



Electronic Chapter Newsletter Update

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MISSION UPDATES & RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Board of Directors

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CHAPTER GOES DARK IN JULY AND AUGUST



This may be heart breaking news to you but there will be no Chapter meetings in July and August. Chapter monthly meetings will resume in September. During the hiatus the Board will meet to carry on Chapter business.

Quint Villanueva

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Past Presidents

Bill Ping, 1998- 2002 RIP

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Quint Villanueva, 2009-2012

Richard Partee, 2012- 2014

George Stettler, 2014- 2016



**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



We are always
looking for
NEW RECRUITS

TAPS



Carl E. Brooks, Jr.

May 13, 1937 - June 11, 2017

Carl Brooks, our comrade in arms, passed away peacefully at home in La Quinta, California on June 11, 2017. Carl was born in Newark, Ohio and was the son of Carl E. and Mildred Brooks, Sr.

He graduated from Ohio State University in 1960 with a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering.

Carl began a successful professional career with Procter & Gamble before moving into the biotech industry where he became president of Baxter's Hyland division in Glendale, California.

Carl was also a proud Marine who reached the rank of Captain during his four years of active duty service. In retirement, Carl moved to La Quinta, CA to enjoy his life-long passion for golf.

In addition to golf, Carl pursued his other passion of being a Marine and joined the Desert Cities, Mitchell Paige Medal of Honor Chapter, 1st Marine Division Association, where he served many years as a member of its Board.

Carl is survived by his wife of eight years, Lucy Barrier, his two daughters, Dana Brooks Feagin (Bill), and Lisa Brooks Norvell (Rich, a fellow Marine), and their two daughters, Sydney and Myla. Carl is also survived by his brother, David Brooks and wife Carole.

Memorial contributions can be made in Carl's name to The Desert Cities, Mitchell Paige MOH Chapter, 1st Marine Division Association or the Eisenhower Lucy Curci Cancer Center.

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/>

Your DD 214 is vitally important in obtaining assistance from the Veterans' Administration and other government agencies having to do with veterans' and veterans' survivors benefits.



To avoid mistakes, errors and goof ups, all orders must be in writing...orders by email will be accepted....include your size when ordering. email to Qlv@aol.com

Covers

Red w chapter logo
\$15

Jacket, red, wind
breaker type with logo
\$30

Jacket, red fleece lined
type with logo
\$35

Shirt. white red or blue,
with Chapter logo
\$30

A celebration of life for Carl will be held in La Quinta this fall.

To view and sign Carl's guestbook, please visit:

desertsun.com/obituaries.

Published in The Desert Sun on June 25.

7th MARINES CENTENNIAL TO BE CELEBRATED SEPTEMBER 14 and 15 AT MCAGCC

The 7th Marine Regiment will celebrate its Centennial with a two day celebration on September 14 and 15. at the MCAGCC, 29 Palms.

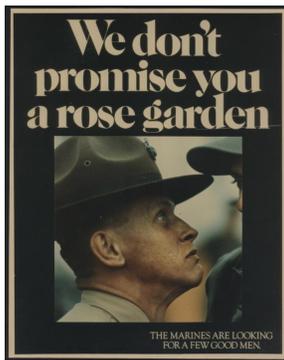
Our Chapter along with the City of Palm Desert is participating in the early stages of the event planning with the 7th Marines Command. Activities will include a golf tournament, parade, ceremonial speeches, music and food. In addition to participation by 7th Marines' families, more than 300 guests and former members of the 7th will be invited.

Two years ago our Chapter was instrumental in encouraging the City of Palm Desert to adopt the 7th Marines as its regiment.

As the first event of its Adoption Program the City of Palm Desert hosted a family day on the base for the 7th Marines families during which the City volunteers served more than 3000 hamburgers Marine families. Volunteers include members of our Chapter that assisted in preparing, cooking and serving the food.

In September we'll have another opportunity to volunteer. So, in keeping with the 7th Marines motto, members should: ***"Prepare to March!"***

1st MARINE DIVISION CHANGE OF COMMAND



2017 1st Marine Division Reunion, Norfolk Virginia July 31-Aug 6

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**



To Whom it May Concern,
Thank you very much for the gift cards you provided for my family. I was able to get extra gifts fro my wife and kids, more importantly these gift cards were able to help me visit my family this



U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Daniel O'Donohue, Commanding General 1st Marine Division, relinquishes command to Brig. Gen. Eric Smith at Camp Pendleton Calif., June 23, 2017

Vince Mast and Dick Partee represented our Chapter at the 1st Marine Division Change of Command ceremony on June 22 when Major General Daniel O'Donohue handed over command of the 23,000-strong division to Brigadier General Eric Smith in a spirited ceremony that put the 1st Division Band front and center.

The division's four combat-ready regiments and seven battalions currently have Marines and sailors deployed in 15 countries.

Smith, from Plano, Texas entered the Marine Corps in 1987 through the NROTC program at Texas A&M University. He commanded infantry and regimental units in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He most recently worked at the Pentagon, where he served as senior military secretary to the secretary of defense and most recently as assistant deputy commandant for plans, policies and operations.

SOME KUDOS FOR OUR CHAPTER

Because most members don't get a chance to read Chapter correspondence here are a few samples of the many thank you letters we received from Marines who received 2016 Christmas gifts from our Chapter. These letters are typical of the hundreds our Chapter received from 7th Marines families.

holidays because I had to pay for travel tickets to Texas. Once again, thank you very much and I hope your holidays were just as special as you made mine.
LCpl Juan Al Zigarosa

Desert Cities Mitchell Paige, Medal of Honor Chapter
Thank you very much for the generous gift card. My wife and I recently started a family and this gift will go a long way helping us this holiday season.
It's nice to know there are folks out there looking out for us. Thank you for your service and your generosity.
Merry Christmas
Cpl. Luke Diamond

Desert Cities Chapter
I am sincerely touched and appreciate the gift card I received from your Chapter. I also appreciate your continued service and sacrifice for the 1st Marine Division.
I hope I may join your ranks one day. May your holiday be as blessed as you have made mine and may your continued support be a blessing to many Marines after me.
Semper Fidelis
LCpl Joshua Marshall

TALES FROM THE TUN TAVERN



The Tun Tavern Group, Club, Gang, Motley Crew or whatever, is open to any member of the Desert Cities, Mitchell Paige Medal of Honor Chapter. Only requirement for membership is to pony up a \$100 annual donation which will be used to support Chapter projects.

The Group, Club, Gang, Motley Crew or whatever, has no rules or by laws and has no particular reason for existing except to gather for camaraderie, enjoy an evening meal, hoist a swig or two of grog and exchange sea stories. However, all able bodied members of this Group, Club, Gang, Motley Crew or whatever have distinguished themselves since its formation by volunteering for Chapter projects requiring a few man hours of their time.

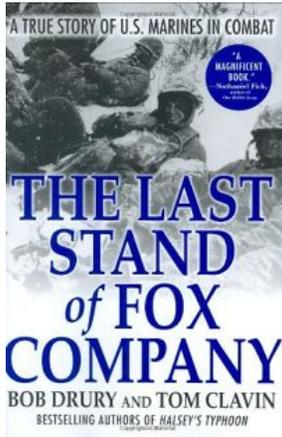
To sign up contact Dick Partee at 714 504 6717.

CURRENT TUN TAVERN MEMBERS

Wes Ahlgren | Mike Bales | Harry Covert | Joe Daily | Dave Franklin | Charlie Garbarini | Frank Gillette | Charlie Hall | Sam Huttenhower | Jim Irwin | Franz Jevene |
Jim Larsh | Howard Lehman | Jimmy Martin | Vince Mast | Gene McClendon | Jack Mennis |
George Moffatt | Hank Monahan | Gene Mooring | Mike Ostrom | Marilyn Paige |
Richard Partee | Henry Sanchez | Sandy Sandoval | Ray Schum | Bob Shepard |

BOOK REVIEW CORNER

The Last Stand of Fox Company
by Bob Drury and Tom Clavin



November 1950, the Korean Peninsula: After General MacArthur ignores Mao's warnings and pushes his UN forces deep into North Korea. The 10,000 First Division Marines find themselves surrounded and hopelessly outnumbered by 100,000 Chinese soldiers near the Chosin Reservoir. Their only chance for survival is to fight their way south through the Toktong Pass, a narrow gorge that will need to be held open at all costs.

The mission is handed to Captain William Barber and the 234 Marines of Fox Company, a courageous but undermanned unit of the First Marines. Barber and his men climb seven miles of frozen terrain to a rocky promontory overlooking the pass, where they will endure four days and five nights of nearly continuous Chinese attempts to take Fox Hill. Amid the relentless violence, three-quarters of Fox's Marines are killed, wounded, or captured.

Just when it looks like they will be overrun, Lt. Colonel Raymond Davis, a fearless Marine officer who is fighting south from Chosin, volunteers to lead a daring mission that will seek to cut a hole in the Chinese lines and relieve the men of Fox. This is a fast-paced and gripping account of heroism in the face of impossible odds.

(The paperback edition of this book is available at Amazon Books.)

Semper Fidelis
Quint Villanueva

MOVIE CRITICS CORNER

Recommended Movie - Go See It Today!

Megan Leavey

If you are a Marine, a Marine supporter, a Marine wannabe, and/or a dog lover, don't miss this flick showing at the Tristone Sinema(sic), Westfield Mall Plaza, Palm Desert from now until and including Thursday, June 29.

So hurry on down!

The film is the true story of Marine Corporal Megan Leavey who forms a powerful bond with an aggressive combat dog, Rex. While deployed in Iraq, the two complete more than 100 missions and save countless lives, until an IED explosion puts their faithfulness to the test.



This Marine story is a grabber!



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.

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