

SITREP

NEWSLETTER OF THE FORCE RECON ASSOCIATION, INC.
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Recon 2001 September 18th-24th, Louisville, KY

The Commandant of the Marine Corps, General James L. Jones, and his mother, were the Guests of Honor at the twenty-first annual reunion of the Force Recon Association.

During Recon 2001, "Pat" Patrick, #0399, one of the original members of the, Amphibious Reconnaissance Company, V Amphibious Corps (WW-II), commanded by the Commandants' father, then Capt. James L. Jones hosted a gathering of FRA members, also veterans of the original Marine Amphib Recon Company, at his home in Louisville.

During planning for the WW-II veterans gathering, Pat, a long-time friend of the Commandants' parents, thought it only fitting that Mrs. Jones be invited to join the group. The invitation was graciously accepted.

During the gathering at Pat's home, Mrs. Jones was asked, "Is the Commandant coming?" Her reply, typical of a mother, was "he'll be here."

At the banquet on Saturday, the FRA Ladies extended Honorary Ladies Club membership to Mrs. Jones. The Commandant spoke on the subject of the Marine Corps Today and in the Future.

Team Leader's of the Year

General Jones presented the Team Leader of the Year awards to SSgt Jack Kelly, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company, and SSgt Charles E. Snyder, 5th Platoon, 2nd Force Reconnaissance Company.

Other recipients of the Team Leader of the Year Award were,
SSgt Gerado Coronado Co B (Force Recon) 3rd Recon Battalion
Sgt Daniel J. Smith 3rd Platoon, 3rd Force Recon Company
SSgt Travis Welch 5th Platoon, 4th Force Recon Company

Due to operational commitments, these individuals received their awards locally.



Col James Logan Jones USMCR Ret (1912-1986)

LtGen H. M. Smith Capt James L. Jones

Capt James Jones commanded the V Amphibious Corps Recon Co in the Gilbert and Marshall Islands campaigns, and the Amphibious Recon Battalion, FMFPAC, in the Sipan-Tinian and Okinawa campaigns.

For gallantry in action and
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Letter from your president

Dear Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all FRA Members and members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, who extended their overwhelming support of my efforts to make the FRA a better association.

This last year we increased our membership dramatically, largely due to George Saitta's invoicing system for membership dues. We plan on repeating this process in future years.

As you will see in this SITREP, we are back in contact with various Bases and Recon Units. We will be receiving news and information hopefully on a regular basis. One of our goals is to bring more young Marines into our association.

I'd like to thank the outgoing Board members, Clarence Fridley and Jess Wise for all their work and efforts.

And, extend a warm welcome the new Board members, Leonard Torres, Mark Tigh, Chuck Buchholtz, Bill Block and Wes Johnson.

I'd also like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to Wayne Pilny, our out-going Vice President, for his dedication and un-tiring work over many years for our Association. We know he will continue to contribute his experience and knowledge as we move ahead.

The FRA has a unique and positive direction regarding our future. So many members have come forward and are committing to work on our various committees. Wayne Pilny, Leonard Torres, and John Cole are working together on the next reunion site, which will be in the East. Joe Tablada, Ed McCourt and Sam Moyer are recruiting members to work on the reunion in Hawaii. Hal Leach has taken over the writing and organization of the SITREP. Steve Luebbert, our Webmaster, will put the SITREP on our website. Enough cannot be said about Wayne Pilny, Chuck Ascher (our new Comm. Officer), Steve Luebbert and Lou Kern. All of these members work on a daily basis answering E-mails, screening potential members, updating websites, and writing new software. Pat Teague is the President-Elect and Joe Tablada is the new Vice-President. They both come with solid backgrounds in the FRA. Bob Zwiener, George Saitta, Wayne Lingenfelter, Bruce Meyers and our President-Emeritus, Pat Ryan continues to work for the common good of the FRA. John Baker and Wayne Lingenfelter handle the Scholarship Committee. This year, \$6000 in Scholarships were given to deserving members and their family members.

The Ladies Club has evolved and taken on a life of its own. Our ladies had a terrific hospitality suite. They raised money, funded a scholarship, and even had time to take a couple of tours during the week in Louisville.

It was a pleasure and honor to welcome General James L. Jones, Commandant of the Marine Corps, and his mother at the Louisville Reunion. Pat Patrick, who served with the Commandant's father in WWII, had a lovely get-together at his home for many of the WWII FRA members. Although the General was on an extremely tight schedule, he and his mother were present for the Saturday night dinner and General Jones presented the Team Leaders Awards.

In closing, I would like to remind you all, the Board of Directors and Executive Committee look to you for suggestions to improve our association, and ways to increase our membership. I can be reached at our new 'Toll Free' FRA phone number, 1-866-271-3282. We must maintain a system of checks and balances for the administrative and financial well being of the FRA and "LINK FOREVER THOSE WHO SERVED TOGETHER."

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and Committee Chairmen, we wish you and your families the best for the New Year, and may God Bless America.

I remain, Semper Fidelis, Dick Sasser, President



Force Recon Association, Inc.

The FRA was formally established on 21 September 1989, as a non-profit, fraternal veterans association, in accordance with the 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.

The FRA strives to maintain and foster fellowship, comradeship and perpetuate the ideals and professionalism between and among its members and members of Marine Force Reconnaissance companies, both Regular and Reserve.

And, in extraordinary cases, provides benevolent assistance to its members.

Motto

“Link Forever Those Who Served Together”

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Thomas “Tom” L. Gibson

Ernie “Gunny” DeFazio (Deceased)

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SCUBA Divers “Bubble” To Be Replaced With Combatant Divers Insignia

By Bruce Meyers

The Marine Corps Uniform Board has recommended a change from the familiar silver-colored SCUBA badge to a new, gold-colored metal breast insignia.

The Commandant approved the concept of the new insignia, featuring the face of a diver wearing a re-breather lung, in April. Selection of the final design and coordinating the insignia’s manufacture was scheduled for completion about November 1st.

Marine Corps criteria authorizing breast insignia includes having a unique skill that rates special/hazard duty pay in accordance with the DoD Financial Management Regulations. In addition to using different breathing systems than those used by SCUBA divers, Combatant Divers receive pay above that of Navy SCUBA Diver’s.

Source: Various



The year 2002 is here, or soon will be – are your dues current?

Our association relies on the dues of its members to fund our operations. Please keep you address current as well. Dues should be mailed to the above address If you do not receive a reminder for dues within the next two weeks please notify us.

New Site Urged for Air Force Memorial

Plot Near Pentagon Would End Friction With the Marines



By Fredrick Kunkle
 Washington Post Staff Writer
 Thursday, November 29, 2001;
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A tentative compromise has been reached to relocate the planned Air Force memorial from a contested site near the Marine Corps' Iwo Jima statue in Arlington to a plot of land not far from the Pentagon, a memorial official said yesterday.

If approved by Congress, the memorial's new

location would be on a bluff near the Navy Annex overlooking the Pentagon, according to retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Edward F. Grillo Jr., president of the Air Force Memorial Foundation.



The foundation had been planning to build a 50-foot-high star, along with an underground visitor center, about 500 yards downhill from the Iwo Jima Memorial.

But after winning approval from the National

Park Service and several commissions, the foundation ran into opposition from lawmakers and Marine Corps veterans who saw the new memorial as intrusive.

Although the terms of a deal must be ironed out, the Navy Annex site would end the inter-service controversy and allow the foundation to get on with building the memorial, Grillo said.

"It has a wonderful vista view of Washington," Grillo said yesterday.

The proposed compromise is included in the House version of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2002, an annual measure currently in a House-Senate conference committee.

Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, and Gen. James L. Jones, commandant of the Marines, jointly wrote to the House Armed Services Committee expressing their support for the plan.

"The Navy Annex location provides a 'win/win' solution," the generals wrote.

The Washington Times reported the decision on the site yesterday.

The Air Force Memorial Foundation had explored the Navy Annex property, which belongs to the Defense Department, as a possible site early on. But the foundation was told at the time that the land would not be available for 10 years, Grillo said.

The foundation then chose a location between the Iwo Jima statue and the Netherlands Carillon. Part of the site's allure was its proximity to the cemetery and the Fort Myer parade grounds where Orville Wright first demonstrated flight to the military in 1908.

The foundation undertook a five-year campaign to win approval for its initial plans from the National Capital Memorial Commission, the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts. The foundation, chartered in 1992, has raised more than \$29 million for the memorial.

The measure under consideration in Congress would authorize the defense secretary to offer the foundation several acres for the memorial.

Environmental studies must still be done, and the new location could force the foundation to revisit the memorial's design, Grillo said.

If significant problems thwart this location, the foundation wants the right to return to the site near the Iwo Jima statue, he said. But meanwhile, especially with the nation at war, the time has come to end the bickering, he said. "We simply do not believe it's the time for inter-service rivalry," he said.



"In war, Marines lend dignity to what would otherwise be a vulgar brawl"

Does anyone know the origins of the above statement?

Send your comments, guesstimates, etc to the FRA and they'll appear in the Spring SITREP.

(Dave Ramsey, you're not allowed t'play)



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FORCE RECON ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Louisville, KY, September 22nd, 2001

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND GUESTS: The Meeting was called to Order by Pres. Dick Sasser # 1795, at 0805. Other FRA officers present included VP Wayne Pilny # 1522, Past Presidents Pat Ryan # 0001 (Founder) and Bob Zwiener # 0356, Treasurer George Saitta # 1007, Secretary Bruce Meyers # 0007 and our Executive Director Gary Marte # 0006. Directors present were J.J. Rubenfeld #1161; Hal Leach # 2333; Billy Branch # 0025, Pat Teague # , Nelson Donley # 0696, Donald McNees # 1311, C.E. Fridley # 0851; Joe Tablada # 1745, Scholarship Chairman Wayne Lingenfelter # 0042. Board Member excused: Jess Wise # 1700 Non-Board Members invited by the Executive Director for his presentation included Bill Block # 0028 and John Burke # 0667.

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION REPORT: Two representatives (Georgette Studnicka and Pat Sasser) presented a brief report on the activities of the Women's Organization. The Women's Hospitality suite has proved to be a great success. The women have raised the sum of \$ 1,000 for the scholarship fund and requested that it be named for their former very active member, the late Donna Johnson, wife of GySgt. Wes Johnson # 1711. Following their report, they were excused from the meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Minutes of the Board Meeting of August 17, 2000, held in San Diego were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: George Saitta gave an overview of the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Statement. A copy of both of which are appended hereto. Questions were asked and clarification was provided. Following an extended discussion, the Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP: Gary Marte gave both a written report as well as an oral report. In summary: Active Membership 1282, up 279 from last year; 1055 Inactive members (down 190 from 2000); In Memoriam Members 262, up 15 from 2000. Gary then gave a recap of the 303 orders that were received, filled and shipped from the Supply Hootch.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RESIGNATION: Gary Marte made an extended statement regarding his resignation which is to be effective October 1, 2001. Gary asked Bill Block # 0028 to read a FAX from Past President Jim Isom in support of Gary Marte's remarks. Jack Burke, # 0667, as a CPA in private life, made comments on his review of the Treasurer's books. He did not have the opportunity to make any in depth review but stated that the books were prepared using accepted accounting standards and procedures.

Discussion was held on the storage shed which had been purchased and questions were answered on how it and the spare computer were entered on the books.

A letter clarifying the duties of our current financial advisor, Mr. Fred Milton, MBA, was read by President Dick Sasser.

Following the Executive Director's resignation statements, a brief recess was held.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Wayne Lingenfelter gave a report of his and John Baker's activities on behalf of scholarship. There is \$ 35,089 invested in various scholarship investment funds. He then made recommendations for the award of the following scholarships:

Dick Sasser Scholarship	\$ 1,000	Member # 1511 Suzanna E. Cole, Vilanova Univ.; Business; Daughter Mbr John Cole #0607
Siegel/Houghton Scholarship	\$ 1,000	Collin F. Meyers, Geo.Wash.Univ.Sch International Affairs; grandson Bruce Meyers
Gary Marte Service Scholarship	\$ 800	Jacob Haught, Univ. of Notre Dame; PreMed; son, Timothy Haught #2527
SgtMaj. Maurice Jacques Scholarship	\$ 500	Hillary R. Robnick, Miami University; Music; daughter Sands A. Robnick # 1997
Arrington Scholarship Award	\$ 500	Joshua K. Ford, Univ. North Texas; Business; Member #2505

The first recipient of the Donna Johnson Scholarship (described above in the report of the Woman's Organization) for \$ 1,000 was Christi C. Brown, Fayetteville State Univ.; Education; Daughter of Butch Craig # 0200

The amounts and named recipients were unanimously approved.

ACTIONS RE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RESIGNATION: The Board accepted the resignation of Gary Marte with regret. He was given the thanks of the FRA for his 11 years as Executive Director. Gary has recently assumed greater duties as the Director of all Marine Housing for the 42,000 Marines on the West Coast (e.g. Pendleton, Miramar, Yuma, 29 Palms et al).

Member Wayne Lingenfelter volunteered to assume the duties of Executive Director effective 1 October 2001 at no salary, which was agreed to by the Board. Discussion was held on details of the turnover of the assets, checkbooks and FRA items in the Supply Hootch. It was agreed that for an orderly turnover, the books and gear would be turned over on 5 October 2001. A complete inventory will be taken at time of turnover.

President Sasser outlined plans for diversification of the duties of the former Executive Director. There will be greater utilization of the Committees presently authorized

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES: The By-Laws Committee, VP Wayne Pilny, Treasurer George Saitta, Wayne Lingenfelter, Hal Leach and Bruce Meyers presented their recommendations with input by President Dick Sasser.

The bulk of proposed Bylaws changes had been sent to the general membership on August 22, 2001 (copy appended), in compliance with Article XI. A complete set of the now current Bylaws, incorporating the changes approved and recommended by the Board, which were subsequently approved by the required two-thirds, is being sent to all members. In summary: the former duties of the Executive Committee have been transferred to the Board of Directors. This expanded the decision making from the prior five officers (President, President-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) to the larger Board plus the elected officers; terms of office of secretary and treasurer were extended to two years; treasurers duties were expanded to oversight of finances; changes were made in Nominations for vacancies from the Executive Committee to approval by the full Board and the officers.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Past President Bob Zwiener presented a slate for the forthcoming year, to be voted upon by the General Membership. A copy of the proposed slate is appended hereto. The election results are reported in the Minutes of the General Membership.

REUNION LOCATIONS FOR COMING YEARS: A brief discussion was held with the Board recommending locations for 2002 in the Washington DC /Baltimore/Annapolis area. For 2003, Hawaii was recommended as the site.

LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR FRA: Because of the press of time, this matter was discussed immediately following the General Membership meeting and the Board unanimously approved recommendations by Members Al Bierlein # 2085 (professional insurance broker) and Bruce Meyers # 007 (insurance defense attorney). Presently FRA has Errors and Omissions coverage for the Officers and Board of Directors (at an annual cost of \$ 1,300), which the Board felt should be augmented by a General Liability coverage to cover FRA at the reunions and for the Executive Director or his agents when on FRA business.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1140 PM.
Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce F. Meyers, Member # 007 Secretary

FORCE RECON ASSOCIATION INC.

Balance Sheet

As of September 30, 2001

Sep 30, '01

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

#6 Savings Prime Investment 9,406.83

#9 Cash Checking 7,596.94

Scholarship Investment Fund

0875 Scholarship 8,053.89

4428 Scholarship 22,143.64

6153 Scholarship 430.78

Total Scholarship Investment F... 30,628.31

Total Checking/Savings- 47,632.08

Other Current Assets

Inventory 12,597.00

Total Other Current Assets 12,597.00

Total Current Assets 60,229.08

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets

Computer 2,597.40

Shed

Accumulated depreciation -2,472.89

Shed - Other 2,472.89

Total Shed 0.00

Total Fixed Assets 2,597.40

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TOTAL ASSETS 62,826.48

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Opening Balance Equity 74,929.19

Retained Earnings -7,285.67

Net Income -4,817.04

Total Equity 62,826.48

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 62,826.48

FORCE RECON ASSOCIATION INC.

Profit and Loss

October 2000 through September 2001

Oct'00 - Sep'01

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Reimbursed Postage	0.00
Recon - 2001	15,044.15
Dividend	1,923.30
Donations	601.00
Membership	27,067.00
Sales	20,082.59
Gain/(Loss) Scholarship	-6,535.31
Total Income	58,182.73
Gross Profit	58,182.73

Expense

Recon Reunion 2001 Expenses	
Memorabilia Recon 2001	660.00
Tours	1,800.00
Recon - 2001 Return	144.00
CMC K-Bar	100.00
Golf Tournament	390.99
Hotel	6,610.00
Total Recon Reunion 2001 Expenses.	9,740.99

Sitrep Survey	500.00
Advertising	52.00
AOL	249.91
AOL Credit Alert	59.95
Automobile Rental	285.69
Bank Service Charges	16.75
Computer Services	165.00
Creditaware	73.00
Insurance D & O	1,300.00
Interest Expense	
Finance Charge	109.43
Total Interest Expense	109.43
Licenses and Permits	70.00
Management Fee	12,000.00
Memorabilia	6,782.66
Memorial Services	260.50
Mileage	981.36
Office Supplies	3,237.25
Pitney Bowes	3,403.89
Postage	3,316.38
Printing and Reproduction	13,335.46
Professional Fees	
Accounting	1,117.50
Total Professional Fees	1,117.50
Recon 2000	-2,597.40
Refunds	761.91
Renewal	150.00
Rental Charge	127.97
Scholarship Awarded	4,700.00
Supplies	66.69
Telephone	1,364.86

Travel & Ent

Entertainment	72.55
Meals	342.44
Travel	1,115.07
Total Travel & Ent	1,530.06
Total Expense	<u>63,126.71</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-4,943.98
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	126.94
Total Other Income	126.94
Net Other Income	126.94
Net Income	<u>-4,817.04</u>



Recon 2001 Reunion Income/Expenses
Louisville, Kentucky

Income

Registration	\$15,039
Sales	\$10,709
Total Income	\$25,748

Expenses

Hotel	\$ 8,321.53
Tours	\$ 5,036.00
Shipping	\$ 1,278.84
Golf	\$ 390.99
Car Rental	\$ 278.59
K-Bars	\$ 200.00

Total Expenses \$15,505.95

Net Income \$10,242.05

Force Recon Association

Scholarship Account

Louisville, Kentucky

2001

Income

Raffle	\$ 1,086.00
Auction	2,750.00
Women's Club	<u>1,000.00</u>
NET INCOME	\$ 4,836.00

Expense

Raffle Prizes	\$ (550.00)
Items For Auction	(600.00)
Scholarship Awards	<u>(6,000.00)</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	(7,150.00)
NET SCHOLARSHIP REVENUE 2001	\$ (2,314.00)



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**1300
EXDIR
15 Sept 2001**

**From: Executive Director
To: Board of Directors**

Subj: RECON – 2001 EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

- 1. The Following report is submitted:**
 - a. Membership Status**

<u>STATUS</u>	<u>YEAR 2000</u>	<u>YEAR 2001</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
ACTIVE	1,003	1,282	+ 279
INACTIVE	1,245	1,055	- 190
MEMORIUM	247	262	+ 15
NET TOTAL	2,495	2,599	+ 104

- b. Supply Hootch Orders. 303**

Received. Processed. Packaged. Delivered. Picked Up and/or Mailed.



**FORCE RECON ASSOCIATION
U.S. MARINE CORPS
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**Meeting of the General Membership
September 22, 2001
Louisville, Kentucky**

A quorum being present, President Dick Sasser called the meeting to order at 1225.

Secretary Bruce Meyers requested a motion from the floor to dispense with the reading of the RECON 2000 minutes and adopt the minutes as submitted. A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the RECON 2000 minutes and to adopt the minutes as submitted.

THE MOTION WAS MADE AND APPROVED

Secretary Emeritus Wayne Lingenfelter, who chairs the Scholarship Committee with member John Baker, gave the recommended scholarship awards for 2001 of \$ 5,000 to six recipients. In addition, another \$ 1,000 was raised by the Women’s Organization which was named in honor of Donna Johnson. This made the total scholarships awarded by FRA for 2001 to be \$ 6,000. There is \$ 35,089 invested in the three scholarship funds. A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting.

A motion was made to adopt the recommended scholarships as submitted by the scholarship committee.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

Treasurer George Saitta presented the Association’s Financial [Report] a copy of which is appended to the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting. A detailed list of revenues and expenditures is available for review through Treasurer Saitta.

A motion was made to accept the financial report as submitted and to make them a part of the records of the Association.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

Executive Director Gary Marte presented the 2001 membership report, which is attached to the Board of Directors meeting minutes.

Executive Director Marte announced his resignation as Executive Director, effective as of 1 October 2001.

The general membership in attendance at the meeting gave a standing ovation to Gary Marte for his 11 years of service as Executive Director.

President Sasser announced that upon the resignation of Gary Marte as Executive director. Wayne Lingenfelter had volunteered to serve as Executive Director without pay as replacement for Gary Marte.

Arrangements have been made for the orderly turnover of the checking account and all material from the Supply Hootch to Wayne.

The new address of the FRA will be:

**Force Reconnaissance Association
#1775 - 638 Camino de los Mares, Ste C240
San Clemente, CA 92673-2848**

An 800 number is being obtained for FRA Business

President Sasser reported that the Board of Directors had affirmed the general membership's recommendation of last year to have the 2002 reunion in the Washington D.C./Annapolis/ Baltimore area. The 2003 reunion will be in Hawaii.

Secretary Bruce Meyers presented the recommended changes to the Bylaws from Vice President Wayne Pilny's Bylaws Committee. These proposed changes had been sent to the General Membership 15 days prior to the meeting in accordance with **Article VII** of the Bylaws.

Each proposed Bylaw change was explained and they were voted on by the General Membership who approved them by the required two-thirds majority of those present. A motion was made and seconded to accept all of the proposed bylaw changes. A complete copy of the now current Bylaws will be included in the next **SITREP** going to all members.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

A motion was made by Bill Block to make the **Gary Marte Scholarship for Service Award** as the second largest (in amount) following the **Ernie DeFazio Award**. The motion was seconded.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

Elections were held by written ballot, a copy of which is attached to the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting. The members attending RECON 2001 General Membership meeting in Louisville, KY, voted and the results are reported as follows:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Committee

President	(Term expires after Recon 2003)	Dick Sasser #1795
President-Elect	(To serve as President from after Recon 2003 until Recon 2005)	Pat Teague #0038
Vice President	(Term expires after Recon 2003)	Joe Tablada #1745
Treasurer	(Term expires after Recon 2003)	George Saitta #1007
Secretary	(Term expires after Recon 2003)	Bruce Meyers #0007
Executive Director and Secretary Emeritus		Wayne Lingenfelter

Elected Directors

(Term expires after Recon 2002)

Member Nelson Donley #0696
Member Hal Leach # 2333

(Term Expires after Recon 2003)

Member Bill Block # 0028
Member Billy Branch #0025
Member Wes Johnson #1711
Member J.J. Rubenfeld #1161
Member Leonard Torres #2040

(Note: With the election of Pat Teague as Pres-Elect and Joe Tablada to Vice President, and Wayne Lingenfelter becoming Executive Director, all of whom are leaving as members of the Board of Directors, this opens three Elected Directors positions which will be filled in accordance with the Bylaws **Article IV, Vacancies**. The terms of the three appointees will expire after Recon 2002).

Liability Insurance. At the conclusion of the business meeting, the Board of Directors and Officers met briefly and moved to add liability insurance in addition to the existing Errors and Omissions policy to cover FRA.

There being no further business, President Dick Sasser adjourned the meeting at 1415. He announced that the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General James Jones, accompanied by the Commandant's mother, were to be the Guests of Honor at the Annual Banquet that evening.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bruce F. Meyers, Member # 0007
Secretary

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BY-LAWS

Complete as Amended and Approved
RECON 2001, Louisville, KY
September 22, 2001

“LINK FOREVER THOSE WHO SERVED TOGETHER”

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 provide 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 cases 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 inference 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, which 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,

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 an advisor 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; responsible for the acquisition, sales and accounting of all FRA memorabilia property; responsible as the principal planner and oversees all annual meetings/reunions with final approving authority for negotiated contracts.

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; 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; serves as the long term corporate knowledge in operating and managing the Association; and prepares all correspondence of the Association as directed by the President and 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 Nominations 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. Those 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 or Associate 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 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 will 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 MEETINGS

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 as a time and place designated 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.

Nomination 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 that 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 shall be responsible for auditing 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 serve.

Budget Committee shall be composed of members of the Executive Committee and be responsible for drafting the annual budget.

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 Policies 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 pool 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 The 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, officer, 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 AUTHORITY

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 may be offered, voted, and adopted 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 no part of said 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.

Corrected with all amendments as of 9-22-01

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Wayne M. Lingenfelter, Ed.D.

The transition of the Executive Director's duties has been completed. We have established a new mailing address and a toll free telephone number for the association. All correspondence should be addressed to the following: Force Recon Association, #1775, 638 Camino do los Mares, Suite C240, San Clemente, CA 92673-2848. The toll free telephone number to contact the President or the Executive Director is: 1 (866) 271-3282. You can also e-mail me at: ExecDirectorFRA@aol.com. Chuck Ascher has been appointed our Communications Officer and passes along to me the changes and questions that are forwarded to him. He can be reached at the following e-mail address: commchief@forcerecon.com. Chuck continues to compile the e-mail addresses of our members. Let him know your e-mail address and we'll be able to communicate with you more often. Merchandise order forms can be downloaded at our web-site: www.forcerecon.com then mailed to the FRA address, with payment, to be filled. It is a pleasure to continue to serve the association. Thank each of you for your support. It is very unlikely that I will be perfect in this position, let's be patient with each other. If I'm not quick enough to respond to you or if you are made to feel slighted in any way please forgive me in advance. It is my desire to respond in a timely manner and to do it in such a way that you know how important each of you are to our continued success to *"Link Forever those Who Served Together."*

Semper Fi, Dr. Wayne

Unit Activity Reports

Special Operations Training Group (SOTG), 1st Marine



Expeditionary Force, FMF, Camp Pendleton, California

By GySgt Vasquez

The past year, SOTG has seen just about a complete personnel turnover with many personnel reporting aboard from various Force Reconnaissance Companies.

LtCol Bob Coates departed 1st Force Recon as the Commanding Officer in July 2000 and reported as the Officer in Charge of the SOTG. Checking in with him from the Company included GySgt Chevette, SSgt Carpenter, GySgt Morrison, Sgt Seely, SSgt Voss, SSgt Schimdt, and GySgt Vasquez. Others reporting aboard from 2nd and 5th Force Recon included Major Fuller, Captain White, SSgt Moeller and Sgt Vanderplus.

Maj Brian Fuller reported aboard as the Officer In Charge (OIC) of the Raids branch. His background as a Platoon Commander in 5th Force Recon is invaluable in training the rifle companies for forward deployment with SOCAL MEU (SOC)s.

Capt Ryder White joined us from 5th Force Recon Company. Deploying with the 31st MEU as the Force Recon platoon commander, he brings the prerequisite experience to his assignment as assistant OIC for the Special Missions Branch. When he is not busy flexing at the nightspots in Carlsbad he can be found cruising on his "Hog" for new conquests.

GySgt Butch Vasquez joined the organization on 29 December 2000 when he left 1st Force Recon Company after almost 6 years. Until recently, he was the Chief for Special Missions Branch but as of 01 November he will teach Shallow Water egress training. He recently attended a couple Anti-Terrorism (AT) courses at Fort Bragg and has been helping out with our new charter of training and evaluating the MEU/ARG in Force Protection and AT. When he is not running his jibs, you will find him snacking in his cubicle.

GySgt Joey "Shaka" "Slave Driver" Morrison is killing 1st Force Platoons coming through our courses. Gunny Morrison recently attended the Bill Rogers shooting academy and is in attendance of

Applied Explosives Training.

SSgt Mark Schmidt is our *new bee* and attended Bill Rogers shooting academy.

SSgt Sid Voss also attended Bill Rodgers shooting academy. He is our "go to man" for all optics equipment training and tactics when he is not buying a new vehicle or flying between here and northern California.

SSgt "Thick" Moeller, the only true blue East Coast Recon guy, is still trying to convince us that West Coast MEU's can learn from the folks coming out of the Lejuene school house. "Thick" is presently doing extensive training in smile improvement therapy.

SSgt Scotty "Red Rocket" Ingbreetsen joined us from FSSG on 01 May 2001 and has been a full time scholar attending all these demo courses. He is a leg and is not from a Force or Battalion Recon unit, however, he is a semi smart EOD Tech/groupie thus our mentioning him in this SITREP. He has promised to pay us high dollar for the privilege we bestowed upon him as an honorary Recon Marine.

Sgt Karl "VB" Vanderplaus came to us from 5th Force Recon Company. He teaches both the Specialized Demolitions and Dynamic entry courses and helps out with CQB and Security Element courses when not employed as an explosives instructor. He has attended about every high-speed school imaginable and is a few credits away from his doctorate in "Hooliganomics".

SSgt Van Seeley (SHHhhhhhhh, (OPSEC) is currently eating, breathing, sleeping and living, along with sidekick "Taz" (his dog), at Range 130. Van has recently completed the LAPD SWAT Course, Bill Rogers Shooting Academy and is presently attending Applied Explosives.

SSgt "Skip" Carpenter is the grand "Old Man" of SOTG and is about to go on terminal leave where he'll work in a family owned insurance business (cover story). In all actuality he will open a covert sniper school specifically for deranged high school students. He has worked in every section within the SMB and has the largest and most obnoxious POV.

GySgt Chavette was selected and promoted to 1st Sgt. He departed for his follow on assignment at MCRD San Diego.

This past year, SOTG conducted special skills pre-deployment training and special operations certification for the following Platoons from 1st Force Recon as part of MEU (SOC)s.

4th platoon (Capt Bartle and GySgt Breeze), 2nd Platoon (Capt Traglia and GySgt Dailey) and 1st Platoon (Capt Thompson and GySgt Wyrick). 5th Platoon Captain Fiscus and GySgt Blakey commence their core courses on 26 Nov and will be deploying with the 11th MEU.

1st Force Reconnaissance Company, Camp Pendleton, CA

by 1st Lt J. L. Tyree



The company increased its operational training tempo through the period January to September 2001. Training focused on combat readiness and included

participation in MEB and MEF exercises, such as MEFEX and UFL.

The training produced highly skilled elements for

deployment with Special Operations Capable (SOC) Marine Expeditionary Units (MEU).

Training ranged from individual (schools) to unit skills in Communications, Force Fires, Patrolling, Combat Marksmanship, Live Fire Battle Drill, Combatant Dive, advanced Parachute training, Medical/Trauma, and Amphibious training packages. Company level LLSL jump and dive operations and annual and semi-annual training (RR, PR, and gas chamber) was also conducted.

Training exercises were conducted at MTC 29 Palms, CA, San Clemente Is., CA, Warner Hot Springs, CA, NAWS China Lake, CA, Yuma, AZ and the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) Fort Polk, La.

Marines of the company attended the following formal military schools: Airborne, Basic Recon Course, Combatant Dive, SERE, Special Forces SERE, Desert Evasion Survival Training, Military Free Fall, Scout Sniper, High Risk Personnel, Applied Explosives, Breacher, Jumpmaster, MFF Jumpmaster, High Altitude Parachuting Physiology, Ram Air Parachute Systems, MK-25 repair, Pathfinder, Ranger, Mountain Leadership Course, HRST, RSO, Martial Arts Instructor, Radio Chief, NCO Course, Sergeants Course, SNCO Career Course, Advanced SNCO Course, CSSP, JSOPW, SOCMJ, CWSS, and MCIWS.

Platoon Information

The 2nd Platoon remains deployed and is currently off the coast of Pakistan preparing for future combat operations. SSgt. Kelly, a team leader, was recently named the 1st Force Recon Team Leader of the Year for 2000.

The 3rd Platoon is currently in its' school phase. They'll begin the company-training phase on 26 November 01 with the Communications package followed up with Combat Trauma before the Christmas leave period. Sgt. Noel and Sgt. Ibarra are recent graduates of Combatant Dive and Airborne schools. Sgt. Fulkerson, Sgt. Ottley, and LCpl. Knoetgen are currently attending the Combatant Dive course, and Sgt. Blonder and Sgt. Ballein are at the Basic Reconnaissance Course (BRC). 1stLT Horne, the platoon commander, is attending the British Jungle Warfare School, in Brunei. GySgt. Barnes and SSgt. Bosier are departing, at the end of October, for free fall jumpmaster school.

The 4th platoon returned from deployment with the 11th MEU (SOC) on Sept 13 2001. They deployed to the western Pacific and Arabian Gulf. During their deployment, they conducted patrolling and dive operations in Hawaii, and diving operations in Singapore. They also conducted bilateral MOUT training with the Kuwaiti Commandos and paraops with the US Army 5th Special Forces Group during Exercise Eager Mace in Kuwait. Port calls during the deployment were made in Guam, Thailand, UAE and Bahrain. The platoon is now re-organizing for deployment in 2003.

The 5th platoon has completed their Amphib and Dive packages and are currently in the patrolling phase of their work-up to deploy in June 02. As part of the work-up, 5 Marines are in schools. Sgt. Anderson and SSgt. Pau are attending Static Line Jump Master School, Sgt. Guajardo is at Free Fall Jump Master school and, Sgt. Wells and SSgt. Hanes are attending Military Free Fall School.

The platoon will participate in a Combat Trauma course, conducted by CAS, at the end of November and a

Specialized Demolitions class (SOTG) during the first week of December 01.

Sgt. Minnich, 1st Platoon, and Sgt. Cushing, 4th Platoon, were selected from MHG for the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program (MECP).

Within the Headquarters element, Sgt. Baxter, from Supply, was selected as MHG's nomination for the meritorious SSgt board, and Cpl. Najaramirez, also from Supply, was meritoriously promoted to Corporal in September 01.

2nd Force Reconnaissance Company, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina

By Captain Andrew R. Christian



The Company is preparing for any possible contingencies that the Marine Corps may be involved with. Currently, we are planning on conducting a major training deployment to West Virginia. This deployment will closely simulate the conditions we will encounter if we are deployed in support of Operation Infinite Justice. The focus of effort will be on basic ground reconnaissance, long-range communication, and limited scale raids.

The following is a situation report on all platoons in 2nd Force Reconnaissance Company:

1st Platoon – GySgt Weatherford just took over as Platoon Sergeant. The platoon recently returned from deployment and lost about 50% of it's strength due to end of active service. The platoon participated in a 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) exercise, which showcased insertion capabilities.

2nd Platoon – (1stLt Buffa & GySgt Moose) is currently deployed with the 24th MEU. They are completing a six-month deployment where they participated in several international training operations. The 24th MEU did get "feet dry" I support of operations in Kosovo and we look forward to hearing all the stories about an action packed deployment.

3rd Platoon – (1stLt Kahn, MSgt Weatherbee, and GySgt Halpin) is currently deployed with the 26th MEU, which sailed in late September. They recently earned the MESOC qualification and are anticipating a demanding deployment. All training operations have been put on hold, and they are standing "at the ready" awaiting the MEU's marching orders.

4th Platoon – (Capt Souliere & GySgt Giger) is currently chopped to the 22nd MEU. They have just completed a demanding SOTG shooting package.

The platoon is working hard toward earning the MEUSOC designator. They will be training in the South East United States for the next five months fine-tuning their reconnaissance skills.

5th Platoon – (Capt Tierney & GySgt Miller) is currently the Air Alert Platoon. The platoon is currently deployed to Bridge Port California as part of a routine work-up cycle. They will be conducting a unit-training phase for another three months before out-chopping to the 24th MEU.

6th Platoon – (Capt Christian & GySgt Dristle) is currently in a schools phase. The platoon has Marines attending schools all over the country.

They participated in a very successful Bi-Lateral Exchange with the Chilean Commandos in July. The Chileans and Force Recon Marines conducted parachute operations, enhance marksmanship and waterborne operations. They will begin the unit-training phase in December.

UNITAS – SSgt Sahilbom is currently deployed with a team of Force Recon Marines in support of UNITAS operations in the South American Theatre.

3d Force Reconnaissance Company

By SSgt W. D. Burrows



The 1st Platoon (Rein) deployed to Peru in July and August for some Bi-lateral training with the Peruvian Marines during their Annual Training cycle. This training was incredible. The focus was jungle training; they have every type of climate available for training, from amphibious work to high altitude glacier work and, everything in between. The new focus of training for 1st Platoon is Cold Weather and we are planning to execute that plan with some help from Echo Company 4th Recon BN, Anchorage Alaska, coming up in February 2002.

The 2nd Platoon went to Ft Irwin CA and participated in an NTC rotation in June for their Platoon AT. The Platoon had an outstanding training period. They were able to conduct desert operations, and CAS. The level training that they conducted will be a new standard for the Company. The new training focus for the 2nd Platoon is in a jungle environment

and will culminate with a JRTC rotation AT in February 2002.

The 3rd Platoon conducted their Cold Weather AT in Utah this year and has been working towards their new training focus of desert operations.

They will be involved with CAX at 29 Palms, CA this summer. This CAX should be a good exercise due to the single corridor and air heavy assets that will also be involved. Aside from the individual Platoon training events, the Company also conducted a Combat Diver Training Package in Key West, FL. We were able to execute the first double stacked, hard duck insert for the Company and 125 training dives with Full Mission Profiles.

The training was great aside from the difficulties experienced due to the events on September 11th.

Our Reconnaissance Indoctrination Platoon has been meeting with great success with Marines graduating BRC/ARS and is continuing the training monthly and with an AT planned to be conducted at Camp Shelby, MS in July.

That's the "down and dirty" for 3rd Force Recon. The Company has a full plate, and things are looking full for next year when we will be conducting operations in Alaska, California, Louisiana, Nevada and Florida.

We bid farewell to SSgt James "Wayne" Nowell. He will be checking out in a couple of days. He has exemplified every aspect of what being a Recon Marine is all about. He is a true Force Recon Brother and will be missed.

Semper Fi.

4th Force Reconnaissance Company (-), MCBH, Kaneohe Bay, HI



By Jose Tablada III

Capt Johnson & SSgt Tablada has been preparing the 1st platoon for possible activation support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Since

July, the platoon has supported the Company's annual Reconnaissance Indoctrination Platoon (RIP), received an abbreviated communications package, conducted an M-4 refresher and conducted combat shooting.

July – The Company conducted its annual RIP training. Marines from 4th Force (Hawaii) and Det. 4th Force (Reno, NV) were joined by Marines from 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines STA platoon during this training evolution. The Marines participating in this rugged training were in a field environment for fourteen-day period. Marines from 1st platoon

made up the instructor cadre, teaching the prospective Force Reconnaissance Marines land navigation, patrolling, communications and amphibious skills.

August – The Marines of 1st Platoon conducted communications training utilizing the PRC-138 HF radio and the MPSIDS. Both pieces of equipment are fairly new to the Company's inventory. SSgt Jirka (1st Recon Bn., S-6) provided two days of excellent instruction to the Company's 1st platoon, S-6, and numerous additional personnel from the 3rd Marine Regiment.

September – 1st Platoon conducted M-4 refresher training and combat shooting over a three-day period. GySgt Rick "Lunch Meat" Rohn and SSgt Patrick "Fantasy Boy" Sterling provided an excellent course of instruction. Combat drills, malfunction drills, speed & tactical reloads, and IAD's were the meat of the training.

October – The platoon will be conducting more communications training focusing on the PRC-138, MPSIDS, and GPS refresher in a field environment.

Promotions

GySgt G.F. Rohn SSgt J. Tablada III
Sgt R. Therriault Cpl J. McAfee
Cpl Pazienna Cpl W. Heiman
Cpl R. Legaspi

School Graduates

Static Line Jump Master

Sgt R. Torres Sgt C. Larson

Marine Corps Martial Arts Instructor

Sgt A. Scott

Combatant Diver

Cpl W. Heiman Cpl J. Pazienna Cpl J. McAfee

Jump School

Cpl S. Parker Cpl R. Legaspi LCpl F. Prinea

Military Free Fall

Cpl J. Pazienna

SERE

Cpl J. Pazienna Cpl R. Legaspi LCpl F. Prinea

Mountain Survival

Cpl R. Legaspi Cpl M. Menkowitz

4th Force Reconnaissance Company,

Reno, Nevada Detachment

By Sgt Martin Rademacher



July - The Detachment sent the RIP platoon to Hawaii for the annual RIP AT. During this two-week period the

Marine's were challenged on a daily basis. The two-week course helps to build the Marine's basic reconnaissance skills in preparation for BRC (Basic Reconnaissance Course).

August - The Detachment conducted its annual AT. All training was conducted in the local area. During this two week AT the Det was able to certify twelve new HMMWV drivers and four bus drivers. The highlight of the driving course was the two days spent under the instruction of Josh Hall from Rod Hall International. The Marine's learned combat driving skills during both day and night.

The Det was also able to tan belt certify thirty-nine Marines under the new martial arts training program. The Marines also received a five-day communication course. H&S platoon spent for days at Lake Davis where they received patrolling and land navigation training from 4th and 5th platoons. Pistol re-qualification concluded the AT.

September - The Det was hit with a MORDT/IG inspection. The Detachment weathered the storm and received an outstanding score for the inspection. During this weekend, the Det also supported the 2d Mar Div Association and the 4th Mar Div Association with color guard and parade personnel. Screening tests were also conducted for those Marines preparing for airborne and dive school. The 4th, 5th and RIP platoons began their planning for the Oct FMP (Full Mission Profile) to Hawaii.

October - The Marines arrived on 11 Oct. loaded C-130's and departed for their airborne insert into Hawaii. Unannounced to the Marines was a critical change in plans. After an hour of low-level NAP of the earth, the Marines were instructed by the jumpmaster to start suiting up.

The Marines conducted in-flight rigging and jumped into Stead DZ. After a day of preplanning the teams were helo inserted into Bridgeport CA., where they conducted reconnaissance patrols and long-range communications. The RIP platoon was inserted by vehicle and acted as OPFOR. The focus on RIP training included land navigation, patrolling and movement techniques.

School Graduates

Combatant Dive

Capt Manning

Marine Corps Martial Arts (Instructor)

SSgt Schoonmaker

Military Freefall School (HALO)

Cpl Merchant

The Basic Reconnaissance Course (BRC), Expeditionary Warfare Training Group, Coronado, CA

By Capt. A.B. Rowe

The BRC exists to train Marines and Recon Corpsmen the core skills, knowledge, tactics, and techniques of a basic reconnaissance man, and to qualify students for the USMC MOS 0321 and Navy NEC 8427.



BRC Class 1-02 is on deck and is currently underway with the patrolling phase of the course. The class began on 1 October and will graduate on 7 December. While the instructor staff has always stressed the importance of preparedness for combat at all times, current events are helping reinforce that lesson.

Current Course Developments:

-Revising and modernizing the supporting arms phase and student patrol orders.

-Updating the communications curriculum to include PRC-138 digital HF radios, long-range communications during the patrolling phase, and communications practical application in the field.

-Conducting a realistic final mission scenario at course end to incorporate all skill sets taught at BRC.

-Continuing our motivational guest speaker program.

We are fortunate to have an instructor staff with a cumulative total of almost 100 years of amphibious reconnaissance experience. Their hard work and dedication are the key elements in producing quality Reconnaissance Marines to the fleet.

School Graduates

Military Free Fall Jumpmaster Course

SSgt Lunn

Staff NCO Academy

SSgt Alexander

Helicopter Rope Suspension Master Course

Sgt. Jaffe

Instructor Trainer Course

SSgt Archer

IT2 Rocha

Emergency Medical Technician Course

GySgt Yarolem

Sgt Poulton

Military Free Fall Jumpmaster Course

HM1 Brown

1st Class Petty Officer Leadership Course

HM1 Brown

Marine Corps Instructor Water Survival Course

SSgt Stare

Promotions (to current rank)

GySgt Yarolem	August
Sgt Jaffe	September (Meritorious)
SSgt Stare	October
GySgt Benoit	November

Miscellaneous

GySgt Yarolem - Noteworthy mention on Naval Sea Systems dive locker inspection.
Capt Sotire - Qualified for USN/USMC parachutist (Gold) wings

Basic Reconnaissance Course Honor Graduates

Class 1-01 Graduated 9 Mar 2001

Cpl. Nicholas P. Boccio, USMC-1ST Radio BN.

Class 2-01 Graduated 1 Jun 2001

Cpl. John G. Moreno, USMC - 1ST Recon BN.

Class 3-01 Graduated 14 Sep 2001

HM3 Travis P. Newkirk, USN - 1ST Recon BN.

We would like to thank all former Reconnaissance Marines who have given their time and energy to speak to our classes, both at graduation and during our informal guest speaker events. Your perspective and passing on of lessons-learned is invaluable.

To our graduates and reconnaissance brothers in the FMF- Good Luck and Good Hunting.

Semper Fidelis,

BRC Staff

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RECON 2001 Photos

During RECON 2001, Wayne Pilny took approximately 240 photos of individuals, activities, etc., with his new digital camera.

Wayne has graciously offered to make the photos available to FRA members, on a CD, for the nominal charge of \$15 per disk.

The \$15 will cover Wayne's expenses, i.e. purchase of the CDs, postage, etc., and a small donation to the FRA coffers.

If you'd like a copy of the disc, please send your order to:

Wayne Pilny

1641 North Anchor Drive

Port Clinton, Ohio 43452-3603

Don't forget to include your check (made out to Wayne) for \$15 per CD.

Wayne advises that, since he's "new at this", he'd appreciate your patience while he creates the CD.

He also advises that since he was so busy learning how to use the camera, few if any of the photos have names associated with them

Recon History

During the past months, many FRA members have provided Wayne with photos, documents, etc. which he's in the process of scanning onto CDs to create a history and evolution of Recon. His initial effort is the WW II history of the Recon Bn of V Corps. Future projects include the various Force Recon Co's from the 50s to the present.

If you'd like to be a part of this worthwhile effort, please contact Wayne and he'll provide the necessary guidance.

Future editions of the SITREP will contain information regarding the availability of Wayne's Recon History CDs.

Iwo Jima Tour Photos

It seems that several FRA members expressed interest in photo's Ron Huegel took while on a tour of Iwo Jima. Ron has offered to provide copies of the photos, at no cost, to those wanting them. Ron may be contacted via e-mail at rhuegel@enter.net or by phone at (610) 264-9161.

Ladies Club

Dear ladies

Well, we did it again! Another great reunion in Louisville, KY.

Our Ladies Hospitality room was a rousing success. It was fun to greet our old friends and make many new friends as well.

We had a great time touring the Antique Guild and the Stoneware factory and hope to have similar activities set up for the ladies next year.

We also learned that if you want to get anywhere, don't be in the same car with Pat Sasser and Nancy Pilny, this was definitely a case of the "blind leading the blind."

We especially want to thank the many ladies who donated gifts for the auction and daily raffles, as well as our "goody bags." It's always fun to see what you ladies come up with to give our raffle an extra boost.

Due to your combined efforts, we were able to give a \$1000 scholarship in memory of Donna Johnson. We hope to be able to do this again in years to come. This year the scholarship went to a single mother with two children who is going back to school to become a nurse.

With our special host in Louisville, Joan Berry, we were able to ship many of the donations and hospitality room necessities beforehand which made it easier on all of us.

In 2002, we again will let you know who the host will be for the Washington, DC area, and you can ship early if you would like.

A Special Thank You to Joan Berry for all of her help this year and especially for the beautiful Afghans she donated. All of Joan's help is greatly appreciated.

Your Executive Committee has started planning for the next convention. We will be meeting prior to the convention to get all loose ends tied up so that your time at the next convention will be as enjoyable as possible.

Patty Kitzmann, our official ladies club photographer, will be putting albums together. It was so much fun looking through the albums this year. Please be sure to send patty copies of any pictures you took so that she can include them in the 2001 album.

The minutes of the meeting and updated ladies club roster will be sent out prior to the next convention. Please be sure to take a little extra time to fill out the comment letter we will enclose. All of your input is important to us and greatly appreciated.

We will be meeting with Anita Torres in the near future to put together a Web Site for our club. Anita has graciously offered to set this up for us.

Any ladies who have not joined the ladies club and would like to do so, can send their Name, Address, Telephone Number and e-mail address to:

Irene Ramey
330 Washington Boulevard
Suite 400
Marina Del Rey, CA 90292.

Thank you again for your participation and great support for our second annual ladies club reunion.

Best Regards,

Pat Sasser, Georgette Sundeck, Nancy Pilny,
and Irene Ramey



Continued from Front Cover - Capt James I. Jones
exceptionally meritorious service in these campaigns, he was awarded the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit with Gold Star, the Army Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, and a Letter of Commendation from Army General Joseph W. Stilwell.

Additionally, the Commanding General, V Amphibious Corps, General Holland M. Smith, commended Captain Jones and his company.

Recon 2002

The dates for Recon 2002 are August 21st to August 25th. This time frame was selected to afford Recon 2002 attendees the opportunity to view two of the areas principal events, the Sunset Parade at the Iwo Jima Marine War Memorial and the Evening Parade at Marine Barracks, 8th and I [streets]. Both activities normally are performed through the month of August. However, the parade schedule for 2002 has, reportedly, been shortened and the final Evening Parade for the year will be on August 23rd.

The Site Selection Team, headed by Wayne Pilny, #1522, accompanied by his bride Nancy, arrived in the Washington, DC area, in mid-November, to conduct the Site Recon. Other team members include Gordon "Gordie" Keiser #0325, John Cole, #0607, his wife Maureen and daughter Amy, Leonard Torres #2040, and Warren Wiedhahn #2057.

The Recon Team contacted several hotels in the area and the one offering the best rates for accommodations', meeting rooms, etc., is the Quality Hotel Courthouse Plaza in Arlington, Virginia.



The hotel has 392 rooms, is full service and has a First Class rating.

Room rates from early August

through early September are \$82 plus tax, a night. Accordingly, if you'd like to vacation in the Nations Capital in conjunction with Recon 2002, make your reservations early.

<http://www.hotelchoice.com/res/hotel/Va058/>

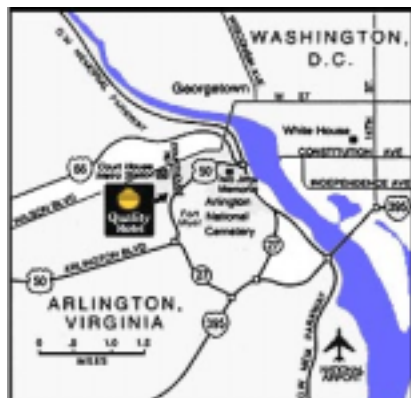
Phone: 703 524-4000

Fax: 703 522-6814

Reservations: 888

987-2555

Sites within hiking distance of the hotel include Arlington National Cemetery, Iwo Jima Memorial, and shopping centers, Fort Meyer and a MetroStation that affords transportation to Washington, DC,



its monuments, the Smithsonian Museums, Reagan National Airport, etc.

For those who would like to view the Sunset Review Parade at the Iwo Jima War Memorial, you should schedule your arrival by noon, at the latest, on Tuesday, August 20th.

The parade commences at 1900 and lasts until about 2030.

Recon 2002

Tentative Schedule of Events

Wednesday, August 21st, 2002

PM Check In - Quality Hotel
Courthouse Plaza

Thursday, August 22nd, 2002

Friday, August 23rd, 2002

1700-1900 Cocktail Party - Marine Corps Historical Museum, Washington Navy Yard

2000-2200 Evening Parade, Marine Barracks 8th & I Streets, Washington, DC

Saturday, August 24th, 2002

1900-2400 Banquet and Awards Presentation - Fort Myer NCO Club

Sunday, August 25th, 2002

AM Farewell Breakfast/Brunch - Hotel
Check out

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Activity/Events In Planning

Possible Golf Tourney - AM Tuesday, August 20th

Women's Club White House Tour, shopping and lunch - Tuesday, August 20th.

Rifle & Pistol Range

Special Arlington Cemetery Tour-Date & Time TBA

Dinner Cruise on the Potomac River

Marine Corps Band - Sat Aug 24th PM

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The Site Selection Team will return to the area early in 2002 to finalize arrangements with the hotel and other activities/events.

Note: For transportation arrangements, we'll need an approximate "Head Count". Accordingly, if you intend to, or even think you'll attend Recon 2002, you are urged to, as soon as possible, inform:

Wayne Pilny

at 419 797-4348 or wspilny@thirdplanet.net,

or

Chuck Ascher

at 503 646-6597 or Adrigger@pcez.com

Recon 2002 - Ladies Perspective

By Nancy Pilny

Hi Ladies,

Here is my report on the D.C. Recon.

On Saturday, Nov 17th, we located a pub called Kelly's which has excellent Sheppard's pie, beer and "Killer" Black Russians". Later that day we found RT's restaurant, which had excellent food and equally "Killer" desserts.

On Sunday Wayne and I went to Mt. Vernon, which was quite impressive and ate at the Mt. Vernon Inn, which had an excellent brunch and luncheon menu.

Does anyone detect a theme here to my extensive research? Also found a beautiful shopping center within walking distance, which I am sure many of the ladies will enjoy.

Col John Cole, his wife Maureen and daughter Amy were especially helpful in the RT's research.

Judy Wayland from the hotel said we could ship items ahead of time and she would hold them. Maureen and Amy said we could also send items to them, in case anyone is uncomfortable sending directly to the hotel. Amy works in the D.C. area and said it would not be a problem to transport packages.

Col "Gordie" Kaiser was in on the Kelly's Recon. He was extremely helpful, until he learned that Wayne was no longer the V.P. and then wanted to know why the hell they were wasting their time with some guy that couldn't do them any good anymore. However, Gordie did BUY LUNCH.

Wayne and I plan on going back thru Washington on our way to Florida, probably on Dec. 29th. We will set up menus and other details at that time.

On Tuesday the 20th of Aug. Judy said she could set up a White House tour for us, as well as shopping and Lunch at a shopping mall called Georgetown Plaza. She has offered to shuttle up to 45 of us free of charge in their small buses. I also believe the men are working on attending a special ceremony at the Iwo Jima Memorial that the Marines do on Tuesday evening.

The above activities are within walking distance for anyone interested. Thursday morning would be a tour of Arlington Cemetery conducted by Col John Ripley. One that would be much more extensive than your regular tour.

Thursday evening John Cole is working on setting up a riverboat dinner cruise.

Friday morning I think would be the best time for the Men's auction, because they would have enough time for a lot of bidding. Also, Judy is going to donate a week's free stay as one of the auction items.

Friday afternoon from 5-7 would be the cocktail party at the Naval Yard followed by the Marine Sunset Parade at 8th and I.

Saturday would be both the Men' and Ladies luncheons. I think that would be a good time to announce our Silent Auction winner.

Saturday evening would be the banquet at the Fort Myer NCO club across the street from the hotel. We've not scheduled anything for Sunday, but I am sure it would not be a problem, at this point, to set up a Brunch for everyone.

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The Members and Directors of the Force Recon Association wish to extend to all of our comrades in arms, who are in Harms Way during this coming year, our heartfelt appreciation and undying support to them and their families as they continue to insure we live in “The Land of the Free”.

Thank you and Semper Fidelis!

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