

MAY, 2012 NEWSLETTER

TUN TAVERN TEAM

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Tun Tavern Team members who renewed for **2012** are in **bold**. Please renew your membership for 2012. Annual dues are \$100.

COMING EVENTS

MAY 3rd MARINE JROTC AWARDS CEREMONY

The annual awards ceremony will begin at 1900 at Desert Hot Springs High School Gym Building. The 1st Marine Division Association will present the Semper Fi Award to an outstanding cadet. We will present this cadet with a plaque, \$100 check and have the cadets name added to the large plaque on permanent display there. **Dick Partee** will present the award. We hope that you will join us. The cadets are impressive in their uniforms. The ceremony is usually over by 2015.

MAY 7TH WOUNDED WARRIORS LUNCHEON

Plan to join us for a barbecue luncheon for these Marines at Monterey Country Club, Palm Desert. These Marines are coming down here for the fourth luncheon and a putting contest. Please plan to attend to show our continued support for the Wounded Warriors. Cost is \$25 which includes your lunch and hosting one Marine. Make a reservation at 760 901-5494. If you cannot attend, please send us a donation to show your support.

MAY 17th MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING

The Command from the 1st Tank Battalion will be our special guests. We will hear from them about their deployment to Afghanistan. Plan to join us at 1130 at Desert Falls Country Club, Palm Desert.

There will also be a presentation for Quint to recognize his service as past president.

MAY 28TH MEMORIAL DAY

As a reminder, there are Memorial Day Services throughout the Coachella Valley to commemorate those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice. Just a few of us take the time to attend. If you find it in your heart to show up at one of these services, I guarantee you will feel rewarded.

Check the DESERT SUN for schedules of events at Forest Lawn, Palm Springs Veterans Cemetery, Indian Wells Civic Center and the Coachella Veterans Cemetery in the east valley. Be sure to wear your shirt and red cap to identify yourself as a Marine.

AL KINSLEY'S PASSING

Al was a charter member of our chapter. He was a Korean War Veteran. Although, he dropped out of our chapter, he was active in the Bodfish Chapter. Anyone interested in making a donation can send it to Dale Turner, 24415 Lisa Kelton Pl., Newhall, CA 91321

MENTORING WOUNDED WARRIORS

We have had 15 members step forward and offer to help mentor these Marines back into civilian life. We met in early April at the Wounded Warriors Hdq. with LtCol Wong and then met a group of these Marines to more or less get acquainted. Since there are 46 Marines in the Detachment, we have reached out into the community for more volunteers and found significant interest. We plan to meet again on May 7th when we host them at the Monterey CC Barbecue. We also have reached out to the community and found ten more volunteers willing to mentor the Marines.

MAILING LIST

At the April meeting **Bob Shepard** talked to us about the importance of growing our mailing list. We will use the list to reach out to the community for their support of our various activities and events during the year.

Thank you to those members who have given us names to add to our mailing list. We do need to hear from more of you, so please send us 10 names at your earliest convenience. Thanks to **Dick Kussman, Gene McClendon and**

Bob Shepard for submitting their lists of names.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We need to constantly remind ourselves that we need to recruit new members. If and when you meet Marine veterans invite them to a meeting. Have them check out our website. We are one of the most active Chapters and Marines should want to become involved and share the camaraderie. An application for membership can be printed off our website. Or better yet, carry one with you in your car or at your home office.

LUNCHEON TO HONOR WOMEN MARINES.

We hosted our third annual luncheon at the IW Club and had an entertaining time with Joey English as the Emcee. SgtMajor Jennifer Simmons and her husband drove up from Camp Pendleton to be the Guest of Honor and Speaker. She did well to inspire the women there and the young ladies from the JROTC. Afterwards, I heard from several women guests that they wished they were younger so they could enlist into the Marine Corps.

Major General William Groeniger, USMC (Ret.), LtCol Ted Wong, CO Wounded Warriors, SgtMaj Matthew Brookshire, 29 Palms Base and 23 Women Marines attended the luncheon.

Jim McCallum played the bag pipes. Rev Melanie Sanchez provided the Invocation and Benediction. **Mike Bales** and **Henry Sanchez** were in charge of the raffle. We thank **Dick Partee**, **Carl Brooks** and **Buddy Sklar** for sourcing the seven rounds of golf donated by leading clubs and resorts in the valley.

Bill Zagone donated a beautiful miniature hand painted gold necklace, **Wes Ahlgren** a jar of Sand from Iwo Jima, and **George Stettler** donated gold ear rings donated by De Luca Jewelry. These gifts were sold at the silent auction.

Mike Walker, for the third year in row, arranged for the charter bus transportation to be donated by Morongo Valley School District which saved the Chapter over a \$1,000. Karen Sullivan arranged for the 28 gifts for the Marines. Thanks again to **Carl Lewke** for sending 4 young female cadets, sponsored by DHSHS. The Marine Corps League also donated \$500 to help with the costs of the women Marines.

All of these people and their individual efforts contributed to the success of the 2012 Women Marines Luncheon. Thank you to everyone who supported the luncheon.

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Jim Sullivan, Editor