



50th Anniversary of 2/1 Landing in Vietnam and Memorial Plaques Dedication



From Dale Williams



THESE PLAQUES ARE DEDICATED TO THE MARINES AND CORPSMEN OF 2D BATTALION 1ST MARINE REGIMENT WHO DIED IN VIETNAM AND TO THOSE NOT LISTED WHO LATER PERISHED AS A RESULT OF THEIR SERVICE 1965 - 1971

H & S COMPANY

Table listing names and ranks of H & S Company members, including Charlie R Allen, Edward S Steffen, Robert J Ward, James W Sears, John M Buscari, Kelly W Johnson, Larry E V Clinton, Charles E Perry, Alexander J Hernandez, Jack D Smallegange, Charles J Swinton, Charles E Bougas, Paul W Smith Jr, Henry C Smith, Dennis M Ward, David A Serfchovich, Robert L Daniels, Carl E Swinton, Patrick C Luca, Richard J Woods Jr, Lamonte V Hordley, Jimmy R Smith, Thomas Pust, Larry W Hoyt, Harold L Marziani, Johnny Williams, John W George, David Patschold, William R Maxwell, Kenneth R Shellman, Frank C Sullivan, Anthony B Campi, Robert P Chaudhry, David L Gillson, Ronald J Leary, Gene D Slodky, Joseph P Mc Eneaney, Timothy W Crowley, Patrick J Bagley, Paul J Bagley, David A Miller, Nathaniel Cook Jr, William B Thomas Jr.

Preliminary Design

We are dedicating five plaques listing and honoring the members of our battalion that lost their lives from injuries received in Vietnam. The plaques for each company will be placed in the 1st Marines Memorial Garden at Camp Horno, the current home of 1st Marines aboard Camp Pendleton. The plaques will be dedicated at our reunion being held in San Diego in honor of the 50th anniversary of 2/1 deploying on 4 August 1965. Battalion losses were 561 Marines and Corpsmen. H&S lost 43, Echo 109, Foxtrot 176, Golf 117 and Hotel 116. Twenty-five of the 561 are Corpsmen, they are included in the company where they were a casualty, not in the H&S total where they were administratively assigned. There will be at least two plaque sizes; Foxtrot will be larger than the others for obvious reasons.

The H&S plaque will be in the center and contain the dedication. All will be of cast bronze with raised letters listing the rank, name and casualty date of each of the 561 Marines and Corpsmen.

You can make a donation on our homepage www.FirstMarines.org

Or send your donations to:

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MAKING RESERVATIONS

A dedicated website is now available for our attendees to book their hotel rooms online.
Reservations can be made at this web address:

<http://resweb.passkey.com/go/2ndBattalion1stMarines>

Reunion Dates are November 5 to November 9, 2015

The room rate is \$105.00 and ***includes complimentary buffet breakfast.*** Three or more in a room will cost an additional \$10.00 per person.

*Rate will be available until October 14th 2015

*Call in reservations hours are from 7am-11pm EST **1-888-233-9527**

****Ask for the "Vietnam Vets 2nd Battalion 1st Marines" room rate when calling.***



PRE-REGISTRATION

Pre-Registration Form

Banquet Dinner Pre-Registration Form for the Vietnam Veterans of 2nd Bn 1st Marines 2015 Reunion

**A \$50.00 Deposit is requested for each meal ordered for the Banquet.
The Deposit is (Refundable) upon notice to us that you won't be attending.**

YOUR NAME:

PHONE:

SPOUSE / GUEST NAME:

HOW MANY WILL BE IN ATTENDENCE:

EMAIL IF AVAILABLE:

YEAR(S) SERVED IN VIETNAM:

WHAT WAS YOUR COMPANY:

YOUR MEAL CHOICE: MEAT _____

POULTRY _____

CHILDREN(S) MEALS: MEAT _____

POULTRY _____

SPECIAL DIET: LET US KNOW AT SIGNUP WHEN YOU ARRIVE.

RIDING THE BUS TO CAMP PENDLETON TO OUR DEDICATION :

We have busses for 220 members so you need to pre-register to make sure we have seating for you. The cost is \$15.00 PER PERSON.

REGISTRATION DEPOSIT: \$50 PER MEAL _____

CHILDREN: \$35 PER MEAL _____

- BUS TRANSPORTAION TO DEDICATION
\$15 PER PERSON _____**

TOTAL DEPOSIT FOR MEALS & TRANSPORTATION: \$ _____

Make Check Payable to: VIETNAM VETERANS 2ND BN 1ST MARINES

Mail to: MARIO SAGASTUME : TREASURER

**778 SILVERADO ESTATES CT
CHICO, CA 95973**

- YOU CAN ALSO PREPAY WITH YOUR CREDIT CARD ON OUR WEBSITE USING PAYPAL
GhostBattalion.org/PayPal-2.html**

From the President



Brothers, Families & Friends

We're 5 months out from our 2016 reunion in San Diego and everyone should know that plans are well underway to make this, the 50th anniversary of our beloved Battalion's deployment to Vietnam, August of 1965, one of the best reunions 2/1 has had. The biggest day for many of you attending will be the morning of 6 November, during which we will dedicate a series of plaques to our 2/1 Brothers that died during our Battalion's time in Vietnam. So, be sure to get in town on Thursday the 5th or no later than 0800 on the 6th so you won't miss the bus when it leaves the hotel for the trip to Camp Pendleton.

Throughout the weekend there will be events and gatherings for all, but it is San Diego, so the reunion agenda is going to have a lot of open time for those wanting to enjoy the sun and tourists opportunities Southern California offers. We hope to have some special guest and activities during the Banquet/Birthday Ball on Sunday 8 November and will be posting details to the 2/1 website as we get closer to the reunion dates. The preliminary agenda is on the pages of this Newsletter which should provide some help with individual planning.

Trustee Dale Williams has some details on the plaque dedication (located elsewhere in this Newsletter) and we're still looking to complete the fundraising to pay for the plaques, so if you have a couple of extra dollars you can spare, please consider making a donation.

We have a great room rate (\$105.00 including breakfast) at the Crowne Plaza. The location is perfect, the weather should be good, so join your 2/1 family for it's 50th Anniversary and let the memories begin.

Semper Fidelis, Paul

ATTENTION GOLFERS!!! Several of you have asked about including a golf outing during the reunion and this year we have made tentative arrangements for such and event if enough of you golfers can let us know of your interest. The tentative date for a golf outing is Thursday afternoon 5 November at the River walk Golf and Country Club, located approximately a mile from the hotel. If we can get enough of players we can have a mini tournament. Those of you interested please call or email as soon as you can so we secure the date and location. **Paul Mangan 515-360-2600 or namgrunt@aol.com**

Long ago,
When people cursed
and beat the ground
with sticks it was
called witchcraft.

Now it's
called golf



Gary Gordon



Planning is well underway for our 2015 Reunion being held this year in San Diego. Your board continues to make efforts to improve our Membership's experience. As discussed in last year's Membership Meeting we have more need of improving our Pre-registration efforts. Our reunion attendance has increased to the point that we can save money by being more exact on our pre-planning efforts. This is certainly true when it comes to knowing how many people will be attending our banquet and knowing what our transportation needs will be.

This year you will receive a pre-registration form in this newsletter. One will also be made available online at our 2/1 website. Armed with the information we gain ahead of time we can have a Registration Roster available that can improve the check-in process and have meal tickets waiting for those who pre-register. We would want to know the names of the member and any family or guest that would be in attendance. We would like to have everyone complete this pre-registration form even if one were to want to wait and pay any funds at the reunion.

The registration forms and money will continue to be sent to Mario, our treasure, at the address listed, or paid by PayPal as in the past. If plans change for any reasons you may contact Mario to make arrangements for a refund as needed. The above information will be forwarded to me. In addition, any changes made after the pre-registration form is submitted may be corrected or brought up to date by notifying me by calling 210.834.1027 or email; glgordon21@yahoo.com.

We hope that these changes will not be a burden to our membership and that by implementing them the overall experience for you will be enhanced and money will be spent more accurately, saving our membership funds. More information regarding this year's reunion is located in this newsletter and at our 2/1 website. We hope to see you in San Diego.

Gary Gordon, Trustee

Display Case at 2/1 Battalion Headquarters

VIETNAM VETERANS of 2/1 have been invited by the current CO of the BN to participate in stocking a brand new display cabinet with unit memorabilia that will be on display in the BN foyer.

This will be a blank canvas as previously displayed mementoes have been missing for years. The hope is that this will be accomplished before November so members may view the display.

Member Tim Stanton (Echo 1970) has taken the point on this as he lives near CAMPEN (and supplies all the refreshments for our San Diego reunions) send to Tim a description and picture of what you may wish to donate for this cause. Space is limited and time is very short so please email Tim ASAP :

THE DEADLINE IS JULY 31st

TimStanton30@att.net

"THE DEADLIEST WEAPON
IN THE WORLD IS A
MARINE AND HIS RIFLE"
GEN. PERSHING, US ARMY



"OUR COUNTRY WON'T GO ON FOREVER,
IF WE STAY SOFT AS WE ARE NOW.
THERE WON'T BE ANY AMERICA BECAUSE
SOME FOREIGN SOLDIER WILL COME INVADE
US & TAKE OUR WOMEN AND BREED A
HARDIER RACE!"
-LT. GEN. LEWIS B. "CHESTY" PULLER, USMC

Preliminary Agenda**Vietnam Veterans of 2/1 Reunion 2015****Thursday 5 November**

- 0700 - Hospitality Room Set-up [*Location TBD*]
- 0800 - PX Set-up [*Location TBD*]
- 0900 - Arrivals and Hotel Check [*Hotel Lobby*]
- 0900 - All Day - On your own - Tours and other activities
- 1600 - Trustees meeting [*Location TBD*]
- 1900 - Opening Reception – Hospitality Room
- 2330 - Hospitality Room / PX Closed

Friday 6 November

- 0800 - 1700 PLAQUE DEDICATION CERMONY Camp Pendleton (CAMP HORNO)
[*Buses depart 0800*]
- 0700 - (or best time) Trustees meeting [*Location TBD*]
- 1600 - Hospitality Room Open [*Location TBD*]
- 1600 - PX Open [*Location TBD*]
- 1730 - Healing Touch [*Location TBD*]
- 2330 - Hospitality Room / PX Closed

SATURDAY 7 November

- 0700 - Hospitality Room Open [*Location TBD*]
- 0700 - Trustees meeting [*Location TBD*]
- 0800 - PX Open [*Location TBD*]
- 0900 – Corpsmen Breakout Session [*Details and location to be detemined*]
- 1100 - On your own - Tours and other activities
- 1300 - 1600 Healing Touch [*Location TBD*]
- 1600 – Jim Page Movie Night [*Location TBD*]
- 2330 - Hospitality Room / PX Closed

Preliminary Agenda Continued

Vietnam Veterans of 2/1 Reunion 2015 - Continued**Sunday 8 November**

0700 - Hospitality Room Open [*Location TBD*]

0700 - Trustees meeting [*Location TBD*]

0900 - 1100 Annual Membership meeting and election of Officers/Trustees [*Location TBD*]

1100 - 1500 On your own - Tours and other activities

1100 - PX Open [*Location TBD*]

1100 - 1600 Healing Touch [*Location TBD*]

1730 - Hospitality Room / PX Closed

1800 - Pre-banquet Cocktail reception (no host) [*Location TBD*]

1830 - 2030 Marine Corps Birthday celebration / Annual Banquet [*Location TBD*]

2045 - Hospitality Room Open [*Location TBD*]

2330 - Hospitality Room / PX Closed [*Location TBD*]

Monday 9 November

0700 – Trustees – meeting [*Location TBD*]

0800 - 0800 - All day – Checkout & Departures [*Hotel Lobby*]

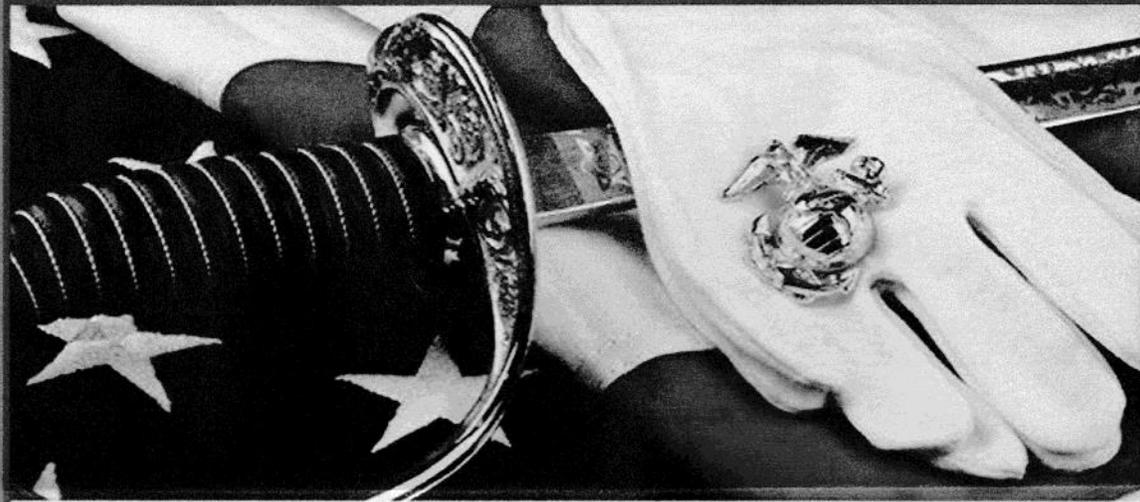
0800 - All day – Close up & Clean up Hosp. Suite/PX

To Be Premiered Saturday at 1600

A Return to the End follows a small group of Marine Security Guards (MSG's) as they travel back to Vietnam to honor two of the final casualties of the war, Charles McMahon and Darwin Judge. On April 30, 1975, after helping thousands of Vietnamese civilians evacuate, the Marines featured in this film were on the last helicopter that left from the roof of the U.S. Embassy. After 40 years, they return to Vietnam to honor the two men who didn't make it back.

www.areturntotheend.com

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WHY MEN WHO HAVE BEEN TO WAR YEARN TO REUNITE

I NOW KNOW WHY MEN WHO HAVE BEEN TO WAR YEARN TO REUNITE. NOT TO TELL STORIES OR LOOK AT OLD PICTURES. NOT TO WEEP OR LAUGH.

COMRADES GATHER BECAUSE THEY LONG TO BE WITH THE PEOPLE WHO ONCE ACTED THEIR BEST; WHO ONCE SUFFERED AND SACRIFICED, WHO WERE STRIPPED OF THEIR HUMANITY.

I DID NOT PICK THESE MEN, THEY WERE DELIVERED BY FATE AND THE MILITARY. BUT I KNOW THEM IN A WAY I KNOW NO OTHER MEN. I HAVE NEVER GIVEN ANYONE SUCH TRUST.

THEY WERE WILLING TO GUARD SOMETHING MORE PRECIOUS THAN MY LIFE. THEY WOULD HAVE CARRIED MY REPUTATION... THE MEMORY OF ME.

IT WAS PART OF THE BARGAIN WE ALL MADE, THE REASON WE WERE ALL WILLING TO DIE FOR ONE ANOTHER. AS LONG AS I HAVE MEMORY, I WILL THINK OF THEM ALL, EVERY DAY.

I AM SURE THAT WHEN I LEAVE THIS WORLD, MY LAST THOUGHTS WILL BE OF MY FAMILY, AND MY COMRADES.

SUCH GOOD MEN!

Directions to Camp Horno

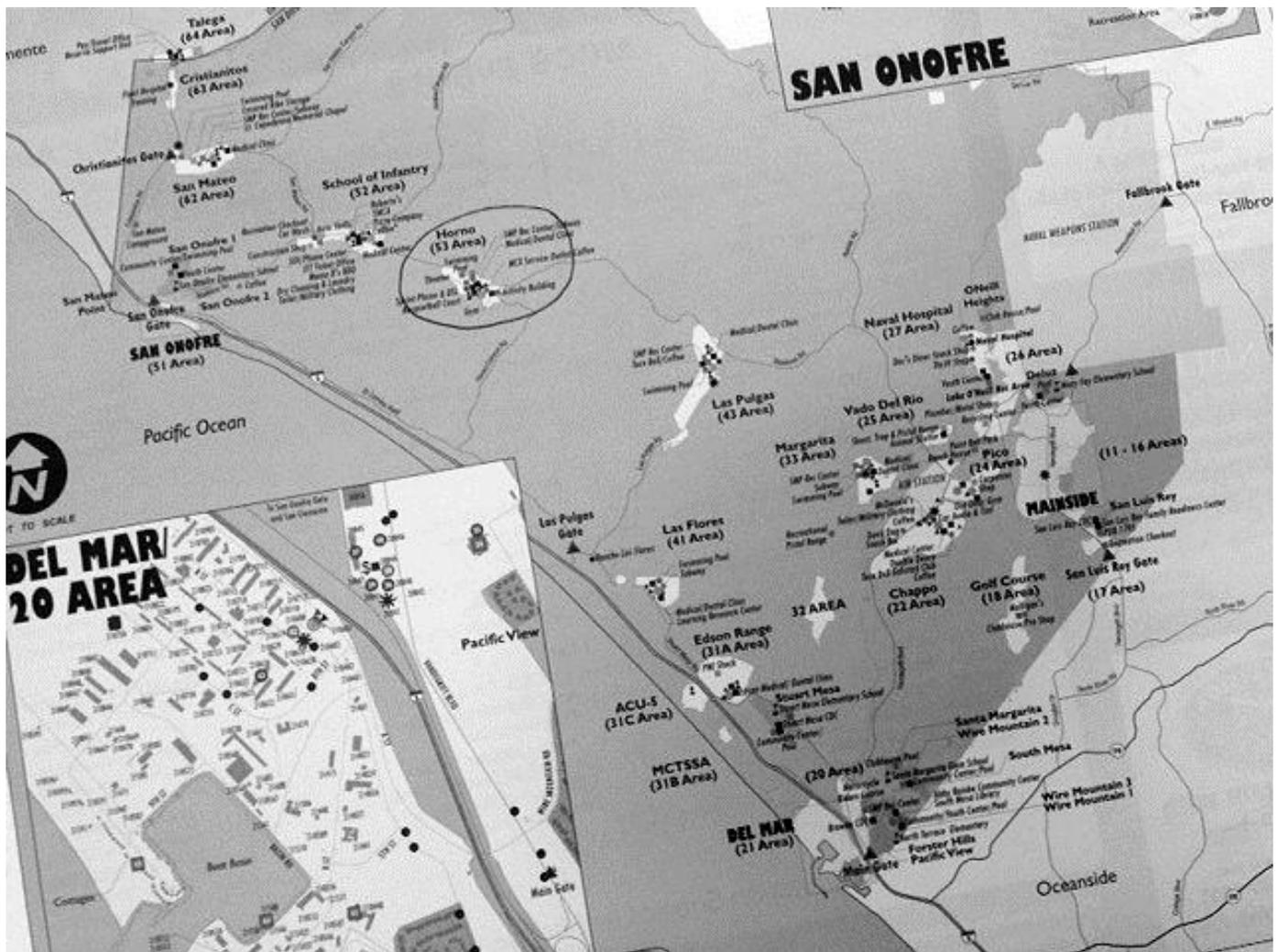
DIRECTIONS TO CAMP HORNO

From the South:

Come north on the I-5 to the Las Pulgas Road exit. It's in the middle of Camp Pendleton. Turn inland on Las Pulgas Road and come through the gate to the base. Tell them you are coming to the 2/1 Memorial at Camp Horno. They should let you through. Stay straight on Las Pulgas Road for about 4-5 miles. It will end at Basilone Road (there is a traffic light there). Turn left on Basilone Road. Stay on Basilone Road for 3-4 miles until you come to Camp Horno. It's the next camp. In Camp Horno, look for the flag pole. Drive to the Subway Sandwich store and turn right into the parking lot. The Memorial Garden is to the east of the Subway.

From the North:

Coming south on the I-5, take the Basilone Road exit. Turn inland and come through the gate to the base. Tell them you are coming to the 2/1 Memorial at Camp Horno. They should let you through. Bear right to stay on Basilone Road. Go through the School of Infantry (the speed limit is 15 mph) and continue to Camp Horno. It is about a 15-20 minute drive from the gate. When you see the softball field in Camp Horno... Drive to the Subway Sandwich store and turn left into the parking lot. The Memorial Garden is to the east of the Subway.



Memorial Bricks Make a Long Lasting Gift



Its never too late to late to purchase your Memorial Bricks... They will be placed with our Monument at the Marine Corps Heritage Center Museum. For a donation of \$300, your name, or that of someone you wish to honor or remember, will be engraved on a brick lining our Monument in the Semper Fidelis Memorial Park overlooking the Museum's awesome structure.

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FROM THE WEBMASTER

Starting with our next newsletter we need your participation in submitting articles. This is your newsletter and it would be great if you have a story to tell or something to share with your 2/1 members, family, and friends of 2nd Bn 1st Marines.

About 4 to 6 weeks prior to our next newsletter going out. I will send out an Email Update asking you to help out by sending in an article etc. Thank You in advance!

Semper Fi, Vinnie Burdziuk H&S 1966



Memorial Bricks - Enclose 1 Form for Each Brick Ordered

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. Additionally, approximately 450 bricks were placed around our monument and are available for engraving. To date 176 of these had been sold. Each engraved brick honors the donor or another person. Each brick costs \$300 and you may order as many as you like.

Vietnam Veterans of 2d Bn. 1st Marines will continue to sell bricks as long as there is space to place them at our monument. The museum installs bricks several times a year. We will submit brick orders to the museum in groups to coincide with their ordering and installation pattern.

Bricks must be paid for at the time of the order. Make check or money order payable to V V 2/1.

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 Paid: _____

Authorized by: _____ Date _____

Send this form along with payment made out to Vietnam Veterans of 2d Bn 1st Mar to:

Dale Williams 225 Hine Dr. Clayton, NC 27527



Newsletter of "The Professionals"
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Make your reservations for this year's reunion now, you'll be glad you did!

Room Rate \$105.00 includes breakfast
Three or more in a room will cost an additional \$10.00 per person

"Vietnam Vets of 2d Battalion 1st Marines"

**To guarantee the room rate be sure to identify yourself as part of the group*

Call 7am to 100pm EST # 888-233-9527

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