Your October 2020 Update - Stay Safe, Stay Home

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Who we are:
Veteran Marines and Sailors of the Desert Cities, Mitchell Paige Medal of Honor Chapter
1st Marine Division Association

***Our Mission*:**
Contribute to the morale and well being of 7th Regiment Marines and Sailors and their families.

NO MEETING IN OCTOBER

LATEST ON CORONA VIRUS AND CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Unfortunately the Chapter is still under the gun with respect to our meetings and its other activities. However, it appears

the Governor will be loosening up restrictions on gathering in restaurants, churches and other places.
All we can do is standby until we get the word it's ok to meet.
So remain locked and loaded!



ALL DESERT CITIES CHAPTER MEETINGS ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE...
WHICH MAY COME SOON
Semper Fidelis
Quint Villanueva
Chapter Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last month, as I was thinking about 9/11 I was also thinking of all the good our Chapter does during the year and it dawned on me that there are two other groups I need to thank for our Labor day weekend at Jensens.

First of course is Matt Zack, Jensen's CEO, and all of the staff at both markets for the support they offer us. I know that Matt tells them to be good to us but they go far beyond that and treat us like family.

Second, I would like to thank your Board for **its** involvement. Every Board member with no pre-existing health conditions who was in town volunteered to staff our collection tables at Jensen's markets during the hottest days of the month. Kudos to them!

We are a force for good and we have a noble cause. We not only provide assistance to the young Marine families at the Marine base, we also support the MCJROTC cadets, young men and women, at Desert Hot Springs High School.

Thank you all for your service, God Bless the United States of America and God Bless each of you.

Semper Fidelis

Harry Covert

MANNING THE RAMPARTS

Once again, Chapter old salts volunteered and staffed our donation tables at Jensen's Palm Desert and Palm Springs markets during the Labor Day weekend.

Harry Covert, Vince Mast, Bob Shepard, Hank Monahan, Bob Puente, Quint Villanueva and Jim Irwin braved the desert's record breaking heat wave to man the ramparts to stand watch at Jensen's market in Palm Desert and Palm Springs.

A special ***OORAH*** for Jim Irwin who stood all four watches at the Palm Springs market. As in past years, Jensen's shoppers were more than generous in donating to our Chapter, especially those many donors whose relatives are now serving or served in the Corps.

For your information, our Chapter's regular season for soliciting donations is coming up soon. All members are urged to volunteer to stand at least one watch this season.

To paraphrase a Marine recruiting poster, when you joined the Chapter, we didn't promise you a rose garden. So saddle up and sign up!
You're guaranteed a rewarding experience if you do.

Semper Fidelis
Harry Covert

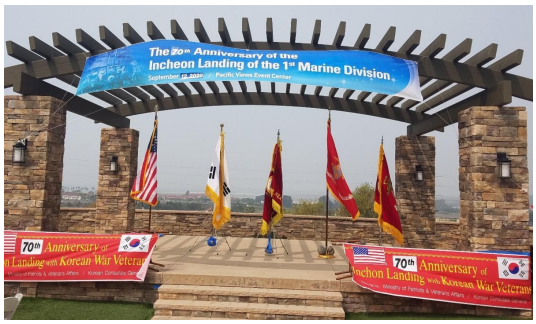
KOREAN WAR VETERANS HONORED AT CAMP PENDLETON - 70th Anniversary of Inchon Landing

KOREAN WAR MARINE VETERANS WERE HONORED BY THE MARINE HOUSE ASSOCIATION AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA GOVERNMENT AT THE 70th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATING THE INCHON LANDING



Pictured:

Major General Castellvi, Commanding General, 1st Marine Division, paid homage to the Blue Diamond Korean War veterans at the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Inchon landing



More than 50 Marine veterans of the Korean War gathered at Camp Pendleton on September 12 as guests of The Marine House Association and the Republic of Korea Government to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of "Operation Chromite", the Inchon Landing by United States Marines on September 15, 1950.

Honored guests were Marine veterans of the Inchon landng; the historical breakout at the Chosin Reservoir; battles of Bunker Hill, the Hook, Boulder City, Hill 119 and the Outpost war.

Welcoming remarks were offered by Yong Chu Park, Chairman and Founder of Marine House; Col. Jim Napier, Vice Chairman, Marine House Association; Major General Robert Castellvi, Commanding General, 1st Marine Division and Kyung Jae Park, Consul General, Republic of South Korea.

All Blue Diamond Regimental Commanding Officers participated in the ceremony which was held outdoors on the beautiful Pavilion of the Pacific Views Event Center. As their names were called each



Marine veteran moved front and center and was presented with a beautiful Guardian of Freedom Medal and an official proclamation from Consul General Park.

Pictured: Captain Villanueva, USNR (retired), former Staff Sergeant 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines, receives the Guardian of Freedom Medal from Consul General Park.

The ceremony concluded with Anchors Aweigh and The Marines Hymn played by members of the 1st Marine Division Band. Old Breed Marines and Marine Command officers mixed and mingled at the conclusion of the ceremony. The command officers showed a keen interest in the Old Breed Marines' wartime experiences.



PICTURED Korean war veterans with Major General Castellvi and Republic of Korea Consul General Park gather to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Inchon landing by the 1st Marine Division.



1st MarDiv Commanding Officers participating in the ceremony: (l to r) Col Folsum HQ Bn 1st MarDiv; Col. Graham 1st Marines; Col Skuce 11th Marines; Col Good 7th Marines; Col Weiler 5thth Marines.

MARINE HISTORY & FACTS

Korean War
Boulder City Hill 119
Just One Battle of the Outposts War

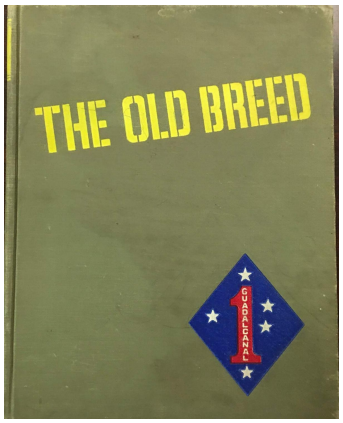
As the summer of 1953 bled on, the end of the Korean war seemed close at hand. Marines waited for the ink to dry on the armistice agreement.
Yet the Chinese unleashed a series of sharp attacks against the Marines in order to influence the final boundary between North and South Korean when the shooting stopped.

One of the bloodiest of these occurred against the Marines at terrain feature known as Boulder City or Hill 119. Loss of these key positions would make the 8th Army forfeit a huge chunk of critical real estate to the Chinese communists who were attacking in enormous waves. The

fighting was as desperate as ever with Marines fighting Chinese hand to hand in trenches of some portions of the Jamestown line, the main line of resistance.

The Chinese suffered 72,000 casualties but failed to budge the 1st Marine Division off Boulder City Hill 119. The successful defense of these positions cost the Marines 1,611 killed, wounded or captured.

SPEAKING OF "THE OLD BREED"



The Marines who first went to Fance in 1917 comprised a rich amalgam of experienced veterans and idealistic recruits.
Captain John Thomason, an officer as adept with a pen and brush as he was with ordinance and expeditions, left an indelible description of one essential component: *"There were also a number of diverse people who ran curiously to type, with drilled shoulders and bone-deep sunburn, and a tolerant scorn of nearly everything on earth. Their speech was flavored with navy words...Rifles were high and holy things to them and they knew five-inch broadside guns...They were the Leathernecks, the Old Timers...the old breed American regular, regarding the service as home and the war an occupation; and they transmitted their temper and character and view-point to the high-hearted volunteer mass which filled the ranks of the Marine Brigade."*

So, what's new?

REMINDER...
CHAPTER SHIRTS AND COVERS HAVE ARRIVED!

A supply of red, white and blue chapter shirts are now available in all sizes. Chapter covers are also available.Members may contact Hank Monahan at 760 644 0830 to make a purchase.

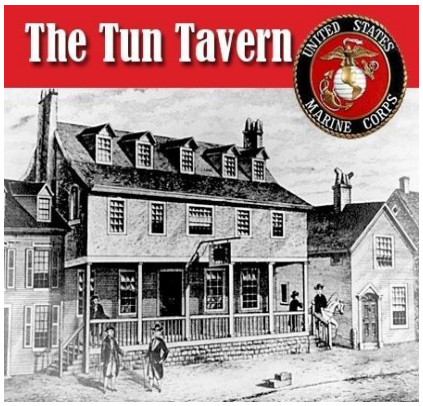
Uniform Shirts and Covers Price List

Shirts $30 | Covers $15 | Lt Wt Jackets $30
Hvy Wt Jackets $35 | Name Tags $10 | Lapel Pin $7

TUN TAVERN CLUB MEETING



Tun Tavern will go dark until further notice. Until we meet again, stay hunkered down and remember to wash your hands, wear a mask and keep a safe social distance of 6 feet.



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.

ROC'S FIRE HOUSE GRILLE

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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