



Fox 2/5 Association Vietnam

Fox Company 2nd Bn 5th
Marines

Semper Fidelis

February 2010

From the President:

Tom Martin

Congratulations to our intrepid First Vice President J.D. Moore for a very successful mini-reunion at his home in Florida this past September. He tells me the turnout was large and enthusiastic! I'll let him fill in the details in his portion of the newsletter.

During the lead up to the "mini" we corresponded about a number of subjects I asked that he address to those attending so as to get their input. One was the subject of "friends of Fox" or "Associate" memberships for those who had served with Fox but were not members of the Company.

As an example I have heard from Bob Driver who served as the S3 of the Battalion later in the war and who has written a book about 2/5 including a significant part on Fox Company. He would be an ideal candidate for an "Associate" membership as would other staff members.

"Associate" members would have all the same privileges, and pay the same dues, but would not be able to vote on association matters. I have always considered the Battalion CO's and XO's to be full members because of their chain of command status (the XO being unique as both a staff and command billet) but we have never (as far as I can tell) made any decision on that. Perhaps we could address that in Cody. In the meantime feel free to forward your thoughts via e-mail to either myself or JD.

Included in this newsletter is an e-mail from Cpt. Rich Yudt, the current Fox Co. Commander. It is self explanatory and my reply to him is included. They are as busy as ever.

It looks like the inclusion of "rockers" or "chevrons" with the name of the operation or time frame is going to be the ultimate solution to Tony's suggestion concerning the Association patch. We will settle that one in Cody, but that seems reasonable to me.

Kens brilliant work with the electronic newsletter was a great leap forward both in saving a pile of money and ensuring a faster method of communication. He has broken down the company in to packets of 50 or so for e-mailing and so opened up a great many opportunities (which I have yet to take advantage of!) for communicating to more than half the membership. I believe that technology will improve to the extent that before long everyone (even the most computer illiterate of us!) will get most of our information through the internet.

This is written at that time of year when family and friends are most in our minds and hearts, especially old friends. Each passing year makes me more grateful. Every phone call, e-mail and letter more meaningful than the last, and as my brood gathers, beginning at Thanksgiving and continuing

through Christmas and New Years I count my blessings.

So I will eat too much, drink not so much, watch endless football games, bask in the health and good fortune of my children and delight in the laughter of my grandchildren all the while mindful that Rich Yudt and Fox Company, as we did before them, stand watch keeping us safe. God bless.

Semper Fi,

Tom



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Fox 2/5 Electronic Newsletter

This is our 2nd issue of the e-mail newsletter. The.pdf format makes it easy to read and print. Accessible by most users.

Go to "www.Adobe.com/ AcrobatReader" for a free download .

Please email Donna with your email address changes.

Virtual Wall Link:

<http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm>



From JD Moore;

Hello fellow Fox 2/5 Veterans and family.

Marlene and I hosted a great mini-reunion at our home in Orlando, Florida Sept. 25 -27. We had a wonderful time. Attending were; Sam & Donna Henderson, Chris & Maddy Brown, Dennis and Peggy Cadigan, Terry & Bonnie Lynch, Dave & Grace DeGroat, Tim & Linda Ciesinski, Pablo Contreras, Tom & Joanne Labarbera, Bob Jenkins, Steve Pisiciteli & Kathi, Robert Hoffman, Gordon (Kozzy) Kosobucki & his two kids, Jimmy Lannon & his daughter (with Rusty Jimmys seeing see dog), and Pete Korn.

Special thanks to my son Chris and his wife Rachel who were a great help. I'm putting this together on short notice so if I forgot someone please forgive me. We had a meet and greet Friday night at our house and a pool side BBQ Saturday day and night with games, cigars, a few beers and a lot of sea stories. New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Ohio, Wisconsin, Texas, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, and Florida were represented. For some this was their first reunion and I hope not their last. I really enjoyed the mini-reunions because you can spend quality time with your fellow Marines and their loved ones.

I've been off the radar for about a month. I lost my older sister just before Christmas, my best (civilian) friend two weeks ago and Marlene lost a dear friend in upstate New York last week. We just got back from that funeral. I do not want to wear a suit again for a long time.

I retired the end of July and do not know how I ever had time to work, I have been going and doing more than ever. Had more time to fish when I worked.

Marlene and I have our reservations in for Cody and are ready and roaring to go. Every time I go on line I find more things to do. Hope to see as many of you that can make it.

See you there!
Semper Fi,
JD



From Bobby Smith;

Now that we are in the year 2010, I look back at 2009 and try to remember about what I did and it must be that I am losing my mind because you know I can't remember lots of things that I did. Good thing that I write things on the calendar. The best memory of 2009 was my trip back to Vietnam with my grandson and I guess the sad part of 2009 was losing another F2/5 brother.

Speaking about the Vietnam trip I took about 400 pictures and will bring them to the reunion. My grandson was able to bring back some war souvenirs like part of a Law, pieces of sandbags and old rusty concertina wire. There were parts of Hue that I didn't get see so I am planning another trip in early 2011 so if anybody would like to travel with me let me know.

We have about 6 months until our reunion in Cody and I can't wait, hotel reservation made, plane tickets is purchased and car rental is made and all I need to do is pack. I have probably called about 200 plus names on our roster and talked to or left a message reminding them about the reunion. If you are planning on making the reunion please call one of your old fox hole buddies and get him pumped up.

At the next reunion we will be looking for a place to have our reunion in 2012 and I think that if you have a place that you want to nominate then I think you should check on what type of transportation that's going into the place like plane, train, bus etc.

Semper Fi,
Bobby



Thinking about the 1012 reunion.....

from; Chris Brown

As the reunion at Cody approaches it is also time to start putting together ideas for the next reunion. As you all know we vote on the place for the next reunion at the business meeting that we hold on the Saturday of this years reunion.

The next reunion after Cody will be in 2012 and the scheduled place should be somewhere in the middle of the country. The last time it was in the middle we voted on New Orleans but the Hurricanes messed things up a bit and we change it to Branson, MO.

If you want to propose a location you can do so at the reunion in Cody or you can send in your proposal to one of the officers to present on your behalf. What we ask for all the locations that are presented is to do some research on the hotels, airports, things to do, etc. The more the group knows about a location the easier it is to make a decision.

Interesting Vietnam Statistical Information:

-Of the 2,709,918 Americans who served in Vietnam , Less than 850,000 are estimated to be alive today, with the youngest American Vietnam veteran's age approximated to be 54 years old.

-Vietnam veterans have a lower unemployment rate than the same non-vet age groups.



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IMPORTANT NOTE:

Sam and Donna will be returning to Nevada mid March. The next newsletter will be from the new address and will be updated herein.

From the editor:

"Remembering and honoring our Corpsmen". (re page 9).

I was taken aback when I read this email string from Tony Marengo. I guess is just didn't click with me the number of corpsmen who sacrificed their lives for us.

"Doc" was always there. He had our backs and there was never a thought or worry that he wouldn't be there. It is the supreme selfless act to give your life trying to save another.

Many grunts have also given this same selfless sacrifice as well.

However 'doc', as a non-combatant, does it intentionally. It takes a lot of brass to be a corpman.

I too am honored to know and to have served with this special breed of men.

Semper Fi,

Ken

P.s. I still have a lot of items ya'll have sent. I will try to get everything in over time. Let me know if I have missed something time sensitive.



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2010 Reunion Registration Form.....

The registration form on page 4 (next page) includes your registration for the reunion, the banquet, the Cody Tour and a Yellowstone tour.

The next newsletter, in the spring, will focus totally on the reunion and what Cody, Yellowstone and Wyoming in general has to offer our group. Just to name a few there is fishing for sure and no doubt golf. Cody has a nite Rodeo too. The Buffalo Bill Historical Center includes the Whitney Gallery of Art, the Plains Indian Museum and the Draper Museum of Natural History. For the more adventurous canyon river trips, climbing and hiking.

A great vacation guide is available at:

"www.yellowstonecountry.org" or 1-800-393-2639



FEDERAL BENEFITS FOR VETERANS

Week of September 14, 2009

The 2009 Edition of VA's [Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents and Survivors](#) booklet is available online. The booklet provides the rates for certain federal payments and outlines many programs and services provided by VA and other federal agencies. It also includes toll-free phone numbers, Internet addresses and a directory of VA facilities throughout the country

Link.....http://va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.asp



**2010 Reunion / Meeting
July 19 – 25, 2010**

Fox Company 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

How many will be in attendance: ____

Guest Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

E-Mail if available: _____

Wheelchair (motorized or non-motorizes) Qty _____

What Year in Viet Nam: _____ Plt: _____

Prices are

Cody Tour Sat 9:00a.m.(1Hr)	\$18.00 per person	\$ _____
Yellowstone Tour Friday 7:00 a.m.(10+hrs)	\$40.00 per person	\$ _____
Banquet per/person (Dinner Buffet) Sat Night	\$35.00 per person	\$ _____
Registration Fee		\$ _____ 10.00 Per form
	TOTAL:	\$ _____

Mail to:

Before March 15, 2010

or

After March 16, 2010

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% Sam Henderson

%Mike Fogg

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DETAILS/RATES/CHARGES:

At Holiday Inn Guest Rooms: \$129.00 Flat Rate (1-4person per room)
 At Comfort Inn Guest Rooms: \$129.00 Flat Rate (1-4 person per room)
 At Buffalo Bill (cabins) Village: \$109.00 One Bedroom Cabin,\$119.00 Two bedroom cabin

Rates do NOT include the 9% tax. Tax is subject to 2008 elections results. Client will be notified in the event of any increase/decrease. Rates at the Comfort Inn include continental breakfast, 7-10am. Rates are quoted in US Dollars. This is a negotiated rate and is NOT available through either hotel's national brand toll free number. No additional coupons, promotions or programs are applicable EXCEPT frequent stay programs (Priority Club, Holiday Inn; Guest Privileges, Comfort Inn). Priority Club Meeting Rewards, event planner perks (provided that membership and/or criteria is met).

IMPORTANT:READ CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING RESERVATIONS:

Attendees should refer to the code #FOX-ZVL for Holiday Inn.

Attendees should refer to the code #FOX for Comfort Inn and Buffalo Bill Village (Cabins)

For reservations call directly to the hotel by calling, toll free: 1-800-527-5544 and follow the prompts to reach the appropriate hotel. Advance reservations can be made after June 21, 2009.

Please be sure to use the correct booking code to assure placement in the correct rooms blocked at the correct rates.



"In Flanders Fields"

submitted by Alex Kandic

To all my fellow Marines and Fox 2/5 Brothers

You may have already read or heard this poem, written by a Canadian Officer, during the 1st W.W. Even though the years have passed I feel its still a relevant war poem since today once again both Canadian and U.S. Forces are in harms way doing their military duty in far away dangerous places.

In Flanders Fields;

***In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.***

***We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.***

***Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.***

— ***Lt.-Col. John McCrae (1872 - 1918)***

My very best wishes for the 234th Marine Corps Birthday and Veterans Day.
Semper Fi
Alex Kandic

In Search of

Below is an email from Jay Guillory, fox 2/5 '69. He is trying to put a memory together and a name to a fellow Marine KIA in Oct/Nov '69.

Here is his email:

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From: Jay@JayGuilloryCPA.Com

Chris,

There was a Marine killed around the last of Oct69 or the beginning of Nov69. I do not remember his name. I did see him die. I knew all of the marines killed during this time frame that are listed on the web-site. I didn't know if you had a way of locating a kia by unit. Maybe someone else remembers him. I do not mean to be so graphic but maybe this could jog someone's memory.

Following is what I remember about him: He was white. We referred to him as the old man(about 26 years old). He wore glasses. Killed by a booby trap (one piece of shrapnel through his glasses into his eye). Served with 3rd platoon. Platoon commander at the time was a Lt. Ferris. I know very few marines listed on the site that were with 3rd platoon at the time.

Thanks
Jay Guillory
713-598-7221

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Please contact Jay directly, Chris Brown or any assoc. staff member with information for Jay.

Dan Bullock's Historical Roadmarker.....from Dave Brown

About four years ago, I took on a project that I believed had merit. I was challenged in an email by a retired USAF senior master sergeant from Wilmington, NC, who somehow found out that Fox's PFC Dan Bullock was the youngest American serviceman killed in Vietnam. His death happened on the lines at An Hoa on June 7, 1969. Bullock, a mature-looking Marine, was 15 at the time on his death.

I agreed to get one of those grey road signs that gives a bit of history, you know, "300 yards from this point lies the remains of" I thought, "Shouldn't be that hard and a sign like that would be good for us Vietnam vets and good for Fox. Truly a 'win-win' situation". I thought, "Hey, this is going to be a piece of cake!" I called the North Carolina Highway Historical Marker organization in Raleigh and some very accommodating person told me that their records showed earlier inquiries into this task. What they needed was supportive documents dealing with birth and military records, etc.

I became busy the next year, getting a couple of steel parts put in my hip and knee, starting a second book, and taking on my current and a most-compelling job as the head of the Second Marine Division Association. As the months rolled by, the Bullock road marker project slipped further and further down the priority list.

Regretfully, I must now relinquish the task of getting something done for PFC Dan Bullock. I do believe that this is a worthy undertaking and should be plausible. I also believe that the state historical road marker organization will support the project. Feel free to contact me if anyone desires to take the lead on this desirable project.

LtCol Dave Brown, USMC (Ret.), (Off) 910-451-3167, (Cell) 919-649-5279, www.2dmardiv.com



Fox 2/5 News—Training in Okinawa

Silent Night, Black Hearts raid insurgent camp

9/22/2009 By Story by Lance Cpl. Thomas W. Provost ,
31st MEU

Quietly motoring across the ocean surface under the cover of darkness, 18 Combat Rubber Raiding Crafts (CRRC) carried Marines to a beach to enter a mock insurgent camp and disrupt activity in the area.

More than 120 Marines with Company F (Co. F), Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (BLT 2/5), 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), conducted a boat raid as part of MEU Exercise 2009.

"This mission was important because it gave the Marines of the MEU raid force a realistic situation to encounter," said 1st Lt. Jeremy D. Adams, the officer in charge of the mock insurgent camp and Powell, Wyo. native. "The only thing that makes Marines proficient is to provide realistic training scenarios that allow Marines to gain the experience necessary to execute a mission," he said.



Marines from Company F (Co. F), Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (BLT 2/5), 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), silently patrol down a road, Sept 12. Co. F's mission was to land, enter a mock insurgent camp and disrupt any insurgent activity in the area. The MEU is currently preparing for its Fall Patrol to the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Korea.

To enhance the raid's realism, some Marines role-played as insurgents armed with blank ammunition and executing a day-to-day activities schedule within the insurgent camp. "Insurgent leaders held weapons classes and gave propaganda lectures as a part of that schedule," said Adams. However, the MEU reconnaissance elements kept the enemy under close surveillance, reporting back to the raid force everything they saw over the course of these two days.

"The reconnaissance assets provided valuable information on the enemy," said Capt. Rich V. Vudt, Co. F commander.

"That information drove our planning and execution."

The Black Heart Company, a nickname Co. F earned during the Vietnam War, arrived at Beach Landing Site Silver, and secured it for follow on forces. The Black Hearts then made their way inland, flanking the insurgent camp by advancing from north to south with the ocean cutting off any hope of escape. Company F had been preparing and training with the complex tactics of a boat raid for months before arriving on Okinawa.

According to Vudt, this training paid off during MEUEX '09. "We train for boat raids so we can have a clandestine element of surprise and provide the MEU commander with another option for insertion," said the Allentown, Pa. native.

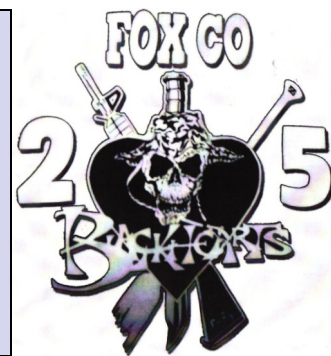
"MEUEX validated our previous training and allowed us to prove our ability to successfully execute a complicated amphibious raid."

Company F is now validated and ready to serve as the BLT's boat company and support the MEU during its Fall Patrol of the Asia Pacific Region. The MEU is considered a

force in readiness in the Asia Pacific Region and needs to be able to respond to a variety of contingencies with appropriate action.

Re: "Black Hearts" name

Some additional information offered by Gunny Ferguson indicates that the "Black Heart" moniker came in the 80's from a new company commander when he started calling them Black Hearts and it stuck.





From Chris.....Senior Pass to National Parks and others

Here are the links to the several agencies where you can purchase a Senior Pass which gives you access to all National Parks for free. This pass costs \$10 and it lasts for a life time. You have to be 62 and apply in person at a national park because they have to verify your information. With the Cody reunion coming up and many of us will be visiting Yellowstone and some of the other parks it might be just the right time to get their pass.

Bureau of Land Management <http://www.blm.gov>

Bureau of Reclamation <http://www.usbr.gov>

Fish & Wildlife Service <http://www.fws.gov>

USDA Forest Service <http://www.fs.fed.us>

National Park Service <http://www.nps.gov>

Here is the site which tells you about the Senior Pass. This Pass replaced the Golden Age Passport that used to be issued by the Army Corps of Engineers. Passes can only be obtained at one of the above agencies in person.

<http://store.usgs.gov/pass/senior.html>

What does the Senior Pass cover?

The Senior Pass admits pass owner/s and passengers in a non-commercial vehicle at per-vehicle fee areas and pass owner + 3 adults, not to exceed 4 adults, where per-person fees are charged. (Children under 16 are always admitted free.) **Note:** Photo identification will be requested to verify pass ownership.

Example Yellowstone fees.

The entrance fee is \$25 for a private, noncommercial vehicle; \$20 for each snowmobile or motorcycle; or \$12 for each visitor 16 and older entering by foot, bike, ski, etc. This fee provides the visitor with a 7-day entrance permit for both Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. Remember to keep your admission receipt in order to re-enter the parks. Snowmobile operators must possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license.

Agenda Item for the Business Meeting...Name the Newsletter

We will cover the standard business issues at the meeting as always like the finances, election of officers, location of the next reunion and any other topics.

One is Naming the Newsletter. Chris and I exchanged some emails a few months ago and he sent a couple of ideas. First a group of foxes is called a "Skulk". So we could call it "**THE SKULK**" Not really catchy but it has some meaning. Secondly we can lean towards our time in the service and call it the "**THE SITREP**" OR "**FROM THE BUNKER**" OR "**THE SWEEP**". Emails are welcome too.

Our Reunions Since 1989.....

<u>Year</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>East/Central/West</u>
1989	Washington D.C.	East
1991	Gulfport, MS	Central/South
1992	Reno, NV	West/South
1994	Baltimore, MD	East/North
1996	Wisconsin Dells,WI	Central/North
1998	San Diego, CA	West/South
2000	San Antonio, TX	Central/South
2002	Charlestown, SC	East/South
2004	Reno, NV	West/South
2006	Branson, MO	Central
2008	Washington D.C.	East
2010	Cody, WY	West/North



"He is a real Star of the war, and represents what America is trying to do."

This sentence from the writing below says it all. This was one of the many emails that circulate among us but as said you will rarely see in the news. Ken



He is a Chief Master Sergeant in the USAF - As high as you can go in enlisted ranks (E-9) John Gebhardt's wife, Mindy, said that this little girl's entire family was executed. The insurgents intended to execute the little girl also, and shot her in the head...but they failed to kill her. She was cared for in John's hospital and is healing up, but continues to cry and moan. The nurses said John is the only one who seems to calm her down, so John has spent the last four nights holding her while they both slept in that chair. The girl is coming along with her healing.

He is a real Star of the war, and represents what America is trying to do.

This, my friends, is worth sharing. Go for it!! You'll never see things like this in the news. Please keep this going. Nothing will happen if you don't, but the American public needs to see pictures like this and needs to realize that what we're doing over there is making a difference. Even if it is *just one little girl at a time*.

James Gates U. S. Navy

Book by Bob Driver

"More Than A Few Good Men"

"More Than A Few Good Men," includes my tour as S-3 of 2/5 7/69-1/70, based on my letters home and the now declassified Command Chronologies. There is much about Capt. Furr and F/2/5 in the Arizona, Go Noi Island, Football Island, Liberty Bridge, etc., including several pages on 'Fox's Big Day,' when they killed and captured a large number of NVA on Go Noi Island. I included several articles on the action that appeared in the "Stars & Stripes." There are 2 pictures of the Marines of Fox Co. guarding the POW's. There is also a picture of Capt. Furr briefing Lt. Col. Bowen and myself, and much more.

The book is 566 pages and has over 200 photos. They are \$49.95 plus \$5.00 Priority Mail. Robert Driver, P. O. Box 7, Brownsburg, Va. 24415. Phone 540-348-5969. Dave Brown and I served in C/1/4 together in the early 60's.

Semper Fi, Bob Driver

Editor's note: The book is also available on Amazon for \$37.96.

In Memoriam.....

SEROWIK, DONALD R., 62, formerly of Bell Avenue, Riverside, died unexpectedly on September 13, 2009. Born in Providence, Rhode Island.



Gunny Says.....

Fall in! Listen up maggots. We need a clever name for this newsletter thing we're pasting all over the Internet and mailing around the country

For cripes sakes gimme some good ideas. I got a gorilla cookie for the jarhead that thinks up the final name."

Fall out. Police the butts off the parade ground and come up with a name that sticks.

Need it by Cody. Get on it!



Remembering and honoring our Corpsmen.....from Tony Marengo

Doc Donovan served with the 3rd Plt. and was moved up to the Company Corpsman position. I reluctantly let him go thinking he would be a tad safer at the CP level. It never ceases to amaze me how many time I am wrong. He was not only a great Corpsman/Marine and friend. He was a great humanitarian. We shared a few stories under the stars about his home in Natick, Mass.

Doc Geise another great "Doc" KIA on Operation Tuscaloosa.

I know these Corpsman/Marines received the best of training by "Gunny" Chief Lou Le Garie at Field Med Scholl prior to shipping out and joining 2/5. "Gunny" Lou Le Garie as luck would have it we gained the finest Bn. Chief Corpsman the Navy and the Marine Corps could produce. Because of his leadership men like "Doc" Ware stayed in to be like that "Old SOB Lou". Think Green is Lou's motto. Doc Roger Ware became a career man and retired as a Physicians Assistant. He is now Commandant of the Marine Corps League in West Virginia and spends every waking moment assisting veterans, especially Marines.

We certainly owe these Corpsman a lot if not our lives. God Bless them all.

Please see that some of these if not all make it into our Fox 2/5 News letter. Doc Noah, Doc Ware and Gunny Lou, it is a distinct privilege to have serve with you, America's very best.

Semper Fidelis;
Tony Marengo

From: loulegarie@sbcglobal.net Sent: 10/20/2009 7:11:00 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time Subj: Fw: 2nd Bn 5th Marines Corpsmen awarded the Silver Star Medal for Vietnam

These were all my Corpsman assigned to me when I was the Battalion Chief as well as HM3 Roger Ware, just received the Bronze Star with V and HM2 Noah whom just received the Silver Star Medal. Makes one very Proud knowing they all served with the U.S. Marines in Combat, Vietnam.

Semper Fi to all of them. Gunny Lou Legarie

TRESCOTT, CHARLES R. (KIA) Citation: The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the Silver Star Medal (Posthumously) to Charles R. Trescott (5980445), Hospital Corpsman Third Class, U.S. Navy, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as a Corpsman with Company G, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, FIRST Marine Division, in the Republic of Vietnam, on 3 May 1966.

THOMAS S. DONOVAN(KIA) Citation: The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the Silver Star Medal (Posthumously) to Thomas S. Donovan (9132355), Hospital Corpsman Second Class, U.S. Navy, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as Senior Corpsman with Company F, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, FIRST Marine Division, in the Republic of Vietnam, on 2 June 1967. During Operation UNION II

DELL C. GEISE (KIA) Citation: The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the Silver Star Medal (Posthumously) to Dell Conley Geise (9177728), Hospital Corpsman Third Class, U.S. Navy, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as a Corpsman with Company F, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, FIRST Marine Division (Rein.), FMF, in Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam, on 26 January 1967 on Operation Tuscaloosa

KIRKHAM, DONALD A. (KIA) Citation: The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the Silver Star Medal (Posthumously) to Donald A. Kirkham (B-506708), Hospital Corpsman Third Class, U.S. Navy, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as a Corpsman with Company G, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, FIRST Marine Division, in connection with operations against enemy aggressor forces in the Republic of Vietnam, on 31 January 1968 during Operation HUE CITY.

RACKOW, ANDREW C. (KIA) Citation: The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the Silver Star Medal (Posthumously) to Andrew C. Rackow (B-407475), Hospital Corpsman Second Class, U.S. Navy, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as Senior Corpsman of Company F, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, FIRST Marine Division, in connection with operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam on 6 August 1968, while participating in Operation MAMELUKE THRUST.