



Electronic Chapter Newsletter Update

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Thank you for your continued support and membership.



Tun Tavern Team

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. 2016 dues are due now in January, so renew your membership to continue your support.

Mike Bales | Carl Brooks | Joe Daily | Dave Franklin | Charlie Garbarini | Frank Gillette / Sam Huttenhower / Franz Jevene / Charlie Knickerbocker / Jim Larsh | Howard Lehman | Gene McClendon | George Moffatt | Jim Olson / Marilyn Paige / Richard Partee | Bill Ross | 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

TUN TAVERN TEAM DINNER IN MARCH

The Tun Tavern Team will have their next dinner in March to share an evening of good food and

drink. We will advise where the event will be held once the program chairman has made final plans.

THANK YOU

Thank you members for assisting us recently with the 2016 ROSTER UPDATE



PAST PRESIDENT PING PASSES



One of the founding members and first president of the Desert Cities Mitchell Paige Chapter was Bill Ping. Ping passed away on 12 January at the V A Hospital in West Lo Angeles. Ping was also President of the FMDA National 1991 - 1993 and a past president of the L A County

"We have two companies of Marines running rampant all over the northern half of the island and three Army regiments pinned down in the southwest corner, doing nothing. What the hell is going on?"

-Gen. John Vassey, Jr., USA, Chairman JCS, during the assault on Grenada, 1983

JANUARY LUNCHEON MEETING



We had a record turn out To kick off the new year, and welcome **Colonel William Vivian**, , CO 7th Marines, as the Guest of Honor at the January 21 luncheon. SgtMajor Rodney Lane and Gisela Lemon, Family Readiness Officer also joined us from the 7th Marine Regiment.

Other guests included **Scott Laidig**, , Author of AL GRAY MARINE, **Lori Carney**, Human Resources Manager, City of Palm Desert and several member prospects.

Col Vivian presented Certificates of Appreciation to **Jim Sullivan, George Stettler and Matt Zack** for their roles in the Christmas donations of Gift Cards and Turkey Dinners for the young enlisted Marine families of the 7th Marines..

A group photograph of the luncheon was taken as shown above.

FEBRUARY 18th LUNCHEON MEETING

Our next luncheon meeting will have **Colonel Kevin Mullally**, Operations Analyst G-3 Plans & Training. He will discuss Marine Corps Service Level training conducted at MCAGCC, 29 Palms.

Please plan to join us and **be sure to make your luncheon reservations.** We continue to request this since we have a handful of members who don't and show up unannounced which causes problems and usually delays the actual luncheon service.

Chapter. He was a Korea War veteran.

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Bill Ping, 1998-02 RIP

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CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

Third Battalion Seventh Marines held a Change of Command Ceremony 14 January. LtCol Parrish was relieved and transferred command to LtCol Nelson. Our Christmas Holiday fund raiser in 2014 supported the 3 / 7 families with Christmas Turkey Dinners.



**Marines Helping
Marines**

MARCH 17th LUNCHEON MEETING



MGen Lewis A. Craparotta, Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, 29 Palms will be the Guest of Honor at our March Luncheon.



"Ooh Rah is not just a catchy little term that should be used lightly. It is a feeling of emotion that comes from deep within and is used only when the amount of motivation in your gut has been built up so high it has no other choice but to explode through your vocal cords and crack the very air which tries to contain it."

-Sgt Scott Stranger, MB 8th & I, Wash. DC 1995

MGEN O'DONOHUE TO SPEAK...



The 1st Marine Division Commanding General, MGen Dan O'Donohue has agreed to be the Guest of Honor / Speaker for one of our luncheon meetings in 2016. Some of us have met the general at the 3 / 4 Reactivation and the 7th Marines Change of Command Ceremony in December. Once he sets a date, we will inform you.

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, please let us know.

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



WE CONTINUE TO NEED A FEW GOOD MEN!



We welcomed **Col Bill Vivian**, CO, 7th Marines aboard at the January Luncheon as the newest chapter member. Vivian was already a member of the national association and wanted to join our chapter to show his support.

We need your help to recruit at least one new member in 2016.

Please help us **grow** the Chapter. Membership applications can be downloaded off our website:

click link or image to download

75th ANNIVERSARY OF 1ST MARINE DIVISION

The 1st Marine Division will celebrate its' 75th year anniversary at Camp Pendleton on 1 February - 5 February, 2016.

To register or for more information, contact FMDA headquarters at (760) 918-5801

2016 CHAPTER DUES ARE DUE

Annual Dues are now due. Please send your \$50 check in this month. Tun Tavern Team dues are also due now in the amount of \$100.

We hope you enjoyed this newsletter. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for future editions.

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JIM SULLIVAN, EDITOR

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