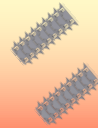




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Fox2/5 Association
Vietnam, Iraq,
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Newsletter – June 2012



Fox 2/5 Association

13th Reunion

"Together Then Together Again"

September 16th–
20th
Radisson Hotel at Opryland
2401 Music Valley Drive
Nashville, TN 37214



First timers, old timers,
family and friends.
All eras come and enjoy and
have a good time, good camara-
derie and some good entertain-
ment. Take home great memo-
ries, new friendships and com-
mon support for our fighting
Marines and all military.



Nashville Skyline





From the President:

Tom Martin

Now's the time to get your reservations in, your dues paid and your e-mail and other information updated with Donna! Nashville will be on us before we know it, so it is definitely not too early to start preparations.

This will be my last "FTP" as your President so I thought I would take the opportunity to report to you my observations concerning where we have been and where we appear to be headed.

First and foremost it has been my honor to have served as your President these past four years and the previous four years as the Associations first ever Vice President (I eagerly accepted that post thinking I would be in charge of Vice)...nevertheless...Thank you!

We really need to get more guys involved in the operation of the Association in between reunions. The burden now falls on a few and there are no "back ups".

Our decision making (such as it is) is often chaotic. At the Washington reunion, upon taking the responsibilities as President I remarked that the organization was run "on the ragged edge of Anarchy". Four years later I can report that is an accurate description. Maybe that's a good thing. Too much structure, too many "rules" and the fun and spontaneity goes out of anything. Still we grow older and not enough of us are holding the actual structure of the organization together.

Communication has improved, but not as I expected it to. The newsletter publication both electronic and snail mail, provides us with a semi-annual meeting ground and opportunity to touch base. I toyed with the idea of instituting a "sit-rep" format sort of a mini newsletter to fill in the blanks and address small issues that might come up but the advent of face book and other media (Twitter) along with additional workload and the fact that we would only be able to dis-

tribute it electronically caused it to fall into the OBE category.

The future can be very bright. We are as a group now mostly retired and perhaps more flexible. Health issues are becoming more prominent. Thanks to the work of our 1st VP the recruitment of new members shows promise and quite frankly we have a hard core of members that will show up no matter where the reunion is held.

Both JD and Bobby bring a dynamic presence in the principle leadership roles going forward. They need and deserve our full support. I think the best is yet to come!

Thank you and Semper Fi,
Tom



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"The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not."
-- Thomas Jefferson

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IMPORTANT URGENT MESSAGE! DON'T TURN THE PAGE. READ BELOW.

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Last day to send in registration and purchase Grand Ole Opry tickets for Tuesday 9/18 to be able to sit with the group, & get the discount tickets, I must have the registration form in my hands by July 1st, 2012. (and the \$40 per person)!

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From JD Moore;

There are only a few items I want to bring up that Tom did not mention. Remember that we need to elect a new 2nd Vice President at the reunion and we also need to vote on where to have the 2014 reunion which will be on the east coast.

As for some current news. I have been in contact with 1stSgt Alviso, Fox 2/5 current 1stSgt. Fox has been deployed back to Afghanistan since late Feb. I sent four packages from the association. When he replied thanking us for the packages he informed me that they had one casualty. LCpl Thein who was severely wounded by a pressure release IED. As a result LCpl Thein lost both legs.

As always, when called, Doc Connelly was at Walter Reed hospital to visit. When Doc went to visit, Jeremiah was in surgery for an arm that was also damaged badly. Doc had a nice chat with his wife Ashley (currently expecting) and his mother. Should anyone like to correspond with Jeremiah's his contact information is:

LCpl Jeremiah Thein
Walter Reed National Military Medical Center
Building #10, 4 East, Room 440
8901 Wisconsin Ave.
Bethesda, Md. 20889

Hope to see everyone in Nashville.

Semper Fi,
JD



From Bobby Smith;

As we get closer to the reunion the excitement is building up. I can't wait for it to get here. It is important that you make your reservations as soon as possible for several reasons:

- 1) We need to get a good count on how many are coming even if you don't have plans to stay at the hotel just fill out your form and get it to Donna.
- 2) Secondly hotel has a little over 300 rooms we are not the only ones that will be staying there.
- 3) It is important for everyone to be there for the voting for the 2nd Vice and the reunion site for 2014.

If you are interested in the 2nd Vice post please step forward anytime. Email me Tom Martin or JD Moore.

Most of you know by now that Fox 2/5 is in the mix of things again. JD, Chris and a few others have mailed packages to them. I have mailed two and will try to mail one every two weeks. I am sending mine to 1st Plt and hopefully I will get an email telling me what else they need.

About a week ago I was standing the line at the VA to get my travel pay when another vet got in line behind me and said Semper Fi to me and after returning Semper Fi to him I ask him when he was in Vietnam and he said 67 and 68. He told me that he was with Golf 2/5 in Hue. He also told me that he always wanted to know about some of his friends. I told him that Golf 2/5 was having their reunion this summer and asked if he would like to go. I took his name and number and that night a member of Golf Company call him and he will be making the reunion.

That took me back 1989 when Chris called me.

See you guys at the reunion.

Semper Fi,
Bobby

Address email
or snail mail

Address
Changes?



Corporal Grunt

CHANGE? Yeah, yeah, I know we've all heard enough about change. BUT.....Get your changes into Donna. Don't take my word for it see what Gunny has to say on page 6

Email change?

Phone no. change



"Together then, Together Again"

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From the Editor,

Marines, family and friends this will be the last newsletter before the reunion.

And as such it will also be my last newsletter for the Association. It is time to pass the torch and capitalize on some new energy in our publication(s).

Your new editor will be announced at the reunion and we will discuss transition plans at that time.

My tenure at this post has been many years and I have been proud to serve and proud of my efforts. Although at times it has taken some prodding from above to get my butt in gear.

Judie and I look forward to seeing everyone at the reunion and having a fun and rewarding experience as always.

See you in Nashville on September 16th.



In search of.....

From: joseph mattingly
[mailto:yourtaxi@hotmail.com]
Subject: L/cpl David L. Judy

Donna , I had a young man write me asking If I knew his uncle...David Judy ... He was with 2 / 5 on Mameluke Thrust Sept of 1968. If you know of any one that may have served with his uncle.

Ethan David Sieg
21636 Quitno Rd
Rochelle, Ill 60168

Thank You , SEMPER FI

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Note: Anyone interested in any of the above elected/appointed or otherwise defaulted positions listed above don't hesitate to contact our president/vice presidents and express your interest or ideas.

In memoriam:Dave Roberts

Susan Roberts called Dave Shelton to let him know that her husband Dave Roberts passed away on March 8, 2012. He was 1st Plt. 2/66 - 1/67.

Dave has gone on the join our other Fox 2/5er's. Remember the Family in our Prayers

SUSAN ROBERTS
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DON'T FORGET TO UPDATE DONNA WITH YOUR EMAIL AND/OR HOME ADDRESS AND LANDLINE AND/OR MOBILE PHONE NUMBERS



2012 Reunion / Meeting

Fox Company 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division

Radisson Hotel at Opryland

2401 Music Valley Drive

Nashville, TN 37214

(800) 333-3333

Reservation Code: Fox 2/5 Marine Corps (Make though Hotel)

September 16-20, 2012

Room Rate is \$94.00 (w/tax \$110.84)

Single or Double Occupancy

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Reservation made at Radisson _____ or Name of Hotel _____

Checking in Sept _____ 2012 Checking out Sept _____ 2012

How many will be in attendance: _____

Spouse or Guest Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

E-Mail if available: _____

What Year in Viet Nam: _____ Plt: _____

If u can remember

Prices are:

Grand Ole Opry Tuesday 9/18 7:00 pm \$40 x _____ \$ _____ per person

Do you need wheel chair access? Yes No

Banquet (Dinner Buffet) Wed Night 9/19 6:00 p.m. \$45 x _____ \$ _____ per person

Registration Fee: \$10 \$ _____ 10.00 per form

Dues \$20 \$ _____ per year

TOTAL\$ _____

Mail to:

Make Check payable to :

Fox 2/5 Assoc.

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% Sam Henderson

4515 US Hwy 50 West Sp 9

Silver Springs, NV 89429



DETAILS/RATES/CHARGES:

Guest Rooms: \$94.00 Flat Rate (Single or Double Occupancy) . Each Additional person above double occupancy to a room \$10. Children under 12, free in parents room. Individual Room reservations must be received thirty (30) days prior to arrival accompanied by one (1) days deposit plus tax or guaranteed by major credit card. Deposit are only refundable for cancellations 24 hours prior to arrival

IMPORTANT: READ CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING RESERVATIONS:

For reservations call directly to the hotel by calling, toll free: 1-800-333-3333. Advance reservations can be made **after September 24, 2011.**

Please be sure to tell Reservations that you are with Fox 2/5 Marine Corps



To my fellow Fox 2/5 brothers.....re; LCpl Jeremiah Thein,

As most of you know our old unit Fox Company is back in Afghanistan. A few weeks ago the 1st Sgt Alviso contacted JD Moore and told him that Fox Company had taken their first casualty. LCpl Jeremiah Thein stepped on an IED and as a result of the explosion lost his legs and also had some serious injuries to his left arm and hand. Last Thursday Ian Bailey, Doc Connelly, Brian Mayer and myself went to Walter Reed Hospital in Bethesda, MD. We brought him some goodies to snack on and Ian got him a Blackhearts shirt and a Leatherneck hat. He was in great spirits and was really pumped up to see us. He kept introducing us to everyone as the old Fox 2/5 guys and he was one of the current members. He had a couple of friends there from his hometown of Bakersfield, CA. One of the guys was a Army veteran from the 101st Airborne unit and was also a double amputee. He had just biked across the United States (3400 miles) with other disable veterans to raise the awareness of their plight. Jeremiah has a long road ahead of him but having positive role models that have been through it will surely help out. Jeremiah and his wife are having a baby in August so he has a lot on his plate. Since he will be there for some time we plan on going back to visit him again. I ask all of you to keep him in your prayers. I am attaching a picture taken at our visit.

From JD.

1st SGT Alviso wrote back to JD on May 19th

JD,

Thank you for the update and glade to hear that he is in good spirits. I was able to speak with him last week and gave the phone to his squad as well. I think it was good that he was able to meet another amputee and see the progress that he has made. We are working the issue of his child's birth but pass to him that his recovery is the most important thing at this point. I will get a flag up and flown for you all back there and try to get it mailed to you all prior to your reunion in Nashville for display.

Again, thank you for the support of the association and all the Blackhearts back in the rear right now. We are in the process of a move from one Patrol Base to another and will be living with Co E. Not the move we wanted but as the Bn's main effort we are moved to where we are needed most. I also received the cigars and have already passed many of them out to the boys. I kept a few for myself as I'm an avid cigar smoker and enjoy them regularly. I will get a few Cuban and get them to you upon our return to CONUS if you like? Again, thank you for the support and thoughts from everyone back there.

R/s,
1stSgt Rob Alviso (FOX 8)
2/5, Co F "Blackhearts"
Patrol Base 7171, Musa Qul'eh
Helmand Province, Afghanistan



Fox 2/5 - Packages

from Chris Brown (May 9th, 2011)

I am pretty sure I sent this before but will do so again. Our Fox 2/5 Brothers are in Afghanistan and I am sure would appreciate a letter or even better a package of goodies sent their way. Here is the address and the names of the four squad leaders from 2nd Platoon. Now I know Arky will want to send to 3rd platoon and Bobby Smith 1st platoon. Just changed the platoon. For those sending to 2nd platoon I have listed their names below:

We have sent some packages from the Association but we all know more is better. The cut off to send packages will probably be some time in late July as they will have hit the 3/4 mark in their deployment.

2/5 Fox Co., 2nd Platoon

Unit 40360

FPO AP 96427-0360

1st Squad Leader - Sgt. Leuthold,

2nd Squad Leader - Sgt. Davis,

3rd Squad Leader - Sgt. Stephens

Weapons Squad Leader - Sgt. Loya

DID YOUR EMAIL
ADDRESS CHANGE?
GET IT TO DONNA,
PLEASE.....



The Radisson Hotel
2401 Music Valley Drive
Nashville, Tn 37214

The hotel is located on the corner of Music Valley Drive and Macgavock Pike @ exit 12 on 155, Briley Parkway. A pic of the hotel facility below;



Other Accomodations:

Motels:

There are a number of other motels within walking distance of the Radisson should anyone prefer other accommodations.; The Countryside Lodge Motel, Fairfield Inn, Best Western, Courtyard at Nashville and the Comfort Inn. These are all in the immediate area.

Camping:

Within 1.5 miles on Music Valley Drive are the following RV campgrounds (see map pg 8);

Nashville Yogi Bear Jellystone

2572 Music Valley Drive, Nashville, TN 37214-1003 ,(615) 889-4225 ()

Two Rivers Campground

2616 Music Valley Drive, Nashville, TN 37214-1299 ,(615) 883-8559 ()

Nashville KOA

2626 Music Valley Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 ,(615) 889-0282 ()

Restaurants;(see map pg8)

The Radisson in house restaurant is the Opry Backstage Grill. Serving a breakfast buffet from 6:30-10:00 for \$10.00. Then lunches and dinners from the menu.

Across the street is a Cracker Barrel and on the opposite side of the hotel is a Shoney's.

Other walking distance eatery's/fastfood: (see map pg8)

Caney Fork River Valley Grille is an authentic casual Southern and camp-style restaurant

John A's is casual dining with entertainment opens days 3pm.

Bob Evans a little further down Music Valley Drive with side-walks on that side of the road.

McDonalds is in the in the Bob Evans vicinity too.

There are other choices in the area but these are the closest.

PX :

The patch has been updated. The '2nd' has been corrected and the 'cigarette' was added back. The new patches are available now.

Hats

(red or black w/patch) \$15

Patches 4" \$5

Patches 12" \$25

All prices include

shipping.

Shopping;

Mall

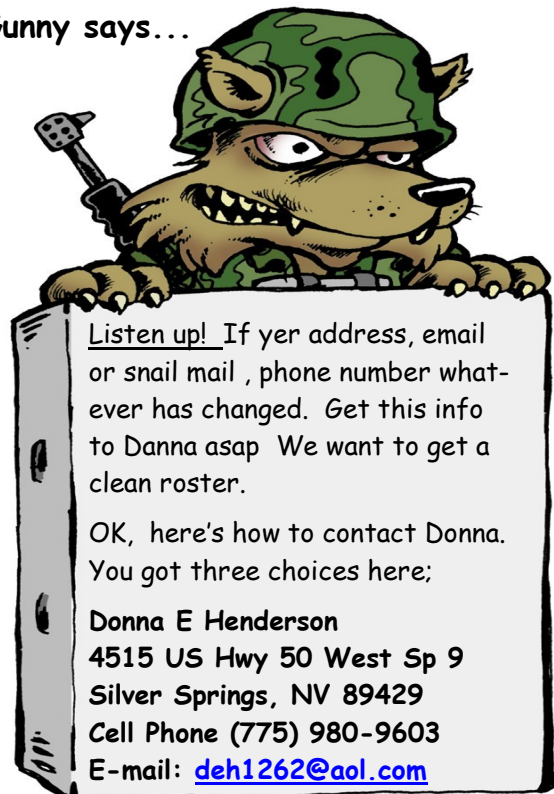
The Opry Mills shopping mall (huge) is within a 1.5 mile drive and there may be a shuttle from the Rad-dison.

Grocery

Kmart Supercenter. Exit 14a on 155. Gallitin Rd
Kroger and **Food Lion** are on Rte 70 east off of 155 exit 8. About four miles south.

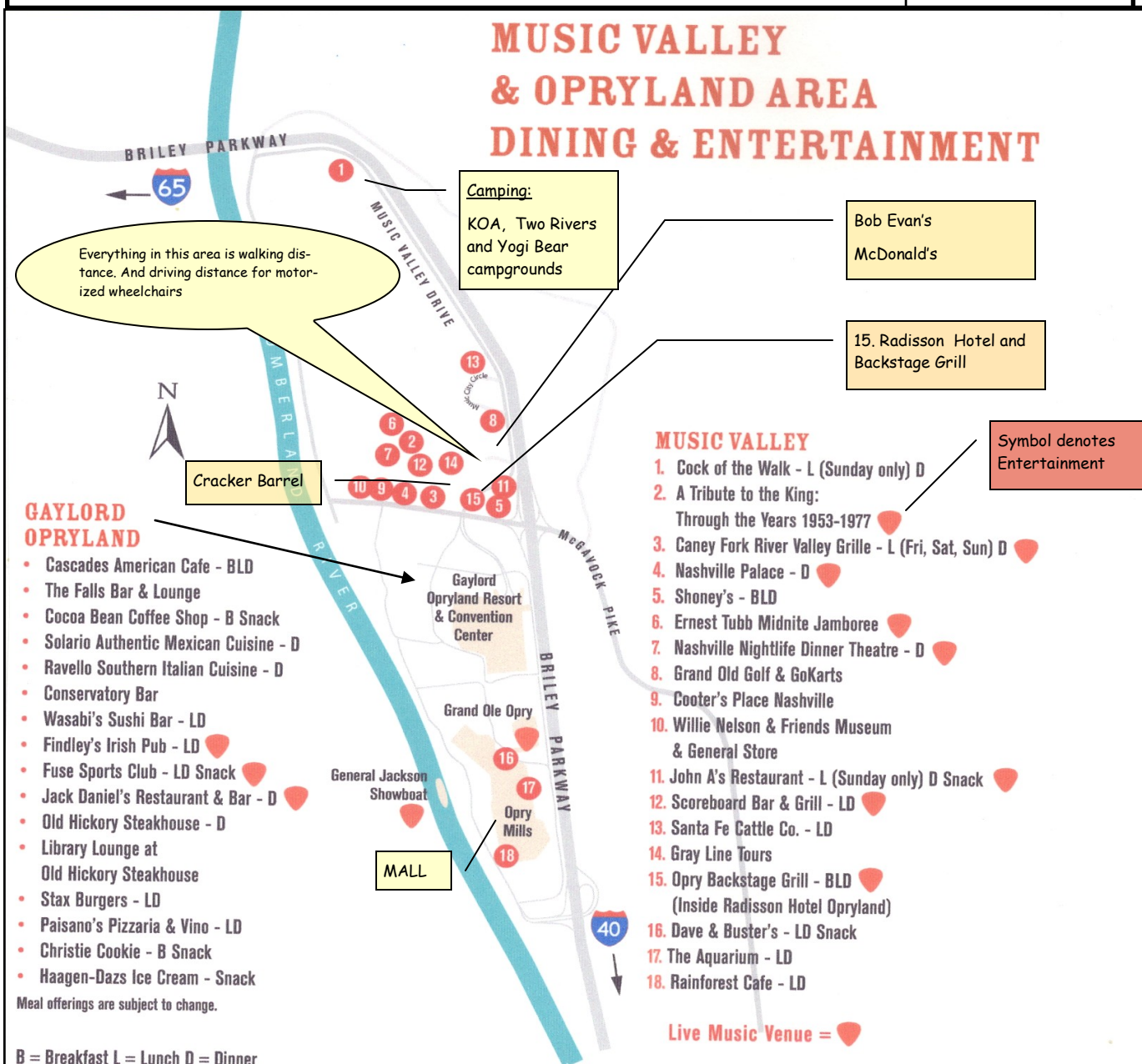
There is a gas station convenience store behind the hotel on Music Valley Drive.

Gunny says...





MUSIC VALLEY & OPRYLAND AREA DINING & ENTERTAINMENT



Music Valley & Opryland Area

Airport Transportation: Shuttle available from Radisson for \$40 or Taxi for \$25 plus \$1 per person

Local transportation: A shuttle bus runs between the Radisson, Gaylord Convention Center and the Opry Mills Mall from 5:15 am every 15 minutes until 11:30 am. After that every 30 minutes at the top and bottom of the hour until 8:00pm.

MILITARY HUMOR

On some air bases the Air Force is on one side of the field and civilian aircraft use the other side of the field, with the control tower in the middle. One day the tower received a call from an aircraft asking, "What time is it?"

The tower responded, "Who is calling?"

The aircraft replied, "What difference does it make?"

The tower replied, "It makes a lot of difference... If it is a commercial flight, it is 3 o'clock. If it is an Army aircraft, it is 1500 hours. If it is a Navy aircraft, it is 6 bells. If it is an Air Force aircraft, the big hand is on the 12 and the little hand is on the 3. If it is a Marine Corps aircraft, it's Thursday afternoon and 120 minutes to "Happy Hour."

DID YOUR PHONE NUMBER(S) CHANGE? GET THEM TO DONNA.