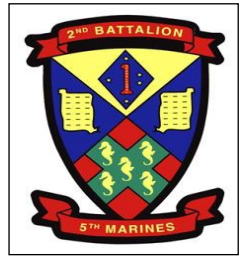




"Fox Tracks"

**Fox2/5 Association
Vietnam Era Veterans
Newsletter
Summer 2013**



From the President: J.D. Moore

Hope this finds everyone well. Planning for the Gettysburg reunion is progressing nicely and Ken will cover that in his section. Likewise Ian has made great headway in updating the web site. Please take a moment and take a look. Remember, the information on the web site is only as accurate as what the members input to him. A reminder to PLEASE register under "Fox 2/5 Vietnam Veterans" when you make your reservations in Gettysburg. This is how we get the hospitality suite, banquet space, and meeting room at no cost. The comp rooms, which are raffled off at the reunion, are provided by the hotel based on the number of rooms that are booked under Fox 2/5.

I had the opportunity earlier this summer to meet with our brother Dennis Cadigan when he gave a speech to the Wounded Warriors Battalion at Camp Lejeune. The speech was arranged and hosted by Dave Brown. Thanks again Dave. Dennis held a captive audience of at least 75 wounded Marines for 45 minutes. Based on his life struggles especially after being blinded in Vietnam, not one Marine looked away at a cell phone, ipad or any other device. Let me just say Dennis knocked it out of the park.

I have heard from the current CO of Fox. He wanted us to know and was proud to announce that after Fox 2/5 received a Presidential Unit Citation for action in Afghanistan, Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines is now the most highly decorated Company in the Marine Corps! He is also looking for Vietnam veterans of Fox that may want to give a talk to the Company. If you are interested let an officer know or contact the Company direct and info us. The Skipper is trying to continue the legacy of Fox and give the men the meaning of what it is to be a member of Fox 2/5.

Until later,
Semper Fi, J.D.

We've added three new members:

Dan Fayette Dec. '68 — Jul. '69

**30 year retired Master Chief Navy
Corpsman dana.fayette@gmail.com**

Billy Gene Kuhel '68 — '69

big bgk@yahoo.com

Michael Minotto '88—'89

michaelminotto@yahoo.com

**There's much more info on these
new members on our Fox 2/5 web-
site roster, thanks to the work of
our web master, Ian Bailey.**

**If you know them, get in touch. I'm
sure they'd love to hear from you.**

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"...business as usual in Hollywood. These suits tell me this is an unpopular war. Well, hell's fire, can they tell me which war **was** popular?"

John Wayne-who had just walked out of a meeting with Universal Studio executives after they backed out of an agreement to film "The Green Berets" in 1967



From Bobby Smith; 1st V.P.

I hope this finds everyone doing well.

I have been making trips to the VA where they have been working on my lungs. I haven't seen much relief in the last five years but the care is free and I get paid travel so I can't complain.

As we get older those small aches and pains tend to get bigger, so we have to do something about them in order to get around. I know some of you have a wife like mine. When she sees me walking with a limp and coughing a lot she is after me to go to the VA. Some of you may say that the VA is too far to drive but they will pay travel expense and in some cases will put you up in a hotel at no cost to you. We are losing too many of our brothers and the VA care is something you have earned. Don't be afraid to use it. If anyone has questions concerning your VA health benefits, feel free to call me or someone else you might know who is using them. I want each one of you to start working on the guys that haven't made a reunion or haven't been to one for several years.

Bobby

From the Secretary/Treasurer:

As of July 28, 2013

Account	Balance
Business Checking	\$ 659.51
Business Savings	<u>\$7203.46</u>
Total	\$7862.97

"We're doing pretty good." Donna

Corporal Grunt Says,

They ain't WM's any more, Marines. They're female Marines. Got that grunts ! Read page 8 !

NASCAR GIVES ROYAL TREATMENT TO MARINE



Indianapolis— July 28, 2013

Without her husband knowing it, April Deeds nominated her husband in a contest called "Your Hero's Name Here"..... and they won the contest.

Samuel Deeds, 35, seriously wounded in Iraq, requiring more than 30 surgeries, and highly decorated, had the Brickyard 400 race named after him.

"This whole experience has put us both on cloud nine," April Deeds said. "It's beyond words."

"I'm not a kid in a candy store, I'm a kid in a candy factory," he said

Although the day was about honoring Samuel Deeds, he said he was representing more than himself. "To honor my guys in this special way is unbelievable."

Cincinnati Enquirer-July 29,2013

As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind—every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder. *John Glenn*



**Gettysburg
Battle
Re-Enactors**

"Before I have the privilege of reading these names, I want to take the blessing to all of you Vietnam vets and to your families: My father loved you.....Generations of Johnsons and Americans across our fruited plain owe you everything and we know it."

Luci Baines Johnson - At the LBJ Presidential Library in Austin, Texas, prior to the reading of the 3417 names of Texans who gave their life in Vietnam. 3/24/13



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From the Editor,

To the Fox Family:

We all learned at a very early stage in our Marine Corps careers to NEVER volunteer for anything! Some of us learned the hard way that volunteerism didn't necessarily equate to a good thing. Most of us learned, hopefully, at the expense of others. It was a lesson quickly learned that you might not want to be a "policeman".

Of course that mindset changes as we move from careers to retirement and advancing years. Volunteering can be very rewarding and that is certainly the case with being the newsletter editor, for many reasons. Here are just a couple.

First and foremost is the friendship that Ken Kreader and I have developed while working together on the newsletters. I knew Ken from previous reunions and we had spoken casually but we didn't really know each other. That has all changed dramatically, and for the good.

Another instance would be an email I received from Dave Brown, suggesting I contact Mike Hernandez, (2nd platoon, March-October '67), who had written a memoir about his time in the Corps, mostly about his time in Vietnam. We exchanged emails back and forth and I feel like I got to know Mike a little bit. I read his memoir, which is well done, and in the process found out he had created a web page that is on our web site. It's a little bit about Mike but mainly a tribute to all of our Fox 2/5 brothers who made the ultimate sacrifice for their fellow Marines so far from home.

As things turned out, Ken and Mike served together in 2nd platoon and they exchanged a photo or two. Small world, huh? It's been a pleasure getting to know some of our members better.

Mike's memoir will soon be available on our web site. Mike served with Fox from March '67 until he was wounded in October '67. It's fourteen pages and a good read.

Semper Fi,
 Paul Trenn



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Apple Festival time in Gettysburg



From the Web Master

I have added several new members to the web site in July. Please check them out to see if you know them.

It would be great if the current membership could send in updates and or additions to their information. Some of the entries only have addresses and phone numbers. The information in others is very dated.

There is the capability to add photos, either current or from your time in the Corps, to the members page. I will be happy to post any photo you send.

I don't foresee any big changes to the web site but I am open to any ideas the membership might have. The web site has and continues to be a great challenge for me. I am enjoying the responsibility immensely.

Your Web Master,
 Ian Bailey



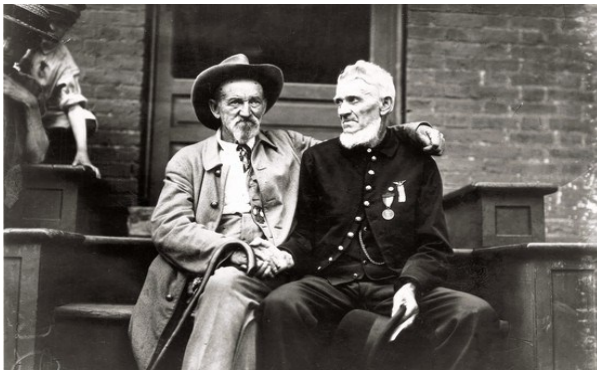
Blue-Gray Reunion

On June 29, 1913, Confederate and Union soldiers, veterans of the Battle of Gettysburg, began gathering in Gettysburg for the 50th anniversary of that historic battle. They arrived by trains and cars and horse drawn wagons.

Fifty-thousand of them stayed in a tent encampment outside of town, this time as brothers-in-arms, even re-enacting Pickett's Charge, (this time it was more a stroll, followed by mingling) and, inevitably told war stories.

The majority of the attendees were former Union soldiers, but 8000 Confederates were on hand. The average age was 75. Some were in their 80's and came

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from as far away as California. The tent encampments lined the rural roads outside of town for miles, set up by volunteers, including 2000 cooks serving the food to the veterans.

"Surely never before in the world's history have so great a number of men so advanced in years, been assembled under field conditions," Chief Surgeon of the US Army, Brig. Gen. A. E. Bradley, later wrote in his report on the event.

The idea for the gathering of Civil War veterans originated five years earlier with Henry Huidekoper, who fought at Gettysburg as a Lieutenant Colonel with the 150th Pennsylvania Infantry. He lost an arm in the fighting and was later awarded the Medal of Honor.

Pittsburgh industrialist James Schoonmaker, another MOH winner, enthusiastically backed the idea.

The weather was brutally hot and humid that summer. Nine veterans died from overexposure to the heat, yet they were a hardy group.

On the 4th of July, the gathering's final day, President Wilson arrived by train for the closing ceremony.

Much is being written about the 150th anniversary of that bloody battle.

Spare a thought for all those old soldiers who converged on the site.

Contributed by Dwight Anderson

REFLECTIONS

By Sgt. Edwin Hawkins

Fox Company participant in Operation Union II and Hue City

As I sit Here

And as I wonder

What kind of Dragons'

Do I fight; In me

Dragon's of Death

Dragons of worry

Dragon's of Gangs

Dragon's of Satan

And as I reflect

To a time long ago

Where men lived

And where men died

Viet Nam; Was that hole

A place. Now long ago.

Where life was hard.

Where we; Could not grow

So full of life

So full of Love

So full of meaning

Pride: In keeping

Wondering: What's ahead

Wondering: Why weren't I dead

Wondering: What kept me. Alive

Wondering: How'd I survive

That place long ago

Where, So many men did go

To fight: For Democracy

Not: Some fools hypocrisy..

Doing our best to stay alive

Worn and weary from the grind

Never knowing, If it was our time

Not Knowing; The legacy, Left behind

Always watching: Then moving up

Hoping, We'd not be, The one.

As the rounds exploded, close by

Some-one crying: Corpsman UP!!

As the day, and time went by

In our heads; "Semper Fi"

Lifted our eyes, to the sky

Saying a prayer. To God MOST High

What has happened to you and I

Always watching As time goes by

Will this land Will this Country

Grow again, or will it die

So as I reflect back in time

Back to that time – of do or die

Will I be – A part of them

Who stand before God, MOST High

Then I remember. Better times

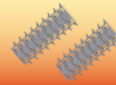
When I gave Myself to Him

To the Savior: Who died for me.

Then I said: Here I stand !

"Send Me!!"

Contributed by Chris Brown



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

More Notes From The Editor:

Attn: All you Irish Fox 2/5'ers !

Did you know more than 2500 Irish served in Vietnam ? Most were attached to American units but some with Australians. There are twenty-two Irish names on the Wall.

Due to a lot of work by Vietnam vets by the name of Carroll, McDonnell and Quinn, a memorial in County Claire, Ireland is in the works.

For more information about the memorial visit "theirishvietnamveteransproject.org".

Attn: Hue City Marines

Nicholas Warr, who served with Charlie 1/5 in Hue is attempting to form a Hue City Veteran's Association for all Marines who participated in the battle for Hue City.

PURPOSE

The formation of the Hue City Veterans Association (to be a 501 (c) 19 non-profit veterans group) is proposed for the purpose of raising funds to commission and erect a suitable memorial monument to commemorate the battle, recognize those units who fought, and to honor and remember those Marines and sailors who died during this historic battle. The proposed location of the monument is on the grounds of The National Museum of the Marine Corps (NMMC) in Quantico, Virginia.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this campaign, please send your contact information (Name, Address, Phone Number(s), Email Address) to:

1/5 Vietnam Veterans P. O. Box 1117

Flat Rock, NC 28731

Or, via email at: nicholas@stonehillproductions.com

3/5 Vietnam Reunion

I had the opportunity to attend the 3/5 reunion at Lake Barkley State Park in southwest Kentucky in mid-May. I lost a close friend who served with India Co.

It was done in a first class Marine manner all the way. I felt privileged to attend and to honor my friend by being there.

They have a wonderful tradition at their reunions called the "Honor Family". They host the family of a fallen 3/5 Marine at each reunion. I don't know if our treasury would support something similar, but it's worth some discussion at our business meeting in Gettysburg. My meager vocabulary couldn't begin to describe the appreciation of the Honor Family.

Paul Trenn

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Oklahoma City Tornadoes

We have several Fox members that are located in and around Oklahoma City. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Hope everyone is alright.

Lt Col. William Melton is an area resident. Bill Melton was Fox Company 3rd platoon commander in 1968. He and his family are safe following the tornadoes.

Donna E Henderson

Who would issue this Marine a sharp instrument around "friendlies" ? ! !



Tommy (barber extraordinaire) Byrd and Lt. Andy Schock, company XO. Quang Nam Province 1969.

Thanks to Mike "Ski" Malanowski for the photo.

Send yours in. It's not a lot of trouble or expense. A caption included would be even better !



ONCE A MARINE
ALWAYS A MARINE



Marine Humor *My Two Young Daughters*

This "Top Ten" was written entirely by my two young daughters, age 9 and 16, halfway from Rockford, IL and Lincoln, NE in '03 or '04.

Bob C. Hookam Cpl. USMC '81-'85

Top Ten Reasons You Know You're The Daughter Of A Marine

1. You can spell "ooh-rah".
2. You're the only one in your daycare who can read a "real" clock, a military clock.
3. "Maggot" is a term of endearment.
4. Whenever you watch a war movie you spend half the time correcting the mistakes.
5. You address all your best friends by their last name.
6. Instead of "Hush Little Baby" you were sung, "I don't know, but I've been told....."
7. You know how to subdue a fresh date, 28 different ways.
8. On Nov. 10th you bake cookies for the local Marine Corps League.
9. You know how to convert miles to clicks.
10. You learned that Marines don't wear hats.
11. Your Dad reminds your date that he has multiple medals for sharpshooting.
12. When the other children on the block say their Dads don't have two birthdays you look at them like they're from Mars.
13. Your Dad's alarm clock plays "Reveille".

Note: There were actually sixty-nine reasons listed in this "top ten" list, excerpted from a letter in the Sgt. Grit newsletter.

"Just because I'm in a wheelchair doesn't mean I'm not a Marine anymore."

Marshall Abbott - from an article in DAV magazine. He attended the DAV and VA sponsored Winter Sports Clinic in Snowmass Village, CO, where he skied this past winter.

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
Patches 12"	\$25
Challenge Coin	\$10
Shirts	\$15 2 for \$25

All prices include shipping.

Front and back of new challenge coin



Gunny Says,





From The Current CO of Fox Company:

Good morning,

My name is Jordan Jones and I am the current CO of Fox 2/5.

I wanted to establish contact with you and your generation of Fox Company Marines in an attempt to maintain the "living legacy" of the company. As you know, Fox is part of the most decorated battalion in the Marine Corps, and recently Fox was awarded another Presidential Unit Citation for its independent action in support of the Marine Expeditionary Brigade - Afghanistan. This PUC unofficially makes Fox the most decorated company in the Marine Corps. I say this in an attempt to recognize that the legacy of the company was built upon the broad shoulders of men from WWI through WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and most recently Afghanistan. I think that maintaining contact between these generations of Fox 2/5 Marines can serve as a powerful leadership tool for those currently serving in the company, and can allow those past generations to pass on their legacy as Fox Company Marines.

In an effort to make the link between past, current, and future generations of Fox Marines more tangible, I've downloaded some pictures from your website and ordered some old copies of the Oct 28, 1966 LIFE Magazine with Larry Burrows photos.

The idea is to place these, and other historical items, into the Fox company duty hut in the barracks. I think that this will at least be an initial step and provide Marines a visual reminder of the legacy they have inherited. Additionally, I spoke to the company at length on Monday June 4th about June 2, 1967, and about the importance of that day in the history of the company - specifically. I spoke of the incredible sacrifice of so many that day. Lastly, if at all possible, I think it would be great to get some former Fox Marines to address the company at certain dates in the future.

A brief update on the company: We are currently in the midst of pre-deployment training to serve as the small craft raid company on the 31st MEU. We will deploy in November of 2013, and return sometime next spring / summer.

Thanks again for everything you and your generation have done and continue to do to support the company. I look forward to being in touch in the future.

Very respectfully,

Captain Jordan P. Jones

Fox Company, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines

COMM: (760) 725-7555 "Blackheart 6"



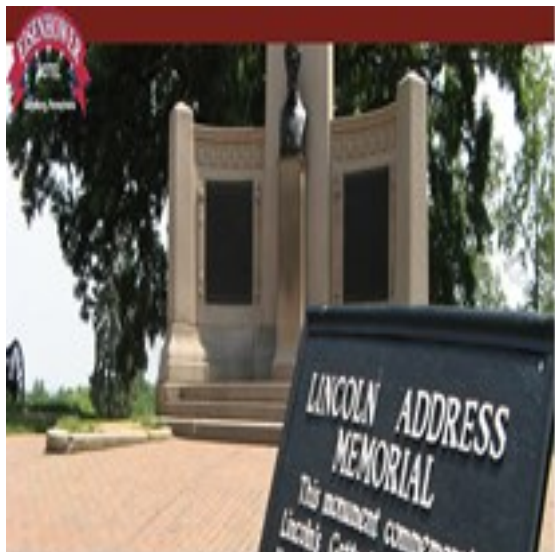
A follow-up from Capt. Jones:

Mr. Moore,

Thanks so much for your response. We have Capt. Graham's, PFC Newlin's, and Cpl. Collins's (1 Feb 1968) pictures and citations outside of the company office in the battalion CP. Additionally, I am going to start working with the 1stSgt and NCO's, the maintainers of the company's legacy, to build a living history of the company in the duty hut in the barracks. I'll certainly get a hold of Mr. Towe to keep up the liaison between the generations of Fox Company Marines.

Thanks again for your response and support.

All the best and Semper Fidelis,



Gettysburg National Cemetery where Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was made.



Famous battlefield site, Devils Den.





Women In Combat

The 2011 Defense Authorization Act directed the Secretary of Defense and the Service Secretaries to review all laws, policies and regulations that may restrict the service of female members. To make a long story short, it opened the door for many more opportunities for our female military members.

Dave Brown, executive director of the Second Marine Division Association, wrote an article for their quarterly publication this past winter describing the inroads female Marines are making in that division.

Also discussed were the work of the Female Engagement Teams (FET's), comprised of 3-4 female Marines who worked with Marine infantry units in Afghanistan to search women, provide health and educational assistance to the children and women, and gather information used for intelligence.

As far as women serving in infantry units, Dave stated very eloquently in his cover letter to the SMDA newsletter, "It ain't gonna happen any time soon in the Marine Corps!"

Some interesting statistics cobbled together from various sources as to the growth in the number of women in military service:

In 1968 when total troop strength was 3.5 million, just over 1% were women.

83% of women who served in Vietnam were nurses or in the medical field. (Eight women military personnel were killed in Vietnam, none from the Marine Corps. A war correspondent by the name of Georgette Chappelle was killed by a land mine while patrolling with Marines outside Chu Lai on November 4th, 1965.)

By 1980 with total troop strength right at 2 million, women made up 4% of the Marine Corps.

Today with total troop strength at about 1.5 million, women make up 6% of the Corps.

The average makeup for women in all branches of the military is 14.6% as of 4/4/2012, with the Air Force the highest at 19%.

"Our enlistment has a start and finish date. The "Oath" does not." Sgt. Grit newsletter

Marines of Note

Duncan D. Hunter

Duncan Hunter was born in San Diego on December 7, 1976. He graduated from Granite Hills H.S. in El Cajon. Following high school he earned a degree in Business Administration from San Diego State and went to work as a business analyst.

The day after the terrorist attacks in 2001 he joined the Marine Corps, attending Officer Candidate School in Quantico and was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in March of 2002. He served in both the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. He was a field artillery officer in the 1st Marine Division during the 2003 invasion of Iraq, and completed a second tour in Fallujah in 2004, serving with Battery A, 1/11, and participated in Operation Vigilant Resolve.

After an honorable discharge in 2005 he remained in the Marine Corps Reserve and was recalled in 2007 for a tour in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He is currently a Captain in the USMC Reserve.

Mr. Hunter is a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from California and is now the only combat veteran of either the Iraq or Afghanistan wars still serving in the House.

Note: This excerpted article was published in 2010. There is at least one other Iraq or Afghanistan combat veteran serving in Congress. Brad Wenstrup represents the 2nd Ohio District in the House. In 2005, he served a year of active duty in Iraq where he was Chief of Surgery with the 344th Combat Support Hospital. Brad was awarded the Bronze Star and Combat Action Badge for his service in Iraq, and today he continues his service as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserve.



Update Gettysburg Reunion 2014

We made the trip to Gettysburg back in early May. The list of viable sites had been reduced to four. Two days of meeting with the conference staff the choice had been made after a conference call with JD and Donna. The Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center is site for our reunion in October of 2014. The dates are October 8th through the 14th. This hotel was right for Fox 2/5 Assoc. as they are accustomed to military groups and meet all of our requirements.

The dates we secured are prime time in Gettysburg. This is a busy time of the year for Gettysburg with the Apple Festival and a parent's weekend at the several colleges in the vicinity. The weather should be pleasantly warm during the day and the colors should be in full swing.

Thanks Ed Martin, John Gobrecht, Dennis Cagigan, Chuck Conley and Chucks' daughter Marie for their offers and helpful assistance. Chuck Conley's daughter is in the conference business in the eastern Pa area and was helpful in giving us some guidance with our four candidates. The staff at the Gettysburg Convention and Visitors Bureau were accommodating and helpful. A dialogue that started after the reunion last fall and continues.

Reservations, reservations, reservations!!!! Can't emphasize enough how important it is to make yours ASAP. The early bird gets the worm so make your reservations. The agreed rate is \$99.00 and your reservation must be made by September 8th, 2014 to guarantee it. Since this is such a busy time of year in the Gettysburg area the hotel would not block any more than 60 rooms

and therefore it is imperative that reservations are made ASAP. You can always cancel. We are expecting a good turnout and the hotel will honor the rate in excess of 60 rooms based on availability, again that is before 9.8.14. Make your reservations now and make this our largest reunion yet.

Please note that the Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center has two connecting properties; The Eisenhower Hotel and the Aspire Hotel and Suites. Our rooms are actually in the Aspire Hotel.

To make your reservations now:

Call the Call the Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center at 717-334-2755 and reference the "Fox 2/5 Vietnam Veterans" group. The address is: 2632 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg, Pa 17325. Their web address is www.eisenhower.com.

On site amenities include; Complimentary wireless internet, business center, fitness center, 100% smoke free atmosphere, restaurant, lounge, Marketplace Deli & Gift Shop, complimentary parking, complimentary shuttle service to downtown Gettysburg, indoor pool, room service and guest laundry.

The Aspire Hotel has a large lobby with a nice gathering area adjacent to the lobby.

The next issue of "Fox Tracks" will be loaded with details about the area and of course the registration sheet.

***Semper Fidelis,
Judie and Ken Kreader***

