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Semper Fi News

Los Angeles County Chapter, Incorporated
1st Marine Division Association

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Dale Turner, Editor



SEMPER FIDELIS

'The trouble with our liberal friends is not that they're ignorant; it's just that they know so much that isn't so.'
Ronald Reagan

THE CHAPTER THANKS THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS FOR SUPPORTING THE JACK COUGHLIN ANNUAL CHAPTER

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REMEMBER.. IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO DONATE

The Chapter Extends Its Deepest Sympathy to Chapter Vice President Charlie Meter.

Charlie lost his wife, Arline, on Saturday, September 3, 2011 after a long battle with pulmonary hypertension.

Charlie along with their two daughters were by her side as she peacefully left to enter heavens gate.

Charlie and Arline were married for 53 years and were truly devoted to one another, to their daughters, son in-laws and grandchildren.

For the past couple of years Arline condition precluded her from attending Chapter functions.

Many of our local members who served on LAPD remember Arline as the Senior Registered Nurse at LAPD Van Nuys Jail. She ran a tight ship and was a consummate professional who took no crap from the suspects. And God have mercy on the suspect who got "froggie" with her. Not only was she respected, protected and loved by all the Officers, her husband Charlie was the "Watch Commander".

Arline was laid to rest on September 24, 2011 at Eternal Valley, Santa Clarita, CA. The services were private attended only by family. Charlie's brother, a Deacon in the Catholic church, conducted the service.

May God Bless the Meter Family

WELCOME ABOARD

The Chapter welcomes

William Chau, Sergeant USMC

He served with 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Division and is a Gulf War Veteran. We hope to see both he and his wife Shelley at upcoming Chapter functions.

Day at the Races

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Registration Form

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May also be down loaded on line at our website.

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GRUNTS CLUB MEMBERS

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

**Grunts Club Members
1 Oct 2011 to 30 Sept 2012**

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| *Mary Anthony | *Norm Kellems |
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| <i>In Memory of Jack Clark</i> | <i>her father Herb Parry</i> |
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| | *Tom & Diane Whetzel |

**Forgot To Renew Your
Grunts Club Status ?**

**There is still time to do so.
It is never too late to donate!**

Also, with your donation you will be entered into the Chapter drawing. Drawing will be held on Saturday, 10 December 2011 at the Chapter Christmas Luncheon.

Semper Fi

Bold Plus* Denotes Super Grunts Status
\$200.00+ donation

43 Honored Grunts Club Members for
OCT. 1, 2011/ SEPT 30, 2012

1st MARINE DIVISION FAMILY OF WARRIORS SUPPORT



Molly and Tom Kelly

Just an update on the deployment status of the battalions we are now supporting. The 2/4 deployed in August to Afghanistan. The 3/1 is currently at Mojave Viper and will be deploying in the very near future. The 1/4 will be deploying in the November/December timeframe. Let's keep all our Marines and Sailors in our prayers, especially those who are in harm's way.

This month Molly and I will be traveling to Camp Pendleton to deliver the first allotment of diapers. Per the Family of Warriors Committee's direction, each of the three battalions will be receiving \$500 of diapers and wipes. These will go a long way to help our deployed families. Thanks Family of Warriors!!!

Time is running short to make your reservations for the 1/4 Birthday Ball. It will be held on Friday, October 28, 2011 at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina on Harbor Island Drive (Great hotel!!). Cost for the event is \$65/person (Very reasonable). A special room rate of \$99/night is available (Tremendous rate for San Diego on the water). This is always a great event and this year's site is outstanding!! We have already made our reservations and hope that you can join us to show our support not only to the battalion but also to the Corps. If you are interested in attending, please contact us for details (818/884-5355 or takelype@att.net) prior to 15 October.

Don't forget, we are still accepting baby blankets and manufacturer coupons!! We now have even more families to support in other ways than just diapers/wipes and gift certificates.

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

Semper Fidelis,

Tom Kelly
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NOTE:

Tom Kelly is our Chapter Representative. He represented the Chapter at the FMDA Annual Reunion in Arlington, VA last month. Due to limited space in the printed edition of the Semper Fi News his report may be read on the Chapter Website or in the "E" version of the Semper Fi News.

Dale Turner, Editor

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.

NOVEMBER

DAY AT THE RACES

Oak Tree Park, Santa Anita

Thursday, November 3, 2011

COST:

Member & one guest **\$34.00** per person,
Non-Member & additional guest (s) **\$38.00** per person
Includes buffet lunch, tax, tip,
program and valet parking.

SEE PAGE 5 FOR RESERVATION FORM

A Message from Day At The Races Coordinator

Richard Oldenburg

Make plans to join the FMDA, LAC, inc. at the annual Day at the Races, November 3rd. Special rate for members and one guest \$34.00. Guests and additional tickets are \$38.00. Price includes Valet Parking, Admission, Daily Program and a Buffet Luncheon from Noon to 2:00 PM (1400 hrs). This is the last week of the Fall meeting and should be outstanding. Mark it on your calendar. November 3, 2011. Santa Anita Race Track. . Order Form will be in the October issue of the Semper Fi News.

236 Marine Corps Birthday Party

Thursday, 10 November 2011

Still waiting on location and time.

I feel like a "mushroom" on this event. You know, being kept in the dark and feed B.S.

If anyone has any information where the MC Birthday for the Santa Clarita Valley is being held please get the information to me ASAP. D.T. Editor.

33RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Monterey At Encino,

16821 Burbank Bl., Encino, CA 91423

Saturday, December 10, 2011 1100 - 1500

Price: \$35.00 Per person Tax/Tip Included.

Note: This is one of our most attended events.

Please get your money in early.

Your Seats or table must be paid for in advance. There will be no open seating all seats and tables will be assigned. So get your group together, purchase and reserve a table early.

THERE WILL BE NO PAY AT THE DOOR



A Message From Our Chapter President, Myrl Wallace

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Marines & Fellow Corpsman

I have spent part of the day with a Marine who served between the Korean War, and Viet Nam. He is in an extended care facility here in Santa Maria due to a broken hip. He spent five years in our Corps as a PFC. He said that he was not particularly proud of that fact, but he sure did have fun during those five years. He is quite successful now, being the CEO of a local credit union.

I bring this up because it has come to my attention that we have not only several members in hospital at any given time, but Marines of all backgrounds who are infirmed who would love to have a visit from any Marine. Anytime that you hear of a Marine that is ill or injured, or even if you are visiting another friend or relative, you might check with the staff to see if there is a Marine there as a patient. I guarantee you, they will appreciate it.

Here it is October. The year is really flying. Before long we will be gathering for our annual Christmas Party. The month of October has had some significant events for our Corps. On 5 October 1775, the Continental Congress used the term "Marines" for the first time in an order of assignment to ships. On 8 October 1899 future Commandant George F. Elliott attacked and captured the insurgent town of Novaleta, P.I. On 31 October 1919 Sergeant Herman H. Hanneken led a patrol of Marines and Gendarmes into the headquarters of Haitian Caco leader Charlemagne Peralte, killing the bandit chief and dispersing his followers. Sergeant Hanneken and Corporal William R. Button were each awarded the Medal of Honor. Sergeant Hanneken later retired as a Brigadier General after receiving fame and notoriety as the Commanding Officer of the Seventh Marines at Guadalcanal. He is buried at Ft Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego. And finally we must never forget that on 23 October 1983, 220 Marines lost their lives when a terrorist drove his bomb laden truck into the BLT Headquarters, Beirut, Lebanon. This was the worst loss of life the Marine Corps had suffered since D Day, Iwo Jima..

In closing, there is still time to get behind the Chapter and show your support with a donation to our Jack Coughlin Annual Fund-raiser. Any amount will help be it \$5.00 or \$100.00 . Remember, we have no paid employee's or overhead. The monies donated go to get the newsletter coming each month and to support our many on going programs. Until next month, Semper Fi Myrl



A Word from Dick Cesaroni, Chapter Legal Officer

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I first of all want to commend Bob Perry, Sgt. Maj Pete Ross, and Tex Stiteler for their efforts in keeping the love, memories, and the tradition of the Bodfish Hospitality Room and Mike "Squidley" Enos alive in true Bodfish fashion. You all adapted, persevered, and overcame many objects in your pursuit to achieve this wondrous deed.

"Remember that as your Legal Officer, I'm a walking storeroom of facts – I've just lost the storeroom."

You should be proud of your self's because I am and I would ventures to say man, many others are just as proud of you three Amigos. And I know that Squidley is just beaming up there.

"Life isn't fair. The young don't know what to do, and the old can't do what they know."

I am sorry that I missed the re-union and especially the Bodfish Hospitality Room. You three brought light and joy to many old and new timers who have visited prior Bodfish facilities. Once again, Good job Marines. Oorah and a Big Semper Fi to the three of you. Kudos also to the Sheraton National hotel in Arlington and Carl Wenhold.

We missed this one but we are getting ready for the re-union in Portland, Oregon in 2012. Hopefully THERE WILL BE A BODFISH HOSPITALITY ROOM if the Los Angeles County Chapter, Inc. has anything to say about it. I would not want Squidley haunting me over this. "You're not yourself today. Enjoy it while you can."

Remember that the Chapter Christmas luncheon is set for Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 1100-1500. Be sure to get your money in early because we have a tendency to sell out for this event. Just read your SFN completely to know what is going on in "your" Chapter. Also if you have any complaints, comments or suggestions please let your Officers and Directors know. We can't fix it if we don't know what's broke. "This system is Experiencing An Information Overload." "My mind not only wanders, it sometimes leaves completely."

Until next month, Semper Fi. Stay healthy and keep it legal

Dick Cesaroni



If you are going to attend the Chapter's
"Day At The Races"

Scheduled for
Thursday, November 3, 2011

Complete the order form below cut and mail it to me
along with your check.

"I hope to see you at the Races, Semper Fi Richard"



**DEADLINE FOR ORDERING TICKETS IS
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2011**

Your check and order form must be in
by 5:00PM this date.

This will allow Richard Oldenburg time to process
the orders and get the packages mailed out to you.

"NO" orders will be accepted after October 14th.
NO EXCEPTIONS.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH
Make your Check or Money Order payable to:

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Mail to:

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Day At The Races Coordinator

P.O. Box 220552

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Santa Anita Ticket Order Form

LA County Chapter, Inc., FMDA "Day At The Races"

Please Print Clearly

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ CA., Zip Code _____

Phone Number: _____ - _____ - _____

No. of tickets: ____ at **\$34.00** each. No. of tickets: ____ at \$38.00 each. Total: \$____.00

Note: \$34.00 Price is for member and one guest. Additional tickets are \$38.00 per person

No. of Valet Parking Passes needed: _____ (No limit, you may have as many as you want)

Price includes: Valet parking, admission, racing form & lunch (Buffet Style). The Terrace Lounge is a smoke free environment. Casual Dress or Casual Business Attire.

Note: Tickets and Valet Passes will be mailed out on or about October 17, 2011.

FOR OFFICAL USE ONLY

Date check / M.O. received: _____

Check No: _____

Amount of Check: _____

Notes:



Editor's Corner

Dale Turner, Editor
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“What’s this Bodfish Chapter ?”

It is a question that is often asked by fellow Marines and FMF Corpsman who have not had the pleasure of participating in one of our Chapter gatherings, Bodfish campouts or FMDA Reunion Hospitality Rooms.

You can spend an hour or hours trying to explain what the Bodfish Chapter is all about but until you’ve experienced it first hand words can not cause one to fully comprehend just what goes on.

From it’s selection of Chapter Officers, the annual business meeting, interacting with the “Creature”, experiencing the Bodfish Bevy of Beauties to the Bodfish initiation and oath one must experience it for themselves to fully understand what the Bodfish Chapter is all about.

Perhaps for the reader who has not had the Bodfish experience it may be summed up in a creed that was written by one of our Bodfish Past Presidents. I’d like to share that creed with you.

“THE BODFISH CREED”

** BODFISH FOREVER **

WE LOVE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WE ARE UNIQUE IN OUR INFORMALITY

WE RESPECT EACH OTHER

WE TAKE PRIDE IN TRADITION

WE SUPPORT OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

WE HONOR AND REMEMBER OUR VETERANS

WE ARE SO PROUD TO BE MARINES

Author, Mike “Squidley” Enos, 2002

I can tell you this. Whether you enter into a Bodfish Hospitality Room at a reunion or the Bodfish Saloon at the Bodfish Annual Campout you step back in time to an era when the old Marines who started the Association gathering in the name of Marine brotherhood leaving all the political issues of the Association at the door and just had a wild and crazy time regardless of rank.

The Bodfish Chapter has made a positive impact on many a Marine and FMF Corpsman who proudly served under the Blue Diamond.

I have seen old Recon Marines and grunts loyal to their Company and Battalions vowing never to mix outside their own join and embrace the Bodfish. Why? Because we all claimed the title Marine and the Bodfish experience allows everyone an opportunity to, as they say, “Let your hair down” and have a fun time. For me, Bodfish is Forever!!

Until next month, Semper Fi
Dale
Bodfish Past President 2003



BODFISH SKINNY

.....or just plain BS

Larry “IAS” Davis, President

AKA “ CPL LAR”

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I met my Marine brother Bill Maker one morning when he was called to my house to check out a heater that was not properly vented. It was a rental and it was winter and I could see no heat until it was vented. He saw my Great Dane coming down the hall and instead of running he said "what's your name?" to my dog. I replied "Semper Fidelis." He says are you a Marine? I said I sure am. He shakes my hand and then went to his gas company truck and got an application for me to join the local detachment of the Marine Corps League. I was very happy to connect with my Marine Brothers.

For several years Sgt. Maker tried to convince me to come to the Bodfish reunion at Tar Spring Ranch. I finally relented and never looked back.

This picture of Bill and I brings back many fond memories of great times. With our Grounds Keeper, Brevet Corporal John Loomis and our First Lady, Lindy Loomis



and their dear friends John and Millie Hayes who drive out every year from Texas. And the many Bodfish that became family to me. May God Bless you all.

Bodfish Forever!
Semper Fi,
Cpl. Lar "I.A.S. Davis


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Funeral Honors
1-866-826-3628

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- Name of Funeral Home and Phone Number
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- Date Of Funeral

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FIRST MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION REUNION BUSINESS MEETINGS ARLINGTON, VA

By Tom Kelly

On 19 and 20 August I attended FMDA Chapter Representative, Directors and Membership meetings as the Los Angeles County Chapter Representative. Discussions were generally civil with no big controversies arising. The main concerns remain the same; increasing membership and raising funds. It was pointed out by Vice President, Denny Weisgerber that one of the contributing factors to these problems is that the 1st. Division is now being deployed as battalion sized units and no longer being sent out as the Division as was the case in WW II and the Korean War. Individual Marines are now identifying with the smaller units and their loyalty ends up there.

The Chapter Rep. Meeting went smoothly. A Chapter Rep. from one of our more successful chapters suggested that these Chapters should contribute their "Fair Share" to National. This "idea" did not go over very well with most of the Representatives and went no further.

At the Directors Meeting Treasurer, Jim Zalpis reported that the Association's financial situation and cash flow is much better than it was several years ago due mainly to focusing on keeping a day to day eye on income and expenses. Jim also expressed the need to keep focusing on fund raising.

As usual the Membership Meeting was a discussion of the above reported items only with more members involved. The meeting concluded with a motion to have the incoming administration appoint a Committee to investigate using a professional fund raiser to assist in future campaigns. Any fund raising activity would feature oversight by the Association. The motion passed.

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 some upcoming events by partnering Chapters.

Desert Cities Mitchell Paige MOH Chapter

• **October 15, 2011**

7th Marines Warrior Appreciation BBQ

Felix Sports Complex just inside Main Gate MCAGCC, 29Palms

• **Saturday, Thursday, 20 October**

Chapter Meeting Desert Falls County Club. RSVP

Contact Jim Sullivan for more info. (760) 219-8317 Email: jsullivan@dc.rr.com

Southern California Chapter

• **Oktoberfest - San Mateo 5th Marines**

Saturday, 22 October 2011 1200-1600

Call Marty Vasquez for more info at 760-757-6981

Orange County Chapter

For upcoming events and meetings

Contact Bob Palmquist 714-539-1043

or Email: replysmc@yahoo.com

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

Attention! Active Duty Marines: Your LA Chapter Membership is **FREE**

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Address: _____ City: _____ State/Zip+4): _____

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Unit(s) Served With: _____ Dates of Service: _____ Campaigns: _____

List no more than two _____

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Applicant's Signature/Date: _____ Sponsor: _____

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