

Message from our President of the Association

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as the president this past year. I would like to thank our officers for their continued dedication to the association. Art Ferguson has continued to do a fantastic job in securing the financial wellbeing of the association.

I would also like to welcome all of the new and returning members of the 2/3 Association. Our membership rolls continued to grow. It is very important that we continue to renew, keep, and make new friendships, as, unfortunately we have lost some of our members this past year.

I and all the officers are looking forward to this year's reunion in Charleston, South Carolina. It looks as if we will have an outstanding turnout. It was voted on in Las Vegas to have the 2017 reunion in San Antonio, Texas to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the Hill Fights. Arrangements are in the works to meet there in late April of 2017. We have been working with Armed Force Reunions Inc. The members need to think of a location on the west coast for our 2018 reunion - the 50th anniversary of Tet and Pegasus.

I would also like to remind members to bring auction items to the reunion. All money raised at the auction goes back to the members to help reduce costs for the membership. I always have a great time at the auctions as I hope everyone else does.

As an added benefit, the hotel is providing a one hour wine and cheese Happy Hour prior to the auction.

Again, I hope to see everyone in Charleston, it is always great to get together with 2/3 Marines, some of the finest to have ever served our country and Corps.

Semper Fi and see you in August,
Dave Smith

From the Vice President:

I want to thank the membership for their confidence in me for electing me to serve as your Vice-President at the Las Vegas Reunion.

Art Ferguson, Dave Smith, and I have been working on the details for this year's Reunion in Charleston, South Carolina, and also our 2017 Reunion which will be in San Antonio, Texas. Some members will also be able to commemorate the Hill Fights. We are trying to get the best prices for our members. Working together we can make sure our Reunions are better for all.

Gil Hernandez

Treasurer

So far 2016 has been very busy for me. I have agreed to the contracts for our Charleston, SC reunion in August 2016 and the San Antonio reunion in April 2017. The reunion information will be e-mailed to our members shortly. For those without e-mail, the information will be sent to you via snail mail.

Non-Profit Status: I currently have an Attorney friend who is drafting up our non-profit corporation. I have a meeting with him on March 26, 2016. I am trying to follow the 2/3 by-laws for our non-profit status.

Bonding and Insurance on our members: I am sorry to say I have done nothing to date on the referendum. I have a number of 2/3 priority's that I must get done before I tackle the issue. If anybody has recommendations for insurance companies, please contact me via e-mail:

clydesdadfergy@aol.com or contact me

By phone: 623-780-1819.

I need to apologize to the members that have joined 2/3 or have paid for your dues and have not received your 9/30/2016 membership cards. I will have them to you shortly. I also need to issue checks to the members who have passed which will be done shortly.

On a more somber note, we have lost a number of our Marine Brothers this past year. Please say prayers for our fallen brethren.

Thomas (Doc. Dago) Mastronardo – June 2015

Arnold (Arny) Erickson - June 2015

Jimmy Schmitt June 2015

Colonel Don Myers - February 2016

Jim Foley – February 2016

Park D. (Dean) Privett – March 2015

Non-Member

Larry Barr – October 2015

Semper Fidelis,

Art Ferguson

Preceding President

I hope that this newsletter finds everyone healthy and gearing up for Charleston.

Just want to take a moment to inform the membership of how well that the transition from

myself to President Dave Smith has gone and the continuity between all of the officers and the membership that has developed over the past few years.

I believe that we have found a renewed comradeship within 2/3/3 which can only be beneficial for us and the future of this great organization.

Stay well - see you in Charleston. Semper Fi!

Art Ward