

JUNE, 2014 NEWSLETTER

TUN TAVERN TEAM

*Wes Ahlgren Mike Bales Carl Brooks Mac Dube, RIP David Franklin
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JUNE 18TH MEETING

Guest speaker will be Col Jay Bargeron, Commanding Officer, 7th Marine Regiment. Please join us and make you luncheon reservation with Bruno at 760 901-5494.

TAPS

Jim Sullivan

It was a sad day for me when I heard that Col Marcel J. (Mac) Dube, USMC (Ret.) left us to report for duty on the *Streets of Heaven*. “Mac” was a Marine’s Marine. He was described as a tough SOB, which was true. Mac knew John Wayne and apparently did some movie consulting for the Duke and became friends. They were drinking buddies which must have been a sight to see.

I met Mac nine years ago when I was the incoming president of the Chapter. We met at the first ever luncheon the Chapter held for Wounded Warriors. SgtMaj Mike Barrett, Sgt Major of the Marine Corps was in charge of that group of Marines. Mac & I had butted heads a couple of times over the phone. However, after meeting face to face we immediately liked each other and fortunately became friends.

Mac suffered a number of physical problems. His heart. He had diabetes which caused him more problems, especially with some of this wounds from Vietnam. The last year or so, Mac was restricted to a bed or wherever he could keep his legs up.

Four years ago, Mac was notified by Marine Corps Headquarters that he finally would receive the Silver Star from action in Vietnam. He led a rescue party of South Vietnamese Marines to retrieve an Air Force Pilot, Capt. Phil Jones. Mac personally killed a number of Viet Cong and ended up carrying one of his own wounded South Vietnamese Marines back himself. When I heard the citation read I

recall hearing that before his rescue party left, he switched weapons to a BAR & bunch of magazines.

It was a pleasure to have know Mac Dube the past 9 years. He made a difference in my life and other Chapter members that knew him. On Saturday June 13th, 1000 there will be a mass for Mac at the Catholic Church at the Combat Center. A reception will follow at the O'Club.

INDIAN RIDGE FUND RAISER

Bob Shepard organized one on May 7th at Indian Ridge Country Club and invited home owners to come to a presentation on the Global Threats to America by Col Mike Walker. Each home owner was asked to make a donation to the Desert Cities MPMOH Chapter. Net result was \$4550 was collected!

Walker made another outstanding presentation and those that attended were so enthused that they wanted Walker back. Shepard believes that the next one will more than double the attendance and the donations and is planning another one in ealy 2015.

BRIG.GEN AUSTIN "SPARKY" RENFORTH

We knew Col Austin Renforth as the CO of the 7th Marine Regiment, 29 Palms. Some of us attended his Relief and Appointment Ceremony when he was relieved and moved on to Quantico, He was recently selected for BrigGen. He will become Commanding Officer for the Training Command at Quantico.

Col Renforth replaced Col Randy Newman, as Commanding Officer of the 7th Marines three years ago. We learned that Col Newman has retired and is back in Indiana at his family farm which he often talked about.

MCAGCC, 29 PALMS.

MajGen Lewis Craparatta has been selected as the new Commanding General for 29 Palms. He will relieve MajGen David Berger, who will transfer to Camp Pendleton to take over a new command there. Berger will receive his third star and be LtGen Berger.

WEB SITE

Latest addition to our Chapter website is the You Tube video about Sgt Mtchell Paige and his heroic action at Guadalcanal. Check it out on either the Home page or Photos page at www.1stmarinedivassocdesertcities.net

TERRY ADRAINSON PASSING

Last month we announced that Chuck Adrainson passed away in early April. And now, this month his beloved wife Terry has left us to join Chuck. In a conversation with Dale Turner, who knew them well, mentioned that most likely St. Peter was having problems with Chuck and called Terry to join Chuck to help him get dressed and color coordinate his socks.

A memorial service will be held for Terry at the Center for Spiritual Living, Palm Desert at 1000 on Saturday, June 7th.

CHAPTER FRIEND DR. ANDREW ROTHSTEIN

Andrew and Dawn are the proud parents of their first child, JACK WAYNE. This is the first time that I am aware of one of our members having a child since I started the newsletter 9 years ago.

LUNCHEON TO HONOR CHAPTER WIDOWS

The luncheon honored the spouses of members who have reported to a higher authority. It was nice to see Jenny Garcia, Margie Kussman, Marilyn Paige and Paula Stone. We presented each lady with a corsage and a small necklace with the EGA to commemorate the occasion.

President George Stettler also presented LtCol Carl Lewke, Senior Instructor, Desert Hot Springs High School with a donation of \$5000. The money will be well used to support these Marine Cadets.

1ST BATTALION 7TH MARINES

We have been communicating with them while they are in deployed to Afghanistan and learned of some of some items they are in need of. Our board of directors has taken on the task of gathering donations. We will pack them up and ship them to them in early June.

If you would like to help, please let George Stettler, Quint Villanueva or myself know. We will need help packing the donations in cartons for USPS shipment overseas the week of June 2nd.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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Jim Sullivan, Editor

