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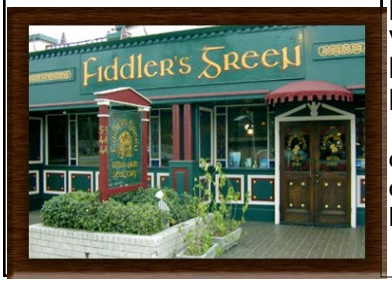
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Next Meeting:
Saturday, June 3
10:30 a.m.

Fiddlers' Green Irish Pub
544 West Fairbanks Ave.
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PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS

Greetings Marines and Friends,

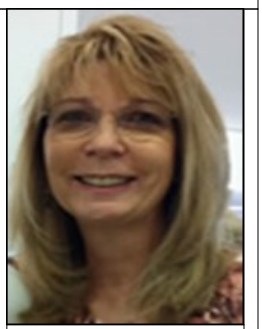
Our June 3 meeting will be the last meeting before our "summer break" allowing members to make the 2023 1st Marine Division Assoc. reunion in Las Vegas in August without competition of local meetings. Plans have been finalized and we are just awaiting the dissemination of schedules, prices and reservation codes. Up-to-date information on the upcoming reunion may be found on page 5.

You will soon receive from the FMDA HQ the Old Breed News. The OBN will be sent out electronically, unless specifically requested otherwise. This upcoming issue will contain ballots for the association officers for 2024-05. Be careful in marking ballots that you pay attention to the Deputy VP for the three regions (East, Central and West). You are only allowed to vote for the regional Dep. VP for the region in which you reside. All other positions are open for your vote. At the last reunion the FMDA Directors voted to amend the association by-laws to allow the president to serve a second term. At this writing, I am not sure if that option will be considered for current president, Jerry Corrento. Be watching for your OBN.

Many of you will be travelling on holiday over the coming months (in addition to the Las Vegas reunion). Your chapter officers wish you safe and enjoyable travels. Hopefully, I'll be seeing you, not only at the June 3 meeting, but at the special 100 birthday celebration for our beloved Sgt. Elmer "Hawk" Hawkins (See page 6.).

Semper Fidelis,
Mike

Program for June Meeting:
Military Officers Association of America
presented by Lorraine Holland



Lorraine Holland, Maj, USA (ret)

With more than 350,000 members from every branch of service - including active duty, National Guard, Reserve, retired, former officers, and their families - we are a powerful force speaking for a strong national defense and representing the interests of military officers at every stage of their careers.

MOAA's highest priority is providing first-class service to our members. We are the leading voice on compensation and benefit matters for all members of the military community. We provide expert advice and guidance to our members.

While the association does advocate a strong national defense, it does not, as an association, become involved in matters pertaining to military strategy or individual weapons systems of the various services. The association's board of directors has long believed that such decisions can be made only by those who have all of the facts available to them: today's actively serving military leadership.

MOAA was founded in Los Angeles, Calif., on Feb. 23, 1929. The first leaders of the association hoped that by joining together they could provide assistance and advice to other military officers. This concern for others fostered natural fraternal relations among members from all branches of the uniformed services.

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The two "Mighty Joe's"

By

CWO3 Jack Wing USMC (ret)

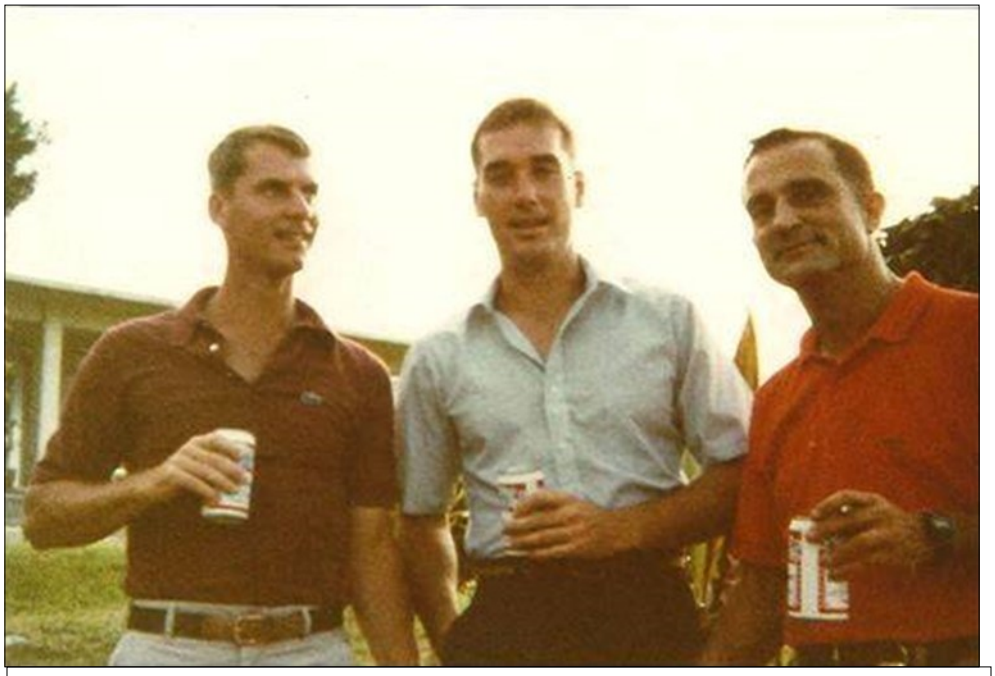
In 1981 I was ordered to Okinawa to serve my "Twilight tour" prior to my retirement. I was a Chief Warrant Officer 3 and assigned to MWSG-17 at Camp Foster. I was one of the S-3 members. My assignment originally was to be the Fuel Officer at Futenma Air Station. Since that billet was already filled I was sent to the S-3.

About a little over a month the Squadron Executive Officer approached me and said "Jack, I just submitted your name to be interviewed for the position of Generals Aide." He added that I was not to worry as I was a CWO-3 and retiring soon, and that he had to select an officer to be considered. I just more or less forgot about it until a week later the XO told me that I would have to go to Camp Courtney for the interview! We both sort of chuckled and smiled as we knew a Warrant Officer will not be a General Aide!

I put on my 'Charlie Uniform' and drove to Camp Courtney in my "Okinawa Special car" and reported to the Headquarters. There were around a dozen other Company grade officers to be interviewed. After about a half a dozen were interviewed by the Chief of Staff I entered and told the Colonel that I was soon to be retired and did not desire to be the Aide! He said that he would talk to Major General Olmstead and tell him that. The Colonel saw the general, came out and said, "The General still wants to see you." I reported to the Commanding General of the lll MAF/3rd Division Major General Steven Olmstead. He said, "I understand you don't want the job, but I desire to have you on my staff."

Needless to say, I was one of the Aides. The other aide was 1st Lt. Joe Dunford. I was impressed with this young Marine Lieutenant from the start. Joe and I worked well together, and we both were from Boston Mass. At first the tour was not my 'Cup of Tea', but after awhile I enjoyed it and met many famous Marines and civilians.

Lt. Joe Dunford departed Okinawa a couple of months prior to me. The General hosted a 'Sayonara' dinner at the CG's mess at Camp Courtney. The two Generals, and the CG's staff attended. I toasted Joe Dunford and said "Joe Dunford is the most professional Marine Lieutenant I have ever served with, and if he continues a career in the Corps, I'm sure he could be a General Officer". Joe proved me right! So, you all know Joe Dunford became the Commandant, then later he was chosen to be the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff!



This picture was taken behind the General's quarters at Camp Courtney Okinawa in 1981. You will see Capt. Vince Gulden, 1stLt. Joe Dunford, and me drinking beers. (General Olmstead took the picture). Vince was outgoing aide and I was just starting!! Lt. Joe Dunford was the other aide. The General's quarters is on a hill overlooking the sea. Very nice place. He used to host many parties there for visiting dignitaries such as Commandant Barrow, Asst. CMC PX Kelly,etc.
I do not have any pictures of Joe McGuire.

The other "Mighty Joe" was Navy Lieutenant Joe McGuire. Lt. McGuire was a Navy Seal and served as the Aide to Rear Admiral George Schick, who was the Commander of the Amphibious Forces 7th Fleet . Joe McGuire was a squared away sailor, who was sharp and very professional. Joe McGuire retired as a Vice Admiral Special Operations Command!

I retired in 1982, worked the Marine JROTC for four years in New Jersey, and moved to Apopka Florida in 1986. One time the Commandant, General Carl Munday visited Orlando. I saw a picture of a Marine Lt.Col. who was the Commandant's Aide. It showed the back of the Aide, and I knew it was Joe Dunford!

Serving with these two "Mighty Joe's" was the highlight of my career""

(Editor's note: After Jack sent me this article, it was printed in Leatherneck Magazine… I had it first!),,, MG

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We are pleased to have Lorraine Holland who is president of the Central Florida Chapter and Regional President of MOAA present our program on June 3. Hopefully, Chapter member Col. Bancroft McKittrick,, USMC (ret), president of the Volusia MOAA chapter, will also be at the meeting

Lorraine states that, "After seeing first-hand how the Marines saved my unit's bacon in the Gulf War of 91' (I was with Second Armored Div. FWRD), the Marines have always held a special place in my heart!

The Central Florida Chapter MOAA meets monthly on the 3rd Saturday at Orlando Elks Lodge 1079 - 12 N. Primrose Orlando, FL. You may visit the local chapter's web page at http://www.moaafl.org/

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USMC NEWS



Sgt. Liam Kelly gets pinned with the sergeant insignia by his brother, Sgt. Aidan Kelly, in Saudi Arabia in 2021. (Cpl. Alexandra Munoz/Marine Corps)

Some Marine corporals soon will be eligible for promotion to the rank of sergeant after only three years in the service, thanks to the overhaul of a 2019 policy that had bumped up the time-in-service requirement to four years.

Sgt. Liam Kelly gets pinned with the sergeant insignia by his brother, Sgt. Aidan Kelly, in Saudi Arabia in 2021. (Cpl. Alexandra Munoz/Marine Corps)

Effective June 1, a "high-performing, committed" corporal with three years' service can get promoted from the E-4 paygrade to E-5, according to the message

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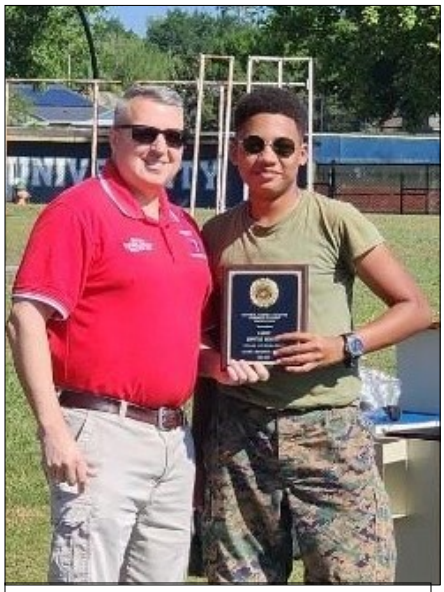
Honors Marine JROTC cadets—Orange County, FL

MCJROTC is a leadership program that allows students to grow and become better citizens. The instilled discipline, goal orientation, and initiative of military leadership are directed towards scholastic and personal achievement. Orange County has three schools with Marine JROTC: Apopka, Edgewater and University. We were pleased to have chapter members present plaques to cadets from the three schools at the awards ceremonies this Spring.

CWO3 Jack Wing was especially honored to have parents at the ceremony who had been Marine JROTC Cadets while he had been an Apopka JROTC Instructor. Time flies, Jack!



Cadet Ethan Kirtley
With presenter - Jack Wing



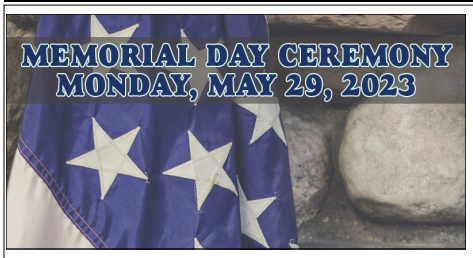
Cadet Jon'Tae Booker
With presenter- Barron Mills

Cadets we honored were:

:**Apopka HS— Cadet Ehhan Kirtley, "Outstanding NCO"**

Edgewater HS—Cadet Isabella Vianello,
"Outstanding Service",
Presented by Mike Armstrong
(not pictured)

`University HS—Cadet Jon'Tae Booker,
"Outstanding Cadet



Join us as we honor
MEMORIAL DAY

10:00
Woodlawn Cemetery
400 Woodlawn Cemetery Road
Gotha, FL 34734

11:00
Glen Haven Park
2300 Temple Dr.
Winter Park, FL

National Memorial Day Concert 2023
WUCF TV
May, 28 at 8 PM

A more than three decades long tradition unlike anything else on television, America's national night of remembrance takes us back to the real meaning of the holiday through personal stories and tributes interwoven with musical performances. Featuring an all-star line-up with the National Symphony Orchestra, the deeply moving and reverential night brings us together as one family of Americans to honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform, military families and all those who have given their lives



Mark Your Calendars



Monday, May 29 … Memorial Day

Saturday, June 3… 10:30, regular Chapter Meeting, Fiddlers Green

Saturday, June 10, 3—5:00 p.m.…. 100th b'day celebration—Elmer Hawkins,. Port Orange VFW

August 15—20… FMDA Annual Reunion, Las Vegas.

November 3 - 4… Central Florida Marine Corps Foundation's "Marine Corps Weekend" and Birthday Ball, Rosen Shingle Creek..

November 10, 2023… Marine Corps Birthday, SOS Breakfast.

The Larry E. Smedley Detachment of the Marine Corps League—
Monthly Meeting, **2nd Tues,** -
7pm – 8pm
American Legion Post 243
491 W. Broadway St.
Oviedo 32799
Info: mclcfl@gmail.com
WebLink: http://www.MCLOrlando.org
Or call Michael Segura
(407)415-1504

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"Heart of Florida" Women Marines Assoc. Chapter
Meets Second Saturday -10am .
Rio Pinar Golf and Country Club, 8600 El Prado Ave, Orlando, FL 32825.
Contact: Susan Finnigan
Susan@lynnamorris.com

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1ST MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION

~IMPORTANT~
Central Florida Chapter members (whether membership is regular or associate) need to be members of the 1st Marine Division Association...contact the FMDA office or visit the website for membership information.

website address:
https://
www.1stmarinedivisionassociation.org/
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2023 1st Marine Division Association Annual Reunion





August 14—20

(association activities will begin 15th)

The Orleans Hotel & Casino is located just west of the world famous "Las Vegas Strip" and offers a wide host of facilities. Inside the beautiful resort you will find 1886 rooms, including 56 suites, an 825-seat theater, a 52-lane Bowling Center, nine restaurants, an 18-screen movie theater, **free parking**, and over 142,000 square feet of casino. Add to that, first-class service in every respect and you will understand why The Orleans Hotel & Casino is positioned to be a favorite with Las Vegas locals and visitors alike. I am confident that we will be pleased with these friendly and exceptional facilities.

Room rates begin at approximately (incl. tax and fees)

$90 for Monday –Thursday; $150 for Friday; and $160 for Saturday.

There are 2 ways to make reservations: www.orleanscasino.com. Or call 800-675-3267. Make sure you use the code FMDH23C when making reservations. Cut-off date is JULY 14, 2023

PLEASE use the code, as the association will not get credit for your room nights if not registered with the special code. (Plus, these rates will not be available if not under the code.)

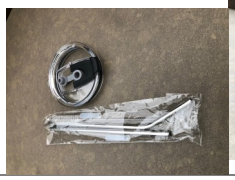
Side trips are planned to : **Hoover Dam**, **Nellis AFB, The Mob Museum**, and **The Leatherneck Bar.** Prices to be determined.

Are you ready for Las Vegas?
Is Las Vegas ready for the Marines?





A drink "tumbler" has been made available for our chapter members and will be for sale at the upcoming Oct. 1 meeting. The cost will be $20 and includes a second top fitted for use with a straw, along with 2 straws.





LOOK WHO'S HAVING A BIRTHDAY!!!

ELMER (HAWK) HAWKINS



Reception...Sat., June 10, 3-5 p.m.*

*Program begins at 3:30 p.m.

VFW Post 3282, 5810 S. Williamson Blvd., Port Orange, FL 32128

Light refreshments will be served. No gifts please.

RSVP by June 5 to nangalyean@gmail.com or 407.929.0903
Please include your name and number of guests

Hawk is turning 100 years old on June 15, 2023. He joined the USMC in 1942, at the age of 19, and served in WWII in Guadalcanal, Cape Gloucester and Peleliu before finishing up his USMC time in San Francisco.

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Thank you, Rick Dreves!

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Visit the "In Their Own Words" page for anecdotal articles by members.

The Central Florida Chapter

wishes to recognize and honor its members
now serving in the Corps Eternal

Plt.Sgt. Joe Adamik (2014)
Capt. John Adamson 2015
Sgt. Ray Bauer (2015)
Cpl. Chester Bened (2012)
Joyce Bowden, assoc. (2017)
Sgt. Tim Broughton (2013
Sgt. Glenn Brown (2011)
Col. Harry Clarke (2013)
Amy Clarke, assoc. (2017)
Col. Richard A Connell (2022)
Pfc. John Cromwell (2010)
M.Sgt. Louis Curtis
Wade Curtis (2011)
Col. Ed Danowitz (2012)
1stSgt. Richard DeVasto (2019)
Sgt. Arthur Dreves (2019)
Plt. Sgt Robert Fincher (2014)
Olga Fincher, assoc. (2022)
Capt. David Fowkes (2021)
Capt. William Harwood (2010)
Lt.Col. Dick Holt (2008)
Carolyn Immerman, assoc. (2017)
Sgt. Wade Jones (2012)
Sgt. Joe Karlberg (2019)
Cpl. John "Rick" Kennedy (2012)
Cpl. Louis Lang (2010)
Sgt. Maj. Les LeBlanc (2005)
C.W. "Bill" Marks (2014)
M.Sgt. Malcolm MacLean (2007)
GySgt. Rudy Miller (2008)
Capt. Ray Nielsen (2008)
Sgt. Donald Neiss (2009)
Col. Patrick Otoole (2018)
Capt. Jack Paxton (2018)
MSgt Edward Payton (2015)
Sgt. Victor Petris (2015)
GySgt. Charles Ross (2013)
1Lt. George Schultz (2008)
Cpl Don Schyberg (2017)
Col. Bill Tate (2019)
Pfc. "Wild Bill" Taylor (2010)
Col. John Terry (2018)
LtCol. John Tomlinson (2014)
M.Sgt. Dale Wasson (2009)
Cpl. James Weinberg (2022)
Sgt. Carl Wenhold (2017)
LtCol. Erich H. Wieler (2022)
Col. Paul Wilson (2019)

Semper Fi, Ladies and Gentlemen.

You'll always be remembered.

Minutes
Central Florida Chapter, 1st Marine Division Association
Saturday, April 1, 2023
Fiddler's Green Irish Pub

Call to Order 10:38am, Opening comments…….. Mike Galyean
Opening Prayer …….. Mike Galyean
Pledge to the Flag … ……. Ron Devasto
Welcome to guests… Member Introductions -
Secretary's Report …….. Susan Finnigan
Treasurer's Report …… Susan Finnigan
PROGRAM: National Marine Corps Business Network ……. Introduced by .Barron Mills

Drina Black, President, Central Florida Chapter
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NMCNB.org

Business

2023 MC Birthday "SOS Breakfast" plans –Carlos Cuevas/Mike Galyean co-chairs
Sheraton Orlando North- Maitland
Friday, November 10, 2023
Speaker Lieutenant General Carl E. "Sam" Mundy
Cost - $40.00
1st Marine Division Assoc. report.
Annual Reunion – Las Vegas, NV …….Orleans Hotel; August 14 – 20
Phone for reservations: 800-675-3267; Group/Event Code **is FMDH23C.**
Cut-off date for Group is 1**4 July**
Spring Executive Committee Meeting – April 14 – 15, Mike & Elmer to attend.
Need nominations for 2024-26 FMDA officer positions to the FMDA office.
Barron Mills –Represented the 1st Marine Division Association at Super Bowl
All-expense paid
Guest of USAA and the Las Vegas Raiders
Report on CF Marine/veteran activities.
Veterans Appreciation Lunch Seminole County - May 4th, 2023 11am -1pm - Sanford Civic Center - Registration on EventBrite
Post 243 - Coffee and Chats on Wednesday
WMA Heart of Florida regular meeting - April 8th 10:30am at Rio Pinar Golf and Country Club.
100th Birthday Reception…Elmer Hawkins, Saturday, June 10 (b'day June 15)
Port Orange VFW, 5810 S. Williamson Ave.
3:00 (tentative), Elmer J Hawkins, Jr. banquet room

Announcements
Next Chapter meeting……Saturday, June 3, 2023
Raffle drawing ……$63 collected…Ron Devasto
Closing (see back of agenda)…11:45am…….…… Mike Galyean

Save the Date

248th Marine Corps Birthday "SOS Breakfast"

Sponsored by the Central Florida Chapter, 1st Marine Division Association

Friday, November 10, 2023
Sheraton North Hotel, 600 North Lake Destiny, Maitland, FL
Featuring LtGen. Carl E. "Sam" Mundy III
8:30—10:00 — Cost $40 pp
Seating will be limited and reservations will be required.

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Winter Park, FL 32789



In order to belong to the Central Florida Chapter, you must...
Be a member of the 1st Marine Division Association
World War II ~ North China ~ Korea ~ Cold War ~ Vietnam ~ Gulf War ~ Iraqi Freedom ~ War on Terror

Call the 1st Marine Division Association in Oceanside, CA at (760) 763-3268 *or email* june.oldbreed@fmda.us *for information*

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(City) (State) (Zip)

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(Company - Battalion - Regiment/Squadron - Group)

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