

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

HAPPY HANNUKA!

DECEMBER, 2014 NEWSLETTER

TUN TAVERN TEAM

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Tun Tavern Annual Donation is \$100.

DECEMBER 11TH PALM DESERT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The November meeting was rescheduled for December 11th. The City Council will review a resolution to adopt the 7th Marine Regiment.

DECEMBER 18TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Palm Desert Mayor Van Tanner will be the guest of honor and speaker at the luncheon. Spouses are invited. We will have a small gift for the ladies. Santa will join us and lead us in Christmas Carols.

Luncheon will cost \$25 per person and include dessert. Please make your reservation at 760 901-5494 or at jsullivan@dc.rr.com.

Members are requested to bring unwrapped toys for a boy and a girl. They will be delivered to the Armed Services YMCA at 29 Palms and distributed to the Marine families there.

NEW DIRECTOR ELECTED

Master Gunnery Sergeant Michael Holquin, USMC (Ret.) has been elected to the board of directors. After completing 30 years of active service he retired as Master of Gunnery Sergeant August, 2011. He currently is working as the Operations Officer Training Support Center at 29 Palms. Holquin has been the Chapter Liaison with the MCAGCC, 29 Palms.

He replaces Carl Brooks, who resigned from the board.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ABOARD

Col Andrew DeBona, USMC (Ret.) joined the chapter. Andy served 1955 - 1980. He served with units with the 1st Marine Division. He lives in Palm Desert with his wife Christine during the season and in Montana during the summer months.

Thomas R. Tveit has also joined the chapter. He served with the 2nd Battalion 5th Marines from 1968 - 1970. He is retired and lives with his wife Barbara in La Quinta.

COL JAY BARGERON TO SPEAK AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Col Bargeron will be the guest of honor and speaker at the December 9th Monthly Breakfast Meeting at Desert Willow Resort. Chamber members are asked to bring unwrapped toys to support our toy drive for the families of the families at 29 Palms.

PALM DESERT JOINS OUR 2015 TOY COLLECTION DRIVE

They have already started to support the Chapter by placing toy collection boxes in City facilities and are asking city employees to contribute toys at their annual Christmas Party in December.

We have been talking to them about having a much bigger Veteran's Day Celebration in 2015 which will include a barbecue hosted by the Chapter and supported by the City. More on this in 2015.

The P D Area Chamber of Commerce has also placed toy collection boxes at their offices and are asking members to support the toy drive. They will hold their December members mixer at the Living Desert on December 10th which should produce another sizeable toy donation.

The P S Air Museum has also joined the toy drive and has placed collection boxes at their facilities.

Windermere Realtors will place one of our collection boxes in each of their twelve offices in the Coachella Valley.

Toys will be delivered to the Armed Services YMCA at the Combat Center on Friday, December 19th just in time for Santa to hand out the next day.

JENSEN'S CHRISTMAS FUND RAISER

Over the Thanksgiving Weekend, we kicked off the annual fund raiser to provide Christmas Turkey Dinners for the families of Marines deployed this Christmas. This Christmas Marines and Corpsmen from the 2nd Battalion 7th Marines are deployed to UAE, Kuwait, QATAR and a company to reinforce our embassy in Baghdad.

We want to recognize and thank the following members for making some changes with their Thanksgiving Holiday plans so we covered both Jensen's stores before and after Thanksgiving: Jim & George Larsh 2 shifts; Les Carlyle; Dan Silvers 2 shifts; George Moffatt, Jack Rabinowitz 2 shifts; Nick Walz 2 shifts; Jim Olson 2 shifts; new member Dave Mourhess 2 shifts; Gene McClendon, Bob Shepard 2 shifts; Dick Partee 2 shifts; Dean Hunter; Howard Lehman; Quint Villanueva; Bruno Takacs, Harry Ziegler and Jim Sullivan.

DECEMBER SCHEDULE FOR JENSEN'S FUND RAISER

The opening Thanksgiving week produced record donations. This should provide momentum for a record month of December.

As you know all of this effort will provide us with increased support for the Marines and families of the 7th Marine Regiment. There are over 4000 Marines + their families in the regiment so the more donations that we raise the more Marine families we can provide Christmas turkey dinners and gift cards for.

Here is how you can help: Please sign up for a three hour shift as follows:

12/5 Friday:	Palm Desert Store:	11 - 2
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	Palm Springs:	11 - 2
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12/6 Saturday:	Palm Desert Store:	11 - 2
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	Palm Springs:	11 - 2
2 - 5		
12/12 Friday:	Palm Desert Store:	11 - 2
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	Palm Springs	11 - 2
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12/13 Saturday:	Palm Desert	11 - 2
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	Palm Springs	11 - 2
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12/19 Friday:	Palm Desert	11 - 2
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