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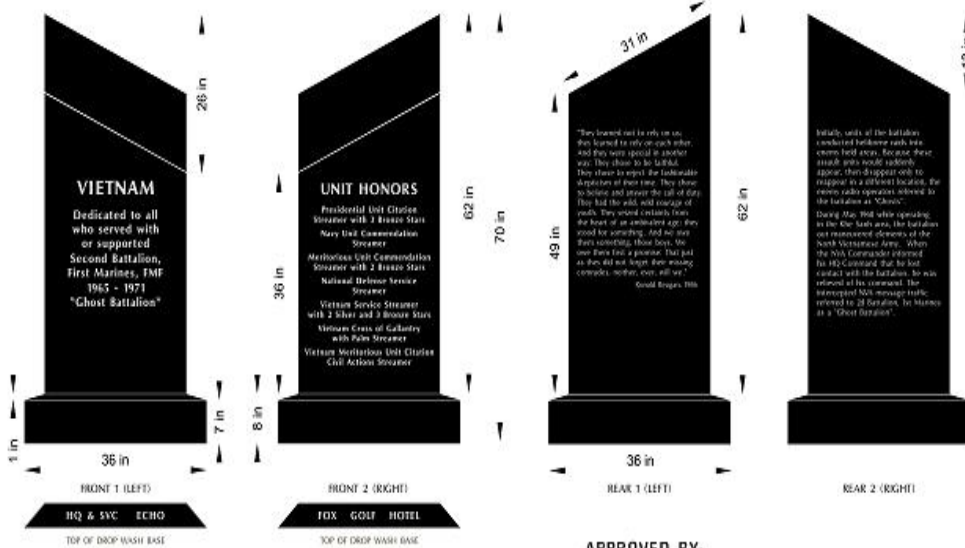
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Vietnam Veterans of 2d Bn 1st Marines Monument



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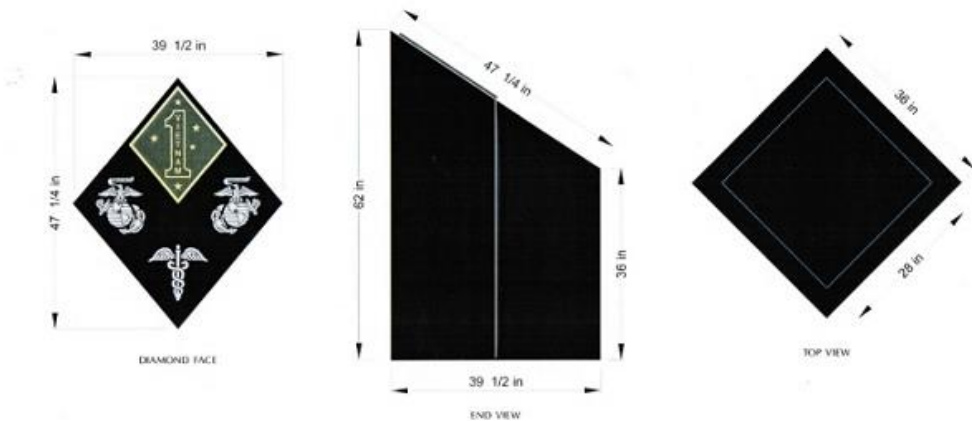


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BRONZE PLAQUE: APPROX. SIZE 18" X 22" (TBD)

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Vietnam Veterans of 2d Bn 1st Marines Monument

Dedication November 8, 2013

National Museum of the Marine Corps

18900 Jefferson Davis Hwy Triangle, VA 22172

WWW.USMCMUSEUM.COM

CONTRACT: The contract for the fabrication and installation of the monument was signed with Kline memorials, Manassas, VA for \$31,300.00 which includes a 10 x 10 brick 'patio'. A down payment of \$4300.00 was made with the balance of \$27,000 to be made in 3 additional payments : \$7000 upon fabrication of monument; \$7000 upon completion of carving and inscription; and, (3). \$13,000 upon Installation and inspection.

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE: While the donations to date barely cover the cost of the memorial itself, donations are still needed to cover other associated costs such as transportation, the dedication program, reception, postage, etc. In addition, The Memorial Committee is looking into the possibility of a granite bench at the monument site. Kline Memorials is working up an estimate for the bench.

We need to continue with the collection of donations;

* Thank you / receipt mailing; * Dedication Program; * Reception at MC Museum - which may be very expensive and we expect a huge crowd.

Donations may be mailed directly to our treasurer:

Mario Sagastume

778 Silverado Estates, Chico, CA 95973-5317

2/1 Monument Inscriptions

Top Diamond: Bronze Diamond with Vietnam in the numeral 1.
Left & Right EGA - Corpsman Caduceus -

Front Left– Dedication:

VIETNAM

Dedicated to all who served with or supported
Second Battalion, First Marines, FMF
1965 – 1971
“Ghost Battalion”

Front Right – Battle Streamers

UNIT HONORS

Presidential Unit Citation Streamer with 3 Bronze Stars
Navy Unit Commendation Streamer
Meritorious Unit Commendation Streamer with 2 Bronze Stars
National Defense Service Streamer
Vietnam Service Streamer with 2 Silver and 3 Bronze Stars
Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm Streamer
Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation Civil Actions Streamer

Monument Inscriptions

Rear Right - Origin of Ghost Battalion

Initially, units of the battalion conducted heliborne raids into enemy held areas. Because these assault units would suddenly appear, then disappear only to reappear in a different location, the enemy radio operators referred to the battalion as "Ghosts".

During May 1968 while operating in the Khe Sanh area, the battalion out maneuvered elements of the North Vietnamese Army. When the NVA Commander informed his HQ Command that he lost contact with the battalion. he was relieved of his command. The intercepted NVA message traffic referred to 2d Battalion, 1st Marines as a "Ghost Battalion".

Rear Left – R. Reagan quote

"They learned not to rely on us; they learned to rely on each other. And they were special in another way: They chose to be faithful. They chose to reject the fashionable skepticism of their time. They chose to believe and answer the call of duty. They had the wild, wild courage of youth. They seized certainty from the heart of an ambivalent age; they stood for something. And we owe them something, those boys. We owe them first a promise: That just as they did not forget their missing comrades, neither, ever, will we."
R. Reagan 1986

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We need to get an idea of how many of our Members, Family & Friends of 2/1 will be attending the dedication of our monument. The count is needed for the National Museum of the Marine Corps so we can plan our ceremony activity(s) inside and outside of the museum. If you are attending the reunion and are planning to attend the dedication of our monument please let us know:

1. Your name.
2. How many in your party.
3. Do you need transportation to the dedication.
4. Can you help with transportation.

Please eMail me at : Vin@FirstMarines.org

Thank You & Semper Fi, Vinnie Burdziuk H&S 1966



ENGRAVED MEMORIAL BRICKS

A double row of Engraved Memorial Bricks line the pathways of the Semper Fidelis Memorial Park, National Museum of the Marine Corps, Quantico, VA. Each engraved brick honors the donor or another person. Bricks may be ordered through Vietnam Veterans 2/1 or through the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation [MCHF]. Each brick costs \$300 and you may order as many as you like.

If you want a memorial brick installed at the monument by the dedication on 8 November, you need to place and pay for your order through V V 2/1 no later than Monday, July 15, 2013. There is no guarantee that orders received after July 15 will be inscribed and placed by Nov 8th. Please Note: There is no guarantee of where your memorial brick will be placed if ordered thru MCHF except it will be 'somewhere' along the pathways in the order received.

However, if your engraved brick is ordered through V V 2/1, it will be placed at or adjacent to the V V 2/1 Memorial Monument. But, in order to guarantee your engraved brick will be placed at / adjacent to the memorial monument, V V 2/1 must have orders of no less than 35 engraved bricks for each order.

Bricks ordered through the MCHF must be paid for at the time of the order. While V V 2/1 would prefer full payment upon order, members may make time payments of \$75 per month for 4 months.

Each person ordering an engraved brick will receive a special Certificate of Registration recognizing their contribution and confirming the inscription(s) submitted.

Engraving is limited to 3 lines of 20 characters each. A character includes all letters, punctuations and spaces. Each line must end with a full word or name (words and names will not be hyphenated and continued on the next line.)

Memorial Brick Inscription [1 form for each brick ordered]

Order Placed by:

Name: [LAST] _____ [FIRST] _____ [Middle Initial] _____.

Address[1]: _____.

Address[2]: _____.

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____.

Phone: _____

Email _____

Signature _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Date: _____ Amount Received _____ [In Full / 4 Payments]

Authorized by: _____ Date _____

**Send this form along with payment made out to Vietnam Veterans of 2d Bn 1st Mar to:
Dale Williams - 915 Waterview Lane - Monroe, NC 28110**