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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S HOOCH

First and foremost, I want to thank you all for the warm welcome you have extended to Angela and me. It was great seeing our friends from the past and meeting new and legendary friends of the MCARA during the reunion in Washington DC. Secondly, I would like to thank Flash Whitten and the Board of Directors for a "Job Well Done". You have had many challenges and have met them with a true "Can Do" attitude. For our ongoing team, the bar and expectations have been set high and we will meet and resolve our challenges over the next two years.

My goals as your new president, are not to "create change" as we have heard from other Presidential candidates in the past. But rather continue the growth of MCARA and expand upon the baselines that have been established for us. We have some work to do in the areas of membership, marketing MCARA, enhancement of our web site, and above all, planning for our MCARA Reunion in 2012, to mention a few. Your Board of Directors and I have several ideas and we will examine these ideas and take on these challenges.

For the 2012 Reunion, I established a location recommendation committee with Paul Melcher, Dana Nachtrieb, Ed Mayer, Ben Quen, and Bill Kogerman as members. From the several recommended locations we gathered at this years reunion, we narrowed the sites down and choose Nashville, TN. A major factor was the desire to find a good central America location in keeping with our rotational scheme. We have included the key information for the Reunion in a following section of the Logbook beginning of page 12. Mark your calendars now and we will get the details on registration out to you in the next logbook.

They say an organization is only as good as its members and their contributions to the organization. I know we have the "Best of the Best" within our organization to include our spouses. We each have served within many different organizations/units within the Marine Corps, but we all have one thing in common, we are all "Marines", a title that is earned and not given. Recon, Photo, Recce, Electronic Warfare, Electronic Attack, Surveillance, or whatever, all are the heritage and legacy of MCARA, but all are "Marine".

I look forward to my challenges over the next year, but I also need your continued support. You are the means by which we make things happen within MCARA, and I am the vehicle to give you the necessary tools to make that happen.

Again many thanks for your support and if at any time you have questions or comments about what is going on within MCARA, feel free to contact me. My phone number is 830-885-6013 and my email is fgoral@ajdzbert.com.

Semper Fi
Frank



TOP 10 THINGS YOU CAN ONLY DO IN NASHVILLE

- 1. Hear the music where music lives** - Strumming the heartstrings of a city, Nashville's harmony runs deep.
- 2. Hit the Hall** - Visit the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum.
- 3. Ride the Row** - Visit Historic RCA Studio B by taking a trolley tour of Music Row and the famous recording studio where Elvis recorded over 200 songs.
- 4. Visit the home of the Greek gods** - Did you know that Nashville is where you'll find the world's only full-scale re-production of the famous Greek temple?
- 5. Take in a Songwriters in the Round show** - It's simple. It's classic. It's uniquely Nashville. This is a city of working musicians and songwriters. These shows can be found in small, intimate clubs like the famed Bluebird Cafe or in a much larger venue such as the Ryman Auditorium.
- 6. Kick up your boots** - At the Wildhorse Saloon, they really serve up Country that Kicks! Order their famous BBQ and try line dancing. Daily lessons are free for those adventurous and brave enough to venture out on the dance floor.
- 7. Visit the Ryman Auditorium** - Sure, it's the "Mother Church of Country Music," but artists from Train and Jon Bon Jovi to Elvis Costello and Van Morrison have also performed on its world famous stage.
- 8. Take the Journey** - to the Grand Ole Opry every Friday and Saturday night. With over 80 years under its belt, the Grand Ole Opry, the world's longest running live radio program, shows no signs of slowing.
- 9. Salute** - Three U.S. Presidents called Tennessee home - Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk and Andrew Johnson..
- 10. Visit Honky Tonk Highway** - Bluegrass Inn, Tootsie's Orchid Lounge, Legends Corner and Robert's Western World are all experts at serving up cool longnecks and hot country music.

Air Partner – TBD
Rental Car - TBD

Below are your committee members and they are actively working the details on Nashville relating to events, discounts for rental cars and airlines, along with an agenda of events and festivities. My hat is off to all of them for their insight and leadership in jump starting the planning for 2012.

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Danny Walsh Says

Mark your calendars and standby for details.

May 21 2011 has been chosen for the Cherry Point mini-reunion day. It's Armed Forces day, no air show this year, so I picked the best available date without a conflict. Roxanne Ibinson came down the first week of February for the EW History book she is writing. I took her as a VIP to our aviation heritage dinner. Call me if you have any questions or idea's.
DW

VMCJ Cruise Book

Jack and Connie Metrock and Dave Votruba are looking for pictures, stories, and other material pertaining to VMCJ-1 in 1969 and 1970 (Danang and Iwakuni). Here's the background.

Last year after the MCARA 2010 reunion, Jack and Connie obtained an original copy of the 1965-66 VMCJ-1 cruise book (Danang). Inspired by the moving services at Arlington National Cemetery during the reunion, including a flyover by EA-6B Prowlers, for 1Lt Everett McPherson who was shot down and killed over NVN (along with 1Lt Brent Davis) in March 1966, Jack and Connie took it upon themselves, at their expense, to republish the cruise book and make it available to others. Flash Whitten, our local historian, added an epilogue that provided historic perspective. By remaining true to the original material and adding the epilogue, they were able to create an impressive hard-bound (plus CD) historical document that any Marine or family member would be proud to add to their library.

Now, more recently, thanks to David Stallings and Ricky Johnson, MCARA received an original copy of the 1969-70 VMCJ-1 cruise book (Danang to Iwakuni). Once again, in their effort to preserve MCARA history, Jack, Connie, and Dave have stepped forward to republish the 69-70 cruise book. The epilogue to the 65-66 book fit so well they intend to include one in this book. That is where your help is needed. If you have material pertaining to that period, please contact Jack (vmcj2@aol.com) or Dave (david_votruba@msn.com). Submitted material will be returned or maintained in MCARA archives, at your request.

As with the 65-66 cruise book, Jack and Connie intend to publish in a CD and hardcopy format. Target prices are estimated at \$16 per CD and \$25 per book plus shipping. (The final price will be publisher/printer cost. There is no profit built in for Jack or MCARA.) Copies may be reserved by contacting Connie Metrock at connbofml@aol.com, at 205-665-1692, or PO Box 36, Montevallo, AL 35115.

Final note: Does anyone have any other VMCJ-1 cruise books available for MCARA's archive or republication?

FORMER'S CORNER

I told you in the last logbook that my message there was my last one as I was handing over the MCARA gavel or maybe swizzle stick to Frank Goral. Here I am again at his request. I never did like "past" in a title so I elected to just be a former President. Given our new CMC has made us all just plain Marines again it freed up the title of "former".

Since "we" missed our post reunion logbook let me thank Terry Miner again for serving up our best reunion yet and that's a tofer for he and Janet! Our own Denny Springer did a great job as our photographer and one keeper is a group shot around Ole Willie, the EF-10B at Quantico. Kudos to Gen Dailey for volunteering to be our speaker and making our banquet night special. We were also honored to have Bgen Frank Kelley, Commander Marine Corps Systems Command as our guest at our Quantico meeting. Frank is the first NFO with ECMO specialty to be promoted to flag rank.

As for a the quilt raffle, can't say enough about the results of Patricia Springer and Ginger Cook's efforts both in revenue for a great cause but for some unexpected excitement at our Quantico dinner. I do know who the anymouse big donor was !! One of my best times was playing tour guide on one of the buses going round Quantico base... missed my calling... and I correctly ID the real base NCIS bldg. for the TV shows fans onboard!

As you may recall 2010 was the 20th anniversary of MCARA. As a tribute to our founder CWO-2 Rush Morgan, Hoyt Wayne Young led us in a toast to Rush at our banquet and we will make that a part of our tradition at future banquets. General Jack Dailey, our senior member, who was the guest speaker at the first MCARA reunion in St. Petersburg in 1990 as ACMC returned in that role for our 20th Anniversary banquet. VMCJ-2 Det Cubi led by then Maj. Fred Oglie, who joined with VMCJ-1 to form CTU 77.0.6 under then Lt. Col. Dailey in 1972, gathered again at our banquet to recall old times and their famous support of Operation Linebacker that concluded the air war over NVN.

On a more somber note the family of Maj. Everett McPherson, pilot of an EF-10B shot down over NVN in 1966, scheduled a memorial service for him at Arlington during our reunion. I proudly joined several of my 1966 VMCJ-1 squadron mates and a contingent of MCARA members at the service. Thanks to our Marine Corps, his siblings, and extended family we all felt it was the most impressive tribute to one of our fallen warriors we had ever witnessed, and it was capped off by a timely symbolic fly-over by a section of EA6Bs from VMAQ-1. USMC EW has come a long way since Vietnam, Ev and Brent would have been pleased!

Speaking of reunions, Danny Walsh, our new director from the greater Cherry Pt. area is lead for the 2nd biennial mini-reunion to be held there later this year. The last one was well attended by the old hands and hopefully this one will bring in the active duty or recently retired VMAQers as we need to attract some younger members. This point has been driven home this past year as our Honor Roll has grown in number as we have lost several of our members. As you know MCARA is now making a contribution to the Wounded Warrior Project in lieu of flowers for our departed members.

Every opportunity I get I tout our MCARA website at www.mcara.us. I know that many of you still don't use a computer but I know that each of you have close relatives or friends that can access our site for you and I encourage you to ask them to do so and either show you some of what is posted there or print you out some items of interest. Thanks to Jack Metrock's contributions and encouragement we are striving to make it a must visit site for anyone interested in the history of USMC aviation recon and EW. To date we have had over 9,000 visitors ... make sure you are one of them!! Also take the time to look through your old pictures and share some of them with us as well as the stories behind them. Just send them along to our secretary Terry Miner.

I will close with a reminder that we are in the run up to the 100th anniversary of Marine Aviation in 2012 and there are a lot of activities scheduled to commemorate it including publishing of a new pictorial history book by the History Division.

Semper Fi,
Wayne "Flash" Whitten



MCARA BUDGET

The very first annual MCARA budget has been approved for 2011. Because notes, explanations, and discussions as presented to the BOD push the total budget content to five pages, and we have limited space here, I have included only page 1, Section 1: Overview. If you would like a full copy, contact me at mcara2@cox.net or 702-253-9953. TLM

Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2011
(January 1 to December 31)

Section 1: Overview (Specific details and item discussions are in Section 2. Numbers in parenthesis in Section 1 and Section 2 refer to notes in Section 2.)

I.	Income		
A.	Interest (1)		
	1. Certificate of deposit	\$ 225.00	
	2. Savings account	12.00	
B.	Donations (estimate)	100.00	
C.	Dues (See Section 2)	<u>3,875.00</u>	
	Total income	4,212.00	
II.	Expenses		
A.	Florida incorporation fee (2)	62.00	
B.	Publication of Recon Log Book (3)	1,440.00	
C.	Website		
	1. PowWeb annual fee (4)	115.00	
	2. Craig Isley, webmaster (5)	360.00	
D.	Mini-reunion	500.00	
E.	Donations	200.00	
F.	Administrative		
	1. Postage (6)	220.00	
	2. Ink (7)	240.00	
	3. Stationery supplies	60.00	
G.	Commercial printing (8)	60.00	
H.	Preservation of historical issues	200.00	
I.	Miscellaneous	255.00	
J.	Contingency (9)	<u>500.00</u>	
	Total expenses	4,212.00	

EMAIL UPDATE

Help! If you use email and didn't receive a happy birthday greeting on November 10, or a happy Thanksgiving greeting on November 23, both from our president Frank, you need to pay attention here. **I probably have a bad email address for you** and I would like to update your file. As all of you who have used (or at least viewed) the member directory on the MCARA website know, the email address for each member is posted if he or she so desires. In August and November I attempted three mass emailings to members using those addresses. The best I can say about the delivery results is that the results were very disappointing. We have about 360 members and about 280 of those have posted email addresses. Unfortunately, in all cases almost half were returned undelivered for address rejected, access denied, user unknown, not a valid mailbox, and a dozen other reasons. Emailing is a fast and easy means to communicate, but it's not much good if you have email and I don't have a correct address. Like the three occasions I mentioned above, I expect there will be future situations that Frank or I would like to send information either to one, some, or all. And of course the use of mass mailings is not limited to me, the president, or any special member. All members can use it. If you want to see for yourself just how not-up-to-date we are, just mass email a "Hello, Marine" message to all members. Then count the undelivered emails. As a possible throw-in benefit, you might even be surprised with a response or two. Here's the situation: We're behind the power curve on email addresses. Here's the request: Look at your listing in the member directory on our website. If it is not what you want, send the correction to me at mcara2@cox.net or 702-253-9953 ASAP. TLM

We have a listing of five (5) selections Dinner/Bufets to select from and are in the process of choosing that. Below is the listing we have to choose from to either have the dinner or the Buffet. As you can see we have a great selection to choose from. More to follow on this.

Military Reunion Buffet Menu

Included with each Entrée:
Fresh Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot Tea, and Iced Tea
Fresh Baked Yeast Rolls and Butter, Salad with Choice of Dressing, and Dessert.

Dinners

Vegetarian options available on request.

Prime rib dinner

Warm Yeast Rolls, with Butter
Mixed Field Greens, Cherry Tomatoes, Sliced Cucumbers, Shredded Carrots with Choice of Dressing
6oz. Portion House Smoked Slow cooked Prime Rib
Baked Potato or Roasted Garlic Infused Mashed Potatoes
Southern Green Beans with Bacon and Onions or Broccoli Florettes topped with Julienne Carrots, Luscious Lemon Layer Cake with Strawberry Garnish.

Grilled Chicken Dinner

Warm Yeast Rolls, with Butter
Mixed Field Greens, Cherry Tomatoes, Sliced Cucumbers, Shredded Carrots with Choice of Dressing
6oz. Marinated and Grilled Chicken Breast topped with a Hunters Sauce
Paired with Choice of One: Caramelized Onion, Roasted Garlic or Horseradish Infused Mashed Potatoes or a Baked Sweet Potato with Brown Sugar Butter, or a Rice Medley with Carrots, Onions, Celery and Diced Red Peppers
Triple Chocolate Layer Cake with Strawberry Garnish.

Bufets

Included with each Buffet:
Fresh Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot Tea, and Iced Tea
Fresh Baked Yeast Rolls and Butter

General Buffet

Seasonal Fresh Fruit Salad
Fresh Garden Greens with Assorted Dressings
Grilled Chicken Buffet with Sun-Dried Tomato Cream Sauce
Rosemary Pork Loin
Wild Rice
Steamed Vegetable Medley
Warm Fruit Cobbler

Veterans Buffet

Tossed Garden Salad
Cherry Tomato and Cucumber Salad
Marinated Sliced Flank Steak with Mushroom Gravy
Pecan Crusted Chicken with Dijon Cream
Herbed Roasted Red Potatoes
Seasonal Fresh Vegetables
Home-Style Carrot Cake

Commander Buffet

Tossed Garden Salad
Creole Mustard and Egg Potato Salad
Jack Daniel's Glazed Ham
Southern Fried Chicken
White Beans
Braised Cabbage
Chocolate Cake

We have a draft schedule of events that we are presently working to include a dinner cruise on the General Jackson River Cruise, Potential Evening at the Grand Ole Opry, and a select of events from Downtown which are listed below. Once we finalize that we will get that out to everyone also. We will start the reunion with a Welcome Party and conclude with our traditional MCARA Banquet.

Draft Reunion Schedule

Thursday – Registration and Welcome (Hospitality Suite)
Thursday night – Reception
Friday – Tours/Free Time
Friday Night – Grand Ole Opry (Opryland)
Saturday Morning – BOD meeting
Saturday – Tours/Free Time
Saturday Night – General Meeting with members/General Jackson River Cruise/
Dinner/Downtown Afterwards
Sunday – Free Time
Sunday Night – MCARA Banquet
Monday—Sayonara Breakfast

I am sure you are going find uniqueness, diversity and rich heritage that are unparalleled! Along with the camaraderie of the reunion, we will experience for ourselves what makes Nashville special. It's a city that resonates with life and vibrates to the beat of every kind of song. It's a town that sizzles with American music, Southern hospitality, unbelievable cuisine and a boundless spectrum of nightlife. It is the ideal place for our 2012 MCARA Reunion.



2012 Reunion

I know that everyone is excited to hear about the upcoming 2012 reunion and is anxiously wanting to know where, when and what some of the major events will be. It will definitely be a challenge to follow the superb 2010 reunion of last summer. We have decided on Nashville, Tennessee for the 2012 Reunion site 10 thru 14 May 2012. It has a promising environment for fun, excitement and excellent food and accommodations at reasonable prices, so please make your calendars and we will be getting the specific information out to you for detailed planning.



Your committee has done a superb job in narrowing down a host hotel for the event. We surveyed and requested bids from seven major hotels in the area, four in the downtown area and three others in the Opryland/Airport area. We selected Holiday Inn Opryland/Airport because it had the overall best value in meeting our overall requirements. Below are the details for the hotel.



<u>Room Type</u>	<u>Rate per Accommodation</u>
Single	\$99.00
Double	\$99.00

The above rates are exclusive of sales tax currently at 9.25%, a 6% city hotel fee, and a \$2.50 per night per room occupied room tax. Taxes are subject to change without notice.

Full breakfast coupons 2 per room per night included in rate. Hotel will offer shuttle to downtown Nashville based on availability and we are working the issue to have transportation available to get everyone from the hotel to the downtown area in a timely fashion.

3-day window on group rates – pre & post

Based on the availability, the group rate will be offered three days prior and three days following the official meeting dates.

Our check-in time is 3:00 pm. Check out time is 12:00 pm. Our Bell Captain will arrange to hold luggage for those guests attending functions on the day of departure so that they may also check out by 12:00 pm to avoid late check out charges.

We will have a reception area, ready room facility, meeting area and banquet accommodations.

Hotel will not relocate guest with Marine Corp Aviation Recon Association in the event the hotel is oversold.

A 10% military discount in the restaurant and bar will be given for all reunion members.

THE DC REUNION THROUGH THE EYES OF THE COORDINATOR

From my perspective – admittedly a bit biased – this reunion has to rank among our best ever. All who worked to make it happen, and there were dozens, set an ambitious schedule for a modest cost, and we succeeded. For those of you who missed it, by choice or by chance, you missed a good one. From the early-bird Pentagon tour on Thursday, through the welcome aboard, the memorial services for Everett McPherson at Ft Myers, the DC tours, the hotel events, the Evening Parade at Marine Barracks Washington, the trip to Quantico with all its exciting and emotional events, the quilt auction, the formal banquet dinner with guest speaker, and ‘one or our own,’ General Jack Dailey, to the final sayonaras at breakfast on Monday, the days were jam-packed with activities for all. There was barely enough time between events to rest up for the next one. And best of all, the reunion came off as planned and, as far as I know, without a glitch. Even best laid plans face an occasional challenge, but thankfully MCARA is chock full of members who stand at the ready to step forward and provide a helping hand. I don’t think it could have been better. My hat’s off to all attendees. My challenge to those who will produce the next reunion: Do It Better. My challenge to all other members: Be There. TLM

MCARA 2010 REUNION PHOTOS

Denny Springer has posted 226 MCARA 2010 reunion photos on his Shutterfly site at www.pixbydenny.shutterfly.com. Go to the site and take a look. About two-thirds down the page on the left side select MCARA REUNION under GO TO MY GALLERIES. It’s a great collection from several of the Thursday through Sunday events. He has provided various options for a very modest charge. To sweeten the pot, he has pledged that all proceeds for items sold through the site will go to MCARA coffers. That means each purchase contributes to subsidizing the next reunion in 2012, or perhaps another worthwhile cause. TLM



MCARA Members take a moment from their Reunion Festivities for the biennial group photo during the Banquet held at the Double Tree Hotel, June 2010.

THIS AND THAT – ODDS AND ENDS FROM THE SEC/TREAS

The Recon Log Book is the members’ newsletter. If you would like to contribute an article or other material, please contact the editor. Tentatively, the Log Book will be published next in September 2011 and March 2012.

The new MCARA Constitution and Bylaws, as printed in the March 5, 2010 issue of the Recon Log Book, was approved at the June reunion.

I will attempt to update the member directory in the MCARA website (www.mcara.us) every two to three months depending on the number of changes. If any member does not have access to the website, ring me up and we’ll get you a copy.

Vietnam Era Trivia: Does anyone remember the message attached to Southeast Asia Brevity Code “269”? Submit answers to me by email or telephone. The first ten correct will be recognized in the next Recon Log Book, along with the correct answer.

Join the rest of us in the MCARA Ready Room for a wide variety of discussions. We currently have about 122 members. To join, search the net for Yahoo Groups and follow the prompts to join the “mcarareadyroom.”

WELCOME ABOARD

We have joined several new members since the reunion in June. For additional info, see the member directory in the MCARA website.

Louis and Clarita Davis
Peter and Nara Kizer
Guy V. Lewis
Roger and Grace Peterson
Keith and Mollie Pierce

Kenneth and Patricia Roth
Neal and Sharon Simon
Clark and Barbara Taber
David and Bonnie Thomen
Morton and Marcia Triggs

Charles and Misako Walters
Scott A. Cooper
James and Merlyn Rhode
Marshall A. Smith

REQUEST FOR EA-6A PHOTOS AND STORIES

Jerry O'Brien - MCARA life member, VMCJr, EA-6A ECMO, and author of magazine articles and several fiction and non-fiction books including "Top Secret: An Informal History of Sixty Years of Marine Corps Aviation Reconnaissance" - is preparing an article on the EA-6A for the American Aviation Historical Society Journal (check it out at www.aahs-online.org). He is gathering material now. If you have photos or stories you would like for him to consider, contact J.T. O'Brien, 13781 W. Crocus Dr. Surprise, AZ 85379; reconsec@earthlink.net; or (623) 476-7503.

Help preserve history that you lived. That's a function written into the MCARA constitution. He will return all photos. Check out his book site at www.equidatapublisher.com. TLM

VIETNAM VETS AND AGENT ORANGE

If you are a veteran of Vietnam (even for as little as one day) and have been diagnosed with one or more of 14 diseases that the VA "presumes" to have been caused by exposure to Agent Orange, and you have not made the VA aware of your condition, you are probably missing out on valuable financial benefits. For those who have previously qualified, are you aware that the VA has recently added three new presumed illnesses to the original list. The full subject is too extensive to discuss here, but even if you feel that there might be only a slim-to-none outside chance that you qualify, you owe it to yourself and your family to do at least one of the following: discuss it with your primary health provider; begin an internet search with AGENT ORANGE VA; or contact your nearest VA office or veteran's advocate. Do it now. Not after it's too late. TLM

MARINE CORPS MOUNTAIN WARFARE TRAINING CENTER

How about an off-beat California R&R in the beautiful Sierra Nevadas just north of Yosemite NP. Whatever you know/knew it by – Mountain Warfare Center, Cold Weather Training, Bridgeport, Pickle Meadows (or any name denoting unpopularity and a place you never wanted to do again) – it's still there and more open and available than ever before. Janet and I have stayed a couple of times with a lot more comfort and amenities than I "enjoyed" in May '64. Gone are the Quonset huts. It's in beautiful remote country. The Center now has excellent transient quarters for all ranks and welcomes retirees on a space-available status based on training activities. If you have a hanker'n to leave the busy streets of civilization and get close to current Marine activities, check out the MWTC website at <http://mccsmwtc.com/> or call the lodging office at (760) 932-1487. TLM

FISHER HOUSE FOUNDATION QUILT – THANKS TO DENNY, PATRICIA, AND GINGER

As all of you who attended the 2010 reunion in D.C. recall, Denny and Patricia Springer and Ginger Cook designed and created a Marine Corps-themed quilt which they offered for raffle with benefits going to the Fisher House Foundation that supports the families of wounded warriors. The quilt was a beautiful work of art, admired by everyone. Ruffled on Saturday eve during the general membership meeting and dinner, the initial winner was Jane Tussey, who generously offered it for an immediate follow-up auction because of the worthwhile recipient – the Fisher House. That was won by Jean O'Brien who made it available again for purchase by a MCARA member. The final owner was Mike Wystrach who purchased it for a wounded warrior friend. And check this out. In addition, an anonymous donor sweetened the pot when he and his wife offered to double whatever the purchaser (Mike W) paid for the quilt. Can you believe all that action!!! None of the organizers anticipated such interest. By the time the raffle drawing and follow-on activities were completed, ticket sales and donations had rocketed to \$3,600. This amount exceeded all expectation and stands as a tribute to the amazing generosity of our MCARA members, our fellow warriors, and the Fisher House Foundation. Denny, Patricia, Ginger, and all contributors deserve special thanks. Well done. FYI: You can view Denny's contribution letter and the Fisher House thank-you letter in the MCARA website. Click REUNIONS and then click MCARA WASHINGTON DC 2010 under REUNION PHOTO GALLERIES. TLM

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



MCARA members MSgt. Jack Deaton and CWO-2 Norm Charboneau, pictured above with Flash Whitten in front of "Methuselah", the USMC's 1st EA-6A during the 2009 mini-reunion at Cherry Pt., are two of our "Flying Peon" pioneers.

Jack was an enlisted radar operator flying F7F nightfighters in Korea and later F3D-2s before leaving active duty to work for Chance Vought aircraft company. Back on active duty as an avionics tech with VMCJ-2 in 1963, he was selected for computer training for the TSQ-90, the ground data readout/analysis facility being developed to support the new EA-6As. Returning to Cherry Pt. in 1965 after factory training at Grumman on the new EA-6A systems, Jack put his aircraft structural skills to use assisting a contractor team modify the EA-6As to accept the updated ALQ-53 receiving system. Getting back in the air as an enlisted ECMO, he served a tour in Vietnam flying EF-10Bs and EA-6As in 1968 with VMCJ-1 then returned for a farewell tour in 1975. As acting Sgt. Major, he had the honor of retiring the colors of VMCJ-1 for the last CO, then Lt. Col Art Bloomer, after a decommissioning ceremony at Iwakuni in Sept. 1975. As the senior enlisted ECMO on active duty, Jack joined Lt. Col T.J. Fallon, CO of VMAQ-2, in Methuselah to escort the USMC's first EA-6B into the historic flying-in ceremony at Cherry Pt on 17 February 1977.

Norm Charboneau holds the distinction as having flown more different USMC EW aircraft than any pilot or ECMO. As a junior enlisted ECMO, he flew AD-2Q, AD-3Ns, and AD-4Ns in post-war Korea with VMC-1, then AD-5Ns with the squadron in Hawaii. In 1958 he transitioned to the F3D-2Q (later EF-10B) at El Toro and deployed to Japan with VMCJ-1 flying Shark Fin missions around the periphery of our Pacific adversaries North Korea, China and Russia. He joined VMCJ-2 afterwards and was one of first to fly reconnaissance missions around Cuba in the early 1960s. As a Warrant Officer he was among the first ECMOs to transition to the new EA-6As in 1965 and deployed to Vietnam in October 1966 with the first EA-6A contingent to join VMCJ-1. He completed a 13 month combat tour flying EA-6As and EF-10Bs. Back in VMCJ-2 he later flew the last of the squadrons EF-10Bs to the boneyard in Arizona in late 1969. In 1971 he was on the first EA-6A carrier det which deployed to the Mediterranean aboard the USS Forrestal and cross decked to two other carriers. WW

RECON/EW HISTORY CHALLENGES

Ok our Secretary Terry Miner threw out a trivia question/challenge so I thought I'd up his ante by throwing out some more history challenges and if you are stumped then you must visit our website to find the answers!!! These are all "firsts"! More next time around but have fun.

1. What was the first USMC aviation reconnaissance unit deployed in WW II? (hint it was on a carrier to a cold place not the jungles of the South Pacific!)
2. What was the first USMC photo squadron deployed to the South Pacific in WW II?
3. What was the aircraft Marine Photographers flew on to take first pictures of Guadalcanal prior to the landing?
4. What was the first recon squadron to actually fly photo missions in its own aircraft in the S. Pacific? (hint; they flew 4 motor machines and a MOH winner was in the squadron prior to their deployment)
5. What was the USMC's first EW aircraft?
6. Who was the first USMC pilot to fly a combat msn in Korea ? (hint he was a Corsair photo pilot with a one hell of a combat story)
7. Who were the first ECMOs to fly in Korea? (hint these 2 guys brought their home grown jammer to Korea and modified some AD-2Qs for first EW unit in Korea)
8. What WW II MOH winner was a CO of VMJ-1 and flew first post Korea recon over China?
9. Who was first to fly the prototype F3D-2Qs from VMC-3 at El Toro? Actually I don't know ... was it Bouher or Grimes or???
10. Who was first CO of VMCJ-1?
11. Which VMCJ was first to fly F3D-2Qs from Iwakuni?
12. Who was credited with first intercept of a Token radar in Cuba in a F3D-2Q?
13. Who flew first RF-8A missions over Cuba? (was Dec 60 and he was later CO of J-2)
14. Who were the first 4 photo pilots to win DFCs for Cuban Missile Crisis?
15. What was first USMC squadron to receive a NUC for peacetime service?
16. Who flew the first F3D-2Q Shark Fin msn in 1958? Ok, I don't know either!
17. Who were the first RF-8A pilots to fly over Vietnam in **1964????**
18. Who led the first active ECM jamming msn in Vietnam? (hint he is a MCARA member and was CO of VMCJ-1 at time)
19. How many non-VMCJ-1 ECMOs flew EW support for first SAM strike in 1965?
20. Who was first J-1 RF-8A pilot credited with destroying a NVN truck?
21. Who flew first officially fraged photo msn over NVN in an EF-10B?
22. Who flew first EA-6A mission in Vietnam?
23. Who flew first RF-4B mission in Nam?
24. Ok one "last" question... who flew last EF-10B msn in Vietnam?
25. Ok another "last" question... who flew last EA-6A msn over Vietnam?
26. Who was OIC of only VMCJ-2 unit to fly combat in Vietnam?
27. Who was first operational (non test) pilot to trap aboard a CV in an EA-6A?
28. Who was first pilot and ECMO Centurions in EA-6As?
29. Who was the pilot and ECMO that led first EA-6As to Australia?
30. Who was in first crew that trapped aboard the USS Midway in an EA-6A?
31. Ok who was first crew to trap aboard the Midway in a EA-6B? (Sorry not the OIC of the Detachment X I am told!)
32. Who was first active duty ECMO to fly the EA-6B, EA-6A and EF-10B?
33. Who picked up the first USMC EA-6B and flew it to NKT?
34. Who was OIC of first EA-6B detachment?
35. Who was CO VMAQ during the first combat deployment of the EA-6B?
36. Who painted the CY Playboy Bunny on the first EA-6B???. (let me know if you know!!)



MEMORIAL TO MGYSGT LOUIS GHUZMAN

Back in April and May of 2010 there was a series of messages exchanged in the MCARA Yahoo ReadyRoom mail site by members who knew and remembered Louis Ghuzman, a VMCJ photo man. By all accounts, Louie was one of those Marines whom, once you either met or encountered, you never forgot. By all accounts a Marine amongst Marines. In those messages it was suggested that he was a Marine who stood out to a point that he is worthy of a memorial. Members seconded that suggestion with the recommendation to purchase a National Museum of the Marine Corps memorial brick for permanent placement in the museum's Semper Fidelis Memorial Park. Unfortunately, there was no follow-up coordination to the message traffic and, as often happens with things like this, it just went away. Well, this is a new day and here's an opportunity to get this endeavor back on track. Denny Springer and I have agreed to work together and attempt to make this happen, but only to the extent that interested members want it to happen. Denny, who happens to be a docent at the NMMC in Quantico, will handle all the "grunt" footwork from that end. I as your secretary/treasurer will handle the financial aspect of the project (receive, log, and track donations, purchase the brick, etc.). A memorial brick costs \$300 total installed. If you would like to participate in this memorial project, please contact Denny at (540) 659-3883, seniords@comcast.net, or me at (702) 253-9953, mcara2@cox.net. Any donation, regardless of amount, is appropriate, but figure it only takes 20 at an average of \$15 to complete the permanent memorial to MGySgt Ghuzman. For the skeptical, participation is not a risk factor. If the project does not proceed to completion by the end of the 2012 MCARA biennial reunion, all contributions will be returned to the member or applied to a worthy cause or charity as directed. I will personally keep track of donors. GAAARUUUNTEED. TLM



ONCE A MARINE

ALWAYS A MARINE

HONOR ROLL

Paul K. Wheeler	?	Charles C. Chisholm	Oct-99	Barbara Fritschi	Jul-07
Russell E. Jeanes	?	William J. Smith	Oct-99	Dayton Robinson	Aug-07
Jerome "Jerry" Foote	?	Walter Nieman	Feb-00	Mildred Wiseman	Oct-07
Walter Brownell	?	Robert Davis	Mar-00	Thomas F. Gay	Mar-08
Robert P. Brunck	?	Richard Heubner	Aug-01	Robert C. Davis	Jun-08
Elmer Leader	?	Chet A. Folk	? - 03	Rudolfo (Rudy) Martinez	Aug-08
R. Forest Persons	?	Patterson C. Wurthman	Dec-04	Howard Meskin	Nov-08
Gail William Sublett	Feb-95	Maxine "Marty" Robinson	May-04	Rush Morgan	Mar-09
Samuel Figueroa	Sep-95	F. Thomas Johnson	May-05	Ron B. Luther	Mar-09
Ector "EC" Johnson	Sep-95	Emil F. Naschinsky	Apr-05	Ann Conroy	Apr-09
Robert Taylor	Feb-96	John W. Flecksteiner	Jun-05	James E. Whitacre	Nov-09
Jack Holloway	May-97	Marjorie Corman	Sep-05	F.C. Opeka	Dec-09
Dale Young	Oct-97	Mickey Conroy	Sep-05	Paul 'Skip' Manning	Sep-09
George Dopkosky	Nov-97	Thomas D. Reynolds	Jan-06	Robert G. Maine	Feb-10
Bill Borgman	Dec-97	Gary W. Hintz	Apr-06	Al Powell	Mar-10
D.W. Hendrix	May-98	Ronald Kreckman	May-06	Edward M. Guell	Apr-10
Robert Weeks	Jun-98	William H. Wood	Jun-06	Ben Skinner	Nov-10
Calvin C. Duke	? - 98	Roy E. Simolin	Jun-06	Robert Kimley	May-10
Louis Ghuzman	Feb-99	Jack R. Harmon	Aug-06	Preston 'Pete' Marques	Dec-10
Clay Janson	May-99	Charles B. Schwarzweller	Dec-06	John 'Walt' Quist	Dec-10
Pat Dayson	Jun-99	Thomas P. Kelly	Mar-07		
Barney Miller	Jul-99	Cecil J. Amparan	Apr-07		

MCPHERSON MEMORIAL SERVICE

On 17 March, 1966 a VMCJ-1 EF-10B Skyknight piloted by then 1st Lt. Everett McPherson with 1st Lt. Brent Davis as his ECMO was shot down over North Vietnam. Theirs remains the only confirmed loss of a USMC EW aircraft to hostile fire, having been downed by a Russian made SA-2 SAM. It would be nearly 30 years before that information was received by their families. (see Skyknight Down at www.mcara.us)

The crew was posthumously promoted to major.

Major Davis's remains were eventually recovered and he was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery in December, 1997. Although Major McPherson's remains have not been recovered, Arlington placed a memorial marker for him in a special MIA section and at his family's request scheduled a service for him on June 4, 2010. At the direction of the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps (now CMC Gen Amos), Major McPherson was afforded full military honors. A fitting memorial service was conducted by his younger brother, retired Navy Capt and Chaplain Raymond, in the Ft Myer chapel with a moving eulogy by his other surviving brother, and special music performed by one of his nephews currently in the USAF band. All of his 6 siblings were in attendance with many of their immediate families.

Several squadron mates of Major McPherson were able to attend including Wayne Whitten his wingman that fateful day in Vietnam. MCARA was ably represented by incoming President Frank Goral and several other Vietnam veterans.

The exclusive tribute by the Marine Corps included a horse drawn caisson, ceremonial platoon and band which led family and friends from the chapel service to the marker for a traditional folded flag presentation. A symbolic fly-over of a section of EA-6B Prowlers on que capped an altogether extraordinary final service to one of our own.

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Major McPherson's brother, Navy Captain and Chaplain Raymond McPherson and his wife Wanda pause outside the Ft Meyer Chapel next to the Horse Drawn Caisson for cherished memories and to pay tribute to his brother.



The 8th and I Marines Ceremonial Honor Platoon and Marching Band lead the caisson and precession through Arlington Cemetery to Major McPherson's grave site.



VMAQ-1 Squadron from Cherry Point, NC provide fly over in tribute to their fallen comrade, Major Everett McPherson, who has given his life in the line of duty to his country.