



Electronic Chapter Newsletter Update

May 2016 Issue [Check Out our Website here](#)

Thank you for your continued support and membership. Below is the current issue of our monthly E-Newsletter. Hope to see you at our upcoming events.



From the President Vince Mast

It was truly humbling and an honor to be ceremoniously installed as your Chapter association President by Colonel Vivian and Sergeant Major Zapata. I pledged to serve you and the association to the best of my abilities! And I exhorted every member to boldly - PROMOTE, RECRUIT and FUND-RAISE in the next year.

We have the opportunity to support Colonel Lewke and an outstanding cadet from the Desert Hot Springs High School MCROTC Program on May 17 when we present our annual SEMPER FI AWARD

And, LtCol. Lewke, USMC (Ret) is our guest of honor and speaker for our next Chapter luncheon May 19th. Trust I will see you there.

***"Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world. But, the Marines don't have that problem." Ronald Reagan
Semper Fi!***

***WE MADE THE NEWS THIS WEEK!
GREAT ARTICLE IN THE DESERT SUN***

<CLICK HERE FOR FULL ARTICLE>



Thank you Denise Goolsby of the Desert Sun.



"The Marine Corps has been called by the New York Times the "elite" Corps of this country. I think it is the "elite" Corps of the world."

*Adm William F Halsey, 4th Marine Div. reunion.
Washington D.C. 11 June 1949*

Major General Dan O'Donohue Guest of Honor at recent Luncheon



Major General O'Donohue flew into Bermuda Dunes, with his Camp de Aide Capt Love, to speak at our April 21st luncheon meeting. Col William Vivian and SgtMaj Zapata, 7th Marines.

Executive Board

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Forty members attended the luncheon to support this big day. Col Vivian and SgtMaj Zapata installed Vince Mast as President and recognized the other officers and directors for their new terms.



A special recognition to George Stettler for his service as President from 2014-2016



Welcome
Chapter President
Vince Mast



Mast was installed at the April 21st meeting by Col William Vivian. Pictured:



WE MADE THE NEWS...Again
This article ran in March...

"Magnificent Seventh welcomes
Palm Desert to Combat Center"

[CLICK HERE TO READ IT](#)

GREAT ARTICLE ABOUT THE
RECENT CHAMBER / CITY
EXCURSION TO THE BASE

Found on the MARINES
website

Past Presidents

Bill Ping, 19982- 2002 RIP
Joseph A. Daily, 2002-2006
James Sullivan, 2006-2009
Quint Villanueva, 2009-2012
Richard Partee, 2012- 2014
George Stettler, 2014- 2016



The General did an excellent job with his remarks on what is going on with the 1st Marine Division. He also recognized three members and presented them with General Challenge Coins - Mast, Stettler and Sullivan.



LTCOL CARL LEWKE TO JOIN US IN MAY



LtCol. Lewke (ret) is the senior instructor at Desert Hot Springs High School Marine JROTC and will **be joining us for the May luncheon.**

Make your reservation and join us for this informative lunch with insight onto the JROTC programming. On May 17th, 1900 there will be the annual Marine JROTC Awards Ceremony at Desert Hot Springs

High School Gym Building. Veteran organizations will present awards to outstanding cadets including our Chapter who will present the annual Semper Fi Award to Mathew Dye. Besides being an outstanding leader in the program Cadet Dye has enlisted and will report to MCRD in August.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE JROTC PROGRAM AT DHS HIGH](#)

WHAT WE DO MATTERS...LETTER FROM MajGen O'DONOHUE

Jim,

Thank you for your warrior's heart. I deeply appreciate all that you have done for our magnificent Marines and corpsmen.

For a decade you have been the inspirational force for the Desert Cities Mitchell Paige Medal of Honor Chapter of the 1st Marine Division Association.

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, please let us know.

Call (760) 901-5494 and leave a message.

"Don't you forget that you're Marines - First Marines! Not all the communists in hell can overrun you!"

Col Lewis B Chesty Puller, rallying his 1st Marines near Chosin Reservoir, Korea, December, 1950



Marines! Semper Fidelis,
MajGen O'Donohue

We are well aware that without your selfless service, during this long war, this Chapter would not have supported so well our young warriors.

Well done,

MARINES HELPING MARINES IN ACTION

Most members believe in helping fellow Marines. We see this in our volunteers who will volunteer to help raise money for our Marines and families of the 7th Marines.

One of our past Presidents, **Quint Villanueva**, does believe in helping fellow Marines and takes action! He recently donated a walker to one of our fellow members to help him with his walking. Quint also did something last summer when he donated a lazy boy chair that will lift a person up to his feet to one of our WW II veterans. **Great Job Quint!**

WE CONTINUE TO NEED A FEW GOOD MEN!



We need your help to recruit **at least one new member in 2016.**

Please help us **grow** the Chapter. Membership applications can be down loaded off our website: **Vince Mast** and **Dick Partee** recently promoted new membership at the April 2nd Veteran's Expo.

They recruited **four** new members to join the chapter. Welcome aboard: Great way to look for new members: **Jeffrey Gonzalez, Mike Leguillow, Mike Ostrom and Robert Puentes.**

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Tun Tavern Team

Thank you to this team of individuals who annually provide an additional \$100 of financial support to the 1st Marines Division Desert Cities MPMOH Chapter - it is greatly appreciated. Newest members are Vince Mast, Jack Mennis and Henry Sanchez.

Mike Bales | Carl Brooks | Joe Daily | Dave Franklin | Charlie Garbarini | Frank Gillette | Sam Huttenhower
Franz Jevene | Jim Larsh | Howard Lehman | Vince Mast | Gene McClendon | Jack Mennis | George Moffatt
Marilyn Paige | Richard Partee | Henry Sanchez | 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



We hope you enjoyed this newsletter. Thank you to all that have been so supportive of my recovery from radiation therapy.

*Please let me know if you have any suggestions or submissions to include for future editions. **SEMPER FIDELIS***

JIM SULLIVAN, EDITOR

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