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This plaque was presented by or Association for the Divisions 80th Anniversary and will be attached to a building at MCAS Miramar.

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— 68th Annual Family Reunion, 13-20 August 2023, Washington, DC —

President's Message



September/October 2022

Hey everyone, what a great time we had at the Reunion in San Diego, 13 – 18 Sept 2022. We got more positive comments than I have ever heard before. It seems that all of the outings were fun and the events at the hotel, Meet and Greet/Memorial, Ice Cream Social, Anniversary reception, and banquet were very successful. It was great to see the graduation at MCRD San Diego. It was my first to see since I graduated there on May 3, 1966. It seems that most people were impressed with the Ranch House at Camp Pendleton. It was a beautiful place, and I tried to see in my mind what it must have looked like in its hay day. Perhaps the highlight of the Reunion was the 80th Anniversary celebration at MCAS Miramar. We had a color guard, a band, and a great lunch. Then we had some words about the meaning of the day. We were at the exact location on the exact 80th anniversary day of the activation of the Third Marine

Division. We were joined by MajGen Jay Bargeron, Commanding General, Third Marine Division in Okinawa, BGen Jason Morris, Commanding General, MCRD San Diego, Western Recruiting Region, and Col Thomas Bedell, Commanding Officer, MCAS Miramar. The celebration then was culminated with the unveiling of the historical plaque. Gen Bargeron loosened the top of the cover as I pulled it down to reveal the plaque. The audience liked what they saw and after I read what it said on the plaque, everyone loudly applauded in a sense of pride. Then after all the formal event ended, everyone rushed to the front to get photos of the plaque. It looked like a Hollywood moment there were so many people and cameras/phones. It was a beautiful sight. If that was not enough, all three buses got a tour of the base, with guides. Col Bedell was one of the guides. The comments about the tour and the guides was over the top. That evening

we had an anniversary reception at the hotel. Again, everyone had a great time visiting with each other. The highlight that evening was when Gen Bargeron cut the Third Marine Division birthday cake for the youngest and oldest, just like on Marine Corps Birthday. Much to our surprise, one of the Marines who graduated that morning at MCRD was at the hotel and persuaded to come into the reception. So, Gen Bargeron cut the piece for each, the youngest was the newly graduated Marine and the oldest was 89. The “new” Marine and Gen Bargeron were rock stars that evening as they visited with probably everyone who was there.

We took a vote Wednesday evening at the Meet and Greet to see who wanted to go to Chicago next year. We have a contract for Chicago. The vote was overwhelming. With all the violence in the area, the people spoke. They said an emphatic no to Chicago. We postponed the Washington DC reunion in 2020 because of COVID and they agreed to delay our contract. I checked with the hotel people and they said we could have the week of 13 – 20 Aug 2023 if we wanted it. After we voted not to go to Chicago, I called and accepted those dates. We go to the DC area in August so we can see the Evening Parade at 8th and I.

Thank you to everyone who came to the reunion. I especially thank Gen Bargeron who was tireless in his visiting with all of us. I Look forward to seeing everyone next year.

Semper Fidelis,

Robert North, President
Third Marine Division
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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Hello All,

The Association Reunion celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the 3rd Marine Division forming in September 1942, came to a close on Sept 18th, 2022. Thank You to all those that were able to attend the Reunion. We had a lot of 1st timers at this reunion, and also a few widows of members that had passed in the past few years. It was great seeing lots of old friends, the new faces, and those widows too. I believe everyone had a good time. I consider this reunion as one of the best we have had.

Each year we get older, and hope all those that are in okay health to travel will be able to join us in Washington DC next year, August 13-20, 2023. Mark your calendars now.

Most of the 1st Timers I talked with, said they enjoyed the Reunion, and planned to go again next year.

Hope to see ya in DC next August.

Semper Fi,
Don Bumgarner,
Vice President of Third Marine Division Association



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e-mail listing of our membership.
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FROM THE ASSOCIATION MANAGER

Many adulations have been made about the San Diego Reunion. What a wonderful 80th Anniversary of our Division and great fellowship with all that attended.

During one of the sessions, someone reminded me of a story I once read and its importance to everyone of us holds true today.

The story is of a man speaking at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on his friend's tombstone; from the beginning to the end. He noted that first was his birth and the final was his death. But, he said, what mattered the most was the dash between those years. This dash represents all the time he spent alive. Only those who knew him knew what that little line was worth. For it matters not how much we own; the cars, house, cash...what matters is how we live and how we spend our dash. So, think about this



long and hard. Are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left. If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real, and always try to understand the way other people

feel. Be less quick to anger, show appreciation more, and care for people in our lives. When your eulogy's being read, would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?

Many of our Association members could, but do not, attend our Reunions without considering their "DASH". Every year we are losing BROTHERS, never to be together again. Two members signed up to attend the San Diego Reunion but died a week before...it was important and special to them.

Let's all look forward to gathering again next August 13-20, 2023, in Washington DC. I'm glad that you are in my life and part of my "dash". Remember, yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift – that's why they call it the "present"!



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With Sparky's permission she is allowing us to place this ad in the Caltrap, in appreciation for their faithfulness to the 3rd.

Please consider taking part in the sale of eMarine PX inventory. Let's support them now!

Members of the 3rd. Marine Division Association

NOTES FROM THE MSF ANNUAL MEETING IN SAN DIEGO CA 2022

Thursday September 15, 2022

1. Trustees Present. Annette Loper, Ray Furlong & Vince Matthews present. Pete Post, Paul Peterson and Pat Conroy via phone.
2. Trustees Excused: Jim Kane & Greg Schaffer
3. The Secretary determined a quorum was present. (Defined as 50% or more of the number of appointed Trustees)
4. Prospective Trustees present: Arthur Alston & Vic Navarro.
5. Honored guests present. Roger Bacon, Dennis Olson.

Prior to the discussion of the agenda below, prospective Trustees Arthur Alston & Vic Navarro were nominated for the MSF Board. Ray Furlong proposed a motion to approve and Vince Matthews seconded it. Welcome aboard Arthur and Vic!!

1. Section V. B. of the MSF Plan, reappointment of Trustees Annette Loper and Jim Kane. Yea
2. Section V. B. of the MSF Plan, election of Chairman (Pete Post) and Secretary (Pat Conroy) for a one year term. Yea
3. Section V. B. of the MSF plan provides “Other specific tasks and functions may be assigned by the Chairman.”

1. Paul E. Peterson, Treasurer Yea.

2. Public Affairs Officer. Pete Post asked for volunteers from those present. There are none at this time.

4. A Proposal to amend the MSF Plan Section III – BENEFITS. A discussion ensued with Trustees proposing various levels of award amounts. Pete noted the MSF Plan allows at the sole discretion of the trustees, the range of award amounts may be reduced or increased depending on unusual conditions of financial need and of fund monies available. The trustees then voted Yea to a minimum award of \$1,500 to a maximum of \$2,500 per academic year.

5. A Proposal to amend the MSF Plan Section V. – ADMINISTRATION by adding the following as a new paragraph: “Trustee Proxy Voting”. Yea

1. Annette also added that all Trustees be notified in writing, of this decision and the details.

2. Pat noted the proposal stated: “To authorize a Proxy, the Principal must ensure the Proxy agrees to this and to notify the MSF Secretary of this 1 (one) week prior to any MSF meeting.” The secretary will then this communicate to the Trustees.

6. A Proposal to amend the MSF Plan Section V B. – ADMINISTRATION, “The number of Trustees on the MSF Board shall not be limited.” Yea

7. A Proposal to amend the MSF Plan SECTION IV – ELIGIBILITY & COMPLIANCE. ¶s 1-4. Nay

8. A Proposal to amend the MSF Plan Section III by adding a mid year application process for awards just for the spring semester. Yea.

1. It was agreed that this would be for the Spring Semester of the next academic year.

2. Each application will be reviewed on a case by case basis in the same process that is used now for the full year applicants who meet the eligibility requirements and must reapply each year. The Secretary will then submit the same information as prepared for full year applicants to the Trustees to review, vote Yea or Nay, and if Yea the amount they recommend.

9. A proposal to use our media (Caltrap, website, Facebook page, communication to Chapters, etc) for Assn members to encourage their descendants and relatives to contribute to the MSF or the Assn especially those with company “Matching Gift” programs. As an IRS 501 (c)19 non profit all donations are tax deductible for

the donor.

1. Pete noted as MSF Chairman, he has the primary accountability for this.
 2. Annette proposed each recipient of an MSF award in the current academic year write a scholarly essay on the benefits and value their education provides them for their chosen course of study leading to a profession with the assistance of the MSF. Note: we implemented an essay requirement for the 2022-2023 applicants but some had nothing to do with education per se.
 3. Ray asked if we could bring back the photos of the awardees in our media. Pat explained we stopped this, as did the 1st MSF and 2nd MSF due to legal issues with photos winding up on the Internet and the process of obtaining a written legal approval from the applicants. Refer to Bob North's email 23 Feb 2018 to the ExComm & Officers on this.
10. Requested presentation at the San Diego annual meeting as follows: The MSF Trustees involved in the "Give Back" program Annette proposed in Ft Worth last year.
1. Pat noted the names and data he provided to Annette did not include the parent/s information, just students and sponsors. He also asked if the parent/s should now be solicited. Yea.
 2. Vince noted that some parent/s, and gave an example, are not able to contribute at all if approached on this.
 3. Pete noted some parent/s would be offended if approached after just shelling out a lot of money for their child's/childrens' education.
 4. Ray & Mary Ellen (who did respond to the Give Back letter, as he was the sponsor for his two sons) proposed we go back in time to obtain the parent/s information and solicit a donation.
11. A proposal to step up funding efforts and consider going outside of just soliciting members and look to outside possibilities such as local businesses, member's companies and other charitable organizations' mailing lists, etc. Yea.
1. Roger to create a solicitation card, with Pate's help, to distribute to trustees and members that are willing to solicit their contacts with businesses, associations, and civic groups they participate in. We also need a short letter to distribute directly to companies like FedEx, Amazon, etc. This letter could also be posted on various media outlets like Facebook. This program will need research.
12. A proposal to benchmark our process to the 1s and 2nd MDA MSF programs. Nay.
13. A proposal to create an additional scholarship award category (non-monetary) for qualified students whose families would not qualify for financial assistance. Nay
14. A proposal to provide a certificate to all regular scholarship recipients for their records as well. Yea. Annette and Pete will lead the graphic design of this for review and approval by the Trustees.
15. An analysis (from 2013 – 2022) for the "Give Back" program discussed in 10. above. While not discussed in this meeting, the analysis that showed 57% or 29 of the 51 students never reapplied after the first award may add credence to the fact that some parent/s did not respond to the Give Back letter due to the lack of further MSF participation. Duly noted.
16. Other topics at the meeting as proposed.
1. Annette proposed that each Trustee review these notes prior to any publication in our media. Yea. After reviewing each Trustee is to send changes to Pat Conroy.
 2. Per Dennis Olson the New England Chapter continues to support the MSF with a \$300 donation. This will be noted in future media and the MSF thanks the New England Chapter for their continued support of the MSF.
17. Subsequent events. Pat would like to note for the record that Trustee Greg Schaffer was appointed to the MSF Board at last year's reunion meeting. Refer to his and Ray's bio on Page 11 of the July-Sept 2021 Caltrap and the FY 2022 MSF Report to Members.

Semper Fi
Pat

MSF ANNOUNCES GIFT FROM THE ROBERT CAMPBELL-MARY DEWOLF TRUST

The Memorial Scholarship Fund was recently informed of a major gift commitment of approximately \$22,500 from the Robert Campbell-Mary Louise DeWolf Trust. This will be paid in three distributions; the first one, \$5,000 was received in July 2022.

Robert (Bob) Campbell, 85, husband of the Rev. Mary Louise DeWolf, died December 19, 2015 at home in Crystal River, FL. After graduation from Boston University with a BA in Latin American Regional Studies, he enlisted in the Marine Corps Officers Candidate School and graduated as a Second Lieutenant. He was stationed for four years as a platoon leader in an infantry company at Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, HI. He served as the base provost marshal, defense counsel, and trial counsel for special court



martial cases, and was responsible for monitoring civilian activities on the base. He was a reconnaissance officer for the First Marine Brigade. As an extra activity, he put together eight-man football contests on the base. Upon returning home, Bob worked for a number of insurance companies. During these years he continued serving in the Marine Corps Reserve and retired from the Marines as a Major.

Mary Louise DeWolf, 91, resided at The Windsor of Ocala and passed peacefully on April 26, 2022. In 2000 Ms. DeWolf married Robert L. Campbell. She graduated from the University of Florida where she received her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in the field of Science Education. Following graduation, Ms. DeWolf taught physical education in Sebring, FL, and biology and chemistry for 29 years in other schools in Florida, England, Georgia, and California. In 2001, Rev. DeWolf was ordained in the Unitarian Universalist ministry by the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Marion County, and received her second Master's degree, this time in Religious Studies at USF. In 2003, she became the part-time minister at Nature Coast Unitarian Universalists in Citrus Springs and served for seven years. This was followed by being awarded "Minister Emerita" and publishing her book, "A Cracker Gal Finds Religion."

MSF Board Trustee Jin Kane knew Bob personally. They were lifelong friends since their days going through OCS and commissioned at Quantico in October 1954 together. Then Bob, Jim, and 2 other freshly minted 2LTs were assigned as platoon commanders to the Fourth Marine Regiment, MCB Kaneohe on Oahu HI. Below is a photo of these four friends; from the left are Jim Kane, Bill Haywood, Bob Campbell, and Pete Freeman all at the time with Echo 2/4 First Brigade in HI. All four Marines donated to the MSF in the past in memory of their CO Capt Basile Iubka for several years.

The MSF Board of Trustees is very grateful for Bob and Mary remembering the MSF in their final plans and the important role it will contribute to the Association's sponsored students. Please consider the MSF and the Assn Operating Fund for your estate planning. Please contact Assn Manager Roger Bacon for details. Bob asked Jim about the process for leaving part of this estate gift to the MSF and Jim gladly guided him so we thank Jim Kane as well.

Semper Fidelis
The Memorial Scholarship Fund Board of Trustees

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND (MSF) APPLICATIONS FOR 2022-2023

The MSF Board of Trustees has announced the application, eligibility requirements, and MSF Plan for the next academic year 2022-2023 are available on the Association website www.caltrap.org. This is a post-high school scholarship program for the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Assn members. Also eligible are recently discharged Marines, who served honorably with the Third Marine Division and military personnel attached to it e.g. men and women of the US Navy Hospital Corps, Chaplain Corps, etc. Scholarships generally range from \$500 to \$1,200 per academic year based solely on financial need but MSF Trustees may increase a scholarship more based on special circumstances.

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

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

- Those undergraduate accredited degree programs where the undergraduate requirement is at least 150 credit hours or five (5) years of undergraduate study for graduation.
- Those postgraduate accredited degree programs where the applicant has been an MSF awardee for three (3) undergraduate years of study and has graduated at the end of the third year.

The MSF was established in 1969 to honor the loss in the Republic of Vietnam on 14 Nov 1967 of Third Marine Division Commanding Officer Major General Bruno A. Hockmuth. To date 831 scholarship awards of \$692,500 have been presented to deserving students based solely on financial need. Each year the prestigious LtCol Richard E. Jones USMC (Ret) scholarship in the amount of \$1,200 is also awarded. The family of LtCol Jones, in memory of his service to his Country, Marine Corps, and the Association generously funds this scholarship annually for the applicant with the greatest financial need.

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

Semper Fidelis
MSF Board of Trustees

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

18:00 Friday, 16 September 2022
Holiday Inn-Bayside, San Diego, CA

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Robert North, David Bice, Don Bumgarner, Ray Furlong, Jimmy Pitts, Ron Thiewes, Jerry Graham, Bill Ervin, Joe Deloria, Robert Adams, Russ Zess, Dennis Olson, and Roger Bacon

Absent: Pete Post, Ricky Branch, Russ England, Richard Perez, and James Wenzel

Robert North called meeting to order and stated we had a quorum.

The Secretary is absent but last year's meeting minutes were published in the Caltrap. It was moved to accept as written.

Don Bumgarner and Gen. Bice explained a Proposed 2023 Budget that had been submitted by Pat Conroy. Motion was made by Gen. Bice, seconded by Bill Ervin and passed by all present.

The Judge Advocate, Ron Thiewes, who was attending for the first time stated the Association-By-Laws probably need to be looked over. Anyone with suggestions should let him know. Gen. Bice mentioned that several years back Dennis Retoske had updated some.

Ray Furlong provided a MSF report from the Scholarship Fund Meeting held on 15 Sept. Once the MSF BOD approves the minutes, they will be published in the next Caltrap.

Someone stated we need to reach out to 3/4 and 2/3 and try to get them to join our Association to increase the membership. Col. Landis is to meet with his group.

NEW BUSINESS

Gen. Bice is suggesting we only produce three Caltraps: one prior to Reunion (items required per by-laws; one post reunion (pictures, etc.); and one early spring (announcing details of next reunion.) This is a major cost savings to our budget. Bob North stated that with the help of Roger Bacon, we would like to study this further before reducing.

Bob North explained why a show of hands vote about holding next years reunion was requested at the Meet and Greet Dinner on 14 Sept. The membership voted by a large margin not to go to Chicago. We are asking the Board's approval to cancel this site. Roger Bacon will proceed with legal assistance to terminate the Chicago Hotel Agreement. We have an acceptance from Washington, DC, to hold our 2023 Reunion on August 13-20.

With everything that is before us, Roger Bacon recommended that all officers remain in the positions for another year. Not only do we have the Chicago/Washington issue, but our association with AFR expires with the DC Reunion. A search needs to begin now for replacing these services.

Additionally, we need to appoint two more Board Members. Roger Bacon stated that two members have approached about getting more involved. He is recommending Roger Henry and Joel Parreira by added to the BOD.

ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

09:00 Saturday, 17 September 2022
Holiday Inn-Bayside, San Diego, CA

Call to Order: Robert North, Association President

Invocation: Frankie Harris, Association Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance: Joe Deloria, Association Sergeant- at- Arms

Roll Call of Officers: R.North, D.Bumgarner, R. Thiewes, J. Deloria, F. Harris, R. Adams, G.Miller, R. Furlong, J. Pitts, and R. Bacon were present. J. Wenzel, P. Post, and P. Conroy were absent.

Our secretary was not able to attend; however last year's minutes were published in the Caltrap. It was voted to accept and approve as written.

The BOD met and recommended approval of the proposed 2023 Budget. It was voted to accept and approve the budget.

Chaplain Harris reviewed the death letters he sent since last year's reunion.

Ray Furlong presented a report of the MSF meeting held on 15 September and the changes that they agreed to. These will be printed in the next Caltrap.

Ken Burkitt, 1/3 President, announced the Chapter is donating \$600 to the General Fund. Vincent Matthews stated he was donating \$100 to the MSF.

Robert North explained that the BOD met and determined we should terminate the contract for next year's Chicago Reunion. We have confirmation from Washington, DC, to hold the 2023 Reunion,

August 13-20, for \$135 per night (including breakfast).

General Bice stated that the Caltrap remains our largest expense. We presently have 40 members who have optioned to receive their copy by e-mail which saves us considerable postage cost. A proposal was made at the BOD meeting to reduce the publishing of the Caltrap to three times a year. One prior to the reunion (items required thru by- laws); one after the reunion (pictures, etc., from reunion); and one in the spring announcing the next reunion. We will be studying this before recommending a final decision.

The BOD is requesting approval to retain all Association Officers for another year and fill two Board openings with Roger Henry and Joel Parreira. This was approved by the membership.

A discussion was held about our Facebook page. There are over 2000 members, but only a handful actually pay dues to the Association. We must find someone or a way to get them to join our Association. Additionally, we talked about our Website. We have a lot of information being placed on the Website that should be for members only. We intend to tighten what items we are placing out on the site.

It was mentioned that Marine Recruiters need our help with their efforts to enlist new recruits.

Our JA, Ron Theiwes, explained the need for Veteran's Courts across the country. They were established to assist veterans who must face jail time for drugs, alcohol and accidents, and by entering a court program they can get their record expunged.

The raffle drawing was held and the winners were:

Grand Prize Winner:	James Toomey
Second Prize Winner:	Richard Wendt
Third Prize Winner:	Darrell Fleming

Benediction: Frankie Harris

Adjournment: Robert North

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE NEXT AUGUST IN WASHINGTON, DC

The Board of Directors Organizational Meeting was conducted after the Membership Business Meeting whereby Ray Furlong was elected Chairman of the Board and Jerry Graham was elected Vice-Chairman.

The Executive Committee is: Chairman, Ray Furlong; Vice-Chairman, Jerry Graham; General David Bice (Past President) and Jimmy Pitts.

The Board of Directors: Ray Furlong, Chairman (2021-2024)
Jerry Graham, Vice-Chairman (2021-2024)
Ricky Branch (2021-2024)
Richard Perez (2021-2024)
Roger Henry (2022-2025)
Joel Parreira (2022-2025)

CAMP COURTNEY, OKINAWA

CAMP COURTNEY, OKINAWA, Japan – The 3d Marine Division commemorated its 80th Anniversary during a battle colors rededication ceremony at Camp Hansen, Okinawa Sept. 14, 2022.

The Division, which earned the nickname “The Fighting Third,” was activated at Camp Elliot in San Diego, Sept. 16, 1942.

“We are honored to recognize and celebrate the anniversary of 3d Marine Division and the service and sacrifice of the Marines and Sailors who have stood in these ranks and – war by war, battle by battle, and day by day – built the great legacy of fidelity, honor, and valor that we stand on today,” said Maj. Gen. Jay Bargeron, the 3d Marine Division Commanding General, as he addressed an audience featuring hundreds of U.S. Marines and Sailors along with multiple senior leaders from the Japan Self-Defense Force.

Since its inception, the 3d Marine Division has primarily operated in the Indo-Pacific region. During World War II, it fought in the campaigns on Bougainville, Guadalcanal, Guam, and Iwo Jima where many Marines like CWO4 Hershel “Woody” Williams demonstrated extraordinary heroism on the battlefield.

Following World War II, the Division was deactivated Dec. 28, 1945 and then reactivated Jan. 7, 1952. In August 1953, 3d Marine Division arrived in Japan, supporting peace and security throughout the region. In March 1956, the Division moved to Okinawa where it remained as an expeditionary force-in-readiness until 1965.

On May 6, 1965, the 3d Marine Division opened the Marine compound at Da Nang Air Base in Vietnam. The Division subsequently operated combat bases at Da Nang, Phu Bai, Quang Tri and Dong Ha. The Division departed Vietnam in November 1969 and moved to Camp Courtney, Okinawa, where it is presently located. During the Vietnam War alone, 32 Caltrap Marines and Sailors earned the Medal of Honor.

“The troops I commanded in Vietnam [and] the ones that I commanded throughout my career have always been top of the line, well trained, disciplined, motivated, and flexible,” said Col. Robert Modrzejewski, who earned the Medal of Honor in Vietnam during one of multiple tours with 3d Marine Division. “Marines are adaptable ... the technology [and] the weapons are more sophisticated [today] ... as far as ability, I can’t tell the difference.”

The legacy of 3d Marine Division continued on through the Global War on Terrorism, supporting combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“To be a part of The Fighting Third means being mentally strong and physically strong,” said Sgt. Apreanna Johnson, an Afghanistan veteran and Chicago native currently serving as the color sergeant and supporting logistics for 4th Marine Regiment. “My specialty may be Supply, but I understand that I am also a Marine rifleman and must always be ready to deploy and fight.”

In the midst of emerging threats, the 3d Marine Division continues to play a significant role in the evolution of the Marine Corps – from furthering concepts such as expeditionary advanced base operations to standing up the Corps’ first Marine Littoral Regiment.

“We remain a Fight Now force today. We stand ready – along with the rest of III MEF, our Allies and Partners, and the entire Joint Force – from mainland Japan to the Philippines and beyond,” Bargeron said. “Together, we operate within range of clear threats to peace and security; and we do so with great confidence – a confidence that is rooted in the commitment we share with our Allies and Partners, in the trust of our fellow Marines and Sailors, and in the legacy forged by those who went before us.”

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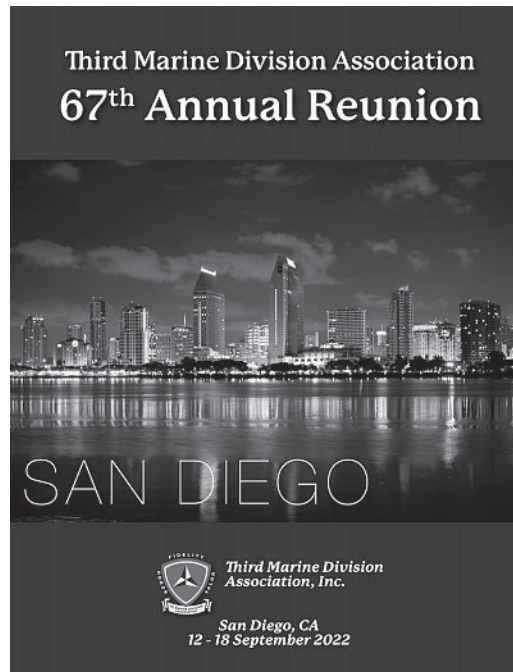
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WHAT IS THE REUNION JOURNAL

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

Anyone can submit an ad, memorial, etc. Would you like to remember a fallen Marine, or a Marine you served with,

or a Marine you served with,



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a battalion, a family member, a business card? Regardless of what it is we honor your wishes.

For those who have not seen a Journal, it is a professional publication and well received by all. Everyone who attends the reunion or places a submission will receive the journal.

This is another avenue of supporting this wonderful Association as well as promoting your business or honoring those who have meaning to you.

For all of you who through the years have supported this endeavor, THANK YOU.

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CHAPTER *Happenings*



TEXAS CHAPTER

The Texas Chapter had their Spring Reunion in Kerrville, TX April 21-24, 2022. We started off with a Thursday evening dinner at the Cowboy Steak House, where the owner gave us a large private room. He stayed with us the whole time and took good care of us. After a good time of visiting, we stood and sang the Marines Hymn, which we always do. He brought in some wait staff and opened the doors so the rest of the restaurant could hear. As always, we got lots of applause. Friday morning, we went to the very popular Hill Country town of Fredericksburg. There we went to the Nimitz Museum of the Pacific War.



Admiral Nimitz was from there. Former Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen Michael Hagee, USMC (Ret) is the President of the Nimitz Foundation, which oversees the whole operation. The Texas Chapter meet in the auditorium for a meeting with Gen Hagee and a memorial service for those members we lost the past year. Gen Hagee was the Chapter banquet speaker about 12 years ago, and could not have been nicer or more personable. He was also the Guest of Honor and speaker at the 3rdMarDiv Association reunion in San Antonio in 2016. After the meeting we spent time going through the impressive museum. Friday afternoon/evening we spent at Schreiner University in Kerrville. The band put

on a special performance just for us. They concluded with the Marines Hymn. We had a food truck parked at the event site as the performance was outdoors.



Saturday morning, we were invited to a Military Tribute Breakfast at Schreiner. It was a beautiful event that included a 7-year POW in the Hanoi Hilton as our speaker. We had a beautiful breakfast buffet at no expense to us. Lots of visiting afterward.



After the breakfast event, we went to a beautiful prayer sculpture garden that had a 77'7" cross. A magnificent sight.



We then went just up the road to the home campus of the famous James Avery Hand Crafted Jewelry. Mr. Avery served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II, commanding a B-26 bomber running 44 missions over Germany. We shopped and visited the small museum in the home store. After an excellent lunch that included some shopping, we went to the beautiful Museum of Western Art.



Instead of a banquet, we had Bar-B-Q brought into the hospitality room and just had a great time visiting. We had one of our WWII members there with us the whole time. We voted to go to Lubbock, TX for our Fall Reunion, which is slated for 13-16 Oct 2022.

1/3 CHAPTER

Hello Everyone!

Last month (September) was the 3rd Marine Division Reunion in San Diego. The 1st Bn/3rd Marines Chapter met on Thursday, 15 September, at the Reunion with 35-40 members present and accounted for approximately 50% of those in attendance. Among these were spouses of deceased members as well as wives and adult children and a lot of First Timers. One family was there honoring a “Brother/Son” that was KIA in Vietnam, who, I believe, had been awarded the Silver Star.

At the 1/3 Meeting, Ronnie Bubonics shared a tribute to honor her late husband, David, who passed since the last reunion. Col. Reczek spoke about the importance of Ronnie, other spouses and widows, and adult children, attending. They are a strong part of the Association and all of us need to make them feel welcome and encourage them to keep returning.

The 1/3 “Bunker” had a great turnout and was a busy place at times, with some picture albums and the history of 1/3 in Vietnam available to all. I enjoy sharing and talking about my photographs. There was a Vietnam Map that any Marine or Corpsman that had been in Nam could sign. The Bunker usually closed shortly after midnight, and it was worth it!!!

The Reunion is the time of year that those of us who served together in that far-off land, Vietnam, can get together and talk. Many have health issues to deal with, but were able to travel and made the Reunion. I try to encourage all the Marines and Corpsmen I know to go to these Reunions. Our group is starting to age...most in

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my group turn 75 years old this year. We were kids, back in 1967-68. I could serve 13 months in Vietnam, but was too young to buy/drink a beer legally in California when I returned home. Guess I am old enough to have a few in the Bunder these days.

This Reunion happened to end about on my birthday, so I was able to drive to Las Vegas to share my 75th birthday with my twin brother. He was in the Air Force and when he was 21, he came down to the Lakewood/Long Beach area, where we lived, from his Air Force base so we were able to celebrate that birthday together. Our 75th together was great too.

When I got home to Missouri, I got a call that my Marine buddy in Idaho had passed. He had turned 75 on the 4th of July. He had been to the reunion in 2012 that was in San Diego.

We did have a GREAT time at the Reunion. Thank you to all that made it. Hope that if you are in good enough health to travel that you will join us next year in Washington, DC, from August 13 to 20, 2023.

Semper Fidelis
Don Bumgarner and Ken Burkitt (Chapter President)



RIP Frank Bilbao

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER



On Memorial Day, 2022, five members of the New England Chapter attended a memorial service in Franklin, New Hampshire. VFW Post 1698 hosted the memorial for L/Cpl Jedi C. Barker, USMC, recipient of the Medal of Honor, posthumously, while serving in Vietnam. L/Cpl Barker served with F/2/4 in 1967 when he died from wounds suffered after he threw himself on a NVA grenade to protect fellow Marines. A framed photo with information and flag was presented to VFW Post 1698, taps and rifle salute concluded the ceremony at the Post.



Friends of the Chapter, Charlie Colaresi, Chairman of the Veterans Commission in Berlin, CT, was instrumental in the process of constructing the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument. Berlin was chosen by the Woody Williams Foundation from all other Towns and Cities in CT, for this Memorial. Charlie was involved from start to finish, dealing with contractors and town officials.

The New England Chapter Fall meeting was held at the home of members Bob and Ann Childs in South Yarmouth, MA. President Olson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chaplain Cynthia Olson provided the opening prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting was read by Secretary Elaine Fragente, corrected and accepted.

Treasurers report for the period ending September 20th was read by Treasurer Deane Taylor, explained and accepted.

Old business was discussed.

New business revolved around information from the San Diego Reunion. President Olson attended committee meetings and reported the results. Information from the reunion included the Reunion Journal, photos of tours, pamphlets, and a picture of the plaque commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Third Marine Division.

All members were asked to receive their copy of Caltrap digitally to reduce the Association expense.

Date and place for Spring, 2023 was discussed. Several sites are being investigated for April 15th.

Chaplin, Cynthia Olson provided the closing prayer and asked the members to think of fellow members Ray and Rose Kelly, Florida residents who were directly in the path of Hurricane Ian.

The meeting was adjourned and members were served a lovely lunch prepared by Ann Child's and her two daughters. After enjoying clam chowder, chili, lobster rolls, cold cuts and roll up sandwiches, beverages and a number of homemade deserts the Chapter held its raffle.



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WISCONSIN CHAPTER

Wisconsin Chapter held it's fall meeting in Madison. WI with 27 members and family

Joe Delora called the meeting to order and led us the Pledge Allegiance, Walt Henry opening prayer and Paul Peterson did the Honor our flag.

We had wonderful meeting with a fine lunch. President Russ Zess called the meeting to order with reports from Secretary, Joe Delora Treasure Andy Toth. The meeting was concluded with closing prayer and Taps.

After the meeting we visited the Wisconsin Veterans Museum.

Russ Zess President



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Sepius Exertus Often Tested
Frater Infinitas Brothers Forever

Third Herd Gathering

President John Murphy cancelled monthly meeting for September due to some traveling and participating in the Association Reunion and celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the 3rd Marine Division

Members, Please describe who or what influenced your decision to join the Marine Corps and send to [John jfstofiel@comcast.net](mailto:jfstofiel@comcast.net)

A former Sergeant in the Marine Corps took a new job as a school teacher.

Just before the school year started, he injured his back. He was required to wear a plaster cast around the upper part of his body. Fortunately, the cast fit under his shirt and wasn't noticeable.

On the first day of class, he found himself assigned to the toughest students in the school. The smart punks, having already heard the new teacher was a former Marine, were leery of him and he knew they would be testing his discipline in the classroom.

Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, the new teacher opened the window wide and sat down at his desk. When a strong breeze made his tie flap, he picked up a stapler and stapled the tie to his chest.

Dead silence...
The rest of the year went very smoothly.

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 Bob Ventura ~ Robert Walton
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U.S. Marine Corps Maj. General Jay Barger, 3d Marine Division Commanding General, speaks with 1/3 Member William Taylor and Veteran Marines @ "The Fighting Third" at the 3d Marine Division Association banquet honoring the Division's 80th Anniversary in San Diego, California, Sept. 17, 2022. The 3d Marine Division was activated at Camp Elliot, San Diego, Sept. 16, 1942 and has taken part in combat operations from World War II and Vietnam through Iraq and Afghanistan. The current Marines of 3d Marine Division continue to build on this legacy today as a critical part of the stand-in force within the first island chain of the Indo-Pacific.



Maurice Deets @ 3rdMar Div Reunion hospitality room



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CADET OF THE YEAR AWARD

I presented the Third Marine Division Association Cadet of the Year award to Cadet Captain JunSeo Nam on Friday, May 20, 2022. The presentation was at the Marine Military Academy Graduation in Harlingen, Texas. This photo was taken after the actual presentation to include his mother from South Korea. Cadet Nam is going to Texas A&M University this fall.



I presented the Third Marine Division Association Texas A&M NROTC Cadet of the Year award to then Cadet Autumn P. Finney. As Cadet Finney, she was a Distinguished Naval Graduate. The Commissioning Oath Ceremony was on May 13, 2022, at “The Arches” at Texas A&M University. This photo of newly minted Second Lieutenant Autumn P. Finney was taken after the ceremony. Next stop for her is The Basic School in Quantico. Welcome to the Marine Corps. Wonderful, inspiring ceremony.

Semper Fi,
Bob



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome Aboard

Marquez, Ron;
Apple Valley, CA;
Comm., HO BN, 1974-75;
Facebook

Marseilles, William;
Lakewood CA;
B/3rd Eng; 1957-58;
E-mail

Bacon, Ellie;
Lisbon, OH;
Spouse of Roger Bacon

Bastaint, Cass;
Long Beach, CA;
A1/3, 1966-69;
Jerry Graham

Waterhouse, Gerald;
El Cajon, Ca;
B1/12, 1965-66

Bradford, James;
Las Vegas, NV;
C1/3, 1967-68;
Don Bumgarner

Huffaker, Jerry;
Santa Rosa, CA;
A 11th Eng., 1966-67

Hernandez, Ralph;
Buffalo, NY;
D1/3, 1968-69;
Internet

Carrillo-Urrutia;
Virginia; Watsonville, CA;
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THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SEMPER FI,

Bob North, President

MIDNIGHT GUARD

Men in faded camouflage stand gathered in the night
Beneath a leafless maple tree that shields them from the light.
They speak in silent whispers as they share a cigarette
And gaze out on the long black wall of names they can't forget.

Some neat and trim, some gaunt and thin
Some suffer from neglect.
But here is found a common ground
A brotherhood of respect.

Some reach out with a trembling hand and touch that cold, black stone
Some stand aside with folded arms and want to be alone.
Two brothers hold a weeping man with ribbons on his chest
And help this aging warrior purge emotions long repressed.

It's a solemn sight here late at night
When the crowds have gone to bed
And the midnight guard stands in the yard
Paying tribute to their dead. w

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

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Houston, TX;
L3/9, 1942-45;
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Died 6/11/22

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Life Member

Hershel "Woody" Williams;
Barboursville, WV;
C1/21, 1943-45,
Died 6/29/22

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H&S 2/12 and F2/12, 1942-45;
Died 1/24/22

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Thomas Morton;
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Died 8/24/22

Life Member

Richard Mason;
East Bethel, MN;
C1/9 and H&S 1/9, 1956-57;
Died 2/19/22

Life Member

Humberto Solorzano;
San Antonio, TX;
H&S 3/9, 1953-54;
Died 3/21/22

Life Member

Daniel Madrigal;
Winkelman, AZ;
A/3rd Shore Pty, 1967-68;
No date given

Annual Member

Richard Cousins;
Little Valley, NY; L3/4, 1965-66;
Died 4/12/22

Life Member

John Maple;
Eagle, ID; M3/3, 1964-66;
Died 8/16/20

Life Member

LtCol Kenneth Beasock;
Gainesville, FL;
31d Motor Transport BN, 1958-61;
Died 5/5/22

Life Member

James Pickens;
Templeton, CA;
HQ 2/4, 1954-56;
No date given

Care of Our Own Member

William Pass;

Troy, NC;
B1/?, 1979-80;
No date given

Life Member

David Hochstrasser;
Raleigh, NC;
H&S 1/9, 1965-66;
Died 5/19/22

Life Member

Clark Mayer;
Hagerstown, MD;
D1/3, 1965;
No date given

Life Member

Jay DeGraw;
Navarre, FL;
H&S 3/12, 1956-58 and 1968-69;
No date given

Life Member

James Siciliano,
Port Monmouth, NJ;
H&S 12, 1954-57;
No date given

Life Member

GySgt Howard R. Kahl,
Rathdrum, ID;
H&S Maint BN/3d FS, 1965-66,
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 Your Fellow Marine
Joe Smith

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, **Effective Date:** _____
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, **City:** _____ **State:** _____
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TRIBUTE TO THE RECENT PASSING OF OUR TWO OLDEST MEMBERS

Within 8 days in June, we lost our two oldest members



Oliver Smith, left, our oldest member, would have been 100 on December 16.

“Oliver Wesley Smith passed away on June 21, 2022. “PeeWee,” as he was known to his family, was born in Marquez, Texas on December 16, 1922, to Charles and Dellie Mae Smith. The family moved to Houston when he was 9 years old. He attended Milby High School through the 11th grade. At the age of 17, he began working for Houston Lighting & Power. In September 1942, he joined the U.S. Marine Corp., fighting in the Pacific Arena during World War II. He was seriously wounded during the Liberation Invasion of Guam in 1944. After healing from his wounds, for which he received the Purple Heart, he was honorably discharged from the Marine Corp, on April 4, 1945. In 1945, he rejoined HL&P and he married his sweetheart, Mildred “Mickey” Magee; they had one daughter, Sandra. Oliver and Mickey had over 50 wonderful years together before her passing in 1996. In December 1998, he married Phyllis Arsenault LaLonde and embraced her large family as his own. Together they enjoyed traveling, playing bridge and especially being involved with numerous Marine Corp. Association activities.

Oliver loved God and God loved him. He enjoyed serving others through various ministries at his church, spending time with family and friends, woodworking, fishing, gardening and playing his harmonica. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, his wife, Mickey and their daughter, Sandy. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, and her children – daughter, Jeanne Hollkamp, and sons Tom LaLonde, Rev. Wally LaLonde, Mark LaLonde, John LaLonde, Steve LaLonde and Jimmy LaLonde – and their spouses, 21 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, as well as his son-in-law, Stan Sosinski.”

Oliver was a Texas Chapter icon who helped to establish the Chapter while serving most of the offices. He was always at the twice-yearly Texas Chapter reunions, as he loved to engage with people, and tell stories. He also never missed the Association national reunions. Many of you remember Oliver and his harmonica. Oliver was known as a mentor and hero to generations of people including local Marines. Even into his 90’s, he continued to plan on the future events. (personal note) Linda and I enjoyed taking Oliver and Phyllis all over Texas to the Chapter reunions and to Veterans Day meals at the Golden Corral where Oliver would “work the room”. In our travels, he would always “work the room” at restaurants where we stopped along the way. He always

had his WWII Marine cap on and would greet people with "It's hell getting old" and then tell them his age. Interesting conversations would follow with these strangers. We had quite a few meals bought for us by these strangers/new friends. We will really miss Oliver and Phyllis at the Reunions.

Woody Williams, right, our second oldest member and Medal of Honor recipient, would have been 99 on October 2. He was the last surviving WWII Medal of Honor recipient.

"Hershel Woodrow "Woody" Williams, 98 of Ona, WV passed away peacefully and surrounded by his family on Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at the VA Medical Center. He was born October 2, 1923, in Fairmont, WV the son of the late Lloyd D. and Lurena Nuzum Williams. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Ruby Dale Williams. He is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Travie J. and Dean Ross of Huntington and Tracie J. and David Ross of Barboursville, WV; five grandsons, two great-grandsons and a great granddaughter and a host of friends and extended family. In lieu of flowers Woody's last wish was that the Foundation he helped establish remain in perpetuity by donations being made to the Woody Williams Foundation, 12123 Shelbyville Road, Suite 100, Louisville, KY, 40243 or online at <https://woodywilliams.org/donation-opportunities.html>. Online memories and condolences may be sent to family at www.beardmortuary.com. Services will begin on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. with a procession leaving Beard Mortuary at 8:00 a.m. going to the Rotunda at the West Virginia State Capital. Visitation will be from 10:00 – 6:00 p.m. On Sunday, a visitation will be held from 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the Rotunda followed by a Service at the Cultural Center. Burial will be private for the family."

"Williams spent 33 years as a Veterans Service Representative for the Department of Veterans Affairs after his service in WWII, helping veterans and their families. In addition, he was a member of the West Virginia Governor's Military Advisory Board and the Commandant of the Veterans Nursing Home in Barboursville for almost ten years. Williams is a member of the West Virginia Hall of Fame and has twice been recognized as a Distinguished West Virginian. Additionally, in his honor, the Huntington VA Medical Center has renamed the Hershel "Woody" Williams VA Medical Center in 2018. Williams also established the Woody Williams Foundation, a nonprofit that creates memorial monuments for Gold Star Families and runs outreach initiatives for these families. In Norfolk, Virginia, the USS Hershel "Woody" Williams was commissioned as a warship in March 2020 in his honor. Ruby, Williams' wife, died before him in 2007. His two daughters are his only heirs. Woody "went home to the be with the Lord," according to a statement from the Woody Williams Foundation, and "peacefully joined his loving wife Ruby while accompanied by his family at the VA Medical Center which bears his name at the VA Medical Center."

Woody lived an amazing life of service. He helped legions of people. His dedication through his non-profit touched lives all across the country. He was honored at the US Capitol to Lie in State. I personally invited Woody to this Reunion because he trained at Camp Elliott before he left for the Pacific Theater and Iwo Jima where his remarkable heroism earned him the Medal of Honor. That would have been a fitting full circle.

Well Done, Good and Faithful Servants. We will miss you both.

Rest in Peace, Marines.

Semper Fidelis

Bob North

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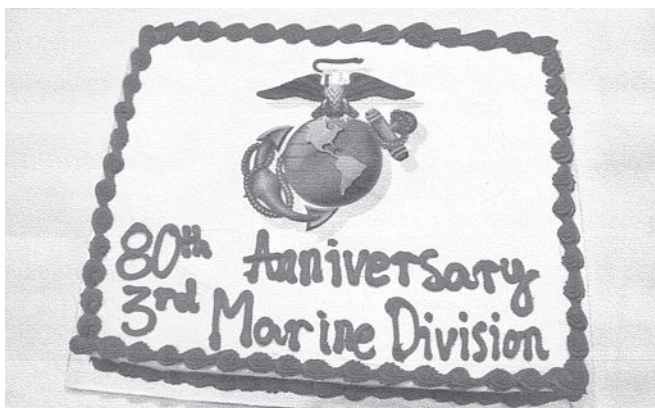


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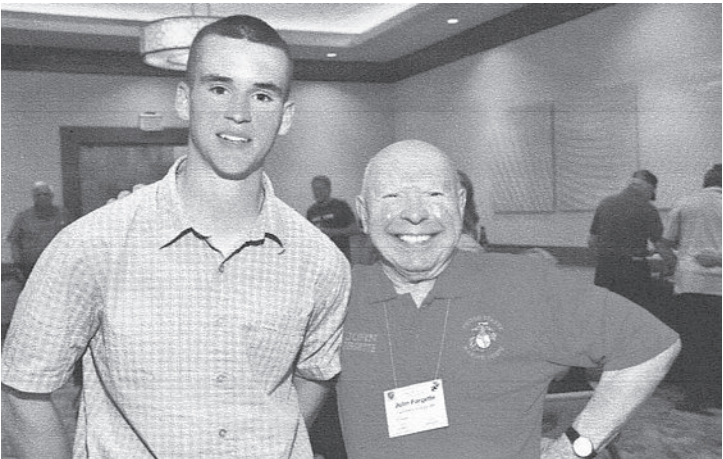
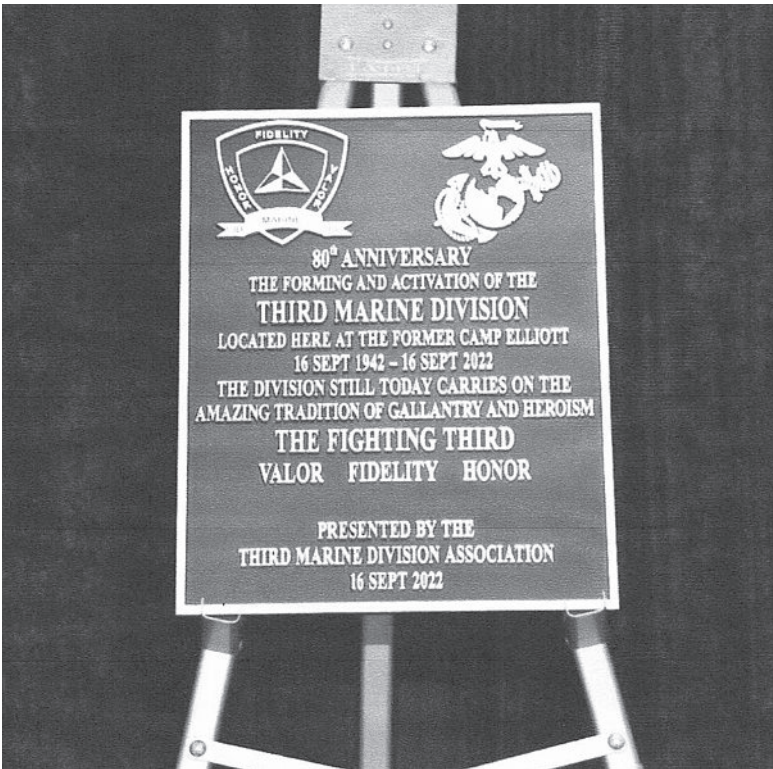
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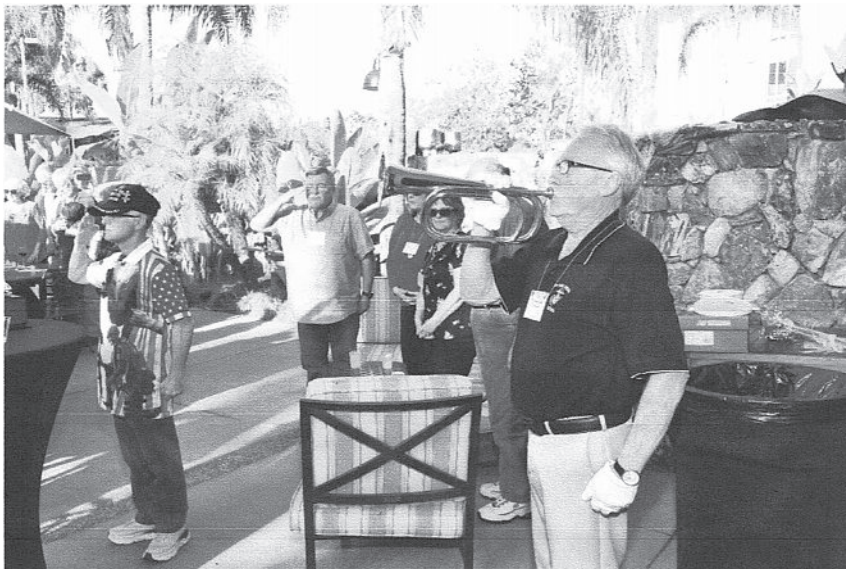
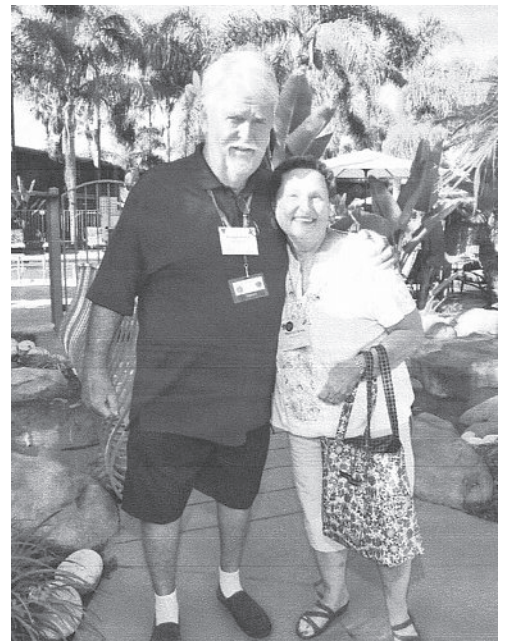
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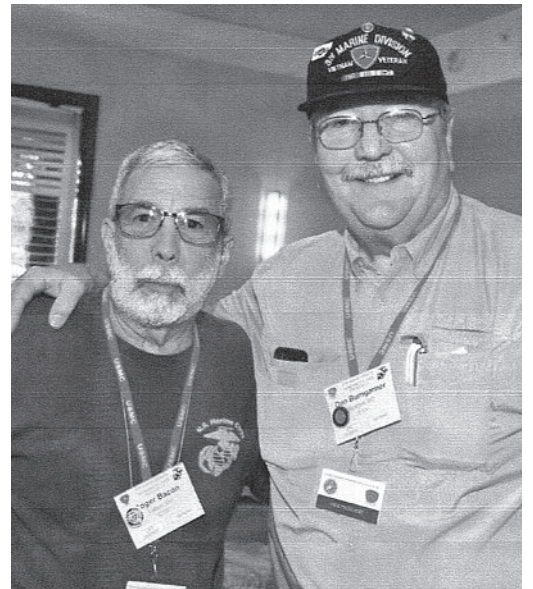
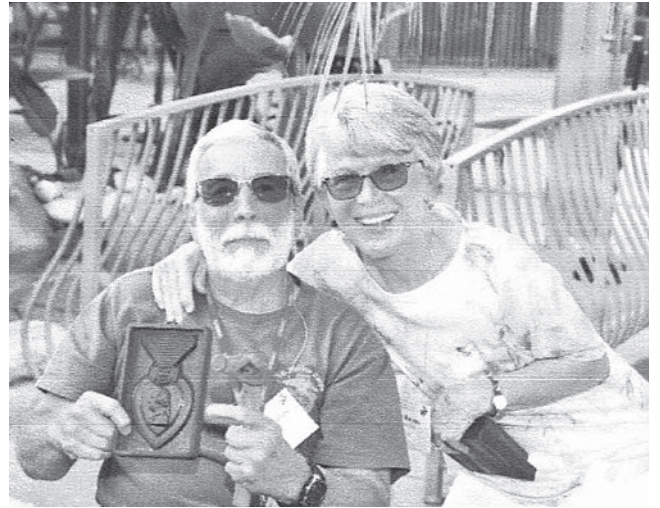


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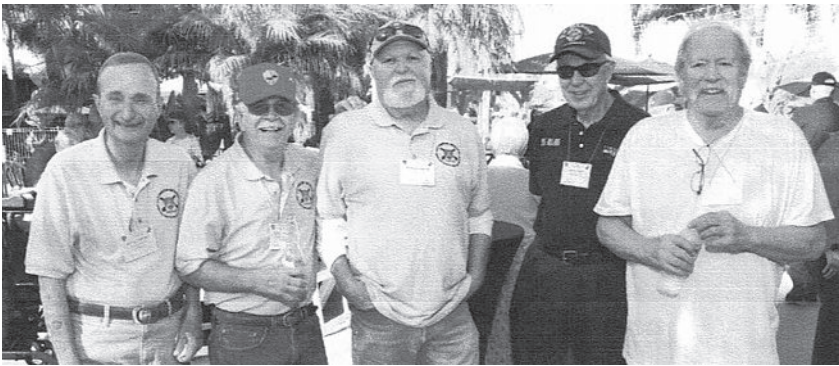












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