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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 continue to endure unprecedented times and many changes in our lifestyles. As Marines you can do this in the spirit of winning. We are all 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. 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 is the base plate for improving our value to support the member’s needs. We need your support and ideas to move forward to 2020 Marines and the changes that are coming. Your support and recommendations are vital to the success of the Southern California Chapter. 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 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. 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:

April 1, 2020, Cash on Hand: Checking, \$4,520.94, WIA, \$0.00, Subtotal: \$4,520.94. Savings: CD1, \$5,890.82, CD2, \$1,145.88, CD3, \$1,801.02, CD4, \$2,196.14, CD5, \$2,098.29, CD6, \$1,025.77, Savers Cert, \$500.87, Subtotal: \$14,658.79, TOTAL: \$19,179.73

Our Chaplain Says:

Jesus, my shepherd, sometimes the excitement of my ministry is matched only by the fatigue that creeps in upon me. When I grow weary help me to have the wisdoms to stop, even if briefly, to sit a while with you and listen to you. In my rest, open my eyes anew to the many around me who need a touch, a word, or a companion, and grant me the grace to respond with generous compassion as I have seen you do. Amen.

Thought of the Day:

Every worthwhile accomplishment, big or little, has its stages of drudgery and triumph; a beginning, a struggle, and a victory. Ghandi

Interesting Fact:

The Mojave Air and Space Port, also known as the Civilian Aerospace Test Center, is in Mojave, California. It is the first facility to be licensed in the United States for horizontal launches of reusable spacecraft, being certified as a spaceport by the Federal Aviation Administration in 2004. The facility covers 2,998 acres and has three runways. 1935 Kern County opened the Mojave Airport east of Mojave, California, to serve the gold and silver mining industry in the area. In 1941, the Civil Aeronautics Board began improvements to the airport for national defense purposes. Kern County agreed the airport could be taken over by the military in the event of war. After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941, the United States Marine Corps took over the airport and expanded it into Marine Corps Auxiliary Air Station (MCAAS) Mojave. The Marines would eventually spend more than \$7 million on the base, which totaled 2,312 acres. Many of the Corps' World War II aces received their gunnery training at Mojave. During World War II, Mojave hosted 29 aircraft squadrons, four Carrier Aircraft Service Detachments and three Air Warning Squadrons. With the end of World War II, MCAAS was disestablished on February 7, 1946; a United States Navy Air Station was established the same day. Less than a year, the based closed on January 1, 1947. The base remained closed for four years until the outbreak of the Korean War. Mojave was reactivated as an auxiliary landing field to MCAS El Toro. The airport was re-commissioned as a MCAAS in 1953. Squadrons used Mojave for ordnance training when El Toro had bad weather. Marine Corps reserve units were temporarily deployed to Mojave for training. In 1961, after the Marine Corps transferred operations to MCAS El Centro, Kern County obtained title to the airport. In 1972, the East Kern Airport District was formed to administer the airport. On November 20, 2012, the East Kern Airport District Board of Directors voted to change the name of the district to the Mojave Air and Space Port. Effect on January 1, 2013.

Dues:

The following members should be renewing their Chapter Dues: Jon Bolton, James Burke, Jeffrey Caspers, Steven Clarke, Barry Denes, Thomas Hawkins, Hal Hewitt, Enrique Hines, Steven Hummer, James Keen, Ki Kim, Vincent Kyzer, Bradley Lee, Jack McDermott, Cecil McGehee, James McMonagle, Ray Moreno, 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

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:

The Executive Committee will teleconference again on May 15. The decision on the August Reunion will probably be made then. At the April 15 meeting they decided to postpone the Last Man Bottle until next year, because of the problems of gathering the survivors, all in their mid-to-late 90s, this summer. We asked earlier that those who could not attend to send in a photo and/or note to be posted on a board at the ceremony, so that they would be honored there. With no ceremony this year, we would still like a photo/note. We are looking into doing some commemoration by email, the magazine, or video. Any Marine that served in the WWII Pacific Campaign.