



2d FRA Ripcord News Letter

Nov 2022

MEMBER ISSUES

1. The widow of one of our brothers is asking for some help. Craig Haley (Mid 1970's) passed away while trying to obtain some relief from illness's that may be the result of Lejeune Water. Ms. Haley is asking a copy of any photos or documents with Craig in them to prove he was onboard Camp Lejeune during his service. If you have any and are willing to help please contact Tom Farnan (Reg Dir West) at tom.farnan@comcast.net.
2. If you are considering filing a claim for illness's potentially caused by Lejeune Water and are looking for a reputable firm to work with contact our brother Gary Gibson. Doc can put you in contact with a reputable firm he is familiar with. You can reach Doc at, garygibson1959@gmail.com
3. Dody Koontz has been dealing with some serious health issues lately. He could stand hearing from some brothers to let him know we are hear for him. If you have a minute to send him a note and in true Force Recon fashion just bust his chops he is available at, Dodykoontz7@gmail.com

REUNION 2023

We are in the early stages of planning for the 2023 reunion. The current plan is for the Reunion to be in the Sneads Ferry AO 17-20 May. If you have any observations, comments or concerns about how reunions come about or what to lend a hand reach out to the Dir of Ops/ Reunion Coordinator Joe Jennings at jenningsjb@gmail.com myself at reconpat@msn.com or Mike at mikearmstrong@nm.com

ROSTER UPDATES

Scott Mosher and the Regional Directors have been struggling to get the roster updated. They have cleaned up quite a few errors and updates But we still have over 100 names with zero contact info. If you would like to help please contact Scott at

alvin.mosher@yahoo.com

If you **Do Not** want your info released to other Force Recon Brothers please contact Scott NLT 1 Feb 2023. After that date a copy of the complete roster will be available upon request.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Next General Membership Zoom meeting will be Saturday 17 December at 1600EST, 1500CST, 1400MST and 1300PST. An e-mail with the zoom link will be sent out on or about 14 Dec so look for that e-mail.



2023 BOARD ELECTIONS

Nominations for the following positions will be accepted shortly.

President	Treasure	Dir of Operations
Dir of Communications		Regional Dir's

If you want to nominate someone or need more information about our election's procedures contact Scott Mosher at alvin.mosher@yahoo.com

LADIES AUXILIARY

A Ladies Auxiliary is forming. Sue Rosche has volunteered to start it up. Sue needs folks to pass the word to our much better halves to get this up & running for the 2023 Reunion. While the ladies are welcome at all Reunion Events Sue is looking at organizing some events focused on the ladies. Please let your wives & girlfriends know this is underway and pass on Sues contact info.

Rosche627@gmail.com

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

A gentle reminder. Mike Armstrong is our Association Chaplain. His charter is to reach out to members who are struggling with health or other issues that affect our Brothers to try to get the ball rolling to get them help. That said Mike is one guy and we have hundreds of Brothers. If you know of someone who is depressed, by all means reach out to Mike, VP Tom Cherpurko or any other Brother ASAP. Our goal with establishing Regional Directors is to improve communications and speed the process of getting what assistance we can provide. If that means an in-person visit by the closest Brother we have we need to know about to make that happen.

Mike, mikearmstrong@nm.com
Tom, tomcherpuko@gmail.com

FINANCIAL REPORT

Our current On-hand balance is \$11930.23

Any member can request a copy of the financial report if they so desire.

HISTORY & LEGACY ACTIVITIES

Floyd Houston's efforts to create a history documenting the company's activities from the end of the Vietnam war to date has slowed down. Floyd reports that there is zero command history he has been able to locate at the HQMC archives. Its sure that they are there but requires scanning all the units Force was attached too to try to find it. Floyds request is that if you have any photos or documents from Named Operations you participated in to contact him.

You can reach Floyd at floydnsteph@gmail.com