



Electronic Chapter Newsletter Update

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Mucho thanks to the Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce for the outstanding donation of toys for Marine families.

Our President Vince Mast honchoed the effort which resulted in hundreds of toys, including twenty bicycles being donated at the GCVCC at annual Holiday Mixer ,held at the Classic Club. Members,

Bob Puente, Bob Shepard and Quint Villanueva turned to, collecting the toys and delivering them to to Dick Partee's storeroom for further transfer to the Marine families at 29 Palms.

Great work Vince!!

Pictured above: Vince (Civilian Attire) Quint Villanueva and Bob Shephard (Jackets) and members of the GCVCC Team.

\$50

Heads Up!!!! Break out Your Checkbooks!!!

Annual \$50 membership dues are payable January 1, 2017.
Please help make the Treasurer's job a lot easier by making an early payment and **not** waiting until January 1st to pay 2017 dues.

Make your check payable to: FMDA, Mitchell Paige Chapter
and mail it to: FMDA , PO Box10856, Palm Desert, CA 92255

Same early payment request holds true for members of the Tun Tavern Club for their annual \$100 donation.



Desert Cities, Mitchell Paige, Medal of Honor Chapter CHRISTMAS DINNER FUND RAISING DRIVE

Our Chapter's annual fund raising event for providing Christmas dinners to enlisted 7th Marine families is well underway.

DECEMBER DATES
Still time to participate!

Next Weekend!

Friday December 16; Saturday, December 17.

Since November 11, on every Friday and Saturday Chapter members staffed donation tables at the entrances to Jensen's markets in Palm Springs and Palm Desert. Our Chapter has 78 members counting the three associate members. Discounting associate members and the physically impaired the Chapter has 62 able bodied Marines and Corpsman. Thus far of the 62 able bodied only 24 members have voluntarily stood watch at 64 positions at the Jensen's markets.

Kudos to those who worked those watches.

For those who haven't stood a watch yet you are encouraged to do so on one of the 32 watches still remaining. Contact Quint at Qlv@aol.com to set up a date.

You'll be quite favorably impressed by shoppers' generosity, knowing their donation is for a worthy cause. And it will make you proud when a shopper thanks you for your service

and for your service to Marine families

The Chapter will deliver the Christmas dinners to the 7th Regiment families and others on Thursday, December 22, departing from Jensen's Palm Desert at 0800.

We will caravan from Jensen's to the Marine base at 29 Palms.



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NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 20, 2016

Christmas Lunch Meeting

As in past years, the December Chapter luncheon meeting will have a Christmas holiday theme. This is our opportunity to express our appreciation to our spouses for allowing us the time to participate

Past Presidents

Bill Ping, 1998- 2002 RIP

Joseph A. Daily, 2002-2006

James Sullivan, 2006-09 RIP

Quint Villanueva, 2009-2012

Richard Partee, 2012- 2014

George Stettler, 2014- 2016



Marines Helping Marines

This should apply to our membership. We should help our fellow members who have medical issues and need help with transportation to our monthly luncheons.

So, if you should need transportation to meetings or events, let us know.

Call (760) 901-5494 and leave a message.

in Chapter activities during 2016. Who knows, our special guest may be Santa Clause.

Make your reservations now by email to bvi47@yahoo.com or phone to 760-901-5494



DD-214's ONLINE

It's official; DD-214s are NOW Online. Please pass on to other vets. The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214s online:

<http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>

or try

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files.

Chapter Housekeeping Notes

Some members have inquired about purchasing Chapter shirts, red jacket and covers. In the very near future a price list will be sent to all members which will include a request for your sizes, if you chose to purchase any or all of the items.

If you have any questions feel free to email them to

Quint Villaneuva at Qlv@aol.com.

WE CONTINUE TO NEED A FEW NEW GOOD RECRUITS

We need YOUR help to recruit at least 1 new member before the end of the year.

Please help us grow the Chapter. Membership applications can be downloaded off our website or calling (760) 901-5494.

Check with Quint or Vince if you would like a copy of the NEW recruiting promo card to pass along to potential members.



Notable Quote

I have only two men out of my company and 20 out of some other company. We need support but it is almost suicide to try to get it here as we are swept by machine gun fire and a constant barrage is on us. I have no one on my left and only a few on my right.

I Will Hold!

Marine 2nd Lt Clifton B. Cates, 9th Compny, 19th July 1918 10:50AM



CURRENT TUN TAVERN MEMBERS

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 by everyone!

Wes Ahlgren | Mike Bales | Carl Brooks | Joe Daily | Dave Franklin | Charlie Garbarini | Frank Gillette
Sam Huttenhower | Franz Jevenc | Jim Larsh | Howard Lehman | Vince Mast | Gene McClendon | Jack Mennis
George Moffatt | Marilyn Paige | Richard Partee | Henry Sanchez | Sandy Sandoval | Ray Schum | Bob Shepard
Buddy Sklar | George Stettler | Jim Sullivan | Dale Turner | Quint Villanueva | Col Mike Walker
Michael Walker | Myrl Wallace | Linn Wiley

..And another bit of Marine Corps tradition for your reading pleasure

"And St. David."

During the Boxer Uprising (1900), at Tientsin and Peking, the Marine Battalion in the international relief column was Brigaded with the Royal Welch Fusiliers (23d Foot), one of Britain's most renowned Regiments. The resulting fellowship between the two organizations is symbolized each year on St. David's Day (1 March, the Welsh national holiday), when the Commandant of the Marine Corps and the Colonel of the Fusiliers exchange by dispatch the traditional watchword of Wales: "...And St. David."



We hope you find this newsletter of benefit. We appreciate your membership and wish you and yours a very Happy Holiday Season. If you are interested in contributing to this newsletter with news or stories, or if interested in helping edit and produce the newsletter please email the editor; Quint Villanueva.

QUINT VILLANUEVA, EDITOR

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