



Fox 2/5 Association

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Marines

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Reunion 2004

From the President:

Chris Brown

I hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday season and I hope everyone is in good health.

Before I say anything I want to thank Ken Kreader for the great newsletter he put together last time. We would like to print it in color every time but the expense is too much. Even without the color I think we can all agree that the quality is superb. I would also like to thank Greg Dall for all the work he does on the website. Please visit it and pass along your thoughts to him. The site has changed a little but if you go to www.2ndbn5thmarines.com

you can follow along to the Fox web page.

Not a lot has happened since the last newsletter in which we reported the events of the reunion at Reno. One of the events that has kept me busy was that the current Fox 2/5 went back to Iraq. They went back in the fall and will return home sometime in May or June. I started a project where I work to send some packages to our company and I am happy to say we ended up sending over \$1000 in food, toiletries and tobacco products to Fox Company. I also requested from Donna our Secretary a donation of \$200 from the Fox Association to send some ciga-

rettes along with it. The men of Fox wrote back and could not thank us enough. The members of my old squad sent me an American flag with "To Chris Brown and the Fox 2/5 Association:" written on it. It was also signed by all the members of the squad. I quote from one of the men who said "Thank you for everything. You paved the way for what we do now. We hope we are making you guys proud, your sacrifice is in our hearts everyday" and another said it like this "Thank you for staying so dedicated in helping your fellow Marines". It hangs in my office and the only thing that keeps me from framing it is that I want to first bring it to New Orleans and share it with you. So if you come to our next reunion in 2006 in New Orleans you will see it hanging in the hospitality room.

To many of you I have been in contact with throughout the period between the last newsletter and now. With emails and the internet it is so easy to pass along information or an announcement. I recognize that many of us do not have email nor do they want it. I was a tough convert myself. However I am the first to recognize that we can reach you so much faster and cheaper if we do so electronically. If you do have an email address or one of your

children or someone else has one and is willing to pass information along let us know what it is. In order to send a newsletter it takes a lot of time and expense. We can only afford to send out about 3 newsletters per year however I can assure you if you are on Donna's or my email list you will get a lot more updates. Rest assured all of us on the board want to do what ever is necessary to keep you all informed.

I mentioned that the next reunion in 2006 will be in New Orleans. Harry Albert who is heading up the reunion committee and I visited several hotels looking for the one that would best cater to our needs. We have zeroed in on the Omni and trust me the amenities are the best. We were able to get a large hospitality room as well as large banquet room and we can all imagine what the city of New Orleans offers to the average visitor. We have arranged 25 smaller rooms for \$69 per night. These are really small rooms that don't give you a lot of room to move around in but as some of us have tight budgets it gives you an cheaper option.

We are not sure of the agenda as of yet but we plan on a roof top (by the pool) barbeque, a dinner cruise on a paddle wheeler, and a trip to the

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D-Day museum plus there are many more

things to do within smaller groups. Harry is a very creative person and has a lot more up his sleeve.

Donna will be sending out pre-registration forms. As I have said before we have seen the attendance at these reunions continue to grow each time.

President's message cont'd

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