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President	Bernie LaPira
Vice President	Bill Walden
Secretary	Al Frater
Treasurer	Jerry Sergeant



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ...

Marines of The First Marine Aircraft Wing Association-Vietnam Service

First of all, my wife Claudette and I wish all who were in the path of Hurricane Dorian are safe. Our prayers are with you all.

It is my honor to serve as President of our great organization. I was humbled to be nominated at our Reunion 2019 in Washington D.C. and accepted. To follow our four other past presidents will be a difficult task but with their help and our Board members and you all, I will give it all I have.

The Reunion of 2019 has to go down as one of our best. The activities were non-stop and visiting the Pentagon and going to Marine Barracks Washington D.C. (8th & I) were two of the best for me and my wife.

Our guest speaker, V.P. Bill Walden was inspiring on his presentation. To make such an emotional speech and just losing the love of his life was amazing.

My learning curve will be very short. I will be attending the National Marine Corps Council in Virginia, meeting on October 5th representing our organization. I will update for all of you on any significant issues.

Finally, I ask each of you to help me and our organization to keep our traditions strong and always assist each other whenever the need arises. I have always felt pride in being part of this organization and will continue to do so as your President. Thank you Rob for creating this and a special thank you to Frank (Paco) Arce for the last 10 years. Bill, Al, and Jerry, I look forward to the next two years working with all of you and most of all hearing from our members. Your input makes us a great organization and all suggestions are welcome. God Bless and keep you all safe.

Bernie LaPira

Association President

1st MAW Association Vietnam Service

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

DUES RENEWALS Membership Renewals

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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, 6321 Auburn Ave 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 went very well without any hitches. Again Frank Arce our past president did another excellent job. For those of you that could not make it we hope to see you in Pensacola beach in 2021. All information will be in the Scoop as well as on our facebook page. We had about 90 attending and everyone checked in on Thursday. On Friday we were given a tour of the Pentagon and had a chance to meet Sgt Major Green. After that we went to the Iwo Jima Memorial for a short memorial service.. That evening we went to 8th and I for the evening parade., as always the Marines did a great job and we all enjoyed the evening. On Saturday morning we had our business meeting where we elected our new president Bernie LaPira, the rest of the officers remains the same. On Saturday Evening we went to the Doubletree Inn for our banquet. Bill Walden our Vice President was our Speaker and did a great job. We would like to thank everyone who attended and we hope all had a good time . We are looking forward to seeing all in Pensacola Beach.



Pictures from the Pentagon With Sgt Major Green



Reunion Pictures



Paco with Sgt Major Robin Fortner



Some of us wingers at the meeting



The Business Meeting



Bill Walden receiving a Plaque as our Guest Speaker



Bill Walden at the podium



At the Banquet

REUNION PICTURES At 8th and I



Getting Ready for the Show



Intro to the show



**Minutes of 2019 Reunion in Chrystal City VA
June 15, 2019**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. President Frank Arce Spoke
3. Minutes of last meeting were spoken about by Bill Walden is was noted that we voted to have Pensacola as our 2021 reunion. Minutes were accepted by Russ Martz and 2nd by Frank Petrovich.
4. Jerry Sergeant gave the treasurers report and handed out a detail report to all present. A motion was made to accept the minutes motion by Bruce Harkin and 2nd by Al Larsen
5. Russ Martz asked about the refund were to try and get from the Bus situation in san Diego, Paco responded that since we were looking for a small amount he could not find any attorney willing to take our case in small claims court so we will just drop it.
6. Rus Martz asked if we were a 501c-3 and the answer is that we are .
7. Introduction of members, each member spoke and introduced themselves.
8. Membership Report, Jerry gave the report and had a handout for each member as of now we have 276 paid members, 155 Life members, 116 yearly members, 2 lifetime spouse members, and 3 honorary members.
9. Old Business – None
10. Rob Waters spoke about our Scholarship, since we are all aging and would not like our scholarship to die, Rob spoke to the MCL foundation who would be willing to take on our scholarship at some future date and to continue to award scholarship in our name. We will make an agreement with the MCL on this issue. Motion was made to accept this by Bruce harkins and 2nd by Steve Jackson.
11. Scholarship we had 3 scholarship winners, Jarod Kehl grandson of Robert Packard (2nd Award, he also won in 2017 San Diego) , Isabel Roberts Granddaughter of Art Eggen, (2nd Award, she also won in 2017 San Diego) Indria Brown Grandchild of Dan Osborn (1st time winner)
12. Elections president Bruce Harkins nominates Bernie laPira 2nd by Al Watkins 2nd ,put 1 vote for Bernie LaPira vote by Russ Martz and 2nd by Lee Taylor. VP Bill Walden nominated by Phil Beckerich 2nd by Russ Martz sec put 1 vote by Bruce Harkins and 2nd by Lee Taylor. Treasurer Jerry Sergeant nominated by Emmet MacCorkle 2nd by Bob Bliss sec put 1 vote by Lee Taylor. Secretary Al Frater nominated by Jerry Sergeant 2nd by Bruce Harkins sec put 1 vote by Ed Mckinly 2nd by Lee Taylor. There fore our new board is President Bernie laPira, VP Bill Walden, Treasurer Jerry Sergeant, Secretary Al Frater.
13. 2023 reunion we had nominations for 4 sites, Philadelphia, Pensacola, New Orleans, and Parris Island. New Orleans is the winner so in 2023 it is New Orleans.
14. Meeting was then closed. We had 34 members ar the meeting

ATTENDEES

1	Larry D Smith	2	Edgar McKinley	3	Russ Martz	4	Barbara Packard
5	Steve Jackson	6	Dale Ausborn	7	Charles Schutz	8	Earl Burkey
9	Lee Taylor	10	Lanzie Brown	11	Dennis Wieder	12	Robert Bliss
13	Dan Conboy	14	Bruce Harken	15	Randy Lutes	16	Mark Schildknecht
17	Alan Galvez	18	Bill Fitzgerald	19	Art Eggen	20	Robert Welch
21	Al Watkins	22	Bernie LaPira	23	Greg Chaconas	24	Frank Petrovich
25	Rob Waters	26	Joe Avanti	27	Phi Beckerich III	28	Westey Thomas
29	Bill Walden	30	Paco Arce	31	Jerry Sergeant	32	Roger Clark
33	Don Puterbaugh	34	Al Frater				

The Long War in Vietnam: 1962-1975

The Vietnam War proved the value of the Marines' vertical envelopment doctrine and the helicopter. Marine aviators engaged in action over Vietnam from Operation Shufly in April 1962 through the evacuation of Saigon in April 1975. Because of the nature of this sustained conflict, Marine Aviation focused less on air superiority missions and more on the direct application of air power in support of Marines and allied ground forces. Places such as Da Nang, Chu Lai, Marble Mountain, and Khe Sanh became irrevocably linked to Marine Aviation.

By 1967, half of all Marine air units were supporting operations in Vietnam. During their 13-month tours, Marine helicopter pilots averaged more than 1,000 sorties and often flew more than 15 hours a day. The never-ending need for fresh helicopter pilots led to extended combat tours, quicker rotations back to Vietnam, and even the forced transition of fixed-wing pilots to helicopters. Marines had to find creative solutions to the ongoing maintenance and logistical challenges of sustained round-the-clock flight operations. Ordnance shortages led to using bombs left over from previous wars. Training units were stripped of every available aircraft to replace combat losses. Marine electronic warfare and all-weather attack aircraft supported Air Force and Navy operations over the heavily defended skies of North Vietnam, but the bulk of Marine Aviation's contribution went to the fighting in South Vietnam. Marine fighters and attack aircraft flew thousands of close air support missions, sometimes delivering ordnance just yards from friendly troops.

Marine helicopters moved troops, supplies, and equipment across South Vietnam and, for a brief time, into Laos. Crews routinely flew during horrendous weather and into heavy enemy fire. The Marines developed innovative flight formations and deployed fixed-wing and helicopter gunships to suppress anti-aircraft fire and cover transport helicopters into and out of landing zones. In the end, Marine helicopters lifted the last remaining American forces out of South Vietnam.



VMCJ-1 conducted nearly continuous photo aerial reconnaissance and electronic warfare missions over Vietnam and Laos from 1964 through the evacuation of Saigon in the spring of 1975. This VMCJ-1 RF-4B is seen in a reinforced concrete revetment at Da Nang.

PX

We now have available Auto window stickers. Anyone interested in purchasing them you can either contact me at 201-907-1197 or email me at teanal@optonline.net or send a check to

Al Frater
524 Sagamore Ave
Teaneck NJ 07666

For all other items contact Frank Arce



Two for \$5.00
Contact Al Frater



\$10.00

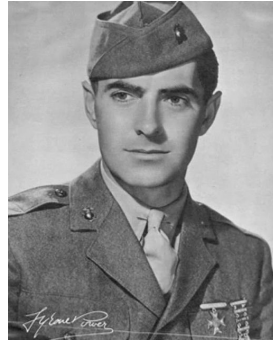


All Covers atr \$15.00 they come in Black, Blue, and Green

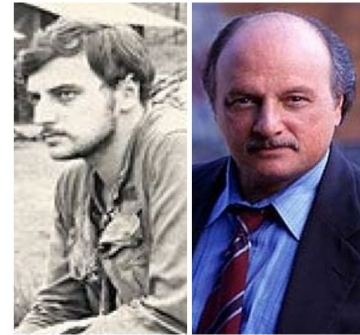
SOME FAMOUS MARINES



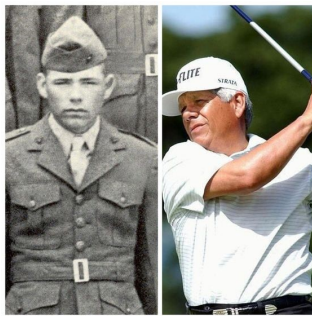
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LEE TRAVINO



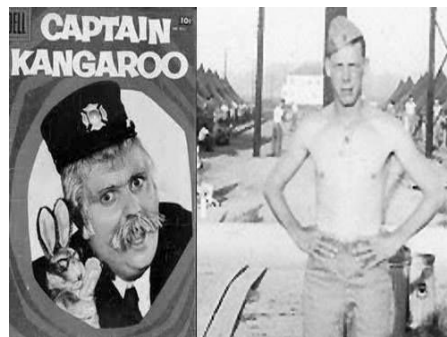
GENE HACKMAN



STEVE McQUEEN



LEE MARVIN



BOB KEESHAN



**THE
EVERLY BROTHERS**





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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.