

OCTOBER, 2014 NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER 16TH MEETING

Plan to join us at 11:15 at the Classic Golf Club for our monthly luncheon. Guest speaker will be Col Michael Robinson, Director, Tactical Training, 29 Palms. Please make your reservation. And, remember that our dress code is in effect. No shorts.

3rd BATTALION / 4TH MARINES ACTIVATED

The 7th Marines just announced that the 3 / 4 has been reactivated and will become their fourth infantry battalion. You may recall that they had just would the unit down due to the down sizing of the Marine Corps. The world situation obviously dictated this decision.

OCTOBER 24 - 25TH PATRIOT BICYCLE RIDE FOR HEROES

This will be our first fund raiser for the new season. We did well last year and look to double our fund raising this year. We are signing up volunteers to work this two day event in La Quinta. We need your help on Friday to set up the tent, tables, etc. We also need a couple of volunteers to work Saturday 12 - 4. Call me

(760) 219-8317 if you can HELP.

OCTOBER 26TH 50TH ANNUAL PALM DESERT GOLF CART PARADE

We will have four electric golf carts in the parade this year. One will honor Marilyn Paige, second will honor our WW II Marines, third will honor our Korean War Marines and the fourth to be determined. The DHSHS Marine JROTC Cadet Color Guard will lead off the parade at 1:00 PM. The Palm Springs Pipe Band will follow with our carts and walkers directly behind them.

The parade ends at Octillo & El Paseo. Turn right and walk (north) across the parking lot to Mario's Italian Café (just a few feet east of Carl's Jr.). We will be hot and thirsty so what better way to wind down than meet there for a cold beer. Have your spouse meet you there after the parade.

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON, NOVEMBER 7TH

The Marine Corps League has organized this annual event for the past nine years. They are sending invitations out, if you don't receive one you should contact Carl Lewke or Doc Gillette. It is a worthy event with a large share of the proceeds going to the Marine JROTC at Desert Hot Springs High School. Tickets are \$35 and should be purchased prior to the event.

VETERANS DAY, CITY OF PALM DESERT

There will be a Veterans Day Celebration at the Palm Desert Civic Center Park on November 11th at 1000. We have been asked to arrange for a speaker who will be a Lt.Col from the 7th Marine Regiment. All members are invited to the event. World War II Marine Veterans will be honored with front row seating. More information coming in the November newsletter.

CITY OF PALM DESERT

The City will adopt the 7th Marine Regiment through a Resolution at the November 13th City Council meeting. The City will partner with our Chapter to support our current efforts and consider partnering with us on fund raising in Palm Desert including possible funding. The City will add a page to their website

discussing the City's support and link to our website.

UPDATE ON THE MARINE CORPS FOUNDATION
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"The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation has many very interesting facets. The Foundation is the engine that supports the historical programs of the Marine Corps in ways that might not otherwise be available through appropriated funds. The Foundation's mission is to preserve and promulgate the history, traditions and culture of the Marine Corps as well as to educate all Americans in its virtues.

The vision of the future includes:

- >Planning, funding and completing the Marine Corps Heritage Center.
- >Creating and nurturing an endowment fund which promotes continuing education focused on the culture, history and value of the Marine Corps.
- >Achieving pre-eminence among all military related foundations and associations through its financial and intellectual leadership in promoting The Marine Corps long term historical research and educational activities.

Today, the galleries within the Museum include:

- > World War I Gallery (Belleau Wood).
- > World War II Gallery (2nd flag raised on Iwo Jima).
- >Korean War Gallery (Chosin Reservoir Exhibit).
- >Vietnam Gallery (You are at Hill 881).

The Museum is being used for many events:

- >Commissioning ceremonies
- >Reunions
- >Evenings with distinguished speakers
- >Retirement ceremonies
- >Re-enlistment ceremonies
- >Wedding at the chapel
- >Wedding receptions
- >Awards Dinner every April

Other programs supported by the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation:

- >Teacher in Residence Program (Approx. 45,000 students annually)
- >Geography Day
- >National History Day Program (over 500,000 students each year).
- >Partnership with "The Presidents Own" Marine Corps Band.
- >Summer Concert Series
- >Annual Competitions open to all High School Musicians.

CHAPTER FUND RAISING

We need to remind everyone that the mission of this Chapter is to provide financial support for the Marines and their families of the 7th Marine Regiment and the Wounded Warriors. We also have been able to support the Desert Hot Springs High School Marine Corps JROTC program.

Members who think their annual dues support this mission are not in tune with reality. The money comes from the fund raising that we are doing at Jensen's Markets at Christmas and Easter. Our newest source will be the Patriot Bicycle Ride for our Heroes which kicks off the end of this month. We are looking for a few more good men to help us at the Patriot Ride and the Jensen's which kicks off in late November. Every member in reasonable good health has at least three hours to contribute to the fund raising events.

Some of us work a helluva lot of shifts to cover those that don't want to support. So, this is a great time to review your priorities and determine that you want to pitch in and help us. (It is no fun to be a bystander). Those of us that volunteer have a lot of fun and certainly enjoy the camaraderie involved. One member, Jim Larsh, has a Marine brother from Florida who flies in for Thanksgiving every year and volunteers to work with Jim at Jensen's.

Please step up to the plate and help. Call me at (760) 219-8317.

MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Semper Fidelis,

Jim Sullivan, Editor