

2016 Leadership

Officers:
President-Paul McLaughlin
Treasurer-Bob Adelhelm
Admin-George Hurd
Chaplain-Henry Moreland
Historian-Klaus Maurer
Advisor- Sam Handlee

Past Presidents:
2000 Bob Adelhelm (Founder)
2001 Pete Dowling
2002 Bert Costa
2003 Sam Handlee
2004 Len Slack
2005 John Winkler*
2006 Jim Mitchell*
2007 Murray Morgan
2008/09 Paul McLaughlin
(co-Founder)
2010 Jesse Vaughn
2011/2012 Sharon Leahy
2013 Sam Handlee
2014 Bert Costa
2015 Ed Churchill
2016 Paul McLaughlin
* denotes incomplete term



DISPATCHES

“OFTEN TESTED, ALWAYS FAITHFUL, BROTHERS FOREVER”

Becoming a Marine came with a price, representing Marines comes with a price....

HONOR, COURAGE AND COMMITMENT

Greetings to our Marine and FMF Corpsman members:

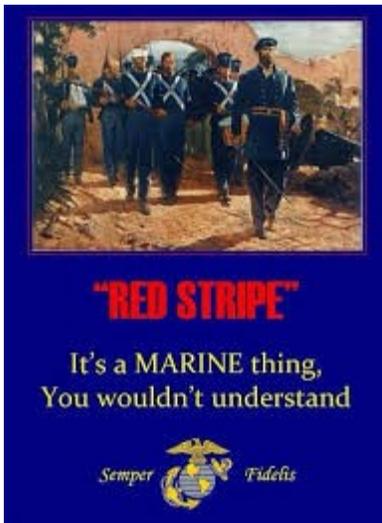
Our first meeting took place on Tuesday, January 17 at Hidden Hills Country Club. On the whole, it was a good meeting with several guests, an acceptable turnout, and a speaker who was very knowledgeable about nursing home facilities for veterans. My thanks to Reiss Tatum for finding this gentleman.

As some of you may be aware, Hidden Hills has made a decision regarding the operation of the club, switching from a private to a public facility. So, how does this affect Semper Fi? This is covered in more detail the Operations Report; please take the time to read the report. I can assure the members, your board of directors researched and considered all options. We made the decision to stay at HHCC for several reasons and like in the past, to make this work and for us to maintain this venue, we need to have at least 25 attend the meetings. We encourage the members to do so and bring a guest. We now only meet 4 times a year with a November social; this shouldn't be too difficult to accomplish. It's important that you make an effort; otherwise, the society must pay the difference between attendees and the guarantee. This has always been the case, but in the past meeting attendance was never a concern. Enough said!

I am happy to report that the some members stepped forward to join the Board of Directors, long time member Reiss Tatum, young Marines and new members, Fred Blaz and Kevin Turner. They are most welcome and we are counting on them for new perspectives on how we may better serve our membership and reach out to the young Marines in the community. We are always looking for others to volunteer, offer suggestions and help make things happen. Anyone interested in working the media for the society, let us know.

Finally, it is most important that dues are paid promptly. This is our sole source of revenue; unlike other Veteran organizations, 100% of your dues goes directly to supporting the Semper Fidelis Society. Your dues provides the lifeblood which enables us to present ourselves to the community as a viable and important resource. Thank you to all who paid their dues. As in the past, those who have not paid will be dropped from the rolls as of 31 March. We don't like to lose any members. Your membership is important and valued, PLEASE consider staying with us and continuing to help keep the spirit of Semper Fidelis alive in our community. See you March 21; join us for lunch with your fellow Marines and Corpsmen and bring a friend.

Semper Fi,
Paul McLaughlin



From the Staff:

- **Treasurer:** Operating Fund \$6170; Savings Fund (Scholarship and Sword Funds) \$2664; Outstanding Dues \$945. Overview of yearly **Expenses:** Membership in Civic Round Table and NEFVC \$50, one time Advertising in Times Union Waves of Glory \$500, Gung Ho Awards with NCO Sword presented this year \$1350; Donations Young Marine Organization \$700, Purchased small flags to place on the homes of the fallen for LCpl Todd Taylor Family \$178, Scholarships \$1000, Printing to support Gung Ho, Evergreen events and Operations \$300, Community outreach in support of V4V \$150, business registration fees, mailings and electronic services \$150. **Income:** Dues \$3200, 50/50, Pins, Shirts and Coins \$300. Net Revenue for 2016 was \$3,815. We received donations to support the Gung Ho and the JU Sword. approximately \$4000.
- **Gear:** Organization coins and lapel pins are available along with golf shirts, name tags and USMC covers see Paul McLaughlin at one of the meetings or use our contact info.
- **Membership:** Please pay your 2017 dues! Notices were mailed...Dues remain at \$40 and can be mailed into the PO Box.
- **Web Site:** Check out the web site at www.jaxsemperfidelis.org. There is also a Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/jaxsemperfi/ ... No reason not to stay connected and know what is going on.
- **Operations:** Meetings are now every other month (next meeting in March) with no meetings in June, July and Aug. There will be a social in November after the Evergreen Memorial and no meeting in Dec. We had to make this move due to the limited turnout at the meetings and now Hidden Hills has opened to the public and for us to remain there we needed to guarantee 25 for lunch at \$20 per for the buffet. We looked at other options and all were more expensive and not as accommodating. We could forego meeting were food is served, but we all felt having a meeting setting were members could share in some camaraderie over a lunch was something we wanted to maintain vice just have a meeting in a open hall. Evening meetings had less turnout. Our meetings are more about Marines and FMF Corpsmen getting together rather than all business. Our meetings are more about rekindling the camaraderie we had when on active duty and renewing the spirit of Semper Fidelis. The Board of Directors meets monthly at the Elks Lodge off Beach Blvd to discuss and handle business related issues. The BOD has 3 new members Fred Blaz, Kevin Tuner and Reiss Tatum working along with the President and Staff. Others are welcome to attend and join the board. Next BOD is March 9th at 1630.
- We are in the process of discussing the Gung Ho Awards and possibly moving them to Nov to present at the social after the Evergreen Memorial Service. JU NROTC Leadership Award/Sword Presentation along with the Bishop Kenny and Terry Parker NJROTC Scholarships are in the April time frame. We are also discussing having a social in between meetings and doing them at various locations. More to follow.
- We are reaching out to the younger Marine Veterans to get them to join and get involved.
- JSFS is a key player in the V4V movement that had 195 Veterans attend this last gathering in the Veterans Memorial Arena. Veterans from surrounding counties as far away as Volusia attended and are interested in partnering with the movement to reach out to more Veterans across Florida. V4V is attracting more young Veterans and is a great place to recruit young Marine Veterans into JSFS.



Did You Know: Marine Legend 3 Navy Crosses in one deployment

Colonel William A. “Ironman” Lee — most often remembered for his exploits as a gunnery sergeant — earned three Navy Crosses between 1930 and 1932 during a single deployment to Nicaragua as a Marine tasked with leading that country’s national guard against violent rebels.



Lee was a veteran of World War I when he was sent with other American troops to Nicaragua in 1927 to assist the Nicaraguan National Guard in a long-running fight against a leftist rebellion.

The Marines, including Lee, took command of small groups of local soldiers, trained them, and led them in combat.

In 1930, Lee was a gunnery sergeant who led the Nicaraguans against superior enemy forces six times between Mar. 20 and Aug. 19, forcing the enemy to retreat each time. Lee’s men were thought to have killed at least 10 enemy fighters and wounded many more over the span of the ten battles. Lee was awarded his first Navy Cross for his leadership and valor.

In December of the same year, Lee led a 10-day patrol through the jungle and engaged in three heavy fights with the rebels. His men defeated the rebels in each of the firefights, twice while fighting against rebel forces with superior numbers. This action netted Lee his second Navy Cross.

Two years later, Lee was partnered with then-First Lt. Lewis B. “Chesty” Puller as the two led a 40-man Nicaraguan element deep into the jungle, nearly 100 miles from the nearest reinforcements. On the seventh day of the patrol, the men were ambushed by an enemy force estimated at over 150 fighters.

Automatic weapons fire rained down on the Marines and Nicaraguans as rebels fired their rifles and threw grenades. Lee was hit in the arm and head almost immediately at the start of the fight. Puller led the Nicaraguans against the enemy to achieve fire superiority without knowing if Lee was alive or dead.

Luckily for them all, Lee was only unconscious and awoke approximately 15 minutes later as the battle continued. Despite his grievous wounds, he clawed his way to the Nicaraguans’ machine gun, moved it to a good firing position, and started raining hell on the rebels. He then returned to the main element and resumed his duties as the second in command on the final attack.

The Marines and Nicaraguans then conducting a fighting withdrawal back to their base, engaging the enemy multiple times and defeating more ambushes.

Lee was awarded his third and final Navy Cross for his actions while Chesty Puller was awarded his second.

Lee would go on to fight in China during the lead up to World War II. Soon after the war broke out, he and his men were captured by Japanese forces and taken as prisoners of war and tortured. Lee survived the ordeal and continued serving in the Marine Corps until his retirement in 1950. He died of cancer in 1998.

Read the [original article](#) on [We Are The Mighty](#). Copyright 2016

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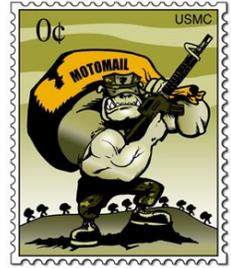
Time to pay your dues if you haven’t already done so. Meetings are every other month at HHCC. Notices will be sent by email and ROBO Call. Semper Fidelis Society is in its 17th year. Thank You

MEETINGS:

**Next Meeting March 21st 1130
Hidden Hills CC, Monument Rd.**

Buffet Lunch now \$20 and we need to have at least 25 members attend to maintain the venue.

P.O. Box 28188
Jacksonville, Florida 32226



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SEMPER FIDELIS IS MORE
THAN A MOTTO

"Marines Taking Care of Marines"

Meetings: Hidden Hills CC , Monument Rd, Jacksonville, Fl. Contact us at jfs.usmc@gmail.com

Membership: Bring in a new member; we want the support of every Marine in this community! We have and continue to make a difference in supporting Marines and sponsoring Marine leadership awards, but it takes strong membership. We thank all who pay their dues and support JSFS. We hope you can encourage other Marines and Navy FMF Corpsmen to step up and join. This is all about Marines taking care of Marines and it all starts with each of us. A membership short form is provided below and a full membership application is available on the web site at www.jaxsemperfidelis.org. Get involved, spread the word and recruit a fellow Marine. In unity there is strength!

SEMPER FIDELIS

2017 Membership Short Form

- Date: _____
- Full Name: _____
 - Mailing Address: _____

 - Phone Numbers-Home _____ Work _____
 - Cell _____
 - Email Address: _____



Note: Make \$40 check out to JSFS, bring this form, proof of USMC service and payment to the next meeting or mail to :
JSFS, PO Box 28188 Jacksonville, Florida 32226

Attn: JSFS Treasurer

Personal information will not be given out for any reason

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