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NEXT CHAPTER MEETING
December 15, 2022
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DESERT CITIES FUND-RAISING SEASON IS UNDERWAY

(Picture: Jim Irwin looks mighty lonely on post. He could use another volunteer to join him)



Greetings Marines and Sailors!
Our three-month fund-raising season is in full swing at Jensen's markets in Palm Springs and Palm Desert and there's a plethora of watches to fill by Chapter volunteers. THAT'S YOU!
We set up two watches on Friday and Saturday of selected dates from 1000 to 1300 and from 1300 to 1600.

Volunteers work in teams of two for three-hour watches. It's a great way to spend three hours of the day meeting and greeting members of the community who donate to our Chapter's programs in support of Marine and Sailor families of the 7th Marine Regiment based in Twenty-Nine Palms Marine base.

Many Jensen's shopper are regular donors to our program with family connections to the Corps and they look forward to seeing our colors posted at Jensen's market during the hiliday season.

Members can sign up to stand a watch by contacting
Harry Covert at 760 200 0094
or hncovert@gmail.com.

Dates Volunteers are needed:
Palm Desert,
Friday, Dec 16, !:PM to 4:PM One Volunteer
Saturday,, Dec 17, 10:00 AM to 1:00PM One Volunteer
Saturday, Dec 17, 1:00PM to 4:00PM Two Volunteers

Delivery of 200 Christmas dinners to Marine and sailor families at MAGCC is scheduled for Wednesday, December 21. Matt Zack, CEO of Jensen's markets will be driving the delivery truck as he's done since the initiation of our Christmas Dinner operation and Board member Bob

Shepard will be riding shotgun for Matt. All members are welcome to participate in the delivery. Base entry passes will have to be obtained to allow base entry.



Water, Water Anywhere! ...And Even In the Air!

An army may march on its stomach, but it can't march at all if the soldiers don't have water. To ensure that its forces are always able to hydrate wherever they operate, this year, the Marine Corps has been testing a machine that can pull drinkable water out of the air. Called the Atmospheric Portable-water Sustainment Unit, when paired with a water purification system it can generate over 15 gallons in a day, or enough water for a squad of marines.

Capt. Sean Conderman, of the 3rd Marine Littoral Regiment's combat logistics battalion at MCBH, said that it's in essence a small dehumidifier paired with a purifier. "We can mount it basically on any vehicle, and what it does is it pulls water out of the air to give us potable water without having to connect to an actual water source." The Atmospheric Portable-water Sustainment Unit, or APSU, is paired with the Corps' Lightweight Water Purification System, to ensure that the water it pulls from the atmosphere is drinkable. This system generates 15 to 20 gallons of drinkable water every 24 hours.

In the Pacific or other humid environments, it can turn the oppressively moist air into an asset, freeing forces up from a reliance on known streams, instead

letting them drink from the sky. Being able to bring a water generator into the field means that the water supply is constrained only by the availability of power and storage.

A marine regiment that can supply its own water will still need some aid: everything from food to bullets to medical supplies are depreciating quantities in war. But the ability to free itself from dependence on local water supplies, which this Atmospheric Portable-water Sustainment Unit promises, could let the marines go longer between supply drops, or move through otherwise impassible routes without sacrificing health.

The ability to bring water resupply into the field expands where an army can go, and how long it can operate. Often, battles have been forced by soldiers desperate for supply seeking what they can before rations run out. With at least water resupply on hand (for as long as there's power to run the water generator), a unit can wait, choosing instead to raid when it is most advantageous to do so.

Ah, if only it could make BEER!





A Marine Centenarian is Feted



More than 150 friends, neighbors and Marine comrades turned out at the Mizzell Community Center in Palm Springs on November 19 to honor World War II veteran Corporal Dorothee Irwin on her 100th birthday.
Dorothy is a long-time member of our Chapter and has been one of our most active members for years.

Joining in the celebration were Chapter members Harry and Nancy Covert, Charlie and Linda Garbarini, Jim and Carol Olson, Dominic and Janet Ramos, Quint and Yolanda Villanueva, Vince and Shelly Mast,
Barbara Chovenac, Bob Shepard and Bob Puente.

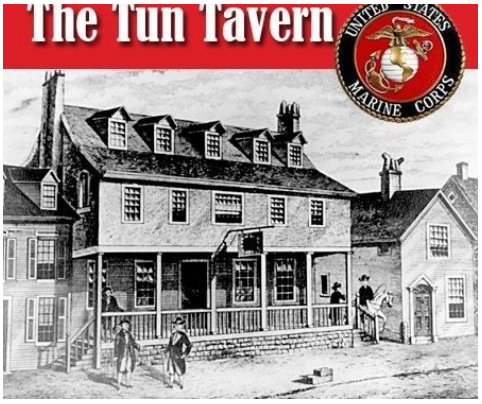
My apologies if I missed mentioning anyone who attended.
A light lunch of sandwiches, salads and cool drinks were served topped off with an out of sight Birthday Cake and a chorus of celebrants singing Happy Birthday Dorothee.

It was indeed a very nice party for a very nice Marine.

TUN TAVERN UPDATES
We're BACK!

Non-members are welcome to break bread and participate in swapping sea stories. Tun Tavern club has ***no rules, no officers, no reason*** for meeting except to ***enjoy the company of comrade marines and sailors.***

The Tun Tavern club membership dues are $100 which is donated to the Chapter.



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

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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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