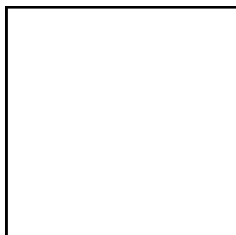


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LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHAPTER SUFFERS A GREAT LOSS ON THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2009 AT 0745, THE CHAPTER LOST A GREAT LEADER AND CHAPTER ICON.

JOHN THOMAS COUGHLIN KNOWN TO ALL AS "JACK" PASSED AWAY QUIETLY AT THE AGE OF 76. JACK HAD UNDERGONE SURGERY A YEAR AGO FOR LUNG CANCER. HE LEARNED JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO THAT THE CANCER HAD RETURNED AND SPREAD. TREATMENT WOULD NOT STOP THE "BIG C" . LEARNING THAT HIS TIME WAS SHORT ALL HIS EFFORTS PRIOR TO HIS PASSING WENT TO PREPARING HIS FAMILY, CHAPTER AND THE MAN HE MENTORED BEFORE REPORTING TO HIS FINAL DUTY STATION, HEAVENS GATE.

THIS ISSUE OF THE SEMPER FI NEWS IS DEDICATED TO THE COUGHLIN FAMILY AND TO JACKS MEMORY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VIEW THE PHOTOS CONTAINED WITHIN THIS ISSUE IN COLOR PLEASE VISIT THE CHAPTER WEBSITE. THE ADDRESS IS LISTED BELOW.

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

Semper Fi Marines and FMF Corpsman

As you're newly elected President, I think the hardest part of the job is finding something to say every month for the Semper Fi news letter. With the sudden passing of Jack Coughlin I think this is going to be the hardest of them all. I will miss Jack, he was a great man, and leader of our chapter, and association, and we will not able to replace him as the "Go To Guy" with all the answers.



If you looked in Webster's dictionary and looked up the saying, Duty, Honor, Country, you would see Jacks smiling face. I was looking at some photos of Jack, and he always had this smile, even in hard times, and when the going got tough he always had a smile, and you could not help but smile back, and he made you feel better. As I sit here and type this out and think about Jack, I am at a loss for words, and all I can think of right now, is that we will miss you Jack. The Few, the Proud, the Not Forgotten.

The service that was held for Jack was great. His family and a lot of his old friends were there to say good bye to a great Marine, and a great man. When it's my time to report for duty, I hope it's your smiling face that meet's me at the gate.

I have directed our Editor, Dale Turner, to dedicate this months Semper Fi News to the Memory of Jack Coughlin.

Until next month, Semper FI and Bodfish Forever

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

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

Grunt Club status is achieved with a minimum donation of
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This past year several of our Grunt Club
members have joined our fellow Marines
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Their dedication and generosity to the
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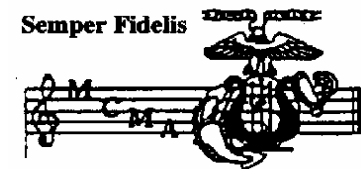

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Editors Corner 2009

“My Mentor has gone to his final duty station, and he has taught me well”

Dale Turner, Editor

The pose to the right is just the way Jack would sit and posture each time we would “talk shop”.

Eight days before his passing we sat talked and exchanged final thoughts.

He was my mentor and I loved him like I would love an older brother or a father.

My mentor has gone to his final duty station, and he has taught me well .



It’s time to plan now and let your wishes be known. Because when your dead it’s too late Marine and Corpsman!

Following Jack’s lung removal for cancer this time last year we came very close to losing him.

As close as we were, speaking on the phone sometimes two, three times a day, at least five days a week we never dared to mention our demise more less what we wanted for funeral services.

Now that my Mentor, Jack Coughlin, is pulling duty upstairs with the likes of John Loomis, Ben Holibonich, Lucky Cooper Phil Shea, Red Merrill Vic Betcher, Jim Forni, Crow Crawford , Dick Rowland and the rest of the Bodfish Wild Bunch” it’s time for me take on my first task.

If you have not done it already it is time to get off your ass and write down and tell someone what you want when you get your final duty station orders. Don’t wait until you’re circling the drain and can’t speak or no one can understand a word you’re saying.

Go get a piece of paper and start jotting down what you want. Do you want a piper? Do you want a Bugler? Do you want a Color Guard? Do you want fellow Marines as Poll Bearers?

If you think it all comes automatically, **your wrong.** Someone needs to know because there is work and planning involved. You can start right now. Write down this information because your family will need it when you ship out. Give the following information to your Funeral Director and have him call the below number and provide the information listed. This will get you the mere basics, three Marines Flag folders and a **music box** Bugler.

Funeral Honors 1-866-826-3628

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

Until next month, I bid you Happy Trails and Semper Fidelis
Dale

dalefmda@earthlink.net 661-253-1981

John Thomas Coughlin “Jack”

December 12, 1932 - April 30, 2009

A Marines Marine



Jack grew up in Atlantic City, NJ where he attended Holy Spirit High School. Played two years of football and was Senior Class President.

At the age of 18 he joined the Marine Corps and later volunteered for duty in Korea. He was assigned to Fox Company , 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division from September 1952 to November 1953. He served with distinction as a Squad Leader with a Rifle Platoon and was awarded a Bronze Star with combat “V” for valor and a Purple Heart . Jack was given a meritorious promotion to Sergeant and discharged from the Corps in September 1954

He then enrolled at Muhlenberg College, in Allentown, PA and graduated in 1958 with a degree in Business. Jack relocated to Southern California and entered the Insurance Business in Los Angeles.

Jack soon met his future wife Mary Susan O’Loughlin and they were married in 1960. Together they raised four children : Brian (Deceased) Kathleen, Michael, and Coleman

Over the years he was very active in his business and also in the community, having served as the President of the Sherman Oaks Little League.

In later years Jack became very active with the 1st Marine Division Association both at the National and Chapter level.

Jack served as a National Director for the 1st Marines , Reunion Site Committee, Fund-raising Committee and most recently as a member of the Blue Diamond Committee.

At the Chapter level Jack served as the President of the Los Angeles County Chapter, Inc and the Internationally Famous Bodfish Chapter.

Jack held every position in the Los Angeles County Chapter except one, Sergeant At Arms.

As an active member of the Chapter he founded our Annual Alpine Fund-raiser, served as the Chapter Treasurer for approximately fifteen years and provided guidance and direction to the Officers and Directors of the Chapter.

Jack made it known that he wanted a few things . First he wanted “Echo Taps” played at his funeral, and he also wanted a Bagpiper. This was accomplished thanks to two of our Chapter Buglers, Lenny Schaustal and Richard Oldenburg and a Piper from the Scottish Black Watch Regiment.

Next He wanted to see one of the new Marine Corps Palomino named after the Bodfish Chapter. This was accomplished just 12 days before Jacks passing. Dale Turner I delivered that information in person to him, which put a big smile on his face. The Horses name, “**Bodfish Reno**”.

Jack was not big into flowers. He thought that the money spent on flowers would be better served on something that would last more than a few days. Therefore, if you would like to make a donation in Jack’s Memory you can send it to the LA County Chapter and put in the notes Horse Marines in Memory of Jack Coughlin. Semper Fi DT

FMDA-LA Calendar of Events

2009 Calendar of Events

August

FMDA Reunion

August 24—29 Anaheim Marriott, CA
Info will be in the June/July Aug OBN

September

Del Mar Campout

Camp Pendleton, CA

September 11, 12, 13, 14

Cost will appear in the July Issue
The July Issue will be mailed out on
28 June

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

Memories

June 21, 1997



Ft Row—Paul Feickert—Joe Candilora—Buzz Baviello—Dale Turner—Dave Marshall
2d Row - Will Gaefcke - Paul Blum—Fran Lewis—J.J. Leonard—Anna Brown—Jack Coughlin
Back Row - John Klapeck— Art Odom—Al Kinsley—Richard Martinez—Dan Zapeda

Jack ran the Hospitality Room at the Annual Del Mar Campout, at Camp Pendleton.

Jack greeted everyone with a drink in hand and a smile on his face.

His Son Coleman plans to continue the tradition .

Hope to see you all in September for more memories



Del Mar Campout



Bodfish Past Presidents with Horse Marines Feb. 2009

Left to Right - Paul Young - Bill Maker - Mike Enos
Bob Barron - Jack Coughlin - Dale Turner
Coleman Coughlin - Paul Feickert
After a long night of sipping the “ Creature” Jack was able to talk Gunny Pete McConnell into naming one of the new horses Bodfish Reno.

BODFISH SKINNYor just plain BS

Jack Coughlin
Bodfish Past President

I've known Jack around 10 years . What a funny and articulate man. Jack's sense of humor was so spontaneous and contagious. ...As pistol packin' "Blackjack Coughlin" when he was president of the Bodfish Chapter.

...As "Pirate Jack" when he put a cup with a coat hanger sticking out of it on his hand, goosing everyone at the Guesthouse Inn.

...As "Money Pockets Jack" when he was roasted at a Del Mar campout and was presented a jacket with 39 pockets to keep track of all the finances of the L. A. County Chapter.

...And as "Captain America" when he dressed up in a Captain America costume in the hilarious roasting of Dale "Captain America" Turner at Camp Pendleton.

These shared memories are just a sample of the great times and laughs all of us have had with Jack.

To be a sworn in member of the Bodfish Chapter of the 1st Marine Division Association you must have a good sense of humor and be thick skinned.

Jack is up there in heaven....with other great Bodfishers like John Loomis, Ben Holibonich, Vic Betcher, Phil Shea, Red Merrill, his brother Tommy, and in the company of many Bodfish Past Presidents, *not only* guarding the streets, sipping on "The Creature", having all the angels repeat:

"I will I do, I do I will",.

But, more importantly making God laugh.

In The Harbor Of Friendship

"When you stop to think of it, isn't it weird?

Of all the fine people we meet every year.

How **few** are the ones, in the ebb and the flow,

Who anchor our heart's as the old friends we know."

We all love you Jack.

Semper Fi and Bodfish Forever Mike Enos - "IAS" BFP



Denver 2005

Support the
1st Battalion, 4th Marines

On 9 May, Molly and I traveled to Camp Pendleton for the 1/4 formal "Dining In". This was the 1st one we have ever attended and were not aware of all the rules and accompanying fines. Thank goodness for Sebrina King, FRO, who sent us a copy. Ask us for all the details. We really enjoyed ourselves and were pleased to have the opportunity to interact with the SNCOs and Officers.

On 16 May, our 1st Diaper/Baby Wipe/Baby Blanket drive of the year was held. If you were unable to attend, you can still participate by sending a check to: FMDA-LA and note 1/4 families in the comment line. Molly and I will purchase the diapers and take them down to Camp Horno.

The 1/4 families had quite a few babies delivered, including at least 2 sets of twins, while the battalion was deployed.

On 21 May, we and other members of the Chapter will be attending the 1/4 Change of Command ceremony at Camp Horno. The incoming Commanding Officer will be Lt. Col. Joseph R. Clearwater. He comes to the 1/4 via his last assignment at Headquarters Marine Corps. This is always a stirring ceremony.

Our 2009 scheduled support activities are:

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

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

Semper Fidelis,

Tom Kelly
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Molly and Tom Kelly

Jack Coughlin's Services 7 May 2009
St. Francis De Sales & San Fernando Mission Cemetery

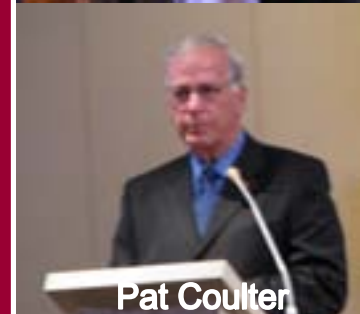


Jack was "Piped In" in style just the way he had wished. Over two hundred people came to celebrate his life.



Fr. Ken Deasy presented one of the best funeral mass many of us have ever attended. His Irish wit and humor along with his "Shoot from the Hip" style reflected Jacks own style and flair that we all have come to know and love.

Thank you Fr. Deasy for a Job Well Done!
Semper Fidelis



Pat Coulter



CHAPTER MEMBERS PLAYED A BIG ROLE IN JACKS CELEBRATION OF LIFE, BOTH AT THE CHURCH AND AT GRAVE SITE.

Maj. Pat Coulter, USMC Ret., at the request of the family did the readings. LAPD Motor Officers, also FMDA members escorted Jack and the family to the cemetery. Richard Oldenburg and Lenny Schaustal rendered Echo Taps both in church and at grave site. Al Lansdale commanded the Grave Site Rifle Salute (MCL Det.597) Pall Bearers were, LA Chapter President Tom Whetzel, Bodfish Chapter President Mike Enos, LA/Bodfish Past President Dale Turner, LA Past President Bill Turner, LA Past President J.J. Leonard and LA Chapter Director Ed Demrest. Col.. Joe Mueller USMCR (Active Duty) presented the Flag to Jacks son & Marine Coleman Coughlin. Photos were taken by Max Felser and Myrl Wallace.

All the above mentioned are Chapter Members and long time friends of Jack and his family.

We will miss you Jack . You will forever remain in our hearts.



Richard Oldenburg



Lenny Schaustal

*Day is done,
gone the sun,
from the lake from the
hill from the sky.
All is well safely rest.
God is nigh.*

DT

