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FIRST MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION



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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Behind each Marine there is a Family.



President Rios' Granddaughter, Carmen "Vincenzia" Thorsen (Right) with her classmates on her First Day of First Grade.



Active Duty Marine and Family from 5th Marines. Santa Clause (Olin Thompson SoCal Chapter Member)

MONEY MATTERS

GENERAL FUND

Bank of America Checking	
Beginning Balance (12/01/16)	\$75,065.42
Credits, Total	\$4,116.63
Debits, Total	\$3,292.79
Ending Balance (12/07/16)	\$75, 889.26

All

When the Scholarship Fund was first proposed as separate corporation several factors were given for the change in status for the fund which is the pride of the FMDA and has been since I was a young boy and heard members speak of it.

First, at the time the finances of the FMDA were poor. Donations were made to the Scholarship Fund with the understanding that the monies would be applied to scholarships. The separate corporation was to guarantee that monies would not be diverted to the FMDA.

Second, establishing the corporation as a 501(c)3 would make the fund more attractive to corporate grants. While that has yet to happen there is still hope for the future. However corporations will not give to an organization when another organization is taking money off the top. Third, the FMDASF was only to reimburse the FMDA for actual administrative costs incurred. If corporate grants were awarded then administrative costs would rise thus monies to the FMDA would rise. It was never envisioned that the FMDA would take 20% of all donations. Administrative costs were not to exceed 20%. To take that money from members and others for the FMDA when they expect the funds are going to the FMDASF is deceitful and dishonest.

Fourth, the current situation concerning finances is the fault of the present administration. There was a plan in place approved by the ExComm and the Membership to hire a CEO with fundraising responsibilities. The ExComm and the Legal Officer allowed President Rios to negate the wishes of the Membership then. Now there is not a Treasurer nor a Fundraiser and the President seeks to make the Scholarship Fund the scapegoat. Poor office management and disregard for the By-laws are the cause of the Associations problems and stealing money from Scholarship is not the answer.

Perhaps if we had a President and not a jefe the FMDA would not be in this predicament.

Thank you
AJ Burn

Lee,

El Jefe can be understanding, conciliatory and humor a fantasy but cannot, as the Big Chingon stray from reality.

Read the messages above and below. Would " Mad Dog " put up with this ? Maybe he has better Generals.

Semper Fi,
El Jefe

Vince,

From my foxhole in Portland, I concur with James Allison's interpretation of donations to the Scholarship fund. As a student of John Bastian's many years of donating to the Scholarship fund he stated that we must grow the fund each year to pay for the increased costs of the student scholarships we award. We not only award one year but each successive year for the tuition grants for our marine's dependents. College costs will continue to increase whether we like it or not. I do not feel we would have any money left in the fund should more than the allowable amount is deducted by FMDA HQ.

We can not move forward with the goals of the Scholarship Fund with the disparity of

how the treasurer is to handle donations. In the future, after your term as president exhausts the available funds in the Scholarship Fund we (the marines and members) of the FMDA will have to reimburse the funds necessary for our commitment to the students.

I do not want to be in that position to have to contribute and make the awarded scholarships whole because of past performance by the leadership of the Association.

I implore you to separate the fundraising operations of the two non-profit Associations and to work to rebuild trust and integrity with all donations to the First Marine Division and Scholarship Fund. Let's work together to raise funds for both associations. Portland will support you in these endeavors.

Thank you and always,

Semper fi,

Steven Easterday

Col USMC (Ret)

VP, Oregon Columbia River Chapter

President, 2012 National Reunion

FMDA

Steve,

I too concur with our Legal Officer and provided on December 6 the first of what is to become a regular process of sending invoices to the Scholarship Fund in accordance with the legal officer's guidance for administrative work the FMDA staff must do out of necessity until the Scholarship Fund finds a more harmonious business partnership. The By-laws clearly obligate the FMDA staff to perform the administrative work for the Scholarship Fund and specifically obligate the Scholarship Fund to reimburse the staff via the General Fund for " up to " (no more than) 20% of the generated revenue from all sources the Scholarship Fund has. I cannot sustain a staff doing work for two agencies and compensated by only one, not to mention that the By-laws call for it.

It is reasonable to expect payment within 10 days since, in the legal officer's opinion, the funds are available and I want to clear this " account receivable " before the end of the year.

It has been mentioned and explored that a professional scholarship management organization, like the Marine Corps Association could manage the First Marine Division Association Scholarship Fund for much less. I concur; they have staff that specialize on scholarship and grants management in large volumn.

Dues -paying members don't like their dues money used to pay staff to do non-Association work and I don't blame them.

I want to work in good faith with the Scholarship Fund governing body but it has been difficult to do when I've been expected to meet my obligation - and then some, yet the Scholarship Fund has concentrated more on avoiding meeting its obligation rather than meeting it.

I hope you see my point of view. It isn't easy to announce to the staff that one of them will be let go because of a revenue short-fall that would be avoided if the Scholarship Fund paid its fees. The Scholarship program is a laudable program, I know - three of my four children received FMDA scholarships - yet I would have gladly forgone all 3 if it meant choosing their scholarships over keeping a single parent of 3 employed; we (I) had to let Heidi Lamb go for this very reason.

Semper Fi,
President Vince Rios, aka *El Jefe*
First Marine Division Association

Gentlemen: Since I was the chief designer/draftsman of the FMDASF/FMDA reimbursement rules I comment herein from memory. My final draft of the FMDASF Bylaws was changed by the Attorneys in San Francisco with consultations and some modifications after understanding the "Sense of the Assembly" [FMDA Membership] on some issues. A very important part of Legislative Intent was the language for reimbursement of "... UP TO 20% of current revenue. Current revenue was defined so that DONOR INTENT of the \$500K + CORPUS being transferred to the new FMDASF Corporation would be protected. The 20% cap was placed so that FMDA could not simply prop itself up with a high billing for Admin Services. FMDASF was to pay or reimburse for Audits independent of the 20% rule. In designing the "Interlocking Corporation" status for FMDASF the undersigned attended three Post-Graduate Level Seminars in Advising Non-Profit Corporations at no cost to FMDA. I sponsored Col Hayes to attend one. I invited Mr Jerry Reed, FMDA Treasurer, to attend one charged to my Law Firm. Mr Reed's schedule did not permit attendance. In commenting on the "Up to 20%" issue it was my intent in drafting that there would be some sort of "NEXUS" between work performed dealing with overall and all encompassing Scholarship issues at the FMDA Headquarters Level by SgtMaj Duff, Ms June and Staff. EXDIR time was excluded from any computation. This would require record keeping that would/could make the reimbursement issue not cost effective. Multi purpose checks, credit card/debit card, determination of Donor Intent asked for by Auditors, phone calls, faxes, Emails, information requested by committees such as "Finance" oversight, OBN Work and otherwise. It got to the point that Staff work was getting backed up between the issues that overlap and also for each Corporation. This came to a head at the Meetings in April & the August Reunion in Nashville. The EXDIR, Col Hayes and Treasurer, Jerry Reed plus SgtMaj Duff and the Legal Officer were present along with all interested Members. It was agreed and voted on that henceforth FMDASF would pay to FMDA \$200 per month for the first ten hours of projected work at Headquarters on all Scholarship admin issues. This \$200 remedy presupposes that if FMDA wants to bill more than the ten hour f/\$200, then the onus is on Headquarters to bill it out with some specificity to justify the overage. Otherwise accept the \$200 per month and no more is to be said about the matter! The fact that a volunteer took over SgtMaj Duff's work on Scholarship issues at Headquarters does not mean that Miss June and others do not handle money, mail, phone/fax questions, Anniversary/Reunion, Committee, OBN and anything else that comes up having a S.F. flavor. I suggest that the \$200 per month be paid as both what is due and a compromise to move on. Then change all Bylaws at the Anniversary Meetings for the future. Get over it and move on for the good of both Corporations. I will attend the Anniversary and answer questions if made in a civil and respectful Marine to Marine manner. R/S MSgt D.M. Franklin, 1958-1986 Ret.

THE WEB (Of Intrigue)

Jefe Vince,
Do you know why I can't get the Bylaws to come up on the web Site? All the other links work but the one that lets the members see the Bylaws. Will you please have the Web Master look into this and let the EC know what the problem is. I have them on my laptop.

Thanks.
Lee Rux,
By-laws Committee Chairman

Lee,

Will do !

Thanks for letting me know.

Semper Fi,
El Jefe

Vince, Lee,

I just checked the link to the Bylaws and had no problem opening up the page FMDA Organization page. The Bylaws are directly under all of the committees.

Semper Fi,

*Sandy Melander MIS/IT
Web Developer and Systems Consultant
573-590-1959
"May Your Day Be Filled With Smiles"*

Jefe.

THANKS

Lee Rux,
By-laws Committee Chairman
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Sandy Melander,

Thanks.
You are the best.
Semper Fi
Vince, *El Jefe*

Lee,

There's always some clown tampering with the FMDA By-laws, screws it up for a while. We've got 'em - the clowns trying to change them remotely. Hmm, I wonder who that could be ? Last time I know who it was when the " CEO " position was attempted to be inserted surreptitiously on the web.

I suggest you make a hard copy to keep from being snookered.

El Jefe

AMERICA'S HEROES



2/1 Fox Company Marines with the 13th MEU from Camp Pendleton, California, in Korea for Exercise Ssang Young 2016.

Sgt Vince, MY HERO: Was the sacrifice in the Vietnam War worthwhile? That Marines were winning when we left is accurate. Presently there is a Communist Government but the people are living a Capitalist day to day society. I am going back with Sgt Tex Stitler's Vietnam Battlefield Tours.com group in 2017, for another Recon. Even in Hanoi, and of course in EYE [I] Corps, the current generation up to those of our age group are openly seeking a free society based on what was learned from our American influence in the 1960's. The concept of "Charlie" has lost in favor of a "Regular Joe, the American" way of life. Take the trip and come up with your own conclusions as to was the war worth it, I say. To many it will always be "NO!" To me the Jury is still out. We can ask the same questions to those Marines from WWII who are here on Oahu this Pearl Harbor week. Also to those who were at Pusan, Inchon, Wonsan and the attack back from the "Frozen Chosin."

S.F.,

(The Honorable)Dave Franklin.

Friends, Family and Fellow Marines,

The link, below, will take you to a short video (5 minutes and 45 seconds) that flies in the face of "The Narrative." The Narrative is basically what our young folks are being taught in many of our colleges and universities, which is basically revisionist "history" that ignores historical facts and has been developed and published to hide the fact that our military forces had "won" the Vietnam War, but our political leaders lost the war and in the process abandoned an ally for the first time in our nation's history. I strongly believe that single treacherous act is negatively impacting us in every corner of the world today.

My thanks to Marine Del DelVecchio for sending this along.

I hope all is well with and your families, and that you are enjoying a warm and happy holiday season.

Semper Fidelis!

Nicholas Warr



The Truth about the Vietnam War



Jane Routt Power, FSA Scot

Friendship is so weird.. you just pick a human you've met and you're like "yep I like this one" and you just do stuff with them.

ATTENTION MEMBERS

Please register ASAP, so that we at the Headquarters can get a good count of who is attending the 76th Anniversary of our 1st Marine Division.

Note: On the November 4th President's Blast there is a correction under the Cookout at the Headquarters on 2 February (1200-1500) , it is \$20 per person which is correct in the Nov 11th & 18th President's Blast.

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Monday, 30 January - Friday, 3 February 2017

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30 January - 3 February 2017



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NEW MEMBERS



OUR GOAL: Every member recruit at least one member.
President Vince Rios

NEW MEMBERS FOR THE WEEK OF 5 DECEMBER 2016

Thomas J. Barrett

Vince Rios

Jim H. Gallaway (FRIEND)	Vince Rios
Lucie Mary Titus (FRIEND)	Vince Rios
Brittanie Ngo (FRIEND)	Vince Rios
Dennis Tuohy	Self
Michael Charles Bryson	Self

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TAPS

William E. Maloy

Deceased

11/02/16



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