



# Pass the Word

The Official Newsletter of Detachment 14 - Fresno, Marine Corps League

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## Your Commandant

The Young Marines are national organization sponsored by the Marine Corps League. It is important that we strive to maintain a favorable relationship with the Young Marines. I have asked the Staff Advocate to research the National By Laws to determine the relationship established between the Marine Corps

League and the Young Marines. I am concerned that our actions and attitude will be communicated to the young people we want to become good American citizens unless we clear up what appears to be a misunderstanding. Give the staff time to work matters out. I will report our progress at the September meeting. It is time to start planning for the Marine Corps Ball in November. And don't forget the silent auction and dinner scheduled for October 1, 2011.

Semper Fi,  
Dick Holliday  
Commandant

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Sember Fi

Memories fade3 as twilight wanes,  
The seasons passing slow,  
Yet echoes still the bugle call  
Of 50 years ago.  
When the bugles' call and the drum beats' sound  
Summoned forth to war,  
The flower of the nation's youth  
As their fathers had before.  
The country calls, the flag's unfurled,  
And boys must grow to men.  
As mothers wept, and bade farewell,  
For war had come again.  
From every walk of life they came,  
From the factories and farms;  
Lay down their work, put aside their lives,  
And joined to take up arms.

They put aside their hopes and dreams  
To learn the arts of war  
And some would live and some would die,  
And some would be no more.  
In places that they'd never known  
With foreign-sounding names,  
On distant shores they bled and died  
And gained immortal fame.  
On Peleliu and Iwo  
And a hundred others more,  
They bled and died and paid the price  
To sate the gods of war.  
They met the foe, they fought the fight,  
Dug in and held their ground.  
And heard again the bugles' call  
Above the battles' sound.  
When the smoke and flame had cleared,  
When the guns at last were through,  
Again they heard the bugles' call,  
A final sad "Tattoo."  
It drifted o'er the soldier's grave,  
And many wondered why,  
The loneliness of the buglers' call  
Could make a brave man cry.  
Only those who shared the fight  
Can ever answer why.  
Their brotherhood shall ever be;  
Their creed is "Semper Fi."

Paul d. Guido  
(In honor of MGySgt David P. Guido, USMC (Ret).  
1<sup>st</sup> Marine Provisional Brigade)

**\* CHAPLAIN'S CORNER \***

Bob Small, an Ordained Minister is available 24/7 to pray with and for any needs that members may have, I am also available for counseling. My home telephone number is 559-275-0310 and my E mail address is ltersmall@sbeGLOBAL.net.

⊕ **Pray for healing and restored health go out to all MCL Detachment members who are ill with respiratory infections!**

⊕ Pray for the Marines who were injured and killed in a Helicopter crash at Camp Pendleton.

⊕ Please keep our courageous warriors who are in harm's way in your daily thoughts and prayers.

**\* THANK YOU'S IN ORDER \***

Mess Personnel - Great Job

**\* HISTORY \***

**September 1<sup>st</sup> 1936 - Mitchell Paige, Medal of Honor recipient for heroism during the campaign for Guadalcanal (1942) enlists in the Marine Corps in Baltimore, MD.**

**September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1945- Japan formally surrendered aboard USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay.**

**September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1926- Marines served at Shanghai, China, and aboard ship during the Yangtze Service Campaign, 3 Sept 1926 – 21 Oct 1927.**

**September 4<sup>th</sup> 1990 – A Marine Battalion under Maj Smedley D. Butler sailed from Nicaragua for Panama.**

**September 5<sup>th</sup> 1918 – U.S. Marines paraded with the Royal Marines in Rosyth, Scotland.**

**September 6<sup>th</sup> 1961 – Marines of Task Force Solant Amity 11 completed their visit to 17 African ports.**

**September 7<sup>th</sup> 1903 – Marines from USS Brooklyn landed at Beirut to protect American lives.**

**1990 - The 13<sup>th</sup> MEU embarked and arrived in the gulf of Oman, joining U.N. forces.**

**September 9<sup>th</sup> 1950 – Capt. L.E. Brown flew the first Marine combat jet mission.**

**September 11<sup>th</sup> 1990 – The 4<sup>th</sup> MEB embarked and arrived in the Gulf of Oman in support of Operation Desert Shield.**

**September 12<sup>th</sup> 1917 – Gen John J. Pershing selected the 7<sup>th</sup> Marine Company to guard his headquarters in France.**

**September 13<sup>th</sup> 1990 – The 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 2d Marine Regiment embarked and arrived in Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Desert Shield.**

**September 14<sup>th</sup> 1942 - Japanese attacked Guadalcanal's "Bloody Ridge" and were shredded by Edson's Raiders.**

**September 15<sup>th</sup> 1944 – The 1stMarDiv (Rein) landed against heavy opposition on Peleliu.**

**1950 – The 1<sup>st</sup>MarDiv landed at Inchon, Korea, and moved on to capture Seoul.**

**September 16<sup>th</sup> 1942 – Birth of the 3dMarDiv at Camp Elliott in California.**

**September 17<sup>th</sup> 1944 – The 1stMarDiv (Rein) was heavily opposed following the Peleliu Landing.**

**September 18<sup>th</sup> 1924 – After seven years of occupation, the last Marines departed the Dominican Republic.**

**September 19<sup>th</sup> 1912 – Marines participated in the Battle of Masaya during the**

## **Nicaraguan Campaign.**

**September 21st 1951 – Cpl Jack Davenport, G/2/5, was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for throwing himself on a grenade to protect others in Korea.**

**September 22nd 1945 – The 5thMarDiv landed at Sasebo, Japan, for occupation duty.**

**September 25<sup>th</sup> 1942 – Camp Pendleton was dedicted by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.**

**1992 – Camp Pendleton observed it 50th anniversary.**

**September 26<sup>th</sup> 1915 – “Horse Marines” engaged Haitian bandits near Petite Riviere.**

**September 27<sup>th</sup> 1942 – 1<sup>st</sup> Class Signalman Douglas A. Munro, U.S. Coast Guard, rescued Marines of 1/7 during Operation Pestilence on Guadalcanal. He is the only Medal of Honor recipient for the U.S. Coast Guard.**

**September 28<sup>th</sup> 1900 – Marines withdrew from Peking after the Boxer Rebellion.**

**September 29<sup>th</sup> 1812 – Seminole Indians ambushed Marines at Twelve Mile Swamp, FL.**

**September 30th 1945 – Return of the Marine Corps to China. III Amphibious Corps with 1<sup>st</sup> MarDiv and 6<sup>th</sup> MarDiv landed in China.**

**1969 – The 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Regiment was presented the Presidential Unit Citation for Operation Hue City (Vietnam).**

## **WELCOME TO DETACHMENT 14 \***

**\* NEWSLETTER STATUS \***

**\*ANNOUNCEMENTS \***

**ANOUNCEMENT – LET THE DETACHMENT KNOW WHEN YOU TRANSFER OR CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS OR PHONE AS WELL AS YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS SO WE CAN KEEP IN CONTACT WITH YOU.**

**ANOUNCEMENT - FROM DON RANSEY  
OCTOBER FUND RAISER  
(OCTOBER 1, 2011)  
@ CLOVIS VETERAN'S MEMORIAL BUILDING  
TIME: 1800 (STARTING) THAT'S 6:00 P.M.  
LIBERTY ROOM  
CHICKEN DINNER  
ENTERTAINMENT: SOUNDS OF FREEDOM BAND  
COST \$20.00 PER PERSON  
TABLE OF 8 (COST \$140.00)  
TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW      CONTACT MARY PARSONS**

**ANOUNCEMENT - DET. 14 MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL  
NOVEMBER 4, 2011  
TIME: 1700 (STARTING) THAT'S 5:00 P.M.  
@ CLOVIS VETERAN'S MEMORIAL BUILDING  
FORMAL ATTIRE  
COST \$50.00 PER PERSON  
TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW! CONTACT MARY PARSONS  
TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING ON 23 JULY**

**ANOUNCEMENT - NONIMATIONS IN SEPT FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS  
BE THERE AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY  
DET. 14 NEEDS YOU TO PARTICIPATE  
REPLACEMENT FOR ALL STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS INCLUDING  
PAYMASTER; MESS SUPERVISOR; NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

**ANOUNCEMENT - RECRUITMENT  
IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE WHO YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A MCL MEMBER  
PLEASE INVITE THEM FOR BREAKFAST.**

**ANOUNCEMENT - A REMINDER THAT ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2011, IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO 'S LIVES  
WERE LOST AT THE TWIN TOWERS IN NEW YORK CITY PLEASE MAKE EVERY  
EFFORT TO DISPLAY THE AMERICAN FLAG. THANK YOU!**

#### **STAFF MEETING**

The next Det 14 Staff & Officer meeting is Thurs, 6 October 2011 @1800 at the Clovis Veterans Memorial Bldg.

The November Staff & Officers meeting is Thurs November 3 at 1800 at the Clovis Veterans Memorial Building.

#### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The next general meeting will be held Saturday, 24 September 2011 at 0900 the Clovis Veterans Memorial Bldg.

# CAP Echo 4: A Different Look at Tet 1968

By Jack Wells

At 2000 on Christmas 1967, a 10-man patrol departed from a command post (CP) northwest of Hoi An, near the coast, on a routine four-hour patrol. It was expected to be noneventful for the Marines of Company H, 2d Battalion, Third Marine Regiment, Third Marine Division as the Christmas cease-fire was in effect. Private First Class Frederick J. Burns was on the patrol, having joined "Hotel" Co a week earlier.

Around 2300, on the return to the company position, the squad leader halted the patrol for 15 minutes to listen and observe for enemy activity. Around 2330, the patrol passed a listening post near the company perimeter, and the men on the LP counted the Marines as they passed in the dark. There were only nine Marines; PFC Burns was missing.

As soon as possible, on a pitch-black night and in pouring rain, Hotel and Fox-trot companies began the search for PFC Burns. No one could have foretold that PFC Burns would be tied by a cruel fate to a battle six weeks later at CAP Echo 4, five miles to the north, where on 8 Feb. 1968, two more Marines would be missing in action (MIA).



PFC Frederick J. Burns

CAP Echo 4 was one of a series of Combined Action Program (CAP) units established in strategic villages around the perimeter of the Da Nang Air Base. The CAP was implemented by the Marine Corps not long after the Marines of the 9th Expeditionary Brigade landed across Red Beach 2 in Da Nang on 9 March 1965. The concept of the program was to ensure the security of strategic villages which would, in turn, help the Marine military efforts.



Echo Combined Action Program members posed for this Christmas 1967 photograph at Echo CAP headquarters, south of Da Nang. Top, from the left: HM3 Gregory Gifford, unknown Marine, Sgt Ed Palmer; middle row, from the left: Cpl Mike Readinger, unknown Marine, Cpl Pete Cruz; bottom: Cpl Dennis Hammond.

The start of the CAP program is credited to Lieutenant Colonel William W. Taylor, who commanded 3d Bn, 4th Marines near Phu Bai in 1965. In 1968, the commanding general of III Marine Amphibious Force, Lieutenant General Robert Cushman Jr., wrote about the Marine Corps' CAP: "If our American culture has anything of value to offer the new Vietnamese society, it must be taught by the example of those serving in Vietnam."

"Among those ideals which we can teach by example are: A high regard for human life; a sincere concern for the happiness, health, and welfare of our fellow man; a respect for moral principles supported by individual integrity; and a willingness to act selflessly in support of our ideals."

Marines and corpsmen selected for a CAP platoon first would attend a four-week Vietnamese language school. The school was located near My Khe beach, in Da Nang, within the large III MAF headquarters compound where 2d Combined Action Group (CAG) headquarters also was located.

After completing the school, they would be assigned to a combined action platoon at a specific village where the CAP platoon would provide security, conduct patrols and ambushes around the village, help train the Vietnamese Popular Forces (PFs) and help with civic action and psychological operations (PSYOP) to help destroy the Viet Cong influence and infrastructure in the area.

A CAP platoon typically consisted of a Marine squad along with a U.S. Navy corpsman, supplementing a platoon of about 35 PF militia. Former CAP Marine Corporal Tim Duffie states on his Web site [www.capmarine.com](http://www.capmarine.com): "We shared the risk of living in the villages 24 hours a day, thereby earning the love and respect of thousands of villagers who simply wanted to survive a war they didn't want."

By mid-1968 there were four combined action companies in the five provinces that made up South Vietnam's northern military region called "I Corps." CAP Echo 4, in 2d CAG, was one of about 80 CAP units in 2d CAG's area of responsibility in Quang Nam Province.

Six Echo CAP units were located around the perimeter of the Da Nang Air Base. CAP Echo 4 was located in the village of Lo Giang just a few miles from the south-east end of the airfield and the city of Da Nang. The location of CAP Echo 4 enhanced the security for the Cam Le Bridge that spanned the Cau Do River, a critical southern access to what was called the Da Nang Vital Area.

By late January 1968, overwhelming evidence of numerous enemy units pouring into Quang Nam Province led the commander of Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, Army General William C. Westmoreland, to cancel the previously announced 36-hour cease-fire that was to start at 1800 on 29 Jan. 1968. By the end of the day on the 29th, Major General Donn J. Robertson, commanding the 1stMarDiv, placed all units on 100 percent alert. After midnight, communist forces launched attacks throughout Quang Nam Province. The anticipated communist offensive had begun.

By the next morning, 65 rockets had struck Da Nang Air Base, sappers penetrated the wire of 7th Engineer and 7th Communications battalions, and the Army of the Republic of Vietnam's I Corps headquarters had been attacked. North Vietnamese Army (NVA) and Viet Cong (VC) forces were moving aggressively against Da Nang Air Base and the designated surrounding "Vital Area."

By early February, what would be known as the Tet Offensive of 1968 was reaching peak intensity. Following a morning meeting between GEN Westmoreland and his senior I Corps commanders on 7 Feb., GEN Westmoreland confirmed the threat against Da Nang as extremely serious and ordered two battalions from the U.S. Army Americal Division, located south near Chu Lai, to move immediately to Da Nang where they would come under operational control (OPCON) of 1stMarDiv.

The Americal battalions would be called "Task Force Miracle" and would move to the 2/3 Tactical Area of Responsibility south of the Cau Do River. By late afternoon 7 Feb., lead elements of the U.S. Army's 1st Bn, Sixth Infantry, 198th Light Infantry Brigade arrived in a landing zone near the village of Duong Son and the 2/3 CP west of Highway 1. By 0200, 8 Feb., Alpha Co, 6th/198th was in a night defensive position north of Lo Giang; Charlie Co, 6th/198th was in a position to the southeast of Lo Giang.

Around 0345, 8 Feb., NVA forces from the 2d NVA Div and local VC units launched their attack against the CAP Echo 4 compound in Lo Giang. By first light, the compound was surrounded by NVA. The leathernecks at CAP Echo 4



were in danger of being overrun and requested reinforcements from the Echo CAP headquarters.

Early that morning, Echo CAP vehicles from headquarters at Hoa Vang picked up volunteers from Echo 2, some of the other Echo CAPs and a small group of Vietnamese PFs, and headed south away from Da Nang, across the Cam Le Bridge. The reaction force was led by Marine Captain Howard L. Joselane, Commanding Officer, Echo CAP, and included 15 other Marines, two Navy corpsmen and the Vietnamese PFs.

Reaching Highway 1 on the south side of the bridge over the Cau Do River, the reaction force disembarked and moved to

a nearby pagoda to plan their move to Lo Giang. Capt Joselane split the force into two groups, taking his group east across a large expanse of rice paddies toward a tree line near Lo Giang. The second group, led by Sergeant Ed Palmer, moved behind and to the right along an irrigation ditch toward the village.

Capt Joselane's group almost had reached the tree line when a large force of NVA sprung its ambush with Joselane's group taking the brunt of the automatic-weapons fire and grenades. Within minutes all but one Marine and several of the PFs in Joselane's group were dead. Corporal Carl Greeno lay severely wounded.

Capt Joselane's last radio transmission



Above: The CAP Echo 4 compound

Below: Cpl Dennis Hammond is on the left and Cpl Don Talbot on the right; the Marine in the middle is unknown in this photograph taken at CAP Echo 2. Although he was carried as missing, Hammond continued to be promoted with his peer group. His remains were found years after the battle, based on a rough map drawn by Jim Phister, who was the Army door gunner captured along with Army WO Frank Anton. SSgt Hammond's remains were buried in Texas.



to the Echo CAP headquarters, as remembered by Cpl Mike Readinger, was: "We're not gonna get out. Too many of them. They're all over us. Tell my wife I love her."

Sgt Palmer's group also had been hit, and PFC Don Berger was the first wounded. Hospital Corpsman Third Class

Gregory Gifford treated Berger, and then Palmer and Berger moved back to find help. Cpl Dennis Hammond took over command of the second group after Palmer and Berger departed. Hammond was due to rotate home within a few weeks, but immediately volunteered for the relief force

when he heard Echo 4 was in trouble.

Hammond and his men tried to reach Joselane's men, but soon were flanked by the enemy. Minutes later, Lance Corporal Don Talbot was shot by an NVA soldier just a few feet away. Talbot killed the NVA soldier but was quickly hit two more times by enemy soldiers. He then killed both of them. A Chinese Communist (Chicom) grenade exploded next to Talbot, and when he regained consciousness, all Talbot remembered was being facedown in a ditch with NVA soldiers tying his hands behind his back and pulling off his ring.

Cpl Pete Cruz and LCpl John Murphy were dead. Cpls Dennis Hammond and Joe Zawtocki Jr. were missing. All the gunfire had stopped. Talbot did not know that Cpl Greeno from Joselane's group was still alive near the tree line to the left.

All Talbot knew was that no American voices could be heard, and that there were still NVA around him. He figured his only chance was to play dead. Talbot's face was bloody from grenade shrapnel, and blood covered his utilities from his gunshot wounds. An NVA soldier occasionally would prod him with a weapon, checking to see if he were still alive.

Around the time that the CAP Marine reaction force was moving toward Echo 4, the U.S. Army relief force, Co A, 6th/198th, was moving toward Lo Giang from the north; and Co C, 6th/198th moved toward Lo Giang from the south. A few hours later, by mid-to-late morning, both companies were in battle with NVA who had them pinned down.

Around noon, a human-wave assault by NVA soldiers came out of a tree line near Lo Giang into Co A's positions. Within a short time, the company had 14 soldiers killed in action and 35 wounded. Second Lieutenant Joseph B. Bowman, a platoon commander with Co A, posthumously would be awarded a Distinguished Service Cross for his heroism during the up-close, at times, hand-to-hand battle against the NVA soldiers.

Charlie Co, 6th/198th, to the southwest, suffered heavy casualties in a mortar attack. Many of the men, including all the officers, were wounded. The company suffered two KIA and 28 WIA. These casualties were in addition to the casualties suffered earlier in a battle closer to the village.

The Echo 4 leathernecks, led by Sgt Keith Cossey, managed to hold out against the NVA attack, in spite of the fact that all were wounded. When they were almost out of ammunition, Cpl Clyde Sawyer and some of the other Marines retrieved AK47s and ammo from dead NVA and VC in front of the Echo 4 defensive positions in order

to continue their fight. Around 1550, U.S. Air Force helicopters, supported by fixed-wing air, miraculously were able to land next to the compound, evacuating the Marines and the surviving PFCs from CAP Echo 4.

After all the vicious fighting, that night, LCpl Talbot found himself alone after NVA soldiers, who had stayed around him, scattered when artillery fire started landing around Lo Giang. Talbot managed to free his hands, but could not walk because of his wounds. He started a slow, painful, nightlong crawl toward Highway 1 where the reaction force had assembled the day before. An Army of the Republic of Vietnam patrol found him and sent word to U.S. Army personnel who arrived in jeeps to take Talbot to the naval hospital in Da Nang.

On the morning of 9 Feb., CAP Marines from a second reaction force made it to CAP Echo 4 and found another survivor from Joselane's Echo CAP reaction force, a badly wounded Cpl Carl Greeno, lying near the village.

This battle for CAP Echo 4 is virtually unknown in Vietnam War history. The

fierceness of the fighting that left 34 U.S. Army, Marine and Navy dead, more than 70 wounded, and the capture of three Marines, in less than 24 hours matches the intensity of the more widely known battles. The fact that the Echo 4 battle occurred within a short distance of Da Nang Air Base and the Freedom Hill PX, considered by many to be "the rear area," demonstrates the intensity of the fighting around Da Nang during the 1968 Tet Offensive.



Cpl Dennis Hammond



Cpl Joe Zawlocki Jr.

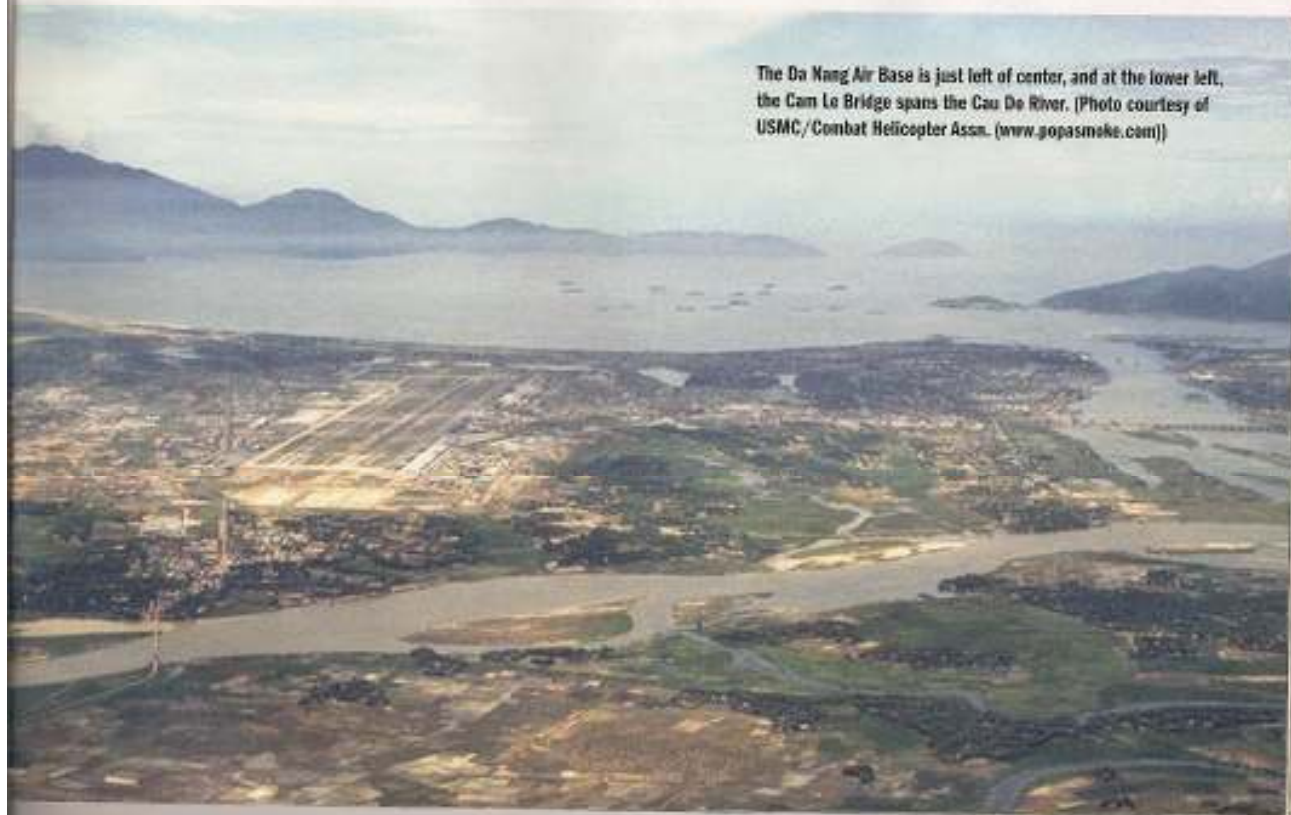
his Marine unit near Da Nang on 28 Sept. 1965, and was classified as MIA.

For the POWs, life in the jungle prison was brutal and horrific. There was not

even enough food for the Vietnamese guards, let alone the prisoners, and many in the jungle camps died. PFC Burns became sick and died on 2 Jan. 1969. Cpl Zawlocki died on Christmas Eve 1969. Cpl Hammond managed to live until 17 March 1970, before dying from malnutrition and dysentery. Before dying, Hammond told Frank Anton, "Make sure you get Garwood." Hammond was proud to be a Marine and was bitter about Garwood's betrayal.

Staff Sergeant Zawlocki's (the POW's were promoted while in captivity) remains were repatriated in 1985—Sgt Burns' remains in October 1994, and SSgt Hammond's remains in 2004. They will not be forgotten, and the successes of the Vietnam combined action platoons serve as a model for actions in today's war on terrorism.

*Editor's note: Retired LtCol Jack Wells served as an artillery FO for Alpha and Bravo companies, 1/7 in Vietnam. His new book, "Class of '67: The Story of the 6th Marine Officer Basic Class of 1967," was reviewed in the December 2010 Leatherneck, and is available from the MCA bookstore at [www.marineshop.net](http://www.marineshop.net), or by calling toll-free: (888) 237-7683. Chapter 13 in the book recounts a battle against the NVA that fled the CAP Echo 4 battle only to run into Foxrot, 2/3 Marines.*



The Da Nang Air Base is just left of center, and at the lower left, the Cam Lo Bridge spans the Cau Do River. (Photo courtesy of USMC/Combat Helicopter Assn. ([www.gopasmake.com](http://www.gopasmake.com)))

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<b>Commitment</b>	<b>Work diligently to serve Veterans and other beneficiaries. Be driven by an earnest belief in VA's mission. Fulfill my individual and organizational responsibilities.</b>
<b>Advocacy</b>	<b>Be truly Veteran-centric by identifying, fully considering, and appropriately advancing the interests of Veterans and other beneficiaries.</b>
<b>Respect</b>	<b>Treat all those I serve and with whom I work with dignity and respect. Show respect to earn it.</b>
<b>Excellence</b>	<b>Strive for the highest quality and continuous improvement. Be thoughtful and decisive in leadership, accountable for my actions, willing to admit mistakes, and rigorous in correcting them.</b>



## CALIFORNIA MEMORIAL

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001  
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Join Pelco by Schneider Electric Sunday,  
September 11, 2011, at the California Memorial  
to commemorate the Tenth Anniversary of  
September, 11, 2001.

Come join our honored guests from the Port Authority Police  
of New York and New Jersey, FDNY, and Armed Forces, as  
well as local law enforcement, fire and emergency personnel  
for a special program as we remember and honor  
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please come early to allow time for parking.

The California Memorial and Museum  
will be open from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

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◀ Aug 2011		~ September 2011 ~					Oct 2011 ▶
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				1 1800 Staff meeting	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 0900 General Meeting	
25	26	27	28	29	30	Notes:	



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