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Executive Directors Corner

“Just want to take a moment to thank the Board of Directors and all of you wonderful Marines for your thoughts and prayers during the passing of my mother, Veronica Rivera Salas on March 25, 2013. She was just short of being 92 years old. The Family thanks you.

On a personal basis, this is a difficult time for me and our family which brings me to thinking of a much larger family that we belong to, our Marine brotherhood and the USMC Veterans Organization of America, Inc. As with any family member, the USMC VOA stands ready to support any veteran or family member who needs our help or has unfulfilled needs from the Veterans Administration or health care provider. We will do whatever it takes to meet any need for each of our veterans so they may have a full and joyful life with

dignity and honor.

We are chartered as a “Combat Veterans Group” and the priority is to our membership then the veteran community as a whole. If you need assistance, just contact any of the USMC VOA Board Members. We will never know if you don’t inform us. If you want to keep the matter private, we can do so.

Del Williams, USMC VOA Programs Director, has initiated the “Robe Project” for *The Richard M Campbell Veterans Nursing Home in Anderson, SC*, so that the veterans could enjoy some privacy and dignity as they are taken to their showers every other day. As members of the USMC VOA you have responded generously and the fund raising goal has almost been met. If you or your family members do not need assistance please

take a moment to look around your community for veterans or veterans groups that we may be able to assist. We welcome your suggestions for future projects.

Today, there was a burial at the Santa Fe Veteran’s Cemetery by the Veterans Administration for a Marine whose body was unclaimed. The VA had not been able to locate any next-of-kin. If the USMC VOA would have had prior notice, stand assured that the USMC VOA would have found a relative or claimed our Brother on behalf of the USMC VOA. This is why the USMC VOA is committed to locating every person we served with in Vietnam and that they are properly accounted for. There is no cost involved in greeting our Marine Brothers and welcoming them home
Paul Salas

Bathrobes for Veterans

Ahead of Schedule

Things are doing **very well** with the Bathrobes for Veterans project. The robes were delivered Monday, 1 April 2013 by the manufacturer, Phoenix Textile Corp., O’Fallon, MO. to the embroiderer. The embroiderer, Blue Mountain Ink and Threads has informed

Del Williams the 216 robes will be embroidered with the letters “USMC-VOA” and ready for pickup on Tuesday, 9 April 2013.

This puts us about one month ahead of our goal of 30 May 2013. The collection of donations for the robes has been **fantastic**. Ted Riccubuo reports that we have 85% of the projected total cost

for the robes. Thanks to your quick response we are almost there and ahead of schedule. If all goes as planned, the robes will be delivered on 15 April 2013 to the veterans at the **Richard M. Cambell Veterans Nursing Home** in Anderson, SC.

A full report with photos will be made as soon as the robes are delivered to the veterans.



2013 Reunion— Las Vegas



Golden Nugget
Hotel & Casino
800-634-3454

**Reservation
Code**

**US Marine
Corps Reunion**

GSAUSMC

By

15 August 2013

LAS VEGAS is the place

The results of the voting showed the majority of the members prefer the **2013 Reunion** be in **Las Vegas, Nevada**. The choice as to location was the **Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino**, 129 Fremont St, Las Vegas, NV, 89101. The Golden Nugget is located in Las Vegas's Fremont Street neighborhood, close to Fremont Street Flightlinez, Las Vegas Convention Center, and Las Vegas Premium Outlets. Nearby points of interest also include Fremont Street Experience and Mob Museum.

Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino features a restau-

rant, a poolside bar, and a bar/lounge. Room service is available 24 hours a day. Recreational amenities include an outdoor pool, a spa tub, a sauna, a fitness facility, and a steam room. The property's full-service health spa has massage/treatment rooms.

Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino has offered us rooms in the **Carson Tower for \$42.00 (+ 13% state and local taxes) per night**. These are 360 sq.ft. rooms with two queen size beds. The Conference Center we will be using is in the Carson Tower.

The cost of the reunion has been established as \$100.00 per person or \$150.00 per couple. This will cover the cost of the Meeting Room for 4 days, the Banquet, and audio/visual support for the conference room. We will

be arriving September 22, 2013 for four (4) nights. If you plan to stay longer than Thursday night be aware that rates are higher for Friday and Saturday nights.

A block of 60 rooms have been reserved for the reunion, but individuals are responsible for their own hotel reservations and travel arrangements. To make reservations call the Golden Nugget at 800-634-3454 and tell them you are booking with the **US Marine Corps Reunion code GSAUSMC**. The cut-off date for making reservations is August 15, 2013 for the discount rate.

For detailed hotel information visit the Golden Nugget's website at: <http://www.goldenugget.com>.

More information will follow in next issue



**Order and Pre-Payment
required
By
15 August 2013**

Special Covers for 2015 Reunion

Ted Riccubuo has arranged for a supplier to provide us with specially decorated covers for the 50th Anniversary Reunion scheduled for April 10, 2015. We will not be offering hats at or during the 50th Anniversary Landing Reunion, therefore if you want this cover to wear during the 50th Anniversary Reunion, you need to purchase it this year.

As you can see in the photo, this hat will be special. On the left side will be the word "**Vietnam**" and the date BLT 2/3 landed in Vietnam: "**April 10, 1965**".

The back of the hat shows the unit designation "**2/3/3**". The right side of the hat shows the **Company H** designation. These hats must be ordered and paid for in advance. If you want one of the hats you must send Ted Riccubuo \$10.00 for each hat desired before August 30, 2013. The hats will be delivered to you when you arrive at the 2013 Reunion in Las Vegas or shipped to you September 30, 2013. You can contact Ted Riccubuo by mail at: 170 Crestview Drive, Henderson, Nevada 89015; by email at gunnyusmc381@yahoo.com or by phone at: (702) 566-4692

Polo Shirts With USMC Emblem and 2/3/3



Ted Riccubono has again arranged for some Polo Shirts with the Marine Corps Emblem embroidered on the left Breast area. Beneath the emblem is "2/3/3" You have a choice of color: white or red and sizes small to extra-extra large.

Everyone needs one of these shirts for the 2013 Reunion If you want to purchase polo shirts please give the following information to Ted :

1. Your Name
2. The number of shirts you want to purchase.
3. The size and color of each shirt .

The Polo shirts are \$25.00 each and **must be ordered and paid for in advance.** Your shirts will be delivered to you when you arrive at the 2013 Reunion in Las Vegas

on September 22, 2013 or will be shipped to you on September 30, 2013 if you are not attending the reunion. **Best choice is to order shirts by mail.**

To provide a convenience for you Del Williams has put an order slip on the back of the newsletter. Just fill it out, clip along the dotted line and mail to Ted Riccubono at the address on the order slip along with payment for the shirts.

If we ever forget that we are one nation under God,

then we will be a nation gone under.

President Ronald Reagan

Sick Call

Some of our brothers are having health issues and need our support and prayers.

Frank Lemos has cancer of the liver and will be operated on 4 April 2013 in Spokane Cancer Hospital.

Rich Milem has a blood clot in his kidney and now having to take Lovonox shots twice a day.

Pete Silva has serious heart problems. The blood flow to one side of his heart is inadequate.

Ron Smith is in the hospital with pneumonia and a separated shoulder.

Larry Willoughby has a weak heart and on oxygen 24 hours each day

IMPORTANT

VOA Seminars Paid off. VOA member **Tony Oliver** paid attention when Mike Fletcher, Ron Smith and the DAV representative spoke at the 2012 Reunion.

After Tony went home from the 2012 reunion he applied to the VA for disability due to exposure to Agent Orange while serving in Vietnam. Tony's claim was approved and he was declared 70% disabled. He now receives monthly disability checks.

Communication keeps us close.

You are very much aware that we did not have contact with each other for **47 years**. Now that we have located almost everybody, we need to make sure we stay in touch with each other. Send an e-mail, a note or make a phone call on a regular basis to those you are close too. I know, I enjoy hearing from any member of Hotel 2/3 at anytime. I believe everyone else is the same. Some of us need more contact with our brothers-in-arms than others.

There are some that need that contact with each of us to make their life better. Support them when you can.

Keep in mind we are still looking for the rest of the company, so if you know anything that might help locate someone let us know.



We went 47 years without such gatherings

POLO SHIRT ORDER FORM:

From: _____ Yes, I want _____ polo shirts

Size: **Small** _____ "R" / "W" **Medium** _____ "R" / "W" **Large** _____ "R" / "W" **X-Large** _____ "R" / "W"

(Place the number of shirts by size you want to order then circle the color: "R" for Red "W" for White)

XX-Large _____ "R" / "W"

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Enclosed is \$ _____ Signature: _____



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Once a Marine always a Marine

The express purpose of the USMC VOA, Inc. is to assist the disabled and/or needy veterans of our country and their dependents. As veterans of the Vietnam War we lived through and understand the difficulty, efforts, frustrations and often failure to reestablish a normal life after combat. Our sole purpose is to assist any veteran making that transition from combat duty to civilian life by providing emotional and physical help in obtaining medical and financial benefits he/she are rightly entitled to. The USMC Veteran's Organization of America, Inc. is a section 501C (3)(19) IRS code "not for profit" organization.

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