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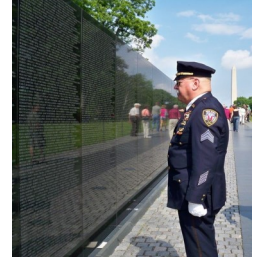


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Secretary	Al Frater
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ...

Semper Fi Marines . Wishing summer 2018 has been safe enjoyable to all . Reunion 2019 is all set for Fathers Day Weekend June 13-16 , 2019 at The Embassy Suites in Crystal City , Va. with free breakfast and the managers free drinks welcome at the lobby bar everyday from 1700-1900. We will as in San Diego have an open bar for paying members with house beer and wine only Thursday , Friday and Saturday at the lobby bar.. Registration is open from Thursday to Monday only due to high volume after our reunion

Working on A Pentagon visit Friday June 14 , 2019 at 0900 with possible lunch with Commandant and or his delegate and our Memorial service at The Pentagon Chapel The USMC Museum will be second option as it is always open to us Marines. The Evening Parade buses will be leaving at 1700 for the 8th & I , Parade at 2000 . Saturday June 15 , 2019 at 1000 will be Our business meeting and as I said it the last scoop, I will be stepping down as President after 10 years. We need nominations for all positions ASAP .

Our evening Banquet will be held at The Doubletree Hotel 3 blocks away and there will be shuttles all night long. The Banquet will be held in The Jefferson Room from 1800-2200. This will be the first time We have a reunion on Fathers Day and I hope that for reunion 2019 We will Invite and bring our children and grand children to witness our comradery for 31 years as an organization and for some, over 50 years of brotherhood and friendship. We also have a choice of doing our Memorial Service at The Wall on Fathers Day with the sons and daughters in touch which celebrate their Fathers Day at The Wall ! We did it in Reunion 1990 and it would be an honor for us and our family. We can also do one on Saturday and another on Sunday. As we did in San Diego there will be a table of honor with pictures of Our deceased members. We had two widows in San Diego and I will also be reaching out to our past members widow to invite them to rejoin us and or send a picture of their Marine

Parking will be at a reduced rate or possibly free to a few. I have a former partner that is a computer wiz and she will be modernizing our old website soon, so that we can all add pictures and stories Our scholarship is also waiting for applications for the coming year Scholarship funds are available for our family so please apply. Al Frater has been doing a great job with our Scoop but articles are needed. We 1st MAW Marines have many stories and pictures added to Facebook, let's add them to our Website. Speedy recovery to some of our members, You know who you are. One Day at A Time !

Our condolences to the Family of our Webmaster, Monty Hopey who passed last month . may he and all our Marines rest in eternal peace.

SEMPER FIDELIS MARINES AND FAMILY !

Frank Arce



Merry Christmas and Happy New year to all our Marines



MEMBERSHIP NOTES

DUES RENEWALS Membership Renewals

Membership Renewals

Just a reminder to annual members, your dues are now due every January.

Please help our association save postage and mail expense by sending in your \$25.00 renewal dues now.

Mail in your check payable to: 1st MAW Vietnam Service, c/o Jerry Sergeant, 603 63rd Ave W. Lot A-10, Bradenton, FL 34207

Any additional questions regarding membership may also be directed to the above address or emailed to: jleesarge@hotmail.com

Jerry Sergeant
Treasury and acting Membership Chairman

ELECTRONIC SCOOP

The Electronic Scoop list is growing. Any other members who desires to receive their "Scoop" electronically in order to reduce mailing and publishing costs please contact Al Frater at teanal@optonline.net and please cc Frank Arce at frankpaco69@aol.com. Those members who have requested an electronic SCOOP will be removed from the mailing list as requested.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED - UPDATE

Volunteers are always welcomed for Veterans day at the wall. For those who live near Quantico VA and the National Museum of the Marine Corps The Heritage Foundation is seeking tour Guides for the Museum. Training will be provided. Contact the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation at 703-640-7965..

PX

Check out our PX page If anyone wants something let us know. Contact Al Frater at teanal@optonline.net for 201-906-1197 for information.

1st MAW NOW ON FACEBOOK

We are now moving to the modern age and have a Group on FACEBOOK. If you are a FACEBOOK user please join our Group. at "**First Marine Air wing Association - Vietnam Service**". If you are not a FACEBOOK member, join FACEBOOK and our Group. Information and photos will continue to be posted on our group. Please post any pictures or comments on our group.

Reunion 2019

Reunion 2019 is signed and delivered . Our 31st Anniversary !

Embassy Suites Crystal City June 13-16, 2019 Fathers Day Weekend . \$149.00 single and double \$159.00 Triple and Quad . The price is good from June 10-19, 2019 Free shuttle service from Reagan International Airport and also to different places in Crystal City! Free breakfast and managers welcome open bar at the lobby bar from 1700-1900 .

Our banquet will be held at The Double Tree, three blocks away, being our hotel only has room for 100 for our banquet so we will be shuttled from both hotels for the banquet . We will be working on a possible tour of The Pentagon with possible lunch with our Commandant and or Sgt. Major and possibly have them Order 50 yard line seats for us for the evening parade at 8th & I, Friday evening at 1700 (We will be there) and maybe even join us for our banquet, Saturday evening at 1800 !

Our Museum will always be open for us in case The Pentagon doesn't work out! Our hotel registration code is FMA call 1-800-560-7782,We booked 40 rooms but more available with timely notice. The weeks before were about \$20-50 more per night and after we deal with the summer crowds .God willing, My dream is to have all our members attend with their entire family and celebrate our day together! as Marines , only we can make It happen !

Registration Forms is on Page 7

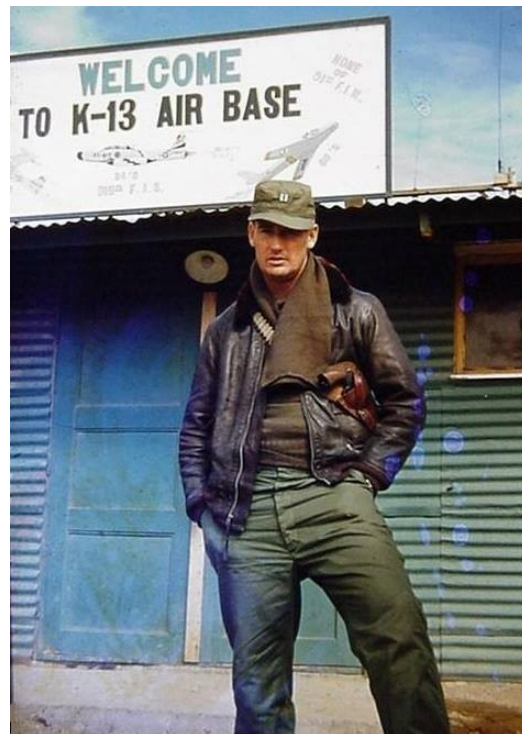


Ted Williams—Marine

On February 16, 1953, a Marine Corps fighter pilot from VMF-311 was flying his F9F Panther as part of a 200-plane strike force against Kyomipo, about 15 miles southwest of Pyongyang, North Korea. During the run on his target, a troop encampment, enemy ground fire knocked out his hydraulics and electrical system. Struggling to regain control of his aircraft, he gained altitude and headed for the nearest air base, which was K-13.

Fire and rescue crews at K-13 were alerted as the dark blue Marine jet was seen coming in low and fast, trailing smoke and a 30-foot ribbon of fire. Too low to eject, the pilot brought his crippled jet in, making a belly landing and skidding, with sparks flying, for almost a mile before finally stopping. The nose quickly burst into flames that threatened the cockpit. The pilot blew off the canopy and dove headfirst onto the tarmac, where he was quickly grabbed by a couple of flight crewmen and taken away.

It didn't take long for the Air Force pilots and ground personnel at the base to recognize that the tall, lanky Marine pilot who got out of the burning jet was Ted Williams, the Boston Red Sox slugger. He had been recalled to active duty and had arrived in Korea earlier that month. A lot of the guys got his autograph and several took photos, including the one shown here by George Robert Veazey, a pilot in the 36th FBS. He was Aerodrome Officer that day and saw Williams crash land his jet. It was a story to definitely tell the folks back home.



Subject: Vietnam Memorial Wall Facts

A little history most people will never know.
Interesting Veterans Statistics off the Vietnam Memorial Wall.

There are 58,267 names now listed on that polished black wall, including those added in 2010.
The names are arranged in the order in which they were taken from us by date and within each date the names are in alphabetical order.

It is hard to believe it is 57 years since the first casualty.

The first known casualty was Richard B. Fitzgibbon, of North Weymouth, Mass. Listed by the U.S. Department of Defense as having been killed on June 8, 1956. His name is listed on the Wall with that of his son, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Richard B. Fitzgibbon III, who was killed on Sept. 7, 1965.

There are three sets of fathers and sons on the Wall.
39,996 on the Wall were just 22 or younger.

8,283 were just 19 years old.

The largest age group, 33,103 were 18 years old.

12 soldiers on the Wall were 17 years old.

5 soldiers on the Wall were 16 years old.
One soldier, PFC Dan Bullock was 15 years old.

997 soldiers were killed on their first day in Vietnam.

1,448 soldiers were killed on their last day in Vietnam.

31 sets of brothers are on the Wall.

Thirty one sets of parents lost two of their sons.

54 soldiers attended Thomas Edison High School in Philadelphia. I wonder why so many from one school.

8 Women are on the Wall, Nursing the wounded.

244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War; 153 of them are on the Wall.

Beallsville, Ohio with a population of 475 lost 6 of her sons.

West Virginia had the highest casualty rate per capita in the nation. There are 711 West Virginians on the Wall.
The Marines of Morenci - They led some of the scrappiest high school football and basketball teams that the little Arizona copper town of Morenci (pop. 5,058) had ever known and cheered. They enjoyed roaring beer busts. In quieter moments, they rode horses along the Coronado Trail, stalked deer in the Apache National Forest. And in the patriotic camaraderie typical of Morenci's mining families, the nine graduates of Morenci High enlisted as a group in the Marine Corps. Their service began on Independence Day, 1966. Only 3 returned home.

The Buddies of Midvale - LeRoy Tafoya, Jimmy Martinez, Tom Gonzales were all boyhood friends and lived on three consecutive streets in Midvale, Utah on Fifth, Sixth and Seventh avenues. They lived only a few yards apart. They played ball at the adjacent sandlot ball field. And they all went to Vietnam. In a span of 16 dark days in late 1967, all three would be killed. LeRoy was killed on Wednesday, Nov. 22, the fourth anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination. Jimmy died less than 24 hours later on Thanksgiving Day. Tom was shot dead assaulting the enemy on Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

The most casualty deaths for a single day was on January 31, 1968 ~ 245 deaths.
The most casualty deaths for a single month was May 1968 - 2,415 casualties were incurred.

For most Americans who read this they will only see the numbers that the Vietnam War created. To those of us who survived the war, and to the families of those who did not, we see the faces, we feel the pain that these numbers created. We are, until we too pass away, haunted with these numbers, because they were our friends, fathers, husbands, wives, sons and daughters. There are no noble wars, just noble warriors.

REUNION 2019
Washington DC Registration Form
FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING ASSOCIATION VIETNAM SERVICE

Thursday June 13th, Friday June 14th, Saturday June 15th and Sunday June 16th, 2019

MEMBER NAME _____

NICKNAME/CALL SIGN (for use on name tag) _____

YEAR/UNIT (i.e. 67-68 VMFA-323) _____

ADDRESS _____

Contact PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

(For Confirmation of Receipt)

NAME OF GUESTS ATTENDING WITH MEMBER _____

EMERGENCY Information, CONTACT Name & Phone number) _____

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES : Trips to: 8th & I Marine Barracks, the Pentagon or visit to: Marine National Museum and REUNION BANQUET MEAL (Note: All events are not yet finalized)

NUMBER ATTENDING REUNION _____ X \$185.00 (per person) = \$ _____

NUMBER OF REUNION SHIRTS \$25.00 (each) **Circle Size** with quantity(s) M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2XL ___ 3XL ___ (4XL ___)

BANQUET MEAL CHOICE: BEEF ___ CHICKEN ___ SEAFOOD ___ SPECIAL NEED Specify _____

TOTAL AMOUNT INCLUDED \$ _____

PAYMENT IS DUE NO LATER THAN Monday, May 13th 2019 (THIS IS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH & FINALIZE SHIRT ORDERS, MEALS, TRIPS, FUNCTIONS, NAME TAGS etc.) After this date some functions or items may not be available, or **LATE FEES MAY BE INCURRED AFTER Monday, May 13th, 2019.**

PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:
(MAKE, CHECKS or MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO: **FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING ASSOCIATION**

FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING ASSOCIATION VNS
C/O TREASURER, JERRY SERGEANT (phone 989-992-6809 or email jleesarge@hotmail.com)
603 63rd Ave W. Lot A-10
Bradenton, FL 34207

NOTE: Room rates for reunion dates only of \$149 + taxes has, been negotiated with the Embassy Suites
Reservations must be made by May 23rd, 2019 to receive this rate.

For hotel reservations Use Group Code "FMA". Contact the **Embassy Suites Crystal City National Airport**
at 1-800-560-7782 and ask for Reservations

Remember to use the group code to receive the reduced rates.

Street address: 1300 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22202

Please Note: Parking rates are not covered in reunion fees, Self-parking is \$20.00 per day.

Embassy Suites offers: Free made to order daily breakfast and complimentary 2 hour managers nightly reception.

Rough Itinerary

Thurs: Check-in and Meet & Greet, **Fri.:** all day Trips & Events, **Sat:** morning Business Meeting & Elections, **after-noon free time**, evening Banquet Meal, **Sunday:** Breakfast and Check-out.

NOTE

Reunion participation is for paid members and registered guests. Membership is available to all qualified individuals. Please check the association's website at www.firstmaw.homestead.com for membership details and application fo

Scholarship Requirements and Details

The First Marine Aircraft Wing Association, Vietnam Service will award up to five scholarships of \$500 each during Reunion 2019.

To qualify for a scholarship, applicants must meet the following qualifications:

Be a First Marine Aircraft Wing Association, Vietnam Service member in good standing (i.e., dues are paid up to date), their spouse, dependent or direct descendent. Further, the member must have a minimum of one -year membership as of June 1, 2019.

-OR

Be a spouse, dependent, or direct descendent of a deceased member of the First MAW Assn. VN Service

-OR

Be a spouse, dependent, or direct descendent of a Marine or member of another military service, who lost his/her life while serving in Vietnam with the First Marine Aircraft Wing.

-AND

Applicant must be currently **enrolled and attending**, in an accredited college, university, or trade school and be in good academic standing.

Applicant will be required to submit an essay of 300-350 words. The applicant can choose one of the following topics:

1. What the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial means to me.
2. What all Americans can do to solve the energy crisis.
3. How I plan to use my education to aid society.
4. Why I support our Marines in harm's way.

To compete for a scholarship, applicants must submit their essay in accordance with the following instructions:

1. The essay must be typed. **Do not include applicant's name on the essay page.** Attach a coverpage with the applicants name, address, phone number and email address. The cover page must also include the name of the First MAW Assn. VN Service member and membership number, along with the applicant's relationship to the member (spouse, son, daughter, grandchild etc.).
2. Verification from a counselor or other school official confirming that the applicant is enrolled. This letter needs to be on school letterhead.
3. A copy of the student transcripts

The essay and required documents must be post marked no later than May 1, 2019.

Mail To:

First Marine Aircraft Wing Association-VN Service
c/o Phil Beckerich III
67 Blue Grouse Drive
Cannon City, CO 81212-9462

PX

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Photos from Robert Coghill



General D I Sultan, a WW II troop transport.



1965 Christmas spirit at the 3rd MAF / 1st MAW headquar-



The HQ Communication Shack and Marine Cpl Bob Coghill sometime from Aug 65 to Aug 66.

Happy 243 Birthday

A couple photos from the “Early Bird” USMC Birthday luncheon that Dave Hugel attended Friday at 8th & Eye, where the ACMC Gen Gary Thomas, was our guest speaker and Gen. Al Grey @ 90 was the oldest Marine.



Oldest and Youngest Marines from the Gooney Bird Detachments Birthday Ball. Oldest was Gene Iaconetti (Iwo Jima Vet) at 94 and youngest was Shifali Masih (Iraq Vet) at 37



IN MEMORIAM

Mead S. Carmichael III

Mead S. Carmichael III, age 82, of LaRue, Ohio passed away on Friday, December 1, 2017, at 6:06 PM in the Marion General Hospital. He was born on November 17, 1935 in Columbus, Ohio. Mead served in the U.S. Marine Corp. during the Korean War and Vietnam from 1954-1966. He was a lifetime member of VFW Post 3313 and American Legion Post 162. He retired as a Contract Federal Armed Guard for Knight Protective Services. Friends may call at the Boyd-Born Funeral Home on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. The funeral service will be held in the funeral home on Wednesday at 11:00 AM conducted by Deacon Earl McCurry. Burial will be in the Mansfield Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Marion County Veterans Park or the Marion Area Humane Society.

Monty Hopey



Lamont Joseph Hopey, 72 of Beaufort, SC, husband of Delores T. Hopey passed away at his family residence on September 18, 2018. Lamont served his country proudly with four years in the United States Marine Corps. Followed by 17 years in the United States Air Force Reserves. He would then, continue his service by serving 25 years with the Pennsylvania State Police, where he retired a Lieutenant. He was a member of the International Police Association, the 1st Marine Air Wing Association, and a board member of Cottage Farm for many years. Mr. Hopey loved to travel, was a computer expert, and a gifted carpenter. Though very accomplished in his life, he dearly cherished his family, friends, community, and country.

Randy Straka



"Randy", 72, passed away April 16, 2017. Proud U.S. Marine Corps Veteran.

Samuel Beamon



Samuel K. Beamon, Sr., 71, passed away peacefully on Sunday October 28, 2018 at Abbott Terrace, after a long illness.

In 1965, Sam enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, and became a helicopter mechanic, crew chief and aerial gunner and was deployed to Vietnam. Sam flew in over 360 combat air missions and received numerous awards including 16 air medals, Combat Air Crew Wings, Combat Action Ribbon, Naval and Presidential Unit Citations.

Linda J. Walden wife of our VP Bill Walden

Hicksville, New York

May 5, 1949 – Nov 8, 2018





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We are a fraternal organization of Marines and others who were attached to or supported First MAW units serving in the Vietnam War. The organization was founded in 1986 and incorporated as a not-for-profit entity in New York State in 1988. Our purpose is to reunite members of the First MAW either through scheduled reunions or by means of our newsletter, web site, or other various functions. The organization strives to disseminate information about our history as well as about legislation, entitlements, and welfare involving First MAW members.