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OC Chapter Picnic
29 June 2013
NWS Seal Beach

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Newsletter for May 2013

Chapter President



Scott Montoya
Sgt (Ret)

The beginning of this year has been great. I have learned a lot as your President and feel compelled to share with you how proud I am of each and every member.

Those of you who give back to our fellow Marines and to our community provide an example to all, of our commitment and strength as a brotherhood.

By caring for each other, in this way, we can ensure our legacy as Marines will never be lost to history. Thank you for allowing me to serve as the President of Orange County California Chapter First Marine Division Association, as I truly feel it is an honor.

Orange County California Chapter First Marine Division Association Officers for 2013

Chapter President	Scott Montoya
Vice President	Dave Marshall
Treasurer	Neil Reich
Secretary	Rick Lake
Chaplain	Eugene Witkowski
Judge Advocate	Vacant
Chapter Representative	Vacant
Sergeant-At-Arms (Acting)	Sha Ratnapala
Sergeant-At-Arms (Assistant)	Jim Innis
Membership Representative	Sha Ratnapala

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Membership

Hello Marines, Family and Friends,

My name is Sha, the Membership rep for 2013. With the leadership of Scott, we will grow the membership; we are in need for members to participate in Chapter activities, contribute toward retention and recruitment of members.

As of May 2013, we have 78 Life Members, 27 Annual Members; currently waiting for 11 members to pay their annual dues. We have 5 Chapter Support Members; for a total Chapter membership of 110.

A Few Changes for 2013

First year's Chapter dues of \$10 are 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. To be a Chapter Support Member it is absolutely FREE. Simply complete the Regular OCCCFMDA Membership application.

The Chapter Support Member is open to anyone, civilian or Military, 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). If you do not want your whole name to be associated with the picture, please tell me which name, nick-name, 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:

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Thank you,

Sha Ratnapala

Membership Rep

(562) 882-2045

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Date	Time	Upcoming Meetings and Events
2013		
All of May – OC Chapter Care Package Drive See attached flyer		
May 15	6pm 7:30pm	\$3 SOS and social time, great time to share war stories. Chapter meeting at American Legion Post 716
June 19	6pm 7:30pm	\$3 SOS and social time, great time to share war stories. Chapter meeting at American Legion Post 716
June 29	Noon - 6pm	Chapter Picnic at Seal Beach, Naval Weapons Station FREE for all OC Chapter Members, family and friends. Please bring a dish for all to enjoy.
July 17	6pm 7:30pm	\$3 SOS and social time, great time to share war stories. Chapter meeting at American Legion Post 716
August 21	6pm 7:30pm	\$3 SOS and social time, great time to share war stories. Chapter meeting at American Legion Post 716
September 18	6pm 7:30pm	\$3 SOS and social time, great time to share war stories. Chapter meeting at American Legion Post 716
September 28	1pm - 6pm	Chapter Luau at Seal Beach, Naval Weapons Station
October	6pm 7:30pm	\$3 SOS and social time, great time to share war stories. Chapter meeting at American Legion Post 716
November 9	TBA	Chapter 238th US Marine Corps Birthday Ball at American Legion Post 716
December	6pm 7:30pm	\$3 SOS and social time, great time to share war stories. Chapter meeting at American Legion Post 716

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Care Package Drive

For



Headquarters Platoon, Bravo Co, 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion In Afghanistan

(Tentative list)

Toothbrushes	Baby wipes
Toothpaste	Lotion
Shaving cream	Sun screen
Disposable razors	Chapstick
Foot powder	Deodorant
Dental floss	
Bath soap	

Shipping out the first package on May 10th;
then after every Friday until needs are met.

You may send packages on your own, contact Sha for shipping address.

If you would like to donate items
or contribute toward the cost of mailing please contact:

sha@occcfmda.org

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**Marines and Sailors from WW II to Present
Chapter membership application and information update form**

NAME: _____ BIRTHDATE: MO: ____ / DAY: ____

ADDRESS: _____
CITY/ZIPCODE: _____

CONTACT TELEPHONES HOME: _____ CELL: _____

EMAIL: _____

SPOUSE: _____

MOS: PRIMARY _____ SECONDARY/ADDITIONAL MOS _____

UNIT ASSIGNMENT(S): _____

HIGHEST RANK: _____ RETIRED FROM USMC/R: YES ____ NO ____

BOOT CAMP: MCRD SD ____ MCRD PI ____

YEARS SERVED _____ TO _____

OTHER _____

CAMPAIGNS AND OPERATIONS: WWII ____ CHINA ____ KOREA ____ VIETNAM ____
COLD WAR ____ DESERT CAMPAIGNS ____ AFGHANISTAN ____ IRAQ ____ OTHER ____

NEW REGULAR MEMBERSHIP* ____ (ATTACH COPY OF DD-214 OR FMDA NATIONAL
MEMBERSHIP CARD, APPLIES TO NEW CHAPTER APPLICANTS ONLY)

TRANSFER* ____ CHAPTER LIFE MEMBERSHIP \$100 ____

ACTIVE DUTY/MOBILIZED RESERVE IN SUPPORT OF 1ST MAR DIV (FREE) ____

ANNUAL DUES RENEWAL ____ FOR YEAR _____ (DUES: \$10 PER CALENDAR YEAR*)

CHAPTER SUPPORT (FREE) ____

FMDA NATIONAL*: APPLIED ____ YES ____ NO ____ MONTH/YEAR
NATIONAL LIFE MEMBER ____ YES ____ NO

Referred by:

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How to Join

First: The prospective member has to join the **First Marine Division Association National** by submitting a membership application and paying National annual dues.

National website: 1stmarinedivisionassociation.org/Join

The OC Chapter does not accept application and dues for National.

Second: Join the Orange County, California Chapter First Marine Division Association (OCCCFMDA) by submitting application and annual Chapter dues of \$10.

Regular Membership is open to those who served in the 1st Marine Division at any time since its formation in 1941, to include those serving with attached or supporting units, such as Corpsman, aviation units, Seabees, ships, other regiments, battalions and companies.

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OC Chapter Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month, at 7:30pm. Occcfmda.org.
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