

THE BASIC SCHOOL

CLASS 1-68



28 September 2014



Number in class: 221

KIA: 15

Deceased: 33

Not Found: 13

Sitting up and taking
nourishment: 163

Reported In: 144

We are progressing with the details of our reunion and its events:

- I visited with the folks at the Globe & Laurel where we plan to enjoy a happy hour. We are aboard for that event. Enough USMC stuff on the walls to keep anyone occupied for hours.
- Steve Freiherr (sfreiherr@iiaweb.com) has agreed to arrange a golf event (or more) for those who wish to partake. Golfers: please contact Steve to lend a hand.
- I am still seeking a volunteer to arrange a civil war battlefield tour. There are wonderful sites to visit in the Fredericksburg area, and a ton of history there. Please contact me to lend a hand to make this possible.
- We are beginning to sort out speakers, discussion groups and the like for the reunion. Please provide any guidance you wish.

Greetings

We should have a web site for the class for dozens of reasons. I have secured a domain name (www.tbs1-68.com). And I have a host for this site. All we need is someone with skills beyond mine who can create and manage our web site. Please.. step forward if you can make this happen for us.

Your platoon finders and their many helpers have done a superb job tracking down members of our TBS class. It has taken a ton of hours, which should not remain thankless.

At this point, we are basically down to just fourteen class members that still need to be found. Jim Sanborn (TheSanborns@me.com) is

leading a second level search for these folks. Our best chance is some memory or scrap of information about the missing from other class members (you). If you have any historic detail you can add for the following, no matter how small, please contact Jim. The information we have on the unfound is listed at the end of this letter. Please take a moment to plumb the depths of your brain for ANY clues.

Those of you receiving this newsletter who have not yet sent your Reporting In form to us, please do so. Many hours continue to be expended to get your info. Please join the other 141 who have done so, and either close this loop or let us know that you wish no further contact. We will honor your wishes. All class information gathered is for internal use only.

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I have had the pleasure of re-connecting with lots of our class and have been overwhelmed at the breadth and depth of their accomplishments. I would like to share just a small sample with you using the following quiz: Which of our class:

- Flew with the Blue Angels
- Was involved with clearing our 11,000 + mines from the harbors and coast of Vietnam after the war flying the CH53
- Became an Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps
- Presently guides winter mountain Outward Bound expeditions for veterans
- Took a new last name
- Was awarded a Silver Star
- Is a world class sculptor
- Served as Vice President and General Manager of the McDonnell Douglas Aerospace F/A-18 program
- Recently moved to Ukraine with amorous intent (timing ??)
- Survived a Vietnam tour in 1st Tanks and two more with Force Recon, and died while in a LAPD helicopter which crashed
- Was an FBI undercover agent operating an Irish bar
- Completed the Boston Marathon in 2013
- Was the Mayor of Pensicola, FL
- Survived his Vietnam tour to die in a mountaineering accident
- Is a world class advocate for people with disabilities
- Survived his Vietnam tour to die in a parachute accident
- Uncle and father were both generals in the Corps at the same time, one being the commanding general at Quantico during our Basic School tour
- Is presently living on a sailboat in NZ
- Was President of Boeing Support Systems, a \$7 billion business that provided a defense services for warfighters.
- Became commanding officer of the Marine Forces Reserve-over 100,000 Marines at 200 sites
- Was second-in-command to General Tommy Franks at Central Command during Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan
- Which living classmate was wounded, but listed as KIA for 5 days in 1968?

Quiz answers will be in a future newsletter. Please provide any additions to the quiz you deem appropriate. Attending the reunion will provide the opportunity to swap sea stories and other lies. There are more friendships to renew and experiences to share than time will permit. I am looking forward to it immensely.



Reunion Hotel

Of course, your participation is the critical ingredient in all this hard work. Please register at the hotel so that we can sort out how many we have to plan for in all of our events. In the words of my politically oriented friends "register early and register often". This is repeat info:

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: bookings.ihotelier.com/booking.s.jsp?groupID=1245608&hotelID=15003

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.

To encourage early registration, the hotel has generously made available a free suite for the event which will be given to one of those who registers early by means of a drawing to be held. Since I have already registered, my chances are now 100%. Hopefully more of you will follow suit and reduce those odds. The exact details of the drawing have not been determined, but if you do not register early, you are definitely out of the running.

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.



Shout Outs:

Senior Advisor: Mike Williams

Publicity: Dick Kurth

Transport: Pat Finneran

Base Transport: John Kispert

Scouting: Bill Tehan

Tracking: Bob O'Rourke, John Basel, Tony Pesavanto, Jim Williams, Kevin Doyle, Len Fuchs, Rick Huntington, Bern Bradstreet, Clint Smith, Jules Selden, Adrian Gordon

Golf: Steve Freiherr



Lost At Sea-

Please provide any information or recollection you may have on our missing to any of the platoon leaders. If you are in their neighborhood, please call or knock on the door

- Gary D Anderson. Best guess address is PO Box 371, Rio Hondo, TX. 78583. Wife Kathryn
- Paul D. Budd. Best guess address is 804 39th St South, Birmingham, AL 35222
- Bruce B. Cheever II. 5150 Flamingo Rd., Memphis, TN 38117 or 1149 E Beaverdam Rd, Centerville TN 37033 (913) 729-6060
- Peter L. Colt. Best guess address 13661 Silver Stirrup Dr., Corona, CA 92883
- Donald R. Cooper. Best guess address 350 Geronimo Dr., Cherrylog, GA 30522 (note, the Donald R. Cooper, who was commissioned in Jun 1967 and lives in Phoenix is NOT our guy)
- Richard J. Cronin. Best guess address 138 Gough St. San Francisco, CA 94102-5965. Phone (415) 875-9941 rings and I have left several messages.
- William P Etter II. Best guess address 16018 Snowny Hills Dr., Cypress TX 77429. Bill's

wife, Constance. Relatives?: Christopher Etter with best guess address 1122 Jackson St., Apt 521, Dallas, TX 75202 and Patricia Etter, 1586 Avohill Dr., Vista, CA 92084.

- Jeffrey T Hansen. Best guess address is 503 W. Easter Ave., Littleton, CO. Phone (303) 794-3714.

- Daniel E Indgjer. I've left messages for Dan at (816) 657-2196. No response. Most likely address is PO Box 45, Drexel, MO, 64742.

- Russell H. Johnson, Jr. Best guess address 105 Dorsey Way, Louisville, KY 40223

- Gregory M. McDonough. Best guess address was 20 Abernathy Drive, Trenton, NJ
New possibility: Mrs Gregory (Patricia) McDonough, 67, 4913 Coronado Dr, Wilmington, NC 28409-3986, (910)399-1340

- Patrick D. O'Connor. Best guess address 2747 S 5000 W Rd, Kankakee, IL, 60901. Last in Hoquiam, WA

- Robert J Reid. Born 7 July 44; may have married Sandra Corbitt. Best guess 301 N Ford Ave., Apt# 236, Fullerton, CA 92832-1461, Non-Pub Phone.

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

