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FIRST MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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Order of the Day
Subject: Marine Corps Birthday
Observance On 10 November 2016. In keeping with tradition members
are directed to observe thereof.
PRESIDENT VINCE RIOS

by Direction/For
Commandant of the Marine Corps

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARINES!

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

"Observe Veterans Day, you owe it to those who earned it, especially to those who
paid the ultimate price earning it."

Korea War Memorial, Presidio of San Francisco
FROM THE CHAPTERS

Subject: Clarification

Vince,

Jim Fairbairn called me a couple of nights ago and we had a very long conversation. Jim was very unhappy with my decision to "step away" from the FMDA. I can totally understand that, and hopefully I was able to clarify my position with him. And now I realize I have to do that with you, as well.
Vince, over the past few years, the constant and increasing bickering and disrespect demonstrated by good Marines on both sides of the FMDA vs. SF, Inc. situation has worn me down, to the point that it has been negatively impacting my life every day. At age 71, I just can't allow that kind of conflict to be a part of my life.

As I have shared with you on many occasions, I just do not understand how this can happen, because we are all United States Marines, and we all know better. If we have a good cause, and a good plan, and a good team of committed volunteers, there is nothing we can't do. That has been demonstrated over and over again with the 1/5 Vietnam Veterans and other good chapters like the Alamo Marines in San Antonio, but for some reason when we gather nationally all of that flies out the door and the situation deteriorates dramatically.

I have a really hard time saying anything negative to or about any Marine. I try to keep my opinions about individuals to myself, and I try very hard to not say anything negative about any Marine. But, when you have asked me to get more and more involved, and I have put myself into these situations, and I see this very vicious, hateful dialogue amongst my brother Marines, and I lose it. I'm done with that. I will no longer put myself into those positions for anyone or anything. I just can't do it.

As I stated to you in my resignation letter, if the FMDA can somehow start to work together to plan a reunion next year and mend the fences between the FMDA and their (former) Scholarship Program, I will advocate to our membership that we should consider supporting those efforts and supporting the FMDA reunion. However, I have to be honest and tell you that most of our membership, especially those who witnessed all of this in Houston this past August, are pretty disgusted with all of this, and they might want to go elsewhere.

I feel I must emphatically restate where I think the FMDA is right now. It is badly broken. The SF, Inc., no longer has a supporting membership, and the FMDA no longer has a scholarship program, which has always been the "glue" that holds the membership together, and what inspires them to support this association. Since all that happened in Houston, the only link between the two sides is you, the FMDA President. I strongly urge you to get together, one-on-one, with Carl Wenhold, the Chairman of the SF, Inc. to see if there is a way back. I've also recommended that you try to find someone in the Camp Pendleton area who would be willing to come on board as a "Pro Bono" Executive Director, with his / her eyes wide open, to start developing a recovery plan. Other than those suggestions, I'm completely out of ideas.

As for me, I will no longer put myself in these very stressful and counter-productive situations. Despite what we (the 1/5 Vietnam Veterans) have managed to do over the years as a positive support group for the FMDA and the Scholarship, NO ONE ELSE SEEMS TO CARE.

I've copied Jim Fairbairn and our president, Jim Dougherty, on this message so they will be aware.
On a personal note, Vince, you have always been an inspiration to me, and I do wish you the best of luck during the remainder of your presidency.

Semper Fidelis!
Nick Warr

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Subject: Re: Clarification

Howdy Nick,

I can't begrudge your decision to opt out. There are moments when I wish I could but I wont. As long as I am President I will serve the best interest of our FMDA, Inc membership, no matter how bizarre my ways may seem. They are my ways.

Our 1/5 Marines Chapter and other chapters have the advantage of collective mindset for slicing and slicing members in or out, not to mention the commonality of their DNA, whatever it may be. You mentioned the SF crowd, there is a commonality there that none but the brave will whisper, but it is strong, for example. The National FMDA Inc. doesn't have the benefit. It takes all technically eligible.

To give you a peek into my soul: our membership has been decayed by good members doing bad things and even bad members doing bad things but I'll battle for the good even if it takes me down. I'll never give in, never, never, never! The members you would like all to be would expect nothing less and I wont disappoint them.

I see my role as someone "draining the swamp" and at times I have stood alone but there is always the "happy warrior" like Jim Fairbairn who comes along with brain, brawn, and huevos who aint afraid of nothing and no-one and will fight tooth and toenail for what is "right".

I have always attempted in all cases to discuss conflicting views but it doesn't always work as you witnessed, no doubt in Houston. If anyone feels I didn't try they should tell me why they feel that way but they need to talk AND listen - a little shouting is ok by me but it works both ways.

The swamp is draining itself by choice. The mechanism is at work. Soon those members who embrace my image of what the FMDA, Inc should look like will come
out in the open and be openly active. Most are supportive incognitos who have been my pillars of strength all along- thank you one and all.

See you after the battle is won?
Semper Fi,
President Vince, El Jefe

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I. Call to Order by Jim Robinson 1830.

II. Pledge of Allegiance: Jim Robinson

III. Introduction of Guests/New Members: Maneta Edick guest of Sheila Shutts, Neal and Kathi Shumaker guests of Greg and Lisa Sullivan/22 members

IV. Birthday and Anniversaries: Birthdays: Jim Robinson, Bill Gomez. Anniversaries: None.

V. Officers Reports:
1st Vice: Mike Galle. Nothing to report
2nd Vice: Lisa Sullivan, Toys for Tots starts 1 Nov. Turkey dinner with all the fixins. We ask that everyone bring a dessert. Carla Lambert, Dana and Mike Galle and Paul and Patsy Walsh will donate a turkey for Nov dinner.
Secretary: Lisa Sullivan made a motion to accept the Sep Minutes as sent out.
Gale Allen 2nd it. None opposed, motion passed. 

**Treasurer:** Paul Walsh reported organization funds, and parade funds. 

**Motion**

To accept Treasurer's report as read made by Mike Galle and second by Casey Case. Motion passed. Need volunteers for the 5th. Meet at 7am Firehouse Coffee. 


**Chapter Rep:** Pat Moyer, November 9th Veteran Ceremony at Mohave High School. Nov 12th the moving wall will be here. Shrine having a Thanksgiving dinner the day before Thanksgiving. Jerry Ambrose Veterans Council is collecting Blankets, if you have any to donate give the Pat Moyer. 

**Legal Rep:** Dan Russell absent. 

**Web Master:** Greg Karski not present. 

**President:** All are invited to the Marine Corps Birthday Ball in Kingman. Contact Jim Robinson if interested. It's on Nov 12th at Elks Club in Kingman. 5:30 Cocktails. $25.00 person. Thank you to Mike and Dana Galle for donating the dinner tonight. Very good. 

VI. **Old Business:** None 

VII. **New Business:** Fern Miller won 50/50 - $50.00 

Many door prizes won. 

VIII. **Adjournment:** Adjourned at 2020. 

IX. **Closing Prayer:** Steve Minn 

Next meeting is on the 17th of November 2016. 

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Subject: RE: Dallas Chapter Christmas Luncheon 

Bob Montgomery, 

Looking at the calendar, I think Sunday 04 Dec / 11 Dec would be the best dates for the Chapter luncheon/awards ceremony @ your Park City Club. 

Can you check with them to see if those dates are available where we could reserve the room for our luncheon/awards ceremony. 

Also, could have them quote us a price for the brunch buffet & then I can get the announcement out to the rest of the chapter.
Thanks,

Walt Schmick,
Chapter President

MONEY MATTERS

General Fund Report For the Week of 6 November 2016

GENERAL FUND

Bank of America Checking
Beginning Balance: 11/2/16 $78,195.58
Ending Balance: 11/9/16 $82,268.59

From: Vincent Rios
To: John Stevens
Subject: Re: Note

Sorry John,

I had trouble reading it myself. It reads:

Howdy John,

I'm asking family and friends to help me recruit a member or a "Friend of the Association" or send a kind donation to the FMDA General Fund in the enclosed envelope - cash if fine. Please help out.

Thanks,
SemperFi
Vince
76th Anniversary Commemoration, Camp Pendleton

Monday, 30 January - Friday, 3 February 2017

Please click for Registration Form

TAPS
John A. Blanchard
June 20, 1919 - Oct. 24, 2016

Dr. John A. Blanchard, of Lake Oswego, went to be with his Lord, Oct. 24, 2016 at the age of 97. He is singing with the angels.

John was born in Fairview, Mont. to John and Barbara Blanchard, the 12th of 14 children. His father built churches and hospitals in the area, while his mother and the kids tended gardens, canned, fished and worked hard to provide for all.

In 1934 he met his wife Ilene Hanto, who went to a rival high school in Sidney, Mont. and started dating her in 1937. After graduating from Montana State University in 1941, he worked as a State Health Officer, traveled with FDR’s National Youth Administration putting up utility poles and then in the State Health Lab as a serologist. He and Mom were married on July 16, 1942 in Sidney, Mont. at Country Church. They honeymooned in Yellowstone and John joined the Navy the next month. He attended midshipman’s school at Columbia University in N.Y., and graduated as an ensign. He was sent to Amphibious Warfare School in Norfolk, Va. and was one of 12 officers sent to the South Pacific.

John was always very proud of his service to our country during World War II, but spoke very little of his experiences. We know he participated in landings of the 2nd and 3rd Marine Divisions and the 57th and 41st Infantry. His most harrowing project was the evacuation of a Marine battalion behind enemy lines and under enemy fire using amphibious vehicles.

In late 1945, John returned from the South Pacific and ran recruiting stations in Santa Fe and El Paso, honorably discharged as a Lieutenant in the Navy.

Reunited with Ilene, John entered medical school at Oregon Health and Sciences University, graduating in 1956. Ilene supported the family while John went to medical school working as a nurse anesthetist in Portland. John did both his internship and residency at Providence Medical Center in Portland. In 1954, he joined the medical practice of Otis Richards and Bill Hollembeck as a doctor of internal medicine. The practice would later add his colleagues Tom Dunham and Don Edwards. They would practice their entire careers in the old Providence Medical Building. For over 40 years, Dr. Blanchard served his patients with dedication and expertise. He was a perfectionist by nature, diagnosing and healing others was his skill. Patients say he was kind and gentle and thorough. He ran the residency program at Providence Portland for many years, passing on his giftedness to others. He served as President of the Medical Staff at Providence Medical Center.

After retiring from his medical practice, he worked with patients at Volunteers of America and kept his curiosity of advances in medicine current by attending grand rounds.

John and Ilene, married for over 67 years, traveled extensively through Europe, Russia, Asia, the South Pacific, Australia, New Zealand, South America and the Holy Lands Region. John was involved in music his entire life, gifted with perfect pitch and a rich tenor voice. He created rich memories singing around the piano and organ in our home on Mt. Tabor. His faith was an important part of his life, as well, serving as elder at Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church for decades, and leading his family to church every Sunday as well as to weekday programs. At his death, he was a member of Lake Grove Presbyterian church and participated weekly in Vespers at The Stafford.

John is survived by daughters, Barbara Evans (Kendall Evans) of Oregon City, Suzanne Krahmer (Donald L. Krahmer Jr.) of Tigard, and Cynthia Blanchard of Lake Oswego; sister-in-law, Jan Mackey of West Linn; and brother-in-law, Don Hanto (Anne) of Tampa, Fla.; many nieces and nephews; nine grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren. Ilene and 13 brothers and sisters preceded John in death. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday Nov. 12, 2016 at Lake Grove Presbyterian Church. A private interment with military honors will take place on Veteran’s Day, Nov. 11 at the Willamette National Cemetery.

Remembrances may be made to Providence Medical Foundation. Arrangements by Peake Funeral Chapel. www.peakefh.com

Please sign the online guest book at www.oregonlive.com/obits
Col. J. Terry Williams USMC (ret)
March 20, 1941 – October 17, 2016

Terry Williams passed away on October 17, 2016.

Williams was an engineer officer in the United States Marine Corps and served in Vietnam as part of the 7th Engineer Support Battalion. Following the Vietnam War, he was the I & I (Inspector-Instructor) of the Salem Oregon. reserve unit, after which he left active duty and became a banker. He stayed in the Marine Reserve however and was the Battalion Commander of the 6th Engineer Support Battalion in the mid 80’s. Following that tour, he remained in the Marine Corps Reserve, was mobilized during the first Gulf War, Operation Desert Shield, and served on the east coast for a period of time with then Lt. Col Gary Kniss.

He was a fine Marine Officer and friend to all who knew him.

Terry was instrumental in reviving the H.J. Faltyn Detachment of the Marine Corps League in 2004 and served as its first Detachment Commandant at that time. He also served as Marine Corps League Department of Oregon Commandant for several years, and was a member of the Military Order of Devil Dogs of the Marine Corps League. A valued member of his community, he participated in numerous events including the planning of Oregon’s All Military Gala in 2007 and following.

Terry will be sorely missed. He was a great Marine.

A celebration of life with military honors will be held at 2 pm Sat. Nov 12th at Trinity Covenant Church, 5020 Liberty Rd S. Assisting: Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service and Oakleaf Crematory, 605 Commercial St SE Salem, OR 97301 (503) 364-2257
David Rider Hartung
April 10, 1934 - Nov. 01, 2016

David Rider Hartung, beloved husband, father, brother and friend, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on Nov. 1, 2016, the feast of All Saints. A Portland native, he was born on April 10, 1934, the son of Al and Helen Hartung. He attended Central Catholic High School and was on the 1953 State Champion Football team when he graduated that year. Though he received a scholarship to Oregon State University, he chose to join the Marines.

After completing his service in 1957, he enrolled at the University of Portland, during which time he worked various part time jobs.

On Aug. 9, 1958, he married Mary Jo Buehrle, also of Portland. At the time, Dave was working at Van Veen’s Nursery. Shortly after Dave’s graduation in 1961, he began his career as an elementary teacher with the Gresham School District. In 1968, with their growing family of four children, Dave and Mary Jo moved to a larger home and property in Boring, Oregon. There he became an active volunteer with the Boring Fire Department. During his 30 years as a fireman, Dave served three years as Assistant Chief and was fondly referred to as “Deputy Dave.” He also earned the title, “Last Ember Dave,” because he wanted to be certain that every last spark of a fire was extinguished.

Dave loved to work with the soil, so he spent his leisure time developing a small nursery and vegetable garden on his property. Summer brought an abundance of tomatoes, sweet corn and other vegetables, which he generously shared with family, friends and neighbors. Generosity was his signature quality; he was always willing to help when anyone needed him.

After retiring from teaching in 1992, Dave and Mary Jo enjoyed spending time with their grandchildren, as well as wintering in Lake Havasu, Ariz., and taking cruises to Europe, Hawaii, and the South Pacific.

Dave is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mary Jo; their children, Carol Anne (Dave Selden), Steven (Cindy), Jeffery, Thomas (Stacy); grandchildren, Jon, Alex, Ryan, Lauryn, Jared and Lance; sisters, Elaine Leslie, Mary Claire O’Connor and Susanne Hartung, SP, and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday Nov. 12, 2016 at St. Therese Church, 1260 NE 132 Ave., Portland. A reception will be held from Noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Summerplace Club House, 2020 NE 150 Ave. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any donations be sent to St. Vincent Society at St. Therese Parish or to Providence Hospice Foundation in memory of Dave.

Please sign the online guest book at www.oregonlive.com/obits
Martin F Provost  

Martin Francis Provost, also know as” Buzz” or “Marty” age 80, died peacefully in his sleep on Monday, Oct. 24, 2016 in Salem Oregon. Martin was born in Klamath Falls, on Oct. 16, 1936. He attended his first 2 years of high school at St. Anthony’s Seminary in Santa Barbara, and completed his last year at Mt. Angel Preparatory School; now know as Mt Angel Seminary. 
He played multiple sports achieving all-star honors. He went into the Marines after High School for 3 years. Martin had a love for basketball and coached for the St. Joseph Church League for many years. He had a great passion for the outdoors and spent time hunting, fishing, golfing and hiking with his wife and family. Martin worked for Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company for 46 years and appreciated all his clients. Martin was a kind-hearted man with a positive attitude and will be missed deeply by all.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jim Provost, and survived by his former wife Mary, and their six children; Mark Provost (Shawn Provost), Jeanne Provost (Brian Hough), Michele Brasfield, Joe Provost (Linda Provost), Peter Provost, Thomas Provost (Emilee Provost), and by his current wife, Sally Provost and her three children, Robert Cary, Paul Cary, and Michelle Cary (Stan John). He had nine grand-kids that will miss him deeply; Natalie Bak (Ryan Bak), Sally Stanley (Rhett Stanley), Christina Hatch, Augustus and Emma Brasfield, Cloe and Henry Provost, Philip and James Provost and 2 great-grand-kids Sawyer and Scarlet Bak.

A Rosary will be held at 7:30 pm Nov 2, 2016 at City View Funeral Home, 390 Hoyt Street S, Salem, OR 97302.
The Funeral Mass is at 10:30 am Wednesday, Nov 2, 2016 at St. Edward Catholic Church, 5303 River Rd N, Keizer, OR 97303. Donations can be made to the Edward F. Tokarski Home 1020 Elm St. NW Salem, OR 97304.

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