

*"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."*

*-Henry Ford*

# Blue Diamond News



**FIRST MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION**

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**From the Headquarters**



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**77TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
REGISTRATION FORM**

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**1st Marine Division  
77**

**th Anniversary  
January 29- February 02, 2018**

**50 / 50 Raffle  
Tickets only \$10 each or 3 for \$20**

Drawing will be conducted at the FMDA Anniversary Banquet  
January 2018  
(Need not be present to win)

50% of Funds Raised from Ticket Sales

<p>NAME _____</p> <p>ADDRESS _____</p> <p>PHONE _____</p> <p>50% of Funds Raised from tkt sales      \$10 ea. Drawing Jan. 2018 at Anniv. Banquet      3 for \$20</p>	<p>50% Of Funds Raised from tkt Sales</p> <p><b>DRAWING TO TAKE PLACE AT Anniv. BANQUET Jan.2018</b></p> <p>( Need not to be present to win)</p> <p>Mail stub and check to: 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division Association, Inc. P.O. Box 9000, Box #902 Oceanside, CA 92051</p>
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Please click the link below to print the 50/50 Raffle Ticket

[50/50 Raffle Form](#)

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**SOS CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH**  
November 10, 2017









The Marine Corps Birthday tradition....the "SOS Champagne Brunch," is now a tradition after it's successful second year at Oceanside, Camp Pendleton! Hosted by my Old Battalion Commander from 3/5, Colonel Len Hayes USMC (Ret) call sign, "Hurricane!" He and his beautiful bride, once again, put on an SOS brunch that was reminiscent of the "Old Corps Days," with a silent auction, conducted by yours truly, that would raise funds, for the 1st Marine Division Association, to take care of our own. I failed miserably with the auction as proceeds were limited! The theme was traditional, General Lejune's message read, the CMC message read, a toast to our beloved Corps, and the brothers that have passed and the cake cutting ceremony, with the oldest and youngest Marine present, along with our Guest of Honor. A great two hours of camaraderie as in all Military Marine Corps Balls with the exception, come as you are, no cumbersome uniforms or long speeches! SOS (Shit on the Shingle) was served, a Marine Corps meal that takes you back to boot camp 242 years ago and present today! Sea stories were told, embellished over the years, from WW2 Veterans, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan! For the public, the difference between a "sea story" and a "nursery rhyme," one starts with, "Once upon a time on this beautiful day...." and the other, "your not gonna believe this fking bullshit!" A great morning of total laughter and Barracks humor where none of it was politically correct. Old friends from years past, that I served with in peacetime and wartime and a bond that can never be broken! Our beloved SgtMajor Marty Vasquez, was present, where three weeks ago, he was involved in a head on collision, but once again, God Almighty spared his life, though now, many surgeries, so keep him in your prayers! Jerry Johs, the President of the Association was present as well as the "Saluting Marine," the youngest of our group of aging "Jarheads!" A room full of Navy Cross, Silver Star,

Bronze Stars and Purple Hearts, throughout the many wars that were so noted. I was humbled to be amongst these, "Giants of the Corps!" It was a "Hall of Heroes!" General J Paxton, the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, and who served with Colonel Len Hayes, and is a personal friend, placed a call to our SOS "Band of Brothers and Sisters" and wished all of us a "Happy Marine Corps Birthday!" Marines never forget their own, regardless of rank! Next week I will be Full Dress, as I will be the keynote speaker for the 4th Tanks Marine Cops Ball in Ontario. "Happy Birthday Marines and Oooooorah and Semper Fi. Monsoon

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### UPDATED SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE

Chairman: Len Hayes  
Mike Galyean  
Imer Hawkins  
Charlie Kershaw  
John Stevens

**Thank You!**

The 1st Marine Division Association would like to thank John Stevens for his generous \$10,000 General Fund donation.

Also thank you, James Larkin for your \$1,000 General Fund donation. If the Association receives \$2,000 for the General Fund by **December 31, 2017**, Mr. Larkin will match the \$2,000 for the General Fund.

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### MONEY MATTERS

From the Treasurer A.J. Burn:

Updates will follow as soon as possible

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## NEW MEMBERS



## Welcome to our New Members

### New Member

Jeffrey Fuller  
Joseph Martinez Jr.  
Barry Marquardt  
Jamie Williams  
Daniel Barber  
Frank Ybarra  
Doris Parry  
William Trumble

### Recruited By

Denny Weisgerber  
Steve "Doc" Lakernick  
Eugene McClendon  
Dick Partee

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## GENERAL FUND DONATIONS

**All FMDA Members please use your USAA card- the First Marine Division Association, Inc gets a small but helpful rebate.**



By making your contribution by credit card, your donation can help more quickly the FMDA fundraising and administrative costs. (Note Credit Cards can be personal or Corporate.)

Type of Credit Card

Visa Master Card American Express Discover

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it Appears on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Funds received in response to this solicitation will not be subject to federal contribution limits.

To have an immediate impact you may also contribute to FMDA while online at:

[www.1stmarinedivisionassociation.org](http://www.1stmarinedivisionassociation.org)

## TAPS

### Deceased



Albert J. "Jim" Triana  
1931-2017

Albert J. "Jim" Triana passed away Easter Sunday, April 16. Born May 7, 1931 in Nacogdoches, TX, he is survived by his loving family, Margaret Poskey Triana and their children and grandchildren: Theresa & Bruce Scates (Jackie, Jason, Kate, Owen Zimmerman & Josh, Katy, Greyson, Blake Scates), Mark & Tracy Triana (Lily & Luke), Vickie & Nestor Phillips (Gabriella & Donovan). Visitation is 10am until service time at 11am on Monday, April 24 at Waltrip Funeral Directors Chapel with burial at 2:15pm in Houston National Cemetery.

## DECEASED

NAME	DATE OF DEATH
John Moorhouse	08/13/15
Harold Mccarty	11/11/17
Martin "Marty" Wilkens	
Donald Erickson	05/4/17
Richard Parry	
William Hanusek	07/20/17
Thomas Jordan	09/01/12
Amelia "Amy" Clarke	
Albert Bettiga	
Charles Gastgaber	
Pat Cassetta	10/11/17
John "Jack" Hansell	01/29/16
Robert Tate	09/28/17
Donald Hencsik	09/28/17
John "Gus" Foote	10/06/17
Robert King	10/30/17
Frank Suszcynski	10/31/17
Gene Krivanek	10/31/17
Robert Mulcahy	06/10/17
Harold Mccarty	11/11/17
Mike Mervosh	11/01/17
Thurman Miller	11/11/17
Alfred Ortiz	09/26/17
Charles Paez	04/14/17
Charles Spring	05/16/17
Loren Abdalla	12/04/16
Carl Wenhold	11/1/17



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