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First Aircraft (A4C) Charlie Echo # 6 Bu # 147779 from Marine Attack Squadron (VMA) 225 arrives at Taxiway at Chu Lai on June 1, 1965. Aircraft is being piloted by Marine Aircraft Group 12 Commanding Officer Col. John Noble



USO show with Martha Raye horsing around with the Marines of MAG 12 at Chu Lai Aug. 1965



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ...



Semper Fi Marines . Hope all is well with you and yours and you are enjoying this summer . It has been a very sad winter as we lost a few members . Jeff Burstein was with us in Pensacola and now is gone too early . I will always remember him as a friend , Marine and at times a pain in the ass . He would piss you off in one second and then have a drink and laugh with you a minute later . I will miss you brother. Until we meet again in our Marine heaven because we have spent our time in Hell !

I also had the honor to attend the burial of our Marine and Mustanger Captain William ' BILL ' Welch Jr. in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors !. I was accompanied by our founding father Rob Waters, Our Treasurer Jerry Sergeant and life member Dave Horne. Mary Welch, his widow will try to make our next reunion in San Diego to honor him.

On that note I just spoke with the manager of The Double Tee in San Diego and they have offered us the weekend of Jun 1-4 , 2017 at a rate of about \$ 175.00 (rate good for 3 days before and 3 days after) includes breakfast, and a shuttle pass for the weekend and of course their world famous warm chocolate chip cookies at the front desk. I'm planning a trip for mid September to sign contracts and open doors at MCRD and also Miramar So far they have agreed to all my demands and await our arrival. Planning a China Beach night again with a BBQ by the pool. SAVE THE DATE PLEASE !!!

Once again a reminder to send in your stories and pictures on our Website and also on Facebook and also please send in your dues and we (Jerry Sergeant) also accept donations for our Scholarship. If you have any grand children in or entering college please submit their application.

SEMPER FI !!!

Your President

Frank(PACO) Arce



MEMBERSHIP NOTES

DUES RENEWALS

Please send in your yearly dues of \$25.00. Send them to:

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c/o Jerry Sergeant—Membership
5282 Ousterhout Drive
Sterling, MI 48659

Any questions contact Jerry Sergeant jleesarge@hotmail.com. Subject should say First maw.

ELECTRONIC SCOOP

The Electronic Scoop list is growing. Any other members who desires to receive their “Scoop” electronically in order to reduce mailing and publishing costs please contact Al Frater at teanal@optonline.net and please cc Frank Arce at frankpaco69@aol.com. Those members who have requested an electronic SCOOP will be removed from the mailing list as requested.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED - UPDATE

Volunteers are always welcomed for Veterans day at the wall. For those who live near Quantico VA and the National Museum of the Marine Corps The Heritage Foundation is seeking tour Guides for the Museum. Training will be provided. Contact the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation at 703-640-7965..

PX

We have removed the PX page from this issue due to some price changes and that we were getting very few inquiries. However if you want to order any 1st MAW stuff please call Frank Arce 646-752-0447 or email him at frankpaco692aol.com

NEW WEB PAGE URL

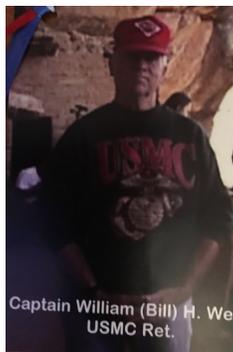
Our WEB page is now up and running thanks to the effort of Manty Hopey.
<http://firstmaw.homestead.com>

1st MAW NOW ON FACEBOOK

We are now moving to the modern age and have a Group on FACEBOOK. If you are a FACEBOOK user please join our Group. at “**First Marine Air wing Association - Vietnam Service**”. If you are not a FACEBOOK member, join FACEBOOK and our Group. Information and photos will continue to be posted on our group. Please post any pictures or comments on our group.

IN MEMORIAM

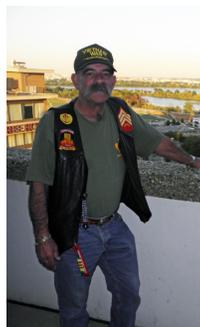
Bill Welsh



Captain William Harris Welsh Jr. USMC (Ret) died 4 days after his 83rd Birthday at Grants Pass Oregon on July 26, 2015. Bill didn't die in Viet Nam BUT BECAUSE he was stationed in Viet Nam. He suffered PTSD. He was a victim of Agent Orange and suffered the complications that eventually caused his death. Although he was first born to William H. and Beatrice Patterson Welch in Canandaigua NY he always said his life began when he joined the Marine Corps.

Lets Remember Bill

Jeff Burstein



AGE: 69 •

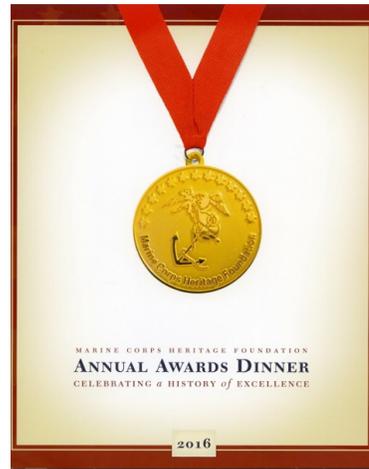
Jeffrey Warren Burstein died February 14, 2016 in Sun City Center FL. He was 69. A veteran of the [Vietnam War](#), he served in the [United States Marine Corps](#) from February 1964 to February 1969. Mr. Burstein is survived by his son Maxwell Sebastian, his two brothers, Nissen and Lee Burstein, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mr. Burstein was born June 27, 1946 in Philadelphia, PA to his parents Charles and Geraldine Burstein. He graduated from Germantown High in 1963. In 1964, he joined the armed forces. He served overseas for two tours in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged in 1969. Following his military service he traveled extensively and worked for many years as a general contractor. Mr. Burstein was known for his gregarious nature, and abilities as a raconteur. A few short paragraphs are insufficient to communicate the loss of this singular individual, but know this, the world is much worse off without him.

Lets Remember Jeff

1st MAW Association member honored for his service on early planning committee to build Marine Corps Museum

At the April 2016 Marine Corps Heritage Foundation annual awards dinner held in the atrium of National Museum of the Marine Corps, Dave Hugel along with eleven other Marines were honored for serving on the committee that proposed building the Marine Corps Museum. The inscription on the award certificate, recognized their vision of what would become the Marine Corps Heritage Center for their “unique and significant service to the foundation in the fulfillment of its mission.”



MCHF President, Lt. Gen. Rusty Blackman pins a medal around Dave Hugel’s neck as he joins the other Heritage Award recipients on stage with the installed restored UH-34 helicopter as a backdrop.

PX

We now have available Auto window stickers. Each one costs \$5.00 including shipping. Anyone interested in purchasing them you can either contact me at 201-907-1197 or email me at teanal@optonline.net or send a check to

Al Frater
524 Sagamore Ave
Teaneck NJ 07666



Marine Humor Come Here Turd!

In 1960 I was a senior Drill Instructor at the San Diego Recruit Depot. The morning routine was for the DIs to awake before reveille. No recruits were permitted to be out of their Quonset Huts at that time. One particular morning I and Sgt. Black, the junior DI, were standing outside on the platoon street drinking coffee as daylight broke through. Sgt. Black sighted something out of the corner of his eye (he the recon Marine). I heard him bellow, "Come here turd!" at this short, sulking figure in utilities buttoned at the top (as required of recruits). The figure rushed over to us and stood at rigid attention. Only then did Black and I recognize the figure as Lt Gen Victor Krulak, Commanding Officer of the Recruit Depot (and father of the future 31st Commandant). Apparently the General's wandering was his covert observation of conditions to ensure his dictates were being followed. One of these policies was that recruits be addressed as "Private" and not by derogatory terms (a policy generally ignored by DIs, tradition not so easily dispensed with). Sgt. Black and I immediately knew we were in deep do-do. "How do you address recruits, Sergeants" Without missing a beat, Sgt. Black, now at attention, answered, "Sir, 'Turd' is the acronym that stands for Trainee Undergoing Rigid Discipline." A moment of silence ... then the General cracked a smile and ordered, "Very well, carry on." He then strolled off to another area.

Semper Fi!!

Marine Corps Museum Expansion Rolls On David H. Hugel

If you haven't visited the National Museum of the Marine Corps lately, you're in for a treat the next time you do. In early April, two new aviation exhibits went on public display in the museum's glass atrium known as Leatherneck Gallery. A UH-34D Sikorsky helicopter that saw extensive combat action in Vietnam and a restored SBD Dauntless dive bomber, flown by Marines during WWII will command visitor's attention.

In pervious issues of The Scoop Sheet, I have written about the restoration of the UH-34D helicopter with YN-19 markings, and it's donation to the NMMC by the Marines Helicopter Squadron 361 Veterans Association. One of the articles included an artist's rendering of how the helicopter would be displayed when the exhibit was scheduled to open during the early spring of 2016. The long wait is finally over, and visitors to the museum can now see the helicopter. As you look at the photos accompanying this article, that I recently took of the aircraft, you will notice that that the helicopter is missing its main and tail rotors. A sign posted at the exhibit explains why. The rotors could not be installed because of continuing construction activities related to the museum's expansion on the other side of the false wall behind the exhibit. They will be added as soon as that construction work is completed, and wall is removed.

The Douglas SBD-3 dive bomber recently added to the museum's aviation exhibits has been called the finest Marine dive-bomber of WWII. The aircraft was acquired by the museum in 2005 and is documented to have served with several Marine Corps aviation units during WWII, but never flew any combat missions. Restoration of the aircraft that began in 2009 required more than 65,000 hours, according to the museum's aviation curator Ben Kristy, who added that the effort required the replacement of 8,000 rivets on the center section of the fuselage alone. The Dauntless is displayed suspended from the atrium in a simulated bombing run.

Another new feature museum visitor encounter find is the Timothy T. Day Overlook in Semper Fidelis Memorial Park, adjacent to the museum. It was built with a generous donation from former Marine, Timothy T. Day, who founded Bar-S Foods. The overlook, dedicated last year, offers visitors a scenic vista along the park's memorial lined paths.

The expansion of the NMMC is a multi year project. According to a recent MCHF news release, in 2017 a two-story, giant-screen theater with a 350-seat capacity will open that will feature a film about the celebrated history of the Marine Corps with a focus on the modern day Marine. The following year, a gallery depicting Marine Corps service in regional conflicts and in humanitarian relief missions after the Vietnam War, including those in Beirut, Grenada and the Persian Gulf, will open to visitors. The Global War on Terror gallery will open at the same time, telling the latest chapter of Marine Corps history following the attacks of September 11, 2001. These two galleries will feature an impressive collection of large artifacts.

The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation continues to provide critical financial support for the National Museum of the Marine Corps' expansion efforts. To make a contribution to the museum expansion, contact its web site, www.marineheritage.org



The starboard side view of the new UH-34D exhibit of Marines from Hotel Company 2/4 disembarking into a landing zone during Operation Starlight in August 1965.

A sign posted at the exhibit explains why the helicopter's main and tail rotors are missing. They could not be installed because of the false wall behind the exhibit, but will be added as soon as that construction work is completed, and wall is removed.



Port side view YN-19 that has just disembarked Marines in the landing zone, as the M-60 machine gunner stands ready to provide fire support if needed.



The Douglas SBD-3 dive bomber undergoing the final stages of more than 65,000 hours of restoration needed before being installed in the NMMC.



The Dauntless is displayed suspended from the atrium of the NMMC in a simulated bombing run.



The Timothy T. Day, Overlook in Semper Fidelis Memorial Park, adjacent to the museum. The overlook gives visitors a scenic vista along the park's memorial lined paths.

1st MAW member Dave Hugel Appears in Maryland Public Television Vietnam War Documentary

In November 2014, Maryland's Public Television station (MPT) launched an ambitious project to document the experiences of Marylanders who served during the Vietnam War. In the first phase of the project, MPT identified Maryland Vietnam veterans and conducted listening sessions around the state where executive producer Ken Day heard the stories of more than 300. From this group, Day selected nearly 100 veterans, representing all branches of the armed forces from the war's earliest years through its final days, to interview on videotape for the documentary.

Dave Hugel, who lives near Annapolis, Maryland, was selected to talk about his experiences during the war's early days. Dave served in Vietnam as a photographer for nine months during 1963- 1964 covering early Marine Corps helicopter operations in I Corps supporting America's Vietnamese allies, for which Commandant Wallace M. Greene, Jr. personally recognized his contribution to preserving the history of that period. Another 1st MAW Marine appearing in the documentary is Wayne "Mac"McNeir, who lives in Anne Arundel County, Maryland served with MABS-16 at the Da Nang airbase base during SHUFLY Operations in 1963.

Maryland Public Television (MPT) airs the film, Maryland Vietnam War Stories, on May 24, 25 and 26 at 8 pm (EDT). Thereafter, it may air in local markets across the country under the name American War Stories: Vietnam. To learn if the documentary is playing in your locale, check your local TV listings or call your local public TV station. (Public TV stations may use the film immediately or possibly show it in the coming months or around Veterans Day.)

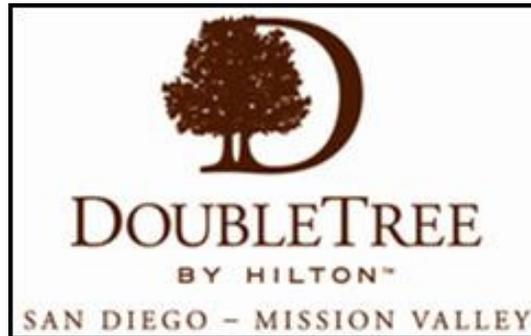


Dave Hugel being interviewed by executive producer Ken Day for the MPT documentary about Marylanders who served during the Vietnam War.



"Mac"McNeir, in the MCL shirt and desert camouflage cover, and Dave Hugel were among the nearly 100 Maryland Marines who appeared in the MPT documentary were honored in a pregame ceremony at an April Baltimore Orioles game

REUNION 2107



Reunion 2017 will be on June 1-4 2017 in San Diego. At the San Diego Doubletree. Rooms will be \$175 including a 3 day trolley Pass. If you would like a room but do not want a Trolley Pass the room will be \$159. The contracts have not been signed yet so **do not** make your reservation until we let you hear from us.

We will have hospitality room, China Beach Night, banquet as usual and free internet. More detail will follow after the contract is signed





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We are a fraternal organization of Marines and others who were attached to or supported First MAW units serving in the Vietnam War. The organization was founded in 1986 and incorporated as a not-for-profit entity in New York State in 1988. Our purpose is to reunite members of the First MAW either through scheduled reunions or by means of our newsletter, web site, or other various functions. The organization strives to disseminate information about our history as well as about legislation, entitlements, and welfare involving First MAW members.