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1st Marine Division Association

FALL APPROACHES - OCTOBER 2023

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ATTENTION MEMBERS
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NEXT CHAPTER MEETING
October 19, 2023
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SEPTEMBER CHAPTER MEETING RECAP

Special Guest: Sgt. Major Idris Turay
**photo - in true form, he is the one kicking!*

Twenty-eight Chapter members and guests gathered for a delicious lunch at the Classic Club on Thursday, September 21 to kick off our Chapter's 2024 season.

As luck will have it, Colonel Frank Diorio, our scheduled guest speaker was summoned to a meeting at the last minute by his boss, the CG FMDA for a meeting at Camp Pendleton. We look forward to Colonel Dioio attending a future

meeting in the not-too-distant future.

Not to worry, without missing a beat Command Sergeant Major Idris Turay jumped into the breech and became our guest speaker of the day.
Sergeant Major gave an outstanding extemporaneous presentation beginning with the story of how as a very young man while visiting the American Embassy in his native land of Sierra Leone he saw a Unted States Marine in dress blues on guard duty and decided then and there that he would become a Marine.
Twenty-five years later here he was telling the story of how it all happened, starting as a boot and working his way through a host of assignments at a variety of Commands.

In addition to his outstanding performance as a Marine, Sgt Major Turay also more than 20 years' experience in traditional and oriental Martial Arts. He holds a 3rd degree Black belt in Shotokan Karate, 5th degree in Sudeikis Ryu, and Advanced practitioner in Muay Thai.

Sgt Major wrapped up his ad hoc presentation with an overview of the status of the 7th Marines; status of Marine Corps recruiting as compared to the other Services and the progress of the reorganization of the Corps' table of organization.

We were indeed fortunate to have had Sgt Major Turay with on this day.



IF IT'S OCTOBER - IT'S GOLF CART PARADE SEASON!!

50 Year Celebration of Palm Desert (1973 to 2023)

For the fifteenth successive year Our Chapter will have the honor of leading the annual Palm Desert Golf Cart parade on Sunday Oct 29.

Our Chapter's entourage will include the Marine Corps JROTC Color Guard from Desert Hot Springs High School and the Air Museum Pipe and Drum band.
We will be honored to have riding with us, our own, 100 year old World War II veteran, Corporal Dorothee Irwin.

The parade route is relatively short, beginning at the intersection of El Paseo and San Luis Rey ending at the intersection of El Paseo and Ocotillo.

All members are invited to participate by riding in a golf cart or marching in the parade at route step of course. Our Chapter will include three six passenger golf

carts for members who prefer to ride or cannot walk the route and for those who walk part of the route and ride part of the way.

Four physically fit members will be needed to carry our Chapter banner.

More details to follow.
Sign up now by email to me at Qlv@aol.com...the sooner the better.
Any questions?

Attached is a photo of part of the crew that marched in a previous Golf Cart parade.



ATTENTION ALL HANDS



In his last President's message ***Harry Covert announced his retirement*** as President after having served more than four years with great distinction during which our Chapter made great strides under his leadership.
The position will be vacant soon and all members are eligible to apply for the position. The two-year tour is a challenge with few rewards other than to have the honor to lead an outstanding Chapter of the 1st Marine Division Association composed of a great group of veteran Marines and Sailors.





PREPARE TO STAND WATCH

All HANDS! NOW HEAR THIS!
It's that time of year!

Stand by to set up our Chapter donation tables in front of Jensen's Markets in Palm Springs and Palm Desert on Fridays and Saturdays of the month in two shifts, 1000 to 1300 and 1300 to 1600. Each shift will be staffed by two Chapter member volunteers.

Donation tables will be set up beginning the weekend of October 13 and 14. Some members have already signed up to volunteer for that weekend. A sign-up sheet for the weekends of November and December will be emailed to all members in the very near future so be sure to sign up when you receive it.





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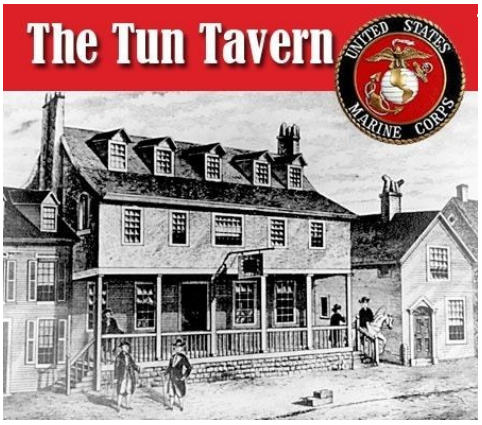


TUN TAVERN UPDATES
We're BACK!

Non-members are welcome to break bread and participate in swapping sea stories.

Tun Tavern club has ***no rules, no officers, no reason*** for meeting except to ***enjoy the company of comrade marines and sailors.***

The Tun Tavern club membership dues are $100 which is donated to the Chapter.



TUN TAVERN GROUP

The Tun Tavern Club meets several times a year for dinner, fellowship, camaraderie, to swap sea stories and to pig out on food and grog. The few shekels accumulated by the club, if any, are turned over to the Chapter to use at its discretion. There are no club officers or rules or regulations guiding the demeanor of members and guests other than military courtesy extended to each other.
From time to time members may be tasked with sharing their military experiences with the members. Tun Tavern meetings are open to guests both military and civilian.

CURRENT TUN TAVERN MEMBERS

Wes Ahlgren | Michael Bales (in memorium)| Harry Covert|
Dave Dangwillo | Charlie Garbarini | Frank Gillette |
| Jim Irwin | | Vince Mast| | Jack Mennis | George Moffatt | Hank Monahan (in memorium)
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THANK YOU FROM THE EDITOR

We hope you find this newsletter of benefit. We appreciate your continued membership and support of the chapter. If you are interested in contributing to this newsletter with news or stories, or if interested in helping edit and produce the newsletter please email the editor.

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