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As I mentioned in the last CALTRAP, here is more Reunion information. While we are at the Historic Fort Worth Stockyards, other options include going to the John Wayne Exhibit and Museum. It just opened in December, 2020. Did you know that John Wayne wanted to go to the Naval Academy?



2021 REUNION INFORMATION

The 2021 Reunion will be in Fort Worth, Texas, September 13 – 19, 2021 at the Radisson Hotel Fort Worth North, 2540 Meachum Blvd. Fort Worth, Texas 76106. The room rate is \$119/night + taxes, including a complimentary buffet breakfast and complimentary parking. Future Reunion Line up:

Ft. Worth 2021 - Central part of the country

San Diego 2022 - West (80th Anniversary of the founding of the Third Marine Division at Camp Elliott, San Diego, September, 1942)

Chicago 2023 - Central

Washington DC 2024 - East

The Ladies Day outing will include a visit to the beautiful National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame. Lunch will follow.



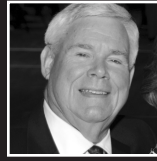
WE WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN YOU CAN GET HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND START SIGNING UP FOR THE Fort Worth Reunion on line at caltrap.org and facebook. COVID and political challenges have some people we are working with moving slowly. I anticipate that we can start making reservations and sign ups in February. Stay tuned to the web site and facebook.

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— 66th Annual Family Reunion, 13-19 September 2021, Fort Worth, TX —

President's Message



12/31/2020

Hello Everyone,

Good bye to 2020 and hello to 2021. While those in authority are telling us this COVID business is not going away soon, I certainly hope the new year is better. We are planning on having the Fort Worth Reunion September 13-19, 2021. With the horror of daily challenges last summer on whether to have the Washington DC reunion or not, we know this will not be easy. We will have to wait until the new Presidential Administration gets settled in after the inauguration to know how to manage things. Last year there was politics, rioting, COVID mixed signals, closures but promises of openings, etc., etc., etc. This Association needs to have the Reunion.

One of the good things to come out of last summers' challenges was I got to know lots of you, Association family. With all that was going on, I got lots of phone calls and emails. You know what? We have such great people in this Association. I knew that already, but...

This great Association is in need of people to come forward and help. There are many ways to help. It doesn't have to be long term and you will get lots of guidance. Help is especially needed with existing chapters. Just email me at rlnplano@hotmail.com, that's RLNPLANO@HOTMAIL.COM. Men and Women welcome. Let's talk about it.

I expect sometime in February we will be ready for you to sign up for the Reunion and make hotel reservations. Our vendors and event hosts are operating mostly from

home and that makes communication within the company sometimes difficult, and with us sometimes difficult as well. That said, I would feel better if we waited until the new Presidential administration has settled in before we offer sign ups.

Well...here's hoping that this new year will be great for all of you and your families. We cannot control lots of things, but we can care about each other and reach out to one another.

Semper Fi,

Bob North, President

Third Marine Division Association

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Bob North, President

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FROM THE ASSOCIATION MANAGER

I came across the following words to help us remember what is most important:

May the lessons of this passing year be meaningful and worth remembering, and may we grow in love and good spirits as we work for a better year in 2021.

Be mindful that life is unpredictable and always be prepared for the challenges that might come our way.

Be grateful for the gift of a steady job and a full pantry; be content for the warmth of home and hearth.

Be fully aware that good health is a treasure and staying well is a steady challenge to each of us.

Be understanding that we do not exist in a vacuum, and that our behaviors may touch others in many ways. Let us understand and show mutual respect and caring.

Be clear in accepting what is real and true, and in rejecting innuendo and rumor. Truth and reality are what they are. Attempting to redefine them is fruitless.

Reject behavior that is unethical, unjust



and unkind. Speak out and be a clear voice for what is right.

Embrace behavior that is good and real and loving. Help grow kindness and caring in a world so needy as ours.

Fill your heart with the truth that all humankind has great value, all colors, all faiths, and all differences and all similarities. We are here together, and we should embrace one another with


sincerity and acceptance. Each of us brings importance and meaning to the world. Just pay attention – notice and find joy in each other.

Recognize the fragile condition of our planet and behave in ways that support and energize her.

And recognize the fragile nature of our own spirits as we come out of this unbelievable year – nurture yourself and others in love and caring. Seek the joy and meaning of friendship and love – share it and spread it as much and as often as possible.

Vow to embrace the coming year with vigor and good intentions and find each and every possible way to enhance your own days with meaning, good health and joyful moments. Living and contributing through 2020 has earned you that gift.

Thanks to all our Association members who supported us throughout 2020. Please remain healthy and safe and let's pray we can gather in Fort Worth this September!

 **IN MEMORIAL**
RON DEVERICK
ANDY MURRAY

We are indebted to you for your Marine Corps service and to the 3rd Marine Division Association

We will remember

MajGen David and Annette Bice

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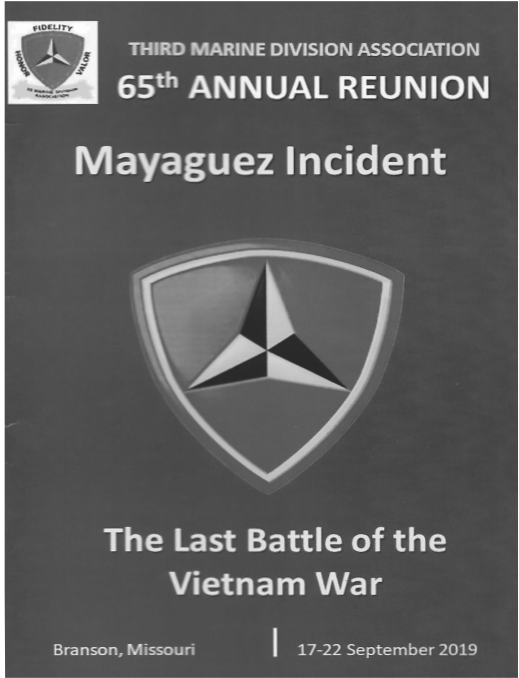
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WHAT IS THE REUNION JOURNAL

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.

For all of you who through the years have supported this

| endeavor, THANK YOU.

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Happenings



ARIZONA CHAPTER

From President Kathy Upchurch:

Our presence is requested for a Birthday Drive by on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 @ noon for Oliver Babbitts @ XXXXXXXXXX St., XXXXXXXX, Az. Ollie was in the Army & supported the Marines on Iwo Jima! Five days after the Marines landed on Iwo, Ollie arrived to provide fresh water for the Marines to drink! He was stationed there for 11 months. Ollie will be 97 on Dec. 6! He has been in the Iwo Jima Flag Raising Parade in Sacaton, AZ. since 2003! If you are able to participate, PLEASE do!

Semper fi

One week from today is our Birthday, Nov. 10. We will be mustering @ the Arizona State Capitol Flag pole on 17th Ave. between Jefferson & Washington Sts. by Wesley Bolin Plaza @ 0745 to raise the Marine Flag under their American Flag. Uniform is red OBD shirt, black trou & red cover. OR what feels comfortable! Flag raising is @ 0800! All are invited to attend! Please bring a face mask!

Happy Birthday, Marines!
Semper fi

TEXAS CHAPTER

Hey Everyone,

The COVID may have keep most of you from attending the Bryan/College Station Fall Reunion, but we had a great time. Medical issues also kept some away.

We had a great Chocolate making class from an award-winning chocolatier. We saw visual aids how the different chocolates are made, and what goes in them. We certainly got an education about chocolate, very interesting. They gave us lots of wonderful samples. At the Museum of the American G.I., we had an incredible guide, who had taught at Texas A & M for over 20 years. Great outing. Because of a driving rainstorm, we did not go to the Aggie Safari. Our final event was an incredible afternoon spent with the Texas Aggie Marine Corps NROTC

cadets. We sat right in the middle of the obstacle course as they scurried all over and through the course. The last of the course was crawling through the mud on their belly and then their back, so they changed to dry clothes to spend some time with us so they could ask questions of us. There were over 70 there, including a few women cadets. They were very attentive and respectful. They asked great questions and we were very honest with them. We had a great time. What a privilege to be invited there. They have Field Training once each semester. Several of the cadets there will be Marine officers in a few months.

As always, we had great food. When we were at Cooper's Bar B Q, we were finishing our great QUE when a guy walked by with a Parris Island sweater on. Nancy Starling flagged him down and we had a nice visit with him. DI for many years at Parris Island. He was in town for a wedding. He spent so much time with us, his wife came looking for him. She also stayed and visited with us too.

After Sunday breakfast, I drove through the Texas A & M campus. It was open like I have never seen before because almost no one was there (Sunday morning). and most gates were up. I have never seen such access. Wow, what a place. It was spotless, well-manicured, and beautifully landscaped. The architecture is really beautiful. Scott and Doris Moseley were riding with Linda and me, and Scott got to see where he did some Marine Corps recruiting back in the 1960's.

Those who enjoyed our time together were Scott and Doris Moseley, Ron Whitacre and Judy, Nancy Starling, Jack Mattson (Saturday), and Bob and Linda North. Wanda Mattson had signed up but had to stay home to deal with a medical issue. Jimmy and Beth Pitts had signed up also, but a medical issue caused a last-minute cancellation. I know several others of you wanted to come but are dealing with your own medical issues.

I am still hopeful that we can have a Spring Reunion in Corpus Christi.

Looking forward to the day when we can all get together.

Semper Fi,

Bob

1/3 CHAPTER

This article was published in the Mt. Carmel, IL, Hometown Voice about our Chapter Vice President, Ken Burkitt:

In April of 1966, I joined the Marine Corps on the delayed entry program. This program allowed me to graduate from high school. On September 5, 1966, I left St. Louis, MO, with several other men bound for the Marine Corps Recruiting Depot in San Diego, CA. There, we were greeted by Staff Sgt. Malloy, our Senior Drill Instructor. He promptly informed us of just how worthless we were and that he would be our “mommy and daddy” during the next eight weeks. All our civilian clothes were boxed up and shipped home. We were issued three sets of utilities, three sets of skivvies, three pairs of socks, two pairs of boots, and a yellow sweatshirt. We also received the famous military buzz cut.

For the next eight weeks, we attended classes on history, code of conduct, and various other subjects. We were drilled and drilled some more. In addition, we had PT conditioning courses, combat readiness training, physical drill under arms and commander time. Then we were off to Camp Pendleton for two weeks on the rifle range. We were taught to fire the M-14 rifle from 200, 300 and 500 yards. From there we returned to MCRD for final inspections and graduation. We had four hours of base liberty after eight weeks of intensive labor! That night S/Sgt. Malloy told us our Military Occupations Specialty. Most of us were going into the infantry, because of Vietnam.

The next day, we were transferred to Lima Company, 2nd BN, 2nd ITR (Infantry Training Regiment). We spent the next month learning to use a map and a compass. We also learned to use a 3.5 rocket launcher and a Browning Automatic Rifle. It was here that I met Jim Cooper and Don Bumgarner. Don’s parents lived in Long Beach. Every weekend that we had off, Jim and I went home with Don. Mary, his mother, called us “her three Marines”.

I received a 30-day leave and then it was back to Camp Pendleton. Twenty-six of us from ITR reported to machine gun school at Camp Mateo, Camp Pendleton, CA. We spent the next two weeks firing, field stripping, and cleaning the M-60 machine gun.

Shortly after, we were transferred to staging BN. There we learned more about the Vietnamese culture and fighting tactics. Twenty-six of us, 13 machine gunners and 13 riflemen, reported to First BN, Third Marines, Third Marine Division in February of 1967. Most of us went to Charlie Company. A few of us trained with the 3.5 rocket launcher. I ended up as the gunner for 3/5. A Marine Rifle Company if made up of three platoons of riflemen and a weapons platoon. Weapons platoon consisted of three squads of M-60’s, two per squad, and a rocket team. The team leader, CPL Martinez, PFC Jim Bradford, and I made up the rocket team. We stayed in Okinawa for about a month, training by day and partying by night. It was on Okinawa that my Senior Drill Instructor, S/Sgt. Malloy, also joined our company and deployed with us to Vietnam.

On April 4, 1967, we embarked on board the USS Okinawa LPH3 (landing platform helicopter). We were headed to the Philippine Islands for more jungle training. We learned what was safe to eat and what was NOT! Monkey is not too bad cooked over an open fire, but BBQ sauce would have made it better! We spent about a week learning how to navigate in a double and triple canopy jungle. After this, we were shipped to sunny South Vietnam.

During the nine months we were on Special Landing Forces, we pulled 25 operations. Some of these lasted two days to three days, while others lasted as long as two weeks. There were several operations that ended only to begin with another operation the same day or the very next day. The whole time we were in the field we wore the same clothes and only bathed if we set in by a river. Most of the time, we did not bathe until we were able to go back aboard the ship.

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Throughout the 25 operations, there are three that have remained with me. The first was Operation Beaver Cage (Union) April 28. The first two days, heat caused more casualties than the enemy. On May 2, as Charlie Company was digging in for the night, we were attacked by an enemy force of at least a platoon. We had a C47 gunship (Puff the Magic Dragon) flying over us all night. Puff had three electric machine guns, each firing 6000 rounds per minute. On May 10, Bravo and Charlie Companies engaged the enemy in a day-long action. It was on this day, that my friend, Jim Cooper, was killed, along with several others. The operation finally ended on the 12th, and we went back aboard ship. Here we had a memorial service for those who were killed. We were aboard ship for six days and then back to the bush.

Operation Bear Claw (Buffalo) took place on the DMZ (Demilitarized Zone) from July 3 to July 17. We had come back from an operation on the 2nd, only to be awakened at 0200 and told to get our gear together. On the 6th, the NVA (North Vietnamese Army) placed 1,000 artillery rounds between 1645 and 1900, resulting in the death of three Marines. Second and Third Platoons sent out patrols on the east side of the perimeter. They had no more than left when they got hit. Sgt. Pike and S/ Sgt Malloy took reaction forces to reinforce the squads that had been hit. Both men were killed. Another reaction force was sent with rocket teams from the 2nd and 3rd Platoon. Earlier in the day, a tank had been hit and disabled. I was told to climb on the tank and fire a white phosphorous rocket into the NVA to mark the target for the jets. This was the only time in two years I saw live NVA. Operation Buffalo ended on July 13 and on the 14th we began Operation Hickory 11.

On October 11, 1967, we began Operation Medina. Capt. Reczek, Company Commander for Charlie Company, had been promoted to Major and moved up BN. He was the best CO I had in the five years I served. Our XO was promoted and took over Charlie Company. At approximately 0400 on the morning of the 11th, Third Platoon of Charlie Company was overrun. This forced us back to the company CP (Command Post). We lost several men from the third platoon as well as the Platoon Commander, the Company Commander and the

Executive Officer. We were lying in the dark, unaware as to where anyone was. This is when I heard a familiar voice. Major Reczek came down and said, "Charlie Company, get on line, we're going back out." As I told him 40 years later, we got up and went because we knew that with him we would be okay. It was on this night I got my second Purple Heart.

On December 17, Charlie Company moved to C4, an outpost on the DMZ by the South China Sea. It was later in that day we had a major fight with the NVA. Jets were called in to help. On the 19th of January, in the early morning hours, several NVA were spotted moving north of our position. We moved to try and intercept them, but walked into an ambush. I was hit with a small piece shrapnel in the corner of my left eye. I was Med-evacuated to the hospital in Dong Ha and then transferred to Charlie Med in Da Nang. I was released and sent home. Of the 26 that went with 1/3, two were killed, 22 received at least one (up to three) Purple Hearts and only two came home with none.


This recount was only part of the first tour that Ken Burkitt served in Vietnam. He was later sent back for a second tour in 1970-1971. This time he was in a CAP unit that provided security for the villages.

There are so many more experiences and sacrifices that he made for our country from 1966-1971. His patriotism and personal convictions even caused him to rejoin the National Guard in Lawrenceville in the 1980's. Burkitt is a proud member of the VFW, the American Legion, and he serves in the Honor Guard. He attends his military reunion each year and even returned to Vietnam in 2012. His life is a great example of the concept of service, something he still stands by and encourages others as well. Thank you, Ken Burkitt, for your service to our great country and for allowing us to learn from it.

By Meghan Feam



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RICHARD E JONES, 79

OBITUARY

Death came quietly to Lieutenant Colonel Richard Eugene (Dick) Jones, USMC, (Retired), of Inverness, Florida, on Thursday April 12, 2007, following complications suffered from a serious fall and while convalescing in the Arbor Trail Rehab & Nursing Center. A native of Ottumwa, Iowa, he was born on 9 Nov 1927, son of Eva and Issac Jones. Lieutenant Colonel Jones was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) by family and friends, commencing with services at the Old Post Chapel, Ft. Meyer VA on Aug 27, and concluding with an Inurnment at the ANC Columbarium.

Dick enlisted in 1944 in the Inactive reserve at 17 after initially failing to get to boot camp twice; the first time at 15 after successfully making it pass the recruiter and arriving in Omaha before his folks discovered what he had done and the next year after having the whistle blown on him by his Aunt and Uncle in Des Moines. He was called to service in July of 1945. As the

war ended, Dick received orders to Marine Barracks, 8th & I, Washington D.C. with follow on duty as NCOIC of the mailroom at Leatherneck magazine, eventually landing as a new Corporal in the Guard Detachment, Henderson Hall, HQMC with additional duty as orderly to Commandant General Alexander Vandegrift along with a host of collateral assignments. As a new Sergeant of Marines, he attended Ordnance School in 1949 with a follow-on assignment to the Troop Training Unit at USNB in Little Creek where he made SSGT and was eventually screened and recommended for Officer training at Quantico, Virginia, competing for one of 15 available commissions, amongst 87 attendees. He finished 11th in his class and was

Commissioned a Second Lieutenant, with a MOS 0301 (Infantry Officer) in June of 1950, the same month that the North Koreans attacked the South. After attending The Basic School, Dick soon deployed to Korea serving with 1st Marine Division, 1st Ordnance Battalion and Seventh Marine Regiment, primary MOS 2102 (Ordnance Officer). On his return to the States, Dick attended Combat Cargo Officer school and served with the 2nd Infantry Training Regiment at Camp Pendleton where he held multiple command billets until 1954, when he and a team of Marines deployed to Northern Indo-China (Vietnam) to recover American equipment, supplies, and ammunition abandoned by the French as they withdrew. On his return, assignments as Commanding Officer of H Co, 3rdBn, 1st MARDIV, Camp Pendleton and 3rd Bn S-3 followed. Dick's unit was hand picked by MGEN Shoup as the "Aggressor Force" in the major exercise, "Operation STRONGBACK", conducted in the Philippines.

On his return, Dick was soon selected for Major and given orders to Oshkosh, WI to assume command of the Reserve 95th Rifle Company. Once detached from the Oshkosh command in 1961, Dick arrived for Junior Amphibious Warfare training at Quantico, VA followed by assignment to the NBC School and follow on designation as a Nuclear Warfare Officer. Then orders to MAG-36, 3rd MAW, El Toro, CA followed with stints as the Squadron S-3, Assistant Group-S3 and Group Infantry Cross-Training Office. During his tour, Dick was unofficially qualified as an H2P and regularly flew second seat with HMM-361. Highly irregular even for those times, but insisted upon by the Commanding Officer so that Dick would have an appreciation for what the pilots did during their missions...since he often generated the Squadron flight schedule. The squadron deployed during Oct of 1962, passing through the Panama Canal, en-route Cuba to support President Kennedy's actions during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Of significance was, at one point, the 3rdBn, 1st Marines were airborne in HMM-361 birds prepared for what I believe would have been the first Marine Corps Bn level airborne assault by helicopter. Fortunately, the Soviets relented and he returned to El Toro.

Dick then received orders to NAS Kodiak, Alaska as the Commanding Officer of the Marine Barracks, where he and his Marines assisted in recovery operations after a 9.4 earthquake struck the mainland in 1964. In 1965 he was ordered once again to Camp Pendleton to take temporary Command of the August Replacement Draft. Orders to Okinawa followed and by May of 1966, he took command of 1st Bn / 9th Marines, in Vietnam. His command tenure was cut short when he was wounded in action during a convoy

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movement, his jeep being caught in an ambush. Although seriously wounded in the leg, he directed artillery fire destroying the ambushing force. After a prolonged hospital stay and home recovery was finished, Dick went back to work at HQMC as a Staff Officer, primarily with the Congressional Liaison Office. He was eventually medically retired in 1970, returning to college and after graduation throwing himself into Veterans affairs and volunteerism generally.

Dick was the Association's most decorated and honored Life Member. Dick's awards and commendations were numerous. Personal awards included the Purple Heart, Legion of Merit with V for valor, Combat Active Ribbon and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry. Following his discharge, Dick was active in many community and national organizations especially those serving veterans. As a Lifetime Member of the 3rd Marine Division Association, he served as a Trustee and Secretary to the Board of Trustees, 3rd MARDIV Memorial Scholarship Fund, Chairman of the Board of Humanitarian Programs Committee, and as a member of the Board of Directors. Dick received the Association's highest honor, the General Allen H. Turnage Award in 1988 and the Presidential Service Award twice; in 1996, presented by Association President Henry Gardner Jr., founder of the award, and again in 2005 by President Bill Ervin.

Dick also held memberships in the following: 1st Marine Division Associations, Military Order of the Purple Heart (Florida Chapter 400), Marine Corps League (Citrus Detachment 819), Disabled American Veterans (Suncoast Chapter 139, having held every chapter office), Dept. of Florida disabled American Veterans (Adjunct 1981-1985), Veteran of Foreign Wars (Citrus County Chapter 8189), Marine Corps Historical Foundation, Military Order of the World Wars and the Commanders and Adjuncts Association. Most notably, Dick co-founded the Florida Disabled American Veterans Service Commission responsible for installing DAV service Officers in all Florida Veterans Administration facilities. Dick also held membership in the Masonic Lodge #16 of Ottumwa, Iowa (since 1957), the Inverness Kiwanis Club, Marine Corps Mustang Association, The Army & Navy Club, Citrus County Historical Society and the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels. Dick will forever be remembered as a dedicated veteran's affairs advocate, and a lion among men.

Dick was accorded full military honors during the ANC burial/inurnment ceremony. In addition to family and friends, the ceremony was attended by the CO of 1/9 (The Walking Dead), LtCol Brett Bourne, and his color guard detachment led by Capt. Gerard Dempster, CO, H&S/1/9. The 1/9 color guard was integrated into the service conducted by the ceremonial detail from Marine Barracks 8th & I (never before done), and stood proudly, rendering honors during the flag folding, rifle volley salute and taps protocols of the ceremony. Dick's last command was 1/9. In addition to the honors afforded Dick by the 8th and I detachment and 1/9 Marines, a flight of Marine CH-46E helicopters from the Presidential Support Squadron, HMX-1, conducted a "flyover" as a tribute to the fallen warrior. The moment was punctuated by the lead aircraft "dipping" its rotor system as a salute in honor of Dick's contribution to the Corps and country for service that spanned 25 years of active duty, including three wars, and 37 years of committed service in affiliation with the Third Marine Division Association.

During movement to and from the niche where Dick was placed for his final rest, GySgt. Steven A. Johnson saluted Dick by rendering "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes.

Below is a copy of a letter left by my father on his second visit to the Vietnam War Memorial, Washington D.C. This copy was found in his personal effects after his passing. I feel it speaks volumes of the man I am honored to have called my father.

A message to those brave, intrepid young - and a few not-so-young - Marines of 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, who sacrificed their all between June & September, 1966 ---- As "The Colonel" or "The Boss" or "Attila", or whatever name you had for me, I found it the most difficult thing I have ever had to do, when last year I and another of your comrades paid our last respects at "the Wall." You, as a group and

individually, were some of the most magnificent Marines I ever had the privilege of serving with or leading, and I have known some great ones. In three wars and several "unofficial" operations, such as Vietnam in 1954, I knew and loved, in a manly sense, many who bore the tile "Marine." But without question or reservation, you were the best!

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When I was carried from the field, and I saw some of you cry, I knew, finally, that at least some of the respect and love I had developed for you had been returned in kind, and I also knew that for those hectic 4 months it was my privilege to lead you, you knew my primary effort was directed toward accomplishing our assigned tasks, and in bringing you all back to ‘the world’ when we’d done that. What you probably did not know – although I may be mistaken about that assumption – was how many nights I moved away from others to cry alone because of my inability to save you for better things than a memorial such as this! Your sacrifices gained my love and respect then, and nothing that has happened since, to our Country or to me, has in any way dimmed that love and respect. Vietnam was a mean and nasty war, one that, in retrospect, I hope all Americans understand should have been conducted differently. Our National honor suffered because of the way our political leaders performed, not because of the way you performed.

You gallant men did your duty, and more. Had those political leaders been better versed and prepared, you magnificent Marines and Corpsmen might still have perished, for you were the ones destined to move to the point and engage! But had things been handled differently, at least those of us who survived might have felt differently about your loss! Although you did perish, and that, of course, is the most final act of all, you at least were spared the ignoble attitude that faced your comrades who did return – an unfriendly, almost hostile citizenship, a callous and uncaring government, and a sense of ‘shame’ that was not warranted! Your sacrifices were certainly not appreciated at the time they happened, except by those of us who were there with you, and by some of your families. But I think now this final effort, the “Wall of Tears,” is an honest effort by the majority of your fellow American to simply say, “I’M SORRY.”

So please accept my final salute, to you finest of the fine, to you bravest of the brave. History may never record you as such, but to your loving families, to your true friends, and to your brother Marines, you will always be that, and will never be forgotten! I say to each and every one of you, “You saw your duty and you did it! Nothing better can be said about any Marine.” God bless each and every one.

Semper Fidelis, Comrades.

“The Colonel

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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

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATIONS FOR 2021-2022

The MSF Board of Trustees has announced the application, eligibility requirements, and IVISF Plan for the next academic 2021-2022 are available on association website http://www.caltrap.org/3rd_mardivassoc/donations.asp. This is a post-high school scholarship program for the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Assn members. Also eligible are recently discharged Marines, who served honorably with the Third Marine Division and military personnel attached to it e.g. men and women of the US Navy Hospital Corps, Chaplain Corps, etc. Award amounts generally range from \$500 to \$1,200 per academic year based on financial need but Fund Trustees may award more based on special circumstances.

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Donations of any amount may be sent to Third Marine Division Association Scholarship Fund, do Association Manager PO Box 466 Lisbon, Ohio 44432-0466. In addition, contributions to the scholarship fund can be made on the Association website via PayPal, http://www.caltrap.org/3rd_mardivassoc/donations.asp

Semper Fidelis

Steve Johnson, MSF Chairman

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2020-2021 STUDENTS' APPRECIATION NOTES

The MSF Trustees have received some notes from MSF students with heartfelt thanks for their Scholarships and have shared them below.

Dear MSF: Thank you for continuing to support my education. My semester had its challenges, but I found all of my classes interesting. With COVID things were certainly different, and I found it difficult to concentrate while wearing a mask to in-person classes, but we managed. I managed to make all A's and bump up my GPA, and as an English major, I especially enjoyed tapping into my creative side. I also undertook a substantial amount of research for my rhetoric class. It's been an unforgettable semester, and I look forward to next. Anna Keller.

Note: the following was a letter from her school: *"Saint Mary's College is proud to recognize Anna for her outstanding academic achievement. With her impressive grade point average, she has achieved academic honors during the fall semester and will be placed on the Dean's List. This distinction will be noted on her permanent record."*

Just wanted to send a little note about the challenges I faced this semester. This was the first semester at a big university for me, having completed my first two years at a junior college. It was a challenge, to say the least, as I lived off campus in an apartment and all my classes, which would normally be in person, were online. I did not enjoy taking a math class online; I prefer to be in person because it's easier to ask questions if you don't understand something. I passed the class, almost pulled off a B in statistics, but thankfully all of my math requirements have now been fulfilled. It is also interesting when you are taking science classes like my mineralogy class that has a lab, that all of that was online as well. It has definitely been an interesting first semester at SFA; hopefully, the

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second semester doesn't bring any surprises. I appreciate the scholarship I was awarded and just wanted to let you all know how my year is going. Sincerely, Haylee Vike.

At the end of my first semester, I am proud that I completed five courses and obtained a 3.67 GPA, and was on the Dean's List. I was challenged in a level 2 French course that I was nervous to take. I passed the course with a B+, which took extra time and effort! I also took it upon myself to get involved in the Equestrian Club! I have improved greatly my horseback riding and built a bond with my team members and coach! Every day I strive to work hard and do better to keep up my grades while making sure I still have time to balance other activities like sports, the gym, and social outings with my friends! Thank you so much for helping me, Jessica Ashe.

If you had told me at the beginning of 2020 that I would be spending the entire 1st semester of my senior year doing online classes amidst a global pandemic, I would have said you were crazy. However, that is exactly what happened. This brought with it plenty of challenges, the biggest being struggling to learn the material through virtual learning rather than face to face. It was difficult to stay engaged while listening to zoom lectures and reading PowerPoints, especially considering that this past semester was my most difficult semester in terms of workload. Despite this, I was able to push through and make grades that I am very proud of! My biggest triumph was my A in my international business class. I worked all weekend on my final project, and I ended up making an A on it which kept my total class grade as an A. I learned this semester that even when things happen that are out of my control if I work hard and believe in myself I can do great things. Sincerely, Jonathan Kelley

I just wanted to let you know how my first semester of college went. Although it was challenging adjusting to college life, especially due to the circumstances occurring at the moment, the semester went very well. Even though doing my classes online from home was not ideal for me, I tried to make the best of the situation and really focused on my schoolwork. I ended the semester with a 3.8 grade point average. Again thank you very much for contributing to my education, I really appreciate it very much. Hope you have a great new year and had a nice holiday! Thanks again, Alison Lynch

Dear MSF Trustees. Merry Christmas and I hope you are staying healthy. My first semester at Providence College just wrapped up which kept me busy with studying for finals. My first semester of college, especially with the addition of Covid 19, was unexpected and busy. My classes were very interesting, one of my favorites being my Literature class. I was looking forward to a lot of college events such as the basketball games but they, unfortunately, are either canceled or virtual this year, however, I'm looking forward to the future events that will be held. I've made a few good close friends and I'm excited to continue my education at PC with your kind and generous support. With great appreciation, Helen Byron.

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MSF Board of Trustees

CALTRAP SERGEANT MAJOR PASSES THE SWORD

OKINAWA, Japan – Sgt. Maj. Dennis M. Bradley transfers the responsibility as the Sergeant Major for 3rd Marine Division to Sgt. Maj. Eric D. Cook on July 15, 2020 at the Division Headquarters on Camp Courtney.

“Today is a special day as we recognize the exceptional leadership Sergeant Major Bradley has provided the Division throughout his time as CALTRAP-9,” said Maj. Gen. Jurney, Commanding General of 3rd Marine Division. “It is even more special because we also recognize his 30 years of dedicated service to our Corps as he transitions to retire. It has been an absolute honor and privilege to serve alongside such a professional senior leader. Sergeant Major Bradley has truly set the course and speed for the entire team within ‘The Fighting Third’ and done the same throughout his career which will continue to have lasting impacts for generations of Marines and Sailors who follow.”



Sergeant Major Bradley enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1990. During the first 17 years in the Marine Corps and before posting as First Sergeant of 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, Bradley was a Cannoneer, Drill Instructor, and Assistant Marine Officer Instructor at the United States Naval Academy. His service included deployments to the Mediterranean, Iraq and Afghanistan. Prior to his arrival to 3rd Marine Division, Bradley served as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader for Joint Task Force Guantanamo. In addition to leading Marines and Sailors of Division, Bradley was instrumental in orienting the division on future operating concepts outlined in the Commandant’s Planning Guidance, culminating 30 years of service.

“If you asked me what my goals were in the Marine Corps when I reenlisted for the first time in 1993, I would have told you it was to be a rifle company First Sergeant,” Bradley said. “I achieved that with Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment. At that time if you asked me what my dream job was, I would have said to retire after 30 years of service as a division Sergeant Major, but that’ll never happen. It has been a huge honor being here and seeing what the Marines, Sailors, and families of this division accomplish.”

Since 1875, the noncommissioned officer sword has been carried by enlisted Marines as a symbol of their ability and prestige as enlisted leaders of the Marine Corps. Historically the Sergeant Major, as the senior enlisted leader and advisor, is the keeper of traditions for his or her unit.

To minimize the large gathering of those who would have attended the ceremony, both Sergeants Major decided to transfer the sword of office without formations or the full traditional ceremony. After a simple passing of the sword, Cook will now carry on the critical tasks and responsibilities as Sergeant Major of 3rd Marine Division.

“As an infantryman, there’s no better place to be a Sergeant Major than a division, especially one with such an illustrious history,” Cook explained. “I’m looking forward to being a part of this team as we continue to do great things.”

“It has been an absolute honor to serve the nation for three decades and to occupy the same grid square as some of the best men and women the nation can offer,” said Bradley.

Farewell and following seas to Sgt. Maj. Bradley and welcome to the CALTRAP Division, Sgt. Maj. Cook. 3rd Marine Division continues.



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome Aboard

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LaVerne, CA:
Daughter of D. Bumgarner

Savely, Carl;
Reno, NV;
Son of Raymond Savely
(WWII & Korea)

Fox, Richard N.;
Sparks, NV;
HQ 1/12, 1972-74

Dam, Peter;
Whitesboro, NY;
W2/12, 1966-68

Alu, Michael;
Belvidere, NJ;
H&S 3rd FSR, 967-68

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CORPS TO SHRINK BY 5,000 MARINES UNDER DEFENSE COMPROMISE BILL

The latest compromise defense bill calls for reduction in the size of the Corps by 5,000 Marines.

The Marine Corps currently has roughly 186,200 Marines in its rank. But the \$740.5 billion 2021 National Defense Authorization Act, released Dec. 4, would reduce the authorized active-duty size of the Corps to 181,200.

If the bill turns into law, it would reduce the Marine Corps to its smallest size since 2006, when it was made up of 178,477 Marines, according to the Marine Corps History Division.

Despite the large decrease in manpower, no Marine Corps-wide early release programs are expected, Maj. Jordan Cochran a spokesman for Manpower and Reserve Affairs told Marine Corps Times in a phone call.

Though a forcewide early release program is not planned, the Corps is allowing tankers, who saw their military occupational specialty disappear in the force design change, to get out of their contracts a year early.

The massive cut comes as The Heritage Foundation conservative think tank ranked the Corps as only marginally able to fulfill its mission, in a large part because of the small size of the force.

But more manpower cuts are coming.

The Corps expects to reduce the size of the force by about 12,000 Marines over the next decade as part of Force Design 2030.

The 174,000 future force size would line up with the size of the Corps in 2002.

The troop cutbacks come as the Corps is looking to create a more mobile force, capable of facing off against a near-peer opponent in the littorals.

The design calls for small units of better trained Marines, heavily armed and capable of a wide variety of missions.

Berger hopes the money saved from the personnel cuts, partnered with money saved from the Corps axing tanks and reducing the size of squadrons, can be spent on the equipment to make his vision of the Corps come true.



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FAST, FLUID, TOGETHER: JAPAN, U.S. MARINES EXERCISE AMPHIBIOUS CAPABILITIES DURING KEEN SWORD 21



OKINAWA, Japan --

OKINAWA, Japan – In the early hours of Nov. 1, 2020, the silence is broken by the sound of an amphibious assault featuring Japan Self-Defense Force CH-47JA Chinooks touching down and delivering streams of Amphibious Rapid Deployment Brigade troops while U.S. Marines hit the beach via small boats briskly navigating over the horizon from the USS Ashland to Gaja-Jima. As they disappear in fast-moving columns into the foliage of the small uninhabited island off the coast of Japan, their counterparts to the south are already preparing missile launchers and coordinating fire support against enemy targets on land and sea.

These scenes and more dotted the islands and waters off the coast of Japan for the past two weeks, as U.S. Marines and the JSDF conducted Keen Sword 21, a bilateral exercise with a series of wide-ranging missions focused on strengthening the interoperability of forces forged through the 60-year-old alliance.

ARDB members took point alongside Marines with 1st Battalion, 3d Marine Regiment arriving from the air and sea in a bilateral amphibious assault on Gaja-Jima featuring troops from both forces landing simultaneously on the remote island and demonstrating the ability to eliminate an occupying enemy.

“Working with the Japanese forces, I could tell they are masters of their trade. Setting up bilateral security upon insertion and relaying information across units came with ease,” said Cpl. Juan Pena, a team leader with 1st Bn., 3d Marines.

This mission showcased a combined ability to seize territory threatened by an adversary, defend key maritime terrain, and establish expeditionary advanced bases for follow-on operations through swift, integrated, and lethal action.

“Our interaction with the ARDB was seamless as if we previously trained with that specific unit,” said Sgt.

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Ashton Wilson, a squad leader with 1st Bn., 3d Marines. “I would not hesitate to serve with them in combat or other operations.”

More than 200 miles to the south, a complex but effective integrated joint targeting and fire support coordination effort maintained a blistering pace, with elements of the U.S. Army’s 17th Field Artillery Brigade joining 12th Marine Regiment and 3d Marine Division in mobile command-and-control nodes on Camp Hansen and Camp Courtney in Okinawa.

Employing deliberate and dynamic targeting against land, sea, and air targets, these Marines and Soldiers further enabled the bilateral amphibious force to maneuver through the littorals while supporting naval operations at sea.

One such precision, long-range fires capability was on display as High Mobility Artillery Rockets System launchers, from both the Marine Corps and Army, landed on beaches via ocean-going transports in support of an amphibious raid elsewhere in the exercise area. HIMARS launchers can be moved throughout a distributed maritime environment via air, sea, or land. This freedom of movement, coupled with the long-range strike capability of HIMARS, means that the U.S.-Japan team can rapidly move precision-fire weapons into position and strike distant targets smoothly.

Meanwhile, Marines from the 5th Air-Naval Gunfire Liaison Company integrated into the ARDB and embarked on a Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force ship to enhance combined command and control capabilities to further enable bilateral amphibious operations.

“Our Marines assisted in mission coordination between the JSDF Amphibious Task Force and USS Ashland with 1st Bn., 3d Marines embarked,” said Maj. Bradley Ebach, air officer with 5th ANGLICO. “During the execution of the bilateral amphibious exercise, we employed a Joint Terminal Attack Controller to assist with close air support and provided liaisons to the ARDB Fire Support Coordination Center during the assault.”

While U.S. and Japan naval and expeditionary forces continued operations at sea and establishing advanced bases, Marines with 1st Bn., 2d Marines and 1st Bn., 3d Marines conducted a grueling force-on-force exercise stretching across the challenging terrain of the jungles in northern Okinawa. As the Marines battled through the heat and humidity and thick vegetation in the hilly jungles, members of 1st Bn., 2d Marines and the JSDF’s 15th Brigade exercised command and control through combined operations centers located on Camp Foster and Marine Corps Air Station Futenma.

“This force-on-force evolution in a jungle environment provided a realistic training opportunity focused on defeating a peer adversary in any climb and place,” said Maj. Dennis Graziosi, who brings combat experience from Afghanistan to his current assignment as operations officer for 1st Bn., 2d Marines. “Integrating these operations with joint and bilateral command and control nodes at other location on Okinawa increases our interoperability with allies and bolsters our ability to fight together.”

Keen Sword 21, the latest in a series of regularly-held exercises between Japan and the United States, represents continuing advancements among the longtime allies in combined operations across an increasingly distributed and complex environment. Through this exercise, the shape of future operations in the region is on display – fast, fluid, and together with allies and partners.

Public domain images and video for Keen Sword 21 are available at <https://www.dvidshub.net/feature/KeenSword>

Photos, videos, and news stories about 3d Marine Division are available at <https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/3MD>

MARINES RECOGNIZED FOR VICTORY IN SQUAD COMPETITION

OKINAWA, Japan – U.S. Marines from 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, won the 3rd Marine Division Squad Competition after a week of events at Camps Hansen and Gonsalves, in Okinawa, Japan, March 15 - 20, 2020.

During the competition, the squads competed in a variety of challenges including two 5 kilometer runs with full fighting load, land navigation, a timed obstacle course and jungle combat patrols. The squads also fought for the best time in a 3.8 mile endurance course consisting of land, water and rope obstacles. The final event was a combat marksmanship competition with Marines engaging targets from 200, 300 and 500 yards away.



Marine Division Squad Competition Champions

The winning squad consisted of: Sgt. Francisco Corona, Cpl. Jason Holdorf, Cpl. Garret Groshong, Cpl. Harris Alliger, Lance Cpl. Chloe Pham, Lance Cpl. Santino Imparato, Lance Cpl. John Andrzejek, Lance Cpl. Alexander Griffin, Lance Cpl. Kevin Argueta, Lance Cpl. Tyler Helms, Lance Cpl. Austin Atwood, Lance Cpl. Bryan Zuniga, Lance Cpl. William Agnew and Petty Officer 3rd Class Joseph Iffrig. Photo taken prior to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines. (U.S. Marine Corps Courtesy Photo / Released)

“This competition is not just a check in the box. It’s a physically and mentally demanding challenge; up hills, down cliffs and through every mud puddle in the jungle,” said Sgt. Francisco Corona, the squad leader of the winning squad from 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment.

All four divisions in the Marine Corps were represented during this competition. Under the Unit Deployment Program, Marines from each division came together to compete on behalf of their unit. The Unit Deployment Program rotates battalions from each Marine Division to Okinawa and allows them to conduct training in new and austere environments.

Through this training, Lance Cpl. Chloe Pham, an infantry Marine with the winning squad, explains how her squads’ cohesion and camaraderie allowed them to achieve success.

“It’s great to have been able to win this competition and show what our squad can do. I’m proud of what we’ve accomplished, but I’m even prouder to be a member of a great team and family,” said Pham.

Pride in the winning squad’s accomplishment was shared by their leadership, who guided them through the training where they mastered their warfighting skills.

“We are incredibly proud of our victors. These Marines and Sailors competed their hearts out as a team, a family and as a lethal squad.” said 1st Sgt. Matthew Fraley, Company First Sergeant of Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment.

Competitions like this foster brilliance in the basics and facilitate the competitive, fighting spirit of U.S. Marines.

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VETS WITH DISABILITY RATINGS CAN GET LIFETIME ACCESS TO OVER 400 NATIONAL PARKS FOR FREE — HERE'S HOW

In partnership with the U.S. Department of the Interior and Fish and Wildlife Service, among others, the NPS continues to offer free lifetime access passes to over 400 national parks and 2,000 recreation sites nationwide to any veteran with at least a 10 percent disability rating.

Vets can receive the lifetime pass on the spot at any federal recreation area where passes are issued by presenting a form of government-issued identification (driver's license, state ID, passport, birth certificate) along with documentation proving a service-connected disability.



Veterans can prove eligibility for the lifetime pass by providing a Veterans Affairs Summary of Benefits, VA award letter, or documentation showing Social Security Disability Income.

The pass grants access for a driver and any passengers entering a park in a non-commercial vehicle and includes a number of discounts on park amenities such as camping or guided tours.

Active duty military, meanwhile, remain eligible for a free year-long version of the access pass, which includes the same perks, for that year, as its lifetime counterpart.

PLAN FOR FREE NATIONAL PARK ACCESS FOR WOUNDED VETS SIGNED INTO LAW

BAR HARBOR, Maine — A proposal from New England senators to ensure free lifetime entry to national parks for all disabled U.S. veterans has been signed into law.

Democratic Sen. Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire and Republican Sen. Susan Collins of Maine proposed the Wounded Veterans Recreation Act to provide the free access to veterans who suffered or aggravated disabilities while serving in the military. President Donald Trump has signed the proposal into law.

Collins and Shaheen said a previous act left some uncertainty about whether all wounded veterans would have access to a free National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass. Collins said the new law “will ensure that disabled veterans can continue to access our country’s national treasures for outdoor recreation.”

2021 REUNION JOURNAL FORM
Personal—Business (Ad, Memorial, Recognition)

The Reunion Journal is always a highlight of the Association's reunions. The Journal is mailed nationwide and overseas to Association members, major Marine Corps commands, and those submitting to Journal.

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Signature (Required)

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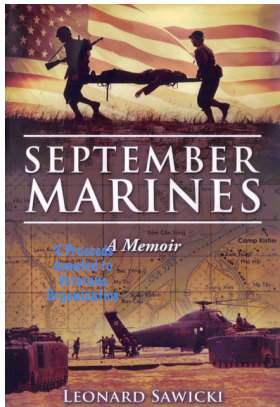
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Sawicki's firsthand account of how his life changed the moment he enlisted is brutally honest. Basic training was difficult enough, with its accompanying overzealous drill sergeants, intense heat, and surprise scorpions, and a relationship with a confused, emotionally distraught girlfriend threw Sawicki into a seesaw of emotions.

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