

SEPTEMBER, 2013 NEWSLETTER

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Tun Tavern Team Dues are \$100 annually.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

PLAN TO JOIN US ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH AT THE CLASSIC GOLF CLUB AT 11:30. WE WILL HAVE SGTMAJ CHASE GETTY, 1 / 7 AS OUR GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER.

THE 1 / 7 IS CURRENTLY TRAINING FOR THEIR EARLY 2014 DEPLOYMENT TO AFGHANISTAN. SO, WE WILL LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM HIM ON WHAT THEIR MISSION WILL BE.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR LUNCHEON RESERVATION AT 760 901-5494.

OCTOBER MEETING

For the first time in our Chapter history we will have a U. S. Congressman as our Speaker / Guest of Honor. Dr. Luis Ruiz has confirmed his availability and will join us for the October 17th

luncheon. He will discuss what is going on with the Veterans Administration and what is going on to improve the quality of service. He has spoken recently at a Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce breakfast and to the American Legion in Palm Springs. He did well at both events and showed a high level of interest in helping to improve communications and services for veterans.

PALM DESERT GOLF CART PARADE

Mark your calendar to join us for the 49th Annual Golf Cart Parade on Sunday, October 27th. We will have a couple of golf carts in the parade to honor our WW II Marines while the rest of us walk to escort them along El Paseo. The Palm Springs Pipe Band will provide us with bag pipers playing Marine marching music. A Marine Color Guard from the 1/7 will lead off the parade. Nancy Sinatra will be the Grand Marshal this year. This will be the eighth year that we have participated in the parade. We always gave a great time together.

A crowd of 15,000 - 20,000 spectators are expected to be along El Paseo to cheer us. We will have some reserved seating available for spouses in a VIP section. Please contact Jim Sullivan to reserve one. Cost \$25 which includes a quality box lunch and beverages.

TAPS

We lost a Marine and a gentleman. Member Richard Kussman passed away on August 5th. Dick served on active duty 1953 - 1957 and then as a reservist until 1966. He served with the 3rd Marine Wing as a Helicopter pilot.

Dick retired as Vice President, Western Region for AT&T. He is survived by his wife Margie. A memorial service was held on August 30th in Palm Springs. Family and friends gathered to celebrate Dick's life. His grand daughter wrote her grand father a song and sang it as she played the guitar.

He was interned at the Riverside National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers his wife requested donations be made for the Wounded Warriors.

CHAPTER WEBSITE

Our webmaster reports that our site is getting a lot of "hits" which simply means people are looking at it to learn more about the Desert Cities Chapter. In the month of July we had over 6,700 visits to our website.

We are in the process of upgrading our the website to hopefully attract more interest in membership, donating and simply knowing what who we are and what we are all about.

To remind those of you that are not familiar with our website. There is a lot of information available there. If you lose your newsletter you can simply look at it on the website. You can print a copy. You can send a friend a copy of our newsletter. You can look at our meeting schedule, You can print a membership application from the website. You can look at photos of various events. Lots of information available by simply visiting:
www.1stmardivassocdesertcities.net

RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS

Bruno Takacs has come up with a good idea to help us recruit. We are printing a oversized post card to attract interest. We will have them available at our September 19th meeting.

MARINES LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MARINES

Bruno will discuss how we can use these flyers to recruit members.

7th MARINES WARRIOR APPRECIATION STEAK BARBECUE

This will be the 8th Annual Barbecue for a unit of the 7th Marines. This year, it will be held on Saturday, November 9th. We will host 100 Marines from the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines led by Lt Col Seth Yost and SgtMaj Chase Getty. The 1/7 is currently in final training phases of their early 2014 deployment to Afghanistan.

Reserve this date on your calendar. More information and details will be in the October newsletter. We are asking you to support this barbecue. If you can't attend, please show your support by buying extra tickets for our Marine Warriors. Invitations will be going out the end next month.

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL

The 7th Marines Regiment will hold the Marine Corps 238th Birthday Ball at Las Vegas at Bally's Resort on Thursday, November 14th. This will be the second time that our Chapter has been invited to their Ball. It will be an excellent celebration based upon our last experience.

This will be a formal evening with the Marines in their Dress Blues. We should wear dark suits and the ladies their formal attire. Tickets, which includes dinner, are \$65 per person. Chapter members will be seated together. To make your reservations please send a check payable to the

Chapter by November 1st. Hotel reservations should be made directly at Bally's. Mention that you are attending the Ball for preferred rates.

CELL PHONE ETIQUETTE

Although Dick Partee requests everyone to turn them off, there seems to be at least one member who doesn't. Incoming calls are disruptive. Please either turn your cell phone off and let the voice mail do it's job.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS

Chapter Friend, Dr. Joe Sanders has agreed to help redesign and upgrade our newsletter format. Joe has business experience in owning a printing and graphic business.

This has been overdue and now with Sanders help we should have something to show you in the October issue.

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Jim Sullivan, Editor