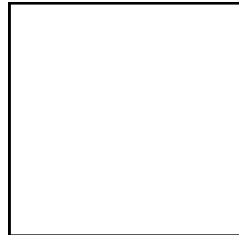


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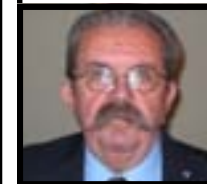
## November 2008

Dale Turner, Editor



SEMPER FIDELIS

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



Well by the time you read this, the day at the race's will be over and another memory will be installed into our memory bank, fun was had by all in attendance. There were no heavy winners or loser's. A great day with good food, friends with some past memories brought forward and stories of past day's making it a fun day. Our next major event will be the Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon at the Castaways Restaurant in Burbank on Nov 8<sup>th</sup> time is getting short, so-o if you plan on attending get your request and monies into Dale Turner (no tickets sold at the door) before the 1<sup>st</sup> of November. As it has been stated every function has a time limit and dead line. We need 85-100 participants in order for the restaurant and our chapter to be successful. Let's not forget why we celebrate Nov 10<sup>th</sup> every year. At this point we have 15 paid. **Cancellation is possible.** (See Page 3)

Since each of us served in the Marine Corps in preserving our way of life, I would encourage each of you to vote, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Vote for the candidate, state measures, or bond issues that you believe will best serve you, your community, your state, city and or county. **Vote!**

### Bodfish Chapter Flag Will Move to Camp Hamilton

On October 7, 2008 during the Past Presidents Campout it was decided to move the Bodfish Flag to Camp Hamilton located in Bakersfield, CA.

The Bodfish Flag will be posted during Presidents Day weekend February 13th - 15th 2009.

A ceremony honoring the late John Loomis and Ben Holibonich along with all the departed Bodfish Past Presidents and Bodfish Members will highlight the weekend.

Lodging accommodations will be posted in the next edition of the Semper Fi News. RV, Trailer and Tent camping is available at Camp Hamilton. Just like Tar Spring Ranch space is limited and open to all on a first come first served basis. You won't find any Oak Trees but there is plenty of sagebrush and sand for you camping enjoyment.

Think about auction items that you would like to donate. We must keep the motto "Bodfish Forever" alive and true to its meaning and purpose.

**Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever**

Dale Turner  
Bodfish Past President , Adjutant and Chapter Rep.

### WHY IS IT THAT WE HAVE TO SPEAK ENGLISH?

A U.S. Navy Admiral was attending a Naval conference that included admirals from the U.S., English, Canadian, Australian and French Navies.

At a cocktail reception, he found himself standing with a group of half dozen or so officers that included personnel from most of the countries.

Everyone was chatting away in English as they sipped their drinks but a French admiral suddenly complained that, whereas Europeans learn many languages, Americans learn only English. He then asked: "Why is it that we always have to speak English in these conferences rather than speaking French?"

Without hesitating, the American Admiral replied: "Maybe it's because the Brits, Canadians, Aussies and Americans arranged it so you wouldn't have to speak German."

**Suddenly the group became very quiet.**

**THINK ABOUT IT!!**

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**GRUNT CLUB MEMBERS**

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

Grunt Club status is achieved with a minimum donation of  
\$100.00

**Grunt Club Members**  
**1 Oct 2008 to 30 Sept 2009**

- |                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| *American Legion 507 | *J.J. Leonard          |
| *LA CHAPTER          | Ione Lovell            |
| *Jim Anderson        | In memory              |
| *Mary Anthony        | of Bob Lovell          |
| In memory of         | Jim & Sheryl Lovell    |
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| *Howard Crowell      | *Francis Shea          |
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| Max Felser           | Phil Shea              |
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| *Paul Kim            | *Al Wright             |
| *Gary Kipp           | Terry Young            |
| Kathy Lander         | (29)                   |
| In memory of         |                        |
| Richard Lander       |                        |
| (31)                 |                        |

This past year several of our Grunt Club  
members have joined our fellow Marines  
and FMF Corpsmen at Heaven's Gate.  
Their dedication and generosity to the  
Chapter will be forever remembered.

*Semper Fi*

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## Editors Corner 2008

### "Thinking Outside The Box"

Circumstances during 2008 has caused the Chapter to think outside the box when it comes to activities, recruiting and fund-raising. This will become more evident as we enter into 2009.

Dale Turner, Editor

Rising costs in food and fuel has caused those of us who plan the Chapter events, recruit and raise funds to rethink event locations, cost and strategies that will benefit our Chapter and our members.

Until recently the cost for a meal has ranged between \$18.00 and \$25.00 per person. Now the price for the same meal runs between \$35.00 to \$40.00 per person.

So in order to off set the cost of the food we have to start looking a venues that are closer to where the majority of the members live and reduce driving distance and time.

Having a change in location can be a good thing. I have found over the years that coming up with new and different events and locations has always sparked more interest with our membership.

Take for instance the Camp Pendleton, Del Mar Campout. This past September was the first time I can recall that we left the base and used the services in Oceanside. The flying Bridge offered our members a new place to enjoy our Annual Chapter Roast. Although there were some issues with the some plates and glasses all but six members enjoyed the food, service and facility.

We also saw an increase for the "Day at the Races". But with that said Dick Cesaroni did a great job in negotiating an outstanding lunch buffet that surpassed the standard menu offered to most of the Santa Anita Oak Tree clientele.

January 2009 will also offer us an opportunity to try something new. For the first time in nearly two decades the Chapter will not conduct the Chapters Annual Business meeting at Alpine Village, Torrance. Instead the meeting and Chapter election will take place at the Odyssey Restaurant located in Granada Hills.

The cost for the meal will be a slightly higher than at Alpine Village but the travel time for the majority of the location I'm anticipating an outstanding turnout.

As for our Annual Christmas Luncheon it will once again be held at the Monterey At Encino (Old Encino Glen). It will be held on Saturday, December 13th this year. Banquet Coordinator and Manager Charity Gonzalez continues to work with us providing a great meal at an affordable price. The large Christmas tree also adds a special touch to this great Chapter holiday event.

Already seven full tables have been purchased by our members along with three single seats. I hope everyone will consider joining us for this year end celebration. I personally think that this is the one event that allows us to share the spirit of the holiday season along with the accomplishments of the Los Angeles County Chapter with family and friends. Please consider purchasing a table and inviting neighbors and friends. Let others experience the Marine Corps Holiday Spirit.

Marine Reserves will be on hand to collect the donations for Toys for Tots. In addition several Marines from 1st Bn, 4th Marines will be joining us.

In a future issue I will be addressing some new Chapter and recruiting and fund-raising ideas with you.

Until we meet again "Happy Trails to You"

Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever.

Dale

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## Bodfish Skinny

### Or Just Plain BS



**Finding himself broke and destitute on the streets of Murphy, Hoover resorts to panhandling, the only means of financing his next meal at Murphy's swank Gadfly Inn; a place noted for its egg-foo young, birds nest soup and deadly accurate fortune cookies--the likes of which predicted Hoover's first big break in show business as tap-dance partner to Shirley Temple. Then, as you all know, his second big break, also predicted by a Gadfly Inn fortune cookie, saw Hoover playing the role of the Number One Son in the 1940's Charlie Chan detective series. Hang in there, Hoover, you'll make it to the top again.**

**Reported By  
Paul "Pork Rind" Young  
Bodfish Past President  
LA Chapter Life Member**

*Note: Hoover Ginn is a Bodfish Past VP and a renowned cook for the Bodfish Past Presidents. As luck would nave we found Hoover in the town of Murphy. We took him with us back to Squidley's Cabin. Needless to say, neither Hoover nor the Bodfish Past Presidents went hungry for the next four days..*

*Hoover said, "I never got the word on the Past Presidents Campout, I guess I was too busy trying to hustle up my next meal. God I love you guys this is what Semper Fidelis and Bodfish Forever is all about".*

## FMDA-LA Calendar of Events

### Subject To Cancellation

**Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon**  
In celebration of 233 Years of Defending Freedom



Saturday, 8 November 2008 - 1100 AM to 3PM

Castaway Restaurant  
1250 Harvard Road  
Burbank CA 91501

Advance Tickets \$35.00 Per Person

*No tickets will be sold at the door*

*Make your check payable to:*

**FMDA-LA**

*Mail your check to:*

*Dale Turner*

*24415 Lisa Kelton Place*

*Newhall, CA 91321*

*Tickets must be purchased before*

*1 November 2008*

**NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR**

**We must have eighty (80)**

**Paid Attendees prior to**

**1 November.**

**As of 20 October only 15  
people have paid for the event**

**NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR**

**Do Not Call to Reserve Your Ticket! Send your check  
in ASAP. Your check is your reservation**

**Note:**

**In the event of a cancellation those members who have paid  
will have the option of having their money refunded or  
applied to an upcoming event  
(Christmas Part or Business Meeting)**

### Chapter Christmas Party

#### Luncheon

**Last Day To Purchase Tickets is**

**December 8th 2008**

Mark your Calendars for the Los Angeles County Chapter  
Annual Christmas Party Luncheon

To be held on

**13 December 2008 - 11Am to 3PM**

Monterey At Encino 16821 Burbank Bl., Encino CA

**Cost Per Person \$35.00**

**Tables of eight may be purchased for**

**\$265.00**

**(This represents a \$2.00 savings per person)**

**Last day to purchase your tickets will be  
Saturday, 6 December 2008**

**NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR**

### *New Location For the January 2009 Chapter Business Meeting and Election*

**The 2009 Annual Business Meeting will be held at  
the Odyssey Restaurant located at:**

**15600 Odyssey Drive**

**Granada Hills, Ca 91344**

**This magnificent dinning facility is located in the foot-  
hills over looking the San Fernando Valley just north of  
Rinaldi Bl. and West of the 405 Freeway .**

**The Odyssey offers a four star buffet that is  
guaranteed to satisfy the taste and cravings of  
those who will join us .**

**Saturday , January 10, 2009**

**Doors open at 9:30 AM**

**Business Meeting starts at 10:00 AM**

**Brunch Served at 11:AM**

**Cost**

**\$35.00 per person ( includes tax and tip)**

***Hope to see you there!***

## A Message From Our Chapter Vice-President, Tom Whetzel

Semper Fi Marines and FMF Corpsman,

I recently visited the little town of Volcano, CA with some fellow Marines, Corpsmen, Bodfishers and Clampers. The town had a connection to two of the groups represented, The Marines and E. Clampus Vitus. This is the town where General Harry the Horse Liversedge USMC was born and raised. Brigadier General Liversedge enlisted as a Marine private in 1917, served in WWI as a lieutenant. LtCol commanded the Third Raider Bn then the First Raider Regiment, he led the 28<sup>th</sup> Marines ashore on Iwo Jima. He is the recipient of two Navy Crosses. He also served as the Assistant Commander 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division.

We felt honored just walking the streets where the General once lived, and while in Volcano, took the opportunity to have our picture taken in front of General Liversedge's boyhood home. We found Volcano to be a small, quiet town in the middle of the California gold country and the residence there proud of the many who have served our nation. (Plagiarized in part from Paul Youngs upcoming OBN article)

Until Then, Semper FI and Bodfish Forever

Tom Whetzel, Chapter VP

LA Chapter Representative.

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### Volcano, California

General Liversedge's Boyhood Home. Left to right, Mike "Squidley: Enos Bill Turner, Tom Whetzel, Myrl Wallace, Bill Maker, Bob Barron, Dale Turner, Bob Bobst, Paul Young, cameraman Jim Kuehn.



Dick Cesaroni

## A Message from The Legal Officer

Del Mar Campout: Attendance for the past few years: 2007 = 32 cottages & 9 RV/Trailer spots, 2007 = 27 cottages & 4 RV/Trailer spots and 2008 = 25 cottages & 9 RV/Trailer spots. The cottage rentals appear to be dwindling each year. We still had a great time and the food at the Flying Bridge was terrific. My thanks to all of the staff at the Flying Bridge for a job well done. Dale Turner did another magnificent job of MCing (and collecting the \$\$). The attendance at the campout seems to be dwindling and I hope this is not a trend. Seriously consider going to the campout (in cottages on the beach) next year. As always the interim Chapter Treasurer (Dale Turner) was a great help in making this a successful campout. Thanks Dale, aka "The Money Man." Piece of cake, right Dale?? And the price is right for a beautiful sunset.

On the other hand the L.A. Chapters annual Day At The Races at Santa Anita took a huge jump this year. We had 36 in attendance at the races. Great turnout. My thanks to all of those who came out for a day of fun at the track.

Now on a personal note, I would like to thank my wife (Rose) and all of her friends in the three crocheting groups that she is a member of and various other great ladies in the Santa Clarita Valley. In July, I asked my wife if she would ask her crocheting friends if they would consider crocheting some baby blankets during the months of August and September for the babies of the 1-4 Rose asked and man *DID THEY* come through for the 1-4 without any hesitation. The ladies from the following groups: "The Knotty Knitters" & "The Crazy Crocheters" of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Church w/ Kathy Littleton In-Charge, "The Happy Hookers" of St. Clare Catholic Church w/Betty Harlow In-Charge, "The Blanket Brigade" of the United Methodist Church w/ Maria Sears In-Charge, the group of ladies from the community of Belcaro, Linda (a lovely waitress from Chi Chi's Pizza Restaurant) and Helen, one of our neighbors all crocheted and donated 150 baby blankets, 205 baby caps, 3 shawls w/ baby caps and 4 pair of booties. All of these groups of ladies and other supporters are all from the City of Santa Clarita (Saugus, Canyon Country and Valencia).

I wish I could list all of their names but my space is very limited.

So to ALL of you wonderful, caring, talented and patriotic ladies, I, and all of the ¼ want to give you a great big OOOOORAAHHHH and a SEMPER FIDELIS. The mothers (and the babies) of the 1-4 thank you from the bottom of their hearts. The moms are at home taking care of the babies while their husbands (Marines and FMF Naval Corpsman) are overseas in harms way fighting for their country. Good luck to them and God Bless them all.

Until next month stay healthy. What ROAST???

Dick Cesaroni – email: dick\_rose@sbcglobal.net

### Chapter Election Date Is Nearing.

*I outlined in the November issue of the Semper Fi News the qualifications for Officers. If you are interested in holding a Chapter Office please contact me, Dale Turner or Jack Coughlin ASAP.*

Thanks and Semper Fi

Dick.

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

On September 18<sup>th</sup>, Molly and I traveled to Camp Pendleton for the 1/4 pre-deployment briefing. It was very interesting and extremely comprehensive. The Corps wants their Marines & Sailors to feel that their families are being well taken care of while they are deployed so that they can concentrate on their job at hand. The next day we attended their Family Picnic at Lake O'Neil. All members of the 1/4 attended. Some of the activities for the Marines & Sailors were very funny – izzy dizzys and also very athletic – climbing wall relays. Ask us what they are!! We were able to meet up with various families who have received assistance from our chapter. They were extremely appreciative of our efforts. The blankets, watch caps and diapers that we delivered after the Del Mar campout were distributed at each company's baby showers. We were able to meet up with 2 of the Marines we hosted for Thanksgiving 2 years ago. It was good to talk to them and sent them off with our prayers for their current deployment. Needless to say they will be receiving Christmas packages from Molly and me. We also had an opportunity to get to know the CO, Lt Col "Chris" Hastings and Sgt Major Terry Jones. What a great way to meet the families we are assisting.

On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, we again delivered another set of over 21 baby blankets and watch caps. Our efforts have been recognized by people outside of FMDA-LA. 2 women from Canoga Park Lutheran Church made over 21 baby blankets with matching watch caps and donated them to the families. Also member Nile Holmes approached his local Stater Bros. and received a donation of 10 large boxes of diapers. He then delivered them to the Family Readiness Officer at Camp Horn. Thanks Nile!! When you do good things, good things follow!!! We are blessed to have so many members and non-members who want to help us with our mission of supporting the families of 1/4.

The battalion deployed to Fallujah, Iraq on 10/5. Please keep them and their families in your prayers for a safe deployment.

Our last and perhaps our most important activity of the year is the fundraising effort to provide **Commissary Gift Certificates for the holidays**. This activity is very crucial this year since the battalion is deployed and the certificates will definitely be needed. Our efforts will be slightly different this year. We are kicking off our drive **NOW!!** (previously, the major thrust of our efforts came at the Chapter Christmas Party). It will conclude at the Chapter Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. This will allow us time to get the certificates, deliver them to Camp Horn and have them distributed to the families for the holiday season. Last year we had tremendous support from the chapter members, friends, and other Marines. We raised over \$2,000 (80+ gift certificates) and are looking to surpass that this year. Each certificate is worth \$25. We hope that ALL will participate - Chapter members, friends, and other Marines even those who are not able to attend the Birthday Luncheon. You can make a check payable to:

FMDA-LA  
1/4 Family Support  
24415 Lisa Kelton Place  
Newhall, CA 91321-2341

Please put 1/4 family support in the comment line of the check. Thank you in advance for this great and needed activity. Let's help to brighten the holidays for the families of our deployed Marines and Sailors!!!

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

Semper Fidelis,  
Tom Kelly  
818-884-5355  
takellype@att.net

## Families We Have Been Assisting



SgtMaj Terry Jones, 1/4 Liaison Tom Kelly, CO – LtCol "Chris" Hastings



LCpl David Blumenstock with wife Donna and son Joshua - H/S Company



LCpl Andrew Herrera with wife Susana and daughter Layla Marie - Charlie Company

## GOD BLESS OUR MARINES AND THEIR FAMILIES

Pictured right with Tom is Lance Corporal Ryan Cooper - Charlie Company—1st Bn, 4th Marines. Ryan is one of the Marines Molly and I hosted for Thanksgiving at our home in 2006

