



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE - SOUTH COAST DETACHMENT SEMPER FLYER NEWSLETTER

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“We’re surrounded... that simplifies our problem.” –Chesty Puller

OUTREACH & FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

Very little in the ways of outreach can be done without funds. Our Detachment wants to thank the many hundreds of you who donated funds this last year to our cause... THANK YOU! As a reminder, our group has no employees, takes zero salaries, and is a 100% volunteer organization. Our goal is to deploy all raised funds responsibly to the very Marines and Veterans that we support. This past quarter, and certainly this last year was no exception. Thanks to many known and anonymous donors, we made a very touching impact in the lives of our Veterans, young Marines and their families. Here are a few of our latest outreach efforts.

In addition to continued outreach to active duty units and Marines aboard Camp Pendleton, we have also continued to do a great deal for our Marine Veterans. Specifically in regards to Veteran outreach, our Detachment over the last six months has provided funeral funds to a Navajo Code Talker. The Navajo Code Talkers were instrumental in the defeat over the Japanese during WWII. We also provided funds to an injured Pittsburgh Police Officer and Marine Veteran. The funds will be used by the officer and his family during his difficult recovery. Finally, our detachment provided volunteers and many CVS gift cards for the OC Stand Up for Homeless Veterans event.



Plaques dedicated at Park Semper Fi in San Clemente. Top plaque is for HMLA-469 and the four Marines lost on May 12th 2015. The bottom plaque is in honor of 2/4, San Clemente’s adopted unit.



Marine Corporal sees off his wife and child before departing with the Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force (SPMAGTF) serving in the Middle East.

Being close to Camp Pendleton provides our Detachment with the unique opportunity of not just helping our Veterans, but also our active duty Marines and their families. We have continued to make a huge impact in the lives of many of these individuals. For starters, we had many fund raising efforts like the Driftwood Music Festival, Charity Bingo at Goody’s Tavern and the Beer and Wine tasting event at Cannons just to name a few. Using these and other venues we were able to raise thousands of dollars for Marine outreach projects. These funds most recently have been used to send care packages to the 1st Marine SPMAGTF currently deployed in the Middle East where they are taking the fight to ISIS. Funds were also used to properly send off deploying Marines from 2/1 and provide monetary support for the recent Amphibious Assault Vehicle accident of 1/1.

Sometimes our Detachment is given opportunities to help the wives and children of the Marines stationed aboard Camp Pendleton, not just the Marines. That has been the case again this year as we have continued to



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provide outreach to San Onofre Elementary School located on the northern part of the base. Our funds have been used to purchase school supplies, backpacks, and even shoes when needed by the children. Funds were also used to help wives with limited income from 2/4 to purchase ball gowns for their 242nd Marine Birthday Ball. Finally, our Detachment was honored to be a key donor to the San Clemente adopted units of 2/4 and HMLA-469 and the plaques that were dedicated on Veterans Day at Park Semper Fi. As you can see, your South Coast Detachment does a great deal of outreach and we are always looking for more dedicated volunteers to help with our efforts.

RAISING DETACHMENT PROFILE

During the course of the past year, our Marine Corps League Detachment had many outreach opportunities and as such was able to greatly raise our profile. Some of our efforts worth mentioning are the work of our current Commandant Burton Brown and his continued work to not only lead the Detachment, but also help it grow. Over the past six months we have sponsored a BBQ for Marines, provided volunteers and teams to three different golf tournaments benefiting Marines, and had a wonderful 242nd Birthday Dinner that sold out at Cannons. As a result of these and other efforts, the South Coast Detachment has become one of the most honored and recognized Marine Corps League detachments in the Nation.

Our outreach, fundraising and detachment profile are only as good as our people. Members like Len Weber who not only volunteers at every event but also coordinates the event volunteers. We want others like Len, Burton, and Pete to join our cause and help out with the wonderful efforts we are putting forward on a regular basis. Join Us! There is still much work that needs to be done and a great deal of outreach to provide to our Veterans and our Marines.



Commandant Burton Brown (left) with member Pete Hammer at the 242nd Birthday Dinner at Cannon's Restaurant. Hammer was recognized for all his hard work with the Detachment and awarded the notorious Ka-Bar fighting knife.

Join us every 3rd Tuesday of every month at the San Clemente Elks Lodge, 1505 N. El Camino Real, San Clemente, CA 92672. Social Hour at 1800, Regular Meeting at 1900. All are Welcome to Attend and Get Involved, Not Just Marines.

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