

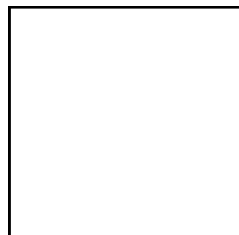
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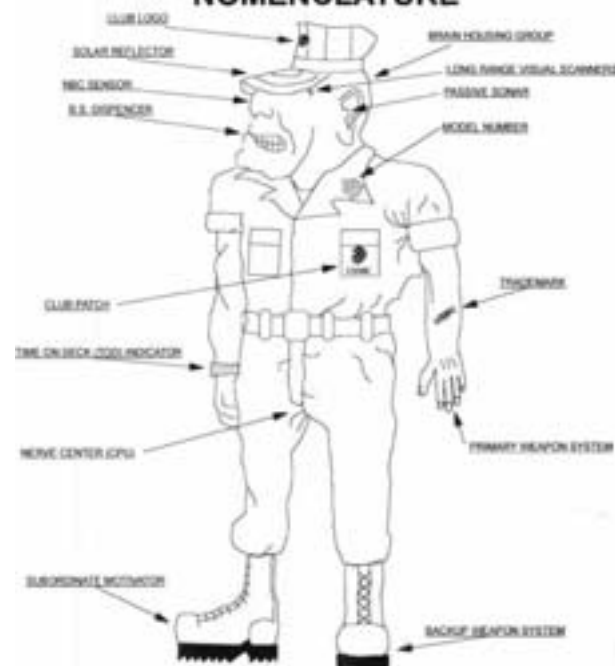


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Los Angeles County Chapter, Incorporated  
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## April 2009

Dale Turner, Editor

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



Semper Fi Marines and FMF Corpsman

Well here it is the April Semper Fi newsletter, how time flies, sometime I don't know where the time goes. I think it the same with all of us. Please read the news letter's, and start planning ahead, for the events you able to attend this year. I hope to see more of you on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of April for U.S.M.C. Mounted Color Guard. The address and time is on page 3 . So show up. **It's free.**

And please don't forget Memorial/Corpsman, 30<sup>th</sup> Chapter anniversary celebration on May 16th.

If you miss this one the next anniversary will be our 35th in 2014, I sure hope to make that one also.

On February 24th an Officers and Directors meeting was held. One of the issues discussed was securing a Post Office Box for the Chapter. The rational was providing added security for incoming checks and donations along with accessibility to the Officers should the Treasurer or Adjutant be unavailable. The following Officers will have a Post Office key, President, Adjutant ,Treasurer and Legal Officer. Please take note of the Chapters new mailing address located in the bottom left of this page.

In an effort to get more members to our events I recommended lowering the price of this years Corpsman Up / Memorial Service. After some discussion your B.O.D agreed to lower the price at **\$10.00 per person if the ticket is purchased prior to May 8th.** Tickets purchased after that date, or at the door, will be **\$18.00 per person.**

The cost reduction is being subsidized by some members of the Grunt Club.

We need a head count for the food, so get your check in early. I want to hear from our Adjutant that the checks and the head count are pouring in.

Until next month, Semper FI and Bodfish Forever

### NEW MAILING ADDRESS

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### The Chapter Mourns The Passing Of

## Larry Kaloian

Larry Kaloian passed away on Feb. 26, 2009. He had joined the Marine Corps in July 1942 and served with A Co. 1st Tank Bn. He was wounded on Peleliu and also served in China.

Larry was a Charter Member of the LA Chapter, in fact, he was the first Vice President of the Chapter.

Larry and his wife, Linda, moved to Las Vegas a number of years ago. He will certainly be missed by all who knew him.

*Until We Meet Again ... Semper Fi Marine*

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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

- |                               |                                     |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| *American Legion 507          | Kathy Lander<br><i>In memory of</i> |
| *LA CHAPTER                   | Richard Lander                      |
| *Jim Anderson                 | Ione Lovell<br><i>In memory</i>     |
| *Mary Anthony                 | of Bob Lovell                       |
| <i>In memory of</i>           | Jim & Sheryl Lovell                 |
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| *Tom Kelly                    | *Tom & Diane Whetzel                |
| *Paul Kim                     | *Al Wright                          |
| *Gary Kipp                    | 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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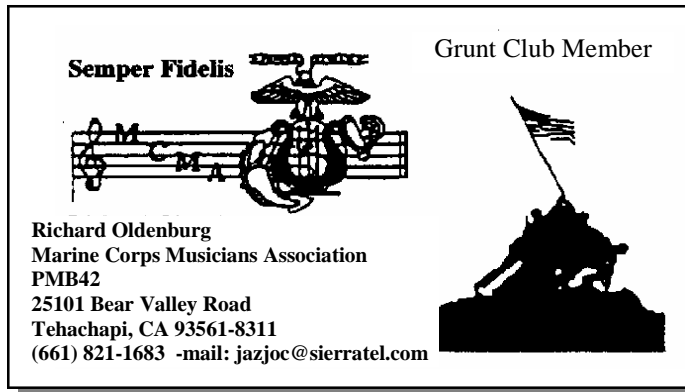


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.....Winston Churchill  
**A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.**  
.....George Bernard Shaw



## Editors Corner 2009

### “It Has Become A Chapter Honor”

Dale Turner, Editor

The Los Angeles County Chapter has supported and sponsored a number of worthwhile programs and functions over the past thirty years. But there has been one group that the Chapter has supported that has grown dear to my heart and it has become a chapter honor, the **United States Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard**.

Many Chapter members are unaware of just how involved the Chapter is with the “Horse Marines”.

Let me highlight some of the things the Chapter has done and continues to do on a regular basis..

The Chapter has provided funding for the adoption of the units last five horses. In fact the LA Chapter is the adopting party.

The chapter has provided financial support for non budgetary items. This has included the donation of two generators, an air compressor, unit patches and the prestigious Mounted Color Guard Belt Buckle.



During the Bodfish Campout at Camp Hamilton Bakersfield, CA, this past February, the LA Chapter presented GySgt Pete McConnell, SNCOIC, with five buckles that will be presented to Marines assigned to the USMCMCG and deserving of the buckle. One such Marine was presented with is buckle at the Bodfish Campout.

The buckles are not given but rather earned.

The Marine must demonstrate to the Staff Non-Commission Officer In Charge (SNCOIC) their equestrian knowledge, riding skills, horse grooming techniques, and complete one public event.



Dale Turner, Gunny Pete McConnell, Cpl Erick Gutierrez and Bob Barron. Corporal Gutierrez was the recipient of the MCCG Belt Buckle

Once presented with their MCCG Buckle it is theirs to keep forever.



The above photo shows the Horse Marines being sworn into the Bodfish Chapter. As you can see even the Horses become members of the internationally famous Chapter, no H.S. Norman, the horse, was more interested in the camera then becoming a Bodfisher. The look on his face reflected his thought, “Enough Already”.

On Saturday 18 April the Horse Marines will be at the Los Angeles/Burbank Equestrian Center. I hope that those who can will join us as we show our support of them. See page 3 for the time and address.

Until next month I bid you Happy Trails and Semper Fidelis

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## FMDA-LA Calendar of Events



This article will be short this month, as I have run out of things to BS you about.

It appears that the rates for the cottages and RV/Trailer spots at Club Del Mar Beach Club will be going up” again effective 01 February 2009.

“The rates for the cottages are \$75 per authorized use and groups are \$80 per day. Camping (RV/Trailer spots) are \$35 per day-authorized use and groups is \$40 per day.”

In speaking with Del Mar Beach Club, we would be able to get the lower rate if someone in our group has a military ID card. Seems to me that the reverse should apply. Lower rates for groups. But these are their rules.

So with a minimum of three days required for the cottages that would come to \$225.00 for the three-day weekend and \$106.00 for the RV’s and Trailers for the weekend. At this point, I do not know if there are going to be any changes in the price of the breakfast at the 21 Area mess hall. We do not know what the cost will be for the Saturday night dinner. With the slumping economy it appears that MCCS at Camp Pendleton is not affected because they are raising the prices again. They may be pricing us out, but I will keep you advised as we progress thru the year and close in on September. The “tentative” days for the campout are from Friday, September 11 to Monday, September 14. These days are tentative. We still have to request permission from MCCS for these days and Del Mar Beach Club letting us have these days and also if everyone still wants to go. If you have any comments please let me know. I would like to know from those that are interested in going to the campout. This is “just” an inquiry and “NOT” a reservation. Email me or call me with your thoughts. See page 2 for my home phone number.

Also please keep us informed of any changes in you Email or phone numbers. This matter will be discussed at our Officers and Directors meetings. Dick Cesaroni – Legal Officer  
Email: dick\_rose@sbcglobal.net

### 2009 Calendar of Events

#### April

**USMC Mounted Color Guard**  
Bureau Of Land Management (BLM )  
Presentation of Newly Adopted Horses  
Saturday, 18 April 2009 - 1300 (1PM)  
Los Angeles Equestrian Center  
480 W. Riverside Dr., Burbank, CA 91506

#### May

**Memorial/Corpsman Celebration**  
VFW Post 6885  
16208 Sierra Highway, Canyon Country, CA  
Saturday, May 16th

**\$10.00 Per Person if purchased by May 8th**  
**LA Chapter FMF Corpsmen FREE**

*Note: Tickets purchased after May 8th or at the door will be \$18.00 Per Person No Exceptions!!*

#### August

**FMDA Reunion**  
August 24—29 Anaheim Marriott, CA

#### September

Del Mar Campout  
Camp Pendleton, CA  
September 11, 12, 13, 14  
Price: TBD

#### October

Day At The Races  
Thursday, October 15, 2009  
Price: TBD

#### 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

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- If you have three quarters, four dimes, and four pennies, you have \$1.19 . You also have the largest amount of money in coins without being able to make change for a dollar.
- There are no clocks in Las Vegas gambling casinos.
- Guinness Book of Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from Public Libraries.
- On average, 12 newborns will be given to the wrong parents, daily.
- The 'spot' on 7UP comes from its inventor, who had red eyes. He was albino.

YOU COULD HAVE HEARD A PIN DROP!

When in England , at a fairly large conference, Colin Powell was asked by the Archbishop of Canterbury if our plans for Iraq were just an example of empire building by the United States .

He answered by saying, 'Over the years, the United States has sent many of its fine young men and women into great peril to fight for freedom beyond our borders. The only amount of land we have ever asked for in return is enough to bury those that did not return.'

**You could have heard a pin drop!**

A U.S. Navy Admiral was attending a naval conference that included Admirals from the U.S. , English, Canadian, Australian and French Navies. At a cocktail reception, he found himself standing with a large group of Officers that included personnel from most of those countries. Everyone was chatting away in English as they sipped their drinks but a French admiral suddenly complained that, whereas Europeans learn many languages, Americans learn only English.. He then asked, 'Why is it that we always have to speak English in these conferences rather than speaking French?' Without hesitating, the American Admiral replied 'Maybe it's because the Brits, Canadians, Aussies and Americans arranged it so you wouldn't have to speak German.'

**You could have heard a pin drop!**



Molly and Tom Kelly

Support the  
**1<sup>st</sup> Battalion,  
4<sup>th</sup> Marines,  
1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division**

By the time you receive this newsletter the battalion will have returned from Iraq, a month earlier than scheduled. All Marines and Sailors of the 1/4 will be home by April 14<sup>th</sup>. Needless to say the families are very excited and are also very busy making preparations for their early homecoming. Some of the activities we had planned will not be taking place due to their early homecoming. The chapter has created a "Welcome Home Banner" which we will be hung in plain sight when they return.

Our next activity will be a Diaper/Baby Wipe Drive in coordination with the Memorial Service/Corpsmen Up! Recognition on Sat. May 16<sup>th</sup> at the VFW Post in Canyon Country. You can bring the diapers with you or at any time prior to the event, contact Molly or myself and we will make sure they are delivered.

Our 2009 scheduled support activities are:

- \* **May** – Memorial Service/Corpsmen Recognition - Diaper/Baby Wipe Drive
- \* **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

**BODFISH SQUIDLEY**

**.....or just plain BS**

This month I am going to relinquish my space to our esteemed President of the Bodfish Chapter, Mike "Squidley" Enos. See you next month.



Jack Coughlin  
BFPP & Editor.



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**Bodfish President's Message.....A Letter to my Buddies**

Poet Albert Camus once said,

***"Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow;  
Don't walk behind me, I may not lead;  
Walk beside me, and just be my friend."***

It is hard for me to express how honored I am and how humble I feel on being elected President of the Bodfish Chapter. What a legacy to follow. To have known and to know, some of the founders and long time members of the Bodfish Chapter, such as John Loomis, Howard Bales, Ben Holibonich, Red Merrill, Tommy Coughlin, Bob Bobst, John Hayes, Al Kinsley, Vince Petrowski, Burnet Napier, John Tevebaugh, Tom Vetter, Jess Wise, would change anyone's life. To joke with, laugh with, eat with, camp with, sit by the campfire with, sing with, play air guitars with, get drunk with, share sea stories with, or just sit and listen to these guys would make for some of the best times throughout the year. These men have been to hell and back. Their personalities will always have an impact on us Bodfishers. Though the people will change, the traditions of the Bodfish Chapter will continue forever.

To be associated with the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division Association is to see firsthand the selfless dedication of its members in supporting our Marines and FMF Corpsmen and their families not only in the terrific Scholarship Program but in the numerous other less publicized activities lead by individuals or teams, such as the Bodfish Sword of Honor Award, the Devil Doc Award, the Wounded Warriors Battalion, the Horse Marines, the School of Infantry Awards Program, 1/4 Family Support, 3/7 Family Support, VA Wheel Chair Basketball Tournament, Veterans Hospital Volunteer Program, Bakersfield National VA Cemetery Special Events and Flag Committee, etc.

Last and the least important of our activities (but a lot of fun), is the Bodfish Chapter Hospitality Room at the reunions. Enjoy the camaraderie and get initiated into the Bodfish Chapter. If possible, please attend the Anaheim reunion this August.

Semper Fidelis & Bodfish Forever,

Mike

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