

HAPPY NEW YEAR MARINES & CORPSMEN

JANUARY, 2014 NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY 17TH MEETING

First meeting of the new year will be January 16th. Speaker will be from the Palm Springs Air Museum to tell us what is going on there. We also will have Barbara de Boom, President & Katie Stice, VP, Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce with us. Please make your reservation (760) 901-5494.

WOUNDED WARRIORS GOLF OUTING

Marines from the Wounded Warriors Detachment will be coming down for golf and a barbecue luncheon at the Santa Rosa Golf Club on Friday, January 31st. Plan to join us for golf or if you are a non golfer, join us later in the morning for lunch featuring smoked tri tip. More information will be sent you in the coming weeks.

TOUR DE PALM SPRINGS

We will need some volunteers to support our vendors tent there

on February 7-8th. More information coming.

73RD ANNUAL 1ST MARINE DIVISION REUNION

The reunion will be held at Camp Pendleton February 3-7, 2014. Advanced registration must be received by January 17th.

Contact

FMDA, 403 Freeman St., Oceanside, CA 92054 (760) 967-8561 for more information and reservations.

FEBRUARY 20TH MEETING

LtCol Richard Wolf, OIC Wounded Warrior Detachment, 29 Palms will be the speaker / guest of honor.

MARCH 20TH MEETING

We are pleased to announce that Brian Nestande, Candidate for the Republican nomination, 36th District for Congress will be our guest of honor and speaker.

2014 ANNUAL DUES

Reminder that our \$50 dues are due by January 31st.

CHRISTMAS TOYS FOR THE FAMILIES AT 29 PALMS

Thanks again to all that helped make this another success. We collected over 900 unwrapped toys for the young families at 29 Palms.

We had excellent support from the Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce whose members brought toy donations to their Christmas mixer at Agua Caliente. The Marine Corps League, Navy League, Windermere Realtors, La Quinta; Jensen's Finest Foods, Palm Springs & Palm Desert; Indian Ridge Home Owners Association, Monterey Country Club and other groups also supported our toy collection effort.

The toys were delivered to the ASYMCA on December 20th just in time for distribution to the families at 29 Palms on December 21.

TOM MARTIN DONATION

George Stettler helped arrange a donation for \$1,000 from Tom Martin. Last month, Martin also donated \$250 for our annual 7th Marines Warrior Appreciation Barbecue at 29 Palms.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome aboard two new members: Don Raiselis and Steve Brenenstall. Don served 1956 - 1977 and retired as a Major. Don and his wife Barbara live in Bermuda Dunes.

Steven Brenenstall has also joined the chapter. Steve is a retired Master Sergeant who served with the 1st Tank Battalion. He served 1973 - 1996. He lives in Cathedral City with his wife Marjoree.

CHRISTMAS TURKEY DINNERS DELIVERED

On Monday, December 23rd we delivered a record 184 Christmas Turkey Dinners for the families of the units of the 7th Marines including 13 dinners for the families of the Wounded Warriors Detachment at 29 Palms. We purchased the dinners from Jensen's Finest Foods who prepared each dinner to feed 6 - 8 people.

Jensen's refrigerated truck driven by Matt Zack transported the dinners, packed on pallets, to MCAGCC. Marines were lined up there to handle to unloading. There were a lot of smiling faces.

The Chapter also presented Col Barger and SgtMaj Samuels with one hundred \$100 Gift Cards to be used at the Base Exchange. Gift cards were divided among the four battalions to be handed to young enlisted Marine families. These cards certainly helped out these families with the expense of Christmas.

MARINE JROTC CADETS

On December 20th we had Jensen's Finest Foods deliver 53 fresh turkeys to Desert Hot Springs High School for cadets selected by LtCol Carl Lewke. The turkeys were destined for their families

Christmas Dinner. The donation was financed by an anonymous donor.

SALUTE TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

We have a cadre of Marines and Corpsmen who stepped forward in November and December to volunteer their help with our Christmas fund raiser at Jensen's. At our December Christmas Luncheon we recognized Bob Ferguson as the one who worked the most shifts. We also should mention others who worked multiple shifts: Bob Shepard, Bruno Takacs, Bill Ross, Buddy Sklar, Jack Rabinowitz, Richard Petkoff, George Stettler, Gene McClendon, Harry Ziegler, Jack Mennis, Jim Larsh, Jim Olson, Joe Sanders, Quint Villanueva and Dick Partee. There were others who worked one or two shifts who helped make the 2013 fund raiser a success.

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Jim Sullivan, Editor