

# HAPPY NEW YEAR



## **JANUARY, 2015 NEWSLETTER**

### **TUN TAVERN TEAM**

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Michael Walker      Myrl Wallace      Linn Wiley

Annual Tun Tavern Donation is \$100

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### **JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

Join us for our first meeting of the new year. The speaker has not been confirmed we are expecting a Marine from the Command of one of the units at 29 Palms. Please make your reservation and bring a guest.

### **1<sup>ST</sup> MARINE DIVISION ANNIVERSARY**

The 74<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be celebrated January 19 - 23<sup>rd</sup> at Camp Pendleton. For more information and reservations please call the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division Association Oceanside Office (760) 967-8561.

### **TUN TAVERN DINNER**

Members of the Tun Tavern Team will gather on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 1800 at Mario's Italian Café, Palm Desert. A discussion of the Battle of Belleau Wood will be led by Quintin Villanueva. Reservations are required. Call (760) 901-54594.

### **PALM DESERT ADOPTS 7<sup>TH</sup> MARINE REGIMENT**

The Palm Desert City Council formally approved a resolution to Adopt the 7<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment by unanimous vote at their December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Col Jay Bargeron, LtCol Jared Spurlock and SgtMaj Rodney Lane from the Regiment Command attended the meeting at Palm Desert City Hall.

We will inform of you of specific plans that the City will provide for the 7<sup>th</sup> Marines. The City will also join us to support some of our 2015 events in support of the 7<sup>th</sup> Marines.

### **74<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION**

The Division will celebrate the 74<sup>th</sup> anniversary January 19 - 23 at Camp Pendleton. For more information or reservations please contact June Cormier at the Oceanside office (760) 967-8561.

### **YEAR END FUND RAISING**

Marines, we did one helluva job with raising money in November & December. Besides our usual successes at Jensen's Finest Foods, we also received \$15,000 from the *People Helping People* Charity and a \$5,000 from the Big Horn Charities. This enabled the Chapter to donate 170 Christmas Turkey Dinners to junior enlisted families of the 7<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment, including those deployed at Christmas with the 2/7.

The Chapter also purchased 100 \$100 gift cards for the MCCA Exchange at 29 Palms. Cards to be distributed to junior enlisted Marine families that need a little extra help at Christmas.

### **DHSHS MARINE CORPS JROTC**

We were also able to increase our support for the Desert Hot Springs High School Marine Corps JROTC program. For the fifth year in a row the school was designated a Naval Honor School. Just one in five Marine Corps JROTC units in the nation receive the honor each year.

Our Chapter increased financial support with another \$7500 donation to the program (for a total of \$12,500 in 2014).

### **TOY DONATION FOR THE MARINE FAMILIES, 29 PALMS**

**We had some partners this year from the City of Palm Desert, Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce, Palm Springs Air Museum, Indian Ridge and Monterey Country Clubs, Windermere Real Estate Offices in the Coachella Valley, Marine Corps League, Latino Peace Officers Association and our Chapter members.**

**The toys were delivered on December 19<sup>th</sup> to the Armed Services YMCA for distribution by Santa Claus and helpers the following day.**

**JENSEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER FUND RAISER**

**Our deepest appreciation goes out to those members who worked the Jensen's store during the 2014 fund raiser: Bob Ferguson, Dave Mourhess, Jim Olson, Jack Rabinowitz, Bruno Takacs, Bob Shepard, Les Carlyle, Howard Lehman, Harry Ziegler, Nick Walz, George Moffatt, Dick Partee, Quint Villavueva, George Stettler, Dan Silvers, Gene McClendon and Jack Mennis. Olson, Mourhess and Ferguson were awarded \$100 gift cards to Jensen's at the Christmas Luncheon for working the most shifts.**

**COL MIKE WALKER TO RETURN**

**Bob Shepard is organizing another speaking engagement for Walker at Indian Ridge Country Club on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Shepard did this last May and raised \$3700 for the Chapter.**

**2015 DUES ARE NOW DUE**

**Annual Chapter dues are \$50 and are due in January.**

**It's also time to renew your Tun Tavern Team membership which is a \$100 donation.**

***SEMPER FIDELIS***

**Jim Sullivan, Editor**