

"Unity is strength where there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."

Mattie Stepanek

Blue Diamond News



FIRST MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION

FROM THE HEADQUARTERS



WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



**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

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

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Drawing Jan. 2018 at Anniv. Banquet

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Please click the link below to print the 50/50 Raffle Ticket

[50/50 Raffle Form](#)

To all Life Member's,

We need your help with a one time gift of \$50 to \$100 donation to the General Fund for the financial needs of the Association. It is tax deductible. It would be very much appreciated.

Thank you so much for all you do for the 1st Marine Division Association.

President Jerry Johs

IMPORTANT MEMBER INFORMATION

NOTE: A&D Updated Member List is alphabetical

AFFINION CHUBB (formerly HARTFORD INSURANCE)

One of our members called to confirm the Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance and she was told her policy was cancelled.

June Cromier called to verify and received an email from Jason Johns (Client Marketing Manager) below:

Good afternoon June,

Per our conversation earlier regarding the member who called in to determine why her policy was canceled.

When the AD&D program converted insurance carriers in 2015, the Hartford insurance carrier was ceasing all AD&D related business with Affinion. The CHUBB carrier which we converted to had limitations of coverage based on state and some states were not available under the CHUBB carrier. This member was in one of the states not supported and their insurance was canceled as a result. Notification were generated to anyone canceled during the conversion to alert them of their policy being terminated. If this particular member would like to speak with our office of the president, I can have a call placed to her to explain the situation and why her policy is no longer active. I would just need a contact number and the best time to be reached.

I've attached a full audit of all active records currently enrolled in the AD&D program. Please click here to see [A&D Updated Member List](#). If your member's have any questions, please contact customer service: **1-800-252-2148 M-F 8AM - 5PM CST**

Jason Johns
Client Marketing Manager

FROM THE MEMBERS/CHAPTERS

SPRING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 2018

**PLACE: HOTEL ELEGANT'E CONFERENCE CENTER (719) 576-5900
2886 S. CIRCLE DR.
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO**

**DATES: APRIL 17 2018 TRAVEL DAY
APRIL 18 2018 MEETINGS AND FOOD TASTING
APRIL 19 2018 TRAVEL DAY**

HOTEL BOOKINGS START ON JANUARY 15 2018 RESERVATION
CODE 2022196 CUTOFF DATE MARCH 27 2018

COST: \$123.00 PLUS TAX

FREE AIRPORT SHUTTLE FROM HOTEL TO COLORADO SPRINGS
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

**USMC Fox 2/7 and H 2/1 (7/65-2/66), July 15 to July 20, 2018,
Hotel Elegante in Colorado Springs, Colorado.**

**Contact Ron Gryn at (352) 638- 2872 or email at
boatmanron@.com for reunion packet.**

**Chosin Reservoir - Lest we forget! 27 November 1950, the
Chinese Army entered the Korean War with a
vengeance! Massive
forces trapped the 1st Marine Division, (Rein), in those
formidable mountains of North Korea. Or so they
thought! We escaped the trap and thousands of Chinese
soldiers went to their ancestors.**

**A prayer, please, for those over 400 Marines and Navy
Corpsmen still entombed in North Korea. May God rest their
souls, and look after their families.**

Fraternally and respectfully, Warren

Warren Wiedhahn
PFC - 5th Marines - 1950 - "Frozen Chosin"!

The Rocky Mountain Chapter of the First Marine Division Association held their December business meeting in conjunction with a social gathering at the Mount Vernon Country Club in Colorado. Many thanks to Bill and Kitty Purcell for hosting the event for us.

Officer's were elected to new terms as indicated.

President	John Decker
Vice President	William Purcell
Secretary	Tim Dunn
Treasurer	Grady Birdsong
Directors	Robert Brockish
	Daniel Gunther

Justin McDonald (pending acceptance)



On Sunday, 17 December 2017, the membership for the Dallas Chapter, First Marine Division Association, along with family and friends gathered at the Park City Club for their annual Christmas/Awards Luncheon. The highlight of the event was the presentation of the 8th annual Bob Jebavy Award. Each year the Chapter sponsors an award to recognize the superior achievement of the RS Dallas Rookie Recruiter of the Year. This year's recipient is Gunnery Sergeant Latarsha Allen, assigned to the Officer Selection Office, Recruiting Station Dallas, Texas.

The first picture depicts Linda Jebavy, daughter of the late Bob Jebavy for whom the award is named, presenting the Ka-bar Plaque to Gunnery Sergeant Latarsha Allen.



The second picture is the attending chapter members Ed Morbitzer, Bob Montgomery, Walt Schmick, Charlie Brittin, John Lovas, and Jim Fairbairn.



The last picture is GySgt Allen, Walt Schmick, and the Commanding Officer of RS Dallas - Major Ruth Kehoe.



DONATIONS FOR 2017

"The time has come the Skipper said, to speak of many things: Of Boots & Packs & Ammunition, Donations & MREs!" It is year end and we all like to make Donations so we can write them off on our 2017 Tax returns. Of course, no goods nor services are in return for generosity and good deeds to the FMDA. Please send form below to make your 2017 tax deductible donation by email or use a stamp on the Christmas Card you intended to write to June stuffed with cash or check. This complies with the IRC regulations as a record.

Name: Tele #: Amount: Type of Card: Credit Card #:

GF Tax ID54-0621157

First Marine Division Association

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THANK YOU

We Met Our Goal Of \$2000

**Thank you for all who helped meet our goal of \$2000!!
Thank you for your generous donations especially during the
holidays, it is very much appreciated. Have a Happy New Year!**

General Fund Donations

We reached our goal of \$2000 to reach to Captain James T. Larkin's
\$2000 match.

OVER ALL FUNDS RECEIVED

Capt. James T. Larkin KO	\$3,000.00
John Ryff, KO	\$1,000.00
John O'Keefe, KO VN	\$10.00
Morris Whitten, KO	\$10.00

IBM Corp.	\$33.00
Donald Kreitz, VET	\$15.00
Martha Zaragoza	\$25.00
Arthur O'Connor, KO	\$30.00
Donald C. Johnson, KO	\$50.00
Raymond Moon	\$50.00
William Mimiaga, VN	\$300.00
Affinion	\$421.90
Richard B. Mooney, VN	\$100.00
Richard G. Mitchell, VN	\$50.00
Frank Riha, WWII	\$40.00
Earl Fisher, VN	\$30.00
William Otto, VN	\$20.00
Patrick Ford, VN	\$10.00
Ralph Ast, KO	\$100.00
Joseph E. Collins	\$25.00
Jerry Magallanes, Iraq	\$5.00
George Galvan, KO VN	\$50.00
Frank Behan, Cuban Missile	\$50.00
John Lilley, KO	\$30.00
Helen Zumwalt	\$15.00
Frank Gillespie CW	\$50.00
Edward M. Wingo Jr. VN	\$100.00
David Franklin VN	\$200.00
Duane Magnan	\$50.00
Paul H. Kellogg VN	\$15.00
Thomas M. Barrett KO	\$50.00
Wallace T. Stewart KO	\$25.00

TOTAL: \$5,959.90

Thank you for your support!

MONEY MATTERS

From the Treasurer A.J. Burn:

Statement as of 31 Dec 2017

Beginning Balance as of 1 Dec 2017	\$51,254.01
Income	\$ 6,374.19
Expenses	\$10,100.80

Ending Balance 31 Dec 2017 \$47,527.40

NEW MEMBERS



Welcome to our New Members

Erik Mish
Phillip Schwarz

LCPL Victor G. Mish

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: \$ _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

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

TAPS

DECEASED

Oscar G. Noriega DOD 12/15/2017
James N. Mccarley DOD 10/22/2017
Morton J. Propper DOD 08/01/2017
William L. Goodman DOD 11/15/2017
Gunner G. Anderson DOD 05/05/2012
Charles K. Valentine DOD 07/23/2017
Kenneth F. Pawson DOD 12/16/2017
Edward G. Reyes DOD 11/11/2016
John B. Devlin
John Hopkins

"Gone But Never Forgotten"

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