

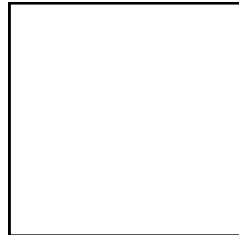
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SEMPER FIDELIS

When injustice becomes law, resistance becomes duty.

Thomas Jefferson

Chapter Welcomes New Life Members Derold "Mick" Olson, SSGT, USMC

Fox Co. , 2nd Battalion 7th Marines, Korea
Mick is a Life Member of National, Wisconsin and Bodfish Chapters. Mick and his wife Joyce are big supporters of Bodfish. Welcome aboard Mick Sponsored by Dale Turner

E.T. "Tom" Gonzales, L/CPL, USMC

Charlie Co, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, Vietnam
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Welcome aboard Tom - Sponsored by Dale Turner

Al Lansdale, CPL. USMC

3rd AAV Battalion, Cuba Missile Crises
Al is very active with the MCL in Semi Valley. He is the OIC of the MCL Color Guard and has rendered honors for many of our members. Sponsored by Dale Turner

2010 Los Angeles County Chapter "Jack Coughlin" Annual Fund-raising Drive



1932 - 2009

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Note: Names are listed in the order their Donation were received. Last Update 9/22/10

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Winners of the drawing to be held on Saturday, 2 October will be announced in the November Issue of the Semper Fi News.

*Note: Prior to Jack's passing he left \$1000.00 to the LA Chapter with instructions to keep him in the Super Grunt Club (\$200.00 Annual Donation) for five years after his passing. Grunts & Super Grunts Club members are listed on Page 2.

DAY AT THE RACES CANCELLED

The Management at Oak Tree decided to start their track remodeling ahead of schedule. A refund will be mailed to those of you who signed up.

ATTENTION!

Nominations for Chapter Officer for 2011 to 2013 are now being accepted.
Contact Dick Cesaroni, Nominating Committee Chair if you are interested in serving.
His number is 661-297-2028
Email: dick_rose@sbcglobal.net
Deadline is December 18, 2010
Election will be held on Saturday, 22 January 2011

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Dale Turner, Editor

Editors Corner 2010

Bodfish Gourmet Chef Found Alive and Well....

Internationally Renowned Bodfish Chapter Gourmet Chef and Culinary Adviser, Hoover Ginn, was found safe Sunday morning sitting outside a public restroom in Yountville, CA.

Hoover Ginn was last seen back in May 2010 boarding a plane for China. He was expected back in the USA on July 29th in time to attend the San Antonio Reunion. When he failed to show up at the San Antonio Reunion we became increasingly concerned. The Bodfish Past Presidents learned after returning from the San Antonio Reunion that Hoover entered back in the States aboard a Chinese freighter that docked in Stockton, CA. in mid July.

After several attempts were made to contact him it was feared that Hoover fell victim to some Chinese plot. A Bodfish Posse was formed and a statewide search began.

On Sunday, 19 September after an extensive search BFPP's Mike Enos and Dale Turner spotted Hoover sitting outside a public restroom. After some sighs of relief and Bodfish handshakes we were delighted to see that Hoover was well and in fair spirits. He told us that he had been shanghaied.

His tale of love, high sea adventure and human smuggling left two old Bodfish Past Presidents shocked, astonished but intrigued. He told the Squid and I how he had met, fell in love with and married a thirty-eight year old Chinese gal by the name of Amy Sue Lin Loo. Her father who is in the import export business disapproved of the marriage.

Hoover had been shanghaied in China by members of his father-in Law's Import/Export Company and loaded aboard a Chinese freighter bound for the Port of Stockton, CA. During Hoovers thirty-three days at sea he was abused and stripped of his clothing, ID, cell phone and money and forced to make deep fried Knish for the crew. Once reaching the Port of Stockton using the cover of darkness coupled with his Marine Sniper Scout training he managed to slip off the ship. Having no compass and only a small hand towel fashioned into a loin cloth to keep him covered and warm he used the stars to land navigate his way through the California Hills to the Napa Valley. There he infiltrated into the Yountville Veterans Home. Once inside he was able to locate several Marines he served with in Korea and one Marine who he did "Black Ops" with in Communist China and North Korea in the 50's. They fed him and put him up. They informed him of a Marine gathering scheduled for 19 September (The day we found him) and he would surely find some Bodfishers.

Now let's get back to the adventure. Hoover said after they were married he tried to get her a visa and passport but had problems with the Chinese Officials and her father. The American Embassy too was unwilling to get involved due to her many political ties and suspected CIA connection.

So Hoover using his connections from when he was in the Chinese Laundry business in San Francisco some 40 years ago, that was really a bookmaking front, called in favors from old employees. These old Chinese employees fled or were deported back to China after his laundry was raided by the SFPD and INS. Many of his old employees used the free enterprise system that Hoover taught them to become well connected businessmen in China. With their help he managed to get Amy smuggled out of China. The next day while headed to the airport for his flight home, he was shanghaied.

Amy, or should I say Mrs. Hoover Ginn is now in Nicaragua waiting to be smuggled into Mexico where she will be provided with identification and other papers that will assist her in getting into the United States.

It is extremely helpful that one of our BFPP, code name "Bombay Bob" has inside connections with INS and the Border Patrol. In addition, another BFPP code name "Porkrind" has Recon experience and has put together a team of old Recon Marines, names of which were found in the last edition of Recon Reflections. We will now refer to Hoovers Bride as "The Package". The Package is expected to be on the US/Mexican border in the area of Lukeville, AZ by months end. This town was picked to do it's small population (29) and the fact it only has two houses, a bar and bordello which is frequented by "Porkrind".

The US Agents assigned to patrol that area are waiting for retirement and don't do a lot. On the Mexico side "The Package" will be hidden in one of the 50-60 cardboard boxes that line the border. There "The Package" will wait until extracted by the Old Marine Veteran Recon Team. Hopefully this will not take more than two or three months at which time Hoover will be reunited with his new bride.

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

HU Campbell Receives Bodfish Award



HU Campbell receives a lighted laser etched crystal with the Eagle Globe & Anchor, 1st Marine Division, Blue Diamond and Bodfish Logo suspended in the center of the crystal, from Bodfish Jr. Past President Mike "Squidley" Enos at the FMDA Reunion in San Antonio Texas.

The award was presented in gratitude for HU's support and favorable comments of the Bodfish Chapter and our great Bodfish Hospitality Room and camaraderie and positive carefree, fun loving attitude that we as Bodfishers display at all events. His comments have appeared monthly over the past year in his publication of the newsletter called "Recon Reflections".

HU along with many Recon Marines have become members and strong supporters of the Bodfish Chapter. We can always count on them to fill a table adding to the great Bodfish Forever spirit that fills the air of our Bodfish gatherings.

HU is the editor and publisher of the "Recon Reflections," which is published monthly and made available on line for anyone interested to read. There you will read some great sea stories and have the opportunity to see pictures of these Marine Veterans in their younger days.

Go on line and type in, **Recon Reflections**

The Bodfish Chapter would like to thank the following supporters for their most generous donations that helped to make this years Bodfish Hospitality a success.

Camp Hamilton, Bakersfield CA - Los Angeles County Chapter Inc., Internationally Famous Bodfish Chapter - Dave Franklin, Chuck Wiley, Tom Kelly, Bob Perry, Kevin the Clamper, Randy Schmidt, Randy Leedom, Gene Wuestenfeld, Al Kinsley, Carol Maker Johnson, Mick Olson, Tom McLeod, John Rood, Larry Davis, L.D. Garretson, Don Williams, Max Fesler, George Moore, Dave Marshall, Tom Rohrbach, Coleman Coughlin, Bill Maker, Nile Holmes, Bill Turner, Tom Whetzel, Dick Cesaroni, Myrl Wallace, Dale Turner, John Meseure, Emily Turner Mike Enos, Don Whitton "Sgt Grit"

All the above mentioned are Bodfishers or Bodfish Bevy's Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever!

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

It has been a busy summer for the families of the 1/4 who have just finished the halfway point of the current deployment. They had beach days, summer nights at the pool, pot-lucks, field trips and ongoing base support activities. Molly and I had the pleasure of attending the "New Moms and Moms to be Party" on 11 July. We had a wonderful time with all the new Moms and babies and also with those who were expecting to deliver in the next 3 months. Each one of the guests received one of our handmade blankets and watch caps. Many pictures were taken and we will be publishing them next month. They wanted us to say "THANK YOU" for them and for all the support that we continue to give them.

As previously mentioned the success of the "Family of Warriors" dinner allows the chapter to provide greater assistance and support to the families of the Marines and Sailors of the 1/4. The second allocation of these funds will purchase diapers and wipes which will be distributed during the Del Mar campout. If you would like to participate personally, please bring diapers and wipes with you to the campout.

Our annual holiday commissary gift certificates drive will also receive funding from the "Family of Warriors" account. You may personally assist with this drive also.

As the time gets closer, we will keep you apprised of the "Homecoming" activities planned for December.

The Chapter has been invited to attend a Memorial Service for the fallen of the 3/1 on Friday, December 3rd. Some of you may not be aware but during this current deployment, the 3/1 has had 12 KIA and 14 injured resulting in amputation. Molly and I are planning on attending this service and will keep you updated with the details.

Upcoming support activities for 2010 include:

- Diaper/baby wipe drives – October
- 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

OCTOBER DAY AT THE RACES CANCELLED

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(The check is in the mail)

NOVEMBER Marine Corps Birthday Celebration Wednesday, November 10, 2010 1700 - ??

American Legion Post 507
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DECEMBER 32nd Annual LA Chapter Christmas Luncheon Saturday, December 12, 2010 1100- 1500

\$35.00 Per person (Tax/Tip Included)
(\$280.00 per table of 8)

JANUARY 2011 LA Chapter Annual Business Meeting Saturday, January 22, 2011

Odyssey Restaurant
15600 Odyssey Dr., Granada Hills, CA 91344
Cost To Be Announced

Note: There will be an election of new Chapter Officers.

1st Marine Division Anniversary Camp Pendleton/Oceanside CA January 31 to February 5, 2011 (Dates Tentative) Refer to your OBN for more information Or call FMDA HQ at 760-967-8561

FEBRUARY 2011 Bodfish Campout, Piru, CA

10 - 13 February 2011
Make plans to attend.

Registration form and Lodging information
will be in the December 2010 & January 2011
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BODFISH FOREVER !!

A Message From Our Chapter President Tom Whetzel

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Semper Fi Marines and FMF Corpsman

I know we are all gearing up for our reunion in San Antonio, Texas, and that's why this will be the last newsletter until October. So when you come to San Antonio make sure you come by the Bodfish hospitality room, that Mike has set up for us. Yep the Bodfish Junior Past President Mike "Squidley" Enos will be there.

Our annual chapter fund-raiser ended September 30th. Our Grunts Club membership is down but we make due with what we have. Jack started this program, and would want to see it continue. It is never too late to make a donation to the chapter and help to support our programs. The fund-raiser helps us keep the Chapter strong and the Semper Fi newsletter coming to your home each month.. And don't forget we have a drawing and you could win your money back.

I have appointed Dick Cesaroni to chair the Chapter nominating committee for the selection and election of new chapter Officers. If you would like to get involved and help lead this great chapter get your name to Dick ASAP..

Change of Chapter officers will take place in January at our annual business meeting.

Until October, I bid you, Semper FI and Bodfish Forever
Tom Whetzel



A Word from Dick Cesaroni, Legal Officer & Chapter Rep.

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I will start this article and will probably talk mostly about the re-union in San Antonio, Texas. I want to congratulate Tex Stiteler and his crew for putting on a great reunion at the Holiday Inn – El Tropicano Hotel. It was a great adventure.

And then there is Mike "Squidley" Enos. Words are hard to come by in trying to thank Squid for such a magnificent job in putting together the "Bodfish" hospitality room at the hotel. In lieu of his current and on going health issues, he loaded up his truck and trailer and along with his faithful companion, Paul Young, they trudged to San Antonio to set up the Bodfish Hospitality room. As always it was the envy of everyone at the reunion. What a great job Mike did. Big OOORAAH to Mike!

The highlight was the gathering of the soul of Bodfish, the three Musketeers, the Three Corpsman, John Hayes, Bob Bobst, and Burnett Napier. It has and will always be a pleasure to see these three guys at any reunion. The all look pretty damn good. (For 65) The reunion itself had its up side and downside. First of all the hotel was located outside the downtown area causing you to travel a little ways to get to the Riverwalk downtown. But, the upside was that there was a Riverwalk river taxi stand just downstairs from the hotel and a trolley car stop just across the street. Another upside was that it only cost half as much as our stay at the Marriott when we were here in 1997. So you have to weigh the pros and cons. But you can't make everyone happy.

I was told that about a little over 500 registered and about 320 attended the grand ball and dinner. Our guest of honor and keynote speaker was the 33rd Commandant of the Marine Corps, Michael W. Hagee (USMC Ret)

The General Meeting on Saturday? What can I say? Sometimes I don't believe that any of the presenters know what the heck they are talking about. About the only important thing that came out of the meeting was that Peepsight Pendas made a motion to move the balloting (voting) from the mail in ballot system that we have now back to the old way of voting from the floor at the reunions very two years. It was quite a dual back and forth but there were good arguments for keeping it the way it is (mail in ballots). The main thrust that I picked up was that if you are an active dues paying member then you have the right to vote for whom ever you want to. Just because you do not attend the reunion does not mean that you cannot vote.

I would strongly suggest that each and every member of the Los Angeles County Chapter and every member for that matter send an email or a note to the FMDA HqQtrs updating your personal information especially your address and email and let them know that you DO want a ballot sent to you so you can vote. I would like to see them set up a voters registration file and have that in the office so they can send out your ballot. I feel that you MUST let HdQtrs know that you are alive and well and want to vote. If you want to vote then let them know about yourself. FMDA wants to know if you are out there.

GADZOOKS! We even had an interloper/wanabe who had the nerve to try and crash in to the swearing in ceremony for the Bodfish's newest inductees. Due too Dale Turner's sharp eye, albeit somewhat blurred and his 33 years of experience with the L.A.P.D. the wanabe, after about 3 or 4 questions it was quickly discovered that he was a phony. Dale sat him down, held the swearing in ceremony, and then removed the culprit from the Bodfish Room. Even in the Bodfish Sanctuary you have to be on your toes for the enemy. Good work Dale.

On a final note. Election of Chapter Officers and Directors will take place at our annual business meeting in January 2011. If you are interested in serving as an Officer or Director please give me a call. Nominations must be in by 18 December 2010.



Bodfish Hospitality Room San Antonio 2010

What a great Reunion it was. The Alamo Chapter did a fantastic job of coordinating the week and taking care of the guests and Chapter Hospitality Rooms. Kudo's to the San Antonio Alamo Chapter and especially to Tex Stiteler. Tex is a Life Member of the Bodfish Chapter and really took care of us helping to see that Mike "Squidley" Enos had what he needed for the Bodfish Hospitality Room. Needless to say the Bodfish Room was the place to be start on day one.

In fact on Tuesday night 19 new members were initiated into the Bodfish Chapter. By we3eks end we added a total of 37 new Bodfishers to our ranks.

On Thursday night we had a special guest appearance by Jose Cuavo and Margarita and the Maraachi bank of renown. That kicked off a great night of margarita drinking, toasting and dancing. Enjoy the pictures!!!



Ray Moreno and Bob Bobst made sure that Squidley's dance card was filled. We all laugh so hard that our sides were hurting.. One main attraction was the Bodfish Wheel of Fortune.

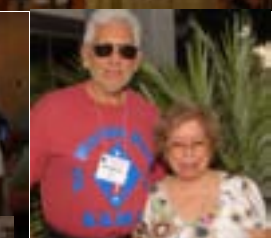
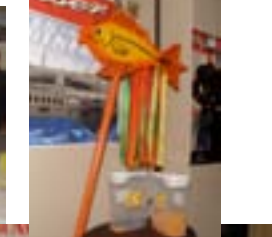


The current Bodfish President, Bob Martinez accompanied by BFPP and Chaplain Bob Bosts, Senior Bodfish Bevy Jan "W" and Bodfish VP Larry Davis took up the respective positions each night for the Bodfish initiation ceremony. Please enjoy the following photos.



Squidley paraded around the hotel in his Bodfish Serape carrying the newly acquired Bodfish Chapter Staff of Relief. The streamers adorning the staff bear the name of each Bodfish Past President.

As he walked through the hotel he was like the piper bringing fellow Marines into the clutches of the great Bodfish spirit of enjoyment.



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