

## **NOVEMBER, 2013**

### **NEWSLETTER**

#### **TUN TAVERN TEAM**

WES AHLGREN    MIKE BALES    CARL BROOKS    KEN BROOKS    HARRY  
COVERT  
MAC DUBE    DAVID FRANKLIN    CHARLIE GARBARINI    DEAN HUNTER  
SAM HUTTENHOWER    FRANZ JEVNE    JIM LARSH    JIMMIE  
MARTIN    GENE MCCLENDON    GEORGE MOFFATT    MARILYN PAIGE  
DICK PARTEE    JACK RABINOWITZ    BILL ROSS    HENRY SANCHEZ  
RAY SCHUM    BOB SHEPARD  
GEORGE STETTLER    JIM SULLIVAN    DALE TURNER    QUINT  
VILLANUEVA    COL MIKE WALKER    MICHAEL WALKER    MYRL  
WALLACE    LINN WILEY

*TUN TAVERN DUES ARE \$100 ANNUALLY.*

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#### **NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> MEETING**

PLAN TO JOIN US ON NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> AT THE CLASSIC GOLF CLUB FOR OUR MONTHLY LUNCHEON TO WELCOME SGTMAJ SCOTT SAMUELS, 7<sup>TH</sup> MARINE REGIMENT BACK. SAMUELS AND THE REGIMENTAL COMMAND HAVE SPENT 11 MONTHS IN AFGHANISTAN. THEY RETURNED IN EARLY SEPTEMBER AND HAD THIRTY DAYS LEAVE TO REACQUAINT WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS. FOR THOSE THAT READ LEATHERNECK MAGAZINE THERE WAS AN ARTICLE AND PHOTO OF SAMUELS AND COL AUSTIN RENFORTH AT A CASING OF COLORS CEREMONY AT CAMP LEATHERNECK, HELMUND PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN.

SINCE THEIR RETURN, COL RENFORTH HAS BEEN RELIEVED OF COMMAND AND WILL HEAD UP THE WAR COLLEGE, QUANTICO. DICK PARTEE, MARILYN PAIGE, BOB SHEPARD, BILL ROSS, MIKE WALKER AND JIM SULLIVAN ATTENDED THE CEREMONY AND WERE ABLE TO WISH HIM FAIR WINDS & FOLLOWING SEAS.

#### **MARINE CORPS LEAGUE ANNUAL BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON**

REMINDER THAT THIS LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> T THE MIRACLE SPRINGS HOTEL, DESERT HOT SPRINGS. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT \$35. IF PURCHASED AT THE DOOR, PRICE IS \$50.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT EITHER FRANK GILLETTE 310 918-9168 OR CARL

LEWKE 760 322-5185.

### **8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WARRIOR APPRECIATION STEAK BBQ**

ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> WE WILL HOST 100 WARRIORS FROM THE 1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION 7<sup>TH</sup> MARINES AT THE FELIX SPORTS FIELD COMPLEX AT THE COMBAT CENTER, 29 PALMS. NEW YORK STEAKS FROM JENSEN'S FINEST FOODS WILL BE THE FARE OF THE DAY. TICKETS ARE \$25. BRUCE CAMPBELL, COYOTE KITCHEN WILL ONCE AGAIN BE IN CHARGE OF BARBECUING THE STEAKS. WE WILL START SERVING AT NOON. THE PALM SPRINGS PIPE BAND, WHO MARCHED IN THE PD GOLF CART PARADE ARE PLANNING TO JOIN US.

MEMBERS OF THE PALM SPRINGS PIPE BAND, WHO MARCHED WITH US IN THE PALM DESERT GOLF CART PARADE, HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO COME TO THE BBQ AND PERFORM FOR THE MARINES.

IF YOU CAN'T SUPPORT, PLEASE MAKE A DONATION TO HELP US WITH THE COSTS FOR THE 100 HUNGRY MARINES THAT WILL BE THERE.

### **WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS**

OUR NEWEST MEMBER IS DOROTHEE IRWIN, MARINE VETERAN OF WW II WHERE SHE SERVED IN COMPANY F 14<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION. DOROTHEE HAS BEEN A SUPPORTER OF OUR ANNUAL PALM DESERT GOLF CART PARADE THE PAST FEW YEARS AND THE ANNUAL WOMEN MARINES LUNCHEON, WHERE SHE STEALS THE SHOW WEARING HER ORIGINAL UNIFORM.

DOROTHEE HAS A MARINE FAMILY. BOTH HER RECENTLY DECEASED HUSBAND AND HER SON ARE RETIRED MARINES. SHE IS A DELIGHTFUL LADY AND A NICE ADDITION TO THE CHAPTER.

FORMER MEMBER STEVE SANCHEZ HAS REJOINED THE CHAPTER. STEVE SERVED 1996 - 2004. HE IS EMPLOYED BY LAMAR ADVERTISING AND LIVES IN LA QUINTA. WELCOME BACK STEVE.

### **JENSEN'S ANNUAL FUND RAISER**

WE ARE KICKING OFF THE HOLIDAY FUND RAISER ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> AT THE PALM SPRINGS AND PALM DESERT STORES. THANKS TO MIKE BALES, HARRY COVERT, BOB FERGUSON, CHARLIE KNICKERBOCKER, JIM LARSH, DICK PARTEE, RICHARD PETROFF, GENE MCCLENDON, BOB SHEPARD, HENRY SANCHEZ, GEORGE STETTLER, BILL ZAGONE & HARRY ZIEGLER FOR VOLUNTEERING TO WORK SHIFTS ON THE OPENING WEEKEND.

WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS TO WORK SUBSEQUENT WEEKENDS IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER. THIS YEAR WE WILL ALSO BE WORKING THE MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING SINCE THESE ARE PEAK SHOPPING DAYS AT JENSEN'S. WE WILL DISCUSS AND LOOK TO SIGN YOU UP AT THE NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> MEETING. FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT HAVEN'T VOLUNTEERED, ALL WE ARE ASKING FROM MEMBERS IS TO WORK A 3 HOURS SHIFT AT EITHER THE PALM SPRINGS OR PALM DESERT

STORES.

### NEW LAPEL PIN

WE HAVE DESIGNED A LAPEL PIN WITH OUR CHAPTER LOGO. VERY IMPRESSIVE. SEE THEM AT OUR NOVEMBER MEETING.

### CHAPTER WIND BREAKER

JUST IN TIME FOR THE COOLER WEATHER, WE WILL HAVE A RED NYLON WIND BREAKER WITH OUR CHAPTER LOGO ON IT. WE WILL SHOW IT AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING AND WILL TAKE ORDERS FOR THOSE WHO WANT ONE.

### PATRIOT RIDE FOR HEROES

OUR CHAPTER PARTICIPATED IN THIS OCTOBER 18 - 19<sup>TH</sup> EVENT IN LA QUINTA. PROCEEDS WILL GO TO NON PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORTED THIS RIDE. GREAT TURNOUT. THANKS TO HARRY ZIEGLER, BUDDY SKLAR, JACK RABINOWITZ, BOB PRITCHARD, DICK PARTEE FOR MANNING OUR TENT.

### 49<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PALM DESERT GOLF CART PARADE

WE HAD ANOTHER GREAT TURNOUT AND HAD A LOT OF FUN. WONDERFUL RECEPTION FROM THE 20,000 SPECTATORS THERE. THE PALM SPRINGS PIPE BAND DID A GOOD JOB SUBSTITUTING FOR THE MARINE BAND. THE DESERT HOT SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL MARINE CADETS ALSO DID A GREAT JOB IN PROVIDING THE COLOR GUARD. THEY SUBSTITUTED FOR THE MARINE COLOR GUARD WHO CANCELLED OUT DUE TO SEQUESTRATION.

WE HAD OUR RED POP UP TENT AT THE VENDORS AREA AND SOLICITED DONATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS TURKEY DINNERS FOR DEPLOYED MARINES. THANK YOU FRANK GILLETTE, MIKE WALKER AND HARRY ZIEGLER FOR MANNING THE TABLE. THEY COLLECTED NEARLY \$490.

AFTER THE PARADE SOME OF US GATHERED AT MARIO'S ITALIAN CAFÉ FOR ADULT BEVERAGES. THE 13 MEMBERS OF THE PALM SPRINGS PIPE BAND JOINED US AND AFTER A COUPLE BEERS DECIDED TO PLAY FOR THE CROWD. WE HAD A FUN TIME!

AND THANKS AGAIN TO ELECTRIC CAR DISTRIBUTORS FOR THE CARTS AND CHARLIE GARBARINI FOR GETTING THEM DECORATED WITH BANNERS AND FLAGS FOR THE PARADE.

### DECEMBER EVENTS

WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR YOUR HELP TO MAN OUR FUND RAISING TABLES AT JENSEN'S MARKETS ON DECEMBER 6 & 7 AND 12 & 14.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON INCLUDES THE SPOUSES AND IS ALWAYS A FUN EVENT. MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO JOIN US ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> AT THE CLASSIC GOLF CLUB, PALM DESERT.

**ONCE AGAIN, PLAN TO BRING AN UNWRAPPED TOY FOR A BOY AND A GIRL. WE WILL DELIVER TOYS TO THE ARMED SERVICES YMCA AT THE COMBAT CENTER, 29 PALMS. DURING DECEMBER, WE WILL HAVE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS JOIN OUR TOY DRIVE INCLUDING THE PALM DESERT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NAVY LEAGUE, SEVERAL BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS AND LOCAL COUNTRY CLUBS THAT WILL SUPPORT US. LAST YEAR, WE COLLECTED OVER 800 TOYS.**

**AND, FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT DON'T KNOW THIS, TOYS FOR TOTS DOES NOT PROVIDE MARINE FAMILIES WITH CHRISTMAS TOYS. LAST YEAR, THERE WERE OVER 700 MARINE AND NAVY FAMILIES (1850 KIDS) AT THE BASE, LOOKING FOR HELP FROM THE ARMED SERVICES YMCA.**

**IF YOU HAVE AN ORGANIZATION WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP COLLECT TOYS, PLEASE LET US KNOW SO WE CAN DELIVER A COLLECTION BARREL. WE WILL HAVE ONE ON DISPLAY AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING.**

**OUR GOAL IS TO COLLECT 1 000 TOYS FOR CHRISTMAS 2013. PLEASE GIVE US YOUR SUPPORT!**

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

***SEMPER FIDELIS,***

**JIM SULLIVAN, EDITOR**