



# 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\*COLD WAR\*AFGHANISTAN\*PEACE TIME**

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**BOARD MEETINGS:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
July 14, 2020	Tuesday	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, it looks like we will be continuing to endure unprecedented 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. 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! 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 lost a Marine legend in May. Sgt Major Valentine will be missed, and we know he has taken his post and will be looking down on us. Semper Fi Val! God Bless your Soul! 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:**

June 2020, Cash on Hand: \$19, 186.27.

#### **Our Chaplain Says:**

**Special Memorial Tribute to Sgt Major Paul (Steve) Stephenson:** O God of all our yesterdays, our today's, and our tomorrows, we pause together in the quietness of remembrance to linger in thought over our comrade whose name has rung out in our hearing as one who has transferred from our ranks to be with You O Lord. Short months ago he stood before us. We laughed with him and labored and lived out a portion of our lives in a common cause. He contributed, in some fashion, large or small, to what we all were when he was in our midst. We have not been untouched by what he did and who he was. In such a moment as this, we are keenly aware of Your own everlasting presence, and as our only remaining link with our former comrade, we salute You O Lord and commend him to You with trust and expectation. Whatever battle stars or ribbons he may have deservedly won, perhaps unknown to us, on the battlefields of life, You will award. May he stand before You now as before a beloved captain in eager readiness for whatever is to come. This we pray in Your name. Amen.

#### **Thought of the Day:**

If you can dream it, you can do it. Walt Disney.

#### **Interesting Fact:**

The Korean War: From June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953, a war between North Korea with help from the Soviet Union and China. South Korea had the support from the United Nations. After the war ended Korea it was agreed upon to divide the country at 38<sup>th</sup> parallel. The Korean Armistice Agreement was signed. The agreement created the Korean Demilitarized Zone to separate North and South Korea. However, no peace treaty was ever signed. The Korean War was among the most destructive conflicts of the modern era. June 25, 2020, marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Korean conflict.

#### **Dues:**

The following members should be renewing their Chapter Dues: 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, Zachary Redden, Eddie Reid, William Reynolds, 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  
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#### **BLUE DIAMOND AND CAMP PENDLETON NEWS:**

Thank you to Dennis Coady for the information in the May 22nd issue of Old Breed News about a trip to Washington D.C., with "The Greatest Generation Foundation". Although most of DC (about 85%) was closed down because of the virus, I and Ron Fukuoka (Orange County Chapter) on 24 - 26 June took advantage of the information and made the fantastic trip to D.C. On the 25<sup>th</sup> (the Anniversary of the beginning of the War) we went to go to the Capital where we were tested for the virus before going to the Korean War Memorial. At the Memorial each of us Veterans got to introduce himself personally to President Trump and the First Lady, the news media does not due her justice. The following day we got a private tour of Arlington, met the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Milley and saw the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Solider. Many thanks to Timothy Davis, CEO of the Greatest Generation Foundation for providing such a very awesome trip. Chuck Wiley, Southern California Chapter, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division Association.

