

SITREP FORCE RECON ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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“Link Forever Those Who Served Together”

CHARLESTON ! RECON 2007



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SPECIAL ARTICLES OF INTEREST!

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Hello there everyone! Once again your elected members are working hard to set up your annual reunion. As you know, no one is paid to run the FRA, its all accomplished by volunteers and many put in a lot of elbow grease and long hours in to try to pull our annual business together. From setting up reunions to and soliciting corporate scholarship donations, gifts donations for the auction as well as the review of the scholarship submissions, the dues processing, billing, S4 Hooch sales, new membership review and shipments, ALL these things are done by members stepping up for a few years in non-paid positions.

So as you read and plan for this reunion, please take a minute to reflect on these facts. None of this would be possible without the sacrifice of a hand full of people who dedicate their spare time to all of their fellow recon Marines and their families so we can meet and unite each year. Remember to thank them.

We have a great reunion planned. The rooms are fairly priced, maybe just a bit above what we hoped to get in as far as price but fair in comparison to the going rates in Charleston. We also have a couple of tours planned. We will all get

to travel to Parris Island and watch a series of recruits become MARINES! Then off to the Citadel to watch a full parade as the Citadel Companies compete for weekly drill honors at this fine University of Leadership. Plus there is an old Charleston tour of historic sites in the down town area with shops and eateries mixed in for your own self tour of the city.

Of course we will have our scholarship auction fund raiser, and conduct our yearly business with a General Membership meeting and vote on a recommended By Laws change. So it's a packed short week, but full of fun and has a dash of FRA business mixed in.

The hotel & reunion site is the Sheraton North Charleston, South Carolina. Located at 4770 Goer Drive, Charleston SC 29406.

The rates are \$106.88 per night, and include free parking. See last Sit Rep for amenities. Call (843)747-1900 and say you will be attending the FRA Reunion when you make your reservations! Our locator Quote # is 3068 to find our block of rooms. Book Now! DO NOT WAIT ANY LONGER!! THEY ARE GOING FAST! It's a college town!



Letter from your "PRESIDENT"

From: Joe Settelen, President of the Force Recon Association

Hello everyone,

It's been a very fast two years for me as your President. I cannot tell you what an honor it has been to serve in this position. I have tried to carry on the traditions of the many great men that came before me. I can say it's been some tough shoes to fill, now that I have been in them. The rigors of this position are numerous and were a little unexpected; however, so very rewarding. I am thankful for the opportunity to have served my fellow reconnaissance Marines once again in my life. It was an honor to be a reconnaissance Marine in the Corps and an honor to share this experience in the best not for profit veterans organization on the planet! It truly is an organization of people who all contribute selflessly for their fellow Marines, their country and the Corps.

This year I will step down and hand the gavel over to Andy Christian. He is a true patriot and recon warrior. He will come in and I am confident do a great job for the FRA. Dick Sasser, who was my personal choice to serve as my Executive Director, will step down with me. Andy will select and ask for confirmation of his chosen Executive Director at this year's Executive Board Meeting. For Dick and I, it has been an adventure. We have tried hard to modernize the FRA operations. We have updated the Sit Rep, moved functions into a S1-S4 shop like structure, and worked to get the finances in order. We solicited corporate donations and expanded our funds for scholarship awards. When I came to the board we were right on the edge of carrying near zero balances for reunion planning. That has been turned around and we finally carry enough funds to plan proper reunions without borrowing or extending the organization into the red. The forward paid dues and life membership dues that were being used to plan today's reunions are now safely saved. I did not like the decision to use those until gone and reversed it from previous decisions. I believe money that has not matured for use, should be in the bank until it becomes mature. Dick helped worked relentlessly to build those funds back up and he has been very interactive with other veterans organizations in donating funds to help our wounded Marines. Many think highly of us for our generous support and quick turn around when asked to help. This organization is healthy as I depart and Dick has made my job a lot easier. Be sure to thank him. And yes, I know he is a tough grumpy guy but his heart is as big as his whole body. So thank him for his many years of service to the FRA.

President's Letter Continued

As you know several years back we as an organization came together and modernized our By laws which had went unchanged for some time. When I was the incoming President we desperately needed to adjust them; and this year we will update them again to account for changes in the way USMC reconnaissance is organized in the active and reserve forces. I hope you will attend the reunion and hear the call for votes to accept our recon Marines, now called MARSOC Marines, in US Special Operations Command as regular and associate members. This way we will continue to grow into our future. I think that's a very good thing. But we need you to come to the reunions when we conduct our annual business so we can hear your positions and get a wide consensus on FRA business per the By laws. Please come and vote!

I sure hope you will all come to Charleston, South Carolina and join us this year. We have put together a great reunion and we hope many of our members will make the annual pilgrimage to see old friend and strengthen our bonds. It's important to do these things. You never know whose life you will touch or change by showing up to a FRA reunion. But I can tell you that a lot of healing and a lot of catching up happen when you make it to one! Try it....you we be hooked forever!

I will see all of you in Charleston!

Semper Fidelis

**Joseph Settelen FRA #1576
FRA President 2005-2007**



Executive Director's Letter

From: Dick Sasser, Executive Director Force Recon Association

The reunion in Charleston is just around the corner. After receiving this Sit Rep it is important that members and guests that are coming to the reunion send in their registration forms and money ASAP. We need to know head counts for the bus companies for the tours. The seats must be pre-sold and the buses filled to capacity. The FRA does not want to be paying for any empty seats. The cut off date is September 1st. Please...Do not wait until the last minute to register.

PLEASE REMEMBER, the registration fee of \$55 is for the member attending the reunion. All guests of that member are FREE. **NO ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION FEE IS REQUIRED FOR YOUR GUESTS. HOWEVER**, please make sure you include the correct fees for any FRA tours & activities you and your guests are going to attend. Any activity you sign up for helps to support the FRA.

We must have the names of all guests that are attending the reunion and any FRA activities. Please make sure their names are on the registration form. This information is for our insurance liability requirement and in the case of the Parris Island tour, for security entrance purposes. No exceptions can be made at the reunion.

This year regular members in good standing will be voting on a By-laws change. This will include the new MARSOC taking part in the FRA. Its important stuff.

I want to thank all those members who continue to pay their dues every year and I want to thank all those who have supported me during my twelve years of holding offices in the FRA. I know I will be seeing most of you at the reunion. I believe Mac McKee will be taking over the position of Executive Director at the end of this year pending board confirmation. I will support him or whoever is voted in 100%.

Lastly, I want to wish my good friend Nelson Donley "good luck" in his rehab program. We've missed you Nelson at the recent reunions and hope your health is improving. As most of you know Nelson is a Past President and a Past Board Member.

I look forward to seeing you at the 2007 reunion in Charleston. Any problems call me at 209-607-6961 or e-mail me at sasser@starband.net

I remain Semper Fidelis,

Dick Sasser FRA #1795
Ex Dir FRA Worldwide

**FORCE RECON ASSOCIATION
REGISTRATION FORM
SEPTEMBER 12 -16 2007 – RECON 2007 – CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to Liability issues ALL GUESTS must be registered. No exceptions!!

NAME _____

FRA MEMBER # _____

REGISTRATION FEE (NON REFUNDABLE)

COST _____ **\$55.00** (Guest # Unlimited)

OPTIONAL RECON 2007 ACTIVITIES

Day	Time	Activity	Cost per Person X # of Persons for Each Event Only
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Wednesday – Sept 12, 2007 Check-in/Free Day (Check In after 1:00PM)

Thursday – Sept 13, 2007

1800 FRA Executive Board Meeting - Executive Directors Hotel Room!

09:00 to 15:30 Charleston 2-hour Motor Coach Tour of Historic Charleston! (Area Shopping Time Included)

\$42.00 X # _____ **\$** _____

Friday – Sept 14, 2007

06:45 Muster for Parris Island Tour in Lobby

07:00 Depart Hotel on Buses Promptly! **(Must leave on time due to arrival window at Parris Island)**

09:00 Arrive at Parris Island and be seated at Parade Deck. Review Marine Graduation

10:00 Parris Island Bus Tour with Marine Corps Guide

11:30-12:30 Chow at Parris Island Chow Hall **(Cost is \$3.65 per person pay as you go!)**

13:30 Buses depart Parris Island for Citadel

15:30 Arrive at Citadel for brief Tour of Campus

16:20 Be seated for Citadel Parade Competition

18:00 We will be back at hotel no later than 1800 hours. **\$60.00 X #** _____ **\$** _____

THIS TOUR MUST BE SCHEDULED PER BUS LOAD. ALL NAMES MUST BE EXACT PER BUS MANIFEST FOR ENTRANCE TO PARRIS ISLAND DUE TO STRICT SECURITY CONCERNS. IT IS ALSO VERY CRITICAL THAT EACH BUS IS FILLED. FRA WILL ONLY PROCURE BUSES TO THE AMOUNT OF EVENT REGISTERED FRA MEMBERS & GUESTS. COST OF BUS IS CHARGED FRA EVEN IF PEOPLE MISS IT OR EMPTY! SO PLEASE BE ON TIME!! THE BUS MUST DEPART ON SCHEDULE AND ARRIVE AT PARRIS ISLAND FOR A SECURITY CHECK AT A DESIGNATED TIME OR IT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ONTO PARRIS ISLAND FOR THE GRADUATION! WELCOME BACK THE CORPS!

Saturday – Sept 15, 2007

06:00 to 07:00 Walk-Crawl-Run

T-shirt included Size _____ **\$15.00 X#** _____ **\$** _____

09:00 to 11:00 Scholarship Auction

Location to be announced

11:00 to 13:30 Men’s Luncheon and

General Meeting **\$22.00 X#** _____ **\$** _____

11:00 to 13:30 Ladies Luncheon

\$22.00 X# _____ **\$** _____

18:00 to 02:00 Banquet and Dancing

\$48.00 X# _____ **\$** _____

DINNER SELECTION # _____ **BEEF** # _____ **FISH** # _____ **CHICKEN**

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Sunday – Sept 16, 2007

Breakfast & Goodbyes. You can stay additional days at same FRA rates!

RAFFLE TICKETS \$1.00 X # of Tickets _____ \$ _____

(There will be various and numerous Raffle Prizes!!)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (ADD PAGE ONE & TWO.) \$ _____

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH PAGES OF THIS REGISTRATION FORM & MAIL WITH YOUR CHECK TO: FRA – PO BOX 783 – ANGELS CAMP, CA 95222

CHECK ALL RECON UNITS IN WHICH YOU SERVED

_____ WWII Amphib Recon	_____ 1 st Amphib Recon Co	_____ 2 nd Amphib Recon Co
_____ 3 rd Amphib Recon Co	_____ Korea Div Recon Co	_____ USMC Test Unit #1
_____ 1 st Force Recon Co	_____ 2 nd Force Recon Co	_____ 3 rd Force Recon Co
_____ 4 th Force Recon Co	_____ 5 th Force Recon Co	_____ MC SOCOM DET 1
_____ 6 th Force Recon Co	_____ 13 th Force Recon Co	_____ MARSOC
_____ 1 st Recon Bn	_____ 2 nd Recon Bn	_____ 3 rd Recon Bn
_____ 4 th Recon Bn	_____ 5 th Recon Bn	_____ UDT/SEAL
_____ OTHER		

NAME TAG INFORMATION

IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to Liability issues ALL GUESTS must be registered. No exceptions!!

MEMBER	Guest #2
MEMBER # _____	FIRST NAME _____
NICKNAME _____	MIDDLE INITIAL _____
FIRST NAME _____	LAST NAME _____
MIDDLE INITIAL _____	HOMETOWN _____
LAST NAME _____	
HOMETOWN & STATE _____	

Guest #1	Guest #3
FIRST NAME _____	FIRST NAME _____
MIDDLE INITIAL _____	MIDDLE INITIAL _____
LAST NAME _____	LAST NAME _____
HOMETOWN _____	HOMETOWN _____

ADDITIONAL GUEST, PLEASE FURNISH INFORMATION ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER



The Supply Hooch

Order Form

All requests for:

Dues

Donations

Membership Cards

Membership Rosters

Challenge Coins

are **NOT** to be sent to the Supply Hooch.

Please direct all such requests to the Executive Director.

Force Recon Association

The Supply Hooch

Name/Member# _____

STOCK #	Description	Color	Size	Cost	Quantity	\$ Total
JACKETS						
J-002-TJ	<u>Team Jacket</u> Wool jacket/leather sleeves, large FRA logo on back. 1 line of text	Black Only	_____	\$225.00	X_____ =	\$
J-002-TJP	Same as J-002-TJ w/ 2 nd line of text			\$231.00	X_____ =	\$
J-002-TJFR	Same as J-002-TJ w/out Association in embroidery			\$225.00	X_____ =	\$
J-002-TJFRP	Same as J-002-TJFR w/ 2 nd line of text			\$231.00	X_____ =	\$
J-003-BJ	<u>Baseball Jacket</u> Nylon/Nylon filler. Knit crew neck and sleeves. FRA Logo on front.	Black Only	_____	\$60.00	X_____ =	\$
J-003-BJP	Same as J-002-BJ w/ 2 lines of text			\$66.00	X_____ =	\$
J001-WB	<u>Windbreaker</u> Black Only With FRA logo Left Chest	Black	_____	\$35.00	X_____ =	\$
J004-F NEW	<u>Fleece/Nylon, Mid-Weather</u> FRA logo Left Chest. Special Order – allow 4-6 weeks	Black	_____	\$65.00	X_____ =	\$
SHIRTS						
S-001	<u>Men's Polo Shirt:</u> 100% Cotton Embroidered Full Size FRA Logo 4"X4"	Red White Black Lt Olive	_____	\$28.00	X_____ =	\$
S-002	<u>Men's Polo Shirt:</u> 100% Cotton Embroidered Mini Scuba Badge & Jump Wings	Red White Black	_____	\$28.00	X_____ =	\$
S-003	<u>Sports Tank Top:</u> Embroidered FRA Logo Gray Only	Gray	_____	\$25.00	X_____ =	\$
S-004	<u>Men's T-Shirt:</u> Embroidered FRA Logo	Black Lt Olive	_____	\$15.00	X_____ =	\$
S-008	<u>Men's Sweat Shirt:</u> Non-Hooded FRA Logo (silk-screened) Black Only	Black	_____	\$28.00	X_____ =	\$
S-009	<u>Sweat Pants:</u> FRA Logo Black Only	Black	_____	\$25.00	X_____ =	\$
S-010	<u>Sweat Shirt & Sweat Pants:</u> FRA Logo Black Only	Black	_____	\$48.00	X_____ =	\$
S-011	<u>Hooded Sweat Shirt:</u> FRA Logo Black Only	Black	_____	\$30.00	X_____ =	\$
S-013	<u>Men's T-Shirt:</u> Embroidered Mini Scuba/Jump Wings	Black	_____	\$15.00	X_____ =	\$
S-014	<u>Men's Polo Shirt:</u> Embroidered Full FRA Logo, 60% Cotton 40% Polyester	White Black Gray	_____	\$39.50	X_____ =	\$
S-015	<u>Men's Polo Shirt:</u> Embroidered Mini Scuba/Jump Wings, 60% Cotton 40% Polyester	White Black		\$38.00	X_____ =	\$
HATS						

H-001M	<u>Baseball Hat:</u> Full Color FRA Logo, Flex Fit, Open Mesh Backs	Black Red	_____	\$15.00	X_____ =	\$
H-002P	<u>Baseball Hat:</u> Full Color FRA Logo, Solid Poplin Back	Red Black Green Tan	_____	\$15.00	X_____ =	\$
H-004-FR NEW	<u>Baseball Hat:</u> Full Color FRA Logo These are high quality caps made of thick, rugged material, made in a low-profile configuration.	Khaki Black Olive Cream Red		\$20.00	X_____ =	\$
H-004 NEW	<u>Baseball Hat:</u> Same as H-004, except the word Association is removed from the logo.	Khaki Black Olive Cream Red		\$20.00	X_____ =	\$
H-004-SB NEW	<u>Baseball Hat:</u> Olive Drab Green Subdued FRA Logo. Choose tan or OD text.	OD Only		\$20.00	X_____ =	\$
H-001FL NEW	<u>Baseball Hat:</u> Full Color FRA Logo, Solid Flex Fit Hat	Black Red Khaki		\$20.00	X_____ =	\$
MISC.						
C-ST	<u>Swim Trucks</u> Black Full FRA Logo size W32 through W40 Only	Black Only	_____	\$20.00	X_____ =	\$
O-ST	<u>Swim Trucks</u> Olive Drab Green - Full FRA Logo size W32 through W40 Only	OD Only	_____	\$25.00	X_____ =	\$
M-102A	<u>Coffee Cup:</u> FRA Logo & USMC Emblem	White Only	Reg.	\$12.00	X_____ =	\$
M-102B	<u>Coffee Cup:</u> FRA Logo & USMC Emblem	Black Only	Very Large	\$16.00	X_____ =	\$
M-102CB	<u>Coffee Cup:</u> FRA Logo & USMC Emblem Cobalt Blue	Blue Only	Very Large	\$16.00	X_____ =	\$
M-103	<u>Blazer Badge 3 1/2"</u> : With Military Clutches FRA Logo, Gold & Silver Bouillon Threads For Ware on Sports Jacket	N/A	N/A	\$12.50	X_____ =	\$
M-106	<u>Bumper Sticker:</u> FRA Logo	N/A	N/A	\$ 2.50	X_____ =	\$
M-107	<u>Metal License Plate Frame:</u> Force Recon U.S. Marine Corps	N/A	N/A	\$ 9.00	X_____ =	\$
M-1081	<u>Decal:</u> FRA Logo, Inside Window	Red	N/A	\$ 5.00	X_____ =	\$
M-1082	<u>Decal:</u> FRA Logo, Outside Window	Black	N/A	\$ 5.00	X_____ =	\$
M-109	<u>Lapel Pin:</u> Cloisonné FRA Logo	N/A	N/A	\$ 7.00	X_____ =	\$
M-113M	<u>Scuba Badge:</u> Lapel Miniature Size	N/A	N/A	\$ 7.00	X_____ =	\$
M-113R	<u>Scuba Badge:</u> Full Regulation Size	N/A	N/A	\$ 9.00	X_____ =	\$
M-114M	Jump Wings Gold: Miniature Size	N/A	N/A	\$ 9.00	X_____ =	\$
M-114R	Jump Wings Gold: Regulation Size	N/A	N/A	\$ 11.00	X_____ =	\$
M-115M	<u>Combat Divers Badge:</u> Miniature Size	N/A	N/A	\$ 9.00	X_____ =	\$
M-115R	<u>Combat Divers Badge:</u> Regulation Size	N/A	N/A	\$ 11.00	X_____ =	\$

M-118	Decal: WWII Amphibious Recon Bn.	6"	N/A	\$ 6.00	X_____ =	\$
M-119	Decal: 1 st Amphibious Recon Co.	6"	N/A	\$ 6.00	X_____ =	\$
M-120	Decal: 2 nd Amphibious Recon Co.	6"	N/A	\$ 6.00	X_____ =	\$
M-121	Decal: 1 st Force Recon Co.	6"	N/A	\$ 6.00	X_____ =	\$
M-122	Decal: 2 nd Force Recon Co.	6"	N/A	\$ 6.00	X_____ =	\$
M-123	Decal: 3 rd Force Recon Co.	6"	N/A	\$ 6.00	X_____ =	\$
M-124	Decal: 4 th Force Recon Co.	6"	N/A	\$ 6.00	X_____ =	\$
M-125	Decal: 5 th Force Recon Co.	6"	N/A	\$ 6.00	X_____ =	\$
M-132	Helmet/Tote Bag: FRA Logo	Olive Drab	N/A	\$40.00	X_____ =	\$
M-133	Mouse Pad.: Black Full FRA Logo	N/A	N/A	\$ 5.00	X_____ =	\$
M-138	FRA Belt Buckle – 2 5/8 x 3 1/2 inches	N/A	N/A	\$ 48.00	X_____ =	\$
M-139-SB	Stadium Blanket – Black w/yellow liner. FRA embroidered logo	Black	N/A	\$ 45.00	X_____ =	\$

TOTAL: \$ _____

Add \$3.00 for each 2XL or larger sizes ordered: + \$ _____

Total Ordered: = \$ _____

Please Complete the Following:

Total Ordered: \$ _____

Add shipping & Handling Fees as follows:

If Total Ordered is:

Between	\$1.00 - \$15.00	Add	\$5.95
Between	\$15.01 - \$25.00	Add	\$9.70
Between	\$25.01 - \$40.00	Add	\$10.95
Between	\$40.01 - \$75.00	Add	\$12.95
Between	\$75.01 - \$100.00	Add	\$15.80
Between	\$100.01 - \$125.00	Add	\$17.50
* Over	\$125.00	Add	\$19.25

* Additional weight charges may apply

Postage: \$ _____

Total Payment enclosed: \$ _____

Name/Member# _____

Make Check or Money order Payable to Force Recon Association and mail to:

FRA Hooch, C/O Jim McKee, P.O. Box 425, Rowe, MA 01367

This order to be shipped to:

Member # _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Special Instructions or remarks: _____

2007 Proposed By Laws Change

Proposed Bylaw Amendment

As a result of the standing down and inactivation of all the Active Force Recon Companies in our Marine Corps, all prior Force Recon units formed up and became elements of the new US SOCOM (Special Operations Command) in the formation of MARSOC. Our FRA must adjust its Bylaws accordingly. If we do not do this, then FRA will go the way of the Raider Association, in that no new younger members coming into FRA will cause it to run out of members and it will have to cease existence.

In order to avoid this, both our President, MGySgt. Joe Settelen, Vice President Joe Tablada, President-Elect Andy Christian, our Executive Director Dick Sasser and our Specially Appointed By Laws Committee (Charles Bucholtz, Lew Kern and Wayne Lingfelter) and others have conferred and tasked me to address the qualifications for membership for FRA, both Regular Membership and Associate Membership. After considerable discussion, we have all agreed to the enclosed simple proposed Bylaw change that will cover all Marines and Corpsmen in MARSOC that are under the 0321 MOS.

Article XI of our Bylaws does not permit signing of proposed changes to Bylaws by any officer of the Board of Directors or the Executive Board, which is why the above officers, Board Members and Bylaws Committee asked me to prepare a Motion for Change of the Bylaws and to obtain signatures of five Regular Members who concurred in the proposed change. You will see that the Motion now changes the requirements for Regular and Associate membership to reflect that there are no longer Force Recon Companies within the Marine Corps and to acknowledge that the former Force Recon Companies are now members of MARSOC as part of SOCOM.

I now have in-hand, signatures of 7 Regular members (including myself) who are not on the Board or are currently serving as Officers of the Association. I selected the signators at random, ensuring a spectrum that include WWII Amphib Recon (John Sebern), the Amphib units between wars (Pepe LeBlanc), and Force Recon (both ancient and new) [Bruce Meyers, Troy Mitchell, Sam Moyer and Pat Ryan]. I have enclosed photo static copies of each of these seven signatures to provide to our Secretary Bob Rowen. I shall personally bring the originals of these signatures to FRA Charleston 2007.

We believe the changes proposed bring us up to our current manning structure and includes all former Force Recon personnel now serving in MARSOC. It does not include Recon Battalion members other than those already qualified as Associate Members. Recon Battalion Marines have their own Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce F. Meyers, Colonel of Marines (Ret).

MOTION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE IN FRA BYLAWS

We the undersigned Regular Members of FRA, not presently serving as an FRA officer or a member of the FRA Board of Directors, recommend the following change in the current Bylaws under the authority set forth in **ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS**.

Under **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**, an addition of those Marines and Corpsmen serving in MARSOC in SOCOM (established in 2005):

(1) **REGULAR MEMBERS**, add at the end of current eligible:

“...those reconnaissance-trained Marines and Corpsmen serving from the establishment of MARSOC in 2005, that carry the MOS 0321...”

(2) **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**, add at after “Marine SOCOM Detachment 1: **“...or MARSOC”**

(ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, will now read:

“...Associate membership may include Recon Battalion, ANGLICO Marines, Non-reconnaissance trained personnel of Marine SOCOM Detachment 1 **or MARSOC** and Corpsmen of these units. Associate Members may not serve as officers or on the Board of Directors of the Association.”

I agree with the above proposed changes in the FRA bylaws covering those eligible For both **REGULAR MEMBERSHIP** and **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP**.

/s/ Patrick J. Ryan
LtCol. Patrick J. Ryan USMC(Ret)#0001

/s/ John C. Sebern
John Sebern C. # 1148

/s/ Sam Moyer
SgtMaj. Sam Moyer USMC(Ret) #0066

/s/ Ira LeBlanc # 1754
Capt. Ira LeBlanc USMCR

/s/ Bruce F. Meyers
Meyers USMC(Ret)#0007

/s/ Jess M. Wise #1700 Col. Bruce F.
SgtMaj. Jess M. Wise USMC(Ret)

/s/ Troy G. Mitchell
SgtMaj. Troy G. Mitchell USMC(Ret)#1819

Below are the present FRA Bylaws adopted Sep. 17, 2004 at FRA New Orleans as they exist prior to the above proposed amendment changes:

“ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Association shall be open to all persons interested in furthering the purposes of the Association, who apply for membership and conform to the duties of members as provided by the Bylaws. Membership shall consist of the categories hereinafter defined.

REGULAR MEMBERS. All officers and enlisted members of the Armed Forces of the United States of America or her Allies who are now serving, or who have served, with any Force Reconnaissance Company, Regular or Reserve. Deep Recon Platoons of Marine Division Reconnaissance Battalion; or personnel who served in Amphibious Reconnaissance units between 1943 and 1958; and those reconnaissance-trained Marines and Corpsmen, currently serving or having served in Marine SOCOM Detachment I. Only Regular Members may serve as officers or on the Board of Directors of the Association.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS. Civilians and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and Allies who did not serve with a Force Reconnaissance Company, but who did make a significant development in or advancement to operational procedures or techniques inherent in Force Reconnaissance operations or who made a valuable and unique contribution to either operational Force Reconnaissance or MARSOC units or to the Association. Associate membership may include Recon Battalion, ANGLICO Marines, Non-reconnaissance trained personnel of Marine SOCOM Detachment 1 and Corpsmen of these units. Associate Members may not serve as officers or on the Board of Directors of the Association...

“ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Regular Membership voting at the time at any annual, regular or special meeting of the Association, provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to the Secretary and transmitted to each Regular Member at least fifteen (15) days prior to the presentation of the amendment to the Membership.

Any proposed amendment to the Bylaws must be signed by five Regular Members in good standing. Upon the consideration of any proposed amendment to these Bylaws at any meeting, amendments thereto on the same subject matter may be offered, voted and accepted at the same meeting without any prior notice.”

(End of Current Existing Bylaws, in effect prior to FRA 2007 at Charleston)

LETTER from our LADIES AUXILIARY

Hi Ladies!

We are coming close to our reunion again.

I want to tell you how much I enjoyed our trip to Las Vegas! It seems like no matter where we go we always have fun. I look forward to our reunion every year. We get to see so many great places and rekindle old friendships!

Our new adventure this year is Charleston. I have never been there but I hear it is a beautiful city with lots to see and enjoy.

We had elections last year and your new board is –

President – Lorrie Kowalski

Vice President – Ruth Haferkamp

Secretary – Marie Howley

Treasurer – Lynne Smalenberg

We did very well on our auctions last year. We made \$200 on the rug auction gratefully donated by Stephanie Lighter. On our silent auction we made \$512.50, and our main auction donated by Jean Addis we made \$583.00.

In regards to our silent auction please bring something to donate. It can be anything! It does not have to be military oriented; just something we can auction to raise funds for our scholarship program. We have done well in the past years; let's keep up the good work!

We were able to award two scholarships last year, \$1000 each. The recipients were Krista Kay Lusk winner of the Donna Johnson award, and Austin Anne Davey recipient of the Dot Asher Award..

This is a special reunion for us this year as our son has entered boot camp and will be graduating from Paris Island as a brand new Marine! We are so excited and proud!

I am looking forward to seeing all of you again this year, and enjoying all your company!

**Lorrie Kowalski
President**



TAPs and Remembrance



This article is not on the last page because it is of little interest or importance. It is last so as you read and close your FRA Sit Rep you stop and reflect on our losses and say a prayer for those members and the families of our members whose loved ones have passed on.

We have lost several members over the last few months. It is with great sadness that we list them. They all gave more than was expected for God, Country and Corps. Please remember them as you close your Sit Rep.

We honor the following FRA Members:

Maj Gary F. Marte – FRA # 0006

Maj Doug A. Zembiec – FRA # 2415

Maj William T. Alexander – FRA # 2772A

You Will Be Missed and Never Forgotten.



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Back Page Info "Sit Rep Help Needed!"

As many of you know we are on our 4th year with the new "Sit Rep" look. It's a slight challenge to get these issues out during the year, but it has gotten a little easier now. I have had an offer from Craig Haley FRA #2608 to help with the SitRep, but have chosen to stay with it until I turn over to with our new incoming President, Andy. So the at the end of this year I will be transferring it over to Craig or any other volunteer who offers to work with Andy in his two year term. So I will do one more "Sit Rep" after this one, and then it's on to some well deserved rest & family time for me.

I promise to stay involved with the "Sit Rep" assembly and not let anyone learn from hard knocks as I did. I will try to remain connected to the Recon Units to solicit their unit "Sit

Reps" as long as I am close to Washington DC advocates.

As you know the "Sit Rep" is Web based and the template is in MS WORD newsletter format. It is put together with Microsoft Word and easy to handle. Your "Executive Director" Dick Sasser, has the task of building and approving the release, but Dick is not a computer savvy guy. So until the next Executive Director steps up, this is the way it will continue to look. Who ever takes over may opt for a new look. That's fine I welcome change.

This news letter is your voice and any and all have input to the content. Your input is truly welcome. If you cannot download from the web, we will mail you a printed version. Just contact

your Executive Director and he will ensure you are on a limited mailing distribution.

I ask that all interested in writing articles keep them coming. Send them MS WORD or in a simple email. We can then use the text to cut and paste into this template for posting on the web. Pictures in digital format, historical articles, past experiences, unit updates and lessons learned are welcome.

We promise that we will not change a word of the text. As editor/assembler We will however, format it to fit into the columns and if I catch a spelling error it is corrected.

For submissions of a helping hand in putting the Sit Rep together, I can be reached at Titaniumjoe@comcast.net

Craig@go2technology.com

Joe Settelen FRA #1576
Semper Fi!

About Our Organization...

The Force Recon Association Inc (FRA) was formally established on 21 September 1989, as a non-profit fraternal veterans association, in accordance with provisions of Section 501(c)19 of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

The FRA maintains a Scholarship Fund to provide educational assistance for its members and or members of their families.

We welcome corporate sponsors and their donations to our scholarship fund. If you're a corporation and desire to make a donation to our organization, please contact our "Executive Director" Dick Sasser (209) 607-6961.

The FRA strives to maintain and foster fellowship, comradeship and perpetuate the ideals and professionalism between and among its members and the members of our reconnaissance units, whether Force or Battalion Recon, Regular of Reserve.

In extraordinary cases, we provide benevolent assistance to its members. Our Motto remains... ***"Link Forever Those Who Served Together"***.

Founders: Patrick "Pat" J Ryan; Thomas "Tom" L. Gibson; and Ernie "Gunny" DeFazio (Deceased).

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