

## **MARCH, 2013 NEWSLETTER**

### **TUN TAVERN TEAM**

**Wes Ahlgren      Mike Bales      Carl Brooks      Harry Covert**  
**David Franklin      Charelle Garbarini      Sam Huttenhower**  
**Dean Hunter      Franz Jevne      Jim Larsh      Jimmie**  
**Martin      Gene McClendon      George Moffatt      Jim**  
**Olson      Marilyn Paige      Dick Partee      Jack**  
**Rabinowitz      Bill Ross      Henry Sanchez      Sandy Sandoval**  
**Ray Schum      Bob Shepard      Dan Silvers      George Stettler**  
**Jim Sullivan      Dale Turner      Quint Villanueva      Col Mike**  
**Walker      Michael Walker      Myrl Wallace      Linn**  
**Wiley**

**Two members signed up for the Team in February, Jim Larsh and George Moffatt. Membership is available at \$100 donation annually.**

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### **CLASSIC CLUB, PALM DESERT**

Thanks to all of you who gave us positive feed back on our new meeting venue. We will hold all monthly meetings in 2013 at the Classic Club.

Special thanks and appreciation to **Jimmie Martin** for taking charge of moving our Battle Streamer Display and Chapter Charter plaque out of Desert Falls CC. He volunteered to take charge of this mission.

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

**LtCol Donald Wright, USMC** will be the guest of honor and speaker. Wright assumed command in early December of the Wounded Warriors Battalion Detachment at 29 Palms.

### **INFANTRY UNIT LEADERSHIP GRADUATION**

March 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the graduation of the next class at Camp Pendleton. The Mitchell Paige MOH Trophy will be presented to the top graduate. Please let us know if you would like to join us for our annual participation at this ceremony. We will car pool again.

## **APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

**Major Ross Schellhaas**, Commanding Officer and **1stSgt Ryan Gnecco** will be our guests of honor and speakers. Major Schellhaas will be relieved of command in May and is scheduled to go to War College in Quantico.

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*I was in a conversation recently, with a 91 year old wife of a retired Marine Colonel. At the end, she said "you can always tell a Marine but you can't tell them much!" I took it as a compliment. Unknown source.*

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## **APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> LUNCHEON TO HONOR WOMEN MARINES**

**Major Heather Cotois**, USMC will be the guest of honor and speaker at the fourth annual luncheon. She works on **MajGen Bailey's** staff at 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division Headquarters, Camp Pendleton. **Ms Brooke Beare**, KPSP Channel 2 Co Anchor Evening News will be the Emcee. Both of these impressive ladies should help us attract a large turnout. We also will have a bus load of women Marines that will be our guests from 29 Palms. This luncheon will be held at the I W Club, Indian Wells. Invitations to be mailed by mid March.

Please let us know if you have anyone that you would like for us to send an invitation to. This is a very nice affair. We expect the Marine Band from Camp Pendleton to join us.

*We need our members to support this luncheon. If you cannot participate, please make a donation to help cover the tickets for our guests.*

**Harry Covert** has agreed to chair the silent auction. We need for everyone to pitch in with the prizes which can be rounds of golf, art, jewelry, gift certificates of at least \$150. We would also like some raffle items for the women Marines such as spa, hair salon gift certificates worth at least \$50. Talk to Harry and let him know what you can contribute to help (760) 324-1197.

**Bob Belz, Bob Shepard and Carl Brooks** have already lined up donations of rounds of golf at three different country clubs within a day of the last meeting.

## **MARILYN PAIGE**

Marilyn Paige had brain surgery last month to remove a blood clot. After several weeks at Eisenhower Medical Center she has returned home and is convalescing. She looks great and has that charming smile. We look forward to seeing Marilyn back in action in March.

## **1<sup>ST</sup> MARINE DIVISION 73<sup>RD</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Held at Camp Pendleton the end of January. This annual event attracted veteran Marines from the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division Association and active Marines from around the country. The anniversary included a bus trip to MCRD for a graduation ceremony, visits to the various units at Camp Pendleton, an impressive Battle

Colors Rededication Ceremony and the Banquet Dinner. **Harry & Nancy Covert, Joe and Barbara Daily, David Franklin, Dick and Susan Partee, Bob Shepard, Jim Sullivan and Quint and Yolanda Villanueva** represented the Chapter at the Anniversary Banquet. There was a drawing for a M-1 Garand and other prizes. **George Stettler** won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize - a \$100 Visa card.

It is always a wonderful experience to meet some new friends at this event. The world famous BODFISH CHAPTER had their traditional hospitality room at the Rhodeway Inn and lured a few of us into a den of adult beverages. Great place to meet old friends and some of the most interesting and thirsty characters in the 1stMarDivAssn.

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“Sweat dries, blood clots, bones heal...Suck it up!”

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### **FRIENDS OF THE CHAPTER**

The Executive Board has approved a new membership category for those non Marines who have offered financial support to the Chapter. *Friends of the Chapter* members approved by the board are: **Dr. Andrew Rothstein, Dr. Josef Sanders and Matthew Zack**

**Dr. Andrew Rothstein**, DPM Rancho Mirage, has supported Chapter events over the past few years by making donations to cover Marine guests costs. He also has provided free medical treatment for Marines where their insurance doesn't cover their injuries.

**Dr. Josef Sanders**, retired psychologist and entrepreneur, has supported Chapter events and donated to help cover the costs for Marine guests. Sanders is a Wounded Warrior Mentor and a member of the Advisory Board.

**Mr. Zack**, VP of Jensen's Finest Foods, has been a key supporter with his help in organizing the annual Christmas Turkey Dinner Fund Raiser for the last two years. His in-store promotion, employee motivation and advertising agency promotion were key to our success.

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

Last month, we forgot to acknowledge **George Moffatt** for supporting the fund raiser in December. Thank you George for your support.

### **ELECTION OF NEW DIRECTORS**

Three new directors have been nominated to serve on the Executive Board. Ballots will be going out to all members asking for their support. The three nominees are **Carl Brooks, Bruno Takacs and Col Mike Walker**.

The ballot will also provide members the opportunity to write in the name of anyone they should choose.