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TUN TAVERN TEAM

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Bob Shepard George Stettler Jim Sullivan Dale Turner Quint Villanueva Michael L. Walker
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**RIP*

Carl Lewke and Marilyn Paige became the 27th and 28th members to join the TUN TAVERN TEAM.

NOVEMBER 17TH MEETING

Please plan on coming to this meeting and hearing from James Dowler, Director of the Palm Springs USO. Luncheon will begin at 1130 at Desert Falls Country Club, Palm Desert. The USO is looking for volunteers to work 4 hours a month at their Palm Springs Airport Lounge which is primarily visited by Marines traveling back and forth to 29 Palms. Jim has some great stories to share with us about the good things that the USO does for the Marines. The USO will be moving into a larger lounge in January.

1/7 WARRIORS APPRECIATION STEAK BARBECUE

We found a lot of support from Palm Springs Ford and Fiesta Ford who sent 44 employees and spouses to the October 15th barbecue at 29 Palms. We plan to acknowledge their effort by presenting both dealers with an Appreciation Plaque from the Desert Cities MPMOH Chapter.

We also would like to thank **Frank Gillette** for arranging for all of the Budweiser and Pepsi's to be donated for the barbecue. (Doc indicated that the donor would prefer to remain anonymous). Doc always comes through with some form donations to make our events successful.

Special thanks to **Charlie Garbarini** for his generous donation which covered 19 Marines lunches. **Quint Villanueva** rallied support from 14 of his neighbors in the Indian Ridge Community who made donations for 34 Marine lunches.

George Stettler has a patriotic office assistant, **Jane Clark**, who donated over 400 cookies for the barbecue. She and her husband Doug also helped us at the OKTOBERFEST.

PALM DESERT GOLF CART PARADE

Once again, we thank Electric Car Distributors, Rancho Mirage for their donation of an 8 passenger golf cart which we used in the parade for our W W II Marines on board: **Sam Huttenhower, Ray Schum, Les Carlisle** and **Dorothee Irwin**. **Dick Partee** drove the cart with **Marilyn Paige** riding "shotgun". Our other members escorted the honored WW II Marines along El Paseo for another tremendous crowd.

The beer served at the OKTOBERFEST was also donated by an anonymous sponsor. **Frank Gillette** was responsible for making this donation happen. We also thank **Louise Stettler, Karen Sullivan** and volunteers; **Bonnie Birch, Lisa Box, Doug & Jane Clark** for helping us run the beer business during the parade. **Jimmie Martin** provided security at the beer garden to satisfy certain requirements from the City and ABC.

We want to thank **Carl Lewke** for loaning us a couple of pop up tents to provide shade at the *OKTOBERFEST*. **Harry Covert** also loaned us a USC pop up tent which had the colors to go with our Marines tent. It did draw interest from Trojan alumni and lured them in for a cold beer.

Thanks to **Bob Shepard, Bill Ross, Don Tully, Jim Olson, Jimmie Martin, Gene McClendon** and **Karen Sullivan** for joining us for the early Sunday morning work party detail to help **Charlie Garbarini** set up the *OKTOBERFEST*. It was a very warm morning. Some of us needed to change shirts after getting the beer garden assembled and ready for the Health Dept. and ABC inspection at 1000 and to open for business at 1100. (I was proud that no one suggested having a cold beer after the work was finished).

The Palm Springs Pipe Band, with bag pipes and drum, joined us and provided marching music. They stopped several times to play the Marine's Hymn which drew a lot of applause from the crowd. It was a warm day, so afterwards the pipers as well as our Marines hurried back to the beer garden for rounds of well deserved cold ones.

7TH MARINE REGIMENT BIRTHDAY BALL

We are the invited to join the 7th Marines on November 5th to celebrate the 236th Marine Corps Birthday at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort, Indian Wells. So we bought two tables and will be represented by the **Mike Holquin's, George Moffatt's, Dick Partee's, Bill Ross's, Buddy Sklar's,**

George Stettler's, Jim Sullivan's, Quint Villanueva's and Marilyn Paige.
We plan to show the 500 + New Breed Marines and wives that the Old Breed Marines are not too old to have a good time.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE 236th MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Last call for buying tickets for this annual luncheon. November 10th, at Miracle Springs Resort and Spa, DHS. Tickets are \$35 for lunch. If you cannot attend, please sponsor a Marine JROTC Cadets from Desert Hot Springs High School. This is a well attended event. The proceeds will be donated by the Marine Corps League to the DHSHS Marine JROTC program. We have always supported our brothers in the Marine Corps League.

Guest Speaker will be LtCol Brian Neil, Executive Officer, 7th Marine Regiment.

A donation for a cadet helps pay for the 65 JROTC cadets who will be at the birthday luncheon and sitting in uniform at each table. These cadets are impressive and reflect the excellent leadership that **Carl Lewke** has provided.

If you can donate an additional \$50 - you can help with the printing costs for the program and have your name listed as a sponsor. Call (760) 288-7088 for more information. RSVP by November 5th.

MITCHELL PAIGE MIDDLE SCHOOL, LA QUINTA

To commemorate Veterans Day, Marilyn Paige, Pete Van Vechten and Carl Brooks will attend two student assemblies on November 10th to talk about what it means to be a veteran.

SGTMAJ MATT BROOKSHIRE

We had the pleasure of knowing him several years ago when he was the 2/7 Sgt. Major. He then moved on to become the Sergeant Major, Parris Island. Now, Brookshire will return to 29 Palms to become MCAGCC Sergeant Major to replace SgtMaj Harrison Tanksley at the end of November.

We will have SgtMaj Brookshire as our guest of honor at a meeting in 2012.

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

We are planning on another Christmas luncheon like we did last year. Bring your spouse and a toy for a girl and a boy which will immediately be delivered to MCAGCC, 29 Palms just in time for Christmas. There are needy families there that are depending on toy and food donations to

make their Christmas a little brighter. If you want to donate additional toys, please do! Several of us will take the donated toys up to MCAGCC, 29 Palms the next day to insure that they are delivered for distribution to young enlisted families.

The luncheon will be on Thursday, December 15 at Desert Falls Country Club at 1130. Reservations are required - space will be limited to 48 people. Call (760) 901-5494 for reservations.

ANNUAL 2012 DUES

Dues will be sent out in December for payment by the end of January.zzz

FEBRUARY MEETING

As a change of venue, we are planning to hold the February 16th meeting at DiCarlo's Italian Café, at MCAGCC, 29 Palms. This will enable our members in that area to join us. More information forthcoming.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

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