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## The Third Marine Division Association Needs You!



### WE NEED YOU

**WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO JOIN OUR AMAZING TEAM**

We work as a team, you will not be alone. (rlnplano@hotmail.com)

**Judge Advocate**, must be a licensed attorney. Please contact me if you are interested in joining our team as the Judge Advocate. Must be an Association member.

**Reunion Journal**, editor/treasurer. The Reunion Journal is a very important part of our Reunions. You will manage advertising, welcome letters, and other articles. Also manage the Dedicated Members. You will get excellent guidance from the retiring editor. May be either a man or a woman.

**Caltrap**, editor. You will gather newsworthy articles, advertising, and communicate with membership and others offering them opportunities to report Association and Chapter activities. There are 4 publications per year. We have an amazing printer/mailer who is wonderful to work with. May be either a man or woman.

### 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, 21 September, 2019, at the Radisson Hotel Branson, 120 South Wildwood Dr., Branson, MO 65616.

In accordance with Article 4 of the Association Bylaws, notice is given that the Association Board of Directors will meet at 1400 on Friday, 20 September, 2019, at the Radisson Hotel Branson, 120 South Wildwood Dr., Branson, MO 65616.

The Organizational meeting of the Association Board of Directors will be held 1230, or immediately following the Annual Meeting of Members on Saturday, 21 September, 2019 at the Radisson Hotel Branson, 120 South Wildwood Dr., Branson, MO 65616.

**LAST CALL! Time is now. If you have not signed up for the Branson Reunion, look for the sign-up sheet in this Caltrap. After August 15, the tours may have space available or not. If you sign up for tours, you will find out in Branson if you got in on the tours. If not, you will be reimbursed. There is still time for the events with food (Welcome meet and greet, and the banquet).**

### NEW ASSOCIATION CONTACT INFORMATION

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— 65th Annual Family Reunion, 17-22 September 2019, Branson, MO —

# President's Message



Hello Third Marine Division Family,

It's almost time for our 65th Annual Family Reunion in Branson. The Reunion Committee has worked hard to make this a fun and meaningful Reunion. There are many other people who have worked hard, perhaps none harder than Annette Loper. It is very sad news that this will be her last Reunion Journal. She is retiring after 19 years of being the editor and treasurer. She leaves behind very large shoes to fill.

We will honor our WWII attendees at the banquet.

Manager Roger Bacon and his Aide-de-camp, Ellie, have worked very hard on the membership roster. When we took over the management of the Association, the membership roster was in a state of disarray. They are working very hard to verify members. They are dealing with poor records, poor addresses, including members not letting them know when they move, discovering those

who have paid dues or caltrap fees, etc. Even some of our members live at more than one address and when mail is delivered to the address that's vacant, well, that can be a problem. Please let Roger know whenever you have a change of address, or if a family member passes away.

The Management is going to present to the Board and Membership in Branson a much improved financial picture. There is still more work to be done, but this has been a very important time in the life of this amazing 3rd Marine Division Association. We have turned the corner and our future is much brighter. Thank you to all who have helped directly or indirectly. I really appreciate all of you who have contributed financially. My grandest thanks goes to Roger Bacon and Pat Conway, CPA. The three of us really enjoy working together and seeing the great progress. Denis Retoske, attorney, has been close at hand, advising us in our new business model. Paul Peterson,

Treasurer, has also stepped in to help in the transition. Again, we all have a great affinity for working together. We can work hard, be honest with one another, and reach conclusions that work.

It is with great sadness that I report that the Second Marine Division Association closed their office on June 30. In a letter to members dated March 26, 2019, from President David O. Earley and Executive Director Ron Himsworth, "the National Office will close down on June 30th". The letter said that the Association's "operating funds have for years been insufficient to meet operating expenses". The Executive director told me in an email that "no one was willing to step up and volunteer to take over the national staff and no one was willing to do the work". That just makes our decision last year to change our business model even more relevant. We changed just in time. We are so fortunate to have great people who have stepped forward. We are very blessed!

Our Association is looking for a few good people. We are an Association of volunteers. Because of that, we have turned our financial well-being around to a positive trend. We need:

- Judge Advocate
- Reunion Journal Editor/Treasurer
- Caltrap Editor

Please let me know if you are interested or have questions. You may email me at [rlnplano@hotmail.com](mailto:rlnplano@hotmail.com) or call me at 469-682-3272. Please come forward and serve this wonderful Association. You will get plenty of help.

Looking forward to seeing you soon in Branson.

Semper Fidelis,

Robert North

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER

As the Association Treasurer it is a pleasure for me to report to you members that in all the years that I have been your Treasurer this is the first year I can happily report that your Association is in fairly good financial condition. We had a very good year on our income side, and we have had very good luck in controlling our expenses. At the family reunion this September in Branson, MO I will be reporting that our actual income exceeded our budgeted amount by approximately \$17,562. This is due in a great part by the generous support of you members. I would ask that you please continue your contributions for this year, and all the years coming, so that your Association can continue to grow. I would like to remind the life members of their Publication Assessment, and all of the members of the Fidelity

Fund. On the expense side of our budget, your Association President, along with Association Business Manager and Financial Director have done an outstanding job of reducing our expenses. We still exceeded our budgeted expenses by approximately \$2,300, but this is a lot less than the \$10,000 to \$15,000 losses that we had in years past.

In closing I would again like to thank all of you great Marines for your support and please keep up the good work.

Semper Fi

Paul E. Peterson  
*Association Treasurer*

### CALTRAP DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting material for the **SEPT. – OCT. 2019** issue of *CALTRAP* is:

**OCT 20**

### *We're on Facebook!*

Check out our Facebook Group Page. Go online to Facebook, search Third Marine Division Association, click on the Association's Group Page. Ask to join and continue the conversation.

## CALTRAP

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## A THOROUGH 'AGENT ORANGE' GUIDE

If you are a Vietnam Veteran, read it and save it for future reference.

<https://vva.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/AgentOrangeGuide.pdf>

## Vietnam War Resources

Fellow Marines,

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

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

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

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

*from Ron Deverick*

## FROM THE ASSOCIATION MANAGER

As I continue to wrap my arms around this position, I'm both encouraged and thankful for all the monetary support our membership is providing to make the Association financially sound. Many organizations, both military and private, have ceased to continue, but your loyalty and dedication to the Third Marine Division remains our salvation.

Many of you who have attended the past few reunions are aware we have conducted both a silent and live auction to raise operating funds for Association expenses. I'm encouraging members to donate items...



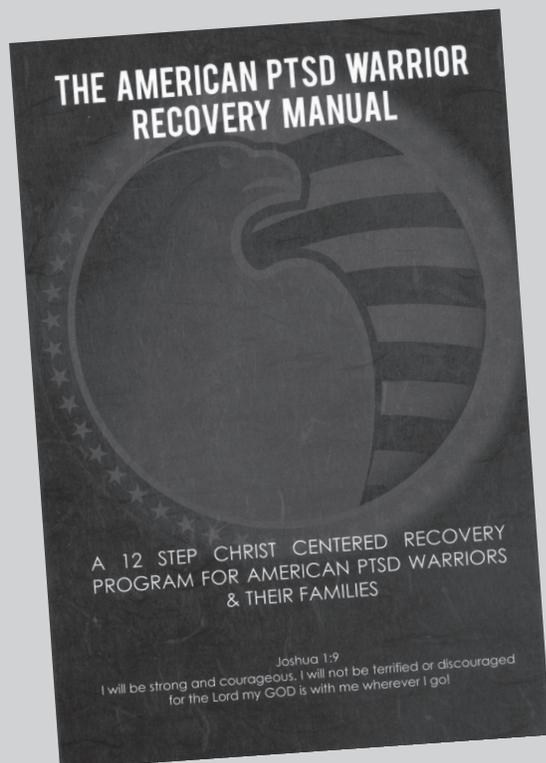
remember our success depends on your participation.

Looking forward to seeing a lot of you in Branson.

### ***Whitisisms...***

*I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one.*

## POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER



Jim Patrick, Ph.D., is a former Marine Captain and Vietnam Veteran who has earned a Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart. For the past 50 years, he has dedicated himself to helping those with PTSD. Dr. Patrick conducts weekly counseling groups for Veterans and First Responders by teaching them coping skills through a 12-Step, Christ-centered recovery program.

### ***The American PTSD Warrior Recovery Manual***

is available on Amazon.com in both paperback and e-book.

For more information contact Dr. Patrick at 954-801-8793

# LEGACY GIFTS TO THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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



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 Lisbon, Ohio, 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

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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.

# WHAT IS THE REUNION JOURNAL

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

Anyone can submit an ad, memorian, 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, and I ask all who have not had the opportunity, please consider. Please share the *CALTRAP* with your family as you never know, they will find it of interest.

Please find my email address and phone number

listed in the Reunion Journal form in this issue of the *CALTRAP*. Look forward to hearing from you.

Annette Loper, *Editor*



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

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St. Louis, MO 63138  
[MPR.center@nara.gov](mailto:MPR.center@nara.gov) or [www.archives.gov/st-louis](http://www.archives.gov/st-louis)  
Phone: 314-801-0800 Fax: 314-801-9195

### Discharged 1999 or later:

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

### Source:

*HQMC, M&RA, Separations & Retirement Branch*

# 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*.



Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

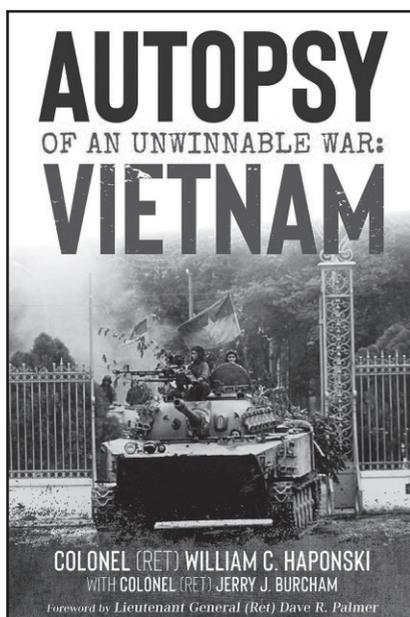
The Third Marine Division Association's quarterly newsletter, the *CALTRAP*, reaches a worldwide audience of active duty, retired and veteran Marines, Sailors and families. The readers often enjoy travel, leisure, outdoor, and hometown activities along with brand loyalty. Please consider advertising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

**NPRC Offers  
DD-214  
Web Site**

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has a website for Veterans to get their DD-214s online by going to <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>.

NPRC is working to make it easier for Veterans with computers and Internet access to get copies of documents from their military files. Military Veterans, and the next-of-kin of deceased former military members, may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents.

Other individuals who need documents must complete the Standard Form (SF)-180, which can be downloaded from the online website. Requesters are asked information essential for NPRC to process the request, so delays to fulfill the request will be minimized by using the website.



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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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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*(Please retain this form for use at appropriate time)*

**TRY THESE TO LOCATE A LOST BUDDY**

<http://www.militaryconnections.com>

<http://www.thefew.com/mclinks.html>

<http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/USMarineCorpsReunionClub>

# THE MARINE MILITARY ACADEMY



*Do you know where this Iwo Jima Memorial Monument is? If you said Arlington, VA, you would be wrong. This one is in Harlingen, Texas, on the campus of the Marine Military Academy. Look closely at the palm trees in the background.*

Sculptor Dr. Felix W. de Weldon, then on duty with the U.S. Navy, was so moved after the original Iwo Jima photo was released that he constructed a scale model within 48 hours. He labored for 9.5 years to prepare a working, full-sized

Weldon's summer home and studio in Newport, R.I., for storage.

On Nov. 10, 1954, the 179th anniversary of the U.S. Marine Corps, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially dedicated the bronze memorial in Washington. In

October 1981, Dr. de Weldon gifted his original, full sized working model to the Marine Military Academy, as an inspiration to the young cadets. The Marine placing the flagpole into the ground on Mount Suribachi was a South Texas native, Cpl Harlon H. Block



model from molding plaster of the survivors of the flag raising. Once the statue was completed in plaster, it was carefully disassembled and trucked to Brooklyn, N.Y., for casting in bronze. After the three-year casting process, the bronze parts were trucked to Washington, D.C., for erection at Arlington National Cemetery. The plaster working model was moved to Dr. de

of Weslaco, Texas. Block's roped-off gravesite resides just a few yards directly behind the Iwo Jima monument.

We, the Third Marine Division Association, annually give a plaque and a \$100 scholarship to the Cadet of the Year at the Marine Military Academy in Harlingen, TX. This year's honor went to Cadet Corporal Victor Olawale-Apanpa:



Victor demonstrated outstanding qualities in Military and academic achievement to have earned this award. His extraordinary efforts have earned him acceptance into the **United States Military Academy at West Point**. The Third Marine Division Association is very proud to have honored Victor.

The Marine Military Academy in Harlingen, Texas is the only military college-preparatory boarding school in the world based on the traditions, values and ideals of the United States Marine Corps. **“One hundred percent (100%) of MMA graduates are accepted into colleges or universities. MMA is a**



**military school whose mission is to prepare young men for college and responsible leadership. Marine**

**Military Academy provides opportunities to our cadets that will help them realize their full potential. Our mission is educating and training young men based on Marine Corps tradition.”**

The Texas Chapter holds 2 Reunions every year, Spring and Fall, and the last time we held a Reunion in Harlingen, Texas was October, 2013. The Marine Military Academy is an amazing place. We got to tour the barracks where we found the cadets know how to keep the barracks totally squared away.

They had a noon parade for us, followed by lunch in the mess hall. We also got up close and personal to the Iwo Jima Monument and visited the Iwo Jima Museum. The stories, the history, The Marine Corps pedigree courses throughout the veins of the Academy. If any of you get near Harlingen, Texas, I would encourage you to make the extra effort to visit the Academy/Iwo Jima Monument/Museum. It is worth it.

*Bob North*

## UPDATES

### LIVE AND SILENT AUCTIONS

PLEASE BRING NICE ITEMS FOR THE SILENT AND LIVE AUCTIONS. They do not have to be Marine or military related. This is just another way we strive for Third Marine Division Association financial strength. Thank you very much!

### IWO JIMA SURVIVORS – SAVE THE DATE

Iwo Jima veterans, 2020 will be your 75th anniversary Reunion. It will be in San Diego, February 12-16, with the banquet on Saturday the 15th at Camp Pendleton. Registration begins in November. The event is open to fellow Marines and their guests.

### MSF COMMITTEE VACANCY

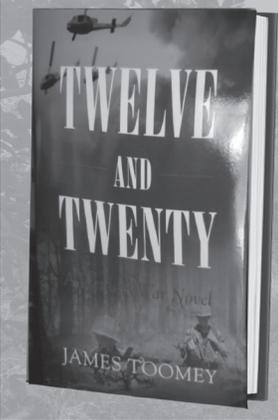
The Memorial Scholarship Fund committee is in need of a member of the Association to fill a recent vacancy on the MSF Board of Trustees. No experience in the educational or financial fields is necessary. The MSF determines scholarship awards to qualified applicants which are announced at each annual reunion of the Association. Anyone interested should contact the MSF secretary, Pat Conroy, at conroyj11@aol.com.

*Steve Johnson, MSF Chairman*

**Association Web Site: [www.caltrap.com](http://www.caltrap.com)**

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# CHAPTER

## *Happenings*



### NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

#### How we survive

Our Chapter has on our roll 47 members of whom 18 regularly attend the meetings with 4 additional attendees who are spouses, significant others, or “Friends of the Chapter”. These are regular attendees who either they or their spouse were in the Marine Corps but other divisions or units, not the Third Marine Division.

We have through the years followed our original charter to have meetings in all six New England States over a five year period. As our chapter has “matured” we have recently voted on a change to this and now the location for each next meeting is voted on by the members based on ability to attend rather than the state. We hold 2 meetings per year. One in the Spring and one in the Fall. For many years we hosted a picnic at our home in CT in the summer but travel became more difficult for many members. We usually attend meetings in Mystic, CT, Kittery, Maine or South Yarmouth, MA on Cape Cod. These locations have accommodations that are reasonable, managers we have worked with for years that provide meeting rooms for us at no cost and a range of excellent restaurants and entertainment venues. (Shopping, theaters, plays, museums, historical sites, etc.)

Our group has been together for many years and all are dedicated to our chapter, open to warmly welcoming new members and active participants in all meeting discussions. All voices are respectfully heard, excellent minutes are kept for each meeting and shared in our newsletter which is sent electronically or by mail. When members cannot attend a note is sent to them about how they were missed. Communication, care, concern and mutual respect is at the core of our chapter. The Chaplain’s role is to send out these notes, all Get Well, Sympathy and encouragement notes. We do not currently send Birthday cards except for special birthday’s (90th)

We hold a raffle of member donated items at the end of each meeting to raise some funds for the Chapter. This is an active and lively culmination to each meeting. At the end of the meeting the group goes to lunch together. Once a year the chapter contributes \$100.00 toward a

lunch (this does not include alcoholic drinks). We have also found that individual checks at the restaurant reduce any potential ill will. For most of our meetings the majority of members get to the location on the night before the meeting and socialize and go to dinner. The next day is our meeting and raffle (this is about two hours) and then we go to lunch. The rest of the day until dinner time is free time for a variety of activities (naps to shopping, etc.) Sometimes we just go out to a restaurant for appetizers and drinks or have a pizza delivered to the hotel. This is a time of socializing and catching up on members activities since we last met. We all meet for breakfast in the hotel the next morning, give our good byes ( we are a group into hugs and kisses) and express our best wishes to each other.

### TEXAS CHAPTER

The Texas Chapter Spring Reunion was held in Huntsville, TX., April 4 - 7, 2019. Sadly we had to change the date rather late because of a hotel indiscretion, so our attendance was unusually low, as many already had other commitments. However, those of us who were able to attend had a great time.



Huntsville was General Sam Houston’s last home. He was an American soldier and politician. An important leader of the Texas Revolution, Houston served as the 1st and 3rd president of the Republic of Texas, and was one of the first two individuals to represent Texas in the United States Senate. He also served as the 6th Governor of Tennessee and the seventh governor of Texas, the only American to be elected governor of two different states in

the United States. We toured his home, museum, and historic campus.

We also saw the world's tallest statue of an American hero, at 67 feet tall (on a 10-foot-tall base), Sam Houston, towers over Interstate 45 just south of Huntsville.

We visited the H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum, which was crammed full of military gear. Five cadets from Sam Houston State University ROTC joined us there, and as we concluded our tour of the museum, we all sat down and shared stories. The cadets told us why they wanted to serve their country and enter the military as officers. It was a very nice exchange. We took them to lunch after that.



We went to a horse ranch (this is Texas) to see the very unique and beautiful Gypsy Cob horses. This ranch has had many champions and they were very generous to let us see and pet their well behaved horses. The owner also prepared an excellent lunch for us. She/they could not have been any nicer.

Our final event was the most amazing performance by the Sam Houston State University Symphony, joined by the school of dance to combine for some extraordinary performances. At intermission, the Head of the Music Department recognized our group and we got a roaring standing ovation. He recognized that 3 in our group had graduated from Sam Houston. Later, the symphony honored us with the playing of the Marines Hymn. As we rose as one to sing, the audience respectfully remained seated but roared their approval. The Department head also invited us to a pre performance reception, just for us. We were treated royally.



Our next Reunion is October 10 - 13, 2019 in McKinney, TX (Dallas area). We will honor and celebrate our WWII guys.

For information: [rlnplano@hotmail.com](mailto:rlnplano@hotmail.com)

Semper Fi

## 1/3 MARINE DIVISION CHAPTER

Hello Again Marines and Corpsmen from the 3rd Marine Division Association.

With Our Reunion in Branson, MO fast approaching, hope that you have made your Reservations. The Cut-off date for Our Preferred Rates at the Hotel is Aug 15th, 2019. That is about 6 weeks from today, (06-29-19).

I have been working hard, and attempting to contact all the Marines and Corpsmen from 1st Battalion /3rd Marines, actually most all the Marines I know, to let them know about Our Reunion.

The 1/3 Bunker is on the 9th Floor across from the elevators, and everyone at the Reunion is invited to visit it. We should have plenty of most everything, to keep the good times going. You might hear a Story that you heard last year, but they are all Great Memories. To be Shared with our Buddies/Brothers.

I have heard from a lot of 1/3 Marines and Corpsmen, and think our turnout will be good. Looking forward to seeing everyone again, and truly hope you can make it. I understand why the remaining WWII Marines keep coming to the Reunion as long as they can make it, the reunion is worth your time. These few days shared together each year, at the Reunions are Treasured times, lots of Fun, and a time that will not be repeated. One word for the Reunion, "It's GREAT!"

See you there, Semper Fidelis, Don Bumgarner President of the 1/3 Association.

## NEW COMMANDANT

### **LtGen David H. Berger**

Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command / Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration

Lieutenant General Berger was commissioned as an infantry officer in 1981 following graduation from Tulane University. As a Lieutenant and Captain, he served as platoon commander in 1st Marine Division, and later as Company Commander and battalion Operations Officer in 2d Reconnaissance Battalion during Operation DESERT STORM. He also served as Officer Selection Officer in Roanoke, Virginia.



As a field grade officer, Lieutenant General Berger was an instructor at Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One (MAWTS-1) in Yuma, Arizona; instructor at III Marine Expeditionary Force Special Operations Training Group; and served on the Joint Staff as a policy planner in the Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate, J-5.

Lieutenant General Berger commanded 3d Battalion, 8th Marines from 2002 to 2004, deploying the battalion first to Okinawa, and later to Haiti in support of Operation SECURE TOMORROW. As a Colonel, Lieutenant General Berger commanded Regimental Combat Team 8 in Fallujah, Iraq during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. While serving as Assistant Division Commander of 2d Marine Division, he was appointed to the rank of Brigadier General. He then deployed to Kosovo, where he served for one year as Chief of Staff for KFOR Headquarters in Pristina. From 2009 to 2011, he served at Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps as the Director of Operations in the Department of Plans, Policies, and Operations.

In 2012, he deployed to Afghanistan as the Commanding General of 1st Marine Division (Forward) in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

In July 2014, Lieutenant General Berger was promoted to his current rank and assumed command of I Marine Expeditionary Force and subsequently assumed command of U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific.

On 28 August 2018, Lieutenant General Berger assumed responsibility as the Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, and the Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

In addition to a B.S. in Engineering, he holds a Master of International Public Policy from Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, and a M.S. in Military Studies. His formal military education includes the U.S. Army Infantry Officer Advanced Course, U.S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and U.S. Marine Corps School of Advanced Warfighting. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Ranger School, Jumpmaster School, U.S. Navy Dive School, and U.S. Marine Corps Amphibious Reconnaissance School.

## MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND (MSF)

### Memorial Scholarship Fund (MSF) Students send their thanks to the Association

*James P. Kane, Ed. D. MSF trustee*

As we know, our Association members and supporters have sponsored scholarship awards to deserving college students and college applicants for 47 years who are the children, grandchildren, and now even great grandchildren of Association members. The MSF was established in 1969 to honor the loss in Vietnam on 14 Nov 1967 of 3MD Commanding Officer Major General Bruno A Hockmuth at age fifty-seven. Financial awards are made possible by the continued donations of Association members and other supporters. These donations have remarkably made a college experience possible for very hard working and deserving students. With the 2019-2020 school year 812 awards totaling a stunning \$675,000 have been made. Since the first award was presented in 1973. As an Association, we all have a right to be proud of that success.

A MSF Board of eight elected Trustees headed by Chairman Steve Johnson administers the Scholarship program. The MSF secretary has shared with us a collection of very moving letters sent to him from our student honorees below. Each is a delight to read; each reflects the goals of our program.

Amy S, who was honored with an Association scholarship grant twenty years ago and today serves with distinction as a middle school librarian, writes: Hello. I am writing to thank you for the scholarship that I received from you when I was in

college twenty years ago. I often pause to consider where I would be today without the support of generous contributors like the MSF Trustees. My dad is a Marine and raised his three children as a single parent We struggled financially growing up, but he instilled in all of us the value of hard work and perseverance. I am now married with two daughters. I completed my bachelor's degree and added a Masters degree and two endorsements to it I work as a middle school librarian and love helping students chase their dreams. I enjoy the work that I do and I think it is due in large part to the financial support I received in college. I honestly don't know where I would be today without the help of generous contributors like the MSF Trustees. Thank you for allowing me to pursue my education despite my lack of financial means to fund it myself. Please know that you have made a huge difference in my life as well as in the lives of countless others. Semper Fi. **Amy**

Anna K writes: Hello MSF Trustees. This is Anna and I just wanted to say thank you so much for awarding me the MSF scholarship. I really appreciate the support and it truly means a lot to me that there are so many good programs such as this one that helps people further their educational goals. Thanks again, and hope you have a great rest of your summer. **Anna**

On behalf of my entire family I want to thank the Assn MSF for its belief in the importance of a college education and their financial support of students pursuing their dreams. My father's death affected our family on many levels and affording two college educations has been a

real challenge for our single parent family. **Alissa P.**

Thank you MSF for your generous scholarship. It is greatly appreciated and will help me in my goal to graduate debt free! **Julia S.**

To the family of the LtCol Richard E. Jones Memorial Scholarship. I elected to wait to write to you until I could report on my first semester. I received 5 A's and made the Dean's list in pursuing a degree in Computer Science to focus on Cyber security. My dad served in with 1/9 as a Doc (US Navy), was awarded a Purple Heart and is VA rated 100% disabled. We both thank you for the kind support. **Jamie O.**

Jonathan K writes: Thank you so much for the scholarship! I am very grateful for the funds and I will make sure to give my grandfather a call and thank him for sponsoring me. Thanks again, **Jonathan**

From the parents of two awardees. We spoke to Raymond and Timothy and have decided that we would like to make a donation to the Memorial Scholarship fund as a family. We are sending a check today for \$400. Thank you for all your hard work on the scholarship committee.

Karina G writes: This is absolutely amazing! Thank you so much MSF Trustees. My brother (a past MSF awardee) and I are both truly grateful for this. I can't wait to hear from you again. Sincerely, **Karina**

Thank you for the scholarship. My father and brother are both active duty USMC officers. This scholarship helps us tremendously. God Bless and Semper Fi. **William C.**

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THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON

June 24, 2019

The Honorable Mark Takano  
Chairman  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I was disappointed when told of the Committee's hearing titled, "Learning from Whistleblowers at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)," scheduled for June 25, 2019.

When the hearing was formally scheduled, the Department was notified that you intended to listen to the experiences of VA whistleblowers and focus on how they understood the process for allegations of departmental mismanagement and misconduct. You are also apparently seeking information on encounters whistleblowers have had with VA offices tasked with overseeing whistleblower protection and employee accountability. What is entirely missing from the hearing is any official from the Department who could offer your Committee historical context and facts that would shed light on a complex issue; as of this writing, no Department official is slated to testify.

Furthermore, your Committee would not disclose who would be testifying from the whistleblowers' perspective, and I did not learn of the three witnesses who are Department employees until I read a news article in USA Today this past weekend. Two of the witnesses named in the article submitted their whistleblower complaints several years before the Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection was established in 2017. As you know, the Department is limited in what we can discuss publicly regarding their individual concerns due to Privacy Act conditions.

When the Committee holds a hearing to air criticisms of the Department, while simultaneously preventing the Department from participating to offer context and defend itself, the Committee's efforts risk appearing more like a political press conference than a hearing aimed at a balanced look at serious issues. If this is how the Committee intends to conduct oversight of the Department in the future, an exclusionary approach could chip away at the Committee's oft stated goal of bipartisanship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert L. Wilkie". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Robert L. Wilkie

## 1ST SGT JOHN FARRITOR USMC



1st Sgt John Farritor USMC (ret), possibly the oldest living Iwo Jima survivor, proudly served with the Third Marine Division. **John celebrated his 100th Birthday on July 9, 2019, in Vista, California. John is a Life member of the Third Marine Division Association.** He wore his uniform last March at an Iwo Jima Commemorative Banquet where he was honored as the oldest veteran. He also wore his uniform for his birthday party. John also wrote a book about his adventures in the Marine Corp entitled, "Through it all....Stories From 'the Top'".

His party was attended by about 80 people, including a contingency of about 15 Marines from Camp Pendleton. He was one of the first Marines to march the 55 miles from Camp Elliott to the newly established Camp Pendleton in September 1942 and was one of the first Marines in the newly formed 3rd Marine Division. He saw combat with the Fighting 3rd on Bougainville, Guam and Iwo Jima, saw the raised flag and every morning would look at Mt. Suribachi first to see if it was still flying. That brought him great hope and inspiration he said. In the Korean War, John served with the 1st Marine Division at Pusan Perimeter, the Inchon Landing and at Frozen Chosen.

*1st Sgt John Farritor, Happy Birthday from the Third Marine Division Association.*

Thank you very much to Gail Chatfield for passing along this information to me. Her father was a Marine on Bougainville, Guam and Iwo Jima. Gail is an Associate Member of the Third Marine Division Association. She sent along this photo of John looking very sharp in his uniform. Julie Monica took this official photo earlier this year.

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## THANK YOU THIRD MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION

You have stepped forward in a most generous way. In September of last year at the Reunion in Colorado Springs, you approved a new way to manage the business of the Association. We have drastically cut overhead and have had a steady income along the way. Because of your continued financial support, we have turned the corner and our future is now much brighter.

We also count on volunteers. We need some of you to step up now to help fill some vacancies. We have an amazing team and you will have great support if you choose to join our team.

I am continually grateful at your response to our various programs that solicit your financial support. Your generosity is what keeps this Association alive.

The Third Marine Division Association is blessed with so many wonderful people as members, associate members, and the rest of our community. The bonds, the friendships, the relationships are of utmost importance. As we drift into our twilight years, it's people and family, it's the bonds, it's the relationships that offer enrichment to our lives. This Association is a conduit and a pipeline that enriches our lives.

Again, thank you very much for your amazing generosity.

Semper Fidelis,

*Bob North*

## MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND (MSF)

This happy note from Collin C. Wow! This will help me a lot for paying for school and thank you for awarding me this scholarship! I hope you have a great day and thank you again. **Collin**

From Alyssa M: This is such good news. Thank you so much for the scholarship and for letting me know! It's much, much appreciated. **Alyssa**

What splendid young people. Remember Heraclitus, the Greek philosopher from twenty-five hundred years ago? He was the first to write, "Character is destiny". And our scholarship honorees certainly reflect that character. The Memorial Scholarship Fund Trustees, on behalf of the Third Marine Division Association, wish each well.

## Association Chapters Supporting the Memorial Scholarship Fund (MSF)

For the Association's fiscal year ending 31 May 2019 the Board of Trustees were pleased to see the most generous financial support from three Assn Chapters totaling \$2,000. These were the Chapters that donated:

- GySgt Alan P. Loper Wisconsin (WI) Chapter \$800.00
- New England (NE) Chapter \$600.00
- 1/3 Chapter \$600.00

This \$2,000 is an amazing amount of support and represents 25% of the \$8,073 MSF donations in FY 2019, which excludes the \$1,200 contributed by the family members of LtCol Dick Jones to the memorial scholarship established in his name. We have also printed

some of the thank you letters from past MSF students in this publication. We urge you to read them and see what a difference your contributions can make as all MSF awards are based solely on financial need.

The MSF Board of Trustees encourages all chapters and Assn members to support the MSF like WI, NE and 1/3. As we know 1/3 Chapter also supports the "1/3 Bunker" at the annual reunions where all are welcome to share in the Chapter's hospitality and fellowship. Please send your contributions to the Association Manager, P.O. Box 466 Lisbon, Ohio 44432-0466.

Steve Johnson  
Chairman, MSF Board of Trustees

## Ten students to be honored with Memorial Scholarship grants for 2019 – 2020

Once again, our Third Marine Division Association will honor outstanding students of Association family members with important college and university scholarship grants for the coming 2019 – 2020 academic year. The grants are funded mostly by the unselfish donations to our scholarship fund each year by members of the Association.

Memorial Scholarship Fund Trustees - headed by Steven Johnson - administer this far reaching scholarship program which was established in 1969 to honor the loss in Vietnam on 14 Nov. 1967 of 3MD Commanding Officer Major General

Bruno A. Hockmuth at age fifty-seven. The first award was presented in 1973. As of the 2019 – 2020 school year, 812 scholarship awards of more than \$675,000 have been presented to deserving students based solely on financial need.

These awards include the LtCol Jones award, given each year to the student with the greatest financial need. There have been 11 awards totaling \$15,600 since commencing in the 2008 –2009 school year. The family of LtCol Richard "Dick" E. Jones USMC generously funds this award. He was one of the earliest and longest serving members of the

Memorial Scholarship Fund's Board of Trustees, first appointed in 1978 and was a member until 2005 when serious medical problems forced his resignation from the Board. He is remembered not only for his untiring performance and dedication to the MSF students but also for his service to his community, country, and the Marine Corps in WW II, Korea, and Vietnam. LtCol Jones passed away in 2007 and is interred in the Arlington National Cemetery VA.

The following students will be honored with scholarship awards for the coming academic year:

**Anna D. Keller** - sponsored by

Denis W. Retoske Sr., Grandfather Life Member

Awarded the LtCol “Dick” Jones Memorial Award

**School:** St. Mary’s College, Notre Dame, IN Parents: Ryan and Jennifer Keller

**Tasha N. Kolodzinski** - sponsored by Paul E. Peterson, Great Grandfather, Life Member

**School:** University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee Parents: Timothy and Tanya Renhorst

**Madison Voecks** - sponsored by Annette Loper, Grandparent, Life Member

**School:** U. of Wisconsin – Stevens Point Parents: Beth and Dennis Voecks

**Mary L. Hartges** - sponsored by Craig Hartges, Father, Life Member

**School:** Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH Parents: Craig and Penny Hartges

**Jean-Luc Kiser** - sponsored by Hague M. Kiser, Grandfather Life Member

**School:** Washington State University Parents: Jeffrey and Brenda Kiser

**Jonathan J. Kelley** - sponsored by Raymond Kelly Jr., Grandfather, Life Member

**School:** Appalachian State University, Boone, NC Parents: Raymond III and Katie Kelley

**Riley C. Rancourt** - sponsored by Edward J. Grenke, Grandfather, Annual member

**School:** Salve Regina University, Newport, RI Parents: Gino and Susan Rancourt

**Cameron C. Rancourt** - Sponsored by Edward J. Grenke, Grandfather Annual member

**School:** U. of Rhode Island Parents: Gino and Susan Rancourt

**Alyssa R. Gillman** - sponsored by Richard Monroe, Grandfather Life Member

**School:** Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI Parent: Amanda Monroe

**Cole Troianiello** - sponsored by

Nicholas Troianiello, Grandfather Life Member

**School:** East Stroudsburg University, PA Parents: Michelle and Christopher Troianiello

On behalf of the Third Marine Division Association, the Memorial Scholarship Fund Trustees extend congratulations to our college honorees - and their proud families - for the excellence and sheer hard work of our students reflected in these splendid awards. Well done to all.

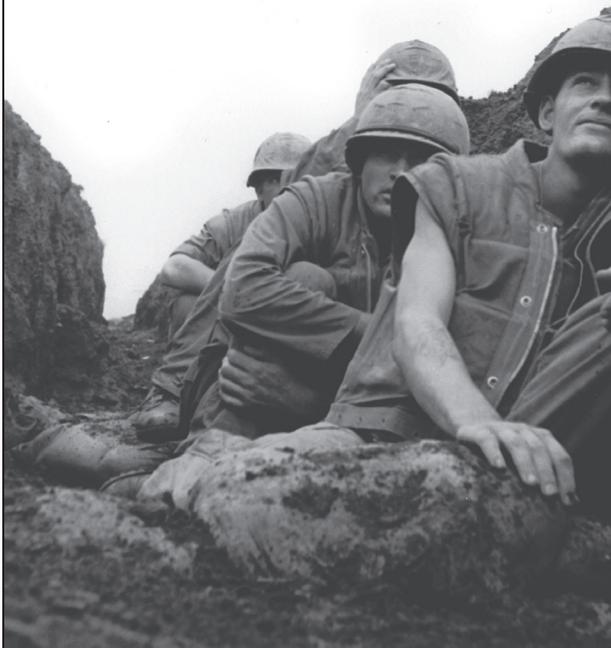
Now the exacting work of keeping this remarkable scholarship program vital requires the continued financial support of our members. Please send a check to keep the program going to Third Marine Division Association, PO Box 466, Lisbon, Ohio 44432 or use PayPal on the Association website Caltrap.org.

Applications for the 2020 – 2021 academic year scholarships will be available on the Assn website in December.

TIME IN THE BARREL

A Marine’s Account of the Battle for Con Thien

JAMES P. COAN



A 3rd Division Marine’s memoir of a major conflict of the Vietnam War, the 1967 siege of Con Thien

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# NEW MEMBERS

## Welcome Aboard

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**Rom, Dan**; 1371 N. Fir St.,  
Canby, OR 97013; 2/3, 3rd Mar, 2/4  
and 3rd Tanks, 66-69  
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**Petitti, James**; 12 Hillcrest Rd.,  
Scituate, MA 02066; A/1/3, 68  
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**Mackey, Mark; LtCol**;  
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54806; 3MEF, 08-11; HQ 3MEF;  
Ron Deverick  
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**Kline, Patrick; Col**;  
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70037; K/3/3, 93-96; Ron Deverick  
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**Borovics, Jason; LtCol**;  
809 Frankford Dr, Brandon, FL33511;  
A/1/3, 06-09; Ron Oeverick

**Caldwell, David; PFC**;  
262 Heritage Dr., Sullivan, MO  
63080; H&S 9th, 57-58;  
Roger Bacon  
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**Bell, William**; 19521 Sierra Raton  
Rd., Irvine, CA 92603; K/3/9,  
69-70  
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**Butz, Marlin; Sgt**; 11015 West  
Cinnebar Ave., Sun City, AZ 85351;  
H&S 3rd FSR/FLC, 66-67; Roger  
Bacon  
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**Eichhorn, Austin; LCpl**;  
4830 Gold Paint Dr., Cleveland, TN  
37312; B/3/3, 18-20;  
Ron Deverick  
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**Robinson, Tyrelke; LCpl**;  
5125 Sunsail Dr., Antioch, TN  
37076; HQ 2018; Ron Deverick

**Karns, Douglas; Cpl**;  
1767 Newbold Dr., Knoxville, IA  
50138; H&S/3/4, 67-68  
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**Dillard, Trovcer; Cpl**;  
11746 E. 960 Ln., Mount Carmel, IL  
62863; 3rd Div, 13-15; Ron Deverick  
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**O'Neill, James**; 34235 S. Nine Irons  
Ranch Rd., Wickenburg, AZ 85390;  
C/1/3, 67; Don Bumgarner  
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**Toomey, James, LtCol**;  
3076 Quint Dr., Melbourne, FL  
32940; 1/3/4 68-69  
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**Vaughn, Edwin**; 1410 NE 4th  
Ave., Battle Ground, WA 98604;  
CID(PMO) 3rt!, 68-77



World War II \* Korea \* Vietnam \* Peacetime \* Cold War  
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Southwest Asia \* War on Terrorism \* Afghanistan \* Iraq



### 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 \$2.00 made payable to: Third Marine Division Association and send to Third Marine Division Association, P.O. Box 466, Lisbon, OH 44432-0466.

The price for the card includes postage and handling.

### Use 'PayPal' for Donations

The Third Marine Division Association has made it easier to donate to the General Fund or Memorial Scholarship Fund through PayPal.

Donors to these funds can now go to the Association website, **www.caltrap.com**, and you don't have to have a PayPal account to use PayPal for your contribution.

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# Final

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# Formation

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**Life Member,**  
**GySgt Harry S. Summerville;**  
Jacksonville, FL; M/3/3, A 3rd  
Eng., 42-44; 56-57; Died 2/21/19  
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**Life Member,**  
**W.B. Carter;**  
Del Rio, TX; F&HQ 2/9, 42-45;  
Died 1/5/2018  
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**Life Member,**  
**Col. Bill Tate;**  
Winter Park, FL; H&S 2/9, 62-63;  
Died 4/14/2019  
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**Life Member,**  
**Capt. John C. Morris, Jr.;**  
Kensington, MD; M&G3/4, 62-67;  
Died 11/24/2018  
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**Annual Member;**  
**Cpl Ray Isaksen;**  
Muskego, WI; H&S 2/12, 57-58;  
Died 5/5/2019  
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**Life Member,**  
**PFC Charles Norris;**  
Wayne, NJ; M/3/3, 43-45;  
Died 6/16/2016

**Life Member,**  
**SgtMaj. George Stapleton;**  
Lake Forest, CA; H&S 3/9, 68-69;  
Date Unknown  
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**Life Member,**  
**GySgt Oliver Ballard;**  
Williamsburg, KY; H&S3/4, 63-66;  
Date Unknown  
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**Annual Member,**  
**Donald Fausel;**  
Deland, FL; F/2/9, 51-52;  
Died 8/19/2018

**Life Member,**  
**Capt. Clifton Cormier;**  
Sanibet FL; E/2/12, 42-45;  
Date Unknown  
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**Life Member,**  
**Cpl Robert N. Goodson;**  
Jackson, TN; C/1/21, 42-45;  
Died 6/14/2019

**Life Member,**  
**Capt. Stanley Skalski;**  
Homewood FL; MAG11, 65-66,  
MAG16, 69-70;  
Date Unknown  
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**Life Member,**  
**SgtMaj Eugene Ashe;**  
Beckley, WV; B/1/3, 62-63, VCM,  
NMCCM, NDSM, GDCON,  
BRZSRV; Died 6/29/2019  
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**Life Member,**  
**Cpl George Bebbington;**  
Warren, NJ; 3/9, 43-45,  
F/2/9, 44-45;  
Died 2/11/18  
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**Life Member,**  
**Capt. Luther Bookout, Jr.;**  
Burnet, TX; C/1/12, 42-45,  
12MAR 1/3;  
Died 8/28/2018  
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**Life Member,**  
**Sgt John Odam;**  
El Cajon, CA; B/1/9, 67-68;  
Died 2016  
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**Annual Member;**  
**Cpl. Domingo Martinez;**  
Romeoville, IL; 3/9, 67-70;  
Died 2019

**Life Member;**  
**Col. Michael Harrington;**  
Houston, TX; H&S 3/3, 67;  
Died 2019  
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**Life Member;**  
**Stanley Wallach;**  
Eureka, MO; L/3/21, 44-46;  
Died 3/27/2019  
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**Life Member;**  
**CWO Wm. Eugene Scott;**  
Payson, AZ; D/2/3;  
Died 7/6/2019  
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**Life Member;**  
**Capt. Stanley Skalski;**  
Homewood, IL; MAG.11, 65-66,  
MAG.16, 69-70; No date given  
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**Life Member;**  
**CWO4 Alan VanAken;**  
Guam; HQ/HQBT, 71-72;  
Died 7/17/2019  
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**Life Member;**  
**Sgt. Brian Sergi;**  
Batesville, MS; A/1/3, 67;  
Died 6/18/2019  
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**Life Member;**  
**GySgt John Chapman;**  
Santa Ana, CA; H&S, 64-66;  
Died 2/1/2019  
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**Life Member;**  
**CWO4 Charles Newsome, Jr.;**  
Roseville, CA;  
A/3rd Tank BN, 53-56;  
Died 3/13/2018  
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**Life Member;**  
**Cpl. Ronald Leary;**  
Hingham, MA; 14th DefBn, 42-44;  
No date given

# TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

## SHOWBOAT BRANSON BELLE LUNCH CRUISE

*Wednesday, September 18*

The Showboat Branson Belle presents an unforgettable experience for your entire group, especially since they are celebrating their 20th anniversary with a new show and menu! Themed after the majestic showboats of the 1800s, the Showboat Branson Belle evokes the spirit of a bygone era when river boat adventure, glamorous travel and dazzling entertainment converged into what we remember as 'Those Grand Old Showboatin' Days!' Your 2-hour cruise on magnificent Table Rock Lake includes a delicious 3-course meal (with roast beef and chicken) freshly prepared in the ship's galley and the exciting variety production Celebrate featuring singing, dancing, comedy, and more. We'll hold the Memorial Service on board the Belle prior to the lunch cruise.

**0945 board bus, 1445 back at hotel**  
**\$79/Person includes bus, escort, and cruise.**

## #1 HITS OF THE 60's

*Thursday, September 19*

#1 Hits of the 60's, voted Branson's Best Matinee Show in 2015 and 2016, is better than ever. With over 100 costume changes, fun video, and a talented cast, you've got the recipe for the show dubbed, "The Most Fun You'll have in Branson." Join in on the non-stop, high energy party as they take you back to the days of the Beach Boys, British Invasion, Motown, and the Age of Aquarius with music, dance, and a very special tribute to the Vietnam Veterans. You'll hear a few songs from the 70s too. Oh, to be young again!

**1300 board bus, 1645 back at hotel**  
**\$59/Person includes bus, escort, and show.**

## VETERANS MEMORIAL MUSEUM / BRANSON LANDING

*Friday, September 20*

This privately-owned museum contains over 2000 artifacts in ten display rooms, covering WWI through Desert Storm. For those who lived through these times, the memories brought back are vivid and overwhelming.

The hallmark of the museum is the world's largest war memorial bronze sculpture – over seventy feet in length weighing over fifteen tons! It depicts fifty life-sized soldiers (one from each state) storming the beach. For lunch and shopping, we'll head to Branson Landing, Branson's premier waterfront shopping area. Stores include Bass Pro Shop and Belk anchor stores, among many other specialty shops. You'll have a wide variety of choices for lunch.

**0930 board bus, 1330 back at the hotel**  
**\$39/Person includes bus, escort, and admission. Lunch on your own.**

## SIX SHOW

*Friday, September 20*

See the show that everyone is talking about! The cast is six brothers, and everything is done a cappella. The variety show includes many music genres, so it appeals to everyone. Their intense high-octane energy, electrifying stage presence, and powerhouse vocals combine to create a truly amazing entertainment experience. Critically acclaimed and dubbed as "an orchestra of human voices" and "masters of showmanship," these multi-talented brothers sound like a band using only their mouths!

**1900 board bus, 2245 back at hotel**  
**\$59/person includes bus, escort, and show.**

## BRANSON MILL CRAFT VILLAGE

*Saturday, September 21*

What better way for ladies to form bonds and friendships than to go shopping together! The Branson Mill is a 40,000 square feet working craft village devoted to craftsmen demonstrating their skills in everything from leather carving, pottery, painting, silver smith, and much more. All located under one roof, you can poke in and out of various shops featuring garden décor, jewelry, artwork, antiques, soaps, and the list goes on. If you'd like, gather with the ladies at 1100 in Tequila's 2 Mexican restaurant on property for lunch on your own.

**0930 board bus, 1230 back at hotel**  
**\$18/Person includes shuttle bus.**  
**Lunch on your own.**

*Driver and Staff gratuities are not included in the tour prices.  
Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time.  
All tours require a minimum of 35 people per bus, unless otherwise noted.*

### THIRD MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM – 9/17-22/2019

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 canceled 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/3mar2019](http://www.afr-reg.com/3mar2019) (3.5% fee added to credit card transactions). All forms and payments must be received by mail on or before August 15, 2019. After 8/15, 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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**ATTN: THIRD MARINE DIVISION**

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DATE/TIME	ACTIVITY	\$ PRICE PERSON	# OF PEOPLE	TOTAL
Wednesday, 9/18 - 0945-1445	<b>SHOWBOAT BRANSON BELLE LUNCH CRUISE</b>	\$79		\$
Wednesday, 9/18 - 1700-1900	<b>WELCOME MEET &amp; GREET</b> (Pizza, Salad & Cobbler)	\$19		\$
Thursday, 9/19 - 1300-1645	<b>#1 HITS OF THE 60's</b>	\$59		\$
Friday, 9/20 - 0930-1330	<b>VETERANS MUSEUM / BRANSON LANDING</b>	\$39		\$
Friday, 9/20 - 1900-2245	<b>SIX SHOW</b>	\$59		\$
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	Grilled Salmon	\$45		\$
	Vegetarian Eggplant Parmesan	\$45		\$
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PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAMETAG

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

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

SPOUSE & GUEST NAMES (IF ATTENDING) \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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(417) 335-5767

**RESERVATION INFORMATION**

*Please call the number above and reference the Third Marine Division Association*

**Group Name:** Third Marine Division Association

**Reunion Dates:** September 15-21, 2019

**Rate:** \$107 plus tax (currently 11.6%). The rate includes a hot breakfast daily

At check-in guests will be required to post a valid credit card to secure their individual room accounts.

**Cut off Date:** 8/15/19 Late reservations will be accepted on a space and rate availability basis

**Cancellation Policy:** A refundable deposit equal to the first night's room and tax will be authorized on your credit card at the time of the reservation to guarantee your reservation. The deposit will be applied to the guest hotel bill or refunded only if the reservation is cancelled a minimum of 48 hours prior to the scheduled arrival date. Reservations cancelled after 48 hours prior to arrival will not be refunded the deposit of one night's room and tax. Cancellations must be made through the same reservation channel that you originally booked the room.

**PARKING & AIRPORT SHUTTLE INFORMATION**

The Radisson Branson offers free parking for all guests. The hotel does not offer shuttle service to the Springfield Airport. There are several options for transportation:

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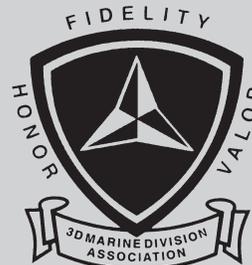
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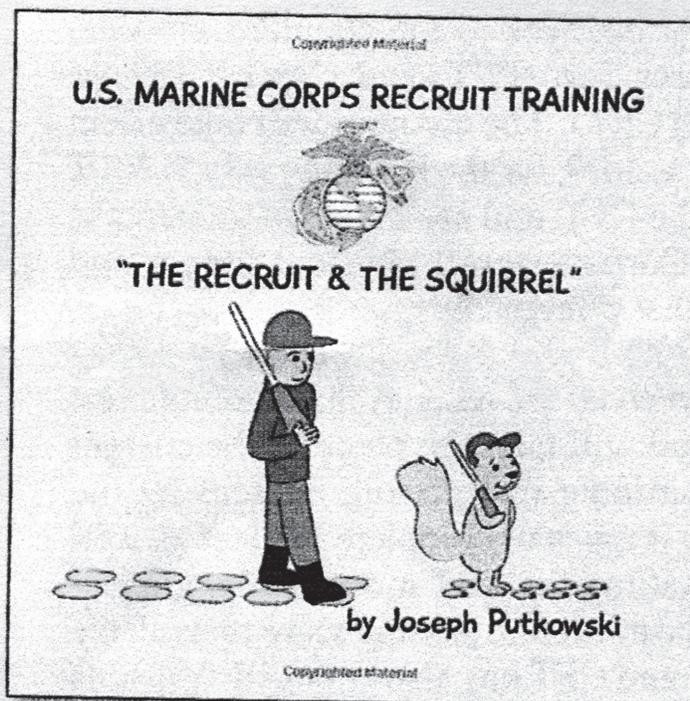
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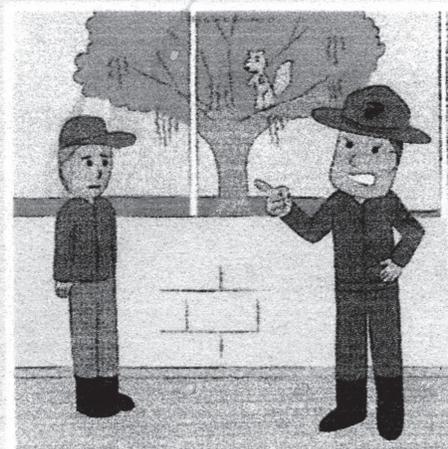
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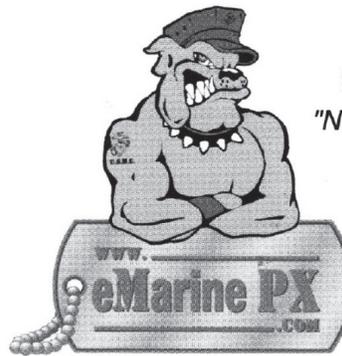
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