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Officers & Trustees



Message from the President

Brothers, Family and Friends of 2/1

This Newsletter comes to you with just over three months until our 2012 reunion in San Diego, and I can assure you that your trustees and reunion volunteers are working hard in putting together another great gathering of our 2/1 family. You will notice that the agenda (printed elsewhere in this Newsletter) for this year is full of planned activities and allows for plenty of personal time for you to take advantage of what San Diego and Mission Bay have to offer. The Bahia hotel is in the perfect location, only two blocks from the pacific ocean, for those that want entertainment attractions and great places for food and fun, whether you want it within walking distance or a short bus ride away. Belmont Park arcade, with a historic wooden roller coaster across, is across the street from the hotel and a half dozen restaurants are across from it. There are lots to do nearby, but within a short drive of less than five miles there is the USS Midway and other ocean museums as well as Sea World, and other major attractions. Oh, in addition to the tennis courts and fitness center, and also available at the hotel you can rent beach cruiser bikes, tandem bikes, and boats (sail, pedal boats, kayaks, fish and ski boats) for reasonable prices. Or how about just enjoying the sun and over a mile of white sandy beach or in a heated pool or large Jacuzzi. A great location for an enjoyable vacation and reunion.

The reunion agenda also notes the planned gatherings that include; a graduation parade at MCRD, breakouts sessions, Jim Page movie night, Healing Touch treatments, and, with a huge 2/1 thanks to Tom & Linda Lang (Foxtrot CO '68), we will again be joining them at their beautiful home for a BBQ and afternoon of fun. We will also be participating in the city of San Diego's Veterans Day Parade, and the Hospitality Suite PX will be open for your enjoyment. And of course, the most important reason for our getting together is to share memories, tears and a lot of laughter as comrades and brothers. Start planning your trip before time runs out, you won't want to miss this reunion.

2/1 HISTORY PROJECT. Last week I received an email from the FO of 2/1, Capt. George Stegmiller, in which he asked for our assistance in replacing 2/1 artifacts that have been lost as the battalion, over the past decade plus, has gone through the multiple deployments. He wrote; "We are trying to track down anyone with any photographs or negatives of Marines or Corpsman from 2/1 that we can use to transform our CP back into something that reflects our proud history and allows incoming Marines and Sailors to understand our history and where the nicknames "The Professionals" and "Ghost Battalion" come from. We would also like to try to collect any memorabilia or gear that anyone still has and is willing to donate. I appreciate any help or points of contact that you could provide." Semper Fidelis, Very respectfully, Capt George "Scores" Stegmiller Forward Air Controller, Battalion Landing Team 2/1, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit."

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Presidents Message Continued

This is a project we cannot ignore and I would like to ask each of you coming to the reunion to please go through your 'pictures & stuff', select what you wish to donate to the rebuilding the Battalion's history, and bring it with you to the reunion.

Arrangements will be made to either take all the contributions to Camp Pendleton or the Battalion will arrange to have a couple of Marines stop by the reunion to pick the items up. If you will be unable to make the reunion and wish to send some photographs or other items you can do so by mailing them to 2/1 History Project, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines 1st Marine Division (Rein) Box 555442 Camp Pendleton, CA 92055-5442. Let's get all hands involved if we can.

Vietnam Veterans of 2/1 Monument at NMMC. As our hard working Vice President Phil Leslie mentions elsewhere in this Newsletter things are moving fast towards dedicating our own monument on Memorial Walk at the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, VA during our reunion in DC in 2013. We got in just under the wire in order to acquire one of the last four spots available for the placement of a permanent testimonial of 2/1's service during the Vietnam War and now we are seeking contributions toward its construction. If you have a few extra dollars (or more) and would like to help us reach the goal set in Phil's comments, please mail your contribution in the attached envelope. ***Please make the contribution payable to the: Vietnam Veterans of 2/1 Monument Fund.*** And mail it in the enclosed envelope.

See you in San Diego - Semper Fidelis, Paul Mangan - Foxtrot '65-'66

Treasurer's Report

REPORT FROM 2/1 TREASURER - MARIO SAGASTUME

Our cash balance as of July 10th, 2012 is \$12,239.84. At this time there are no liabilities on our books.

As trustees, we not only perform our duties as indicated by our titles but are called to perform other functions as necessary. I volunteered (actually, Paul ordered me) to contact the San Diego Veterans Day Parade Committee to facilitate our participation.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, AYE, AYE, SIR!!!

The application has been submitted and accepted. We will march, limp, and some of you will walk "tall". We plan to have a few pick-up trucks for those who prefer or are forced to ride. If we get industrious, we may also have a float or two.

The date of the parade is Monday, November 12, so please arrange your schedules accordingly.

More detail will follow, such as parade route, and transportation for us to get to the start of the parade route and return to the barracks.

I hope we have a large group take part in the parade. This will be our third parade and those who were apprehensive before, did not regret it. Below is a link to their website:

<http://sdvetparade.org/Information.html>



Who is that Masked Man?
If you guessed Mario aka: Amanda
You are right!

**This was taken at our April Officers/Trustees meeting
 in San Diego...**



Combined Action Program**The Combined Action Program in Vietnam & Unit Awards from 1965-1971****By: Ben Dickson, Fox Co. 1968-69**

The basic model of the Combined Action Program was a solution to one infantry battalion's problem of an expanding TAOR. The concept combined a Marine rifle squad with a local Popular Force platoon, resulting in a force multiplier which was effective at the village level, to deny the enemy sanctuary and give security to the village defense forces. The concept was partially based on the Marine pacification programs in Haiti, Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic and elsewhere during the "Banana Wars" from 1915 to 1934.

The history of the Combined Action Program concept began with 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines in the Phu Bai area of I Corps in August of 1965. The battalion's adjutant and civil affairs officer Capt. John J. Mullen, Jr. suggested combining Marine squads with a platoon of Vietnamese Popular Forces (PF) in the villages around Phu Bai. The idea was passed up the chain of command where it was embraced by Major General Lew Walt (III MAF) and Lt. General Victor Krulak (FMFPAC), who both had fought in the banana wars. Walt and General Westmoreland (MACV) as the respective Army and Marine commanders differed on the strategies for the conduct of the war. Walt felt the "hearts and minds" type of civil action programs were more effective in an insurgency, whereas Westmoreland was not an advocate of pacification programs. Westmoreland believed in large unit land warfare trying to stage full scale land battles to break and defeat the NVA. The original concept was officially formalized in February of 1967 by Walt, appointing Lt. Col. William R. Corson as the III MAF deputy director for Combined Action. Despite a rocky start, the program took hold and flourished, with a peak of 4 Combined Action Groups with 114 Companies spread through 5 Provinces of I Corps. In January of 1970 the four Combined Action Groups consisted of a total of 42 Marine Officers, 2050 Enlisted men, 2 Naval Officers, and 126 Corpsmen. In the 5 years of operation, the Combined Action Platoons operated in over 800 hamlets, containing approximately 500,000 Vietnamese civilians in I Corps.

Combined Action was perhaps one of the few successful programs of the war. General Walt stated "...of all the innovations in Vietnam, none was as successful, as lasting in effect, or as useful for the future as the Combined Action Program..." President Lyndon Johnson even mentioned the program in one of his speeches near the end of his term. In an article about the 1st Combined Action Group, Lt. Col. James H. Champion, USMC (ret.) found that from 1966 to 30 June 1969, the NCO led CAP units killed over 4400 VC/NVA. CAP units were often popular in the villages where they worked, succeeding in denying them to the VC. Of 209 villages protected by 1st CAG, not one of the villages reverted back to the VC control. This undeniable achievement is an example of success the VC propaganda could not explain away. General Westmoreland in his memoirs stated "The Combined Action Program was one of the more ingenious innovations developed in South Vietnam".

The Combined Action Program received many Unit Awards during the 5 years it existed and for the participation in combat operations throughout I Corps during the Vietnam War. The three Navy/Marine Corps Unit awards are the Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation, and the Meritorious Unit Citation. The PUC is awarded to a unit that displays such gallantry, determination, and esprit de corps that sets it above other units participating in the same campaign. The degree of heroism and combat valor are the same as would warrant the award of the Navy Cross Medal to an individual. The Navy Unit Citation is awarded to a unit whose service is of a character that would warrant the award of the Silver Star. The Meritorious Unit Citation is awarded to a unit whose service is compatible with the justification of the award of a Bronze Star to an individual.

Throughout the history of the Combined Action Program, many of these awards went to the Combined Action Groups, Companies, and Platoons. All personnel permanently assigned to or attached to the cited unit and participating in the actions for which the unit was cited are authorized to wear the ribbon. Many of our brothers in 2/1 served in these units but left Vietnam and the USMC before the awards were granted, thus they are unaware of the right to wear the award.

It is possible to determine a person's eligibility by going to the Navy and Marine Corps Unit Awards Manual (found online) and looking up the unit you were in and comparing the dates of service with that unit to the award time frames. Most all of the units in the program are eligible for a PUC or NUC. Some individual units also were awarded the MUC. Almost all of the units were supporting units of the IIIMAF, 1st MARDIV, or 3rd MARDIV.

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There are many other sources for further exploration and background and historical data located on the internet. CAP has its own organization. The Historical Branch of HQMC and the Awards Branch also have places where these items can be researched. There are also many articles and books about the Combined Action Program available.

MCRD VISIT

MCRD VISIT, 2012

By Mike Valdez



The 2012 reunion in San Diego is only four months away. One of the activities we have planned for our visit is a return to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego. The officers and trustees have already met with the officers in charge of visitation and have secured the approval for a visit to the Depot on Friday November 9, 2012.

The activities for the morning include the flag raising ceremony conducted by the Commanding General at 0800. After the will attend a graduation ceremony and one hour to visit the base museum. The from World War II, Korea and Vietnam. View Inn is about ten dollars. After time at the museum, it will be open and

Transportation to the Depot will be by secure vans, we may have two vehicles anyone is interested in attending, I will visitation. All members should send me an email at > mvaldez@windstream.net < or contact me by phone at: **713-822-1165** with your name and any visitors you may want to attend. In addition, please indicate if you are planning to have lunch on base so I can give them a count and reserve tables for our group. The last instruction would be to make sure you have a picture ID to show the guards at the gate. Further information will be available and posted on the bulletin board at the reunion for any final instructions.



flag raising ceremony and comments, we parade. Prior to lunch, we will have about museum has some very good displays If anyone is interested, lunch at the Bay lunch, if anyone would like to spend more available for visitation.

private vehicle. If the association is able to capable of carrying 10-12 visitors each. If need to provide a roster to MCRD prior to



From Gary Gordon



Each month we draw closer to our next reunion and it is shaping up to be one of our best ones yet. I hope all that are planning to attend this year in beautiful San Diego have made reservations at the "resort" that we will be occupying. There is to be much fun and many activities to keep all members of the family up and going for the whole time we are there. Of course some of us have worked so hard these past years we may just kick back and watch all the fun with cold drinks in hand.

I would like to point out that we have included in this month's Newsletter a list of those 2/1 Viet Nam Veterans that has joined our organization over the past several months. If you were with 2/1 and joined us recently and your name or any other information is not correct please let me know by email at > glgordon21@yahoo.com < and I will correct said errors faster than water resupply on a hot day. A great big thanks goes out to my fellow board members and other volunteers who keep working on finding our lost brothers in arms.

Until we can see each other once more I wish all of you a cool, fun summer with those that remain dear to your heart. Stay Safe,

Gary Gordon - HQ 1968

NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO OUR MEMBERSHIP LIST

AKINS	JOHN	ECHO		JENSEN	CARL	GOLF	69 - 70
BABCOCK	RICHARD	H&S	67-68	KEMP	JOHN	HOTEL	
BELL	CLIFF FORD	FOXTROT	65-66	KLING	TED		70
BERNARDO	DANIEL	HOTEL	68-69	KOSS	ALBERT	FOXTROT	'67-'68
BOWERS	GREGORY	H&S	71	KREJCI	DENNIS	FOXTROT	66
BRANDON	RICHARD	HOTEL		KRUSE	DOUG	ECHO	70-71
BROOKSHIRE	RON (DOC)	GOLF	67-68	LA CROSS	ANTHONY D	H&S	65-'66
BURKDOLL	MIKE	GOLF	67	LAMP	JERRY	FOXTROT	
CADENA	RICHARD	ECHO		LAWLER	MARTIN J. Sr	H&S	65'66
CAGGIANO	LOUIS	HOTEL	70	LECINSKI	ALEX "MIKE"	ECHO	68
CHICHESTER	LEO	FOXTROT		LEIKER	PHILLIP	FOXTROT	
CHRISTENSON	GARY	ECHO	67-68	LEPLY	STEVEN W	FOXTROT	70-71
CICHOWLAS	EDWARD J.	FOXTROT	69-70	LILLY	JERRY	HOTEL	'67-'68
COLEMAN	ROBERT	GOLF	66	LITTLE	JOHN	FOXTROT	69-70
CONNELL	PATRICK	ECHO	69-70	MACDONNELL	JOHN	ECHO	67-68
COOK	(JIMMY)	GOLF	66	MANSON	THOMAS	GOLF	
CREDO	ARCSENIO	GOLF	66-'67	McGEE	PAUL	G&F	65-66
CREECH	JERRY L	GOLF	68-69	McGRADY	MICK	ECHO	69-71
CRIST	JOHN	FOX	65-66	MENDIOLA	ESTEBAN	ECHO	65-66
DE WITT	Doug (DJ)			MERRIMAN	JOHN "DOC"	HOTEL	66-67
DENHAM	DAVID	HOTEL	68-69	NORMANDIN	LOU	ECHO	68
DI GIACOMO	ALEX	FOXTROT	66-67	NORTON	FRANK	ECHO	65-66
DIAGLE	ISRAEL	GOLF	65-66	OTA	FRANK		
EVINS	GARY	CAP	66-67	PEARSON	BILL	ECHO	66-67
FINLAY, Jr	GEORGE	HIS	66-67	PERRY	MICHAEL	GOLF	
FOWLER	BERNARD	GOLF	66?	POTER	JACK	H&S	
FRANCHOT	CHARLES	ECHO		PRICE	MICHAEL		
FREW	JAMES F.	FOXTROT	68-69	PRIEBE	PHILLIP	GOLF	69-70
GALLIGAN	JOHN	H&S	69-70	PRUITT	DEWEY C	ECHO	67-68
GASPAR	ANTONIO	GOLF	66-67	RANEY	JIM	H&S	65-66
GELINAS Jr HM1	JERRY	H&S	69-70	ROBERTS	PAUL	E & G	66-67
GILES	JOHN	HOTEL	'66	ROBINSON	HARVEY L	TANK BN	65-66
GOLZ	SGT PAT		66-67	ROMAN	WAYNE (GUS)	HOTEL	68-69
GRALL	DENNY	FOXTROT	66-67	ROOS	JIM	GOLF	67
GRAVITT	DAVID R	GOLF	66-67	ROSEN	GARY ALLEN	HOTEL	67-68
GREEN	JOHN			ROTH	DAVE	FOXTROT	68
GUSTAFSON	Lt. Col.			SCHAEFFER	JOHN		
HAFF	TOMI			SCRUGGS	KENNETH		
HART	THOMAS	H&S	66-67	SILVA	TOM		
HIGGINS	DANIAL	ECHO	67-68	SIRCHIA	PAUL	HOTEL	'67-'69
HIMES	HARRIS	B-Tanks	67-68	SLATON, Jr	HERSHEL B	FOXTROT	67-68
HOFFMAN	THOMAS LI Col			SLAUBAUGH	TOM (Doc)	ECHO	68-69
JACQUES	RICARDO	GOLF	67-68	SMITH	DAVID	HOTEL	67-68
				SNERIZ	DANIEL		
				SPORTSMAN	JOHN		
				STACY	RAYMOND J	H&S	69-70
				STANTON	TIM	ECHO	70
				STRICKLER	DAROLD	FOXTROT	67-68
				STUCKER	GARY	ECHO	65-67
				SULLIVAN	DAVID F	FOX	68-69
				TANSEY	FRSNIK		
				TAYLOR	CECIL	HOTEL	
				THOMPSON	IRVIN	CHAPLAIN	69-70
				URGANO	MIGUEL	FOX	70-71
				WAGNER	M		
				WERSHNER	GEORGE DOC		
				WILLIAMS	CHARLES	BN S COUT	70-71
				WRENN	BRYANT	HOTEL	67-68
				WRIGHT	HENRY	81 Mo Bns	68-70
				WRIGHT	LOREN	HOTEL	65-66
				WRIGHT	WILL	H&S	67
				ZARBO	DAN	ECHO	70



Phil Leslie's Update on Our 2/1 Monument



Time Flies. And if you don't move with it, you'll be left behind. Such is the progress on the Vietnam Veterans 2nd Battalion 1st Marines Monument at the National Museum of the Marine Corps, [NMMC] Quantico, VA. Following the Olive Branch, MS reunion, the monument committee [Phil Leslie, Bruce Oliver, Ben Dixon, Clyde Woods, and Jack Klimp] met at the NMMC in mid March and looked over the grounds and monuments. Clyde and Jack are the 'on site' members as they live near Quantico. Bruce took photos. They range from simple to elaborate, small to large. We 'assumed' that we had ample time to come up with a few concepts, get a vote from the members to move forward with lots of time to spare.

WRONG! Clyde returned to the NMMC / memorial trail in mid April and was informed that that there were only 4 spaces not yet reserved. The NMMC requires a \$1000 down to secure a spot. Remembering his immediate reaction drills, Clyde, with his check book in hand secured one of the 4 remaining spots for VV 2/1. That rates a 5.0 / 5.0 on his conduct and proficiency. In addition, Paul Hurt, an F/O who was attached to 2/1 and lives in the area pledged a like amount. So the die is cast. V V 2/1 will have a monument. Several of the Officers / Trustees have also pledged donations. So now all we have to do is generate approximately \$10-12K in donations.

Because of the time constraints the Monument Committee believes the best solution is to offer up a few concepts for the Membership at the 2012 reunion in San Diego.

As a start, Clyde proposed greenish tint granite block about 32-36" high, 18" thick sitting on a bluish tinted granite base 6 - 8" high and slightly larger then the circumference of the upright block. The Green to symbolize the Grunts and the Blue the Navy corpsmen and doctors. The angle of the top would be in the 45 degree range (Flatter than the attachment) More like looking at a draftsman's table. On the face of this top would be the 2/1 LOGO sized to fit the proportion of the surface with "The Professionals" underneath the logo. There is some concern that because "Ghost Battalion" came into being during mid 1968, it does not apply to ALL VV 2/1 members. That's something for the membership to decide.

Below on the front would be the Eagle Globe & Anchor. Crossed rifles on one side and the Corpsman's caduceus on the other side. The inscription would say: "Dedicated to All who served with or supported the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines", September 1965 - April 1971.

Surrounding the base would be a walk around cobble stone and brick walkway similar to the trail itself. On the back of the monument would be the following: We are the Veterans of 2nd Battalion 1st Marines and all supporting Units.

We are Chaplains' and Rabbis and would continue same as the words from our Web page with the following added," They sustain us still and will for the days of our lives. We have been proud to serve."

DONATIONS MAY BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO OUR TREASURER:

V V of 2/1 Monument Fund - Mario Sagastume - 778 Silverado Estates, Chico CA 95973-5317

We were Echo, Foxtrot, Golf, and Hotel. We were H&S and Scouts, Recon and CAPs. We were Chaplains and Rabbis. We were generals and privates. We were combat-tested Corpsmen... dispensers of solace and comfort and healing balms. We will always be brothers in combat!

Time has marched on. And in its inexorable advance, it has taken some toll on all of us. But the memories of honor, courage, and brotherhood have not diminished. They sustain us still and will for all the days of our lives.

Let this monument be a recognition of that uncommon valor displayed by those who served in the Battalion. Those who made the ultimate sacrifice and those who live with the memories.



Dale Williams - History & Traditions of the Marine Corps Ball



After some of the discussions at the mid-year trustees meeting, I thought a little information on the history and traditions of the Marine Corps Birthday Ball would get everyone on the same sheet of music so to speak. The Marine Corps Birthday is a world wide event held annually on 10 November wherever two or more Marines gather to celebrate the founding of our Corps. Many of us that served during Vietnam never participated in a real Birthday Ball; it was boot camp, ITR, BITS or MOS school, staging, Vietnam and discharge. The birthday was celebrated in the field with a cake and the CO saying a few words or maybe in the mess hall if not in the field. But certainly not a Birthday Ball.

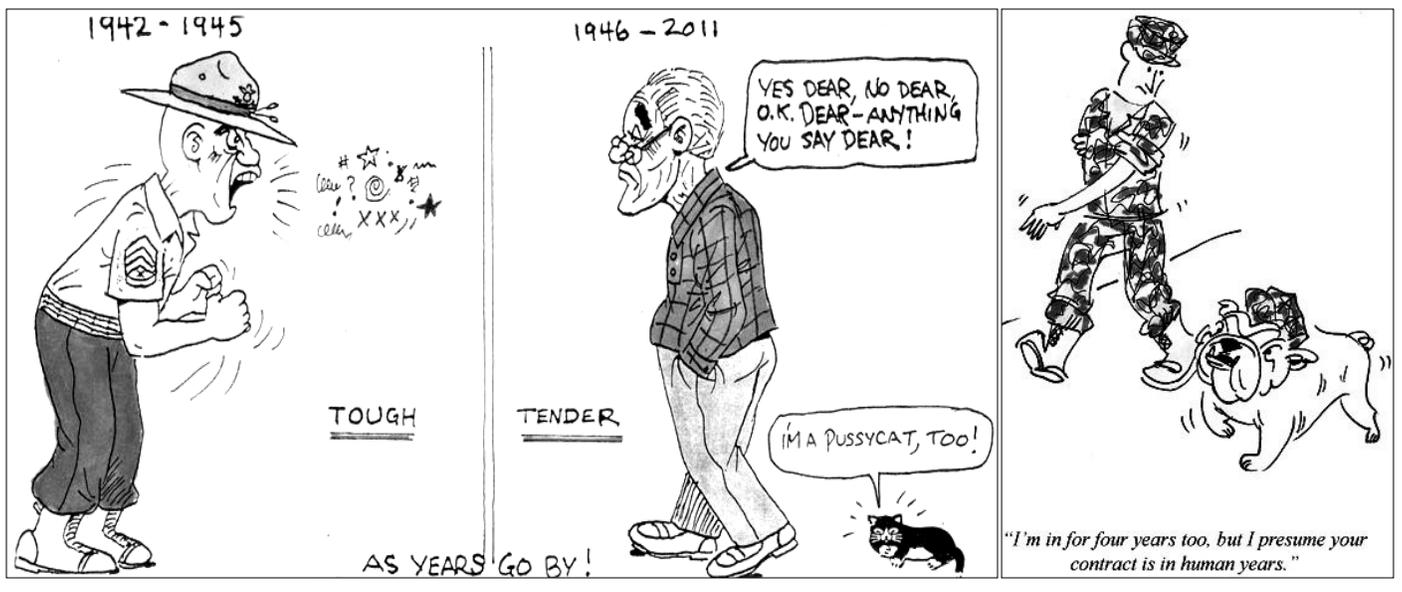
The origin of the celebration starts with Commandant Gen. Lejeune publishing an order in 1921 that directs the honoring of the Marine Corps Birthday. For the next few years various commands held different events from mock battles to baseball games to comply with the order. The first formal Ball was held in Philadelphia in 1925. In 1952 Commandant Gen. Shepherd formalized the cake cutting and other traditional ceremonies that are still followed.

So, the celebration to honor the founding of the Marine Corps evolved into the Birthday Ball as we know it today. It consists of the presentation of the colors, the cake cutting with the oldest and youngest Marines present receiving the first and second pieces, the current Commandant's message as well as the reading of Gen. Lejeune's original order. A few words are spoken by the CO or invited speaker and the party begins. Every Marine present is in his or her best uniform, blues or evening dress. The escorted ladies are in fancy dresses and the non-Marine gentlemen (and Marines not currently on active duty that no longer fit their uniforms) are in tuxedos or at least suits. Every unit in the Marine Corps, active and reserve, has a Ball. In large units, such as 2nd Marine Division, the Ball does not include dinner, in smaller ones such as a reserve unit it generally does. But wherever the Ball is held, the ceremony follows the same format.

A number of years ago a cousin of mine was assigned as the Air Attaché in Morocco. Yes, even though he was Air Force we still spoke to him. When he was going through the orientation for the job he was told to make sure that he packed his evening dress uniform for the Marine Barracks Birthday Ball. He told me it was the invitation everyone on the embassy staff looked forward to, including the Ambassador.

I hope this helps everyone to understand the origins of the Ball and the tradition involved. In the past our birthday celebration was referred to as a banquet. Even our celebration does not adhere strictly to the traditional format of the Birthday Ball, we are attempting to bring it closer. We have no dress code and have no desire to institute one. We want everyone to enjoy the party and celebrate the 237th birthday of the Corps. It is one of the things that makes the Marine Corps different from the other services and bonds us all as Marines forever.

Semper Fi, Dale Williams



Preliminary Event Schedule - Subject to Change

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Annual Reunion/Meeting Vietnam Veterans of the Second Battalion, First Marines
Bahia Resort & Hotel – San Diego, (Mission Bay) CA
November 8 – 12, 2012

Reunion - Day 1 Thursday 11/08

All day	Advance Party – Recon and Planning - Continues Set up Hospitality Room – Purchase supplies
1000 -	Hospitality Suite Open [Location – TBA] 2/1 Attendee Registration - Open PX Open [Location – TBA]
1000 – All Day	Arrivals and Hotel Check-in Hotel Lobby
1200 - All day	** (On your Own) Tours & other activities: USS Midway – Seaside Fun Park – Old Town San Diego - Balboa Park – San Diego Zoo – Fishing – Sea World – Beach Shops & Restaurants, etc.
1300	Officers/Trustees meeting (Location TBA)
1300 – 1700	Healing Touch - (Location – TBA) ***
1900 – 2200	Opening Day Reception and Presentations Hospitality Suite [Location – TBA] PX Open
2400	Hospitality Suite – PX Closed

Reunion – Day 2 Friday 11/09

0800 -	Hospitality Suite Open 2/1 Attendee Registration PX Open
0730 - 1300	MCRD Graduation Parade & Luncheon (Location – Directions to MCRD to be provided)
1300 – 1700	Healing Touch - (Location – TBA) ***
1300 – 1800	** (On your Own)
1530 – 1700	BREAK OUT SESSION (Location – TBA) ***
1530 – 1700	BREAK OUT SESSION – Family & Friends (Location – TBA) ***
1900 – 2200	Reception and Greetings Hospitality Suite [Location – TBA]
1930 -	“Jim Page Movie Night” – Popcorn and refreshments provided - (Location and Name of Movie TBA)
2400	Hospitality Suite – PX Closed

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Bahia Resort & Hotel – San Diego, (Mission Bay) CA

November 8 – 12, 2012

Reunion - Day 3	Saturday 11/10
0630 -	Hospitality Suite Open
0800	PX Open
0900 – 1100	Annual Business Meeting (Location TBA) ***Hospitality Suite and PX closed during annual meeting
1300 - 1700	BBQ and Birthday Party, Tom & Linda Lang's (Location TBA)
1800	Reception and Greetings Hospitality Suite [Location – TBA] PX Open
2000	Dinner on your own
2400	Hospitality Suite – PX Closed
Reunion Day 4	Sunday 11//11
0730	Hospitality Suite Open PX Open
0900 –	Healing Touch - (Location – TBA) ***
0900 – 1030	BREAK OUT SESSION (Location – TBA) ***
0900 – 1030	BREAK OUT SESSION – Family & Friends (Location – TBA) ***
1030 – 1700	On your own **
1800	Hospitality Suite & PX Closed
1800 - 1900	Banquet Reception (No Host Cash Bar) Location TBA
1830 - 2100	Annual Banquet & Marine Corps Birthday Celebration Location TBA
2100	Raffle
2200	DJ and Dancing Party Continues and Hospitality Suite Open
2400	Hospitality Suite Closed

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Reunion Day 5

Monday 11/12

0800 - 1200 Hospitality Suite Open
 PX Open from 0900 – 1100)

0800 - 1200 **San Diego Veterans Day Parade** (Location TBA)

1400 – 1700 Healing Touch - (Location – TBA) ***

1400 – 1530 BREAK OUT SESSION (Location – TBA) ***

1400 – 1530 BREAK OUT SESSION – Family & Friends (Location – TBA) ***

1200 – 1700 On you own Tours & other activities:
 USS Midway – Seaside Fun Park – Old Town San Diego - Balboa Park – San Diego Zoo -
 Fishing – Sea World – Beach Shops & Restaurants (Transportation information; Bus Ser-
 vice across from hotel: \$1.10 Sr's, all day pass \$5.00))

1800 Hospitality Suite [Location – TBA]
 PX Open

2000 Dinner on your own

2400 Hospitality Suite – PX Closed

Reunion Day 6

Tuesday 11/13

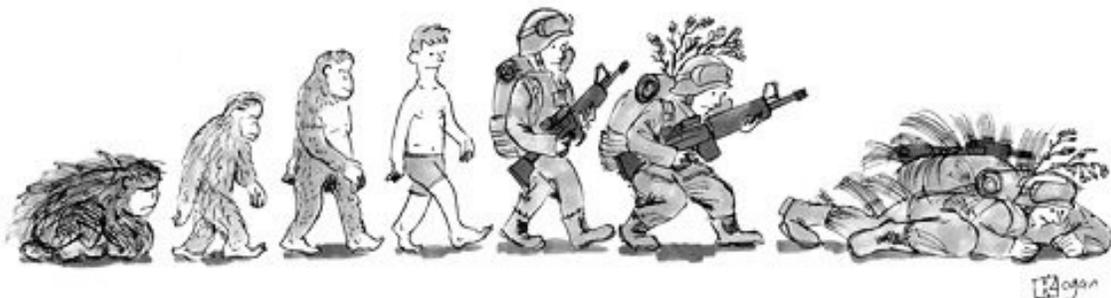
0800 - 1200 Hospitality Suite Open – (Hospitality suite tear down begins)

0900 – 1100 PX Open

0800 - Departures and Hotel Check-out
 Hotel Lobby

0900 - Officers/trustees meeting/reunion recap [Location TBA]

** (On your Own) Tours & other activities: USS Midway – Seaside Fun Park – Old Town San Diego - Balboa Park – San Diego Zoo – Fishing – Sea World – Beach Shops & Restaurants (Transportation information; Bus Service across from hotel: \$1.10 SRs, all day pass \$5.00)



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