February 29, 2024

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Southern California Chapter,
1st Marine Division Association, Inc.
"WE FEW, WE HAPPY FEW, WE BAND OF BROTHERS:
FOR HE TODAY THAT SHEDS HIS BLOOD WITH ME
SHALL BE MY BROTHER…" Henry V

WWII*NORTH CHINA*KOREA*VIETNAM*KUWAIT*IRAQ*COLDWAR*AFGHANISTAN*PEACE TIME

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BOARD MEETINGS * UPCOMING EVENTS * ADDITIONAL CHAPTER'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Date	Day	Time	Location
29 March 2024	Thursday	1100	1st Marine Division Association (Building 33421), Camp Pendleton.

NEW CHAPTER NEWS:
From: Alexanian Captain Chase M chase.alexanian@usmc.mil.
Subject: First Marine Division ceremony area project

The Hogans, a First Marine Division Gold Star family has made an unsolicited gift offer to the Marines and Sailers of First Marine Division to have concrete pavers installed in front of the First Marine Division Command Post. I am working on getting the site approval and gist acceptance letter through ethical review with the SJA office. Once installed, it is planned that a paver can be purchased and the purchaser can have their name engraved on the paver.

Is this something that we can establish through the First Marine Division Association? Meaning individuals requesting to purchase a paver would do so through your team?

Respectfully,
Captain Chase M. Alexanian, First Marine Division
G-4 Facilities, (770) 990-4125

Thank you, Chapter Board Member Artie Allen III, for your information on the PACT Act:
LET'S GET THIS WORD OUT EVERYWHERE!!!

Press Room: In one of the largest-ever expansions of Veteran health care, all Veterans exposed to toxins and other hazards during military service -at home or abroad -will be eligible for VA health care beginning March 5.

February 26, 2024, at 5:00 a.m. - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

At the direction of President Biden, VA is expanding health care eligibility to millions of Veterans - including all Veterans who served in the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, or any other combat zone after 9/11 -years earlier than called for by the PACT Act

As directed by President Biden, this expansion of VA health care eliminates the phased-in approach called for by the PACT Act - meaning that millions of Veterans are becoming eligible for VA health care up to eight years earlier than written into law.

"In addition to expanding access to VA care, this decision makes it quicker and easier for millions of Veterans to enroll. Many Veterans believe they must apply to receive VA disability compensation benefits to become eligible for VA health care, but this is not correct. With this expansion and other authorities, millions of eligible Veterans can enroll directly in VA care – without any need to first apply for VA benefits."

From Chapter Board Member Dan Smith:
Good morning to all, I have the privilege working with a dedicated group that established a 501c3 public non-profit charity to provide annual scholarships to active duty and veteran Marines, Navy FMF Corpsmen and Chaplains and their families that includes grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Presently the Program annually funds (3) $2,500 scholarships. Our goal is to grow in providing annually 5-10 scholarships. Generating funds is always a challenge. Along with applying grants the Program has just established a GoFundMe account to assist in meeting these goals. I have attached the link to our GoFundMe account and a QR Code link. I ask that you share it on your social media accounts to spread the word. https://gofundme/d406c289

Reminder:

- The Chapter is looking for a Chaplain. This position is temporarily being filled by Past President, Tony Aguilar. Any member interested in the position, please contact Chapter Secretary Ed Brundage at edrundage@cox.net.
- Due to personal circumstances, Board Member, Chuck Wiley has resigned his position as Board Member #2. This leaves an unfilled position on the Board for anyone willing to serve. Nominations should be submitted to the Board Secretary Ed Brundage at edrundage@cox.net.
- The Southern California, 1st Marine Division Association, Inc., has a new user-friendly website. Website site address: **www.socalchapter1stmardivassn.org**. Chapter members will be able to pay dues using **Paypal.** Dan Smith, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report:
Financial Report for month end February 2024. **Total: $17,266.** All State and Federal reporting filed. Chapter Audit done. Dan Smith, Treasurer.

Please Note: There has been a change in the Point of Contact for anything concerning the School of Infantry, Graduations, Celebrations, etc. The new POX is: Major Michael A. Cubillos, e-mail: michael.cubillos@usmc.mil

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Dues are: Association: $35 Chapter: $10 Active Duty: Association: $35 Chapter: $5
Dues can now be paid by using **Paypal** or by making a check payable to: **Southern California Chapter, 1st Marine Division Association, Inc.** Please send to: Jim Lee, 964 Mendocino Drive, San Marcos, CA 92078. Please notify Memberships Chairman if you have moved or changed your phone, e-mail address or mailing address. Semper Fi.