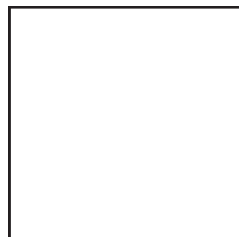


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SEMPER FIDELIS

September 2008

Dale Turner, Editor



USS New York
 LPD 21

It was built with 24 tons of scrap steel from the World Trade Center .

It is the fifth in a new class of warship - designed for missions that include special operations against terrorists. It will carry a crew of 360 sailors and 700 combat-ready Marines to be delivered ashore by helicopters and assault craft.

Steel from the World Trade Center was melted down in a foundry in Amite , LA to cast the ship's bow section. When it was poured into th e mold s on Sept 9, 2003, 'those big rough steelworkers treated it with total reverence,' recalled Navy Capt. Kevin Wensing, who was there. 'It was a spiritual moment for everybody there.'

Junior Chavers, foundry operations manager, said that when the trade center steel first arrived, he touched it with his hand and the 'hair on my neck stood up.' 'It had a big meaning to it for all of us,' he said. 'They knocked us down. They can't keep us down. We're going to be back.'

The ship's motto? 'Never Forget'

Del Mar Campout Sales are "Closed".

All unsold Cottages & RV' Spots have been turned back in. to Del Mar Joe. All Dinner and Breakfast tickets have been sold and ticket will be in the mail shortly. Absolutely **NO Breakfast or Dinner Tickets** will be sold at the Campout. The final food count has been submitted to MCCA .

Chapter Fund-Raiser (Oktoberfest) Nears To A Close

There is still time to get your Oktoberfest Tickets in and have a chance at winning that cash prize of **\$5000**.

Please support the Chapter by donating what you can. Every dollar donated goes directly to the LA Chapter and helps with newsletter costs and supporting causes.

For those who have already shown their support, the Chapter thanks you.

Upon my return from Nashville on 3 September I will be turning in all the tickets and making the last deposit on 5 September 2008.

Semper Fi

Dale Turner, Jack Coughlins Fund-raising Assistant.

Nashville Reunion

By the time you receive this newsletter Officer and members of the Chapter will be on their way to Nashville for the National Reunion..

Representing our Chapter will be Chapter Vice President Tom Whetzel. He will be joined by Chapter President Bill Turner, Chapter Adjutant Dale Turner along with several other members.

Points of concern for the current National leadership and membership attending will be a number of By-Law changes, the elimination of the mail in ballot for election of National Officers and the foundering 2009 National reunion in Anaheim, CA.

The Bodfish Chapter will be represented by Dale Turner, Bodfish Chapter Rep. and Mike "Squidley" Enos, Bodfish Chapter Historian and Hospitality Room Coordinator.

The Nashville Reunion has sold 1,934 room nights. That is 155% over the room night guarantee. The Nashville Chapter is to be commended for their efforts and fine work. This will be a "Great Reunion"

A report on the Reunion will appear in the October issue of the Semper Fi News. D.T.

Chapter Mourns The Passing Of Cpl. John M. Hatzidakis Sr.

8/19/1921 - 6/24/2008

John served with 7th Defense Battalion during WWII. He was a Life Mmember of the Chapter and strong supporter. Semper Fi John. You will be missed, but not forgotten .

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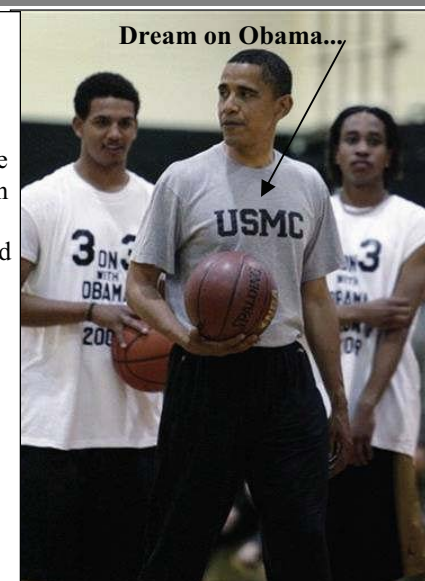
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He would not make a pimple on a Marines ass.
What next?
Perhaps he will claim he received "sniper fire" on his over sea's visit.
Or just maybe , if elected Commander In Chief, he will put himself in for a couple of Purple Hearts.
If my comments offend you ..then I say to you Semper Fi Mac!
Dale Turner, Editor



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Dale Turner, Editor

Editors Corner 2008 The Saga Continues...

Shortly following the mailing of the August issue of the Semper Fi News I received a call from Jack Coughlin. Jack said that he had received a call from a lady who claimed to be one of ladies behind him in the Rite-Aid parking lot when he lost his pants. She wanted to insure him that she was not offended by the unexpected "mooning" and had no intention of filing any charges with the local authorities. She went on to say that she was rather impressed that a man of his age would have such a handsome little tush

I have no idea where their phone conversation went from there. When I pressed Jack for more information, there was a moment of silence before he responded with, "I think I'm having a problem with my hearing aids, I can't hear you, talk to you later" and then he hung up.

Well it seems that the Toro power chain driven Lawnmower converted to a power walker became too much for Jack to handle.

Between losing his pants, running out of gas, stalling the engine and nearly dislocating his shoulder while pulling on the rope to start the damn contraption the Coughlin family felt he would be better off with a regular walker. Jack was not happy with the family decision and has elected to walk on his own, unsupported, stating, "I'm not using some pansy type walker".

Jack will be attending the Del Mar Campout with his son and current Bodfish Chapter President Coleman.

Jack said to tell everyone that he is looking forward to seeing all those who will be attending the Del Mar Campout.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those members who have called or sent Emails regarding last months article. Your kind words and expression of appreciation means much more to me then I can articulate at the moment.

Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever.

Dale



Dick Cesaroni

If you are going to attend the Chapter's "Day At The Races" scheduled for **Thursday, October 16th, 2008** Complete the order form below cut and mail it to me 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 \$34.00 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
Make your Check or Money Order payable to:

FMDA-LA
Mail to:
Dick Cesaroni
27154 Garza Drive
Santa Clarita, CA 91350-2156

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING TICKETS IS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2008

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 10th.
NO EXCEPTIONS.

FOR OFFICAL USE ONLY

Date check / M.O. received: _____

Check No: _____

Amount of Check: _____

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FMDA-LA Calendar of Events

DEL MAR CAMPOUT
12—15 September 2008
**RESERVATIONS ARE NOW
CLOSED**

Alpine Village Fund-raising

This years Alpine Village opening night will be held on **Friday, (NOT SATURDAY) 12 September 2008 at 7PM**
This date is in direct conflict with our Del Mar Campout.

NOTICE!!

The beer garden at Alpine Village was torn down and a new beer garden was under construction. The construction of the new Beer Garden was scheduled to be completed before 12 September 2008.

However, due to permit and construction delays the new Beer Garden is not ready. The opening night for this years Oktoberfest will be held under a tent. Seating and parking will be limited.



DAY AT THE RACES

Is Scheduled for Thursday, Oct 16th
The cost this year will be \$34.00.

Valet parking is included in the price

Enjoy a great Day At The Races, in an outstanding lounge, good food and good old Marine fellowshiping.

ALL RESERVATIONS (Your Check and order from) MUST BE IN DICK CESARONI'S HANDS BY THE 10th of SEPTEMBER.

The Chapter has posted a 50%, \$380.00, deposit with Oak Tree, Santa Anita.

The deposit is fully refundable if they have written cancellation with in 30 days of the scheduled event.

ORDER FORM ON PAGE 6

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"March On The Colors"
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Dale Turner

24415 Lisa Kelton Place

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Tickets Go On Sale Starting
October 16th 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
Dale Turner is negotiating with Monterey At Encino to secure the best meal price possible.

The Windsors have been secured for our listening pleasure.

ATTENTION PLEASE!!

I have received several messages by phone and Email from members saying

"Put us down for the Day At The Races"

It does not work that way. Your messages have been ignored! If you want to go, fill out the form on page 6 and mail it along with your payment today.

Your check and form is your guaranteed reservation.

Semper Fi Mac!

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



Circumstances or people can take away your material possessions, they can take away your money, and they can take away your health. But no one can take away your precious memories----so, don't forget to make time and take the opportunities to make memories everyday, for example there are memories just waiting to be made at all our chapter functions and all these events and activities require a deadline for notification and payment of any fees that might be required. We (chapter officers) have been stressing, let us know if your coming to the activity and commit by sending in your monies. We will not be selling tickets at the door for any functions. That old line "But.. But ..you knew we were coming, we always come" will not work from here on. You know that ol' saying "no tickee no washee". We each need to step up and be accountable for our actions. Hopefully by now the message has sunk in.

It is time to start thinking about the change of Chapter Officers scheduled for January 2009. We need candidates.

Here is an opportunity for you to get involved and help lead the Chapter. Please contact the Chapter Legal Officer, Dick Cesaroni if you are interested in serving as an Officer or Director of the Chapter. An official announcement will appear in the October issue of the Semper Fi News.

Notice of Meeting

I have directed the Chapter Adjutant to send out an Electronic Mail notice of a meeting of Officers and Directors to be held at the Del Mar campout on Saturday afternoon at 1430. The meeting will take about an hour and is open to all members.

I would like to hear from our Legal Officer on the procedures for the January Business Meeting and election of new officers. The meeting will be open for any meaningful discussion.

Semper Fi Marines and FMF Corpsman

Well, this will be short and sweet. Most of us will be in Nashville having a good old time.

I just wanted to update you again about the up and coming events for September, October, and November. Don't forget the Del Mar campout September 12 thru the 15th, and then, The day at the Races October 16th, and most important, our Marine Corps Birthday party on November 8th. 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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Tom Whetzel

New Chapter Policy

To all of our members that have a difficult time reading, understanding, and comprehending the written word in the Semper Fi Newsletter, I will again try to explain our new policy and I promise to use small words and speak slowly. In the past few months we have printed a series of articles in the Semper Fi News letter regarding our new policy on scheduled events for the Chapter. And that new policy has to do with reservations for all Chapter events and instructions on who to send the checks to and a cut off date for each event. Keep this phrase in mind, "Your check is your reservation." No phone calls or email reservations will be accepted.

We (Officers and Directors) have established a "NO TICKEY, NO EATEY, and NO ENTRY POLICY." We have established a "Purchase your tickets BEFORE the scheduled event" policy. NO TICKETS will be sold at the front door of **any** event. Are you with me so far? In the past a lot of members just would not purchase their tickets or even have the courtesy to call us and let us know that they would be attending an event. They would just show up and expect to be given preferential seating because they were long standing members in the Chapter. All they would do in fact is cause us a logistic nightmare in trying to seat them and feed them. We even experienced a shortage of food with some members who did purchase their tickets in advance going without food.

Well folks, we are here to tell you that that practice of not purchasing your tickets in advance has come to a screeching halt. So far so good?

If you decide to attend any event that is printed in the Semper Fi News, you will notice that a "CUT OFF DATE" for ordering tickets will also be printed. You will be given adequate time to purchase those tickets for the event. You have to your read the newsletter and respond to the instructions. If you procrastinate, forget, or for whatever reason do not send in your money for your tickets, you will not be admitted to the event. We no longer sell any tickets to any event at the door. PRE-PAID tickets only!

SO, if you don't have a PRE-PAID ticket for an event or meal then please do not show up, because you will not be allowed to enter that event. Only those who have tickets and are on our roster will be admitted. So, save yourself the embarrassment of being turned away at the door and purchase your tickets by the cut off date. And if you are sending a check (s) please check the newsletter for whom you are supposed to send the check to. There will be times where a check will not be sent to the Treasurer but to another officer (coordinator of the event) who is handling the checks for that particular event.

We ask that if you are paying for more than one event at the same time please write a separate check for each event and send it to the person(s) listed in the newsletter and write the name of each event in the remarks section of the check (Lower left corner). When you send one check for two or more events you cause a gigantic headache for the person getting the check and an accounting headache for the Treasurer.

Just remember: PRE PAID TICKETS ONLY TO AN EVENT. NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR. NO TICKEY – NO EATEY – NO ENTRY.

I am sorry that it has come to this but a few members that cannot read and follow instructions have brought this upon themselves and the whole Chapter. We are tired of getting burned. We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

Semper Fi

Dick Cesaroni – Chapter Legal Officer : dick_rose@sbcglobal.net 661-297-2028

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

If you are attending the Del Mar Campout please don't forget our Diaper/Baby Wipe Drive. Molly and I will be collecting your donations and passing them on to SSgt Greg Rogers the 1-4 Family Deployment Coordinator

Also, 1-4 will be having a Pre-Deployment BBQ on Friday, 19 September 2008. We will get more information out to you via Email and on the Website as it become available.

The rest of our scheduled activities to date are:

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

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

Semper Fidelis,
Tom Kelly



1st Battalion 4th Marines "Whatever It Takes"