

SITREP

VOLUME 25 ISSUE 1 JANUARY 2014

LINK FOREVER THOSE WHO SERVED TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE



In This Issue:

- Letter from your President.



Letter from your President

On behalf of your Board of Directors, I want to wish every member of our FRA family a Healthy, Happy, and Rewarding New Year for 2014. Although we posted a 31 page SITREP newsletter to the website back in October, 2013, I decided to take advantage of this opportunity to send a “hard copy” SITREP update along with the 2014 membership dues statements enclosed. **I urge our members to regularly check**

the FRA website (www.forcerecon.com) for the latest information regarding our Association. It is the primary vehicle we use to communicate FRA news because mass mailing now costs the FRA over \$400 every time we send a standard letter to our members. We can post the same information to our website for almost no cost.

We have experienced a number of important changes within the FRA over the past few months particularly regarding contact information for different FRA functions. Also, I want to share the key activities and initiatives for the FRA in 2014.

NEW FRA PRIMARY MAILING ADDRESS

The new main mailing address for the FRA is now **P.O. Box 111000, Carrollton, TX 75011**. This address replaces the P.O. Box in Rowe, MA., that no longer exists. All general correspondence, dues, and inquiries should be sent to the new P.O. Box in Texas.

NEW FRA MEMORABILIA (HOOTCH) ADDRESS

The new mailing address for all FRA memorabilia orders is **P.O. Box 425, Charlemont, MA 01339**. I'm very pleased (and relieved!) to announce that Jim (MAC) McKee has agreed to come out of retirement and continue to run our “Hootch”. We are reviewing the entire memorabilia operation including merchandise carried, prices, mailing options and the like and we will announce any changes to the program as soon as they are final. Thanks, again, to MAC for agreeing to continue to serve in this capacity.

REMINDER!

- Dues are due in January each year
- Have you moved? Please send us your new info.
- Have you changed your email address? If you don't tell us we can't contact you.
- FRA Member Rosters can be ordered through the Supply Hooch for \$25.
- An electronic version (Adobe pdf) of the FRA Member Roster is also available at no charge. Send an email request to CommChief@ForceRecon.com

2014 FRA PRIORITIES

Additionally, we have several key priorities for our Association in 2014 as follows.

1. **Fill Executive Director position and Board Secretary position.** I posted extensive information about both of these very critical positions in the October (2013) SITREP which you can pull up at the FRA website. If you, or a member you know may be interested in serving in either of these roles, please check the October SITREP or call me directly (214) 263-5867.
2. **Complete the creation of a 501(c)3 charity structure for all FRA charitable activity.** I am pleased to announce that we have engaged a law firm to advise us and assist with the creation of this non-profit structure. Once established, we will be able to more effectively work with the donor community to receive contributions from a wider variety of organizations.
3. **Prepare and announce the 2014 FRA Reunion.** As previously announced, we are heading back to our most popular reunion location, San Diego, and MAC and I are working with the local hotels and our active duty Marines to plan our events. Details will be announced as soon as available.

These are the BIG items for now. **PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** (www.forcerecon.com).

Semper Fidelis!
Al Sniadecki, President

2014 Membership Criteria

Annual Dues - \$40

Regular Members:

Regular Members include 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, Marine Division Reconnaissance Battalions, Regular or Reserve, Amphibious Reconnaissance units between 1943 and 1958, and MARSOC (Marine Special Operations Command), Test Unit One, and Special Mission Units. Only Regular Members shall have voting rights and serve as officers or on the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

Associate Members:

Associate Members include civilians and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and Allies who do not meet the "Regular Member" requirements as stipulated above, but who did make a significant contribution to the development of, 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 units or to the Corporation. Associate Members do not have voting rights and may not serve as officers or on the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

TAPs and Remembrance



Capt. Fred R. Leenerts, FRA# 2835, died 12 October 2013

MGySgt Denis Gerdes, FRA# 1627, died 24 November, 2013

You Will Be Missed and Never Forgotten.



Back Page Info

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. Our mission and our motto is "Link Forever Those Who Served Together"

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 or Reserve.

We welcome both individual and corporate donors to contribute to our FRA Scholarship Fund and the FRA Assistance Fund. For more information regarding either of these Funds or to make a contribution, please contact the Chairman of the Scholarship and Assistance Funds via the Commchief@forcerecon.com

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



Force Recon
Association
P.O. Box 111000
Carrollton, TX 75011

Send Hooch Orders to:
FRA Supply Hooch
PO BOX 425
CHARLEMONT, MA. 01339

Hooch Order Forms at:
www.forcerecon.com

Info to the CommChief
Stephen Luebbert send to:
Commchief@Forcerecon.com

FRA Scholarship Info:
See FRA Web Site

Board of Directors and Officers: 2014 - 2015

Al Sniadecki
President

Richard (Dick) Ashton
Vice President

George Saitta
Treasurer

Open
Secretary

Open
Executive Director

Stephen Luebbert
Communications Chief

Mario Pau
Director *

Dave Jarvis
Director *

Chad Ramsey
Director *

Joe Robinson
Director *

Lance Woodburn
Director *

* Position expires as of 2014 Reunion.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.ForceRecon.com

CUSTOMER NAME
STREET ADDRESS
CITY, STATE, 00000
LABEL HERE

