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c. 1964

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Standing 1st row l to r: GySgt Paul Hsieh; Sgt Stan Beattie; Sgt Jerry Klupp; SSgt Tony (LNUNK); SSgt Ken Tanaka
Standing 2nd row l to r: Sgt (?) Gregory; SSgt Anthony Milivac; Cpl Dennis Chun Lin Lane; GySgt Loren O. Pfautz; Sgt Dick Stopher
Standing 3d row l to r: (Obscured) SSgt Sam Plemmons; SSgt Pete Sherwin.

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Bob Shampine,
USMC (Ret)

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From the TC

Greetings to you all! Well, the first half of the year has literally flown past and so much has happened. Early in the year our good friend and Association vice president, Chuck Charlson lost his fight with cancer and passed away in early March. Chuck was an active member of the Association and he will be dearly missed.

Our past Team Commander Harry Todd, along with much assistance from Mitch Paradis and Al Adler, has been busy this first half of the year working on a special project for the Association that I am sure will bring pride to each one of you. Please take the time to read Harry's article on "Our Place in the Park".

Likewise, Warren Smith, the Association's Historian, has found himself quite busy the last few months. Warren has developed a questionnaire to be used in the collection and cataloging personal data from our membership to assist him in developing the recorded history of the Interrogator Translator Teams, as well as that of the Interpreter Teams and those interrogator translator personnel who served in assignments other than the ITTs. Look for a request from Warren in the near future.

Speaking of questionnaires, I received a request for our participation from Professor Matthew D. Semel, Visiting Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at St. Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkill, NY. Professor Semel is currently conducting a study about military interrogation techniques, and he tells me that while there is a great deal of research about law enforcement interrogations very little exists about interrogations in the military context. The genesis of his study was The National Intelligence Science Board's 2006 report called "Educating Information," recommending that academics, practitioners and experts work together to close the gap in the science of military interrogations. Since there are no known academic studies about military interrogation techniques, and much of the law enforcement literature is of little value in the military context, he is asking participants to complete a 15-minute survey about interrogation techniques, beliefs and practices. He would then like to compare the results with the law enforcement literature and eventually test common practices in an experimental setting. If you would like to participate by taking his survey please contact him at msemel@stac.edu or give him

a call on his mobile phone at 203-249-8661. His survey is posted on the web at "SurveyMonkey" for ease of participation and is still anonymous, collects no identifying data and does not save ISP

addresses of respondents. It is also encrypted. Entering the survey does requires the password— "gator". The link is : https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=amF_2fPUUhVWVke7yM2Oap5A_3d_3d

Also received a note from Peter Halle regarding a potential congressional action on Tri-Care For Life. The Congressional Budget Office, in a December 2008 report, recommends deductible and co-pays beginning in 2011. They expect that it will save \$40 billion in a few years. The info can be found at : <http://www.cbo.gov> under "budget options." Click on pdf files, pp 189-191. Express your views to your congressional rep.

Please take the time to read our accompanying article on "The State of the Association". Our Association is struggling with declining membership, lack of participation in various events, such as our Gatherings, the dearth of articles being submitted for *The Spot Report*, and a declining interest in holding leadership positions. We have some ideas and need your feedback.

Finally, if you haven't yet decided on attending the 7th Annual Gathering this fall, I hope that you will give serious consideration to joining us. It promises to be a great event, and the more the merrier. For those who are planning on attending please send your registration in as soon as possible and get your reservation made at the Holiday Inn. The sooner we get an accurate estimate on the number of attendees, we will be able to finalize the details. Lynne Riemer, with assistance from Peter Halle, have put together a great agenda for us in San Diego. And, don't forget to participate the first *Jim Riemer Classic*. This is a much anticipated fun event for all, whether you have athletic (?) skills or not— especially for those in the "or not" category.

Looking forward to seeing you in San Diego.



Semper Fidelis!
Jim Haskins

State of the Association

Our Marine Corps Interrogator Translator Teams Association is now in its 7th year and when the original seven sat down in January of 2003, we all understood changes would be needed over time to maintain our efficacy, our attraction and our currency. Our Association, I am happy to report, is like a well-loved automobile, basically in good shape but in need of a tune-up and some minor tweaks to get back running as efficiently as possible.

While some of these needed tweaks have been recognized for some time, others have come upon us abruptly without much advance notice. However, each of these items is on the agenda and will be discussed in detail at our Business Meeting in San Diego in October with subsequent voting on proposed recommendations. We are interested in your views and hope you will be in attendance to provide your input and perspective on each of the issues. If you cannot make it to the Gathering please take the time to have your voice heard by giving us your thoughts via email, telephone or letter.

The first of these is a continuing concern that spikes upward from time to time: *communications*. The official method of communicating with all members of the Association is our newsletter, *The Spot Report*. Two years ago the decision was made to publish *The Spot Report* roughly each quarter, or four times per year. While the paper has garnered accolades from many quarters, both individuals and organizations alike, we are having to cut the number of issues back due, mainly, to fiscal limitations and also a continuing lack of input for articles. For each issue of *The Spot Report* to be printed and mailed the cost is over \$800. Of course there is no cost for the intensive labor involved in editing, printing, addressing, stamping and mailing—all provided through volunteer labor. But for an organization that exists solely on donations from its membership, an item cost exceeding three thousand dollars a year is quite steep and quickly depletes our very limited treasury. Several months ago in a request to our membership I asked for ideas on ways to cut these types of costs. Overwhelmingly those responding said to go to a web-based or emailed *Spot Report* thus reducing the cost entirely. This idea has merit. Now many people, myself included, continue to enjoy “hard copy” reading material, and for these members printing the issue at home is an option. Therefore, the subject of an electronic version of *The Spot Report* will be discussed and voted on at our Business Meeting. The downside of this option will be leaving those members who do not have web access out of the information loop. And, of course, this does not obviate the continual need for materials to be input for publication. I am continually amazed at the number and quality of stories generated at our Gatherings. If some of these were recorded and later presented for publication, we would be in far better shape. Not to mention the immense contribution to our history and legacy these articles provide.

Another communications vehicle that was recommended by some of our members is the use of a web LOG, or BLOG, to discuss current topics of interest. While this would not be intended to replace the “letters to the editor” column in *The Spot Report*, it could serve as a vehicle for contemporary and timelier discussion of items of interest. This item will also be placed on the agenda for discussion at the San Diego Gathering Business Meeting.

A topical issue that caught many of us by surprise was the lack of response by the membership for the opportunity to serve in leadership positions within the organization. Once again, when started we envisioned the Association’s leadership team turning over every couple of years. This we thought would promote ideas, generate new members and infuse different policies and direction. However over the last five months a call for nominations or volunteers for a new slate of officers has been practically ignored. Many cited on-going work or charitable volunteer efforts as an impediment to running for office, others cited health problems, while some simply said they had no interest in the administrative functions of the Association, preferring to just enjoy the social aspects without the responsibility of a leadership position. There were even some who simply did not respond to requests for consideration. These events have prompted discussions to create a Board of Directors to administer the Association. As currently envisioned the Board would consist of the founders of the Association (primarily by default as there are no other members who are willing to step in) plus two appointed positions, the Association Historian and the Association Treasurer. Each of these appointed positions would be for two years with additional terms considered. While the decision to go to a Board of Directors is not up for discussion, the method of implementation and subsequent parameters of conduct will be discussed.

Other agenda items that may be discussed are the recommendation to have the Gathering held on a schedule of every eighteen months as compared to the current every twelve month schedule; the consideration for becoming more involved in contemporary issues, such as requests to comment on the on-going water boarding techniques and other prisoner of war issues; and the content and format of our web site.

As I said, the MCITTA is in good shape but requires some modifications and adjustments to keep us moving ahead smartly. Our Association has been impacted by the current state of events in our country. We need our own “stimulus package” to stay viable. Please contact me directly by email at jandv1@cox.net, by phone at (623) 877-9145 or by mail at the address provided elsewhere in this issue to express your valued thoughts, opinions and suggestions, which are so critical to our survival. Better yet, join us in San Diego and let’s discuss them in depth.

Jim Haskins



Section 2.18.1.8 of the MCITTA Bylaws requires the Team Commander to deliver his Annual State of the Association at the General Assembly and to post this report to the Association website. This article partially fulfills this requirement.

Memories of the 1st ITT-



and the 3rd ITT- first team into Vietnam

By Bob Shampine, USMC (Ret)

Reading the Fall 2008 issue of The Spot Report was like opening a high school yearbook will all of the "old" names of my fellow interrogators from the '60's. I was saddened to read the passing of Ron Bragdon, with whom I had served in the 1st ITT in Hawaii in 1964-65. It was in January '64 that I reported to the 1st Team after completing the IPW course at Ft. Holabird, MD in December '63. The members of the Team, as I recall, were Capt Richard K. Biel, Team Commander; Capt Robert Dash, Language Officer; Capt Donald G. Cook, Language Officer; MSgt Ken Bowen, Team Chief; and team members: MSgt Bill O'Leary; GySgt Paul Hsieh; Sgt Gregory; SSgt Ken Tanaka; SSgt Tony Milavic; GySgt Loren Pfautz; Sgt Stanley Beattie; Sgt Jerry Klupp; Cpl Dennis Chun Lin Lane; SSgt Pete Sherwin; Sgt Bruce Jones; Sgt Robert Malcom Seville Slater (Slats); SSgt Tom Pentony; Sgt Dick Stopher; SSgt Tony (LNUNK) (maybe Arbisi?); Sgt Ron Bragdon; and myself, Sgt Bob Shampine. There may have been a couple of others I have forgotten over time. In case some folks don't know, Capt Donald Cook was a Chinese Mandarin linguist and was "in-country" in Vietnam when he was taken prisoner and spent many years as a POW of the Viet Cong before dying in captivity. He was later awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions while a POW and subsequently had a Navy ship commissioned in his honor, the USS DONALD COOK (DDG 75). The photo (cover) of the 1st ITT was taken around the 1964 time frame. There are a few Team members missing due to in-country language training assignments.

In the ITT photo as I remember, seated left to right is Captain Richard K. Biel, MSgt Ken Bowen, Captain Robert Dash; standing 1st row 1 to r GySgt Paul Hsieh, Sgt Stan Beattie, Sgt Jerry Klupp, SSgt Tony ?, SSgt Ken Tanaka; standing 2nd row 1 to r, Sgt ? Gregory, SSgt Tony Milivac, Cpl Dennis Chun Lin Lane, GySgt Loren O. Pfautz, Sgt

Dick Stopher; 3d row standing 1 to r SSgt Sam Plemmons, SSgt Pete Sherwin. Missing from the picture were SSgt Tom Pentony, Sgt Ron Bragdon, Sgt Bruce Jones, Sgt Bob Slater, and myself. I believe we were all gone for in-country language training somewhere in the world.

I'm not sure what happened to all the team members, but Captain Biel retired as a Major and now lives in Colleyville, Texas (we still correspond); Ken Bowen retired and lives somewhere in Arkansas, I believe. The last I heard, Tom Pentony retired as a Captain and moved to Korea; of course, we know of the death of Bruce Jones. He is interred in the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe; Bob Slater retired as a Major, died on August 20, 1991, and is interred in Ft. Logan National Cemetery in Denver, Colorado. Stan Beattie retired as a CWO2, died on July 10, 2002 and is interred in the Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville, NC. Loren Pfautz retired as a Captain, and died on November 21, 2005. He is interred in Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego. Jerry Klupp died in 1967 from Lung Cancer. I was his body escort back to Las Vegas, where he is interred in the National Cemetery there. Pete Sherwin retired and moved back to Illinois and stopped in Camp Pendleton for a visit on his way back. Of course, we all know of Tony Milivac and his activity with the MILINET. I'm not sure what happened to the rest of them.

Nothing much really exciting happened at Camp Smith. The major emphasis was in-country language training, and I had the opportunity for two such 90-day stints in Taiwan. During one of my trips I taught English at the Chinese Marine Corps NCO School, which really improved my capabilities as a Chinese Linguist, but didn't help much when in Vietnam.

During this time frame, LtGen Victor (Brute) Krulak was the CG, FMFPac, and was a great fan of the Team. Cpl Lane had done

some Chinese translations for the General and he really took a liking to him. (Later in Vietnam, during *Operation Starlite* in August of 1965, he came to visit our compound with all his General Staff, Regimental Staff and Battalion Staff officers in tow. Upon his arrival, he spotted Cpl Lane and walked over to him and said "Dennis, how the hell are you; do you need anything?" to which Cpl Lane replied, "I'm fine General Krulak, how are you?" Needless to say, the Staff officers were completely stunned. Krulak and Lane had a rapport that can only exist between a three star General and a Corporal.)



LtoR: SSgt Tam (Interpreter); SSgt Tom Pentony; Sgt Tony Weda; Cpl Dennis Lane

In June '65 when the "s_ _ hit-the-fan" in Vietnam quite a few of us were transferred to the 3d MarDiv and ended up as the 3rd Interrogation Translation Team. The names I recall were MSgt Bill O'Leary, Team Chief; SSgt Tom Pentony; Sgt Stan Beattie; Sgt Jerry Klupp; Cpl Dennis Lane; Sgt Dick Stopher, and myself. Also, Sgt Art Battles was assigned to us as a Team Clerk and there was also a Sgt Anderson, but I'm not sure where he came from. If I've left anybody out, I apologize. Although our main PW compound was in Danang, in the fall of '65 *Operation Starlite* was launched in Chu Lai, and myself and Jerry Klupp were dispatched to establish a compound at the

airstrip in Chu Lai. The “compound” was simply a huge hole in the ground dug by front-end loaders, with concertina wire around the perimeter. This was the subject of an article in the *“Start and Stripes”* because during the monsoon season, we found prisoners eating raw fish, and it is surmised that they literally fell out of the sky into the water, which had accumulated in the bottom of the compound.

Life in Chu Lai wasn’t the same as Danang. I believe we were attached to the 4th Marines, which had just arrived, and for three or four days the only chow we had was canned hotdogs, powdered eggs, and powdered milk. The following spring we were sent to Phu Bai to establish a compound for another operation, which name escapes me. While in Phu Bai,



Art Battles (Left) and Sgt Anderson – Danang c.1965

we were attached to and lived with a Sea Bee Battalion; needless to say, life was much better, because they always had cold beer and hot chow. We also supported a Green Beret team out of Qui Nohn at some point in time, but after all these years I don’t remember the exact time frame. All in all the 3d ITT, basically, supported units from Qui Nohn north to the DMZ. A busy time especially when trying to interrogate the Hmongs (the Asian ethnic group in the mountainous regions of Southeast Asia. Also referred to as the *Montagnard*.) Since none of our interpreters spoke Hmong, we had to use two interpreters—one to translate from Hmong to Vietnamese, and one to translate from Vietnamese to English. Usually, by the time you got an answer, you forgot what the hell the question was.



3d ITT POW Compound c.1965 & Interrogation booth (Insert)

When we weren’t out-posted to other locations, we had a pretty nice “hootch” in Danang, which was built by the Sea Bees in exchange for captured weapons.

I believe the 3rd ITT was the first if not only ITT to have a Polygraph operator assigned to us. His name was Sgt Tony Weda from Denison, Texas. In spite of all his efforts, he was unable to perform successfully, because a Polygraph requires the use of sensors on the subject’s fingers, and the Vietnamese hands were so calloused that he couldn’t get any credible readings. Additionally, they were extremely afraid of the blood pressure cup on their arm, and when inflated, they thought their arm was going to fall off.

Tony was somewhat of a hero. There was some sort of an army club in downtown Danang. One day while having a beer, a VC tossed a grenade into the front entrance to the club. Tony spotted him and started after him only to take the brunt of the explosion from the grenade. It didn’t kill him but it screwed him up pretty bad and he was finally Medevac back to the states. He retired as a Captain, and died on December 3, 1977. He is buried in Calvary Cemetery, Denison, Texas.

As a humorous side note, in May of ’65 while at Camp Smith, I checked a book, *“The Old Breed”*, out of the Camp Smith library. In June, when we received orders for Vietnam the book somehow got packed in my personal belongings during the hustle and bustle of trying to get the family back to the mainland and get established before I had to report to the 3rd MarDiv. I never got a chance to return the book, but vowed to myself that one day I would. That day came in January of this year (2009) when the celebration of our 50th anniversary found us in Hawaii for a week. I took the book with me,

and one day went to the library at Camp Smith. As I entered, the librarian said, “May I help you?” I said “Yes, I checked this book out in 1965 and I’d like to return it.” You could hear the eyeballs click as everyone in the library did an eyes left. She said, “That’s over 40 years ago.” I said, “I know, and I hope there are no late fees.” She said no; then I did a smart about face and left. Anyway, the book is now home—and so we all.

Some Afterthoughts:

After finally digesting the past two issues of *The Spot Report*, I thought, “why doesn’t anybody ever write anything about the exploits of the 3dITT, since we were the original team assigned in Vietnam?” It occurred to me that maybe I’m the only one left to share our story. So, I thought I had better get off my duff and have some of our history recorded.

I have noted the listing of the unit citations in the History section of our website... I believe some are missing as relates to the 3rdITT. On the website I find the 3rdITT was awarded a PUC for the period 1Apr66-15Sep67, but no PUC’s issued to detachments until 1968. I think something is missing in that I was the recipient of 3 PUC’s during the period July65-Jul66. Since it’s been so long, I don’t recall the occasions, but I think two of them were for Operation Starlite and Operation Harvest Moon. Also, I received 2 NUC’s for the same period, yet in the listing there are none mentioned until 1968. Additionally, I also received an MUC for the same period, and again, in the listing there are none mentioned until 1969.

Thanks for this opportunity to share some of the early history of the ITTs during that pivotal period in our existence as an MOS. It was, truly, an exciting time.

Wow! This has been a taxing experience for this old Marine’s memory.

Semper Fi.

Bob Shampine, USMC (Ret)



SSgt Bob Shampine Operation Starlite 1965

Back Azimuth...

This column is dedicated to publishing news of our fellow Marine Interrogators— where are they and what are they doing now. Additionally, we'll use this space to post items in response to our "On the Shoulders of Giants" request. Please submit information of interest on yourself or your fellow Marine Interrogators. If you're looking for someone, let us know— we'll post it.



MGySgt Dick Swank has been almost iconic in the Marine Corps Interrogation field. He came into the MOS in 1966 and earned a most respected reputation within the field. I recently spoke with Dick and asked him to share a few memories of his career and subsequent years. He not only graciously complied, he supplied some photos of two Marine captains who were Team Commanders in Vietnam and are now carried on our Honor Roll of KIAs.

My name is Richard A. Swank. I was born 28 September 1931 in Austin, Minnesota— home of Hormel, King of Spam. Graduating from high school I joined the Marine Corps on 13 July 1949 after listening to the Marine recruiter expound on travel and exotic places with swaying palms, which beat shoveling snow to get out the driveway. I attended Boot Camp in San Diego along with a half dozen other Minnesotans. After our initial indoctrination, I overheard one individual, with a Texas drawl, telling others he was from Austin (Texas), so I informed him I, too, was from Austin, neglecting to mention the Minnesota part. He was quite happy to find a "friend" and started asking where in Austin I was from. I kept my responses vague enough to keep the conversation going (much to the amusement of my fellow Minnesotans.) A couple of days later I let slip I was not from Texas but a bit further north, to which he accused me of being a "damn Yankee!" Jim Davis and I have lost touch over the years, but we became great "boot-camp buddies." Our Senior DI was SSgt Radner, whom I ran into after San Diego and found he was a much nicer guy than I remembered from our initial encounter.

We only dropped one recruit for medical reasons, and we all looked forward to graduation and transfer to our new duty assignments. My orders, along with Jim Davis, were to the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton Area-15 as "potential Marines." Upon arrival, October 23, 1949, the Sergeant Major came out and asked, "Who among you know what a typewriter looks like?" Having taken typing in school, fool that I am I raised my hand and that started my 0141 career in the Marine Corps, as Battalion Clerk, with Davis being assigned to another company.

I am one of the fortunate ones to have had three MOSs over the course of the 24 years I spent traveling around the world, courtesy of the USMC: 0141 (Administrative), 3041 (Supply)/Logistics), 0251 (Intelligence), in that order. Each one came about, under varying circumstances, but ultimately, were to my advantage by allowing me to visit many places in the far East, including Japan, Korea, Okinawa, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Philippines, and Hawaii.

Four months after working as a battalion clerk with 1st Marine Division, and running up and down the mountains of Camp Pendleton, I received orders to Troop Training Unit, Amphibious Training Command, Coronado, CA and was assigned as the Company Clerk. I arrived just in time to prepare to depart for Japan, aboard the USS Cavalier, 3 April 1950.

We arrived in Japan 19 April 1950 and set up training facilities at Camp McGill, just outside Yokosuka, where we taught various

Army units amphibious tactics. Mid-August, General Almond, of X Corps, out of Ft. Sill, OK visited our camp and extended the invitation to Col Forney to have 22 Officer/Enlisted accompany his unit to Korea. Being in administration, my name was at the top of

the list, and subsequently I boarded the USS Buckner on 9 September 1950 bound for Korea, a place we had to look up on a world map to find out where it was. We arrived on 20 September 1950 at the seaside town of Inchon.

We made the landing at Inchon and proceeded to Seoul, then over to Wonsan where we saw the sign "Bob Hope Welcomes You To Wonsan". We then moved up to Hamhung in time for the Chosin Reservoir withdrawal prior to having to evacuate to Hungnam for withdrawal by sea down to Pusan. Even with the landing at Inchon and all the moving around the X-Corps did, I was still able to be back at Camp McGill in time for New Years, 1951.

I was assigned to the FSCC (Fire Support and Coordination Center) at X Corps Headquarters. Since X Corps was a mobile command, I was able to "visit" all their areas of operation, i.e., Ascom City, Pusan, Wonsan, Hamhung, Hungnam, Ulsan, Kyonju and surrounding areas. Our TAD assignment was terminated 29 December 1950 and we returned to Camp McGill, Japan, and subsequently back to CONUS where I remained with TTU until my enlistment was up in November 1952.

Subsequent to my reenlistment, in September of 1953 I was assigned to the I&I Staff, USMCR in La Crosse, WI which led to the MOS 3041-3049 with various assignments ending with MCSC Barstow in August 1965.

In 1966 I successfully took the ALAT test and received orders to the Defense Language Institute, Washington, DC at Sanz School for Vietnamese, Northern Dialect. Some of the other students in my class that come to mind are Captain Bailey, Lt Donohue, Bob Stanke, Thomas Morgan, Ron Kelley, to mention a few. Upon Graduation I was assigned to the IPW School at Ft. Holabird, MD then returned to Camp Pendleton to set up the IPW school for the 5th Marine Division. I remained at Camp Pendleton until receiving orders to the Republic of Vietnam in early 1968.



MSgt Swank at the Chieu Hoi center, Quang Tri 1968

On 17 February 1968 I arrived in Viet Nam in time for Tet-68! Took over the 19th ITT as Team Chief, south of Danang and worked that section for 6 months, processing all captured detainees, prior to their ultimate transfer to Division Headquarters or release as “innocent civilians.” Some of the team members of 19th were Capt. Eubanks, GySgt H. W. Smith, SSgts Ron Kelley & Tom Morgan, Lt. Osenkowski (Sp), Jim Beningo. Sometime in April or May we received a new Team Commander, Captain Willard D. Marshall who was KIA on 11 June 1968 when he triggered a VC booby-trap. A sterling individual, we were all stunned and saddened by his loss.



Capt Marshall and Interpreter a week before being KIA

In September 1968 I was transferred up to I Corps, at Quang Tri as Team Chief of the 15th ITT, with Captain Michael Wunsch as Team Commander. Captain Wunsch and I became quite close—he was even corresponding with notes to my daughter (age 3), much to her delight. He and I, along with some of the troops from 15th ITT, even had our families back in the States put together some Christmas packages for the Vietnamese kids from the Chieu Hoi Village/Center much to their delight and we really had a ball playing “Santa.”

I remained with the 15th ITT until reassigned to work with PSYOPS in Quang Tri, as a result of a direct request from LtCol J. J. Fox, the Psyops Officer. Attached to MACV as Marine Advisor at the Chieu Hoi Center and living in the USAIDS compound was a more expedient means of interrogation work, as I didn’t have to be back across the bridge before dark. Working with the Chieu Hoi Program allowed me quite a bit of latitude of movement, which included working directly with MACV in Quang Tri and the Hue MACV center. Working in conjunction with PSYOPS allowed me direct contact with lateral Intelligence units throughout Vietnam. By being so close to the Chieu Hoi center and Village, and speaking the language, I took on the side duties of Armed Propaganda Team Advisor—which allowed me to travel in the various surrounding villages/hamlets with the ARVN and interrogate, in the field, plus get to know the populace. I was even referred to as the “Mayor of the Chieu Hoi Village” by the locals and attended as Best Man at a wedding in Hue of one of my APT members.

Later, following my transfer, Captain Wunsch and I would share information on various matters, as I had more flexibility in

movement than he did, and could respond more quickly. After I left the 15th, Capt Wunsch stayed with the unit for a few months then transferred to Tanks, his primary MOS as a platoon commander. He was fatally hit by an RPG while on patrol on 28 July 1969. Mike was an Annapolis “ring knocker”, but never let it get in the way of relating to the troops, who always came first in his books. He was a great guy and sorely missed.

In November 1969 I received orders to CONUS and was assigned as the NCOIC of the Interrogation Committee at Ft. Holabird, MD. We subsequently closed the IPW School there in March 1971, and moved it to Ft. Huachuca, AZ. I remained at Huachuca until retirement on 31 May 1973, being the first Marine Master Gunnery Sergeant to retire at the Army School.

The Intelligence field was probably my most interesting and challenging assignment during my career. As a Vietnamese Linguist, I was able to do my own interrogations and not have to rely on an Interpreter, thereby saving a lot of time. Additionally, my work usually led me in close contact with the Vietnamese people, whom I found to be most interesting.

Following retirement, I became the Manager of Holt’s Trading Post, in San Carlos, Arizona, on the Apache Reservation. One day in May of 1975 I received a call from 12th Marine Corps District inquiring if I was interested in interviewing for a position of Marine Corps Instructor with the JROTC programs. After researching the various programs, in the Western area, I drove up to Commerce City, Colorado for the interview at Adams City High School and was accepted, for employment in August of that year. I remained there until 31 July 1978, at which time I took the same position at Basic High School, Henderson, Nevada, “retiring” my snow shovel

to the attic. I remained at Basic HS until 31 August 1992, completing 17 years with the MCJROTC program, which was probably one of the most rewarding ventures I had the privilege of participating in during my career. I am still in contact with some of my students from both schools and value their friendship. It is especially nice when they either call or write and inform me of their achievements in both the civilian and military career paths they chose. The MCJROTC is more of a “family” than a strict, sterile alternative to the PE program

and strong bonds are formed with both students and parents.

I figured after 23 years in the Marine Corps and 17 years with the MCJROTC it was about time to hang up the uniform and see what else the world had to offer me. While in Henderson, I joined the MCL Detachment in Las Vegas, but along with others from Henderson established the Henderson, NV Black Mountain Detachment where I was ultimately installed as Commandant. I have been very active in the post ever since. In 1998 my wife suffered a stroke making me her primary caregiver as well the principal person around the house. These duties keep me pretty busy most of the time. However, my “twilight years” are truly filled with memorable hours and associations with a variety of individuals through my Marine Corps career, my MCL association, and my MCJROTC affiliation. To all I say, Thank You for your friendship, council and memories. *Semper Fi*,

Dick Swank



Captain Wunsch handing out Christmas presents at the Chieu Hoi Center 1968

Honoring Those Who Honor You

A proposal by Harry J. Todd, USMC (Ret)

During the 6th Gathering of the MCITTA in 2008, our members visited the National Museum of the Marine Corps at Quantico, Virginia. The museum, which had its grand opening on November 10, 2006, is now the number one tourist attraction in Virginia. Tens of thousands of Marines and civilians alike pass through these doors dedicated to the honor of Marines throughout history.

In his dedication President George W. Bush said, *"These walls remind all who visit here that honor, courage, and commitment are not just words. They are core values for a way of life that puts service above self. And these walls will keep the history of the Marine Corps alive for generations of Americans to come."*

As we toured this magnificent facility dedicated to the honor and service of Marines, we were struck with an idea for a monument to be located in the Semper Fidelis Memorial Park in honor of Marine Combat Interrogators and our loyalty to our Corps, while leaving a permanent legacy to those who practiced our skills and to honor those who were lost in combat while serving in the 0251 MOS.

Subsequently we set about to come up with several designs for an appropriate monument. I initially provided a crude artwork rendering of our thoughts and Mitch Paradis was able to transform it into something we all could be proud for placement in the Memorial Park along side other monuments dedicated to Marine units and their honored service.

Working back and forth between ourselves we finally arrived at an agreed upon design we thought worthy. Also, at this juncture we contacted MCITTA member Alan Adler, who is a docent at the Museum, to solicit his guidance and liaison with the Museum. Al's efforts have been invaluable both as our front man and as the direct point of contact with the museum board in Quantico.

Through Al we submitted our first concept. While waiting for their response, I began to seek estimates for the monument. The early estimates were in the \$15,000.00 dollar range. Much to my surprise the proposed monument was disapproved and rejected by

the board as looking far too much like a gravesite headstone. Taking in all the guidance provided by the board, we went back to the drawing board to rethink and put together a new design to meet their standards.

After briefing the MCITTA TC, Jim Haskins endorsed our idea and established an ad hoc monument committee consisting of myself, Mitch and Al. We then went to work on a second design and incorporated the several suggestions from the museum board. In March 2009 this design was approved with a few fine adjustments. By April the board approved not only our design but its placement in Semper Fidelis Park as well.



— On the obelisk a gilded EGA superimposed on a laurel wreath. Icons of the CITT, ITT, and ITP/ITU with the USMC Core Values. On the black marble the inscription: "Dedicated to the Honor and Service of Marine Combat Interrogators and Interpreters of Enemy Prisoners of War in Combat Support to the Fleet Marine Forces" followed by the war eras, Vietnam, Lebanon, Gulf War, Iraq. The MCITTA logo with a dedication inscription. On the base is the division patches of the division supported by Marine Interrogators.

As seen in the rendition below, the monument is approximately eight (8) feet in height with the obelisk being one (1) foot square and the side panel of jet-black granite making it approximately five (5) feet wide.

It is now incumbent upon the Monument Committee to research how and where to secure funds. Again the collection of estimates began. Several quarries and monument companies owned and operated by military veterans were contacted across the country. The largest draw back to obtaining the monument from any of these businesses willing to donate services, i.e., stone from here, carving there and placement elsewhere,

is transportation between the various locations. Acquiring the monument from a single company would be less problematic and still be within our cost range. To date the best offer is from a Delaware company that deals with a quarry in Vermont and can provide what we desire for approximately \$30,000.00. This cost is strictly contingent upon current prices and requires an initial payment of 50% to get started.

Prior to construction, a completed full size mock-up will be provided. Once approved and constructed, there will be an additional cost required to defray preparations of the ground and creating a base for the monument before it can be placed in Semper Fidelis Memorial Park.

With the approval of the committee I have been exploring ways and means of raising funds. The following options have been addressed with mixed results. These methods are workable but not always profitable. This simply means my attempts did not have much success in my local area. I have approached three (3) large local companies and have been received cordially but denied support because the project does not actually benefit the community. It may be prudent for us

to devise a more relative “sales pitch” to appeal to a more nationalistic morality to support the military.

More profitable is to establish a charitable type of 50/50 raffle booth at local events such as festivals, local organizational dances and functions or at social clubs, motorcycle rallies, one-day commemoratives, etc. I say this to preclude the necessity of having to mail the winnings to a person post-event. The drawing can be held at end of the dance or the day’s activities. (A 50/50 raffle is the sale of a two-part ticket— one part to the purchaser and the other to a selection drum. The winner receives 50% of the gross with 50% going to the organization.) This works well but is slow in accumulating large amounts. Generally, once our purpose is explained the event coordinators provide a space/booth without fee. Usually they require proof of legitimacy such as our tax-exempt status letters. Local VFW posts and

American Legion posts and other such organizations can be approached and are generally receptive to running a long-term, in house 50/50 raffle as long as posters and tickets are made available.

In some cases posts would rather have a letter requesting a donation. VFW posts and American Legions are good sources as they tend endorse most causes relating to the veteran. Also, I have forwarded at least three letters to celebrities known for their generosity and admiration for the military requesting donations, with mixed results. Fund raising is restricted to our imagination alone.

We will hold further in-depth discussions at the San Diego Gathering with a vote of approval/disapproval to pursue the project or not. This “monumental” project represents our opportunity to leave a legacy for all of us to honor those who honored our Country, Corps, and fellow Marines. We need your support on this effort. Please join us in San Diego for discussion and expressing your opinion and thoughts on this endeavor. If you can't make the San Diego Gathering, please send us an email or letter with your ideas and/or support.

Overview of museum grounds



COMMEMORATIVE BRICK

Commemorative bricks line portions of the paths throughout Semper Fidelis Memorial Park. The MCITTA has placed such a brick to honor Marine "Interrogator Translators" (insert) located on the walkway adjacent to the Guadalcanal marker.



REVERSE VIEW



— On the reverse side of the obelisk is a portrait of a kneeling Marine with rifle and pack in memoriam along with the dedication: "We are their witness; for without a witness they shall be forgotten." On the black marble is the list of "Our Fallen Brothers" from Vietnam, Lebanon to the Iraq War with a Gold Star followed by the words of Abraham Lincoln from the Gettysburg Address: "...from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion..."

Semper Fidelis Memorial Park

Semper Fidelis Memorial Park overlooks the National Museum of the Marine Corps. It is a place of remembrance and reflection, dedicated to the service of all Marines. The Park, located on three acres of high ground, is an important part of the Museum visitor's experience. Interwoven paths cross and meet at significant rally points where monuments erected to honor various Marine Corps organizations, and those who served in them, provide places for visitors to pause and contemplate. A central chapel is also under construction.



"We will remember them..."

Grave mission for warships

Crews of U.S. war ships volunteer to clean and preserve POW grave site on Deadman's Island

On 21 May 2009, U.S. Navy warships sailed into Halifax Harbour, Nova Scotia, Canada, the site of the MCITTA's 3rd Annual Gathering.

The USS Donald Cook (DDG-75) and USS Barry (DDG-52) are destroyers based in Norfolk, VA and arrived in Halifax after participating in Joint Warrior 08-1, a multinational exercise held in the North Atlantic.

The crews of the two *Arleigh Burke*-class guided missile destroyers volunteered to work on beautification of Halifax's Deadman's Island, the burial site of 195 U.S. servicemen who died in British captivity during the War of 1812. Sailors and Marines from the two Navy ships volunteered to repair the site and do some general maintenance on the memorial.



USS DONALD COOK enters Halifax Harbour

The prisoners taken at sea by the British in this long forgotten war had been held at the nearby Melville Island military prison. When they died, mostly of diseases like dysentery and smallpox, they were rowed across the narrow channel to Deadman's Island and buried in shallow, unmarked graves. For almost 200 years the gravesites went unnoticed by both the U.S. and Canadian governments. Now, thanks to the efforts of volunteer groups and historical societies both here and in the United States, they finally have a memorial.

On 30 May 2005, the Consul General of the United States in Halifax and officials of the Halifax Regional Municipality unveiled a plaque marking the graves of these former prisoners of war. The names, ranks, units and date of death are inscribed on the marker, which includes the names of two U.S. Marines.



Now, each year the U.S. Consulate General in Halifax and local U.S. Navy exchange officers posted in Halifax hold an informal ceremony to honor those American servicemen every Memorial Day. In 2007 Mitchell Paradis was invited to attend the remembrance ceremony where he laid a wreath on behalf of the MCITTA. Now residing in Nova Scotia, Mitch attends the annual services to honor and remember the "Old Corps" Marines whose names are inscribed on the monument.

It seemed only fitting that crew members of the USS Donald Cook, which was commissioned in honor of Col Donald G. Cook a former 1st ITT officer who was awarded the Medal of Honor while a POW in Vietnam, would render respect to other POWs of a long ago war who also gave their life in the service of our Nation. Colonel Cook is annually remembered at the MCITTA memorial service and is permanently inscribed on our Roll of Honor.

Call for Articles!

The Spot Report and your MCITTA continues to need your support through your contribution of articles of an historical nature that define the history and legacy of the Marine Interrogators and Translator, with emphasis on the development and expansion of the 0250/0251 MOS field from the ITTs through the incorporation of the HUMINT skill set into the current MOS designator. All material, official reports, anecdotal accounts, and/or researched documentary narratives are most welcome. We especially seek material from the period when the Marine Interrogator MOS was active from its inception in 1958 to its close in 2002. Please contact the editor, Mitchell Paradis, by phone at (902) 764-2070 or by email at mitchcan@bwr.eastlink.ca.

In Memoriam

The names of this Marine Interrogator will be inscribed in the Last Man Log and remembered at the next MCITTA annual Memorial Services.



Marden B. "Chuck" Chlarson, Jr.



Chuck Chlarson Jr. was born June 29, 1944. After a valiant fight against cancer, he passed away on Tuesday, February 17, 2009. He was strong in his beliefs in his country, serving 30 combined years of military service; first in the Marine Corps, achieving the rank of Gunnery Sergeant, then retiring as a Warrant Officer from the U.S. Army. He was active in the Marine Corps League, Vietnam Veterans of America, American Legion, Elks, VFW, Rotary and local politics.

His belief in honoring our veterans was extremely important to him and was very instrumental in his designing, getting built and dedicating

the Veterans Memorial at Locomotive Park in Kingston, Arizona.

Surviving Chuck is the love of his life, his wife, Lea Eastman Chlarson; his son, Marden B. 'Mardy' Chlarson III; his daughter, Cari Chlarson and his three grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life service was held on March 8, 2009 prior to internment at Kingman, Arizona.

Chuck was the MCITTA First Sub Team Commander (Vice President) and took great pride in all things associated with the organization and the Marine Corps. Chuck was always faithful and he will be deeply missed by all of us.

They Came in Peace...

Remembering the loss of Marines and Sailors in Beirut in 1983

Take a trip down North Carolina's Highway 24. It winds its way through sleepy towns, past industrial areas and pastures. Just past the sign that welcomes you to Jacksonville, along the section known locally as Lejeune Boulevard, bisecting the center median is a line of 241 Bradford Pear trees. A city's living memorial, they serve as a path of sorts to the official Beirut Memorial, nestled in the curve as you enter Camp Johnson, to the men of the 24th Marine Amphibious Unit who lost their lives October 23, 1983.

According to the online Beirut Memorial, the city of Jacksonville Beautification and Appearance Commission met the afternoon of the terrorist attack and began plans to plant memorial trees on Lejeune Boulevard, the portion of Highway 24 that serves as the "main traffic artery joining Jacksonville and Camp Lejeune."

Support for the project was immediate and crossed local and national boundaries, income and age demographics and soon the tree project was dedicated on March 24, 1984 as a graphic portrayal of the loss of so many Marines and sailors.



Photo courtesy of Howie Kahn

MCITTA 7th Annual Gathering – General Information



If you are one of those rare Marines who has never visited or been stationed in San Diego, you are in for a wonderful Southern California treat. Considered the birthplace of California, San Diego was discovered by explorer Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo in 1542. Father Junipero Serra, a Spanish missionary established the first of several Catholic missions on a grassy knoll beside the Presidio, the Spaniards' fort and settlement, which remains a testament to San Diego's Spanish origins and influence that remains strong to this day in culture, language and especially regional cuisine. San Diego, the eighth largest city in the USA, is far more than one single city; it is a patchwork of cultures, neighborhoods and small, uniquely defined communities—the epitome of the American melting pot. Many travelers come here just to bask in the warmth and experience a Southern California paradise.



Sun, surf and exquisite scenery abound in San Diego. Nestled in the southern-most corner of California's coastline, the city is blessed with sun and temperate weather year round. Long stretches of sandy beaches are filled with sunbathers who wander to the surf shops, coffee houses and cafes that represent the heart and soul of the San Diego.

Where to Go in San Diego

The city's beach areas in **La Jolla** a famed scuba diving area, and the seaside towns of **Ocean Beach**, **Pacific Beach** and **Mission Beach** provide all the sunbathing and swimming that visitors could need.

Coronado (the tip of a long land spit just west of Downtown) also has several famous beaches, including the Silver Strand State Beach. The historic **Hotel Del Coronado**, north of the Strand, has been a favorite filming location for many years and is worth a visit.

The Downtown area is home to the historic **Gaslamp Quarter**, with wildly popular bars and restaurants for dining nightlife in 19th-century Victorian mansions and saloons—the epicenter for all that's cool and hip in San Diego with music of every genre.

The lush **Balboa Park** a few blocks north of Downtown is home to more than 15 museums and the world-famous **San Diego Zoo**. **Old Town**, California's 18th-century birthplace, is located just north of Downtown and contains the majestic **Presidio (Fort)**, which overlooks San Diego Bay amid spacious manicured lawns.

Some visitors consider **SeaWorld**, in San Diego's popular Mission Bay area, to be one of the city's key attractions, thanks to its heavily promoted Orca (Killer Whale) shows, nightly fireworks and amusement rides.

Let's not forget our famous and iconic Marine Corps Recruit Depot where hundreds of thousands of young raw recruits have been turned into Marines. We look forward to attending a graduation to witness the current generation of new Marines as they embark on their own adventure to continue and build upon the legacy of the Marine Corps.



The Brotherhood

I now know why men who have been to war yearn to reunite. Not to tell stories or look at old pictures. Not to laugh or weep. Comrades gather because they long to be with the men who once acted at their best; men who suffered and sacrificed, who were stripped of their humanity. I did not pick these men. They were delivered by fate and the military. But I know them in a way I know no other men. I have never given anyone such trust. They were willing to guard something more precious than my life. They would have carried my reputation, the memory of me. It was part of the bargain we all made, the reason we were so willing to die for one another. As long as I have my memory, I will think of them all, every day. Such good men.

—Paraphrased from "These Good Men" by Michael Norman



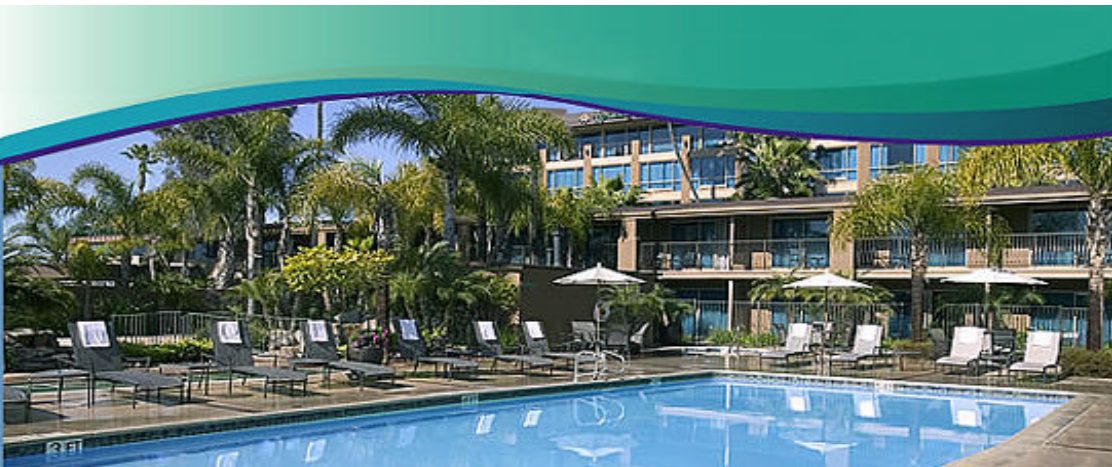
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Welcome to Holiday Inn San Diego Bayside

This extraordinary San Diego hotel near the airport is the perfect place for the **MCITTA 7th Annual Gathering**. Located across from the harbor, this San Diego airport hotel offers close proximity to many of San Diego's best attractions, including the downtown Gaslamp section, the famous San Diego Zoo, Sea World, Petco Park, the Historic Old Town, and Pacific Coast beaches. Enjoy a beautiful setting, modern amenities, and complimentary airport transportation at the Holiday Inn San Diego Bayside Hotel.

The newly renovated suites and hotel rooms are the perfect "home away from home" as you visit America's finest city. All rooms include a coffee/tea maker, refrigerator, work desk with lamp, data port, iron and ironing board, and hair dryer. Choose between hotel rooms featuring either one king or two queen beds, or indulge in a spacious San Diego CA hotel suite. Also enjoy Web TV, full cable with HBO, on-command movie rentals, Nintendo games, and complimentary wireless access throughout the entire property. Daily newspapers are delivered to your door Monday through Friday.

Experience beautiful views of the bay, downtown skyline, or the lush courtyard. Sip your favorite drink by the outdoor heated pool or relax in the Jacuzzi. Enjoy the popular shuffleboard courts, 9-hole golf putting green, energizing fitness room, poolside billiards, and ping pong tables. (You can practice for the *Jim Riemer Classic*.) If you prefer to get out and about, take one of the California style beach cruisers and cycle along scenic San Diego Bay.

The Point Loma Café offers a tempting menu for any appetite, including classic or contemporary entrees, mouth watering appetizers, and signature desserts. Enjoy breakfast, lunch, or dinner in this comfortable café restaurant, or treat yourself to the convenience of room service. Senior citizens will appreciate their 10% discounts.

Please make your own reservations by calling the hotel direct at:

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San Diego, CA 92106

Dial Direct: 619-224-3621

Or Toll Free: 800-662-8899

Email: res@holinnbayside.com

Be sure to reserve your room under the "*Marine Corps Interrogator Translator Teams Association (MCITTA)*" in order to receive the \$124.00 per night special rate. The block of 25 rooms will hold until the cutoff date of September 14, 2009. Be sure to register early.

SEE YOU THERE!



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MCITTA 7th Annual Gathering – Schedule of Events



Considering the plethora of activities offered in San Diego, we hope they won't distract but augment our Gathering schedule, which we anticipate will give you ample opportunity to see and enjoy this magnificent city. There is so much to see and do in San Diego, come early—leave late. Our special hotel rate will be honored three days before and three days after our Gathering.

Monday 5 October

1200 MCITTA Check-In and Registration Hospitality Suite (Pacific Room) open

Tuesday 6 October

0800 MCITTA Gathering Check-In

1200 Old Town Trolley Tour

(The Old Town Trolley Tour is an exceptional way to orient to San Diego. You can get on and off the Trolley anytime.

The Trolley will pick us up at the hotel if we have a minimum of 20 sign-ups.)



1900 Team Commander Reception & Annual MCITTA Recognition Awards

(The Annual Team Commander's Reception will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres with beer and wine. Jim Haskins will present the annual awards to those MCITTA members who have contributed so much to our ongoing successes.)

Wednesday 7 October

0800 General Assembly and Business Meeting

(All hands are encouraged to attend this vital meeting. Some very important issues to be presented for consideration.)

1230 Depart Hotel for USS Midway Museum tour

(The retired ship USS Midway has been converted to a museum to honor the service of the over 250,000 sailors and Marines who served her for over 50 years. With over 60 special exhibits, including one for intelligence, history is covered from post-WW II to Desert Storm.)

1500 San Diego Harbor Tour

(This deluxe San Diego Harbor tour comes as a package with the Midway tour and covers Harbor and Shelter Islands, Point Loma, the Submarine Base, as well as the Coronado Bridge, and much more. Spectacular!)

1800 Evening at Sea Port Village (Dinner on your own.

Transportation for the hotel departs at 2100)

(A 14 acre waterfront shopping, dining and entertainment complex recreating a harbor side setting of a century ago. Includes 54 shops, 13 casual dining eateries, 4 fine dining waterfront restaurants.)



Thursday 8 October

0730 Depart hotel for J. Riemer Golf Classic Tournament at

"Sail Ho" Golf Course

(The Jim Riemer Classic is sure to become an annual hit of all future Gatherings. A fun filled golf tournament followed by a Putt-Putt contest and other events to entertain and spark the interest and camaraderie of all.)

1130 (At Hotel) "Lunch on the Green" sandwiches, pizzas, and drinks (Price included in Registration Fee)

1300 (At Hotel) J. Riemer Mini Classic — Group Activities with Team Assignments — Prizes Awarded

Putt-Putt Tournament — Max participation encouraged

Shuffle Board — Billiards — Ping Pong

1830 J. Riemer Classic Awards Casual Dinner (Location to be announced.)

Friday 9 October

0815 Depart for MCITTA Memorial Service, MCRD San Diego

1000 MCRD Graduation Ceremony

1115-1800 Lunch on your own. Remainder of day open — (Optional wreath laying at BGen Peter Rowe's grave.)

1800 Cocktails in Hospitality Suite at Hotel Headquarters.

1900 Banquet in Coronado Room – Music and entertainment provided by Mike Bianchino

Saturday 10 October

0830 Farewell Breakfast, Point Loma Café at Hotel

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MCITTA 7th Annual Gathering - Registration Form



MCITTA 7th ANNUAL GATHERING

San Diego, CA
5-10 October 2009

Registration Form



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| First Name | | MI | Last Name | |
| Name of Spouse or Significant Other Attending | | | | |
| Number of Guests | | Name(s) | | |
| Mailing Address | | | | |
| City | | State | Zip + 4 | |
| Phone Number: | | Email Address: | | |
| -5-10 Oct | MCITTA Gathering Registration @ \$40 pp | No. | Total | |
| -6 Oct | Old Town Trolley Tour of San Diego @ \$25 pp | No. | Total | |
| | TC Welcome Reception @ \$20 pp | No. | Total | |
| -7 Oct | USS MIDWAY Museum Tour} Sailing Tour of SD Harbor} (@ \$30 pp Includes both events) | No. | Total | |
| -8 Oct | Jim Riemer Golf Classic and Outing (Submit Separate sign-up sheet for 9-Hole Golf) | No. | TBD | |
| -9 Oct | MCITTA 7th Annual Banquet @ \$35 pp Please select from the following: | No. | Total | |
| | _____ Steak & Chicken | No. | Total | |
| | _____ Steak & Salmon | No. | Total | |
| | _____ Chicken & Salmon | No. | Total | |
| Donations for the continued operations of MCITTA are gratefully accepted | | | | Total |
| Check No. _____ | | Made payable to MCITTA | | Grand TOTAL |
| <p>Please indicate ETA at hotel: Date _____ Time _____ Mode _____</p> <p>Mail this form and your check to:</p> <p>Jim Haskins 3224 N. 109th Ave Avondale, AZ 85302-4043</p> <p>For any additional information, contact Jim at: Tel: (623) 877-9145 Email: jandv1@cox.net</p> <p>(Please make a copy this completed form for your records.)</p> | | | | |

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Contact Harry Todd for additional information and/or to place an order by email at: [<Flsfrtrs@comcast.net>](mailto:Flsfrtrs@comcast.net) or by phone at (302) 398-8514



The projected site for the 2010 MCITTA Gathering will be Tampa, FL.

Paul Hernandez will host the event. Anyone who can volunteer to assist is encouraged to come forward.

You want Florida— you want Tampa Bay! A single day's itinerary might include breakfast at a waterside cafe, a visit to Busch Gardens Africa, the Florida Aquarium, a streetcar ride to Channelside Bay Plaza for shopping, topped off with a stay in at a luxury hotel or resort. Then on to historic Ybor City where the Cuban sandwiches are hot and crisp, the cigars are hand-rolled, and the colorful streets are lined with fun. The sugar white, sandy beaches are a must.

>> This Gathering is sure to be unique. Plan on it! <<