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Letter from your President

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE - January, 2015

As 2015 gets into full gear, your Board of Directors conveys our very best wishes to our FRA community for a prosperous, healthy and happy New Year. We extend a special welcome to our Reconnaissance Marines, MARSOC Marines and

Corpsmen returning from deployments and we gratefully acknowledge your continued service and protection of our Nation. We are honored to call you our Brothers. Semper Fidelis!

2014 IN REVIEW

In May, the FRA continued its traditional support to the Recon Challenge event at Camp Pendleton providing financial assistance for the food and beverages for the participants and family members attending. Of particular note was "Team Jarvis" led by MSgt Dave Jarvis. "Team Jarvis" competed in the event by carrying their Recon Brother, Corporal Todd Love throughout the event. It was certainly one of the most inspiring actions I have ever witnessed, and I am honored to have met Todd at the event!

September saw the 2014 FRA Reunion in San Diego along with our traditional West Coast visit to Camp Pendleton. Our members were hosted to an "open house" by 1st Recon Bn., followed by a tour of an HMLA squadron on base. Many FRA participants had the opportunity to climb into the new Marine HUEY and Cobra helicopters that support our troops on the ground. Sincere thanks to all the active duty staff that helped ensure our visit was a memorable experience.

Again, the FRA recognized the Recon Team Leaders of the Year at our annual memorial dinner, and we awarded over \$30,000 in scholarships to deserving FRA members and their families.

Finally, 2014 saw the creation of the Force Reconnaissance Foundation, an IRS approved 501c3 charity dedicated to providing charitable support to the Marine Reconnaissance community. This new charity provides our donors with the capability of making tax deductible contributions and gifts and it opens the door to a larger donor community that requires 501c3 status for eligible gifts and grants. I want to thank those members of our FRA community who generously provided the initial donations to the FRF, and I look forward to the continued growth of our new nonprofit charity dedicated to our Reconnaissance Marine community.

REMINDER!

- Dues are due in January each year
- Have you moved? Please send us your new info.
- Have you changed your email address? If you don't tell us we can't contact you.
- FRA Member Rosters can be ordered through the Supply Hooch for \$25.
- An electronic version (Adobe pdf) of the FRA Member Roster is also available at no charge.
Send an email request to CommChief@ForceRecon.com

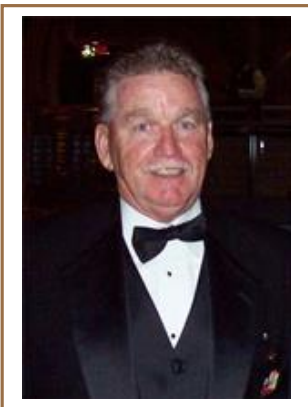
2015 FRA PRIORITIES

Additionally, we have several key priorities for our Association in 2015 as follows:

1. **Support the 'RECON 50' reunion: 21-24 April, 2015**
2. **Support 2015 Recon Challenge: 15 May, 2015**
3. **Prepare and announce the 2015 FRA Reunion.** The Board has approved Washington DC for this year's FRA Reunion venue. Please see MAC's article for further information. Note that the Executive Committee of the Board will be up for election at this year's reunion. This includes President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested in nominating a member (in good standing) for one of these positions please email your nomination(s) to Dick Ashton at Germanpanzer7@yahoo.com.

These are the BIG items for now. **PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO CHECK THE FRA WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.** (www.forcerecon.com).

Semper Fidelis! Al Sniadecki, President



Letter from your Executive Director

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE:

I would like to reiterate what our FRA President Al Sniadecki stated regarding our returning MARINES and I personally want to sayWELL DONE MARINES!!!

We always look forward to your safe return from deployments and the pleasant and well deserved reunions with all of your family.

FRA REUNION 2015 PLANNING

Currently, the FRA is making arrangements for our annual reunion. This year the reunion will be hosted in the Washington DC area. As of now, the hotel arrangements have not been solidified. There are many facilities in the Washington DC area available to the Association to choose from, but, as usual, we are looking at keeping the cost of attending the reunion, at a reasonable cost level for our members.

As many of you already know, Washington DC has an abundance of interesting places to visit. I have been working closely with MSgt Bryan MAASS and former SGTMAJ Dick ASHTON to secure some very interest places for our members to explore. Two of those places, are the National Archives and the US Capitol Building.

We are also attempting to acquire tickets for our members to attend the EVENING PARADE, held at the MARINE BARRACKS, 8th and 'I'. The time and dates of the entire reunion will be based on the possibility of acquiring those tickets. As many of our members already know, the last opportunity to attend the annual EVENING PARADE, is usually the third Friday of August each year, after which time those MARINES at 8th and 'I', usually start their national tour. So, tentatively, the dates for the reunion will be announced when I have more information concerning the parade. More information concerning the reunion will be posted as soon as it becomes available. Please make sure that you visit our website, for more pertinent reunion information.

Take care, God bless, and.....

SEMPER FIDELIS!!!!

**JIM MCKEE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

2014 Membership Criteria

Annual Dues - \$40

Regular Members:

Regular Members include 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, Marine Division Reconnaissance Battalions, Regular or Reserve, Amphibious Reconnaissance units between 1943 and 1958, and MARSOC (Marine Special Operations Command), Test Unit One, and Special Mission Units. Only Regular Members shall have voting rights and serve as officers or on the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

Associate Members:

Associate Members include civilians and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and Allies who do not meet the "Regular Member" requirements as stipulated above, but who did make a significant contribution to the development of, 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 Corporation. Associate Members do not have voting rights and may not serve as officers or on the Board of Directors of the Corporation.



TAPs and Remembrance



Dr. Carl Washburn, FRA# 2358, died April 2014

Dr. Patrick O'Malley, FRA# 2273, died 5 April 2014

Mr. Rufus Lytch, FRA# 720, died 7 April 2014

GySgt Rodney Pupuhi, FRA# 2124, Died 25 October 2014

Major Michael Lamb, FRA# 1373, Died 24 October 2014

You Will Be Missed and Never Forgotten.





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**FRA Scholarship Info:
See FRA Web Site**

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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. Our mission and our motto is "Link Forever Those Who Served Together"

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 or Reserve.

We welcome both individual and corporate donors to contribute to our FRA Scholarship Fund and the FRA Assistance Fund. For more information regarding either of these Funds or to make a contribution, please contact the Chairman of the Scholarship and Assistance Funds via the Commchief@forcerecon.com

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

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