

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

-Henry Ford

Blue Diamond News



FIRST MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION

From the Headquarters



**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>DRAWING TO TAKE PLACE AT Anniv. BANQUET Jan.2018</p> <p>(Need not to be present to win)</p> <p>Mail stub and check to: 1st 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](#)

IMPORTANT MEMBER INFORMATION

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speak with our office of the president, I can have a call placed to her to explain the situation and why her policy is no longer active.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 [List of AD&D Member's](#). If your member's have any questions, please contact customer service: **1-800-252-2148 M-F 8AM - 5PM CST**

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THANK YOU

General Fund Donations

Please send your General Fund donations to the Association by **December 31, 2017**

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.

Update Of Funds

G.Galvan	\$50.00
IBM Corp	\$11.00
John Ryff	\$1000.00
Frank Behan	\$50.00
John Lilley	\$30.00
Helen Zumwalt	\$15.00
Total:	\$1,156.00

\$844.00 still needed to meet our goal of \$2000

Thank you for your support!

Must Read Article's





Operation Reveille

Operation Reveille events aim to provide Veterans with the housing and wraparound services they need to successfully exit homelessness-in just one day.

Operation Reveille events bring together government agencies, faith-based organizations, housing providers, nonprofit agencies, and local businesses to connect homeless Veterans with permanent supportive housing; intensive case management; benefits eligibility screening; and employment, legal assistance, and mental health services. Since 2014, annual Operation Reveille events held in Tampa, Florida, have placed more than 100 Veterans in permanent supportive housing over the initiative's three years.

Stand Downs

Stand Downs are typically one- to three-day events providing supplies and services to homeless Veterans, such as food, shelter, clothing, health screenings and VA Social Security benefits counseling. Veterans can also receive referrals to other assistance such as health care, housing solutions, employment, substance use treatment and mental health counseling. They are collaborative events, coordinated between local VA Medical Centers, other government agencies and community-based homeless service providers. If you would like to participate in an event and help our Fellow Veteran's, here is an upcoming event listed below.

Upcoming Event:

**January 25, 2018
Vista, CA**

Contact:

**Robert West
(858) 320-6098,
Robert.West3@va.gov**

Alternative contact:

**Jerry Mailhot
(858) 642-3639
Jerry.Mailhot@va.gov**

"It's about how we treat our veterans every single day of the year. It's about making sure they have the care they need and the benefits that they've earned when they come home. It's about serving all of you as well as you've served the United States of America."

-- Barack Obama

IMPORTANT NEWS \ FROM THE GENERAL

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It is time to move on. After sixteen years at the helm of the Marines' Memorial, I am retiring. As I reflect on the past, I can only say that it has been a "labor of love!" The wisest thing I did was to choose Michael Allen as the General Manager in the first month of my tenure. I was to learn that he is the most honest person I have ever met, and he served the Association with distinction, managing the capital programs through two major renovations.

The thing I am most proud of is the way the wonderful team of employees came together during the Great Recession, starting in 2007 and lasting through 2011. We didn't have to lay any employees off because the salaried managers took a 10% pay cut, all accepted a reduction in health care benefits, no one received a 401k match, and they willingly took a reduction in "paid time off" (i.e.,



vacation). It is like a family here and the employees banded together when it was necessary. Now that we have come out of the recession, we restored all benefits, and we are doing just fine.

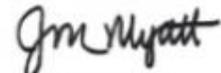
I feel that we have done some spectacular things for the Currently Serving and the Veterans of all eras. Our Gold Star Parents program is a finely tuned series of events that the Association will replicate for the thirteenth year in February. We were the first Veterans group that was "whining" about the lack of employment and education opportunities for

the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans. We welcomed the Post-9/11 GI Bill and cheered on Major General Michael Caulfield's efforts with the welder program, and Mike Rowe's effort to get the Veterans into skilled trades.

I do thank the Membership for their donations, without which we would have "died on vine." Your support was crucial, allowing us to continue the Currently Serving and to honor the legacy of military service!

I leave with no regrets, but a lot of pride.

Sincerely, and Semper Fidelis



J. Michael Myatt
Major General, USMC (Ret.)
President & Chief Executive

MONEY MATTERS

From the Treasurer A.J. Burn:

Updates will follow as soon as possible

NEW MEMBERS



Welcome to our New Members

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



CW04 Jack Albert Frost
October 11, 1927 - December 01, 2017

Chief Warrant Officer-4 Jack Albert Frost, 90, died peacefully in his home in Yuma, Arizona on December 1, 2017. A veteran of Korea and Vietnam, he was a member of the Chosin Few and the 1st Marine Division Association.

CWO4 Frost was born on October 11, 1927 in Simmesport, LA to John and Frances Frost. In 1945, he joined the Marine Corps and was assigned to Quantico, VA; Salomons Island, MD; Camp Lejeune, NC and Marine Barracks, Saipan.

In February 1949, while assigned as the NCOIC of the honor guard detail for the newly constructed Punch Bowl National Cemetery, Hawaii, Corporal Frost was involved in a vehicle

accident for which he was awarded office hours from Colonel Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller and given a warning.

June 1950 found Sergeant Frost volunteering for duty in Korea with the 1st Marine Division as a squad leader in the 4.2 Mortar Company, 7th Marines. Arriving at Inchon, he participated in the capture of Seoul and the Wossan - Hungnan - Chosin Campaigns. At the reservoir, at the loss of the Platoon Leader, he directed the platoon in furnishing supporting fire until the last round was fired, then joined the ranks of the infantry for the breakout and drive to the sea.

In April 1952, Technical Sergeant Frost married Betty June Abraham in a ceremony at the base chapel in Quantico, VA. He returned to civilian life in August of that year, settling in Griffith, IN and later Wauwatosa, WI, but joined the active reserves in 1956. In 1966, Warrant Officer

Frost returned to active duty and volunteered for duty in Vietnam. On January 1, 1989, following several tours of duty at Camp Lejeune, El Toro, Okinawa, Kaneohe, Beaufort, Guam, and Tustin, Jack retired from the Marine Corps after 40 years, settling in Prescott Valley, AZ with Betty.

CWO4 Frost is survived by his sons, Jack and Jeffrey, daughter-in-law Lupe and dachshund Bacon. He is preceded in death by his wife, Betty. He will be buried with full military honors at the Veteran's Cemetery in Quantico, Virginia with Betty.

Deceased

Billy Goodman

Donald McCrea DOD 11/28/2017

Vincent Russell Clay DOD 11/24/1924

"Gone But Never Forgotten"

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