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DECEMBER 2020 - HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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MONTHLY MEETING UPDATE



Hurry up and wait!

Unfortunately the Chapter is back under the gun with respect to our meetings and its other activities. All we can do is



standby to standby until we get the word that it's ok to meet.
So remain locked and loaded!

MARINE NEWS & UPDATES

ANNUAL DELIVERY OF THANKSGIVING BAKED HAMS



This year, as in the past ten years, our Chapter donated fifty baked hams to the families of the Marine Cops Junior ROTC cadets at Desert Hot Springs High School as part of our Chapter's support to the Cadet program. The gift wrapped hams were prepared and delivered to the MCJROTC by Jensen's Markets, long time supporters of our Chapter's programs.

Receiving the gift hams is Master Sergeant Terry Simmons, Senior Marine Instructor, MCJROTC.

DESERT CITIES MARINES STAFF THE DONATION TABLES



The call went out in October to ALL HANDS for volunteers to staff the Chapter's donation tables at Jensen's Markets' in Palm Desert and Palm Springs during November and December. Immediate response was received from a few regular members and all the Board members who volunteered for multiple watches. The dearth of volunteers was understandable given that most of our members are of the age of susceptibility to attack by the Covid 19 virus. However, some old reliables stepped forth to man the stations.

Turning out to staff the tables at Jensen's during November were Covert, Mast, Shepard, Rabinowitz, Ostrom, Monahan, Irwin, Stettler, Olson, Sanchez, Ramos and Puentes. Well done, Shipmates!
It's not too late to sign up for December!
(Photo of Hank Monahan and Mike Ostrom standing watch in 2019)

Citizen's donations were overwhelming in November indicating our support programs for 7th Regiment Maines and sailors will be well funded in 2021. Our support to families includes providing complete soup to nuts Christmas

dinners for lower ranked Marine and sailor families; maintaining an emergency fund in conjunction with the Armed Services YMCA for use by Marine and sailor's families in the event of emergency costs not otherwise covered by the government.
For instance, if a Marine's child has a medical problem for which the on base hospital is unable to provide medical treatment the child is referred to Desert Regional Hospital in Palm Springs. The parents must shoulder the costs of their transportation, meals and billeting if they need to remain in Palm Springs for several days. Our Chapter's emergency fund will cover those expenses to extent it can...and we never ask to be reimbursed.
Our Chapter also provides Christmas gift cards for lower ranked Marines and sailors' families recommended by the Command.

Here are a couple of photos from previous years. Top photo is President Covert presenting a check to the Armed Services YMCA to fund our Chapter's emergency fund, Bottom photo is a happy Marine family receiving a Christmas dinner









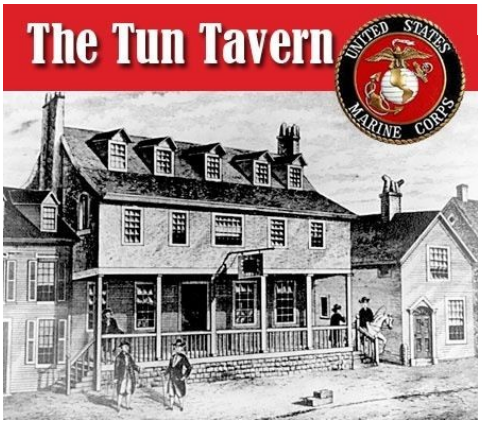
A BIT OF MARINE CORPS HISTORY

The fierce battles for the Mariana Islands were magnificent showcases for the best Marine officers and spawned a small battalion of future commandants. Six Marianas officers would make the jump to the highest Marine command: Clifton Cates, David Shoup and Wallace Greene



fought at Saipan and Tinian; Lemuel Shepherd , Robert Cushman and Louis Wilson fought at Guam. Not surprisingly, all were powerfully, effective Commandants.

TUN TAVERN UPDATES
We're still on hold. No meeting until further notice.



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.

THE TUN TAVERN GROUP IS CURRENTLY NOT MEETING DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS AND WILL RESUME UPON GREEN LIGHT WITH NEW TIMES | AND DATES

CURRENT TUN TAVERN MEMBERS

Wes Ahlgren | Michael Bales (in memorium)| Harry Covert| Joe Daily
Dave Dangwillo | Dave Franklin | Charlie Garbarini | BobFerris | Frank Gillette |Charlie Hall
Sam Huttenhower| Jim Irwin | Franz Jevene | Howard Lehman | Jimmy Martin
Vince Mast| Gene McClendon | Jack Mennis | George Moffatt | Hank Monahan
Gene Mooring | James Olson | Mike Ostrom | Marilyn Paige | | Dino Ruffoni
Henry Sanchez | Sandy Sandoval | | Bob Shepard | Buddy Sklar
George Stettler | Dale Turner | Quint Villanueva | Mike Walker | Michael Walker
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Quint Villanueva 2009-2012 | Richard Partee (RIP) 2012-2014 | George Stettler 2014-2016
Vince Mast (2016-2019)

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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