

THE BASIC SCHOOL CLASS 1-68



26 February 2015



- Number in class: 219
- KIA: 16
- Deceased: 33
- Not Found: 1
- Sitting up and taking nourishment: 170
- Not Participating: 7
- Participating: 163
- Reported In: 153

4th Platoon Greetings

Reunion Updates

The reunion registration and sign up page is found on our new web site, which is a work in progress. Please go to tbs1-68usmc.com

Sign up for the reunion and events is accomplished using PayPal which will use either your existing PayPal account or a credit card for payment. If you have not used PayPal before, there may be a bit of confusion with their methods. Take heart, millions have worked their way through this to successfully purchase merchandise. If you are stumped, please contact Treasurer, Ray Norton who can help sort it out: ray.norton@nortonfamily.org

Please note that reunion and events registration is a separate

function from your hotel reservations. FYI: several local class members will be staying at home and commuting to the reunion

Newsletters / Web Page

I will continue to send newsletters as needed for significant updates. However, the primary source of class information will transition to the web page. Please bookmark our web page and check it regularly for updates and the latest information.

If you have an issue with being able to access a web page, please contact your platoon leader (below) for ways to stay in touch.

Please send suggestions for any content you would like to have posted on OUR web site.

Hospitality Suite:

Joel Brummel has agreed to manage our hospitality suite. This suite will be the focal point of our informal gatherings, and in full function evenings starting at 1900. We will have registration, drinks, snacks, presenters, discussion groups and displays every evening. Joel will need help- please contact him to lend him a hand for this task: [mailto:brummel.joel@gmail.com?subject=Reunion Help](mailto:brummel.joel@gmail.com?subject=Reunion%20Help)

Airport Transport:

You will not have to rent a car to participate in the reunion. Once you get to the hotel, all event transportation is provided. There are several ways to get from DCA and IAD airports to / from Fredericksburg and the hotel. Please see the web site for more details.

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Reunion Hotel

We have signed a contract with the Fredericksburg Hospitality House Hotel

www.fredericksburghospitalityhouse.com to host our reunion.

They have made available a special rate of \$92 per night, plus tax, which I believe is quite attractive. Registration is now open, and I encourage you to register early.

To do so, go to this link: [Hotel Reservations](#) You will be asked to provide a credit card to guarantee the reservation. I am told that the credit card will not be charged until checkout.

For those of you with special needs or accessibility issues, I urge you to call the hotel direct at 540-786-8321 to plan for your needs. It is especially important for you to register early as, like all hotels, there are limited special access facilities.

If there are any issues with this, please contact me and I will get it raised to a higher level at the

hotel.

I would appreciate it if you would send me an email confirming that you have registered for the event. That will allow me to keep an independent count.

You will note on the hotel registration site that additional days on either side of the reunion are available at our special rate. This will allow those of you who want to visit the NOVA / DC area before or after our event to do so.

Class Location Map

Dave Peters has been working on a very cool map which shows the location of each of us, along with the resting place of most of our fallen. Passing your cursor over each of the dots will reveal who is there. Some of us are neighbors and never knew it. Thanks, Dave.

[TBS 1-68 Location Map](#)



Correction: I had Joe Re-naghan's marathon running accomplishments wrong. Joe completed the Boston marathon in 2009. Then in 2013 completed both the New York and Rome marathons. Our very own Iron Man.





Training In Today's Military

Please view this clip for another exciting adventure in grenade techniques. Ouch!!

[Grenade Basics](#)

Biographies

Mike Morrow is doing a herculean job preparing our mini biographies for our reunion event. Please, support him by sending yours today. [mail-](#)

[to:mkitchensmorrow@gmail.com?subject=Class Biographies](mailto:mkitchensmorrow@gmail.com?subject=Class Biographies)



TBS Reunion Schedule

Tues 4/28:

Early arrival with hotel discount

Early registration

Hospitality Suite open at 1600

On your own in Fredericksburg

Wed 4/29:

1300-1500: Registration open

1300: Hospitality suite open

1530-1900: Bus to Quantico O-Club happy hour & informal dinner

1900-> Hospitality Suite

Thurs 4/30:

0800-0900: Registration open

0900-1500: Basic School

1000-1100: Briefing on current TBS matters

1100-1200: Display & discussion of current weapons

1200-1300: Lunch with Lts

1300-1400: MC Marital Arts tour/brief/discussion

1400: Depart Basic School

1500-1600: Free Time At Hotel

1600-1900: BBQ Cook Out At Hotel

1900-> Hospitality Suite

Fri 5/1:

0900-1530: Golf (Quantico), Civil war tour, On your own in Fredericksburg

1600-1800: Globe & Laurel

1900-> Pizza Night w/ beer & wine at Hospitality Suite

Sat 5/2:

0900-1230: Open

1330-1830: Museum tour, happy hour & informal dinner

1900-> Hospitality suite

Sun 5/3:

0700-1100: Bus to Vietnam Wall, catered breakfast on bus, prayer service & remembering our fallen

1200: Check out

Your Participation Needed

1. Reunion Sign Up

As you can see from the list of volunteers busting their butts to make this work- there is a lot riding on attendance. Hard to believe, but we have not yet heard from 100 of our class on their reunion intentions. That is a possible 200+ folks for food, drink, transport, etc. Please, please contact your platoon finder (email on page 1) and advise your reunion intentions so we can plan this thing.

2. Information On Our KIAs

We are assembling biographies on the life and circumstances of death of our KIA for a remembrance. Please send any details you may know.

3. Purple Hearts Awarded

Please send me your Purple Heart circumstances so we can aggregate this info for the class.

4. Wives & Family Of Our KIA & Deceased

It is critical that we include this group in our events. But, first we have to find them. Please send any contact info you may have and then personally invite them to participate. This is important.

5. Your Photos

I am hoping to get two personal photos from each of you for the reunion program- yesterday and

today. Please send by email using jpg or pdf format if possible.

6. Financial Aid

Undoubtedly there are some for whom attending the reunion is a financial challenge. We have established a secret fund held by only our Treasurer, Ray Norton (ray.norton@nortonfamily.org) to share our wealth. Those who need, please contact Ray privately. Those who can help, please contact Ray to send a contribution. Donated funds will be used for (a) financial assistance to help classmates attend (b) to reduce the cost to all for the reunion (c) an appropriate class gift. Thank you.

7. Vietnam Trip

Jack Wells (TBS 6-68) is organizing a trip to Vietnam next year. Any who may be interested let me know and I will put you in contact.

