

There are many paths in life that people can choose to take, but it takes courage to go your own way, and make a path for others to follow.  
~Anonymous~

# Blue Diamond News



**FIRST MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION**

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**FROM THE HEADQUARTERS**



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### **The Old Breed News, First All-Digital Edition**

The new digital Old Breed News was broadcast last Friday, April 6. We need the email address of every member that has one to make this work.

Here are the stats on our first full mailing of The Old Breed News as of the morning of April 12:

Sent	3,637
Bounced, due to bad address	505
Received, but not yet opened	2,264

We have 1,563 members who "unsubscribed" from our mailings. They will not be getting the OBN unless they notify Headquarters to add them to the list again. So, many members do not know that The Old Breed News is being published digitally through email. Please check with all you know and have them make sure that Headquarters has their current email, and permission to mail. The Old Breed News rides again.

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**To all Chapters. Below is a list of the chapters that have already sent in their 2017 financial reports. Please email June Cormier (june.oldbreed@fmda.us) your 2017 financial reports to headquarters. We want to present the reports to the board meeting next week in Colorado Springs, CO.**

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|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 1) Colorado River | 2) Phoenix               | 3) Golden Gate    |
| 4) Redwood Empire | 5) Silicon Valley        | 6) Rocky Mountain |
| 7) Dallas         | 8) Oregon/Columbia River |                   |
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**Chuck Wiley, Southern California Chapter member gave this article to headquarters. His brother Richard "Dennis" Wiley is the Marine mentioned under the statement: Written by Emery Earnhardt a twelve year old granddaughter of a USMC Marine.**

**Click on link below to read the article:**

**[Article Submitted by Chuck Wiley](#)**

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NMCC Members:

We were informed at our Spring NMCC Meeting that the first Woman Marine is buried in an unmarked grave in Washington D.C. The Women Marine Association has undertaken a project to raise funds for an appropriate marker to honor this history making Marine. Below is a statement from the Women Marine Association. Please consider placing this notice in your respective newsletters, magazines, and Face Book pages.

Semper Fi,  
Dave Bice/  
David F. Bice  
[bicedf@aol.com](mailto:bicedf@aol.com)

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All Marines female and male are taught about Opha May Johnson was the first woman Marine. She joined the Marine Corps in August

1918 and paved the way for thousands of other women to be able to serve as Marines through the current day. The tragedy is that she is buried in her family plot in an unmarked grave in St. Paul's Rock Creek Cemetery in Washington DC. To date her important place in history is not even mentioned in the cemetery's list of notables buried there. This oversight must be corrected. The Women Marines Association has sponsored a special project to get an appropriate marker installed to honor this pioneer veteran Marine. We have established a financial goal of \$30,000. To date we have raised about \$11,500. We could use your help to complete this project. If you would like to donate as a group or as individuals you can mail checks made out to Women Marine Association with note that the donation is for the Opha May Johnson project. Mail checks to:

Women Marine Association

P.O. Box 377

Oaks Park, PA 19445-0377

Thanks for your consideration.

r/s

Kathy Sheppard

Opha May Johnson Project Lead

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## **SPRING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 2018**

**PLACE: HOTEL ELEGANTE' 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 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! Click the links below:**

## [REGISTRATION FORM](#)

### [Tour Information](#)

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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. BINGO PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE FMDA GENERAL FUND.**

**~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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## REVISIT KOREA TOURS TO END IN 2020

By Warren Wiedhahn  
Chairman, Revisit Korea Program

The Government of the Republic of Korea (MPVA) has recently notified all the United Nations countries that participate in the Revisit Korea Tours that they will end in 2020. This very popular and generous subsidized program, which commenced in 1975, has allowed tens of thousands of Korean War Veterans and their families the opportunity to Revisit South Korea where in the 1950s they sacrificed "life, limb and treasure" to save "A people they never met and a country they never knew!" Those of us who have participated in this generous program owe a big "Thanks" to a grateful Korean people who, over all these years, have welcomed us with sincere appreciation for helping to save their county from the ravages of communism. From a practical viewpoint, what does this mean?

First, if you're already registered for a Revisit Korea tour - do nothing! You will be notified of the dates and given an opportunity to select one.

Second, if you are not preregistered, and want to participate, go to page #78 of the recent "Graybeards" magazine and sign up. (Or go online at [www.KWVA.us](http://www.KWVA.us)) This is very important since applicants are selected based on the date they registered for the program.

### Eligibility:

- \*Any veteran who served "in, over or around" Korea from 25 June 1950 to 25 October 1954.
- \* The family member of a veteran, otherwise eligible, who was killed in the war or has subsequently died.
- \* First priority is to a veteran who has never been on a Revisit Korea tour.
- \* Second priority is to a veteran who has not returned in the past five (5) years.
- \* All participants must be in good health, as certified by their doctor. In addition, they must have "Death and Disability" as well as "Trip Cancellation" insurance.

### Notes:

(1) Each eligible veteran (or bereaved family member) must be accompanied by a "travel companion" during the entire tour. In the past few years we have had many children and grandchildren accompany the veterans.

(2) Veterans Korea service must be confirmed with an official document, such as a DD 214.

Commencing in 2021, the ROK Revisit Korea program will focus their attention primarily on Bereaved family members of Korean War Veterans.

The 2018 Revisit Korea dates for KWVA USA are in June, July and September.

Korea has increased our 22-28 June quota from 60 to 80 and we MUST get more veterans and their families!

Fraternally, Warren Wiedhahn

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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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## **JOB POSTINGS**

Check back next week

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**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, (562) 897-2437

## **MONEY MATTERS**

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

### **Statement as of 30 March 2018**

Beginning Balance as of 1 Jan 2018    \$54,487.71

Income	\$13,797.72
Expenses	\$9,647.92

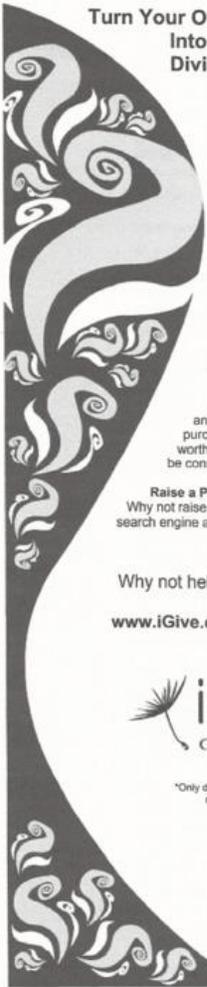
**Ending Balance 30 March 2018 \$58,637.51**

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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**



### Turn Your Online Shopping & Searching Into Donations For 1st Marine Division Association

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Be a part of the first and largest online network of shoppers, online stores, and worthy causes dedicated to turning everyday online shopping and searching into much-needed donations.

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Why not raise money every time you search the web? Try iGive's search engine and enjoy free, easy fundraising for a good cause.

Why not help a good cause today?  
[www.iGive.com/1stMarineDivision](http://www.iGive.com/1stMarineDivision)



\*Only donations made to IRS-recognized nonprofit organizations may be considered tax-deductible. For details, visit: <http://www.iGive.com/html/taxdeduct.cfm>

### Join for Free, Shop or Search Online, & Help a Great Cause!

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**NEW MEMBERS**



## Welcome to our New Members

NAME	RECRUITED BY:
Capt Rod C Kicklighter	(Online)
CPL Jim Perneti	John Hudson
E-3 William E Rowland II	(Online)
Wayne E. Harmon	(Reinstate)

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it Appears on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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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)

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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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Click the link below to view flyer of the ceremony:

5th Marines Ceremony

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**"Gone But Never Forgotten"**

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