



Fox 2/5 Association Vietnam

Fox Company 2nd Bn 5th
Marines

Semper Fidelis

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From the President:

Chris Brown

BRANSON HERE WE COME

As we reported in the last newsletter we had to make a change in the reunion site and solicited input from everyone to give us their vote on either Branson, MO. or Little Rock, AR. Donna and I received about 40 responses and the majority of the votes were for Branson. Dave Ruble did some leg work on hotels that accommodate our size and our needs for the reunion. Tom Martin then negotiated the contract and now we are all set for what will be our ninth Fox Company reunion. With the way the reunions have been going this should be another record breaker. Although the dates of the reunion are July 26 through July 30, we know that many of you will come early and some will stay later. Tom has arranged for the reduced rates to be good for three days before and three days after the event.

The hotel is going to be the Radisson Hotel Branson. The toll free telephone number to reserve your room is (888) 566-5290. Also you can go to the following website: www.radisson.com/bransonmo The following room rates have been negotiated:

Room with 2 double beds at \$72.00 per night

Room with 1 king bed at \$72.00 per night

Leisure Suite with 1 king bed at \$159.00 per night

Presidential Suite at \$179.00 per night

The guestroom block that we have set up is only good up until June 27, 2006. Reservations can be made after that date, at the contracted group rate, subject to availability. Because we have negotiated these rates subject to certain projected number of attendees we need everyone who is planning to attend to make their reservations as soon as possible. When you call tell them that you are with the FOX 2/5 ASSOCIATION REUNION. As we want to get this information out to you as soon as possible we have not been able to work out an agenda as of this date. However we can tell you that we will have our usual hospitality room available everyday and our other two traditional events, the Saturday evening banquet and our Sunday morning KIA remembrance ceremony. If you have access to a computer you can go to the following website to learn of some of the places to see and things to do in Branson. www.bransonchamber.com

If you have any questions please give Donna, Tom or myself a call.

REMEMBER YOU CAN'T HAVE THE GREAT TIME AND ALL THE
WONDERFUL MEMORIES WE COME AWAY WITH IF YOU DON'T
COME.

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Branson, Mo.

July 26th - 30TH

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Current Fox 2/5 Updates

The current members of Fox 2/5 are presently attached to the 31st MEU. They have just replace 2/4 at Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan. For those of you that are interested you can follow their progress by going to the following website: www.31meu.usmc.mil Once you get there you can click on the 2/5 logo and go to their page. There is a section labeled "Newsletter" and when you click on that you will see their first newsletter. They plan on updating it every couple of months.

In addition you can also go to www.usmc.mil and look for articles about the 31st MEU. A December 29 article on Fox Company practicing Combat Rubber Reconnaissance Craft training is as follows:

KIN BLUE BEACH, OKINAWA, Japan (Dec. 29, 2005) -- Marines of F Company, Battalion Landing Team, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, conducted Combat Rubber Reconnaissance Craft training Dec. 28 and 29 as part of their preparation for an upcoming special operations capability test.

"This is the first chance we've had to get the boats in the water since we arrived on Okinawa," said Staff Sgt. Michael Roy, platoon sergeant, 3rd Platoon. "We need to just get out in the boats again and knock off some of the rust. It's also what we have to do to prepare for the upcoming (Special Operations Training Group testing) package."

The 32-year-old Elk Grove, Calif., native went on to talk about the different areas of training and how it was also conducted as a re-familiarization exercise for the company. "We are primarily practicing our surf passages, landing procedures, organization methods once ashore, and our basic movement to the objective," explained Roy.

Coxains control the CRRCs while the company is out on the water, said Roy. They are the ones who get the company from the ship to the shore. The scout swimmers are the initial wave of Marines to ensure there are no obstacles in the water. They also mark and initially secure the landing zone. A follow-on security force then lands when signaled by the scout swimmers. This security force will then more thoroughly secure the landing zone while the mission takes place. Once the security force is in place, the assault and support forces will land and then proceed with the mission.

So, how did they do during the training? "(The coxains) showed big improvements," said 22-year-old Sgt Jason Holiman, company chief coxain. "The last time they drove was around four months ago. There's been a lot of improvement between yesterday's runs and today's." Holiman, a Kansas City, Mo., native, also said the coxains needed to practice their formations.

"The challenge is to get our confidence level back up to what it used to be," said Holiman. "The waves are bigger here, so we have to work on getting our formations tighter."

What do the Marines think of the training?

"It's a good change of pace from the boat training in California," said 21-year-old Lance Cpl. Kodi J. Lenz, fire team leader, 1st Plt., from Alton, Iowa. "I like it out here, doing the boat training in Okinawa," said 21-year-old Cpl. Chad E. Grandy, section leader, Weapons Plt., from Fairbanks, Alaska. "The water is warmer than in California. Also, I'm looking forward to doing an actual raid. I've trained a lot, but I haven't done a raid yet."



The main goal for the training, though, according to Roy is just to get the CRRCs back in the water so the company can work on its proficiency and coordination and to prepare for upcoming SOC certification.

Editor's note:

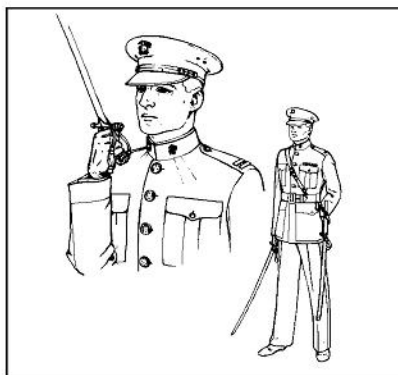
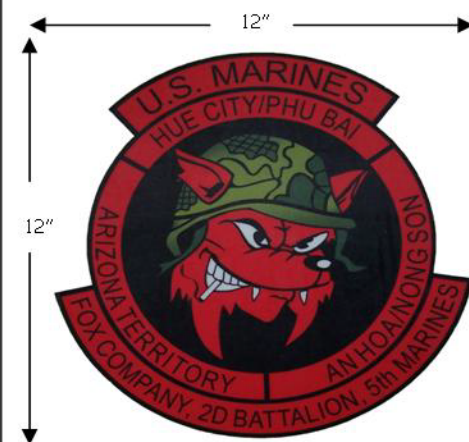
See page six for the feature page of the 2/5 Newsletter. I have pasted the banners from the first page with the last page, which is devoted to Fox Co.





Fox 2/5 PX

New hats and a new patch.....I am getting ready to order new hats. I have had several guys ask for a larger patch. I checked with the patch people. They will make a 12" x 12" patch (like below), for \$25. Shipping \$2.50. If you are interested in a big patch. E-mail me with your order and I will order you one. Need to know by 2/15/06. Will need a check when the patches come in. Donna



Some humor from Iraq.....thanks Dave Brown.

A U.S. Marine squad was marching north of Basra when they came upon an Iraqi terrorist, badly injured and unconscious. Nearby, on the opposite side of the road, was an American Marine in similar but less serious state. The Marine was conscious and alert and as first aid was given to both men, the squad leader asked the injured Marine what had happened.

The Marine reported, "I was heavily armed and moving north along the highway here, and coming south was a heavily armed insurgent. Seeing each other, we both took cover in the ditches alongside the road. I yelled to him that Saddam Hussein was a miserable lowlife scumbag, and he yelled back that Senator Ted Kennedy is a fat, good-for-nothing, left wing liberal drunk.. So I said that Osama Bin Ladin dresses and acts like a frigid, mean spirited woman!

He retaliated by saying "Oh Yeah? Well so does Hillary Clinton."

"We were standing there in the middle of the road, shaking hands, when a truck hit us.

Fox 2/5 challenge coin

I am sure most of you have a challenge coin of some sort in your possession.

And most of them have some sort of Marine Corps connection. You walk up to a bar with some Marine Corps buddies and you throw your challenge coin down on the bar and the others have to do likewise. If you don't have a coin, you buy a round. If everyone has a coin, then the person making the challenge buys the round. Some Marines just like to collect them.

No doubt we all agree that the Fox 2/5 logo is one of the best in the Marine Corps. Well now we have our own challenge coin with our logo on it. Here is what it looks like:

Letters are raised metal



Front of coin.

Color fill
center logo
Dark green, Lt green
Brick Red, white,
black

Artwork Setup By
eMilitarycoins.com
618-257-1541 Fax 618-257-9405

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Fox Company	Finish: Antique Gold, 1 sides color fill
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To order your coin(s) send your check for \$7.00 per coin (includes shipping and handling) to: Fox 2/5 Association

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"Together Then, Together Again"

Association Registration and Dues

Regardless what part of the country the Henderson's are in they are ready will and able to accept your dues. See their new address on the left side of this page as well as below.

Make checks payable to "Fox 2/5 Association" and mail to;

Donna Henderson
 4655 Wetumpka Hwy, lot 53
 Montgomery, Alabama 36110
 Dues are \$20.00.

Sometimes the registration form will not fit in our layout but you can get one from any of the officers or just put "Dues 200X" in the memo section of the check.

From the editor:

Short and *sweet* this time. This is a quick letter to get the word out on the reunion in Branson.

As always any help is *welcome*. If you aren't sure, send it anyway.

Looking forward to seeing everyone form up in Branson looking squared away but most of all healthy and ready for another good reunion in a new part of the country.

Enough from me I've got to get this out before Chris sends me to the brig.

Semper Par
 Ken



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Fox 2/5 on the Internet

Visit our website at:

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See new updates and pages.

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A Marine with E Company, Battalion Landing Team, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, the ground combat element of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, provides security from a rooftop during training in military operations in urban terrain (MOUT) at the former military housing area at Andersen South Air Force Installation Jan. 26. The training is part of MEU Exercise 06-1 occurring on the island of Guam from Jan. 23 - Feb. 13.

Photo by: Capt Burrell D. Parmer

Looking for a buddy?

Visit the Fox Co website for our KIA / Deceased list.



Charlie "CC" Campbell.....fallen Marine

From the President:

Rather than post the obituary that was in the local newspaper I thought I would do it a little differently.

On December 27, 2005 Cpl. Charlie "CC" Campbell passed away in the VA Hospital in Elsmere, DE.

CC came to Fox 2/5 in October 1967 and became part of the 2nd Platoon. Having just gotten out of high school earlier in the year he was one of the youngest in Fox Company. He was placed in a fire team with Louie Gasbarrini and quickly learned the ropes. He was one of four in his squad who made it through the Battle of Hue unscathed. He took over the First squad leader's duties in June 1968 and remained there until he was wounded in August.

All those who served with him will tell you he was the kind of Marine that you wanted with you as he would always be there for you. As his squad leader I could always count on him to do what he was told and he never questioned anything he was told to do.

If you didn't know CC while he was with the Company then you might have had the pleasure of meeting him at one of our reunions. He was a character and always had a way of making you laugh. He was always a gentleman around the wives as well. My wife always enjoyed his company. For those of you who never met him then all I can say is you missed out.

He is probably up there now with Gasbarrini and Barksdale putting the old fire team back together.



Submitted by Bill Ullman.....*"the special bond shared by those called "Marines"*

People often express wonder at the special bond shared by those called "Marines." It is the purpose of this writing to, perhaps in a small way, shed some light on that bond and why it is such an important quality.

In 1969 I left Viet Nam totally behind me. In 1994 I received a letter from Pete Korn inviting me, AND ENCOURAGING me, to attend a Fox 2 /5 reunion. To attend was one of the best decisions I have ever made. Friendships were rekindled and a catharsis of sorts occurred. There have been a half dozen enjoyable reunions since. These certainly are social events, but so much more takes place. At times it is in the form of deep emotional experiences, as well as practical matters being addressed .

Discussions regarding V.A. benefits have always been a topic. Most of the time it ends as we depart for home and reappears 2 years later with no change. Not this last time.

One of the corpsman at the 2004 reunion (I think "Doc" Simmons, my apologies) was most helpful in outlining the process and emphasizing that many of us are not receiving something EARNED and deserved. Acting on that, I began a search of records, obtaining histories, gathering statements, and providing various evidence for my application. January 2005 my benefits were approved.

It is in this that the bond I mentioned surfaced. Without the involvement, insights, and information provided by members of the Fox 2 /5 Association , I would not have accomplished my goal. However, I want to publicly acknowledge and thank 3 specific members, Pete Korn, Marv Carpenter, and Mike Malanowski. These men provided statements and support for my efforts. Why? Marines looking out for a fellow Marine; even after 35 years. That's the Semper Fi part!

As we approach the 2006 reunion I would hope first, that those that have been away, return; second if you have not attended, really consider it, and third, if you get a chance to help a buddy out, do it!

Semper Fi--- Bill Ullman



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"Keeping Lines of Communication Open"

January's Feature Company - FOX

We arrived in one piece in Okinawa after a long, long flight. Though we deployed a bit earlier than expected, in true Fox Company fashion, without much complaint, we said our goodbyes, put on our packs, and departed. On Okinawa, the company moved into barracks which are better than those at San Mateo. As the officers get to experience life in the barracks, for some reason it warms the hearts of the enlisted.

After a first week was spent moving and, drawing gear, we began to train. Some experienced the 'Helo Dunker' - getting strapped into a



simulated helicopter, taking a deep breath, being crashed into a pool, and flipping upside down; once the helo stops moving, the object is to push-out the emergency window, unbuckle the seat belt, calmly squirm out of the window and swim up to the surface (with all of our gear on). Though we've anxiously awaited Lt. Jones' turn in the dunker, somehow his name hasn't yet appeared on a roster; we are confident, he'll take his turn. The jungle provided another training



opportunity, where all headed into it to learn such skills as jungle patrolling, climbing, and rappelling; some of it included falling off cliffs and screaming like girls when walking into webs of giant banana spiders. We had plans to inflate the boats and take a day of refresher training off



beautiful Kin Blue Beach, however, typhoon conditions of high winds cancelled the event. We did have time in a gas chamber to test our masks and to rap-pel off a

tower and fast-rope, which for most Marines, was the first time since boot camp. After that it was a trip to the beach for one more try at boat ops.

promoted to 1stSgt, and SSgt Kesl will be promoted to Gunnery Sergeant on 1 January.

We had a "96" (four days off) for Christmas. The Chaplain encouraged us all through the church services; still many spent the long weekend wishing we were home. For most, it was a second year in a row deployed during the holidays. Everyone in Fox wants to wish everyone back home a very Merry Christmas and happy New Year and always know that our thoughts and

On the promotion front, Cpl. Holiman was promoted to Sergeant, LCpl's Garcia, Cramer, and Cochran were promoted to Corporal, and PFC Little was meritoriously promoted to LCpl. After a long wait, Gunny Tracy was



prayers are with you.

Among the many cards, packages, e-mails, and phone conversations received as encouragement to us, we enjoyed a special package from a person wanting to show their support for the troops, she sent hats and scarves knit by blind people.

CARE PACKAGES

Multitudes of Christmas Care packages arrived to Camp Hansen when the battalion came aboard Okinawa. The boxes bore the names of individual Marines and sailors, and some were generically to the men of 2/5. All of them were received with thanks and shared with their "brothers" with the same generosity.



Your Battalion News



Looking For Pictures

Eric Hammel, the author of *Fire in the Streets* is doing a follow up book based upon personal pictures of the battle of Hue City. If anyone has personal pictures of Fox 2/5 in Hue City please send them to:

Eric Hammel @ 1149 Grand Teton Drive, Pacifica, CA 94044.

Eric will scan them and send them back. He is trustworthy so he will take care of them and get them back to you. If you can write a little description of the picture on a separate piece of paper.

From ChrisIn search of Keith Moser III

I received this email passed along to me from Mike Hernandez. It seems the brother of Keith Moser III (KIA - 6/3/67) is looking for contact of any kind on anyone who knew or was with his brother. Here is the context of his email:

"I was doing research on Quang Tin and Operation Union. This all came to pass as I kept getting more curious while reading a fiction book called "Up Country". I came across your web page on the net and found that you served with my brother who died June 3 1967.

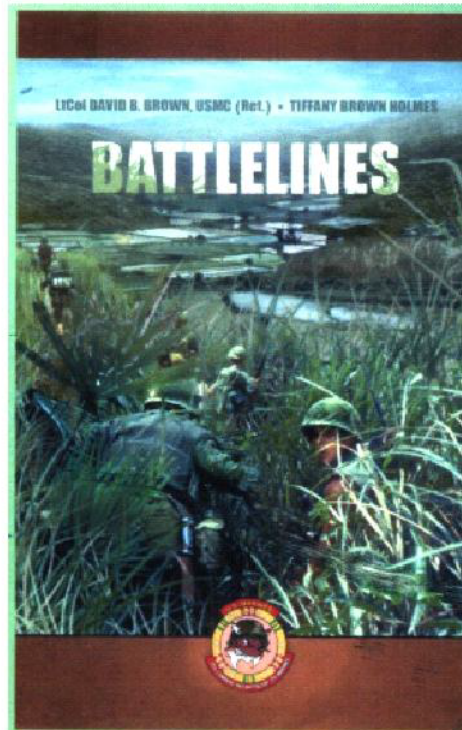
His name was Keith Moser and we called him Bud. He was my fathers first son and of course his namesake as well hence the nickname. Something that happened so long ago on the other side of the world. I wonder whether you knew him or of him. He was awarded the purple heart, silver star and a bunch of other medals that didn't ever mean a whole lot as I was only 6 when he died.

If you are so inclined I'd love to hear from you."

Right now all I have is his email address but I asked him for his address and phone number for those that do not have email. If you knew Keith Moser please contact his brother at: reallybigpipes@yahoo.com
Semper Fi!
Chris

Battlelines Report

January 15, 2006. Looking back, I know that the best aspect about writing a book involving your comrades in arms—now friends—is staying in touch. In the past four years I had the wonderful experience of getting to know the details of battles I had only heard about, the incredible courage and compassion of our Fox Company compatriots, and a bit about the men today. You men and your love ones are truly incredible! But this wonderful writing phase is over and now we're into the sales and marketing phases.



As I am beginning to learn, the real work is just now beginning. Some of you have ordered the book on line; others have ordered books through me. Tiffany and I appreciate you telling your relatives and friends about *Battlelines*. From notes with their orders I know that you are getting the word out that your story is finally in print.

Tiffany and I have been hosting book-signing events for our friends and neighbors. I have contacted a few local bookstores and have placed several books there on consignment. In November I

told our story at the Marine Corps Ball in Pittsburgh. I am now in the process of lining up more book signings. I have one scheduled in Swansboro, NC, at the end of January and one in San Francisco in mid February. As of early January, over 400 books have been sold.

Now that *Battlelines* on the street, Tiffany and I are extremely gratified to receive the favorable reactions from all the readers, particularly Fox Company Marines. Those ranged from "after some nightmares I was able to say goodbye to friends" to "it was like reading the details in a book after seeing a movie." Those non-grunt readers who had no clue what it was like being out in the bush were quite stunned about our experiences. One tough, now-retired, policeman told me, "The book is so sad because, just when you got to know someone, 'Boom!' he was gone." Another former Vietnam-era sailor told me that he had no clue what our Nation asked of the young Marines and the violence they had to face on a daily basis.

If you haven't visited the book's web site, www.BattleLinesBook.com, lately, I believe you'll enjoy two new folders, one with photos and one with music by Marc Waszkiewicz. Tiffany and I are looking forward to see you at the Branson reunion.

Dave Brown