The "Ooo Rah"

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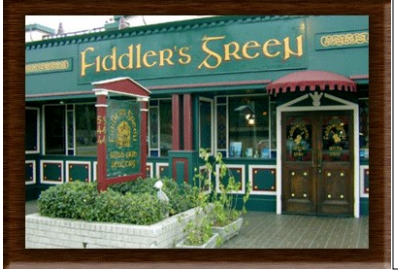
http://www.cfc1stmardiv.com/

Next Meeting:

Saturday, October 2
(no meeting in August)

10:30 a.m.

Fiddlers' Green Irish Pub
544 West Fairbanks Ave.
Winter Park, FL 32789
Ph.407.645.2050



PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS

Greetings Marines and Friends,

Plans of our summer "Cook out and Sunset Boat Tour" are going forward. We realize there may be some concern about the recent surge in COVID, however we will be outdoors the entire time and most of the people I've talked to are vaccinated. Please see page 3 in the "Ooo Rah" for more details. This is a rare opportunity to meet with chapter members and families in a social setting and enjoy the Scenic Boat tour on the beautiful Winter Park chain of lakes. If you have potential members, bring them along. It might get us some new members. The RSVP by the stated deadline is mandatory, as the food and boats will based on the number expected. (See pg.3)

The annual Marine Corps Birthday "SOS Breakfast" is coming together nicely. Carlos has reported that the local Marine Reserves will provide a static display of Marine war -fighting equipment. Some super nice raffle items have been made available and will be listed when the full compliment is known. Members are encouraged to purchase a table and recruit people to fill it. Our new venue at the Orlando North Sheraton will provide plenty of space to expand. Be a recruiter! (See pg. 5)

Congratulations… this year our chapter surpassed the amount of financial assistance to the association that we sent in 2020. Last month, I sent a total of $2,045 to the FMDA office at Camp Pendleton. I have received a letter from the association with their thanks for your generous support, along with the $350 from the chapter. The association, as everyone is aware, has been hit hard by COVID, with the cancellation of two reunions. Your generosity will help us get through this difficult time and continue to grow.

Semper Fidelis, Mike

YOU ARE INVITED

On Sunday, August 8, at 2:00 p.m., the Space Coast Chapter 453 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart will be honoring twelve Purple Heart recipients, hearing their stories and laying a brick in their honor.

This ceremony will take place at the Merritt Island Veterans Museum and Park located at 400 S Sykes Creek Pkwy .

Central Florida Chapter member and MOPH chapter commander Carl Miller will be on of the honorees and has invited all who are interested to attend this event.

HOMECOMING 2021

Commemorated the return of America's World War I dead

Central Florida Chapter member John Michael Matthews has sent this report from the HOMECOMING 2021 commemorated the return of America's World War I dead to their families 100 years ago. Thank you, John, for sending this report and your part in it.

Although the bodies of America's fallen began coming home in late 1920, HOMECOMING 2021 spotlighted the centennial of the arrival of the United States Army Transport WHEATON in NY. At an official ceremony held in Hoboken, NJ on May 23rd, 1921 President Warren G. Harding welcomed home 5,169 American WWI fallen from Cherbourg, France and Antwerp, Belgium. In the end 43,909 Americans who lost their lives in WWI were returned Home.

The American Gold Star Mothers of Indian River County spearheaded the anniversary of this event in our County which ended with a Memorial Day remembrance on our Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary. Michelle Dale, President of the American Gold Star Mothers of Indian River County, Inc. learned about this anniversary event via a Zoom meeting with members of the National American Gold Star Mothers and members of the HOMECOMING 2021 organization.



Left: Tammy Thurber, American Gold Star Mothers of Indian River County, Inc., Right: Chaplain; Michelle Dale, President, American Gold Star Mothers of Indian River County, Inc.

The HOMECOMING 2021 event in Indian River County started with finding the WWI fallen memorialized on our beloved Island Sanctuary and gathering information on them and their service. There are eight WWI Fallen remembered with cenotaphs and one WWI Veteran memorialized on the Island. Their names were supplied by a local historian. Their stories were discovered by the Genealogy Librarian in our local library.

One Veteran memorialized on the Island is Alex MacWilliam, 2nd Lieutenant, United States Army, a WWI hero who was in combat during the war. Alex was severely wounded in France in 1918 but remained in action. The next day he went forward and rescued another wounded comrade. For his heroic efforts Alex received the Distinguished Service Cross. Alex, who returned home from WWI, was the vision leading the creation of the Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary. It is through his efforts that the Island became the Sanctuary of Spirit devoted to those who have sacrificed in military service to our country.



L to R: COL Martin Zickert, USAF Retired, VCIRC Chairman; LTCOL Karen Nucceitelli, USAF Retired, VCIRC Board Member; Reverend Dave Newhart, USAF, VCIRC Chaplain; Michelle Dale, President, American Gold Star Mothers of Indian River County, Inc.

On the 23rd of May, 2021 many joined the Gold Star Mothers at the WWI grave/memorial sites for a short service where the FALLEN'S NAMES were read and their ULTIMATE SACRIFICE to our country was remembered. Bouquets of white roses tied in gold ribbon were left at their sites. White roses in celebration of their lives and gold ribbon because they and their families are Gold Stars.

The HOMECOMING 2021 100th Anniversary of the WWI dead's return to America was completed in Indian River County on Memorial Day, May 31st at our services on our beloved Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary. Poppies were distributed. Our high school band played the WWI song, "Over There". The poem IN FLANDERS FIELD was read. The keynote speech was done in HONOR of these brave young men. Our WWI FALLEN were remembered by SAYING their names, TELLING their stories, and HONORING and REMEMBERING their ultimate sacrifice to our country. Bouquets with white roses and gold ribbon were left at their memorial sites. We must never forget OUR FALLEN. God bless America. Land of the FREE because of the BRAVE.



Central Florida Chapter
1st Marine Division Assoc.

Summer Family Cook-Out and Sunset Scenic Boat Ride

Where: The Galyeans'
746 McIntyre Ave.
Winter Park, FL 32789
When: Sunday, August 29
Time: cook-out 5:00
Cost : free. nada, nil, $0

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, baked beans, potato salad, beer, soda, desert followed by a boat ride on the W P chain-of-lakes.

The Winter Park Scenic Boat Cruise is donating their boats and drivers. RSVP is necessary to secure seat.

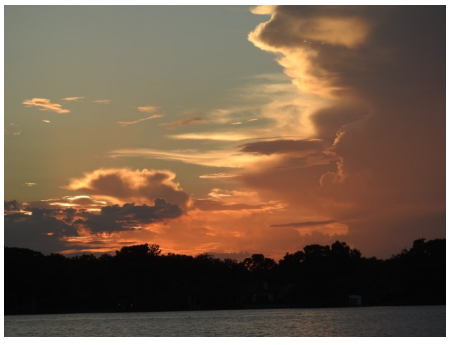
Watch the sun go down over the beautiful Winter Park chain-of-lakes with a glass of wine or other drink of your choice (byob)



Sunset boat ride: 7:30—8:30
http://www.scenicboattours.com/
312 East Morse Blvd.
Winter Park, FL 32789
($ tip for driver)

RSVP by Monday, August 23 (Please give number attending)
Email— galyeanmike@gmail.com

For questions, call Mike at (321) 276.7515



Sunset over Lake Maitland during our 2018 Boat Tour

Alice & Jim

Congratulations to Women Marines



Russ Kauffman surprised Susan Finnigan at the close of the June meeting, with the presentation of a beautiful commemorative coin celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Women Marines.



Russ Kauffman presenting Susan Finnigan with commemorative "100 Anniversary Women Marines"

Mark Your Calendars



No chapter meeting in August

Sunday, Aug. 13 … RSVP deadline for Cookout

Sunday, Aug. 29...Summer Cookout and Scenic Boat Tour (see pg. 2)

Saturday, September 4 … Chapter Exec. Committee meeting. Location TBD

Saturday, October 2 … Next regular chapter meeting.

Wednesday, Nov. 10 … Marine Corps Birthday SOS Breakfast

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARINES!

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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
Or call Michael Segura
(407)415-1504

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Central Florida Marine Corps Foundation
Email: CFMCF1775@gmail.com

Capt. David Fowkes, USMC (ret)

July 31, 1933—July 14, 2021.

It is with great sadness that our beloved David W. Fowkes has passed away on July 14, 2021.

David was a hero to our nation in serving in the USMC for nearly 23 years. He fought in the Korean and Vietnam Wars and earned many honors and awards including two purple hearts. He obtained every rank from Private to Captain before retiring in 1974.





~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.

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https://www.firstmardivassoc.com/

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"SOS Breakfast"

HAPPY 246TH BIRTHDAY

The Central Florida Chapter of the 1st Marine Division Association invites you to a celebration of our Corps' 246th Birthday!

- Featuring Colonel Mike Roach, USMC. Former CO of 12th Marine
- Regiment Current Asst. Chief of Staff, G-3, Marine Corps Forces Central Command
- $35.00 - Seating is limited and reservations must be received no later than November 7th!

Wednesday
November 10, 2021
@ 0830

Fantastic items to win in raffle, including USMC K-bar with display case.



- Sheraton Orlando North 600 North Lake Destiny Road, Maitland, FL 32751
- Checks made payable to Central Florida Chapter, First Mar. Div. Assoc., 746 McIntyre Ave., Winter Park, FL 32789…
- or pay via Paypal on our website:

NEWS OF THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION



Photo By: Lance Cpl. Austin Fraley

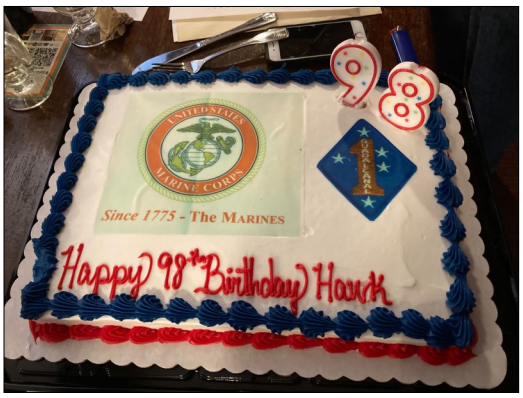
CAMP PENDLETON, CA - U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Raymond Goodman IV, a rifleman with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, prepares to make a fast rope descent during a Fast Rope Masters Course at Camp Pendleton, California, May 11, 2021. The Fast Rope Masters Course is designed to certify unit and team leaders in fast rope operations and qualifies them to train Marines within their command. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Austin Fraley)

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - U.S. Marine veterans with the 1st Marine Division Association visit 5th Marine Regiment's Memorial Garden on Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California, Jan. 30, 2020. The veterans visited the memorial to honor those Marines and Sailors who gave the ultimate sacrifice while serving with 1st Marine Division. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Alexa M. Hernandez)

Photo By: Cpl. Alexa Hernandez



Happy 98th Birthday to our hero … Elmer Hawkins.



At our June meeting held at Fiddler's Green Irish Pub, we helped "Hawk" celebrate his 98th birthday. We surprised him with a cake and celebration of his birthday, which wasn't until a week later.

We had arranged for "Hawk" to be accompanied at the meeting by his son from Ocala, Steve. The cake was appropriately cut with a K-bar, and to prevent an interruption by the WPFD, we did not have all 98 candles on the cake!



Members and friends of "Hawk" were asked before the meeting to bring, or send, birthday cards. Many of his friends from the FMDA sent cards and, they were presented to "Hawk", along with those from members in attendance. Kudos to Alice Weinberg for organizing.

L to R standing: Susan Finnigan, Mike Galyean, Jim Weinberg, Julie Seamon, Dick Connell; Seated: "Hawk," Steve Hawkins

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Thank you, Rick Dreves!

http://www.cfc1stmardiv.com/

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

Flt.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)
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)
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)
Gy.Sgt. Rudy Miller (2008)
Ray Nielsen (2007)
Sgt. Donald Neiss (2009)

Col. Patrick Otoole (2018)
Pfc. Athanasse "Al" Parsons (2013)
Capt. Jack Paxton (2018)
MSgt Edward Payton (2015)
Sgt. Victor Petris (2015)
Gy.Sgt. Charles Ross (2013)
1Lt. George Schultz (2008)
Cpl Don Schyberg (2017)
Col. Bill Tate (2019)
Pfc. "Wild Bill" Taylor (2010)
Col. John Terry (2018)
Lt.Col. John Tomlinson (2014)
M.Sgt. Dale Wasson (2009)
Sgt. Carl Wenhold (2017)
Col. Paul Wilson (2019)

Semper Fi, Ladies and Gentlemen.

You'll always be remembered.

Minutes
Central Florida Chapter, 1st Marine Division Association
Saturday, June 5, 2021
Fiddler's Green Irish Pub
Winter Park, FL

The meeting was called to order by president Mike Galyean at 10:35.

Attendance: Alice Weinberg, Jim Weinberg, Mike Galyean, Elmer Hawkins, Dick Connell, Barron Mills, Carlos Cuevas, Ron Devasto, Brad Sokoly, Sam McCloud, Mike Armstrong, Terry "Doc" Novak, Doc Snyder, Mike Segura, Russ Kaufman, Steve Hawkins, Craig Leysen (and spouse), Nancy Galyean, Trish Murphy

I. Call to Order, Opening comments.....Mike Galyean
II. Opening Prayer.....Dick Connell
III. Pledge to the Flag.....Jim Weinberg
IV. Welcome to guests.....Member Introductions
V. Secretary's Report.....Susan FInnigan (Elmer 1st, Ron 2nd, Minutes Approved as printed)
VI. Treasurer's Report.....Greg Melnick, given by Mike Galyean ($40 PX Chits, $2,263.40 Sav $3,393.76 Checking, $6,297.16 Total)

VII. Program: Report on FourSquare - Program Veterans.....Barron Mills
Website: https://fourblock.org/location/orlando-fl

VIII. Business...

A. 1st Marine Division Assoc Report .....Elmer Hawkins
Reunion - Cancelled due to room availability, Anniversary event Feb 1, 2022.
Election of 2021-22 Officers - Election card coming within the next month. One position with two candidates. SVP only contested office. Galyean (unopposed) will take over Deputy Chair East.
Ad in 2021 Reunion Journal, $175, moved to Old Breed.....Mike Galyean
Donation from Chapter to Association - amount?.....Mike Galyean
Would like to include individual donations with chapter (Last year $1,500)
Motion for $350 Chapter Donation (Jim Weinberg 1st, Susan FInnigan 2nd) - Motion carries
B. 2021 Marine Corps Birthday "SOS Breakfast".....Jim Weinberg, Carlos Cuevas
Wednesday, November 10 - $35 per ticket, 10 per table. Sponsor a table opportunity
Sheraton Orlando North (Maitland) - 600 North Lake Destiny Road, Maitland, FL 32751
Speaker - Colonel Michael Roach, USMC
Other - Will contact Rick Dreves to setup website for payment on tickets. Color guard will be available from reserve unit.
C. Chapter shirts - Look for order form in email (based on availability)
D. August - No Meeting; Social Event instead… BBQ and Boat Tour

IX. Announcements
A. Barron Mills - Local Veterans Programs; Camaraderie Program, Veterans Beer Club, etc.
VBC Orlando - Monthly Meeting on Facebook
Camaraderie Foundation Annual Golf Tournament two weeks ago - Ruck Sack event coming up, Sept 11th Gala, October meeting guest Team Rubicon, Facebook page has upcoming events available
Marine Corps Foundation - Golf Tournament and Birthday event at Shingle Creek in November
C. Lake Nona VA Community Life Center Trivia and Bingo - cancelled until further notice
D. Special Announcement.....Alice Weinberg
Elmer Hawkins 98th birthday celebration, cards and cake presented
E. Raffle Drawing.....Jim Weinberg (Winners Elmer Hawkins, Ron Devasto and Alice Weinberg)
F. Russ Kaufman presents WMA 100 Years challenge coin to Susan Finnigan
Adjourn.....Members and guests invited to stay for lunch and help Hawk celebrate his birthday.

Rspectfuly submitted,

Susan Finnigan, Secretary

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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*

Central Florida Chapter

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Number and Street or P.O. Box #) *Spouses name*

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(City) *(State)* *(Zip)*

I was with: (list two units, max) _____
(Company - Battalion - Regiment/Squadron - Group)

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Email address: _____ Phone No. (___) _____ Recommended by _____

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