

OCTOBER, 2013 NEWSLETTER

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Tun Tavern Dues are \$100 per year.

NEW NEWSLETTER LOOK

This will be the new look for the newsletters thanks to the generosity of Chapter Friend, Dr. Joe Sanders. He helped redesign it and stepped forward to underwrite the costs for producing it in color. Bravo Zulu, Dr. Joe!

The next three months will be the busiest time of the year. Our "snow bird" members will be returning to join us for the fun stuff coming up in October, November & December. This newsletter will provide you a run down on what will be happening in October & November.

OCTOBER 17TH MEETING

We will have the honor of having United States Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz as the Speaker / Guest of Honor. Whether you are a supporter or not, please plan to attend to show our respect for the office. The Congressman reached out to our Chapter and asked us for an invitation since he wants to share with us the good things that his committee is doing to support the Veterans Administration.

OCTOBER 25 - 26TH, PATRIOT RIDE FOR OUR HEROES

The Chapter will support the 1st Annual event located in Old Town La Quinta was a vendor. We will have our *Marines* tent set up with table and chairs. We will need two volunteers to work shifts on Friday and Saturday. Our mission is to recruit new members for the Chapter. We will sign you up at the October 17th meeting.

OCTOBER 27TH PALM DESERT ANNUAL GOLF CART PARADE

The 49th Annual Parade will be here soon. Our WW II Marines will be aboard two golf carts while the rest of us will walk the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile parade route along El Paseo. The Palm Springs Pipe Band and a Color Guard from the 1/7 will lead the parade.

We will also once again set up our *Marines* pop up tent to accept donations for the Wounded Warriors Detachment at 29 Palms and for new members for the Chapter. We will need two volunteers to work from 1100 to 1400. The tent will be in the vendors area so that there will be good traffic. Volunteers will be able to see the parade.

For those planning to participate, please plan to gather in front of Union Bank, El Paseo & San Luis Rey by 1230. Look for our carts at the start of the parade route, along with the Marine Color Guard and the Bag Piper Band.

Space is available for our spouses in the shaded VIP section where they will be seated and served lunch and beverages before the parade kicks off at 1300. Seats are reserved, first come first served. Call Jim Sullivan to make a rez. Cost is \$25.

After the parade, members, spouses and friends are invited to gather at Mario's Italian Café, 73155 Hwy 111, PD (760) 341-1130. The back entrance is located behind the parking lot north of El Paseo.

OCTOBER 29TH, GARY JEANDRON FUND RAISER

GARY TALKED TO US AT OUR AUGUST MEETING AND INVITED OUR MEMBERS TO COME TO THIS FUND RAISING EVENT 5:30 - 7:00 PM. HE WAIVED THE MINIMUM DONATION FOR OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS AND ASKED US TO DONATE WHATEVER WE WOULD LIKE TO. SUZANNE SOMERS WILL BE A SPECIAL GUEST. MEMBERS AND SPOUSES THAT ARE INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING GARY AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE 42ND ASSEMBLY DISTRICT ARE INVITED.

EVENT IS HOSTED BY GENO & LINDI BIGGI AT THEIR BEAUTIFUL PALM DESERT BIRD GARDEN'S. THERE WILL BE A HOSTED BAR AND FOOD PROVIDED BY LAS CASUELAS TERRAZA RESTAURANT.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION AT WWW.GARYJEADRON.COM OR (760) 322-4102. LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE A CHAPTER MEMBER SINCE HE HAS OFFERED TO SIT US TOGETHER.

7th MARINES WARRIOR APPRECIATION STEAK BBQ, NOVEMBER 9
This will be the 8th year that we will host 100 young single enlisted Marines from the 1st BN 7th Marines for a steak barbecue. These Marines will have just returned from a month of intensive training at Yuma. They are preparing for their early 2014 deployment to Afghanistan.

Tickets are \$25 per person. For those that can't attend, we ask you to at least make a donation to cover a Marine or two. The barbecue will be held at MCAGCC, 29 Palms. Mike Walker, the Event Chairman, has already implemented plans to improve base access for our members and guests.

Invitations will go out by early October with RSVP cards and more information. If you know of friends / family that would like to attend, please send us the information so we can send them an invitation.

7TH MARINE REGIMENT BIRTHDAY BALL, NOVEMBER 14TH

The Command has invited the Desert Cities Chapter to join them at this birthday ball. It will be celebrated in the traditions of the USMC. It is an exciting event. Tickets are \$65 per person. Formal attire. The event will be held at Bally's, Las Vegas. Call the hotel direct for a special hotel rate for Marines attending the event: (855) 261-1567

We will need your check by October 31 since we have to give the 7th Marines full payment for our group by November 1st. Our members will be sitting together. Any questions you can contact Mike Walker or Jim Sullivan.

JENSEN'S ANNUAL FUND RAISER

We plan to kick off the 2013 Christmas Fund Raiser on Friday, November 15th and Saturday, November 16th. We will need members to volunteer by signing up to work 3 hours shifts at the Palm Springs and Palm Desert stores. We will start this process in early November.

This fund raiser will provide Christmas Turkey Dinners to families of the Wounded Warriors and of those Marines deployed 7th Marines to Afghanistan. These dinners include a fresh turkey, with all of the side dishes and a whole pie that will feed 6 - 8 people. Friend of the Chapter, Matt Zack will once again donate his time help us deliver the dinners to the families at 29 Palms

right before Christmas. Matt will also provide his support for our fund raiser with publicity and advertising to create awareness with his customers and the community.

NEW MEMBER

Please welcome Valentine Winiecki aboard our Chapter as an Associate Member. He was a WW II Corpsmen where he served with the 4th Marine Division. Val and his wife Helen live in Palm Desert. Harry Ziegler recruited him. Doc Gillette was kind enough to provide transportation for Valentine to attend the September meeting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

If you will give us your birthday month and day we will include you in our monthly newsletter Happy Birthday Greetings. Simply e-mail it or give it to us at the next meeting when you check in for lunch. We will post your greeting in the newsletter month of your birthday.

PAST PRESIDENTS MEETING,

Jim Sullivan

I attended a conference at Del Mar Beach Villas, Camp Pendleton over the weekend of September 20 - 22. It was great to mingle with other past presidents and find out what is happening in other chapters. There were 58 people there including spouses.

While there I was recruited and inducted into the Bod Fish Chapter which is one of the highest honors in the 1st Marine Division Assn. Very elaborate ceremony. But, for those of you that know Dale Turner know how committed he is as a past president of both the Los Angeles County and the Bod Fish Chapters and has served in national office. Dale is also a life member of our Chapter.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

SEMPER FIDELIS MARINES!

Jim Sullivan, Editor