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Electronic Chapter Newsletter Update

August 2015 Issue [Check Out our Website here](#)

We will kick off August with a TUN TAVERN TEAM Dinner on Thursday, August 13th at 1830, Villagio Restaurant, Palm Desert. All members are invited to attend. Please be sure to make a reservation with Quint Villanueva Qlv@aol.com or (760) 772-2129. All members are invited.

If you would like to join TUN TAVERN the dues are \$100 per year. Since we are at mid year dues will be \$50 for the balance of 2015.

We hope to see you there for some good food and grog!



Tun Tavern Team

Thank you to this team of individuals who annually provide an additional \$100 of financial support to the 1st Marines Division Desert Cities MPMOH Chapter - it is greatly appreciated.

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Changing of the Guard

Photo by Matt Mason (OC Register)

Brig. Gen. Daniel Yoo, who led the last battalion to Afghanistan and oversaw the withdrawal of Marine combat forces there, on Thursday took over command of the storied 1st Marine Division. Maj. Gen. Lawrence Nicholson handed over command of the 23,000-strong division in a spirited ceremony at Camp Pendleton that put the 1st Division Band front and center.....

[FULL STORY BY CLICKING HERE FROM THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER](#)

August 20th Luncheon

Plan on joining us for this luncheon since it will be the 70th Anniversary of V-J Day. We will honor our World War II Marines. On August 14, 1945 Japan surrendered which ended WW II. This day is well known as VJ-Day. We have Marines and Corpsmen in the Chapter who served and are considered **The Greatest Generation: Les Carlyle, Sam Huttenhower, Dr. George Schenkman, SgtMaj Raymond Schum, SgtMaj Ray Wilburn and Bill Zagone** will be honored for their service.

California State Senator, Jeff Stone will be the Guest of Honor along with Mayor ProTem Glenn Miller, Indio who represents the Senator in the Coachella Valley.

We will have special commemorative shirts for each of our WW II Marines and Corpsmen and some available for purchase by our members.

Please make your reservations with Jim Sullivan, [RSVP BY CLICKING HERE](#) since Bruno Takacs will be out of state pursuing brown trout in Montana. If you show up without a reservation, lunch will be \$25.

3rd Battalion 4th Marines To Be Activated September 3rd.



This battalion was deactivated May, 2014. Marine Corps Headquarters has decided to re activate the 3/4 and will hold a ceremony at the MCAGCC, 29 Palms on September 17th. LtCol Brian Middleton will be the Commanding Officer.

This battalion was the unit that pulled down the statue of Saddam Hussein in Baghdad.

They will once again be reinforcing the 7th Marine Regiment with a fourth battalion.

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**Freedom is
not free,
but the
U.S.
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Corps will
pay most of
your share.**

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED

We need to recruit new members to maintain our healthy membership. Keep your ears and eyes open for a **FEW GOOD MARINES** to join the Chapter. We have a lot to be proud of with our various projects to support the Marines and families of the 7th Marine Regiment and the Marine Corps JROTC Cadets at Desert Hot Springs High School.

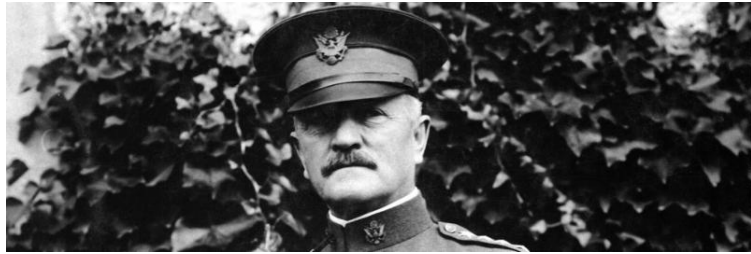


ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

We will have **Riverside County Sheriff Stanley Sniff** as the Guest of Honor for our Annual Christmas Luncheon. This will be another fun luncheon with the probability of Santa dropping by to lead us in Christmas music. Mark December 17th as a great luncheon for you and your spouse to join us.



"Why in the hell can't the Army do it if the Marines can? They are the same kind of men; why can't they be like the Marines?" General John J. (Blackjack) Pershing
12 February 1918



REPORT from Col Barger



The month of July allowed our Marines and Sailors the opportunity to expand on their current skill sets and hone in on what makes us Marines. This unit has never let an opportunity to train slip by and even with concurrent combat operations, the SPMAGTF-CR-CC continues to prepare and be ready when called on.

At Al Taqaddum, the SPMAGTF continues to support the establishment, build up and security of the newest Advise and Assist site in Iraq. We now have over 400 U.S. service members there working alongside their Iraqi counterparts with many of those being our Marines and Sailors. Along with our other Advise and Assist site at Al Asad, these teams are working tirelessly to ensure continued support to the mission in the strategic Ramadi-Fallujah Corridor.



The 'Red Devils' of VMFA-232 are a big part of the current fight to retake Ramadi. Their F-18's continue to fly overhead of the city, engaging Da'esh when they present a threat and giving the Iraqi soldier on the ground the freedom of movement and ability to operate that will ultimately lead to success.



Outside of our recurring OIR support and operations, SPMAGTF components have retooled and sharpened their skills with across a wide range of capabilities. Our Crisis Response Company has been training at ranges that feature some of the most austere conditions in the Middle East, practicing everything from marksmanship to basic explosives usage and urban platoon attacks. We've worked diligently to improve our interoperability. Our Command Element Marines created and established a Forward Command Element from which all of our current operations can be controlled. Having the capability for distributed command and control is just one more way the SPMAGTF is the most ready force to respond to unforeseen crises here in U.S. Central Command.



On July 17th, the White Knights of VMM-165 celebrated their 50th anniversary while deployed with the SPMAGTF. This squadron has taken part in some of the most iconic moments in recent military history, extracting Ambassador Graham Martin from the Embassy in the final days of Vietnam and acting as air mission commander for the rescue of PFC Jessica Lynch during Operation Iraqi Freedom, just to name a few. Our very own Lady Ace took the days leading up to the 17th in stride, celebrating with some MV-22 Tail Gunnery.

No matter how busy we are, I am continually impressed by the 2,300 Marines and Sailors of this unit. Our focus and operations may change at any given moment, but I have no doubt that these men and women are ready, and will be ready in the future, to be the CENTCOM Commander's Crisis Response Force.

**Semper Fidelis,
Col Jay Bargeron**



REMINDER: 74th Reunion to be held in San Diego

The national association will hold their 74th Reunion 18 - 22 August at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Diego. Reservations and more information call (760) 918-5801. The Bodfish Chapter will host a Hospitality Room which is always the place to meet old friends. Their location will be posted in the hotel lobby daily.

Thank You, hope you enjoyed this month's E-Scuttlebutt Newsletter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim'.

James E. Sullivan, Editor

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