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MONTHLY MEETING UPDATE



SEPTEMBER 16 CHAPTER MEETING IS CANCELLED BECAUSE OF CURRENT COVID CONDITIONS

ENJOY THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY!!!!

Copy of a condolence letter from our Chapter to the parents of Marine Corporal Hunter Lopez, who was one of the thirteen American military members killed in the Kabul Afghanistan airport by a terrorist bomb.

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2 September, 2021

Captain Herman and Deputy Alicia Lopez, I am writing on behalf of all of our Chapter members on your tragic loss of your son Corporal Hunter Lopez. We are an active chapter of Marines associated with the 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton. We want both of you to know that we are here for you today and tomorrow.....

Our Chapter has donated $500 to the Sheriffs Relief Fund in Hunters name. We have about 40 active members here in the Coachella Valley with service from WWII through the current middle east conflict. Our purpose is to support the 1st Marine Division with contributions and moral support. If there is any support that you need in the coming month please feel free to contact me at any time.

Our Prayers will always be with both of you at this very difficult time.

With Love and Prayers,

Harry Covert

President



CHAPTER NEWS & UPDATES

After a two year hiatus brought on by the covid pandemic, the annual Palm Desert Golf Parade will get under weigh on October 31.
Our Chapter anticipates being invited to lead the parade as it's done for the past fifteen years. So in keeping with the Motto of the 7th Marine Regiment, *Prepare To March!*



CORPORAL SCHOOL GRADUATION

President Harry Covert participated in a double barreled 3rd Battalion 7th Marines event in August at the MCAGCC celebrating its Corporals School class graduation.

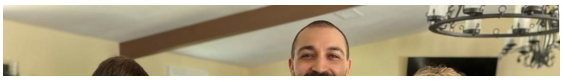
ABOVE: Our President Harry Covert flanked by Corporal Grayson Honeycutt on the left Vice President of the Dining In Mess & Corporal David McCoy, President of the Mess. Both Marines were graduates of Corporal School.

Harry was the honored guest at the Dining In dinner where our Chapter President plied the new corporals with a few sea stories and some sage advice. The following day Harry was the speaker at the graduation ceremonies where he again shared with the dinner guests some of his experiences as a young Marine Corporal.
It was indeed an honor for our Chapter to participate in the 3/7 Dining In Dinner and graduation ceremonies and for our President to be the guest of honor.

Well done, Harry!



President Harry Covert with two Corporal Scholl graduates.



BIRTHDAY MILESTONE FOR



HOWARD LEHMAN

Howard Lehman, long time Chapter member, celebrated his 90th birthday on August 15 surrounded by family, friends, neighbors and Marine comrades from the Desert Cities Chapter, 1s Marine Division Association.
A lively event indeed it was with entertainment provided by one of Howard's buddies who tickled the ivories with songs from yesteryear and present day and a good time was had by all.

Happy Birthday, Howard

A LITTLE BIT OF MARINE CORPS
HISTORY

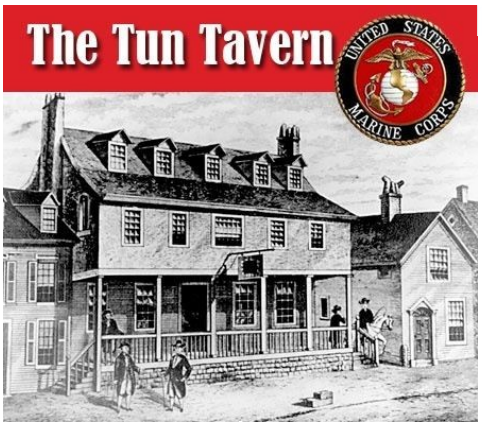
Send in the Marines!

The Banana Wars in Central America were neither numerous or wide spread, they made colorful headlines they gave the Marines a reputation not intended but not necessarily shunned.
Marines became in effect, State Department Troops. Where an Army landing would be viewed as an invasion, a Marine landing with its seaborn roots would appear less internationally severe and less belligerent. It became an unspoken threat to countries that behaved in a way unbecoming to the United States, Uncle Sam would quickly send in the Marines.

It wasn't the world's greatest job but for awhile it was the only one the Marines really had. It earned the Corps a "rapid response" reputation that it has preserved and enhanced to this day.



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 |
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George Stettler | Dale Turner | Quint Villanueva | Mike Walker |
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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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