

Financial Statement – Chapter Report
Central Florida Chapter
1st Marine Division Assoc.
January 28, 2026

Financial:

Central Florida Educators Federal Credit Union
Orlando F L32803
Acct. # *****

Checking acct. \$2,873.23

Savings acct. \$2,323.62

Total assets \$5,196.85

Chapter membership:

Regular – 46; Life - 23

Assoc. - 8

Honorary Life (assoc.) - 2

Total membership – 56; Several widows of deceased members are carried as “comped” associate members in order to keep them on the mailing list for chapter information. They are not included in the membership count.

Chapter Activities:

Our chapter meets five times per year on 1st Saturday of even number months (skipping August). Meetings are held at Fiddlers Green Irish Pub, 544 W. Fairbanks Ave, Winter Park, FL. The Executive Committee meets on 1st Saturday of the odd number months. During the past year, those meetings were held at the home of president Mike Galyean.

Each of our meetings includes chapter business and a program of interest to our members. Speakers in the past year have been interesting and varied.

February.... Jerry Vaughan, owner of “Dover Detail” who provides uniforms and accessories for families of deceased veterans for burial.

April ... Will Castillo – World Champion para-bobsledder and USA Team Captain.

June ... Major Matt Galadyk, Commanding Officer Orlando Recruiting District, along with SgtMaj William Ferrer.

October ... Ty Southern and Lance Price, owners of SFH apparel and veteran activists.

December ... Col. Mike Fallon USMC (ret), career Marine and historian. Author of recently published book “Hill 119” about an outpost of 1st Recon Bn. in Vietnam. The December meeting also included a Toys for Tots collection with the Marine Reserves sending a member to collect two boxes of toys collected by Fiddlers Green Irish Pub and the CF Chapter.

Every other month we communicate with our members through the “Ooo Rah” newsletter. The newsletter, edited by Mike Galyean, is sent to local veteran leaders, local active-duty Marines, FMDA officers and chapters, and prospective members.

On November 10, 2025, we celebrated the Marine Corps Birthday by hosting a "SOS Breakfast." We had 80 participants including our speaker Major General David Coffman USMC (ret). The ceremony included a bagpiper from the Seminole Sheriff's Dept., and a Color Guard from USMC Motor Transport Company, Combat Logistics Bn. 451. The event was catered and held at the Maitland Civic Center (Venue on Lake Lily.) The very successful event cost \$40 per person and, after expenses netted \$1,461.

We are in the planning stages for our "SOS Breakfast in 2026.

To celebrate Valentine's Day and to honor the ladies (and is Susan's case, gentleman) in our lives, we hosted a "Sweetheart Dinner" that was held at Tibby's New Orleans Restaurant which was attended by twenty of our members and spouses. A spirited Valentine themed word game was held with a prize for the winning couple. Singles were allowed.

We have three Marine JROTC units in Orange County high schools... Apopka, Edgewater and University. We recognized a cadet at each school at their year-end award ceremonies by honoring them with a plaque, which was personally presented by a member of the chapter. In 2026, we intend to add one more high school Marine JROTC unit to our award list... Gateway HS in Osceola County.

This year, for the first, time we recognized a member of the Orlando District Recruiting Command with a "Blue Diamond Performance Award." The Marine winning the award was a SSgt who was recommended by the Command's leadership. The award consisted with a Ka-bar on wooden stand with a plaque and 1st Marine Division coins embedded. Barron Mills presented the award at their annual awards event. This is intended to be an annual award going forward.

In past years we have visited the Community Life center at the Lake Nona VA Hospital on the second Thursday of the odd number months where we entertain the residents with trivia and bingo with prizes of \$1 PX coupons, we provide snacks and beverages to the veterans. However, COVID put an end to that project and we have not been able to reinstate it in our activities.

Other chapter's activities include participation in the 1st Marine Division Association Reunion at Arlington, VA where we had a substantial number of members and spouses attend. Our chapter president, and national president at the time, Mike Galyean was honored to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier along with Susan Finnigan and AJ Burn.

Principal fund raising activity is a drawing at each meeting with usually around \$100 taken in (per meeting.) We maintain a Lending Library from which members take books at meetings and return them at the next meeting.

Dues for chapter membership: \$20 Regular / Associate; \$200 Life; \$5 Active Duty. We do not collect dues for the 1st Marine Division Association membership... members take care of national membership on their own.

Chapter Officers for 2025: President – Mike Galyean; VP – Barron Mills; Treasurer – Carlos Cuevas; Secretary - Susan Finnigan; Chaplain – Terry Strassburg; Sgt. At Arms – Ron DeVasto; Chapter Director – Mark Cleaves. **Elections were held at the December meeting with Barron Mills (barronmills@gmail.com) ; (407)221-0286) being elected president and Chris Via, Vice President. All other officers remain the same except for Chapter Representative who will be selected at a later time.**

Our chapter is very active with the FMDA and has several members who served the 1st Marine Division Association and the FMDA Scholarship Fund during 2025. They are: FMDA President – Mike Galyean (filling

the last six-months of William Godfrey's term), FMDA Sgt-at-Arms – Susan Finnigan, FMDA Deputy vice President East – Mark Cleaves, FMDA DAL John Matthews. During the past year, sadly, we lost Elmer Hawkins who had served as an officer in the association until fairly recently. Mike Galyean also is currently serving on the Board of Directors of the FMDA Scholarship Fund. In addition, Susan Finnigan was the reunion Chair for 2025 reunion in Arlington, VA, and is serving in that same capacity for the 2016 reunion in San Diego.

Locally, our chapter's officers and members support various Marine and veteran groups, organizations and activities, most notably the Central Florida Marine Corps Foundation (CFMCF), the Marine Corps League, the Women's Marine Association, the Camaraderie Foundation, and various other veteran support groups. We purchased a table for 10 at the CFMCF's Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Galyean