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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 also available at no charge. Send an email request to



Al Sniadecki

Letter from your President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – June 2022

Memorial Day - 2022

One of the most sacred duties we share as FRA members is to preserve and perpetuate the memories of our fallen warriors and I know this past Memorial Day that each of us honored the memories of our Brothers and Sisters who gave their lives in defense of our Nation. We carry them on our heart...they will never be forgotten.

This year's Memorial Day was a very special and memorable day for Sara and I as we attended the Central Texas Council of Governments recognition of FRA Member, Major Billy T Branch (ret) for his twenty years of service to the Marine Corps and his continuing service to the citizens of Comanche County, Texas. I had the honor of introducing Billy, and needless to say, he humbly accepted his honors on behalf of all the Marines he was privileged to serve alongside. Congratulations, again, Major Branch, and well done, Sir!



Major and Mrs. Billy T Branch USMC (ret)

13th Annual Recon Challenge Produces 'Repeat' Winners!

The 2022 Recon Challenge (#13) is now history, and we can proudly announce that two FRA Board members have again finished in first place for the second consecutive year. MGySgt Cory Paskvan, and Major Morgan Jordan were victorious. Also, we extend our congratulations to the second place team: GySgt Ryan Burke and Captain Arthur Johnson, and the third place team: SSgt Andy Metz and Major Benjamin Lowring. This year, a record total of 28 teams participated; making this the largest recon challenge ever! We look forward to an even larger Recon Challenge in 2023!



Winners of the 2022 Recon Challenge



2022 New FRA Members

Congratulations and welcome aboard to our newest FRA Brothers. We look forward to your continued brotherhood and participation in the FRA Community!

FRA#	Name	FRA#	Name	FRA#	Name
3675	Thomas Bock	3680	Justin Leibach	3685	Sean Gore
3676	John Dailey	3681	Allan Salyerds	3686	Mark Wolff
3677	Thomas Lamy	3682	David Stott	3687	Lukhma McBride
3678	Erik Farner	3683	Jon Frisch	3688	Alex Gifford
3679	Vincent Paredes	3684	Charles O'Donnell		

To all our Reconnaissance Marines, MARSOC Marines and Corpsmen returning from deployments, we express our continued gratitude and a special "welcome home". 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 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

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 annual reunion. Here is what I can pass to you as of now:

Planning for our 2022 Reunion is currently underway!

As many of you may already know, our next reunion will be held in San Antonio, Texas, with the 4th Reconnaissance Battalion. Reunion dates are tentatively set for 16-19 November. Our agenda will include a membership luncheon, spending the day at the 4th Recon compound, visiting the Alamo, charitable auction and joining together with 4th Recon Battalion, to celebrate our 246th Marine Corps Birthday Ball; in conjunction with honoring our fallen. Expect to receive hotel information, registration form and a detailed schedule, via email, by the end of June. Information and registration will also be available on the FRA Website. <https://www forcerecon.com>

I was fortunate to be able to attend the 2022 SHOT Show in Las Vegas this past January. I was able to connect and say thanks to our loyal sponsors and supporters by presenting them a beautiful custom metal Recon Jack! Additionally, I met with a few more companies that are on board to donate items for our annual charitable auction. As a reminder, in 2021, we raised over \$12,000 from items donated from our sponsors and members. Please think about items you might want to donate this year! If you can't bring them to the reunion, you can mail items, certificates, etc. to me at:

Dave Jarvis
Attention: Force Recon Association
PO Box 742
Seeley Lake, Montana 59868

Again, expect to see more traffic with regards to our Reunion by the end of this month.

As always, if any of you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at any time. I look forward to seeing many of you in San Antonio, Texas!

Semper Fidelis,

Dave Jarvis
Executive Director
Force Recon Association
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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.

2022 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



Col Gordon W. Keiser USMC (ret) FRA # 2795

Died 8 MAY 2021

Sgt Jephtha W. Carter USMC FRA # 325

Died 11 JUL 2021

Ray R. "Ross" Rossi FRA # 379

Died 22 Dec 2021

Donald F. Anderson FRA #771

Died 18 April 2022

Joseph T. "Gethermoto" Getherall FRA # 1300

Died 7 June 2022



You Will Be Missed and Never Forgotten.



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**FRA Memorabilia:
I Need It Now Trophies**
<https://ineeditnowtrophies.co/>

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

**FRA Scholarship Info:
See FRA Web Site**

We're on the Web!

See us at:

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).

Board of Directors and Officers: 2022-TBD

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