

President's Message

Greetings Members,

Due to having made changes in preparation and posting of our newsletters, going forward, this newsletter is coming to you later than was originally planned. Please bear with us as we work through this process.

It has been awhile since we had our reunion in Washington, D.C. and what a reunion it turned out to be!! There were a total of 287 attendee's (we believe it's a new record for attendance) at the reunion covering the 4 days and from what I gather everyone had a grand time. To be sure, there were a few minor glitches along the way but all in all it turned out fantastic. The hotel was very nice and their staff went out of their way to make sure we were accommodated in every way, and if there was any problem they were very responsive to "make it right" for us. Kudo's to the Hotel Event Coordinator, Kaylani, for her hard work to make things run as smoothly as possible. Also, to Travis and "SgtMajor" Grace Fryzowicz for their many long, hard hours of working on the reunion for the two years leading up to it with planning and coordinating the daily activities. They worked diligently with our reunion event planners "Gatherings Plus" (Pam and John) who also spent many long hours of planning, scheduling, and coordinating to make everything run seamlessly smooth for those in attendance. GREAT JOB to all of you and THANK YOU for your hard work! We never really know how a reunion is going to pan out until it starts to take shape on the first day beginning with registration, and each day is a mystery as the plans unfold and reality takes place. Every effort is made to make it run smooth for the attendee's and we hope you did not encounter any unpleasant experiences (aside from the bus breakdown on the freeway returning to the hotel one night). We had early mornings and late nights, but we had a lot of fun too. From the hospitality room where we enjoyed sharing stories, jokes and a "cold one" with our friends most of us had not seen since the previous reunion; then to the dinner at the Boys and Girls Club where we were entertained by a few members who got 'assigned' to eat out of the old stainless steel eating trays (Ken Christy, Dick Bell, Roger Kimble & Dan "Sully" Sullivan) to the Donut Dollies dressed appropriately who did a song and dance routine and over to the signs and sandbag decorations at the stage; then on to the Marine Corps Museum and of course the Memorial Service at Quantico's Chapel; and everyone was "wowed" by the Marine Corps Band and Silent Drill Team as they put on their final performance of the year; finally culminating on Banquet night with dinner and some very impressive guest speakers. We were honored with the presence of Mike Masterpool, the son (and a retired USMC Major) of former Battalion Commander LtCol "Wild" Bill Masterpool; also Mr. Arnaud de Borchgrave, a renowned Senior Editor of Newsweek Magazine who was on "Mutters Ridge" (Hill 400) with us on Operation Prairie in September 1966. Mr. de Borchgrave was also wounded at the same time that Chaplain Beach was wounded but his wounds were not serious and he remained in the field with us for a few days longer. He has gone on to be President of UPI and today works at the Pentagon on anti-terrorist activities. Our Guest of Honor and Keynote Speaker was the 17th Sergeant Major Micheal P. Barrett, currently the 17th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps. We were deeply honored that he was able to accept our invitation to attend our banquet and speak to us. The SgtMajor was very accommodating with his time to personally visit, and pose for photograph's, with many attendee's. It is clear from his speech that our Marines are in good hands and that they are truly continuing to carry on the rich and glorious history, and legacy, of the United States Marine Corps in whatever billet they serve and whatever locale they are stationed. With the challenges they are faced with in today's Marine Corps they are 'adapting and overcoming' on a daily

basis, and being successful. We wish all of them godspeed and safe passage back home to be with their families and friends in the future. I also noticed we had many new faces at our reunion this year and we hope to see those, and more, at upcoming reunions. Not only did we have new faces, we had a 14 "first timers" at the reunion as well as several "first timers" from the Gold Star Family members. I attempted to meet as many new attendee's as I could but I know I missed a lot of you. As many of you know, the next reunion (2015) will be held in San Diego, California. Plans got underway within the first week after this reunion with Travis, "SgtMajor" Grace and Frank Pedersen, to get some of the groundwork started for location, dates and events in San Diego. They will, undoubtedly, have most of the core of the upcoming reunion on solid ground within the next 9-12 months and we can look forward to another memorable event. Like Travis said, "No use waiting to get things rolling along"!! We hope to see you there.

Our membership rolls continue to move like the ocean tide. We pick up some new members and along the way we lose a few for various reasons. In the immediate future we need to reach out to the younger Marines and make every attempt to get them involved and keep them active. As our current membership continues to age, and attrition takes a toll, we will look forward to those younger Marines to take the helm and continue the Association. Many don't realize the benefit of the association camaraderie now, but in a few years as they begin to wonder "what ever happened to those guys I served with" they will (hopefully) want to come together and relive some of their past Marine Corps experiences, renew old acquaintances, slap a few backs, shed some tears, give a few hugs and share a "cold one" together again. (Just like we've done for several years). No better place to do that than in the association at a reunion. Many of us let a lot of years pass before we finally took that step to find those we served with in the Corps and today we realize the value of our organization and what it has done for each of us. So, I ask everyone to reach out to these guys and try to get them to come to our reunions and become members. They will thank you for it someday.

In closing I would like everyone to make plans to attend the reunion in 2015 (San Diego). Plans for that reunion began almost immediately following the reunion in D.C. Travis and "SgtMajor" Grace Fryzowicz will be making a trip out to San Diego in the near future to meet with reunion planners there to continue firming up the reunion. For those who may be interested, Mike Corbett is trying to put together an "interim 50th battalion reunion" in Hawaii either in 2014 or right before/after our 2015 reunion. If it is held in 2015 it will "tie in" with our upcoming San Diego reunion. He is planning it for a week long stay in Hawaii in order for it to be worth the trip over there. He is working on the travel, accommodations, activities, etc. If you have interest in attending that celebration, you should contact him at mcorbett@aol.com for more information.

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LETTER FROM GLORIA BENDELL ON FORMER BN CMDR LTCOL LEE BENDELL'S
HEALTH CONDITION

Dear Stan,

July 27,2013

Thank you for your letter to Lee inquiring about his lack of response to attend the Reunion in August. Lee has Alzheimer's with complications and remembers very little at this time. He still knows who I am and responds kindly to all who care for him. He remembers the Word of God and loves to sing Hymns. I can still bring him home on overnight visits and God is blessing us beyond all comprehension. (Philippians 4:6-7) "Be anxious for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Several years ago the Long Beach Naval Hospital notified Lee that He Qualified for Compensation due to the use of Agent Orange in Viet Nam during the time he served his Country there. For several weeks he was sent to many specialists that determined that he was severely affected and that he should receive compensation. He went from a 10% disability from a gun shot wound in Korea (1950 receiving the Purple Heart) to 95% disability for time served in Viet Nam. I share this because there might be some present at the reunion that do not know that they qualify for disability.

I have fond memories of past reunions and would very much like to be there with Lee (in good health). Do greet everyone for us and thank you for your kind and loving letter. I trust that you and your family are well.

Sing Cerely,
Gloria Bendell

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GOLD STAR FAMILY'S IN ATTENDANCE AT THE REUNION

We were very pleased to have several of our Gold Star Family members present at this year's reunion:

Mike and Cindy Jones in honor of HM-USN "Doc" James D. Cruze
Brian and Janis Murphy, Tom Murphy, Paul Murphy, Paul Murphy Jr.,
James and Maureen Payne, Bert and Shirley Trevail all in honor of L/Cpl Richard Murphy
David and Connie Stall in honor of William "Rob" Stall
New Gold Star Family members, Kevin Carroll (Brother), Liz Carroll (Sister in law) and
Kaitlyn Carroll (Niece) in honor of Ferg Carroll

We look forward to their return attendance at future reunions.

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"FIRST TIMERS" attending 3/4 Association Reunion

We had 14 "first timers" attend the reunion in Washington, D.C. We are very happy to have had them there and look forward to many more reunions with their presence in the future. Those attendee's were:

John Bailey, Lima Co.
David Castillo, India Battery
Dick Davidson, Lima Co.
John Dougherty, Lima Co.
Arnold Fay, H&S and Mike Co's.
Hugh Liverman, Mike Co.
Fred Owens, Mike Co.
John Paydo, Mike Co.
Greg Pinkney, H&S Co.
George Ruiz, Kilo Co.
Ken Shaw, India Co. - Panama 1988
Tom Steiner, Lima Co.
Richard Sylvia, H&S Co.
John Trainor, Battalion S4

Let's all make an effort to reach out to some of our 'inactive' members, as well as trying to find new guys to get them all to come to the reunion in San Diego and top this list of 14 with over "20" first timers!!

DINNER AT THE "BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB"

A good old fashioned BAR B-Q dinner was held at the Boys and Girls Club. Travis and "Gang" did some great decorating for the event and secured a DJ to provide us some nostalgic music that was popular when we were in Vietnam, like (These Boots Were Made for Walkin' and We Gotta Get Outta This Place) I'm sure you remember those. We had Donut Dollies on hand to entertain us with a "song and dance" skit (Grace Fryzowicz, PK Richardson, Rose Hall, Teri Fallon, Tracie Smith, Patsy McKeever, Bonnie Rismiller, and Robbie Mathews). The table and stage decorations were unique (to say the least as pictures depict). Some very good imaginations came up with them. Some of our members got "assigned", "volunteered", some of the old stainless steel trays to eat from (Ken Christy, Dan "Sully" Sullivan, Roger Kimble and Dick Bell).

Major General David Richwine's remarks at Memorial Service August 29, 2013 at Quantico Base Chapel

I know I speak for all your former commanding officers--in my case that would be LtCols Sumner Vale, Wild Bill Masterpool and Buck Vest--when I say how proud I am to have served with you in 3/4. In my case, as a young lieutenant where I cut my Marine Corps teeth. Directly or indirectly, by your performance -- from heroic acts to the occasional office hours -- you taught me well, protected my flanks and six o'clock and helped me become a better man for our experiences together.

We gather today to commemorate and to celebrate who we are because who we are now--as individuals and as a unit-- is in large measure reflective of our associations over the years. While we greet each other

who are present together, it's most appropriate to render honors to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and who are here with us in spirit. We are especially honored and privileged to have with us several family members of our brothers who gave their lives alongside of us in Vietnam.

Those brothers are:

Dennis Babers	Lima Co.	KIA 9/18/67
William Rob Stall	Kilo Co.	KIA 1/18/68
Doc- James Cruze	Mike Co.	KIA 6/15/68
Steve Joyner	Lima Co.	KIA 6/15/68
Richard B. Murphy	Mike Co.	KIA 6/15/68

We are honored that you consider yourselves part of our family.

We gather in challenging times. The noble institution we have served, and to which we still belong, is under attack by forces within our system which, charitably speaking, do not understand the nature of our mission and the character of our service, but would change the way we are manned, organized, and trained in order to meet some utopian, egalitarian vision that bears no resemblance to the kind of forces needed to defend our Nation and its vital interests. A more pessimistic/less charitable characterization of those forces might posit that we face an insidious, sinister sociopolitical insurgency that would alter inexorably the nature of our Corps and that of our Sister Services....if it could.

For that reason alone, it is vitally important that we take the time to reflect on who we are, the fundamental principles we serve, and the organization that has shaped us as individuals and honed us as citizens. It is doubly important to do so when remembering those who have their full measure in service to our Nation defending those principles.

Each of us, on entering active duty, swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America--the fundamental law of the land. It is that document we serve....not any commander, no any appointed or elected official. While we fight to protect our foxhole buddy in combat, our principal loyalty is to the law of the land. The preamble to the Constitution states that "We the People, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity do ordain and establish this Constitution".

The Constitution lays out the limits on federal government but does not provide any guidelines for behavior. For those, we need only look as far as the last paragraph in the Declaration of Independence. Preceding it, our Founding Fathers appealed "to the Supreme Judge of the World for the rectitude of our intentions", and declared the colonies to be free and independent states with full power to do all acts and things which independent states may of right do. Then they set precedent and expectations when they wrote: "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor".

Note the reference to the Supreme Judge of the World and to Divine Providence--a higher power which sets the standards for mortal behavior and mores; the pledge of self-sacrifice for the common good; and

the sense of honor--knowing right from wrong and having the moral and physical courage to do what is right every time, all the time. That is why we gather in the Chapel--to remind ourselves of our calling and to thank God for his grace, guidance and many blessings.

Our Declaration and Constitution set forth principles broadly appealing to all humankind, and attracted people from all over the world who chose to seek a better life for themselves by becoming Americans. We Marines reflect the "melting pot" America became in the years following its founding. Like the ingredients in a well-made casserole or stew we came together--a cross section of those many disparate immigrants who gave up everything to become Americans. Unlike our fellow Americans, we were "seasoned" by the best the Marine Corps could provide in boot camp and OCS; we were steeped in the history and lot of the Corps; and we were taught the tools, tactics, techniques and procedures of our profession. But, unlike the preponderance of our fellow citizens--more timid and protected souls--we were forged into a once and forever brotherhood by the intensity of our experiences in combat. Just as the heat of the oven changes the properties of the ingredients in that casserole or stew and makes the whole better than just the sum of its parts, so our combat experiences changed us, molded us, and made us better--as a unit and as individuals. We each became infused with the essences of the others with whom we served, bonded by our oath to serve and guided by the First Principles established by our Founding Fathers.

Today, at this service, let us reflect on that brotherhood, on its noble purpose, and on those with whom we have served. Let us reflect on those who have become part of us whether they are sitting amongst us, or are afar, or have given their full measure and are gone from us physically. They are very much here with us in spirit. Let us be thankful for the families here today who gave us the gift of their loved ones, and be mindful of their sacrifice. In our remembering, let us turn from mourning that which we cannot change to celebrating that which we have experienced. Be glad that those we have lost chose to become Marines, that we were privileged to have served with them, and that in their own way they enriched our lives and contributed to the splendid tapestry that is the history of the United States Marine Corps.

May those we remember here today rest in eternal peace with their Heavenly Father. May He bless us all and hold each of us gently in the palms of his hands.

And may we all remain
Semper Fidelis

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REAR ADMIRAL MARGARET GRUN KIBBEN ATTENDS OUR MEMORIAL SERVICE

RDML Margaret Grun Kibben

Rear Admiral Margaret Grun Kibben, CHC, USN, is the 18th Chaplain of the United States Marine Corps, and is the Deputy Chief of Navy Chaplains.



A native of Warrington, PA, RDML Kibben is a graduate of the Goucher College of Towson, MD. In 1986 she received her Master of Divinity Degree from Princeton Theological Seminary and entered active duty. She served with the Headquarters and Service Battalion, Security Battalion, the Brig, MCAS, and the President's Helicopter Squadron HMX-1, at Quantico, VA 1986 - 1989. Her next assignment was the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD 1989 - 1991. She then reported to USS SAN DIEGO (AFS-6) in Norfolk, VA as Command Chaplain 1991 - 1993. Chaplain Kibben served as the Navy Chaplain Corps Historian 1993 - 1995, before being sent for a year of study at the Naval War College, Newport, RI and the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA. In 1996, after receiving her Masters Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, she began a four year assignment with the Second Force Service Support Group, Camp Lejeune, NC, making deployments to Turkey and Norway. From 2000-2002 she was the Doctrine Writer for Religious Ministry at the Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, VA.

RDML Kibben spent the next year at the United States Institute of Peace as a Senior Fellow, and received her Doctor of Ministry Degree in 2002 from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ. From 2003 - 2006 she served with the U. S. Third Fleet as the Fleet Chaplain, responsible for training and certification of all Carrier Strike Group and the Expeditionary Strike Group Religious Ministry Teams. In 2006 she deployed as an individual augmentee, serving as the Command Chaplain, Combined Forces Command Afghanistan. Upon her return, she reported to the Office of the Chief of Navy Chaplains as the Director for Force Structure and Community Management and, later, as the Executive Assistant to the Chief of Navy Chaplains.

Chaplain Kibbens' personal decorations include the Legion of Merit with gold star, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with three gold stars, and the Navy Commendation Medal with three gold stars.

MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT JOHN J MCGINTY PASSED AWAY

Many of our members are aware that we have lost one of our Medal Of Honor recipients recently. John J. McGinty III passed away on January 17, 2014, just four days shy of his 74th birthday. John had battled cancer for a couple of years and even through that ordeal he managed to attend a couple of our reunions and visit with us as his health would allow. We mourn his passing and will miss him at our functions and the cheerful phone calls to him. Several of our members were able to attend the funeral though inclement weather was a major factor in traveling and prevented some from getting there at all. Russ Barber posted some photo's of the funeral, held at Beaufort National Cemetery (Beaufort, S.C. where John lived). His service was well attended by numerous General ranking officers as well as Navy Officers, and the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, enlisted Marine and Navy personnel, Honor Guard as well as a number of family and friends. There were several of our Association members present including some who were in Kilo Company that were involved in the action of July 18, 1966, resulting in John receiving his Medal Of Honor in 1968. We have lost a true American hero and dear friend.

SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE MARINE CORPS ATTENDS REUNION AND IS HONORED SPEAKER AT BANQUET

What an honor it was for us to have Sergeant Major Micheal P. Barrett attend our reunion and speak to us at our banquet. He regaled us with stories about Marines now serving in our Corps and how they honorably and courageously carry on the traditions we are all so familiar with from our own service years. After his speech I think everyone who was present had a very distinct feeling the the Marine Corps is in good had with today's Marines and are being led by highly qualified Officers, Staff NCO's and NCO's in every field. SgtMajor Barrett is quite an imposing Marine, in person, yet very accommodating and generous with his personal time as he visited with our members and families in the lobby of the hotel upon his arrival. I had intentionally kept is pending presence with us a secret in order to provide a surprise for the members when he arrived. I think I managed to pull that one off!! He mingled with us for about an hour and posed with many as pictures were taken and talked with each on a personal level. Having been a former Third Battalion, Fourth Marines active duty Marine he "jumped" at the opportunity to come attend our reunion and visit with us. To say the least, we were very pleased, and honored, to have him with us that evening and look forward to him coming to future reunions after he retires (he said he would!!). Upon his retirement in a couple of years, I plan to vigorously engage him in discussion to become an active member.

SERGEANT MAJOR MICHEAL P. BARRETT

17TH SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE MARINE CORPS

Micheal P. Barrett was born in Niagara Falls, N.Y., and raised in Youngstown, N.Y.

He enlisted in March 1981 and underwent recruit training at 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, Delta Company, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

In November 1981, Private First Class Barrett completed Infantry Training School at Camp Lejeune, N.C. He was ordered to 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, Twentynine Palms, Calif., for duty. He served in a variety

of billets from Grenadier to Platoon Sergeant.

Sergeant Barrett was transferred in August 1984 to Inspector-Instructor duty with 2nd Battalion, 25th Marines, New Rochelle, N.Y. Outside of his primary duties as an infantry instructor, he was assigned numerous support duties to include; Armorer, Nuclear Biological Chemical Noncommissioned Officer, and Training Chief.

In September 1987, Sergeant Barrett was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines where he assumed the responsibilities as Platoon Sergeant of the Surveillance Target Acquisition Platoon. During the Gulf War he deployed forward with Task Force Papa Bear.

In April 1992, Staff Sergeant Barrett received orders to Drill Instructor School, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif. Upon completion of Drill Instructor School, he was assigned to Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, as a Drill Instructor, Senior Drill Instructor, and Chief Drill Instructor. In January 1994, he was selected as the Battalion Drill Master of 2nd Recruit Training Battalion.

In January 1995, Gunnery Sergeant Barrett was assigned to Scout Sniper Instructor School, Quantico, Va., as the Chief Instructor.

In September of 1996, Gunnery Sergeant Barrett was transferred to Marine Security Company, Camp David, Presidential Retreat, for duties as the Company Gunnery Sergeant and liaison to the United States Secret Service.

Upon completion of his tour at Camp David, First Sergeant Barrett was transferred to 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, Twentynine Palms, Calif., where he assumed the duties as

India Company First Sergeant from August 1998 until April 2000. He was then assigned to Headquarters and Service Company from April 2000 to March 2001. His tour culminated as the Senior Enlisted Leader of Weapons Company from March 2001 to June 2002.

Sergeant Major Barrett was then assigned to Recruiting Station Cleveland, Ohio, from July 2002 until May 2005, as the Recruiting Station Sergeant Major.

Sergeant Major Barrett was transferred to 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines in May 2005, where he completed two combat deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (04-06.2 and 06-08.1) in the Al Anbar Province, Iraq.

From October 2007 to May 2009, Sergeant Major Barrett was assigned as the sergeant major of Officer Candidates School, Quantico, Va.

Sergeant Major Barrett was selected as the 1st Marine Division Sergeant Major and took his post in June 2009. In December 2009, he assumed the duties as I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) Sergeant Major, and deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom (10.1/10.2) in March 2010. During this deployment, he also became the NATO Regional Command (Southwest) Command Sergeant Major for Nimruz and Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He turned over the 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) and Regional Command (Southwest) in March and April 2011.

Sergeant Major Barrett assumed his current post as the 17th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps on June 9, 2011.

His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with combat "V" and gold star,

Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal with combat "V" and three gold stars, Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal with two gold stars, Combat Action Ribbon with gold star, and the Presidential Service Badge.

September 8, 2013

Sergeant Major Barrett,

I want to thank you, on behalf of the Third Battalion, Fourth Marines Association for taking the time to be the Guest of Honor and Keynote Speaker at our recent reunion banquet. It was a great honor, and distinct pleasure, to have you there. The members present were unaware of your arrival until you stepped from your car and I can imagine the looks on their faces when they saw you arrive. I was asked numerous times how I was able to get the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps to attend our reunion. "Simple" I responded. "I just asked"!! I know that the stars had to align just right for us due to your very busy schedule. I also know that since you had just started leave surely helped out. Please convey to your wife that we old Marines truly appreciated that you (and she) gave up some of your personal time with family to be with us, and we shall never forget the opportunity you afforded us by being there.

Your message rang loud and clear that our young Marine warriors are doing what they do best in lands far and wide and that their courage and valor will continue in the face of the enemy. The leadership from top to bottom are second to none. The commitment of all Marines, throughout the world are a testament to their devotion, dedication and service to our Corps and this great country. The daily sacrifices they endure surely will come to an end someday and we can all rejoice in their return home. Sadly, though we pray no others be lost, we know in our hearts that 'freedom is not free' and there will be those who will pay with the ultimate sacrifice, for the nature of their job may demand it. You have been assigned with a task so massive that it is unfathomable to most. We know that you will do your very best to take care of our young warriors wherever they may be so that they may continue the honorable legacy of the United States Marine Corps.

For us, former active duty Marines of the "Thundering" Third Battalion, Fourth Marine Regiment, we are truly saddened to know that our magnificent fighting battalion will be decommissioned in the Spring 2014. Perhaps, someday, those who make those decisions will realize "the error of their ways" and bring back to active status one of the best Marine fighting units of the Corps, dating back to the China Marines!

As you know, our next reunion will be held in San Diego, California in 2015. We would be honored to have you in attendance if time and circumstances permit. I would be pleased to send you a personal invitation when we know of the dates the reunion will be held.

I remain respectfully yours,

SEMPER FIDELIS!

Roger D. Kimble
President
Third Battalion, Fourth Marines Association

MARINES WHO SERVED WITH US IN VIETNAM HAVE BEEN LOCATED

Posted by Roger Kimble:

Paul Dare had been searching the internet for leads on Third Bn, Fourth Marines and found my name; contacted a newspaper editor friend of mine from the article he saw online and then the editor contacted me and I sent Paul an email. Turns out we were both wounded in the same incident on the same day.

Paul Dare who came to us from Fox, 2/4 when we were on Okinawa in February '66 served in Kilo Co., Feb - May 1966 and now lives in (316 Stanley Ave) Mattoon, IL. You can reach him at: phdare67@gmail.com or at phone: (217) 235-3896. He would like to hear from anyone who remembers him. Paul was medevaced after he was wounded on May 18, 1966 when a truck he (and I) were riding in hit a booby trapped 105MM artillery shell placed in the road and command detonated. There were 21 Marines/Corpsmen in the truck and 19 were wounded, most medevaced to the Repose.

Paul, his son (a Marine from Iraqi War era) are planning a meet, greet and eat in the near future to catch up on old times and so I can bring him up on what happened when we were wounded in 1966. He has no memory of what happened after the booby trap went off. He came to his senses a few day later on the Repose. Gonna be a good reunion!!

also:

Postged by Bill Hutton:

Bobby Ferrira, commandant of the Frank S. Reasoner Marine Corps League Detachment in San Leandro, CA

I met him in connection with a funeral of a Marine friend in Hayward, CA next week. Bobby served with H&S, 3/4 in 1967-1968 as a scout/sniper but had no knowledge of the 3/4 association. Would you kindly pass his contacts along to the battalion so they can reach out to him. I do not have a home address but his email is Copy to above and is [bobbycando1947@....](mailto:bobbycando1947@...) Cell phone is 510-460-0636.

Likely you and he will have a lot of folks in common and Bobby seems very interested in catching up.

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