

## **MARCH, 2015 NEWSLETTER**

### **TUN TAVERN TEAM**

**This team provides extra financial support for the Desert Cities MPMOH Chapter each year. Annual membership is \$100.**

**Mike Bales Carl Brooks Joe Daily Dave Franklin Charlie Garbarini  
Sam Huttenhower Jim Larsh Howard Lehman Gene McClendon  
George Moffatt Jim Olson Marilyn Paige Richard Partee Bill Ross  
Sandy Sandoval Ray Schum Bob Shepard Buddy Sklar George Stettler  
Jim Sullivan Dale Turner Quint Villanueva Col Mike Walker  
Michael Walker Myrl Wallace Linn Wiley**

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*"YESTERDAY IS HISTORY, TOMORROW IS A MYSTERY AND TODAY IS A GIFT; THAT'S WHY THEY CALL IT THE PRESENT."*

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## **MARCH EVENTS**

### **MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**Col Mike Walker will fly down from Boise to be the Guest Speaker at the Indian Ridge Country Club to discuss the Threats Facing America from around the world. This is a fund raiser for the Chapter. Tickets are \$100. Bob Shepard has organized this event. Please call him (760) 774-0002 for information or reservations.**

**Reservations required. Check in at 1345. Presentation to begin at 1400. Wear a blue blazer and your chapter shirt.**

### **MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**A Big Band Live Show will be held March 4<sup>th</sup> at 1900 in the Sierra Ballroom, Sun City Palm Desert. Tickets are only \$15. Proceeds will be donated to the Semper Fi Fund at Camp Pendleton.**

**The show will be broadcast live on the internet. The show may be broadcast to all Marines stationed through out the world, once permission is granted by the Commanding General of Marine Corps West.**

**More information available: Mike Mitrosky (760) 772-7133.**

### **MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**Desert Hot Springs High School, Marine Corps JROTC will host a Pass and Review competition with other JROTC units. Time: 1000. Location will be on the football field, located at the east side of the school buildings. LtCol Randal Walsh, Executive Officer, 12<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps District, Western Region Recruiting Region will be the reviewing officer.**

**Shaded area and water will be available. However, it is always recommended to wear a cover. Wear your chapter shirt.**

### **MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**Marines of Irish Heritage will respect this *HIGH HOLD DAY* and will be *wearin' the green*. The newsletter editor will not be available since he will be on an inspection tour and be sampling green beer at local pubs.**

### **MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**Monthly luncheon meeting will be held at the Classic Golf Club, Palm Desert, 1130. Reservations (760) 901-5494 We have invited Colonel Jay Bargeron, CO, 7<sup>th</sup> Marines and are hoping he will confirm. He will be leaving next month as he heads down range with the regiment command and the 3 / 7 for Kuwait.**

### **MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**The Commanding Officer, Infantry Unit Leaders Training Company, Advanced Infantry Training Battalion, School of Infantry West has requested our members to attend the 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Colonel Mitchell Paige Award at which a top graduate will receive this trophy.**

**Plan on joining us at 1000 at the Advanced Infantry Training Battalion Theater, Building 520599 Room 117, Camp Pendleton. Plan on this being an all event since we will be going to Camp Pendleton.**

**Contact Dick Partee (714) 504-6717 for information on car pooling.**

### **MCAGCC 29 PALMS TOUR**

**Recently the City of Palm Desert VIP's including 3 city council members, toured the base and got a taste of what is going on there. They visited the training simulators at Camp Wilson and had the opportunity to fire M-16's on the rifle range.**

**The Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce and members will tour the base on March 5<sup>th</sup>. We are expecting about 40 people for this tour.**

**Now, the Desert Cities MPMOH Chapter will have a tour the first week of May. Our visit will be a little different since we will observe a platoon assault from the 1/7 in a live fire exercise out at Camp Wilson. More information coming as final**

details are worked out in the April newsletter.

#### **TUN TAVERN TEAM DINNER REPORT**

Members of the Tun Tavern Team gathered for food and grog at Mario's, Palm Desert on February 11<sup>th</sup>. The group was loud and insulted each other over a number of issues, however, found common ground over sharing plenty of laughs. Only one member showed up in shorts, Bob Shepard. He was fined \$250 since they were short shorts and his fly was at half mast.

Someone whispered "Dead men don't fall out of open windows."

The group decided to hold these dinners on a quarterly basis. The next dinner will be held at a different venue sometime in May. (Mario's didn't invite the Tun Tavern Team back). If you are interested in becoming a member you have to run the mile in less than 4 ½ minutes and do 50 pushups. Or, simply write a check for \$100 for the annual membership and the physical requirements are waived.

#### **NEW MEMBER**

Please welcome aboard Vince Mast. He served from 1971 - 1973 with the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division. Vince and his wife, Shelley live in La Quinta. Some of us met him at the February meeting. He should become an active member. Bruno Takacs recruited Mast for his second new member this year.

#### **DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS / HOME DEPOT**

DAV has partnered with Home Depot with the intent to repair / remodel homes of needy veterans in this area. According to Frank Gillette, Commander, of the Palm Springs Chapter of DAV, "this is intended to be a long term program without deadlines as long the need exists. The challenge is locating veterans that can benefit from this program."

If you know veterans that need some help, with repair or remodeling their home, contact Frank at (310) 918-9168.

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*"In the simple moral maxim the Marine Corps teaches - do the right thing for the right reason - no exception exists that says: unless there's criticism or risk. Damn the consequences."*

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**MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA!**

**Semper Fidelis**

**Jim Sullivan, Editor**

