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President's Scoop

OORAH! I hope all who are planning to attend this year's reunion are excited about Oregon and the planned events ahead. Your host, John and Nancy Schassen, have a full plate of Magnificent Marine activities scheduled. Our VP Brooks Wilson will be your board representative to contact while at the reunion to address any issues you may wish to bring before the board.

Over the past year we have operated without a Chaplain. We are again soliciting from all membership a volunteer to fill this position. With each passing of a Magnificent Bastard from our Association we are reminded of sincere loss and a void within the ranks. Currently Bob Mercer is posting a 2/4 card to the family in an attempt to present a final salute to those that are standing permanent guard duty. We need to do more as an association. Please help us fill this void.

This past April, we successfully recruited and reinvigorated our Second Battalion, Fourth Marine, membership with new Bastards. Welcome Aboard and Welcome Home to the heroes of Ramadi! We invite you to share your sea stories and embrace the brotherhood of the Magnificent Bastard Association. Let us continue our recruiting efforts to bring our entire brother Bastards home. With each reunion you are able to attend, you will experience the emotion of being welcomed home once again. We look forward and welcome your input as Marines into, simply stated, the most historic Marine Association today.

Recently, I took the opportunity to write my senator to express my opinion about the current state of affairs in the Veterans Administration and the treatment of veterans across this great nation. I would encourage you to do the same. It is time to speak up. If we are assertive and polite, diplomatic Marines with our questions I feel we can help change some of the failures we are experiencing today. If we do nothing, then, we should expect no changes. Exercise your freedoms, take part in local elections and vote for those that support our veterans.

Semper Fidelis,

Steve Wilson

NEWS FROM THE CO

State of the Battalion—31 July 2014:

Bastard Family, Friends and Followers, it is with a heavy heart that I write with tonight. Becky just notified us that Robert Stipes has passed away. Though I didn't know Bob, I feel as though our paths have crossed. If it were not for great men like Bob, our

Battalion would not have survived the numerous closures over the decades. Our Battalion lives on thanks to each and every one of you.

Tonight I am in Coronado, CA where we are conducting staff planning for our upcoming MEU deployment. Fox Company is also down here gaining their small boat skills which help them during their raid training next month. This month has been packed with great company training. Each of the companies participated in the Regiment Infantry Immersion Trainer (feels like you are in the Middle East) and also spent some quality time refreshing their defensive skills.

Next month Golf and Echo begin their specialized raid training, while Weapons Company will work on their Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel training and the Sniper Platoon develops their urban skills. The command element is also heading over to Okinawa for a few days to conduct a predeployment survey for the upcoming deployment.

I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming reunion in Portland. Lastly, our Birthday Ball is shaping up nicely. The Ball is scheduled for 3 Oct in Huntington Beach. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mark Sperling.

Farewell and Following Seas to Robert Stipes. God Bless Bob, his family and the entire Bastard Nation.

Semper Fidelis,

Bastard 6,

LtCol Mike Wilonsky

The 2014 Reunion Portland Oregon

13-17 August

Hosts John and Nancy Schausen welcome you to join the following festivities.

We will leave the Red Lion by bus and travel to the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum in McMinnville, Oregon, which is about 45 miles southwest of Portland. This is where Gunny Brandon volunteers much of his time. We will have the Memorial service at the Chapel located on the museum grounds at about 10:30. After the memorial service, those who wish can take a guided or unguided tour of the museum. This is where the Spruce Goose is housed and is something to see. The guided tour takes about 1-1/2 hours. We will have a no-host lunch in one of the two cafeterias and then board the bus again to travel back to Portland to Washington Park where we will visit the Viet Nam memorial.

After the park, we will return to the hotel. We should arrive between 3:00 and 5:00 PM. There will be a fee for the bus plus a separate \$14 fee to tour the museum. Also on the museum grounds there is a water park (for those bringing grandkids.) They would only have approximately two hours in the pool. Separate fees for the water park.

Red Lion Hotel on the River - Jantzen Beach

909 N. Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR 97217 (Formerly Doubletree)

Call directly (503) 283-4466 do not forget to mention the 2nd Bn 4th Marines Reunion to receive the group discount.

Please keep in mind that there are NO SALES TAXES in the state of OREGON.

Nancy's email is schassenjc@aol.com

Please pre-register for the reunion by going to www.2-4Association.org > REUNIONS tab on the top tool bar on the front page. REUNION INFORMATION [at top] > INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS > Download registration form! That will bring the form up for you to print and mail.

Membership Chairman

We are now in the New Year for annual dues payers, as your card expired 6-30-14. Our year runs from 6-30-2014 to 6-30-15. This does not apply to Life members. Below is the renewal cost for Active duty and regular members and cost for Life Memberships for those who would like to upgrade to Life.

Many of you have paid or upgraded to Life when the early billing went out in April. Thank you all.

Renewal cost are listed below.

Annual Renewal: Regular Members

\$20.00 per year

Active Duty

\$ 5.00 per year for E-1 through E-5

\$10.00 per year SNCO and Officer

Life Membership: Regular Members

\$175.00 for 54 & under

\$125.00 for 55-64

\$ 75.00 for 65 & over

Active Duty Life Membership 10% off Regular & Associate Member Amount

\$157.50 for 54 & under

\$112.50 for 55-64

I am also happy to announce that many younger Bastards have joined. Welcome! We are very proud of you one and all!

I ask everyone to please look at the membership roster to verify your e-mail and phone number are current. We update as we find the information. This will insure your delivery of the newsletter and all communications via e-mail or by address, any changes please e-mail me or call me.

Semper Fidelis and Anchors Aweigh,

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A five minute review of why South Vietnam fell By Ron Luce

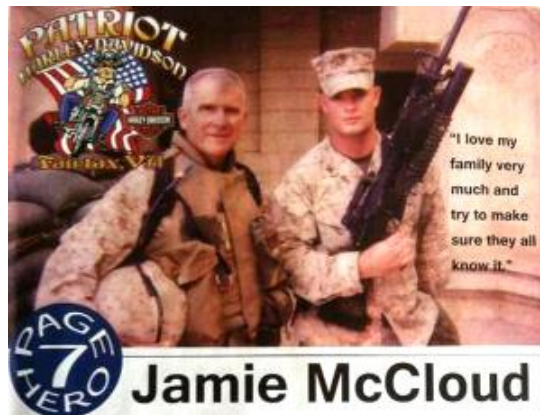
<http://prageruniversity.com/History/The-Truth-About-the-Vietnam-War.html#.U6r7hcJOWpo>

In case you have not seen this...

http://finance.yahoo.com/news/top-marine-obama-fight-191600744.html?soc_src=mediacontentstory

Jamie R. McCloud

17 Feb 1980 – 11 July 2014



Jamie McCloud and Oliver North

I regret to inform everyone that Jamie McCloud a fellow proud Marine, brother of 2/4 has passed away in his home town of Daysville, Tennessee. He was a force to reckon with and a big heart. Jamie is loved by many and will be truly missed.

Web Team Six design was a small design business that Jamie & I started in 2012. I am the owner Brent Thompson & Jamie was co-owner. I am working on a memorial site for him for any gatherings or online support the family may need right now. Jamie is from a small town in Tennessee and this is very tragic to the town itself.

I wanted to make sure that if any of his brothers out there in 2/4 would want to know about Jamie that it was done expeditiously so they would not miss the opportunity to pay their respects. Jamie was my best friend. Jamie was in the Battle of Ramadi in 2004. <http://jamiemccloud.com/>

Brent Thompson

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Vietnam War Commemoration

http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/assets/1/7/Commemoration_Newsletter_Apr-Jun2014_2.pdf

Reference pg. 2 regarding Gen James Livingston (Major General USMC Ret) as guest speaker at the Georgia State Capitol.

2/4 Christmas Ornament



239th USMC Birthday ornaments for sale. Cost \$15.00 per ornament with \$5.00 shipping. Contact Becky Valdez at (714) 306-2329 or email fxala@hotmail.com



2d BATTALION 4th MARINES FAMILY DAY
Bastard's Quad, 23 July, 1100-1400

Come on out for a fun relaxing afternoon of food, drinks, games, activities for children, get wet and have great camaraderie!



Bouncy Castles
Obstacle Course
Basketball
Water Slides
Water Balloons
Dunk Tank
Bring a Towel &
Sunscreen
Attire: T-Shirts,
Shorts & Sandals



For more details go to www.eMARINE.org or contact the FRO at mark.sperling@usmc.mil

The event was attended by the entire Battalion and a huge success. GREAT job FRO Mark Sperling!

Arthur Schobert

As some of you remember, there was an article about Arthur in the Sept 2008 issue of the Seahorse. Arthur is a life member of the Assoc. and currently lives in San Diego, CA. He will be 93 years old on 11 Aug. 2014.

Arthur served our country in the South Pacific during WWII with the Carlson Raiders. During the summer of 1944, two thousand marines from Camp Pendleton, shipped out to the South Pacific and travelled to the Solomon Islands and landed at Guadalcanal to reinforce the Carlson Raider Battalion, and to do more training at Guadalcanal and get ready to hit Okinawa on April 1st 1945. It was Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion 4th Marines!

At 93 years of age, Arthur is still in fairly good health, although he suffered two heart attacks earlier this year.

Frank and Becky Valdez recently spent time with Arthur and were honored to hear his stories and be in the presence of this **Magnificent Bastard!**



Arthur Schobert 1945

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