

# MARINE RECONNAISSANCE FOUNDATION



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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*

## 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 enriching the well-being

of our warriors and their families. Our services include:

- ♦ **Deliberate/Reoccurring Programs**
- ♦ **Emergent/Emergency Support**
- ♦ **History and 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 as-

essment 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.

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## **Deliberate Support: 2021 Gold Star Children's Summer Camp**

Echo Hill Ranch, was a private youth camp for over 60 years that sits in a quite valley in Medina, Texas. In many ways the camp has not changed in over 60 years with its nostalgic open bunk houses and 40's and 50's era design. The Camp offers

hiking, fishing, horseback riding, sports activities, swimming, riflery, and arts and crafts along with many traditional activities associated with camp life to include singing camp songs, raising and lowering the flag every day and building new

relationships through team building events throughout the day. The camp provides the opportunity for kids to be kids without all the distractions from everyday life and reminds us that we don't need modern technology to have a good time and enjoy what nature has to offer.



2021 was appropriately named the Trailblazers Camp because it was the first time the camp has been open in the last eight years. I cannot say enough about the Friedman Family and many supporters, prior campers, counselors, and foundations, that pulled together to make this reinvented Gold Star Camp a reality.

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**UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

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

**Please  
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today**

**ALOHA** to our teammates and supporters! We are midway through calendar year 2021 and the execution of our deliberate/reoccurring programs supporting our teammates and their families.

We were honored to spend 11 days with this year’s Recon Gold Star families (28 April – 7 May 2021). This year’s retreat (Phase I) began at Camp Pendleton, California, to allow our families to observe and participate in the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Recon Challenge at Camp Pendleton. We were fortunate to have had Major James Capers participate in this event to escort our families and present the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place awards to this year’s teams.

The Recon Foundation was also honored to support the Recon Training Company (RTC) by funding the top three team awards, the food the day of the event and the Warriors Night the next day at Camp Talega. Our families and the MRF team then flew to the island of Oahu and stayed at the Paul Mitchell Estate on Lanikai beach for the remaining six days of Phase II (Hawaii). In Hawaii, our families were able to experience Hawaiian culture, tour the island, participate in Hawaiian outrigger canoe paddling, sail in Kaneohe Bay, visit Pearl Harbor and relax on the estate. We are already in planning for the 2022 Recon Foundation Gold Star Family Retreat. A huge *mahalo* to our friend Angus Mitchell and his team led by James Tanaka for always taking care of our families.

On May 28, our teammates led by Mike Hudson (LtCol USMC Ret.) executed the “Black Diamond Crucible” in California. This one-of-a-kind

event, planned and run by Recon Marines/SARCs, allowed our team to conduct a large-scale tandem freefall jump of 25 jumpers comprised of our Foundation supporters, followed by a 15-mile ruck from the drop zone to the Oakhurst Country Club for a social event. This was a very successful MRF fundraising event that demonstrates the kind of Recon community involvement through action that translates directly to supporting the Recon community, the Recon Foundation’s mission and our programs. Bravo Zulu to Mike Hudson and the entire team!

Two weeks ago, we completed our 1<sup>st</sup> annual Recon Gold Star Children’s summer camp at Echo Hill Ranch in Texas. Led by our Vice President and brother Chris May and teaming with the wonderful staffs from Echo Hill Ranch and the Green Beret Foundation, seven Recon Gold Star children and members of the MRF team spent ten days (1-10 July) at Echo Hill with Gold Star children from other Special Operations Forces component organizations. We cannot say enough about what the Friedman family (owners/founders of Echo Hill) does to support our Nation’s Gold Star and First Responder families. Since Echo Hill’s inception in 1953, this incredible American family has selflessly served generations of American families who have sacrificed so much for our Nation and our citizens.

Next month, we will hold our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Recon Wounded Teammate & Family Retreat in Whitefish, Montana. This event is meant to bring together our wounded teammates, their families and men who they served with for a week of outdoor land and aquatic activities meant to provide a respite and moment of solace for our teammates and their families. A special “thank you” to two of our Foundation Board Members and extended family — Bonnie Mcerlane (MRF fundraising lead) and Andy Hatcher (2<sup>nd</sup> Recon Bn. & MRF Wounded Teammate outreach lead) — for leading the planning for this incredible event.

In the next few months, we are planning on contacting five (5) Recon-owned businesses to participate in our 3<sup>rd</sup> Recon Owned Busi-



ness Grant program. This program allows the MRF to infuse funds into Recon-owned small businesses, highlight each business to our community and our supporters, and provide their goods and services to the active-duty operating force.

We will continue to strive to live by the Reconnaissance Creed and to take care of our own. If you would like to get involved, apply your personal time and effort, provide goods and services or provide a monetary donation to the MRF, I give you my personal assurance that any support provided will be applied directly and completely to the Foundation’s mission, Lines of Effort and associated programs.

I am personally always available to answer any questions regarding the foundation, so please feel free to reach out.

Always by your side.

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**LINES OF EFFORT 1**

**Deliberate Support: 2021 Gold Star Children’s Summer Camp**

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After 2 years of hard work and dedication to providing a long-lasting impact for our Gold Star Children. The camp hosted 2 sessions this year providing a lifelong memory for over 60 Gold Star Children.

One of the most inspirational events of the Camp was climbing Echo Hill in the morning to place the memorial rocks and raise the bunk flag. The day prior the kids from the bunk would paint a memorial rock to be placed on the living memorial on Echo Hill. In the morning the group would carry their rock up the hill and place it on the living memorial that was started by the 1<sup>st</sup> session. The kids would also get to sound the wake-up call from the hill top and wake up the rest of the camp as their voices echoed down the valley. The Kids would observe the morning flag raising and then walk back down the mountain to enjoy breakfast. Every bunk, to include the youngest group, successfully climbed the hill and placed their rock on the memorial. I’m excited to see this memorial grow as new campers and returning alumni return to place their rock or visit with the one placed in prior years. The view from the top of Echo Hill of the camp below and the surrounding hills is truly remarkable and worth the climb for all campers.

I was honored to serve as one of the counselors for the second session and lived with 6 of our older kids ranging from 18-14 years old. We set out to bring back to life the small arms ranges and it was no easy task, we removed fallen trees, cleaned off the shooting positions, and fixed the structures that were in need of repair. The young men did an outstanding job creating a safe and functioning range for the camp to use in years to come. These young men’s efforts will have a lasting impact on the Echo Hill Gold Star Camp for years to come.



After completing the range cleanup, we enjoyed several days of shooting before we opened it back up for the other campers to join us in 2 days of shooting events. All the kids had a great time learning weapons and range safety and how to properly handle and fire a variety of .22 caliber rifles. I was honored to work alongside these young men and I hope I left them with a sense of comradery and accomplishment for their contribution to the camp and future campers.

I cannot say enough about the impact this camp has had on everyone involved. When I first drove in, I was struck by the simplicity and beauty of the environment that is Echo Hill. You cannot leave this place without longing to come back. The Staff and volunteers were incredible and truly provided the best Echo Hill had to offer. Many of the counselors were alumni from the previous youth camp and were instrumental in carrying on many of the traditions of Echo



Hill. We truly could not have done this without them and all the hard work they put in to ensure the kids had the best experience possible. Every one of them truly made the Gold Star Camp a success and I look forward to seeing all of them again next year as we look to have even more kids participate in this incredible camp

The Echo Hill Gold Star Camp is a recurring annual event the Marine Reconnaissance Foundation will continue to support to provide an opportunity for our communities’ children so they can build lasting memories with other Gold Star Kids in a safe and fun environment. If you have children who would like to attend next year’s camp or you would like to support the program in any way, please reach out to me at: [info@reconfoundation.org](mailto:info@reconfoundation.org)

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**LINES OF EFFORT 2**

**Emergency Support: The Price Family**

Not all battles are fought on foreign soil. Some are fought in a NICU, the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Being the spouse of a Recon Marine brings with it a vibrantly colorful world not meant for the faint of heart. Being the spouse of a Recon Marine with four kids under six, two in diapers, and one critically ill newborn with not one, but two rare diseases, exacerbates that vibrant experience tenfold.

Emilia Price was born 4lbs, 7oz on September 11, 2020. She will captivate you in a heartbeat with the blessed energy of all the souls that have gone before her. Her perfect smile grows as she bats her big, beautiful eyes to greet you. But that was not always the case. An hour after Emilia was born, she was rushed to the NICU where her condition continued to decline at the hands of a complacent staff. The Price family's pleas for the neonatologist to dig deeper fell on deaf ears.

That is, until Charlotte Price's sleepless nights researching her

newborn daughter's symptoms paid off. Emilia's doctors declined Charlotte's requests to contact the only two hospitals in the country that specialize in her dying daughters' symptoms, so she took action and called them herself. After fifteen excruciating touch-and-go days, Emilia was loaded into an air ambulance bound for Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, 900 miles to the north. The very next day, 36 days after she was born, and under the watchful eyes of the entire CHOP endocrine department, Emilia had her first diagnoses: Hyperinsulinism and Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome, accompanied by tumors on her liver.

After an exhaustive six weeks and a long regimen of tests, Emilia was accepted into the Dasiglucagon clinical trial. Emilia started to slowly progress, and the family was reunited on December 22, just in time for the holidays. Unfortunately, the reunion was short lived. Emilia's health spiraled out of control and she was flown via air ambulance back to CHOP, where Dennis and Charlotte made the decision to relocate the entire family to Philadelphia, where they could remain together and Emilia could get the care she needed.

All it takes is all you got, and then you call in reinforcements.

MRF was contacted by a teammate of Dennis Price, and a strategy was immediately put into

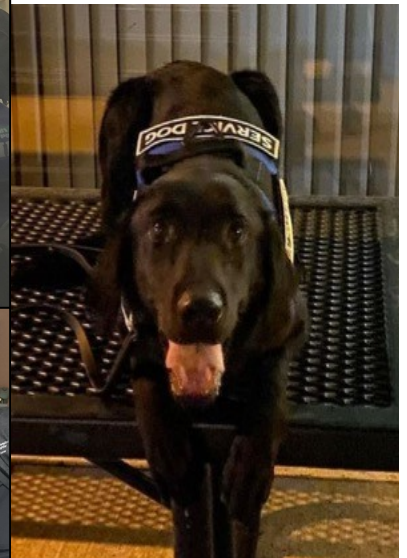
place to reduce the extensive financial burdens and ease the monumental transition of moving a family with a critically-ill baby, three small children, and a large German Shepard to an unfamiliar city far to the north in the middle of winter.

The family arrived late in the evening to eight MRF volunteers waiting to greet them as their vehicle pulled in. They were welcomed with open arms to their new city by a team of movers, a stocked fridge and pantry, a year's worth of dog food certificates, dog walker, childcare, books, games and toys to ease the adjustment. Due to the incredible strain on the housing market, the Price family moved three more times over four months before closing on the eighth house they had bid on. MRF was with them every step of the way, providing emergency housing, moving assistance, meals, transport, moral support, childcare, Easter baskets from the Easter Bunny, dog sitting, diapers, groceries, activities for the kids, canine socializa-

tion, and hospital contacts both to provide support and to ease the administrative strain on them.

Now 10 months old, Emilia Price continues to fight her battle every day with a biggest smile. One of the most important aspects of her care is vigilant glucose monitoring. MRF has purchased a diabetic detection dog named Thor, who has been training for several months and will join the Price family in November.

MRF is on the ground with the Price family every single day and continues to offer support, cheer at swim meets, walk Bear, advocate for the family, and stand by Emilia during her hospital visits.



**LINES OF EFFORT 3**

**Historical Preservation: 1st Force Recon Co. Historical Panel Set**

The MRF teamed up with senior leaders from I Marine Expeditionary Force, Force Recon Co., 1<sup>st</sup> Recon Battalion to fund the design, creation and installation of a five-panel historical chronology of the company throughout its rich history.

Beginning with Force Reconnaissance's inception in the early 1950s and Marine Corps Test Unit 1, through Vietnam, Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom, this historical panel set was installed in June 2020 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Force Recon Company's area at Camp Pendleton, California.

This project was an extremely difficult one because the history of this storied unit and the entire Marine Reconnaissance community is rich, diverse and, honestly.....little known. The ability to capture even a fraction that deep history in the five-panel set was challenging.

The Reconnaissance Foundation recognizes that our communities' history must be unearthed, taught to newer generations and maintained for posterity so that our past, current and future teammates can "strive to maintain the tremendous reputation of those who went before me."



**SARC Update: Special Amphibious Reconnaissance Corpsmen Training**

The Special Amphibious Reconnaissance Corpsman pipeline has taken on one of its biggest and best changes in history this year. As part of the pipeline since the early 1990s, SARC's have been completing the Special Operations Combat Medic course and Special Forces Medical Sergeants (18D) Course, both at the Joint Special Operations Medical Training Center at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

This May marks the first time candidates will graduate these two prestigious courses with a Bachelor's degree in science from the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences.

SARC's have always humbly carried the weight of being the most highly trained Special Operations Medics in the world. Now, they are being recog-

nized not only for their physical success and combat application of their medical and operational expertise, but also for their collegiate prowess.

Congratulations to the first three SARC's and two SARC Pipeline Candidates for achieving this goal!

The Marine Reconnaissance, Marine Corps Special Operations Command



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communities and the Marine Reconnaissance Foundation are proud to call you their own!

With you!

**Jeff**

Jeff Stevens  
MRF SARC Representative

**GOLD STAR FAMILIES: Appreciation for MRF's Outreach and Support**

When my son, SSGT Caleb Medley, went to heaven February 26, 2013, time stopped, and my world turned upside down. Life has never been the same. I'll never forget the knock at the door at 1:30 a.m. The Marines had driven through closed roads and a blizzard to get to us

'before the media did.' I miss my hilarious, generous, loving son every day. But, I've got to say, if he had to leave us, he was leaving us with the community he knew and loved — so like Caleb. He left us with the best.



In May 2013 — the year the Marine Reconnaissance Foundation was founded — we flew to California as a family to attend our first Recon Challenge. I am amazed that we did that, so soon after his passing. But it was there where we met so many Recon guys and their families who knew Caleb. We witnessed the 26 miles of crazy obstacles the Recon brothers ran, climbed, swam, shot, etc., while carrying their fallen brothers' names. Caleb and Mark Rawson had actually run the Challenge and had come in 2<sup>nd</sup> right after they returned from Afghanistan a few years earlier, so it was pretty special to be able to see some of what they had done as a team. It was at that Challenge where we were introduced to our first Gold Star parents — Ron and Shar Pape, whose sons Riley and Ryan were Recon Marines and are both in heaven with Caleb.

Through the years, I've been impressed by the Foundation and what it does for the Recon community. I am now honored to be on the MRF Board, and I am the Gold Star Liaison. I am able to be there for families who are starting this most difficult road — to listen, to help, to relay messages to the Foundation as needed. It is a blessing to be able to help families at such a difficult time.

The Foundation sponsors a Gold Star family retreat in Hawaii, a Recon Gold Star Summer Camp in Texas for children, and a Wounded Recon Teammate and Family Retreat in Montana. The Recon Foundation is an organization run with integrity and transparency. All who work for the

Foundation are volunteers. No one is paid. All proceeds/donations go to the events, directly to Recon families/individual's needs.

In 2019, the Recon Foundation sponsored the first Gold Star Family Retreat at the Paul Mitchell Estate in Hawaii. It was an honor to go that year. The Foundation and volunteers worked tirelessly and generously to ensure



our stay was amazing. We had great food (top of the list, you know!). We were chauffeured by the best Recon drivers and felt like we were royalty. (I'll save that story for another time.)

We spent a week with Recon Gold Star parents, a sibling and a couple of wives. On my journey, I have met many Gold Star families that I love and appreciate so much, but there is a special bond with Recon families, and it is there the minute we meet. Our loved ones were part, not only of the one percent who serve, but of a unique, elite group — a small community of Special Operations Forces, not well known, but highly trained. They are the fewer of the few, the proud. I know as Recon families, we all lived with these special Marines, who jump out of planes, go through intense swimming/deep sea dive school, are combat ready and who we knew took high risks as part of their jobs, whether they were stateside or deployed. Ultimately, we all got that dreaded knock at the door telling us our loved ones were not coming home.

Being part of the Recon community is a special and significant part of my life. Keeping in touch and hearing from Caleb's Recon "brothers" and their families is special. Be-

ing part of the Foundation is amazing. I admit, I see part of Caleb in the lives of these amazing men who care so much for their Recon family.

The Recon Community has a saying: "Never above you, never below you, always beside you."

I have found that it is not just a saying. It is true. They ARE always beside you. I am blessed to be able to be a part of the community, the Marine Recon Foundation, and the Recon Gold Star family.

I look forward to writing and sharing with you again.

Until we meet again, I remain, always beside you.

Thank you Caleb.

**Diane Homm**

Recon Mom

*aka SSGT Caleb Medley's mom*

MRF Gold Star Liaison

**MRF EVENT: Black Diamond Crucible Events Honor Our Fallen, Raise Funds**

On 28 May 2021, the Marine Recon Foundation executed the first Black Diamond Crucible event. Conceived, planned, and led by our teammate, LtCol Mike Hudson (USMC Ret), this event sought to raise money for our Gold Star Family events while honoring our fallen teammates. Fifty participants and supporters journeyed from across the country to engage in this challenge that started with a parachute jump and transitioned to a hike across the challenging terrain in the Mount Diablo area of the San Francisco Bay Area.

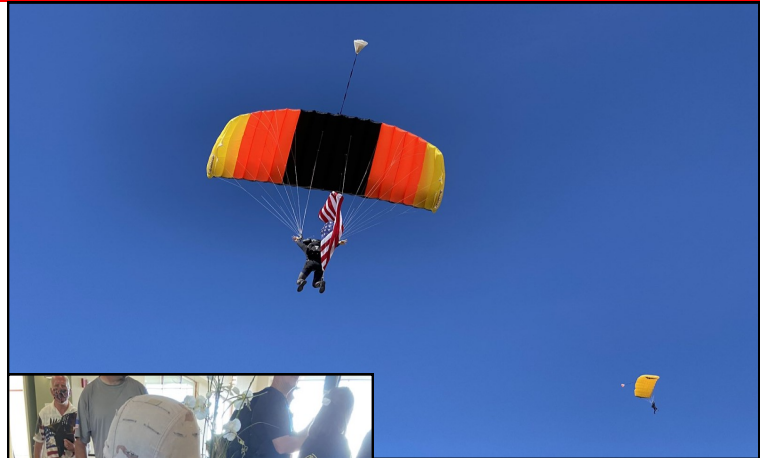
The morning kicked off with a safety brief and gear check, followed by a convoy to Bay Area Skydiving in Byron, California. Supported by a number of tandem masters, their team led by owner Shaun Fenner, provided an amazing experience for our participants. Representatives from local organizations such as the Contra Costa VFW and the Blue Star Moms of Contra Costa came to watch and cheer on our teammates. We were especially lucky to have Ranger Instructor Brian Connerly join us from Fort Benning and jump in flying the American flag to the cheers of the crowd.

Following the jump phase, the team ferried to the start of the hike through the Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve. Pausing for a group photo, our team stepped off with American and

MRF flags flying proudly. Each participant carried a dog tag with the name of a local servicemember who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Despite the heat, everyone stuck together through close to 15 miles due to the superb support provided by Navy veteran Steve Powell and LtCol Hudson's parents, bringing cold water and snacks to points along the route.

As the team approached Oakhurst Country Club, they were led to the reception area by bagpipes played by our teammate and board member LtCol Donnie Hasseltine (USMC Ret). Upon reaching the end of the hike, we gathered around a battlefield cross provided by the Contra Costa VFW to place the dogtags they carried on the hike. The memorial started with Mike Hudson, Eddie Wright, and Mike Mendoza hanging the dog tags of Captain Brent Morel. Brent was a close friend of Mike, and was serving as Eddie and Mike Mendoza's platoon commander when he was killed. The final dog tags were those of Joseph Graves, whose father, Kevin Graves and family were present. When his son died, Kevin joined the Army National Guard as a Chaplain's aide, selflessly serving in memory of his son.

The event finished with a wonderful reception and meal provided by the Oakhurst



Country Club. Dr Shauna Springer provided signed copies of her book Warrior, along with teammate Eddie Wright who wrote the forward for the book. The event Raised over \$7000 for future Recon Foundation events, with a large donation coming from the United Association of Plumbers, Fitters, Welders and Service Technicians (Local 342), who came in force with eight of their members to participate in the event.

We are currently planning to conduct another Crucible event next year. If you are interested in participating or hosting a similar event in your area, please contact us at:

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**An MRF "Fairwell"**

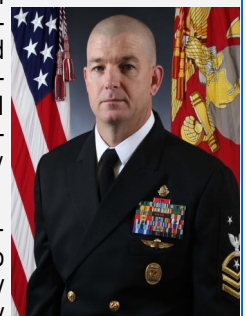
The SARC, Marine Reconnaissance and MARSOC communities would like to congratulate Command Master Chief-CMDCM Jody Fletcher on a long and successful career in the U.S. Navy.

Over Jody's 29 years, he served at 3rd Recon Company, 1st Recon Company 1st Recon Battalion, 1st Force Recon Company, 1st Raider Battalion and Raider Regiment.

Upon earning the rank of Command Master Chief, Jody served as the CMDCM of MARSOC, 2nd Marine Division and II Marine Expeditionary Force.

Congratulations to Jody, Shelly and Abbey Fletcher on an amazing career.

Thank you for your service and Godspeed!



**WOUNDED SUPPORT: Montana Retreat to Reconnect Teammates**

Since the last newsletter, our Head of Fundraising Bonnie McErlane and our Severely Wounded Teammate Outreach Coordinator Andy Hatcher have been working diligently preparing for the Foundation’s Second Annual Severely Wounded Retreat, which will be held in Whitefish, in beautiful northern Montana, from 15-21 August 2021.

Similar to our Gold Star Family Retreat, the Severely Wounded Retreat — also known as the Montana Retreat — is a week-long therapy event that provides veteran Reconnaissance Marines who were severely wounded in combat an opportunity to reconnect with old team members and celebrate life.

The retreat is a family-friendly event. Attendees are encouraged to bring their loved ones so they, too, can share in the majestic beauty that Montana has to offer. This year, Bonnie and Andy have many fun activities planned for them, to include hiking, horseback riding, ATV trail riding, and white-water rafting.

In preparing for the event, Bonnie has

been working night and day researching grants and engaging with community leaders and businesses. While we have not yet met our fundraising goal, the kindness and generosity we have received up to this point has been heart-warming. A very special **Thank You** goes to Lilly Pulitzer CEO Michelle Kelly and the King of Prussia (Penn.) store manager for giving our Foundation 10% of all Lilly Pulitzer sales — both at their brick-and-mortar stores and online — made for over a 10-hour period!

As the Severely Wounded Outreach Coordinator, Andy has been engaging with our retreat attendees to ensure all their needs are met, both in preparation for and during the event. As a severely wounded Reconnaissance Marine and retreat alumni, Andy has a good understanding of what our attendees can expect. Andy recalls his favorite experience during last year’s retreat.

“Last year I had a great time. While I enjoyed the activities, I have to say my favorite event was the fireside chat.

I’m a cigar guy. I get so busy during the day-to-day that I never have time to enjoy one. For me, it was super special to reconnect with old brothers over a glass of whiskey and a cigar. It reminded me of the old Raider Nights we used to have back in the day. Those moments are precious and hard to come by.”

For this year’s event, Andy has something special planned — a custom cigar made especially for the retreat. Friend and supporter of the reconnaissance community, Philippe Gregorio Cigars, has partnered with MRF to create a signature cigar for the event: the MR Recondo. This year, Montana Retreat attendees will be able to share in their very own custom cigar while catching up and telling stories during the fireside chat.

Andy says: “I’m super stoked! I’ve always wanted to make a cigar, and I’m very happy with how it turned out. Plus, we were able to raise a little money for the retreat with the extra boxes [of cigars]. This year, the fireside chat is going to be even better than before!”



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



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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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*"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



## SHOP AT THE MRF STORE

We would love to feature your Reconnaissance Marine or Special Amphibious Reconnaissance Corpsmen-owned business on our website and in our newsletter.

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.

— Chris May (MGySgt Ret)  
CEO & Founder  
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