

Never worry about the past, it brings tears. Don't think too much about the future, it brings fears. Live in the present moment with a smile it brings cheers !!

- RVM

# Blue Diamond News



**FIRST MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION**

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**FROM THE HEADQUARTERS**



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## **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**

**Membership meeting added to list below:**

**Awards-0800-0830  
Insurance-0800-0830  
Chapter Directors-0830-0900  
Reunion Destination/Site-0900-0930  
Fundraising-0930-1030  
By-Laws-1030-1130  
Scholarship Selection-1130-1230  
Scholarship Fund Inc.-1130-1230  
Lunch-1230-1330  
EX-COM-1330-1430  
Board of Directors-1500-1700  
Membership-1700-1715  
Food Sampling 1830-**

**The cost of the Food Sampling is \$40.00 per member.**

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**2018 COLORADO SPRINGS REUNION  
August 5 -12 2018  
Hotel Elegante' (719) 576-5900**

**The Hotel Elegante' is now accepting reservations for our  
August reunion.**

**To get the Reunion rate of \$123.00 plus taxes please use our  
code: 1613342. You must book directly with the hotel to get  
the rate.**

**Book early so you don't miss out!**

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## From the President

### Old Breed News Magazine

President Johs will be reporting his updates to the members who attend the April 18, 2018 business meetings. After they have heard and agree with his proposal, he will then update those of you who receive the BDN and also the new digital copy of the OBN.

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### TO ALL MEMBERS AND THOSE WHO SUPPORT FMDA

Your continuing support to the Association is greatly appreciated.  
A deposit was made today of \$5,619.29!

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### **MILITARY SERVICE RECORDS, AWARDS, AND UNIT HISTORIES**

(See the attached pdf file, or go to the URL at bottom here)

A New Congressional Research Service Publication on U.S. Military Service Records, Awards, and Unit Histories

The Congressional Research Service has just published a short reference document that might be of interest to many:

**Military Service Records, Awards, and Unit Histories: A Guide to Locating Sources**  
by Mese F. DeBruyne and Barbara Salazar Torreon.

The guide provides information on locating military unit histories and individual service records of discharged, retired, and deceased military personnel. It also provides information on locating and replacing military awards and medals. Included is contact information for military history centers, websites for additional sources of research, and a bibliography of other publications, including related CRS reports.

[https://fas.org/sqp/crs/secrec\\_y/RS21282.pdf](https://fas.org/sqp/crs/secrec_y/RS21282.pdf)

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**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. You can write off your donation on your taxes. It would be very much appreciated.**

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

**President Jerry Johs**

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## Lesser-known Battles and Units of the Korean War

Korean War historical seminar hosted by Outpost International, Society of the 3d Infantry Division; the Army Historical Foundation, and the ROK Defense Attaché's Office in Washington, DC



Hilton Springfield, 6550 Loisdale Road, Springfield, Virginia  
and the Memorial Amphitheater, Arlington National Cemetery  
18-21 April 2018

### Event Schedule

18 April – registration 1500 -1900

19-20 April – Seminars 0830 -1730

21 April – Ceremony Arlington National Cemetery  
and Tomb of the Unknowns - 1000 - 1400

Banquet 1800-2100

### Presentation Topics Include:

The Air War over Korea

Special Operations in the Korean War

The Story Behind the Names of US Army Installations in Korea

The POW Experience in Korea

Civil Affairs in the Korean War

Tribute to LTG Rowny, former Xth Corps Engineer and G4

### Participating Veterans include:

General Volney F. Warner – L/3/21<sup>st</sup> Infantry, 24<sup>th</sup> ID

SFC Ron Rosser – Medal of Honor recipient with the 38<sup>th</sup> INF, 2ID

CHAP (BG) Parker Thompson – last living Korean War Army Chaplain

Registration fee - \$30 (free for KW veterans) Banquet \$40

Hotel Info: Room rate \$119 per night incl. breakfast

Event name: Korean War Historical Seminar

Reservations PH # 703 971 8900/Cut-off: 28 March 2018

Points of Contact: C. Monika Stoy and Timothy R. Stoy

Email: [timmoni15@yahoo.com](mailto:timmoni15@yahoo.com), Phone: 703 912 4218

**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.**

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**1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 3<sup>rd</sup> Marines 1/3 Reunion,**  
ALL ERAs in Colorado Springs, Colorado, September 11-16, 2018

Contact: Don Bumgarner, [dbumc13usmc@verizon.net](mailto:dbumc13usmc@verizon.net), (562) 897-2437

## **MONEY MATTERS**

**From the Treasurer A.J. Burn:**

### **Statement as of 31 Jan 2018**

Beginning Balance as of 1 Jan 2018	\$47,527.40
Income	\$21,635.78
Expenses	\$12,934.21

**Ending Balance 31 Jan 2018    \$56,228.97**

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Blue Diamond update ...

The 2017 Federal 990 and California 199 tax returns for the Scholarship Fund are on the FMDASF.org website under Financial Reports in case anyone is interested ... the SF is totally transparent.

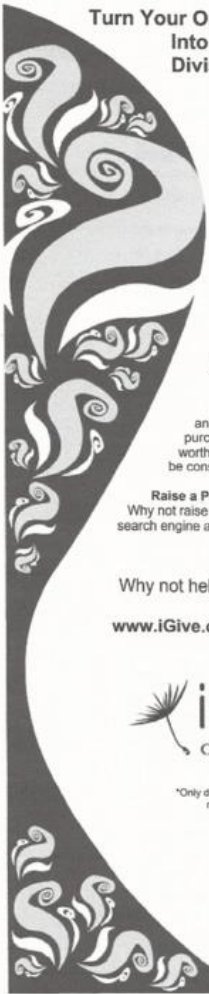
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**iGIVE**

I help 1st Marine Division Association with free donations whenever I shop online with iGive.com. Right now, iGive is giving out bonus donations! New members who join by 3/11 can get an extra \$5 donation for 1st Marine Division Association. The stores make this possible because they want you to like them and shop at them over and over again. There's 1894 socially-responsible stores helping to make donations happen.

**I hope you'll give it a try. To learn more or sign up now, use this link: <http://www.igive.com/zdoHj50>**  
**- John Stevens**





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Wednesday February 21, 2018 11:48 am

In 2017, President Trump [signed the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act](#) designating [March 29 of each year as National Vietnam War Veterans Day](#). Our nation's Vietnam War Commemoration is an opportunity for all Americans to recognize, honor, and thank our Vietnam Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice during one of the longest wars in our country's history.

As a commemorative partner, VA joins nearly 10,000 organizations across the nation supporting the Department of Defense in this mission to honor and thank our Vietnam Veterans. I encourage all VA leaders to either host ceremonies or participate in community events during the period March 25 - 29, 2018, to express our tremendous gratitude to this generation of warriors and their families.

The commemoration recognizes all men and women who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces during the United States' involvement in Vietnam-November 1, 1955 - May 7, 1975. Nine million Americans, approximately 7.2 million living today, served during that period. The commemoration makes no distinction between Veterans who served in-country, in-theater, or were stationed elsewhere during those 20 years. All answered the call to duty.

Please visit [www.vietnamwar50th.com](http://www.vietnamwar50th.com) to learn how your organization or facility can become a commemorative partner and participate in this commemoration. VA currently sustains more than 400 commemorative partnerships, and I am so proud of their contributions to honor and thank our Vietnam Veterans

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**NEW MEMBERS**



## Welcome to our New Members

NAME	RECRUITED BY:
Robert A. Beeler	Vince Rios
Sandra Santos	Manuel F. Santos
Fred R. Schneider	

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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.**

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

## CHAPTER/MEMBER INFORMATION

The Commanding Officers of the School of Infantry and Advanced Infantry Training Battalion would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to:

1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division Association  
Southern California Chapter  
Gunner G. H. Bolton USMC (Ret)

Marine Corps League  
South Coast Detachment of San Clemente, CA

Engraver's Gallery of Oceanside, CA

2-18 Award Recipients

Class Honor Graduate

Sergeant David M. Nouchi  
SOI-W, ITB, H & I Co.

Gung Ho Award

Corporal Ian A. May  
1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Marines, Alpha Co.

Instructors Choice Recipient

Corporal Brett R. Gnibus  
3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Marines, Lima Co.

Advanced Infantry Training Battalion Staff

Battalion Commander  
Lt Col David W. Handy  
Battalion Sergeant Major  
SgtMaj Travis L. Debarr

Infantry Unit Leaders Training Company Staff

Company Commander  
Major Michael A. Jevons

Company First Sergeant  
1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. David R. McDonald

Executive Officer  
Captain Joshua Marano

# TAPS

## DECEASED

NAME:	DOD:
William L. Wilson	
Joseph Mastice	
Allen S. Johnson	

### GUNG HO AWARD RECIPIENT PRESENTED IN HONOR OF



BURGER, DALE ALLEN, JR. (KIA)

*Quotation*

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the Silver Star Medal (Posthumously) to Dale Allen Burger, Jr., Corporal, U.S. Marine Corps, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving as Squad Leader, Company I, Third Battalion, First Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 1, First Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II from 9 to 14 November 2004. During an intense firefight, Corporal Burger's squad leader was knocked unconscious and suffered a concussion from a rocket-propelled grenade. Realizing the platoon's attack was losing momentum, Corporal Burger immediately assumed the squad leader's responsibilities and quickly directed his fire teams to establish positions in nearby buildings. Displaying heroic leadership and tactical proficiency, he personally led a team to a rooftop and neutralized several enemy sniper positions with accurate fire, enabling the Platoon to regain critical momentum. Despite withering enemy fire and with total disregard for his personal safety, Corporal Burger employed his M-203 grenade launcher and two AT-4 rockets, eliminating enemy insurgents operating in adjacent buildings. Leading the squad in an assault against a large group of insurgents occupying a building, he was seriously wounded and evacuated. Disregarding his wounds, he volunteered to return to the Platoon three days later. During an ensuing firefight, Corporal Burger encountered three severely wounded Marines inside a house where numerous insurgents were barricaded behind fortified positions. Again disregarding his own safety, and under heavy enemy fire, he charged into the house to recover his fellow Marines. While valiantly returning fire and calling for the wounded Marines, he received enemy fire and fell mortally wounded. By his bold leadership, wise judgment, and complete dedication to duty, Corporal Burger reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service. Home Town: Port Deposit, Maryland

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**"Gone But Never Forgotten"**

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**President Jerry Johs**

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