

NOTES ON THE FORT WORTH FAMILY REUNION



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. For reservations call 817-625-9911

Bell Helicopter (now known as BellFlight or just Bell) was like a partner to us in Vietnam. They had a variety of models: HueyCobra/Cobra, SeaCobra, Sioux, Kiowa, Iroquois (Huey), Huey Cobra/Frog, that all served in Vietnam. In today's Marine Corps, a big part of aviation is the Bell Boeing V-22 Osprey, as well as the Bell AH-1W Super Cobra.

Since they are a DOD contractor, we will need DOD clearance. When you select this event, make sure you fill in the DOD information.

To continue the aviation part of this Reunion, we go from Bell to the Fort Worth Aviation Museum. We will get a box lunch on the bus and eat at the museum when we get there.

The Fort Worth Aviation Museum has many aircraft that you will be familiar with, but one is of particular importance to the Executive Director of the museum, a former Marine pilot. Some of you may know the OV-10A Bronco that served in many capacities in Vietnam such as Recon, observation, forward air control, helicopter escort, gunfire spotting, etc. as it first arrived in Vietnam on July 6, 1968.

Currently the Flight museum is only open on Saturdays, but they are going to *open just for us* on Wednesday, September 16.



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President's Message



3/31/2021

Hello Everyone,

The Fort Worth Reunion is on. You can start signing up now, online at caltrap.org, or this issue of the CALTRAP. The members I've talked to lately are very anxious to get together, as it has been too long now, with the cancellation of last year, due to COVID. Your reunion committee, led by Linda North, has worked very hard in spite of the challenges. Our event contacts/ connections have all been COVID challenged, by the iffy-ness and by the people working or not. We found getting people to commit to our outings at some places a real challenge. Through patience and hard work, it has come together.

On an extremely sad note, a very valued member of the Reunion Committee, Jerry Huck, passed away on February 16, 2021. Jerry was a hard worker with a special assignment to choose where the 1/3

"Bunker" would be located in the hotel. Also, each year he successfully arranged donations of beverages for both the Bunker and the hospitality room. Jerry will be a genuinely missed member of the committee, and a dear friend. Our love goes to Susan Huck and family. Susan has also been a hard-working member of the committee.

In this CALTRAP, there are raffle tickets for purchase. You may also sell them. Feel free to make as many copies as you need for purchase or sale. Please support your friendly Third Marine Division Association.

Again, I ask you to please consider helping this Association. We need people to volunteer to help keep this amazing Association going. We can find something for you to do. Remember, the Second Marine Division Association folded because their members did not volunteer to help. We have only one paid employee, our outstanding Manager,

Roger Bacon, and he doesn't get paid what he is worth. He also would "do this for nothing". Everyone else volunteers. We have an amazing team, but we could use some help from time to time. Just email me at RLNPLANO@HOTMAIL. COM.

While on the subject, I want to thank Jerry Kidd for stepping forward to volunteer. He is taking on a project that will hopefully bring in new members. Thank you very much, Jerry!

Please sign up for the Reunion. Remember these are Family Reunions. It's always nice to see family members at the Reunion.

Semper Fidelis,

Bob

Bob North, President

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WE HAVE A THIRD MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION FAMILY FULL OF GREAT PEOPLE, FULL OF HEROES, FULL OF BROTHERS-IN-ARMS, FULL OF SUPPORTERS. TO CONTINUE TO BE STRONG, WE NEED VOLUNTEERS THROUGHOUT THIS ASSOCIATION. ANYONE CAN HELP. WHILE WE NEED NEW MEMBERS, WE ALSO NEED OUR EXISTING MEMBERS TO STEP UP AND DO SOMETHING TO HELP SUSTAIN THIS AMAZING ASSOCIATION. CHAPTERS NEED AN INFUSION OF VOLUNTEERISM. CHAPTERS ARE IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH EACH OTHER, SUPPORT EACH OTHER.

WE ARE A STRONG ASSOCIATION NOW, BUT WE HAVE TO STAY INVOLVED TO SUSTAIN IT. JUST A LITTLE HELP GOES A LONG WAY. IT IS FULFILLING WORK. EVERYONE CAN DO SOMETHING. I AM INVITING YOU NOW TO EMAIL ME AT RLNPLANO@HOTMAIL.COM.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SEMPER FI,

Bob North, President

When you read the Caltrap do you scan it hastily, then drop it in the wastebasket with the comment "same old stuff"? If you do perhaps it would be well for you to ponder a while on the premise that our Caltrap is a cooperative venture. You get out of it just what you put into it and what it lacks may be just what you can contribute. We need news. News about chapters, news about books being published, news about awards and/or articles of interest to the association members. These items must come from you. Please forward to our association address.

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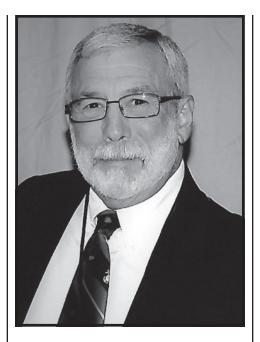
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FROM THE ASSOCIATION MANAGER

Time and space... They both separate us. They keep us apart. But their combined forces cannot break the ties that bind us together, nor erase the memories that we share in common. Loyalty to our country and our Corps and the 3rd Marine Division, loyalty to our friends born in the heat of battle and welded by the monotonous routine of camp and training will remain with us through life. The old 3rd MarDiv was one of the best equipped and most thoroughly trained of any division which took the field during WWII. Their training was of the type which made men of the division regard amphibious landings and combat as their normal occupation for which they knew themselves well-fitted... they were professionals.

Men of the division repeatedly fought, won honors on the field of battle, and never met with defeat. Their courage and fidelity to their Country and to their Corps was outstanding among



military organizations throughout the world. The new 3rd MarDiv is carrying on the same proud tradition, their spirit and morale is high and they are trained and ready to carry out any mission assigned. We must carry on, both the old and the new, the heritage of proud service in a proud division, we can never let down our standards. What better way to carry on this heritage than through membership in the 3RD MARINE DIVISION.

If you have not renewed your membership, do it now. If you are not a member, join up. Always remember that such things as battle, honors, division spirit, tradition, are not just a parade of past glories and facts to be written down in some official record and then forgotten. Rather they are a spiritual bank account passed on from Marine to Marine of the old division against the time when the chips are down again and the 3rd is called on to attack and hold.

If every association member would contact three or four other veterans and they did likewise word would get around to plug membership in our association and attendance at our reunions. We want a strong association, so let's get busy!

Gordon C. Nash

Major General, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.)

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WE NEED SOMEONE TO PLEASE STEP UPAND TAKE OVER THE REUNION JOURNAL. YOU WILL HAVE LOTS OF HELP BUT WE NEED A LEAD. PLEASE CONTACT ME - BOB NORTH (rlnplano@hotmail.com). To be clear, that's: RLNPLANO@HOTMAIL.COM Thank you very much.

WHAT IS THE REUNION JOURNAL

The Reunion Journal is designed to highlight | a battalion, a family member, a business card? multiple information regarding the Association's | Regardless of what it is we honor your wishes.

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, memorian, etc. Would you like to remember a fallen Marine, or a Marine you served with,



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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If you own a military-related business, please consider spending your advertising dollars here. We support our veterans.

The Third Marine Division Association's quarterly newsletter, the CALTRAP, reaches a worldwide audience of active duty, retired and veteran Marines, Sailors and families. The readers often enjoy travel, leisure, outdoor, and hometown activities along with brand loyalty. Please consider advertising in the CALTRAP. A contract agreement is on page 26 for your convenience.



CHAPTER Happenings



1/3 CHAPTER

Hello Guys (all you Marines and Sailors),

This National Vietnam War Veterans Day, March 29th, 2021, I want to pass on My Old Captain's (Retired Colonel Gerald F. Reczek) message for this year. He normally sends out this message to let us all know that we did good, when we were much younger. Under his Leadership, and encouragement we grew into the Marines and Corpsmen that survived our tours in Vietnam. Capt. Reczek was almost like a father directing us young pups, through his time with us. I know we all looked to him for guidance and encouragement, and we did earn his respect too. He is very proud of each of us too. He remembers most of us, and all the Fallen Brothers.

Capt Reczek thinks I should write a few words myself. Being recently promoted to the Vice President of the Third Marine Division Association, and having been the President of the 1st Battalion/ 3rd Marines Association for a few years now. Here we go, I hope this finds you all doing the best you can. It has been 54 years since I went to Nam as a 19 1/2 year old. (A FNG as I remember). I was lucky and went with a group of 9 machine gunners, that I had trained with, to Charlie Company. Training in Okinawa at Camp Schwab, for our SLF-A/BLT-1/3 assignment, we got to know one another a little better. I remember one morning looking at the American Flag flying over Camp Schwab, and thought to myself, I could die for that Flag. I know we all had Good and Bad Days, and some really Tuff Days too. The first three months were learning the sounds and sights of the war, then the middle months were just passing time, a day at a time. Then the last three months, getting short to go back home, think we worried more. I grew and matured into a good Marine (I think) and could barely grow a real light mustache. The bond we had as brothers there together, was something we all share today. I hated to rotate home, and leave all the younger guys there, but the older guys did their tours and left me. That was the way it was, and we all dealt with it. I was lucky and not wounded, but they did try their best to get me. Some scary times, and most all my buddies had at least one Purple Heart, if not two or three. I think it is great that March 29th, was made the official date to remember and honor us Vietnam Veterans. I know that I am very proud of my Marine Corps and Vietnam Service. I wear my hat (cover) everyday. I have the mini-ribbons on it. I tell the folks that the Combat Action Ribbon is for being shot at and missed. I think of our Fallen Brothers too, and hope they continue to Rest in Peace. Know one day, we will all be together again. All my Brothers, do enjoy OUR Special Day, and thank you for your service to our Country and the Marine Corps. You Corpsman and Dr Teal, thank you too.

Just a reminder, the Reunion this year will be in Fort Worth, TX between September 13-19, 2021, at the Radisson Hotel Fort Worth North(more information at www.caltrap.com). I hope if you are well enough to travel, you will make it. You won't be sorry, and you will have a good time. When we get together, we talk like 53-54 years ago, was yesterday. Our Battalion and Association has had many great Marines and Corpsmen pass these last two years. We all are getting older too, really. There will be more information about the Reunion to follow, when I get it. Hope to see you there!

I'm proud of all you Marines and Corpsmen, and glad I got to grow up with you, and looking back those were some of the more exciting years of my life. As in Nam no two guys experience was the same, and no two of us have had the same life experiences, but now we are all guys old together. We can relate, Best wishes to all of you, Take Care my Brother's and Enjoy your Special Day!

Semper Fidelis, Don Bumgarner C/1 /3 67-68

Here is Captain Reczek's message: Subject: National Vietnam War Veterans Day

Greetings and salutations to our Marine brothers and Sailors of the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment and to all of our brothers of Battalion Landing Team 1/3.

March 29th is National Vietnam War Veterans Day. A day proclaimed to honor our service to our country and to reflect on our part of history as US Marines and Sailors.

Here in Arizona, hundreds of American flags are placed in the community lining the main thoroughfare to honor our Vietnam veterans and to remind our residents and visitors of the sacrifices made to defend freedom by all who served. It is an impressive display of our freedom and patriotism.

Not to mention the several organizations around the country

that respect and appreciate the challenges that our veterans endured and conquered; a badge of honor if you will, and a tribute to our service.

Today, monuments stand as memorials and reminders of our heroes that we lost. Places and names etched in our memories where we fought all over the northern most provinces of South Vietnam and where the Marine Corps was spread so thin. You did so much, with so little. Stressed and fatigued, you carried on. You upheld the highest traditions of the American fighting man during a vicious and contentious war.

Your service as young Marines and Sailors cannot be measured in medals and awards. Your service is measured in your hearts and your strength, your courage and your honor. Not everyone can say, feel or share that. Only the true and the brave as you are.

Wear the Eagle, Globe and Anchor proudly. You earned it and embellished upon it and contributed so much to the history of the Corps.

Semper Fidelis, Gerald F. Reczek Colonel USMC (Ret) Charlie Six

TEXAS CHAPTER

The Texas Chapter is having their Spring Reunion April 22 - 25, 2021 in Temple, Texas. The registrations as of the beginning of April have exceeded 20 people. It appears that the members are emerging from the COVID hibernation. Yea!! One of our events is a visit to Fort Hood. Fort Hood is the most populous U.S. military installation in the world. They are laying out the red carpet for us. We will also put together our plan to host the Association Family Fort Worth Reunion, September 13 - 19, 2021.

Bob North

GYSGT. ALAN P. LOPER WISCONSIN CHAPTER

Russ Zess reports that because of COVID they had to cancel their Christmas and Spring events. He also reports that it has been a sad year because of losing some wonderful members.

There is also good news: They will have a summer meeting on June 12 and look forward to getting together. Please come together in June to renew friendships.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

The Florida Chapter of the Third Marine Division Association is looking for new members to strengthen the Chapter. The Chapter would also like for someone to come forward to take charge as the new President. Longtime President, Joe Motes, says it is time for new leadership. The Chapter is financially sound and has a great history. Please contact Joe at: joemotes@aol.com.

Semper Fi

"The greatness of America lies not in being more enlightened than any other nation, but rather in her ability to repair her faults."

-Alexis de Tocqueville

"We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided."

-J.K. Rowling

REUNION SCHEDULE

THIRD MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC. SEPTEMBER 14-19, 2021 RADISSON HOTEL FORT WORTH, TX

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1300		1000	Hospitality Room open throughout the reunion Power Project Pr
	-	1800	Reunion Registration open
1730	-	2300	TEXAS RANGERS vs HOUSTON ASTROS BASEBALL GAME
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0700	-	0730	Reunion Registration open
0830	-	1400	BELL HELICOPTER & FT WORTH AVIATION MUSEUM
1400	-	1800	Reunion Registration open
1800		2030	CASH BAR RECEPTION & WELCOME MEET AND GREET DINNER. "VISIT FORT WORTH" will present welcome gifts to those who attend the Welcome Dinner.
THURS	SDAY, SEI	PTEMB	ER 16
0900	-	0930	Memorial Scholarship Fund Meeting
0930	-	1000	Finance Committee Meeting
1000	-	1130	Reunion Registration Open
1030			Unit Meetings
			For those not involved in unit meetings, meet in the Hospitality Room.
1400	-	2100	FT WORTH STOCKYARDS NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT ACTIVITIES & BILLY BOB'S TEXAS BAR-B-Q DINNER
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0900	-	1200	BUREAU OF PRINTING AND ENGRAVING TOUR
1400	-	1600	Reunion Registration open
1300	-	1430	ICE CREAM SOCIAL
1430	-	1600	Board of Directors Meeting
1530	-	1600	Banquet Table Reservation Sheets will be collected
1600	-	2100	CITY TOUR AND EVENING AT SUNDANCE SQUARE
SATUR	DAY, SEI	PTEMB	ER 18
0900	-	1200	Membership Business Meeting & Memorial Service
0930	-	1300	LADIES TOUR COWGIRL MUSEUM & LUNCH
1230	-	1300	Board of Directors Organizational Meeting
1300	-	1400	Chapter Presidents Meeting
1400			Silent Auction Closes!
1800	-	1900	Cash Bar Reception
1900	-		BANQUET/PROGRAM
SUNDA	Y, SEPTE	EMBER	<u>19</u>

0730 Protestant Church Service/Catholic Mass

0700

THIRD MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM - 9/14-19/21

Listed below are registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at www.afr-reg.com/3mar2021 (3.5% fee added to credit card transactions). All forms and payments must be received by mail on or before Sept 10, 2021. After 9/10, 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.

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Tues, 9/14 – 1730-2300	TEXAS RANGERS VS HOUSTON ASTROS BASEBALL	\$ 69		\$
	GAME			
Wed, 9/15 – 0830-1400	BELL HELICOPTER & FT WORTH AVIATION MUSEUM-	\$ 49		\$
	INCLUDING LUNCH – DOD FORM ON NEXT PAGE			
1800-2030	WELCOME DINNER – "Build a Burger"	\$ 21		\$
Thur, 9/16 – 1400-2100	FT WORTH STOCKYARDS & TEXAS BBQ DINNER	\$ 51		\$
Fri, 9/17 - 0900-1200	BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING	\$ 39		
1300 - 1430	ICE CREAM SOCIAL	\$ 9		\$
FRI, 9/17 - 1600-2100	CITY TOUR & SUNDANCE SQUARE	\$ 39		\$
Sat, 9/18 - 0930-1300	LADIES TOUR-COWGIRL MUSEUM & LUNCH	\$ 29		\$
	Annual Banquet (Cash Bar Reception at 1800)			
1900-2200	Please choose your entrée for the Saturday Banquet:			
	Beef Tenderloin	\$ 49		\$
	Grilled Chicken	\$ 45		\$
	Pecan Encrusted Salmon	\$ 45		\$
	REGISTRATION FEES			
Price if received by 9/10/21	MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE	\$ 25		\$
Price if received by 9/10/21	REGISTRATION FEE for kids under 18, Active Duty, WWII Vets	FREE		
	& their spouses, and Medal of Honor Recipients.			
Price if postmarked after	LATE REGISTRATION FEE (no exemptions)	\$ 35		\$
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	ONSITE PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE.	\$ 45		\$
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FOR DOD CLEARANCE TO ENTER BELL HELICOPTER, PLEASE CLEARLY FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM BELOW AND RETURN WITH YOUR SIGN-UP

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If we do not receive this information with your registration you will not be permitted on the tour!

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TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

TEXAS RANGERS vs HOUSTON ASTROS BASEBALL GAME

Tuesday, Sept 14

Batter up! Come out to the beautiful, new Globe Life Field, the Texas Rangers first year for fans, to witness Texas' biggest rivalry baseball game. Enjoy America's pastime with a game ticket in the group section, and transportation to and from the hotel

1730 board bus, 2300 back at the hotel \$69/Person includes bus, escort, and game ticket.

BELL HELICOPTER TOUR & FT. WORTH AVIATION MUSEUM

Wednesday, Sept 15

We'll enjoy a private tour of the Bell Helicopter Flight Research Center in Ft. Worth. Many of you will remember these aircraft from your time in Vietnam. Now is a chance to see them again, along with other aircraft in the Bell fleet. After our tour at Bell, we head to the Fort Worth Aviation Museum, the most touchable Warbirds in Texas. We will enjoy a box lunch at their picnic area and see the many aircraft on site. The Museum tells the story of the aviation heritage and accomplishments since 1911. Its collection of 24 warbirds dates from 1943 to the present and features a US Navy Blue Angel F/A-18 Hornet in the outdoor display. The museum's indoor displays include the B-36 Peacemaker and Forward Air Controllers Museums, a T-38 cockpit simulator and computer flight simulators. Friendly guides assist all visitors with personalized tours and a gift shop is also available.

BELL IS A DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CONTRACTOR SO YOU MUST FILL OUT THE FORM ON THE BACK OF THE REGISTRATION FORM FOR CLEARANCE 0830 board bus,1400 back at the hotel \$49/Person includes bus, escort, admission and lunch.

FT WORTH STOCKYARDS NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT ACTIVITIES & BILLY BOB'S TEXAS BAR-B-Q DINNER

Thursday, Sept 16
FFort Worth is where the West begins, and nothing

embodies Western heritage better than the Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District. From the original brick walkways to the wooden corrals, every inch of the Stockyards tells the true history of Texas' famous livestock industry. Among the attractions there is the world's only twice daily Longhorn cattle drive, held every day at 11:30 AM & 4:00 PM. Some of the other notable attractions are the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame, which honors the men and women, committees and associations, and the livestock that champions the western lifestyle and supports the sport of Rodeo. You may choose to go to the John Wayne Museum, called the John Wayne Exhibit for \$21. Starting with his early childhood and career, each room highlights an aspect of The Duke's legacy. All patrons will have exclusive access to never-before-seen family photos and correspondences which have been thoughtfully curated by the Wayne family in order to give guests a holistic view of the icon, whose values translate both on the silver screen and off. Another option while at the Stockyards, we are invited by RFD-TV (Cowboy Channel) into their studio to watch a live TV show at 5:00PM. We'll all meet at the World's Largest Honky-tonk – Billy Bob's Texas, at 6:15 for a true Texas BBQ dinner in our own private room. After dinner partake in (or just watch) the free line dancing lessons! Guaranteed lots of fun and laughs.

1400 board bus, 2100 back at the hotel \$51/Person includes bus, escort, and dinner.

BUREAU OF PRINTING AND ENGRAVING

Friday, Sept 17

The Bureau of Printing and Engraving public Tour and Visitor Center located in Fort Worth, Texas is a great place to learn about U.S. currency. Visitors can see where billions of dollars are printed from an enclosed walkway, which is suspended above the production floor! Over half of the nation's currency order is produced in Fort Worth. Available before or after the free self-guided tour, the experience includes an informative theater film, and visitors have the opportunity to walk through two floors of interactive exhibits and displays showcasing currency history and the intricate art of currency manufacturing. Also located in the visitor center is the Moneyfactory Gift Shop where the public can purchase souvenir items

including uncut currency sheets and other specialty currency products. Wheel chairs, restrooms and vending machines are available.

0900 board bus, 1200 back at the hotel \$39/Person includes bus and escort.

CITY TOUR AND EVENING AT SUNDANCE SQUARE

Friday, Sept 17

Enjoy an overview tour of Ft. Worth – the nation's 13th largest city and home to some serious Texas heritage! The heart of downtown Fort Worth is Sundance Square, a 35-block shopping and entertainment district where charming, beautifully restored buildings stand alongside glittering skyscrapers. Here, you'll find locals, downtown residents and visitors among a multitude of restaurants, shops, galleries, and performance venues. You'll have time to enjoy all the shopping and fantastic dining options in the area.

1600 board bus, 2100 back at the hotel \$39/Person includes bus and escort. Dinner on your own

COWGIRL MUSEUM

Saturday, Sept 18

The National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame is the only museum in the world dedicated to honoring women of the West, and from around the world who have displayed extraordinary courage and pioneer spirit in their trailblazing efforts. It includes interactive exhibit galleries that feature artifacts of the permanent collection, a traveling exhibit gallery, two theaters, gift shop, a research library and archives, and a NEW second floor. Currently, the museum's archives house more than 4000 artifacts and information about more than 750 remarkable women. Nested in the heart of Fort Worth's Cultural District, the National Cowgirl

Museum and Hall of Fame took its place among other museum giants: the Kimbell Art Museum, the Modern Art Museum, the Amon Carter Museum, the Museum of Science and History, and the Will Rogers Memorial Center. Lunch to follow.

0930 board bus, 1300 back at the hotel \$29/Person includes bus, escort, lunch-you order and pay

All tours require a minimum of 35 people.

Driver and guide gratuities are not included

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.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.

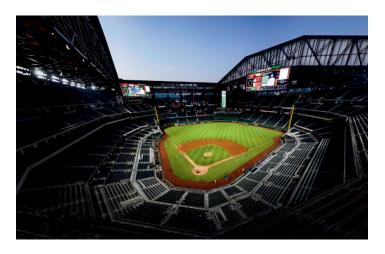
For reunion attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$10 per person). Reunion attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable AFR registration fee. Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm Eastern Time, excluding holidays. Please call (757)625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code.





NOTES ON THE FORT WORTH FAMILY REUNION

BASEBALL GAME AT THE NEW GLOBE LIFE FIELD



This year is the first official year for fans in the spectacular new Globe Life Field. They allowed some fans at last years' World Series in this ball park. We're going to see the Texas Rangers and the Houston Astros.

Ladies Event -National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame - Lunch to follow.

Some comments:

"We thoroughly enjoyed this unique museum. My favorites were the Annie Oakley exhibit, the Wild West Show exhibit, and the panels on the walls upstairs that made you feel that you were literally looking out the window at beautiful ranch land. I could have looked at that all day."

"Lovely facility for an overlooked part of history. Modern with great displays and nice gift shop. Don't miss this."

"This was a nice surprise. Various exhibits of cowgirls throughout. Breathtaking seeing Reba McEntire's costume. Just stunning."

"It was interesting to see a part of the Western culture that is rarely on display. Annie Oakley- Sandra Day O'Conner, Dale Evens plus others that show the impact women had on the Western way of life. And the fancy boots and western clothes worn by famous women was a highlight."



Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District - this will be a great, fun outing! Step into the West

Fort Worth is where the West begins, and nothing embodies Western heritage better than the Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District. From the original brick walkways to the wooden corrals, every inch of the Stockyards tells the true history of Texas's famous livestock industry.

This is a 2 block by 2 block area crammed full of activities, shopping, food, and fun.

Some of the activities you can enjoy:



CATTLE DRIVE

• The world's only twice daily cattle drive, held every day at 11:30 AM & 4:00PM in the Fort Worth Stockyards. See the beautiful Longhorn cattle-drive right in front of you. We will be there for the 4:00PM drive.

JOHN WAYNE MUSEUM

• John Wayne Museum - Sprawling over 10,000 square feet, the John Wayne: An American Experience exhibit is structured to give you an intimate tour of the life of John Wayne. Starting with his early childhood and career, each room highlights an aspect of The Duke's legacy. For the film aficionados, an extensive gallery called the "Life on Screen" highlights the most iconic film props and costumes. In the "America, Why I Love Her" gallery, guests can immerse themselves in patriotism through Grammy-nominated original poems, recited by John Wayne.

All patrons will have exclusive access to never-before-seen family photos and correspondences which have been thoughtfully curated by the Wayne family in order to give guests a holistic view of the icon, whose values translate both on the silver screen and off.

In addition to the exhibit, the space in the Stockyards features a 2,000 square foot retail space, which is stocked with limited-

edition items including apparel, headwear, books, drinkware, fine art western photography, leather goods and western accessories. Cost \$21.





SHOPPING:

• Lots of shops: authentic cowboy gear, vintage record stores, fashion boutiques, western art – there's shopping for everyone, and no reason to leave the Stockyards without a great souvenir.

RFD TV

Main studios are in Nashville, TN, but their Cowboy Channel is located in Fort Worth in the Stock Yards. The Cowboy Channel has invited us to sit in on a taping of a show at 5:00PM when we are at the Stock Yards. It's a one-hour show. RFD TV is chock full of Agri-business, rural American interests, Rodeos, lots of country music, Gospel music, Bluegrass music,

polka music, Horse shows, train shows, the great old "Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom", ranching, Cowboy Church, farming and agriculture shows and reports. *This is a great opportunity to watch the making of a television show.*

BILLY BOB'S TEXAS

Gather at 6:15 PM for good ole Texas Bar B Q dinner in our private dining room inside the gigantic Billy Bob's Texas. At 7PM, you will want to join in the fun of Line Dancing free lessons. The Texas Chapter did this a few years ago and we had lots of fun, mostly laughing at ourselves. Our five WWII guys got on the dance floor, one or two with their walkers, and lots of cowgirl-dressed young ladies surrounded them, flirting and having a great time with these Amazing Iwo Jima veterans. The young ladies found these men very intriguing. After that, dozens of people in Billy Bob's came up to us to thank us for our service. It was very rewarding.



Billy Bob's Texas opened April 1, 1981 with national attention featuring with its 100,000 square feet entertainment center, more than 30 bar stations, country music's biggest stars, real Pro Bull Riding, and a Texas size dance floor. It became known as "The World's Largest Honky Tonk", where more than 6,000 fun loving folks of all ages could enjoy entertainment every day and night. This is a family friendly environment.

Bureau of Printing and Engraving

This is one of only two Bureau of Printing and Engraving facilities in the country. The other is in Washington DC. A brief film is a must see as it explains the intricate and massive effort to prevent counterfeiting. Security is "off-the-charts" dominant within the production of money. The film is very interesting and informative. The building is massive as you are able to walk about to watch how



your money is made. See stacks of bills, pallets of money everywhere. It is a great privilege to see this place. And no, we don't get free samples. But they have a great gift shop.

WELCOME MEET AND GREET DINNER.

It's a Build-A-Burger, Build-A-Hot Dog. There will be a multitude of delicious options to build your burger with and your hot dog with, including, homemade chili, no canned stuff here. The food is great at this hotel and you will be greeted with many options for your burger and hotdog. You will enjoy creating your own feast. Also, VISIT FORT WORTH is coming to welcome us to the city. They will be bearing gifts for only those who attend this function. This is your only chance to be greeted and gifted by the VISIT FORT WORTH people. This will be fun, so be sure to sign up for this.



CITY TOUR AND EVENING AT SUNDANCE SQUARE.

City Tour and Evening at Sundance Square, a shopping, entertainment, and food district. Fort Worth is compact and easy to get around. The tour will give you a taste of the city. Then you have a chance to enjoy the famous Sundance Square for some fun and food. There are great restaurants to choose from. We will have a restaurant information compilation for you to make your choices. A great place to spend an evening. We will also have a walking map for you. As COVID is easing up and the state of Texas is opening up, the restaurants and entertainment are returning to Sundance Square. A great evening is waiting for you.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Picture a smorgasbord of ice cream choices and a sea of toppings. This is a nice, cool refreshing way to spend some time with your friends.





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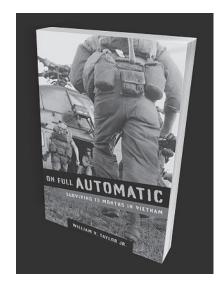
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3RD MAR DIV AUTHOR BARES ALL IN NEW VIETNAM WAR MEMOIR



"I won't be sleeping again tonight. Instead, I stare into the darkness and think about how I ended up in that war and in the Special Landing Force. I think about how I survived it and how so many of my friends did not. I think about that innocent and invincible young boy who stepped on a jet airplane for the very first time in his life. If I could go back in time and meet him on that tarmac, I wouldn't tell him about the day he almost died, but I also wouldn't stop him."

In his new memoir, On Full Automatic: Surviving 13 Months in Vietnam, William V. Taylor Jr. reveals the epic and largely untold story of Special Landing Force Alpha, one of the most active Marine combat units of the Vietnam War. Taylor and his brother Marines are assembled into a unique new reactionary force that is immediately tested in the fire of a bloody conflict known as Operation Beaver Cage. After their traumatic first fight, they push through a blur of backto-back operations with little time ever to rest or reflect. Those that survive will

return home ensnared by the everlasting memories of a real, but entirely surreal nightmare. Now after more than fifty years of holding everything in, Taylor shares his experience in explicit and often horrific detail, and with a reverent honor for those Marines who did not live to tell the tale. Author, William V. Taylor Jr., Charlie Co. 1st Battalion/3rd Marines, returned home from his 1967-68 tour in Vietnam a recipient of three Purple Hearts. His forthcoming book is scheduled for release in June of this year. To be notified by email when the book is published, please sign up on Taylor's author website at: https://williamvtaylor.com/



1st Battalion / 3rd Marines

Welcomes our Marines and Corpsmen to Fort Worth, TX Next September

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NEW MEMBERS

Welcome Aboard

Bronte, Randolph;

Oakland, CA:
Father was with 3rd in WWII

Apelrod, Bruce;

Fort Collins, CO; 1/3 BN Photographer, 1966-68; Bill Taylor ***

Duncan, Michael;

Beaverton, MI; 1/94th B 3/1, 1966-67 ***

3RD MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Certainly there could be no more deserving project of the Association than the Scholarship Fund, whereby the award of scholarship benefits may be made as provided below:

All applicants must be a child, grandchild, great-grandchild or legal dependent of any personnel:

- 1. Who lost their lives as a result of hostile enemy action while a member of or attached to a unit of the Third Marine Division (Reinf) in "Military Operations" as defined **OR**
- 2. Any honorably discharged personnel deceased or retired having been a member of or attached to a unit of the Third Marine Division (Reinf) in Military Operations whose post service death has been certified by the Department of Veterans Affairs to have been the result of hostile enemy action or other disabilities incurred and were not the result of any misconduct by the veteran. **OR**
- 3. Of a deceased member of the Association or the spouse of such member, provided the deceased member had held Association membership for a period of at least two (2) consecutive years immediately prior to his or her death **OR**
- 4. Of a living member (sponsor) of the Association, provided the sponsoring member has held Association membership for a period of at least two (2) consecutive years immediately prior to the date of eligible applicant's first application for assistance **OR**

Also any personnel who has been recently honorably discharged having been a member of or attached to a unit of the Third Marine Division (Reinf) provided the person has held Association membership for a period of at least two (2) consecutive years immediately prior to the date of the first application, be current on all annual dues payments and who continues his or her membership for the entire period of their financial assistance.

The MSF Plan as amended 1 Jan 2019

Since the date of its establishment, the Scholarship Fund has been loyally supported by our Association members/friends to the best of their individual financial ability. Each small bir contributed will continue to pyramid and advance our goal.

Donors should know that every cent donated to the Scholarship Fund is used for the scholarship purpose of the fund. No expenses of any kind, other than scholarship payments, are chargeable to the fund.

U.S. MARINES, JOINT PARTNERS TEST NETWORKED EABO FROM JAPAN TO HAWAII



Freefall

U.S. Marines with 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, 3d Marine Division conduct a military freefall infiltration during Castaway 21.1 on Ie Shima, Okinawa, Japan, March 9, 2021. The exercise demonstrated the Marine Corps' ability to integrate with the joint force to seize and defend key maritime terrain, provide low-signature sustainment, and execute long-range precision fires in support of naval operations from an expeditionary advanced base. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Scott Aubuchon)

OKINAWA, **Japan** – U.S. Marine Corps exercises have, historically, featured hundreds of Marines storming ashore under cover of aircraft, with Navy ships looming ominously on the horizon, and the roar of gunfire, smoke and shouted commands permeating every aspect of a forced landing en masse. By contrast, the most recent operations led by 3d Marine Division looked and sounded like nothing – then the shooting began.

During March 2021, U.S. Marines in Japan and Hawaii teamed up with joint partners to execute networked Expeditionary Advanced Base Operations (EABO) spanning five separate islands in a complex display of modern littoral warfare. Exercises Castaway 21.1 in Japan and Spartan Fury 21.1 in Hawaii demonstrated the ability of the Marine Corps to integrate with the joint force to seize and defend key maritime terrain, provide low-signature sustainment, and execute long-range precision fires in support of naval operations from expeditionary advanced bases.

"These operations can be replicated on any island in the Indo-Pacific, and working with our joint partners allows us to refine the tactics, techniques, and procedures to do this in a real-world situation," said Lt. Col. Roe Lemons, commanding officer of 3d Battalion, 12th Marines, whose forces were responsible for planning and executing much of Castaway 21.1 in Japan. "We are coming in with stealth, extending the reach of our long-range fires, and working on our ability to sustain that as long as the maritime force needs us to control an access point to the sea lines of communication."

Before the introduction of persistent long-range fires capabilities at the EAB on Ie Shima, Marines with 3d

Reconnaissance Battalion and members of the Army Special Forces and Air Force special operations combined to execute a stealthy insertion through a daring series of multi-mode infiltrations into the island via the air and sea. A military freefall infiltration from an MV-22B Osprey, coupled with an amphibious infiltration under the cover of darkness, enabled the Marines and their joint counterparts to thoroughly survey the area for enemy forces and ensure the suitability of the airfield. Several F-35Bs from Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 121 soon joined the battle. Not long after, numerous MV-22B Ospreys and CH-53E Super Stallions with 1st Marine Aircraft Wing delivered hundreds of infantrymen with 3d Battalion, 8th Marines who secured the island, established formidable defenses, and paved the way for an enduring EAB with responsive long-range fires.

With hidden firing points dotting islands and a web of fleeting, stealthy connections facilitating a common operational picture across multiple domains, Marines charged ahead into mastering new ways to enable freedom of maneuver for the U.S. Navy and allied forces. Although dispersed, they were not alone. Leading these complex joint operations, 12th Marine Regiment was supported by a host of capabilities within III Marine Expeditionary Force and across the joint force to include the Navy's USS Halsey (DDG 97); Air Force C-17 Globemaster III transports and combat controllers; the Army's I Corps Multi-Domain Task Force, 25th Infantry Division, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, and 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne); and the Space Force.

"We recognize that our operating environment is changing ... the biggest difference is that we will need to address problems and opportunities with a joint approach," said Col. Michael Roach, commanding officer of 12th Marines. "In this exercise, rather this competition operation, you saw a networked and distributed force executing concepts that would be critical to support any future distributed maritime operation."

Meanwhile during Spartan Fury 21.1, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines expanded its ability to strike targets across the entire Hawaiian Island chain, deploying High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) launchers from aircraft and conducting various forms of expeditionary resupply to include utilizing Army Landing Support Vessels. Moving into concealed positions via air and sea transport, the mobile launchers received firing data from both manned and unmanned systems across multiple domains as Marines operating M777A2 Howitzers spread across numerous positions to engage targets with live munitions.

New approaches to the employment and sustainment of these distributed forces were tested with Marines spread across hundreds of miles of islands and ocean, working closely with Air Force and Navy counterparts to achieve outsize effects and remain undetectable. While naval integration with the Marine Corps is often viewed in terms of amphibious shipping, this operation featured Marines working directly with a U.S. Navy Destroyer.

"We are using the ship's sensors to extend our range and share information across the island chain," said Lt. Cmdr. Jacob Zercher, naval gunfire liaison officer with 1st Battalion, 12th Marines. "We are able to broaden what we can see and shoot, as well create a better shared awareness of the battlespace."

Numerous exercises in the past have featured what is known as a HIMARS rapid infiltration, or HIRAIN, during which a launcher is quickly brought to an airfield, fires, and leaves. However, the realistic expeditionary sustainment of an enduring long-range fires capabilities on EABs was a key focus during these latest operations with the utilization of mobile surface vessels, aerial delivery facilitated by both Marine Corps and joint assets, and low-signature ground convoys emplacing concealed supply caches throughout the area of operations by 1st Transportation Support Battalion.

"We are validating what we need to remain in a place like this for an enduring period of time," said Maj. Jacob Burton, commander of a HIMARS battery with 3/12 operating on Ie Shima during Castaway 21.1. "We are getting a lot out of this operation."

Concurrently, infantrymen with 3d Battalion, 3d Marines employed a wide-ranging coastal defense around Okinawa, using highly mobile forces both on land and in quick, low-profile boats to locate and strike targets at sea. The Joint Light Tactical Vehicle, already used by Marines with 3d Marine Division to coordinate distributed air assaults during Forest Light in 2020, took on a new role by allowing a small group of missile-armed Marines to detect and strike targets on the move.

"Nothing is off-limits when it comes to learning and innovating," said Capt. Jonathan Kohler, a company commander with 3/3 who led the littoral defense operations.

Many aspects of EABO are nothing new to the Marines of 3d Marine Division. This storied unit has a long tradition of innovation, development, and building interoperability with both the joint force and U.S. allies in the Indo-Pacific region. During 2020 alone, lessons learned from notable exercises such as Forest Light and Keen Sword, which featured U.S. and Japanese troops seizing and defending islands and establishing EABs, were on the minds of many of the Marines along with the realization that a future fight against a peer adversary would be a joint endeavor.

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"Castaway was an important step toward enhancing joint interoperability to ensure lethal, ready, and responsive forces for crises and contingencies with our partners throughout the Indo-Pacific region," said U.S. Army Lt. Col. Erik Davis, commanding officer of 1st Battalion, 1st SFG (A). "This event illustrated how Special Operations Forces capabilities can support the rapid deployment of 3d Marine Division's long-range precision fires platforms into austere or remote locations."

Facilitating this joint integration is a natural fit for the Marine Corps because the timeless traits of adaptability and teamwork are cultivated beginning with entry-level training, according to Roach. "I see our service as being the linchpin to bringing a successful joint operation together ... like we showed this week in Okinawa and Hawaii."

JERRY HUCK



It is with great sadness that I announce the death of Jerry Huck. Jerry was very active in the 1/3 Chapter and the Association for years. Jerry was a member of the Board of Directors and a very valuable member of the Reunion Committee. He had the large task of picking out the "Bunker" at the hotel for the Reunions. The committee would meet at the Reunion hotel a year ahead of the Reunion to plan the reunion and see the hotel setup. Jerry also had the HUGE job of getting beverages and snacks donated for the "Bunker" and the hospitality room. He always came through.

This is personally very sad for me as Linda and I grew very close to Jerry and Susan. We had many great times together. Jerry was one of the most loved people I know. He was always there for you.

Manager Roger Bacon and I continue to remind the membership that if you can get to the Reunions, please do. Life is very short. Life is very precious.

Rest in Peace, Marine Semper Fi, Bob North

JERRY HUCK 1948-2021

Jerry Huck Sr. was born December 29, 1948 in Yakima, WA to Helen and Frank Huck, he was the fourth of eight boys. His family moved to Everett in 1956 where he attended local schools.

Just like three of his brothers before him, Jerry served in the United States Marine Corps including a 1968-69 tour of duty in Vietnam. Beyond his service to his country, he spent the last 15 years as an active member of the Third Marine Corps Division Association. He enjoyed helping to plan the annual reunions, which included scoping out future locations, setting up and providing refreshments for the Hospitality Room and the infamous 'Bunker'.

After working for Read Products for 20 plus years, he moved into property management and maintenance for multifamily dwellings. He was a Jack of all trades, working at construction, electrical and plumbing jobs, landscaping, restaurant management and even commercial fishing. His other passions included building his dream cabin in the North Cascades and going to Seahawk games.

He was larger than life, full of love, fiercely loyal, a dedicated father, compassionate, generous and courageous.

He is survived by Susan, his loving wife of 40 years, two daughters: Jennifer Oberg and husband Joshua, Kelly Andrist and husband Morgan and his son Gerald Jr and wife Tiffany.

Jerry is proceeded in death by brothers Daniel, Frank, James, Timothy and Ralph. He has two surviving brothers, Larry and Mark.

He will be laid to rest at Tahoma National Cemetery. A celebration of Jerry's life will be taking place at a later time. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American Cancer Society.

Final



Formation

Annual Member James Robinson;

West Grove, PA; E 2/4, 1967-68; Died 10/31/21

Annual Member Donald Plaunick;

Fort Deposit, MD; HQ 1/2, B 1/2, 1965-66; Died 8/25/20 ***

Life Member Charles Cook;

Vestavia Hills, AL; A 1/9, 1942-45; Died 1/27/19 ***

Life Member Major Frank Sims;

Morrison, CO; Wprs & HQ 2/9, 1954-55; Died 3/1/20 ***

Annual Member Edward Rush;

Bear, DE; H&S 3rd FSR, 1969-70; Died 10/27/20

Life Member John (Jack) Conley;

Sharpsking, GA; B1/13, 2/26 FSCC, 1967-68; Died 11/26/20 ***

Life Member Gerald Huck;

Kenmore, WA; B 1/3, 1968-69; Died 2/16/21 ***

Life Member Peter Sears;

Lincoln, CA; G&HQs 3/3, 3rd Med BN, 1953-54, 1968-69; Died 10/31/20 ***

Life Member Colonel Richard Balda;

Brookefield, WI; E 2/4, 1966-67; Died 2/2/21 ***

Life Member Frederick Getchell;

Conway, NH; L 3/3, 1942-44; No date provided ***



In Memoriam



Gerald "Jerry" Huck, Sr. B 1/3 1968-69

We will never forget 1/3 Chapter Members

MEMORIAL DAY

This is something I saved and try to read every Memorial Day.....

Meaning of Memorial Day

"...from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last fill measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."

—Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg Address

<u>It's a sacred day to all war veterans</u>. None need to be reminded of the reason why Memorial Day must be commemorated. But what about the general public, and more importantly, future generations? Do most non-veterans really recognize the importance of May 30?

Judging from what Memorial Day has become—simply another day off from work—the answer is a resounding no. Perhaps a reminder is due then. And it is the duty of each and every veteran to relay the message.

Why Remember? Sacrifice is meaningless without remembrance. America's collective consciousness demands that all citizens be aware of and recall on special occasions the deaths of their fellow countrymen during wartime.

Far too often, the nation as a whole takes for granted the freedoms all Americans enjoy. Those freedoms were paid for with the lives of others few of us actually knew. That's why they are all collectively remembered on one special day.

This should be regarded as a civic obligation. For this is a national debt that can only be truly repaid by individual Americans. By honoring the nation's war dead, we preserve their memory and thus their service and sacrifice.

Who Are We Remembering? The nation mourns the loss of all Americans who died defending their country throughout the world since 1775. These are men and women who have remained mostly anonymous except to the families who loved them.

They came from all walks of life and regions of the country. But they all had one thing in common—love of and loyalty to country. This bond cemented ties between them in times of trials, allowing a diverse lot of Americans to achieve monumental ends.

Who were they? They were relatives, friends and neighbors melded together to perform a service for an entire society--they were the nation's defenders.

Memorial Day is exclusively for honoring those who died serving in uniform during wartime.

What Are We Remembering? We remember the loss of defenders, a sense of loss that takes group form. In essence, America is commemorating those who made the greatest sacrifice possible—giving one's own life selflessly.

This remembrance is all inclusive, spanning 242 years and over 60 military actions that claimed 1.4 million lives.

Most Americans are familiar with the major wars/conflicts—Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican War, Civil War, Spanish-American War, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Panama, Grenada, Lebanon, Persian Gulf, Somalia, Bosnia, Kosovo and Afghanistan. Examples of the lesser-known actions range from the Franco-American Naval War (1798-1800) to the tragedy of the USS Cole. No American death is too insignificant to remember when that life was lost at the behest of society.

GIs do not choose where they serve or what foreign policy they must enforce. The death of a sailor in the Gulf is every bit as important as one killed in the Pacific during WWII. Such distinctions are irrelevant.

How Do We Remember? Means of paying tribute vary. Pausing for a few moments of personal silence is an option for everyone.

Attending commemorative ceremonies is the most visible way of demonstrating remembrance; placing flags at grave sites, marching in parades, sponsoring patriotic programs, dedicating memorials and wearing Buddy Poppies are examples.

Whether done individually or collectively, it is the thought that counts. Personal as well as public acts of remembering are the ideal. Public displays of patriotism are essential if the notion of remembering war dead is to be instilled in the young.

As America's war vets fast disappear from society's notice, there are fewer and fewer standard bearers left to carry the torch of remembrance. Such traditions will live on only if there is a vibrant movement to which that torch can be passed.

When Do We Remember? Until the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.1. 90-363), Memorial Day was observed each May 30.

That custom became a tradition with the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), the Union veterans organization that made honoring Civil War dead a civic duty for all citizens. Until 1882, the practice of placing flowers at grave sites was known as Decoration Day.

A Government Action Regulation (GAR) order had called for "strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion."

New York was the first state—in 1873—to legalize May 30. By 1890, all northern states had followed suit.

Changing the date merely to create three-day weekends has undermined the very meaning of the day. No doubt, this has contributed greatly to the general public's nonchalant observance of Memorial Day.

Perhaps the most profound tribute of all was made on the first national memorial observance in May 1868 by then General James A. Garfield when he said: "They summed up and perfected, by one supreme act, the highest virtues of men and citizens. For love of country they accepted death, and thus resolved all doubts, and made immortal their patriotism and virtue."

MEMORIAL DAY

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If possible, send your ad via e-mail in JPEG to: **rogerbacon45@yahoo.com** or CD-Rom to **Third Marine Division Association** (Address above). If you e-mail your ad, you must still mail contract.

<u>2021 REUNION JOURNAL FORM</u> 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.

Standard Black & White

Full Page (7 1/2" X 10 1/8" \$375.00 Horizontal 1/2 Page (7 1/2" X 5 1/16") \$200.00 Vertical 1/2 Page (3 3/4" X10 1/8") \$200.00 One-Quarter Page (3 3/4" X 5 1/16") \$125.00 One-Eight Page (3 3/4" X 2 1/2") \$ 75.00 **Business Card (3 1/2" X 2") Association Member** \$40.00 Non-Member \$60.00 Memorial Ad (1-3/4" X 3/4") \$25.00

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Your Fellow Armee

Joe Smith

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Complete information below with respective payment as well as content of submission. Except for a business ad, if requested, we will do layout for you.

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In the event the Reunion is cancelled on account of COVUS-19 concerns or an event beyond the control of the 3rd Marine Division Association, and printing of your ad in the Reunion program can be canceled, you will be refunded your prorata share of payment for your ad

THIRD MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM | Member ID #: ______ Effective Date: ______ | Name: ______ | NEW Mailing Address: ______ | City: ______ State: _____ | NINE-DIGIT ZIP Code: ______ NEW Telephone #: (_____) PRINT ALL INFORMATION, CLIP THIS FORM SO THAT YOUR CURRENT MAILING LABEL IS ON THE REVERSE AND MAIL TO: THIRD MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, P.O. BOX 466, LISBON, OH 44432-0466 **Postal regulations require use of NINE-DIGIT ZIP Code as of October 1996**

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Name		Date	e of Birth	
Active Duty	Retired _	Reserve	Former	Associate
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LIFE MEMBER DUES (Effective 1 January 2017)

All Ages\$500

Installment Life Member Payments of \$50 each, or balance due, may be made over a two year period. Installment Five Year Member Payments of \$50 each, or balance due, may be made over a two year period.

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RAFFLE

Our reunion in Fort Worth, TX is fast approaching and the reunion committee is looking forward to hosting what we feel will be the best reunion we've had in a long time, at the Radison Hotel Fort Worth North, September 13-19.

The Committee is hoping you will support the reunion by not only attending, but also by **buying and selling raffle tickets***. The drawing will take place on Saturday, September 18th, at the General Membership meeting. The funds raised will help deploy the costs of the reunion with the balance going into the General Fund helping your Association to carry on its proud tradition. We ask for your continued support. Because of members like you, your Association continues to thrive.

There will be three prizes (and the winners need not be present): First Prize is \$1,000.00 cash. Second Prize is \$500.00 cash and Third Prize is \$250.00 cash. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. TICKET STUBS AND CHECKS must be returned **no later than September 8, 2021** to the Third Marine Division Association, P.O. Box 466, Lisbon, OH 44432. Checks/money orders must be made payable to: Third Marine Division Association.

NOTE: MAKE SURE WE CAN READ THE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER ON EACH TICKET.

*Which are printed on the following page. We ask that you <u>make</u> copies of these tickets and buy and sell as many as you can.



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NEED A REPLACEMENT MEMBERSHIP CARD?

If your membership card has been lost or is suffering the ravages of old age, a replacement is available from the Association Manager.

Both Life Member and Annual Member cards for regular and associate members are available.

Replacement membership cards can be obtained by forwarding a check or money order for \$5.00 made payable to: Third Marine Division Association and send to Third Marine Division Association, P.O. Box 466, Lisbon, OH 44432-0466.

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City and State	Nine-Digit ZIP Code		
Home Telephone ()	Spouse's Name)	
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