

The Battalion Runner

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2nd Battalion 9th Marine Network

“Hell in a Helmet”

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2014 REUNION TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON DC

ALL 2/9 MARINE VETERANS, FAMILY & FRIENDS ARE WELCOME

The 2014 Reunion will be a true reunion that will bring together the groups that have been meeting in Branson and Arlington the past few years. There will be one reunion held in Washington, DC on November 8-12, 2014. The new site for the reunion is the **Marriott Residence Inn, 1651 N Oak St,**

Arlington, VA 22209 Phone: ☎ [\(703\) 812-8400](tel:703-812-8400) Click here to visit their website to view photos of the hotel:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-information/travel/wasrr-residence-inn-arlington-rosslyn/>



You can reserve either a **studio suite or a one bedroom suite for \$109 per night.** There is an additional fee of \$10 per day for parking if you have a car. Parking is in the basement and is managed by a concession. When checking, in park top side, check in and get the parking pass to take down to the parking spaces. **Reservations can be made through October 18, 2014.** Please reference the **2/9 Marine DC Reunion.** Our contact person at the hotel is Janelle. Reservations can be made now and canceled without penalty later. **Reservations can be canceled through October 6, 2014.**

The Marriott Residence Inn is half a block from Clarendon Blvd and a block and a half from Wilson Blvd where there are many restaurants, a Safeway and a drugstore. If we book all 20 rooms there will probably be over sixty of us including those who live or stay nearby. This hotel is very pleasant and everyone will enjoy staying here. It is a little farther to the Marine Corps (Iwo Jima) Memorial but we expect to have a shuttle. Everything else is within easy walking distance.

NOTES FROM THE MAILBOX

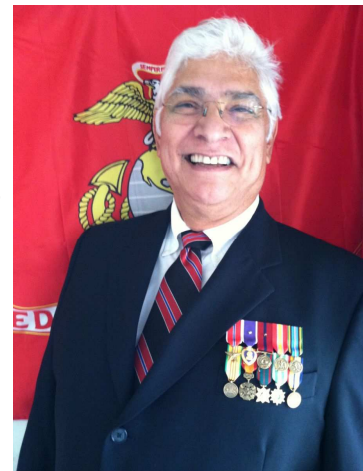
Agnes Conradt, wife of Ed "Gunny" Conradt reports, "It is with a sad heart that I tell you that my dear husband, Ed, passed away peacefully at home at 4 am February 25th. He was the center of my life during our 58 + years of marriage. How blessed we were to have our four children and nine grandchildren. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. One of the most important achievements in his life was his service in the Marine Corps, especially his years as a Drill Instructor and his service in Viet Nam in 1967 and 1968. He loved his Marine Corps brothers and kept in close touch with many of them until the end. Services are pending and will be announced at a later time. Thank you all for your prayers and support. SEMPER FI



A Good Samaritan from the US Army was kind enough to return an item that was left in a restaurant in Toledo, Ohio. It is covered with markings and emblems of 3rd Division and 2/9. If it belongs to you or you know who lost it, please contact me. gabecoronado29@gmail.com or [810-334-0377](tel:810-334-0377)

CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP FOR 2/9 NETWORK

After 10 years of service to my 2/9 brothers, I have decided to step down and turn the helm over to the next leader. I will be turning over all the funds and databases to Danny Schuster who will be the point of contact for 2/9 in the future. The work I have done has been a labor of love and a joy, and I could not have done it without the love and support of my wife Janet. Now it is time for us to move on into a new phase of retirement. The best part of the work has been the phone calls, cards, and letters from my brother Marines. I hope you will continue to call and visit. Semper Fi and God Bless the Corps.





Stephen Clemens

It is with great sadness we mark the passing of Stephen Clemens. He was a kind and gentle man of service, and was key in planning and organizing the 2/9 Reunions for many years. He negotiated the contract with the hotel, and along with Pat Jackson procured supplies, set up the conference room and provided all the services a reunion planner would do, all on a volunteer basis. He will be sorely missed. Rest in Peace, Marine.

LAST PATROL

*Stephen Clemens
Ed "Gunny" Conradt
Col. John Peeler
Virgil K Anderson
Len Etcho*

Donations

A big **OOH-RAH** to the donors that have helped to keep the network running.
Our gratitude goes out to:

Robert Driver, Richard Arehart, Ed Gorman,

The Network is organized and run by unpaid volunteer members, but there are some costs involved in keeping it going. Money is needed to pay the web host, printing charges and postage for the newsletter, along with costs incurred for the reunion. There are no charges of any kind to members. Everything is paid for strictly through donations. If you feel moved to donate any amount, make your check out to Gabe Coronado and mail to:

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