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*For those that understand,
no explanation is necessary*



*For those that do not understand,
no explanation is possible*

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Picking up the job from Past President Sid Spurgeon has been an easy task. His years of service to this organization have included just about every job there is. Sid jokes about the joy of being the "Past President" but there's a tear in his eye when he says it. Thanks Sid for your long and outstanding service to the Marine Mustangs.

New Leadership

The VP Ron Fisher, Sec Willard Walker, Treasurer Chuck Boyle, BOD Members Lou "Bubba" Bacher, Jim "Oil Can" Brown, Bob "Hawk" Hawkins, Ray "Gun" Kunkle, Jeff "jester" Landis & Phil "pull my finger" Ray constitute the most talented, diverse and Mustang knowledgeable BODs I've ever served on. Their individual backgrounds in both military & civilian occupations and years of experience in the workings of the Association, is remarkable. BOD member Jeff Landis is an active duty Marine who holds down a USMC job that lends itself well to him being an active part of the Mustangs. Welcome aboard Jeff.

BOD members range in age from young to senior citizen and come from all over the U.S. of A. No specific area is over represented. The mbrshp can be proud of and expect good things from this new BOD.

Chuck Boyle requested that his job of Sec / Treas be separated and the BOD agreed. Willard Walker was chosen for the job & he accepted. Thanks Willard.

Tasks at Hand:

I won't rehash what was said on page 2 of the Summer 2011 issue of the Mestengo about IRS reporting, suffice it to say it is being dealt with on a priority one basis. The membership will be kept up to date on this matter. The operation of the Association is in the hands of the BOD which is responsible for the tasks at hand and the Associations future. Two distinct functions. It is common for leadership to take care of and become fixated on the daily operating tasks. This is Mustang management's task with BOD oversight. The main thrust of the BOD needs to be its future. Member Joe Anderson asked me at the reunion in Clearwater, "How do you intend to move the Association into the future & keep it alive". One heck of a question. I honestly believe every President before me has identified that challenge. The answer is to tap the vast knowledge, experience and ideas of the BOD and the membership. Prod, cajole, extort, bamboozle, twist arms, but get INPUT from all of those that are called Marine Mustangs. No one man in this organization has the complete answer but with a group effort we can have a bright future. You want to sit back all year & be content to have your name on the roster or just show up for the party, well don't be surprised if you are alone at the last muster. GET INVOLVED. There are a lot of good ideas out there that are just drifting on the wind. Contact your BOD member, your fellow Chapter members, or me.

Some good questions that need answers are; the status of deceased member's wives, Management of Mustang funds, what sector of the Mustang community is the best for recruitment.

Ron Fishers job & mine is to kind of supervise the dance but ya'll have to get

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FROM THE PRESIDENT CONT...

To wrap it up, we have a membership with more individual talent and experience than any other Military Fraternal Organization in existence anywhere in the world. PUT IT TO WORK

Reunions:

The Clear Water Beach reunion was a resounding success thanks to the efforts of the Florida Chapter Ken Beasock President, Jerry Kane plus cohorts and the facility hosts Bobby Mc & T.G. Lee Radford (just kidding Lee). The Property was great, spectacular sunsets, broad beach, good food & a well run, nicely stocked Ready Room, CP, Hospitality Ste, whatever. The Florida Chapter knows how to do a reunion. they ought to, they've run enough of them over the years. The banquet held several surprises as the guest speaker was none other than our own illustrious Phil Ray. Not even Sandi (Phil's wife) knew he would speak. He spoke of his truly remarkable career. Thanks Phil for picking up the ball when Bobby Mc's efforts to get a Cent-Com or elsewhere speaker didn't happen. Marines improvise. The other pleasant surprise was not being called upon to speak at the banquet. What with my shy nature and having talked through over eight (8) hours of meetings it was a pure pleasure to be entertained by others. Gotta remember that often forgotten statement "never pass up an opportunity to shut up".

The 2012 reunion is set for Fort Worth, TX with Phil Ray & associates doing the work for us to show up and enjoy. Good choice of areas as it is pretty much centrally located. Location has a definite influence on attendance. There should be a good choice of activities in the local area. Start planning now to attend.

The BOD will start to plan for and solicit hosts & reunion sites for up to three years out. Jerry Lasher and others have suggested this & their experience in doing reunions will be asked for.

Commercial reunion planning services have been used in the past (San Antonio) and will be contacted to compare prices. If you have a suggestion as to a reunion destination please sound off.

Semper~Fi,

George W. Fritschi, MAJ, USMC (Ret)

PASSING OF A CURRENT MCMA DIRECTOR

BOB "HAWK" HAWKINS

Robert D. Hawkins was born on November 7, 1934 on the prairie in Topeka, Kansas. He enlisted in the Marines in January, 1953 "to see exotic foreign people in far away places." He traveled to Hawaii, Korea, Japan, Marshall Islands and Viet Nam. He was selected for the Warrant Officer Screening Course in 1966 and returned to Viet Nam following commission as 2ndLt. From Viet Nam he was then assigned to Fort Sill, Oklahoma as a gunnery instructor. Following AWS and sea duty, was assigned to "boot strap" program and earned a BS from San Diego State University in 1975. After four years at Camp Pendleton, he spent the next six years on Navy staffs at Coronado and White Beach, Okinawa. While in Okinawa, he met and married his current wife, Barbara. Robert retired in 1987 and began working for the Civil Service, first with the Army in Okinawa followed by ten more years with the Navy in Bermuda and Japan. During his career, he was the recipient of several military awards. He was a Director of the Marine Corps Mustangs, a member of the Marine Corp League, and MOAA. Retired from Civil Service in 1999 he and Barbara moved to Pensacola, Florida. In 2010 he moved to Las Vegas, Nevada to be nearer to his family. On December 18, 2011 Robert passed peacefully and with grace surrounded by family. He is survived by his wife, four children, three step-children and numerous grand and great-grand children. On December 29, 2011 a memorial service was held at 10 AM at the "Grace in the Desert" Episcopal Church in Las Vegas, Nevada followed by a 2 PM military service at "Veterans Memorial Cemetery" in Boulder, Nevada. He will be sorely missed by friends, family, and comrades.

Semper Fi!

2012 Mustang Muster Events Form

Fossil Creek, Fort Worth, TX

Where the West Begins

Date	Time	Event	Cost/ Each	No. Attending	Cost	Total Cost
Wed,	1200-1600	Registration in Lobby				<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
12-Sep	All day	The Golf Course at Fossil Creek is available				
	0900-1600	Veterans Memorial Air Park is Open				
Thur,	0900-1500	Registration in Lobby				<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
13-Sep	All day	The Golf Course at Fossil Creek is available				
	1500-1700	Hospitality Suite Open				
	1800-2030	Welcome Reception in Chisholm Ballroom	\$35			<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
	2030-??	Hospitality Suite Open				
Fri,	0730-1000	Old Board Meeting - Pickett Room				
14-Sep	0900-1100	Recommend Walking Tour of the Stockyards				
	1130	AM Cattle Drive at the Stockyards				
	1230	Lunch @ Lone Star Stockman's Club	\$35			<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
		Choose: () Beef, or () Chicken				
		Lunch includes all day parking/multiple entries				
	1430	Arrival of Stockyard's Steam Engine				
	1600	PM Cattle Drive				
	1800-1930	Dinner on your own				
	1930-??	Hospitality Suite Open				
	2000	Indoor Rodeo At Cowtown Coliseum				
Sat,	AM	Free time: Mall or AAFES Shopping				
15-Sep	0900-1700	Veterans Memorial Air Park is Open				
	1130-1230	Lunch on your Own				
	1300-1500	All Hands meeting - Westbrook Ballroom				
		VP and Bus Mgr tally ballots				
	1530-1630	New Board Meeting - Pickett Room				
	1530-1730	?? Hospitality Suite Open if possible ??				
	1800-	Social Hour (Cash Bar) - Westbrook Ballroom				
	1850-1855	Take Places - Westbrook Ballroom				
	1900	Colors				
	1905	Opening Ceremony				
	1920	Dinner is served	\$40			<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
		Choose: () Beef, () Chicken, or () Seafood				
	2015?	Awards and Introductions				
	2045	Guest of Honor Introduction and Comments				
	2200	Cash Bar Closes				
Sun,	0730-0930	Sayonara SOS Breakfast	\$20			<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
16-Sep						<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>

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2012 Mustang Muster
Fossil Creek, Fort Worth, Texas
Where the West Begins
13 – 16 September

Muster Registration
Registration Cutoff is 15 August 2012

Member Number _____ Date _____
Name _____ Spouse's Name _____
Guest's name(s) _____
Member street address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

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If anyone has special needs regarding accommodations please specify herein, AND advise the hotel when making reservations. What are the special needs?

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Registration fees:

Member	\$30.00	
Spouse or guest (s) (@\$20each)	\$_____	<i>(n/a if for banquet only)</i>

Total for Events (next page) \$_____

Total Registration and Events Costs due \$_____

Send this form and the events form (following page) with your check or money order made payable to:

2012 Mustang Muster, 5953 Feather Wind Way, Fort Worth, TX 76135

Notes:

- 1 – The hospitality suite will be open as much as events permit. PLEASE contribute a fair amount to defray the cost of drinks and snacks.**
- 2 – Except in dire unforeseen circumstances, no refunds after 15 August**
- 3 – Free parking at the hotel for all registered guests with a free mini-van service within a five mile radius**
- 4- The (Arnold Palmer) Golf Course at Fossil Creek is on a par with the Colonial where the PGA tournament is held.**

Muster 2012

Fort Worth, Texas

Start Planning Now for 13, 14, 15, and 16 September

at the Radisson Hotel Fort Worth Fossil Creek

2540 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX 76106



Room rate is \$85 per night plus tax,



This rate will be honored for three days before and after the Muster, and must be made at 866-340-7411 until Friday, 17 August. As always, you must identify yourself as a Marine Corps Mustang member.

This Radisson is 22 miles from Dallas-Fort Worth Airport (DFW) for nearly all carriers. If flying Southwest, you'll land at Love Field which is a few miles further away. It is less than five miles to Downtown and the cattle drive which will be scheduled for all to observe. World renowned Billy Bob's Restaurant is adjacent to the turf used for the cattle drive.

Please go to their website for details on amenities and such:

www.radisson.com/ftworthtx_north

Although the hotel offers free shuttle service within a five mile radius from 0700-2200 daily, there are limited numbers of seats. Please advise if a seat on a rental bus will be necessary, as we are endeavoring to avoid that high cost amenity. With Garmins, Tom-Toms, etc. we are hoping many of our number can team up and move about via POV.

Additional details will be in the next *Mestengo*. Mark your calendars!

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**Hotel Reservation Data Sheet
Marine Corps Mustang Association 2012 Muster**

Fort Worth, TX
Where the West Begins
13-16 September 2012

Radisson Hotel Fossil Creek
2540 Meacham Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76106

**Individual Telephonic Reservations to:
1-866-340-7411**

NLT Friday, August 17, 2012

**You MUST identify yourself as a Marine Corps Mustang for the special room rate of
\$85.00 (plus tax) per night.**

The special room rate will be honored three days before and after the muster.

With the same identification information, you can contact the hotel at:

www.radisson.com/ftworthtx_north

an underscore is between the "x" and the "n"

Before you call or write:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____

E-mail address: _____

Date of arrival: _____ Date of Departure: _____

Preference is: King or Queen bed or Twin beds
Ground level room or no preference
Is handicapped bath required?

Credit card is (circle one) American Express, Diners, Visa, Master Card,

Other (specify) _____

Credit card number is: _____ Expiration Date _____/____

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 Please let us know your new address. Your date of Retirement. Any required corrections. And, don't forget to let us know your new telephone number and email address. Please include all nine (9) digits of your zip code.

*****FOR YOUR ACTION***FOR YOUR ACTION***FOR YOUR ACTION*****

WE ARE TRYING TO UPDATE EVERYONE'S RECORD WITH THEIR CURRENT/CORRECT E-MAIL ADDRESS, PLEASE SEND AN E-MAIL TO THE BUSINESS MANAGER AT "mustangbusmgr@winstream.net" SO THAT WE CAN VALIDATE/UPDATE YOUR RECORD.



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 FOR YOUR TRAVEL PLANNING VISIT FORT WORTH, TX
 ARRIVE 12 - SEPT ~ DEPART 16 - SEPT**