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2D Recon Battalion Association Newsletter Spring 2022

Greetings Marines, Corpsmen, and Recon Families,

I hope this finds all of you doing well. It's hard to believe it's less than two months until many of us will get together at our annual reunion. If you've never been to one, you're missing out. It's a great time to see old friends, meet new ones, view your old "stomping grounds," and to see what our modern-day Marines are doing and to continue to grow our bond with 2d Recon Battalion. It's also where we raise funds for our charitable causes. See the "Reunion" page for more details.

I have been asked, "Why don't we have the reunion at different places once in a while?" When the Association was first formed, this was done—every other year it was held away from Camp Lejeune. What was learned was that when the reunion was away from Lejeune, attendance dropped, the prices became prohibitive, and the relationship with the unit was weakened.

Our "base camp" is the Hampton Inn, Sneads Ferry/Topsail Beach. We have a group rate of \$149 per night that is **good until May 23rd**. Just mention that you are with the 2d Recon Battalion Association. The telephone number is (910) 327-5555. Don't delay!

Semper Fi,

Wayne Dillon
President, 2d Reconnaissance Battalion Association

Reunion 2022

Itinerary 2022

Thurs. 23 June:

Arrive Hampton Inn Sneads Ferry/North Topsail Beach, 1248 NC Hwy. 210, Sneads Ferry, NC 28460. Check in time is 1500.

Fri. 24 June:

0700: Board Transportation
0800-1200: Interactive activities (range, boats, etc. TBD)
1200-1230: Enroute Bn. area
1230: Awards formation at 2d Recon Battalion headquarters
1300: Completion - static display/BBQ with BN members at ORP in the back of the Bn
1430: Board transportation enroute Hampton Inn
1600: Leadership meeting in Seahawk Room
1700: Membership meeting in Seahawk Room

Sat: 25 June:

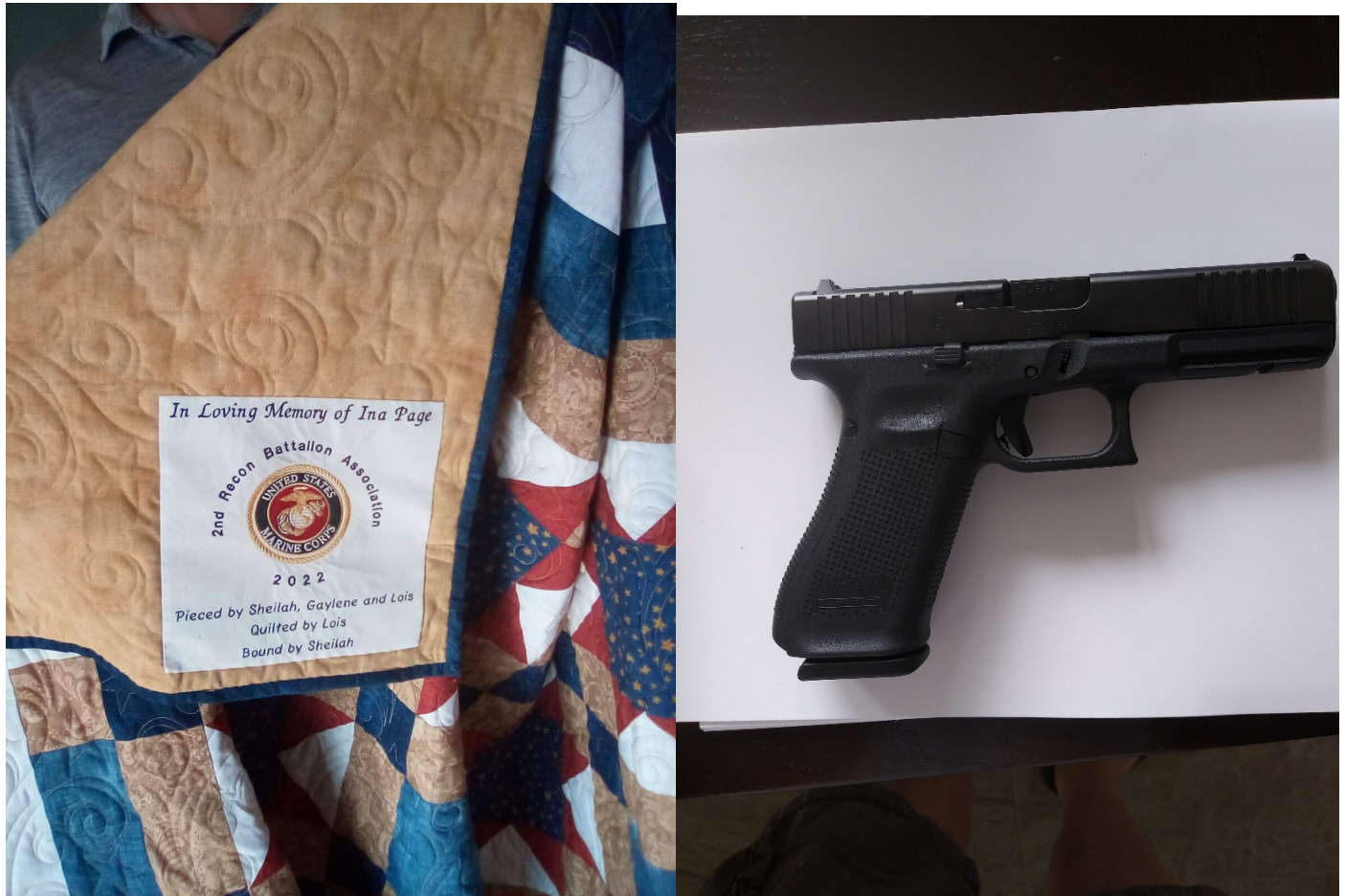
Day is open for families to enjoy the beach, local attractions, etc.
1700: Board transportation enroute Paradise Point Officers Club
1730-2030: Association Dinner and auction in the Carolina Room
2030: Board transportation enroute to Hampton Inn.

Sun. 26 June:

1100: Check out/depart

Reunion Fundraising Auction

We will hold our fundraising auction at the Saturday evening dinner. Last year our members donated many interesting items such as plaques, knives, growlers, and more. As a result, our auction raised nearly \$9,000! These funds going towards our charitable needs, such as scholarships, members who are ill and need help, etc., as well as for our operating expenses. Anyone who has been to one of these will certainly remember the beautiful quilts made and donated by Ms. Ina Page, the will of Bill Page. Sadly, we lost Ms. Ina last fall. In her memory, her friend, Lois Remis, made this quilt to be auctioned this year. The Glock 17 pictured has been donated also.



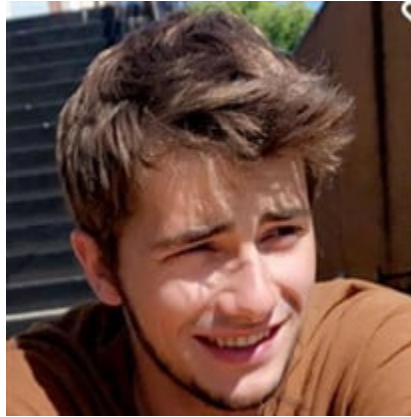
Steve and Lee Ann's Wedding



Despite some of the sad events our members have experienced, we also had a very happy event.

GySgt. Steve O'Hara, USMC (Ret.) and the lovely Lee Ann Starkey were united in holy matrimony on March 12th in Norfolk, Virginia. Members of the Marine Corps League and the Marine Corps Reserve supplied the sword detail, and they performed flawlessly. Michael Graham, aka "Grambo" (above right in kilt) arranged for a bag piper, and the event was well attended by several Association members.

In Memoriam



We were very sad to hear that Sean and Kristin Doran lost their son, Nathan Hunter Doran, in Louisville, Kentucky, to a single-car accident. Nathan was 23 years old. Mark Harrison and I attended the service. I didn't know Nathan, but judging from the testimonies given by his friends and family, he was loved and respected. Sean and Kristin arranged for Nathan's organs to be donated so that others may live. Our condolences to the Dorans.

Offsites

Memorial Day Weekend: This get together in southwest Indiana is held Memorial Day weekend annually. Site has 131 acres of woods with a 16-acre lake, shooting ranges, fishing, cabin bunks, shower, disco ball, 8-track tape player, and world-class outhouse. If interested contact Wayne Dillon at 931-561-2575 or leatherneck75.wd@gmail.com.

Sawmill Shootout: Held the first weekend of October at Frank Seaman's Virtue of Defense tactical shooting facility in the beautiful western North Carolina mountains. Contact Frank at 828-442-7404 or vodtac@gmail.com if interested.

Supporting our Community

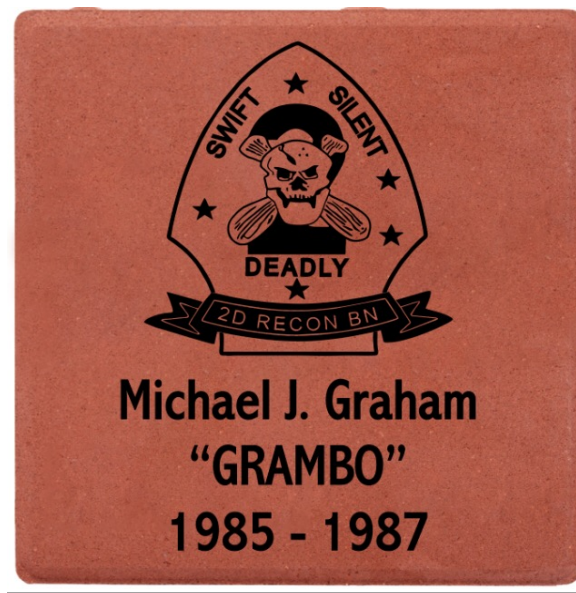
Scholarships

Two scholarships are available to Association members and their dependents. The Larry Ashton Memorial Scholarship, administered by the Ashton family, is dedicated to supporting those who are studying to work as health professionals. The Association administers a general scholarship. The deadline for these scholarships is 15 August. For more information, contact Wayne Dillon at leatherneck75.wd@gmail.com.

Community Support

The Association has recently been able to provide financial support to one of our own facing cancer and job loss. This support is needs-based and applicants are vetted.

Memorial Bricks



<i>Charter/Life Member</i>		<i>Defender of Freedom</i>
<i>Plank Owner</i>		<i>Casual Hero</i>
<i>Sultan of Swag</i>		<i>World Traveler</i>
<i>Minister of Morale</i>		<i>Commie Killer</i>
<i>Special Projects Coordinator</i>		<i>Community Ambassador</i>
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Our Sergeant at Arms, Social Media director, Sultan of Swag, and all-around go-to guy, Michael Graham, aka "Grambo," never ceases to use his creative skills to benefit our unit and the Association. He is heading a project to place memorial bricks, similar to those at the National Museum of the Marine Corps (see example above) at 2d Recon Battalion. If interested in purchasing a brick or bricks, please message Grambo.

Membership



Jason Oliver is our Membership Chairman. Connect with Jason via the following methods:

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