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An e-mail sent to Connie Shuler from a Friend.

I received an email yesterday that one of my oldest and dearest Marine Corps friends had passed away. John 'JC' Carter and I, along with Lloyd Handy, arrived at MCSC Albany, Georgia from Parris Island in the summer of 1960 and the three of us became the best of friends. We did many wild and crazy things that could have put us in the brig, the penitentiary or earned us dishonorable discharges, but we managed to make our way in the Corps, succeed to some measure and retire. After a few years in Georgia, the three of us had all re-trained into Aviation and after training were assigned to MCAS El Toro. We were all married by then, Handy lived in Santa Ana and JC and I shared a nice home off Slauson Blvd (Yes, it WAS nice in 1964) in Los Angeles and commuted the 50 miles to El Toro every day for over a year before I moved to El Toro.

Viet Nam came along and we all did our tours with different squadrons, although we did have a couple of chances to get together 'in-country' and have a few libations. After the war, and many changes of assignments, I retired and I lost track of JC and did not get any information on his whereabouts until the Black Marine Reunion was formed. As it turned out, JC was living in the Pittsburgh, PA area, less than two hours away from Cleveland where I was living at the time. I called him several times and we laughed about the old days in Georgia with Handy, and talked about many other mutual friends. One of those friends, Wally Nelson was retired and living in North Carolina. Wally and I were both stationed at MCAS Quantico together and had become very good friends but changes of duty caused us to drift apart also. JC and I discussed getting together and going down to NC to visit Wally, possibly for one of the East Coast Marine Reunions they both attended.

Unfortunately, we never solidified those plans and sadly Wally passed away in February 2009 and I never had a chance to see him again. I was living in Florida by then, but promised myself that I would get up to see JC when I visited Cleveland in the near future. Once again, procrastination won out and I never made my way to visit him during those trips. In 2011 I retired for good and moved back to Cleveland. I called JC and we spoke only briefly but I realized he was not in the best of health and once again I made a mental note to try and get over to visit him. How truly sad I was when I was informed of his passing, thinking immediately of all the times I allowed life and false urgencies to interfere with seeing someone I really cared about.

Life is so very short and each day is sweet, wonderful and never to be repeated. Regardless of our health, wealth, or station in life, the clock is ticking and no new day is ever promised. I wanted to send this to you to tell you that you are someone important in my life, that I am glad we have stayed in touch through the years and that I honestly hope that we will share more good times together before we pass on. I urge you to reach out to all of your true friends, family and loved ones as soon as possible and tell them how much they mean to you. It's too little and too late when you are attending their final services.

Semper Fi,
Bill Dozier

We need to make the most of every Reunion. Who knows if this could be the last time we get to spend quality time with those who shared our combat experiences. Thanks for sharing, Connie

RUN FOR THE WALL

Mary Anne Hand is the Grand Prairie "Run For The Wall" Coordinator. The Run For The Wall event is a motorcycle ride that begins at Rancho Cucamonga, California and ends in Washington, D. C ten days from the start. The Mission Statement for the event is "To promote healing among ALL veterans and their families and friends, to call for an accounting of all Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action (POW-MIA), to honor the memory of those Killed in Action (KIA) from all wars, and to support our military personnel all over the world.

There are 3 routes that start out from California - Central Route, Midway Route, and the Southern Route. Grand Prairie, Texas is the 4th day and longest day of the Southern Route of the 10 day journey. When the route ends up in Washington, D. C, they join up and help form the "Rolling Thunder" the weekend before Memorial Day.

Mary Anne and **Leo** go to all the veteran groups in their area to solicit funds and volunteers for the event. They visit local businesses; the City of Grand Prairie, Grand Prairie Independent School District, Local Boys Scouts, and Grand Prairie Police Department to all take part in this event. **Mary Anne** secures hotel rooms at a special rate for the one night stay and also has enlisted the help of Grand Prairie Parks and Recreation to secure free campsites for the riders that are camping.

Once the group enters the Dallas / Ft Worth area, the Grand Prairie Police picks them up and escorts them to Dubiski Career High School where **Leo** is standing at salute in his Dress Blues to greet the riders as they are escorted into the parking lot where all the riders will be fed a meal donated the Grand Prairie ISD food service. **Leo** changes out of his Dress Blues and helps police the parking lot so that the riders' motorcycles are safe. After eating and a short ceremony, the riders hit the hotels for the night because early Sunday morning they will continue on their journey.

Sunday morning in the Grand Prairie Wal-Mart parking lot, **Mary Anne**, **Leo** and volunteers set up at 5:30 in the morning to service coffee (donated by a local McDonalds), juice, milk, fruit (donated by Wal-Mart), and fried pies to the riders so that they can continue their trek.

This May will be the fifth year that **Mary Anne** and **Leo** have been involved in this event. If you would like to find out about this event, go to www.rftw.org



Leo waiting for the riders to enter the parking lot.



Leo, Cpl. Aaron Mankin, & SSgt Tim Chambers

Cpl. Aaron Mankin, Mary Anne, and another Rider. Cpl. Mankin is a wounded Afghanistan Veteran.



Things to do in Myrtle Beach

There are so many activities in North Myrtle Beach to keep you on your toes! From year-round festivals and entertaining dinner shows to thrilling North Myrtle Beach amusement parks and challenging miniature golf - North Myrtle Beach is the place to have fun!

You can't go wrong with any of these great North Myrtle Beach activities and amazing entertainment venues. There's always something for everyone to enjoy. Experience all the fun Myrtle Beach has to offer including all the well known North Myrtle Beach entertainment, shopping, calendar of events, dining, theaters, nightlife, water sports, fishing and many other delightful activities.

North Myrtle Beach restaurants serve a wide variety of cuisines for every taste. With almost 2,000 restaurants throughout the Grand Strand, North Myrtle Beach dining choices include: Southern favorites (such as southern-style BBQ ribs), fine Italian dishes, Japanese steakhouses with entertaining chefs, classic American dining, and all-you-can-eat seafood buffets.

The North Myrtle Beach area is home to many exciting theatres and nightlife options. Concert arenas and live entertainment venues provide show-stomping performances and dinner shows for the entire family. With such electrifying entertainment and dining, North Myrtle Beach area restaurants and venues are sure to give you a roaring good time!

If golf is your game, you've come to the right place. North Myrtle Beach is a golf paradise for everyone from scratch golfers to those who play for the love of the game. With more than 80 championship golf courses on the Grand Strand, half of them are either in North Myrtle Beach proper or accessible within a 20-minute car ride. From coastal clubs overlooking the beautiful Atlantic Ocean to inland courses carved out of the scenic countryside, North Myrtle Beach offers a wide range of championship links.

The Sands Resort is in itself a one stop entertainment center. It has easy access to the beach, indoor and outdoor pools, water park, restaurants bars and grills.

Sands Resorts is dedicated to paying tribute to the men and women who have made our country great and will always provide a service and atmosphere that promotes and enhances the American Spirit and fosters a dedication to freedom for all. The Hall of Heroes is designed to celebrate the Freedom given to us by all the men and women represented throughout the history of our country and its conflicts.

The centerpiece of the Hall of Heroes exhibit is a scaled replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, complete with all 58,253 names. Other displays include Founding Documents, Information about Each War/Conflict, a Korean War Display, a Flag Display, and educational information on wars and those who fought them.

There's just lots to do in Myrtle Beach.

REUNION 2015 * MYRTLE BEACH, SC

June 9th to June 14th Sands Resorts

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Book your room by phone at

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And ask for **Lima 3/5 Reunion**

Or book online at

www.meetingsatthebeach.com

And use group ID **"322879"**



The Sands Resort has 2 different towers, **The Ocean Dunes** and the **Sand Dunes**.

Ocean Dunes	Oceanview Double	\$79.00
	Oceanfront Double	\$89.00

Sand Dunes	Oceanfront Efficiency/Double	\$99.00
	Oceanfront 1Bedroom Jr. Suite	\$139.00

Hospitality and resort charges are currently 24.34% plus an access charge of \$2.26.
Room rates good for 3 days before and after.

Room Rates Good till May 10th

REUNION ITINERARY

Tuesday June 9th	Hospitality Room Opens
Friday June 12th	Pancake Breakfast Golf Hamburger a Hot Dog Bar-B-Que
Saturday June 13th	Business Meeting at 0930 Hrs
Saturday June 13th	Cocktails at 1800 Hrs Dinner at 1900 Hrs

2015 MYRTLE BEACH REUNION ORDER FORM

**Advance orders only.
Pick up at Reunion.**



**Shirt orders due
by May 9th.
SHIRT ORDERS
DUE BY
MAY 9TH!!!!!!!**

Polo Shirts are Red with Logo embroidered on left breast

Polo Shirt S, M, L, XL \$23 ea. Size____ Qty.____ \$_____

Polo Shirt XXL, XXXL \$25 ea. Size____ Qty.____ \$_____

Polo Shirt W/Pocket S, M, L, XL . . . \$26 ea. Size____ Qty.____ \$_____

Polo Shirt W/Pocket XXL, XXXL . . . \$28 ea. Size____ Qty.____ \$_____

T-Shirts are Red with Logo embroidered on left breast

T-Shirt S,M,L, XL \$18 ea. Size____ Qty.____ \$_____

T-Shirt XXL, XXXL \$21 ea. Size____ Qty.____ \$_____

Hats are Red with Logo on front and VSM Ribbon on back

Hat Sm-Med, Med-Lg \$19 ea. Size____ Qty.____ \$_____

\$8.00 Postage for shirt order
if not attending the Reunion. \$_____

Total Shirt Order \$_____

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND & OPERATION REACHOUT WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED

Pre-Pay Banquet Dinner \$50 Per Adult (Children under 12 Free) . . . # _____ @ \$50 = \$_____

General Fund Contribution \$_____

Operation Reachout Contribution \$_____

Total Shirt Order \$_____

Total for 2015 Myrtle Beach Reunion \$_____

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