

THE BASIC SCHOOL

CLASS 1-68



10 November 2014



- Number in class: 219
- KIA: 16
- Deceased: 33
- Not Found: 2
- Sitting up and taking nourishment: 170
- Not Participating: 7
- Participating: 163
- Reported In: 148

First and Foremost:
Happy 239th Birthday Marines

The news of the day is that we have now accounted for all but two of our original class. It is hard for me to exaggerate the praise appropriate for the efforts of your platoon finders (John Cochenour, John Masters, Drew Ley, Robert Newlin and Jim Sanborn) in this heroic effort. Dave Peters joined in to find the last members who were more difficult to locate (for no obvious reasons).

I must again shout out the efforts of George Reilly (Marine and former NYPD Detective) who voluntarily worked many, many hours to provide us with leads.

2nd Plt Greetings

Our remaining two classmates not positively "found" are Jeff Hansen (Colorado?) and Peter Colt (Nevada?). If you have had any contact with them in the past few years, or can put us on their trail, please contact one of the platoon finders to relay the information. I promise we will leave no stone unturned to bring them back into the fold.

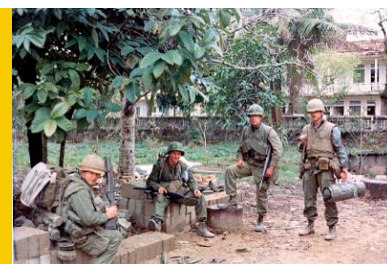
Those 16 of you receiving this newsletter who have not yet sent your Reporting In form to us, please do so. Many hours continue to be

expended to get you reported in. Please join the other 148 who have done so, and either (a) close this loop or (b) let us know that you wish no further contact. All class information gathered is for internal use only.

We now must re-focus from locating classmates and enter our next Reunion phase: Mustering volunteers to make our Reunion function smoothly, and be fun for all by spreading the load among many hands. Please paste this link in your browser or open attachment for lessons learned from another TBS Reunion 5-67:
https://www.dropbox.com/sh/jowcxf65p8r5h2y/AACG9uJs8SmoHYJOg-KO31_ia?dl=0

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TBS 1-68

No one has returned more than a few correct answers to this quiz, so I am allowing one more month.

Which of our class:

- Flew with the Blue Angels
- Was involved with clearing over 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
- Were 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 Pensacola, 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 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?
- His father was a USMC enlisted grunt in WWI (Yes.. Not WWII), and regaled the lads at Pensacola in '68 with his stories of being a "Liberty Risk" in France.

Quiz answers will be in the next newsletter



Reunion Hotel

Duly Warned: The Free Suite drawing will only include those registered in 2014. Get Hot!!

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. 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:

Dave Peters- For his spectacular efforts finding the last of our classmates. BZ.





Reunion Volunteers Needed-

If you have not had the time to read the report from TBS 5-67's reunion with link on the front page, I urge that you do so. I was staggered by the number of volunteers from that class who chose to do something to help their reunion be successful. It was, indeed, a team effort and the results showed it.

Please contact me at (rickoury@mac.com) to become a member of our Reunion team.



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