

**Never regret anything in life  
because what you've done in life  
has made you the person you are today**  
~anonymous~

# Blue Diamond News



**FIRST MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION**

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**FROM THE HEADQUARTERS**



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**United States Marine Corps Battle Color Ceremony**

Click Links below to read about Ceremony

Pictures were taken during the Ceremony

[Battle of Ceremony Cover](#)

[Battle of Ceremony Flyer](#)

Once you have clicked on the link above, rotate to read the flyer.



Band Playing at Ceremony



Band waiting to play at Ceremony



Silent Drill Team performing at Ceremony



June helping out at Ceremony

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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 \$41.00 per member.**

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**\*You must be current with your annual dues with the Association  
to get the special Reunion room rate or you will be charged the  
current hotel non discounted room rate.**

**If you are unsure of you status please contact June at  
headquarters.**

**Thank you**

**Doc Lakernick Reunion Chair**

**2018 COLORADO SPRINGS REUNION**

**August 5 -12 2018**

**Hotel Elegante' (719) 576-5900**

**The Hotel Elegant'e 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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**Ladies Luncheon, Entertainment & BINGO!!  
Colorado Springs, CO Reunion**

**When: August 11, 2018 at 11am      Price: \$40 per person**

**Menu items:**

**\*Option #1: Chicken Cordon Bleu - breaded chicken breast stuffed with tender ham  
& swiss, herbed mornay cream sauce, served with rice pilaf & baby snip top carrots  
with thyme & honey**

**\*Option #2: Incline Pasta - roasted red peppers & broccoli on a bed of pasta, basil  
pesto, fresh parmesan**

**\*Item Included: Caesar Salad, Assorted rolls - Dessert - White Chocolate &  
Raspberry Cheesecake with whipped cream. Drinks - freshly brewed coffee (also  
decaf), hot herbal tea & iced tea**

**The live entertainment by K.J will be singing for us during lunch.**

**After Lunch we will be playing 9 games of bingo. Three up paper cards will be for  
sale before lunch. The price per pack will be \$12 or buy 3 packs for \$30 which will  
include a free dauber. I will also have daubers for sale. There will be prizes for all  
winning bingo's and the last game will be a blackout game with a grand prize.**

**~Cheryl Johs~**

**Wife of President Jerry Johs**

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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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**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>

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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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**JOB POSTINGS**

[http://jobfindah.info/email\\_web\\_page\\_view.php?id=MTQ0MQ==](http://jobfindah.info/email_web_page_view.php?id=MTQ0MQ==)

<http://www.veteransjobexchange.com/job-center/first-marine-div-assn-natl-hq-oceanside-ca-5796>

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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](mailto:boatmanron@.com) for reunion packet.**



**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 1 Feb 2018**

Beginning Balance as of 1 Jan 2018	\$56,228.97
Income	\$17,590.64
Expenses	\$19331.90
<b>Ending Balance 28 Feb 2018</b>	<b>\$54,487.71</b>

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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](http://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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**NEW MEMBERS**



## Welcome to our New Members

NAME	RECRUITED BY:
Edward Lopez	
James Chandler	(Reinstated)

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### GENERAL FUND DONATIONS

**All FMDA Members please use your USAA Credit Card- the First Marine Division Association, Inc gets a small but helpful rebate. Click Link below to find out how to apply for a USAA Credit Card today:**

[Information on how to sign up for USAA CC](#)

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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)

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## CHAPTER/MEMBER INFORMATION

### Liberty Bell Chapter

**We are pleased to announce our spring/summer bus trip to Washington DC And Quantico MCB And Museum **June 22-23 2018** cost is &145.00pp double occupancy this includes bus, lodging and meals. If interested please call 215-850-8313 we are limited to one bus only and are accepting reservations now. We will be seeing the Marine Corps Evening Parade at 8th and I St. as well as the U S Navy Museum at the Washington Navy Yard.**

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Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day Remembrances this month will pay tribute to those who fought in the war that everyone, decades ago, wanted to forget. Ceremonies and proclamations are planned across Florida on March 29-30 in honor of Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day, which commemorates when the last U.S. troops left the southeastern Asian country 41 years ago. Vietnam-era service men and women now make up the largest percentage of combat veterans living in Florida. One out of every three Florida veterans today served in the Vietnam War, according to state officials, numbering more than 500,000 men and women. World War II veterans once were, by far, the largest group. Yet while the anniversaries of the "Greatest Generation" still are remembered - D-Day Invasion, Pearl Harbor Day, Battle of the Bulge - most people are unaware there's a day set aside to honor service in Vietnam, said Steve Murray, spokesman with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs in Tallahassee. "It's an opportunity to thank our veterans who were not thanked for their service when they initially came home. It's time to recognize them now," Murray said. Some states claim March 29 as Welcome Home day, others including Florida claim March 30. The discrepancy is due to the fact that Vietnam is on the other side of the international date line, leaving the withdrawal date open to interpretation. Part of a federal effort that began in 2008, the Welcome Home day also seeks to educate Americans about one of the nation's most emotionally charged wars. Among the 9.5 million who served between 1955 and 1975, 58,253 were killed and 153,363 were nonfatally wounded, according to the Department of Defense. The average age of the estimated 7 million of those still living will be 70 this summer.

Written by: Mike Galyean  
Central Florida Chapter FMDA

## TAPS

### DECEASED

NAME:	DOD:



## **"Gone But Never Forgotten"**

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