

IN MEMORIAM



HARBORSITE NEWSLETTER

It has been brought to the Association's attention that the following Recon Marines have passed away since our last posting of the Harborsite Newsletter. (June 2023)

JOHNNY R. WHITE	H&S CO.	"66"	DOD: 2014
GENE COLLINS	ALPHA CO.	"63"	DOD: 2019
JAMES M. CARTER	BRAVO CO.	"68"	DOD: 10-24-2020
STEVEN A. FAHLSTROM	3RD FORCE	"67"	DOD: 05-30-2022
MICHAEL P. PABST	DELTA CO.	"65"	DOD: 10-17-2022
RANDY L. LEHMANN	DELTA CO.	"66"	DOD: 01-30-2023
ARTHUR WOLF	DELTA CO.	"65"	DOD: 04-09-2023
ROBERT C. KNOWLES	DELTA CO.	"65"	DOD: 07-03-2023
RUDY D. GUTIERREZ	ECHO CO.	"68"	DOD: 07-20-2023
FLOYD A. NAGLER	BRAVO CO.	"69"	DOD: 08-15-2023
THOMAS G. MOLES	DELTA CO.	"68"	DOD: 08-31-2023
JAMES M. SABINS	CHARLIE CO.	"69"	DOD: 09-05-2023
ROY J. SYKES	CHARLIE CO.	"68"	DOD: 06-01-2023
WILLIAM D. SHUMAN LT/COL	CHARLIE CO.	"66"	DOD: 09-29-2023
DONALD T. BITTORF	3RD FORCE	"66"	DOD: 12-17-2022
JERRY E. SILER	ALPHA CO.	"66"	DOD: 09-22-2023
FRED L. BOWLBY	ALPHA CO.	"66"	DOD: 01-07-2023
GERARD J. SHEEHAN JR	CHARLIE CO.	"68"	DOD: 07-22-2023
HOLLIS D. STABLER	BRAVO CO.	"69"	DOD: 11-19-2023
NORMAN G. DILLARD	3RD FORCE	"67"	DOD: 08-10-2023
JAMES D. ELSHOFF	3RD FORCE	"67"	DOD: 05-13-2023
RONALD R. YERMAN	3RD FORCE	"67"	DOD: 12-21-2023
WILLIAM J. MESSNER	CHARLIE CO.	"67"	DOD: 01-18-2024

Their names will be proudly recognized and displayed at our next reunion in Sparks, Nevada. Should any Member have information concerning the recent passing of any additional member, please contact **ROY RAGER @ (404) 520-3059**.

We normally don't post the passing of one's spouse or significant other, but this lady was and had been a long time volunteer with the planning and execution of events with the reunion committee. **"SUNNY" RAGER**, Roy's wife passed away on the 21st of December 2023. She had taken care of our battle colors and streamers and did bar service on many occasions. She will surely be missed by ROY and all of us.

MYRTLE BEACH REUNION

The Association's business meeting, which took place on Wednesday the 11th day of October 2023 was well attended and presided over by **Vice President Peter Person**, as Secretary Steve Lowery was unable to attend the event, his first absence in over twenty years. Reports were submitted and recorded by the respective committee members and executive officers. As submitted by **Treasurer John "Doc" Winters**, the financial status of the Association is in good order and all pending bills have been paid.

The Medal of Honor scholarship/achievement programs for 2023 were completed thanks to the cooperation and coordination of events, checks and certificates by members "Doc" Winters, **Leland Upshaw** along with several presenters, under the guidance and direction of Peter Person.

During the company meetings it was brought to our attention that Charlie Company had elected **Bob McAuley** to fill the vacant position of president. Congratulations and welcome aboard, Bob.

Alpha Company President, **Ray Raymond** pledged another \$1,000 donation for the **FRANK S. REASONER** high school scholarship award for the 2024 academic year. Bravo Company additionally pledged \$1,000 for the 2024 **REASONER** award and it was agreed that \$500 from each Company would be designated for the next two years.

While we're on donations, which are a big plus to making the reunions a success, were **Black Rifle Coffee Company**, who donated \$6,500 worth of coffee and swag items that were added to the raffle tables. **Glock** handguns for providing us with another handgun to raffle off. Ticket sales netted the Association \$1,500 with the winning ticket being drawn by our guest speaker during Saturday night's banquet dinner and the prize going to **Jim Quirk**. **Congratulations Jim!**

The Ladies Auxiliary donated another \$500 this year and **Jeff Yee** donated another \$500. The raffle sale of tickets on Thursday night set a record for the first time eclipsing the \$2000 mark. Congratulations and THANKS to all in attendance that night. **TOTAL WINE & MORE** also donated two wine tasting seminars on Friday at the local Myrtle Beach store and provided discounts on the several cases of wine and gifts purchased for the raffle tables.

Also during the business meeting **Al Mizia** had agreed and accepted the position of Director for the Chesty Award Program. Other members include Leland Upshaw, Jeff Brami and Bob Hoover.

Funds were provided on behalf of the Association, Bravo and Charlie Company's to Cliff Leonard, Delta Company to continue his work with providing sculptured busts of deceased Marines and Navy Corpsmen.

Our guest speaker during the Saturday banquet was recently retired **Colonel Eric Hansen**. Colonel Hansen spent 32 years in the Corps and served tours in Iraq as an Infantry Company Commander with 3rd Battalion 2nd Marines. He was assigned key positions in MARSOC and SOCOM. In 2016 he was board selected to be the Commander of the 3D Reconnaissance Battalion, 3D Marine Division, the highlight of his career. He conducted over four deployments with the 31st MEU before returning to the states to attend the Air War College and graduated with a master's degree in strategic studies. He is the son of Bill and Pat Hansen. Bill is a member of the 3rd Recon Association and served in Bravo Company 3rd Recon 1965-1966 and was in attendance for the reunion. Needless to say, Eric was an outstanding guest speaker and his heart is with us. Thanks to **Al Rooney** for locating Eric and offering him the opportunity to speak, which Al stated he enthusiastically accepted.

Don't forget to book your room **before October 1, 2024**



SAVE THE DATE

As a result of three presentations for consideration for our 2024 reunion location, the members in attendance agreed and voted on the Golden Nugget Casino, located in Sparks, Nevada. Attached with this mailing is the **REGISTRATION APPLICATION** for those wishing to attend our next scheduled reunion in Sparks, Nevada. (ALSO POSTED ON THE WEBSITE) All pertinent information concerning hotel reservations, phone numbers and dates are included. Please complete and forward the application to **CYNDIE LEIGH** in a timely fashion. Also, please make checks out to **3rd Recon Assoc. Reunion 2024**. The room rates are as follows: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the rate is \$79.00 plus 13.5% tax plus a \$2.00 tourism surcharge. On Friday and Saturday the room rate is \$100.00 plus the tax and surcharge. A daily resort fee of \$10.00 per room plus tax is also charged, which allows for wireless internet, two bottles of water, fitness center and pool, airport shuttle, plus valet and self parking. The hotel allows cancellation within 24 hours of the scheduled arrival date. The cutoff date for our group rate is **Tuesday the 1st of October, 2024**. So book your rooms prior to this cutoff date, otherwise regular room rates will be in effect. Our group has been to this venue in the past and it is a great location. There are seven restaurants on site and several eateries in the area. We'll see you there.

“POPASMOKE”

Once again our members have been invited to attend the biyearly reunion of POPASMOKE. The dates and location of their 2024 reunion is as follows. The dates are July 31-August 4, 2024 at the Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel located at 900 South Orme Street Arlington, VA 22204. The room rates are \$147 plus a 14.25% tax. There is a \$10.00 per day self parking rate and there is a complimentary shuttle to and from Reagan National Airport. The hotel's direct number is (703) 521-1900 and (800) 325-3535 for reservations. When calling reference the USMC Combat Helicopter & Tiltrotor Association. To register for the reunion, hotel registration and itinerary please visit <https://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/Popasmoke2024>. When completing this form mark that you are **RECON** and the membership fee will be automatically waived. All registration forms and payments must be received before July 1, 2024.

OPERATION SPARKS
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1100 NUGGET AVE
SPARKS, NEVADA 89431
(775) 356-4195 (3rd RECON ASSOC.)

Operation SPARKS Registration Form
10/22/2024 THRU 10/27/2024

Arriving: Tuesday, OCTOBER 22, 2024
Departing: Sunday, OCTOBER 27, 2024

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Email: _____ Itinerary/confirmation emailed to you

Recon Company: _____ Years: _____

Team Name: _____ First Reunion? _____

3rd Recon Assoc. Status: () Member () Assoc. Member () Friend of Association, etc

REGISTRATION FEES

Fees are based on the total package of events and are separate from hotel registration. Fees cover all planned reunion activities and battalion banquet.

How Many? _____ Couples \$250.00 _____ Singles \$125 ea. _____ Child 12-17 \$65.00

TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING: _____ TOTAL FEES:\$ _____

Special Needs or Handicap Requests? _____

Names of Guests: (Print clearly- indicate "A" for Adult or "C" for Child)

How Many? Banquet Entrée Selection: Beef _____ Chicken _____

(Attire: Jacket or shirt & tie)

Hotel Registration Details:

1. Book your hotel room by **OCTOBER 1, 2024** by calling **(775) 356-4195**. A credit card will be required to hold your room. Check with hotel for **THEIR** cancellation policy.
2. Mention Group **3rd Recon Assoc.** for your discounted rate.
3. **Register for reunion ASAP or BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2024 to help planning.**
4. You **MUST** have a Reunion Badge for all venues
5. Call Company Presidents to nominate a Member in need. Comp rooms available.
6. Reunion fees, separate from hotel fees may be canceled 30 days prior for full refund.
7. **Reunion registration fees are payable to:**
3rd Recon Association 2024 Reunion Escrow.

NEED MORE INFORMATION

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