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AVIATION LOGISTICS MARINES REUNION

MCAS BEAUFORT SC

6 -9 OCTOBER

COMMENTS

The 2015 Reunion at The Villages Waterfront Inn in Florida was a huge success. If you enjoyed yourself last year, or if you wished you'd come and didn't, then don't miss this year's gathering at the Air Station in Beaufort SC. Everything is all arranged, and we are planning on having another great time! Please join us! We look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones!

May was a busy month. **Kevin McCutcheon, Laura Sampsel, Paul Cerkez, Otis DeLoach, Rick Owen and myself** attended the Marine Corps Aviation Association Symposium in New Bern NC. The primary propose of our attendance was to introduce our At-Large Aviation Logistics Squadron to the MCAA, and specifically to the Active Duty Aviation Logistics Marines that were at the Symposium and attending the Aviation Logistics Operational Advisory Group (OAG) meeting. The OAG was sponsored by HQMC (ASL) and mentored by **Col. Blayne Spratlin** and his able Staff. We were fortunate to be invited to sit in on the various sessions of the OAG, and our take away impressions of the issues discussed, and the professionalism displayed, indicated that our AvLog Profession is in excellent hands. The Marine Corps today is a very Complex and High Tech environment and our AvLog Marines are at the forefront of that environment.

Laura Sampsel Our Squadron XO, was given the opportunity to address the OAG and brief the attendees on the Squadron, and its purpose. She did a great job and subsequently, we invited the attendees to visit our Hospitality Suite for some additional Camaraderie and refreshments, where over 40 Marines became members of the Squadron.

My thanks to **Laura, Kevin, Otis, Rick and Paul** and their outstanding effort, it appears the MCAA At-Large Aviation Logistics Squadron is off to a fine beginning! With the combination of our present ALM membership and those newly joined, our inaugural Squadron is headed in the right direction. However, it will take the effort of all the members to keep it alive. So PLEASE GET THE WORD OUT, and let's build an organization that will MAKE US ALL PROUD!

LOG NOTES

Since it's only been a few short months since the last Newsletter the Notes shouldn't be so long winded (Aren't you glad?). Didn't get a lot of news about folks, and I think it's because most have taken up the habit of using Facebook or Twitter to communicate. Sorry, but this Old Marine is just trying to keep up with e-mail!

Although, the news was sparse. I appreciate all those that kept in touch, even if it was just passing on a joke, a story, a cartoon, a political comment etc. Anyhow, here's what I've been able to extract from all your great e-mails about what's **happening with** some of our folks!

I'm told **Al Reynolds** is still using a flip cell phone. **Roy Bibbins** asked us about how the Squadron would affect the ALM. They are one in the same, **Roy!** **Bill Voight** asked way back in April about the Reunion in Beaufort. Hope **He and Barbara** can make it? We sure appreciate **Col. Blayne Spratlin's** fantastic support of all our Squadron and ALM organizational efforts. Has **Carl Gassoway** gotten in contact with **Chris Christiansen?** **Carl Hubbell** explained what folding of the Flag at Military Funerals meant. Look it up on Google, it's interesting! **Dan Gillian** in full military dress, including the official Marine Corps Plaid kilt, played the bagpipes at Andersonville GA Cemetery, a National Historic Site, on Memorial Day. **Don Wilson** wants to know how many folks know where the gas cap is on a 56 Chevy Convertible? Had a great visit with **Jackie and Ed Bacon, and Joanne and Rick Owen** in May, during my visit to NC. Also thanks to **Joanne and Jackie** for arranging the wonderful lunch visit at the Sanitary Restaurant in Morehead City with **Meda DiFrancesco, Irene Bridges, and "Babe" Dufore**. Sorry we missed visiting with **Margaret McGlothlin, Nellie Bowen and Barbara Krantz**. **Ed Creamer** continues to be a Great journalist. Read some of his stories in the Pop-A-Smoke Newsletter. **Francis McCarthy** said the Web Site for Vets to get copies of their DD-214 is: Vetrecs.Archives.gov or Archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records. **George Cook** advised that there were 49 Officers and 1151 Enlisted Marines involved in the Boxer Rebellion from 1899 till 1901. Our Thanks to **Gil Diaz** for spreading the word about the AvLog Squadron to all his Raytheon Marine associates. Heard **Glenn Bratcher** had back surgery in May. Hope he is recovering well? Word is that **John Cauble** is no longer in an Assisted Living Facility. He has returned to his ranch in Texas where he is regaining his strength and recovering nicely. **Harry Tobin** asked for a snail mail copy of the last Newsletter because his computer wouldn't let him read the e-mail version! Hope he can read this issue? Our sincere appreciation to **Maj. Sean Hennessy**, OpsO for MALS-31 for his absolutely fantastic help with all the Reunion arrangements at MCAS Beaufort! Working right alongside the Major were our Reunion "Boots On The Ground" Guys, **Pat Garrett and Nick Russell**. Thanks Guys!! Haven't seen **Jim Brander or Jim Griffin** at the Patrick AFB Commissary in a long while. **Jeffery Montelo**, a Para rigger in H&MS-31 (72-75) asked about the Reunion. Hope he decides to come. He'll never recognize the Air Station. Haven't heard much from **Jack Middleton**. Hope all is going well with **Him and Dottie**. I have to contact **Jack** about the Reunion stuff he's storing for us. Anybody heard from **John Cash**? I hope he didn't get lost in his woodworking shop! As requested from **Jim Sealy**, we will send **George Martin** a snail mail copy of the Newsletter! We're glad to hear that **Ray Redford** is back home, and on his way to

a complete recovery! **Jim Payne** says if his back holds up **He and Syble** will be traveling during May and June to Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina. Hope all went well! **Joe Creaghe** says because of the power of the computer, UBER is the largest Taxi Company in the World, but doesn't own any cars, and AIRBNB is the largest Hotel in the world, but doesn't own any properties. Did you know that this is **Chesty Pullers** 118th Birthday! Happy Birthday **Chesty**!! **Joe Featherston**, because of an accidental fall, smashed his left hip and had to have a brand new one put in! Last I heard, with the great care from wife **Jeannie**, he is recovering rapidly! Also **Joe** advised that he's spoken to **Jo DeMeo (Angie's wife)** who is doing well in a retirement facility in Springfield, VA. **John Gumbel** started his Marine Corps career as a 3060 (now 6602 Avn SupO). Subsequently, he became a NFO/ECMO in the EA-6B, then went to AMO School and was the AMO for VMCI-2. **John** retired in 2005 after a tour as CO of the NADEP at Cherry Point. **John** is presently the CO of the MCAA Cunningham Squadron at Cherry Point, the MCAA District Director for the Carolinas, and a member of the MCAA Board of Directors. **John** is also a ALM member and has advised that he will assist in any way to help the MCAA AvLog Squadron. Thanks **John**! Another Thanks to **John Northcott** for forwarding **Gil Diaz's** Info on the MCAA Squadron to all those on his e-mail list! Something I didn't know. As per **John Polley**; Bats disperse 95% of the seeds for regeneration of forests. Interesting, Uh?? As Squadron Adjutant, a fellow you should be hearing a lot from in the future is **Kevin McCutcheon**. Word is, The Squadron XO **Laura Sampsel**, is ready to FLEET UP!! Yea!!! **Paul and Monica Cerkez's** kids are on a roll. Daughter **Elizabeth** graduated in May from Temple University with a PhD in Chemistry, Son, **Ivan** graduates from Boot Camp at P.I. in August with a designated MOS as "Aircrew", and youngest daughter **Anna** was just certified to drive emergency vehicles, on her way to full EMT certification. Talk about kids, **Luke and Helen Bolenbarker** have 7 (Seven!!) Great Grandkids! Congrats to them and all those babies! **Marty and Tillie Zigovsky** said living at Carolina Village in Henderson, NC is fantastic. They have every facility they could need to take care of them in their retirement! Great!!!

NOTE: Please provide all changes, mailing address/phone/e-mail to **Pete Lynch** at **plynchusmc@comcast.net**.

Well, That's All Folks!!! Except, I would like to list the names of those folks who sent some very interesting stuff (I really do read all your e-mails) but I didn't have the time, or space to include in this Newsletter. I really appreciate their keeping in touch, and certainly encourage them to keep the e-mails coming in the future!

OUR THANKS TO: Gary Lucas, Art Tozzi, Bob Aitchison, Burt Burchette, Don Herpy, Ed Emanuel, Eddie Ray, John Darrcott, Mike Linehan, "Chub" Madden, Lee Holloway,, Brain Chadwick, Curtis Bare, Dave McCowan, Denny Stiegman, Doug Elliott, Ed Green, Gerald Townsend, Gus Fitch, Jack Miller, Jim Garner, John DiGiovanni, John Glover, Joe Royak, Joe Rachal, Mike Stitcher, Randy Virgil, Rich Holihan, Roger Kraft, Roger Laton, Sam Brown, Sam Flores, Tim Forehand, Walt Lehner, Charlie Carr, Will Wilson.

Semper Fidelis!

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EVENTS OF INTEREST

Marine Corps Mustang Muster

16-18 August 2016

Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel

New Orleans, LA

marinecorpsmustang.org

Marine Corps Aviation Association Symposium

17-20 May 2017

Hyatt Hotel

La Jolla, CA

Flymcaa.org

IN MEMORIUM

**IT IS WITH SINCERE SYMPATHY FOR THEIR LOVED ONES THAT
WE ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING DEATHS**

MSgt Bob Rast	26 Mar. 2016
CWO-4 Bill Crowell	2 May 2016
LtCol. Terry Bradley	Jun. 2016
Marlene Radford (Wife of Maj. G. Lee Radford)	Apr. 2016
Major Tom (Tiger) Brown	Apr. 2016
Ellie Morley (Wife of MGySgt Bob Morley)	May 2016

Father in Heaven we thank you because you made us in your image and gave us the gifts of mind, body and spirit. As we honor the memory of our loved ones, make us more aware that you are the one from whom comes every perfect gift, including the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCHOLARSHIPS/CONTRIBUTIONS

THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT

We sincerely thank the following folks for sending us their generous donations in support of the Pete Freeman Scholarship Fund and ALM Administrative Costs:

Jim Brander, Laura Sampsel, Rick Owen, Luke Bolenbarker, Jim Garner, Pat Garrett, Jim Payne, Bart Consford, Jim Rogers, Joe Buranosky, and "Chub" Madden

We are a **NO MEMBERSHIP DUES ORGANIZATION** and **YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS** are what allow us to continue to provide Scholarships, publish the ALM Newsletter, and pay extraneous Reunion costs. Thank You **ALL** Very Much!

NOTE: If we've failed to list someone that sent us a donation **PLEASE ADVISE**, (e-mail greyegl@ec.rr.com or phone 321-978-5147) so that we can correct our financial records!

Please send all donations to: ALM P.O. Box 293 Havelock, NC 28532 and indicate "Admin and/or Scholarship" Thank You!

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

It has been our Honor and Privilege to award Pete Freeman Memorial Scholarships each year to worthy recipients based on their past scholastic accomplishments, and their desire to further excel in academics. This year's recipients are;

Briana Brander (Daughter of MGySgt. & Mrs. Jim Brander)

James Butcher (Grandson of LtCol. & Mrs. Ev Krantz)

Madeline Muston (Grandaughter of Capt. & Mrs. Irv Muston)

Danielle and Nicole Pratt (Daughters of LtCol. & Mrs. Paul Pratt)

CONGRATULATIONS!! YOU MAKE US PROUD!

Our scholarship program is open to Spouses, Children, and Grand Children of any active duty or retired Aviation Logistician.

2016 AVIATION LOGISTICS MARINES REUNION

MCAS BEAUFORT **SOUTH CAROLINA**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY 6 OCT

1000 – 2400 Registration – Hospitality Room (DeTreville House)

1800 – 2000 Welcome Aboard Reception – **Heavy** Hors

d'oeuvres- Cash Bar (MCAS O'Club)

FRIDAY 7 OCT

0700 – 2400 Registration – Hospitality Room Open

0630 – Board buses in front of DeTreville House for Parris Island /
Morning Colors/Boot Camp Graduation/Lunch

1400(?) – Tour VMFAT-501, F-35 Joint Strike Fighter

(Lightening II) Facility

Free evening to discover beautiful Beaufort, and its history!

SATURDAY 8 OCT

0700 – 1600 Registration – Hospitality Room Open

1000 – 1100 Business meeting (MCAS BOQ Conference Room)

1800 – 1900 Social Hour – **Light** Hors d'oeuvres – Cash Bar

(MCAS O Club)

1900 – 2300 Banquet Program – Dinner Buffet (MCAS O Club)

SUNDAY 9 OCT

0700 – 1000 Hospitality Room Open (Bon Voyage)

1100 **CHECK OUT TIME**

TRAVEL SAFELY

RESERVATIONS & REUNION INFORMATION

Reservations:

The DeTreville House, is the Hostess house located aboard MCAS Beaufort. We have blocked 30 rooms. Room rates are:

2 Queen or King w/full kitchen \$89

2 Queen or King w/frig & microwave \$84

Phone: (843)-522-1663

The Comfort Suites in Beaufort. We have blocked 20 rooms. Room rates are:

2 Queen or King w/frig & microwave \$116+ tax

Phone: (843)-379-9400

The Parris Island BEQ Bldg. 332 is located aboard MCRD Parris Island, We have booked 10 rooms. Room rates are: Queen bed w/frig & microwave. 2 person's \$36.50/1person \$28

Phone: (843)-228-2744

All locations are taking reservations Now. Be sure to tell them you are attending the Aviation Logistics Marines Reunion. **Reservation Cut Off date is:** 6 September 2016.

DON'T DELAY, CALL TODAY

Note: A Hot Breakfasts for \$5 is available at the DeTreville House for anyone who is not a Guest.

MCRD Parris Island: Bus arrangements have been made to transport all those going on Friday the 7th of Oct. We will be leaving MCAS Beaufort from the DeTreville House very early in the morning (see schedule). The 1st event will be attending Morning Colors at the MCRD Headquarters Building. We then will be taken to the Drill Field, to witness a very impressive Recruit Graduation Ceremony and a Pass In Review of the entire Recruit Battalion. The Reviewing Officer for the graduation will be LtGen. Jon Davis Deputy Commandant for Aviation. Following the Drill Field Ceremony we will be escorted to a Dining Facility (Club (?) or Mess Hall (?)) where we will enjoy Lunch! Time permitting, our afternoon event will be a bus tour of the Recruit Depot and witness the processes involved in the making of our Modern Day Marine.

VMFAT-501 Tour: Following our events at Parris Island we will return to MCAS Beaufort and visit the F-35 Squadron area for a tour and briefing on the Joint Strike Fighter Aircraft (Lightening II).

Welcome Aboard Reception, MCAS O Club: Bus transportation will be available to/from the DeTreville house. The menu for the reception will consist of: BBQ Meatballs, Chicken Tenders w/ honey mustard sauce, Deviled Eggs, Italian Lovash Rolls w/pesto sauce, sliced Round Roast of Beef w/rolls. Cash Bar

Banquet, MCAS O Club: Bus transportation will be available to/from the DeTreville House. There will be a Cocktail Hour prior to the Banquet with a Cash Bar. Banquet Menu will be a dual entrée served dinner consisting of: Stuffed Pork Tenderloin and Chicken Marsala with garlic mashed potato/vegetable, salad, rolls, beverage and dessert. In addition to our Guest Speaker, there will be award presentations, door prizes, and a raffle.

Guest Speaker and Honored Guest: Our Guest of Honor and Guest Speaker will be, LtGen. Jon Davis USMC, Deputy Commandant for Aviation.

MCAS BEAUFORT, SC ALM REUNION
REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone _____/Status: (Circle One) Retired-Active Duty-Reserve-Former

E-mail address _____

Additional family or guests attending: _____

Will you be staying at the MCAS DeTreville Hostess House? Yes ___ No ___

Will you be staying at the Parris Island BEQ? Yes ___ No ___

Staying in Hotel off Base? Where? _____

Planned Arrival: Date _____ Time _____

Parris Island Events-Total Attending _____

REUNION REGISTRATION FEE/EVENT COSTS

Reunion Registration Fee (note#1) \$ \$20.00

Thur. Welcome Aboard Reception (\$16 per person) \$ _____

Saturday Evening Banquet (\$35 per person) \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Note#1: Registration Fee applies to: single, couples, and Families attending (i.e. only \$20.00 for each category)

PLEASE SUBMIT CHECK/MONEY ORDER FOR TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE

TO: ALM 16, and Mail to:

AVIATION LOGISTICS MARINES
POST OFFICE BOX 293
HAVELOCK, NC 28532-2934

REQUEST MAIL PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 1ST 2016 TO ALLOW FOR PROPER PLANNING

THANKS! LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!