

"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



Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone that has been affected by Hurricane Harvey. Below are critical telephone numbers you may need or can pass on to someone that needs them.

Houston Police Department: 311 or 713-884-3131

Houston Fire Department: 311

***If you are awaiting rescue, prominently display a towel or sheet from a door or window so we can spot you. Addresses are tough to spot.**

United States Coast Guard:

713-578-3000

281-464-4851

281-464-4852

281-464-4853

281-464-4854

281-464-4855

Center Point Energy:

713-207-2222

Texas United Way: 211

**FEMA:
Registration - 1-800-621-3362**

National Emergency Child Locator Center: 1-866-908-9570

American Red Cross: 1-800-RED-CROSS

Disaster Distress Hotline: 1-800-985-5990

**State Bar of Texas:
Legal Hotline - 1-800-504-7030**

-HQ Staff

We need to rally together as a team to keep the FMDA going forward. Please step up and help where you can. We need good fundraising ideas, and people to put them together to help work those ideas. Please feel free to email with any ideas or suggestions.

President Jerry Johs

An online company ListCleanup.com has sent a list to FMDA. The database has been updated and active members that are deceased are no longer in Active status and have been moved to Deceased status.

President Jerry Johs

[1st Marine Division Association Officers and Committees 2017-2019](#)

1st Marine Division Current Events



A plaque commemorating 1st Sgt. Edward Smith hung during a building dedication ceremony at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Aug 23, 2017. 1st Reconnaissance Battalion dedicated the boathouse compound in honor of Smith who passed away April 5, 2003 as a result of wounds received while engaged with enemy forces in Central Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Preston Hightower)

Photo by Cpl. Justin Huffty



The family of First Sergeant Edward Smith unveils a compound sign during a building dedication ceremony at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Aug 23, 2017. 1st Reconnaissance Battalion dedicated the boathouse compound in honor of Smith who passed away April 5, 2003 as a result of wounds received while engaged with enemy forces in Central Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Ryan P. Kierkegaard)

Photo by Lance Cpl. Ryan Kierkegaard

Source:

American Heroes

Every Day 22 Veterans Commit Suicide. Booyah Veteran Bus Project is raising awareness and are in need of your support. On October 22, 2017 they will start a 22 mile a day journey that will end on November 11, 2017. Our American Heroes need us now. Please watch the video below and click on the link to show your support!!!

[Booyah Veteran Bus Project](#)



Booyah Hike

From the Members / Chapters

V-J Day Commemoration: Visitors to Washington, D.C., are invited to commemorate the 72nd anniversary of Victory over Japan Day at the National World War II Memorial at 11 a.m., Sept. 2.

Victory over Japan Day (also known as

Victory in the Pacific Day,

V-J Day, or

V-P Day) is the day on which the Empire of Japan surrendered in World War II, in effect ending the war. The term has been applied to both of the days on which the initial announcement of Japan's surrender was made - to the afternoon of August 15, 1945, in Japan, and, because of time zone differences, to August 14, 1945 (when it was announced in the United States and the rest of the Americas and Eastern Pacific Islands) - as well as to September 2, 1945, when the signing of the surrender document occurred, officially ending World War II.

*In loving memory
Of the victims,
In loving honor
of the heroes,
We remember.....*



PATRIOT DAY REMEMBRANCE

September 11, 2017

6 – 7 p.m.

CIRCLE OF HONOR

150 Beaver Creek Road

Oregon City

On November 30, 2001, Congress passed a bill designating September 11 of each year as PATRIOT DAY. The bill was signed by President George W. Bush on December 18. In 2009, President Barack Obama expanded Patriot Day to designate it as a National Day of Service and Remembrance. On this day, all U.S. flags are flown at half-staff.

Please join us as we remember and honor our law enforcement personnel, firefighters, military service men and women, first responders, emergency medical personnel, and all the dedicated men and women who risk their lives every day to protect us and keep us safe.

The program will include:

- Introductory remarks, invocation, national anthem
- Honor guard, bagpipes and drums
- Bell ceremony, patriotic music, rifle salute
- Special tributes in remembrance of over 2,800 civilians, 343 firefighters, 60 police officers, and 8 emergency med tech personnel who perished at the Twin Towers; 265 victims of the four plane attacks; 19 SEALs and Army Spec Ops from Operation Red Wings, Hindu Kush, Afghanistan; 7 American CIA operatives at FOB Chapman, Khost, Afghanistan; 30 American special operations and Army National Guard/Reserve personnel from Extortion 17, Wardak Province, Afghanistan; 2 State Department staff and 2 CIA operatives in Benghazi, Libya.

EVERYONE WELCOME

MONEY MATTERS

From the Treasurer A.J. Burn:

The current FMDA financial information will be published within the next couple of weeks.

NEW MEMBERS



Welcome to our New Members

New Member
Major Ronald E. Harris

Recruited By

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



Captain Calvin H. Ashley, USMC Ret., 84, passed away Thursday, August 17, 2017, at Deaconess Hospital. He was born June 12, 1933 in Caneyville, KY to the late John V. and Gustava (Mudd) Ashley.

He served in the US Marine Corps for 24 years and served in the Korean War, the Chosin Reservoir and belonged to the Chosin Few Survivors. He also served three tours in

Vietnam. Following his military career, Calvin retired from Allstate Insurance after 30 years of service, and also during this time, volunteered for the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department as a reserve deputy. He was a member of First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon, IN. Calvin was also a member of Reed Lodge, Scottish Rite, Hadi Shrine, VFW Post #1114 where he was past commander, DAV, Mt. Vernon American Legion Post 5, Mt. Vernon Moose Lodge, Kentucky Colonels and the FRA.

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Deceased
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