

NOVEMBER, 2012 NEWSLETTER

TUN TAVERN TEAM

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Tun Tavern membership is \$100 annually.

HAPPY 237TH BIRTHDAY MARINES

PALM DESERT GOLF CART PARADE

Last reminder, Sunday, October 28th. We will start gathering around noon and need to be there to welcome the 1st Marine Division Band and the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines Color Guard due to arrive by 1215 - 1230. We will meet on the east end of the parade route, at San Luis Rey and El Paseo where our

8 passenger golf cart will be parked. The cart will have our World War II Marines: Les Carlisle, Sam Huttenhower, Dorothee Irwin, George Schenkman, SgtMaj Ray Schum, SgtMaj Ray Wilburn and Bill Zagone on board. Marilyn Paige will ride up front with Col Dick Partee driving. The Colonel did receive his drivers license again after passing the drivers test for the seventh time. The rest of us will walk the ¾ mile route. We will lead off the parade again, behind the color guard and band. Be prepared for another overwhelming welcome from the 15 - 20,000 spectators along El Paseo.

We also will have our *MARINES* pop up tent set up at the vendors area, at Larkspur and El Paseo collecting donations for the Jensen's Christmas Dinner Fund Raiser. Pete Van Vechten and Bob Shepard have volunteered to man it from 11 - 3.

All members and spouses are invited to drop by Karen & Jim Sullivan's afterwards. (73-315 Haystack Rd, PD -). Bring something to drink and snack on as we gather to share stories about the Golf Cart Parade.

NOVEMBER 15TH MEETING

Dale Turner, Past President and Adjutant of the Los Angeles County Chapter and also a Life Member of the Desert Cities Chapter will drive in from Newhall to be our speaker. Dale has been active in the national FMDA and is motivator.

We have invited Matt Zack, Vice President of Jensen's Fine Foods Markets to join us at this meeting so we can introduce the man behind Jensen's. Meeting starts at 1130 at Desert Falls C.C.

Bring unwrapped toys for a boy and a girl. They will be donated to the Armed Services YMCA at the Combat Center, 29 Palms. They will distribute the toys to young enlisted Marine families there. This may seem a little early, but our December meeting falls on December 20th which will be too late to collect and deliver in time for Christmas.

We started this toy donation two years ago when we learned that the families at 29 Palms were not benefiting from the Toys for Tots program. In other words, toys donated to T 4 T are not distributed to our Marine families at 29 Palms. Last year, there were 700 families that applied for toys at the ASYMCA. So, we support their need by doing what we can do to support our Marine families. Last year, we were able to collect and deliver 3 SUV's full of donated toys thanks to our chapter members.

JENSEN'S ANNUAL FUND RAISER

We will kick off the Christmas fund raiser on November 2 and 3 at their Palm Springs and Palm Desert Stores. The fund raiser will be every Friday and Saturday, from 11 - 5 until December 15th. We need volunteers to work 3 hours shifts from 11 - 2 or 2 - 5 each day. At the October 18th meeting - Mike Bales, Carl Brooks, Gary Cooper, Bob Ferguson, Dean Hunter, Jerry Lawton, Gene McClendon, George Moffatt, Jim Olson, Dick Partee, Jack Rabinowitz, Bill Ross, Henry Sanchez, George Stettler, Bruno Takacs and Bill Zagone were the first to volunteer to work 36 shifts in November.

We are still need volunteers to work the these shifts through November:

11/ 3	11 - 2	2 - 5
11/10	11 - 2	2 - 5
11/16		2 - 5
11/17		2 - 5
11/23	11 - 2	2 - 5
11/24		2 - 5
11/30		2 - 5

Please be flexible and be available to work wherever we need you. We will have the sign up sheets for the December shifts at the November 15th meeting.

New banners are being prepared. We will also display a full size American and USMC flag at each donation table. Members are asked to wear their white chapter shirts and red covers when working a shift.

ANNUAL WARRIOR APPRECIATION STEAK BBQ

WE HAD 170 MEMBERS, GUESTS AND MARINES THERE ON OCTOBER 13TH. WE HAD FIVE MEMBERS STEP FORWARD AND MAKE DONATIONS OVER \$100 EACH TO HELP COVER THE COST OF THE MARINES. THANKS TO MAC DUBE, DAVE FRANKLIN, CHARLIE GARBARINI, DAN SILVERS AND MICHAEL WALKER FOR THEIR GENEROSITY. ANOTHER SEVEN GUESTS MADE DONATIONS OVER \$100 EACH TO HELP WITH THE COSTS INCLUDING A \$250 DONATION FROM DR. ANDREW ROTHSTEIN, A FRIEND OF THE CHAPTER AND A \$200 DONATION FROM A FRIEND OF BILL ZAGONE.

DOC GILLETTE, ONCE AGAIN, ARRANGED FOR THE BEVERAGE DONATION WHICH HELPED US CONTROL THE COSTS. THANKS AGAIN, DOC!

THE 3 / 4 WILL DEPLOY IN MARCH, 2013. LTCOL KENNEY AGREED TO COME TO ONE OF OUR MEETINGS LATER IN 2013 WHEN THEY RETURN.

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON, NOVEMBER 9TH

We have reserved two tables for chapter members at this luncheon, sponsored by the local Marine Corps League. We have a few seats available. Please let us know if you want to join us. Wear you chapter shirt and a blazer.

The Chapter will also present the Marine JROTC program with a donation to support the cadets at the luncheon.

NEW CHAPTER SHIRTS

We showed off the new shirts at the October meeting. Lighter fabric, self wicking and more comfortable to wear. Shirts are still \$36 each.

72nd DIVISION ANNIVERSARY

Dates: 28 January - 2 February 2013 at Camp Pendleton. Lodging available at Rodeway Inn, 1103 N. Coast Hwy, Oceanside (760) 722-1904. Special rates available. A shuttle bus will operate between the Rodeway Inn and Camp Pendleton to eliminate the hassle of getting through the main gate each day.

Program will be published in the December newsletter.

HAVE A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING!

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Jim Sullivan, Editor