

FEBRUARY, 2015 NEWSLETTER

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***New Member**

TUN TAVERN ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IS \$100;

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TUN TAVERN DINNER

Members of the Tun Tavern Team will meet for a fun evening on February 11th at Mario's Italian Café, 73155 Hwy. 111, Palm Desert. If you haven't joined, please send your \$100 donation. Reservations are required.

FEBRUARY 19TH LUNCHEON MEETING

Join us for our next luncheon meeting. Guest of Honor will be LtCol David J. Hart, Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines. Hart assumed command of 1/7 last month. He will prepare the battalion for deployment to the Middle East later in 2015.

MARCH 5TH TOUR OF THE COMBAT CENTER, 29 PALMS

The Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce has been invited for a tour of the Combat Center. They will send 40 of their members to visit the base and see more or less what the City of Palm Desert saw on their January 28th tour.

As most know, the PDACC has been very supportive of our Chapter

with Baby Wipes, Socks and stuff for Marine units down range. They support our Christmas toy drive each year. And of course they are responsible for the Annual Golf Cart Parade and have elevated the Desert Cities Chapter to the lead off position in the parade. Last December, they honored Colonel Bargeron as their Guest of Honor at the Christmas Breakfast. Barbara De Boom, President of the PDACC is a real Patriot.

MARCH 11TH MARINE CORPS JROTC EVENT

You are invited to the Desert Hot Springs High School, 1000, Wednesday morning for a Pass In Review competition with other local high school JROTC cadets. There will be shaded seating available on a first come basis. Ceremony will be held on the parade deck located at the north east corner of the campus.

JENSEN'S CHRISTMAS FUND RAISER

Last month, I failed to mention that Jim Larsh was one of the top producers at the Christmas Fund Raiser and received a \$100 Gift Card to Jensen's. Jim has always been one of the top volunteers each year and deserves recognition for his dedication to helping raise money for Christmas Dinners and Gift Cards for the 7th Marines.

CITY OF PALM DESERT TOURS 29 PALMS

Three members of the City Council and five people from the City Managers Office toured the Combat Center. They toured main side and then drove out to Camp Wilson to tour that area and see the training simulators. The simulators included a Humvee convoy simulator and a MRAP where they were strapped inside and experienced the vehicle tipping over from an IED.

The Palm Desert group then met Marines and families from the Headquarters Company at the Desert Winds Golf Club. Former Mayor Van Tanner presented LtCol Jared Spurlock, XO, with a framed plaque of the Resolution to Adopt the 7th Marines. (Col Bargeron was unable to attend since he was down at Coronado. His wife Lisa was there.) Regimental pins were presented to the Palm Desert people.

When the tour finished up each of the Palm Desert City participants were given MRE's to take home.

2015 CHAPTER DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY

Thanks to those members who always pay their dues promptly. Reminder to those that haven't....Please send the chapter a check today!

NEW MEMBERS

Two new members joined the Chapter in January. Please welcome Charlie Hall and John Turner aboard.

Charlie Hall was recruited by Bruno Takacs, while volunteering at Jensen's over the holidays. Charlie served as a Corpsman from March, 1963 to January, 1967. He served with the 1/1 in Vietnam.

Hall lives in Bellevue, WA and also in Palm Desert with his wife Adrienne.

John Turner has also joined the Chapter. He was recruited by Bob Belz. Hall served 1963 - 1966 including with the 3rd Amphibious Tractor Battalion.

Turner lives in Indio with his wife Ann.

Sam Huttenhower submitted this about Marine Arrogance.

A Marine Sergeant wrote this in response to an army guy who posted a comment on a Marine Corps site that he was sick and tired of Marine Arrogance

The Sergeant said: "I think that's what makes Marines special, if only in our own minds, is that elusive Quality of Esprit Corps. It's the fact that we, as individual Marines, don't feel that we are individual Marines. When we wear our uniform, when we hear our Hymn, when we go into battle, we are going with every other Marine who ever wore the uniform."

Standing behind us are the Marines who fought during the birth of our nation. We're standing with the Marines who fought in WW I and gave birth to the legend of the 'TEUFUL HUNDEN' or Dveil Dogs. We are standing with the Marines who took Iwo and Tarawa and countless other blood soaked islands in the Pacific.

We are standing with the Frozen Chosin and our beloved Chesty Puller. We are standing with the Marines who battled at Da Nang, Hue City and the muddy rice paddies of South East Asia. We are standing with the Marines who fought in Desert Storm, Iraqi and Afghanistan. Like real brothers, their blood courses through our veins and when we go into battle we would rather lay down our lives than be a disappointment to them. We carry that

for the rest of our lives.

The Marine Corps uniform doesn't come off when our active duty is over. We wear it daily in our attitude and our love of Corps and country. We wear it on our tattoos and our bumper stickers. We wear it on our hearts. It's why wherever we are in the world, on November 10th every Marine celebrates the Marine Corps birthday. It's why we will never be an army of 1. It's why we never stop being Marines. It's why, for most of us, being a Marine isn't something we were. It's something we are. It's the most important part of who we are and what we are. Some say we're arrogant. We say we're proud. We have a right to be proud. We are the United States Marines, the most feared and ferocious group of warriors to walk the face of this earth.

When America's enemies formulate their battle plans, they plan on going around the Marines because they know damn well that they can't go through them. We are what the other branches wish they were. We are the modern day Spartans. This isn't bragging. It's written in the battle history of our country. When there's a parade and the Marines march by, everyone pays a little more attention. Some say "arrogance". We call it "pride".

It's why in a crowd of servicemen you can always spot the Marine. Why are Marines special? I don't know, we just are.

Father Kevin Keaney, U.S. Navy, 1st Marine Division Chaplain, Korean War said....."You cannot exaggerate about the Marines. They are convinced to the point of arrogance that they are the most ferocious fighters on earth - and the amusing thing about it is that they are."

Thanks to Sam Huttenhower, a World War II Marine, for sharing this with us.

Saepius Exertus, Semper Fidelis, Frater Infinitas

Often Tested, Always Faithful, Brothers Forever

Jim Sullivan, Editor