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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



Letter from your President

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE - November, 2016

Happy 241st Birthday to all who have earned the right to wear the Eagle, Globe and Anchor. On behalf of all Americans who you serve and protect, I extend my heartfelt gratitude and a special "welcome home" to all of our Reconnaissance Marines, MARSOC Marines and Corpsmen returning from deployments. For those in harm's way, we offer our

prayers and best wishes for your safe return. We continue to be honored to be in your company. Semper Fidelis!

2016 IN REVIEW

2016 Recon Challenge

The 2016 Recon Challenge held at Camp Pendleton in May saw a cool mild day to greet the teams as they completed the various stations along the course route. The Recon Challenge is a multi-event endurance competition open to active duty members of the Recon and Raider communities. Every participant team carries the names of fallen Marines and Corpsmen throughout the competition to honor and memorialize their sacrifices. Again, the FRA served as the lead sponsor of this event providing the food and beverages for the participants and guests.

We congratulate this year's Challenge winners: Major Patrick Zuber and GySgt Tyler Fedelchak. This is the second win for both Marines.

2016 FRA Annual Reunion-San Diego

The 2016 Reunion was conducted around two familiar locations: the Holiday Inn San Diego Bayside served as our base camp and reunion headquarters, and the Basic Recon School served as our hosts for our visit to Camp Pendleton. Many of our FRA members commented that the Camp Pendleton visit this year was one of their best experiences ever. The members were treated to a beach insertion (demonstration) at San Onofre beach, followed by a breeching demonstration at one of the new training ranges. These demonstrations were followed by rifle and pistol live fire opportunities for our members which are always a highlight and we ended the day with a tour of the brand new BRC facility and training pool including a "hog roast" compliments of the BRC Staff. Major Pat Zuber and Gunny AJ Pasciuti executed a flawless experience for our FRA members and once again, I convey my sincere appreciation to them and the BRC staff for delivering a memorable experience.

Our 2016 Reunion guest speaker, MSgt Dave Jarvis, delivered an inspiring address, and we appreciate and acknowledge both Dave and Tina Jarvis for their

service to our Nation. As both are leaving the active duty ranks, we look forward to them joining us as retired civilians in 2017.

2016 – 2017 FRA Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to our 2016-17 FRA Scholarship recipients! We convey our very best wishes to each of them for the coming academic year.

Barry, Collin	Helms, Kevin	Praay, Savannah
Burns, Ethan	Helms, Senith	Root, Micah
Carver, Mikiah	James, William	Stone, Dixon
Eklund, Celina	Johnson, Kari	Strobridge, John
Goad, Jason	Lynch, Kelly	Sullivan, Erin
Hannula, Matt	Martin, Michael	Taylor, Steven

2017 FRA Board of Directors

The following individuals who were elected to the FRA Board for the 2017-18 term:

John Baker – FRA 394
Billy Branch – FRA 25
Dave Jarvis – FRA 1744
Lance Woodburn – FRA 748
Pat Zuber – FRA 3354

I look forward to serving with our new Board and I want to extend a special note of appreciation to Steve Luebbert, Jim McKee, Chad Ramsey and, Joe (Robbie) Robinson for their many years of service as FRA Board members. These individuals helped to advance and grow the FRA into the professional Veterans organization it is today. We look forward to your continued membership and involvement in the FRA.

Please note that Steve Luebbert will continue in his vital role as FRA CommChief. Continued thanks for your support, Steve!

2017 FRA PRIORITIES

Several of our key 2016 priorities have not been resolved. As such we will attempt to address and accomplish these objectives in the coming year.

1. Transition the FRA Hooch operations
2. Support 2017 Recon Challenge
3. Implement PayPal feature for paying member dues
4. Prepare and conduct the 2017FRA Reunion on the East Coast
5. Fill Executive Director post and conduct 2017 Board Elections

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO CHECK THE FRA WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
(www.forcerecon.com).

Semper Fidelis! Al Sniadecki, President

2017 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, 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



Sgt Mark Tigh, FRA# 746, Died February 2016
Col Julian W. Parrish FRA# 244, Died April 2016



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FRA Supply Hooch
Closed until further notice**

**Info to the CommChief
Stephen Luebbert send to:
Commchief@Forcerecon.com**

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

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.ForceRecon.com

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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).

Board of Directors and Officers: 2016 - 2017

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