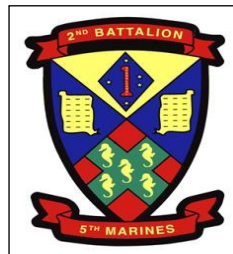




"Fox Tracks" **Fox2/5 Association** **Vietnam Era Veterans** **Newsletter** **April 2013**



From the President: J.D. Moore

Hope all is well and everyone had a wonderful Easter. We are approximately 18 months from our next reunion so now is a good time to start planning and putting away a little extra money.

As I am sure many have done, I have gone online and checked out Gettysburg. It looks like we will have a great time there. With 30 members from Pa. and so many from the surrounding states I am hoping for a record turnout. Now is the time to break out the roster and reach out to encourage an old buddy that has not been to a reunion or has not attended for some time, to join us.

Your officers have been busy. Ian Bailey, webmaster, has been making headway on updating the website and putting in new material. As you can see, Paul Trenn, (newsletter editor) is doing a great job with Fox Tracks.

We are in the final stages of having the new challenge coin available.

Ken and Judie Kreader will make a trip to Gettysburg in early May to select a site for the reunion as the planning began shortly after Nashville. Several members from the area have volunteered to help. This should make Ken's life a little easier.

Keep our current Fox brothers in your prayers. They are back in the "world" but the training continues as always.

Semper Fi, JD



We've added a new member.

I added a new Marine, Charles Miller. His brother, James Edward Miller was killed 10/27/70 in VN. If you knew James you might want to email his brother at "cwmiller80@gmail.com".

"I think we have more machinery of government than is necessary, too many parasites living on the labor of the industrious."
 --Thomas Jefferson, 1824



Send In A Photo !

Send an email copy of your favorite Vietnam photo. Include a description: name (s), location, date, etc.

The newsletter will publish one of those pictures in each future edition.

If you don't have the internet you can mail them to the editor. They will be handled with care, copied and returned.

Emailing is the preferred method of delivery due to cost considerations.

Let everyone share your favorite Vietnam photo !

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Thomas Jefferson

Age 16 - Entered College of William & Mary

Age 23 - Started own law practice

Age 33 - Wrote the Declaration of Independence

Age 57 - Elected third President of the United States

Age 60 - Obtained the Louisiana Purchase, doubling the nation's size

Age 83 - Died on the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, along with John Adams



From Bobby Smith; 1st V.P.

As I sit here thinking about all the past reunions that we have had, I was trying to figure out which reunion I thought was the best one that I have attended. Being that I have been to every one it was tough trying to figure out the best. I found that each place we went had something that stuck out as being something that I will all ways remember, whether it was back to MCRD San Diego, Parris Island, Reno, Wisconsin Dells, Cody, Washington DC , San Antonio or Nashville. We always want to pick a place that has something to see. After sitting here and thinking about all those places, the one that I think was my best one was the one in DC Nov '89. It wasn't the sightseeing of the DC area, but it was the first time seeing or talking to the guys since leaving Vietnam in 1968. If it wasn't for this reunion and Chris Brown, there would not be a reunion. Thanks Chris. My first trip to The Wall was with my Fox Company brothers. I don't know if this was meant to be because I was still on active duty in '89 and I had made many trips to HQMC and I never wanted to go to The Wall. I was still hesitant in '89 but with the guys that I served with being there it made it a lot easier.

The last week in April I will be going to Branson to attend a Purple Heart event call Hand in Hand 2013. This is one of many patriotic events that Branson does during the year to recognize the armed forces.

I know it's almost two years until we meet in Gettysburg but it's not too early to start planning for the reunion. I've gone online and looked at hotels and places of interest. Let's make this one the biggest and best.

See you there.



Corporal Grunt Says,

You grunts got a sea story?
Funny or serious, doesn't matter,. Keep 'em short for cripes sakes. Now snap to and send 'em in maggots.

From Forrest Towe; 2nd V.P.

From Out West:

Since the last newsletter I have been in contact with 1st SGT Boden, the First Sgt. of Fox 2/5. I am hoping to get some information on what the unit is currently doing and will update you in the next newsletter.

As we get older there are some issues that need to be addressed. One is an Advance Directive, or "living will". This document will clarify who will have the authority to make decisions for you concerning your medical care should you become physically or mentally unable to make those decisions on your own. It should include a list of people to contact, such as any military organizations, church, family, and friends. A copy should be kept with your Last Will & Testament.

I am looking forward to the next reunion in Gettysburg. I hope to see everyone there.

Sincerely,

Forrest Towe

The thing I'm most proud of is that I was a Marine Corps fighter pilot."

Baseball great Ted Williams

From the Secretary/Treasurer

I know everyone has been e-mailing me about the reunion pictures. First I want to apologize. I am so sorry. Had I known this would have happened, we would have gone with someone else. If you ordered pictures, albums or whatever, PLEASE e-mail or snail mail with: Name, and what you bought, so I have a complete list. Then we can go forward with actions.

Asking everyone to please use the following address and e-mail for Sam because I no longer check AOL e-mail. Also if you send a check for hats, shirts, patches or dues, Make the check to:

Fox 2/5 Association % Sam Henderson
3908 Cypress St Silver Springs, NV 89429-9394
deh1262@att.net

Thank you, Sam & Donna



"Together then, Together Again"

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From the Editor,

To the Fox Family:

Happy New Year to all ! I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas.

It's cold here in Cincinnati and we've had some snow. It's beautiful when you don't HAVE to be out in it (as in going to work). Speaking of weather, let's keep in our thoughts any members who may have been affected by hurricane Sandy. That area is still recovering from the after effects of the storm.

There are several other items I'd like to mention.

There was a ground breaking this past November in Washington for what will be the "Education Center At The Wall", to be built adjacent to The Wall. It will bring to life the stories of those many names on The Wall and much more. They have a great website with a lot of information and is well worth your time. The website address is "buildthecenter.vvmf.org".

The second thing is the Department of Defense announced recently that there will be a 50th anniversary commemoration of the Vietnam War to thank and honor us for our service to our country. It's that old saying, "better late than never". The commemoration will stretch over a number of years, roughly paralleling the years that American troops were in country. It's a long overdue thank you. For more information go to the website at "vietnamwar50th.com".

Finally, it's the 30th anniversary of the dedication of The Wall. Hat's off to Jan Scruggs and all the people who made the Memorial a reality. Anyone who has been to The Wall would agree that it's far beyond a moving experience.

The Traveling Wall is coming to the veteran's memorial in the county where I live this coming October. I'll be there.

Semper Fi,
Paul Trenn

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"If I had one more division like this First Marine Division I could win this war."

--General of the Armies Douglas MacArthur in Korea, overheard and reported by Marine Staff Sergeant Bill Houghton, Weapons/2/5

From the Web Master

I volunteered to become the web master of the Fox 2/5 Association because of my desire to learn about web sites. I worked in the Information Technology field for forty years. My specialty was large mainframe computer connectivity. This did include use of the internet but didn't include any web site design. I have been researching the subject of web pages for the past several months. I contacted Thomas Hohmann, the web master for the 2nd Bn 5th Marines web site. He has been kind enough to mentor me as I take my first steps into this field. He has given me carte blanche in making changes to the Fox Co. web site. I have made a few updates to the web site in the past several weeks. I have updated the Officers page, updated my member information and updated old e-mail addresses with new ones. If anyone wants to make additions/deletions/changes to their member information please forward it to me at: cplgrunt03@aol.com Please put Fox 2/5 in the subject line. The Fox 2/5 web site is a place for all members to share information about ourselves. I welcome any and all suggestions on how to make the web site better.

Semper Fi, Ian Bailey

Fox Co. 2/5

Web Master



James Graham Tribute

In the November, 2012 issue of "Fox Tracks" there was an article about the Captain James Graham Memorial Project set up at Frostburg State University in Maryland. The project is in recognition of Captain Graham's life and his bravery in Vietnam. A plaque honoring Captain Graham was placed in the library and a life history display will be forthcoming in the near future. In addition, "an interdisciplinary educational project, 'Memorializing Vietnam' will be offered. It will be a semester-long advanced colloquium that will examine the historical, political, social and economic aspects of the Vietnam War. Following that study, FSU students will work in teams to conceptualize the design of a memorial on FSU's campus honoring Captain Graham." from the Cumberland Times-News. Finally, in the teacher's college The James Graham Bravery Memorial Scholarship has been set up.

There are two ways Fox Company can play a part in this tribute. First, if you knew Captain Graham or served with him, you could write up your memories whether long or short for the life history display. Also, if you have any pictures of Captain Graham or those who served with him you could send them for the display as well. Please send all letters, notes, video and pictures to John Graham, 733 Peaks St., Bedford, VA 24523-1432 or jcgvette@verizon.net

The second way we can help is to contribute to the James Graham Bravery Memorial Scholarship at the teacher's college at FSU. The criteria for the scholarship is: The recipient must have at least sophomore standing at time of application and be an education major with a grade point average of 3.4 or above. Demonstrated service to the University and/or community is required. Please be as generous as you can be and send all contributions to: Donna Henderson, 3980 Cypress St., Silver Springs, NV 89429.

For those of you who did not know Captain Graham please read the following: <http://static.frostburg.edu/fsu/assets/File/Foundation/mem-wall/graham.pdf> and <http://times-news.com/local/x1200641563/Graham-Memorial-Project-honors-Medal-of-Honor-recipient-at-FSU> and Medal of Honor citation: <http://arlingtoncemetery.net/jagraha.htm>

There is a website with numerous pictures of the Ho Chi Minh Trail, and the people living there, as it looks today. Type in the web address, "laosgpsmap". Then click on "The Legend of the Ho Chi Minh Trail". Have a look. It's very interesting.

The above items contributed by Dave DeGroat

Our long serving newsletter editor, Ken Kreader, somewhere along the road from An Hoa to Liberty Bridge in 1967.



How about a big smile Ken ?

Send in a favorite photo !

Battle of Gettysburg facts:

The Medal of Honor was created during the Civil War to honor personal acts of valor above and beyond the call of duty. Sixty-three men were awarded the Medal of Honor for their actions in the Battle of Gettysburg.

Other odd facts

After the battle 37,574 rifles left laying on the battlefield were collected.

24,000 were still loaded

6,000 had one round in the barrel

12,000 had two rounds in the barrel

6,000 had three to ten rounds in the barrel

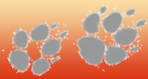
There never was a shoe factory or shoe warehouse in Gettysburg.

Not all the soldiers were men - several women were known to have fought disguised as men.

The Confederate wagon train of wounded sent back to Virginia after the battle was 17 miles long.

More than 3,000 horses were killed at Gettysburg. Lydia Lyster, who owned the small farmhouse used by George Meade as his headquarters, found 17 dead horses in her yard. Her only compensation for the extensive damage to her property was selling their bones at a half cent per pound.

After the battle the army paid 13 cents per pound for lead gathered by Gettysburg civilians. After a boy was killed trying to pound open an artillery shell to get the lead pellets out the army refused to accept lead from children under 18.



It's never too early to start planning for the Gettysburg reunion - 2014 !

More Notes From The Editor:

A Nice Thing Happened

I've been a regular at the local YMCA for the last year and a half. As I was leaving on a recent Saturday this note was left under my wiper blade. What a truly thoughtful

I've seen your car here before + didn't have a pen. Noticed your license plates. Thank you for your service in Vietnam... and Welcome Home!

thing for someone to take the time to do. Made an old Marine feel mighty good. I thought it was worth sharing.

The Editor

Dennis Cadigan

Many of you have met Dennis Cadigan at reunions. He was wounded by a booby trap in December of 1968 and lost his sight in both eyes. His is a life, and Marine Corps, success story of great proportion.

Besides overcoming a heroin addiction connected to the pain medications he was taking while recuperating from his wounds he went back to school, eventually earning a PhD. An amazing accomplishment.

He has started a woodworking business with the intention of hiring other disabled veterans. For more information on Dennis' business go to "phoenixwoodworksllc.com".

"Business Insider" correspondent Daniel Goodman did a video interview with Dennis. To access the interview go to "businessinsider.com". In the "search" box type in "Daniel Goodman". His articles are listed in chronological order. Scroll down to 1/27/13.

The photo was fighter pilot. December older brother of Dick Clark Bandstand here in knew he had er ?



soldier in this killed at 19 as a He was killed 23 1944. He was the and only sibling of American fame. He is buried in Epinal. Who an older brother

Contributed by Dwight Anderson, current superintendent at the American Military Cemetery in Epinal, France.

A MASTER HUNTER

I lay low behind a bush trying to spot a deer
Suddenly I see a six-pointer standing up from rest
Nervously I take aim and see it in the scope very clear
The markings on this critter are what hunters value most.

My arm is in the sling with the rifle pointing steady
At the majestic creature whose life is about to end.
The old one moves about smelling the air and gets ready
To run with another deer, into a gully both descend.

Two days later I am seeing a two-pointer
Which is not good enough for me to shoot.
Telling myself that I'm a determined hunter
I will get the six-pointer today before the owls hoot.

Ah, there it is on the ridge looking big and strong
That magnificent animal turns its head to my direction.
Settling into position and thinking nothing could go wrong
I slip a round into the chamber and feeling wild sensation.

I move my finger to the trigger in a usual way
A flock of noisy crows spooks it and I am too slow.
Damn, damn, that one is getting away,
Or am I letting it go?

ken lee

Editor's note: Ken composed this poem about eight years ago. He has been in ill health in recent years but hopes to make the Gettysburg reunion. Let's keep him in our thoughts and prayers.



Marine Humor

Can You hear Me Now

Having just moved into his new office, a pompous new colonel was sitting at his desk when a lance corporal knocked on his door. Conscious of his new position, the colonel picked up the phone, told the lance corporal to enter, and then said into the phone, "Yes, General, I'll be seeing him this afternoon and I'll pass along your message. In the meantime, thank you for your good wishes, sir." Feeling as though he had sufficiently impressed the young enlisted man, he asked, "What do you want, Marine?"

"Nothing important, sir", the lance corporal replied, "I'm just here to hook up your telephone."

Land Navigation

One day three senior officers were out hiking and unexpectedly came upon a large, raging, violent river. They needed to get to the other side but had no idea how to do so.

The Air Force colonel called out to God and prayed, "Please God, give me the strength to cross this river." POOF ! God gave him big arms and strong legs and he was able to swim across the river. It did, however, take him about two hours and he almost drowned twice.

Seeing this, the Army Colonel prayed to God, "Please God, give me the strength and the tools to cross this river." POOF ! God gave him a rowboat. He was able to row across the river in about an hour, but it was rough and he almost capsized the boat a couple of times.

The Navy Captain had seen how things worked out for the other two, so when he prayed to God he said, "Please God, give me the strength, the tools and the intelligence to cross this river." POOF ! God turned him into a Marine Lance Corporal...so he looked at the map, hiked upstream 200 yards and walked across the bridge.

PX The patch has been updated. The '2nd' has been corrected and the 'cigarette' was added back. The new challenge coins available now:

Hats (red or black w/patch) \$15

Patches 4" \$ 5

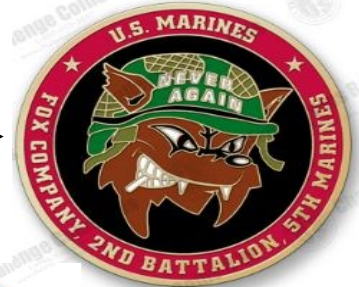
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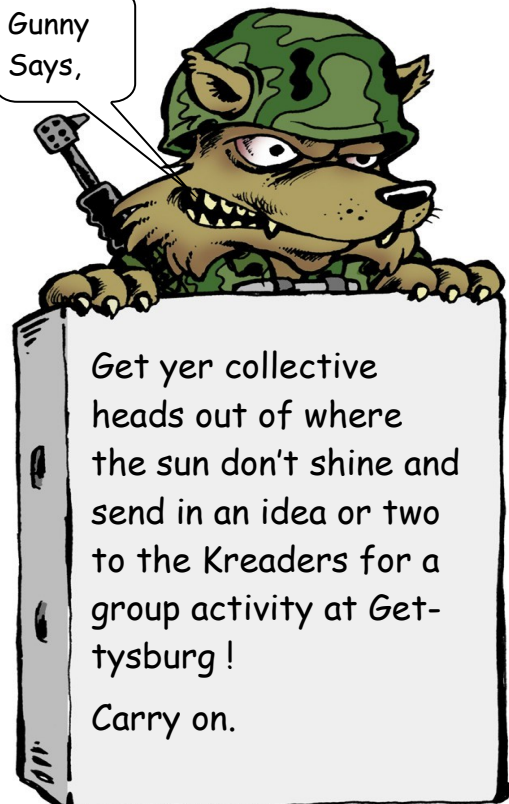
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Front and back of new challenge coin



Gunny Says,



Get yer collective heads out of where the sun don't shine and send in an idea or two to the Kreaders for a group activity at Gettysburg !

Carry on.



Marines Of Note

Editor's Note: This will be a recurring column about Marines who have excelled not only in the Corps but in politics/business/industry/NASA. Excerpted from "The Marines Have Landed" by MSgt Andy Bufalo USMC (Ret).

I thought a perfect candidate for the second installment of "MON" would be James H. "Jim" Webb. He has been serving our country admirably, dating back to his days as an infantry platoon commander with Delta 1/5 in Vietnam to the present.

We were fortunate to have him as a speaker at the Saturday morning business meeting at the reunion in D.C. in 2008.

Jim Webb was born in St. Joseph, Missouri on February 9th, 1946. He grew up in a military family, descended from Scots Irish immigrants from Ulster who emigrated in the 18th century to the North American colonies. (In 2004 Webb authored a book titled, "Born Fighting: How The Scots Irish Shaped America" detailing his family history, noting that his ancestors fought in every major American war.)

Following high school graduation in Bellvue, Nebraska he attended USC on a Navy ROTC scholarship from 1963-64 and earned an appointment to Annapolis in 1964.

He won a varsity letter for boxing while at the Academy, at one point fighting a controversial match against Oliver North, which was won by North on a decision. He graduated in the class of 1968 along with other notables Dennis Blair, Michael Mullen and future commandant, Michael Hagee.

As a 1st Lt. platoon commander with Delta 1/5 in 1969 he earned a Navy Cross, Silver Star, two Bronze Stars and two purple hearts. (Webb authored a book about his experiences as a platoon leader titled "Fields of Fire", published in 1978.)

He won an Emmy Award for his 1983 PBS coverage of the Marines in Beirut. He was Secretary of the Navy under George Bush, a senator from Virginia. His first legislative act was to introduce a bill to expand benefits for veterans and their families, vastly improving the G.I. Bill for Iraq/Afghanistan vets.

Webb is a strong supporter of 2nd Amendment rights, saying "I have had a permit to carry a weapon in Virginia for a long time, and I believe that it's important."

He has won numerous awards for community service and professional excellence. In addition to the two books previously mentioned he has authored five other novels.

He deserves a hearty tip of our collective Marine covers !

Update Gettysburg Reunion 2014:Update Gettysburg Reunion 2014:

We started our search online and found a list of hotels who would be able to accommodate a group as large as ours. It has turned up a number of viable venues. We have also started a dialogue with the Gettysburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, first by email and recently by phone. Our contact there helped us whittle down our selections from ten possible locations to four. Of these four two are located in the town of Gettysburg and two in a rural setting. Regardless of location there is a trolley that runs on the half hour from all of these hotels.

Presently we are soliciting proposals from the four venues and will meet with them in person in May to narrow the search even further. Shortly thereafter we will make a recommendation to the officers.

There is much going on in this area in the fall of the year including the apple festival, wine festival as well as the fall colors. That in mind we may need to be somewhat flexible with the timing of the reunion in order to attain the best rate possible.

Hopefully all will be settled by the next newsletter after our May visit and we can focus on planning fun.

Semper Fi, Ken

" The Marines I have seen around the world have the cleanest bodies, the filthiest minds, the highest morale, and the lowest morals of any group of animals I have ever seen. Thank God for the United States Marine Corps !" - First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, 1945 (Her own son James was a Marine officer)



Dempsey Speaks on What Nation Expects From Marine Corps

By Jim Garamon American Forces Press Service

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION BEAUFORT, S.C., March 21, 2013 – *What does the United States expect from its Marine Corps?*

A young Marine asked the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff that question during a town hall meeting here today. Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey said that he has asked himself that basic question about all U.S. armed services.

"We need you to be exactly who you are," the chairman told the theater full of Marines and family members. He said the service is the "rock upon which this great military of ours rests."

This consistency is needed as the fiscal situation becomes more confusing and uncertain, he said. The resources devoted to the military will go up and down –but the military and especially the Marines must be constant, the chairman said.

Dempsey said the Marine Corps is known as the nation's ready force: Ready to go where the country needs them, via sea or air. But the service also has another image equally important to Americans – that of a new Marine receiving the eagle, globe and anchor in his or her grimy hands having just finished the final recruit test known as the Crucible. "You have to be that young man or woman walking through the airport who just looks like a Marine," Dempsey said.

But it is more than looks; it is character, he said. The Marines' Hymn is the only service song that specifically mentions a value. "I find that to be the most important thing about the United States Marine Corps, that you take it up-on yourselves to commit to keep your honor clean," the chairman said.

"What do I expect of the Marine Corps? I expect you to be Marines."

The town hall was the last event of the chairman's visit to the air base and nearby Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island. He visited with Lt. Col. Gabrielle Hermes, the commander of the 4th Recruit Training Battalion, Brig. Gen. Lori Reynolds, the commander of the depot, drill instructors, support personnel and many others at the gateway to the Corps.

At the air base, he toured the F-35 pilot training facility that is nearing completion, as well as the new hangar complex for the aircraft.

Contributed by General Mike Downs, USMC (Ret.)

Did you know Alan Schuett ?

Dear Donna,

I received this letter from a Marine history teacher, looking up information on Jerome Alan Schuett of Fox Co. 2/5 killed Feb 13 in Hue City. I got there Feb 12 and went to third Plt and don't think he was in our Plt, but can't be sure. Is there any way you could put out his letter to all of Foxtrot 2/5 and see if anybody remembers him and can forward any info or pictures to this Kevin Seldon to help him in his project for his class. Teachers that use the WALL as a history lesson is better than any "Welcome Home" that we never got. Thanks Donna, and I know Kevin thanks you, I will also give him your email as a go between for Fox Co.

Good evening Mr. Devitt, my name is Kevin Seldon. I am a Marine and son of a Marine who served in Vietnam with L Co. 3/26 at Khe Sanh during the siege. I am currently a high school history teacher and college adjunct history instructor currently undertaking a Vietnam project with my students who are finding veterans names on the wall and conducting in depth research to learn about these men and who they were. For years I have been tracking down names and circumstances surrounding the death of several of my father's friends and even a dear family friend who was killed in Vietnam.

Some years ago I came across a picture of a young Marine named Jerome Schuett, who upon research was with Fox Co. 2/5 and was KIA February 13, 1968 at Hue City. In the intervening years I have been drawn closer into trying to learn more about Jerome. I have, over the past year, uncovered a bit about Jerome. I have obtained Jerome's casualty report from Hdqtrs. Marine Corps and the after action reports for 2/5 that gives some in depth insight as to what was going on day by day during February. I have become personally involved in trying to tell Jerome's story so my students can see how important this project is to bring these names to a present conscience. I have been rather moved on a personal level trying to learn about who Jerome was and have tracked down a buddy of his from boot camp who has shared some photos and stories with me.

I am curious if you might remember Jerome or knew him and might be willing to share with me the circumstances surrounding what happened that day. I certainly do not want to pry or venture where I am not welcome, but I am convinced this cause is just. My mission is purely out of passion and a desire to bring these stories to my students so they can understand that these men were not much older than they (my students) are now. It's been a resounding success in the past to put these biographies together and I have even had a student connect with a distant great uncle he never knew was killed in Vietnam. This is very important and I would certainly appreciate any help or if you might be able to direct me to anyone who is willing to provide me recollections, scans of photos etc. relative to Jerome. I thank you in advance for your time and more importantly for your service to our great nation, our corps and your fellow Marines.

Semper Fi, Kevin Seldon

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Attn: Camp Lejeune Marines

On March 15, 2013 the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) released its "Chapter A: Summary and Findings" water modeling report for the Hadnot Point and Holcomb Boulevard Water Treatment Plants and Vicinities for Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C. (<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune/hadnotpoint.html>). You will receive a hard copy of the ATSDR fact sheet and other information in the mail in the coming weeks.

This report provides ATSDR's assessment of past exposures to a class of chemicals known as "volatile organic compounds" (VOCs) in the drinking water distributed by these two Camp Lejeune water treatment systems. These VOCs were commonly used as solvents for cleaning machinery and weapons, for dry cleaning, and some are found in fuels.

ATSDR's water modeling estimates that the first month any VOC exceeded the current Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulatory standards in drinking water in the Hadnot Point system was August 1953, and at least one VOC exceeded the current standard in Hadnot Point drinking water from August 1953 through January 1985.

This release marks a major milestone towards the completion of scientific efforts pertaining to this issue and another step in ongoing efforts to provide comprehensive science-based answers to the health questions that have been raised. ATSDR will use these results and the results of a similar water model developed for the Tarawa Terrace area in 2007 to estimate chemical exposures for several of their on-going health studies.

Since 1991, the Marine Corps has supported scientific and public health organizations that are studying these issues. We continue to support these initiatives and are working diligently to identify and notify individuals who, in the past, may have been exposed to the chemicals in drinking water. For more information about these efforts, or to update your contact information, please see: <http://www.marines.mil/clwater/>, call (877) 261-9782 or e-mail at clwater@usmc.mil.

For the complete report and for information about studies being conducted by ATSDR, visit <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune/> or call (800) 232-4636.

To contact Veterans Affairs to learn more about the health care benefits, please visit <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/> or call (877) 222-8387 (Healthcare) or (800) 827-1000 (Benefits).

Sincerely, The Camp Lejeune Historic Drinking Water Program

Contributed by Dwight Anderson

Editor's note: For Marines who spent 30 days or more at LeJeune from 1956 to 1987, President Obama has signed into law legislation to extend medical care for veterans and their families. Eligible veterans will receive extended care now for 15 illnesses caused by exposure to toxins in the base water.



"I served in Vietnam. Now I'm taking advantage of the health benefits I have earned."

Did you know VA provides special health care enrollment opportunities and benefits to Vietnam Veterans?

Public Law 111-163, the Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2012, reestablished VA's enrollment and special treatment authority for Veterans who served in Vietnam or the intracoastal waterways between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975.

VA offers a full medical benefits package and high-quality care at more than 1,400 hospitals, clinics, and community living centers around the country.

Enroll today. It's fast and easy, and there is no cost to apply.

Get the health care benefits you earned.
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I was hoping to get input from members concerning the above title. Possibly in future newsletters. Good or bad, your experience could help other members.

The above ad was on the inside cover of VVA magazine. The VA is reaching out to Vietnam vets. Don't shortchange yourself. Get enrolled and get your benefits.

Speaking on a personal level, getting involved with the VA was a huge positive in my life. In the hope of spreading my good fortune to others who have served, whenever I have a the opportunity to chat with a vet for any length of time I always ask if they've applied for their VA benefits.

If you haven't done so yet, call a veteran's service officer. They know their business and want to help you get the benefits you deserve. It's up to you. Times a wasting.

Paul Trenn

