



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

FEATURING WILL BRUZZO

FORMER JUDGE ADVOCATE

UNITED STATES MARINE CORP

“THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE”

Date: **Wednesday, September 24, 2008**

Time: 6:00 p.m. (Cocktails)
6:30 p.m. (Beginner Poker Instruction)
7:00 p.m. (Poker Tournament)

Place: Rio Hondo Country Club
10627 Old River School Road
Downey, CA 90241

Cost: With RSVP \$35
NO RSVP \$45

R.S.V.P. by 12 noon the day before the program.



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networking**

President's Comments:



Well its already September and I can't believe how quickly this year has gone by. We'll have elections soon and before you know it I can join the noble ranks of past presidents. In the meantime, with the help of the best board one could ever ask for, we will continue to make progress towards making the Southeast Bar and Lawyer Referral Service everything they are capable of.

This weeks meeting should be very interesting, with former JAG Officer Will Bruzzo speaking on the Uniform Code of Military Justice. This is a rare opportunity to learn first hand how the military justice system works and I am sure that all in attendance will walk away with a greater understanding of this system of justice which is integral to our National Security. I hope you can make a point of attending

the meeting.

Over the summer we enjoyed the Fifth Annual Southeast Bar Poker Tournament at the Hawaiian Gardens Casino. Thanks to Richard Procida for taking the lead in setting the event up. It was the first time that I have attended this event and I'll tell you, it was a lot of fun. Some of our members actually went home with some money with the Trophy going to Long Beach Bar Association President, Ethan Miller.

We also enjoyed the Southeast Bar Game Day at Angel Stadium, preceded by a warm up party at the home of Dennis and Jeri Saab. Thanks to Dennis and Jeri for hosting the party. Everyone had a great time and are looking forward to next year.

We are planning a trip to Washington D.C. which will span from May 16 to May 23, 2009 and will include getting sworn in with the Supreme Court on May 18th. I should have more information at the meeting on Wednesday. We made the trip three years ago and it was a great success. If you are going, you will have to plan early since the paperwork to the U.S. Supreme Court needs to be in before the end of the year. More details will follow.

Once again, I encourage those of you who are not signed into the referral service who feel they could benefit from additional case referrals to submit your applications to the Southeast District Bar Office, 12749 Norwalk Blvd. Suite 107, Norwalk, CA 90650. Feel free to call us at (562) 864-7247 for more information on the Lawyer Referral Service or Southeast Bar membership in general. You can download a membership application for both the Southeast Bar and the Lawyer Referral Service by accessing the "Membership Page" of our website at <http://sedba.org/membership.htm>.

Thanks to all you who have made a point of attending our monthly meetings. Please keep coming.

Your President,

Jack Bunnett

WILL BRUZZO



“Can You Handle the Truth?”

With more American Security Forces deployed in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere in the world, Military Justice makes its way into the media and our homes. We are pleased to have as our speaker for this month's meeting former Judge Advocate General (JAG) and Former Major USMCR, Will Bruzzo who will be speaking on the **Uniform Code of Military Justice**, how it works and its effectiveness and shortcomings. While on active duty in the United States Marine Corp. from 1993 to 1997, Mr. Bruzzo served as Company Commander and Judge Advocate and as a defense attorney obtained over a 50% acquittal rate in felony and misdemeanor trials. From 1997 to 2000, he served as Major 2nd in command over a 130 Marine Company. He created and trained machine gun teams on the M2 (.50 caliber) and 240G (7.62 mm) weapon systems and successfully conducted scouting details and security for unit displacement during battalion exercises involving **300 Marines**. He has led patrolling and land navigation training. He was instrumental in unit passing major inspection for first time in several years.

Mr. Bruzzo currently practices as a Criminal Defense Attorney at the Law Offices of William W. Bruzzo in Santa Ana, California and has handled many Jury Trials-**Including Acquittals in Life Imprisonment Cases**. He tried the infamous “Cat Torturer” case in People v Timothy Freeman (2001) with coverage by LA Times, OC Register and TV news. He is also currently a talk show host for KUCI 88.9 FM on the political debate show, “The Aggressive Moderate.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 24, 2008— Southeast District Bar Association General Membership Meeting featuring Will Bruzzo, Former JAG, USMC speaking on the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

**October 22, 2008— Proposed Joint Meeting with Long Beach and Whittier Bar Associations
(More information to follow)**

November 19, 2008— Judges and Past Presidents Night

May 16 to 23, 2009 Washington D.C. Trip

CONGRATULATIONS

**to Long Beach Bar Association
President,**

ETHAN MILLER

**Winner of the Southeast District
Bar's Annual Poker Tournament**



**(Pictured with Southeast District Bar President John Bunnett (left) and
Poker Tournament chair Richard Procida (right))**

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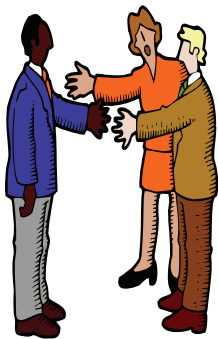


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