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Welcome Aboard Marines

The following 1st Marine Division Band members were recruited by LA/Bodfish Member Myrl Wallace, Bodfish Sgt At Arms
Sgt Travis Anderson - Cpl Jorge Polanco - Cpl Chris Parham
Cpl Cho Ranton - Cpl Camron Rogers - Cpl Jonathan Charron

The following Marines were recruited by Chapter members
 Max Felser, Bill Turner, Mike Enos and Chuck Wiley

Sgt Bryan Marshall - Cpl Crystal Urban - Cpl Henry Zubire III
Cpl Joshua Baca - L/Cpl Sean Scott Songsong
 Our members paid the Marines 1st year National dues

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, 24415 Lisa Kelton Place, Newhall CA 91321** (Make check payable to: FMDA-LA)

Dues

National Annual Membership—\$30.00	National Life Membership-\$1000.00
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Applicant's Signature/Date: _____ Sponsor: _____

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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

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| *Paul Kim | Terry Young |
| *Gary Kipp | (28) |
| Kathy Lander | |
| In memory of | |
| Richard Lander | |
| (32) | |

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
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Editors Corner 2008
Dale Turner and Jack Coughlin prepare to announce this years Roastee



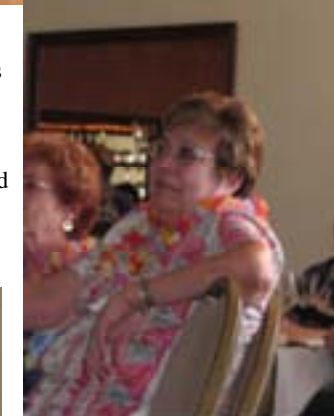
Dick Cesaroni was called forward to receive the honor of this years "Roast". This honor has been a long time coming. Dicks dedication to the Chapter has been outstanding. He was the driving force in securing our Chapters Incorporation and establishing our policy of "No Tickle, No Laundry".

Jack Coughlin presented Dick with a stuffed legal beagle recognizing him as our Chapter Legal Officer.



Dick and Rose also received the coveted ALOHA award.. The Alabama Oral Hygiene Association sent them a certificate along with several packs of "Doctors Tooth Picks

Rose was so overwhelmed by the award she covered her head to hide the tears of joy.



Not to be out done the Gay Fellows of Los Angeles jumped on the band wagon presenting Dick with 50 "Fruit Picks" and a standing invitation to one of their monthly circle jerks.

Seriously Dick, thanks for all that you have done and continue to do. Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever.

Dale dalefmda@earthlink.net

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

The support of the chapter members and their friends for the 1/4 families never ceases to amaze us. We would like to thank everyone who participated in this past diaper drive and baby blanket collection associated with the Del Mar campout. We delivered over \$300 worth of diapers and over 150 baby blankets and watch caps. Yes...I said **150**. Big thank you to Diane Whetzel, Carol Ratcliff, Hugh Rafferty (Coastal Valleys Marine Corps League Detachment) and Rose Cesaroni for our baby blankets and watch caps. Rose Cesaroni belongs to 4 crochet/knitting groups who donated their month's work - 150 blankets and 200 watch caps. We would also like to thank Joan Barone for her donation of new baby clothes. On Sunday, our 1/4 liaison, GySgt Erick Findley and his wife joined us at the campout. They were very taken aback at the outpouring of support that we continue to show the families. In fact, they had to go home and get their truck to transport everything. When you do good things, good things follow. We are blessed to have so many who want to help us with our mission of supporting the families of 1/4.

Our final 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 will be deploying this month 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. 8th. This will allow us time to get the certificates, deliver them to Camp Horno 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. Chapter members, friends, and other Marines who will not be attending the Birthday Luncheon can still participate. You can make a check payable to:

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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



FMDA-LA Calendar of Events

Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon
"March On The Colors"
In celebration of 233 Years of Defending Freedom



Saturday, 8 November 2008 - 1100 AM to 3PM

Castaway Restaurant
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Advance Tickets \$35.00 Per Person

No tickets will be sold at the door

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Dale Turner

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Tickets Go On Sale Starting October 1st 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

The Windsors have been secured for our listening pleasure.

BODFISH SKINNY (8)
.....Or just plain BS

Jack is back and ready for the attack!!!!



Well I am back and ready to resume some of my duties. First, I would like to thank everyone for the kindness to me and my family during my recent stay in the hospital. On some days we did not count the cards, we weighed them. I enjoyed every one and reread them all when I returned home. Thanks again!!!

I had been feeling so good that I made it to the Chapter get together at Del Mar Beach at Camp Pendleton. It turned out to be a great weekend and I would like to thank all of those that helped to put it all together. Dick, Norm, Dale and Bill are just a few. It took everyone to make the weekend a success.

Bob Bobst, Paul Feickert, Dale Turner Jack and Jimmy Greene were Bodfish Past Presidents and were joined by current President Coleman Coughlin, (IAS). We had two ceremonies to swear in new members and we were all pleased to welcome Lt Gen In Sik Kim, 26th Commandant of the Korean Marines.

Also, I heard the reunion in Nashville went very well. With Myrl Wallace and Bill Turner making the trip across country with all of the libations for the Bodfish Hospitality Room. Good job guys!! Mike "Squidly" Enos did his usual good work in putting the room together and to keep it going for six days. I understand Mike was really good at pointing out directions to some of the people attending. It seems he pointed out directions even if the people could not see what he was pointing at or what. You are a great help, Mike!!!

Bodfish Forever & Semper Fi !!
Jack Coughlin
Past Bodfish President and Editor



Lt. Gen In Sik Kim ROKMC Receives his Bodfish Membership Card and his first Bodfish Secret Handshake.

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



I can't believe how fast time goes until it's time once again to submit my message for the news letter. To dovetail on my thoughts of September, making memories. I attended our 1st Mar Div Convention in Nashville from Aug 25th through Aug 31st. Myrl Wallace was driving and I hitched a ride with him. We hauled all the goods for the hospitality room, sponsored by the Bodfish Chapter. It was by all accounts the best hospitality room ever. It was always busy from around 9 am until way past the bewitching hour, quest had to be asked to leave. Now that says something! We were visited by members of the 1st Marine Division Band from Camp Pendleton, the color guard plus many members of the U. S. Army. Memories of the hospitality room were many such as many visitor's wanting to become a Bodfish member! Believe there were about 40 plus sworn in as members unbelievable! A female Sgt. Had a few drinks too many, I escorted her back to her room not knowing room number or having a room key. Requested the assistance of a floor manager. She finally made it into her room, where she discovered she had a key in her pocket all the time. She didn't remember any of this the next day. She asked if we had a good time. I was unaware that I was being timed by Jan (Betty Boop) Withee and Bob Bobst from the time I left the hospitality room until I returned. Whew! Another memory from the hospitality room was when an obvious blind guest asked where the head was and Squidley pointed in the direction, the guy was moving his head from left to right rapidly as if he was at a ping pong match asking where in he was pointing? Funneeeee

The General membership meeting went well, with some members not knowing what the hell was going on. I would have hoped more members would attend this meeting, only 114 members attending including the National Officers. We are all affected by decisions made in that room. Pretty sad showing, based on the fact that over 450 members attended the reunion.

The Saturday evening banquet was great, good music, good food lasting one hour and a half. Dinner at 7 am out at 8:30 pm Our keynote speaker was Colonel Wesley Fox, medal of honor recipient of Vietnam. I bought both of his books, (Courage and Fear, Marine Rifleman) that he was selling during the convention. I was able to speak with him for a half hour about our experiences.

The trip to Jack Daniels Distillery was an experience all by itself. Being one that does not drink and being asked by your tour guide to take Deep, Deep Breaths in various rooms was almost too much and I thought all you who do drink were always having a good time, whew!

The lunch cruise and dinner cruise aboard the General Jackson Show Boat went well, good food and great entertainment, for lunch we had the Chinese Acrobatic and the evening show was impersonation of Tina Turner, Elton John and Elvis Presley. Speaking of Elvis, two of our chapter members and one wife drove about 5 hours west to Graceland to visit someone who is on the third floor or beyond.

This being my first time to Nashville, I made the most of it by going to the Grand Ole Opry Friday evening show and enjoyed the sh_____ kicking music Headlining, Jennie Seely, little Jimmy Dickens, whispering Bill Anderson, Stonewall Jackson, Luke Bryan, Riders in the sky, Jean Shepard, The Whites and Connie Smith.

Our Delmar camp-out went well, with 66 members participating. The LA/Bodfish Hospitality Room again was a huge success. Several young Marines demonstrated their skill at guzzling large amounts of beer in a short time and some couldn't hold it, letting it go in front of everyone. A total of 10 plus were sworn in as Bodfish members. The Saturday evening banquet had a few glitches, but overall there was laughter, good food, good drink and telling of tall tales and legends. Dick Cesaroni was the recipient of the years roast. The tour of the new medical training center was very informative and interesting. Our next event is Santa Anita, October 16, 2008, followed by the Marine Corps Birthday luncheon November 8th and then our Christmas party luncheon on December 13th. *See you there.*



Tom Whetzel

Semper Fi Marines and FMF Corpsman

What a great time we all had at the reunion in Nashville, Tenn. It was nice seeing a lot of the Marines again. I will have to tell you it was a lot of walking at the hotel, and I only got lost five times. But I do want to Thank all of the people involved with the Tennessee Chapter for putting on a great reunion; it was a lot of hard work. Because of the tour to the Jack Daniel Distillery, I did not make it to the Chapter Rep. Meeting. But I can tell you it turned out fine. The one thing that was voted on again was the location of the hotel in San Antonio. It has been moved the "River walk", a lot less walking for us all. All the National By-Law Changes outlined in the last OBN were passed at the General membership meeting in Nashville. The National election of officers will

remain a mail in ballot vote.

The attendance for that meeting was very poor, approximately 114 members which included the National Officers.

I want to say thank you to Mike Enos, Bill Turner, and Myrl Wallace, for the fine job they did on the Bodfish Hospitality Room. .

Myrl kept a vigilant eye on things in the Bodfish Hospitality Room, nothing got past old Myrl.

I again want to remind you all, about the up and coming events for October, November, and December. The day at the Races October 16th, our Marine Corps Birthday party on November 8th, and also our Christmas Party, on December 13th.

Please, Please, make sure you get your reservations and your money in on time. Please be aware that, NO tickets will be sold at the door.

Until Then, Semper FI and Bodfish Forever
Tom Whetzel, Chapter VP, LA Chapter Representative.
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Note:
Myrl is the Bodfish
Chapter Sgt At Arms
Bodfish Forever!



Dick Cesaroni

From: Dick Cesaroni, Chapter Legal Officer & Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

The January 10, 2009 annual Chapter business meeting will also be election time for all Chapter Offices. If you are interested in helping your Chapter continue on as successfully as we have been in the past, we need some good people to step up to the plate to run for an office in this Chapter.

It is the duty of the Nominating Committee to identify, evaluate, and recommend to the President and the membership in attendance those nominees they feel are most capable and qualified to fill the office(s) of the Los Angeles County Chapter, Inc.

All candidates should possess computer skills and be able to communicate electronically (send/receive emails, etc).

All candidates must have a working knowledge of the First Marine Division Association, Inc and the Los Angeles County Chapter, Inc and their Mission and Purpose and their By-Laws and duties of the office they are interested in running for.

All candidates must be of sound mind and physically fit and be of good moral character and present themselves in an orderly and professional and military manor. All candidates must be able to attend all meetings called for by the President.

All offices will be open for any member in good standing wishing to be considered for an office.

For the election to the office of President, the By-Laws require us to have at least two and no more than three candidates running for this office. The office of President must be replaced every two years.

According to one definition of the duties of a Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee will conduct the appropriate inquiries into the backgrounds and qualifications of possible nominees. The Nominating Committee will investigate and review each proposed nominee's qualifications for service on the Board. Some of the characteristics that the Nominating Committee looks for are honesty, integrity, and commitment to devote the time and attention necessary to fulfill his or her duties to the Chapter. The Nominating Committee will also evaluate each nominee's past attendance at meetings and participation in and contributions to the activities of the Chapter and his/her understanding of the Chapter's business.

Those currently holding an office in the Los Angeles County Chapter other than the President may continue on in that capacity if no one volunteers to run for that office.

If any member in good standing (dues current) is interested in being nominated for an office please contact me (Dick Cesaroni) or other Nominating Committee Members Dale Turner or Jack Coughlin.

The cut-off date for submitting your name for nomination for an office will be Saturday, December 6, 2008.

At the day, time, and place of the elections, Saturday, January 10, 2009 at 10:00AM at the Odyssey Restaurant, 15600 Odyssey Dr, Granada Hills, CA (818-366-6444) nominations will be accepted from the floor for all offices when asked for.

Directions to the Odyssey: www.theodysseyrestaurant.com

After this procedure, the Nominating Committee will present a slate of nominees to the President of the Chapter that they feel are the most qualified to hold office in the Los Angeles County Chapter.

The President will pass this information on to the adjutant for publication in the Semper Fi Newsletter.

S/F – Dick Cesaroni – dick_rose@sbcglobal.net

Del Mar Campout 2008



Hospitality Room



Saddle Up!

Morning Formation



The Bodfish Chaplain Speaks



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