

NINETEENTH ANNUAL SEMPER FI HANDBALL TOURNAMENT

WHEN: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 23, 24, & 25, 2008 (Memorial Day Weekend).

WHERE: MCRD, San Diego.

COST: \$55.00 entry fee (must accompany application). No charge for active duty enlisted.
Make checks payable to Frank Riney and mail to: 1518 Vanessa Circle, Encinitas, CA 92024.

DEADLINE: Friday, May 9, 2008 (phone entries not accepted).

START TIME: 1:00 PM Friday. Brackets posted by Thursday afternoon. **MANDATORY** player's meeting at 11:30 AM Friday (immediately following the Recruit Graduation Parade) at the Field House (behind the Base Gym).

RULES: USHA. USHA Red Label Ace. Single elimination with a singles and doubles consolation bracket. Eye guards are mandatory. No-Ref policy obtains until semi-finals. Assigned referees thereafter.

HOSPITALITY: Breakfast rolls, fruit, and coffee, and luncheon each day. Group get together (to include dinner) with guests Sat night

SOUVENIR: Collared, polo tournament shirt plus "surprise" souvenir(s)

AWARDS: First, second, and third in each category plus consolation

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WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

- USHA membership is required to participate in this tournament. USHA Application forms will be available at the tournament site. The Semper Fi Foundation will pay the USHA membership fee for active duty members who are not USHA members who choose not to join.
- The number of participants is capped at 105 and the priority of participation will be as follows:
 1. Marines*
 2. Navy personnel who have previously served with Marine units*
 3. Other military personnel who have previously participated*
 4. Military personnel who have not previously participated*
 5. Previous participants
 6. Special invitees. Must be approved by the committee and there must be room for them given the 105 participant cap* = denotes active, reserve, retired, or former
- If a need exists to prioritize within the category 5 applicants, first priority will be given to those applicants who will be flying to San Diego since they will have to make their reservations well in advance of the Tournament dates. Other category 5 discriminators (not in order of priority) include:
 1. Times played in the Semper Fi Tournament
 2. Most recently played in the Semper Fi Tournament
 3. Date of application
- We anticipate being able to accommodate ALL Category 1 ~ 4 entrants and most (but perhaps not all) Category 5 applications. The best way for Category 5 applicants to increase their acceptance probability (besides flying to San Diego) is early entry.
- Players who cannot be accommodated will be advised accordingly (all rejected applicants will be advised NLT Sat, 5/10/08).
- **Failure to either specify or misrepresent eligibility category on the entry form will result in tournament exclusion.**
- In the most recent tournaments we have been able to split the Super Masters and Diamond Masters singles brackets into five year increments, i.e., SM (60+), VSM (65+), DM (70+), VDM (75+) (Previously we haven't had a sufficient number of 50+ entries to have both a 50+ & a 55+ plus bracket but we will keep that option available).
- We have also included a Platinum Masters (PM (80+)) bracket since 2004.
- It also appears feasible to once again split the SM and DM doubles brackets into five year increments with the understanding that such a split will occur only if the number of GM, SM, or DM teams, respectively, exceed 8.
- Should we have 16 or fewer entrants in either singles category or 8 or less teams in either doubles category, the "Veterans" may be folded back into their respective younger age brackets. It may also be possible to have both an Open and a Masters bracket.
- Those who wish to play doubles but need a partner, signify that desire on the entry form and the tournament committee will do its best to "pick-a-partner" for you.
- This is a test!!! Note that the entry form is in two parts (separated by "-----"). Please send the top half of the entry form to Ray Leidich and the bottom half, along with your check, to Frank Riney. If you prefer, you can e-mail the top half of the entry to Ray.
- Billeting instructions will be provided by separate correspondence. As in the past, we will continue to request support from MCRD; the Admiral Kidd Inn; MCAS, Miramar; and SATO Travel (discount rates). If you want billeting, please include your arrival and departure dates on the lower half of the entry form (the part that goes to Frank).
- A Recruit Graduation Parade **IS** presently scheduled for Friday morning at 10:00 AM. This means there should also be a band concert and morning colors beginning at 7:30 AM in front of the Depot HQ building (on the drill field side).