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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**

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BOARD MEETINGS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
August 13, 2020	Thursday	11:30 a.m.	ZOOM

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:

Fellow Members, we continue to endure the struggle to find the end to these times. Hang in there and do not let our guards down, there is plenty of danger left. You will endure many more changes in these ever-changing times. We must maintain our spirits as Marines to win. Continue doing our very best to maintain health standards and safety for ourselves and families. As you receive information and direction daily that is all changing and sometime confusing, do not forget the most accurate information for you will come from the MCB website Covid-19. We continue to comply and support the Commanders in the I MEF and MCB Camp Pendleton. As you start to get out make sure you are following the established protocols to be safe. We have work to do to get our association back to the level of pride and camaraderie of the Blue Diamond. We are navigating the world of virtual communication to bring things more quickly and keep you informed so bear with us. Who said you can't teach old dogs' new tricks? As I begin the journey, still focusing on the most important thing to benefit the chapter. Membership! It is the base plate for improving our value to support the member's and their family's needs. We need your support and ideas to move forward to 2020 Marines and the changes that are coming. It is every member responsibility to support and make recommendations for the success of the Southern California Chapter. Let us remember that change is for the strong and unwilling to change leads to **extinction**. We are establishing an assistance program for Marines and Sailors of the Division. Look for more to follow on this subject. This will also include family members. I solicit your ideas and recommendations for a Spouse auxiliary for our chapter. There will be no membership dues for family members. We must support all those who support you. There are considerable problems during the pandemic to get things moving. The First Marine Division includes all our family members too. We are receiving positive feedback here, so stay tuned and be ready to assist if you are called upon. We cannot accomplish any of these things without your support. Look for opportunities to volunteer to assist to be a part of the future successes. Bring your ideas and recommendations to our attention and let us move forward with pride, excellence and efficiency, Members of the Blue Diamond. The legacy and pride are in your hands! We need to hear from you!

There will be no open board meetings until the all clear. If you interested in joining our Zoom meetings let us know and we will provide you access. We now have an association Chaplain in former Marine Officer Najee Stanton who is continuing his religious studies. Welcome Aboard Najee! We are delighted to have you aboard. Remember to stay safe and be patient, this will pass, and we will win! Semper Fidelis Marines! Lonnie Long Sergeant Major (Ret) 760 672- 2775, lonnie.long9@outlook.com

Treasurer's Report:

July 2020, Cash on Hand: \$19, 453.94.

Our Chaplain Says:

"I wanted to take this opportunity to notify all members of the First Marine Division Association, Southern California Chapter, that effective August 1st, I will be turning over my duties as Chapter Chaplain to Najee Staton. I had the pleasure of meeting Najee on July 14th, during the most recent Chapter Board of Directors virtual meeting. The members along with myself all welcomed Najee into the Chapter. It was very evident by the noted entries on Najee's resume that he is more than qualified to be our Chaplain. It has been my honor and pleasure to have filled the position of Chaplain as part of the Board of Directors for our Chapter. I will remain active with our Chapter and will continue as the Immediate Past President. My most heartfelt thanks to all members for their strong support to me as I attempted to fulfill my duties. Take care, be safe and stay healthy. Semper Fidelis." Tony Aguilar.

Thought of the Day:

I would rather fail in a cause that would ultimately succeed, than succeed in a cause that would ultimately fail. Woodrow Wilson.

Interesting Fact:

The history of Point Loma Naval Base, San Diego, begins in 1795 when the Spanish built a fort at a Point Guijarros, opposite the tip of Coronado. Today, the land is known as Ballast Point. This fort was abandoned by the Spanish in 1845. Captain Samuel Du Pont raised the American Flag in 1846. Shortly after 1848, the Mexican-American War ended, the Americans claimed Point Loma. President Millard Fillmore provided 1,400 acres in 1852 to the United States Army and it was named Fort Rosecrans. Fort Rosecrans is named after William Rosecrans, a graduate of the United States Military Academy. The Army went on to build at this site. In 1945 the University of California Division of War Research, Navy Radio and Sound Laboratory occupied the location. Submarine Group, San Diego was established in 1946 with Submarine Flotilla 1 activated in 1949. Fort Rosecrans was turned over to the United States Navy in 1959. In 1963, 280 acres were provided to the Navy for Submarine Support facility. In 1958, Bathyscaphe Trieste arrived, modified Bathyscaphe Trieste II from 1965 to 1984. November 1974 the base became shore command, serving submarines, Submarine Group Five, Submarine Squadron Three, Submarine Development Group One, the Submarine Training Facility and Submarine Squadron Eleven. The base was designated as Naval Submarine Base San Diego on October 1, 1981. In 1998, Navy facilities in the Point Loma area of San Diego were consolidated under Commander, Navy Region Southwest. Naval Base Point Loma consists of seven facilities: Submarine Base, Naval Mine and Anti-Submarine Warfare Command (previously Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare Command), Fleet Combat Training Center Pacific, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, (SPAWAR), SPAWAR Systems Center, Fleet Intelligence Command Pacific and Naval Consolidated Brig. Miramar.

Dues:

The following members should be renewing their Chapter Dues: James Adwell, Donna Aprahamian, James Burke, Jeffrey Caspers, Steven Clarke, Barry Denes, Thomas Hawkins, Hal Hewitt, Enrique Hines, Robert Holub, Steven Hummer, James Keen, Vincent Kyzer, Bradley Lee, Jack McDermott, James McMonagle, Edward Ortiz, Anthony Pompos, Zachary Redden, Eddie Reid, William Reynolds, Vincent Rios, Nick Romanino, Pete Sandro, Stephen Sklenka, Jesse Tipton, Victor Velasquez, Robert Whited, Robert Wuestenfeld, Christopher Yates.

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

Checks made to: **Southern California Chapter, 1st Marine Division Association, Inc.** Please send to: James Lee, 964 Mendocino Drive, San Marcos, CA 92078.

BLUE DIAMOND AND CAMP PENDLETON NEWS:

Chairman Yong Chu Park, Marine House U.S.A., will host a Korean War Veterans luncheon at Pacific View Event Center, Camp Pendleton, Saturday, 15 September 2020, at 11:30 a.m., to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Inchon Landing. Website: www.marinehouseusa.org