November 26, 2020

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Southern California Chapter,
1st Marine Division Association, Inc.
"WE FEW, WE HAPPY FEW, WE BAND OF BROTHERS:
FOR HE TODAY THAT SHEDS HIS BLOOD WITH ME
SHALL BE MY BROTHER…" Henry V

WWII*NORTH CHINA*KOREA*VIETNAM*KUWAIT*IRAQ*COLD WAR*AFGHANISTAN*PEACE TIME

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BOARD MEETINGS:

Date	Day	Time	Location
TO BE ANNOUNCED			

Upcoming Event: Cookout
TO BE ANNOUNCED

ADDITIONAL CHAPTER'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location
TO BE ANNOUNCED				

Past President's Message:
We are coming to the end of 2020, which has been some of the most difficult times in our lives. The pandemic (COVID 19) has presented challenges that we never thought possible. It has changed our ways of living. Our sincere condolences to those who have had more difficult times, love ones hospitalized with no visitation, and losing love ones. Our most sincere sympathy and love while we continue to pray for strength for all. I hope all of you, young and more mature members are doing the very best to maintain your health and safety for yourselves and families. This is not business as usual times. We stand down to comply and support the Commanders in the I MEF and MCB Camp Pendleton. Therefore, we will not be planning any activities until this crisis is passed and we get an all clear.

Sgt Major Ray Fitzhugh (Retired), one of our longest tenured members was buried with honors on 10 November 2020. He was a valued member and contributed so much to the organization. He will be missed. Our sincere condolences to his family. May he rest in peace. Semper Fidelis Sergeant Major.

There are changing times with our Corps. The Commandant is moving forward with changes to meet the threat as he sees it today. Our Corps will lighten up to be swifter and more lethal while still focusing on the wellbeing of the force. Change is always difficult, but this association will be on the frontline to support these changes. We will be looking forward for your support.

The most important thing to benefit the chapter is to keep members safe. Membership is the base plate for improving our financial status to support the member's needs. We are continuing to develop processes and have made some headway for the membership pride. Organizing a quartermaster for Blue Diamond paraphernalia is ongoing and we are continuing to invite your ideas and recommendations. We are establishing an assistance program for Marines and Sailors of the Division. We are working hard with this but many businesses as you are closed. Look for more to follow on this subject. All these things will be accomplished with your support. Look for opportunities to volunteer to assist your fellow Warriors. Bring your ideas and recommendations to our attention and let us move forward with pride and excellence as Members of the Blue Diamond.

Enjoy the Holiday Season and remember those who went before you. Most of us did not have an opportunity to attend a Marine Ball and celebrate the Birthday in the usual fashion but that did not mean we did not say Happy Birthday to our Corps. Happy Holidays and see you in the New Year! There will be no open board meetings until all clear. I want to remind you to stay safe and be patient, this will pass, and we will win! Semper Fidelis Marines! Lonnie Long, Sgt Major (Retired), E-mail: lonnie.long9@outlook.com, Cell: 760 672-2775.

2021 Southern California Chapter, 1st Marine Division Association, Inc. - Slate for Chapter Elective Office
Board Seat #1-----Lt Col Tom Vetter (Ret)
Board Seat #2-----Chuck Wiley
Secretary-----Open
***Due to COVID, it is anticipated that ballots will be mailed to members in good standing. January Newsletter will announce final protocol for 2021 elections.

Treasurer's Report:
As of November 1, 2020: Checking - $1,675.24, Savings - $17,594.81 = **TOTAL: $19,270.05**

Our Chaplain Says:
This Corpsman's Prayer is dedicated to our Corpsman Bob Bobst who saw action on Cape Gloucester, Peleliu and Okinawa in World War II. Bob was awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart and World War II Campaign medals. Bob passed away on September 28, 2020.

Oh Lord, I ask for your divine strength to meet the demands of my profession. Help me to be the finest corpsman, both technically and tactically. If I am called to the battlefield, give me the courage to conserve our fighting forces by providing medical care to all who are in need. If I am called to a mission of peace give me the strength to lead by caring for those who need my assistance. Finally, Lord, help me take care of my own spiritual, physical and emotional needs. Teach me to trust in your presence and never failing love. Amen.

Thought of the Day:
Things do not change – we change. Henry David Thoreau

Dues:
The following members should be renewing their Chapter Dues: Charles Baker, Jon Bolton, James Burke, Jeffrey Caspers, Steven Clarke, Lewis Craparotta, Christopher Crawford, Joseph Daily, Barry Denes, Antonio Ferguson, Donald Franklin, Stuart Glass, Thomas Hawkins, Leonard Hayes, Hal Hewitt, Enrique Hines, Robert Holub, Steven Hummer, James Keen, Jack Kittinger, Ed Kuenster, Paul Kuras, Vincent Kyzer, Michael Lathrop, Bradley Lee, Jerry Magallanes, Jack McDermott, Daniel McGuire, James McMonagle, John Meyers, Ray Moreno, Edward Ortiz, Dutch Parker, Anthony Pompos, Zachary Redden, Eddie Reid, William Reynolds, Vincent Rios, Nick Romanino, Pete Sandro, Stephen Sklenka, Mike Slagle IV, Ron Slate, Olin Thompson, Jesse Tipton, Marty Vasquez, Victor Velasquez, Robert Whited, James Williams, Robert Wuestenfeld, Christopher Yates.

Dues are: Veterans: Association $35 Chapter $10 Active Duty: Association $35 Chapter $5

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