

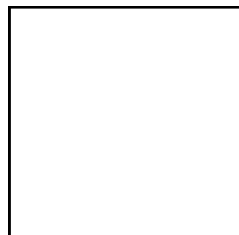
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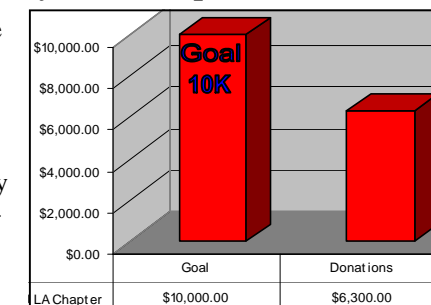
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Chapter Fund-Raiser 2009

This years fund-raiser will officially end on September 30th.

As you can see by the chart on the right we are well on our way to achieving our annual fund-raising goal.

Jack Coughlin always reminded me that although it may appear that we may fall short of our goal it always comes down to the last thirty days. He would say, "That's when the majority of our members come through with their support". Let's "Make It Happen"



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Thanks guys for your help and for great job. Semper Fi & Bodfish Forever ...Dale

Los Angeles County Chapter Inc- 1st Marine Division Association Membership Application/Renewal Form

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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**)

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National Annual Membership—\$30.00	National Life Membership-\$1000.00
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Total \$45.00	Total \$1100.00

Attention! Active Duty Marines: National Membership is **\$20.00**. Your LA Chapter Membership is **FREE**

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List no more than two _____

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Applicant's Signature/Date: _____ Sponsor: _____

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Visit the Chapter Web Site: www.1stmarinedivisionassociationla.org

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations are in order for the seven readers who took the **OPPORTUNITY** to phone/Email and point out the spelling error on page 6 of the August issue of the Semper Fi News.

I must say, as the editor it does my heart good to know that there are members who do take the time to read the Chapter Newsletter.

As indicated at the bottom of this page spelling errors are purposely added for those readers who enjoy finding them and pointing them out. I will continue to enjoy putting them, if for no other reason just hear from you.

Semper Fi "The Editor" DT

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2009/10
Supporters as of
12 August 2009

- 1st Place Winner will receive \$500.00
- 2d Place Winner will receive \$300.00
- 3d Place winner will receive \$200.00

All entries must be received by
5 PM, 9 Sept. 2009.

The drawing will take place at the
Del Mar Campout on 12 Sept 2009.

Winners will be announced in the
October issue of the Semper Fi News.

The LA Chapter would like to thank the following Members for their donation of \$50.00 or more and early entry into the September 12th drawing.

The below members are listed, from top to bottom, starting with column one, in the order their donation was received.

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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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| *American Legion 507 | Kathy Lander
<i>In memory of</i> |
| *LA CHAPTER | Richard Lander |
| *Jim Anderson | Ione Lovell |
| *Mary Anthony | *J.J. Leonard |
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| <i>In memory of Jim Davis</i> | *Richard Sams |
| Ed Demrest | *Francis Shea |
| Max Felser | <i>In memory of</i> |
| *Terry Garrett | Phil Shea |
| *Jim Hackett | Bill Shedlov |
| *George Hatzidakis | *Chuck Singer |
| George Hofstetter | Maury Starr |
| Nile Holmes | *Zack & Sue Taylor |
| *Jasper Hood | Don Tennenbaum |
| *Art Jackson | *Bill Turner |
| *Floyd Johnson | Charles "Eddie" Turner |
| *Jerry Johnson | *Dale Turner |
| *Tom Kelly | *Myrl Wallace |
| *Paul Kim | *Tom & Diane Whetzel |
| *Gary Kipp | *Al Wright |
| (32) | Terry Young |
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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.

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An Annual donation of \$100.00 to the Los Angeles County Chapter
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page 2 of the Semper Fi News from October 1st to September 30th of
the following year.
You can also honor a love one, fellow Marine or Corpsman for an
entire year "In Memory of Your Marine" with your Grunt Club
donation.. See Page 2

Upon the Death of Member of the Chapter the
Family shall instruct the Funeral Director to call the
below number and provide the listed information to
Headquarters Marine Corps.
Funeral Honors
1-866-826-3628

- Name of Funeral Director
- Name of Funeral Home and Phone Number
- Name Of Deceased Marine
- Date Of Funeral

A Burial Detail will not be provided unless
the above is complied with.



Dale Turner, Editor

Editors Corner 2009

“Crooks Get The Surprise Of Their Life”

In the predawn hours of August 11, 2009 in Antioch, CA suspects entered the property of Mike “Squidley” Enos. In just a matter of seconds the suspects had hooked their vehicle to Squidleys enclosed box utility trailer and were off and away.

At approximate 8AM Squidley, who was away at his mountain cabin, received a call from his wife, Jane, who asked him if he had taken his trailer to the cabin.

Needless to say the Squids heart nearly stopped realizing that the trailer contained Bodfish and Clamper items of great and historical value.

Now we all know about Bodfish but what is a Clamper. Well, Clamper refers to E Clampus Vitus, an all male historical drinking society dedicated to the history of California, particularly as it applies to the early mining days.

The police were notified and crime report was made. At approximately 1:30PM Squidley received a phone call from the Police Impound Yard in Stockton informing him that his trailer had been recovered.

What transpired from this point coupled with eyewitness accounts make for a typical Bodfish/Clamper tale.

While on the phone with the Police Impound employee the Squid inquired if the trailer was tow able, getting a favorable response he then asked the employee if he would do him a favor and see if a casket containing a body was still in the trailer. The Police Impound employee replied, “A what! with a what in it?”. The Squid repeated his request and the employee said, “Hold on, I’ll be right. In short order the employee returned and replied, “ There sure is, one casket, one body and a bunch of Marine, Navy and old mining stuff.

As luck would have it the Police Impound Employee was a Navy Veteran. In fact, both he and the Squid served during the same time.

Now this is where it gets interesting, it seems that there was an eyewitness.

At approximately 4:20 AM a short order cook who was getting this little out of the way café ready for their daily greasy spoon business observed a pick up truck pulling a trailer (the Squids trailer) pull into a vacant field across the street from the café and parked. He observed two men described as male Hispanics in their thirties exit the vehicle and immediately unhook the trailer. He then observed them cut the lock on the side and rear doors of the trailer.

Using flash lights the suspects entered the trailer and began removing the stacked boxes.

Now, I would be remiss if I failed to mention that about two weeks earlier Squidley dropped and broke a glass jar containing about a dozen pickled eggs. Several of those eggs rolled underneath all the stacked gear and the Squid could not get them all out of the trailer So, for the past two weeks or so they have been fermenting in the enclosed trailer in the summer heat.

Anyway, back to the story. The witness, lets call him, Fry Cook Harry told the police that the suspects kept popping their heads out of the trailer appearing to be gasping for air. He then watched as they removed and loaded several of the boxes and plastic containers into the back of their pick up truck.

Once again both suspects re-entered the back of the trailer. By now they had removed all the boxes and containers that were stacked on top of the old wood casket.

One can only speculate what happened at this point, but based on Fry Cook Harry’s eyewitness account the crooks got the surprise of their life.

The wood casket contained the remains of one Milton Bodfish Bjorgensen AKA “Mokelumne Milt” a renowned mining Clamper who roamed the hill sides in the area where Highway 49 and 88 are today. In fact, he had a small cabin on Mokelumne Hill. That’s how he got his nickname. His favorite watering hole was Murphy’s Saloon located in the town of Murphy, a drinking establishment that is still active today. But more importantly, he was the first cousin to George Homer Bodfish, our own Bodfish Chapter namesake.

Back to the story. Now keep in mind the odor in that trailer must have been pretty bad given the fact that Fry Cook Harry observed the two suspects exit and gasp for air on several occasions. I’m sure, that as they pried the lid off the old wood casket the odor of the rotten fermenting pickled eggs were taking it’s toll on the two crooks. Only the vision of finding a stash of power tools in the wood casket must of kept them going.

Suddenly and without warning Fry Cook Harry heard a loud yell and the two suspects came out of the trailer like a couple of bats out of hell. As they ran to their pick up truck one was heard to yell, Aheee ..Chihuahua E’Ole Essay, h-u-r-r-y get the F#@ out of here!”

I’m sure they thought that they had found the hidden remains of a murder victim.

Inside the wood casket lay Mokelumne Milt covered in “movie blood and guts” an arrow in his chest and like his cousin George Homer Bodfish a petrified woody in his hands.

Until next month, I bid you Happy Trails, Semper Fidelis and Bodfish Forever.

Dale

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2009 Calendar of Events

September

Del Mar Campout, Camp Pendleton, CA

SOLD OUT

October

Day At The Races

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Price: \$35.00 per person
Includes Lunch, Valet Parking & Race Form

November

Marine Corps Birthday

Tuesday, November 10th

American Legion Post 507

Newhall, CA

1730 - 2100

Price: Small Donation

December

31st Annual Chapter Christmas Party

Monterey At Encino

16821 Burbank Bl, Encino, CA

Saturday, December 12, 2009

Time: 1100 - 1500

Cost : \$30.00 per person

Tables for 8 may be purchased for \$240.00

Those members who purchase a table will be entered into a drawing. The winner of the drawing will receive a table for eight at the 2010 Christmas Party Luncheon.

The LA Chapter Christmas Party Luncheon is a very enjoyable event. The Chapter works hard to keep the cost at an affordable price while at the same time insuring that the members receive a quality meal.

Please considering joining us this year and please feel free to invite family members, friends and neighbors.



Dick Cesaroni

If you are going to attend the Chapter’s “Day At The Races” scheduled for **Thursday, October 15th, 2009**

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

“I hope to see you at the Races”

Santa Anita Ticket Order Form LA County Chapter “Day At The Races” *Please Print Clearly*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ CA., Zip Code _____

Phone Number: _____ - _____ - _____

No. of tickets: _____ at \$35.00 each. Total: \$_____.00

No. of Valet Parking Passes needed: _____ (No limit)

Price includes: Valet parking, admission, racing form & lunch.

The Terrace Lounge is a smoke free environment.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH

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Newhall, CA 91322-0252

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERING TICKETS IS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

Your check and order form must be at Dick Cesaroni’s residence by 5:00PM this date. This will allow me (Dick Cesaroni) time to process the orders and get the packages mailed out to you.

“NO” orders will be accepted after September 30th.
NO EXCEPTIONS.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date check / M.O. received: _____

Check No: _____

Amount of Check: _____

Notes: _____



A Message From Our Chapter President, Tom Whetzel (twhetzel@socal.rr.com) 661-251-7564

Semper Fi Marines and FMF Corpsman

It's already September, and the year is going fast. I hope all of our members have had a great summer so far.. Our September issue is getting out a little early due to the fact that most of the Chapters Officers will be in Anaheim for the reunion during the last week of August.

For those who will be attending the 1st Marine Division Association Reunion it has all the makings for a great time. The Bodfish Chapter will have a Hospitality Room on the lower level of the hotel in the Los Angeles/La Jolla Room. Squidley has been working hard to ensure it will be the best hospitality room at the reunion.

I hope all members who wanted to attend this years Del-Mar Campout got their reservations in on time. If you didn't reserve your cottage you are going to miss out on a great weekend. This year we will hook up with 3rd Amtrack's and it's going to be fun. Following morning chow on Saturday they will be putting on a static display and will float a couple of Amtrack's for our members and family to ride in. In addition, the Bodfish Chapter will be presenting the Bodfish Sword of Honor and the Devil Doc Award to a Marine and Corpsman from 3d Amtrack'. These events will take place starting at approximately 1000 (10AM).

Don't forget the day at the races on October 15th., we need your support. If we can get forty or so to come, we will be able to have the buffet they put out, and believe me it's great.

Turn to page three of the newsletter and complete the "Day At The Races" order form and mail it and your check before September 30th. This is another great Chapter outing.

Fellow Grunt Club members, and all members of the Los Angeles Country Chapter, we need your support for our Chapter fund-raiser. There is still time to enter the drawing and a chance to win a cash prize. Please consider joining our Grunt Club, or just donate whatever you can. This is the only fund-raiser the chapter holds and 100% of your donation goes to support our chapter. This years drawing is an "in house" drawing so there will not be that many entered into the drawing thereby increasing your chance to be a winner and receive one of the three cash prizes. This is for our Chapter only, no one else. "Ask not what your chapter can do for you, but what you can do for your chapter."

Join now, here's an opportunity to win some hard cold cash just for sending in a tax exempt donation. If you need a tax receipt, our Adjutant will mail you one. Just ask and you shall receive.

Lastly, many of our long time chapter supporters have left us to report to their final duty station. We need to think about our chapters future and how we are going to sustain our self financially. I will be calling upon our Chapter Officers & Directors to look into ways we can remain financially solvent well into the future .

Until next month, Semper FI and Bodfish Forever

Tom Whetzel



BODFISH SKINNY

.....or just plain BS

This months article by Bodfish Past President and Chapter Rep
Dale Turner



Front Side of Coin



Back Side of Coin

Designed by Dale Turner and minted by Northwest Territorial Mint, USA

Now you can carry the Bodfish with you at all times, right in your pocket reminding you of all the good times we have had, those to come, and the great BS stories that have and will continue to be told by young and old Marines, Corpsmen and Bevy's alike.

The coin is only available to Bodfish Life Members, in good standing, and will be sold at FMDA Reunions, 1st Marine Division Anniversaries Bodfish Campouts or anywhere where there are three Bodfishers consuming libations and telling sea stories (providing they have a coin to sell) .

The cost of this Bodfish treasure is only \$20.00. Funds derived from the sale of the coins will go to support the annual presentation of the Bodfish Sword of Honor and Devil Doc Award . Not one cent of the money will be used to sustain the Bodfish Past President pension, perks or summer vacations, I promise.

The Bodfish Past Presidents realize that \$20.00 may seem a steep price to pay for the coin. So with that in mind we would like you to consider this. Since every member of Bodfish Chapter is a "Life Member" and that Dues are Due every fifty years, from the date you were sworn into the Chapter, \$20.00 is not a bad deal. But...to show you that underneath our Bodfish Bone beats a heart, we are offering you a special deal. Purchase your Bodfish Life Member coin at the regular price of \$20.00 and present your coin to any Bodfish Past President, when your dues come due, and get 50% off your Life Membership Dues (*The cost for Life Membership Dues has not yet been determined*) Now that's a deal!!!

Attention! Vince Petrovski, Howard Bales, Bob Bobst, Burnette Napier and John Hayes, I believe your dues will be coming due very soon, check the date on your membership card.

Now, I understand that there are some Bodfishers who just can't get to one of the gatherings and would like to have a Bodfish Life Member Coin mailed to them. Before we can mail out a Bodfish Coin to anyone we must first verify that you are a Bodfish Life Member in good standing and know the secret words spoken by all Bodfishers at their initiation.

If you would like to order a Bodfish Life Member Coin call either Bodfish Past Presidents Bill Maker at 831-449-3949 or Dale Turner at 661-253-1981.

Here are some dates and locations where the Bodfish Life Member Coin will be available for sale.

- Bodfish Hospitality Room FMDA Reunion, Anaheim, CA Aug 24-30
- LA Chapter Del Mar Campout, Camp Pendleton, CA Sept 11-14

Until next month
Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever! Dale



Molly and Tom Kelly

Support the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines

Our final Diaper/Baby Wipe drive for 2009 is scheduled for our Del Mar Campout – Sept., 11-13. Bring the diapers or baby wipes with you and they will be given to the Family Readiness Officer and/or the Commanding Officer at the Campout. If you are unable to attend and would still like to participate, send a check to FMDA-LA with 1/4 Family Support in the comment line. Let's try to fill our jeeps (Tim Hawkin's) or SUV's (Kelly's) like we have done in the past!!



The chapter is invited to attend the 1/4 Birthday Ball which will be held on Sunday, 8 November, at the Pechanga Resort in Temecula. Tickets for the event are \$75 per person. A discounted lodging rate is currently being negotiated. This is an opportunity to not only celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday on a formal note but to also give the Chapter members an opportunity to interact with the active duty Marines and Sailors of the Battalion. Please contact me if you are interested in attending.

The rest of our scheduled activities to date are:

- Sept – Del Mar Campout – Diaper/Baby Wipe Drive
- Nov – 1/4 Birthday Ball
- Nov/Dec – Holiday Commissary Gift Certificates
- Ongoing – Manufacturer Coupons & Baby Blankets

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

Semper Fidelis,

Tom Kelly
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