mid-May. The 1/4 is also preparing for the advance party's return in May and the entire battalion homecoming in mid-June. We will get more information to you re: homecoming dates and times as we receive it. One of the events prior to the homecoming will be a potluck and banner making party on May 19th. Molly and I are planning to attend and welcome anyone else who would like to participate.

Someone asked how the coupons were being used. The wives have formed the Camp Pendleton Coupon Club and are very busy. I guess you could call them extreme couponers. They have brought in women who show them how to make the most of each coupon and also have taken them shopping to give them actual experience. They are very grateful for all the coupons that we send them. Currently we have approximately six people who send their coupons weekly with other people who send them once or twice a month. YES, the coupons are definitely making a difference.

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

Semper Fidelis,
Tom

IT IS CONFIRMED

There will be a
BODFISH HOSPITALITY ROOM
At the FMDA Reunion in Portland, OR
13-19 August 2012

Bodfish Hospitality Coordinator Norm Kellems will be setting up the room, so plan to attend. More info. to follow in the June issue on how you can help.

*Special Thanks to Col. Steve Easterday, Reunion Chair &
Col. Sean Dolbeck, FMDA Exec. Dir. for helping to
"Make it happen".*

Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever!

Dale Turner, Bodfish Past President

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."

MAY

Third Annual Family Of Warriors Awards Dinner

Thursday, May 3, 2012 1800-2200

Sheraton Universal Hotel, 333 Universal Hollywood Drive

Universal City, CA 91608

For information contact Dale Turner, Contact info. on page 2

Coordinator for this event, Dale Turner

AL KINSLEY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, May 12, 2012 - 1100 AM (Please RSVP ASAP)

VFW Post 6885 (661-252-6885)

16208 Sierra Highway, Canyon Country, CA 91351

Please RSVP 661-253-1981 or Email: dalefmda@earthlink.net

"The Dress is" Bodfish Casual"

No flowers please. See page 5 for more info.

Donations payable to: FMDA-LA

Put "In Memory of Al" in Remarks section of check

Note!! Send to:

FMDA-LA C/O Dale Turner, 24415 Lisa Kelton Place

Newhall, CA 91321-2341

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

SEPTEMBER

Del Mar Campout, Camp Pendleton

Friday, 14 September to Monday, 17 September

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



A Message From Our Chapter President, Myrl Wallace

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Marines

Just as I was getting ready to start this months article I received the sad news of the passing of Bodfish President Emeritus Al Kinsley. The Bodfish Campout will not be the same without him. Sure, the poker game will go on, and to any reasonably new member, they will not notice any difference. But to those who have been around awhile, not being able to sit for a few minutes with him and learn a little bit of history, well...that will be sorely missed.

As we go through life, and especially as we age a bit, we lose acquaintances, some close and some not. The thought crosses my mind every time that this happens, did I sit and talk with this person as much as I could have? Not so much for information, but to just spend some quality time together. Many of these people are at a stage in their life that they have little or no family left anywhere near. It is important that we get out and visit with those we know are alone. They may be in good health, but to have someone come by to shoot the breeze occasionally is good for us all.

This month of May we will be seeing the Family of Warriors Dinner at the Sheraton Universal. Due to other circumstances, Sharron and I will not be able to make it this year. For those of you who will be attending that have never done so before, you are in for a real treat. The hotel is outstanding. The meal is outstanding. And the program and honorees are far above outstanding. Listen to the words that are spoken, especially by the honorees. They have a whole world of information that they put out in just the two or three hours that the event is.

The month of May brings us Mothers Day. Do not forget your Mother. We have Memorial Day at the end of the month. Be sure to attend a Memorial service at a venue where you live. It also is the beginning of vacation season. Wherever you may be off to, just remember to be careful in your travels, and come home safe and sound. P.S. If you plan on attending Al's Memorial serve on May 12th don't forget to RSVP ASAP.
Semper Fi Myrl Wallace



A Word from Dick Cesaroni, Chapter Legal Officer

dick_rose@sbcglobal.net - 661-297-2028

Calling on ALL BODFISHERS who plan on attending the FMDA Reunion in Portland Oregon in August of this year. From what I hear, we are going to need some financial help in order to pull off a hospitality room at the reunion. In fact even if you are not going to go to the reunion please send a donation when called upon to so. Norm Kellems will be the HMIC and he will be trying to get a "meeting room". We can't do the hospitality room in a suite, not enough room. That is still pending.

I am not sure of what is needed but in the past years Mike "Squidley" Enos has always asked for our help in donating money to help pay for the room and other essentials to keep it going.

I know that quite few Bodfishers do drop by to have a brewski or two (or three). The Bodfish bar always has a large TIP jar on it and we ask and encourage everyone to donate to the cause. And I do not mean dropping 3 or 4 bucks in the jar (and no change) and drinking all night or the whole week end for a couple of bucks. Granted the tip jar and the Bodfish room has always been on an Honesty Basis so once you enter the Bodfish Hospitality room be sure to BE HONEST and help out the Bodfish Chapter with your generous donations. Remember that "Squidley" will be watching you at all times.

We will advise all of you when it is time to send some help. Thank you and a great Big Semper Fi to those that help out.

This month will be short because I am short on words.

Until next month, Semper Fi and keep it legal
Dick Cesaroni



Memorial Service Lodging

For those seeking lodging for Al Kinsley's Memorial Service Super 8, Santa Clarita is offering a special Military/Veterans rate.

Just mention you are with the 1st Marine Division Association

**Super 8 - Santa Clarita
17901 Sierra Highway,
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661-252-1722**

- 2 Double Beds : \$70.20 + Tax = \$77.22
- 1 King Bed : \$65.70 + Tax = \$72.27

All room have a coffee maker, refrigerator and microwave. A morning continental breakfast is also served.

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I'd like to thank Bob Patel, General Manager and Tracey, Front Desk for supporting our Veterans.

S/F DT

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THE COUNTRY THANKS THEM FOR
THEIR SERVICE ONCE A YEAR
ON MEMORIAL DAY

Submitted by Richard Oldenburg, Sgt USMC, 1953-1956

MEMORIAL SERVICE

If you plan to attend Al Kinsley's Memorial Service **Please RSVP NOW**
I need a head count.. Thanks Dale Turner
661-253-1981 or Email: dalefmda@earthlink.net

ATTENTION!

The Kinsley Family has requested that in lieu of flowers a Donation in their Fathers memory may be made.

Make check payable to:
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Please put
"In Memory of Al Kinsley"

In the memo portion
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**ARMED FORCES DAY
SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012**

Thank A Vet!

Editor's Corner

Dale Turner, Editor
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Bodfish ICON Called To Heavens Gate

Al had been at Loma Linda VA Hospital for several days for swelling of his legs and pain caused from his cancer filled body.

It was 0900 on Thursday, 5 April when Bill Maker called to speak to Al. He answered the phone with a good strong upbeat voice.

Maker asked him what he was up to and Al replied, "I've got a young girl sitting on my lap" In which Maker responded "Keep your hands off of her" and they both laughed. Al told Maker that he was with the Doctor and a nurse and call back in an hour or so.. Al then said to Bill, "I Love Ya, like a brother, I'll talk to you soon, Semper Fi & Bodfish Forever!"

Bill called Al again around 1200 and was told of the shocking news, Al has passed away.

We have lost another good Marine, dear friend and a person who was dedicated to the Bodfish Chapter and those he associated with. Al's generosity did not come in the way of dollars but through his paintings and his love for his fellow Marines and FMF Corpsman and he exemplified the motto "Semper Fidelis" always faithful.

For the past three years Al has faced death at least three times and managed to come out on top. In 2011 while at Loma Linda VA. his heart stopped on two separate occasions, and was pronounced "dead". To the doctors and nurses surprise he gasped for air and was up and operational once again. In February 2011 while hooked up to monitors and seemly on his last days Al removed all the wires and plugs and signed himself out of the Hospital telling the Doctors and Staff that he had a painting to finish and a Bodfish Campout to get to.

Al and his brother Bill Kinsley attended that Campout where he presented one of his last paintings to a fellow Marine. During the two days Al could be seen sitting with his friends playing poker, a favorite past time of his. Following the Bodfish Campout his brother Bill drove Al back to Loma Linda VA to finish his treatment.

Still another time Al was on "Life Support" when the Family and the Doctor decided to "Pull the Plug". To everyone amassment with in an hour Al woke up and turned the TV on.

Later that year Al and his brother Bill were run over by a semi truck while driving on the freeway. They both managed to survive the fiery crash. Al sustained serious internal injuries and his brother Bill was severely burned. .

There are stories of Al to tell and many good times past to share. For those attending Al's Memorial Service Saturday, May 12th, you will have the opportunity to share your stories and love for Al Kinsley. Our condolences to the Kinsley Family.

Until we meet again Al, Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever.
Dale



BODFISH SKINNY

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

Several members of our Internationally Famous Bodfish Chapter were recalled to active duty recently to form the Security Platoon for the MARDET of the Squibob Chapter 1853 of the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus.

Our Commanding Officer, CAPT Paul R. (Pork Rind) Young was unable to lead us in this venture, as he was at Headquarters working on procuring our stimulus money.

Bill Maker was also unable to attend. He was conducting RECTUM training for new RECTUM Recruits in the back hills of Tar Spring Ranch.

(RECTUM: Recon Tactical Undercover Monitoring)

Command fell to SGTMAJ R. J. (Bombay Bob) Barron. While SGT Dale (Captain America) Turner was busy maintaining our perimeter security, SGT D. Cole was conducting recon, surveillance, and infiltration of the local long haired, soft body insurgents of the local Ville de Campo. He managed to return relatively unscathed, but with harrowing stories of having to consume copious quantities of the local truth serum. It is said that he managed part of his escape by horseback, with a promise of return to that local partisan horse owner.

In the meantime your Bodfish President Myrl IAS Wallace, and Doc Jim Mann maintained the Aid Station taking care of dehydration cases primarily. It is truly amazing how dehydrated our Marines can become while standing fire watches, and mess cooking.

Our new member SGT Robert Schukar was initiated into the Brotherhood of ECV while we were there. He did us all proud with his conduct through this secret event.

On the Sunday we were all released from active duty with the admonishment that we could always be recalled once again until at least six months after assuming ground temperature.

Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever
Myrl "IAS" Wallace

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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 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
Contact Bob Palmquist 714-539-1043
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**To apply call: JJ. Leonard,
Devil Pup Coordinator 818-992-1414
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