



Fox 2/5 Association

Fox Company 2nd Bn 5th
Marines

Semper Fidelis

Spring 2005

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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BATTLE LINES

Greetings Fellow Warriors and Friends of Fox,

I am writing you from the Battlelines Command Post 20 miles north of Camp Lejeune. I know it's been a while since Donna last sent an email about the book. So I asked her to forward you this situation report (SITREP). The report and the previous SITREPs can also be found on the Battlelines web site (www.BattlelinesBook.com).

SITREP 04

March 26, 2005

1) The end is in sight! If you've been keeping up on the status of the book through this website, you'll know that I wrote my segment (7/68-1/69) first to feel out how to approach this important task. After that I went back to the beginning when George Burget first introduced Vietnam to his courageous warriors. That was March 1966. I have now caught up to my segment. Last week I started Chapter 18 that will cover the first half of 1969. I will be writing two, possibly three more chapters to complete the book. I want to do an epilogue, but that's still in the planning stage.

2) The web site has a new tab called "Chapter Summaries". I have the first 17 chapters summarized so that you can better understand the book and our marvelous participation in this segment of the Marine Corps's proud history. Now stories about fighting the NVA at the DMZ, or patrolling in the sandy foothills in Chu Lai, or enjoying the view of the Song Thu Bon river while at the Nong Song coalmines, or fighting for two days never even going one block in Hue City will make sense. When you read the chapter summaries, our time frames seamlessly blend one to another. Our story flows. You may have rotated from Fox Company or were evacuated wondering what happened afterwards. Now, when you are at future reunions and sharing a beer with one of the Fox vets, you'll have a much better picture of what that brave man endured.

3) Tiffany and I are going to camp out at this command post during the third week in June to "wrap it up". Afterwards I will email the book to a publisher. Their line editors will review the approximate 500 pages and make suggestions. They tell me that 8-12 weeks later it will be ready for publication. I am hoping to have it finished by October 1st prior to the Marine Corps Birthday.

Semper Fi,

Dave



Below is a lead in from Chris and below that is a letter from Gunny Tracy, Fox 2/5—Iraq to Chris.

From Chris:

To the Fox 2/5 Association members,

Back in November I challenged my office staff to join me in collecting food and other items to send a number of holiday packages to the members of Fox 2/5 currently in Ramadi, Iraq. They responded beautifully with over \$1000 worth of goods. I asked Donna to contribute \$200 from the association to add to some other money collected to buy cigarettes and other tobacco products.

We were able to send twenty 25 lb. packages to Fox Company. And with the list of names that I had received I was able to send one to each squad in all three platoons and weapons and the HQ staff. My company picked up the postage so it was a successful operation all around. We receive many thank you responses which I was able to share with some of you via emails. I would like to share with all of you this letter I received from the Company Gunny Pat Tracy. They are home now but will be going back in December so lets keep this in mind so that we can continue to support their efforts.

Here is Gunny Tracy's letter:

To the Fox 2/5 Association:

I can never explain in words how much your support, good wishes, prayers and kindness have helped us in our mission. We have had a long, tough fight in Iraq. Many great Americans such as you reminded us of who we are and why we're here. Politics aside we are here because we are Marines. We are Marines because we love our country and the people that make it the greatest country on earth. We are willing to go in harm's way whenever and wherever necessary. We should be home with our families and in our great country by the time this letter gets to you. Marines from Bravo 1/5 are replacing us and I hope you continue to keep them and all the deployed service members in your thoughts and prayers.

As for Fox 2/5, I think we lived up to our legacy and then some. I am proud to be a Marine; I am damn proud to be in Fox 2/5 and prouder still to be an American. I hope you all know just how much your thoughtfulness and kindness has meant to us. Marines are notorious for not always answering or saying thanks in a timely manner.

Sometimes it's the mission and days off and time to write just aren't there. But I hope you all know how much we appreciate not being forgotten, especially around the holidays. On behalf of all the Marines of Fox 2/5, I just want to say thank you, God bless you and God bless America.

Gunnery Sergeant Tracy
Company Gunny
Fox 2/5
Semper Fi



This flag was presented to Chris and the Fox 2/5 association by Fox Co 2/5 and Gunny Tracy.

It is signed by many of the Fox Marines with words of thanks and sentiment. This is a poor representation but it will be in New Orleans



The Marine's Final Inspection

The Marine stood and faced his God
Which should always come to pass
He hoped his shoes were shining
Just as brightly as his brass.

"Step forward now you Marine
How shall I deal with you?"

Have you always turned the other cheek
To my church have you always been
true?"

The Marine squared his shoulders and
said

"No Lord I guess I ain't
Because those of us that carry guns
Can't always be a saint.

I've had to work most Sundays
And at times my talk was tough
And sometimes I've been violent
Because the world is awfully rough.

But I never Took a penny
That wasn't mine to keep

Though I worked a lot of overtime
When the bills got just too steep.
And I never passed a cry for help
Though at times I shook with fear.

And sometime, God forgive me,
I've wept unmanly tears.

I know I don't deserve a place
Among the people here.

They never wanted me around
except to calm their fears.

If you've a place for me here, Lord,
It needn't be so grand,

I never expected or had too much,
But if you don't, I'll understand."

There was a silence all around the
throne

Where the saints had often trod.
As the Marine waited quietly for the
judgment of his God

"Step forward now, you Marine,
You've borne your burdens well.
Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets,
You've done your time in hell."

Fox 2/5 on the Internet

Visit our website at:

2ndbn5thmarines.com/foxco/

See new updates and pages.

Two Rainbows Publishing

Two Rainbows Publishing presents the book **Sacred Shadow, Sacred Ground: A Vietnam War Widow's Journey Through Unresolved Grief** by Glenda M. Carter.

Glenda is the widow of Marine PFC Bruce L. Carter Fox 2/5 USMC who was killed in action on September 11, 1968 in Quang Nam Province Vietnam.

The book is now available and you can read the Introduction by Laura Palmer, a sample chapter, reviews, and see photos by visiting the website

www.tworainbowspublishing.com

You can order through the website by using paypal. Please note that paypal orders are not included in the Promotional offer but will be charged regular price and be sent by priority mail.

Mail orders can be sent to

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P.O. Box 89, North Powder, OR 97867.

Please send payment payable to Two Rainbows Publishing. Cashier's Check, money orders and personal checks are accepted. Please indicate which method of shipment you prefer. Priority mail is \$4.50 and takes 2-3 days to deliver. Media mail is \$3.85 for the first book and will take longer for delivery.

Retail Price: \$18.95

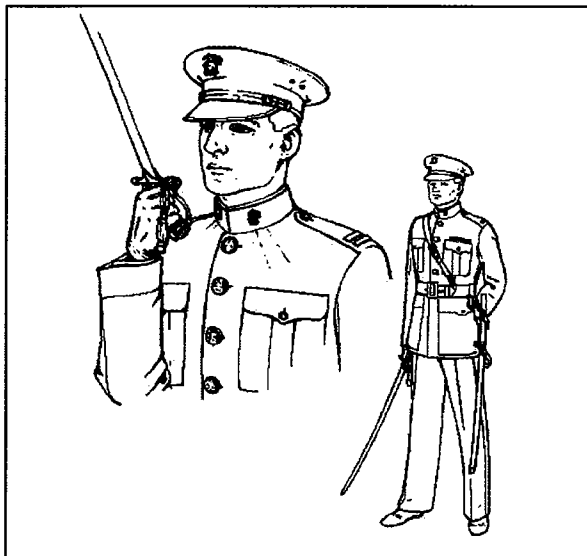
Promotional discount price is \$15.95

If you have questions you can contact the author through info@tworainbowspublishing.com

SACRED SHADOW, SACRED GROUND



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"Together Then, Together Again"

Association Registration and Dues

OK ye'll, some of you are cutting some ZZZZ's on the dues thing send 'em in, please! All kidding aside I know some are carrying that letter around since the last newsletter and have just forgotten to drop it in the mailbox. Hurry up, do it before you have to put another stamp on it.

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

Donna Henderson
6201 Iroquois Trail
Stagescoach, Nevada 89429.
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 and I think Donna will accept

From the editor:

Thanks! Again. I have more material for the newsletter than I can squeeze in again. I still have not forgotten anyone who has submitted something and will get everything in. What a great situation to be in trying to shoe horn it all in.

I was recently in New Orleans for the first time and did a drive by on the hotel and it looks great and right in the middle of the French Quarter. Walking distance to much to see, do and eat.

Next time we should have a report back from the return to Vietnam patrol.

Thanks much for the help.

Ken



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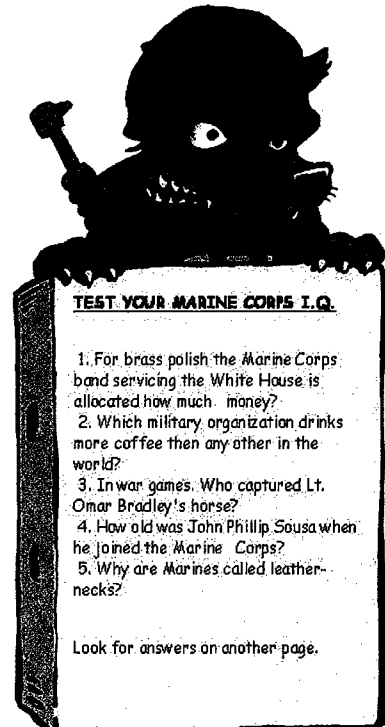
I have been made aware, since the last newsletter of the passing of two of our Fox 2/5 brothers:

PFC Philip Steve Cabanzo from Panama City Fl, Date of death 9/16/03

1st Sgt Cleo Lee, Fox Co. '67-68, Date of death 1/5/05

Our thoughts and prayers are with these and all our fallen comrades, their families and friends.

Visit the FoxCo website for our KIA / Deceased list.



FOX 2/5 Reunion 2006 - New Orleans

July 26th - 28th

Greetings,

The **2006 Fox 2/5 Reunion** is fast approaching. Planning is moving along very nicely. The Planning Committee has selected The Omni Royal Orleans Hotel, which is located in the French Quarter District.

The Room rates are:

European Petite Queen:	\$69.00	Superior King:	\$89.00
(25 rooms @ this rate)		Superior Double/Double:	\$99.00
Deluxe Queen:	\$89.00		
Deluxe Twin/Twin:	\$89.00	ADA Rooms	\$89.00

(Hotel has 2 of these)

When booking your room, let the hotel know you are w/**The FOX 2/5 Reunion**. The Central Reservation number is: **1-800-578-0500**. The room rates are offered for three days before and three days after the reunion dates.

Reservations must be made on or before May 15, 2006.

New Orleans has plenty to offer. The hotel is within walking distance to many attractions: Aquarium of the Americas, The River Walk, The Old French Market, Jackson Square, The House of Blues, and Harrah's Casino, just to name a few. There are other attractions for all ages nearby. The nightlife and restaurants is what New Orleans is best known for.

As we move forward in our planning, please advise us of the following:

- #1- Are you planning to attend the Reunion?
- #2- Are you planning to bring young folks?
(Would they go to Six Flags over New Orleans)
- #3- Would you attend a trip to Belle Chase NAS?
(The Air Station is 25 miles from New Orleans)
- #4- Are you planning to fly or drive in?

In closing, we look forward in hearing from you (the sooner the better) on the 2006 Reunion. I can be reached at:

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Semper Fi

Harry J. Albert

Reunion Chairman

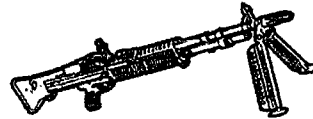
In a later newsletter, there will be a registration form that you will let you know the cost of Banquet and trips. You will



MEMORIAL DAY at the WALL in DC

This Memorial Day at the Wall in Washington DC is going to be a special event for some members of the Fox 2/5 family. Glenda Carter who wrote her story in the book "Sacred Shadow, Sacred Ground" about A Vietnam War Widow's Journey Through Unresolved Grief is going to place a copy of the book at the Wall.

With her will be family members and friends of her husband Bruce Carter and the six other men who died on September 11, 1968. The family members would like to meet some of the men from Fox 2/5 who served with these Marines. We would like to organize a meeting place for this to happen. If any of you are planning to visit the Wall on Memorial Day please contact Chris Brown at day- (212) 894-9225; evening- (631) 499-8739 or email me at: chris.brown@xlgroup.com.



"Gunner's Glory: Untold Stories of Marine Machine Gunners"

This book was written by Johnnie Clark. It is a compilation of stories about famous Marine machine gunners. One of the chapters is dedicated to PFC Melvin E. Newlin who was killed July 4, 1967. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions. The story is written based upon accounts of some of the men who were with him. Quoted in the book are Thom Searfoss, Michael Harris, Dean Johnson, Don Rouzan, Bob Bowermaster, Ray Alvey and Roger Hug. They all gave their accounts of the actions at Nong Son that led to Melvin's heroics.

If you are interested here is the information:

Title: Gunner's Glory: Untold Stories of Marine Machine Gunners

Author: Johnnie M. Clark

Publisher: Ballantine Books

Available from Amazon.com but any bookstore can order it for you if they don't have it in stock.

Newsletter

Your contributions to the Fox 2/5 newsletter are welcome, encouraged even necessary.

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ANSWERS TO MARINE CORP

I.Q. TEST:

1. \$112,359.00
2. Cut down on the caffeine Doc., the United States Navy.
3. Sgt. Louis Chesty Puller
4. 13 years old
5. For there collars they wore in colonial times. To protect their necks from saber cuts.

Return to Vietnam - 2005

The itinerary is set and at last count about 10 (Marines only) are signed up for the trip. The 14 day tour has an ambitious schedule no room to be laying around malingering. Those of us who will remain in the rear will look forward to some great pics and sea stories for New Orleans in July next year. We hope to experience the trip, if only vicariously on your journey at the reunion. With your travel date looming up I am sure all will join me in wishing everyone a memorable, satisfying and safe trip.

Battlefield Expeditions is the tour host and the tour guide Bill Stillwagon.

I suspect it may be too late to join in on this expedition but if you have any future interests contact Chris Brown, 9 Alister Circle, E. Northport, NY 11731, Home - (631) 499-8739, Work - (212) 894-9225
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The reason for that is that once you have attended you can't help but want to come back. My suggestion to all of you is to get out that old coffee can, cut a hole in the top and start putting away a few bucks a week so you can come and join in on the fun with your Fox family.

In closing I mentioned in the last newsletter that some of us are planning a trip back to Vietnam. The trip is from May 9 - 22, 2005. We plan on visiting all the places where Fox 2/5 was during its 5 years in

country. We plan on taking a lot of pictures and video and saying special prayers for our KIA's at the sites where they died. If there are any special requests from any of you please feel free to write me and we will try to accommodate your request.

As always,

Semper Par
Chris

**Canadians in Vietnam?**

How many of us know of Canadians who served in Vietnam? I for one did not until Chris Brown forwarded a copy of an e-mail from Alex Kandic in which Alex was recommending an article on the subject. Alex mentioned how proud he was of his service with the Marines in Vietnam. And apparently the Canadians are well represented in the rolls of Medal of Honor recipients. <http://www.historytelevision.ca/monthlyFeatures/Vietnam/canadians/> Well for some reason the article did not come through to me but also in Alex's email was a website for History Television.

This newsletter will most likely publish too late but there is a program on the History Channel on Sat. April 9th at 8:00pm EST. It is titled "Vietnam: Canada's Unknown War". Maybe it will be repeated, I hope.

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BRANSON, MISSOURI
America's Year-Round Home
For Veteran's Activities

Thirty years have passed since the end of the Vietnam War. During those three decades, the brave men and women who served in that conflict have never been given the recognition they deserve for their heroic sacrifices in service to our country. Now, the time for that recognition has come. **Welcome Home...America's Tribute to Vietnam Veterans** will be the homecoming celebration they never received. <http://www.operationhomecomingusa.com/>

Many of you may have already encountered this online but for those of you who don't have internet access this is, as it is described in the graphic and above text a homecoming event for Vietnam era veterans. I encourage you to go to the web site and check it out. I apologize if the graphic above does not print well.

Bobby Smith is going and thought if anyone else from the Fox 2/5 Association is going maybe they would want to hook up while they were there. Bobby has agreed to coordinate on behalf of the association. Here is his contact information.

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