

**Focus on what's important,
Capture the good times,
Develop from the negatives,
And if things don't work out,
Take another shot.**

anonymous

Blue Diamond News



FIRST MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION

FROM THE HEADQUARTERS



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.

***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!

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**

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.

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>

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

JOB POSTINGS

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>

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/3/21st Infantry, 24th ID

SFC Ron Rosser – Medal of Honor recipient with the 38th 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, 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 for reunion packet.**



**1st Battalion 3rd 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 1 Feb 2018

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

FMDA 77th Anniversary 2018 Financial Report

\$10,325.00 minus A \$170.00 Scholarship donations.

\$10,155.00 FMDA
+ 4,675.00 Active Duty meals
\$14,830.00 Total
-\$8,644.00 A.J.'s expense report
\$6,185.54 FMDA
+\$250.00 So Cal Chapter for Wounded Marines
\$6,435.54 Total Revenue to FMDA


Blue Diamond update ...

The 2017 Federal 990 and California 199 tax returns for the Scholarship Fund are on the FMDASF.org website under Financial Reports in case anyone is interested ... the SF is totally transparent.

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.

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- John Stevens



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NEW MEMBERS



Welcome to our New Members

NAME	RECRUITED BY:
SgtMaj Troy Lyn Hensley	Bob Ast
Michael Skidmore	

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](#)



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.)

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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

CHAPTER/MEMBER INFORMATION



ALAMO CHAPTER MEETING

TAPS

DECEASED

NAME:	DOD:
Donald L. Hencsik	
Martin (Marty) Wilkens	
Col. John M. Terry Jr (USMC Ret)	

CHARLES L. MEADOWS
Colonel, United States Marine Corps, Retired
March 26, 1939 – March 1, 2018



Colonel Charles (Chuck) Lester Meadows was born in Portland, Oregon. He and his twin brother, James Wade Meadows, were born to Colonel James Lester Meadows and his wife Sigrid Wilhelmina Sandine on March 26, 1939. He was raised in Oregon and attended grade school in Sylvan, Oregon before attending and graduating from Beaverton Union High School in Beaverton, Oregon in 1957, where he was student body president his senior year. He attended Oregon State University, where he met his wife, Melissa Anne Roberts. He was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He graduated in December 1961 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. Chuck and Missy were married that same December.

Upon completion of The Basic School at Quantico, Virginia, he served in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii and Okinawa. As the Commanding Officer of Company "E", 2/4, he made an amphibious landing in his first combat tour at Chu Lai in the Republic of Vietnam. From April 1967 – November 1967, he returned to Okinawa where he was the Commanding Officer Headquarters Company, 26th Marine Regiment, at Camp Schwab, and then returned to the Republic of Vietnam where he served as the Commanding Officer, Company "G", 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines from November 1967 – April 1968, participating in combat operations in the An Hoa and Phu Bai areas and then Hue City during the Tet Offensive in January-March 1968. He departed Vietnam in April 1968.

He attended the Amphibious Warfare School at Quantico. After school, he was assigned as the Commanding Officer, Company "B", Marine Security Guard Battalion, Beirut, Lebanon from February 1969 - July 1971; a command of Marines assigned to the Embassies and Consulates in 35 countries throughout the continent of Africa, the Middle East, the Eastern Mediterranean, South West Asia, and India.

Colonel Meadows retired September 30, 1987 having served 26 years on active duty.

Colonel Meadows' personal decorations include the Silver Star medal, Legion of Merit medal, Bronze Star medal w/"V" for valor, Purple Heart medal, Navy & Marine Corps Achievement ribbon w/bronze star & "V", Combat Action ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation ribbon w/4 bronze stars, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation ribbon, National Defense medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary medal, Vietnam Service medal w/3 bronze stars, Korean Defense Service medal, Humanitarian Service medal, Navy Sea Service Deployment ribbon, Navy & Marine Corps Overseas Service ribbon, Marine Corps Security Guard ribbon, Vietnam Gallantry Cross ribbon w/bronze Star, Vietnam Gallantry Cross medal w/palm, RVN Civic Action 1st Class Ribbon Officer RVN Gallantry Cross, Unit Citation w/palm, RVN Civic Action Honor Unit Citation w/palm, and Vietnam Campaign medal.

His civilian education included: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Oregon State University, Master of Science in Administration, George Washington University; MBA, The College of William and Mary in Virginia.

After leaving the service, Chuck was employed with Computer Sciences Corporation and DPR, Inc., an environmental consulting firm. He then served as the Executive Director for PeaceTrees Vietnam, a humanitarian non-profit organization until he retired from his civilian work.

He became a host for the Military Historical Tours trips returning to Vietnam, supporting combat veterans who participated in battles including those in Hue City during the Tet Offensive. With over 40 trips to Vietnam, his focus was on building peace and reconciliation while supporting those affected by the war. He was also a life member of the 1st Marine Division Association, Oregon/Columbia River Chapter.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Melissa, his daughter, Marianne Meadows, daughter and son-in-law, Melinda and Jim Tanner and daughter Molly Meadows Scott. He has three grandsons (Trevor, Justin and Chace) and one granddaughter (Sophia). He is also survived by his twin brother, Jim Meadows and his wife, Barbara.

Military Honors will be held at Willamette National Cemetery 19 March at 10:30 AM.

Memorial Gathering to follow at Embassy Suites by Hilton Portland Washington Square from 1:00-4:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, a Memorial Fund has been established to honor Chuck's commitment to correcting the damage caused by the war and building a brighter future for the children and families of Vietnam. To donate to the Chuck Meadows Memorial Fund, please visit <https://peacetreesvietnam.org/presencehost.net/how-to-help/donate-form.html>

Please note: You will find the Chuck Meadows Memorial Fund option in the dropdown menu towards the bottom of the gift form.

Cards and/or notes may be sent to: The Meadows Family, 13050 SW Caspian Court, Beaverton, Oregon 97008

JUNE ELWYN HEIM (Age 95)

On Sunday, March 4, 2018, of Silver Spring, MD. Beloved wife of the late CWO Gordon F. Heim, USMCR. Beloved mother of Gordon and Diane. Born in Australia to Liliias A. and Howard C. Bebee. Preceded in death by her brothers, Alexander Sinclair Bebee and Alan Howard Bebee. She was a published author, and she was an editor of a Military Newsletter. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Francis Service Dogs, P.O. Box 19538, [8283 Enon Dr., Roanoke, VA 24019](https://www.google.com/maps/place/8283+Enon+Dr.,+Roanoke,+VA+24019).

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