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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ...

To: ALMARFIRSTMAWASSOCIATION

From: Association President

Subj: Presidents Message

Marines, this is the second Scoop since the last reunion and I know many members did not receive the last issue. Many problems occur when there is a change over of those few doing the work. I could bore you with the details but as we Marines all know the ultimate responsibility is mine and I accept all and any blame for the shortcomings of this Association since the last reunion. Enough said!

The important thing is our next reunion in Branson Missouri 28 June 2007 - 1 July 2007. The activities planned are great and the room rates are low, (\$64) However, you can upgrade to a suite for a mere \$99 per night. We have a riverboat cruise and dinner show planned, a reunion golf shirt is included too. As always we will have a hospitality room. But, this year all the details are being handled by THE REUNION BRATS , registration, check in, stocking the hospitality room etc. so that everyone can enjoy the reunion. We even has an optional show for early arrivers. Everything is "a la carte" you pick and choose what you want to attend and refunds are available up to the published dates on the application so register and send in your money as soon as possible. When we were in New Orleans the Association picked up the tab for the river cruise. Since our Association is essentially a "last Man's Club" membership is below 500 members and monies needed to publish the Scoop and other functional details, the treasury is dwindling and we cannot pay for the cruise. Hence, it is "pick and choose" what you want and what you can afford. The low cost of the rooms should offset many of the activities that would go for rooms if we were in a high cost location. Every reunion is done with the best intentions and job that I can provide to our membership.

Elections will be held at the next reunion and I can be reelected one more time and will run if nominated. Anyone wishing to put their hat in the ring is welcome to the task. Please call me (914) 461-3476 or email me at yw37@optonline.net if you have any questions or comments.

Anyone who can assist with the wreath laying at the Wall this Veteran's day please contact me. P.S. Regarding the passing of my father he served with the 5th U.S. Army Air Force, the US. Air Force didn't come into existence until the National Defense Act of 1947. For those who think World War Two Army aviation units were part of the Army Air Corps (in spite of their song) the Army Air Corps officially went out of existence with the National Defense Act of September 1941. This was done in order to increase the size of the Force and increase billets for the expected war.

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Yours in Patriotism

Semper Fidelis



MEMBERSHIP NOTES

DUES RENEWALS

So far this year, the dues renewal rate continues to be **very** good! You guys are doing a great job! Please keep it up, and a **Thank You** goes out to all of you.. Later this year, the reminders will go out for the Life Members who are on the installment plan (a good deal!). But if this means YOU, you can help by sending in your installment payment ahead of time to save us some work.

FMAW SEABAG

Electronic Scoop

Any members who desires to receive their “Scoop” electronically in order to reduce mailing and publishing costs please contact Wayne Cook at wayco@comcast.net and please cc Phil Beckerich at yw37@optonline.net and Al Frater at teanal@verizon.net .

VOLUNTEER NEEDED - UPDATE

Volunteers are always welcomed for Memorial Day and 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..

EDITORS NOTES

My name is Al Frater and will now be editing the “Scoop” I was in Da Nang and Chu Lai in 1965-66 with VMFA 323..Please send any articles you would like put in the “Scoop” to teanal@verizon.net. .

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

One of the options for the future of this Association is to become a special chapter of the Marine Corps Aviation Association. This will permit the Association to exist as the membership continues to diminish with time. The choice seems that we either open up membership or become a chapter of a larger organization.

THE VIETNAM FILES

If anyone would like to tell their Vietnam and Marine Corps experiences on a TV show please let me know. My Marine Corps League Detachment produced a Cable TV show where we interview former Marines. We have interviewed Marines from WW1, WW2, Korea, Vietnam, Dessert Storm and Iraq. The taping is done in a cablevision studio in Teaneck NJ. Our TV show runs weekly on Cablevision in NJ. You will be given a tape that you could give to your local Cable company who will run it locally. All of our tapes are also sent to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation for their historical files. If you are interested please call Al Frater 201-836-6329 or email me at teanal@verizon.net.

TAPS

No Report

2007 Reunion

Applications are included in this Scoop.

PX Items

Note from the PX Manager: I have been working on putting up our items on the web for order. Some issues have come up to keep me from completing that task. I hope to have this done by the end of the summer. At that time you will be able to go online and order whatever item you see that is in stock. The only way we can do this currently is by check or Paypal. I am investigating other ways as I can find them. Some software actually allows for credit card use for a monthly fee. I have found this to be on the expensive side where we pay just for what we use with Paypal. If you know of a way to do this, please shoot me an email so that we can get this implemented.

I will have some of the items listed below that will be in the PX. Remember, if you order something and it comes in a size, and color, make sure you list that on ordering. (actually, I have batteries coming for my crystal ball <g>)



Natural Death \$18 Blue, red, green First MAW Logo\$18 Pilots, air crew, combat Burgandy, green, navy, red
air crew, EGA SH: \$1.80

Hat Doobers \$3, S&H \$0.50; FMAW Challenge Coin \$7 SH: \$0.80

Checks need to be made out to First MAW Association-Vietnam Service. Send payments to

First Marine Air Wing Association-Vietnam Service PX 19605 SE 23rd Street Sammamish, WA 98075

Check out the First MAW Association-Vietnam Service PX

- http://1stmaw.wamarinesmc.us/mawpx/index.php?main_page=index



FIRSTMAW SEABAG (Continued)

First MAW Association-Vietnam Service
(Repeated from the last Scoop for those members who did not receive the last Scoop)

From: Jack Vanko March 20, 2006

To: Membership Committee

Minutes from meeting concerning opening up membership to other than Vietnam Service

Attending: Jack Vanko, Joe Amant, Dieter Liepert, Rob Milburn. Date: 25 Feb. 2006

It was agreed by those in attendance that this Committee has been appointed and assembled for the purpose of evaluating options and to make subsequent recommendations to the Board of Directors on the subject of opening up the Association Membership to others beyond our current Membership Category Requirements.

It was agreed that a fixed recommendation is that, despite any future Membership requirements changes, if any, the organization would stay as the “First Marine Aircraft Wing Association”.

The Committee will explain to the general Membership, via the Newsletter, what our current Membership requirements are.

After discussion, the Committee agreed that the following four Membership requirement options are being considered for recommendation at this time:

1. A-Direct combat service in First Marine Aircraft Wing operations.
B-Direct support of FMAW combat operations.
C-Related support of FMAW combat operations.
2. Out of the operational theater, but documented service in units that directly supported FMAW combat operations.
3. All personnel who served with FMAW regardless of time period served (much like the First and Third Marine Division Associations).
4. Membership would still be limited to only those Marine Corps, Naval, and other US and Allied military personnel who served in, or served in a support capacity for the FMAW, Except those discharged or separated from military service under conditions other than an “Honorable” character of service.

The committee discussed methods of documenting and verifying FMAW service, or support service for Membership eligibility for any future Membership requirement changes, and has not decided on any recommendations at this time. This topic will remain for future discussion and recommendations.

It was further agreed that the Committee will disseminate the information contained in this document to the general Membership via the next edition of the Association Newsletter. Further, it was agreed that the Committee will convene for another session after this information is published.

Cordially;

Jack Vanko
Chairman

18th DMZ TO Delta[®] Dance

Vietnam Veterans of America Inc. ® Chapter 227

WHEN: November 10, 2006

TIME: 8:00 PM TO Midnight

AT THE HOLIDAY INN – ROSSLYN at Key Bridge, Virginia

Near Marine Corps War Memorial and Minutes by METRO to THE WALL, Arlington National Cemetery, and Washington National Airport

1900 N. FORT MYER DRIVE, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22209

(703) 807-2000 OR (800) 368-3408



\$ 30.00 PER PERSON

ADMISSION PRICE INCLUDES

Vietnam Veteran Camaraderie

Veteran's Collectibles

Dancing

Cash Bar

Finger Food

50/50 Raffle

Silent Auction

Free Parking

PRE-DANCE WARM-UP

Free Admission, Next to the Ballroom

TIME: 7:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

*** Cash Bar**

Finger Food *

Hosted by Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., Chapter 227, Dean K. Phillips Memorial Chapter

• P.O. Box 5653, Arlington, Virginia 22205 • Tel: 703-912-1681 • www.geocities.com/vva227

18th Annual "DMZ TO Delta"® DANCE

Vietnam Veterans of America Inc. Chapter 227

DATE: NOVEMBER 10, 2006

TIME: 8:00 PM TO MIDNIGHT

All veterans, their families, and their friends are welcome. The dance salutes all who served our Country. The dance proceeds support the chapter's veteran and community service programs

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS **HOLIDAY INN ROSSLYN at Key Bridge** **1900 N. Ft. Myer Dr., Arlington, Va.**

For Hotel Reservations, call 1-800-368-3408, ask for Reservation Code: VIE

Located in Rosslyn, Virginia, at the crossroads of I-66 and U.S. 50 and across from Georgetown.
Special room rate of \$ 100 plus tax for single/double occupancy.
Reservation cut-off date is October 27, 2006
Credit card is needed to guarantee the reservation.
Free parking.
Rosslyn METRO Subway Station is 1-1/2 blocks.
Ride METRO to THEWALL, Washington National Airport, and Arlington National Cemetery.

DANCE TICKET ORDER FORM_{URA}

I want to order _____ tickets at \$30 per person. \$ _____
I cannot attend, but I want to purchase _____ guest tickets
(Gold Star Mother, guest veteran) \$ _____
I want to make a donation \$ _____
TOTAL PAYMENT: \$ _____

Please mail my tickets to the following address:

NAME: _____ EMAIL (Optional) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: _____

Ticket orders received after October 30, 2006 will be held at the Will Call Desk, which opens at 7:00 pm. Questions, call 703-912-1681 or visit our website at www.geocities.com/vva227. Please make your check payable to **Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. Chapter 227**, and mail your ticket order to: Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. Chapter 227
P.O. Box 5653
Arlington, Virginia 22205

First Marine Aircraft Wing Association (Vietnam Service) Reunion

June 28-July 1, 2007

~~ Branson, Missouri ~~

To be held at the Settle Inn Resort and Conference Center, 3850 Green Mountain Dr., Branson Missouri. Room rates are only \$64 per night, plus tax and include a deluxe continental breakfast each morning! Themed Jacuzzi Suites are available at just \$99 a night plus tax! Parking at the hotel is free! Commemorative Polo Shirt and Hospitality room stocked w/ snacks, beverages and cocktails throughout the weekend will be included the registration fees. Tentative itinerary will be (we always adapt and overcome):

Thursday June 28th

*Registration and Hospitality Room opens
7-10 pm Show- #1 Hit's of the 60's***

Friday June 29th

*9-4 pm City & Marine Corps Legacy Museum Tour**
6:45-11 pm Branson Belle Dinner Show and Cruise**
China Beach Night following return from Show*

Saturday June 30th

*9-11 am Business Meeting
6-12 pm Banquet Dinner and Dance*

Sunday July 1st

10:30-12 pm Farewell Brunch

Call the Settle Inn Resort and Conference Center at 1-800-677-6906 no later than May 28, 2007 to make your hotel reservations. Be sure to mention you are with the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Association Reunion to get the group rates. Rates are available 3 days before and 3 days after should you choose to extend your stay.

Show Information

***Note show costs not included in registration fees*

#1 Hits of the 60's *As part of a new generation of Branson Shows that offer up Magic, Acrobatics, Irish Song & Dance, Decade Themes from the 50's, 60's & 70's, Classical Music, Big Band Jazz as well as Broadway Shows and Show Tunes, #1 HITS OF THE 60's is two hours of High Energy, Non-Stop Singing and Dancing featuring 12 of the finest Singer/Actor/Dancers & Musicians to be found ANYWHERE!*

Showboat Branson Belle- *Cruise on beautiful Table Rock Lake and you enjoy a fantastic dinner. This is Branson's most popular show offering a patriotic theme and a variety of top entertainment!*

COME JOIN US AS WE SHARE OLD MEMORIES AND MAKE NEW ONES!!!

For More Information:

Contact Phil Beckerich

Phone: (914)461-3476 Email: yw37@optonline.net

Or

Contact: The Reunion BRAT

Phone: (360)663-2521 Email: Info@TheReunionBRAT.com

REGISTRATION FORM

YES SIGN ME UP FOR THE FRIST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING ASSN VIETNAM SERVICE
2007 REUNION!!!

NAME _____

NICKNAME/CALL SIGN _____

YEAR/UNIT (ie 67-68 MAG 11) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

NAME OF YOUR GUESTS _____

BANQUET MEAL SELECTION: BEEF _____ CHICKEN _____ VEGETARIAN _____

SHIRT SIZE (S) S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ OTHER _____

(NOTE NO SIZE CHANGES ONCE ORDERED)

PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIAL NEEDS: _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY NOTIFY _____

IS THIS YOUR FIRST REUNION? YES: _____ NO: _____

REGISTRATION FEES

NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING	_____	x	\$127	=	_____
OPTIONAL #1 HITS OF THE 60'S SHOW #	_____	x	\$22	=	_____
CITY/MARINE MUSEUM TOUR #	_____	x	\$21	=	_____
BRANSON BELL DINNER SHOWBOAT #	_____	x	\$59	=	_____
TOTAL ENCLOSED				=	_____

PAYMENT IS DUE NO LATER THAN MAY 28, 2007

PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS AND MADE PAYABLE TO:

THE REUNION BRAT

50721 State Hwy 410 E
Greenwater, WA 98022
(360)663-2521

Confirmation of Registration and Itinerary will be sent out by June 10, 2007 A \$20 per person cancellation fee will apply to all cancellations received within 30 days of the event. Cancellations received within 10 days of the event will be non-refundable. Call the Settle Inn at 1-800-677-6906 no later than May 28, 2007 to make your hotel reservations. Be sure to mention you are with the 1st Marine Reunion to receive your group rate of \$64 a night, plus tax. These prices are available 3 days prior to and after your event should you choose to extend your stay. For photos of Settle Inn visit [www.need site here](#)
We'll see you soon in beautiful Branson Missouri !!

HERITAGE MUSEUM

Fellow First MAW Marines this article is about the dedication of the Museum of the Marine Corps scheduled for 10 Nov '06 , here are the details:

The formal dedication of the National Museum of the Marine Corps Heritage Center will occur at 1400 on 10 November 2006 -- the 231st anniversary of the United States Marine Corps. The Ceremonies represent a special opportunity for the project's supporters to celebrate the creation of a magnificent new complex dedicated to the commemoration of Marine service throughout our nation's history. Dedication of the National Museum has required intricate planning, particularly with respect to registering and providing tickets to donors who have supported the campaign. The information below is a summation of information which continues to be transmitted to our donors, to best accommodate those who wish to attend.

15,000 GUESTS EXPECTED

A large number of guests are expected to attend the dedication ceremony on 10 November 2006. Space limitations allow for up to 15,000 participants at the ceremonies. The majority of participants will be Marine Corps Heritage Foundation donors and members. Foundation donors and members were previously sent special invitation mailings; respondents have received registration instructions, event schedules and early logistical details.

The remaining guests will include invited dignitaries including the President of the United States and other federal, state and local elected officials; the senior leadership of the Marine Corps and other active duty Marines; and numerous other project stake holders and well wishers.

All registered guests will receive advance official credentials to provide admission to reserved seating at the dedication ceremony.

BUS SHUTTLE TO OFF SITE PARKING

With insufficient parking space on site to accommodate the anticipated high guest count, an off site parking and bus shuttle transportation plan is being implemented to streamline site access. In all, a fleet of more than 200 buses will shuttle guests from the parking facilities to the Heritage Center campus at Quantico and back. As noted above, detailed information on logistics, including parking and transportation, continues to be transmitted to registered guests.

PREPROGRAM

As guests arrive, they will be entertained with a preprogram of field music and other activities. Featured participants include the United States Marine Band and the Drum & Bugle Corps. Also featured will be American Idol participant Sergeant Josh Grayson, USMC. Excerpts from the new PBS TV special, "The Marines," to be broadcast early in 2007, will be shown on large screens adjacent to the main podium and seating areas in the Heritage Center entry plaza. The festive, celebratory atmosphere will be enhanced with a variety of static displays and concessions.

DEDICATION CEREMONY

The formal dedication ceremony will begin at 1400. Here is the ceremonial sequence:

- Flag pageant, during which the organizational colors of the Marine Corps will be massed and presented.
- Honors to the President of the United States.
- 21-gun salute.
- Singing of the National Anthem.
- Invocation.
- Introductions and comments from dignitaries, including the President of the United States.
- Flyover by F/A-18 aircraft.
- Singing of the Marines' Hymn.

NATIONAL MUSEM TOURS

Guests will be able to tour the newly opened National Museum at the conclusion of dedication ceremonies. However, many registrants already have opted to join the group tours that will be offered continuously on 11 November and 12 November. Participants in the group tours will have more time to view the Museum and will do so with expert docent guidance. Guests are encouraged to register for group tours on the two days following dedication in order to appreciate the new facility to the fullest. According to Lt Gen Ron Christmas, USMC (RET). "The Marine Corps and Marine Corps Heritage foundation - the project's longtime public/private partners - view the upcoming dedication ceremonies a special celebratory opportunity for those individuals and organizations who made the National Museum and Heritage Center become a reality. We warmly welcome those whose staunch support is making possible the opening of this newest national treasure and thank them for al their generosity and hard work"

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The First MAW Association will award four scholarships of \$500 each during Reunion '07. To qualify for a scholarship, applicants must meet the following qualifications:

- Be a First MAW Assn. regular member in good standing (i.e., dues are up to date), their spouse, dependent, or direct descendent. Further, the member must have a minimum of one-year membership as of June 1, 2006.
- OR-
- Be a spouse, dependent, or direct descendent of a deceased member of the First MAW Assn.
- OR-
- Be a spouse, dependent, or direct descendent of a Marine or member of another military service, who lost his/her life while serving in Vietnam with the First Marine Aircraft Wing.
- Applicant must be presently enrolled in an accredited college, university, or trade school and in good academic standing.
- Applicant will be required to submit an essay of 300 – 350 words. The applicant can choose one of the following topics:
Topics will be announced prior to the next reunion

To compete for a scholarship, applicants must submit their essay in accordance with the following instructions:

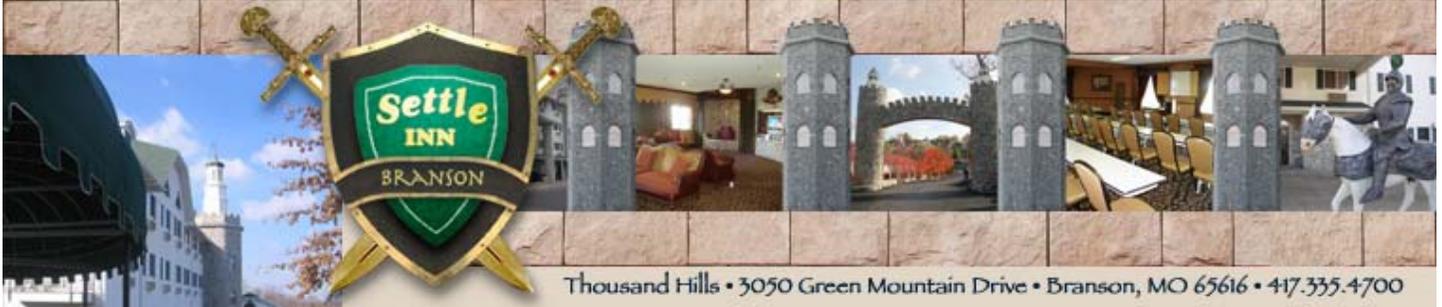
The essay must be typed. Do not include applicants name on the essay. Attach a separate sheet of paper containing applicant's name, member's name and membership number, address, and phone number.

A letter from a counselor or other school official verifying that applicant is currently enrolled. The letter must be on school letterhead.

A copy of student transcripts.

The essay must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2007. Mail the essay to:

First MAW Association – Vietnam Service
PO Box 3532



Settle Inn Resort is our location for our 2007 Reunion. It is very nice and centrally located. You can check it out at this URL: <http://www.bransonsettleinn.com>

**First Marine Aircraft Wing Association –
Vietnam Service
PO Box 3532
Allentown, PA 18106-0532**

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.