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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

Al Sniadecki



Message from your President

July 2024

The past six months since the posting of our last SITREP reminds me of a common saying here in the great state of Texas: "If you don't like the weather, just hang on, because it will be changing!" Our Nation and the world have seen some significant events transpire recently including two regional conflicts, military threats in other parts of the globe, and only weeks ago, an assassination attempt on former President Trump. I personally believe that

we live in the most dangerous and precarious time the world has ever experienced. Now, more than ever, we need a strong and focused military and a Marine Corps that reflects the "Courage, Honor and Commitment" of all those who have proudly worn the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor.

The FRA can and will continue to support our Recon Community as we have done since the end of the Vietnam War. We continue to support the annual Recon Challenge and look forward to holding our 2025 FRA Reunion in concert with the 16th Recon Challenge at MCBCP. Our Executive Director, Dave Jarvis, will cover this in his report. Additionally, we are in the process of evaluating the latest group of FRA Scholarship applications and will announce our winners in the Fall of this year. After many years of service to the FRA as a founding Board member, Executive Director, Scholarship Committee Chair, and evaluator, Dr. Wayne Lingenfelter has stepped down from the Scholarship Committee this year. Dr. Wayne and his founding Brothers who formed the FRA over forty years ago are the reason we exist today. I carry a heart full of love and respect for this Marine Officer and will be forever grateful for his friendship and mentorship to me, personally. I look forward to seeing Wayne and Carol at our next reunion. Additionally, I am pleased to announce that SgtMaj Collin Barry (USMC, ret.) has stepped up to serve as our newest scholarship judge. Collin, who also serves on the FRA Board, is significantly qualified for his newest role, having completed his Ph.D., recently. We will announce our 2024 scholarship winners in October.

In closing, we were able to provide financial support to several of our Recon families experiencing medical challenges and provided direct financial assistance to the Family of Sergeant Collin Arslanbas who we lost in April.

On behalf of our entire community, we welcome to all our Reconnaissance Marines, MARSOC Marines and Corpsmen returning from deployments overseas. To our

Brothers and Sisters still engaged in the fight, we send 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 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 or to any of the following: Commchief@forcerecon.com, al@alsniadecki.com or to 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

Dave Jarvis



A Message from your Executive Director

Executive Director's Report

Planning for our 2025 Reunion is currently underway!

Good day Members, Families and Friends of the Force Recon Association! I hope this finds you all well and in good health. I've been contacted by many of you wanting to know about our next annual reunion. As many of you may already know, our next reunion will be held in the Oceanside, California area, in conjunction with the 16th Annual Recon Challenge. **Reunion dates are tentatively set for April 24-27, 2025.** Our agenda will include a membership meeting and luncheon, spending the day spectating the Recon Challenge, visiting 1st Recon Bn, charitable auction and our formal Memorial Banquet Dinner. Expect to

receive hotel information, registration forms and a detailed schedule, via email, by the end of September. Information and registration will also be available on the FRA website: <https://www.forcerecon.com>

2024 Updates:

-Al Sniadecki and I attended the annual Shot Show in January, to say thanks to our loyal sponsors who continue to support our charitable efforts. Additionally, we created several new relationships with other organizations for future support.

-Our last raffle that took place during the month of April, raised more than \$12,000.00!. A big thanks to all of you that participated, and we are grateful to Dan Wesson, Leupold and Streamlight for their product donations. With that said, we will be conducting another raffle during the month of September, top prize will be a **FN 15® Military Collector M4** with an **Aimpoint red dot sight**. Stay tuned for more details!

On a somber note, unfortunately, over the last seven months we have lost several of our fellow Recon Veterans and one active-duty Marine during training. Our beloved 29th Commandant and FRA Brother, General Alfred Gray, (FRA #940) passed away on March 20, 2024. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends. We want everyone to know that the FRA is here to support our Recon Family in the time of need regardless if you are an active member of the association or not.

In closing, I want to wish each of you and your families a memorable summer! Please feel free to reach out to me at any time as it continues to be an honor and a privilege to serve you and the Force Recon Association.

Semper Fidelis,

Dave Jarvis
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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.

Please take the time to complete the information below and email back to

Commchief@forcerecon.com or mail it back to

FRA, P.O. BOX 111000, Carrollton, TX 75011.

NAME:

FRA MEMBER #:

MAILING ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

EMAIL ADDRESS: (print clearly)

PLEASE PROVIDE ALL DATES SERVED IN THE MILITARY AND THE BRANCH OF SERVICE (FOR EXAMPLE: USMC: 5/1966-2/1969, OR USMC:1957-59 AND ARMY 1960-1891). IF EXACT DATES ARE NOT KNOWN, USE YEARS ONLY.

PLEASE PROVIDE UNIT NAMES AND SERVICE DATES FOR ALL MARINE RECON UNITS YOU SERVED WITH (FOR EXAMPLE: 5TH FORCE RECON 10/1966-11/67, 3RD FORCE RECON 12/1967 - 1/1969, 3RD RECON BN 2/1969-4/1971). IF EXACT DATES ARE NOT KNOWN, USE YEARS ONLY.

2024 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, 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



GySgt Wesley R. 'Wes' Johnson USMC (ret), FRA# 1711

Died 26 JUN 2024

HM3 Jack Francis, FRA# 3058

Died 9 FEB 2024

John J. 'Silky' Tintiangco, FRA# 2359

Died 4 JAN 2024



You Will Be Missed and Never Forgotten.



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Direct Action Apparel
<https://directactionapparel.com/search?q=FRA>

Brother Recon
<https://www.brotherrecon.com/fra-shop>

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

FRA Scholarship Info:
See FRA Web Site

<https://www.ForceRecon.com>

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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 of 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 (Deceased); Thomas “Tom” L. Gibson (Deceased); and Ernie “Gunny” DeFazio (Deceased).

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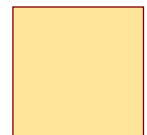
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