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## Electronic Chapter Newsletter Update

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### MISSION UPDATES & RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



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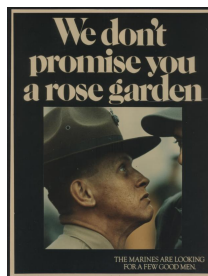
**Sergeant At Arms**

*James Olson*

**Directors**

*Michael Holguin*

### WELCOME ABOARD NEW RECRUITS



**Welcome Aboard to new Chapter member David Dangwillow .**

David and his wife Jo Ann are residents of the City of Indio.

Dave served in the Marine Corps from 1965 to 1972 with the 12th and 13th Marines.

### SEMPER FI AWARD PRESENTATION

Robert Shepard  
Harry Covert

## Past Presidents

Bill Ping, 1998- 2002 RIP  
Joseph A. Daily, 2002-2006  
James Sullivan, 2006-09 RIP  
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**

## 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



Vince Mast and Dick Partee present the Semper Fi award to JROTC Cadet Lieutenant Ruben Alvarez

P resident Vince Mast, Treasurer Dick Pardee, Gene McClendon, George Stettler and their wives attended the JROTC awards ceremony at Desert Hot Springs High School on May 11. Vince Mast and Dick Pardee presented our Chapter's **Semper Fi** award to "The Most Outstanding" all around cadet Ruben Alvarez. Ruben will be entering the Marine Corps in the very near future.

*[The Desert Cities Mitchell Paige MOH Chapter initiated the Semper Fi Award 15 years ago to recognize the outstanding JROTC Cadet.](#)*

## MAY MEETING RECAP

### **7th Marines Executive Officer Briefs Chapter On Deployment and Training**

Lt Colonel Frank Dorio, Executive Officer, 7th Marine Regiment was guest speaker at the Chapter's May meeting. Colonel Dorio updated members on the current deployment status of the 7th Regiment and gave a very enlightening presentation on the perennial training cycles of today's infantry Marines. The sophistication skill sets required of the current infantry Marine is almost beyond comprehension to the old salts of yesteryear.

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.



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#### Covers

Red w chapter logo  
\$15

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

Jacket, red fleece lined type with logo  
\$35

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



The Colonel also informed the Chapter that the 7th Regiment will celebrate its 100th anniversary in September and graciously invited the Chapter to participate in the planned two day celebration.

**Invitation accepted!**

June Luncheon | June 15- RSVP



Lunch meeting will be held at the Classic Club in Palm Desert on June 15 11:30am to 1pm

Make your reservations now by email to [olsoncj5@aol.com](mailto:olsoncj5@aol.com) or phone to 760-901-5494

#### GUEST SPEAKER

June meeting scheduled guest speaker is **Master Gunnery Sergeant Rathburn**, 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance (LAR), a fast and mobilized armored terrestrial reconnaissance battalion which is part of the 1st Marine Division and the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

#### JENSEN'S OPENS ITS DOORS AGAIN!



Jensen's CEO, Mark Zack invited the Chapter to place its donation collection tables in front of the

Palm Springs and Palm Desert stores on the days preceding Memorial Day.

A call went out for volunteers to staff the tables and within hours **Vince Mast, Harry Covert, Hank Monahan, Jim Irwin, Dick Partee, Charlie Knickerbocker, Quint Villanueva and Mike Ostrom stepped forward.**

All are Tun Tavern Club members always ready, willing and able to take on the tasks that make our Chapter so productive.

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**



The 1st MarDiv reunions are great events and provide a  
chance to reconnect with shipmates of yesteryear.

### **LETTER OF THANKS**

From Mr. George Bullis, Principal, Desert Hot Springs High School



## *Desert Hot Springs High School*

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March 3, 2017

Desert Cities Chapter  
1st Marine Division Association  
ATTN: President Vince Mast  
P.O. Box 10856  
Palm Desert, California 92255

Dear Mr. Mast,

On behalf of our Marine cadets at Desert Hot Springs High School, I want to thank you and all of the other Marine veterans who belong to the Desert Cities Chapter for your recent generous donation of \$7,000 to our MCJROTC Program. Lieutenant Colonel Lewke has informed me that the 1stMarDiv Association has made similar large contributions for many years. Your longstanding financial support is greatly appreciated.

Our MCJROTC Program traditionally conducts six annual field trips to military installations and national parks across Southern California. For example, our cadets traveled to Naval Base, San Diego last week to tour the USS America. These learning experiences are provided to no-cost to the cadets to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to participate.

The donation provided by your organization will fund a variety of cadet training during the current school year. Thank you again for your support of our cadets and public education in Desert Hot Springs.

Sincerely,

George C. Bullis  
Principal

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### ODE TO LES CARLYLE, MARINE

adapted from a poem by Max McGovern

Les Carlyle was a special man  
who came along  
at a time when he was needed most.  
A time enshrined forever.  
When men believed and sacrificed,  
When heroes walked the earth in mass.

When patriotism was not just a word but by what men lived  
and judged the worth of each.  
A Marine's life that most cannot comprehend

An era now gone  
as this warrior's tour of duty ends  
and begins anew in that heavenly place.

What greater honor, that when a man moves forward,  
he leaves behind in each of us  
the best of what he was.

A defender, protector, supporter, victor, warrior, Marine!  
One of the last of the breed of his era.

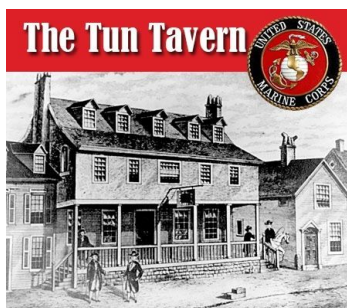
This Marine has reported for duty that takes him away from us now.

Those of us who remain behind remember and will continue to remember,  
Because Les now resides forever in our memory as quietly he waits,  
The guardian of heaven's gates.



## CURRENT TUN TAVERN MEMBERS

Wes Ahlgren | Mike Bales | Carl Brooks | Harry Covert | Joe Daily | Dave Franklin | Charlie Garbarini | Frank Gillette | Charlaie 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 | Buddy Sklar | George Stettler | Dale Turner | Quint Villanueva | Mike Walker  
Michael Walker | Myrl Wallace | Linn Wiley



**In case you missed it.**

A dirty dozen Tun Taverneers gathered at Villagio's Italian restaurant for three hours of food, grog and camaraderie on May 3 including two new members Jim Irwin and Gene Mooring who both ponied up \$100 cash on the barrel head for their initiation fee.

**A hardy welcome aboard to Jim and Gene!**

Quint Villanueva gave an outstanding presentation on the Battle of Chosin Reservoir highlighting the battle of Fox Hill where for five days Marines of Fox Co 2/7, surrounded by a force of 1400 Chinese soldiers, fought off their repeated attacks to seize control of the hill that commanded the escape route for the 5th and 7th Marines. When his commanding officer radioed that rescuing Fox company would be

impossible, a seriously wounded Captain Barber responded, "We will hold, sir!"

Captain Barber was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic leadership at the battle of the Chosin Reservoir.

This swashbuckling Tun Tavern crew will meet again in a few months.

**Date to be determined.**

Membership is open to all Chapter members for a small annual donation of \$100.

Semper Fidelis  
Quint Villanueva



*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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