



Electronic Chapter Newsletter Update

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\$50

*Annual \$50 membership dues were payable in January.
Thanks to all who met the deadline.*

To all others:

*Please make the Treasurer's job a lot easier by
making your **payment today.***

Make your check payable to:

FMDA, Mitchell Paige Chapter

mail to: FMDA, PO Box 10856, Palm Desert, CA 92255

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

February Luncheon | Feb 16th - RSVP
LtCol Christopher Steele - 7th Marines

Lunch held at the



Classic Club in
Palm Desert
11:00am to 1pm

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

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**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

February Guest Speaker: LtCol Christopher T. Steele, former Commanding Officer of the 2nd Bn 7th Marines and currently the 7th Regiment Operations Officer. LtCol Christopher will bring us up to speed on Marine activities in the battle zone.

TAPS - Member Edgar Bob Ferguson



Bob attended the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, on an NROTC scholarship. He graduated a proud Wolverine with a Civil Engineering degree in February 1955. The day after graduation, Bob was commissioned into the United States Marine Corps and the very next day married his high school sweetheart, Patricia Ann Heckman. Bob served in the 1st Marine Division from 1955 through 1958.

Bob was a long time member of our Chapter who rarely missed a Chapter meeting. Bob's trade mark was proudly wearing a red 1st MarDiv cover affixed with a officer's large, brass, Marine Corps Eagle Globe and Anchor.

Bob always came to meetings armed with clippings from newspapers or magazines about Marines and other current military events and engaged members in conversations about the merits of the articles and their authors.

Bob Ferguson's burial ceremony will be held at Miramar National Cemetery, February 16 1100 Hours.

2017 1st Marine Division Reunion,



We are always
looking for
NEW RECRUITS

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.

The Straight Scoop on the Tun Tavern

Any Marine can tell you the Marine Corps was born in Tun Tavern on November 10, 1775. But, beyond that the Marine's recollection for detail about Tun Tavern will probably be fuzzy. So here is the straight scoop.

In the year 1685 Samuel Carpenter built a "brew house" in Philadelphia. He located the tavern on the waterfront at the corner of Water Street and Tun Alley. The old English word "tun" means a cask, barrel, or keg of beer. So, with his new beer tavern on Tun Alley, Carpenter elected to christen the new waterfront brewery with a logical name, Tun Tavern.

Tun Tavern quickly gained a reputation for serving fine beer. Beginning 47 years later, in 1732, the first meetings of the St. John's No. 1 Lodge of the Grand Lodge of the Masonic Temple was held in the tavern. An American of note, Benjamin Franklin, was its third Grand Master. Even today, the Masonic Temple of Philadelphia recognizes Tun Tavern as the birthplace of Masonic teachings in America.

(Stay tuned more to come about Tun Tavern in the March Scuttlebutt)

Norfolk Virginia - Westside Marriott Hotel

2017 1st Marine Division Reunion will be held in Norfolk Virginia, July 31 to August 6.

The reunion will be held at **Norfolk Waterside Marriott Hotel** Telephone (757) 627 4200.. Room rate \$119 + tax. Make reservations directly with the hotel to receive the 1st MarDiv group rate. [MARRIOTT WEBSITE HERE](#)



The 1st MarDiv reunions are great events and provide a chance to reconnect with shipmates of yesteryear.



CURRENT TUN TAVERN MEMBERS

DUES ARE DUE...THANKS

Wes Ahlgren | Mike Bales | Carl Brooks | Joe Daily | Dave Franklin | Charlie Garbarini | Frank Gillette |
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We hope you find this newsletter of benefit. We appreciate your continued membership and support of the chapter. 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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