



**38th Officer Candidate Course/Basic Class 3-66 United States Marine Corps Alumni Incorporated
(the "Association")**

Minutes of 2011 Biennial General Business Meeting

October 8, 2011

Time convened: 0900

Location: Cherry Point Inn, MCAS, Cherry Point, N.C.

Call to Order: President, Sam McClinchie, called the meeting to order at 0900 and the meeting commenced per the agenda (copy attached) previously distributed to the members present. The members said the Pledge of Allegiance. Sergeant-at-arms Tom Howe certified that a quorum of voting members was present..

A ceremony of remembrance, respect and gratitude was conducted for those classmates who died as a result of service in Vietnam. Steve Bowen and Jack Sheehan read aloud the names of members of these classes who gave their lives in service to this country. The name of Captain Robert Kent was read as KIA in 1974. His aircraft went down December 20, 1968 and he was listed MIA until declared KIA. His remains never have been recovered.

The President introduced the Current Board of Directors and Officers:

2013 Term Expiration: *

Andy Blenkle

Pete Clay

Larry Edwards

Tom Howe

Terry Lewis

Jack Sheehan

* Stepping down this year – Darrell Wells

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Officers

President – Sam McClinchie
Vice President – Mike St. Clair
Secretary – Steve Snyder
Treasurer – Chuck Sooter **

** To be replaced by New Director Steve McComb

Approval of Minutes of October 11, 2009: A motion to approve the minutes of the last General Meeting of October 11, 2009 was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Clerk Report: Steve Snyder reported that the corporation remains in good standing in Massachusetts, has renewed its contract with its Massachusetts resident agent, and is current on Federal and Massachusetts State income tax filings.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Sooter reported that, although the financial statements need updating to take into account the expenses and revenues of the current year reunion, the Association started the year with \$13,800 and will end it with about \$11,500. Revenues were approximately \$9,000 and expenses included approximately \$2,000 to update the Association web page, donations to the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund (\$2,000) and to the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund (\$5,000), and expenses associated with bereavement donations made in the name of four deceased classmates. Association dues are entirely voluntary but are recognized at the following levels: Anchor \$50 and above; Globe \$100 and above; Eagle \$150 and above. The dues "fiscal year" commences November 10 each year. Several members have donated twice this year. Their second donation has been credited as a donation next year. Some members who cancelled attendance at this years reunion directed that their registration fees not be reimbursed but be applied as Association dues.

President's Report: Sam McClinchie recognized and commended the members of this year's Reunion Committee (listed on the attached agenda). Through their significant effort and commitment Committee members have successfully faced and overcome a great challenge these last two months. The President also expressed the Association's appreciation of the

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generosity and support of MCAS, Cherry Point, particularly the staff of the BOQ and Club. The Association is purchasing, for \$150, a brick in memory of our class to be added to those already laid in front of the MCAS Club facility. The President reminded all present that most, if not all, the questions that members and spouses have been asking about logistics and events are covered in the detailed reunion brochure prepared by Terry Cox and distributed to each member at the start of the reunion.

Committee Reports / Acknowledgments:

- Bereavement – Dave Mellon reported that he and Darryl Wells had managed this process for the last two years, which included acknowledgment of the death of each classmate or spouse, delivery of condolences of the Association, and a donation made in memory of and honoring the deceased to a charity designated by the family. Four classmates have died since the last reunion. In addition a member reported that a member not listed on the active rolls of the Association, Rex Bryan (OCS D/4), passed away July 4 this year. Upon the death of a classmate a member of the classmate's family is invited to remain in relationship with the Association in Auxiliary status. A motion to invite surviving spouses to each reunion was made and unanimously approved. Donna Richards, wife of Larry Richards, attended part of this year's reunion. Sam McClinchie read to the members present her gracious note of appreciation for being invited and related that she enjoyed greatly being part of this year's reunion activities. The Committee will be assisted greatly in achieving its mission if members immediately report to the Association upon learning of the death of a member or spouse of a member.

Dave Mellon reported that in addition to the 33 classmates who were killed in action, approximately 90 - 100 classmates have died.

- Master list – Jim Herak and Dave Mellon reported on maintenance of the Association master list, the membership data on the Association web site, and the data maintained on the constant contact software the Association utilizes to communicate with the members. Dave Mellon also reported on the \$2,000 to \$3,000 the Association has spent this year to improve and maintain its website generally. Again it was emphasized how important it is for everyone to work to provide current contact information for themselves and for other classmates who they learn have changed an email or mailing address or telephone number. Class email distributions go to about 360 addresses. Of these each time about 20 new addresses bounce back and as much as 50% are reported as "not opened" on constant contact with each mailing. A number of initiatives are in progress to deepen and improve the information the Association has about members who were KIA or who have passed away or with whom the Association has not yet made – or has lost -- contact. Ron Miket was acknowledged for the excellent work he has done locating members not on the Association rolls. Members have researched in greater detail the circumstances of the

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deaths of 5 or 6 or the 33 class KIA's. Members also are encouraged to review the OCS platoon pictures on the web site to help identify those not yet named. Members also are asked to supply photographs of themselves or relevant to the class or its members relating to Vietnam service, continued service before and after service in Vietnam, and other Association activities.

- Contributions – Committee members are shown on the agenda. Report restated the \$2,000 given to the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation and the \$5,000 given to The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund this year.
- Reunion Committee – The president asked the Committee Members to stand and be acknowledged and the membership gave a round of applause for the excellent work of this year's committee members in light of the challenge posed by Hurricane Irene damage to the New Bern Hilton.

New Business:

- Steve Snyder reported on the work of the East Meets West foundation and answered questions about how it performs its mission to help poverty stricken Vietnamese whose lot – in terms of access to health and dental care, primary and secondary education, and neonatal care to curb infant mortality, and access to potable water – has not seemed to improve since the 1960's.
- Dave Jones and Pat McAnn, and several other members, reported on and discussed the work of the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation which emphasizes providing access to college educations for children of Marines or Marine veterans, especially those facing economic stresses related to combat injuries or reintegration after combat service. Jones and McAnn suggested that the Association consider a pledge of \$100,000 to the Scholarship Foundation to be paid in equal installments over five years. Dave Mellon described how annual giving in the name of the Association comes from three sources: Association direct donations such as that reported earlier; gifts in the Association name by Association members; and a substantial gift in the Association name by an anonymous donor. This latter source may not be a continuing one. In all these three sources currently provide about \$15,000 to the Foundation each year. No motion was brought speaking to the proposal and the Association board of directors will consider the proposal and decide whether any change should be made or proposed to the membership.
- Dave Wall made a presentation concerning Military Historical Tours through which he and Sam McClinchie have organized a number of tours to Vietnam, without any compensation for themselves, for Association members and others over the years. Currently a 13 day tour, including air fare, is estimated to cost \$3500 per person.

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Election of Directors and Officers: The Officers for the 2011 - 2013 term and Directors for 2011 – 2015 were proposed for election to the membership by the Nominating Committee. Upon motion, seconded, the listed Officers and Directors were elected to serve the terms designated by unanimous vote of the members present.

Officers

President – Mike St. Clair
Vice President – Pete Clay
Clerk – Steve Snyder
Treasurer – Chuck Sooter **
Sgt. At Arms – Tom Howe

Directors

Jim Herak
Steve McComb
Dave Mellon
Steve Snyder
Chuck Sooter
Mike St. Clair
Greg Stockstill

2013 Reunion Site Discussion: Mike St. Clair asked the members to discuss with their spouses whether they would attend a reunion held at the following locations: Las Vegas, San Francisco, Hawaii, San Diego, Palm Desert/29 Palms, New Orleans, Ft. Lauderdale. Mike will seek a show of hands regarding each site from those attending the banquet this evening.

The Board meeting scheduled for 0900 October 9 was rescheduled to 0800 October 9.

Adjournment: There being no further business requiring attention, President Sam McClinchie adjourned the meeting at 1030.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Snyder
Secretary

Agenda

Biennial Business Meeting
38th OCC/BC 3-66 USMC Alumni, Inc.
BOQ, MCAS, Cherry Point
October 8, 2011 0900

1. Welcome – Sam McClinchie
2. Establishment of Quorum – Tom Howe
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Remembrance Ceremony – Vietnam deaths (Steve Bowen & Jack Sheehan)
5. Current Board of Directors Introduction – Sam McClinchie
 - 2011 Term Expiration

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Sam McClinchie	Chuck Sooter	Mike St. Clair
 - 2013 Term Expiration

Andy Blenkle	Larry Edwards	Terry Lewis	Darrell Wells
Pete Clay	Tom Howe	Jack Sheehan	
6. Approval of Minutes of October 10, 2009 Meeting – Steve Snyder
7. Clerk Report – Steve Snyder
8. Treasurer's Report – Chuck Sooter
9. President's Report – Sam McClinchie
10. Committee Acknowledgement
 - Bereavement – Dave Mellon/Darrell Wells
 - Contributions – Mike St. Clair/Pete Clay/Tom Howe/Chuck Sooter
 - Master List – Jim Herak
 - Reunion – Pete Clay/Terry Cox/ Larry Edwards/Fred Frey/Joe Garzik/
Jim Herak/Tom Howe/Jack Sheehan/Chuck Sooter/Greg Stockstill/
Dave Wall/Darrell Wells
11. Old Business
12. New Business
 - Election of Directors (2011 - 2015)

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 - Election of Officers (2100 – 2013)

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13. 2013 Reunion Site Discussion
14. Adjourn