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The Magnificent Bastards



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**President's Scoop**

**2/4 REUNION TO HONOR ITS GOLD STAR FAMILIES**

This year the reunion of the "Magnificent Bastards" of the 2d Bn, 4th Marines, will honor the Gold Star Families of all members of 2/4 who were Killed in Action or Died of Wounds during its entire history from 1914 to the present day. Former Commandant, General P.X. Kelley, will be the guest of honor at the Memorial Service and Memorial Brick Dedication. In addition to commanding 2/4 during heavy combat in Vietnam General Kelley is a Gold Star Family Member. His father was killed in action during the Second World War. The service will be held at 1000 on 23 July 2015, at the National Museum of the Marine Corps, Triangle, Virginia.

All 2/4 Gold Star Family Members are cordially invited to attend the memorial service/dedication as special guests. We do not have their addresses so please pass this invitation on to any 2/4 Gold Star Family members that you know. Unfortunately we do not have funds to cover their costs.

**THE PRESENT COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS,  
GENERAL "FIGHTING JOE" DUNFORD, WILL BE GUEST OF  
HONOR AT OUR REUNION DINNER.**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph\\_F.\\_Dunford%2c\\_Jr](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_F._Dunford%2c_Jr)

For further reunion details see the reunion schedule and application elsewhere in this issue or contact Jim Rogers, 703 887 6238, <jwr313@verizon.net > or Dave Jones, 410-310-4571, <jonesoystercove@gmail.com>

**Semper Fidelis,  
Steve Wilson President**

## **NEWS FROM THE CO**

**Now that the holidays are behind us, we are looking forward to our upcoming spring patrol with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. We are already in the process of uploading the ships to depart from Okinawa very soon. Until we depart, we also continue to send companies out to train in the jungle training areas in Central Okinawa, Japan. The Marines and Sailors continue to refine their basic rifleman skills (land navigation, survival, marksmanship, etc.), and also learn new skills (communicating in compartmentalized terrain, rappelling from helicopters, maneuvering artillery through thick vegetation and through triple canopy jungle, etc.) The Magnificent Bastards, and our attachments, generally train in southern California and the Central Training Areas provide them a totally different environment to work in. It is generally pretty simple to move a 200+ man unit 10 kilometers (approx. 5 miles); however, we are quickly learning the  $2 \times 2 + 1$  equation. This means if it normally takes 2 hours to move 5 miles, it now might take 2 hours  $\times 2 + 1$  more hour = 5 hours. You might also add an additional 2 hours at night and another if there is rain, and there is always rain in Okinawa. So...if you do the grunt math, it now takes 8 hours to make the 5 mile journey through some of the thickest jungles Okinawa has to offer. It sounds difficult, but the Marines and Sailors actually enjoy learning a new skill that will benefit their team down the road. I can honestly tell you--some of the best times I've ever had (in my 20 years) is being soaking wet and miserable with my Marines in the Central Training Area. Some might say it actually builds character.**

**The Battalion Landing Team actually closed out 2014 with two fantastic events: (1) The Bastard Christmas Run/Shoot Competition and (2) The Great American Smoke-Out New Year's Eve Bastard Formation. The run/shoot competition took six hours from start to finish and encompassed over four miles of running, 20 Cross-Fit & trivia stations, and a precision shooting competition. The top three platoons were awarded for their triumphant efforts. The smoke-out formation was due to the arrival of 1,100 cigars donated to the Magnificent Bastards by the San Clemente Marine Corps Support Group. The Battalion Sergeant Major and I passed out the cigars, lit them all up, and spoke to the men about the year behind us. It was a fantastic opportunity to take a break and recognize some of the fine Marines/Sailors that make this elite infantry unit. --For those that contributed to the cigars, thank you very much from all of us. For those that aren't aware of the San Clemente Marine Corps Support Group, please look at them online. The address is [www.scmsg.org](http://www.scmsg.org). Please look at the great work Jim and Carla Hogan are doing for our entire Department of Defense.**

**Bastard 6**

**LtCol Mike Wilonsky**

**REUNION OF THE  
2nd BATTALION, 4th MARINES ASSOCIATION**

**“THE MAGNIFICENT BASTARDS”**

**July 22 – 26, 2015**

Reunion headquarters will be the Wingate by Wyndham Hotel, 15 Salisbury Drive, Stafford, Virginia 22554. Tel: 540 659 3600. Tell Reservations Clerk you are attending the 2d Bn 4th Marines reunion and ask for the special rate of \$71.00 per night plus tax.

**WEDNESDAY, July 22**

**1500 Check-In and Registration at the Wingate Hotel, Stafford, Virginia**

**1800 Reception in the Hospitality Room**

**THURSDAY, July 23**

**0730 Breakfast**

**0930 Depart for the Chapel**

**1000 Memorial Service and Dedication of the Bricks**

**National Museum of the Marine Corps Chapel**

**Guest Speaker: General Paul X. “PX” Kelley**

**28th Commandant of the Marine Corps Commanding Officer, 2/4, 1966**

**Walking tour of the Semper Fidelis Memorial Park Walkway**

**1130 Depart for The Basic School**

**1200 Lunch at The Basic School**

**1300 Basic School Briefing and Demonstration**

**1500 Depart for the Hotel**

## **FRIDAY, July 24**

**0900 Association Business Meeting**

**1230 Depart for the Iwo Jima Memorial**

**1430 Depart for Visits to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Vietnam Wall, Korean Memorial, WWII Memorial and Mall**

**1700 Depart for Dinner at the Ronald Reagan Building**

**1830 Depart for the 8th and I Parade**

**2130 Depart for the Hotel**

## **SATURDAY, July 25**

**1730 Shuttle for the National Museum of the Marine Corps Begins**

**1800 Cocktail Hour [Cash Bar]**

**1850 First Call to Dinner – Marine Corps Bugler**

**1900 Presentation of the Colors**

**Chaplain's Blessing**

**Dinner**

**Guest Speaker: General Joseph "Fighting Joe" Dunford, Jr.**

**36th Commandant of the Marine Corps**

**2100 Shuttle to the Hotel Begins**

## **SUNDAY, July 26**

**0800 Breakfast and Farewells**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Association Registration Form  
Reunion 2015 at Quantico, Virginia  
July 22, 2015 through July 25, 2015**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Names of others attending with you \_\_\_\_\_

**" NON- MEMBER FRIENDS OF THE 2/4 ASSOCIATION ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO REGISTER AS PAYING GUESTS FOR THIS REUNION"**

**(Note; Registration fee required for spouses and guests over 13**

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Rank/Unit/Dates when assigned or attached to the 2<sup>nd</sup> BN 4<sup>th</sup> Mar:**

Number of 2<sup>nd</sup> BN 4<sup>th</sup> Mar - shirts wanted: \_\_\_\_\_ (with pocket/ without pocket)  
**(Please note that the color of the shirts will be Maroon)** **(Circle Preference)**

**Sizes:** XXX \_\_\_ XX \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ S \_\_\_ **(All 2/4 Shirts will be collared)**

**Color:** Maroon \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender's:** Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee \$35.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ =\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Please note that children under the age of 13 are registered free.)**

Banquet (Coat and Tie Recommended) \$50.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ =\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Vegetarian Meals will be provided if requested)

Bus Transportation (All Events July 23, 24 and 25) \$50.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> BN 4<sup>th</sup> MAR Collared Shirt(s) (XXX \$35) (XX \$33) \$30.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch at TBS \$ 5.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Make check(s) payable to 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Association and send registration form and check to: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Association, PO BOX 6511, Concord, North Carolina 28027**

**" NON- MEMBER FRIENDS OF THE 2/4 ASSOCIATION ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO REGISTER AS PAYING GUESTS FOR THIS REUNION"**

**Attn: Gold Star Families**

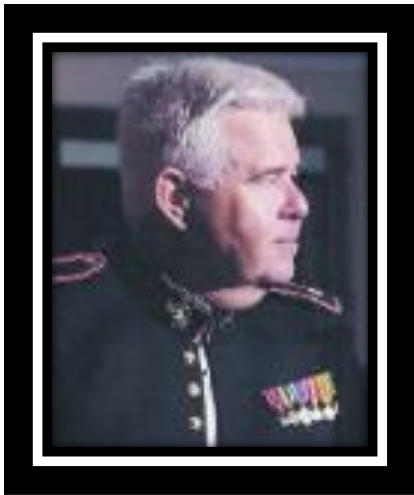
**We wish to invite all 2/4 Gold Star family members to attend the 2/4 Assn Reunion and Memorial Brick Dedication. The reunion is from 23 thru 25 July 2015. The brick dedication and memorial service take place at 10:00 AM on 23 July in the Marine Corps Museum Chapel.**

**We have completed the installation of bricks for all Marines and Sailors KIA or DOW since 9/11/2001 plus many of those killed during the Vietnam War. These bricks are located in reverse chronological sequence along the trail adjacent to the National Museum of the Marine Corps.**

**Congratulations to Fritz and Jacque Warren**



**Meet the new Mrs. Jacque Warren and the Happy Groom the day they joined in Holy Matrimony, December 32, 2014.**



**James "Jim" Wainwright passed away peacefully during his sleep surrounded by his family during the early morning hours of Thursday, November 13, 2014. Jim was born on September 14, 1943 in San Bernardino, California to Larry and Hazel Wainwright. Jim grew up on North E Street, just past Little Mountain. He was one of three boys. His older brother Charles preceded him in death this past summer. He is survived by his younger brother Rick Wainwright, who still resides in San Bernardino.**

**Jim graduated from San Bernardino High School in 1961. He obtained a degree from San Bernardino Valley College in 1963 and a degree in Sociology from San Diego State University in 1965. As a youth, he was active in Boy's Scouts and Eagle Scouts as well as athletics. Jim was a varsity wrestler and football player at SBHS. He continued playing football in college. While attending SBHS he met and fell in love with Karen Lusk, also of San Bernardino.**

**After graduating from SDSU, Jim and Karen were married on June 26, 1965 at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church on G Street in San Bernardino and then moved to San Leandro, where Jim worked as a juvenile probation officer for Alameda County. In October 1966, Jim enlisted in the Marine Corps. While serving as both a Second and First Lieutenant Platoon Commander in Vietnam in 1967 and 1968 he was twice awarded the Purple Heart, was awarded a Bronze Star and two Navy Commendation Medals. After returning from Vietnam, Jim continued to serve in the USMC Reserves until 1980, leaving the Marine Corp as a Major.**

**After his active duty military concluded, Jim enrolled law school. In December 1976, Jim was sworn in as an attorney and began his thirty-eight years as an attorney in Tulare County. By now, Jim and Karen had two boys and they relocated to Visalia, California in 1976.**

**Jim was actively involved in youth sports and coached both soccer and baseball for years. He was also devoted to public service through the West Visalia Kiwanis Club and the Central Valley Vietnam Veterans Club.**

**Jim is survived by his wife of 49 years, Karen; his two sons, James and Daniel Wainwright and their wives; six grandchildren; his brother Rick Wainwright, his wife Cindy and their two children; his brother in law Brad Lusk and his wife Sharon; his sister in law Janet (Lusk) Sugihara, her husband Glenn and their two daughters; and his soon to be 102 year old mother in law, Louise Lusk, also from San Bernardino. - See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sbsun/obituary.aspx?n=james-wainwright-jim&pid=173202212#sthash.4ueN2Pc7.dpuf>**

**Cards and letters can be sent to Karen Wainwright at:**

**3518 W. Harold**

**Visalia, Ca. 93291**

## **Membership Chairman**

**To the Membership New, Life, Annual and former members,**

**I decided to stay on as your Membership Chairman until the Reunion has been completed in July.**

**Joining or rejoining has never been easier now as you just go to the Web Site [www.2-4association.org](http://www.2-4association.org) and click on Membership. On the left side is a Membership application tab. Simply click on it and enter your information, print it out and mail the check to the address at the bottom of the form which is our Treasurer. I get notified electronically as well as the Treasurer. When he gets your check, he notifies me and I send out the Membership card. If taking a Life Membership you will also get a 2/4 coin while they last.**

**We have talked for some time of cleaning up the roster after this newsletter goes out. All names with a date of last contact 2009 and before will be removed as we have exhausted all efforts in trying to locate them and getting them to re-join. If you see this and want to renew, please contact me and I will be very happy to take care of that as we have extended another opportunity to stay on. We presently have 76 former Members in this category.**

**We also have 45 that are 2010 and after that will stay on the Roster as we are working towards getting them renewed as well, as we have incorrect information on some of them also. Please help us in getting updated and please mail your dues in. Just contact me for any help that I may be of to you.**

**Our current paid Membership is 438 Life members of which 8 are Life Associate Members, 58 Annual Members for a total of 496 Members. We have one Gold Star Mother who is a member as well.**

**I would ask everyone to please look at the membership roster to verify that your e-mail and phone number are current. We update as we find the information. This will insure your delivery of the newsletter and all communications via e-mail or by address. If there are any changes please e-mail or call me.**

**Dues can be sent to our Treasurer and he notifies me and I will get your card out to you after hearing from him that your dues are paid for annual members or those taking a Life membership and can be sent to the following address:**

**Treasurer, 2-4 Association**

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**Concord, N. C. 28207**

**Semper Fi and Anchors Aweigh,**

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