



# THE TIMOTHY T DAY FOUNDATION

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## A DAY MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

### TIMOTHY T. DAY OVERLOOK REVEAL

December 6, 2014

The Timothy T. Day Overlook at the National Marine Corps Heritage Center was opened to the public after a small, private dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting. The Overlook will greet visitors to the Semper Fidelis Memorial Park Center and provide impressive views of the Museum grounds, the National Museum of the Marine Corps, and the Semper Fidelis Memorial Chapel. It will also serve as a unique venue for promotions, awards, and other special ceremonies.

Since one of the primary missions of the Timothy T. Day Foundation is to support the animal rescue community, a beautiful bronze statue of a German shepherd prominently stands watch over this Overlook and honors all military dogs who have provided loyal service and selfless devotion, often making the ultimate sacrifice. They remain ever faithful to the Corps and proudly bear the title of United States Marine.

At the dedication, Tim and Sandy Day were joined by the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps – General John Paxton, many of the recipients of our AMP and MBA Fellowships at HBS, and representatives of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. The occasion was a perfect setting for a number of festive reunion activities for Fellowship recipients.

A formal dedication ceremony of the Overlook will take place on March 27, 2015 in conjunction with the much anticipated groundbreaking for a major expansion of the National Museum of the Marine Corps. This will be a significant media event open to the public and will be attended by senior leaders of the Marine Corps.



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## TIM DAY VISITS MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER'S TWENTYNINE PALMS

October 2, 2014

Tim Day, along with fellow Marine veteran Jim Kitchel and HBS Fellowship recipients Blake Rice and Dan Burton traveled to Twentynine Palms, CA on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> to visit the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC) – where Tim had served more than 50 years ago. Upon arrival, they spent the evening at the O'Club with friends of Blake sharing beer, hamburgers, and sea stories.



The Base Staff put together a comprehensive tour of training facilities and capabilities as well as the significant investments in infrastructure.

At the close of business, the tired and dirty gang returned to a very crowded O'Club to share some libations and good cheer with the Base Commanding Officer, Major General Lewis Craparotta, and a large contingent of officers. The evening ended with a lively dinner with a group of company grade officers at the 29 Palms Inn. Overall, this proved to be an unforgettable experience – and Tim was able to relive numerous memories from his old stomping ground.



### Semper Fi Fund

#### Tim & Sandy Day Canine Companion Program Spotlight

December 2014

Marine Lance Corporal Drew Mendez volunteered to deploy to Afghanistan with the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion in April 2009. He returned to San Diego in July and was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and depression. By August of 2010, the PTSD and depression were taking their toll and Drew checked himself into a hospital for treatment. Shortly after being released, he met his new best friend: Rambo, an eight-month-old service dog that would change his life.

“Having a service dog was supposed to be temporary,” Drew says, “But when I laid my eyes on him it was love at first sight. He has been with me every step of the way, and he has saved my life - emotionally and literally - more times than he could ever know.”

The Semper Fi Fund has witnessed the incredible healing effect of service dogs on our veterans with PTSD. Through the generous funding provided by the Tim and Sandy Day Canine Companions Program we were able to assist Drew by sending Rambo to service dog school, providing Petco gift cards for dog food and pet accessories, and emergency vet care.

Drew says, “It’s been tough going, but the Semper Fi Fund and Rambo have made it a lot easier for me.”



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## HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL NEW MBA FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

October 20, 2014

We are pleased to announce that (Captain) Mark Powers and (Captain) Carlo Salvarani have been selected as the twelfth and thirteenth recipients of the Timothy T. Day Marine Corps Entrepreneur Fellowship at Harvard Business School.

The Timothy T. Day Foundation, Inc. established this Fellowship in 2005 to provide financial support for distinguished MBA students in accordance with the financial aid policies of Harvard Business School. The Fellowship is awarded to qualified recipients who have demonstrated hands-on leadership as an officer in the Marine Corps – particularly those who have served in line combat operations and have a manifest interest in entrepreneurship. It is hoped that this Fellowship will help enable outstanding Marines to further expand their potential through a Harvard Business School education and become superior leaders in our free-enterprise system and the Nation.



Capt Mark Powers



Capt Carlo Salvarani

## UPDATES FOR FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

- **Col Eric Austin:** Toured Wake Island, enroute with squadron to Iwakuni, Japan
- **Patrick Cleary:** Now works for Alpha Architect, and welcomed daughter, Reagan Cleary, born on November 22, 2014
- **Ahron Oddman:** Welcomed second son, Perry Reed Oddman, born on November 24, 2014
- **Col Dave Odom:** Led the Shanghai Cup celebration and regimental run while in Okinawa, Japan
- **Blake Rice:** Issued a letter of intent to buy a dental practice management software company through District Line Partners



### A Word from Tim...

“No one achieves greatness as a body builder, a cello player, an ice skater, a lawyer, a doctor, an artist, a politician, an entrepreneur – in any undertaking – without great personal sacrifice.”

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## FELLOWSHIP MARINES ON THE MOVE



### COL DAVID ODOM LEADS SHANGHAI CUP

November 14, 2014

*"The two Shanghai Cup photos are from our cake-cutting celebration and regimental run (we have over 1800 running!). Great day to be a Marine in the Shanghai Regiment!" – Dave Odom*



### COL ERIC AUSTIN TOURS WAKE ISLAND

November 20 – 21, 2014

*"As promised I have attached a few photos from my recent trip through Wake Island during the course of a Trans Pacific movement with one of my squadrons, VMA-231, to Iwakuni, Japan. It was an honor to spend a day on Wake - particularly as I have twice served in and previously commanded VMA-211, the Wake Island Avengers. Wake Island is hallowed ground.*

*If you are interested in the story of Wake I recommend "Wake Island, Alamo of the Pacific" by Dr Greg Urwin." – Eric Austin*



*"This is the location VMF-211 pilot Capt "Hammering Hank" Elrod was fatally wounded while manning a machine gun. He joined the fight on the ground after he had downed a few Japanese aircraft, sunken a destroyer, and subsequently all of the squadron's aircraft were destroyed. Capt Elrod was the first Marine recipient of the Medal of Honor in World War II for his heroic defense of Wake in the air and on the beach from 8 to 23 December 1941 - a true hero." – Eric Austin*



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# Lulu's Corner



Lulu's Fund is a proud supporter of the Animal Adoption Center and their new building. (Pictured L to R: Michelle, Sammy, Kara, Sandy and in front, Queenie)



## FRIENDS OF ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL HUMAN SERVICES EVENT

December 14, 2014

*Friends of Animal Care & Control, Lulu's Fund, Cause for Paws and MCACC were on-site at the Human Services campus handing out food, collars, leashes and carriers, while providing spay/neuter, vaccinations and flea/tick medication.*

*"Have we mentioned recently what amazing work Lulu's Fund does in our community? Not only do they donate over \$75,000 every year to fund life-saving spay & neuter, they sponsored the event at the Human Services Campus!"*

*We totally heart you, you two and four paw'd Lulu's Fund folks!" – FACC Facebook Post*



In early 2012 Lulu's Fund joined Phoenix Animal Care Coalition 911 (PACC911) to create Lulu's Angel Fund. To date, 60 animals, who have been victims of serious abuse or neglect, have been rescued and their medical expenses have been covered up to \$2,500 per case. Honey, featured above, is one of our success stories.



## AGN REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY HONORING SHELTER ANIMALS

December 14, 2014

*A special candle complete with dog tags from thrown away dogs was lit to honor just the shelter animals who have died anonymously.*

*These precious souls were sent on their journey wrapped in our deepest love and gratitude. As a special candle was lit, encircled by 193 companion candles, it was done with enough love to illuminate the brightest path where they will cross one by one and become whole once more, unloved never more.*

*- AGN Facebook Post*



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