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Association Manager Don H. Gee Passes Away

Long-time Association Manager GySgt. Don H. Gee, USMC (Ret.), peacefully passed away on July 28, 2017.

Don helped steer the Association for 16 years. He took over the reins from MGySgt. James G. (Jim) Kyser III, USMC (Ret.) on May 1, 2001.

He joined the Third Marine Division Association in September 1989 and became a Life Member in 1996. Before becoming Association Manager, Don served as the Association's Public Affairs Officer and Editor of the CALTRAP and the annual Reunion Journal since 1996.

At the time of his passing, Gunny Gee served as Chairman of the Distinguished Benefactors and Dedicated Members Page Programs and the Fund Raising, Membership and Reunion Journal Committees.

Donald Harry Gee, Sr. was born on October 1, 1939 in Bristol, PA. After graduating Central Bucks High School West in 1957, he enlisted in the Marine Corps. He later earned a B.A. in Business Administration from Delaware Valley College.

While on active duty, he saw combat action in Santo Domingo (1965) and took part in the Cuban Missile Crisis (1961) and the Cyprus Crisis (1965).

Don retired from the Marine



Don H. Gee, GySgt. USMC (Ret.)

Corps in June 1977, after 20 years of service as a combat correspondent, photojournalist, and public affairs specialist. During his Marine Corps career, he won the prestigious Thomas Jefferson Award for a newspaper supplement, the coveted Armed Forces Writers League "Silver Anchor" Award

See **DON GEE**

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MOVING FORWARD



Officers are sworn in at the 63rd Annual Reunion in Savannah, GA. L-R: President David Bice, Vice President Bob North, Judge Advocate Denis Retoske, Chaplain Richard Black, Secretary Andy Murray, Treasurer Paul Peterson, Medical Officer Robert Adams and new Sergeant-at-Arms Joseph Deloria

The Third Marine Division Association is back in the black for the second time in recent history.

Thanks in part to initiatives like the Fidelity Donation and Legacy Giving programs, the Association has made progress toward a healthier financial future.

Treasurer Paul Peterson reported at the 63rd Annual Reunion in Savannah, GA that revenues have

increased as expenses continue to be reduced thanks to the tireless efforts of past Association Manager Don Gee and himself. These cost-saving initiatives will continue unabated.

Look for the next issue of CALTRAP to include more news and happenings, as well as reflections on the Savannah Reunion.

Inside, President Bice helps explain how we move forward from here.

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

President's Message



Greetings. This message comes at a sorrowful time for our Association. As most of you know, our beloved **Association Manager, GySgt. Don Gee, USMC (Ret.)** passed away this past July, just a few days before our 63rd Family Reunion in Savannah. Don was the consummate professional and one of the most caring and supportive of America's veterans I have known.

As a Life Member of the Third Marine Division Association, along with fulfilling his duties as Association Manager, Don readily volunteered to pick up the slack and fill in for vacant committee slots and ensure the various tasks were completed on time. Don's passing leaves a gaping hole in our hearts and our Association; but, I know Don is now calling muster in Heaven and directing us to fill in and to carry on as Marines. To his wonderful wife, Iris, and family, we all send our deepest condolences and love, and for them to know that Don will not be forgotten by his fellow Marines

and Corpsmen of the Third Marine Division Association. Although Don's passing hung heavily over our 63rd Family Reunion in Savannah, GA, August 1-6, it nevertheless was a successful reunion. Reunion Advisory Committee Members **Ron Deverick, Gerald Huck, Russ Zess, and Bob and Linda North** all did a magnificent job in the planning, preparation, and execution of this wonderful event. Each attendee departed with warm memories of meeting new friends and reacquainting with old combat buddies and spouses. MajGen Mastin Robeson, our Banquet Guest of Honor, along with SgtMaj Wesley Misenhimer, 3rd Recon Bn Sgt Maj, and Sgt Elmer Torres, 3D MarDiv Marine of the Year gave inspirational talks to our attendees and were in constant demand for photographs. **Bob and Linda North** are to be congratulated for their remarkable work in setting up the silent auction and running the live auction at the banquet—Well done to both.

Our 64th Family Reunion will be held at the Elegante Hotel in Colorado Springs, CO, September 11-16, 2018. Make your plans now to attend.

Finally, Don Gee's passing created the need for the Association to reexamine our business practices. Don's business, **D.H. Gee & Associates, Inc.**, will continue as our business partner, with **Mr. Corey Fisher** serving as our Association Manager, PAO, and Editor. Mr. Fisher had been working alongside Don for 15 years and is up to speed on the Association business activities.

That is not to say that Don's several decades of PAO and publication experience can be replaced easily or his expertise in Association matters can be immediately replicated. However, we will strive to meet your expectations and live up to the professional standards that Don and others before him set for us. Rest in Peace Brother Don—we will miss you.

Semper Fidelis,

David F. Bice
MajGen. USMC (Ret)

2017-2018 Association Officers

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AN OPEN LETTER TO MEMBERS OF THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION

The Treasures Report at the 2017 general membership meeting in Savannah reinforced the 2016 message that we need to continue the work on improving the long term financial health of our Association. In 2016, we adopted a course of action as follows:

- Trim Costs. Our Treasurer and Association Manager took action to reduce costs and continue to provide recommendations on future cost reduction actions.
- Improve Income. Initiatives were taken to increase our annual income:

Long Term: Promote Legacy Giving as a means for our members to support the Association. Legacy Giving is a wonderful way for each of us to support our Association long after we are gone. Review the Legacy Giving page in the CALTRAP and consider adding the Third Marine Division Association to your estate plans. Several of us have already acted.

Near Term: Improve membership recruiting and adjust dues schedule beginning in 2017.

Short Term: Continue the highly successful silent and live auctions, and place even greater emphasis on soliciting donations to the Association.

Thanks to all of you, this strategy is paying off and has helped us considerably in working to balance our

books. We also began an initially conceived one-time donation called Fidelity Donation to get us going. Many of you have contributed to the Fidelity Donation each quarter since it began and have stated your desire to continue this donation effort. I ask each member of the Third Marine Division Association to join me in continuing to donate to the Fidelity Donation. Make your check payable to the Third Marine Division Association. Please place your donation in the CALTRAP donation envelope and mail it in or use the credit card service available on the Caltrap.org website.

Thank you for supporting your Association.

Semper Fidelis,



David F. Bice
MajGen. USMC (Ret)
President

Third Marine Division Association

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The following have joined the growing number of Life Members in the Association since publication of the June-September issue of *CALTRAP*.

**Mrs. Iris P. Gee
Dayton Guinee, Jr.
Robert J. Molski**

The CALTRAP Mailing Label

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4-----	P. O. Box 254		
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1. MEMBER NUMBER: Please include this number on ALL payments, checks, changes of address, correspondence, etc.
2. EXPIRATION DATE: 75 indicates a Life Member; 16- indicates 31 Dec 2016 Annual Member expiration date or Installment Payment Life Member interim expiration date.
3. NAME and ACTIVE or RETIRED RANK as carried on Association membership records.
4. STREET/MAILING ADDRESS: As shown on your application/address change notification.
5. CITY and STATE: As shown on your membership application/address change notification.
6. ZIP CODE: 9-digit Zip Code required by Postal Regulations.

DON GEE

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for Feature Writing, the Chief of Navy Information Merit Award for Newsmagazine Editing, and the Marine Corps Division of Information Merit Award for Newspaper Editing.

After retiring from the Marine Corps as a Gunnery Sergeant, he joined the Veterans Administration. From 1978 to 1995, he served in a variety of VA assignments that included Supply Clerk, Warehouseman, Warehouse Chief, Chief Building Management Division, Administrative Officer and Public Affairs Officer. During his 17 years with the VA, he was responsible for managing annual budgets upwards of \$5.5 million.

His biggest success while working at the VA might be finding the last love of his life, Iris, whom he met in 1989 during a workplace 50th Birthday bash. She would be with him until the day he died.

Don retired from the Veterans

Administration in February 1995.

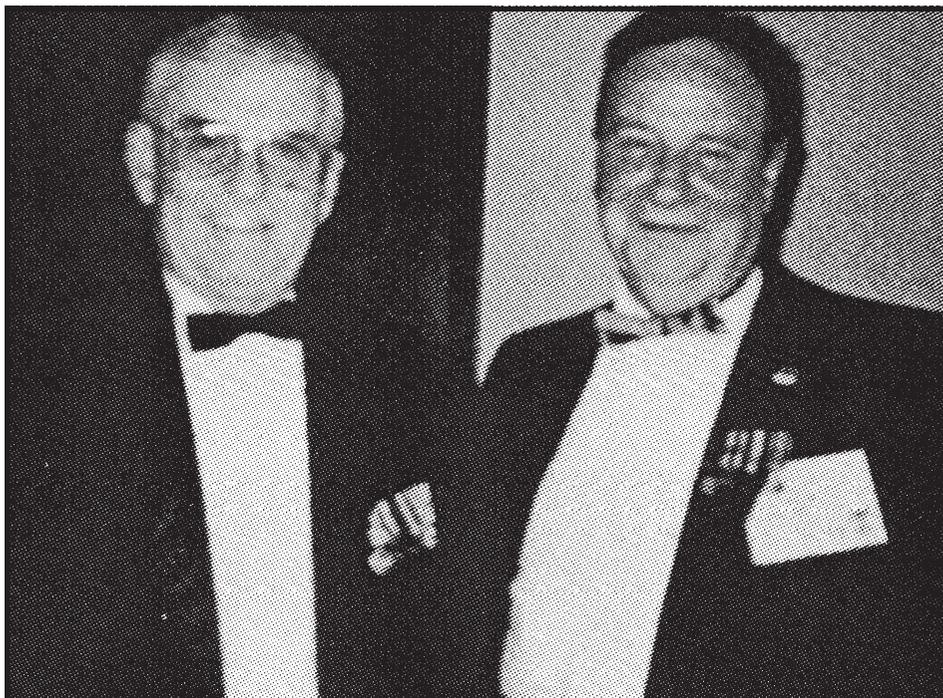
He is a Past National President of the U.S. Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Association (USMCCCA), and a recipient of that organization's Donald L. Dickson Award (comparable to the Third Marine Division Association's Gen. Alan H. Turnage Award). An active member of the Marine Corps League, he served as an officer in numerous positions in the Central Bucks PA Detachment 636, including several stints as Commandant.

At the time of his passing, Don was also the Business Manager of the Chosin Few, Inc. and the Marine Corps Mustang Association.

Don is survived by his wife, Iris P. Gee, son Don H. Gee, daughter Tammy Gee, three stepsons Paul Smith, Jeremy Smith, and Corey Fisher, and 2 grandchildren, Don H. Gee, III and Chris Gee. He is also survived by his sister Lois Mims and several step grand and great grandchildren.

His funeral service was held at Shelly Funeral Home in PA on August 2, 2017 with full military honors. The family asks that Memorial contributions in Don's name be made to the Marine Corps League Foundation of PA at <http://mcllofpafoundation.org>, as well as the Third Marine Division Association Operating Fund.

*There are things
in life we don't
want to happen
but have to accept,
things we don't
want to know but
have to learn,
and people we
can't live without
but have to let go.*



Past Association Managers MGySgt. James G. (Jim) Kyser, USMC (Ret), left, who passed away on Feb. 9, 2014, and GySgt. Don H. Gee, USMC (Ret), are reunited in Heaven

ASSOCIATION NEEDS TRANSFUSION

*by Paul E. Peterson
Association Treasurer*

Just as a wounded Marine needs a blood transfusion to save his life, our Third Marine Division Association needs a financial transfusion to save its life.

During the past five years as the Association Treasurer, I had to report that the Association lost money during four of those five years. To make up for the loses we've had to take money from our reserve funds. The Association is now at a position that those funds are in very serious conditions and needs a transfusion to bring it back to a healthy condition.

At the 62nd Annual Reunion in San Antonio, the members approved a one time Fidelity Donation of \$30.00 or more per member to enable the Association to replenish our reserve funds.

Sadly, I have to report that as of our Association December 2016 Profit and Loss Statement we have only received a total of \$5,105 in donations to this fund. At \$530.00 per member this sum of donations would equal the giving of 170 members. However, some of the members who have already given, have given more than the \$30.00 requested --so the actual number of members giving is much less.

Based upon the number of members that the Association has, this number of contributions is a very poor showing. If we, as proud Marines, do not step forward then our Association will be going downhill and I for one do not want to see that happen.

If you have not already given your \$30.00, please consider doing so as soon as possible using the donation envelope found in your issue of the Caltrap.

To those who have already contributed,
THANK YOU, VERY MUCH!



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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)(4) of the IRS Code.

Date: _____

Association Manager: _____

Enclosed is my Memorial Donation of \$ _____

In Memory of: _____

Designated for the
THIRD MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION'S

GENERAL FUND _____ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND _____

From: _____

Address: _____

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

Please send acknowledgement to:

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)

TRY THESE TO LOCATE A LOST BUDDY

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<http://www.thefew.com/mclinks.html>
<http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/USMarineCorpsReunionClub>

LEGACY GIFTS TO THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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



A bequest can be made in the form of a specific gift of cash or property, or a percentage of the remainder of an estate or asset.

Gift to Memorial Scholarship Fund

I give to the **THIRD MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.**, a non-profit 501(c)(4) corporation, located in Chalfont, Pennsylvania, organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, EIN 95-1865400, the sum of \$_____ [or _____% of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate or a description of the specific asset] to be used for the Memorial Scholarship Fund for the benefit of the Association

Unrestricted Gift (A gift that can be used where need or opportunity is greatest)

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You can make your legacy gift to the Association by:

1. Determining whether you would like to make a gift of a specific amount or asset or leave a percentage of your estate, and whether you would like to direct your gift to a specific program of the Association or leave your gift unrestricted, allowing it to be used for the Association's most pressing needs.
2. Taking the above bequest language to your estate-planning attorney to include in your will or living trust.
3. Contacting the Association to inform us of your gift so we can thank you and ensure your bequest will be fulfilled in the manner you intend.



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

The Third Marine Division Association, Inc., is organized as a non-profit corporation formed and existing under the laws of the State of California and is operated exclusively for social welfare purposes to promote the common good and welfare of the community as set forth in its ByLaws. The Association is recognized as tax exempt under IRS Section 501(c)(4). For information regarding the tax deductibility of any donor's contribution to the Association, the donor should contact his or her tax advisor.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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Friday, August 4, 2017
Desoto Hotel
Savannah, Georgia

Call to Order: Peter Post, Board of Directors Chairman

Invocation: Captain Richard D. Black, CHC USN (ret), Association Chaplain Pledge of Allegiance: Ron Deverick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Secretary Murray provided Determination of quorum, Meeting proof of notice published in the Oct.- Dec. 2016 CAL TRAP

Approval of Minutes: Secretary Murray reported the minutes of the Board meeting of August 2016 had been published in the Oct. — Dec. CAL TRAP. There being no objections the minutes were approved as published.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Maj. General David F. Bice USMC (Ret)

Thank you Chairman Post for your leadership and guidance over this past year and for the support and guidance of the entire board. He stated the Association needs the participation of every member of the Board and each member of the Association to achieve our goals and objectives.

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I want to finish my report with my thanks and prayers to Don and his family for his dedicated service to our Nation, our Corps, and our Association — "He will be missed for many years."

Vice President Bob North: We are

looking to carry over from last year the "Fidelity giving" program. The silent auction helped with our increase in income and we are continuing this program this year. Chairman Post commented that we needed to restart the "Corporate Sponsorship Program." **Secretary Andrew Murray** reported that we have not located the recording equipment, we continue to search for it.

Treasurer Paul Peterson reported that in his opinion, the Third Marine Division Association is currently in fair financial condition. This is the first year since fiscal years 2012 and 2013, where there has been an increase in revenue and a reduction in expenses resulting in a net increase for the year. He went on to say the Association must however continue to work at increasing revenue and constraining expenses to return to a healthy financial position. Life members make up approximately 92% of our total membership, and the life membership account is the only source available for making up any loss of revenue during the year. However, at the previous rate of losses, the life membership account will be depleted in 2-3 years.

Total assets increased \$8,446.00 over the past year.

Judge Advocate Denis Restoske reported that the Association is in good standing as a 501 (c)(4) Corporation with the State of California. And his main undertaking this year was the proposed bylaw changes which will be discussed later in this meeting.

Chaplain Chaplain Black reported that 52 letters of condolence were written to the next of kin of our deceased members. 17 deceased mem-

bers had no next of kin with available addresses. 4 letters were returned with no forwarding capabilities and 1 letter of gratitude was received. Prayers were delivered at the annual 2016 reunion and the Sunday Protestant service was conducted.

Sergeant at Arms: No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reunion Committee: Ron Deverick reported that it had been a busy year getting ready for this reunion. “We need to give a big thanks to Dale Sanders and the Marine Corps League Chatham County chapter for their gracious assistance, and to Bob and Linda North as well. We will be in Colorado Springs next year 9/9 — 9/16 and Branson, Missouri in 2019 9/15 -9/21.”

The new 5 year plan has the Association visiting Chicago area in 2021, San Diego in 2022, Mobile, Alabama in 2023, Norfolk, Virginia in 2024, and Seattle Washington (southside) in 2025. This plan will be presented to the general membership on Saturday.

Membership: No report. But a thought, how can we organize recruiting in the cities where we will be holding reunions.

Awards: Andy Murray reported that the awards committee had received no nominations for any of our major awards.

Bylaws: Denis Restoske reported that the proposed bylaw changes as published in the CALTRAP will be presented for a vote by the members at the annual meeting of members.

Budget and Finance: The Association raised \$9,000 from the Fidelity giving program and \$2,000 from the silent auction. Projected income for the coming fiscal year are \$91,175.00. Projected expenses are \$92,300.00. Projecting \$1,125.00 in the red. It was moved and seconded to rec-

ommend to the general membership approval of the proposed budget. The motion passed.

Memorial Scholarship Fund: Steve Johnson reported that the committee approved awards for nine (9) applicants totaling \$6,750.00 The Committee is looking at considering possible modification to the committee bylaws. This will be reported as more information is developed.

Humanitarian Committee: Vince Matthews reported that his committee had one approved and one disapproved this year.

Dedicated Members Page: Bob North reported that this committee is in need of a chairman, and he is working on this. This is a vital committee and has raised \$20,000 in the past year.

Distinguished Benefactor: This is also in need of a chair — whose responsibility is to oversee that the mailouts occur on time, with the actual work being done by the Association Manager.

CHAPTER REPORTS

New England Chapter: Ray Kelly reported that a meeting was held 6 May at Mystic, Conn. With 13 members in attendance. The Sept. meeting will be held in Kilburn, Maine.

Alan Loper (Wisconsin) Chapter: Russ Zess reported that the chapter holds 4 meetings a year as well as a family picnic. The chapter recently had two female Marines join the chapter.

Texas Chapter: Bob North reported that they had lost 3 members and gained 4. Our next meeting will be in Amarillo.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Please be sure to provide President Bice with your phone and email information.

NEW BUSINESS

Bylaws Amendments: Judge Advocate Denis Restoske has reviewed the proposed bylaws changes as published in the CALTRAP and recommends approval. It was moved and seconded for the Board to recommend the adoption of the bylaws changes to the general membership. The motion passed.

Nomination of Officers: President: MajGen. David F. Bice USMC, (Ret); Vice President: Robert North; Treasurer: Paul Peterson; Secretary: Andrew Murray Jr.; Chaplain: Capt. Richard Black CHC USN, (Ret); Medical Officer: Robert Adams; Judge Advocate: Denis Restoske; Sergeant at Arms: Joseph Deloria. Hearing no other nominations, the nominations were closed. It was moved and seconded to endorse the slate of officers to the general membership. The motion passed.

Nominations for the Board of Directors: Alan Cruz, Ron Sutton (New), Jack Mattson.

Hearing no other nominations the nominations were closed. It was moved and seconded to accept the slate.

President Bice recommended that we should recognize Don Gee’s long, hard work on behalf of the Association. A general discussion followed and it was proposed that the Association should make a \$1,000 donation to the Gee family to assist them with the funeral. A question was raised as to whether the Association could afford this donation. It was moved and seconded to pass the hat among the members present at the reunion, and if this didn’t raise the \$1,000 the Association would make up the difference. The motion to approve the Don Gee memorial donation passed unanimously.

Benediction: Chaplain Black.

Adjournment: Chairman Post.

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Vice President: Bob North expressed a sincere thank you to Donna from AFI for her efforts in keeping things on an even keel. He stated the bids for the silent auc-

tion will close at 1600 and that we will have a live auction at tonight’s banquet.

“With Don’s passing there are numerous gaps that need to be filled. We are requesting our members to sign up in any way they can. In the interim please be patient as we work through this transitory period.”

Secretary: Andrew Murray reported on the Association membership as of 3 August 2017.

Total membership: 3,381, Life members – 3,099 (91.6%), Associate life – 45, Associate life (dual household) – 54, care of our own life – 175, life member widows – 81, Honorary Life- 41, Installment Life – 14, Annual members – 222, Associate annual – 6, Associate annual (dual Household) – 9, Active duty – 25.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reunion Committee: Ron Deverick reported that it had been a busy year getting ready for this reunion. "We need to give a big thanks to Dale Sanders and the Marine Corps League Chatham County chapter for their gracious assistance, and to Bob and Linda North as well. We will be in Colorado Springs next year 9/9 – 9/16 and Branson, Missouri in 2019 9/15 -9/21."

The new 5 year plan has the Association visiting Chicago area in 2021, San Diego in 2022, Mobile, Alabama in 2023, Norfolk, Virginia in 2024, and Seattle Washington (southside) in 2025. This plan was presented to the general membership. A question was raised as to why we had dropped Las Vegas from the plan. Donna from AFI responded, explaining that Las Vegas had gotten greedy and our numbers were not high enough to get a good deal. After a general discussion it was moved and seconded to adopt the new 5 year plan.

The motion passed unanimously.

Membership: Joe Deloria reported that we need to do a better

job at promoting ourselves, many people don't know that we exist. Every member must become a recruiter "Each one reach one." Recruiting for the current year:

3rd place with 17 new members recruited – Rob Kelley, 2nd place with 18 new members recruited – Gene Miller, 1st place with 23 new members recruited – Ron Deverick. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to these three gentlemen.

Awards: Andy Murray reported that the awards committee had received no nominations for any of our major awards. An article will be written for publication in the CALTRAP explaining the various awards that are available.

Sergeant Major Wesley L. Misenhimer, 3rd Recon Battalion representing the 3rd Marine Division:

Gave a brief overview of the current situation. The Pacific Rim remains one of the most volatile areas in the world. China is very aggressive in wanting to control the South China Sea area. Viet Nam has become one of the most pro-western countries in the area. Contrary to media reports the Marines have a good relationship with Japan and Okinawa. With the changing demographics within the Corps we must continuously strive to treat all Marines with respect regardless of gender.

Bylaws: Denis Retoske reported that the proposed changes to the bylaws had been printed in the CALTRAP and that he is recommending their adoption. After some discussion, it was moved and seconded to adopt the bylaws changes. The motion passed without dissent.

Budget and Finance: The Association raised \$9,000 from the Fidelity giving program and \$2,000 from the silent auction. Projected income for the coming fiscal year is \$91,175.00. Projected expenses are

\$92,300.00, projecting \$1,125.00 in the red. It was moved and seconded to adopt the proposed budget as presented. The motion passed.

Memorial Scholarship Fund:

Steve Johnson reported that the committee approved awards for nine (9) applicants totaling \$6,750.00. The Committee is looking at considering possible modification to the committee bylaws. This will be reported as more information is developed. Fiscal year 2016-2017 C.D. earnings are down and the MSF committee requests that the Association reinstate its contribution to the MSF. After some discussion it was moved and seconded to reinstate the Associations contribution to the MSF. \$2,450.00 in contributions were received at the reunion, President Bice gave a personal check in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Humanitarian Committee: Vince Matthews reported that anyone with a 100% disability receives a free membership in the Association, his committee had one approved and one disapproved this year.

Dedicated Member Page: Bob North reported that this committee is in need of a chairman, and he is working on this. This is a vital committee and has raised \$20,000.00 in the past year.

Distinguished Benefactor: This is also in need of a chair – whose responsibility is to oversee that the mailouts occur on time, with the actual work being done by the Association Manager.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Bylaws Amendments Judge Advocate Denis Retoske has reviewed the proposed Bylaws changes as published in the CALTRAP and recommends approval. A general discussion followed; It was moved

and seconded to adopt the bylaws changes as published in the CALTRAP. The motion passed.

Nominations of Officers: President: Maj Gen. David F. Bice USMC (Ret); Vice President: Robert North; Treasurer: Paul Peterson; Secretary: Andrew Murray Jr.; Chaplain: Capt. Richard Black CHC USN (Ret); Medical Officer: Robert Adams; Judge Advocate: Denis Retoske; Sergeant at Arms: Joseph Deloria.

Hearing no other nominations, the nominations were closed. It was moved and seconded to elect the slate of officers as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Nominations for the Board of Directors: Alan Cruz, Ron Sutton (new), Jack Mattson.

Hearing no other nominations the nominations were closed. It was moved and seconded to accept the slate. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements: President Bice recommended that we should recognize Don Gee's long, hard work on behalf of the Association. A general discussion followed and it was proposed that the Association should make a \$1,000 donation to the Gee family to assist them with the funeral expenses. \$1,202.00 was raised to donate to the Gee family. A suggestion was made to consider establishing a scholarship in Don's name. This was taken under advisement.

The 12th Marine chapter is going inactive status.

A suggestion was made to include an envelope in the CALTRAP for a Don Gee family donation to enable members not present at the reunion the opportunity to donate.

Benediction: Chaplin Black.

Adjournment: President Bice.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REORGANIZATION MEETING

Board of Directors Reorganization Meeting Saturday August 5, 2017 Desoto Hotel Savannah, Georgia

Call to Order: Peter Post called the meeting to order at 12:33pm

Invocation: Chaplain Richard D. Black CHC, USN (ret)

Pledge of Allegiance: Ron Deverick led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, Meeting Proof of Notice: Secretary Murray

Opening Remarks: President Bice summarized where we are and where we are going after the loss of Don Gee. "We are going to need maximum effort from all members and officers during this period of transition." A discussion in establishing a scholarship in Don's name followed. A suggestion was made to the Awards committee to investigate and consider a posthumous Turnage award to Don Gee. The Awards committee will work on this.

Introduction of 2017-2018 Association Officers and Directors: President MajGen. David F. Bice USMC (Ret); Vice President Robert L. North; Secretary Andrew Murray Jr.; Treasurer Paul Peterson; Chaplain Richard Black; Medical Officer Robert Adams; Judge Advocate Denis Retoske; Sergeant at Arms Joseph Deloria; and Board of Directors members: Alan Cruz, Ron Sutton, Jack Mattson.

Announcement of appointed committee Chairman: President Bice reappointed all current committee chairmen to their respective positions and requested that Board members recommend Association members to serve on current committees.

President Bice commented on our need to have a fresh look at how we recognize members for their dedicated contributions to the Association. Perhaps a plaque to be displayed at our reunions for everyone to see. **Business Requiring Action of the Board of Directors:** Elected to office were Peter Post as Chairman and Jeff Dement as Vice chairman. Elected to the executive committee were Peter Post, Jeff Dement, Denis Retoske, and Paul Peterson.

OLD BUSINESS

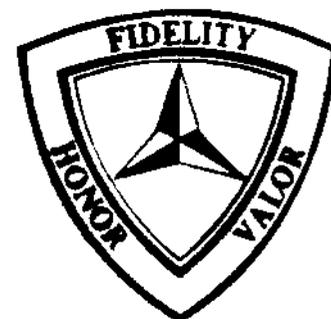
None.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Post stated that our web page needs to be addressed. Suggested looking at 2/4's web page, it's very professional, orderly and well laid out. We need someone to head up a committee to determine how we can upgrade our web page. A question was asked about putting the CALTRAP on the web page. In the discussion that followed it was pointed out that not all of our members had computers, and since the CALTRAP only amounted to \$5,000.00-\$6000.00 of our budget it wasn't feasible.

Benediction: Chaplain Black.

Adjournment: Chairman Post.





NEW MEMBERS

Welcome Aboard

BANKO, Brian, Capt. USMC, 10955 SW 81st Ave., Ocala, FL 34481-9675; Hq/3/3 04-06: Ron Deverick.

BURNETT, Terry, 303 Prospector Tr., Dahlonega, GA 30533; Comm/Hq 69-70: Don H. Gee.

CAREY, Craig, 4109 Lynn Dr. #118, Anchorage, AK 99508-5758; H&S/1/3 76-79: Ray Kelley.

LEHMANN, James, SSgt. USMC, 4090 River Rd., Perry, OH 44081-9625; Hq/3 04-07: Ron Deverick.

RAMEY III, John W., 238 Elm St., Walpole, MA 02081-1904; H/2/4 70-71: eMarinePX.

STEWART, Abiezer, 3819 Baxter Ave., Nashville, TN 37216-2621; Hq/2/4 66-67: Don H. Gee

STROUP, Gary, 9320 Oak Creek Rd., Chevy Valley, CA 92223-5812; H&S/1 66-67: Ray Kelley

TRAN, David L., Maj. USMC, 61549 Palm Vista Dr., Joshua Tree, CA 92252-2446; CombAssaultBn 09-11: Ron Deverick.

VINUP, James, 401 Inverness Dr., Hubert, NC 28539-4650; Hq/12 14-16: Ron Deverick.

WURGER, Bernard, 5201 Boulevard Pl., Indianapolis, IN 46208-2506; HqCo 53-61: John Mutter.

Memorial Scholarship Applications for 2018-19

As we near the start of the 2017-18 college academic year, in which nine talented sons and daughters (and grandchildren and great grandchildren) of Association members have been honored with Memorial Scholarship Fund scholarship grants, all members are asked to be guided by the following: Effective 1 Jan 2018, scholarship applications for the 2018-2019 college year will be available on the Association website.

Our Association Memorial Scholarship Fund has provided college and university financial assistance to hundreds of very deserving students of Association families since the program's inception in 1967 to recognize the death in Vietnam of Division Commanding General Bruno A. Hockmuth. The first awards were presented in 1969. Since then, thanks to the splendid donations of Association members, our scholarship program has prospered and grown. It remains today a shining example of the excellence of our Association. And in order to maintain this incomparable program, donations large or small are needed and welcome.

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Final Formation



Life Member GySgt. Don H. Gee, Sr., USMC (Ret), who served with A/3dATBn during 1958-1959, died on July 28, 2017. He is survived by his wife Iris.

Life Member D. John Guerrero, who served with H/3/3 during 1957-1959, died in July 2016. He is survived by his wife Patricia.

Life Member Phillip B. Hill, who served with HqCo/HqBn during 1954-1955, died on July 31, 2013. No other information was provided.

Life Member GySgt. Cleveland J. Leonosio, USMC (Ret), who served with 4thMar during 1967-1968, died on July 10, 2015. He is survived by his wife Benita.

Life Member BrigGen. William L. McCulloch, USMC (Ret), who served with ADC & 3/9 from 1961-1964 and 1971, died on May 26, 2017. He is survived by his wife Dolores.

Life Member Widow Lora Radeleff, wife of Life Member Lyle Radeleff, passed away on May 21, 2017. She is survived by her son John Radeleff.

Life Member Raymond K. Zukley, who served with L/3/21 during 1943-1945, died on May 7, 2016. He is survived by his daughter Sandra Galgan.

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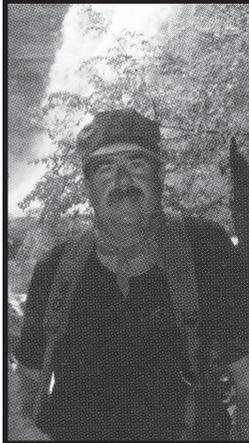
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