

Save the Date:
238th USMC Birthday
Celebration
9 November 2013

Newsletter

The Orange Peel



Website:

occcfmda.org

September-October 2013

In Memory



**John Gearhart, Sr.
Captain**

**Korean War Veteran (Golf 2/1)
Where he earned the Purple Heart
1928 - TAPS July 2013
Cypress, California**

John is survived by his sister Inez, WI; his children Jill, Kevin, CT and Cheryl and John Jr., CT. Eight grandchildren, many nephews, nieces and their families, cousin and friends.

Volunteered at Veterans Hospital Long Beach, Bethlehem Lutheran – Los Alamitos,
and
Past Master of Garden Grove Lodge (351)

Chapter President



Scott Montoya
Sergeant/Navy Cross

Thank you all for coming to the Luau at Barneys Beach House. It was great to see everyone celebrate our brotherhood. I want to thank each of you for sharing your Saturday with your brothers in Arms. Special thanks to Dave Marshal, Gunny Sha and John Dugan for the outstanding support to the Chapter and great events like Saturday's Luau.

Good Bless all of you and your Family.

Bring an eligible guest to our meeting,
both member and guest will get a FREE drink
courtesy of the Chapter president.

16 October 2013
Informal Nominations of Chapter Officers for 2014

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18 December 2013
Election of Chapter Officers for 2014

Chapter Meeting - 16 October 2013

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Chapter USMC 238th Birthday Celebration – 9 Nov
At American Legion Post 716, Los Alamitos, CA
1200 – Doors open
1300 – Ceremony starts
Deadline for reservations is 2 November

Chapter Meeting – 20 November 2013

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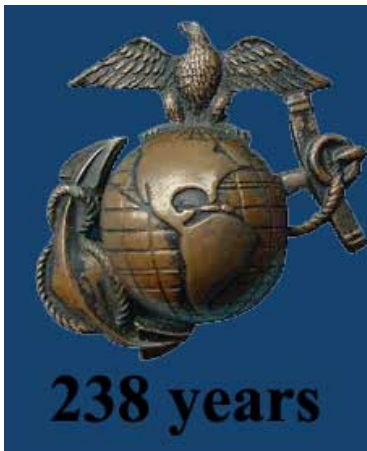
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Following positions are available:
Judge Advocate
Sergeant-At-Arms

Two Newsletter staff - to assist in
writing small summaries of
upcoming/past events, have the
newsletter printed at store and
mail them out.

OCCCFMDA Annual Dues Early Bird Drawing

Annual Chapter dues for 2014

July to November 8th, 2013

Drawing for a gift basket

Drawn during the Chapter's US Marine Corps Birthday Celebration on
November 9th

The member's name will be entered into the drawing
upon receiving Chapter annual dues for 2014.

As of October 2013, there are 26 annual dues paying members.

Rules:

OC Chapter annual dues of \$10 must be received
Before November 9th, 2013

Mailed to:

OCCCFMDA
3252 Florista Street
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Need not be present at the Birthday Ball celebration to win

****Members who have not paid annual dues for 2013 are ineligible****

The value and items of the gift basket will be known on the Birthday Ball celebration.
The items will be donated to and or purchased by the Chapter.

Contact Sha for any questions.

Info@occcfmda.org
562-882-2045

Membership

Hello Chapter Family and Friends,

As of October 2013, we have 76 Life Members; 26 Annual Members. **Still** waiting for 7 members to pay their annual dues for 2013. We have 6 Chapter Support Members; for a total Chapter membership of 108.

A Few Changes for 2013

First year's Chapter dues of \$10 is waived for new and transfer members.

FREE Chapter dues: for Active Duty/Reserve personnel assigned to, or in support of the First Marine Division.

Become a Life Member for \$100.

National dues are \$35 per year (paid directly to National).

Chapter Support

Chapter Support Members are our valued volunteers. It is absolutely FREE to be a Chapter Support Member.

Simply complete the Regular OCCCFMDA Membership application.

The Chapter Support Member is open to anyone, civilian or Military of any branch, spouse, siblings, parents, friends, etc. who want to be part of the Chapter.

They are welcomed to attend our meetings and all events. Chapter Support Members are non-voting members.

Orange County Chapter has a website: occcfmda.org

We are constantly improving our website; we are asking for members to send us a picture of your earliest picture in uniform (with date), Boot Camp, etc. and a current picture (with date); and a small military bio. If you do not want your whole name to be associated with the picture, please tell me which name, nickname, you would like to have on the website.

Also, we would like to place a picture of our Marines who have passed away, on the website's "TAPS" page.

You may email them to: info@occcfmda.org
If you are unable to email the pictures, please mail copies to:

OCCCFMDA
3252 Florists Street
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Sha Ratnapala
Membership Rep
(562) 882-2045

Help the Chapter save costs on mailing these newsletters.

Signup to receive the newsletter by e-mail.

Send me your E-Mail address to:

info@occcfmda.org

Chapter Care Package Drive

OC Chapter has concluded our care package drive, May - August, in support of 3d Combat Engineer Battalion, stationed at 29 Palms, currently deployed to Afghanistan. The Chapter received: cash donations of \$645; estimated value of donated items was over \$412. Items purchased cost \$501.97. The cost of shipping was \$241.49. The Chapter cost was \$98.46, thanks to our donors and our largest contributor, the Los Alamitos American Legion Post 716, the Riders Chapter 716 and Auxiliary 716, a big thank you to the Post 716 Family. A special thank you to non-members, Lt Commander/USN Ret Steve and Kim Moore for kicking off the drive by purchasing and shipping the first two boxes worth over \$250. From May to August, ten boxes weighing more than 155 lbs were shipped. On behalf of the OC Chapter, we greatly appreciate and thank every one of our donors. - Sha



Lisa Ratnapala and Kim Moore kicking off the Care package drive, 8May2013.

CB's Corner

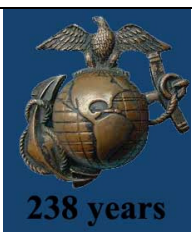
In honor of CB Ash (MGySgt), every meeting a Chapter member gives a life as a Marine story.



Dave Marshall (VP) delivers the inaugural CB's Corner during the June 2013 meeting.



Hazing at the meeting??? Jim Short demonstrates how Jack performed "Incentive Training".
21 August 2013



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Chapter Annual Luau Party - 28 Sept 2013



Pics by Sha