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MONTHLY MEETING UPDATE



OCTOBER 21 CHAPTER MEETING IS...

ON!!!



CHAPTER NEWS & UPDATES

BELAY THE WORD

After a two year hiatus brought on by the COVID pandemic, the annual Palm Desert Golf Parade was planned to get underway on October 31.

Our Chapter anticipated leading the parade as it's done for the past fifteen years. Unfortunately, the best laid plans were for naught. As we drew closer to Parade day the participating schools decided it was in the best interest of

the students' health not to allow the school bands and cheer leaders to march in the parade. Well, a parade is not a parade without marching music...so the Chamber of Commerce decided to cancel the parade. Some folks questioned whether high school football games would be cancelled, too.

Let's look forward to next year!



CHAPTER'S READY TO JUMP OFF ON ITS NEW SEASON OF FUND RAISING

October 8 and 9 kicks off our Chapter's season of fund raising leading off at Jensen's Palm Springs and Palm Desert markets.

Members will staff donation tables at both location during the the all and winter months.

The Palm Desert Jensen's location is already staffed by member volunteers and the Palm Springs location is partially staffed and in need of several volunteers.

Donations received at the two Jensen's markets locations fund our Chapter's Christmas dinner program for 7th Regiment Marine and Sailor families in addition to maintaining an emergency fund for available to Marines and Sailors stationed at the Marine Air Ground Combat Center, 29 Palms.

Chapter members, working in teams of two, are expected to volunteer to stand at least one three hour watch at one of the donation stations as part of our Chapter's spirit.



A LITTLE BIT OF MARINE CORPS HISTORY



Outpost Boulder City, KOREA July 1953...

As the summer of 1953 bled on and the end of the war seemed near, the Chinese unleashed a series of sharp attacks against the main line of resistance (MLR) in order to influence the final boundary dividing the two Koreas.

One of the bloodiest occurred against the Marines at a terrain features known as Boulder City and Hill 119. The loss of these key positions would forfeit a huge chunk of territory and part of the Imjin River to the communists plus an open route to Seoul.

The Chinese were attacking in enormous waves and fighting was as desperate as ever. Enemy artillery shells were landing at the rate of one per second. Chinese over ran the outpost and were beaten off after a vicious round of close combat with knives and bayonets along the 700 yards of trench line.

The Chinese suffered 72,000 casualties in carving out a substantial piece of the MLR but they failed to budge the Marines from Boulder City or Hill 119.
The defense of the Boulder City and Hill 119 cost the Marines 1,611 killed, wounded or captured.

The Korean War lasted three years, one month and

two days.

MARINE CORPS 246TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



A celebration of the 246th birthday of the U. S. Marine Corps and "Last of the First" Salute to 1st Marine Division WW II combat veterans.

The 1st Marine Division Association (FMDA) and Camp Pendleton Historical Society (CPHS) cordially invite you to celebrate the 246th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps and to salute World War II combat veterans of the 1st Marine Division.

All Marines (active duty, Reserve, retired, veteran) and their spouses and friends of the Corps are invited.

Nov. 6, 2021

Omni La Costa Resort & Spa.

Carlsbad. CA

- **Pre-Ceremony Cocktail Hour (5 p.m. - 6 p.m.)**
- **Birthday Ceremony (6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.)**
- **Dinner (6:45 p.m. - 8 p.m.)**
- **Tickets: Single $100 Couple $175**

Attire

For men: Service Dress uniform, formal attire with miniature medals, or coat and tie. For women: Service Dress uniform or cocktail dress.

"Last of the First" Salute (8 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.)

- A special part of the event is the "Last of the First" Salute, a tribute to 1st Marine Division World War II combat veterans. Those veterans will toast with a drink from a bottle of 1920s Joseph Etournaud & Company Extra Grand Fine Champagne 1st Grand Cru Cognac, set aside in 1944 by 14 surviving Marines from the 1942 battle of Guadalcanal. Originally, this “Last of the First” bottle was intended to be opened by the last survivor among the Marines and Sailors who served in combat with the 1st Marine Division

during World War II.

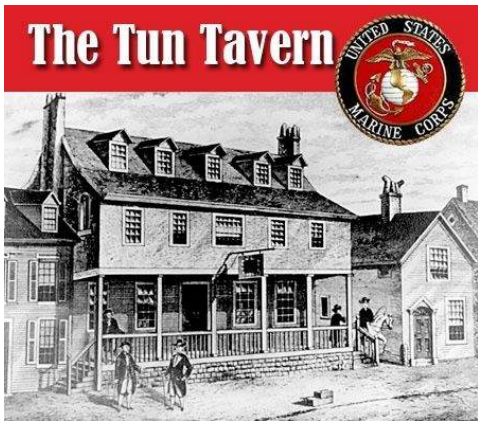
Hotel Accommodations

Rooms are available at the Holiday Inn Carlsbad (2725 Palomar Airport Rd, Carlsbad, Calif.) for Nov. 5 and 6. The group rate is $119.00 and the group code is MCB. Please contact the Holiday Inn at 760.438.2725 to make your reservation. Cut-off date for hotel reservations is Oct. 15, 2021.

Please contact the CPHS Events Committee at cphs.events@gmail.com.

Both FMDA and CPHS are registered and recognized non-profit organizations.

TUN TAVERN UPDATES



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 | Bob Ferris | Frank Gillette | Charlie Hall | Jim Irwin | Howard Lehman | Vince Mast| | Jack Mennis | George Moffatt | Gene Mooring | James Olson | Mike Ostrom | Henry Sanchez | Bob Shepard | George Stettler | Dale Turner | Quint Villanueva | Mike Walker | Myrl Wallace | Linn Wiley | Tom Woulfe

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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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