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"Happy New Year to All"

From the President

With the start of 2010, I want to take opportunity to wish you a "Happy New Year." 2009 was noted for the loss of two distinguished chapter members. Colonel Herb Schlosberg, former 4th Marine Division and the two Jima in World War II, passed on in February. The colonel was a key founder of the Marine Corps Colonel Correspondents, L.A. Chapter. Colonel Schlosberg was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery alongside his wife, Joyce, predeceasing him in 2004.

LtCol. Lionel "Tiger" Palmer, Colonel's Schlosberg's close friend and L.A. Chapter member, followed in passing on November. 2009. Colonel Palmer served with the 1st Amphibious Group on Guadalcanal, earning the Bronze Star and the nickname, "Tiger" for his heroic action on the island.

At Hiroshima's Ground. *LtCol. "Tiger" Palmer and Colonel Herb Schlosberg at the L.A. Chapter's Christmas meeting. Those two longtime members and supporters of the CCA passed on in 2009.*

If anyone was omitted, our apologies. Please send us the information for a publication and future recognition.

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The L.A. Chapter officers and board had its first official meeting in October and reviewed the Chapter's operational status. Financially, we need to rebuild our treasury. You may not be aware of this: over the course of four plus years, Bob Long has been the chapter's treasurer, one of the Chapter activities at our luncheons and national conference which was a resounding success. We are indeted indebted to him in so many ways. In response, we would like to ask you to make a special contribution to repay some of his generosity. We appreciate your support in advance. Please send your contribution payable to CCLA, c/o Tom Peters, our finance secretary. Address is:

Tom Peters
P.O. Box 15353
Beverly Hills, CA 90209-1353

I promise you that 2010 will be an excellent year for the L.A. Chapter. New speakers and special topics are being slated as this newsletter is being prepared. To kick things off, our first luncheon meeting will be on April 23, 2010 at 11:30 A.M. The Smoke House. (More additional program information to follow).

Sincerely,

Junior Rapley, *President*

Veteran's Day Parade

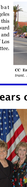
San Fernando Valley was once regarded as a sleepy suburb of Los Angeles. Today, it is a thriving area spanning over 260 square miles, representing several cities and over half of the Los Angeles population. Few other communities in Los Angeles can claim health veterans parade of this local magnitude. A strong tribute to America's past and present veterans especially in San Fernando Valley.

Grand Marshall. *Eddie and wife, Leah Kalafian lead the World War II veteran segment of the annual San Fernando Valley Veterans Day parade. This popular event attracts thousands of patrons lining the streets honoring the military service.*

Reporting Movement. *Maj. Michael Hjelmstad and Journalist First Class Elizabeth Thompson of the Marine Corps and Navy PAO, Los Angeles, provide color commentary for Time Warner Cable.*

VIPs *Left to right: David Smith, Congressman Howard Berman, Eddie Kalafian, California Assemblyman Bob Blumenfield at the San Fernando Valley Veterans parade.*

The Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Association, Los Angeles Chapter is pleased to participate in this event started by Congressman Howard Berman, Councilman Alex Padilla and Commissioner Fred Flores, County of Los Angeles Veterans Advisory Committee. This parade is in its 6th year.



CC Entrant. *Marine Corps Combat Correspondents parade on Vaun. No, not McDonald's Farm, but members of the Chapter.*

234 Years of Service

Marine Corps Ball. *Left to right: Junior Rapley, Sqt(Ret) and Rosie Zamora, Brad and Mary Fogarty(retiree), Leah Kalafian, Pauline Tullen, Maj. Michael Hjelmstad and Journalist First Class Elizabeth Thompson, Tom Peters. Chapter members and guests at the 234th Annual Marine Corps Ball hosted by the San Fernando Valley Marine Corps League (Southwest Cty).*

The above assembly did not represent cumulative years of service, age or any other designation except to celebrate the 234th anniversary of the founding of the U.S. Marine Corps. This event held throughout the Marine Corps in virtually every corner of the world — including in San Fernando Valley, reflects a long-held tradition of honoring Marines past and present. Highlight of the ceremony is the cake cutting ceremony with the oldest Marine serving cake to the youngest, a custom to "carry on" the values and traditions of the Marine Corps. This ceremony has been celebrated for 234 years.

Smoke House Restaurant
$25.00 per person

Beef or Chicken

SATURDAY

APRIL 23, 2010

11:30 Hrs.

Call Tom Peters 310-385-9619

Saving Toys for Tots

We all are familiar with Toys for Tots, but few knew Bob Tallent and the crucial role he played. Had it not been for him and a few other Marines, Toys for Tots would not exist today. Yes, no *Toys for Tots*.

Tallent's wife, Pauline, an active member of our chapter shares the following:

According to an e-mail sent to her in 2001 by H.B. Wells, a fellow participant in *'Leatherneck Magazine,'* Bob resurrected interest in Toys for Tots when all had faded from the charity scene by 1953. As a Marine Corps Reserve major, Bob said he spent a few Happy Hours together jawboning how to resurrect the program. Bob staff by Marine Reserve Colonel Bill Hendricks at Warner Brothers. One idea happened to involve his 6th & 7th month old daughter, Mitzie, who became the first poster child for Toys for Tots. A full-page ad appeared in the Marine Corps Reserve national newspaper, and her picture was pasted on collection barrels across the country. This effort turned out to be a huge success. The collection went skyrocketed and then Toys for Tots was born. Very continued to point in each subsequent year. As Bob once said, "Onward and Upward." (*H.B. Wells died in 2003*).

Bob Tallent died in January 1994, having spent 22 years in the Marine Corps and becoming one of the Corps' first Master Gunnery Sergeants when senior enlisted rank

Dreaming up Toys for Tots Support. *Bob Tallent (front row, 5th from right) and wife Pauline (front row, 2nd from right) pose with the Hollywood publish while attending Ann Corell Combat Correspondents Association conference.*

was restructured. His wife, Pauline took over the Toys for Tots toy drive. Today, she is the driving force behind the San Fernando Valley Toys for Tots, commanding the respect and admiration of the U.S. Marine Corps, Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Foundation, and the U.S. Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Association.

Toys for Tots Champion. *Pauline Tullent, chair of the San Fernando Valley Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program and Tom Peters at recent Marine Corps Ball celebration.*

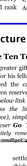
Sound, Picture & Text Bites

How's Bob?

Our last communique with Bob came shortly before Christmas. A photograph was attached showing our ex-prez's head shaved down to look like a "boot" from PI. In fact that was how he referred to the experience when he said "A little off meet little left. To his Turk barber. We would publish the photo but the Chief editor was afraid he might get his neck lopped upon Long's return.

In an earlier message before the Marine Corps birthday, Bob celebrated the annual recognition by walking post with the Marines at the U.S. Consulate. Of course the Turks didn't or were about to celebrate the Corps' birthday. Thanksgiving was another matter. With pre-planning, a turkey could be had, but also they missed the deadline and settled for Maryland style fried chicken. It sounded delicious especially with the abundance of spices.

We all thought Bob and JR were going to be camping in tents until the below photo was received showing the entrance to their apartment. After under intense question, Bob confessed that it was not. The other photo (right) is a view from the university's balcony.

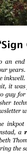


Above picture are students from Bob's writing and reporting class; picture at right, extreme long shot of JR and dog pack ready for morning run. (Quick: pick out JR)

The Ten Tenors

No greater gift can man give than to lay down his life for his fellow man. Here is to all those who answered the call. May they occupy that part of heaven reserved only for true angels of God. (*Click the below link to* ***YouTube Video.*** *(If you cannot access the link by clicking the URL address (above), simply* ***Copy*** *and* ***Paste*** *it in your Web browser* ***Go To*** *window. A stirring piece you will definitely remember*). **http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LL-omdEqCak#feature=related**

CC Member: John Phillips in Iraq



Photos taken by Marine Sgt. John Phillips, a Gy. from Harper Platoon while in Iraq last year. Last photo (bottom) shows Sgt. Phillips with his son, Jonathan. Sgt. Phillips is a member of the Chapter's CMOH, he returned to Seattle to his education and wrote to the Marine Corps Reserve. He plans to return to the Middle East as a photojournalist. John was a member of our chapter last year.

Chapter Meeting. April 23, 2010

"Sign Off"

All good things must come to an end and this holds true for being your newsletter editor for three — four years. Anyway, at the same time when Bob Long joined and taken over the treasury. It truly was a privilege to have been your chief scribe . I must admit, it was fun to assemble the stories, take the pictures and shout at the Kinko guy for screwing up the printing! When we joined Wikiloa, Microsoft Publisher technology came to the rescue: we were able to pull off an electronic newsletter without too much difficulty.

As of 1100 hours, 1/27/10, the inkjet was officially transferred to board member, Capt. Michael Hjelmstad, a ***real*** *public affairs Marine. Assisting him will be Petty Officer Elizabeth Thompson. I have no doubt they will do a great job telling lies and scattering the scuttlebutt around L.A. Please join me in wishing them good luck.*

Yours truly will continue as a board member and XO for the prez — as well as sit on the national board of the Combat Correspondents — "sit" is probably the operative word; I haven't gotten my marching orders yet. Spoken like a true Marine, never volunteer; they'll find you soon enough!

Semper fi,

Frank Lee, Vice President

P.S. SIGN UP AND JOIN OUR GROUP. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT