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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



Al Sniadecki

Letter from your President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – February 2020

Happy New Year to our Force Recon Community! On behalf of the FRA Board of Directors, I hope you had a special Christmas holiday and you are off to a great 2020!

The FRA "charity team" consisting of Executive Director, Dave Jarvis, Comm Chief Steve Luebbert, Past VP, Dick Ashton, and yours truly recently completed our 2020 SHOT Show mission with the primary objective of securing donated items for use at our Reunion Auction to take place on May 2nd during our annual FRA Reunion. I can report that we had a successful trip; thanks to the following sponsors who continue to partner with the FRA to fund our charitable activities. **We are extremely grateful to each of these patriotic and generous organizations who sponsor the FRA charities!**



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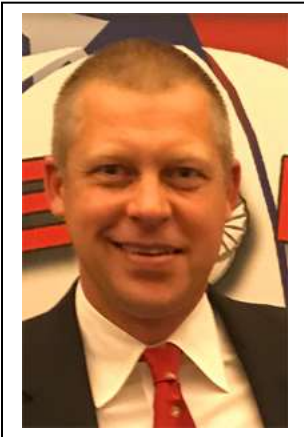


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Dave Jarvis

A Message from your Executive Director

Force Recon Association 2020 Reunion Coming Soon!

We are now 60 days out from this year's reunion. As a reminder, the dates are set for 29 April to 2 May, the time to start planning for the event is now! There are a limited amount of rooms blocked for our Association. Rooms must be reserved before March 28th in order to guarantee your discounted rate, availability and free resort parking. More information about this year's reunion, including information about our reunion headquarters hotel, Holiday Inn San Diego, Bayside, can be found in the following documents:

Recon 2020 Event Schedule

<http://www.forcerecon.com/Recon2020/Recon-2020-Reunion-Schedule.pdf>

Recon 2020 Registration

<http://www.forcerecon.com/Recon2020/Recon-2020-Registration.pdf>

Send the completed registration form, along with your check, money order, or PayPal receipt number to the FRA address listed on the form.

PO Box 111000, Carrollton, Texas 75011.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions.

Dave Jarvis

Executive Director

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Shot Show 2020

FRA Charity Team: L-R Steve Luebbert, Dick Ashton, Dave Jarvis and Al Sniadecki



Bergara: Al next to William Bartholomew, Dan Hanus and Nate Treadaway



CZ-USA: John Simmons



ESS: Lindy Stark



StreamLight: Matt Baker



Glock Reception: William Bartholomew, Halsey Green, Tina Jarvis and Melanie Luebbert joined the FRA crew



The FRA crew (except Al) with Halsey Green, William Bartholomew of Bergara and Josh Dorsey, VP North American Sales, Glock.



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Halsey Green, Steve Luebbert, Al Sniadecki
FRA Award of Appreciation presented to Steve Luebbert



Tee Time



More Tee Time



A good tee time was had by all.



**2020 FRA Reunion
29 Apr – 2 May 2020
San Diego, CA
Event Schedule**

Headquarters Hotel is the Holiday Inn San Diego, Bayside. Use Group Code: FRA. For hotel reservations, call (619) 224-3621 or call toll free (800) 662-8899. The block of rooms will continue to be held until the **cutoff date of March 28, 2020**. Reservations received after March 28, 2020 will be provided on a space available basis.

Wednesday – April 29, 2020, Holiday Inn Bayside, California Room (1st Floor)

- 1300 - 1700** Reunion Check-In
(Registration packets will include schedule of events, name badges, Hold Harmless Agreement and Recon Challenge Map)
- 1930 - 2000** Members Welcome Brief and Schedule Overview

Thursday – April 30, 2020, 52 Area, Camp Pendleton

- 0300 - 1800** Recon Challenge Note: There will be two am departures from Holiday Inn, TBD (Lunch and refreshments will be available at the Recon Challenge site.)
- 1800 – TBD** Recon Challenge Awards Ceremony and unveiling of the Fallen Warrior Memorial, Bronze Statue (There will be two pm departures from ceremony site, TBD)

Friday – May 1, 2020, Holiday Inn Bayside/Camp Talega/Camp Pendleton

- 0900 - 1030** FRA Board Meeting, Bayside Bar (1st Floor)
- 1100 - 1230** General Membership Meeting and Luncheon, California Room (1st Floor)
- 1500 - 2300** Warrior Night, Camp Talega, Camp Pendleton. Transportation will depart from Holiday Inn Bayside

Saturday – May 2, 2020, Holiday Inn Bayside

- 0900 - 1200** FRA Charities Auction, California Room (1st Floor)
(**ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE CHARITY AUCTION ITEMS**)
- 1700 - 1800** Cocktail Hour, Ball Room
- 1800 - 2230** Formal Memorial Banquet & Dancing, Main Ball Room
(Special Dietary requirements for dinner should be requested NO LATER THAN the day before the banquet.)

Any changes to the schedule above will be posted in the hospitality room.

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.

2020 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



General P. X. Kelley USMC (ret), FRA# 23

Died 29 DEC 2019

James D. "Rocky" Graziano , FRA# 2086

Died 18 OCT 2019

1st Lt. Duke Hugh Dearing II, FRA# 2366

Died 24 JUL 2019



You Will Be Missed and Never Forgotten.



**Force Recon
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Carrollton, TX 75011**

**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 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

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

Board of Directors and Officers: 2018-2020

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