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ASSOCIATION MEETINGS NOTICE

In accordance with Article III.A. of the ByLaws of the Third Marine Division Association, Inc., notice is given that the Annual Meeting of the Members will be held at 0800 on Saturday, 15 September 2018, at the Hotel Elegante, 2886 S. Circle Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80906.

As required by Article IV.E. of the Association ByLaws, notice is given that the Association Board of Directors will meet at 0900 on Friday, 14 September 2018 at the Hotel Elegante, 2886 S. Circle Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80906.

The Organizational Meeting of the Association Board of Directors will be held at the Hotel Elegante, 2886 S. Circle Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80906, immediately following the Annual Meeting of Members on Saturday, 15 September, 2018.

BrigGen Journey Slated to Command 3D Marine Division

Brigadier General Bill Journey has been slated by the Commandant of the Marine Corps to take command of the 3D Marine Division, replacing Major General Craig Timberlake. A Change of Command is expected later in the summer. BrigGen Journey previously served as Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego/Western Recruiting Region.



BGen. William M. Journey

Brigadier General Bill Journey graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 1986. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1987 as an infantryman. In 1988, he was commissioned through the Enlisted Commissioning Program. From 1989-1992, he served as a Rifle Platoon Commander and Company Executive Officer in 2d Battalion, 4th Marines participating with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) in support of Operation Sharp Edge in the U.S. Embassy, Monrovia, Liberia and deploying in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Other operational assignments include Rifle Company

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- 64th Annual Family Reunion, 11-16 September 2018, Colorado Springs, CO -

President's Message



Greetings. I hope everyone is enjoying the long summer days and spending time with friends and families. As we all grow older, we realize that those closest to us, and enjoying time with them, is what really matters in life.

We have all been busy these past few months with Third Marine Division Association activities. In April, I travelled to Connecticut to attend the **New England Chapter Spring Meeting**. Chapter President **Denis Olson** and the chapter members were gracious hosts for their weekend gathering. It is a dynamic chapter with many activities that support the membership and other Marine Corps causes throughout New England. **I extend my sincere thanks to the New England, Guam, Texas, and Wisconsin Chapters for allowing me to attend their meetings over the past 3 years.** Your enthusiasm and volunteer spirit are contagious and are among the highlights of my time as your president. In May, I attended the awarding of the Silver Star Medal

to Life Member **Ray Kelley** for his heroic actions in Vietnam. **Ray** is such a humble Marine and I was honored to attend the ceremony along with dozens of his fellow Marines and families. Read about his heroic actions in this CALTRAP.

I trust all of you have your reservations sent in to attend the **64th Annual Family Reunion in Colorado Springs**, September 11-16. In addition to the wonderful tours and events set up by **Ron Deverick** and the Reunion Committee, we will have some important issues to discuss at our General Membership meeting. Financially, our Association has continued to struggle over the past several years. The generous contributions and donations by our members keeps us going. However, we will have to look seriously at our business model to assure the long-term viability of our Association.

This is my last message to the membership as your Association

President. These past 3 years have been such a rewarding time for me to help honor some fantastic Marines, Sailors, and their families. From sharing stories with WWII Marines to hearing exploits of active duty members stationed out of Okinawa and Hawaii, I have been truly blessed to meet some wonderful heroes of our Nation. It has been my distinct honor to serve each of you and your family. The Association is filled with talented individuals who will continue our mission of honoring those who have served in the Third Marine Division and I will continue to support them.

I look forward to seeing you at the reunion in Colorado Springs to thank you personally.

Semper Fidelis,

David F. Bice
MajGen, USMC (Ret)

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Commander and Battalion Operations Officer with 3d Battalion, 8th Marines (1996-2000).

While serving as the Operations Officer for Battalion Landing Team 3/8, he deployed with the 26th MEU which provided security to refugee camps in Albania (Joint Task Force Shining Hope), conducted peace support operations in Kosovo (Joint Guardian), and provided disaster relief following the earthquake in Turkey (Avid Response).

From 2004-2007, he served as the Commanding Officer of 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, deploying the battalion twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). In 2011, he assumed command of 2d Marine Regiment until deploying

in 2013 to Afghanistan for duty as the Executive Officer to the Commander, International Security Assistance Force (ISAF).

His service in the supporting establishment and joint assignments include: Company Commander and Assistant Director of the Drill Instructor School at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina (1992-1995); Commanding Officer, Recruiting Station Baltimore, Maryland (2001-2004); and Joint assignments as the Chief of Plans, U.S. Joint Forces Command (2009-2011) and with the Joint Staff as the Deputy Director for Joint Training (2014-2016). In addition to The Basic School and the Infantry Officers Course, Brigadier General Jurney is a graduate of the Amphibious Warfare School,

Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and the Naval War College.

He has earned master's degrees in Military Studies, and in National Security and Strategic Studies. His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal with two bronze oak leaf clusters, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with combat distinguishing device with gold star, Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two gold stars, Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon with two gold stars.

He is also a recipient of the Navy League's General Holland M. Smith Award for Operational Competence, and the Lieutenant General John A. Lejeune Leadership Award.

A THOROUGH 'AGENT ORANGE' GUIDE

If you are a Vietnam Veteran, read it and save it for future reference.

<https://vva.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/AgentOrangeGuide.pdf>

New Directory Coming Soon!

If you were expecting your new Third Marine Division Association Directory, hang on. The updated Directory will now be shipping to members by fall.



The CALTRAP Mailing Label

How To Read It

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1. MEMBER NUMBER: Please include this number on ALL payments, checks, changes of address, correspondence, etc.
2. EXPIRATION DATE: "75" indicates a Life Member; "18" indicates a 31 Dec 2018 Annual Member expiration date or Installment Payment Life Member interim expiration date.
3. NAME and ACTIVE or RETIRED RANK as carried on Association membership records.
4. STREET/MAILING ADDRESS: As shown on your application/address change notification.
5. CITY and STATE: As shown on your membership application/address change notification.
6. ZIP CODE: 9-digit Zip Code required by Postal Regulations.

Ray Kelley Receives Silver Star for Vietnam Actions

Life Member **Ray Kelley, Jr.** was presented a Silver Star on May 18, 2018 at the National Museum of the Marine Corps for heroic actions as a Machine Gun Team Leader in Company D, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines on May 18, 1967 in the Republic of Vietnam.

The citation accompanying the Silver Star Medal reads in part, "On May 18, 1967 Lance Corporal Kelley's unit was executing a relief mission for an adjacent company pinned down by heavy enemy fire. He aggressively maneuvered his machine gun team onto a high vantage point from which his team provided observation and devastating suppressive fire. As enemy fire on his position intensified, his team sustained multiple casualties. Disregarding his own safety, Lance Corporal Kelley repeatedly placed himself in the open in order to assist the wounded Marines to the platoon command post where they could receive medical attention. Undaunted by the danger, he refused to allow his machine gun to be captured. He regained his fighting position and ignoring his own wounds, murderously engaged the enemy until they broke contact."

On hand to observe the ceremony included members of his Machine Gun Team, along with other D/1/3 and C/1/3 Marines who participated in the battle. Families of Marines killed in action in the battle also attended, plus members of Ray's Recruit Platoon, members and families of New England Chapter of the Third Marine Division Association, members of Ray's Marine Corps League Detachment, Ray's wife, Rose, and his family.

All members of the Third Marine Division Association are grateful that Ray was finally recognized for his heroic actions over 50 years ago.



Ray Kelley, Jr.

Lost or Overdue Military Awards: Know the Rules

Ray Kelley's awarding of the Silver Star for heroic actions in Vietnam in 1967 was the result of persistence by members of his unit along with research and assistance

by a member of the Awards Branch, Manpower and Reserve Affairs Department, Headquarters, US Marine Corps. In Ray's case, it took over 12 years to accomplish. It is helpful to know the rules*:

Personal Award Time Limits:

- Normally require award approval authority to approve an award within 3 or 5 years from the date of the action/period of service.

10 USC Sect 1130:

- Passed by Congress in 1996; allows Service Secretary to consider personal award recommendations for actions that are beyond statutory time limits, provided they are routed via a member of Congress before coming to Service Secretary.

- Secretary of the Navy requires that an administratively complete personal award recommendation must be originated by an officer who was in the chain of command of the Marine or Sailor at the time of the action. Recommendation must be endorsed by all surviving members of chain of command. Valor awards must have 2 witnesses.

- Award recommendation must be endorsed by CMC or CNO. Secretary of the Navy can approve awards up to Navy Cross. Medal of Honor recommendations are forwarded to Secretary of Defense.

Contacting Former Members of Chain of Command:

- Marine Officers originating awards under 10 USC Sect 1130 who seek to locate active duty, Reserve, or retired Marines for the purpose of obtaining command endorsements or witness statements may contact the CMC (MMRP) World Wide Locator for assistance via the following means:

- by email: smb.manpower.mmrp@usmc.mil
- by phone: 1-800-268-3710
- by letter:

Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (MMRP-17)
2008 Elliott Road (Suite 201)
Quantico, VA 22134-5030

*Source: MMMA, Me&RA, HQMC

We're on Facebook!

Check out our Facebook Group Page. Go online to Facebook, search Third Marine Division Association, click on the Association's Group Page. Ask to join and continue the conversation.

Sergeant Major Paul D. McKenna Will Be Guest of Honor

Sergeant Major Paul G. McKenna is the **Command Senior Enlisted Leader for Headquarters, North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command**, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. He is the principal advisor to the Commander on all enlisted matters.

His responsibilities include providing the Commander with the enlisted perspective on strategic vision, goals, objectives, theater security cooperation, and enlisted professional development

Additionally, he is responsible for mentoring Senior Enlisted Leaders throughout the Component Commands and JTF's as well as coordinating with Headquarters Staff Agencies, Commanders, and Senior Enlisted Personnel on matters pertaining to the command's mission, vision, core values, commander's intent, enlisted utilization and implementation of command policy.

Sergeant Major McKenna is a native of Trenton, NJ., where he enlisted in the Marine Corps on 18 March 1986.

Assignments in the Operating Forces include: MWSS 373, 3D MAW, MCAS El Toro CA; MP

Company, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA; 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, NC; Combat Assault Battalion, 3d Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan; Headquarters



SgtMaj. Paul D. McKenna

Battalion, 3d Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan; 3d Marine Regiment, 3d Marine Division, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. CE 3d Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan. U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, Camp Smith, Hawaii.

Combat History: CSSG-11, 11th MEU/SOC Feb 92 – Jun 93 Operation Restore Hope (Somalia), BLT 1/6 22nd MEU/ SOC Dec

03 – Oct 04 Operation Enduring Freedom (Southern, Afghanistan) & Operation Iraqi Freedom (Kuwait), 3d MarDiv, RCAC/ETT 4-1 Aug 06 – Aug 07 Operation Enduring Freedom (Eastern, Afghanistan), SPMAGTF-A/RCT-3 Oct 08 - Sep 09 Operation Enduring Freedom (Southern, Afghanistan).

Assignments in the Supporting Establishments include: Guard Duty, Naval Command Center, Pentagon; HRST Instructor, Division Schools, 3d Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan; Drill Instructor, MCRD, San Diego, CA; Instructor, Officer Candidate School, Quantico VA; Platoon Commander/Security department and NCOIC Anacostia Alert Facility, HMX-1 as well as the Guard Chief at The Presidential Retreat Camp David during POTUS visits.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS: Legion of Merit w/ two gold stars. Bronze Star w/ one gold star. Meritorious Service Medal w/ one gold star. Navy Commendation Medal w/ three gold stars & two combat distinguishing devices. Navy Achievement Medal w/ three gold stars. Combat Action w/ one gold star. Presidential Service Badge.

TRY THESE TO LOCATE A LOST BUDDY

<http://www.militaryconnections.com>

<http://www.thefew.com/mclinks.html>

<http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/USMarineCorpsReunionClub>

New Webmaster Needed

The Third Marine Division Association is looking for a new webmaster. If you have any HTML experience and some free time to volunteer, please contact the Association Manager at 215-822-9094 or email ThirdMarDivAssn@aol.com

THIRD MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.
SEPTEMBER 11 – 16, 2018
HOTEL ELEGANTE – COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

1200 Hospitality Room open throughout the reunion
1300 - 1800 **Reunion Registration open**
1630 Brief 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony at the hotel
1700 - 2300 BRONCO BILLY'S GAMBLING TRIP

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

0900 - 1700 Post Exchange open throughout the reunion
1000 - 1800 **Reunion Registration open**
1045 - 1615 ROYAL GORGE TRAIN RIDE
1800 Cash Bar Reception
1900 - 2200 Welcome Dinner Buffet

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

0830 - 1530 AIR FORCE ACADEMY / GARDEN OF THE GODS
1000 - 1200 **Reunion Registration open**
1500 - 1800 **Reunion Registration open**
1600 - 1630 Memorial Scholarship Fund Meeting
1630 - 1700 Nomination Committee Meeting
1700 - 1800 Finance Committee Meeting
1730 - 1800 Banquet Table Reservation Sheets will be collected
1900 Unit Meetings
1900 For those not involved in unit meetings, meet in the Hospitality Room.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

0830 - 1330 DRAGONMAN MUSEUM / AIRPLANE RESTAURANT
1000 - 1200 **Reunion Registration open**
1400 1630 Board of Directors Meeting
1500 - 1700 **Reunion Registration open**
1530 - 1600 Banquet Table Reservation Sheets will be collected
1730 - 2230 IRON SPRINGS CHATEAU DINNER THEATER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

0900 - 1200 Membership Business Meeting
0900 - 1200 TEA AT THE BROADMOOR
1230 - 1300 Board of Directors Organizational Meeting
1300 - 1400 Chapter Presidents Meeting
1600 - Catholic Mass at St. Joseph's (1830 S. Corona Ave. – less than 2 miles from hotel)
1730 - 1800 **Reunion Registration open**
1800 - 1900 Cash Bar Reception
1900 - Banquet / Program

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

0700 - 0730 Protestant Church Service
0745 - 0815 Memorial Service

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$7/person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable AFR registration fee. Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9am until 4pm ET, excluding holidays. Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion. Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

BRONCO BILLY'S GAMBLING TRIP

Tuesday, September 11

Start the reunion off right with a trip to Cripple Creek for some good ole fashion Colorado-style gambling. The casino boasts slot machines, roulette, craps, blackjack, and more. If you register for a MVP Card when you arrive, you'll be eligible for a 50% discount in the Home Café Restaurant for dinner, as well as other benefits like \$10 cash back after 100 points earned. Good Luck!

1700 board bus, 2300 back at hotel

\$46/Person includes bus and escort. Dinner on your own.

ROYAL GORGE TRAIN RIDE

Wednesday, September 12

Today's destination is Canon City to ride the Royal Gorge train. Pick up your box lunch (sandwich, side, dessert, and beverage), and then sit back and enjoy the narrated ride. The two-hour train ride takes passengers through the "Grand Canyon of the Arkansas" on an unforgettable journey under the famous suspension bridge, which clings precariously to the steep granite walls of the Royal Gorge, towering over 1,000 feet above. Experience this train ride that has been termed "The most spectacular 12 miles of railroad in America." This trip may be limited to the first 100 people.

1045 board bus, 1615 back at hotel

\$102/Person includes bus, guide, lunch, and train ride.

AIR FORCE ACADEMY / GARDEN OF THE GODS

Thursday, September 13

Begin the day at the Air Force Academy. Tour the Visitor Center, with exhibits on cadet life and academy history, a theater, and gift shop. Soaring 150 feet toward the Colorado sky, the Air Force Academy Chapel is an all-faiths house of worship designed to meet the spiritual needs of cadets. Visit the chapel, touring the Protestant, Jewish, and Catholic sections. Gather outside the Chapel to witness the daily meal formation of the cadets. After the meal formation, it's on to the Garden of the Gods. Stop at the Trading Post for a little time to shop and lunch, consisting of assorted croissant sandwiches, soup, cookies, and a beverage. After lunch, explore the Garden of the Gods, a 1,350 acre park with magnificent red stone formations that date back 300 million years. This trip may be limited to the first 100 people.

0830 board bus, 1530 back at hotel

\$69/Person includes bus, guide, and lunch.

Driver and Staff gratuities are not included in the tour prices.

Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time.

All tours require a minimum of 35 people, unless otherwise noted.

DRAGONMAN MUSEUM / AIRPLANE RESTAURANT

Friday, September 14

Visit one of the most unique museums you'll ever see. This collection of military weapons and memorabilia is part of a private collection owned by Mel Bernstein, who claims to be the "most armed man in America", with 3,000 operational firearms, over 80 military-grade vehicles, a functional 40-ton T54 Russian tank, six 1000-pound bombs, and over 900 military uniforms. The latest addition to his collection is the D-Day Omaha and Utah Beach invasion reenactment display. After the tour, we'll keep the military history alive by stopping for lunch at the Airplane Restaurant. Part of the restaurant is truly inside a Boeing KC-97 tanker, but the attached building is full of memorabilia too. Lunch includes a choice of Swiss Mushroom Burger, Corned Beef Reuben, fried fish – all serviced with French fries (or slaw), or a Caesar salad with chicken.

0830 board bus, 1330 back at hotel

\$67/Person includes bus, escort, admission, and lunch.

IRON SPRINGS CHATEAU DINNER THEATER

Friday, September 14

For over 50 years, the Iron Springs Chateau Melodrama Dinner Theater has provided the region with evenings of hilarious comedy and quality entertainment. First though, dinner includes a choice of old-fashioned pot roast or herb roasted chicken breast with salad, sides, and dessert. After dinner, head upstairs to the theater (wheel chairs can be accommodated with a little extra effort around the outside of the building and back in). Tonight's show: "Disturbance at the Delta...or...Here Fishy, Fishy, Fishy" is a turn of the century, classic melodrama. Enjoy a hilarious adventure where you'll boo the villain and cheer your hero. The melodrama is followed by a sing-along intermission and a fun-filled Vaudeville style musical review. Audience participation is a must. Enjoy the fun!

1730 board bus, 2230 back at hotel

\$77/Person includes bus, escort, dinner, and show.

TEA AT THE BROADMOOR

Saturday, September 15

Do you recall the tea parties you held as a child with your friends, pets, and stuffed animals? Well today, you'll attend the tea party of all tea parties with ladies of the 3rd Marine Division. On the way over, our tour guide will talk about the Broadmoor, and then you'll have some free time to walk around the beautiful hotel and poke in the shops. Then, enter the Roth Room, part of the Golf Club with views of the course for our private tea, which includes various scones, mini pound cakes, cookies, and chocolate dipped strawberries, along with vegetarian and salmon tea sandwiches. Various teas are included, of course. Please bring your friends, but we suggest you leave your stuffed animals and pets at home.

0900 board bus, 1200 back at hotel

\$70/Person includes bus, guide, and refreshments.

THIRD MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM – 9/11-16/18

Listed below are registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at www.afr-reg.com/3mar2018 (3.5% fee added to credit card transactions). All forms and payments must be received by mail on or before August 9, 2018. After 8/9, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.
322 Madison Mews
Norfolk, VA 23517
ATTN: THIRD MARINE DIVISION

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<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>\$ PER PERSON</u>	<u># OF PEOPLE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Tuesday, 9/11 – 1700-2300	BRONCO BILLY’S GAMBLING TRIP	\$46		\$
Wed, 9/12 – 1045-1615	ROYAL GORGE TRAIN RIDE	\$102		\$
1900-2200	WELCOME DINNER BUFFET (fried catfish and brisket)	\$40		\$
Thursday, 9/13- 0830-1530	AIR FORCE ACADEMY / GARDEN OF THE GODS	\$69		\$
Friday, 9/14 – 0830-1330	DRAGONMAN MUSEUM / AIRPLANE RESTAURANT	\$67		\$
1730-2230	<i>Please choose your entrée:</i> IRON SPRINGS CHATEAU (BEEF)	\$77		\$
1730-2230	IRON SPRINGS CHATEAU (CHICKEN)	\$77		\$
Saturday, 9/15 – 0900-1200	TEA AT THE BROADMOOR	\$70		\$
1900-2200	Annual Banquet (Cash Bar Reception at 1800) <i>Please choose your entrée for the Saturday Banquet:</i> Flat Iron Steak w/ mushroom demi glaze	\$49		\$
	Chicken Chasseur w/ tomato mushroom onion sauce	\$49		\$
	Child’s Plate (ages 3-11)	\$18		\$
	REGISTRATION FEES			
Price if received by 8/9/18	MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE	\$25		\$
Late fee if post-marked after 8/9/18 (& onsite registrations).	MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE	\$35		\$
	REGISTRATION FEE for kids under 18, 100% disabled, Active Duty, WWII Vets, & Medal of Honor Recipients.	FREE		
Total Amount due to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. by 8/9/18				\$

PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAMETAG

FIRST _____ LAST _____

CIRCLE: WWII / KOREA / VIETNAM / GULF WAR / ACTIVE DUTY / PEACETIME 1st TIME ATTENDEE? YES NO

UNIT INFORMATION (EXAMPLE: 1/3, 3/3, 26th Marines, 12th Marines, etc.) _____

SPOUSE & GUEST NAMES (IF ATTENDING) _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PH. NUMBER (_____) _____ - _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____ @ _____

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____
(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly with hotel)

MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS TRIPS? YES NO **(PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY).**

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PH. NUMBER (_____) _____ - _____

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. **CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-4:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays).** Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.

HOTEL ELEGANTE – COLORADO SPRINGS

(719) 576-5900

www.hotelegante.com



Location

2886 S Circle Dr. Colorado Springs, CO, 80906

Located within a mile of the World Arena, this 3.5 star hotel has 500 rooms and welcomes guests with 2 restaurants, an outdoor pool, and an indoor pool. Conveniently located near the airport and close to popular Colorado Springs attractions.

Reservation Information

Please call the number above and reference the **Third Marine Division Association Reunion** or please reserve online at www.afr-reg.com/3mar2018 and click on the hotel reservation link at the top of the page.

Group Name: Third Marine Division Association

Reunion Dates: September 11-16, 2018

Rate: \$109 + tax (currently 10.25%). Rates are offered 3 days before and 3 days after reunion dates, based on availability. The rate includes breakfast for up to 2 guests per room

Cut off Date: 08/09/18. Late reservations will be processed based on space availability at a higher rate.

Cancellation Policy: A credit card is required to guarantee a reservation. If you cancel within 24 hours, the card will be charged for one night plus tax. Adjustments to departure date after check-in, resulting in a shortened length of stay, an early departure fee of \$75 will be charged to that guest's individual credit card. The fee will be waived in the event of a family or medical emergency.

Parking & Shuttle Information

The Hotel Elegante offers complimentary parking for attendees. The hotel also offers complimentary airport shuttle service to and from the Colorado Springs Municipal Airport (COS). After retrieving your luggage from baggage claim, please use the courtesy phone to contact the hotel at (719) 576-5900.

Wheelchair Rental

ScootAround rents both manual and power wheelchairs by the day and week. Please call (888) 441-7575 or visit www.scootaround.com for more details and to make reservations.

10 Students Awarded Scholarships for 2018-2019



by James P. Kane, Ed.D.
MSF Public Affairs Officer

This is the second half century of honoring distinguished sons and daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Association members' families with College scholarship awards. The Trustees of our Memorial Scholarship Fund are pleased to announce that ten deserving and accomplished students will be honored with awards in the 2018-2019 college academic year. We congratulate them all. Their excellence reflects credit on themselves, their proud sponsors, families and our Third Marine Division Association members.

Steven A. Johnson, Trustee and Chairman of the Memorial Scholarship Fund, has announced that the following students will be honored with College scholarship grants for the coming 2018-2019 academic year:

Julia Kay-Lynn Smith, sponsored by her grandfather Life Member Danny Lee Cowan. She will be attending Oklahoma Panhandle State University.

Tasha N. Kolodzinski, sponsored by her great-grandfather Life Member Paul E. Peterson. She will be attending the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee.

Riley C. Rancourt, sponsored by their grandfather Annual Member Edward J. Grenke. They will be attending Salve Regina University, Newport, RI.

Jonathan J. Kelley, sponsored by his grandfather Life Member Raymond

Kelley, Jr. He will be attending Appalachian State University, Boone, NC.

William D. Coggins, sponsored by his father Life Member Col. David L. Coggins USMC (Ret). He will be attending Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA.

Jacob C. Williams, sponsored by his grandfather Richard L. Townzen Sr. He will be attending Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX.

Anna D. Keller, sponsored by her grandfather Life Member Denis W. Retoske Sr. She will be attending St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN.

Mary L. Hartges, sponsored by her father Life Member Craig Hartges. She will be attending Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH.

Alyssa R. Gillman, sponsored by her grandfather Life Member Richard Monroe. She will be attending Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.

Jamie R. Oulton, sponsored by her father Life Member Richard Oulton. She will be attending Christopher Newport University, Newport News, VA.

The recipient of the **LtCol Richard (Dick) E. Jones USMC (Ret) Memorial Award** is Ms. **Jamie Oulton**. The family of LtCol Jones, in memory of his service to the Corps and the Association, generously funds this award annually for students with the greatest financial need. LtCol Jones was one of the earliest and longest serving members of the Scholarship Fund's Board of Trustees, first appointed in 1978 was a member until 2005 when serious medical problems regrettably forced his resignation from the Board. He is remembered not only

for his untiring performance and dedication to the Fund's students but also for his service to his community, country and the Marine Corps. This will be the 10th year of the LtCol Jones award that has provided almost \$15,000 in scholarships since its inception.

We need your support to continue the Scholarship Fund program and its worthy purpose. Send contributions by check to the **Third Marine Division Association Memorial Scholarship Fund**, PO Box 254, Chalfont, PA 18914-0254. Or on the Association website Caltrap.org using PayPal or any major credit card. Let's keep this fine program going by making your donation today. Help these and future hard working students with their educational success!! If you would like to establish a memorial award like the LtCol Jones family please consider this as well.

While this year's awards are final, commencing on 1 January 2019 students may begin applying for the 2019-2020 academic year via the Association website or by contacting Trustee **Patrick J. Conroy**, Secretary Third Marine Division Association, Memorial Scholarship Fund, PO Box 2296 Stow Ohio 44224.

The dedicated Memorial Scholarship Fund Trustees are as follows: Steven A. Johnson, Chairman; Paul Peterson, Treasurer; Jim Kane Public Affairs Officer; Patrick J. Conroy, Secretary; John Finn; Vince Mathews; Andy Murray; Robert Harris.

Please join us in celebrating the success of these fine young men and women and wishing them academic and life accomplishments.

Documentary Tells Remarkable Story of Marine Special Operator James Capers, Jr.

WASHINGTON — No matter what hell was enveloping **James Capers Jr.** and his Force Reconnaissance Marines, when it was time to escape a melee he was the last man on the ground — sometimes holding off enemy attackers alone before boarding a helicopter to safety.

“If I was going to die there in Vietnam, I was going to die fighting,” said Capers, a retired major whose 22 years in the Corps would earn him fame as a revered and innovative fighter and one of the Marines’ first black special operators. “That was just the way we fought. You go out fighting. You kill as many enemy as you could — and that would mean that they could not further fight your guys or other American troops.”

It was April 1967, after three days of patrolling behind enemy lines in search of a reported North Vietnamese encampment near the village of Phu Loc just north of Hue city, when Capers’ nine-man Third Force Recon Team — known as Team Broadminded — found itself in the crosshairs of an entire NVA regiment.

The fighting was as intense as any he had seen in nearly a year in Vietnam spent conducting dozens of commando raids in northern South Vietnam, Capers recalled.

With two broken legs and peppered with shrapnel from the blast of a Claymore mine, Capers battled a mental haze brought on by massive blood loss and a shot of morphine as he fought to free his men from the assault.

With his entire team wounded

and their loyal service dog, King, killed in action, Capers ordered his Marines to evacuate on a small H-34 chopper. He continued the fight — calling in strikes on “danger close” enemy positions as he fended off the attackers with his M-16. But the extraction helicopter was overloaded, and his men needed critical medical attention. Capers



Major James Capers, USMC (Ret)

made the impossible decision — let the chopper take his men and King’s body away from danger while he stayed behind to face certain death.

“I figured it’s better to lose one man than to lose the whole team,” Capers, 80, told Stars and Stripes in a recent telephone interview from his home near Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, N.C. “Any commander worth his salt would care for his men before his self.”

But the men would not leave their leader behind.

Capers — who would become the first black Marine officer nominated for the Medal of Honor for his actions that day, but would instead receive the Silver Star — was pulled aboard the chopper. After two failed attempts at liftoff, the pilots finally got the H-34 airborne, carrying the men to safety and beginning Capers’ journey toward recovery. He would later become the face of the Corps’

first recruiting campaign targeting young black men.

A documentary about Capers’ life is set to be released this year, a decade-long effort spearheaded by the retired Marine in an attempt to find a sense of “self-healing,” following the deaths of his son, Gary, in 2003, and his wife of 50 years, Dottie, in 2009. Filmmakers Ashley Cusato and Erich Recker share the once-top-secret details about him and his commando team during that brutal tour in Vietnam.

NPRC Offers DD-214 Web Site

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has a website for Veterans to get their DD-214s online by going to <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>.

NPRC is working to make it easier for Veterans with computers and Internet access to get copies of documents from their military files. Military Veterans, and the next-of-kin of deceased former military members, may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents.

Other individuals who need documents must complete the Standard Form (SF)-180, which can be downloaded from the online website. Requesters are asked information essential for NPRC to process the request, so delays to fulfill the request will be minimized by using the website.



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by Bob North

[Recapping San Angelo] Well, what a great city. We spent most of Friday at Goodfellow Air Force Base. What an amazing place. After getting exposed to the history and the mission of the base, we got to watch various parts of the extensive Training Group. The Group consists of four squadrons responsible for training and advanced education courses for ISR, intelligence support to cyber and fire protection professionals. The group graduates approximately 13,000 annually. The group includes many types of intelligence, such as geospatial intelligence, and counter-intelligence training, cryptologic language training, surveillance, reconnaissance, etc. Countries from all over the world send people to Goodfellow for training. We were privileged to watch some of the training at the massive Department of Defense World Class Fire Protection and ISR Warriors Fire Academy, the only one in the world. The graduates of the lengthy and strenuous course are deployed all around the world.

So what we got to see affects the whole world, from Goodfellow AFB. Not only the Fire Academy, but the advanced intelligence and counter-intelligence training. While touring the base in the bus, we got to see lots of aircraft, including a huge drone. We also stopped at a Russian MiG

to allow anyone to climb aboard and jump into the cockpit, which a few did.

We also got to spend time with the Marine Detachment. There are many Marines who go through the training described above and the Marine Detachment in there to support those Marines. We were able to eat lunch in the mess hall with the Marines. Our members spread out allowing everyone to visit with the local Marines. Before we left the mess hall, word got around that we had WWII Marines with us. They were surrounded by these local Marines who had many questions and asked for autographs. It was a beautiful sight.

Our visit to Fort Concho proved very surprising in certain ways. The fort was established in 1867. The original buildings still stand and much is still original like many of the windows. Some furnishings are original and we got to see how life was back then. At full strength, the fort supported 400-500 men. Fort Concho is a National Historic Landmark. The fort and museum are now owned by the City of San Angelo which uses it often for events.

Our trip to the Bordello Museum proved interesting. It seems that many of our group were somewhat embarrassed or uncomfortable. The place looked like it did "back in the day." It was upstairs above a very nice jewelry store. Many spent much time and money in the jewelry store.

We had a very fun evening at the Fiddle Fire Chuck Wagon. The

excellent food was all prepared in their kitchen including some wonderful Dutch Oven Peach Cobbler. After dinner, one of the owners who is a classically trained violinist, put on a great show playing the fiddle and singing, mostly classic country music. At the end, she allowed our own **Scott Mosely** to play acoustical guitar while she played the fiddle. It was very well done. Great job, Scott.

Our Reunion concluded with a banquet, and our speaker was [**Major Andrew Armstrong**], the Commanding Officer of the Marine Corps Detachment at Goodfellow. We spent some time with him on base also. Interestingly enough, before he spoke as we were finishing our meal, **John Powers** was serenaded by his daughter **Johnnica Edgerley**. She often leads us in singing the National Anthem and the Marine's Hymn. Major Andrew Armstrong didn't just talk to us, he fired us up. I think many of us in that room were ready to go back. He delivered a positive, impassioned view of the Marines who preceded his era as well as the current state of the Marine Corps. Well done, Major Armstrong.

As we drove around the city, we were all impressed with what we saw. It was a clean, well kept city. Down town was actually a *down town*. The Concho River running through the city had many amenities and activities. It was very beautiful.

Remember we will meet in Granbury, October 11-14, 2018. Semper Fi--*Bob North*



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Life Member Edward Anthony "Tony" Grimm, LtCol. USMC (Ret), who served with 3/9 from 1961-62, passed away on May 30, 2018. He is survived by his daughter Lee-Anna.

Life Member Larry Olds, who served with H&S/1/1 from 1968-69, passed away on April 3, 2018. He is survived by his wife Diane.

Life Member Gary C. Wilkins, who served with Sig/3rdSigBn from 1952-1954, passed away in January 2017. He is survived by his wife Nanette.

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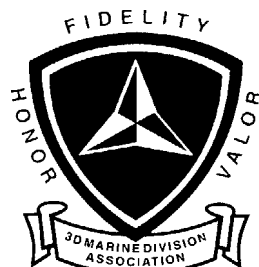
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