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FEBRUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

TUN TAVERN TEAM

In January, 2012 we welcome our 30th Tun Tavern Team member aboard, Franz Jevne.

Wes Algren Mike Bales Carl Brooks Harry Covert Mac Dube Paul Ehline Dave Franklin Charlie Garbarini, Sam Huttenhower George Hatzidakis Dean Hunter Franz Jevne Carl Lewke Jimmie Martin Gene McClendon Jim Olson Marilyn Paige Dick Partee Jack Rabinowitz Bill Ross Henry Sanchez Ray Schum Bob Shepard George Stettler Jim Sullivan Dale Turner Quint Villanueva Michael L Walker Myrl Wallace Linn Wiley*
**RIP*

2011 REVIEW

We had a busy year and managed to exceed our expectations with fund raising. Several things made the Chapter successful. First of all, we organized the Tun Tavern Team and asked members to make at least a \$100 donation. Secondly, we had the good fortune of having the beer donated for the OKTOBERFEST at the Palm Desert Golf Cart Parade and for the 1/7 Warrior Appreciation Steak Barbecue in October. Member Doc Gillette made this possible through an anonymous donor friend of his.

Thirdly, Don Tully, who passed away, had his family establish a memorial fund set so family and friends could make a donation to the chapter in lieu of flowers. And fourth, we held a year end fund raiser with Jensen's Markets to raise money to purchase Christmas Turkey Dinners for the families of deployed Marines at 29 Palms. This alone exceeded our other fund raisers and set the stage for doing it again in 2012.

This enabled us to touch the lives of 260 families of Marines & Corpsmen over the Christmas Holidays. We donated Christmas Dinners to 140 Marine families of the 3rd Battalion / 7th Marines,, 1st Tank Battalion, Wounded Warriors Battalion and the Armed Services YMCA at the Combat Center.

We also donated 120 fifty dollar Visa gift cards to the 7th Marine Regiment who distributed them to young enlisted families of their four battalions.

We were able to make another donation to the Desert Hot Springs High School Marine JROTC program to increase our support for them.

Last June we collected donations of socks and baby wipes for Marines of the 3 / 4 in Afghanistan and did a great job. We shipped over 3,000 lbs of donations which is one helluva lot of socks and baby wipes.

Thank you to everyone of you that helped make our fund raising so successful in 2011. It was your support that made the year a success!

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE NOW

If you haven't sent in your 2012 dues, they are due January 31.

THREE NEW MEMBERS ANNOUNCED

Jack Mennis, who served 1962 - 1968 as a Captain is a retired Lawyer. He lives in Cathedral City with his wife Susan. Jack Rabinowitz recruited him. George Schenkman, served as a 1st Lt 1943 - 1945 in WW II. George lives in La Quinta with his wife Judy. Mickey Williams, Palm Desert served 1968 - 1974 as a Captain with VMCJ Squadron, He lives in Palm Desert with his wife Cathy. He was recruited by Dean Hunter.

FEBRUARY 19th MEETING

This meeting will be held in 29 Palms at 1130 on February 19th at the O'Club. Guest of honor will be Anita Fultz, Executive Director, Armed Services Y M C A. For those of you that don't know her, you will be impressed with the lady and for what she had done to help the Marines.

We plan to car pool, so it is important for you to let us know that you are going and whether you want to drive or ride with someone. We need to submit our guest list to the provost marshal for gate access. We also will need to hear from you by Monday, February 13th and have your Driver license # to submit to the PM. Car pools will meet at the Costco parking lot, SE corner and depart by 0930.

LUNCHEON TO HONOR WOMEN MARINES

Plan on joining us for the 3rd Annual Luncheon to Honor Women Marines on Saturday, April 21st at the I W Golf Resort, Indian Wells. Invitations will go out in early March.

CHAPTER COINS, COVERS AND SHIRTS

We received a new supply and should have all shirt sizes available. Price is \$36. Red covers are also available at \$20. The new Chapter Coin is \$10 for the first one, \$15 for additional ones.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS
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By Buddy

It has been an exciting and rewarding year at the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. LtGen Ron Christmas, USMC (Ret.) retired. His vision and determination brought The Museum to the finest American History Museum in the world. LtGen Rusty Blackman USMC (Ret.) has taken over the helm and it has been a smooth change of command.

LtGen Blackman was commissioned into the USMC from Cornell University in 1970. He served 37 years of active service including being President of the Marine Corps University, Commanding General 2nd Marine Division, Commanding General III Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Corps Forces Command.

We read and heard about the idiot who shot at the Museum breaking some glass. The rest of the story is that the repairs cost approximately \$400,000 which was insured. They did catch the shooter who was a reserved Marine upset that we were in the Middle East. Security now is like no other.

For those that have visited the Museum, there is a lot more on the way. A 4 Star Hotel will be built on the Museum grounds so that people can spend several days going through all of the exhibits. Also, for basic class reunions. As chairman of Development and Planned Giving, here are our priorities included in the financial goal of \$63 Million:

Large Screen (I Max) Theatre

Mechanical Room

Class Rooms & Restrooms

Activity Area

Remainder of Semper Fidelis Memorial Park

Galleries honoring our heroes of Iraq and Afghanistan

If you haven't visited the museum or haven't been there in the past two years, please do and see some remarkable additions.

The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation supports *The Presidents Own Band*, Marine Corps University, National Museum of the Marine Corps, we fund the teacher in residence program at the Museum. More than 46,000 children have toured the Museum and instructed by our teacher in residence.

Goals & Objectives for 2012:

- Creation of a program to assist visually and hearing impaired tours.
- Recruit and train at least 40 docents per year over the next 3 years.
- Design, fabricate and open a temporary exhibit related to the 20th anniversary of Desert Shield / Desert Storm.
- Develop a partnership with the Boy / Girl Scouts at the National level.
- Offer summer camp for grades K-5.
- Support Wounded Warriors and family members.

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance on your trip to the Museum.
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INFANTRY UNIT LEADERS TRAINING, CAMP PENDLETON

The 9th Anniversary of the Col Mitchell Paige Award will be awarded to the honor graduate on Wednesday, 21st March at 1000. Chapter members are invited to attend. Please let us know if you are attending, since reserved seating will be provided for our Chapter. We will car pool to Camp Pendleton. RSVP by March 9th to get reserved seating. After the ceremony we will have lunch at a nearby chow hall with Marines.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The nomination committee has nominated the following members for office. Ballots will be mailed in 2 weeks.

President	Dick Partee, 2 year term
Vice President,	Quint Villanueva, 1 year
Sec / Treas.	Jim Sullivan, 2 years
Directors:	Carl Brooks, 1 year
	Harry Covert, 2 years
	Bob Shepard, 2 years

MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA AND THE MARINE CORPS

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Jim Sullivan, Editor

Officers & Directors:

**Quint Villanueva, President Dick Partee, VP, Jim Sullivan, Sec/Treas.
Carl Brooks and Henry Sanchez, Directors**