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Opening Remarks

As this edition of the Battalion Runner goes out there is sad information to report. Many of you have seen my announcement a short while ago that we lost one of our stalwart members who attended reunions just about every year and was always at the heart of the activities. I got word from Karen Lanning that her husband, Wayne Lanning, passed away. Wayne was not only a giant of a Marine, but also a giant of a personality. It is hard to imagine our upcoming 30th reunion without him.



Wayne and Karen Lanning with Yvonne Martinez at Reunion 2021

Wayne was not our only loss. Far too many times I am receiving communications from spouses, sons, or daughters that we lost another 2/9 Marine. Last year at our reunion The Gallatin Canyon Band, led by Ben Hernandez, performed a jam session for us the afternoon of 9 November in honor of his Dad, Dan Hernandez. Tragically Dan was killed in a car accident in California earlier this year. Dan was the platoon commander of my partner in crime running this outfit, Henry Ostaszewski and a tough loss for him. Ben has vowed to continue returning to our reunions, performing now in honor of his Dad's memory. We obviously lost others, and I continue to urge those of you who keep saying "I should go to a reunion" to JUST DO IT! Time is short, especially for our Vietnam Veteran brothers. Please see the "From the Mailbox" section below for details on a celebration of life memorial service for Dan this September.

REUNION INFORMATION UPDATED

30th Reunion, November 2022, Arlington, VA

When? 08-12 November 2022

**Where? Marriott Residence Inn Rosslyn, 1651 North Oak St.,
Arlington, VA 22209**



Special Notes

1. We need raffle items! If you can provide something it would be greatly appreciated. Raffle tickets will be on sale in our hospitality room and during the cocktail hour at our Birthday Dinner.
2. It is too late to get on the list now but this year is the 40th Anniversary of The Wall and the Reading of the Names will take place for several days leading up to Veteran's Day. This is a solemn occasion and we always have some who participate in the readings.

Details

Detailed information, including how to register online, on the reunion was in Battalion Runner 22-1 and is also fully outlined on our website:

www.2ndbattalion9thmarines.org

What follows are updates to what was previously reported. Nothing else has changed so go to the website if you need more details.

Recapping the Tentative Agenda

08 November: No set events. Hospitality room open all day and well into the night.

09 November: 2/9 Jam Session with the Gallatin Canyon Band 1400-1700 (2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. for you civilians). Free beverages and light (finger) food provided. Traditional reunion Hot Damn ceremony, sponsored by Barbara “Mama Barb” Stander, honoring those who have gone before.

UPDATE: Unfortunately Barbara will not be attending this year's reunion. She has some health issues but fortunately is in recovery and hopes to be back next year!

10 November:

10:00 HQMC Official Wreath Laying Ceremony. Held at the Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima Memorial), in Arlington, VA.

NEW INFORMATION on BIRTHDAY DINNER

18:00 (6:00 p.m.): Marine Corps Birthday Dinner. Dinner will be held at the Marriott Pentagon City Hotel. We will be providing transportation for those needing it. We will be paying for the dinner this year. Chicken will be the order of the day. Includes dinner, keynote speaker (still working on this), Commandant's Birthday message, youngest and oldest Marine ceremony, raffle and 50/50 raffle results, and more.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY DINNER NOTE

I NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY WILL BE ATTENDING THE BIRTHDAY DINNER. You do not have to be attending all the reunion events if you want to join us for the birthday dinner. If you live locally and want to attend just send me a note and let me know who and how many. That same information applies to everyone attending the reunion. The hotel has to know how many will be eating, so please get me your numbers. Email me at twoninencoic@aol.com with your dinner numbers.

Approximately 23:00 (11:00 p.m.): Vietnam Vets visit The Wall to say hello to our brothers.

11 November: Veteran's Day. We have no official agenda item. This is a free day for everyone. Great sightseeing in the D.C. area and the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Triangle, VA, (Quantico), is about a 45 minute drive. There is a great Veteran's Day Ceremony held every year at The Wall at 1300 hours (1:00 pm.).

12 November: Say our goodbyes until next year!

Our hospitality room will be open every day and night, with free beer, soft drinks, bottled water and finger food and snacks.

I need to stress here that you do NOT have to attend the entire reunion and all the things on the agenda. Anyone within range of Arlington is welcome to attend the jam session on the 9th or the dinner on the 10th.

From the Mailbox

Dan Hernandez was a former Platoon Commander and XO for Golf Company in Vietnam. Tragically, Dan was killed in a car accident in the Sacramento, CA, area this summer. A celebration of life ceremony will be held for Dan on 25 September 2022, at the Sierra View Country Club in Roseville, CA. The event will be late afternoon or early evening but an exact time has not been announced. If you are in the Sacramento area the golf course is located in Roseville not far off Interstate 80. Anyone who would like to attend representing 2/9 is welcome and should call Sierra View to get the final time as there will not be another Battalion Runner Newsletter prior to the ceremony.

Donations

Donations are the lifeblood of the 2/9 Network. Anything you can contribute would be greatly appreciated. Checks can be sent, made out to Danny Schuster, to 21 Moseley Street, Billerica, MA 01821.

Donations to date since December 2021:

**Malon and Dianne Shelton
Ed Gorman
Mary Minnis
Dennis Voge
David and Ann Wray
Ronald Renna
John Clifford
Glenn Siegler
Jim Horn
Loren Lycan
Allen and Mary Holmes
Bruce Collison
Scott Whelan
Kathy Upchurch**

If I missed someone I apologize but my record keeping is not high tech!

Conclusion

One more pitch to our younger, post Viet Nam 2/9 members. We want to see you at our reunions. We want to get to know you. We want to share sea stories with you. Please consider attending.

I apologize for the relatively brief newsletter but won't fill one with fluff just to make it longer. Hopefully I'll have more to report in our next issue. That issue should be out sometime in October just before our reunion. SEE YOU THERE!

As always, if you have questions or issues please do not hesitate to contact me.

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