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NEWSLETTER OF THE

FORCE RECON



ASSOCIATION  
U.S. MARINE CORPS

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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 [CommChief@ForceRecon.com](mailto:CommChief@ForceRecon.com)



Al Sniadecki

## Letter from your President

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – December 2021

As Gomer Pyle often said: “Thank you, thank you, thank you!” Congratulations and thank you to all who were able to attend the 2021 FRA Reunion in San Diego. This year's reunion took on special meaning in that we celebrated both our Recon Community and the 246<sup>th</sup> Birthday of our beloved Corps! Our FRA Family was hosted to a tour of both

1<sup>st</sup> Recon Bn headquarters and BRC, not to mention lunch in a Marine mess facility! Special thanks to LtCol Willis, CWO3 Sam Shin, and MGySgt Cory Paskvan for hosting us at their units! The highlight of our memorial dinner was an inspiring keynote address delivered by Dr. Wayne Lingenfelter, Major, USMC (ret). He reminded us of the central role that our Marine experience plays forever in our lives no matter what path we choose to follow.

In closing, I am reminded that it took a hurricane (Dorian) and a Covid pandemic to keep us from our reunion mission in the last two years but thanks to the planning skills and leadership of our Executive Director, Dave Jarvis, our reunions are operational again. Thank you, Lumberjack, and Semper Fidelis!

### Congratulations to the 2021 Scholarship Award Recipients

The FRA Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the following individuals have been awarded FRA Scholarship grants for 2021:

Recipient – Victoria Alvarado  
Recipient – Faith Forman  
Recipient – Allison Hansen  
Recipient – Martha Hansen  
Recipient – Alexandra Hood  
Recipient – David James  
Recipient – Matthew James  
Recipient – Claire Leidy  
Recipient – Kaleb Leidy  
Recipient – Edward Lynch  
Recipient – Shelly Lynch  
Recipient – Sarah Martin  
Recipient – Ava Polinski  
Recipient – Elena Polinski  
Recipient – Cameron Reed  
Recipient – Isabel Willis  
Recipient – Thomas Younger

FRA Sponsor – Andrew Carver  
FRA Sponsor – Jonathan Forman  
FRA Sponsor – Richard Hansen  
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FRA Sponsor – Kyle Hood  
FRA Sponsor – Lance Woodburn  
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FRA Sponsor – Robert Leidy  
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FRA Sponsor – Ed Lynch  
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FRA Sponsor – Joshua Martin  
FRA Sponsor – David Polinski  
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FRA Sponsor – Jeffrey Reed  
FRA Sponsor – William Willis  
FRA Sponsor – Joseph Younger

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

**FRA Executive Committee Elections 2021-2023**

The following FRA members were reelected to the Board Executive Committee:

President: Al Sniadecki

Vice President: Dave Jarvis

Secretary: Paul Barrett

Treasurer: Jimmy McGaughey

On behalf of all the reelected officers, we thank the membership for their support.

**2021 New Memberships Reach New High**

Thanks to the active communications of our FRA Board members and our ongoing social media efforts managed by Jessie Edmondson, we gained 105 new memberships for 2021! Please join me in welcoming the following new members who have joined since our June newsletter.

FRA#	Name	FRA#	Name	FRA#	Name
3635	Kiran Hill	3649	Dante Collins	3662	Bill Peters
3636	Joshua Mickles	3650	Deven Downey	3663	Travis Hillman
3637	Dennis Gilbert	3651	Russ Veilleaux	3664	William Kern
3638	Jeff Stevens	3652	Evan Rodeffer	3665	Jeffrey Smith
3639	Stephen Russoniello	3653	Sean Schoonmaker	3666	Michael Wilkinson
3640	Nathan Willis	3654	Jacob Franks	3667	John Erickson
3641	John Toel	3655	Michael Andrews	3668	Louis Boyd
3642	Christopher Presley	3656	Richard Bennett	3669	Jordan Vargas
3643	Richard Fisher	3657	Daniel Sigala	3670	Brent Wright
3644	Michael Behrens	3658	Charles Turner	3671	Phillip Tipton
3645	Byron Aguilar	3659	Matthew Barela	3672	Jason Porter
3646	Benjamin Lowring	3660	William Hackett	3673	Michael Smargiassi
3647	Floyd Ruggles	3661	Steven Rahbeck	3674	Charles Snyder
3648	Oliver Brooks				

We express our continued gratitude 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*

Dave Jarvis



## Executive Director Report and 2021 Reunion Highlights

Good day Marines, Sailors, Family, and Friends. I would like to start by again thanking our members in attendance at this year's reunion and for electing me to continue to serve as your Executive Director! It is an honor and a privilege to continue serving the FRA as we go forward into 2022.

This year's reunion was the biggest turnout in over five years! My wife, Tina and I, had a wonderful time visiting all those in attendance and it was great to be amongst the world's finest! I am so thrilled that we had the opportunity to incorporate a visit to Camp Pendleton as one of this year's excursions. A special shout out to our Active-Duty members, that AI had mentioned, for taking the time out of their holiday schedule to give us a tour of their facilities.

Our annual gathering doesn't take place without the commitment of our Board of Directors and several "behind the scene" key players. I'd like to personally thank our President, AI Sniadecki for his countless hours, years of hard work and commitment that he continues to give our organization. To our Board members that made it to San Diego, Paul Barrett, Jim McGaughey, Sam Shin and Cory Paskvan, the reunion was a great success, thanks to their time and daily contributions. Finally, to a few of the ladies who always step up and assist without hesitation, Sara Sniadecki, Tina Jarvis and Cindy Gonzalez. It is all about the teamwork and I appreciate everyone's assistance.

I'd also like to thank those members who donated personal items to our charitable auction. Together, we raised over \$12,000 and 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. Our culminating event was the celebration of the 246th Marine Corps Birthday and Memorial Banquet Dinner. We had approximately 125 Members, Family, Friends, and Active-Duty Service Members in attendance! It was truly a wonderful time to come together, share camaraderie and honor our Fallen Brothers. Pictures of our reunion will be posted on our website by the end of the year!

As proposed by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership, **our next reunion will be held in San Antonio, Texas with the 4th Reconnaissance Battalion.** 2022 Reunion dates are tentatively set for the 2nd week in November. Expect to receive your Reunion Registration Form, via email, in May of 2022 and will also be available on the FRA Website.

In closing, I'd like to share with you our 2021 Recon Awards that were presented at our Banquet Dinner:

SSgt Joshua Mickles  
1st Force Reconnaissance Company, Team Leader of the Year.

GySgt Samuel Mills  
Force Reconnaissance Company, III Marine Expeditionary Force Team Leader of the Year.

Sgt Andrew Hatcher  
1st Recon Bn, Communicator of the Year.

HM1 Rory Farrell  
1st Recon Bn Special Amphibious Reconnaissance, Corpsman of the Year.

GySgt Michael Wilkinson  
1st Recon Bn, Platoon Sergeant of the Year.

Capt Nicholas Paparella  
1st Recon Bn, Platoon Commander of the Year.

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**



**Force Reconnaissance Company, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, Camp Pendleton, CA**



**Memorial Banquet Dinner, San Diego, CA**

**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](mailto: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: 5<sup>TH</sup> FORCE RECON 10/1966-11/67, 3<sup>RD</sup> FORCE RECON 12/1967 -1/1969, 3<sup>RD</sup> RECON BN 2/1969-4/1971). IF EXACT DATES ARE NOT KNOWN, USE YEARS ONLY.**

## 2021 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



LtCol Alex A Lee USMC (ret) FRA # 0130

Gregory M "Greg" Walker FRA # 2056

William "Bill" Brinton FRA # 2282

Died 17 OCT 2021

Died ?? SEP 2021

Died ?? Jan 2021



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](mailto:Commchief@Forcerecon.com)**

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

**We're on the Web!**

*See us at:*

**[www.ForceRecon.com](http://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 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](mailto:Commchief@forcerecon.com)

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

### *Board of Directors and Officers: 2021-TBD*

Al Sniadecki  
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Vice President

Paul Barrett  
Secretary

James McGaughey III  
Treasurer

David Jarvis  
Executive Director

Steve Luebbert  
Communications Chief

Collin Barry  
Director

Billy Branch  
Director

Cody Carroll  
Director

Cory Paskvan  
Director

Morgan Jordon  
Director

Sam Shin  
Director

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