

# SITREP FORCE RECON ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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*“Link Forever Those Who Served Together”*



## RECON 2005 FREDERICKSBURG VIRGINIA !!

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Hello everyone! Its official now, our 2005 reunion planners have found us a great location for our next reunion. It will be held in Fredericksburg, Virginia from 07-11 September 2005. The site is in a great location with on site restaurants, 24 hour bar, hospitality rooms, suites, pool, high speed internet; kids eat free, laundry facility and night life. It is also located right next to major shopping for the ladies, additional restaurants and pubs for a change of pace.

Located just a few miles from historical civil war battlefields and grand manor houses located in the old town district, you can visit the headquarters & civil war artillery sites of both the north and south. You can get a bird’s eye view of how a town lay in siege during the civil war.

Or maybe you just decide to stay around the hotel and the surrounding shops & pubs to relax.

Whatever your plans, the reunion site will be able to support it. Wayne Pilny, Dick Sasser, Bill Ramey and Neil King did a great job putting this one together.

This year will be our 26th reunion & board meeting of the Force Recon Association (FRA). We hope for as large a turn out as Arlington, Virginia in 2002. We have the capacity to support it if it does grow that big.

Centrally located between Richmond and Washington National airport, you can arrange flights into both airports and get to Fredericksburg. But please make your reservations early so as to ensure you have a spot and a room. The hotel will guarantee us 100 rooms.

The hotel reservation line is (540)786-8321. Inform them at booking of the reservation that you are with the Force Recon Association Reunion. This will get you the FRA booking rate of \$87.98 a

night. There are 8 RV parking spots at \$25 dollars a night on a first come first serve basis. All other parking is free with the hotel stay.

The cancellation policy is very direct. They are holding their facilities open for us specifically, so cancellations will result in the full amount being charged. So please make sure your plane reservations and travel plans are sound. Basically just get there and have some fun!

You will find any and all information about the hotel at the below web site:

<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hd/frbva>

Right now the schedule is looking pretty solid. There may be a few time changes but for the most part the events are solid and planned. All appears to be in order with fun soon to be had by all.

Below is the planned time line of events. It’s also listed on the registration form for your planning.

## RECON 2005 Fredericksburg Virginia



*"Come one come all. Recon 2005 promises to be another grand event. Raids and Recon Quantico Va. will put on a dynamic demonstration of recon capabilities. Complete with static gear display. A barbeque will immediately follow the event with Recon Marines on hand to answer any questions on updated equipment and current war time tactics!"*

### Tuesday 6 Sept 2005

Golf for the early birds!

### Wednesday 7 Sept 2005

Check in (After 3:00 PM)

8:00 AM Executive Board Meeting

Exec's be on site early!

### Thursday 8 Sept 2005

9:00 AM Board Meeting

### Friday 9 Sept 2005

Choice of one of two tours.

#### **Number 1 Tour.**

8:00 AM depart Hotel for FBI Ranges

9:00 AM FBI tour and range time

11:00 AM depart for Quantico

11:30 AM Chow served.

12:30 PM Bus out to DZ

1:00 PM Jump Demo

2:00 PM Dive/Boat Demo

3:00 PM Barbeque begins at Raids & Recon Paraloft with static display in loft area.

Depart when the party is over!

#### **Number 2 Tour.**

9:00 AM board A/C buses and receive tour of Belmont and Kenmore house as well as other downtown historic sites of Fredericksburg.

12:00 PM Eat lunch

1:00PM Re-board buses and go to tour a local winery with an estimated return to the hotel of about 3:00PM

### Saturday 9 Sept 2005

06:00 to 08:00 Walk-Crawl-Run (T-Shirt Event)

09:00 to 11:00 Scholarship Auction

11:00 to 13:30 Men's Luncheon and General Membership Meeting

11:00 to 1:30PM Ladies Luncheon

6:00 PM to 11:00 PM Banquet and Dancing

Wayne Pilny says get there a day early and come on out and golf! He has a golf trip planned for the early birds! So if your interested contact him and at [wspilny@thirdplanet.net](mailto:wspilny@thirdplanet.net). His phone number is on the registration form and is (419)797-4348 if you can't find it. Call and let him know you are coming early for the golf game tickets and T-time reservation.

Well folks not much more to report on the upcoming reunion. The schedule is laid down and in place. The team of planners feel pretty confident it will be a good time for all. Dick is following up and keeping the day to day busy humming along. So far no surprises all looks good.

**Please, please** make those reservations.

This helps the hotel block off the rooms early so they can plan for meals and attendance. This also helps them help us with a great recommendation for the next hotel we book, by allowing us to project costs and revenue an reunion event creates for the hotel. This gets us better deals.

Of course we welcome and will always find a way to support a recon team flying last minute!

See you at the reunion!



## Letter from your "PRESIDENT"

Fellow Marines and convention attendees,

I am writing this article as your current president to urge you to attend our annual convention this year in Fredericksburg, VA. We will be meeting from the 7th to the 11th of September at the Holliday Inn Select. We will be provided the opportunity to visit the FBI academy and to view static displays from the Force Recon Company. Our executive director, Dick Sasser, is working on the details as I write this and by the time you are reading it you should have received a Sit Rep with all the details and costs. I sincerely hope that your schedule will allow you to attend this year's reunion and that it is not interrupted by some unforeseen quirk of nature as happened last year in New Orleans.

It has been an interesting two years as your president and I will be passing on the gavel to the Master Guns Joe Settelen, at our banquet. I will do so with mixed feelings of both relief and regret that comes with this position. I must say I am looking forward to sitting by the pool and having an adult beverage with my friends while others worry about the future of the FRA.

Nancy and I are looking forward to seeing you at the reunion,

Patrick Teague FRA #0038  
President 04/05

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## Letter from your "Executive Director"

FROM: Dick Sasser, Executive Director of FRA Worldwide  
TO: All Members

It is that time again, that we link together those who served together. This year Reunion 2005 will be on September 7 to 11 at the Holiday Inn Select in Fredericksburg, VA. Included in this issue of the SITREP is your registration to attend. I look forward to another great FRA Reunion. If anyone has any questions please e-mail me at [Sasser@starband.net](mailto:Sasser@starband.net) or give me a call at 209-607-6961.

I would like to thank all of those members that have sent in their dues for 2005 and beyond. All future dues have been put into a restricted account per our bylaws.

I'd like to thank Master Gunny Sgt. Joe Settelen for writing an excellent Sitrep, along with all those members and current Marines that have contributed to the Sitrep. Steve Luebbert who handles our Communication Duties and questions at Recon 2000. Butch Gowey, Sam Moyer, Joe Tablada, Ed McCourt for handling the Membership Committee. The "Mack", Mack McKee, who has done an excellent job handling the Supply Hootch and adding new items to the Hootch. Wayne Pilney, Bill Ramey, and Neil King for helping with the pre-reunion plans. The FBI, MARCORSSYSCOM and 2nd Force Recon and those who donated their time to making this year's reunion events come to life.

Anyone with items for the Scholarship Auction please contact the Comm Chief, Dr. Wayne Lingenfelter, who chairs the scholarship committee, or myself.

We look forward to seeing the Ladies Group and we appreciate all their efforts in supporting the FRA.

This year we are privileged to have Col. Robert Coates as our guest speaker. Col. Coates commands DET 1 at Camp Pendleton and was a former CO at 1st Force Recon. We look forward to hearing from him.

As of June 1st the hotel has informed me that rooms are booking fast. We have a block of 100 rooms reserved so make your reservations as soon as possible.

I hope everyone has a healthy and happy summer and we look forward to seeing you in Fredericksburg, VA.

I remain,  
Semper Fidelis  
Dick Sasser FRA #1795  
Ex Dir FRA Worldwide

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## Letter from our LADIES

Well, 2004 was an exciting year. After going through 3 hurricanes in central Florida, "JJ", "Mac" Mckee and I, drove from Florida to New Orleans to be at the reunion. The funny part of it all was, we were going into hurricane Ivan in the process. We left in the evening, drove all night to get there, before the hurricane reached New Orleans. Because of the hurricane, a lot of members did not come and join us in all the fun. Believe it or not we still had a great time. We had a lot of together time and to meet and greet.

Cash wise we had a very successful year. Our raffle sold \$815 tickets. Our silent auction collected \$1243. Congratulations to Mary Buchholz, daughter of Charles and Dot, for receiving the Donna Johnson scholarship of \$1000. We also asked the ladies for voluntary donations (dues) to help the ladies club. We collected \$265. To keep ourselves busy, while we were stuck inside, we played bingo. With the help of the hotel staff, we had bingo cards. With the help of the members, we used M&M's for markers. They didn't last very long. I think more went into the mouth than on the cards. From bingo we collected \$90 and gave out cash prizes. This year I think we are going to continue with bingo if we have time. I will make sure we have the supplies.

The following members volunteered to be the officers for 2006-2007. They are as follows:

President: Laurie Kowalski

Vice President: Ruth Haferkamp

Secretary: Marie Howley

Treasurer: Peggy Russell

Hospitality Committee: Nancy Pilny and Patty Larsen

Thank you all for volunteering for these positions!

This year, I am asking all the women, again, to bring an item for the silent auction. It has been a huge success and a great money maker.

I want to thank all the ladies that helped me get through last years reunion. We encountered a lot of obstacles, but we came through with flying colors. I'm sure that Recon 2005 will be just as successful, if not better, than Recon 2004

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Rubenfeld

President

Force Recon Ladies Club



FORCE RECON ASSOCIATION  
REGISTRATION FORM  
SEPTEMBER 7-11 2005 – RECON 2005 – FREDERICKSBURG, VA

## PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FRA MEMBER # \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION FEE COST \_\_\_\_\_ \$55.00

## OPTIONAL RECON 2005 ACTIVITIES

Day	Time	Activity	Cost Per Person X # of Persons
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<b>Tuesday – September 6</b>		Golf Tournament	Unknown
Contact Wayne Pilny 419-797-4348 or <a href="mailto:wspilny@thirdplanet.net">wspilny@thirdplanet.net</a>			

<b>Wednesday – September 7</b>		Check-in/Free Day	
	8:00-10:00 AM	Executive Board Meeting	

<b>Thursday – September 8</b>		Free Day	
	8:00-15:00	Board Meeting	

<b>Friday – September 9</b>		TWO TOURS – “CHOOSE ONE”	
	TOUR ONE – 08:00		

FBI Range			
Lunch at Quantico			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Force Recon Jump			
Raids & Recon Demo & BBQ	\$45.00 X # _____		\$ _____

TOUR TWO – 09:00

Air-conditioned bus			
Tour of Fredericksburg			
Historic Sites, Belmont House & Kenmore House – Lunch			
Tour of Winery – return to Hotel 3:00 PM	\$65.00 X# _____		\$ _____

**Saturday – September 10**

06:00 to 08:00 Walk-Crawl-Run			
T-shirt included in price	\$15.00 X# _____		\$ _____
09:00 to 11:00 Scholarship Auction			
Location to be announced			
11:00 to 13:30 Men’s Luncheon and General Meeting	\$22.00 X# _____		\$ _____
11:00 to 13:30 Ladies Luncheon	\$22.00 X# _____		\$ _____
18:00 to 23:00 Banquet and Dancing	\$45.00 X# _____		\$ _____

DINNER SELECTION # \_\_\_\_\_ BEEF # \_\_\_\_\_ FISH # \_\_\_\_\_ CHICKEN

**Sunday – September 11** Your on your own!

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CHECK ALL RECON UNITS IN WHICH YOU SERVED

- \_\_\_\_\_ WWII Amphib Recon
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Amphib Recon Co
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Amphid Recon Co
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> Amphid Recon Co
- \_\_\_\_\_ Marine Corps Test Unit #1
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Force Recon Co
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Force Recon Co
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> Force Recon Co
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> Force Recon Co
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup> Force Recon Co
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6<sup>th</sup> Force Recon Co
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13<sup>th</sup> Force Recon Co

- \_\_\_\_\_ Korea Div Recon Co
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Recon Bn
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Recon Bn
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> Recon Bn
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> Recon Bn
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup> Recon Bn
- \_\_\_\_\_ UDT/SEAL
- \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER

NAME TAG INFORMATION

MEMBER

Guest #2

MEMBER # \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NICKNAME \_\_\_\_\_

MIDDLE INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MIDDLE INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_

HOMETOWN \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

HOME STATE \_\_\_\_\_

HOMETOWN \_\_\_\_\_

HOME STATE \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #1

Guest #3

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MIDDLE INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_

MIDDLE INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

HOMETOWN \_\_\_\_\_

HOMETOWN \_\_\_\_\_

HOME STATE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME STATE \_\_\_\_\_

## **Guest Speaker 2005 Reunion**

### **Colonel Robert Coates**

### **Commanding Officer MC SOCOM Det 1**

Colonel Coates was commissioned in the Marine Corps in 1977 upon graduation from the University of South Carolina.

As a company grade officer, served in the operational forces with Company F 2d Battalion, 1st Marines (1977-80), Company A 1st Reconnaissance Battalion (1980-81), Company B 1st Battalion, 9th Marines (11th MEU(SOC)) (1988-1990), and the 1st Marines Regimental Enhanced Training Section (RETS) (1987-1988). Assignments included: Rifle Platoon Commander, Weapons Platoon Commander, Rifle Company Executive Officer, Reconnaissance Platoon Commander, Officer in Charge of RETS, and Rifle Company Commander (1988-1990).

As a field grade officer, served as Training Officer for the 1st Marine Division, Operations Officer for the 15th MEU(SOC) for deployment to the CENTCOM AOR (1995-1996) and Executive Officer and Maritime Special Purpose Force Commander for a subsequent deployment to the CENTCOM AOR (1997), as Deputy G-7 I MEF (1997-1998), Commanding Officer, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company (1998-2000) and Officer in Charge of the Special Operations Training Group, I MEF (2000-2003). Colonel Coates was selected in 2003 to activate and currently serves as the first Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Special Operations Command Detachment One (MC SOCOM Det 1). In 2004, deployed to the IRAQI THEATER of OPERATIONS (ITO) for combat operations during OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM II.

In the supporting establishment, served as the Officer in Charge of the Amphibious Reconnaissance School at Landing Force Training Command, Coronado, CA (1982-85), as an infantry battalion advisor for combat and special operations in El Salvador (1986-87), and with other U.S. Government Agencies involved in Counter Terrorism and Intelligence/Special Operations (1991-1994).

Colonel Coates is a graduate of the Amphibious Warfare School (1985-86) and the Marine Corps Command and Staff College (1990-1991).

Personal decorations include: Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three Gold Stars, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon with one Gold Star.



## From the FRA Secretary

### Force Recon Association

United States Marine Corps

“Link forever those who served together”

September 17, 2004 New Orleans

“Approved Bi-Laws Change”

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Present:

President	Pat Teague, # 0038
Vice President	Wayne Pilny, # 1522
Secretary	Bruce Meyers, # 0007
Treasurer	Eliot “J.J.” Rubinfeld, # 1161
President Elect	MGySgt. Joe Settelen III, # 1576
Past President	Dick Sasser, # 1795
Executive Director	Dick Sasser, # 1795

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Present:

Joe Tablada, # 1745	Allan Bierline, # 2065	Wayne Lingenfelter, # 0042
Charles Buchholz, # 0127	Bob Zwiener, # 0356	Jim McKee, # 0965
Excused (Hurricane Ivan):		
Andy Christinason, # 2559	Jess Wise, # 1700	
Nelson Donley, # 0696	George Saitta, # 1007(Medical)	

### MEMBERS WHO INITIATED THE BI-LAWS CHANGE

1. As per the current Bi-Laws a request to change such Bi-laws is initiated by the submission of request signed by 5 members of membership body not serving on the Board of Directors or Executive Committee. Last year well prior to the New Orleans reunion, members submitted a request to adjust the Bi-Laws to accurately reflect the purpose and expectations of regular members and the reconnaissance units that make up regular membership, as well as associate members and the recon and supporting units that allow joining the FRA. They also recommended that the new MC SOCOM Detachment 1 be added to the list of units authorized to join the FRA, and clarity provided as to their membership.

The new Bi-Laws were ratified and unanimously accepted. They are as follows:

**LINK FOREVER THOSE WHO SERVED TOGETHER  
FORCE RECON ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS**

***ARTICLE I NAME***

**The name of this organization shall be the FORCE RECON ASSOCIATION, a non-profit corporation, hereinafter, the Association.**

***ARTICLE II PURPOSE***

The purposes of the Association are:

To develop, foster and perpetuate the ideals, comradeship, and professional standards of present and former members of Force Reconnaissance companies and their antecedent units of the Regular and Reserve establishments of the United States Marine Corps.

To establish and maintain a Scholarship Fund to promote moneys to deserving members of the Association and their families.

To encourage a thorough knowledge and understanding of the State-of-the-Art in reconnaissance matters and to pass on the rich heritage of the past to those who serve today.

To promote good fellowship among its members and to provide benevolent assistance in any extraordinary case within the membership.

To solicit, bequest, devise or otherwise; to sell and convert, collect, receive, acquire, hold and invest, money and property both real and personal, received by gift, contribution property, both real and personal, into cash; and to use funds of the corporation and the proceeds, income, rents, issues, and profits derived from the property of this corporation for the primary purpose for which this corporation is formed.

To have and to exercise all powers conferred by the general Nonprofit Corporation Law of California upon nonprofit corporations, as such law is now in effect or may at any time hereafter be amended.

The foregoing statements of purposes shall, except where otherwise expressed, be in no way limited or restricted by any references to or inferences from the terms or provisions of any other clause, but shall be regarded as an independent purpose. Notwithstanding any of the above statements of purposes, this corporation shall not engage in activities that in themselves are not in the furtherance of the primary purpose of this corporation and nothing contained in the foregoing statement of purpose shall be construed to authorize this corporation to carry any activity for the profit of its members.

### **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the Association shall be open to all persons interested in furthering the purposes of the Association, who apply for membership and conform to the duties of members as provided by the Bylaws. Membership shall consist of the categories hereinafter defined.

**REGULAR MEMBERS.** All officers and enlisted members of the Armed Forces of the United States of America or her Allies who are now serving, or who have served, with any Force Reconnaissance Company, Regular or Reserve. Deep Recon Platoons of Marine Division Reconnaissance Battalion; or personnel who served in Amphibious Reconnaissance units between 1943 and 1958; *and [adding] those reconnaissance-trained Marines and Corpsmen, currently serving or having served in Marine SOCOM Detachment 1. Only Regular Members may serve as officers or on the Board of Directors of the Association.*

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.** Civilians and veterans of U.S. Armed Forces and Allies who did not serve with a Force Reconnaissance Company, but who did make a significant development in or advancement to operational procedures or techniques inherent in Force Reconnaissance operations or who made a valuable and unique contribution to either operational Force Reconnaissance units or to the Association. Associate membership may include Recon Battalion, ANGLICO Marines, Non-reconnaissance trained personnel of Marine SOCOM Detachment 1 and Corpsmen of these units. *Associate Members may not serve as officers or on the Board of Directors of the Association.*

**IN MEMORIAM MEMBERS.** Those persons who met the membership criteria while alive and who are sponsored by a Member in good standing. Members of the Association who pass away shall be transferred to the “In Memoriam List”.

**HONORARY MEMBERS.** Those distinguished military or civilian persons who have benefited Force Reconnaissance units or the Force Recon Association by the performance of some outstanding service and who have exemplified the attainment of the highest goals of the Association. A candidate for Honorary Membership can be nominated by the Board of Directors for approval by any Regular Member and shall be elected to the Association by a majority vote of the Regular Members present and voting at the Annual Meeting. Honorary Members shall not pay any admission or fees or dues, shall not have a vote or be eligible to hold office in the Association, but shall have all other rights of membership.

**SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION.** These Bylaws shall provide for the censure, suspension, or expulsion of a member for good reason after a hearing. Any member suspended or expelled may be reinstated by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors. The hearing process is detailed in Article VII.

#### ***ARTICLE IV OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES***

**The Association** shall elect the following officers: President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, with the Executive Director, who is appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. These officers hereinafter shall be referred to as the "Executive Committee". In the event of vacancy in an office, the President, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, may appoint any member in good standing to fill the remaining term of the vacant office.

**The President** shall preside at meetings of the Association, Board of Directors and Executive Committee, and see that they are properly conducted and adjourned. He shall provide direction and guidance to the Executive Director on policies supported by a majority of the Board of Directors. He shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

**The President Elect** shall preside in the absence of the President at meetings of the Association, Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Bylaws or the Board of Directors.

**The Vice President** shall preside in the absence of the President and President-Elect at meetings of the Association, Board of Directors and Executive Committee. He shall be responsible for all standing and ad hoc committees, and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Bylaws or the Board of Directors.

**The Secretary** shall provide for the keeping of records of the Association. He shall keep accurate, complete records of all Association and Board meetings and file them for inspection by the membership and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Bylaws or the Board of Directors.

**The Treasurer** shall be responsible for the oversight of the funds of the Association, for the full and accurate recording and reporting of receipts and disbursements, to include issuing a quarterly financial statement consisting of a "Balance Sheet," a "Profits and Loss Statement," and a "Transaction Detail by Account," and chair the Budget Committee, and such other duties as the Bylaws or the Board of Directors may provide.

**The Immediate Past President** shall chair the Nominations Committee, act as adviser to the Executive Committee and perform such other duties as directed by the Board of Directors.

**The Executive Director** will be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors; he shall be responsible for the daily operation and management of the Association. Accordingly, the Executive Director shall:

Maintain a computerized data base of the Association’s membership; establish and maintain the Association’s Annual Budget approved by the Board of Directors; establish and maintain the General Fund as the primary depository for all revenue raised routinely by the Association; establish and maintain any special fund or funds to support the annual Meeting/Reunion; be responsible for the acquisition, sales and accounting of all FRA memorabilia property; be responsible as the principal planner and oversees all annual meetings/reunions with final approving authority for negotiated contracts; be empowered with the consent of the Board of Directors to appoint in writing the on-site planner/coordinator; disburse funds from the General Fund, deposited in a FDIC banking institution, in the conduct of routine business for the Association; disburse funds from any Special Fund for a specific, limited purpose, i.e. annual Meeting/Reunion; be responsible to annually file for non-profit incorporation status with the State of California and the Internal Revenue Service, paying all taxes as may be required; serve as the long term corporate knowledge in operating and managing the Association; and prepare all correspondence for the Association as the Board of Directors; and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Bylaws or the Board of Directors.

**Elected Directors.** Ten Elected Directors shall be chosen from a slate of candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee. The slate shall be representative and reflect the composition of the Association.

**Board of Directors.** The Association shall have a Board of Directors which shall consist of the Executive Committee, Elected Directors and the Immediate Past-President who shall be an ex-officio member with a vote. Appropriate staff members may be assigned as ex-officio members without a vote. The Board shall also establish Operating Policies as necessary to properly and effectively carry out the provisions of these Bylaws. These policies shall be communicated to the membership. They may be changed by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors.

**Elections.** Elections shall be held each year. Nominations will be presented to the membership by the Nominations Committee. Additional nominations shall be accepted from the membership prior to the conduct of the election. Any Regular Member in good standing shall be eligible for office.

**Term of Office.** The installation of the Executive Committee shall take place at the Annual Meeting as designated by the Board of Directors. The term of office of the President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be two-years, until the installation of their successors. Elected Directors shall serve for a term of two-years. The terms of office of one-half of the elected Directors shall expire each year.

**Compensation.** All officers and Directors shall serve without salary. The Executive Director may be paid fee-for service as determined by the Executive Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

**Vacancies.** Vacancies in any office or on the Board of Directors shall be filled by an appointment made by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. Such appointments shall expire at the next Annual Meeting.

**Removal.** Any member of the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors who is absent for two consecutive meetings without excuse to which he has been invited to attend may be deemed to have surrendered the position.

#### ***ARTICLE V MEETING***

**Executive Committee.** The Executive Committee shall meet once, after installation and prior to departure from the site of the Annual Meeting to set the agenda for the year and the time and place for the Meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Board of Directors.** The Board of Directors shall meet prior to the commencement of the Annual Meeting at a time and place designed by the Executive Committee.

**Annual Meeting.** The Association shall hold an Annual Meeting and Reunion at a place and date designated by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership.

**Additional Meetings.** The Operating Policies will provide for fixing the time, place and content of the regular meetings and the provisions for calling special meetings.

#### ***ARTICLE VI QUORUMS***

A quorum for the Annual Meeting of the Association shall consist of the Membership present. A quorum for the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors shall consist of a majority, including the President or Vice-President.



## **ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES**

**Executive Committee.** The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers of the Association.

**Nominations Committee.** The chairman of the Nominations Committee shall select, in addition to himself, a minimum of two members in good standing to present to the Board of Directors each year a slate of candidates for the year's election. In absence or declination to serve of the Immediate Past-President, the Board of Directors shall select the Nomination Committee.

**Scholarship Committee.** The Scholarship Committee Chairman shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors each year.

The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors shall appoint the chairman of these two standing Committees as well as any other standing committees as defined in the Bylaws and other committee chairman for such purposes and for such period of time as the President shall determine. Except for the Nominations Committee, committee members shall be appointed by their respective chairman with the approval of the President. The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint the following committees as shall from time to time be needed. All such committees shall have at least three members.

**Audit Committee.** The Audit Committee shall be responsible for the auditing of the financial records of the Treasurer at any time the Executive Committee shall deem advisable and at the conclusion of each fiscal year. No member of the Board of Directors may so serve.

**Budget Committee.** The Budget Committee shall be composed of members of the Executive Committee and be responsible for the drafting of the Annual Budget.

**Disciplinary Board.** The Disciplinary Board shall be responsible for conducting any investigation and/or hearings that allege misconduct on the part of any member of the Association. This Board is empowered to award appropriate sanctions in accordance with the Bylaws and Operating Procedures of the Association. Any action taken by this Board shall consist of three members chosen using the elimination process between the Vice-President and the concerned party from a panel of ten active, non-Board members selected by the Association at the Annual Meeting for a period of one-year. Any hearings or proceedings shall be conducted only after proper notice has been given to the concerned party. A written record of all hearings and proceedings shall be maintained in the Association's files.

## ***ARTICLE VIII FINANCES***

**Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of this Association shall be from October 1 through 30 September.

**Bonds and Audit.** All officers and staff handling funds shall be bonded in such amount as set by the Executive Committee; the expense of such bond shall be borne by the Association.

An Annual Audit of the funds of the Association shall be conducted to review the systems procedures and internal controls, and to present appropriate comments and recommendations after review. No member of the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors will participate in this audit process.

**Financial Reserve.** The Association shall maintain a proper financial reserve and expend the major portion of its fiscal resources for the benefit of the members of the Association.

**Scholarship Fund.** This Association shall establish and maintain a Scholarship Fund. The administration of the Fund, the award of scholarships, and the establishment of the frequency and criteria and for the awards shall be set by the Board of Directors.

## ***ARTICLE IX INDEMNIFICATION***

Every director, or employee of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fees, reasonably incurred or imposed upon them in connection with any proceeding to which they have been made a party, or in which they may become involved by reason of their being or having been a director, officer, or employee at the time such expenses were incurred, except in such cases wherein they were adjudged guilty of willful misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of the duties of the office. Provided, however that in the event of a settlement, the Board of Directors approves such settlement as being in the best interests of the Association. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which such director, officer, or employee may be entitled.

## ***ARTICLE X PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE***

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order (Newly revised) shall govern this Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws, any special rules of order the Association may adopt, and any statutes applicable to this organization.

### ***ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS***

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Regular Membership voting at the time at any annual, regular or special meeting of the Association, provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to the Secretary and transmitted to each Regular Member at least fifteen (15) days prior to the presentation of the amendment to the Membership.

Any proposed amendment to the Bylaws must be signed by five Regular Members in good standing. Upon the consideration of any proposed amendment to these Bylaws at any meeting, amendments thereto on the same subject matter may be offered, voted and accepted at the same meeting without any prior notice.

### ***ARTICLE XII RATIFICATION***

The Bylaws shall be in force when ratified by a majority of the Regular Membership present at an Annual Meeting.

### ***ARTICLE XIII DISSOLUTION***

The Association shall use its funds only to accomplish the objectives and purposes specified in these Bylaws and not part of such funds shall inure, or be distributed, to the members of the Association. Upon dissolution of the Association, any funds remaining shall be distributed to one or more regularly organized and qualified charitable organizations to be selected by the Board of Directors in accordance with Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

End.

**Secretary Note:** Changes to these Bylaws were unanimously voted by the Regular Membership at the 2004 Annual Meeting/Reunion. Changes that differ from past Bylaws are denoted in *blue italics*. All other language and text remains the same.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce Myers FRA # 007 “Secretary”

02/10/05

**FORCE RECON ASSOCIATION**  
**Profit and Loss**  
 October 2003 through September 2004

	Oct '03 - Sep '04
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Contributions Income	
Unrestricted	220.00
Contributions Income - Other	320.00
Total Contributions Income	540.00
Membership Dues	21,632.00
MEMORABILIA SALES	17,570.75
RECON-2004	26,686.99
SCHOLARSHIP INCOME	4,913.00
Total Income	71,342.74
Expense	
Bank Service Charges	270.56
Contributions	350.00
Depreciation Expense	301.00
Insurance	
Liability Insurance	2,715.00
Total Insurance	2,715.00
Mem.purchases	11,679.56
memorabilia shipping	4,786.73
Miscellaneous	860.66
Office Supplies	2,285.99
Postage and Delivery	2,581.31
Printing and Reproduction	1,450.22
Professional Fees	
Accounting	1,275.00
Consulting	45.00
Total Professional Fees	1,320.00
RECON 2003	1,594.61
RECON 2004	17,700.58
Repairs	
Building Repairs	101.00
Computer Repairs	1,088.40
Equipment Repairs	572.54
Total Repairs	1,761.94
SATELLITE	887.88
SCHOLARSHIP	7,566.00
Telephone	4,194.87
Travel & Ent	
Travel	0.00
Total Travel & Ent	0.00
Utilities	
Gas and Electric	788.74
Total Utilities	788.74
Total Expense	63,095.65
Net Ordinary Income	8,247.09
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	21.61
Total Other Income	21.61
Net Other Income	21.61
Net Income	8,268.70

02/10/05

**FORCE RECON ASSOCIATION**  
**Balance Sheet**  
 As of September 30, 2004

	Sep 30, '04
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
BANK OF STOCKTON OPERATING	6,057.25
BANK OF STOCKTON RESTRICTED	3,589.70
CASH A/C	40.00
CD-BANK OF STOCKTON	8,021.61
CHECKING UNION BANK	3,924.01
FRA HOOCH A/C	1,328.70
SCHOLARSHIP 0875	7,700.55
SCHOLARSHIP 4428	18,384.56
SCHOLARSHIP 6153	561.32
Total Checking/Savings	49,607.70
Other Current Assets	
INVENTORY	13,000.00
Total Other Current Assets	13,000.00
Total Current Assets	62,607.70
Fixed Assets	
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	
Depreciation	-7,174.00
Original Cost	7,711.00
Total FURNITURE & FIXTURES	537.00
Total Fixed Assets	537.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>63,144.70</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
ACCRUED LIAB	7,025.57
Total Other Current Liabilities	7,025.57
Total Current Liabilities	7,025.57
Long Term Liabilities	
DEFERRED GAINS(LOSS)	4,133.43
Total Long Term Liabilities	4,133.43
Total Liabilities	11,159.00
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	43,717.00
Net Income	8,268.70
Total Equity	51,985.70
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>63,144.70</b>

As one of the editors and the primary assembler of the FRA Sit Rep on behalf of our Executive Director, I apologize for the incorrect header on the in the Jun 04 Sit Rep. While the content of the message below was 100% accurate, I referenced the award going to our 32<sup>nd</sup> Commandant in the border above the article, when in fact the award was established in honor of his father, Col James L Jones. Nominations were being requested not presented. Our 32<sup>nd</sup> Commandant Jim Jones, was not receiving the award. Sorry for the inconvenience and please keep the content for FRA Sit Reps rolling in. It's extremely hard to pull this together without membership participation and I know when you submit things, it is frustrating when they appear with a "Goof". I'll tighten up! Dick already ripped my rear end off, if you want a piece come see me at the reunion. I can handle it.

V/R  
MGySgt Joe Settelen  
FRA # 1576

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SUBJ/2004 COLONEL DONALD G. COOK AND COLONEL JAMES L. JONES AWARD//  
POC/ BRIO, ERIC/LCDR/TEL:703-614-2522/EMAIL BORIOEE@HQMC.USMC.MIL//

GENTEX/REMARKS/1. THE NATIONAL MILITARY INTELLIGENCE ASSOCIATION (NMIA) AWARDS THE COLONEL DONALD G. COOK AWARD ANNUALLY TO A MARINE CORPS INTELLIGENCE PROFESSIONAL, REGULAR OFFICER, ENLISTED OR CIVILIAN TO RECOGNIZE PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AND EXCEPTIONAL DEDICATION TO DUTY. COL DONALD G. COOK, US MARINE CORPS, WAS POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED THE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR GALLANTRY, TO INCLUDE EXEMPLARY CONDUCT AND RESISTANCE WHILE A PRISONER OF WAR IN VIETNAM FROM DEC 1964 TO DEC 1967. TRAINED AS A CHINESE LINGUIST, COL COOK SERVED AS AN ADVISOR TO THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE MARINES IN DEC 1964, SHORTLY AFTER WHICH HE WAS CAPTURED, ULTIMATELY PERISHING IN CAPTIVITY.

2. IN 2004 A SECOND AWARD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO RECOGNIZE A MARINE CORPS RESERVE INTELLIGENCE PROFESSIONAL, OFFICER OR ENLISTED, FOR EXCELLENCE AND DEDICATION TO DUTY. THIS NEW AWARD IS NAMED IN HONOR OF COL JAMES L. JONES, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE, A DECORATED WORLD WAR II INTELLIGENCE OFFICER AND PIONEER OF EXPEDITIONARY AMPHIBIOUS RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS. COL JONES SERVED AS G2, AMPHIBIOUS CORPS ATLANTIC FLEET, G2 AMPHIBIOUS CORPS PACIFIC FLEET, COMMANDING OFFICER AMPHIBIOUS RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY DURING THE GILBERT AND MARSHALL ISLANDS CAMPAIGN, AND COMMANDING OFFICER AMPHIBIOUS RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION DURING THE SAIPAN-TINIAN-OKINAWAN CAMPAIGN, WHERE HE WAS AWARDED THE SILVER STAR. HE THEN RETURNED TO RESERVE CIVILIAN LIFE, EXEMPLIFYING THE CITIZEN MARINE.

3. NOMINATIONS FOR THIS YEAR'S AWARD MUST BE RECEIVED BY HQMC INTEL NLT THAN 24 MAR 03. ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ACTIVE DUTY AWARD IS LIMITED TO THOSE WHO WILL REMAIN ON ACTIVE DUTY OR BE ON ACTIVE DUTY OR IN A DRILLING RESERVE STATUS (SMCR OR IMA) THROUGH 1 JUL 04. PACKAGES MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

A. JUSTIFICATION: SINGLE SPACED 1-3 PAGE NARRATIVE OUTLINE OF NOMINEE'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2003. EMPHASIS ON CONTENT OVER VOLUME.

B. SHORT BIOGRAPHY.

C. PROPOSED CITATION STATEMENT

3. MAIL PACKAGES TO HQMC INTEL, 2 NAVY ANNEX, ATTN: LCDR ERIC BORIO, WASHINGTON DC, 20380-1775. COMMANDS MAY SUBMIT MULTIPLE NOMINEES. ENDORSEMENT FROM HIGHER ECHELONS IS NOT REQUIRED. COMMANDS SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS SHOULD NOTIFY HQMC IN ADVANCE TO ENSURE PROPER STAFFING. DIRINT'S SELECTIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED VIA RMSG IN LATE APR 2004.

4. THIS YEARS AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED DURING THE ANNUAL NMIA AWARDS BANQUET TO BE HELD 16 MAY 04 AT THE SHERATON HOTEL, TYSON'S CORNER, VA. ALTHOUGH NMIA HOSTS RECIPIENTS AND THEIR SPOUSES AT THE BANQUET, TAD FUNDING FOR THE AWARDEES IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE NOMINATING COMMAND.

5. POC IS LCDR ERIC BORIO AT 703-614-2522 OR DSN 224-2522, FAX 703-614-5888 OR DSN 224-5888 OR EMAIL BORIOEE@HQMC.USMC.MIL//

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## **1<sup>st</sup> Force Reconnaissance Company Update**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Force Reconnaissance Company Update**

1<sup>st</sup> FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY, CAMP PENDLETON CALIFORNIA  
(LtCol Smith, SgtMaj Grizzle)

The men of 1<sup>st</sup> Force are preparing for more deployments and where unable to get a Sit Rep out to us. They are forward now in OIF and have a hot mix in the rear in support of MEU (SOC). They are deep in the fight in OIF. No break in sight with deployments hot on their heels. More next time.

FRA sends God Speed and Happy hunting your way!



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Force Reconnaissance Company

We recently returned from OIF and had to bid farewell to our brothers in 3<sup>rd</sup> Force from Mobile Alabama. Their outstanding performance assisted the command with the many successes. 2d Plt also returned to the command from 24 MEU where they also were conducting operations in Iraq.

The command is currently preparing for deployment once again. 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon is currently forward deployed with 26 MEU, 2d platoon has chopped with 22 MEU and 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon along with a slice from the HQ is gearing up to return to OIF. 2nd platoon remains in the barn training to deploy with 24 MEU. 4<sup>th</sup> platoon is re-arming and refitting to deploy later in the year.

We have recently received our brothers from 4<sup>th</sup> Force, Reno and Honolulu respectively, to conduct training prior to deploying in-country. So with that, we welcome them and are going to be going through an intense program prior to leaving.

As of today every Marine in the command has a very busy schedule no matter what the job. It has become a "high op tempo" period with no end in sight.

We will be saying Farewell to LtCol Pete Petronzio next month and will welcome LtCol Montanus. The change of command will take place 8 July 05. FRA attendance welcome.

FragOs continue to come in and Marines continue to deploy.....

2d Force Sends,  
Semper Fi



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Force Reconnaissance Company Update

3<sup>rd</sup> Force Reconnaissance Sit Rep Unavailable at this publishing.

What is known is that the men of 3<sup>rd</sup> Force are extremely busy. With the Companies deployment augmentation at an all time high, they are constantly training and augmenting the active forces every time they are called on. Reserves forces have been an extremely important part of the war on terror. They too continue to bring the fight to our enemies.

God's Speed Men.

FRA Members Send!



## 4th Force Reconnaissance Company Update

4th Force Reconnaissance Sit Rep Unavailable at this publishing.

What is known is that the men of 4th Force are extremely busy in Reno and Hawaii. With the Companies deployment augmentation at an all time high, they are also constantly training and augmenting 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Force Recon Companies every time they are called on. Reserves forces have been an extremely important part of the war on terror. They too continue to bring the fight to our enemies.

God's Speed Men.

FRA Members Send!



## 1<sup>st</sup> Reconnaissance Battalion Update

CO- LTCOL JOSEPH MARELLO  
 XO-MAJ CHAD HEDLESTON  
 SGTMAJ- SGTMAJ RICHARD LAMELIN  
 OPSO- CAPT ROBERT SOTIRE  
 OPSCHIEF- MSGT TODD SMALENBERG

THE BN CONDUCTED NUMEROUS MISSIONS AND METL'S THIS PAST YEAR IN SUPORT OF OIF. OUR MARINES WERE WORKING WITH OGA, AND ALL FOUR SERVICES ON RAIDS AND MISSIONS. AS WELL AS DIVISION ORDERED OPERATIONS AND OUR BREAD AND BUTTER FOR R & S. THE BN MADE HISTORY CONDUCTING THE FIRST EVER HAHO IN COMB AT AND DOING TWO SUCCESSFUL LOW LEVEL PARACHUTE INSERTIONS AFTER 35 YEARS. CAPT BRENT MOREL GAVE HIS LIFE AND WAS AWARDED THE NAVY CROSS-POSTHUMOUSLY. AFTER A VERY SUCCESFUL DEPLOYMENT IN SUPPORT OF OIF II THE BN RETURNED IN OCT 04 AND HAD SOME MUCH NEEDED DOWN TIME. WE ARE ONCE AGAIN GEARING UP TO SUPPORT OIF FOR THE THIRD ITERATION IN THREE YEARS. 1<sup>ST</sup> RECON BN SENDS

### COMPANY A

CAPT CONWAY  
 1<sup>ST</sup> SGT LEHEW  
 GYSGT (MSGT SELECT) YAROLEM

### COMPANY B

CAPT SCHULZ  
 1<sup>ST</sup> SGT SMITH  
 GYSGT GRIEGO

### COMPANY C

CAPT DILL  
 1<sup>ST</sup> SGT MULHOLLAND  
 SSGT PETTY

### WELCOME ABOARD:

LTCOL MARELLO  
 MAJ HEDLESTON  
 CAPT SOTIRE  
 CAPT WARLOCK  
 CAPT LOYA  
 CAPT WRIGHT  
 CAPT DILL

1STSGT FREDERICKS  
 1STSGT SMITH  
 1STSGT MULHOLLAND  
 1STSGT LEHEW  
 GYSGT LIND  
 GYSGT DOYLE  
 GYSGT GRUBER  
 GYSGT HUSING

### HAIL AND FAREWELL

COL TALKINGTON TO DIV  
 MAJ ECKLOFF TO HQMC  
 MAJ GILMAN TO SCHOOL  
 CAPT JOHNS TO 1STCIVDIV  
 CAPT OCONNOR TO ARS  
 CAPT RICHARDSON TO EDSON RANGE  
 CAPT RIDEOUT TO SCHOOL

SGTMAJ LAMELIN RETIRES JULY 05  
 MSGT SMALENBERG RETIRES JUNE 05  
 MSGT GOSNEY TO VSW  
 MSGT FROISY TO MONITOR  
 1STSGT BELL (SGTMAJ) TO I&I  
 1STSGT DECHY (SGTMAJ) TO RS CHICAGO  
 1STSGT SANTIAGO TO I&I  
 GYSGT GRIEGO RETIRES NOV 05  
 GYSGT DOOLITTLE TO 11TH MARINES  
 GYSGT MATHIJESSEN TO MCD  
 GYSGT AVERY RETIRED



## 1<sup>st</sup> Reconnaissance Battalion Update

### AWARDS PRESENTED FOR OIF II:

CAPT MOREL - NAVY CROSS (POSTHUMOUSLY)  
SGT COPELAND - NAVY CROSS  
SGT BAPTISTA - SILVER STAR  
SGT MENDOZA- SILVER STAR  
CPL LILLY- SILVER STAR  
MAJ GILMAN - BV  
MAJ ECKLOFF - BV  
CAPT RICHARDSON - BV  
CAPT OCONNOR - BV  
CAPT CONWAY - BV  
GYSGT GRIEGO - BV  
MSGT GOSNEY - BV  
MSGT FROISY - BV  
1STSGT BELL - BS  
GYSGT GRIEGO - BV  
SSGT TREADWELL - BV

SGT GOYDA - BV  
SGT LALOTA - BV  
CPL WRIGHT - BV  
SGT KOCHER - BV

NUMEROUS NAVY COMM'S AND ACHIEVEMENTS WITH "V" WERE AWARDED





## 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion Update

2<sup>nd</sup> Recon Bn Sit Rep Unavailable at this publishing.

What is known is that the men in 2<sup>nd</sup> Recon Bn are out in the Global War on Terror Theater of Operation to soon be relieved by 1<sup>st</sup> Recon Battalion. They are also continuing support to the two MEUs out and one in work up cycle. They are bringing the fight to our enemies.

God's Speed Men.

FRA Members Send!



## 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion

### WHERE THE DIVISION GOES WE'VE BEEN

#### From the Marines of the **Forward Shadow**

3<sup>rd</sup> Reconnaissance Battalion is currently in Iraq and has been on the ground since mid March proudly flying its colors in combat for the first time in 30 plus years. We are conducting mounted and dismounted patrolling, knock and talk, cordon and search, hasty Vehicle Check Points (VCPs), cache sweeps, IED sweeps, counter IDF missions and limited scale raids. The battalion has conducted over six missions since our arrival and due to the outstanding efforts of our Marines and Sailors in the field, many cache's have been uncovered, as well as numerous detainee's have been brought in for questioning. Our operations are believed to be having a positive impact on interdicting insurgent forces in our area.

Our thanks go out to the men of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reconnaissance Battalion. The relief in place was executed without a hitch and the Marines and Sailors did everything in their power to ensure we were prepared to assume the mission. Perhaps the most important part of our RIP was the individual Marine to Marine and Sailor to Sailor interaction, especially during the Team Leader and Team roundtable events. Best wishes and warmest regards go out to these fine men, for all that they have done.

Presently the battalion consists of 3 companies, Headquarters and Service company, Alpha company and Echo company from 4<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Battalion out of San Antonio. The Marines and Sailors of the battalion remain focused on competence, readiness and commitment. These three pillars alone lead to the overall professionalism that we strive for daily.

#### Wall of Honor and Final Taps

On 4 April 2005 while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in the Al Anbar province the following Marines made the ultimate sacrifice for corps and country.

Sgt Del Rio	WIA
LCpl Kinchen	KIA
LCpl Barkley	WIA

These Marines we shall always honor, as we honor the Marines that have went before us. Semper Fidelis.

"Celer, Silens, Mortalis"



### Reserved for 4th Reconnaissance Battalion

4th Reconnaissance Bn Sit Rep Unavailable at this publishing.

What is known is that the men of 4<sup>th</sup> Recon Bn are extremely busy. With Companies based in Montana, Albuquerque, San Antonio, and Alaska, they are constantly training and augmenting the active recon forces every time they are called on. Reserves forces have been an extremely important part of the war on terror. They too continue to bring the fight to our enemies.

God's Speed Men.

FRA Members Send!

The Marine Corps force contribution unit "Detachment One", which is a CMC proof of concept designed from a Special Purpose MAGTF consisting of a small Hqtrs, (4) Force Recon Teams, (1) Radio Recon Team, (1) CI HET Team, (1) Fire Support Coordination Cell, EOD and an Intel Fusion Cell awaits its permanent existence to be confirmed by CMC and SOCOM.

While the unit performed its work-up mission training plan (MTP) with the highest degree expertise, which led to an extremely high combat efficiency report in Iraq, it seems the leadership of both services can't decide what's next.

Both the current Commandant, Gen Hagee and Commander USSOCOM, Gen Brown have been in a serious of meetings with the Secretary of Defense about a permanent force contribution. But to date, no public announcements have been made as to the size and shape of this permanent force contribution. Rumor has it SecDef demands a component sized Hqtrs and war fighting unit to be established within SOCOM. Something SOCOM Action Officers have distained since the ground breaking agreement Gen Holland and Gen Jones shook hands on to begin a force contribution concept.

The original plans submitted to the founder of the project, then 32<sup>nd</sup> Commandant Jones, outlined a concept for the Corps to grow and support 3 Detachment sized units built over 4 years. Each Det would grow to the battle tested lessons learned size of 137 men. This increase added 2 machine gun sections of grunts and additional infantry for a security element, as well as EOD, NBC and additional men for forward and rear for split operations scenarios. It was planned in the early days of this project, that as the third Det was built, a component Hqtrs capable of JSOTF level forward operations and continued training of the Det's rear elements would be manned and staffed. Then the Dets would be able to rotate into the SOCOM forward deployed areas and run a CJSOTF in the same manner as other SOCOM units operating in a JSOA. This provided the break or relief to SOCOM operations tempo Gen Holland was looking for.

Budgetary plans within the Corps were also drafted and submitted for POM-06 recommending an aviation component of 4 Cobras, 4 of the new Hueys and 2-3 MV-22s to be added in the future of the Detachment. No news if that action ever made it out of the Corp's think tank and into the budget process. But this aviation component would include aircraft maintainers and Marine pilots to handle the aircraft in the dirt, along side the Detachment Marines. All would be trained in the raider model studied, revived and implemented by Col Robert Coates, CO and LtCol Craig Kozenski the former XO. The size of this aviation element was reported to be about 135 men.

This model would provide SOCOM a self contained force capable of inner theater lift in the form of a very well designed small MAGTF. One that would bring extensive validity to the Special Purpose MAGTF term in the joint publication, with only a small number of men topping out at 280 bodies with aviation. Not a bad concept for the Marine Corps to execute in support of a sustained long term vision on the GWOT. This concept over time would still allow the Corps to have Force Reconnaissance men on the MEUs, and some available to the MEF Commander for battlespace shaping operations. It also maintained the rapid response MEU(SOC) missions standard within the MSPF on ships. Reconnaissance Battalion Marines are already growing, to increase the numbers of recon Marines available to feed Force Recon as the men reenlist and become careerist in the 0321 Primary MOS. Recently added structure to the Recon Bn and Force Recon Companies would ensure that as both send a Platoon out on MEU(SOC)s; they could continue to support the MEF and Marine Divisions in the same superior manner they are doing in OIF. This way the Regimental Combat Teams are not blind and have the extensive eyes and ears they need out further than their STA and sniper capability.

A lot of thought went into the growth into the Corps venture into Special Operations with SOCOM. Commandant Jones was keenly aware of the growth patterns and time lines to build highly



effective force recon level Marines. Under a new promotion system that is faster than the days of old, this can be a challenge. With that in mind, he authorized the grade levels of the Detachment Marines to be upped by one above a Force Recon Company and grade shaped into the overall force structure model of the Marine Corps. MOSs participating in the Det model all grew upward. This grew experience over time, in many highly effective MOSs that find, fix and finish the enemy in small cohesive SOF like units. All these MOSs are combined in the det model to better shape the Corps at every level of operation by adding in the right growth to these select MOSs over time. This raises the bar for all recon, anglico, signals intel and fusion Marines from entry to exit of the Corps. By adding the next tier of expertise to MAGTF operations, the Corps could maintain its current MAGTF primacy and grow MAGTF warfare into SOF operations. It also would provide a natural loop of senior Marines rotating back to the Marine Corps after 4-5 years with a high level of advanced force operations experience. This would better shape techniques, tactics and procedures learned within SOCOM AFO operations to better the Corp's ability to fight along side SOCOM in rollover and joint operations.

Search on the web and in a few chat rooms revealed the Corps mutating the Detachments into a MSPF like MEU(SOC) package. That could not be confirmed by anyone with inside knowledge but if this were a course of action it would reflect the age old thought that all Marines are elite. Marines are by far the worlds premier fighting force, that there is no doubt; but dealings with SOCOM requires a higher maturity model and with 1/3 of the Corps Infantry leaving the ranks every year and being replaced by fresh bodies from recruitment, the experience is not there for clandestine and covert type operations that are typically run in SOCOM. Keep watch, time will tell which road the Corps travels.



## TAPs and Remembrance



This article is not on the last page because it is of little interest or importance. It is last so as you read and close your FRA Sit Rep you stop and reflect on our losses and say a prayer for those members and the families of our members whose loved ones have passed on.

We have lost several members over the last few months. It is with great sadness that we list them. They all gave more than was expected for God, Country and Corps. Please remember them as you close your Sit Rep.

We honor the following FRA Members:

PHILLIP ASSEL FRA # 0646

FRANZ FOSTER FRA # 0202

ROBERT GIBBS FRA # 0920

DALE HOKE FRA # 2296

MICHAEL KNOWLES FRA # 2813

JAMES MOORE, JR FRA # 0756

ROBERT PAYTON FRA # 1661

ROBERT WARNER FRA # 0556

**You Will Be Missed and Never Forgotten.**

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## Back Page Info "Sit Rep Help Needed!"

As many of you know we are on our 3<sup>rd</sup> year with the new "Sit Rep" look. It's a slight challenge to get these issues out during the year, but it has gotten easier now. The war has every recon unit and recon position extremely busy with the Global War on Terror. I'm seeking an assistant to take over the "Sit Rep" assembly as I move up this year to become your "President". However, I promise to stay involved with the "Sit Rep" assembly and not let anyone learn from hard knocks as I did. I will remain connected to the Recon Units to solicit their unit "Sit Reps" and make that easy on who ever steps up so you are getting the material.

So PLEASE, PLEASE can someone step forward to help with the assembly of the FRA

Sit Rep starting in Oct 2005?

As you know the "Sit Rep" is Web based and the template is in MS WORD newsletter format. It is put together with Microsoft Word and easy to handle. Your "Executive Director" Dick Sasser, has the task of building and approving the release, but Dick is not a computer savvy guy. So I try to help him out, and who ever takes this over will have some back up from Dick and I when you take over this responsibility.

This news letter is your voice and any and all have input to the content. Your input is truly welcome. If you cannot download from the web, we will mail you a printed version. Just contact your Executive Director and

he will ensure you are on a limited mailing distribution.

I ask that all interested in writing articles keep them coming. Send them MS WORD or in a simple email. We can then use the text to cut and paste into this template for posting on the web. Pictures in digital format, historical articles, past experiences, unit updates and lessons learned are welcome.

We promise that we will not change a word of the text. As editor/assembler I will however, format it to fit into the columns and if I catch a spelling error I'll correct it.

For submissions of a helping hand in putting the Sit Rep together, I can be reached at

[Titaniumjoe@comcast.net](mailto:Titaniumjoe@comcast.net)

MGySgt Joe Settelen #1576

### About Our Organization...

The Force Recon Association Inc (FRA) was formally established on 21 September 1989, as a non-profit fraternal veterans association, in accordance with provisions of Section 501(c)19 of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

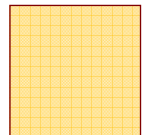
The FRA maintains a Scholarship Fund to provide educational assistance for its members and or members of their families.

We welcome corporate sponsors and their donations to our scholarship fund. If you're a corporation and desire to make a donation to our organization, please contact our "Executive Director" Dick Sasser (209)607-6961.

The FRA strives to maintain and foster fellowship, comradeship and perpetuate the ideals and professionalism between and among its members and the members of our reconnaissance units, whether Force or Battalion Recon, Regular of Reserve.

In extraordinary cases, we provide benevolent assistance to its members. Our Motto remains... **"Link Forever Those Who Served Together"**.

Founders: Patrick "Pat" J Ryan; Thomas "Tom" L. Gibson; and Ernie "Gunny" DeFazio (Deceased).



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