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WASHINGTON DC REUNION INFORMATION

As of press time, June 30, 2020, we are progressing nicely toward the Washington DC Family Reunion, August 11 - 15, 2020. The hotel has extended the special rate of \$129 including a hot breakfast. You can get this rate through July 31. I have very strong assurances from the hotel about the strict sanitation and disinfection protocols they will provide. They sent me their in-house checklist and plan that included 52 bullet points for their employees to follow. We discussed security and the importance of that. They told me that we will still get a fresh, hot breakfast. We have a great, very accommodating working relationship and they assure me that we will be happy with the hotel. The hotel has plenty of room for our activities and assures me we will be well taken care of.

Of course we don't know at this point what all will be open regarding our outings. On June 18, the Virginia (where many of our outings are) Governor issued the phase three guidelines for reopening. He has specifically pointed out how important the travel and hospitality industry is to Virginia's economic engine (his words). Phase 3 begins on July 1, 2020. This is great news. **More Great news - the Evening Parade at 8th and I has started back up.** That's one of the most requested events we have. AFRI, our Reunion partner, is in Virginia and they see good signs, such as the confirmed cases of the virus have declined. Businesses are beginning to open. They think July 4 will be a big date for re-openings. Department of Defense travel ban expires June 30, and should open things up. The overall attitude has really improved.

Remember that if you register for the Reunion, you only have \$10 at risk if you later decide not to go. The rest of your registration money will be returned. Also you have no money invested in your hotel reservations. Low risk, high potential reward for a great time. We are well over 100 registrations so far, ahead of last year at this time. Reunions are so important as we renew the bonds of friendship.

SEE YOU IN WASHINGTON DC IN AUGUST - FOR THE LATEST UPDATES, SEE CALTRAP.ORG

LIVE AUCTION

Preparing for our 66th Reunion this coming August in Washington DC, we again plan to have a live auction at the Saturday Banquet. To be successful, all donations should be quality items, worthy of bidding. They do not need to be military-related.

Should you have any questions, please contact our new Auctioneer, Joe Bongiovanni, at bongi7430@gmail.com or call 256-626-9231.

We are attempting to update the e-mail listing of our membership. To assist us please confirm your e-mail by replying to: thirdmarinedivision@gmail.com

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.

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— 66th Annual Family Reunion, 10-16 August 2020, Washington DC —

President's Message



6/30/2020

Hello Everyone,

I have heard from some people who don't want to go to the DC Reunion and suggest we either cancel or postpone the Reunion because of the Virus. I have talked to many more people who are very excited about the DC Reunion and have already registered and paid. So to those of you who don't want to go, that's fine. To those who do want to go, that's great. Here's the scoop:

- While I respect your decision should you decide not to go to the Reunion, I also respect the over 100 people who have already registered and paid for the Reunion. We are about 30% ahead of last year at this same time in paid registrations. Also, we quickly filled up the Ladies White House Tour at the maximum of 50 ladies. We should respect their decision to go also. I have already entered their security clearance information with the White House. I would invite you to respect and trust each person to make up their own mind if they want to go.

- Money. If we cancel, we could face a severe financial penalty per normal contracts between a hotel and a large group.
- We have been following Association guidelines and business principals in tying up future Reunion sites, following previously discussed location ideas. We have been following the plan for East coast, central location, West coast, central location. Therefore starting last year and each ensuing year: Branson-2019 (central), Washington DC-2020 (East), Chicago-2021 (central), San Diego-2022 (west) which is also the 80th anniversary of the forming of the Third Marine Division, and Fort Worth-2023 (central). We have negotiated excellent contracts with a great hotel in each city. Postponing the DC event would be quite a legal nightmare.
- We have put in a lot of work on this Reunion. The hotel has guaranteed me that no matter what level of opening that will be in place at the time of the Reunion, they will be prepared as there is more than enough room to adjust

to whatever the needs may be. They are confident in their ability to adjust and allow us to have a great, safe Reunion. We have discussed strict sanitation and disinfection protocols they will provide.

- You are all amazing people. I truly love this Association and the members. I believe each person/family should have the right to make up their mind if they want to go to the Reunion. I hope that you respect my decision that we should keep the Reunion for all of those who wish to attend.
- Bottom line: I believe we should allow each person/family to make up their own mind about coming to the Reunion. The Reunion Committee is dedicated to offer the best Reunion possible.

Lastly, we will obtain assurance from the Reunion hotel that all controlling health protocols are applied. But you may wish to assess your personal risk. The use of face masks, disinfectant wipes, social distance, and similar measures you may choose to employ, even if then not mandated by law, are your decision. You are entirely free to take the measures you deem appropriate for your personal health.

I wish the very best to each of you and your families. Please stay safe and healthy.

See you in DC!

Semper Fi,

Bob North, President

Third Marine Division Association

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ASSOCIATION MEETINGS NOTICE

In accordance with Article 3.5 of the Bylaws of the Third Marine Division Association, Inc., notice is given that the Annual Meeting of the Members will be held at 0900 on Saturday, 15 August, 2020, at the Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel, 900 S. Orme St., Arlington, VA 22204

In accordance with Article 4 of the Association Bylaws, notice is given that the Association Board of Directors will meet at 1530 on Friday, 14 August, 2020, Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel, 900 S. Orme St., Arlington, VA 22204

The Organizational meeting of the Association Board of Directors will be held 1230, or immediately following the Annual Meeting of Members on Saturday, 15 August, 2020 at the Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel, 900 S. Orme St., Arlington, VA 22204.

MARINE CORPS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDS SHIPPING RECRUITS TO MCRD PARRIS ISLAND - 30 MAR 2020

WASHINGTON --

Amid the national emergency caused by the COVID-19 outbreak and out of an abundance of caution, the Marine Corps is taking steps to protect its recruits, recruit training personnel, their families and the communities where they live and serve by temporarily suspending the shipping of new recruits to Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) Parris Island, South Carolina.

Recruit training for individuals already at the Depot will continue as planned, with continued emphasis on personal and environmental cleanliness and social distancing.

“The preservation of our Marines, recruits and their families is the highest priority for Marine Corps Recruiting during this national emergency,” said Gen. David H. Berger, Commandant of the Marine Corps. “With that in mind, we’ve paused this week’s shipping of new recruits to Parris Island and will revise our overall shipping plan to ensure we are able to meet the Nation’s needs while protecting its next generation of Marines.”

Pooles should keep in close contact with their Marine recruiters to make sure they understand any changes to their planned ship dates.

Young men and women who share our fighting spirit and are interested in becoming U.S. Marines should visit www.marines.com or call 1-(800) MARINES to speak with a Marine Recruiter.

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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>

Vietnam War Resources

Fellow Marines,

I am passing this along because it is probably the best search list ever compiled about the Vietnam War.

This simply has to be shared with anyone who ever served in Vietnam or knew someone who served in Vietnam.

It would take months to look at everything this site offers.

<http://www-static.cc.gatech.edu/fac/Thomas.Pilsch/Vietnam.html>

from Ron Deverick

REUNION SCHEDULE

AUGUST 11-16, 2020
SHERATON PENTAGON CITY, ARLINGTON, VA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

1200 Hospitality Room open throughout the reunion
1300 - 1800 Reunion Registration open
1800 - 2200 WASHINGTON NATIONALS BASEBALL GAME

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

0700 - 0730 Reunion Registration open
0800 - 1700 PATRIOTS TOUR
1400 - 1800 Reunion Registration open
1800 2000 Cash Bar Reception & Welcome Meet & Greet Dinner

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

0900 - 1500 NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS
1300 - 1700 Reunion Registration open
1530 - 1600 Memorial Scholarship Fund Meeting
1600 - 1700 Finance Committee Meeting
1700 - 1730 Banquet Table Reservation Sheets will be collected
1900 Unit Meetings
1900 For those not involved in unit meetings, meet in the Hospitality Room.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

0845 - 1500 NRA NATIONAL FIREARMS MUSEUM & PENTAGON TOUR
1400 - 1600 Reunion Registration open
1530 - 1700 Board of Directors Meeting
1530 - 1600 Banquet Table Reservation Sheets will be collected
1845 - 2300 MARINE BARRACKS 8th and I EVENING PARADE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

0900 - 1200 Membership Business Meeting & Memorial Service
0900 - 1200 LADIES WHITE HOUSE TOUR
1230 - 1300 Board of Directors Organizational Meeting
1300 - 1400 Chapter Presidents Meeting
1600 Catholic Mass – sign up for transportation at registration desk
1800 - 1900 Cash Bar Reception
1900 - Banquet / Program

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

0700 - 0730 Protestant Church Service

NOTE: There is a limit of one hydraulically lifted scooter or wheelchair per handicap accessible bus. If you use a scooter but can climb the steps to board the bus, either you and/or a person traveling with you must be able to put the scooter in the bus's luggage compartment. Due to liability issues, drivers and tour guides cannot assist with scooters.

REUNION EVENTS

2019 WORLD SERIES CHAMPION WASHINGTON NATIONALS VS OAKLAND A's

Tuesday, August 11

Take me out to the ball game! Enjoy America's pastime in the nation's capitol. Transportation to and from Nationals Park is included, along with your game ticket in the group section.

1800 board bus, 2200 back at the hotel

\$70 Person includes bus, escort, and game ticket.

PATRIOTS TOUR

Wednesday, August 12

The day begins at Arlington National Cemetery, the final resting place of so many of our American heroes. Ride the tram through the Cemetery and we'll have 7 stops, including the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Iwo Jima memorial. Then we'll head to the Capitol Building – the seat of our nation's government. We'll enjoy lunch at the Capitol Café in the Visitor's Center, and then a one hour guided walking tour of the Capitol Building. After the Capitol tour we'll stop by three iconic memorials, as time permits, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Korean War Memorial, and WWII Memorial. Please note – this tour will require getting on and off the bus several times, so please wear comfortable walking shoes and be prepared to go up and down the bus steps. Additionally there is a significant amount of walking required at the Capitol. **THIS TOUR LIMITED TO FIRST 100 PEOPLE TO SIGN UP. SEE SIGN UP ELSEWHERE.** Arlington National Cemetery requires a valid government photo ID for everyone. Foreign nationals must present a valid passport. See security and immediate signup elsewhere. The Capitol Building requires passing through security similar to airport screening. No weapons, sharp or pointy objects, food, beverages, or bags larger than 18"x14"x8"

0800 board bus, 1700 back at the hotel

\$59/Person includes bus, escort, and admission. Lunch is included at the Capitol Café.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS

Thursday, August 13

Open to the public in 2006, the National Museum of the Marine Corps is a lasting tribute to U.S. Marines — past, present, and future. Situated on a 135-acre site adjacent to the Marine Corps base in Quantico, Virginia, the Museum's soaring design evokes the image of the flag-raisers of Iwo Jima. World-class interactive exhibits using the most innovative technology will surround you with irreplaceable artifacts and immerse you in the sights and sounds of Marines in action. You'll see permanent galleries and temporary exhibits. Enjoy lunch on your own

0900 board bus, 1500 back at hotel.

\$49/Person includes bus and escort. Lunch on your own.

NRA NATIONAL FIREARMS MUSEUM & PENTAGON TOUR

Friday, August 14

The NRA National Firearms Museum consists of 15 galleries comprised with 85 exhibit cases housing 3,000 firearms in a 15,000 square foot facility. The Museum examines the nearly

700-year history of firearms with a special emphasis on the American experience. Each gallery is evocative of a period of time in American history, from the stockade fort at Jamestown to the gun factories of New England. Other favorites in the exhibit include the .44 Magnum Smith & Wesson carried by Clint Eastwood in "Dirty Harry." Enjoy lunch on your own in the Museum's Café. There will be docents scattered throughout the Museum.

We will then head to the Pentagon for a special group tour of the home of our nation's military. See up close and in person the workings of the seat of power in the United States Armed Forces. The Pentagon is virtually a city in itself. Approximately 26,000 employees, both military and civilian, contribute to the planning and execution of the defense of our country. The tour route is approximately one and one half miles in length and lasts for approximately 60 minutes. For those who do not wish to tour the Pentagon or who do not return the security form in time, you may choose to sign up for just the NRA Museum on the registration form. Pentagon tour participants will be dropped off and then the remainder of participants will return to the hotel. **Please note: You MUST return the security sign up form for the NRA/Pentagon Tour if you want to go. Limited to the first 100 people. You may opt out of the Pentagon after the NRA but the form is required**

0845 board bus, 1500 back at the hotel

\$47 for just NRA, \$52 for both, includes bus and escort.

Lunch on your own at NRA Museum Café.

8th & I EVENING PARADE

Friday, August 14

After dinner on your own, board bus for the Marine Barracks (8th & I Streets). You'll be directed to your reserved bleacher seating. Marines from the Barracks will give a history of the Barracks and a preview of what is to take place during the parade, which begins at 8:45pm. As the "Oldest Post of the Corps," Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., established in 1801, has performed military reviews and ceremonies since its founding. The present-day Evening Parade was first conducted on July 5, 1957. Observe the ceremonies that have been the tradition of Presidents and past Commandants of the Marine Corp that will include ceremonial Drum and Bugle Corps, Silent Drill Team, the US Marine Band, and the Marine Corp mascot "bulldog."

1845 board bus, 2300 back at hotel

\$42/Person includes bus and escort.

LADIES WHITE HOUSE TOUR

Enjoy a tour of the home of every US President since John Adams has resided. The White House is not only home to the President but also a museum of American History. **THIS TOUR IS LIMITED TO FIRST 50 LADIES WHO SIGN UP. SEE SIGN UP ELSEWHERE.** Please note: you MUST return the security sign up form in order to be able to participate in this tour. Your photo ID must match exactly to the security information you provide in advance.

0900 board bus, 1200 back at hotel.

\$33/Person includes bus and escort.

THIRD MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM – 8/11-16/20

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-req.com/3mar2020 (3.5% fee added to credit card transactions). All forms and payments must be received by mail on or before July 8, 2020. After 7/8, 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 23510
ATTN: THIRD MARINE DIVISION

OFFICE USE ONLY

Check # _____ Date Received _____
 Inputted _____ Nametag Completed _____

<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u> <i>PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE SOME EARLY SIGN UPS REQUIRED. SEE ELSEWHERE</i>	<u>\$ PER PERSON</u>	<u># OF PEOPLE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Tues, 8/11 – 1800-2200	WASHINGTON NATIONALS BASEBALL GAME	\$ 70		\$
Wed, 8/12 – 0800-1700	PATRIOTS TOUR (first 100 to sign up)	\$ 59		\$
1800-2000	OLD VIRGINIA WELCOME DINNER	\$ 26		\$
Thursday, 8/13 – 0900-1500	NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS	\$ 49		\$
Friday, 8/14 – 0845-1500	NRA MUSEUM & PENTAGON TOUR (first 100-	\$ 52		\$
Friday, 8/14 – 0845-1400	NRA MUSEUM ONLY <i>-to sign up)</i>	\$ 47		\$
1900-2245	8 TH & I EVENING PARADE	\$ 42		\$
Saturday, 8/15 – 0900-1200	LADIES WHITE HOUSE TOUR (first 50 to sign up)	\$ 33		\$
1900-2200	Annual Banquet (Cash Bar Reception at 1800) <i>Please choose your entrée for the Saturday Banquet:</i>			
	Chicken Parmesan	\$ 49		\$
	Roast Pork Loin	\$ 49		\$
	Vegetarian	\$ 49		\$
	Child's Plate (ages 4-12)	\$ 14		\$
	<u>REGISTRATION FEES</u>			
Price if received by 7/8/20	MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE	\$ 25		\$
Price if received by 7/8/20	REGISTRATION FEE for kids under 18, Active Duty, WWII Vets & their spouses, and Medal of Honor Recipients.	FREE		
Price if postmarked after 7/8/20	LATE REGISTRATION FEE (no exemptions)	\$ 35		\$
	ONSITE PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE. This applies to all onsite registrations. No exceptions, no exemptions. PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE.	\$ 45		\$
Total Amount due to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.				\$

FIRST _____ LAST _____

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

3rd MARINE DIV. ATTENDEE? UNIT INFO (EXAMPLE: 1/3, 3/3, 12th Marines, etc.) _____

MARINE CORPS MUSTANG ATTENDEE? RANK (EXAMPLE: Capt., LtCol, CWO-4, 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).

NEW ENGLAND, NEW YORK BASED MARINE INFANTRY BATTALION COMPLETES DEPLOYMENT WITH 3RD MARINE DIVISION

By Courtesy Story | 3rd Marine Division | May 14, 2020



Force on Force Training Northern Viper 2020

U.S. Marines with 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, conduct a simulated assault on U.S. Marines from 3rd Law Enforcement Battalion during a force on force training event during exercise Northern Viper on Yausubetsu Training Area, Hokkaido, Japan, Feb. 7, 2020. Northern Viper is a regularly scheduled training exercise that is designed to enhance the collective defense capabilities of the U.S. and Japan Alliance by allowing infantry units to maintain their lethality and proficiency in infantry and combined arms tactics. This iteration of the exercise is executed by units across III Marine Expeditionary Force including an activated reserve unit, 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, currently attached to 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, as part of the unit deployment program. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Jackson Dukes)

OKINAWA, Japan --

OKINAWA, Japan - U.S. Marines with 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, return home after being away for almost a year. The unit has been authorized to return to the U.S. after completing a six-month deployment with the 3rd Marine Division in Okinawa, Japan, from Oct. 2019 to May 2020.

Stationed across New England and New York, 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, is a reserve infantry unit with 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve. Since World War II, they have regularly operated alongside the active component, seamlessly integrating during exercises and operations. The battalion's history includes actions in Kwajalein, the Battle of Iwo Jima, the Battle of Saipan, the Battle of Tinian, the Korean War, the Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan.

1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, traveled to Japan to execute a six-month deployment under the Unit Deployment Program (UDP). The UDP rotates Marine units from the U.S. to 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, and is designed to increase the readiness of the units by exposing them to realistic, relevant training environments throughout the Indo-Pacific.

Being a reserve unit, the battalion's readiness is continuously validated as they often augment the active Marine forces during time of war, national emergency or contingency operations. Reserve units also provide personnel and operational relief to the active forces during peacetime.

While deployed to the Indo-Pacific region, the battalion participated in back to back exercises such as Fuji Viper, Forest Light, Northern Viper, and others.

"The strategic partnerships in this area are at the forefront of our national interest," said Maj. Christopher Peterson, the executive officer of 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment. "The bilateral training and varied terrain gave the Marines and Sailors some of the most realistic exposure to tomorrow's fight."

After many months of continuous training, the battalion's readiness exemplifies the fighting spirit of 3rd Marine Division, bringing true meaning to 'any clime, and any place'. The UDP allows 3rd Marine Division to maintain a high standard of combat readiness and efficiency. If called upon, we remain ready to Fight Tonight in defense of our ideals and allies.

III MEF G6 ADAPTS TO SUPPORT NEW WORKING CONDITIONS DURING COVID-19

12 JUN 2020 | Lance Cpl. Francesca Landis III Marine Expeditionary Force

OKINAWA, Japan --

III Marine Expeditionary Force's Communications and Information System Department (G6) has rapidly adapted to ensure III MEF personnel continues to accomplish mission requirements while maintaining social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic through innovative teleworking solutions.

The G6 department exists to provide critical communication and information support services to III MEF and to ensure its personnel are able to connect electronically.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect military operations and capabilities around the globe, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has stressed the importance of social distancing and implementing work from home policies for essential services to prevent further spread of the virus. III MEF has been working around the clock to ensure its personnel are in compliance with these policies and to implement work from home capabilities for its personnel.

The G6 is responsible for ensuring a smooth and efficient teleworking experience. Network services, to include internet, email, etc., are being routed through and supported by the G6 to afford III MEF personnel the opportunity to telework on a daily basis.

To use a MCEN laptop on a personal wifi network, the user must connect through a Virtual Private Network. This has resulted in an influx of new users and has meant the G6 must rapidly enhance III MEF's current capabilities to ensure the network is not overwhelmed by the recent influx of new users.

“We have been working to ensure the telework options everyone uses are effective and available. In addition, we’ve surged capabilities to provide enhanced telework options.”

Col. Jeffery Hammond, III MEF G6 Assistant Chief of Staff

While teleworking allows III MEF personnel to continue essential operations and services without exposing them to unnecessary risks, it does come with its own set of obstacles.

“It is much more difficult to ensure everyone is working on the same priorities and have everything they need to continue to pursue tasks,” said Hammond. “We have had to surge folks in at times when missions started and needed to be established.”

The G6 has also been working to connect COVID response cells throughout the Pacific as they respond to the complex problems COVID-19 presents to our mission in the Indo-Pacific.

Personnel assigned to the COVID Response Cell at Camp Courtney, the Joint COVID Response Cell on Camp Foster and 20 Major Subordinate Command missions, including Task Force Medical in Guam, are working around the clock to ensure III MEF stays mission ready throughout COVID-19.

“III MEF has done an incredible job not only minimizing the effects of COVID on the operational effectiveness of the MEF, but have also supported 7th Fleet with Task Force Medical in Guam, stood up the CORC and JCRC, and provided guidance and clear instructions to Marines, Sailors, and their families,” said Hammond.

Because of the collective efforts III MEF has taken against COVID-19 and the continuing development of innovative capabilities, III MEF has been able to maintain its readiness to respond to crises in the Indo-Pacific, while also protecting the health and wellbeing of its Marines and sailors.

ASSOCIATION TO AWARD 11 SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS FOR 2020 – 21

James P. Kane, Ed.D. Life Member

The price of the green uniform comes high. And missions matter. In spite of a historic and world-wide pandemic and sudden turmoil in parts of our America, the trustees of the Memorial Scholarship Fund of the Third Marine Division Association have announced that eleven worthy and high achieving sons and daughters, or grandsons and daughters (even great - grandchildren) of Association members will be honored for the coming college academic year with scholarship awards. Awards are based on merit and need. Continued academic excellence is required to maintain awards as well. Led by Chairman Steven Johnson and the tireless efforts of Secretary Pat Conroy, the Memorial Scholarship Fund maintains this valuable program. Our MSF Trustees vote on awards each year.

The Memorial Scholarship Fund program was started by the Association to honor the death in Vietnam of Division Commander Gen. Bruno A. Hockmuth, on Nov. 14, 1967 at age 57. The very first awards were presented in 1969. And since then, in a remarkable story

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of hard work in raising funds and unselfish time and devotion the Memorial Scholarship Fund - as of the 2021 academic year – 822 scholarship awards of \$685,500.00 have been presented to deserving students of Association members based solely on financial need. In addition, the prestigious award named in honor of Lt. Col. Richard E. (Dick) Jones, USMC has been awarded during the last twelve years through the love and loyalty and generosity of the family of Col. Jones - those twelve awards totaling \$17,400.00. Col. Jones was one of the early and longest serving Trustee of the Memorial Scholarship Fund until medical issues in 2005 forced his retirement from the MSF Board of Trustees. He remains in the memory of his beloved Association for his brilliant service to the community, his America, and the United States Marine Corps.

The eleven recipients to be honored for our 2020 – 21 scholarship awards are:

Alyssa R. Gillman sponsored by Richard Monroe, Grandfather - Parent is Amanda Monroe Alyssa will attend Western Michigan U., Kalamazoo, MI. She was the 2017 – 18 recipient of the Lt. Col. Jones Memorial Award

Alison Lynch sponsored by Thomas J. Lynch, Grandfather and Life Member Parents are Thomas R and Christina Lynch College: West Chester University, PA

Jessica Ashe Sponsored by Richard Roy Braley, Grandfather and Life Member Parents are Bryan Cheryl Brady College: High Point University, NC

Cameron C. Rancourt Sponsored by Edward J. Grenke, Grandfather Parents are Gino and Susan Rancourt College: U. of Rhode Island

Jonathan J. Kelley Sponsored by Raymond Kelley Jr. Grandfather and Life Member Parents are Raymond III and Katey Kelley College: Appalachian State University, Boone, NC

Mary L. Hartges Sponsored by Craig Hartges, father and Life Member Parents: Craig and Penny Hartges College: Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH

Jean-Luc Kiser Sponsored by Hague M. Kiser Grandfather and Life Member Parents are Jeffrey and Brenda Kiser College: Washington State University, Vancouver, WA

Haylee N. Vike Sponsored by John Powers, Grandfather and Life Member (Deceased) Parents are Kenny and Traci Vike College: Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches, TX

Isaiah Walker Sponsored by LtCol Marc Walker USMC father and annual member Parents are Marc and Carianne Walker College: George Washington University

Helen Byron Sponsored by LtGen Michael J. Byron, USMC (Retired) Grandfather and Life Member Parents are Col. Patrick Byron USMC (Retired) and Attracta Byron College: Providence College, RI

The LtCol Jones Memorial Award (Funded by the Jones family)

Anna D. Keller Sponsored by Denis W. Retoske Sr., Grandfather and Life Member Parents are Ryan and Jennifer Keller College: St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN

By their accomplishments, their sheer hard work, and by their excellence, our honorees bring credit to themselves, their proud families, and our Third Marine Division Association. They will do well.

The Trustees of the Memorial Scholarship Fund extend congratulations to each honoree. Our trustees are: Steven A. Johnson, Chairman Paul E. Peterson, Treasurer Robert Harris Patrick J. Conroy, Secretary John Finn Vincent Matthews James P.Kane PAO Annette Loper

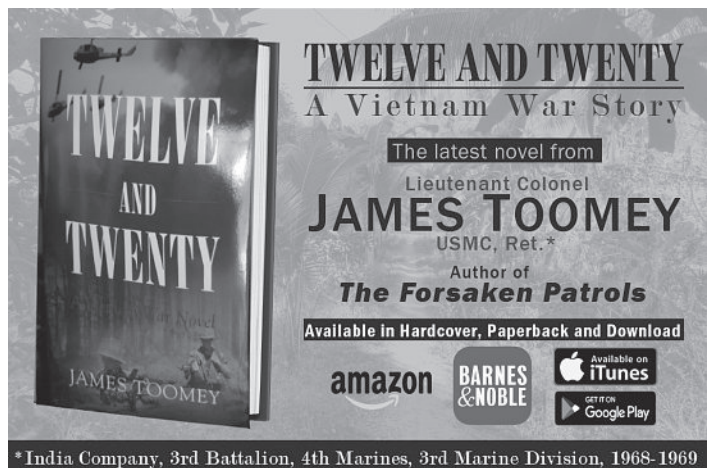
In conclusion, the Association's ability to maintain this fabulous Association scholarship program donations - large or small - are welcomed and needed by the Trustees administering the program Donations may be sent directly to our Association Headquarters. The price of the green uniform still comes high.

HONORING ALL MARINES

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

"SEMPER FIDELIS"

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May 29, 2020
Defense Secretary Dr. Mark T. Esper swears-in retired Navy Rear Adm. Kenneth Braithwaite to serve as the next Secretary of the Navy, in Washington, D.C.

ARLINGTON, Va. --

To Sailors, Marines and all men and women of the Department of the Navy serving across this great world: Today marks the honor of my life, taking the oath of office to become the 77th, but more importantly... your secretary of the Navy.

I am incredibly humbled to stand before you, the greatest Navy and Marine Corps in the world to accept this responsibility. For nearly 35 years, I like you have served our country; first as a U.S. naval officer deploying around the world to include sailing into “harm’s way” and most recently as our U.S. ambassador to Norway, a nation important to our national security. Never have I ever doubted why we serve... to protect and defend the greatest nation on earth... the United States of America!

For more than two centuries, the department has exemplified the strength and resilience of the nation we represent. Through tragedy and triumph, in both peace and in war, the source of our strength has been three simple but extremely powerful words: honor, courage and commitment.

As each of you know, they must be our guide stars as we navigate challenges around the globe. We can never forget that they are written in the blood of those who sailed before us: from John Paul Jones to Doris Miller...from Grace Hopper to Jason Dunham, all part of a formidable anchor chain of service through which each of you is an important part.

Make no mistake, we face significant challenges today. Our nation is up against perhaps the greatest test of our commitment to the ideals we hold dear than at any time in our history...surely since the end of World War II. We must recognize this challenge for all it is and all it presents, lurking in the shadows of deceit or the depths of dishonesty. However, our Navy and Marine Corps have faced tough times before. Each time we have prevailed and we will persevere again. It is our sacred duty and we shall do so by relying on our core values, the bedrock of our service and the key to our success: honor, courage and commitment.

The object of success for our service is simple: American seapower. America always has been and always will

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be a maritime nation. America and our principles of freedom rely on seapower delivered by a strong and capable Navy and Marine Corps. Each of you provides that power through your actions each day -- actions that demonstrate our resolve to place service above self.

I look forward to the days ahead to do all I can on your behalf, ensuring that you have the opportunity to thrive and succeed in your service to Our nation. American seapower will continue to defend our nation, and American seapower will continue to preserve peace while deterring any and all that would challenge our way of life. And when or if we find it necessary, American seapower will decisively win in battle which is our solemn duty because there can be no alternative.

Please accept my personal appreciation which I sincerely send to every one of you for your selfless service, your devotion to duty and for your honor, courage and commitment. I am privileged to stand with you, the greatest Navy and Marine Corps the world has ever known in your service to the people of America. Godspeed to you and us all in this great endeavor!

- Kenneth J. Braithwaite, 77th Secretary of the Navy



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FROM THE ASSOCIATION MANAGER

Since we last gathered in Branson, the world has encountered the COVID-19 pandemic and the United States is under daily attack with protests, arson, theft, disorderly conduct, burglary and shootings. Our Nation is hurting and we must restore our strength and renew our minds.

Why do we attend the Reunion? We go to meet some of our fellow Vets so we can reminisce about nothing and everything. We attempt to solve problems, large and small, without lawyers, politicians or bureaucrats. We old and young warriors of yesterday and today, share an experience that only those who have survived combat can



understand. We meet to relive a time when we were at our best, a time when our fellow Marines/

Corpsmen meant more than our own lives. We formed a bond which will last forever. Stories are told and retold each time we gather, but not stories about the horrors we had to experience, but stories of the humanity shared by men whose very souls had been exposed. We graying warriors know the reunion will end; however, the camaraderie we have for each other makes us eager for the next year's reunion.

As we approach the Washington DC Reunion in August, I consider: Fear vs. Life. My choice is to live my life as I have since returning from Vietnam. Hope to see many of you in DC!

PAULINE SADOWSKI (1927 – 2019) A GENEROUS DONATION TO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND A LIFE WORTH LIVING

James P. Kane, Ed.D. Life Member

Association member Pauline Sadowski passed away in West Allis, Wisconsin on November 5, 2019 at age 92. Born in Pekin, IL she was a graduate there of the John Proctor School of Nursing and devoted many years of an interesting life helping others in many parts of the country. She met and married Edward Sadowski in 1949; they enjoyed fifty-four years together. Ed served in the Marine Corps for twenty years and was a well known Gy/Sgt. at his retirement. He was an Association member (and he was also a member of the First Marine Division Association as well. In fact, the Greater Milwaukee Chapter of the First Marine Division – which Ed established – was later renamed the Wisconsin/GySgt Edward G. Sadowski Chapter.) Gy/Sgt. Sadowski passed away on Aug. 13, 2003.

Recently and remarkably, upon Pauline's death, the Trustees of our Association Memorial Scholarship Fund were notified that Pauline through the Pauline Sadowski Revocable Trust donated \$26,329.40 to our Memorial Scholarship Fund. It was a gift as stunning as it was unexpected. It quietly reflected her deep caring about young people and the value of education. As a result, she has now made it possible for future young Americans – the sons and daughters and extended family members of Association members to benefit from college scholarship grants from our Third Marine Division Association thanks to Pauline.

The Memorial Scholarship Fund Trustees and the entire Third Marine Division Association salute her generosity and caring. In future summers she'll not know her spirit will live on in the lives and careers of young people she has now helped. Hers was a life worth living.

Semper Fi, Pauline. And God Bless.

LEGACY GIFTS TO THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION

The legacy of the Marine Corps has been honed and shaped by the selfless and heroic service of legions of Marines dating back to the very birth of our Nation. Little did these men and women know that their service and contributions to the Nation and Marine Corps would be honored long after they hung up their uniforms. Likewise, members and supporters of the Third Marine Division Association, Inc. and help ensure the Association grows through legacy giving or inheritance bequests in order to continue providing educational and scholarship support and public outreach.



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The Third Marine Division Association, Inc. has existed since the end of World War II. The Marines and FMF Sailors who follow you in the Association will benefit from your foresight and your generosity.

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WHAT IS THE REUNION JOURNAL

The Reunion Journal is designed to highlight multiple information regarding the Association's and Marine Corps, letters from the Commandant, Secretary of Defense and the Navy, Governor of State and Mayor of reunion location. Plus, all dedicated page entries, numerous submissions honoring Marines past and present, business ads of companies loyal to the Marines, etc. And a major article relating to the history of the Third Marine Division.

Anyone can submit an ad, memorial, etc. Would you like to remember a fallen Marine, or a Marine you served with, a battalion, a family member, a

business card? Regardless of what it is we honor your wishes.

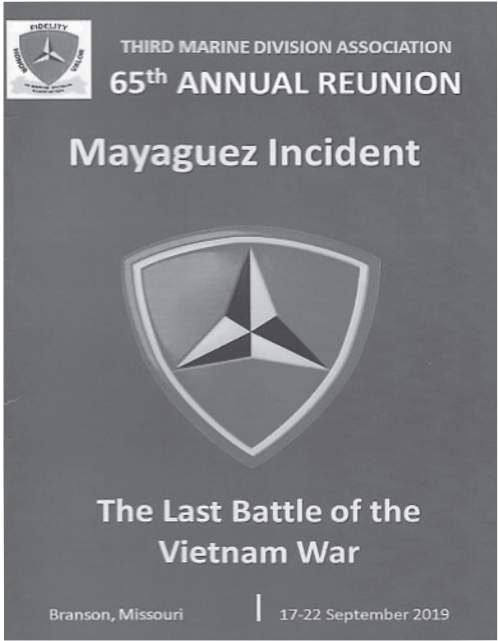
For those who have not seen a Journal, it is a professional publication and well received by all. Everyone

who attends the reunion or places a submission will receive the journal.

This is another avenue of supporting this wonderful Association as well as promoting your business or honoring those who have meaning to you.

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CHAPTER *Happenings*



1/3 CHAPTER

With the Reunion in DC Area fast approaching, I have sent out the information to more than 225 Marines and Corpsmen. Hopefully there will be a good turnout, with many Marines and Corpsmen from the 3rd Marine Division there. I have had favorable responses, from many in the 1/3 Chapter, and hope to see many there at the Reunion. With the information, also the Raffle info for the 1911 45Cal pistol and AR-type Rifle!

I continue, to attempt to get more folks to join the 3rd Marine Division Association too.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Bumgarner
President of the 1/3 Chapter, Recruitment.

TEXAS CHAPTER

The Texas Chapter had scheduled a Spring Reunion in Corpus Christi, Texas for April. However, because of the COVID 19, we had to postpone until October. Hopefully we can have a successful Reunion in October.

For information - rlnplano@hotmail.com.

Bob North

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

A meeting was held on September 21, 2019 in the Ambassador Inn, South Yarmouth, Massachusetts. Members enjoyed dinner and each others' company at the Riverway Restaurant the night before the meeting. A meeting was planned for the Spring of 2020 in Mystic, CT.

The Spring meeting for May 16, 2020 was cancelled due to the virus concerns.

For more information on the New England Chapter, please email "dgob13@live.com".

Dennis G. Olson, President

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We are looking forward to seeing everyone in June and sure you are looking forward to getting out of the house. And we are planning that the guidelines for restaurants opening will be in favor of our gathering date. Myers Restaurant indicated that they could not say for certain that the ban would be lifted for opening but indicated that they are planning to be open by that time. That being said, please plan on attending and if anything changes, make sure you have your telephone number on the RSVP card.

We are going to be positive and know seeing each other will be a great day for all and welcomed by all.

Russ Zess, President

VIETNAM WAR VETERANS' RECOGNITION

Don Bumgarner, 1/3 Chapter President, emailed the following message to many members of the 1/3 Chapter; but I believe this should be shared and read by all Third Marine Division members.

In 2017 President Donald Trump signed into law the VIETNAM WAR VETERANS RECOGNITION ACT to establish the "National Vietnam War Veterans Day", which will be celebrated on Sunday, March 9, 2020.

You might remember my old Captain Jerry Reczek with C/1/3 (66-67) likes to send a yearly message out at this time. I was talking with Jerry about his message. I asked if he could possibly ask other Officers for 1st Bn 3rd Marines to share their message also. We have Capt. J. Shirley (Retired LtCol) B/1/3; Capt. B. Landers (retired Col) B/1/3; Capt. W. Spear (retired Capt.) D/1/3; and Lt S. Birkheiser (retired BGen) 1st Platoon D/1/3, all sharing their thoughts!

This is the day designated to honor the service of our country's Armed Forces veterans who served in the Vietnam War.

Our Vietnam War Marines and Sailors have been the most unheralded and underappreciated but most courageous, selfless and most misunderstood generation of Freedom Fighters in modern history. There are those that try to discredit your valor and courage in a vicious and controversial war to affirm their Un-American conduct and protests in the name of peace during a turbulent time in our country. They are the regretful many who today seek comfort and self-assurance for their failure and unfulfilled lives and their part in the history of the Vietnam War.

You were the admirable skinny, raggedy Marines and Corpsmen who did your jobs all day and all night, asked for nothing, got nothing, but upheld the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and the United States Navy, and the spirit of the American fighting man. I am honored to stand with you, and join with the rest of our country in saluting you this day and every day.

Semper Fi

Gerald F. Reczek, Col UMSC (Ret)

As you know, March 29, 2020, is National Vietnam War Veterans Day, first set aside in 2008 as a time for the nation to honor the service and sacrifice of Vietnam veterans and their families in a war that lasted from 1950 to 1975. To those of you who served in Vietnam (and particularly to those who served with me 53 years ago in Bravo Company, 1/3 Marines, from December 1996 to June 1967 at Khe Sanh, [before the siege], the Beaver Cage Operation and Beau Charger Operation), this day of observance and thanks is long overdue. You can take pride in the fact that you answered the call of your nation when many refused to do so. Your courage in combat in demanding circumstances was admirable. You always courageously carried the attack to a formidable opponent and prevailed (even in many instances with a defective rifle). We lost many good Marines and Corpsmen whose ultimate sacrifice we will never forget. Your bravery and esprit reflected a common spirit and inspired enthusiasm, devotion and camaraderie and upheld

the highest traditions of 1/3, the Corps and Navy Corpsmen. My best wishes and thanks to each of you and your families.

J.C. Shirley, LtCol USMC (Ret)

On this, National Vietnam Veterans Day 2020, I wish to pay tribute to those I served with in Vietnam, specifically the Marines and Corpsmen of Bravo Company, First Battalion, Third Marines; and generally, all the Marines and Corpsmen of the First Battalion, Third Marines. The opposite of fear is not courage alone. Rather, it is the combination of bravery in the face of death and faith in the Marine on your right and the Marine on your left. You were individually and collectively a fearless and faithful group of warriors. I will never forget you, or those heroes who did not return home or who came back damaged in body and mind to the disdain and disapproval of so many countrymen and women. The highlight of my life, with the exception of my marriage and family, was the honor and privilege of serving with men such as you at the point-of-the-spear.

Semper Fidelis and welcome home.

Burrell H. Lanes, Jr., Col USMC (Ret)

I am writing on behalf of Delta Company, First Battalion, Third Marines, to acknowledge all those who participated in an estimated 23 operations between 1967 and 1969, as SLF-A. As a platoon leader of the Second Platoon in Delta Company from March 1967 to October 1967, I feel qualified to write a memorial in memory of my Marines/Corpsmen with whom I served. Marines in Vietnam were not mercenaries. We served our country and the Marine Corps without hesitation. And all gave their blood, sweat and pain as only combat Marines can do.

Who am I to memorialize the Marines that gave their lives in Vietnam? Who am I to remember names, places, times, and dates of those Marines that were in my platoon when they gave the ultimate sacrifice? To all who are reading this message, you have my assurance that I have never forgotten any of my men; I have carried with me their names and our experiences during my life time.

Who am I to tell you anything about the war in Vietnam that you don't already know? As an officer of Delta Company 1/3, I ask all Marines/Corpsmen of D/1/3 to participate in some way to commemorate our fallen Marines. God bless those who continue to engage and contribute across our country to the needs of the wounded, homeless and any other Marines that need help.

Semper Fidelis

Winfield Spear, Capt. USMC (Ret)

Fellow Combat Veterans of First Battalion Third Marines – As we approach the Vietnam Memorial Commemoration this year, I remember faces, places, funny stories and tragic losses. But my memories of 1967 as a young Lieutenant focus on what that tour of duty taught me as a Marine and as a man. I have to say that I truly felt the training I received in Quantico prepared me as well as could be expected. But the nature of that war, how it was perceived at home and at

the highest echelons of the Marine Corps was surreal. There were plenty of personal and national opinions but not those of support by a grateful nation, nor a clear national strategy. We quickly became "The New Old Breed" of Marines. This was not a Strategic War, but rather a brawl where Company Level Leadership was the key. In this new breed, NCOs were directing the fight while junior officers were directing the battlefield and coordinating supporting arms. The responsibilities of 18-25 year old Marines was greater, I believe, than that of the WWII and Korean War campaigns with Division and Regimental Leadership involved in large scale maneuvers. If I could have wished for anything after returning from Vietnam, it would have been that the parents of our young Marines could have witnessed for just one day, their sons' grit, courage and love for one another.

Steve Berkheiser, BGen USMC (Ret)

I want to thank all the above Officers for their treasured comments! We, the Marines and Corpsmen of 1/3 Marines will walk taller, have a smile on our faces, and think of how grateful we are to all of you! Your time spent saying these words to us, is much appreciated, too. Thank you again and again!!!!



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On succeeding visits to the website, you will be taken right to the shopping page where you can find your stores.

MARINES MAKE A CORPS, NOT AN “ARMY OF ONE”

How many times have you been asked, “What is it about you Marines?” This may help you explain what we share that is so special and what we have lived that makes us remember. To understand you have to live our experience, share what we have all shared, and feel what we have all felt. It is about Corps values, and honor. It is about character. It is about a shared experience that changed our lives.

The common experience starts with DISORIENTATION. The Corps creates a vacuum in your life, it takes away your hair, clothes, and friends, and fills it with a drill instructor. He says things like get off MY bus ... do it NOW ... and as you stand asshole to belly-button on the yellow footprints, your identity disappears. The D.I. gives you a short lesson on the UCMJ, and you learn that rights belong to the institution, not to the individual. You will live in a squad bay and you will march everywhere. He speaks to you in the future imperative ... he says ... YOU WILL ... and you do! He gives you a new language ... deck, hatch, head ... It is a language that is steeped in a tradition you don't understand yet. He takes away your right to speak in the first person, and he takes away your first name. Your platoon number is what's important now. Before your first meal you get 20 seconds to stow your gear, and you learn that the only way to get it done within the time limit is to help one another ... The TRANSFORMATION begins.

This is the culture of the Group, and its members are anonymous. Although you don't know it, your drill instructor will become the most important person you will ever meet, and your weeks of boot camp will become the defining cultural experience of your life. For the first time in your life you encounter absolute standards of right and wrong, success and failure. When you screw up, everyone stops, and they penalize you, immediately, so you won't forget. Disorientation and Transformation are followed by TRAINING.

The rules are simple:

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- c. Choose the difficult right over the easy wrong
- d. Don't whine or make excuses
- e. Judge others by their actions
- f. And above all, look out for the group, before you look out for yourself.

During your training you are pushed beyond your limits, and you achieve. You learn to make excellence a habit. The common denominator among you and your fellow recruits is pride and accomplishment. Through your training you develop spirit, and you develop self-discipline. You learn the ingredients of CHARACTER: Integrity, Selflessness, and Moral Courage. And you learn the Corps Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. These are your roots. The Corps is a rigid code that will stay with you forever. It will define your character, and it will guide you for the rest of your life.

This is why there are no “EX-Marines”. Once you can appreciate what you are about to become, you learn about those who have gone before you. You study our history, and learn the lessons of

countless heroes who acted, not for self but for Comrade, Corps, and Country. Marines are about taking care of each other, always have been, always will. It is our culture and it holds us together. As you learn the history, you become part of the tradition. You have a new appreciation of your God, your Country, and your Corps.

One final element completes your training – you become a rifleman. The magnitude of what you have accomplished becomes apparent to you at graduation, when you finally earn your title and are called Marine. What you know then, in your heart, but what you can't put into words, is that there is something very special about this organization that is unlike any other organization you ever have been a part of. What you can't put into words, but what you know in your heart is that the essence of the Marine Corps resides with the lowest in rank; the Marine is the Corps, and the Corps is the Marine. Your uniform says it all. When someone looks at you they don't see the name of your ship, a unit patch, or a branch insignia ... what they see is a MARINE! That's all that counts! You are a Marine! It is what matters to you, and it is what matters to every other Marine. You know that you may never feel this important again, and you will spend the rest of your life living the code, and holding on to the feeling that every Marine is a rifleman, and that, the essence. But there is more to our story than our boot camp experience. There is our experience of sacrifice and our participation in the history and tradition of the Corps. We share stories and tell of the humor that got us through the tough times, but we also have stories we keep to ourselves, hiding the painful memories too personal to share. Shared experience and personal sacrifice are reasons the Marine Corps is a Band of Brothers. It is the reason we celebrate today. The feeling you have when you become a Marine lasts a lifetime. Whether you serve 3 years, or 30, your experiences will never be forgotten. You will never work as closely, or depend on others more, than you did in the Corps. The Corps is your family, you can never leave, and you are always welcome back. You are EXPECTED to come back!

This shared experience, and personal sacrifice, is our common bond. It is why we love each other and our country so much, and why we cling to our traditions. Our celebration preserves and honors the memory of all who have gone before us and it is an example, and a standard, for all who follow. In a time when there are so few proud and good examples to follow, when so little seems to count, our views, our beliefs, our PRACTICE of our tradition is, by others' standards, EXTREME. We are, perhaps, all our country has left to guarantee that the principles upon which this nation was founded will survive. Many presidents and congressmen have tried to do away with the Marine Corps, but we are still here. Why? The answer is simple. America doesn't need a Marine Corps, America WANTS one! Marine, you are the reason she feels that way. Remember that, and feel good about it.

Gordon C. Nash
Major General, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.)

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Nastase, Nathan; 1022 Mokapu Blvd., Kailua, HI 96734; 3/3, 2006-2013

Ching, Anthony; 21616 Coves End Court, Leonardtown, MD 20650; 3/3, 1997-98

Schaeffer, Raymond; PO Box 34, Forsyth, MT 59327; Support 3rd Eng BN, 1966-68; Robert North

Brown, David A.; 4610 E. 54th St., Apt 215, Sioux Falls, SD 57110; H&S 1/9, 1983-84



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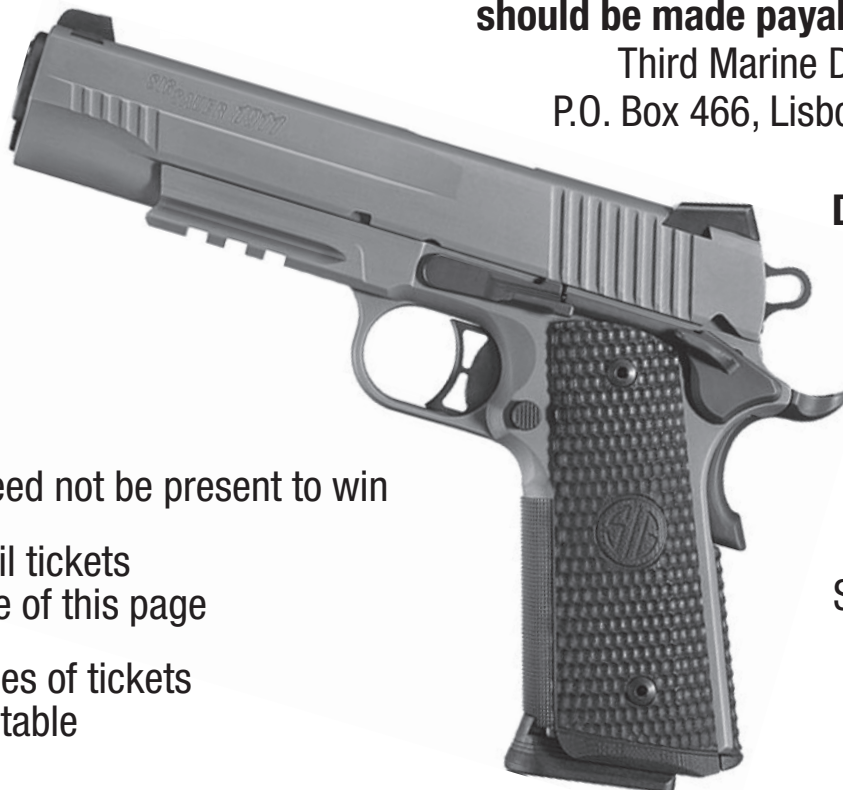
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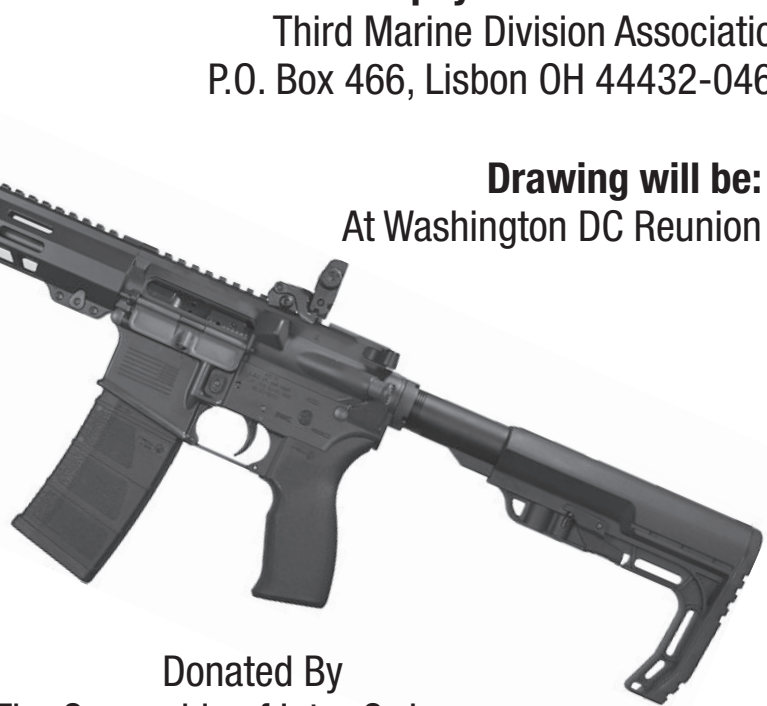
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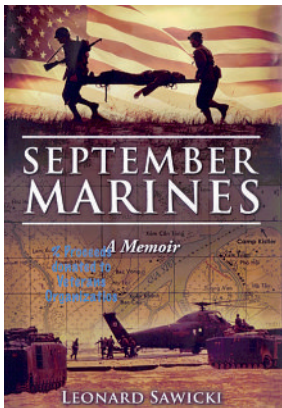
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