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From: Jerry Johs, President, 1st Marine Division Association

To: Members and Associate Members

Greetings,
My name is Jerry Johs, your President of the 1st Marine Division Association. The association and its staff members hope this letter finds you well. I am writing this letter on behalf of the association and with your support, we as an organization can continue to grow and continue the mission that the association was established for. We are in need of your financial support. We're pleased to invite you to be an important part of this exciting process.

HISTORY: 1st Marine Division Association was born in 1947. At present, we have about 4,000 listed members but intend to bring in many more from among those who served all during the post-Vietnam years no matter in what role and no matter where. Serving is serving.

For many of these younger Marines, our members can be a unique source of help with regards to jobs or interacting with the Veterans Administration or coping with the often insidious mental and emotional cost of having served, etc. Our bedrock value lies in helping each other.

Known as "The Old Breed", the First Marine Division has fought in (and been posted to) "every clime and place" since we were activated in early 1941. We have earned a highly illustrious record, but no combat success is won in the absence of pain and death.

Having paid their share of that price, our long-time members are ready and willing to assist new members who have also paid their share of what it costs to serve as a Marine or serve in support of us. We are Brother and Sisters. We enrich each other. EACH OTHER.

So, I am writing to ask for your support in keeping this tradition and history alive by giving a small donation of $10.00 to $100.00 so that we can help develop our current and future Marines and to keep the fellowship, friendship and history of the past and present memories during the time served in the 1st Marine Division and in support of the 1st Marine Division.

If the 1st Marine Division Association is to shape a future that is significant, we must return to the healing and benevolent focus of the past. Our Bylaws don't define our purpose in that way. Instead, socializing in honor of the Corps is the first of four definitions of our purpose. We are better than that.

And so, with candor and transparency, 1st Marine Division Association must regroup, adjust, rebuild and enrich in order to more effectively enrich the lives of both current and future members of the association. This is a challenge weôve left oddly unattended for many years. We must address it right now.

So, with your donation, we can find the most expedient ways to grow and reenergize the 1st Marine Division Association. Our challenge is daunting, urgent and crystal clear, to bring in waves of younger Marines. Your support in this matter is very important. You, our members are the present and future of the association. Your financial support in this matter is needed and greatly appreciated.

The 1st Marine Division Association will be celebrating its 72nd Annual Reunion in Louisville, Kentucky with check-in Saturday, 3 August 2019 to check-out Monday, 12 August 2019.

Registration form and program can be found on the FMDA website: 1stmardivassociation.com or call the FMDA office: (760)-763-3268 and talk to June Cormier or email her at june.oldbreed@fmda.us, or Dennis Coady at dennis.oldbreed@fmda.us. You can support this event by coming to the reunion or by placing an ad in the reunion journal or simply by sending a donation of support.

In ending, Regroup, Adjust, Rebuild, Enrich. These are the watchwords that the FMDA must embrace and carry out if we hope to reenergize our appeal and rise to the challenge we face. Your financial support in this matter is needed and greatly appreciated.

Semper Fi



Jerry Johs

President, FMDA

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I am sending a donation of $_____to support the 1st Marine Division Association.

I want to help the 1st Marine Division Association to Regroup, Adjust, Rebuild, Enrich.