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## REMINDER!

- Dues are due in January each year. You can visit our web site and pay online with PayPal.
- 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.
- An electronic version (Adobe pdf) of the FRA Member Roster is available at no charge. Send an email request to [CommChief@ForceRecon.com](mailto:CommChief@ForceRecon.com)

Al Sniadecki



## Message from your President

### December 2022

With the successful conclusion of our 2022 FRA Reunion in San Antonio, Texas, and this year coming to a close, I am mindful of a great group of individuals who made this reunion **and** this year possible. We are fortunate to have many individuals who pitch in from time to time and help us operate the FRA. Additionally, there is a much smaller community of volunteers that provide their ongoing support and without them, we simply cease to function. That list starts with **Dave and Tina Jarvis**.

Whether it's planning the reunion, or fund raising for our charities, or taking care of a member's issue, Dave and Tina are the MVPs of the FRA! Simply said, Dave and Tina have become the heart of our Veterans community. Then there's **Steve Luebbert**, aka FRA CommChief. Steve has served as our CommChief and database honcho for 20+ years now! Steve's many years of service to the FRA means that we can track our members, communicate information, and manage all the data we need to run the FRA.

Next, I need to recognize **Sandy Young** for her voluntary work keeping our financial records in order and producing our financial reports for the membership. Sandy has served our community for the past 4 years and does so voluntarily. You are greatly appreciated, Sandy! Also, thank you to **Jessie Kistner Edmondson** who came on board and manages our social media functions. Many of our younger members use social media as their primary information tools and it has allowed us to increase our membership significantly over the last two years.

Finally, I want to recognize a select group of companies that faithfully support our charitable efforts EVERY YEAR through their donations of merchandise for our raffles and auctions: **Bergara, Glock, Magpul, Streamlight, and Trijicon**. It is primarily through the generosity of these fine organizations that we were able to raise over \$35,000 this year through our annual auction, and a financial gift directly from Streamlight. We are honored and appreciative of our partnership with these organizations and we encourage our members to support these companies.

### Congratulations to the 2022 Scholarship Award Recipients

The FRA Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the following individuals have been awarded FRA Scholarship grants for 2022:

Recipient – Victoria Alvarado  
Recipient – Hallie Brumfield

FRA Sponsor – Andrew Carver  
FRA Sponsor – Jay Navadel

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| Recipient – Joseph Felix      | FRA Sponsor – Joseph Felix   |
| Recipient – David James       | FRA Sponsor – Lance Woodburn |
| Recipient – Matthew James     | FRA Sponsor – Lance Woodburn |
| Recipient – Claire Leidy      | FRA Sponsor – Robert Leidy   |
| Recipient – Kaleb Leidy       | FRA Sponsor – Robert Leidy   |
| Recipient – Edward Lynch      | FRA Sponsor – Ed Lynch       |
| Recipient – Ava Newcome       | FRA Sponsor – Fred Newcome   |
| Recipient – Samuel Shin       | FRA Sponsor – Samuel Shin    |
| Recipient – Allison Shupert   | FRA Sponsor – Albert Jones   |
| Recipient – Chloe Adams White | FRA Sponsor – Wesley Johnson |
| Recipient – Alexa Woodburn    | FRA Sponsor – Lance Woodburn |

We convey our congratulations and very best wishes for your continued academic success!

**FRA Board Elections for 2023-24 Terms**

The following members (in good standing) were elected to the 2023-24 term by the membership attending the annual membership meeting in San Antonio:

- SgtMaj Collin Barry
  - Cody Carroll
  - Major Morgan Jordan
  - MGySgt Cory Paskvan
  - CWO3 Sam Shin
  - Bob Stockham (replacing Major Billy T. Branch)
- Additionally, Brad Dierlam was officially voted in as FRA Treasurer.

I want to convey our sincere appreciation to Major Billy T. Branch (USMC ret.) who retired from the FRA Board at our last meeting. Billy’s member #25 reflects his many years of service and support to the FRA and serves as a true example of “Semper Fidelis” to the rest of our community. Thank you, Sir!

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On behalf of our entire community, I extend a Very Merry Christmas and a special “welcome home” to all our Reconnaissance Marines, MARSOC Marines and Corpsmen returning from deployments overseas. To our Brothers and Sisters still engaged in the fight, we offer our prayers and best wishes for your safe return to your families and loved ones.

Please let us know if you have moved, changed email addresses, got a new telephone number etc. We try very hard to maintain good contact information on all of our members, but if you fail to let us know of a change in your HQ, we have no way of finding you! You can email any new information to [info@forcerecon.com](mailto:info@forcerecon.com) or to any of the following: [Commchief@forcerecon.com](mailto:Commchief@forcerecon.com), [al@alsniadecki.com](mailto:al@alsniadecki.com) or to [jarvisda77@gmail.com](mailto:jarvisda77@gmail.com). We will see to it that your new contact information gets into our database. Also, you can fill out the “OPERATION DATA CLEANUP” sheet included in this newsletter and mail it in.

Please remember that without your support and participation, there would not be a Force Recon Association. Semper Fidelis

***Al Sniadecki, President***

## A Message from your Executive Director



Dave Jarvis

### Executive Director's Report and 2022 Reunion Highlights

Good day Marines, Sailors, Families, and Friends. It was great to see those of you who were able to attend this year's reunion in San Antonio, Texas! As always, it was a memorable gathering filled with lots of amazing camaraderie. My wife, Tina and I, had an outstanding time visiting everyone and it was great to be amongst the world's finest!

The reunion kicked off by gathering in our hospitality suite and sharing stories of over six decades! I think it is so awesome being in a room filled with legends that have paved the way of who we are today as a Reconnaissance Community! In good Texas fashion, we all enjoyed a BBQ lunch followed by our membership meeting. Thanks to all of you who serve our organization, it is a team effort, and you all are outstanding ambassadors of our community.



4th Recon Bn, Joint Base, Fort Sam Houston

Day two consisted of a trip to 4th Recon Bn, aboard Joint Base, Fort Sam Houston. The Command Staff welcomed us and presented a capability brief along with a couple of motivational videos. Meanwhile, a large group of Marines and Sailors were preparing our BBQ lunch! We broke up into several groups to tour their compound, visiting the paraloft, dive locker, armory, and communication shop.

A special shout out to the Marines and Sailors for taking the time to give us the detailed tour of their respective spaces. The remainder of the afternoon consisted of lunch and camaraderie with the troops. Pictures of the entire reunion will be posted on our website by the end of the year. As we said good-bye, we were whisked away by good old USMC bus transportation, bound for the Alamo! This was my first visit to the historical site. It was quite the treat to tour and what a way to end the day!



The Alamo, San Antonio, Texas

Our annual gathering doesn't take place without the commitment of our Board of Directors and several "behind the scenes" key players. I'd like to personally thank our President, Al Sniadecki for his countless hours, years of hard work and commitment that he continues to give our organization. Also, I'd like to thank our Board Members that made it to San Antonio, Paul Barrett, Billy Branch and Brad Dierlam, the reunion was a great success because of their support. I would also like to recognize our financial advisor, John Greenway. John was able to make it to San Antonio to personally brief the Board of Directors on our 2022 investments.

Our charitable auction was the most successful fundraiser the FRA has had to date! Together, we raised over \$35,000! A huge thanks to those who donated personal items. With a few extra bucks in the bank, we will be able to increase our scholarship contributions and assist our active duty, veterans, and their families, as needed. I would like to recognize our top 10 donors from 2022:

- Bergara Rifles and Long-Range Shooting Academy: \$12,000+
- Streamlight, Cash donation and products: \$6,000+
- Tim Taylor, One week Destin, Florida vacation: \$5,200+
- Richard and Sharon Shutts, One week Maui vacation: \$4,000+
- Paul Barrett, Ruger Vaquero, Raider Stiletto and Damascus Bowie Knife: \$3,000+
- Trijicon Optics: \$1,300+
- Lou and Kathleen Kern, One week in Bend Oregon: \$800+
- Leopold Optics and Gear: \$700+
- Glock Certificate: \$500+
- Magpul products: \$500

Our culminating event was the celebration of the 247th Marine Corps Birthday and Memorial Banquet Dinner. In conjunction with 4th Recon Bn, we had approximately 500 Members, Family, Friends, and Active-Duty/Reserve Service Members in attendance! It was truly a wonderful time to come together, share camaraderie and honor our Fallen Brothers.



247th Marine Corps Birthday and Memorial Dinner Banquet

As proposed by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership, **our next reunion will be held in Quantico, Virginia.** 2023 Reunion dates are tentatively set for the 3rd week in September. Expect to receive your Reunion Registration Form, via email, in May of 2023. Registration will also be available on our FRA Website.

Don't forget to spread the word to your family and friends about our current raffle fundraiser for a chance to attend the Bergara Academy (Long-Range Shooting Course). Please feel free to reach out to me at any time, it continues to be an honor and a privilege to serve the FRA as we go forward into 2023. In closing, I'd like to share with you our 2022 Awards that were announced at the USMC Birthday Dinner:

4th Recon Bn, Marine of the Year  
Sergeant Steven V. Kurth

4th Recon Bn, Team Leader of the Year  
Sergeant Caleb M. Jarrad

4th Recon Bn, SARC of the Year  
HM2 Daniel M. Glisson

4th Recon Bn, Communicator of the Year  
SSgt Ross M. Koppel

4th Recon Bn, Platoon Sergeant of the Year  
SSgt Jason L. Ingham

Thank you again and may you all have a memorable Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Semper Fidelis,  
**MSgt Dave Jarvis, USMC (Ret)**  
Executive Director

# FRA RAFFLE

3 DAYS & 4 NIGHTS IN

*Belt, Montana*

5-7 AUGUST 2023

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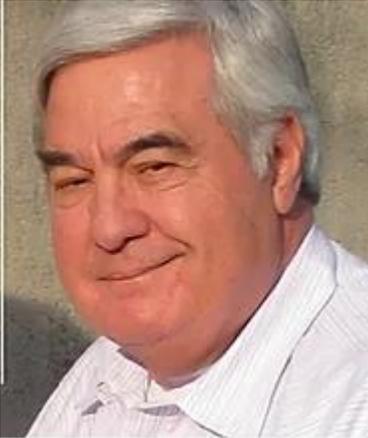
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Paul Barrett



## Secretary's Report

It is an honor to serve as your FRA Board Secretary. My primary duties as Secretary are to be responsible for the proper recording and preservation of Board actions including the taking of minutes at all Board meetings, sending out all meeting announcements, distributing copies of all Board documents as requested and assuring that all corporate records are properly maintained. My duties and activities are coordinated with the Board President, Executive Director, and Board members.

Among the most frequently encountered questions from non-members are those related to membership qualification. The short answer is as follows: Any person who served with any Force Recon Company, Regular or Reserve, Marine Division Recon Battalions, Regular or Reserve, Amphibious Recon units

between 1943 and 1958, and MARSOC, Test Unit One, and Special Mission Units is eligible for membership. A membership application form is available on our website at [www.forcerecon.com](http://www.forcerecon.com). FRA membership Dues are \$40 per year or \$100 for 3 years.

Our membership continues to grow with 120 new memberships in the last two years and just over 3700 members on our rolls as this year ends and another begins. Our real strength as a philanthropic organization serving the recon community comes from within the ranks of our membership and those willing to serve in leadership roles. Membership growth and philanthropic fund raising remain as essential priorities to the future of the FRA.

Our organization is somewhat unique in being blessed with a membership where experienced and exceptional leadership is an abundant attribute. This unique element within our organization prompts the following question for our members to consider: "Within your own territory, would you consider serving as an unofficial "ambassador" to promote membership in the FRA and should the occasion present itself, solicit charitable donations for the FRA's philanthropic work?"

Should there be any inquiry regarding participation in a proactive role within the FRA leadership please contact Al, Dave, or Paul.

*"Character is all those elements that require a person to focus on others rather than himself; to postpone one's own personal desires — what I want — until the needs of others have been looked after and satisfied."*

Col. John W. Ripley FRA# 0612 (In Memoriam)

**"Link Forever Those Who Served Together"**

Brad Dierlam



## Treasurer's Financial Report

Good day and Semper Fidelis to all. The Force Recon Association operates our annual budget in a fiscal calendar year. That year runs from October 1 through September 30 every calendar year. As a recap, for the fiscal year of 2021, we finished the year on September 30, 2022, with a net loss of \$12,357.46.

The details of the -\$12,357.46 for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 are contained in the Profit and Loss statement that is posted on the FRA website ([www.forcerecon.com](http://www.forcerecon.com)) The Profit and Loss statement reflects our operating income, ( i.e., donations, membership dues, and reunion fees) provided to the FRA minus our operating expenses (i.e., FRA activities, operating expenses, and professional fees).

Additionally, the Force Recon Association balance sheet dated September 30, 2022, (also posted on the FRA website) reflects the total assets of the organization. Through September 30, 2022, our net assets are \$203,826.51. Our balance sheet is reflective of our checking/savings in the bank, and our investments in JP Morgan and USAA investment accounts.

Our main source of operating income is our annual member dues, and our fund-raising activities such as our reunion auction and raffles which generate the largest inflow of cash to the organization. Please be sure to send in your membership dues each year. With the technology on our website, it is quite easy to submit your annual dues on-line.

To summarize, we are in a good financial position as we move into the Fiscal Year of 2022/2023. Our investment accounts have stayed above the S&P averages, so our losses on the market have been minimal. Special thanks to John Greenway who serves as our investment advisor for shepherding our investments through a tough year! Please keep in mind that our Force Recon Foundation, (FRF) is a 501 (C) 3 organization and as such your contributions are generally tax deductible. Please contact your tax advisor or financial specialist to develop a comprehensive plan that works best for you on how you can donate to the FRA. Examples of those donations may be real-estate, trusts or other large financial donations.

You should be proud to know that the Force Recon Association and the Force Recon Foundation provide financial assistance to educate and support the Marines, Sailors, and families of both present and former members of the Reconnaissance Community.

Always Beside You,  
Brad Dierlam, FRA Treasurer

# Reports From Active/Reserve Units

## Reconnaissance Training Company

### Reconnaissance Sniper Course

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## 2022 International Sniper Competition Storyboard (1-8 April)



**WHO:** Reconnaissance Sniper Course (RSC) Instructors, Reconnaissance Training Company (RTC), Advanced Infantry Training Battalion West (AITB), School of Infantry-West (SOI-W)

**WHAT:** 2022 International Sniper Competition (ISC)

**WHEN:** 1 – 8 April 2022

**WHERE:** Maneuver Center of Excellence, Fort Benning, GA

**WHY:** Competition to identify the best sniper team from across the joint and international community. The competition consisted of sniper performance tasks to include the following:

- Infiltration and Land Navigation
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- Unknown Distance Shooting
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- Multiple Threat Engagement
- Care Under Fire / TCCC

**SUMMARY:**

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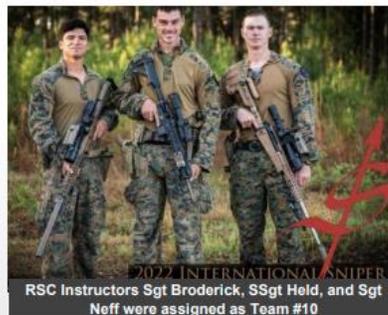
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## Reconnaissance Training Company

### Reconnaissance Sniper Course



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*Reconnaissance Sniper Course 1-22*  
*Annex A Storyboard*  
*(28 Jan – 9 Mar 2022)*



**WHO:** Reconnaissance Sniper Course (RSC) 1-22, Reconnaissance Training Company (RTC), Advanced Infantry Training Battalion (AITB), School of Infantry-West (SOI-W)  
**WHAT:** Annex A: Known Distance and Basic Marksmanship  
**WHEN:** 28 January – 9 March 2022  
**WHERE:** Camp Pendleton, CA (RTC, R218A, R223B)  
**WHY:** Known Distance and Basic Marksmanship is comprised of eight graded evolutions:

- Known Distance Light Sniper Rifle System (M40A6) Performance Examination (100% pass rate)
- Known Distance Light Sniper Rifle System (M110) Performance Examination (100% pass rate)
- Engage targets at Night Performance Examination (100% pass rate)
- Known Distance Medium Sniper Rifle System Performance Examination (100% pass rate)
- Known Distance Heavy Sniper Rifle System Performance Examination (100% pass rate)
- Unknown Distance Light Sniper System Performance Examination (100% pass rate)
- Moving Targets Performance Examination (100% pass rate)
- Multiple Threat Engagement Performance Examination (100% pass rate)

**SUMMARY:**

Annex A began with two days of classroom instruction focusing on the fundamental concepts of long range marksmanship. Following classroom instruction, RSC 1-22 moved to Range 223B for TDs-3 through 24, and R218A for TDs 25 through 27. Each student was trained and evaluated on the Known Distance performance tasks and Basic Marksmanship tasks. Annex A's objectives train RSC students to apply long range marksmanship techniques in a variety of methods including, known distance (with 4 weapon systems), night marksmanship, engaging moving targets, engaging targets of unknown distance, max point blank, and mil holds. Annex A ends with the Multiple Threat Engagement Performance Examination. Critical tasks for Annex A are the eight graded performance examinations.

**KEY OBSERVATIONS:**

- RSC 1-22 confirmed the final course modifications made to the training progression from initial exposure to qualification on each graded event. Marathon Targets continue to enable the RSC staff to train and evaluate students to a high/consistent standard for the engagement of moving targets.

**SUPPORT:**

- Training Support Division (TSD): TSD fabricated five permanent steel targets for RSC. The targets were placed in the Zulu Impact Area of Range 223B providing man-sized targets out to 1150 meters.
- Marathon Target support remains a critical requirement for the Reconnaissance Sniper Course. Marathon Targets enable the RSC staff to maintain a repeatable and realistic moving target engagement standard for each RSC class.
- Equipment: Bushnell Elite Spotting Scopes provided each spotter a TreMor4 reticle. The TreMor4 is the spotter equivalent of the shooter's TreMor3 reticle which enabled the student teams to reduce the time in between initial and follow-on engagements.



RSC Instructor teaches the Light Sniper Weapon System on TD-1.



RSC 1-22 students performing zeroing procedures on the M40A6.



RSC Instructor staff teaches students in adjusting the focus on the Night Force ATACR at Range 216.



RSC 1-22 students shooting from alternate positions-barricades.



RSC 1-22 students conducting dry-fire in alternate positions-tripod.



RSC 1-22 engaging moving targets (Marathon) at night.

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# Reports From Active/Reserve Units

## Reconnaissance Training Company

### Reconnaissance Sniper Course



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*Reconnaissance Sniper Course 1-22*  
*Annex B Storyboard*  
*(10 Mar – 17 Mar 2022)*



**WHO:** Reconnaissance Sniper Course (RSC) 2-21, Reconnaissance Training Company (RTC), Advanced Infantry Training Battalion (AITB), School of Infantry-West (SOI-W)  
**WHAT:** Annex B: Field Skills  
**WHEN:** 10 – 17 March 2022  
**WHERE:** Camp Pendleton, CA (P2 / CBT 25 / CBT Tango / R226)  
**WHY:** Field Skills is comprised of three graded performance skills:

- Camouflage Techniques
- Infiltration
- Actions in a Final Firing Position
- Each task is evaluated together during each Field Skills Performance Evaluation (100% pass rate)

**SUMMARY:**

Annex B began with the introduction to field skills in the P-2 training area (TA). Following the initial classes, demonstration, instructor-led practical application, and individual stalking, RSC 1-22 began full scenarios. Students begin each event in a buddy pair and possess all gear and equipment required for a standard Reconnaissance Patrol. As a team, each student must conceal themselves and equipment and infiltrate into the objective area. During their infiltration, each student must evade a roving patrol and remain concealed from the objective area's observers. Once established in their Final Firing Position (FFP), the buddy team must maintain communications with their Team Leader and pass up SITREPs and SPOTREPs of the Objective Area in order to fire a blank cartridge onto their target. Annex B ended with the Live-Fire Field Skills Performance Evaluation where each student fired a live-round from a concealed position.

**KEY OBSERVATIONS:**

- RSC's Field Skills put Annex A's marksmanship training into perspective as it focuses on getting the Sniper into position to employ his weapon system. The live-fire stalk event stresses environmental considerations for each shooter to overcome in order to produce a successful engagement. RSC will continue to sustain the live-fire event and conduct range surveys to find more suitable locations on board Camp Pendleton.



RSC 1-22 students in a shooter-spotter FFP.



RSC 1-22 students in a shooter-spotter FFP.



RSC 1-22 students conducting infiltration onto CBT Tango.



RSC 1-22 students in a shooter-spotter FFP.



Live-Fire Stalk target area.



RSC 1-22 sniper team preparing to engage on the Live-Fire Stalk.

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# Reports From Active/Reserve Units

## Reconnaissance Training Company

### Reconnaissance Sniper Course



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*Reconnaissance Sniper Course 1-22*  
*Annex C Storyboard*  
*(18 – 31 Mar 2022)*



**WHO:** Reconnaissance Sniper Course (RSC) 2-21, Reconnaissance Training Company (RTC), Advanced Infantry Training Battalion (AITB), School of Infantry-West (SOI-W)  
**WHAT:** Annex C: Advanced Sniper Marksmanship and Operations  
**WHEN:** 18 – 31 March 2022  
**WHERE:** Camp Pendleton, CA (Ranges 218A, 131L/F, 132)  
**WHY:** Advanced Sniper Marksmanship and Operations is comprised of the following performance skills:

- Sniper Surveillance Operations
- Sniper Operations in an Urban Environment
- Understanding Wind in an Urban Environment
- Advanced Marksmanship Techniques
- Coordinated Engagement
- Engaging Targets through a Medium
- Advanced Marksmanship and Sniper Operations Practical Application
- Advanced Marksmanship Formative Performance Examination
- Reconnaissance Sniper Employment and Planning
- Sniper Operations Formative Performance Examination

\* There are 5 graded events each training day where each shooter must average an 80% or higher to display mastery. (RSC 1-22 had a 100% pass rate)

**SUMMARY:**

RSC 1-22 Annex C began with Sniper Surveillance Operations and moved through sniper operations in an urban environment, including advanced marksmanship techniques. During this phase, each RSC student received thorough instruction on advanced marksmanship techniques while operating in an urban environment. Students were constantly observed, evaluated, and mentored by the RSC instructor staff on their individual progress. Annex C concluded with two live fire sniper operation Final Exercises (FXs). One in an urban environment and one coming from a greenside environment. The students received a sniper engagement mission that required them to plan, brief, and execute a sniper engagement plan in support of a Raid Force.

**KEY OBSERVATIONS:**

Annex C required RSC students to take their shooting to an advanced level. Shooters were required to locate and engage targets with minimal exposure times, while remaining in a covered and concealed position. In addition, students engaged targets while being put through stressful simulated combat scenarios. For the FX, shooters acted as snipers within a Reconnaissance Team conducting a sniper initiated assault in support of a Raid Force.

**SUPPORT:**

**Equipment:**

- Urban Hide Kits: The urban hide kits from Tactical Concealment provided each Sniper Team with the materials required to establish a concealed position in an urban environment.



RSC 1-22 student conducting advanced marksmanship practical application.



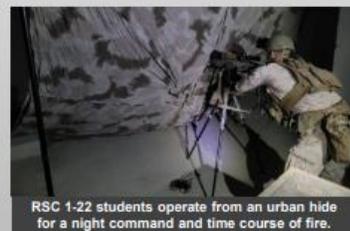
RSC 1-22 student conducting a limited exposure One Shot One Kill (OSOK) course of fire.



RSC 2-21 students build urban hide and engage targets from a concealed position.



RSC 1-22 students engaging targets with the DLA purchased Bushnell Spotting scope.



RSC 1-22 students operate from an urban hide for a night command and time course of fire.



RSC 1-22 engages a target during a limited exposure OSOK course of fire.

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# Reports From Active/Reserve Units

## Reconnaissance Training Company

### Reconnaissance Leader Course



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### Reconnaissance Leader Course 2-22 Phase I Storyboard (15 August – 10 September 2022)

**WHO:** Reconnaissance Leader Course (RLC) 2-22, Reconnaissance Training Company (RTC), Advanced Infantry Training Battalion (SOI-W)

**WHAT:** RLC Phase I

**WHEN:** 15 August – 10 September 2022

**WHERE:** RTC, SOI-West, Camp Pendleton CA and Kaneohe Bay, Oahu HI

**WHY:** Initial screening, academics, ground and amphibious reconnaissance practical application:

- Successive physical events over a two-week period, which culminate with the Reconnaissance Physical Assessment Test (Course completion requirement)
- Heavy emphasis on intelligence collections, reconnaissance, patrolling, fire support planning, communications, advanced photography, amphibious reconnaissance, the Marine Corps Planning Process, and delivering mission briefs in multiple formats.
- Phase 1 culminates with a Training Exercise Without Troops (TEWT), to include a planning cycle, integration of intelligence products, and delivery of a confirmation brief to a field grade officer or above.

**SUMMARY:**

RLC 2-22 Phase I begins with initial screening to ensure students are adequately prepared for the rigors of Phases II and III of the course. This is assessed and evaluated by hard requirements on both land and water. Physical fitness is continually developed throughout Phase I and culminates with the Reconnaissance Physical Assessment Test (which features a timed 500-yard swim and 12-mile ruck run), and completion of Water Survival Advanced. Students are given periods of instruction which focus on planning and leading ground and amphibious reconnaissance missions in various environments. The focus of these classes is to not only cover the requisite hard skills of patrolling, communications, signal management, and fire support, but also soft skills in leadership, mission preparation, and communication. Students are given detailed instruction in the preparation and delivery of a Confirmation Brief to a Commander in preparation for executing a reconnaissance and surveillance mission. This phase ends with a full-scale training exercise 'without troops' (TEWT), during which students plan, brief, and partially execute all the actions associated with a reconnaissance mission, including a confirmation brief delivered to a field grade officer or above.

**KEY OBSERVATION:**

- RLC focuses on developing the skills and tactics for leading a ground and amphibious reconnaissance team. The course focuses on advancing reconnaissance TTP's in the face of future threats and environments. The main goal of the course is to give students a firm grounding and to develop an adaptive mindset for success as a leader of Reconnaissance Marines. We aim to readily adopt and test evolving tactics and techniques, while always maintaining the time-tested skills required to conduct collections, shoot, move, and communicate. In the spirit of Joint operations, RLC 2-22 currently enjoys a diverse student body consisting of service members hailing from the U.S. Marine Reconnaissance Battalions, Radio Battalions and the U.S. Air Force Special Operations. At RLC it is our firm belief that strengthening ties with our Joint and Multinational partners is key to defeating tomorrow's enemies. This effort also provides our students with a wider breadth of experience during the course and exposes them to new challenges in leading a small unit and employing a ground or amphibious reconnaissance team.



RLC students conduct Water Survival Advanced as a prerequisite in assessing water competency.



RLC Phase 1 focuses on academics and advanced reconnaissance and surveillance techniques, tactics, and procedures.



Students conduct fires and close air support practical application at the Combined Arms Simulated Trainer.



RLC students refine their team's standard operating procedures in preparation for phases 2 and 3.



RLC students receive training in professional communications and public speaking.



Phase 1 culminates with a full iteration of the planning process and confirmation brief practical application.

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# Reports From Active/Reserve Units

## Reconnaissance Training Company

### Reconnaissance Leader Course



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### Reconnaissance Leader Course 2-22

#### Phase II Storyboard (11 September – 26 September 2022)

**WHO:** Reconnaissance Leader Course (RLC) 2-22, Reconnaissance Training Company (RTC), Advanced Infantry Training Battalion (SOI-W)

**WHAT:** RLC Phase II

**WHEN:** 11 September – 26 September 2022

**WHERE:** Oahu, HI (USAF Niki Training Area / Marine Corps Training Area Bellows / US Army Schofield Barracks East Ranges)

- WHY:** Conduct three performance-based examinations in a dynamic environment, transitioning between permissive to hostile throughout the duration of continuous operations :
- Mission 1 begins with amphibious reconnaissance and intelligence collections on designated named areas of interest, in support of a SPMAGTF. The area of operations begins as permissive, but gradually transitions into a more hostile area of operations due to an evolving political climate.
  - Throughout missions 2 and 3, RLC students are tested in a challenging and uncertain environment.
  - Missions 3 culminates with kinetic support in defense of allied naval operations as part of a CJTF.
  - In preparation for mission 4, students conduct mission planning followed by a mission brief delivered by VTC while still in their current AO. This is followed up by a transit over the Pacific Ocean and an insert into a separate area of operations, pitted against a peer threat (Yuma AZ).

**SUMMARY:**  
RLC 2-22 Phase II begins with amphibious reconnaissance in support of a HADR mission conducted by a SPMAGTF. Amid an escalating political climate, the operating environment becomes more hostile over a span of time, requiring the students to conduct an emergency extract to a mission support site (MSS), conducting linkup with indigenous military forces friendly to the United States. From this-point-on the students conduct continuous operations in order to support the larger CTF J-2, and the local government's military. As the situation escalates in intensity, the previous climate of 'competition' gives way to full conflict as RLC students conduct missions in support of allied naval movements of a CJTF conducting a straits transit. Students leverage close air support, SIGINT, and kinetic effects in order to find, fix, and finish enemy coastal defense systems intended to delay and limit friendly CJTF naval forces.

**KEY OBSERVATION:**

- Phase II provides a wide array of opportunities for students to conduct collections in support of the J-2 for a CTF. Initial collections are centered on beach and hinterland reconnaissance for the conduct of HADR operations. The students quickly find themselves operating as a forward-positioned force which must conduct operations, while receiving mission tasking by a CTF using long range communications. Problem solving, communication, and mission planning in several different environments provides RLC students a firm grounding in a dynamic, and complex environment characterized by political upheaval and military necessity.



RLC students deliver a confirmation brief prior to conducting amphibious reconnaissance ISO the SPMAGTF HADR mission.



Amidst escalating political and military tensions in the area of operations, RLC students transition to a MSS in order to conduct planning for their next mission.



A RLC reconnaissance team maneuvers under the concealment of the jungle to get a better vantage point on an enemy training camp.



Under the cover of darkness, a Recon team emplaces demolitions in order to destroy enemy anti-shiping radar capabilities.



RLC students extract via SPMAGTF tilt-rotor assets as conventional forces are phased inland during OMFTS.



RLC students load a C-130 in order to conduct a long-range transit over the Pacific Ocean and insert into their next area of operations.

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# Reports From Active/Reserve Units

## Reconnaissance Training Company

### Reconnaissance Leader Course



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### Reconnaissance Leader Course 2-22 Phase III Storyboard (27 September – 14 October 2022)



**WHO:** Reconnaissance Leader Course (RLC) 2-22, Reconnaissance Training Company (RTC), Advanced Infantry Training Battalion (SOI-W)

**WHAT:** RLC Phase III

**WHEN:** 27 September – 14 October 2022

**WHERE:** Wellton, AZ (Barry Goldwater Training Area)

**WHY:** Conduct four performance-based examinations in a mountainous, desert environment against a peer threat:

- Mission 4 begins with planning on Oahu. Student teams' transit via C-130 to MCAS Yuma, where they meet a connecting insert platform. Mission 4 focuses on route reconnaissance of a mountain pass in order to determine movement corridors for both enemy and friendly conventional forces.
- Missions 5 features a long-range vehicular insert over 100km to conduct area and zone reconnaissance. RLC student teams report indications and warnings of enemy troop and vehicle movements in accordance with a MEB level collections plan.
- Mission 6 focuses on airfield and FARP reconnaissance in order to enable offensive operations for the MAGTF.
- Mission 7, the course FINEX, is integrated with the WTI Offensive Air Support exercise. RLC students conduct planning and coordination with pilots and ground force commanders of the ACE and GCE, providing battlespace shaping in support of decisive actions within the area of operations.

**SUMMARY:**

RLC 2-22 Phase III begins with Yuma ADVON instructor personnel setting conditions to receive RLC students when they land at MCAS Yuma, via C-130. RLC instructors work around the clock to ensure there is a seamless transition from the ramp of the C-130 to the connecting insert platform, and that the students remain in scenario the entire time. Throughout all missions there is a heavy emphasis on contingency planning and peer threat considerations. Wholesale use of VHF and UHF communications is curtailed due to the communications denied environment. Student teams are tasked to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance on NAs and objectives, placing heavy emphasis on commander's intent, and less reliance on constant communications unless necessary for mission accomplishment. The FINEX provides an opportunity for RLC students to see the full picture of MAGTF operations come to fruition when they coordinate with students and instructors at MAWTS-1, during the conduct of the WTI OAS exercise. Here is where they truly see the warfighting functions and MCPP come to life – something they have been working on during the entirety of the course, but now given full breadth while planning with air and ground assets in detail.

**KEY OBSERVATION:**

- Phase III is structured to be a peer threat environment where the enemy DOCTEMP features all the capabilities that a 21st Century peer competitor, to include thermal optics, fixed and rotary wing aircraft, armor, and specialized ground troops. This is a shift from the turbulent and uncertain environment of Oahu, where the enemy mirrored VEO capabilities reminiscent of the south-eastern INDOPACOM theatre. Phase III reemphasizes traditional reconnaissance and surveillance roles in support of the MAGTF mission.



RLC students prepare to disembark a C-130 and linkup with tactical vehicles staged to provide insert for their next mission.



RLC students navigate the rugged desert hills to find a suitable vantage point and observe a targeted area of interest.



The team leader briefs his team the scheme of maneuver prior to delivering the confirmation brief to the supported commander.



Troops in contact: Yellow smoke billows as RLC students coordinate close air support as they break contact with an enemy ambush.



Having brushed with enemy forces during a nighttime airfield reconnaissance, RLC students administer an IV at a CCP as they prepare for emergency extract.



During the confirmation brief, an RLC student briefs the concept of fires and ISR optimization plan for each phase of the upcoming mission.

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# Reports From Active/Reserve Units

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reconnaissance Battalion



### Advanced Sniper DFT Company B, 2d Reconnaissance Battalion 20220820-20220827



**BLUF**

- From 20220820-20220827 Bravo Company conducted a Deployment for Training to Fallon Trophy Whitetail training facility in Barksdale, Texas, with (8) Recon Marines and (2) V16 Snipers, IOT conduct advanced sniper training. Over the (5) day training evaluation, the Marine snipers were tested on cold bore shoots, high angle shooting, unconventional firing positions, and their ability to implement a systematic approach to every engagement, IOT increase their lethality on kill zone size targets (6-12 inch targets) from 200 – 1500 meters.

**Highlights**

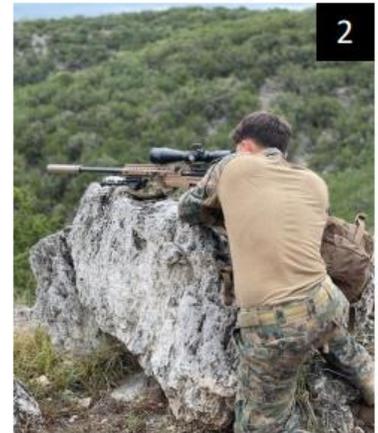
- The snipers utilized all 308/300 Win Mag sniper suites and optics during the (5) day training package; they each shot (460) rounds of 7.62 LR and (144) rounds of 300 Win Mag throughout the (5) day training package.
- Every shot counted for score. 1st round impact = 10, 2d round impact = 8, 3d round impact = 5. Average score of all shooters was 76%.
- Every engagement presented a unique problem set to the snipers; they encountered unconventional shooting positions, high angle engagements, and high wind scenarios that required meticulous terrain analysis before every engagement.
- Contracted training at Fallon Trophy Whitetail training facility allowed the snipers to train a full (10+) hours a day without any logistical requirements; 4,000 targets are already emplaced and maintained by the facility managers, to include transportation, meals, and lodging directly onsite.

**Pictures**

- V16 sniper conducts data shoot on TD (1) IOT confirm ballistic computer calculations on targets past 1000 meters.
- Recon sniper engages a target from an unconventional shooting position, utilizing a systematic approach to achieve first round impacts.
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**Endstate**

- Bravo Company, 2d Reconnaissance Battalion and 1st Battalion, 6th Marines have the capability to provide precision long range force multipliers across a variety of missions sets required during the 26th MEU PTP and deployment operations.



# Reports From Active/Reserve Units

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reconnaissance Battalion

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### Argentina Cold Weather SMEE 1-5 August 2022



**WHO:** 6 Marines and 1 Sailor from 2d Reconnaissance Bn

**WHAT:** U.S. Marines conducted a subject matter expert exchange with Argentinian Marines in a cold weather/high altitude environment to train on survival techniques, glacier movements, patrolling, mountaineering, and alpine skiing to exchange best practices and techniques.

**WHEN:** 1-5 August 2022

**WHERE:** Ushuaia, Argentina

**OBJECTIVES:** To strengthen partnerships and interoperability with a key SOUTHCOM partner on cold weather/high altitude warfare tactics, techniques, and procedures. This SMEE serves as the first exchange between USMC and Argentinian Marines in Ushuaia.

**SIGNIFICANCE:** The SOUTHCOM AOR provides unique environmental training that is seasonally off-set from the Northern Hemisphere cycle. MARFORSOUTH has programmed an annual Cold Weather Warfare Training Exchange with the Argentinian Marine Corps, allowing U.S. Marine Corps units to improve training readiness prior to deploying to the EUCOM AOR. The FY23 Cold Weather Warfare Training Exchange in Ushuaia will build upon the FY22 SMEE exchange and increase the unit of employment to conduct the training to a platoon-sized element with enablers to allow greater readiness return.



# Reports From Active/Reserve Units

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reconnaissance Battalion



### Marine Corps Combat Readiness Evaluation Company B, 2d Reconnaissance Battalion 20220801-20220815



**BLUF**

- From 20220801-20220815 Bravo Company conducted its Marine Corps Combat Readiness Evaluation. Over the course of the 2 week evaluation, Bravo Company was tested across all 7 of the Reconnaissance Mission Essential Tasks(MET). For the first 5 training days Bravo Company executed its amphibious training on Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, then for the remaining 10 training days they deployed via C-130 to Ft. Carson, Colorado.

**Highlights**

- Bravo Company executed Amphibious Reconnaissance on Camp Lejeune, NC. This training encompassed a platoon conducting a Confirmatory Beach Report, and (2) separate Reconnaissance and Surveillance missions which utilized CRRC to insert.
- Bravo Company utilized, 1x C-130 to deploy the entire company of 55 Marines from Camp Lejeune, NC to Ft. Carson, CO
- In Colorado, Bravo Company conducted (6) days of continuous Ground Reconnaissance and Surveillance, and culminated with a Company Non-illuminated Night Limited Scale Raid on a simulated Costal Defense Missile System Site.
- During the deployment to Colorado, Bravo Company worked heavily with Army UH-60s and AH-64s throughout execution, highlighting the Company's ability to conduct joint service integration.

**Pictures**

- Marines conduct a QRF mission to evacuate a casualty sustained during execution.
- Reconnaissance Marine sets a demolition charge at night to destroy the Costal Defense Missile System.
- Raid Force landing utilizing Army UH-60s during the culminating Company Limited Scale Raid.
- Military Free Fall Jump Masters conduct in-flight rigging procedures on a C-130 as Bravo Company prepares for a Military Free Fall insert.

**Endstate**

- Bravo Company, 2d Reconnaissance Battalion has demonstrated proficiencies across all Reconnaissance Mission Essential Tasks. Bravo Company is man, trained, and equipped, and ready to CHOP to the 26 Marine Expeditionary Unit.





## Hurlburt Field CAS Training Force Co JTACs, 2d Reconnaissance Battalion 20220912-20220916



**BLUE**

- From 20220912-20220916 2<sup>nd</sup> RECON JTACs conducted CAS Training to Hurlburt Field, Florida with (4) Recon Marines, (2) Fires Chiefs and (1) Corpsman, IOT conduct advanced JTAC Full Mission Profile training. Over the (4) day training evaluation, the Marine JTACs were tested on mission planning, coordinating with supporting aircraft from 73<sup>rd</sup> Special Operations Squadron (SOS) and 319<sup>th</sup> SOS, executing FMPs as primary JTAC, and conducting debriefs with aircrews IOT increase their lethality to the Battalion on future deployments and training opportunities

**Highlights**

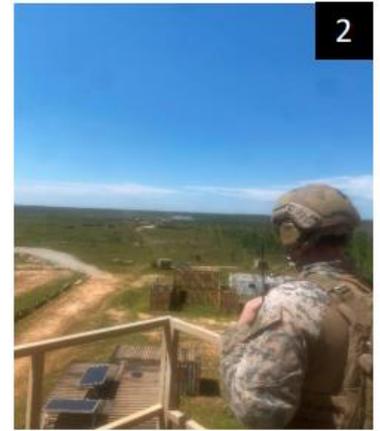
- The JTACs utilized (80) 105mm, and (300) 30mm from 73<sup>rd</sup> SOS AC-130J during the (4) day training package; each JTAC completed a full FMP scenario which concluded full CAS 9lines, Calls for Fire, and notional CASEVAC's with multiple maneuvering ground forces.
- Every FMP included pre-mission planning with the supporting squadron showcasing complete knowledge of not only the actions on the objective, but the 3D battlespace as a whole.
- The JTACs received static displays of both aircraft platforms helping them understand from the aircrew's perspective, which will aid them in future missions to understand the full capabilities and limitations of these specific airframes.

**Pictures**

- Force Company JTAC outside of OBJ building receiving POL updates as assault force conducts clearance of OBJ.
- Force Company JTAC transmitting a Call for Fire to AC-130J on A78 aboard Eglin Air Force Base.
- JTACs from Force Company conducting pre-mission planning prior to executing the FMP on TD2 with 73<sup>rd</sup> SOS.
- Live fire range A77 aboard Eglin Air Force Base, 105mm and 30mm from AC-130J impacts from Force Company JTACs CFF.

**Endstate**

- By conducting joint training aboard Hurlburt Field AFB, the JTACs within the Battalion have learned the processes of planning, executing, and debriefing Full Mission Profiles within the joint environment which will aid them and the Battalion in future deployments and training exercises.



# Reports From Active/Reserve Units

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reconnaissance Battalion



### Urban Communications and Tactical Collections DFT Company H&S, 2d Reconnaissance Battalion 20221024-20221027 Gettysburg, PA



**BLUF**

- From 20221024-20221028 Intel and Communications Sections conducted a Deployment for Training to Gettysburg, PA and Annapolis, MD, with (25) Marines, IOT conduct an urban communications and tactical collections package. Over the (5) day training evaluation, the Marines broken into two C4ISTs to conduct training and test their ability to implement a systematic approach to each C4 based scenario. The training increased their lethality and ability to set up hasty foot mobile and vehicle mounted communications and collections sites.

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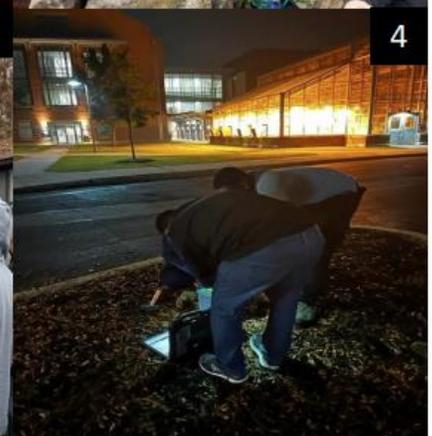
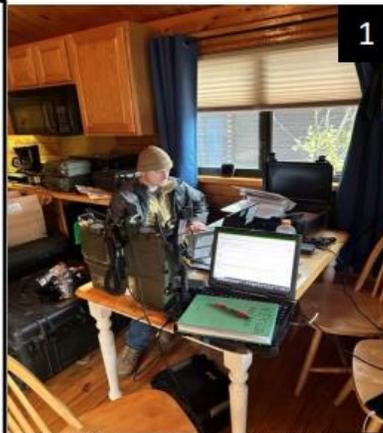
- Mobile Reconnaissance Operations Centers were established via foot mobile and vehicle mounted teams in order to communicate around the training area and process unclassified intelligence gathered.
- Marines conducted a 10 mile foot movement where they were tasked with conducting feasibility of communications surveys around a designated areas of interest.
- Communicators participated in Noble Skywave HF Competition completing five high frequency transmissions in a compressed timeline with the farthest being Edmonton, Canada 3564 km from their position.
- Intelligence and Communications Marines conducted SUAS (PUMA and SkyDio) flights while utilizing FMV streaming capabilities over ATAK to identify and process surface vessels of interest.

**Pictures**

- Communications Officer validating HF, MUOS, NIPR, and VOIP services in the Reconnaissance Operations Center.
- Communications Marines conduct foot movement and validate HF, MUOS, NIPR, and VOIP communications systems and provide information to the Reconnaissance Operations Center.
- Intelligence Marine conducts intelligence update brief and directs teams on their next specific operational requirements.
- Communications Marines conduct vehicle mounted movement validate HF, MUOS, NIPR, and VOIP communications systems and provide information to the Reconnaissance Operations Center.

**Endstate**

- S-2 and S-6, 2d Reconnaissance Battalion have the capability to provide robust tactical communications and tactical collections solutions to reconnaissance teams in support of GFM and Reconnaissance Counter-Reconnaissance requirements across a variety of mission sets.



# Reports From Active/Reserve Units

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reconnaissance Battalion



### Urban Communications and Tactical Collections DFT Company H&S, 2d Reconnaissance Battalion 20221027-20221028 Annapolis, MD



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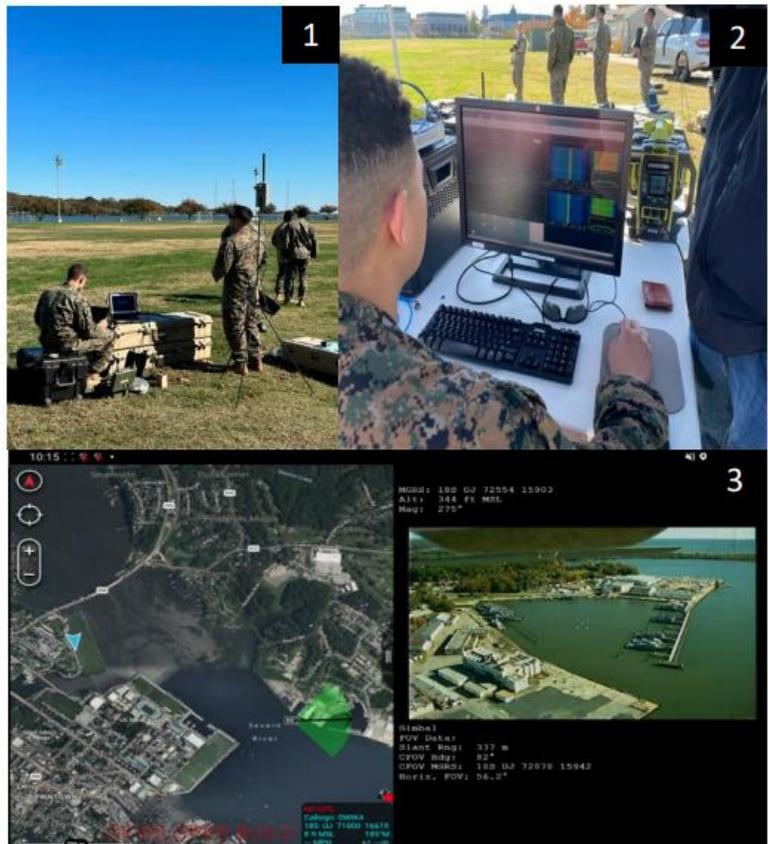
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**Pictures**

- SUAS Pilot, Communications, and Intelligence Marines conduct SUAS flights IOT identify and process surface vessels of interest.
- Intelligence Officer works with civilian signals analyst as they conduct spectrum surveys of PUMA and SkyDio flights discussing signature management and TTPs.
- ATAK device utilizing OWIK to ingest FMV and broadcast video to other users via TAK Server.

**Endstate**

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# Reports From Active/Reserve Units

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reconnaissance Battalion



### Exercise TRES KOLOS 22 Company A 2d Recon 17-28 October 2022



**BLUF**

- From 17-28 October 2022, Alpha Company, 2nd Platoon conducted Exercise TRES KOLOS in Camp Savaneta, Aruba. The platoon built upon interoperability capabilities with Allied nations through competition and cooperation with like units from the RNLMC Marine Squadron Caribbean (MSC) and 33 French Marine Infantry Regiment (RIMa). The exercise consisted of a military skills competition, tactical lane training, and a final joint raid to complete all training scenarios.

**Highlights**

- Each team participated in a skills competition that included a 4 mile litter carry, water o- course, boat races, marksmanship stress shoot, and navigation.
- The platoon conducted (1) amphibious raid, house clearing, medical training, and a combat tracking lane led by Dutch Marines stationed on island.
- Platoon leadership, Team Leaders and Assistant Team Leaders conducted joint planning, rehearsals and supported a multinational operation for the final mission of the exercise.

**Pictures**

- Sgt Folchetti orders a PDF for Cpl Olson's machine gun on consolidation at the Dutch-cleared objective.
- A Team 1 report confirms the presence of the high value target as the Dutch Marines plan their raid on the objective. The team observed the compound for 36 hours, reported activity, conducted reconnaissance on and guided the Dutch platoon to their assault position.
- Sgt Cases conducts 20 sledgehammer swings before engaging a target at 200m during the stress shoot evolution of the skills competition.
- 2d Recon, MSC and 33 RIMa personnel pose for a group photo upon conclusion of a morning PT event before an afternoon of liberty.

**Endstate**

- Through friendly competition, joint planning and execution of core METS, 2d Reconnaissance Battalion continued to build capability, develop operating procedures, and conduct bilateral training with partner nation forces in Europe and the Caribbean.



# Reports From Active/Reserve Units

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reconnaissance Battalion



### Operation Purple Windmill, Netherlands TACP, 2d Reconnaissance Battalion 27 November 2022 – 1 December 2022



**BLUE**

- From 27 November to 1 December, JTAC's with 2d Reconnaissance Battalion conducted Close air support training with Dutch Marines in various locations around the Netherlands. This training was crucial in maintaining our long-standing relationship with our Dutch counterparts and strengthened the partnership between both units as it gave the opportunity for U.S Marines to integrate, learn and share knowledge with our allied partners.

**Highlights**

- 2d Recon JTAC's conducted close air support training with Dutch F-35 and AH-64 Pilots and platforms in an urban, dynamic and non-permissive environment.
- After each CAS time on Station, JTACS from both units were allowed to critique and provide valuable debrief points that resulted in the overall improvement and enhanced lethality of the TACP.

**Pictures**

- Cpl. Barnett conducts pre-mission planning, prior to executing a simulated CAS mission in immersed simulated environment.
- 2d Recon JTAC's Conduct night CAS with Dutch Airforce AH-64's in an urban environment while mounted and dismounted from vehicles.
- 2d Recon and Dutch JTAC's Pose for a picture prior to conducting a raid with multiple maneuvering friendly forces.
- Capt. Chavez coordinates with the Dutch ground force commander and Conducts CAS with Dutch Airforce F-35's during an urban raid in poor weather, while utilizing the onboard systems of the F-35 to target and attrite painted enemy ground forces.

**Endstate**

- JTAC's, 2d Reconnaissance Battalion were able to conduct CAS in a foreign nation, all while gaining the proficiency and experience in working with Dutch JTAC's, Pilots and Aircraft. This exercise enhanced our relationship with our Dutch counterparts and laid the foundation for future training opportunities.



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# Reports From Active/Reserve Units

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Reconnaissance Battalion



**BLUF:** From 26 September to 26 October 3d Reconnaissance Battalion Early Entry Command Post (EECP) conducted three separate command post exercises during Phase 1 of the EECP training continuum. Each CPX increased in complexity and focused on refining tactics, techniques, and procedures and employing Link-16 in preparation for the upcoming IBX Stand-in Force Exercise in December.

### Highlights

- EECP FEX was a unilateral training event focused on TTPs related to site selection, occupation, establishment of a command post, and spectrum management.
- During Resolute Dragon 22 the EECP established long haul communications from Okinawa with 12th Marines on Mainland Japan via HF and data. The bi-lateral Maritime Strike portion of RD22 served as a vignette for the EECP to rehearse development and management of a Common Operational Picture and Common Intelligence Picture.
- During Katana Strike the 3d Recon participated with a Mojo-Mini equipped EECP at Seecher Hall and a PRC-161 BATS-D equipped TACP element at W-174. This is the first time EECP has been an active participant in the link network and integrated into the joint force dynamic targeting cycle.
- All three command post exercises tested different C2 configurations (UTV mobile, UTV w/201 tent, hardened structure) to test the flexibility, adaptability, and modularity of the EECP capability.
- The Spectrum Warfare Tiger Team was employed at each CPX to establish a baseline spectrum footprint and validate EECP emission control procedures.

### Pictures

1. UTV mobile EECP configuration during EECP FEX
2. EECP hardened structure set up during Katana Strike, 12<sup>th</sup> Marines Seecher Hall was utilized – L16 connection established via radio frequency & SIPR data connection established via mobile broadband kit (MBK) local sim cards.
3. EECP tent configuration during Resolute Dragon. Connections established between Okinawa and 12<sup>th</sup> Marines COC in mainland Japan via MBK data and HF data connection



# Reports From Active/Reserve Units

## 4<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Battalion



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### Company B, 4th Reconnaissance Battalion

Mountain Warfare Training Center Bridgeport, California // 26 - 27 JULY 2022



**BLUE** : On 26-27 July 2022, Company B, 4th Reconnaissance Battalion remediated individual and team skillsets to increase their ground reconnaissance competency.

**Highlights**

- E&R Training
- CASEVAC Training
- NATO Reports Training
- Reports Practical Application
- Animal Packer Resupply
- Hide site construction
- Force on Force training

**Pictures**

1. Reconnaissance Marines practice utilizing the SKED litter.
2. Reconnaissance Marines conduct a reports debrief with their platoon leadership following FEX
3. Reconnaissance Marines collect data for a bridge report.
4. LCpl Alcide leads mules up the mountain during a resupply mission.

**ENDSTATE:**

Company B, 4th Reconnaissance Battalion can successfully execute ground reconnaissance missions.



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# Reports From Active/Reserve Units

## 4<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Battalion



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**Company B, 4th Reconnaissance Battalion**  
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# Reports From Active/Reserve Units

## 4<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Battalion



### 4th Reconnaissance Battalion

Low-Level Static line Jumpmaster: San Antonio, TX Date: 13 June - 1 July 2022



**BLUF** : From June 13 – July 1, 2021 Marines from 4th Reconnaissance Battalion led and facilitated a Low-Level Static Line Jumpmaster (LLSJM) Mobile Training Team (MTT), instructed by the 82nd Airborne Division Cadre.

**Narrative**

4th Recon Bn planned and coordinated a LLSJM MTT, on site in San Antonio, successfully for the first time in over 5 years. These MTTs were historically common until the Army stopped agreeing to perform them. The course convened with 49 students including 4th Recon Bn, 3rd Force Recon Co, 4th ANGLICO, 1st Recon Bn, 1<sup>st</sup> Aerial Delivery Co (AD), 2D Recon, 2D AD, 3D Recon Bn, and 2 Air Force participants; graduating 39 total students.

**Pictures**

1. Students completing practical work in the aircraft – evaluation, culminating in a parachute drop of all students and Cadre.
2. Marines present a cake to instructors in celebration of the US Army's 247th Birthday.
3. After conducting pre-jump briefs and inspection, students rehearse and prepare to load for evaluation.
4. MGySgt Michael Brown delivers comments as the guest speaker for graduation of class LLSJM MTT 01-22, congratulating the Marine Corps and Air Force's newest Jumpmasters in front of staff and families.



# Reports From Active/Reserve Units

## 4<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Battalion



### 4th Reconnaissance Battalion

MTT SOUTHCOM: Colombia Date: 1 September - 14 September

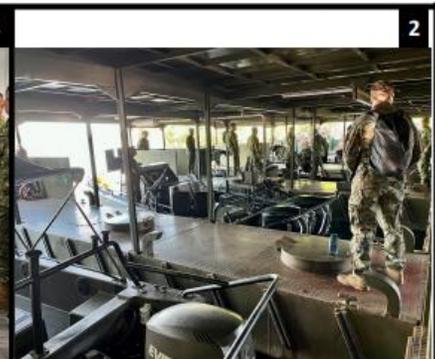


**BLUF** : 4th Reconnaissance Battalion deployed a 5 man MTT in support of SOUTHCOM and Naval Mission Colombia to provide strategic and operational advising and guidance to the Colombian Marine Corps' reconnaissance asset.

**Narrative** : From 1 September through 14 September, 2022, 4th Reconnaissance Battalion deployed a 5 man MTT consisting of experienced Reconnaissance Marines to Colombia in support of Naval Mission Colombia, SOUTHCOM. The MTT was tasked with assessing and advising the Colombian Marine Corps' Reconnaissance element, known as PRETAC. The MTT met with senior Colombian Marine Corps leadership in Bogota and received a brief on the current status of the PRETAC training and employment. The MTT then traveled to 2 locations and evaluated the current operational employment and training of the PRETAC platoons within operational brigades. The MTT met with the Colombian Marine Corps Commandant Chief of Staff and provided an after action report and recommendations.

**Pictures**

1. 4th Recon MTT with COLMAR brigade operations officers, Recon platoon commanders and NAVMIS staff.
2. MTT observing COLMAR Recon Marines preparing boats for an operation in Puerto Inirida.
3. 4th Brigade COLMAR Recon Marines (PRETAC) and 4th Recon MTT conducting hot wash after pre-mission planning and rehearsals.
4. 4th Brigade COLMAR leadership and PRETAC platoon present 4th Recon Bn. MTT with a paddle in appreciation for their assistance.



# Reports From Active/Reserve Units

## 4<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Battalion



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### Gunslinger 22 TACP Exercise

4th Recon Bn Fires // 13 – 24 June 2022



**BLUF:** Three Bn Marines participated in TACP training during the Gunslinger 22 Exercise on Smokey Hills Bombing Range in Salina, Kansas.

**Highlights:**

- Bn JTACs completed a total of 29 controls on the USAF AJATS simulation system.
- Bn JTACs completed a total of 44 live day and night controls with 8 different types of A/C.
- COM MFR visited the OP on 22 June.

**Pictures:**

1. B Co JTAC SSgt Amick successfully conducts his 18-month evaluation.
2. 4th Recon JTACs worked with several USAF A/C including A-10s, B-52s, B1s and MC-12s.
3. B Co JTAC Sgt Hildebrand successfully executes his 18 month evaluation with A/C from 4th MAW "Red Dogs."
4. UH-1 lifts off from OP Soldier's Cap after conduct of a LZ brief.

**Endstate:**

Bn JTAC's substantially increased proficiency, particularly with respect to USAF bomber integration. One Bn JTAC-I completed all necessary controls to maintain currency, and two Bn JTACs completed all necessary 2100 level live codes for the designation curriculum. Upon completion of their Standardization Checks both JTACs will be eligible for designation.



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**OPERATION DATA CLEANUP:**

***Please help us Update your Information!!!!***

We need your help with updating our FRA membership database. When many of our members signed up with the FRA, the information provided was incomplete...especially relative to full service dates. Many of our Vietnam and preVietnam Veterans provided service dates for only the time they served in a Recon unit. We have many members who served more than one enlistment and many who retired from the military, but our information is incomplete.

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## TAPs and Remembrance



Cpl Gerard Brentari USMC FRA # 3117    Amphib Recon Co. 1955-57  
Sgt John K. 'Pineapple' Kaulu USMC FRA # 2997

Died JAN 2022  
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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 of Reserve.

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