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Bathrobes for Vets—Great Success!

“Mission Accomplished 45 days early ..” We set our goal for delivery of the robes for May 30, 2013. Because of your generosity and willingness to give, we had the funds in time to deliver 217 bathrobes on April 15, 2013.

Before the robes were presented to the veterans at the Richard M. Campbell Veterans Nursing Home, Ander-



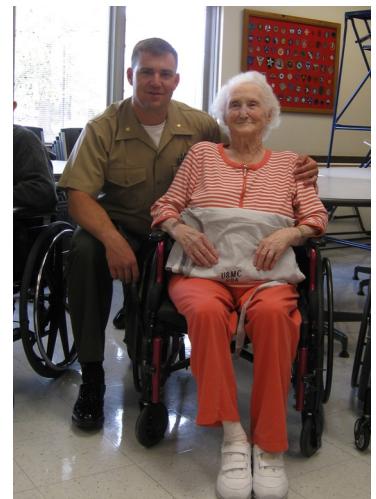
son, SC they were embroidered with “USMC” over “VOA” as shown in the photo.

A robe was presented to each veteran residing in the nursing home, 217 total. These bathrobes will provide much needed comfort, privacy and dignity for the veterans as they go to and from their showers.

I must point out to you that the nursing staff was as excited as the veterans about the robes. One nursing assistant said she was always ashamed to put a bed sheet around a veteran who had served in WWII. She said the veterans deserve the dignity and privacy that the robe will provide.

Mr. Greg Osborn, the Nursing Home Administrator, expressed his gratitude for the robes and said they were a much needed item for the veteran residents.

Not all the veterans at the Richard M. Campbell Nursing Home are males. Major Charlie Hall, USMC of the Wounded Warrior Regiment, who I asked for assistance, found a former Navy Nurse who was at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.



She told Maj. Hall about the confusion and chaos that day. (Continued on page 2) “Robes for Vets”

2013 Reunion –Las Vegas

All of you are well aware that the **Second Reunion of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment (Vietnam—1965)** is scheduled for September

22nd through 25th at the **Golden Nugget** in Las Vegas, NV. Please use the **2013 Reunion Registration Form** on **page 4** to send in your

registration for the reunion. This is very important as it will provide Ted with all the information to make his job of coordination go well. (Continued on page 3)

Robes for Vets



Robert Smith, US Army, Korean War Vet received the first robe.

you know of a need for the veterans in your area, let the Board of Directors know about it.

Help Provided by Local MCL Marines.

Since I was the only USMC-VOA member in this area of SC, I asked Detachment 1131 of the Marine Corps League to assist me in the delivery of the robes. Six members of the MCL Detachment helped me load, transport and deliver the 217 robes to the veterans that reside at the Richard M. Campbell Veterans Nursing Home. I also asked Major Charlie Hall, USMC, assigned to the Wounded Warrior Regiment to help. We all had a great time giving each resident veterans a robe. It was a real pleasure to talk with those veterans, both male and female,

as we handed out the robes. I spoke with one veteran that was 103 years old and sharp as a tack. He told me about his tour with Gen. Patton during the Battle of the Bulge. I wish I had been able to tape our conversation.

Not all the residents of the nursing home were war time veterans, but I did discover that 78 were veterans of WWII, 24 were Vietnam War veterans and 12 are U.S. Marine Corps veterans. I did not get a count of the Korean War veterans.

All the veterans were eager to talk about their service. There was plenty of good "good ole" service ri-

valry still alive in their hearts. All were proud of their branch of the service and their service to the country.

All of us giving out the robes, thanked each veteran for his service to our country. It was a great honor to represent the USMC-VOA and give out the robes. Thank you for giving me that pleasure. One former USMC Vietnam veteran, George Presley, asked me for an 8 by 10 copy of this photo. (He got it)



More Photos of Veterans at Richard M. Campbell Nursing Home

We went down every residence hall making sure everyone got a robe. We went into the rehab/work-out rooms. We covered the entire nursing home and every resident veteran.



Las Vegas—Here We Come!



Check-in at the Golden Nugget begins at 12 noon, Sunday, September 22, 2013. After you register with the Hotel & Casino,

go to St Andrew’s Room on 2nd floor and sign in for our 2013 Reunion.

This “sign-in” is important because it will provide a count for the banquet. We don’t want to pay for more plates than we need.

Important, you must make your reservations with the Golden Nugget by Friday, August 23, 2013, but the earlier the better. Call 1-800-634-3454 to make reservations. Remember the code word is **GSAUSMC** when requesting your room

to qualify for the discount rate.

Don’t forget to pay Ted, “the money man”, for your reunion by Friday, August 16, 2013. He must pay the Golden Nugget 100% of the cost of the reunion 30 days in advance.

There are a lot of options for shows, dining and shopping near the Golden Nugget. Search them out and plan on having fun.

To see all the amenities and services offered by the Golden Nugget visit their website: <http://www.goldennugget.com>.

Remember do not “tip” the bartender. Put your tip in the “tips jar”. Ted will see that the bartender is taken care of.

Reunion Itinerary — (Tentative) (Will expand Later)

<i>Sunday, September 22</i>	<i>Monday, September 23</i>	<i>Tuesday, September 24</i>	<i>Wednesday, September 25</i>
3:00—7:00 pm Register in St. Andrew’s Room	9:00—10:00 am Coffee in St Andrew’s Room	9:00 10:00 am Coffee in St Andrew’s Room	9:00— 10:00 am Coffee in St. Andrew’s Room
6:00—9:00 pm Cash Bar in St. Andrew’s Room	10:00—12:00 pm Platoon Meetings in St. Andrews	10:00—12:00 pm VOA Business Meeting	(Open time for Members to speak to the Reunion)
	12:00 pm Lunch on Own	12:00 pm Lunch on Own	12:00 pm Lunch on Own
	1:00 - 3:00 pm MOB Museum Tour	(Open time for Seminar Updates on VA Issues)	Free time to socialize with friends or shop.
	3:00-5:00 pm Free Time	3:00-5:00 pm Free Time	3:00-5:00 pm Free Time
	5:00-6:00 pm Dinner on Own	5:00-6:00 pm Dinner on Own	6:00 pm Presentation of Colors—Pledge Allegiance
	7:00—? Free time Enjoy Freemont Street	7:00—8:30 pm Gordie Brown Live Show	7:00—9:00 Banquet

Key Things to Remember

- ◆ **Cut-off date to register with the Golden Nugget is Friday, August 23, 2013**
- ◆ **Cut-off date to Pay Ted for the reunion is Friday, August 16, 2013.**
- ◆ **At the Cash Bar do not tip the Bartender. Place your tip in the “tip jar”. Ted will take care of the Bartender.**
- ◆ **If you have your ID from the last Reunion bring it. It will save \$’s**
- ◆ **Sign-in for the Reunion is important. It provides information for the cost of reunion.**
- ◆ **Use the 2013 Reunion Registration Form on page 4 to sign-up and pay for the reunion,**
- ◆ **Have Fun at the 2013 Reunion**

2013 Reunion Registration Form:

YES *I will attend the 2013 Reunion in Las Vegas, NV*

NO *I will not attend.*

Name: _____

Cost: \$100.00

Spouse/Guest: _____

Cost: \$ 50.00

Guest: _____

Cost: _____ (\$50.00 each)

Guest: _____

Cost: _____ (\$50.00 each)

Make Check Payable to: **USMC-VOA, Inc.** **Total Amount Due:** \$ _____

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Once a Marine always a Marine

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