



# The Breed

**Southern California Chapter,  
1<sup>st</sup> 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>
<b>TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>			

**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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**Acting President:** Congratulations to the newly elected Board members. In these especially challenging times we look forward to the leadership and contributions from our new President, Major William Mimiaga, Secretary Ed Brundage and At Large Board Member Ernie Cornwell.

The tabulating of Votes cast by members of the Southern California Chapter were received by mail in ballots. There were 51 total ballots counted. The listed Officers were present and counted the votes:

Bob Adwell: Acting President, Jim Lee: Membership, Tony Aguilar: Immediate Past President

<u>Vote Count</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
46	President	*Bill Mimiaga
01	President	Doug Barr
47	Secretary	*Ed Brundage
44	At Large #1	*Ernest Cornwell
46	At Large #2	*Chuck Wiley

\*= Denotes Elected. Respectfully Submitted, Bob Adwell

**Past President:** The terrible year of 2020 has finally left us and IMHO it's good riddance. I am sure we're all ready to start a new year (even though it's already March). Many of us have lost many family and dear friends during this horrible pandemic. We have all been touched by the separations this pandemic has caused. Now it is time for all of us to move on with our lives. A few of the Southern California Chapter board members of the First Marine Division Association recently met to tabulate the ballots that were mailed out earlier to our Chapter members for the 2021 elections. I'm very pleased to report we had very good response from some of our Chapter members and the results have already been announced. I am further pleased with the selection of our new Chapter Board members. I look forward to being able to get together soon and to work with the fine new lineup of our Chapter. I hope sometime in the very near future the board members will be able to meet at our Chapter headquarters office so we can start to plan some of our yearly activities for the Marines and Sailors of the 1st Marine Division aboard Camp Pendleton.

**Treasurer's Report:** March 1, 2021: Cash: \$1,747.21, Reserves: \$17,759.74 = **Total: \$19,506.95**

**Our Chaplain Says:** Mary, Mother of Sorrows and Comforter of the Afflicted. Grant that we may share with you in the pain of your Son's sufferings. As you were so fully present to the agony of your Son, may we too be present to the pain and suffering of those in our midst and, through our compassion and love, bring to them a measure of consolation, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Thought of the Day:** What this power is I cannot say. All I know is that it exists and it becomes available only when a man is in that state of mind in which he knows exactly what he wants and is fully determined not to quit until he finds it. Alexander Graham Bell

**Interesting Facts:** On a bluff overlooking San Pedro Harbor, California, stands the Korean Bell of Friendship. This Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument is a massive bronze bell housed in a stone pavilion in Angel's Gate Park, on the former Upper Reservation of Fort MacArthur. The bell was presented by the South Korean government to the United States to celebrate the bicentennial of the United States and to symbolize friendship between South Korea and the United States. It was dedicated on October 3, 1976. Beginning in 2010, the bell has been ceremonially struck five times a year; on New Year's Eve, Korean American Day (January 13), July 4<sup>th</sup>, Korean Liberation Day (August 15), and Constitution Day (September 17). The bell is also rung without specific ceremony on the first Saturday of each month at noon. The bell is modeled after the Divine Bell of King Seongdeok the Great of Silla (also known as Emille Bell). The bell is made of over seventeen tons of copper, tin, gold, nickel, lead, and phosphorus added to the alloy for tone quality. The bell does not have a clapper; instead, it is sounded by striking it with a large wooden log. The bell's diameter is 7½ feet, thickness of 8 inches, and a height of 12 feet. The exterior is richly decorated featuring four pairs of figures. Each pair includes a "Goddess of Liberty" (bearing resemblance to the Statue of Liberty) and a Seonnyeo, or Korean spirit figure, holding the South Korean national symbol: a Taegeuk symbol, a branch of rose of Sharon, a branch of laurel, and a dove. It was built by South Korean craftsmen over a period of ten months.

**Dues:** The following Members have yet to pay their Chapter Dues for 2020: Jeffrey Caspers, Steven Clarke, Stuart Glass, Steven Hummer, James Keen, Vincent Kyzer, Bradley Lee, Jerry Magallanes, Jack McDermott, Edward Ortiz, Anthony Pompos, Dutch Parker, Zachary Redden, Eddie Reid, William Reynolds, Vincent Rios, Stephen Sklenka, Victor Velasquez, James Williams, Robert Wuestenfeld, Christopher Yates.

The following Chapter Members should be renewing their Chapter Dues for 2021: LaRock Benford, Willy Buhl, Jeffrey Caspers, Steven Clarke, Lewis Craparotta, Christopher Crawford, Antonio Ferguson, Alexa Hernandez, Steven Hummer, James Keen, Paul Kuras, Michael Lewis, Jack McDermott, Edward Ortiz, Eddie Reid, William Reynolds, Mike Slagle IV, Victor Velasquez, Robert Wuestenfeld, Christopher Yates.

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

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**BLUE DIAMOND AND CAMP PENDLETON NEWS:** Nothing to report at this time.