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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:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
TO BE ANNOUNCED			

Upcoming Event: Cookout
TO BE ANNOUNCED

ADDITIONAL CHAPTER’S SCHEDULED EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
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President’s Message:

We are experiencing unprecedented times. As Marines do in these times we will fight to win. I hope all of you, young and more mature 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 only be planning until this crisis is passed and we get an all clear. I am still focusing on the most important thing to benefit the chapter. Membership! It’s the base plate for improving our financial status to support the member’s needs. We are being put together to move forward with improving the process. 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 I invite your ideas and recommendations. Vendors are being contacted and negotiations are underway. We are establishing an assistance program for Marines and Sailors of the Division. 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’s move forward with pride, excellence and efficiency of Members of the Blue Diamond. There will be no open board meetings until all clear. Remember to stay safe and be patient, this will pass, and we will win! Semper Fidelis Marines!
Lonnie Long, Sergeant Major (Retired). E-mail: lonnie.long9@outlook.com, cell: 760 672-2775.

Treasurer's Report:

On Wednesday, March 11, 2020, the 2019 financial audit was conducted. The audit found all records correct and balances verified. The audit was performed by: Tony Aguilar, Corkie B. Lee and Chuck Wiley with Treasurer Dan Smith assisting via teleconference and Chapter President Lonnie Long witnessing.

Total assets as of December 31, 2019 were \$19,378.46.

Our Chaplain Says:

God, grant us the inspiration we need as we go forward to the task of serving you and our country. May your will be done in all of our efforts. May the Lord keep watch between you and me while we are absent one from another. Further dear Lord, we ask for your continued protection for our comrades and families during this period of crisis in our country. This O Lord, we pray in your name. Amen.

Thought of the Day:

What is success? I think it is a mixture of having a flair for the thing that you are doing; knowing that it is not enough, that you must have hard work and a certain sense of purpose. Margaret Thatcher.

Interesting Fact:

The Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, also known as 29 Palms, is the largest United States Marine Corps base. The base is officially known as Twentynine Palms. The base is located adjacent to the city of Twentynine Palms in San Bernardino County. The base covers a total area of 596,288 acres (931.7 square mi).

From 1942 through July 1944, during World War II, the airfield at Twentynine Palms was utilized by the U.S. Army Air Force for primary flight training. What is now the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, was taken over by the 11th Naval District, headquartered in San Diego, as Naval Auxiliary Air Station Twentynine Palms, in July 1944. August 20, 1952, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton Headquarters issued Post Order 343 creating Marine Corps Training Center, Twentynine Palms. The base was designated on February 6, 1953, as Marine Corps Training Center, Twentynine Palms. February 1, 1957, again designated as Marine Corps Base, Twentynine Palms, California.

December, 1952, 3rd Marine Division, with assistance from the 12th Marine Regiment conducted the first large scale, live fire field exercises on the new base. In 1976, work began to add an expeditionary airfield to the base. October 1, 1978, following completion of the expeditionary airfield, its name was changed to Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Training Center and once more to Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center on February 16, 1979. It was also during this time that plans for the combined arms exercises began. October 1, 2000, redesignated as Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command, Twentynine Palms, California. This redesignation accompanied a change in policy that placed the training base under the auspices of Training and Education Command, Headquarters Marine Corps, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia. This base is currently home to one of the largest military training areas in the nation.

Dues:

The following members should be renewing their Chapter Dues: Jon Bolton, James Burke, Jeffrey Caspers, Steven Clarke, Thomas Hawkins, Hal Hewitt, Enrique Hines, Steven Hummer, James Keen, Ki Kim, Jack Kittinger, Vincent Kyzer, Bradley Lee, Jack McDermott, Cecil McGehee, James McMonagle, Ray Moreno, Zachary Redden, Eddie Reid, William Reynolds, Nick Romanino, Stephen Sklenka, Jesse Tipton, Robert Whited, Robert Wuestenfeld, Christopher Yates.

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

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BLUE DIAMOND AND CAMP PENDLETON NEWS:

The Executive Board met yesterday, by telephone conference, to discuss our 73rd Annual Reunion in August. We will go ahead with planning for the August Reunion. If we are back to normal by then it will be a celebration. However, we are watching day to day, ready to cancel before the Association or members make too much of a financial commitment.

Our August plans are subject to change, as above. Please hold off making reservations until we know the state of the world this summer.