

## **JANUARY, 2013 NEWSLETTER**

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*TUN TAVERN MEMBERSHIP IS AVAILABLE FOR \$100 DONATION*

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### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

#### **DICK PARTEE**

Thanks to all that supported our Christmas Luncheon.

Several things that slipped by me.

“1<sup>st</sup> and foremost I wanted to thank Karen Sullivan for all she did to provide the attending ladies with their gifts”.

“Second I did not introduce Bob Pritchard and Gene Mooring as new members”. Happy New Year to all!

### **2013 ANNUAL DUES**

Annual dues are \$100. A reminder will be going out in December. Frank Gillette continues to be the first member to pay annual dues which he always pays in November. Thanks Doc!

Dues are due by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

Guest of Honor and Speaker will be SgtMaj Keith Coombs, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Marines. SgtMaj Coombs will discuss their recent deployment to Afghanistan.

### **FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> MEETING**

Master Gunnery Sergeant Theodore Butenas, Acting Sergeant Major for the 7<sup>th</sup> Marines will be our February speaker. He will update us on how the the regimental headquarters and the 1/7 are doing in Afghanistan.

## **NEW MEMBER**

Bob Belz has joined the chapter as a regular member. Bob served 1955 - 1959 with the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division at Camp Pendleton. Bob and his wife Mary live in Indio. He was recruited by Mike Bales.

## **JENSEN'S ANNUAL FUND RAISER**

We did one helluva job in November & December with our Christmas Fund Raiser. It was impressive to see how thirty members volunteer to work this fund raiser. Jim Larsh and Dick Partee worked the most shifts and were recognized at the Christmas Luncheon by Matt Zack, Jensen's. George Stettler was also recognized for bringing in the large single donation of \$1,000 from Tom & Rita Martin.

Due to our members support we were able to donate \$10,000 to the young enlisted families of the 7<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment. The families selected were those deemed in need of some extra help for Christmas by the Family Readiness Officers in the regiment.

The fund raiser also enabled us to purchase \$7500 in Christmas Turkey Dinners for 153 families of deployed Marines fighting in Afghanistan and for families of the Wounded Warriors Detachment at 29 Palms. The dinners were delivered in a Jensen's refrigerated truck to insure freshness of all of the food. Matt Zack, VP, personally drove down from Lake Arrowhead to drive the truck from Jensen's Palm Desert to 29 Palms for the delivery, Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **REVIEW OF WHAT THE CHAPTER DID IN 2012**

There were 12 monthly meetings held. We had two generals attend as guest of honor and a retired general attend the Luncheon to Honor Women Marines.

March 21, 2012 we attended the Infantry Unit Leadership School Graduation at Camp Pendleton. Partee, Stettler, Sullivan & Villanueva joined Marilyn Paige there. She was the guest of honor. The top graduate received the Mitchell Paige MOH Award.

April 21, 2012 we held the third annual Luncheon to Honor Women Marines. SgtMaj Simmons was the guest of honor. Joey English was the MC. We hosted 30 women Marines from 29 Palms at this luncheon. Ninety seven people attended.

May 7, 2012 we hosted 17 Marines from the Wounded Warrior Detachment for golf and a barbecue at Monterey C C. Twenty five members attended.

May 23, 2012 we attended the DHSHS JROTC Awards Ceremony. Partee & Sullivan presented Cadet Tyler Wright with the Chapter SEMPER FI Award.

May 29, 2012 Jimmie Wheeler's Memorial Service was held. His family requested that in lieu of flowers that the Jimmie Wheeler Memorial Fund be established and the proceeds to go to the Wounded Warriors at 29 Palms.

FMDA National Reunion, Portland was held on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Gene McClendon, represented the chapter and gave the chapter report.

September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 we hosted 24 Marines from the Wounded Warrior Battalion for a day of golf and a barbecue at Santa Rosa Golf Club. We had twenty seven member support the event.

October 13<sup>th</sup> we hosted 110 Marines from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Marines at a Barbecue at De Valle Field. There were over 200 people there.

October 28<sup>th</sup> was the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Palm Desert Golf Cart Parade. The 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division Band, a color guard from the 3<sup>rd</sup> BN / 4<sup>th</sup> Marines led off the parade with our 8 passenger cart with our WW II Marines on board escorted by 23 members.

October 30<sup>th</sup> was the Wounded Warriors Marine Corps Birthday Ball, Temecula. Col Mike Walker and Sullivan represented the chapter.

November 2<sup>nd</sup> we kicked off the Jensen's Fund Raiser for dinners for the families of deployed Marines and Wounded Warriors at Christmas. 30 members worked various shifts on the 7 weekends of the fund raiser.

December 14<sup>th</sup> in partnership with the Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce, Navy League, Monterey CC and Indian Ridge CC we collected over 700 toys that were delivered to the ASYMCA at 29 Palms.

December 23<sup>rd</sup>, we delivered 153 Christmas Turkey Dinners to families of deployed 1/7 Marines and Wounded Warriors.

We also arranged for SD Charger tickets for Marines from the Wounded Warriors for three different games.

### **TAPS**

A former member of the chapter, Bernard J. Bandy passed away in early December from brain and lung cancer. "BJ" and his family lived in Indio.

### **CHANGE OF COMMAND, 29 PALMS**

Major General David H. Berger will become the new CG for the Combat Center. He will replace Brig. General George W. Smith.

*SEMPER FIDELIS*

Jim Sullivan, Editor