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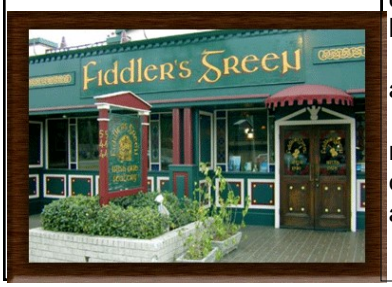
Next Meeting:

Saturday, Oct. 1

10:30 a.m.

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

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PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS

Greetings, Marines and Friends,

It has been a long summer since our last meeting in June. We hope you have had a productive summer with travel, relaxation and work blending to produce success in both personal and career lives. During the last three months, since our last meeting, there has been a successful annual reunion in Washington, DC. And, sadly we have lost two of our chapter during this long break, Jim Weinberg (chapter Sgt.- at- Arms) and long-time associate member Olga Fincher, widow of Guadalcanal veteran Bob Fincher. Olga's service will be held on October 2 in Palm Harbor.

Your chapter officers have been diligently at work on plans for our much-anticipated Marine Corps Birthday "SOS Breakfast." Plans for the birthday celebration are outlined on page 3 of the "Ooo Rah." We are excited to announce LtGen. Carl "Sam" Mundy, III, USMC (ret) as the speaker. LtGen. Mundy formerly commanded MARSOC and most recently commanded the USMC Central Command.

At the reunion, it was announced that the next gathering of the 1st Marine Division Association will be in Las Vegas, NV, with the date still to be determined after hotel negotiations and research. One item of business worth noting from the business portion of the reunion is the change in the long-standing protocol that prohibited an association president from a second term, either concurrent or not. Although all other association offices were allowed multiple terms, for some reason, since the formation of the association, the president was not. That tradition has been wisely ended.

Please plan on joining us for the regularly scheduled chapter meeting at Fiddlers Green Irish Pub on Saturday, Oct. 1, for an interesting program and good ole "esprit d' Corps."

Semper Fidelis,
Mike

October Program will feature Brian Hicks CEO of "Fairways for Warriors"

What does freedom mean? It means you can be who you want to be, and with reasonable restrictions, you can say what you want to say. You can do what you want to do. But freedom isn't free. Freedom is selfless, freedom is service, freedom is fighting for liberty that is often taken for granted.

Fairways for Warriors is more than a game of golf, it's saving lives, it's saving marriages. It is bringing families together to heal as one. Together we can combat at the 22 service members per day who commit suicide. Let's eliminate that number!

Our mission is to: "Provide hope, healing, and camaraderie for combat wounded veterans and their families."

On the website for "Fairways for Warriors" president and founder Tom Underdown announces that by November of 2010 the organization was launched and their first golf clinic for combat wounded veterans was held in January of 2011 in hopes that no veteran would suffer as his father had.

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The Korean War

By

Rick Kennedy

Editor's note: *Recently, some renovations and additions were made to the Korean War Memorial on the mall in D.C. One of the additions were the names of those who died or were MIA in the Korean War. Associate member Alice Weinberg's father (MIA) was a 1st Lieutenant in the Army attached to the 1st Marine Division at the Chosin Reservoir. Below is a photo that was taken on our recent visit of his name in the newly added section .*

This article was penned by member Rick Kennedy who unfortunately reported to the Chapter Eternal of the FMDA ten years ago. Both his friendship and writings are missed.



At 17 years of age I joined the United States Marine Corps in 1945 upon graduating from high school, and President Truman robbed me of participating in combat by dropping the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. My drill instructor at Parris Island Sergeant Gardner made the comment that members of my platoon waited for the war to be over to gain the glory of being a Marine without ever firing a shot. His comments haunted me after a tour of the Marine Corps in 1945-46 timeframe, and through several years of college at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. When the Marines entered the Korean War it seemed appropriate that I give them a hand, and I enlisted in a reserve outfit from Louisville, Kentucky for combat training in Camp Pendleton.



It soon became apparent that most of our population having served in the great World War II thought Korea was small potatoes compared to Normandy or Iwo Jima. I remember President Truman making a remark that the Marine Corps was like a glorified police force. These comments seemed to be made to make the Marines furious so we would win his war with dispatch. When I reached Korea I was assigned as a rifleman with Charlie Company of the Fifth Marine Regiment in December of 1950, and greeted our returning Marines from the great battle of the Chosin Reservoir. It became obvious to me that we were in a major war, and our lives depended on our performance in combat.

It appeared to me that we were only fighting for the glory of the United States Marine Corps because nobody seemed to care about Korea unless they had family involved. I even made a remark that we would take San Francisco if we were asked. We were very fortunate in the Fifth Marines because we had a history of victories to uphold in the battle of Belleau Woods during WW I and Guadalcanal, Okinawa and Peleliu during WW II, and we could not loose our reputation. Our yellow leggings and our camouflaged helmet covers became our trademark, and were much feared by our enemy.

Not much fanfare when I returned home from 10 months of front line duty with Charlie Company as most of my neighbors and friends had been there and done that in WWII. Returning to finish college some of my fraternity brothers would purposely bump me while sleeping at night in the dorm to get my response lurching out of my bunk as if being attacked in my fox hole. This was not a very nice welcome home by members of Delta Upsilon. Maybe I should have borrowed one of my hand grenades.



A section of the newly added names (of KIA and MIA) at the Korean War Memorial, listed by service branch and rank.

After 60 years much has changed. The Korean veterans are now very highly respected for their accomplishments and South Korea is now one of the most economically developed countries in the world. The Korean War has become the dominate success story of the United Nations, and has had a great effect on halting communism throughout the world. I am very proud to have participated in the Korean War.

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Headquartered in Orlando, Florida, Fairways for Warriors have programs in eleven different cities and have been proudly serving the combat wounded veterans of the Central Florida area since our founding in November 2010. Their golf clinics have grown from only having 12 combat wounded veterans at our very first clinic to having as high as 87 combat wounded veterans and their families in attendance at a single clinic.

At our regularly scheduled meeting on Saturday, October 1, Brian Hicks, Chief Operating Officer for "Fairways for Warriors," will bring his message about this very worthwhile program to the members of the Central Florida Chapter, 1st Marine Division Association. Please plan on joining us for this meeting and learning about "Fairways for Warriors"

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SAVE THE DATE



WHAT : Marine Corps 247th Birthday
"SOS BREAKFAST"

WHERE: Sheraton North Hotel
600 North Lake Destiny Rd.
Maitland, FL 32751

WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 10, 0830 hr

FEATURING: LtGen. Carl "Sam" Mundy, III, USMC (ret.)

LTGen Mundy last served as commander of the United States Marine Forces Central Command. He previously served as commander of the United States Marine Forces Special Operations Command. He is the son of Carl Epting Mundy Jr., who was a Marine Corps general and Commandant of the Marine Corps.

COST: $35 … which benefits your local chapter, allowing the continued support of the 1st Marine Division Association Scholarship Fund and various community events. Includes full breakfast.

Seating is limited and reservations must be received no later than November 7! Checks made payable to Central Florida Chapter First Marine Division (mail them to Mike Galyean, 746 McIntyre Ave., Winter Park, FL 32789) or via our website to pay on-line.



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New 988 Suicide Prevention Hotline

Veterans Crisis Line
DIAL 988 then PRESS 1

Veterans Affairs officials updated their Veterans Crisis Line website to reflect the new national 988 hotline for mental health emergencies. (Veterans Affairs)

The new 988 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, which launched recently, isn't aimed specifically at veterans, but advocates are hopeful that the resource will provide an easier venue for veterans and military members facing mental health emergencies.

"The new shorter number directly addresses the need for ease of access and clarity in times of crisis, both for veterans and non veterans alike," Dr. Tamara Campbell, acting Executive Director for the Department of Veterans' Affairs Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, said in a press event on Friday. VA officials are working to update materials and communications with the new number to spread the word to veterans and their supporters.

Mark Your Calendars



Saturday, October 1, 10:30… Regular chapter meeting featuring "Fairways for Warriors."

Friday, Nov. 4, 9:30 … Winter Park Veterans Day program. Shady Park

Thursday, November 10, 0830 CF Chapter Marine Corps Birthday "SOS Breakfast"

Saturday, Nov. 12, 11:00 … Orlando Veterans Day Parade

Saturday, November 12 … CF Marine Foundation Birthday Ball

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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"Heart of Florida" Women Marines Assoc. Chapter

Meets Second Saturday -10am . Rio Pinar Golf and Country Club, 8600 El Prado Ave, Orlando, FL 32825.
Contact: Susan Finnigan
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Volunteer Opportunity

"Soldier's Angels"



Event Name: Orlando Veteran Food Assistance
Event Description: Orlando veteran food assistance is provided monthly to veterans in need by Soldiers' Angels.
Date/Time: This event occurs on the third Friday of every month: October 21, November 18, December 16 08:30am to 2:00pm
Location: Elks Lodge #1079 (Parking Lot), 12 N. Primrose Ave., Orlando, Florida 32803
Registration Link: Click to Register

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Marine Corps : Opinion of Congress

Marines are overpaid, overrated tax burdens who are indispensable since they volunteer to go anywhere at any time and kill whoever they're told to kill, as long as they can drink, brawl, steal HUMMVs, corrupt women and sing dirty songs while wearing cammies, oversized knives, Seiko watches and really screwed-up 8-point covers that don't look like the Army's.

The Future of Medicine Is In Your Genes

The Million Veteran Program (MVP) is a national research program to learn how genes, lifestyle, and military exposures affect health and illness.
Since launching in 2011, over 875,000 Veterans have joined MVP, making it one of the world's largest programs on genetics and health.

Joining MVP is easy
We make it easy to become an MVP partner. To join online, Veterans are asked to:

- Securely sign in **or** create an AccessVA account to verify your identity
- Complete the consent process and allow access to health records
- Conveniently schedule a visit to provide a blood sample
- Complete surveys about health, lifestyle and military experience

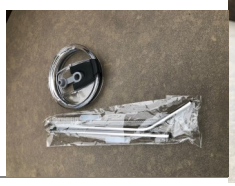
Join today.

Prefer to join in-person at a participating MVP location? Call the MVP Info Center toll-free at 866-441-6075 (Monday - Friday; 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. ET) to schedule a visit.

Leading the charge for better care, better health!



A drink "tumbler" has been made available for our chapter members and will be for sale at the upcoming Oct. 1 meeting. The cost will be $20 and includes a second top fitted for use with a straw, along with 2 straws.







Asst. 1st Marine Division CO, BGen. James Ryan with DVP East Elmer Hawkins (99) and DVP at large Paul Wojahn (101) at the Reunion Saturday night dinner. BGen. Ryan had the audience's enthralled attention as he discussed the status of the Blue Diamond Division.

1st Marine Division Association Annual Reunion August 16—20, 2022 Arlington, Virginia



Susan Finnigan plays Taps at Friday's Memorial Service



At "Tun Tavern" at the National Museum of the Marine Corps… L—R: Margo Miller, Bob Miller, Nancy Galyean, Chris Hoey, Cheryl Hoey, Mike Galyean

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Thank you, Rick Dreves!

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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)
Olga Fincher, assoc. (2022)
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)
Capt. Ray Nielsen (2008)
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)
Cpl. James Weinberg (2022)
Sgt. Carl Wenhold (2017)
LtCol. Erich H. Wieler (2022)
Col. Paul Wilson (2019)

Semper Fi, Ladies and Gentlemen.

You'll always be remembered.

Editor's note: *There has been much debate over the current commandant's "Force Design 2030" changes that are intended to prepare the USMC's ability to fight a "near peer" opponent in future conflicts. This is a portion of an article that* appeared in a recent on-line edition of Military Times that addresses the changes in the Corps' artillery force.
Editor's note #2: BGen. James A. Ryan, Asst. 1st Mar. Div. Cmdr., at the association reunion dinner stated that the 1st Marine Division will maintain the current level of cannon artillery.
Editor's Note #3: Opinions in the article do not necessarily represent the opinions of this chapter or its members.

By Lt. Gen. William M. "Bill" Keys (retired)

Gen. George S. Patton Jr. said: "I do not have to tell you who won the war. You know the artillery did."

Patton obviously was exaggerating when he made this statement. Nevertheless, he knew that without artillery the United Stated Army would have lost the war in Europe.

And, like Patton, Marine infantrymen — especially those who have experienced the horrors of an artillery bombardment — also know the importance of tube artillery.

I don't know a single retired infantryman or artilleryman who does not support the retention of sufficient cannon artillery in Marine Corps force structure. After consulting with a number of my retired artillery colleagues, distinguished officers who have supported Marine infantry in close combat in Vietnam and in Operation Desert Storm, I want to share our thoughts on why cannon artillery is unique, and why replacing almost all of it with rockets and missiles is a huge mistake. I intend to do this by drawing attention to the versatility, lethality, flexibility and distinctive advantages of cannon artillery.



Marine Corps Force Design 2030 is on a path to unwisely emasculate cannon artillery in all Marine Corps divisions. Battles won in the past could be lost in the future. Without sufficient tube artillery, the Marine Corps runs the risk of losing closely contested battles.

These are strong and perhaps inflammatory words to some. But, they are consistent with Thomas Paine's sage counsel: "He who dares not offend cannot be honest."

Cannon artillery is not just a force multiplier. It truly is the only all-weather, immediately on call and sustainable fire support available to maneuver forces in "every clime and place."

Consider the following: Cannon artillery and rocket artillery are not the same. They are complementary. They are not interchangeable. Rockets can't replace direct support cannon artillery. Rockets are best employed in the deep fight for shaping and for interdiction. Cannon artillery is essential in the close battle to facilitate maneuver and for suppression and continuous fire support, capabilities ill-suited or not possible for rockets.

Any Marine who has been under continuous artillery shelling knows that prolonged exposure breaks one's will to fight. Rockets hit and halt.

Mortar fires are also of short duration, since the rounds have to be humped forward by Marines. But cannon artillery is backed by truckloads of projectiles that can hammer away for long durations.

Cannon artillery provides maneuver forces with flexibility not inherent in longer range and exponentially more expensive rockets, which necessarily limit availability for all but high priority fire support missions. In addition, cannon artillery provides the infantry direct, indirect and continuous fire support in terrain not conducive to long range rocket fires. Urban, jungle and mountain environments are prime examples.

Cannon artillery also provides maneuver forces with munitions not available in rockets, such as illumination, colored smoke and white phosphorous. These shells always are needed by infantry, whether closing with or in contact with the enemy.

And an area not to be overlooked is cannon artillery's distinct advantage as a level of effort, or, said another way, economy of force system. The lethality, accuracy and affordability of cannon artillery make possible continuous fire support, target marking, suppression or even reconnaissance by fires.
These types of missions are not feasible with rockets, whose cost per round always will limit availability.
Take for example the fighting in Ukraine. We have seen estimates that Ukrainian forces are expending 6,000–8,000 artillery shells each day.

The same estimates tell us that Russian forces are expending from four to six times that amount. These numbers are far beyond the capacity of rockets to sustain.

Force Design 2030 is correct that the Marine Corps requires more rocket artillery and missiles for the deep fight and for long range interdiction, which complement aviation in shaping the battlefield.

Force Design 2030 is flawed by gutting cannon artillery.

One battalion for every Marine regiment for direct fire support has been and will continue to be the minimal requirement.

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