



The Breed

**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*COLDWAR*AFGHANISTAN*PEACE TIME

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BOARD MEETINGS:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Day</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Location</u> |
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| 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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To the membership:

Reminder: The Chapter is looking to fill the Chaplain position on the board. The Chapter's immediate Past President Tony Aguilar has stepped in temporarily. If you are interested, please contact Chapter President Major William (Bill) Mimiaga, at (949) 233-6036.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking: \$7,287.47, Reserves: \$12,929.79 = **Total: \$20,217.26**

Our Chaplain Says:

Our Father, we are gathered here as grieving people, as people who are lost. We are looking for your dwelling place. We pray that you will send your Spirit to accompany us on this journey, so that we are able to see hope. In our time of loss or trouble, help us discover new rituals for our lives. Guide us as you will, so that we may have new life in you. We ask this in Jesus' name and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Thought of the day:

To be a champion, you have to believe in yourself when nobody else will. Sugar Ray Robinson

Interesting fact:

The Glorious History of the 1st Marine Division:

The 1st Marine Division is the oldest and most decorated division in the United State Marine Corps. The 1st Marine Division was activated aboard the battleship USS Texas on 1 February 1941. The 1st Marine Division includes a Headquarters Battalion, the 1st, 5th, 7th, and 11th Marine Regiments, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st and 3d Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalions, 1st Tank Battalion, and 3d Assault Amphibian Battalion. These combined units represent a force of more than 22,000 Marines and Sailors. The 1st Marine Division has nine Presidential Unit Citations. The first for the Guadalcanal action in 1942, for actions and sacrifices on Guadalcanal. Followed by Presidential Unit Citations for battles of Peleliu and Okinawa. After Japan's surrender, the division was sent to North China for duty. During this time "The Old Breed" as the division became know provided the Pusan Fire Brigade when war broke out in Korea. 15 September 1950, the division landed at Inchon. The division received its four, fifth and sixth (PUCs) for actions in Korea. In 1962, 1st Marine division were deployed to Guantanamo Bay during the Cuban Missile Crisis. The 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade took part in a naval blockade. The 7th Marines were the first major ground troops in South Vietnam in 1965. By 1966, the entire division was in South Vietnam. In 1968 the division received its seventh and eighth Presidential Unit Citations for the division's fierce fighting and beating back the enemy assaults. In 1971, the 1st Marine Division returned to California. The division supplied food and shelter at Camp Pendleton to approximately 50,000 Vietnamese refugees who evacuated Saigon. In 1990, the 1st Marine Division was in Saudi Arabia. In 1991, the division along with the 2nd Marine Division under 1 MEF and coalition force participated in Desert Storm. Since 1991, the division has sent units to Bangladesh, the Philippines. In 1992, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines and 15th MEU were in Somalia. In 1993, the 1st Marine Division were in Mogadishu (Retore Hope). This was part of the United Nations peacekeeping force. In 2003, the Division deployed to Kuwait under I MEF. The division returned home to Camp Pendleton and 29 Palms. The division received its ninth PUC for its actions in Iraq. In March 2004, the 1st Marine Division assumed operations in Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom II). In 2010, the 1st Marine Division deployed to Afghanistan. In 2012, headquarters for Task Force Leatherneck was established. Today, 1st Marine Division continues to support overseas combat operations with fully trained units and personnel. Semper Fidelis

Dues: The following Chapter Members should be renewing their Chapter Dues for 2021: Jeffrey Caspers, Steven Clarke, Lewis Craparotta, Christopher Crawford, Antonio Ferguson, Stuart Glass, Alexa Hernandez, Steven Hummer, James Keen, Paul Kuras, Bradley Lee, Jack McDermott, Anthony Pompos, Zachary Redden, Eddie Reid, William Reynolds, Stephen Sklenka, Mike Slagle IV, Victor Velasquez, James Williams, Robert Wuestenfeld, Christopher Yates, Frank Zugaj.

The following Chapter Members should be renewing their Chapter Dues for 2022: Charles Baker, LaRock Benford, Ed Brundage, Jeffrey Caspers, Steven Clarke, Stephen Colwell, Ernest Cornwell, Lewis Craparotta, Christopher Crawford, Barry Denes, Antonio Ferguson, C.O. Fowler, Donald Franklin, William Gallagher, Thomas Hawkins, Alexa Hernandez, Steven Hummer, James Keen, Jack Kittinger, Paul Kuras, Michael Lathrop, Lewis Leach, Michael Lewis, Cecil McGehee, John (Jack) McDermott, James McMonagle, Edward Ortiz, Eddie Reid, William Reynolds, Enrico (Nick) Romanino, Pete Sandro, Mike Slagle IV, Ron Slate, Jessie Tipton, Marty Vasquez, Victor Velasquez, Robert Wuestenfeld, Christopher Yates.

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

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

NOTE: If you have changed your home address, e-mail address, cell number or home telephone number, please notify me of these changes. It will be greatly appreciated.

BLUE DIAMOND AND CAMP PENDLETON NEWS:

81st Anniversary Commemoration of the 1st Division's Founding. USMC is still under Commandant's orders to restrict gatherings. This year's Division Anniversary events will be similar to last year's. A Color Rededication ceremony will be held at 1000, Friday, February 11, in front of 1st Division HQ. Attendance is by invitation. Let June know if you want to attend, and you will be put on the Division's invitation list. Email: june.oldbreed@fmda.us or contact Dennis J. Coady, 1st Marine Division Association Administrative Assistant at 760 763-3268.