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ANNUAL PROGRAMS

- *Recon Gold Star Family Retreat*
- *Wounded Teammate and Family Retreat*
- *Recon Gold Star Children's Retreat*
- *Recon Owned Business Grant Program*
- *Financial Support to the Annual Recon Challenge*

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OUR MISSION:

We support the Reconnaissance Community through action. We are committed to providing support to our teammates and their families — both active and former members — through annual, reoccurring programs and appropriate emergent or emergency funds, all generously provided by our donors, supporters and sponsors. All supported initiatives are aimed at en-

riching the well-being of our warriors and their families. Our services include:

- ◆ **Deliberate/Reoccurring Programs**
- ◆ **Emergent/Emergency Support**
- ◆ **History & Traditions Preservation**

These form the core of our three Marine Recon Foundation "Lines of Effort," or LOEs.

We provide wide-ranging support, to include an extensive assessment of

our programs contributing directly to the success and preservation of the Reconnaissance Legacy.

Our mission is to provide immediate and ongoing support and assistance to the Active-duty and Veteran Marine Reconnaissance Community and their families.

Incorporated in 2013, MRF is a nationally-registered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. We are eternally grateful for all your continued support to our members and families.

RECON CHALLENGE TO BENEFIT '21 GOLD STAR FAMILY REREAT

After the 2020 Challenge was postponed due to COVID-19, the 2021 Recon Challenge is scheduled for Friday, April 30, at Camp Pendleton, Calif., hosted by

Recon Training Company, School of Infantry-West.

The Recon Challenge helps support the 2021 Gold Star Family Retreat at the Paul Mitchell estate in

Lanikai, Hawaii, to be held 2-7 May 2021.

Last year, the Estate hosted our 2nd Annual Recon Gold Star Family Retreat held 10-20 October 2020. The MRF provided an all-expenses-paid retreat for members of six Recon or Special Amphibious Recon Corpsmen (SARC), totaling 15 family members representing each Recon Battalion and Force Recon Co.

These retreats could not have been accomplished without your support to the Reconnaissance Community and the numerous generous donors from individual families to small and large businesses!



UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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*“Honoring
Our
Nation’s
Finest and
Supporting
Their
Families at
Every Step”*

It has been a very busy year for your Reconnaissance Foundation, but we are committed to our mission of supporting our teammates, our families and our community! Over the past sixteen months, we have restructured our Board of Directors (BOD) and Advisor staff in order to streamline our Lines of Effort and associated deliberate and emergency support programs. We are always looking for strong candidates to consider for BOD or Advisor billets within the MRF, so if you think you might be an asset to the Foundation, please reach out.

During this period, we have been able to provide support to the active duty/reserve force, support our former and retired teammates and assist them and their families in their time of need. We have established and solidified our annual reoccurring programs for our Gold Star families and our wounded teammates as well as our semiannual Recon-owned business grant program. We have executed over a dozen emergency/emergent support actions in response to traumatic injury, death and property damage due to natural disasters affecting our teammates and their families. We continue to support Recon units and MOS-producing schoolhouses by providing funds and/or goods and services

to them in support of deployed platoons, refurbishment of historical elements at unit locations and at the 2021 Recon Challenge. We will continue to utilize the Reconnaissance Creed to guide our actions.

In the next three weeks, we will be executing our 2021 Recon Gold Star Family Retreat (29 April-7 May) beginning in San Diego and ending in Hawaii. During the event, we will be supporting and participating in the Recon Challenge, so please feel free to come by and visit us at any point. We will be providing live updates during this event, so please tune in via Facebook Live, IG TV and LinkedIn to witness your support in action.

Our next major event will be our Recon Gold Star Children’s summer camp (1-10 July) at Echo Hill Ranch in the great State of Texas. We have teamed up with the Green Beret Foundation and Echo Hill Ranch on this inaugural event. If you have a family that you would like to nominate, please let us know no later than 31 May 2021.

Every zodiac needs a boat team that will paddle in unison, in the same direction, in order to get to the objective. If you are a Reconnaissance Marine, Special Amphibious Reconnaissance Corpsman, family member or supporter I challenge you to get involved in



support of the Reconnaissance Community because we need to take care of our own. If you have any questions or you would like to know how to get involved, feel free to reach out to me directly.

Always by your side.

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LINES OF EFFORT 1

Reoccurring Support: 2021 Gold Star Family Retreat

Friends, teammates and families.....
our Recon Gold Star families NEED
YOUR SUPPORT!

Please consider donating to and sharing this very important fundraiser. You will see every dollar of your generous donation in action at our 3rd Annual Gold Star Family Retreat, 29 April-7 May 2021, in Hawaii.

A Gold Star family member is someone who has lost a child or a parent while in service to our great nation. The teammates that we will honor this year are:

Ryan & Riley Pape

Kevin Shea

Austin Gibson

Jon Gifford

We are also flying in Vietnam veteran and Major Jim Capers to observe the Annual Recon Challenge and join in the event's activities. This incredible, one-of-a-kind, annual event has been very successful over the past two years due to the generous support that our family, friends and teammates provided.

We humbly ask that you consider supporting these very special families and this event. ***Any amount matters.....*** With your donations, you can help ensure this next Retreat for those families that have sacrificed so much for you and me.

We honored very special families during our previous, all-expense-paid Gold Star Family Retreats — held in May 2019 and in October 2020. These cannot happen without your financial support!



We are flying 15 Gold Star family members and Major Capers to San Diego to observe and participate in the annual 2021 Recon Challenge. This event is an arduous, 30-mile movement for multiple two-man teams, each who'll carry a 50-plus pound combat load and the name of a fallen teammate through the ocean and over the mountains with various challenges along the way.... to honor our former teammates.

After the Recon Challenge, we'll fly our families to Oahu, where they will stay at the Paul Mitchell estate (2-7 May) on Lanikai Beach. Our families will get to do activities such as yoga, painting and water sports, and they will tour Pearl Harbor and plant memorial trees for their fallen loved one. In Hawaii, they will get to experience and participate in Hawaiian culture and form lifelong bonds with each other.

Your donations will help us fulfill our promise. If you make your donation through our Facebook page, Facebook pays all the processing fees for you, so 100% of your donation goes directly to the Marine Recon Foundation. Thank you for your support!

The Foundation is a 501(3)(c) non-profit organization, [Tax ID 46-3009425](#).



“The cost of freedom is always high — and Americans have always paid it. And one path we shall never choose, and that is the path of surrender or submission.”

- John F. Kennedy

Please donate today

LINES OF EFFORT 2

Emergency Support: MGSgt Charles "Chunks" Padilla



Center at Bridgeport, California.

Chunks has spent his entire adult life serving our Nation in peace and in war. He has also dedicated his retired life to supporting others, to include serving as an advisor to the Marine Reconnaissance Foundation Board of Directors.

Chunks is a brother, teammate and a significant figure in the Marine Reconnaissance Community. He is also a plank owner of Marine Corps SOCOM Detachment-1 (MCSOCOM DET-1),

the origin of today's Marine Raider community.

For those that know him, you know that he would never ask for help.... so the Marine Reconnaissance Foundation did so on his family's behalf.

With YOUR support, the Reconnaissance Foundation was able to raise over \$90k for Chunk's and Victoria's total loss of home, personal items and vehicles, much of which was not covered by insurance. Although we could never replace those "one of a kind" personal



items, we have helped them close the gap in insurance coverage.

Never above you

Never below you

Always by your side

SARCs: Special Amphibious Reconnaissance Corpsmen

For the first time in the history of Special Operations Command (SOCOM), a Navy Special Amphibious Reconnaissance Corpsman will be stepping up to be the Senior Enlisted Medical Advisor (SEMA) to the SOCOM Surgeon's Office.



The SEMA advises the SOCOM Surgeon, Commander and Staff on operational,

training and resource requirements for over 2,700 special operations medics across the Army, Navy and Air Force. HMCM (FMF/MCD/FPJ) Jeremy Torrisi (photo, left) will be headed to Tampa, Fla., to fill this vitally important leadership position.

We have seen our Reconnaissance and MARSOC communities grow by leaps and bounds since 9/11. Along with our Marine Brothers, SARCs have developed and excelled in roles across SOCOM, to include MARSOC, Tier 1 assets, USASOC, and the JFKSWCS.

This position of responsibility is



another vital role that will assist SARCS to continue in excellence, bringing the fight to the enemy and doing our best to bring our brothers home safely.

We are committed to supporting Reconnaissance Marines & Special Amphibious Reconnaissance Corpsmen — past & present. — and our families.

LINES OF EFFORT 3

Historical Preservation: Maj. James Capers Legacy

The Marine Reconnaissance Foundation teamed up with the Veteran’s Project to document the life and legacy of Major James Capers (USMC Ret.).

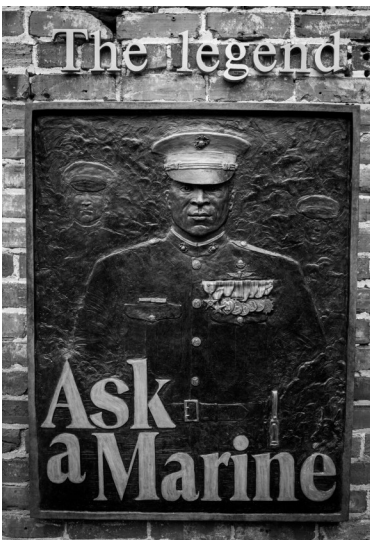
A native of Bishopville, South Carolina, and the son of sharecroppers, Jim joined the Marine Corps in 1956, soon after the Marine Corps did

away with segregated basic training.

Having served in 1st, 2nd and 3rd Force Reconnaissance Companies, Jim received a battlefield commission from the rank of Staff Sergeant due to his stand out performance as a Force Recon Team Leader in 3rd Force Recon Company.

As a shining example of the standard that Jim has set for U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) and the Joint Special Operations community, he was a member of the inaugural class of the SOCOM Commando Hall of Honor in 2010, accompanied by other distinguished special operators such as Evans Carlson, Aaron Bank, Charlie Beckwith and Draper Kauffman.

Jim is a legend within the



Reconnaissance Community for his hard-as-steel physical and mental attributes, his leadership of men in peace and war and his enduring mentorship of generations of Reconnaissance men over the past sixty years.

You can view the documentary online at:

<https://www.thevetsproject.com/the-blog/major-james-capers-jr-marine-recon-vietnam-veteran>

“If ten men start up a flight of steps and only one man makes it to the top, then you believe you will be that man. You must believe it to be so.”

- Maj. James Capers

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT



It has been my pleasure to serve the foundation for the past 8 years as

a board member and now again as the Vice President.

We have come a long way over the years and our mission to support our past, present and future warfighters and their families has re-

mained the primary focus. We have had many talented people contribute to our successes over the years from the community and I would like to thank them all for their part in getting us where we are today. You will be introduced to some new faces to the Foundation this year that have truly made an impact on our progress and vision for the future we are striving to reach.

The team we have today

is dedicated to maintaining the reputation of those who have come before us and strive to make a difference in the community we love so much. I look forward to many successful events this year as the Foundation expands its presence across the country with events our team mates are conducting to support the Marine Reconnaissance Foundation and the Recon Community.

Several of these events will be highlighted in this

newsletter. Please take the time to read about what we are doing and consider donating to one of them or supporting in any way you can. We could not make any of this happen without the dedication and commitment from our community.

“Step one show up, everything after that is history”

MRF VP
Chris May

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We are supporting the Reconnaissance Community through action. We provide annual re-occurring and emergent emergency support to our teammates past and present, support the active duty & reserve operating forces and foster and perpetuate Reconnaissance history, lineage and traditions. The Marine Reconnaissance Foundation provides assistance with flights and lodging for wounded service members and their family members when needed.

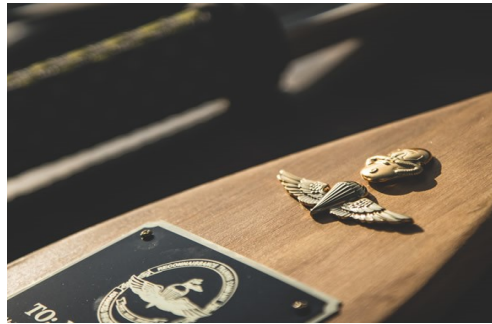
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SHOP AT THE MRF STORE

We would love to feature your Reconnaissance Marine or Special Amphibious Reconnaissance Corpsmen, owned business on our website. Please check out and support our Recon

Community-owned businesses, listed at <https://reconfoundation.org/vetted-businesses/>. If you would like your business added to this list, submit your listing at: <https://reconfoundation.org/vetted-businesses/business-submissions/>

We are proud to announce that **Brother Recon** has Marine Reconnaissance Foundation merchandise available on our site at <https://www.brotherrecon.com/mrf>.

Here are a few of the products we have in stock and some that will be arriving soon. We will continue to bring on new products and support the foundation going forward.

I can do some limited custom requests and look forward to supporting the community with this new line of Products.

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