

FEBRUARY, 2013 NEWSLETTER

TUN TAVERN TEAM

Wes Ahlgren Mike Bales Carl Brooks Harry Covert David Franklin
Charlie Garbarini Sam Huttenhower Dean Hunter Franz Jevne
Jim Larsh Jimmie Martin Gene McClendon Jim Olson Marilyn Paige
Dick Partee Jack Rabinowitz Bill Ross Henry Sanchez Sandy Sandoval
Ray Schum Bob Shepard George Stettler Jim Sullivan
Dale Turner Quint Villanueva Col Mike Walker Michael Walker
Myrl Wallace Linn Wiley

Tun Tavern Team membership is \$100 annually.

FEBRUARY 21ST MEETING

Master Gunnery Sgt. Theodore Butenas, will join us to update on the 7th Marines Command currently deployed to Afghanistan. The luncheon meeting will be at the Classic Club in Palm Desert. The Classic Club will be our future meeting site through 2013.

Some members will appreciate the Classic Club having valet parking available. Great views from the club house. They also have a great *Happy Hour* in Bellatrix Restaurant & Wine Bar. Our President **Dick Partee** was delighted to hear that over 30 wines are available by the glass. He may become the Chapter's first frequent flyer at the Classic Wine Bar.

MARCH 21 MEETING

LtCol Donald Wright, USMC be the guest of honor and speaker at this luncheon at the Classic Club, Palm Desert. In early December, Wright became commanding officer of the Wounded Warriors Detachment at 29 Palms.

LUNCHEON TO HONOR WOMEN MARINES

We have lined up **Brooke Beare**, Co Anchor of KPSP Channel 2 NEWS to be

the emcee for this fourth annual event on April 20th, 2013. We all know her from her evening role on the 6:00 news.

The speaker / guest of honor will be **Major Heather Cotoia**, USMC, who serves on 1st Marine Division G-2 staff at Camp Pendleton. We will host a group of women Marines from 29 Palms. Mark your calendar for this important event.

JENSEN'S FUND RAISER

We enjoyed a very successful fund raiser and recognized **Matt Zack**, CEO of Jensen's with a nice plaque at our Christmas Luncheon on December 20th. We also recognized **Jim Larsh and Dick Partee** for working the most shifts during the fund raiser and **George Stettler** for bringing in the largest donation of \$1,000.. **Zack** presented each with a bottle of Jack Daniels to recognize their efforts.

Interesting thing about this fund raiser is that it brought 29 members into volunteering for work shifts. Many commented how much they enjoyed it and the opportunity to get to know other members. We would like to recognize the volunteers and thank them for their support to making this such a success:

Mike Bales	3 shifts	Carl
Brooks	2 shifts	
Gary Cooper	1 shift	Harry
Covert	7 shifts	
Bob Ferguson	5 shifts	Dean
Hunter	4 shifts	
JJ Jessen	2 shifts	Jim
Larsh	8 shifts	
Jerry Lawton	2 shifts	Jimmy
Martin	1 shift	
Jack Mennis	1 shifts	Gene
McClendon	5 shifts	
Gene Mooring	2 shifts	Jim
Olson	3 shifts	
Dick Partee	8 shifts	
Rickard Petroff	2 shifts	
Bob Pritchard	2 shifts	Jack
Rabinowitz	5 shifts	
Bill Ross	3 shifts	
Henry Sanchez	3 shifts	
Bob Shepard	3 shifts	Dan
Silvers	3 shifts	

George Stettler	4 shifts	Jim
Sullivan	7 shifts	
Bruno Takacs	3 shifts	P. Van
Vechten	5 shifts	Q, Villanueva
Bill Zagone	3 shifts	4 shifts
Harry Ziegler	5 shifts	

TAPS

We lost **Maga Garcia** on January 16th. Over the past few months Maga struggled with anemia. He was admitted to the hospital in early January where he was diagnosed with lung cancer.

When we heard from his wife that he was hospitalized, we took him Marine and America flags and set them next to his bed to let him know that his brother Marines were with him. Maga was extremely patriotic and proud of being a Marine. The funeral was held on January 22nd. He was buried in his dress blues at the Coachella Valley Cemetery.

LATEST NEWS - NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS

By Buddy Sklar

Lt.Gen Rusty Blackman USMC (Ret.) outlined that the Foundation's primary goal would be to complete the National Museum. Together, the Foundation has done a splendid job in telling the story of those who served from 1775 - 1975. The galleries and exhibits represent the many courageous and selfless Marines who served from the Revolutionary War through the Viet Nam War.

The designs for the future galleries are taking shape, to represent those who have fought in current actions representing and honoring today's generation.

Promoting the Foundation's work as widely as possible is essential to our mission.

The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, teaming with the Marine Corps League, erected a statue of General Lewis Burwell "Chesty" Puller in Semper Fidelis Park, adjacent to the National Museum. The 8' bronze statue was designed with his characteristic smoking pipe, .45-cal sidearm, a pair of 1942 Naval binoculars and USMC lettering on his uniform. Artist and Marine Terry Jones created it.

The full size bronze statue weighs 8 metric tons. Fitting for a larger than life legend for the Corps. The statue began at a foundry in Chester, PA. It was shipped on a flatbed truck to Quantico and installed on 23 October.

Due to the weight of the statue it was installed in two parts. The base first. Then

the statue of Chesty. The dedication was hosted by the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation and the Marine Corps League on 12 November, 2012. For more info visit their website: <http://www.marineheritage.org>

MARILYN PAIGE

Marilyn underwent brain surgery to remove a blood clot last Saturday, January 26th at Eisenhower. (Marilyn thought that it may have been caused by a recent fall). She was released from ICU on January 29th and reported that she was healing and being treated with antibiotics to reduce the risk of infection.

2013 ANNUAL DUES

Last call for sending in your annual dues on time. Thanks to those of you who have done so.

DIVISION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Most of the executive board will attend the event the last week of January. The banquet dinner this year was held at the Shearaton Hotel - Carlsbad.

Representing the chapter this year was **Harry Covert, Joe Daily, David Franklin, Dick Partee, Bob Shepard, Jim Sullivan and Quint Villanueva.**

GOD BLESS AMERICA

SEMPER FIDELIS

Jim Sullivan, Editor

