



2d FRA Ripcord News Letter

2023 Reunion Wrap-UP

Brothers and Our Ladies,

From my prospective we had another Great reunion this year. We had 5 events open to all including the priviledge of being present while MGySgt Kevin Dale retired from the Corps after 26 years of service. I'd guestimate we had 80-100 Brothers & Sister drift in & out during thoroughout the week.

I want to thank all the folks who organized and honchoed the events, provided support and generally made things happen.

Shoot Off	James "Harry" Harrison	Golf	Al Classon
Fort Macon Trip	Mike Armstrong	Company Visit	Dick Ashton
Beach Run	Al Classon	Ladies Aux Mtg	Sue Roche
	Meeting Meal & Auction	Joe Rodriquez	
	Dirty Pelican BBQ	Patty (The Real Boss) & Jojo Soroka	

Mike Armstrong, Tony Agurs and Scott Mosher deserve special recognition for manning Hospitality Room and dealing with the SWAG sales.

In addition to these events there were other personal gatherings where old and new friends met and socialized.

During the reunion its easy to lose sight of the fact that there is a cost associated with the events. This year our reunion cost was approximatley \$3600.00 That amount covered

- Ammunition for the Shoot Off (The mornings Open Shoot costs were not covered)
- Hospitativity Room
- Awards for the active duty Marines
- SWAG and Apparel (Sales covered this cost)
- BBQ and a Donation to the Retirement Lunch (These amounts are less than 50% of the costs)

The rest of the costs are covered by individual contributions and the use of "Pickle Jar" donations. The Auction brought over \$5000.00 in so in the end we are able to put some money in our coffers. We always open to new ideas on fundraising. Please contact me or any other Board member with your ideas.

We will be publishing several more Ripcords in the next few weeks addtessing Lejeune Water and other issues. Please watch your in-box for them

Have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day while remembering all our fallen brothers & sisters.