



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 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.

LINE OF EFFORT 1: Deliberate Support

'0321 Day' Fundraising Effort at Ballast Point Brewery

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The Reconnaissance Foundation & Ballast Point partnered to celebrate the lineage, traditions & brotherhood of the Reconnaissance community on March 21, 2023, at Ballast Point Miramar in San Diego, Calif. This 2nd annual event in San Diego brings teammates both old and new as well as our families and supporters on the West Coast together each year.

Ballast Point's gracious support includes their very own "Sub Surface" Double IPA made for the Reconnaissance Foundation, the incredible event artwork by the artist Paul Elder (see p. 10) and direct financial support to the Reconnaissance Foundation's Annual Gold Star Family Retreat beginning in San Diego at the Recon Challenge and ending in Hawaii at the Paul Mitchell Estate on Lanikai Beach 27 April-5 May 2023.

This event is the final fundraising effort for the Reconnaissance Foundation's Annual Gold Star Family Retreat.

This year's Recon Gold Star Family Retreat will host the families of:

- Tamatea Teai
- Doug Zembiec
- Mike Roots
- Lex Whitney
- Joe Lyons

A huge thank you to our teammate Randall Parkes as our lead planner and our friends at Ballast Point!



UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT

***“Honoring
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Aloha to our teammates and supporters! As the Reconnaissance Foundation begins the 2nd Quarter of Calendar Year 2023, I wanted to provide our teammates, families and supporters an update on Foundation activities from October 2022 through May 2023.

I am happy to report that we have been able to execute each of our Lines Of Effort successfully, time on target over the last six months. Since the last newsletter update in September 2023 we have been extremely busy supporting our teammates and their families.

Under Line of Effort 1 (LOE 1) "Deliberate Reoccurring Programs," we execute the 2022 Annual Wounded Recon Teammate & Family Retreat in Destin Florida 9-15 October 2022. We also successfully conducted the 2023 0321 party and fundraising event at Ballast Point Miramar and provided grant support to Recon small owned businesses and to the Radio Reconnaissance Project reunion planned for June 2023.

Under Line of Effort 2 (LOE 2) "Emergency Support," over the last four months we have executed numerous discreet missions providing emergency or emergent support to teammates and their families, to include supporting families of recently deceased teammate by providing direct support to celebration of life efforts, fundraising/fiscal support and establishing investment accounts for their children. We have also coordinated immediate crisis intervention actions in support of multiple teammates suffering from severe Post Traumatic Stress. These are but a few examples of the discreet support provided to numerous qualified and deserving teammates and their family members in need.

Under Line of Effort 3 (LOE 3) "Historic Preservation," we have continued to conduct in depth historical research on significant figures, teams, battles and

accomplishments of Reconnaissance men throughout our communities storied history, and have subsequently drafted numerous Reconnaissance history preservation articles, posts, written narratives accompanied by supporting photo/document evidence to help capture the incredible and storied history of the Reconnaissance Community.

During this reporting period, we have coordinated senior leaders from our community to include LtCol George "Digger" O'Dell (USSOCOM Commando Hall of Honor) and MSG Earl Plumlee (Medal of Honor recipient and former Force Recon Marine) preside over graduating BRC classes and provide mentoring opportunities to the active duty 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 Foundations 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.

Jose "Pep" Tablada III

President

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MRF Welcomes New Advisor to Board of Directors

We would like to welcome our teammate Joseph I. Farina as the first Radio Reconnaissance Advisor to the Reconnaissance Foundation Board of Directors.

Joe is a retired United States Marine Corps Officer with over 25 years' experience in signals intelligence (SIGINT), electronic warfare (EW) and cyberspace operations supporting SOF and special activities.

Joe is a graduate of Castleton University, has served as a Radio Recon Team Leader after completing the Radio Reconnaissance Indoctrination Program, Airborne, Amphibious Reconnaissance School, and SERE. While serving as Lead Instructor, SIGINT Cell, SOTG he was hand-selected as a Radio Recon Team Leader in Operation Iraqi Freedom-1. During this deployment, he was selected for the Enlisted Commissioning Program.

After graduating Honor Graduate of Officer Candidate School Class and The Basic School, Joe was assigned to 2nd Radio Battalion and deployed to Iraq. He then executed orders to B Co. Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion, Fort Meade, Md. Serving within the National Security Agency, Joe led a 53-man, joint service office specializing in National-tactical integration operations supporting the DOD, the intel community and FVEY partners.

After successfully completing Marine Special Operations Command Assessment & Selection and graduating both the Expeditionary Warfare School and the MAGTF Intelligence Officers Course with honors in 2010, he served with 2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion as the Intelligence Officer for MSOC Golf. He also completed successful tours as B Co. Commander and Operations Officer, 2nd Marine Special Operations Support Battalion.

In 2014, he successfully completed Assessment and Selection for a special mission unit and graduated with distinction from Marine Corps Command and Staff College.

Joe's decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Since retiring from military service in 2018, Joe has held several executive leadership positions with LGS, CACI and Metrea Aerospace with continued support to the Department of Defense and the Intelligence Community. Joe is currently an Executive Vice President serving as the Head of the Electromagnetic and Cyber Group with Metrea.

Joe is married to the former Kristen Short and has three daughters, Isabella (14), Sophia (12), and Liliana (5).



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VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Brother Recon and the Marine Reconnaissance Foundation have been engaged in creating a Fallen Warrior Memorial for the last ten years, and we are now in the final stage and able to complete this endeavor.

After the death of SSgt Caleb Medley in a parachuting accident in Perris, Calif., in 2013, I found myself struggling to deal with the loss of one of my Marines at home. Unlike overseas, this accident happened in our backyard here at home, and I could not leave this event behind like I had done for years overseas. My coping mechanism for this event became the creation of Brother Recon.

Over the last 10 years, we have supported the Reconnaissance community, placed a memorial at Sky Dive Perris of SSgt Medley, and continually support the Annual Recon Challenge with funds raised from the sale of our products. Still, our most significant initiative grew to become the Fallen Warrior Memorial. This initiative has become a part of my life, and I promised Caleb's mother that I would complete this Memorial, no matter what. Brother Recon has no staff, partners, or employees. It's just me and my wife, Kathy. We have spent the last 10 years building our product line and investing everything

we make back into the business or the Reconnaissance Community. Every item sold over the last 10 years to Recon Marines, SARC Corpsman and their families has assisted in our efforts to complete this mission.

We are finally able to bring this Memorial to life. This endeavor has taken 10 years because we wanted this to be a community effort so everyone could have a part in completing this mission and providing our community a memorial that will represent all our fallen Recon Marines and SARC Corpsman.

The Reconnaissance Training Center is the perfect location for this memorial. Every year our community comes together for the Annual Recon Challenge to support our Gold Star Families. This event is the largest event our community holds every year bringing together hundreds of our community to support and remember our fallen.

The Memorial is a 7-foot bronze sculpture cast after SSgt Caleb Medley. This Memorial will represent all our fallen Reconnaissance Marines and SARC Corpsman that have given their lives for this great nation and the Reconnaissance Community.

The sculpture is currently at the foundry in the final

process and will be complete and transported to Camp Pendleton, Calif., on April 21. The Unveiling and dedication will be held on April 27, around 5 p.m.

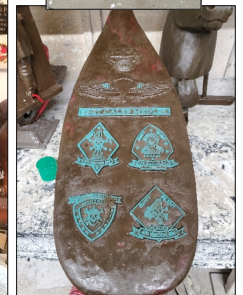
The pictures are several renderings of the process. The small marquee is a rendering of what the 7-foot sculpture will look like.



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"Step one show up, everything after that is history"



LINE OF EFFORT 1: Deliberate Programs

MRF Continues Support to 'Spear It' Veterans Fishing Program



The Reconnaissance Foundation will continue our support to the "Spear It" veterans fishing program, with our brother Trey Fagan by providing funding to sustain the execution of this program based out of Sneads Ferry, N.C.

The program allows our brothers and teammates to get out on the water, learning how to conduct open circuit dive spear fishing. The boat, crew and gear is all provided, our teammates just have to show up! A huge thank you to our brother Trey for leading this effort, we are proud to support it!

Recon Marines at the Hoover Institution Developing Solutions to California Wildfires

In the fall of 2021, Lt. Col. Donnie Hasseltine, USMC (Ret) (former CO of 1st Recon and MRF Board Member) and Col. Dave Winnacker, USMCR (former CO of 4th Force Recon Co) were selected in the inaugural cohort of the Hoover Institution's Veteran Fellows Program.

Dave and Donnie initially worked together on combined reconnaissance training as battalion commanders with their respective reserve and active duty units. They again served together at 23rd Marine Regiment in San Bruno as the Regimental Executive Officer and Regimental Inspector-Instructor team.

During the latter tour, they began collaborating on ideas to bring modern technology into firefighting. At the time, Donnie was transitioning into the Silicon Valley tech industry while Dave started duties as the Fire Chief of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District. Some of these initial ideas grew into an evacuation notification and management system called Zonehaven.

When the prestigious Hoover Institution announced a new fellowship program to support veterans working to improve their local communities, Dave and Donnie began relooking at the state of California's wildfire problem.

While at Hoover, they helped raise the understanding of why mitigation factors like home hardening and defensive space are critical to limiting fire loss, and explained how the insurance industry is essential to allowing market solutions to grow and take root. They hosted a conference of key personnel from the government, fire scientists, catastrophic risk modelers, and insurance industry representatives to chart a way forward.

Their research continues to drive a solution where wildfire risk is calculated at the individual property parcel level, and homeowners are given credit for the mitigation work they conduct on their insurance premiums. This protects communities from wildfires, limits potential damage, reduces costs, and strengthens the insurance market.

Though the program finished in December, Dave and Donnie continue to expand on their work to help California mitigate the continuing wildfire danger. This is yet another example of Recon Marines continuing to serve their communities after their time in the Marine Corps.

TREASURER'S NOTES

Recent market volatility has been attributed to a few regional bank closures. This isn't the first time that investors have experienced market volatility, and it won't be the last.



It's important to remember that your investment decisions shouldn't be ruled by the headlines, emotions, or fear – but by your financial goals. Turbulence in the markets is a given for investors, and it calls for perspective and discipline.

What do I mean by this?

Since the beginning, the market has always experienced crashes, actually called corrections. We see corrections all the time but significant corrections happen every 6-10 years. The good thing about these "cycles" is after a major correction, the market always recovers... ALWAYS!

In a declining market, your account "value" goes down, but that doesn't mean you lost money. Like a \$300k house you bought and is now worth \$250k, it doesn't mean you lost \$50k. It just means your house is worth \$50k less than what you paid for it...unless you do what? Sell! You sell, you lose.

It's the same with investments...if your account value (due to share prices dropping) is worth less (not worthless, haha), the only way you actually lose is if you sell. In a declining market, believe it or not, your reaction should be opposite. You should be excited that share prices are lower. Everything is on sale! It's an opportunity to buy your shares at lower prices. If you are investing \$100/month, your money is now buying more shares every month (if you're investing monthly like most 401k and IRA portfolios). This is a "Buy and Hold" strategy utilizing Dollar Cost Averaging. And, when the market recovers, you'll have more shares than the average person who stopped investing due to fear, thus you'll have more money.

With the correct knowledge of how the market works, fear and emotional investing go away.

Feel free to reach out if there is anything we can help you with, and please don't hesitate to schedule a time. 619.356.8541

Marty Williams
MRF Treasurer



(At left) **Dave and Donnie brief Lt. Gen. McMaster and other senior Hoover Fellows on the California wildfire issue.**

(Above) **Dave (3rd from right) and Donnie (2nd from right) present their capstone project on the California wildfire issue alongside other Veteran Fellows at the Hoover Institution's Fall 2022 retreat.**

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LINE OF EFFORT 3: Historic Preservation

Reconnaissance Mentoring Program in Action

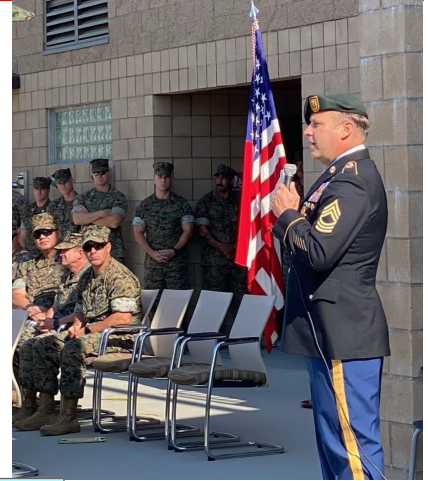
The Reconnaissance Foundation has established a reoccurring mentor program that enables Reconnaissance men with significant leadership, valorous action or those whom are related to important historic context to act as mentors to the active duty Reconnaissance community. The intent of this program is to provide senior Reconnaissance mentors the ability to interact with Reconnaissance men in the Fleet Marine Force (FMF) as well as personnel in different stages of the Reconnaissance training pipeline (e.g. BRC, MCD etc.).

Recent examples of the Reconnaissance Mentor program in action are coordinating MSG Earl Plumlee (Medal of Honor recipient) visit with West Coast Reconnaissance units, Recon Training Company and acting as the guest speaker for BRC 3-22 graduating class and Lt. Col. George "Digger" O'Dell's visit with the Recon Training Company staff and graduating BRC class.

As part of this mentorship effort, the Reconnaissance Foundation also coordinates General/Flag officer support to the Recon Training Company (RTC)

Recon Leaders Course (RLC) Hawaii Phase. Students in RLC are required to provide mission confirmation briefs to flag officers acting as MAGTF or SOTF Commanders in order to pressurize the class curriculum and provide the students an opportunity to brief senior leaders.

If you are a senior Reconnaissance man who would like to participate in our mentor program, or have any recommendations on teammates who might be a good fit, please reach out and let us know.



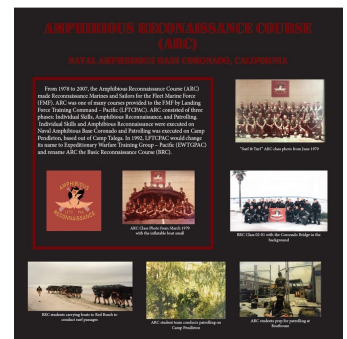
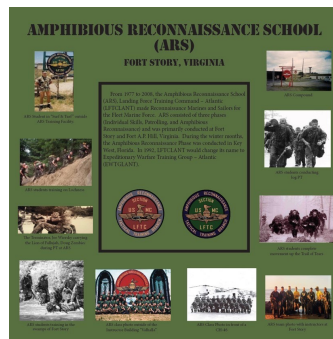
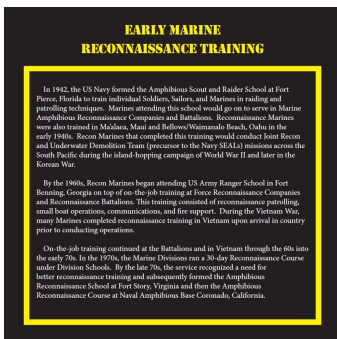
LINE OF EFFORT 3: Historic Preservation

Historic Panels to be Unveiled at Recon Training Company

The Reconnaissance Foundation supported the Reconnaissance Training Company (RTC) in developing and funding a historic panel series documenting the history of formal Reconnaissance training. The rich lineage, traditions and battle history of our community begin with the formal training of our Reconnaissance Marines and Sailors.

The four panel series describes formal training centers from the early 1940s at Fort Pierce, Fla., Ma'alaea, Maui, and Bellows Beach in Waimanalo, Oahu, to today's Reconnaissance pipeline program at the Recon Training Company at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

This panel series will be completed and hung in the halls of the Reconnaissance Training Center Headquarters in April 2023.



LINE OF EFFORT 1: Deliberate/Reoccurring Programs
Bonding and Activities at Annual Wounded Teammate & Family Retreat



The Reconnaissance Foundation executed our wounded teammate and family retreat Oct. 9-15, 2022, in Destin, Fla. The purpose of this retreat is to provide our teammates who suffer from physical, mental or spiritual wounds a venue to bring their families together in order to rebuild and/or reinforce family bonds and provide an opportunity for bonding with other Recon families in similar circumstances.

During the retreat our families participated in daily activities to include pontoon/boat ops, a visit to Marine Corps Combat Dive school, parasailing and hosted dining events.

A huge thank you to our friends Alldaron Knewitz at Swiss PL Watches, our teammate Andy "Tuna" Koltunowicz (former 2nd Recon Bn and lead for MRF Sporting Clays event in July) and our teammate Jimmy Perkins (former A. Co 3rd Recon Bn and owner of Crab Island Jimmy's Charters) for your support! Your generosity and work provided the funding and services for this entire retreat!

LINE OF EFFORT 1: Deliberate Support
'0321 Day' Fundraising Effort at Ballast Point Brewery



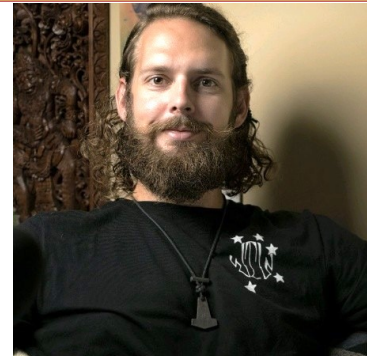
MRF and the Recon community gathered at Ballast Point Brewery (left) in San Diego to celebrate the 2nd Annual '0321' Day.

The event is final fundraising effort for the Reconnaissance Foundation's Annual Gold Star Family Retreat, to be held April 27-May 5, 2023. Ballast Point crafted the "Sub Surface" Double IPA specifically for the Recon Foundation.



SARC's CORNER***A Celebration of Life, and Congrats to Special Reconnaissance Amphibious Corpsmen***

The Reconnaissance community lost warrior and friend Dan Brown last summer. As a well-respected, combat seasoned SARC, Dan (at right) reached and touched many with his love and charismatic attitude. One of Dan's favorite places was the Big Country Veterans Ranch in Truscott, Texas. BCV, whose programs support veterans throughout the year, was very fond of Dan and his regular visits. In order to celebrate Dan's life, BCV organized a celebration of life where his teammates and family were able to come together to grieve, tell stories and share their love for one another. MRF has a humble passion for our Gold Star families and was honored to be able to support this amazing event. Thank you, Big Country Veterans, for showing your love for Dan. Thank you Mike Grohman (HMCM, SARC, Ret.) and Cody Palmer for planning and executing this event.



Our Special Amphibious Reconnaissance Corpsmen are constantly proving to be some of the best and most respected medics in special operations. HM1 Jeff Bentley (center right) joined the Navy in 2006 and reported to 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion as an 8404 in 2007. He served as the first HM to be a Jungle Warfare and Jungle Survival instructor before reporting to MARSOC in 2009. After his first deployment with 2nd Raider Bn, Jeff went into the SARC pipeline and upon graduation returned to MARSOC. He has multiple deployments with the Raider Regiment, served as a Special Forces Medical Sergeant's Course instructor at Fort Bragg, N.C., and is currently serving as Medical Chief, F Company, 2nd Raider Bn. Jeff was selected as the 2021 USMC Angel of the Battlefield for his actions in Somalia. This year the MRF joins in congratulating Jeff with being selected as the Special Operations Forces Independent Duty Corpsman of the Year!



The Marine Reconnaissance Foundation would like to congratulate Master Chief Darryl Beauchamp (bottom right) on his retirement from the U.S. Navy this summer. Darryl cut his teeth as an 8404 at 3rd Recon Company, Camp Schwab, Okinawa. After enduring RIP with GySgt Brad Leitha, he went on to the Special Amphibious Reconnaissance Corpsman Pipeline. Darryl served at 2nd Recon Bn, 1st Recon Bn, 2nd Raider Bn, Naval Hospital Jacksonville, Fla., MARSOC as Command Master Chief and Naval Special Operations Medical Institute (JFKSWCS) Fort Bragg as Command Master Chief. He has applied and been accepted to Physician's Assistant school. Congratulations Darryl and Donna! Godspeed you to you and your family! Fair Winds and Following Seas!

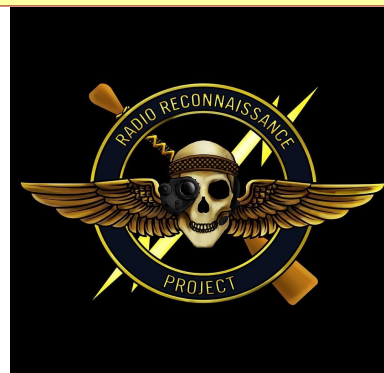


Jeff "El Jefe" Stevens
MRF Board of Directors
SARC Representative

LINE OF EFFORT 1: Deliberate/Reoccurring Programs
Support to Radio Reconnaissance Program

The Reconnaissance Foundation is proud to support our teammates at the Radio Recon Program (RRP) to include adding a Radio Recon Advisor to the MRF Board of Directors.

The Foundation also is providing financial support to the RRP inaugural reunion on June 17, 2023, at the Crucible Training Area at Radio Reconnaissance Technologies in Fredericksburg, Va.



LINE OF EFFORT 1: Deliberate/Reoccurring Programs
Recon Community Gives Support to The Backyard Tavern

The Reconnaissance Foundation has provided a monetary grant to our teammate Marty Rademacher, who is the owner and sole proprietor of The Backyard Tavern (BYT) in Sneads Ferry, N.C.

The BYT is a gathering place for Reconnaissance men, old and new, as well as family members. The MRF will be coordinating with Marty and his team at the BYT for future East Coast events in support of the Reconnaissance community!



**THE BACKYARD TAVERN
 MARTY AND MYRA RADEMACHER
 SNEADS FERRY, NC 28460**

To: Marine Reconnaissance Foundation
 From: Marty and Myra Rademacher

We would like to thank you for your very gracious grant. This grant couldn't have come at a better time to help with improvements around the bar. We are grateful for more than the grant. We have had the opportunity to watch this foundation work throughout the year in supporting our Recon Community. This foundation was the first to contact us to offer help when we had a personal medical emergency. Because of our unique position we are sometimes the first contact in the Recon Community in this area. This year we requested help from two different families in need and without hesitation you provided immediate help in ways we believed saved their lives. We are grateful for all you do for the Recon Families. We want to thank you for all your endorsements and support. We will continue to work beside you in supporting this great community.

Sincerely,
 Marty and Myra Rademacher



Help us support Recon and SARC teammates and their families in need.

Please consider a donation today!



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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



(At left) Limited number of prints available of artist Paul Elder's artwork created for Ballast Point's very own "Sub Surface" Double IPA specially made for the Reconnaissance Foundation and unveiled at the 0321 Day Party in San Diego March 21, 2023.

BrotherRecon sells MRF merchandise on our site at <https://www.brotherrecon.com/mrf/>.

The website will be down from April 13 to May 7, 2023, while I transport the Fallen Warrior Memorial to Camp Pendleton, attend the 14th Annual Recon Challenge and support the MRF Gold Star Retreat this year. The Shop will be back up starting May 9.

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