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2022 REUNION



THIRD MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 12 – 18, 2022
SAN DIEGO, CA



CELEBRATING THE 80th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING AND ACTIVATION OF
THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION

ASSOCIATION CONTACT INFORMATION

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— 67th Annual Family Reunion, 12-18 September 2022, San Diego, CA —

President's Message



March, 2022

Hello, Third Marine Division Family,

It's time to book your Reunion Adventure in San Diego that includes a major event: celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the Activation of the Third Marine Division. The activation took place at the now defunct Camp Elliott, located at the present day MCAS Miramar. We will be at Miramar on the exact date, 16 Sept 1942 - 16 Sept 2022. The Commanding General of the Third Marine Division, MajGen Jay M. Bargeron will be present to help unveil the historical marker. The reunion is 12 Sept - 18 Sept 2022. We have a member, Woody Williams, who actually trained at Camp Elliott on his way to the Pacific Theater and Iwo Jima, where his gallantry and heroism merited his receiving the Medal of Honor. I have personally invited him

to come to the reunion. I have invited the Commandant of the Marine Corps to come as well. We will have media coverage too.

Registration and information is online at caltrap.org as well as this edition of the CALTRAP. Remember, if any members would like to get their CALTRAP emailed to them, and have not already signed up, please email either: rogerbacon45@yahoo.com; or RLNPLANO@HOTMAIL.COM. You will get your CALTRAP quicker.

Also, there are some tricky things to pay attention to. For now, there is a fairly generous limit as to the number of people who can attend MCRD graduation. The limit has been set by the Department of Defense and MCRD. That may change. But now we have a limit that we have to work with. So, first come, first serve. If we reach that limit with registrations, we

will start a list should they open it up to further numbers. If you want to go to graduation, sign up and pay. Should the maximum number be fulfilled, you will then go on a waitlist, at which time you will be notified. I have hopes the numbers will increase by then. I really think most everyone will be able to go. A trip to MCRD also includes a trip to Miramar. You may go to Miramar only if you wish. However, no one who registers in person at the hotel, will be allowed to go. All three bases we are going to have a cutoff time to clear everyone. The deadline is 13 Aug 2022.

Online registration with our reunion partner, Armed Forces Reunion, Inc. (AFRI) at <http://www.afr-reg.com/3mar2022> is open.

Remember you are not registered until paid.

Although the price per barrel of oil has gone down and up lately, the future price is still unsure. You might want to consider buying plane tickets soon. I am not an expert, but if I were going to fly, I would buy mine now.

You may now purchase 80th Anniversary shirts. They are high quality polo shirts. Order form in this issue of the CALTRAP.

Looking for a great reunion. See you in San Diego!

Semper Fidelis,

Bob

2021-2022 Association Officers

President	Bob North
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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Hello all Marines and Corpsmen

I'm Don Bumgarner and I would like to share a few thoughts with you. I served in Charlie Company,

1st Bn 3rd Marines in Viet Nam from February 1967 till March 1968. After returning from Nam, like most of you I continued with my life. I continued my schooling at a Junior College in Long Beach, California, and earned my goal of an AA Degree. Taking classes in Introduction to Law Enforcement, I eventually pursued a career in Law Enforcement and was a LA County Deputy Sheriff for 25 years, retiring in 1995 after a younger brother was killed in a car accident. I took his job in a family business for the next seven years.

In 2001-2002 I learned of the computer and found information about 1stBn/3rd Marines. I found a Charlie Company list of names. I saw names of possible guys I had served with in Nam. I wrote letters inquiring if they were the Marines I thought they were. Wow. I reconnected with a few of them. One, Ron Asher, lived approximately 35 miles from me. Ron and I connected, and together we attempted to contact as many C/1/3 Marines and Corpsmen as possible. Ron and I went to a 3rd Marine Division Reunion in Arizona. We met Bill Ervin there, with 1st Bn/3rd Marine Association.

Ron and I located many Marines from Charlie Company and at the 3rd Marine Division Reunion in Las Vegas in 2007 we had 50 guys from C/1/3 there. Double WOW! I saw guys from my 60mm Mortar Crew. There were many there that were at their first reunion. Roger Bacon, Ken Burkitt and Ron Asher and others I went to Nam with were there. After the Las Vegas Reunion, we all continued to go to more Reunions. At the 2011 Reunion, Ken and Roger finally talked me into returning to Viet Nam. Bill Ervin was conducting tours in Viet Nam at that time. In April 2012, Roger, Ken and I, along with Bill Taylor (he had gone to Nam with us too)

and his son went to Viet Nam for a 14 day trip. Bill Ervin and Ahn toured us throughout I-Corp, where we had been before. It turned out to be great trip and one that none of us will forget.

Through the years, Roger, Ken and I have attended most reunions. We were active with the 1/3 Association, and usually ran the 1/3 Bunker. Arnold Ewing came to his first reunion in Orlando. Arnold was in Mortars with me after joining C/1/3 in October 1967. My daughter attended the Colorado Springs Reunion for her first time. I think at the Branson reunion, Leslie, Beth (Ken's daughter), and Keri (Arnold's daughter) all attended.

In 2020 we planned to go to Washington DC for the reunion. That reunion got cancelled, but my daughter had arranged a mini-reunion to follow in the Smokey Mountains in Tennessee for a small group of us. Ken, Roger, Arnold, and their wives, plus the three daughters (Leslie, Beth and Keri) and me, and two of my cousins spent a week there. It was awesome, and a week I will never forget. We learned a lot about what each of us had done since we were in the Marines together. The bond we have as Marines, is something else. Almost like true brothers.

We all attended this past reunion in Fort Worth, Texas, but Roger, Ken and I are pretty busy at the reunion. My daughter planned a small get together for us at a mansion on the Gulf Coast in Kemah, Texas. It was a five day stay, and another awesome time had by all. There had been a hurricane through the area just prior to our arrival, and the pier out in the bay was destroyed. Still, our small group from C/1/3 did enjoy another mini-reunion together.

The mansion was offered at a reduced price and our small group again got together this past month (March 25 to April 2). Sgt. Bonnie and his wife, Betsey, joined us this time. The 12 of us had a great time together. We had almost nightly sit-down dinners



together; reminded me of growing up and the family eating together. We five Marines enjoyed each other's company and just soaked a lot in the pool, talking and hanging out.

I know a couple of years ago, that a group of Marines and Corpsmen from B/1/3 went back to Viet Nam and Bill Ervin had guided them also.

My main thought that I want to share, is that we are all getting older. If you have fairly good health and can travel, I hope you might find your old Marine buddies and do something like we have started to do. To spend valuable time with your old Marine friends. It is something you will like. You do not realize with that time in the Corps and Nam, how bonded you are, even today.

I always encourage those that have not been to a Reunion to go to one. Our next Reunion is in San Diego in September. Hope you all can make it! Then try to have your own mini-reunion. Both are worthwhile and good for your soul. You will not be disappointed.

Take care my Brothers. Semper Fidelis,

Don Bumgarner,
Vice President of Third Marine
Division Association

Missing DD214 or Military Records

Get a copy of your DD214
or official military
personnel record (OMPF)

Discharged 1998 or earlier:

National Personnel
Records Center
1 Archives Drive
St. Louis, MO 63138
MPR.center@nara.gov or
www.archives.gov/st-louis
Phone: 314-801-0800
Fax: 314-801-9195

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Commandant of the
Marine Corps (MMRP)
2008 Elliot Road
Quantico, VA 22134
www.manpower.usmc.mil/
webcenter/portal/MMRP20/
RecordsRequest
Phone: 800-268-3710

Source:

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Dear Association Member:

A lasting tribute to deceased loved ones or friends may be made through a Memorial Donation to the Third Marine Division Association's GENERAL FUND or MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

To make your Memorial Donation, complete this form, enclose your donation, and mail it to the Association business office. Your donation will be acknowledged, an appropriate notification will be sent to the person you designate below without indicating the amount of the donation, and you will receive a copy.

The Third Marine Division Association, Inc., has been granted tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(19) of the IRS Code. All donations are tax deductible.

Date: _____

Association Manager: _____

Enclosed is my Memorial Donation of \$ _____

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Name (First Name also, if known): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ 9-Digit ZIP: _____

Relationship to Deceased (if applicable): _____

(Please retain this form for use at appropriate time)

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

FROM THE ASSOCIATION MANAGER

How wonderful it is to live in the country without the hassle of traffic sounds. I love to be able to sit on my back deck overlooking the pastures and wooded acreage and listen to nature. I watch our horses, I see the deer and their fawns, the squirrels and a large variety of birds, all gathering at the feeders – what a way to see and listen to nature.

I cherish the universe beyond my fence line but I'm still aware of the dangers beyond—an occasional fox, raccoon, possum, and some evenings the howling of nearby coyotes.

As a combat veteran this reminds me of days/nights in a foxhole listening to sounds of nature that don't ask for permission to destroy the lives that have been created: safety and danger, beauty and wilderness, life and death.

It's at times like this that I sometimes wonder why my mind goes back to a time more than a half century ago, a time



when I faced special challenges in that far-off torn land, Vietnam. Each time I see a picture of a scene in Vietnam or read something about the war, my mind

drifts back to those 13 months filled with horror.

I found this little poem that speaks to me in a special way:

LETTING GO

An old man stands as straight as time allows, tears form and follow the deep lines in his face... and he lets it go.

His reflection shimmers in the black stone behind the names of those he has known as a bugle plays its mournful tones... and he lets it go.

The flag snaps in the wind, a symbol of those who died and those who came home again, hurt, angry and alone, abandoned by those who should have known what it takes to be free... and he lets it go.

Turning, he walks slowly away weeping for what had to be – an old man, much like you and me.

(E.W. Richardson)

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS NOTICE

In accordance with Article 3.5 of the Bylaws of the Third Marine Division Association, Inc., notice is given that the Annual Meeting of the Members will be held at 0900 on Saturday, 17 Sept 2022, at the Holiday Inn San Diego Bayside 4875 North Harbor Drive - San Diego, CA 92106. In accordance with Article 4 of the Association Bylaws, notice is given that the Association Board of Directors will meet at 1800 on Friday, 16 Sept 2022, at the Holiday Inn San Diego Bayside 4875 North Harbor Drive - San Diego, CA 92106. The Organizational meeting of the Association Board of Directors will be held at 1230, or immediately following the Annual Meeting of Members on Saturday, 17 Sept 2022 at the Holiday Inn San Diego Bayside 4875 North Harbor Drive - San Diego, CA 92106.

REUNION COMMITTEE

The Reunion Committee has worked very hard to plan a memorable 80th Anniversary reunion in San Diego and we hope you will attend and enjoy the festivities.

Please don't forget our silent and live auctions. They are only as successful as the items you donate, so please be generous.

We look forward to seeing you in San Diego.

Remember, LIFE IS TOO SHORT, HUG A LITTLE LONGER, LOVE A LITTLE STRONGER, FORGIVE A LITTLE SOONER, AND SMILE A LITTLE SWEETER.

Linda North



PLEASE KEEP RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS!

THIRD MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC. 80TH ANNIVERSARY
SEPTEMBER 12-18, 2022
HOLIDAY INN SAN DIEGO BAYSIDE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

1200 Hospitality Room open throughout the reunion
1300 - 1800 Reunion Registration open

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

0700 - 0730 Reunion Registration open
1200 - 1500 **Harbor Tour – 2 Hour Cruise**
1400 - 1800 Reunion Registration open
1700 - 2100 Welcome Meet and Greet Dinner with Memorial Service.
Cash Bar Available

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

0800 - 1530 Camp Pendleton Including Lunch
1000 - 1130 **Reunion Registration Open**
1600 - 1700 Ice Cream Social
1700 - 1730 Memorial Scholarship Fund Meeting
1730 - 1800 Finance Committee Meeting
1800 - Unit Meetings

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

0800 - 1730 Museum and MCRD Graduation followed by MCAS Miramar
and Lunch at the Officer's Club
1145 - 1730 Trip to Miramar and Lunch at the Officer's Club Only
1400 - 1600 **Reunion Registration open**
1800 - 1900 Board of Directors Meeting
1900 - 2100 80th Anniversary Reception with Light Refreshments – **FREE**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

0900 - 1200 Membership Business Meeting
0930 - 1330 Ladies Day Trip to Seaport Village
1230 - 1330 Board of Directors Organizational Meeting
1330 - 1400 Chapter Presidents Meeting
1400 Silent Auction Closes!
1800 - 1900 Cash Bar
1900 - Banquet / Program

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

0700 - 0730 Protestant Church Service - Meeting Room to be Determined
Catholic Mass – On your own (may have specifics at Reunion)

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 – HARBOR TOUR

Note: Those with walking disabilities will find it difficult to get down the ramp to the boat. The vessel and interior main deck are wheelchair accessible but the exterior top deck and restrooms are not ADA accessible.

Enjoy a two-hour narrated harbor cruise of San Diego Bay. Take in the sites of the North Bay including the Star of India and iconic ships of the Maritime Museum, Harbor Island, Shelter Island and North Island Naval Air Station. Enjoy the South Bay and see the USS Midway Aircraft Carrier, US Navy Surface Fleet, the Coronado waterfront, Naval amphibious Base Coronado (home of the Navy SEAL's) and the Coronado Bay Bridge,

**Board bus at 1145 and return to hotel at 1515
\$67/Person includes transportation, escort and cruise.**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 – CAMP PENDLETON- The Ranch House – FORM REQUIRED

View the beautiful Spanish architecture for the Ranch House itself, which as Camp Pendleton, became housing for the Commanding General which stopped in the 1970's. There is still a very large "Base Camp" as in "cattle ranching", on site that you will be visiting. Armored vehicles and warfare collections will be on display for your viewing pleasure and a great photo opportunity! Plan to have lunch with the troops at the mess hall. Choosing from a variety of food options. A visit to the PX MCX is included.

**0800 board bus and return at 1530
\$89/Person includes transportation, escort and lunch
*Information required – SEE REGISTRATION FORM**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 – MCRD GRADUATION/MCAS MIRAMAR – FORM REQUIRED

Arrive for a visit at the museum before attending the graduation ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony, head straight to MCAS Miramar for lunch at the Officer's Club and an 80th Anniversary Celebration including a trip to the flightline and the unveiling of the historical marker.

***ATTENDANCE IS LIMITED FOR THE GRADUATION DUE TO DOD AND MCRD GUIDELINES**
(Subject to change)

**0800 board bus 1730 back at the hotel
\$97/Person includes transportation, escort and lunch
*Information required – SEE REGISTRATION FORM**

MCAS MIRAMAR ONLY – FORM REQUIRED

Arrive at MCAS Miramar for lunch at the Officer's Club and an 80th Anniversary Celebration including a trip to the flightline and the unveiling of the historical marker.

***FOR THOSE THAT WISH TO NOT ATTEND THE GRADUATION OR UNABLE TO ATTEND DUE TO DOD AND MCRD GUIDELINES**

**1145 board bus 1730 back at the hotel
\$97/Person includes transportation, escort and lunch
*Information required – SEE REGISTRATION FORM**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 – LADIES DAY TRIP TO SEAPORT VILLAGE

Seaport Village is a waterfront shopping and dining complex located adjacent to the San Diego Bay. There are over 70 shops, galleries and eateries to visit.

**0930 board trolley 1330 back at the hotel
\$35/Person includes transportation and escort**

***Driver and Staff gratuities are not included in the tour prices.
Please be at the bus boarding area at least fifteen minutes prior to the scheduled time.
All tours require a minimum of thirty-five people, unless otherwise noted.***

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.

THIRD MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM – 9/12-9/18

Listed below are registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at www.afr-reg.com/3mar2022 (3.5% fee added to credit card transactions). All forms and payments must be received by mail on or before August 13, 2022. After 8/13, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.
322 Madison Mews
Norfolk, VA 23510
ATTN: THIRD MARINE DIVISION

OFFICE USE ONLY

Check # _____ Date Received _____
 Inputted _____ Nametag Completed _____

DATE/TIME	ACTIVITY	\$ PER PERSON	# OF PEOPLE	TOTAL
Wed. 9/14 – 1200-1500	Harbor Tour – 2 Hour Cruise	\$67		\$
Thurs. 9/15 – 0800-1530	Camp Pendleton Tour – Includes lunch	\$89		\$
Fri. 9/16 – 0800-1730	MCRD Graduation and MCAS Miramar – Includes lunch at the Miramar Officer’s Club	\$97		\$
	*Attendance is limited for the graduation due to DOD and MCRD Guidelines (Subject to change)			\$
Fri. 9/16 – 1145 – 1730	MCAS Miramar (does not include graduation) – Includes lunch at the Miramar Officer’s Club	\$97		\$
	*For those that wish to not attend the graduation or unable to attend due to DOD and MCRD guidelines *Those that wish to attend graduation will be put a waiting list*			\$
Sat. 9/17 – 0930-1330	Ladies Day Trip to Seaport Village	\$35		
	Meal Functions			
Wed. 9/14 – 1800-2000	Meet and Greet Dinner/Memorial Service	\$35		
Thurs. 9/15 – 1600-1700	Ice Cream Social	\$15		\$
Fri. 9/16 – 1900-2100	80 th Anniversary Reception	FREE		
Sat. 9/17 - 1900-2200	Annual Banquet (Cash Bar at 1800) Please choose your entrée for the Saturday Banquet: Tri Tip Steak Marinated in Fresh Herbs, Citrus & Garlic	\$60		\$
	Macadamia Nut Chicken – CONTAINS NUTS	\$60		\$
	Vegetarian Entree	\$50		\$
	REGISTRATION FEES			
Price if received by 8/13/22	MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE	\$ 25		\$
Price if received by 8/13/22	REGISTRATION FEE for kids under 18, Active Duty, WWII Vets & their spouses and Medal of Honor Recipients.	FREE		
Price if postmarked after 8/13/22	LATE REGISTRATION FEE (no exemptions)	\$ 35		\$
	ONSITE PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE. This applies to all onsite registrations. No exceptions, no exemptions. PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE – BASE ACCESS WILL BE DENIED	\$ 45		\$
Total Amount due to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.				\$

FIRST _____ LAST _____
 CIRCLE: WWII / KOREA / VIETNAM / GULF WAR / ACTIVE DUTY / PEACETIME 1st TIME ATTENDEE? YES NO
 3rd MARINE DIV. ATTENDEE? UNIT INFO (EXAMPLE: 1/3, 3/3, 12th Marines, etc.) _____
 SPOUSE & GUEST NAMES (IF ATTENDING) _____
 STREET ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PH. NUMBER (____) _____ - _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____ @ _____

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

MUST BE COMPLETE!

REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR BASE ACCESS

ALL PARTIES - You Must Fill Out the Following (including spouse and guests)

- 1) Legal Name
(Last, First, Full Middle Name) _____
Suffix (Jr, Sr, etc) _____ DOB _____
Status (Active, Ret., Civilian, Veteran, etc.) _____
Driver's License # _____ State Issued _____
State ID # (if no driver's license) _____ State Issued _____
Phone Number _____
DOD # (if you have one) _____
- 2) Legal Name
(Last, First, Full Middle Name) _____
Suffix (Jr, Sr, etc) _____ DOB _____
Status (Active, Ret., Civilian, Veteran, etc.) _____
Driver's License # _____ State Issued _____
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Phone Number _____
DOD # (if you have one) _____
- 3) Legal Name
(Last, First, Full Middle Name) _____
Suffix (Jr, Sr, etc) _____ DOB _____
Status (Active, Ret., Civilian, Veteran, etc.) _____
Driver's License # _____ State Issued _____
State ID # (if no driver's license) _____ State Issued _____
Phone Number _____
DOD # (if you have one) _____

If you have additional guests, please write in their information on the back of this form.

PLEASE NOTE – YOU WILL **BE UNABLE** TO ATTEND THIS EVENT WITHOUT PROVIDING THE INFORMATION ABOVE.
YOU WILL **BE UNABLE** TO SIGN UP ON-SITE FOR THIS EVENT – **BASE ACCESS WILL BE DENIED AFTER 13 AUG**



Third Marine Division Association Reunion

September 13 - 18, 2022

in beautiful, sunny San Diego at the Holiday Inn San Diego Bayside in scenic Point Loma situated just steps from the Bay

Holiday Inn San Diego Bayside

4875 N. Harbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92106
619,224,3621
www.holinnbayside.com

RESERVATION INFORMATION

Call (800) 662-8899 and reference the Third Marine Assn Reunion or book online at www.holinnbayside.com and click on BOOK NOW, enter dates and click on Group Code and enter LVZ to pull up group rate.

Hotel Information

- *Group Dates: Sept 13 - 18, 2022*
- *Group Rate: \$149 + tax (12.59% total)*
- *Cutoff Date: August 22, 2022*
- *Complimentary Airport Shuttle: call 619-224-3621 AFTER you retrieve your luggage*
- *FREE on-site parking for your group*
- *Rooms with one King Bed or two Queen Beds*
- *In-room Mini-Fridge, Keurig Coffee Maker, free WiFi*
- *On-site Restaurant & Bar - 10% Senior Discount*
- *Outdoor Heated Pool & Hot Tub*
- *Many great restaurants within walking distance or a quick 2-5 min drive.*



**Holiday Inn San Diego Bayside
800-662-8899**

Location

4875 North Harbor Drive
San Diego CA 92106

Reservation Information

Please call the number above and reference the Third Marine Division Association or click on the link below:

[Third Marine Div Assn Group](#)

Or please visit www.afr-reg.com/3mar2022 and click on the reservation link at the top of the page

Group Name: Third Marine Division Association

Reunion Dates: September 11-19, 2022

Rate: \$149 (+10.5% sales tax + 2% Tourism Marketing Distract tax +0.09% CA Tourism tax - currently)

Cut-off Date: 8/22/22 Late reservations will be processed based on space availability at a higher rate.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellation must be received 48 hours prior to arrival date or there will be a charge of one night's room plus tax.

Parking & Shuttle Information

Parking for the hotel is complimentary for overnight guests.

The hotel does offer complimentary shuttle service to and from the Airport. Please call 619-224-3621 to notify the hotel of your arrival and location. Please do not call the hotel until after you have collected your luggage. The hotel operator will tell you where to meet the shuttle and provide you with an estimated wait time. For shuttle service from the hotel to the airport, please see the front desk for assistance.

Wheelchair Rental

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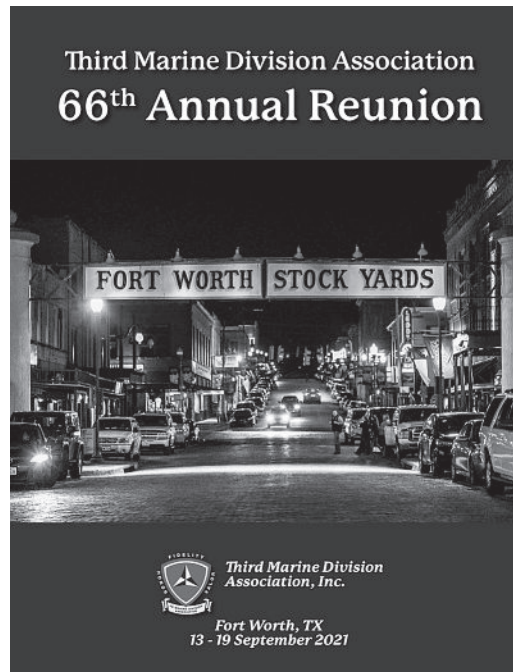
WE NEED SOMEONE TO PLEASE STEP UP AND TAKE OVER THE REUNION JOURNAL. YOU WILL HAVE LOTS OF HELP BUT WE NEED A LEAD. PLEASE CONTACT ME - BOB NORTH (rlnplano@hotmail.com). To be clear, that's: RLNPLANO@HOTMAIL.COM Thank you very much.

WHAT IS THE REUNION JOURNAL

The Reunion Journal is designed to highlight 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.

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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.

CALTRAP Advertising Member Assistance

Help your Third Marine Division Association by asking your local businesses, tourist, convention or recreation activities to advertise in the *CALTRAP*. Following is a suggested note to send to potential advertisers. Make copies, attach to the *CALTRAP* Advertising Contract, sign, and send it to those businesses and organizations who might want to advertise in the *CALTRAP*.

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

Dear _____,

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*



NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

New England Chapter Spring Meeting,
April 8-10, 2022

The New England Chapter meeting for the Spring of 2022 was held in Kittery, Maine and attended by twelve members. The gathering started Friday night with members joining together at Roberts Seafood Restaurant in Kittery for dinner and comradery.

The Chapter lunch meeting was held at the Weathervane Restaurant in Kittery, a short distance from the Coachman Inn where several Chapter Members stayed.

Chapter President Dennis Olson called the meeting to order at 11:15 AM and led the Chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chaplain Cynthia Olson led the Chapter in the Opening Prayer.

Secretary Elaine Fragente read the minutes of our Fall meeting in Cape Cod at the home of Bob and Ann Childs.

Treasurer Deane Taylor gave his financial report. Deane asked members to have our newsletter emailed to them to reduce costs.

Old Business – President Olson spoke with the Association Manager about Reunion Journals being sent to Chapters that submitted ads to the Journal.

New Business – Reunion Journal ads for the following were voted and accepted, 1/2page ad for Greetings and Best Wishes, Dedicated Members Fund, Memorial Scholarship Fund and 1/8 Memorial ad

Information for 2022 Reunion can be found on Association website, check the site for information regarding a commemorative golf shirt.

Visit eMarine PX website before it sells out.

A new Membership Committee Chairperson, Charlie Epps, was elected replacing Ray Kelly who has relocated to Florida.

A tribute to L/CPL Barker, New Hampshire’s Medal of Honor recipient, Fox Co,2/4,3rd Mar Div, September 21,1967 near Con Thein, Vietnam, will take place on Memorial Day. Please read email to Chapter Members for details.

The Fall meeting will take place on Saturday, October 1, on Cape Cod.

Chaplain Cynthia Olson close the meeting with a Prayer.

A New England Seafood Lunch followed with friendly conversation and lots of laughs. Instead of the Chapter contributing money to the lunch, we held a cash raffle which was won by Jim Gray.

Saturday night, members gathered at the When Pigs Fly Restaurant in Kittery for pizza and craft drinks.



1/3 CHAPTER

Hello Marines and Corpsmen:

For those of you who don't know, Don Bumgarner is now the VP of our Third Marine Division Association and I am now the President of the 1/3 Chapter.

We had to switch hotels for the Reunion, but the dates are the same, September 12-18 in San Diego. For those of you who have never attended a Reunion, you should attend this one. It is the 80th Anniversary of the Third Marine Division. There will a limited attendance trip to MCRD for graduation and a trip to Camp Pendleton. Other events are yet to be announced. We have a "Bunker" where we gather to reminisce about both good and bad times. For those of you that have never attended a Reunion, this is THE TIME. I never talked about my tours in Vietnam until I attended the one in Las Vegas in 2007. My wife picked me up in St. Louis upon my return. We were on our way home when she looked at me and said "Do you realize this is the first time you have ever talked about Vietnam? You haven't shut up since you got in the car." The first Reunion was what I needed. I can talk about it to anyone now. Once again, I ask all Marines and Corpsmen to consider joining us in San Diego.

Semper Fi

Ken Burkitt
President C1/3

National Vietnam War Veterans Day, March 29th

In spirit and in word; it is good to be together with you again.

Many books have been written about personal experiences in the Vietnam War.

Our 1/3 Marines and friends are part of the list of published authors, specifically:

Patrick Blake — *The Cross of Gallantry and Ward F*

Rod Padilla — *My Brother's Keeper: Poems of the Vietnam War*

Bill Taylor — *On Full Automatic: Surviving 13 Months in Vietnam*

Cody Burleson — Book in the works. Son of Allen Burleson writing about his Dad who served with Delta Company.

Their books and their stories speak for all of us as their comrades and Brothers in Arms and are an important part of the real story of the Vietnam War and its history. Thank you for your dedication to write for all us.

The Vietnam War is history. It is behind us but not forgotten. Those who we lost fighting alongside of us each day will always be in our hearts and remembered for their ultimate sacrifice.

We, as a generation have moved on and continue to serve and lead by example; respected and admired by those we meet and who know us. We are the men and women that fought and served in the Vietnam War.

On this National Vietnam War Veterans Day, March 29th a National Holiday; tell your friends about it and what it really stands for. That America has a generation of brave young men and women that stood up for freedom; who put their futures on hold and their lives on the line to defend a free country during an invasion determined to overthrow a government and it's free people.

Our country recognizes your service and sacrifice and thanks you and your families. May God continue to bless us, the United States of America, our young fighting men and women serving our country and the United States Marine Corps.

You are our country's finest example of what it means to serve with honor, integrity and courage – Vietnam War Veterans.

Semper Fidelis,

Gerald F. Reczek

Colonel USMC (Ret)

Charlie Six

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ARIZONA CHAPTER

PHOENIX - Thank you to all Vietnam veterans and their loved ones for their service.

On Thursday, March 29, the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services hosted a National Vietnam War Veterans Day Ceremony at Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza in Phoenix.

The ceremony was held in front of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial for the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

National Vietnam War Veterans Day

Tuesday March 29th., 2022

Wesley Bolin Plaza

Phoenix, Arizona

12 Noon

RidersUSA members will meet up at the Coco's Bakery Restaurant located at 2026 N 7th St, Phoenix, AZ 85006 and ride in together.

Meetup at 10:45 (Good food)

KSU at 11:45

[Get the details here.](#)

VIETNAMESE REMEMBRANCE

WESLEY BOLIN

9:30-11:30 AM

SUNDAY, APRIL 24 2022

GOLD STAR WIVES LAY A WREATH AT THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL AT WESLEY BOLIN

TEXAS CHAPTER

Currently have 29 people signed up for our Spring Reunion in Kerrville, TX.: 21 Apr - 24 Apr 2022. Included among our activities and outings will be a meeting and visit with former Commandant Gen Mike Hagge, including our memorial service. Report in the next CALTRAP.

Bob North

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

Wisconsin Chapter held it's spring meeting on March 26th. 28 meets and guests attended.

Sgt. At Arms Ken Vos opened the meeting with the Pledge, Bob Hall led us in prayer and Paul Peterson did the Honor our flag.

We had a great lunch and guest speaker John Matte told of his service in Iraq and Afghanistan, John became a new member.

Russ Zess President, Joe Delora secretary and Andy Tote Treasure presented there reports

Balance of the meeting Paul Joe and Russ detailed the reunion in San Diego

We finished our meeting with our Raffle closing prayer and Taps.

Russ Zess
President





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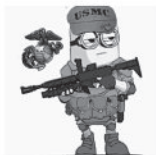
John Murphy ~ 2013

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John Stofiel 2019-2022



President's/Secretary's Korner...

Another month (4) with little or no participation by a majority of our membership? No one to run the ship and keep us afloat... any ideas Marines...

Members present at our last "Meeting": John Stofiel, Jon Haskins, John Murphy, Dan Rom and Morrie Deets so again no quorum. We did have an excellent brunch and sharing time...

Saddened to say, but I will be resigning as our Chapter President at our next gathering on Wednesday 16 February due to a definitive lack of interest in continuing our Chapter by the membership at large.

If someone is interested in continuing the chapter I will have a turn over package prepared. As a Life Member of the 3rdMarDivAssoc. I will continue my allegiance to the Third Herd in honor of our service to same while on active duty.



Monthly Brunch

3rd Wednesday 1100 1300

High Rocks Restaurant & Lounge

915 E Arlington St. Gladstone, OR

Next Mtg.: WED. 16 FEBRUARY 2021

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"SEE YOU"

September 12 - 18, 2022

San Diego, California

68th Annual Reunion

3rd Marine Division 80th Anniversary

The 3rd Marine Division was officially activated on 16 September 1942 at Camp Elliott, San Diego, California.

More info to follow...

- Reunion Schedule:
- Reunion Tours
- Reunion Activity
- Registration Form
- Reunion Raffle Tickets
- Reunion Hotel Reservation
- Reunion Journal
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With honor, with valor, fidelity
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As we march with the men of the
Fighting Third, We're proud Marines
of the Fighting Third.

Brave men before us made history
They died and they bled for victory,
Island to jungle they passed the
word

That the battle was won by the
Fighting Third, Theirs is the heart of
our Fighting Third.

To Corps and to country this pledge
we give That loyal we'll be as long as
we live, May those who follow be
not deterred As they serve in the
ranks of God Bless the Marines of
the Fighting Third.

Edward F. Danowitz
Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps (Retired)

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February 19, 2022 marks the 77th Anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima.

“Located roughly half way between Saipan and Tokyo, and directly under the flight path of B-29 Super fortress bombers headed to Japan, the island of Iwo Jima was a Japanese stronghold of crucial strategic importance and could not be bypassed. Not only would Iwo Jima make an excellent base for Allied fighters escorting B-29 raids, but it would also project the flank of the forthcoming invasion of Okinawa.”

<https://www.usmcmuseum.com/battle-of-iwo-jima.html>

Learn more:

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/history/2020/02/75-years-later-battle-iwo-jima-haunts-veteran/>

Upcoming Corps Family February events:

1st 1100 **Oregon Columbia River Chapt 1stMarDivAssoc** (1st Tu of ea. mo.) @ High Rocks Restaurant 915 E Arlington St, Gladstone, OR Contact: Gary Brannan 503-334-5396 gcbrrannan@comcast.net

2ND GROUND HOG DAY

13th 1100 **Oregon Chapt. Chosin Few Assoc.** (2nd Thur. ea. Mo.) @ High Rocks Restaurant 915 E Arlington St, Gladstone, OR 97027 Contact Jerry Green 503-680-7502_ JGreen24@comcast.net

14TH VALENTINE'S DAY ~LOVE THY NEIGHBORS

16th Wed **Pacific NW Chapt. 3rdMarDivAssoc** (3rd Wed ea. mo.) @ High Rocks Restaurant 915 E Arlington St, Gladstone, OR Contact: John Stofiel 360-907-5342_ ifstofiel@comcast.net

21ST COMMANDER AND CHIEFS DAY

22nd Tue 1100 **Marine Corps Coordinating Council of OR/WA** (3rd Mon mo.) @ the Navy/Corps Reserve Center 6735 N Basin Ave. Portland, OR; Contact: President John Murphy 503-246-8756 murphy2510@msn.com

28th 1900 **USS Oregon Detachment #470 Marine Corps League** (Last Mon ea. mo except May/Dec) @ VFW 18820 SW Boones Ferry Road, Tualatin, OR Contact: Bill Allen 503-730-1872 mclussoregon@comcast.net

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- 1st 1941 2nd Marine Division was officially organized @ Camp Elliott changed designation from the 2nd Marine Brigade.
- 1st 1944 Marines landed in the Marshalls 4th Division's 23rd and 24th Marines landed on Roi and Namur of Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshalls.



13th 1943 Women Marine Corps birthday

- 15th 1898 Maine destroyed 28 Marines among 250 Americans killed when cruiser Maine was blown up in Havana harbor.



19th 1945 Marines on Iwo Jima V Amphibious Corps consisting of the 3rd, 4th and 5th Marine divisions assaulted Iwo Jima, raised the American flag on Mt. Suribachi four days later.

- 19TH 1970 Marines of Combat patrol of 7th Marines charged with deaths of 11 civilians at Son Thang, North Vietnam.
- 20TH 1815 Marines assisted in Constitution victory Capt. Archibald Henderson led marines in "Old Ironsides" victory over Great Britain's Cyane and Levant off the coast of Africa.
- 20th 1962 Marine orbits earth Marine LtCol. John H. Glenn Jr. orbited earth in American space capsule.
- 24th 1991 Marines breached Iraqi lines LtGen. Walter Boomer led Marine 1st and 2nd divisions into Iraq.
- 28th 1967 Marines in Dominican Republic PFC James Anderson Jr the first black marine to win the Medal of Honor.
- 28th 1991 Persian Gulf War (Operation Desert Storm) officially ends.



MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND (MSF) APPLICATIONS FOR 2022-2023

The MSF Board of Trustees has announced the application, eligibility requirements, and MSF Plan for the next academic year 2022-2023 are available on the Association website www.caltrap.org. 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. Scholarships generally range from \$500 to \$1,200 per academic year based solely on financial need but MSF Trustees may increase a scholarship more based on special circumstances.

Third Marine Division Association — Memorial Scholarship fund (MSF) Application for the 2022-2023 Academic Year — Due no later than May 16, 2022 All information must be completed or marked n/a, in black or blue ink, printed legibly or typed.

Scholarships may be awarded for any approved course of study in an accredited college or university, and approved post-high school trade school institution. Applicants must be enrolled in each semester for not less than twelve (12) credit hours. Applicants may also be married. Scholarships will not be given in excess of four (4) years of undergraduate study except for:

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Donations of any amount may be sent to Third Marine Division Association MSF c/o Association Manager PO Box 466 Lisbon, Ohio 44432-0466. In addition, contributions to the scholarship fund can be made on the Association website via Pay Pal, http://www.caltrap.org/3rd_mardivassoc/donations.asp Due no later than May 16, 2022 All information must be completed or marked n/a, in black or blue ink, printed legibly or typed

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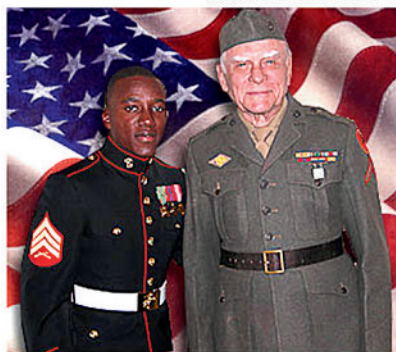
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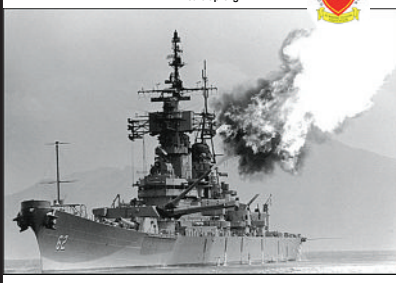
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Jerry Graham

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Daughter of Kenneth Martinosky;
F2/9 WWII;
awarded Silver Star for action at
Iwo Jima

Jennings, Richard;

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Mag 12, 1965-66

Flowers, David;

Maywood, IL;
D/Alpha 1/4, 9th, 1972-73

Kaufman, Maurice;

Maywood, IL;
L3/3, 1968

Gongloff, Grant;

Indianapolis, IN;
Son-in-law to Roger Henry C1/3

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Fremont, NE;
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Died 11/29/21

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Buffalo Grove, IL;
F2/21, 1944-46;
Died 10/5/21

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Sterling Heights, MI;
B1/1, 1959-60;
Died 1/22/2019

Care of Our Own Member

Fred Meyer;
Ridge, NY;
H&S1/3;
Died 11/11/2017

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B/53rdNCB, 1943-46;
Died 8/1/2021

Life Member

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Fredericksburg, VA;
Hdq 3rd, 1944;
Died 1/4/2020

Life Member


Billy Griggs;
Somerville, TN;
G2/21, 1944-46;
Died 2/10/2022

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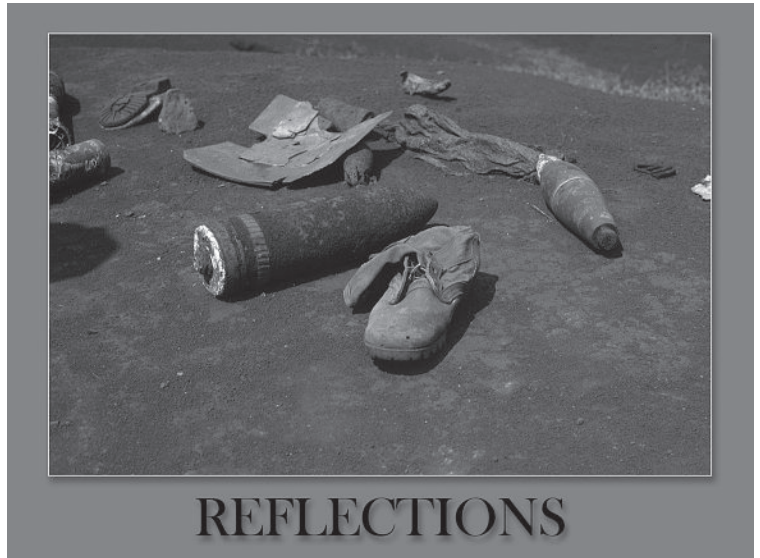
REFLECTIONS

As I search back through the layers of time, seeking the faces, the thoughts, and the fears that once populated this deserted stretch of earth, I feel almost intruder. It's as if I am a stranger to my own past. I reach inside my mind to recapture the feeling, the intensity of this place, only to find it is no longer there. I try to dig past the barriers that time has placed between who I am and who I was but find it is like dipping water with a sieve. The surface is stirred and the senses are aroused, but the thirst remains unquenched. I have become an observer, no longer a participant in the lost society of men who knew this land with an intimacy that few ever know.

But the land has not forgotten the days when young men with their implements of war sweated, bled, and died here. A yellow-green layer of brush and grass now covers the pock-scarred hillsides as they rise up from the valley like the twisted folds of a fine fabric tossed carelessly over the land. Around me, scraps of food packets lay scattered across the ground. An occasional fragment of some unidentifiable object lies rusting in the reddish dirt, reflecting the mid-day sun. A discarded boot lies bleached and curled, half dissolved by time and weather. Shallow remains of fighting holes dot the hill side like the ruins of some vanished civilization. The land, like myself, has not healed completely but it is healing. Some of the scars will always remain, buried under a protective layer of new growth.

Bill Ervin

Excerpt from my journal on my first return to Vietnam. 2/1995



REFLECTIONS



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2022 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.

Standard Black & White

Full Page (7 1/2" X 10 1/8")	\$375.00
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In the event the Reunion is cancelled on account of COVID-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

, **Effective Date:** _____
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Application Date _____

Name _____ Date of Birth _____
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Mailing Address _____

City and State _____ Nine-Digit ZIP Code _____

Home Telephone (_____) _____ Spouse's Name _____

E-mail _____ Occupation _____

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My check for \$ _____ is enclosed for: _____ Annual Regular Dues (\$35) , _____ Annual Associate Dues (\$35)

Five-Year Dues _____ (\$150) _____ Active Duty Dues (\$7.50)

_____ Paid-In-Full Life Membership (\$500) _____ Installment Payment Life Membership (\$50 Installments)

Signature (Required)

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ANNUAL DUES

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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.
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67th Annual Family Reunion will be September 12-18 2022 in San Diego, CA

RAFFLE

Our reunion 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 19th, 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, 2022** 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.





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