

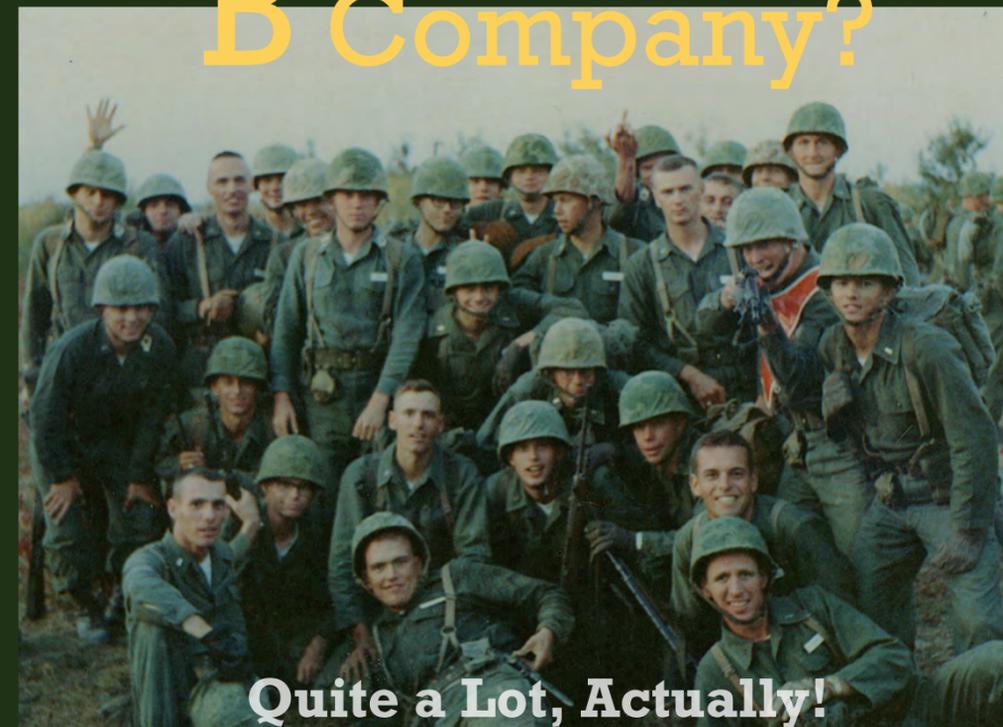


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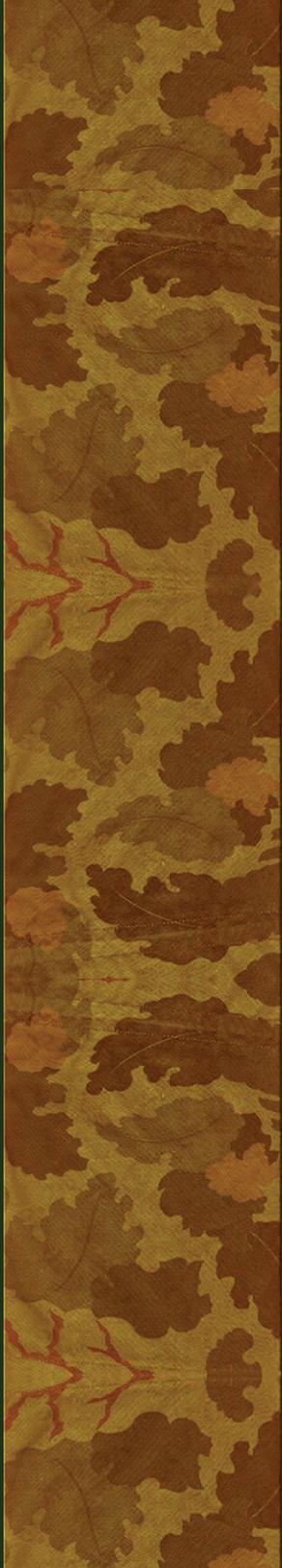
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Preface

The following pages are built around 140 profiles of members of B Company of the first Basic School Class of FY 1967. B Company originally numbered 180 2nd lieutenants and five 1st lieutenants (all but one of whom were on their way to serving as Marine Corps lawyers). B Company's members came to take pride in themselves as a unique group, varied in background and outlook, but unified in their commitment to becoming professionals, Marines.

After a fashion, these profiles reflect both that diversity of experience and outlook. Given an outline to follow, its members chose to approach the task in varying ways, lengths, and formats. Many are accompanied by images. Some date back to Basic School itself, some were taken in Vietnam, many are much more recent, with family members.

The book opens with an introduction written by company member Phil Norton, an officer whose life in the Corps began as an enlisted man, progressed through college, and on to commissioning and training with B Company, and through a varied career to retirement in 1980. He brought a voice of experience to the company and a broad perspective on the unifying story in this book.

Following the introduction is one of two articles reprinted from 2009 issues of *Leatherneck* magazine. The one appearing after Phil's introduction is Col. Hays Parks' (USMC, Ret.) description of the honors bestowed on fellow classmate Jerry Zimmer, who died with his radar intercept officer (RIO) in Vietnam in 1969 when his F-4 crashed into a hillside in Que Son, RVN, apparently brought down by enemy gunfire. Such ceremonies take place multiple times a day in Arlington National Cemetery and around the country. The *Leatherneck* article forms a kind of tribute to our deceased classmates, serving as a vision of how each might have been taken to rest.

In that vein, the work continues with a page dedicated to those who have died since we entered TBS. Included is an image of the memorial plaque for those who died in action, as a result of wounds, or for other reasons in the line of duty. The plaque was prepared through the leadership of Hays (and with donations from B Company mates) and will be installed at the US Marine Corps Heritage Museum in 2017.

The following section includes an infographic showing the various paths the Marines of B Company followed since November 1966, including their MOS's, and their post-TBS and post-Marine Corps careers. The infographic is the product of research by Harry Roberts and Bob Lange.

Then follow the profiles, sorted alphabetically through each platoon. Standing between the "formations" of second and third platoon is a diversion, a kind of "centerfold," showing images from the 2016 50th Anniversary Reunion. I thought of it as a kind of "command" ele-



ment formation, featuring men who have held leadership in many such formations, Marine, Army, Navy, and civilian, over the years.

The second *Leatherneck* article appears as the last profile in this book. It is the account of Jerry's widow, Elaine, of the attempt in 2009 to recover the remains of Jerry and his RIO. It appears in this book as a substitute for Jerry's profile—this volume's final profile. Both articles are reprinted with the kind permission of *Leatherneck*.

The last section, following Elaine Zimmer's article, is a trip into B Company's past. It is a timeline of key TBS events, inspired by Bob Lange's wife, Judy; illustrated by Alex Welch's artist friend Gib Robbie; and based on Alex's fond memories of our twenty-one weeks together.

The overall work owes itself to the intense effort of Phil Norton and Bob Lange and others. Bob doggedly drove a search for members unfound as of October 2016 (with thanks to Tracy Rich, my spousal unit who loves nothing better than ferreting answers out of cyberspace). Phil quality checked and did initial layout. Bob Schmitt and others helped proof and fact check it.

Moreover, we would be bereft of a good number of stories of our deceased classmates were it not for the graciousness of numerous family members in providing pictures and information for the biographies of loved ones so that we can properly honor and remember them.

And, of course, none of this would have been possible without the persistent efforts of B Company's premier communicator and network-builder, Bob Schmitt.

—Andres (Andy) Vaart





Introduction

American History, 1966—2016: Told by the Men of Company B, TBS Class 1-67—A Legacy of Service, Success, and Leadership

In 1840, Scottish writer Thomas Carlyle articulated the “Great Man Theory” which stated that, “The history of the world is but the biography of great men.”

As I read the biographies of the men from Company B, TBS Class 1-67, I realized that I was reading a very special American history. It begins with exceptional young men who actively sought the challenge of becoming officers of Marines instead of following less stressful, and more financially rewarding, career paths. Successfully exceeding unbending selection criteria and learning the art of small-unit leadership, these young men had launched their careers of service and leadership. Their chosen path inevitably led to the dense jungles of Viet Nam or to the dangerous skies above.

Some gave their all, and many shed their blood while accomplishing their assigned missions and leading the fine young warriors of the United States Marine Corps.

There are those who stayed in the Corps, engaged in future armed conflict, and trained others for success in warfare.

Others left active duty but served their country and their communities in the professions of law and law enforcement, education, financial services, state and Federal service, business and industry, and other honorable professions, but they never stopped being Marines.

Their tradition of service continued in retirement with boy scouts, nonprofits, churches, political service, and most importantly their families.

Carlyle was correct. We see in our cruise book the history of the past 50 years as lived by the “Great Men” of Company B, The Basic School, Class 1-67.

I am proud and humbled, as I know each of you are, to have been part of this amazing legacy of service, success, and leadership.—Phillip C. Norton







“Semper Fidelis” Witness to Its Meaning

By Col W. Hays Parks, USMCR (Ret)

The July 2009 *Leatherneck* contained an article by Elaine Zimmer Davis, “Bringing Jerry and Al Home,” describing the shooting down of these two Marines on Aug. 29, 1969, during a mission in the former Republic of Vietnam. Davis is the widow of Captain Jerry A. Zimmer, the pilot of a Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 542 F-4B Phantom II. She wrote about the loss of her husband and his radar intercept officer, First Lieutenant Albert S. “Al” Graf. Their bodies were not recovered. Official attempts to locate the crash site and recover the bodies were unsuccessful.

Elaine Davis related her efforts to determine the crash site location, including trips at her own expense to Vietnam. Discovery of errors in official records, an unfortunate but natural occurrence in the heat of battle and/or through human error, eventually led to more accurate information. Excavation at the corrected coordinates led to the discovery of aircraft parts eventually confirmed as those from an F-4 Phantom II. Davis leaves the story at this

point as the Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command stepped back into the picture.

The article ended with an announcement that a memorial service would be held for Capt Zimmer at Arlington National Cemetery on Aug. 20, 2009. Since Jerry Zimmer and I were in the same company at The Basic School (Co B, TBS 1-67), I put the ceremony’s date on my calendar.

Those of us who were assembled for the memorial service proceeded slowly through the cemetery while another service concluded and its attendees departed the site to which we were headed. Between Iraq and Afghanistan casualties and our diminishing population of World War II veterans, Arlington National Cemetery is a busy place.

The active-duty Marines in attendance were magnificent. A lone Marine stood at each intersection en route, resplendent in dress blues, saluting. Although it was a typically hot and humid Virginia summer day, you could not tell it by looking at



these Marines. By this act they—and our Corps—were saying, “We honor our lost fellow Marine. We may not know him, and his body may not be here, but that does not matter. He is one of ours who gave all.”

Arriving at the memorial service site, the moving sounds of the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps playing a slow, mournful version of “The Marines’ Hymn” were heard. I stood at attention next to a TBS classmate. We were joined by other Marines who had served with Capt Zimmer.

With the Marine Drum and Bugle Corps contingent stood a platoon of Marine Baracks Washington, D.C., “8th and I” Marines, a color guard, six Marines holding an outstretched American flag over a plot of ground, a Marine officer representing the Commandant of the Marine Corps, the funeral director of the Marine Corps, a Marine standing nearby with the MIA flag, and a Navy chaplain.

"Semper Fidelis: Witness to its Meaning" (cont.)



The service followed the program for an Arlington funeral, including presentation of the smartly folded flag to Capt Zimmer's son, Craig; the William Whiting and John B. Dykes' hymn "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"; the volley of shots and "Taps." It differed from a standard funeral service in that a headstone was in place honoring Zimmer.

This was not closure. The search for the remains of Capt Zimmer and 1stLt Graf continues and, thanks to the persistence of Elaine Davis and others, may be closer to success than previously believed possible. Nonetheless, the Arlington memorial service meant a great deal to Capt Zimmer's family and others present.

Over the years, I have attended close to 100 funerals at Arlington National Cemetery for brothers-in-arms from all the military services. None touched me as deeply as did the memorial service for Capt Zimmer. Being a Marine has never meant so

much to me. I was moved by the professionalism displayed for a fellow leatherneck whose remains still lay in the country where he served and died 40 years ago.

To the Marines of the color guard, the "8th and 1" platoon, the Drum and Bugle Corps and the Marines at each intersection saluting us as we passed, it mattered. Their actions spoke louder than any words, saying, "He is with us. We honor Captain Zimmer and his sacrifice."

It was a poignant reminder of something basic to every Marine: Semper Fidelis. Always Faithful.

Editor's note: Col Parks has done our readers a service by reinforcing how our Corps goes about recognizing sacrifice. The leathernecks and sailors of Marine Barracks Washington conduct far too many such ceremonies. Far too many because each one marks a great loss to country and Corps.

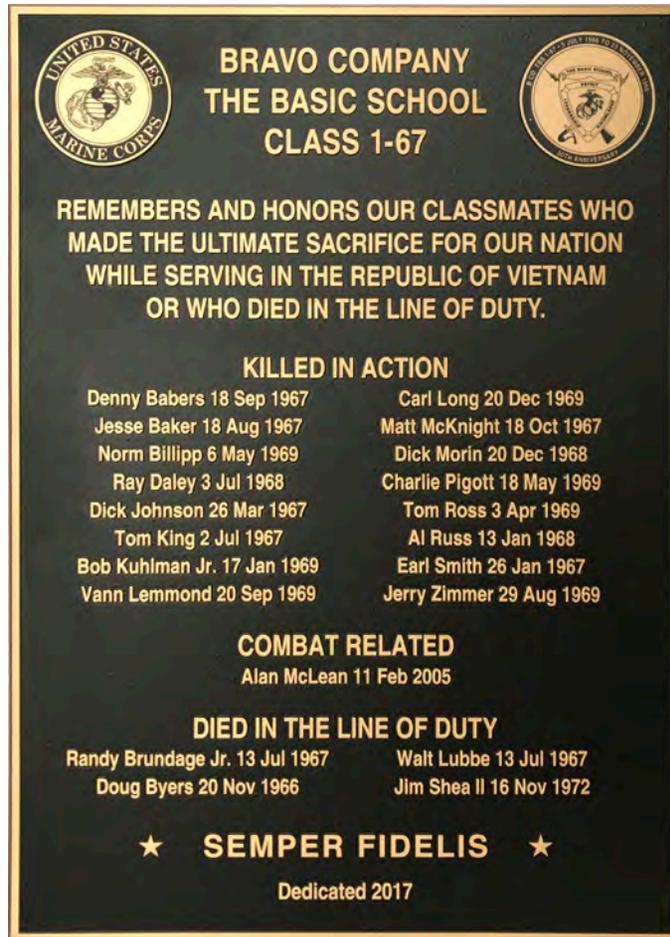
The Marine Corps funeral director, Gunnery Sergeant William J. Dixon, provides the same, almost loving attention to each and every burial and memorial service, regardless of individual rank or position. Well done to the "gunny" and all those involved in recognizing our fallen.

A similar memorial service was conducted on Sept. 8, 2009, for 1stLt Graf.

Many of our readers will recognize Col Parks' name. He served in the First Marine Division in the Republic of Vietnam, 1968-69. After leaving active duty, he served in various positions, providing political-military advice to national leaders, and was a United States representative in the law of war negotiations in New York, Vienna, The Hague and Geneva. He continues to serve in the Department of Defense.



In Memoriam



Died of Other Causes Since Basic School

TW (Terry) Bache (2001)	BL (Ben) Marshall, Jr. (1982)
GV (George) Bershinsky (2014)	DO (Dave) Martin (2012)
TW (Tom) Crew (2007)	BB (Brad) Meyers (1995)
JP (Jack) Glasgow (2013)	JC (Jim) Orr (2014)
TJ (Thomas) Gleason (2009)	WL (Bill) Rosbe (1995)
JL (John) Hickman (2016)	WJ (Bill) Russell (1999)
FM (Frank) Izenour (1988)	WW ("Toby) Shimer (2006)
HI (Herman) Little (2012)	TU (Tom) Wall (2006)





Whatever Happened to B Company?



The first reunion of the men of B Company TBS 1-67 in 1996 posed the question seen above on the cover of the Reunion Cruise Book Bob Lange and I produced after the event. It was the question company members Bob Schmitt and Jim Scott, friends in Southern California, put to each other as they thought about the Basic School experience. After some "procrastination"—as Bob explained in his labor of love, TBS1-67.COM,—the two and others mounted a reconnaissance operation (Google was only a dissertation idea that year) and began locating members, with a view toward a reunion to mark the passage of thirty years since our shared experience during 5 July through 23 November 1966. The reconnaissance led to the discovery of the whereabouts of some 80 members. Twenty five would join that first reunion in June 1996. Reunions have followed in five-year intervals since.

With each reunion and with each TBS Bulletin that Bob has faithfully produced since 1996—79 times as of the end of January 2017—an increasingly substantial and detailed answer has emerged to the original question, as will be evident in the 140 profiles contained in this book.

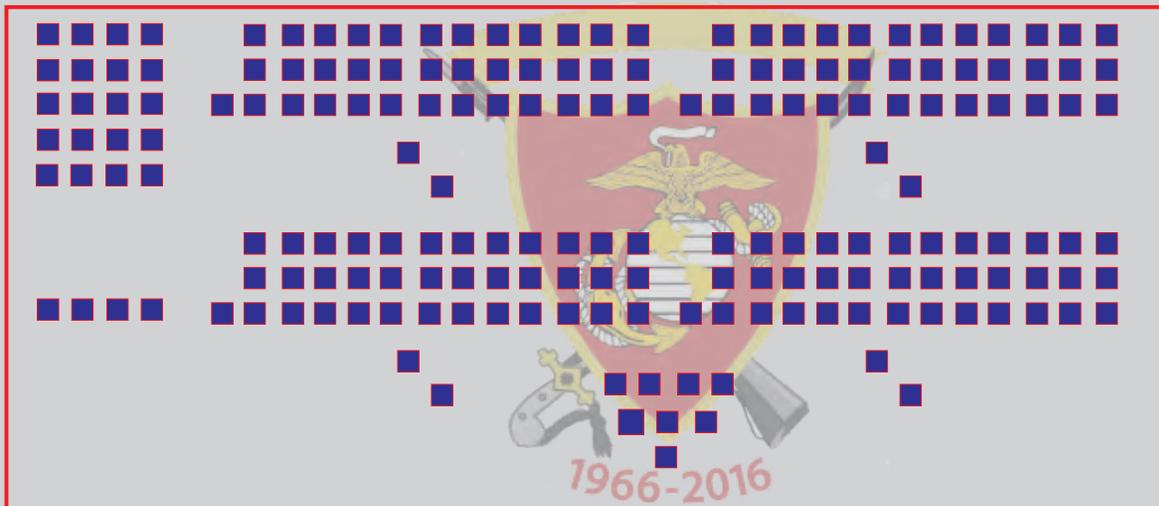
Happily, early drafts of this work generated an inspired thought in Harry Roberts, the self-styled LCPL Schmidlap, who took on himself a survey of the information contained in these profiles to produce data for the infographic following this page. Harry's effort, in turn, sparked Bob Lange to collect and provide MOS data. Thus, the following infographic answers a number of questions we were usually unable to answer, such as: "How many of us remained in the Corps?" "What number of us went into what MOSs?" and so on—in effect it answers in a statistical way (perhaps not with the precision the Federal Reserve seeks) the fundamental question. —av



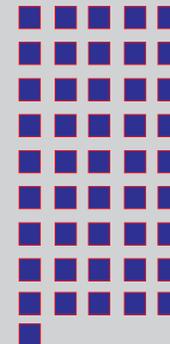


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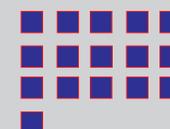
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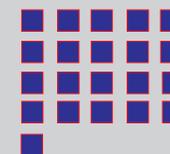
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(20+ years, incl. re-
serves and NG.) (46)



Killed in Action (16)



Deceased on duty
or after service (21)



MOS Distribution (By number; totals include all but six B Co. members)

Infantry 60 Aviation 59 Artillery 13 Supply 10 Combat Engineer 9 Comms 9
Aviation Cmd&Control 8 Motor Transport 6 Lawyers 3 Tracked Vehicles 3

Law (22)



Engineering (incl. IT) (12)



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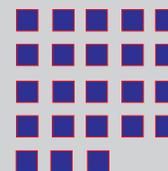
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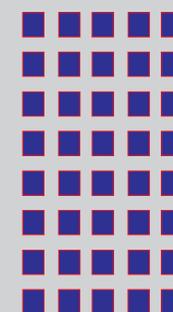
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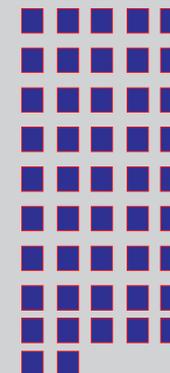
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First Platoon



First Platoon Roster

Aker RL	Daniel WR
Astle JC	Davis JO
Babers HD**	De La Garza LA
Bache TW*	DeLuca RJ
Baker JR**	Dick ED
Bassett IA	Drummond TW
Bershinsky GV*	Elliott O
Billipp NK**	Eloe EE
Boehm RW	Esler RG
Bradlich WJ	Evans DP
Brown RA	Fischer, Jr. JL
Brundage, Jr. WR*	Fore JO
Buescher AS	Frame RC
Burns KR	French JK
Burt JH	Game JG
Byers DM*	Gerlach HL
Chapman WF	Glasgow, Jr. JP*
Cialone II JA	Gleason TJ*
Connelly EJ	Goble WC
Corcoran KC	Gordon, Jr. JW
Crew II TW*	Haggerty JJ
Curtis TM	Wilson KS
Daerr RL	
Daley RC**	

*Deceased **Killed in action



First Platoon



The future of the Corps, 1966??





First Platoon

John C. Astle

Year and Place of Birth: 1943, Charles Town, WVA

High School: Barboursville, H.S., Barboursville, WV

College: Marshall University (BA Sociology), '66

USMC Entry: Enlisted in the reserves, June 1961, 6-month tour of duty included Paris Island and Camp Lejeune. Upon returning home I enrolled in college and at the same time was accepted into the PLC Program from which I received a regular commission upon graduation and assignment to TBS 1-67 and B Company, 1-67. After completion of TBS, I went to Pensacola, where I completed flight school. From there, I went to New River, NC, where I joined HMM-261 for transition into the CH-46.



I went to Vietnam in the middle of June 1968. I was assigned to HMM-164, where I served my entire tour. Upon returning CONUS, I rejoined HMM-261. In the spring of 1970, I did a Caribbean deployment with 261. At the end of that deployment, I got orders to Amphibious Warfare School. While not an honor graduate, I did finish.

After AWS, I was assigned to HMX-1, where I served for 3 and ½ years. From there I went back overseas, where I joined MAG-36, first as the HAMS-36 XO and subsequently, as the assistant ops officer for HML-367. In that capacity, I took part in the final evacuation of Saigon in April 1975. Coming back to the states, I made the decision to resign my regular commission and accept a reserve commission. While serving as a reserve officer, I had a number of billets in various places. My last billet was as the IMA Chief of Staff for MARFORRES and from that position I retired at 30 years as a full Colonel.

Post-USMC: On separation from the Marine Corps. I found employment as a police officer/pilot for the Baltimore City Police Department. I had all the tools of the trade—a badge, a gun and handcuffs for kinky sex. After several years I realized that the job did not provide any growth potential or intellectual challenge. So when drinking with friends one night, someone suggested I should run for mayor of Annapolis. I had just enough whiskey and it seemed like a good idea. While I won the primary I lost the general election (thank God!). The following year I ran for the state legislature and won a seat in the House. After 12 years in that position, I ran for the state senate and won. I am currently serving my 22nd year in the Maryland State Senate. Since the Maryland Legislature is parttime and only meets for 90 days a year, I made my living as a medical evacuation pilot for Washington Hospital in Washington, DC.

Principal hobbies. I have become a serious hunter. In the course of the years and in a number of countries I have killed everything from a squirrel to an elephant and had fun doing it.

Family: I met my wife in a bar in Annapolis 46 years ago. (Do you see a trend here!) Jayne and I had two sons; our oldest, Jay, graduated from the US Naval Academy and served for five years as an officer of Marines. After he got out he went to graduate school, met a great woman, married and gave us 3 grandchildren. My youngest son, David, graduated from Clemson but, unfortunately, was killed in a car accident 6 months after graduation.

Reflections: The basic school, as a beginning of 30 years of service as a Marine, was a solid foundation. I've retained some of the friends I made, and the memories of shared times over those 30 years provide me with a great sense of accomplishment. I only wish Captain Roger Lamphier (Platoon Commander, 1st Platoon), who said to me, "Astle you're nothing but a goddamn phoney," were still around so I could ask him how I did for a goddamn phoney and how his career went!





First Platoon

H. Dennis (Denny) Babers (1944–1967)

Year and Place of Birth: 1944,
Gainesville, FL

High School: Admiral Farragut Academy, St. Petersburg, FL, 1962

College/Grad school: University of Mississippi, 1966

USMC Entry: NROTC

USMC Career: TBS, MOS 0302;
January 1967, Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 4TH Marines, I Corps, South Vietnam. Promoted to 1stLT in-country.

Denny was wounded twice, but returned to duty both times. He was wounded a third time but refused to have it documented beyond medical treatment because he did not want to be rotated out of his company.

10 September 1967, Denny's company relocated from Con Thien to Cam Lo to provide security for the Cam Lo Bridge. Lima Company was deployed on the banks of the Cam Lo River. At approximately 0300 on 18 September, a wall of water and debris engulfed the bank area adjacent to the bridge, obliterating the company's position and sweeping Marines into the rushing water. Denny was a strong swimmer and went into the water to rescue his men. He rescued five of his Marines. As he returned the fifth Marine to safety he became entangled in the debris and was swept away and drowned. Denny's body was recovered from the concertina wire barricade later that day.

Denny was buried at the Evergreen Cemetery, Gainesville, FL Vietnam War Memorial, Panel 26E, Row 87

Posthumously awarded the Navy-Marine Corps Medal for Heroism



Awarded two Purple Hearts

Family: Married College sweetheart, Peggy Lindner Gardner, November 1966, Nashville, TN

HDB - In 2002, Denny's sister and brother-in-law founded the HDB Service Group in memory of Denny. In the words of Denny's sister, "HDB is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization to provide services to the most vulnerable citizens. We wanted to honor Denny's commitment to his men as well as the ultimate sacrifice he made on their behalf. The services include non-emergency medical transport in a free public bus to the hospital and most medical services, and a free health clinic for those without health insurance. All of the services still continue."



Terrance (Terry) W. Bache (1944–2001)

Year and Place of Birth: 1944, Lock Haven, PA

High School: Edinburg (IN) High, 1962

College/Grad School: Purdue University, 1966; MBA, George Washington Univ. 1971

USMC Entry: NROTC Regular

USMC Career: Attended Engineering Officer School, Camp Lejeune; Mar–Aug 1967, stationed Camp Pendleton; Aug 67–Apr 68, Engineering Staff, III MAF, Da Nang; May 68–Oct 68, 9th Engineer Bn (near Chu Lai); Nov 68, Marine Barracks, 8th & I, then at Engineering Section, G-4, HQMC until 1971

Post-USMC Career: Worked briefly at Behring Corp, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, until 1972, when he established his own building/development company, Terhane Group, Inc. Built vacation cabins and single-family houses in MD and NC until 2001. In 1999 also acquired land in SC and established Saddlehorn, LLC, a horse farm/single family development in Upstate SC, which is still in operation; since Terry's death it has been run by his son, James.



First Platoon

For some years Terry served as a volunteer high school wrestling coach, guiding his students to three state championships. He had an abiding interest in horses and owned several, the oldest of which still lives, along with others, in the stables at Saddlehorn.

Terry's untimely death occurred on 14 October 2001 when he suffered a heart attack while doing something he enjoyed, hiking in the mountains with his brother and nephew.

B Company sent Terry's widow a commemorative reunion challenge coin. Following is Ellyn's reply:

Dear Colonel Parks,

Thank you so much for the challenge coin honoring Terry and for the ones for our sons. It's almost inconceivable to me that it's been fifty years since you were all in The Basic School. I know Terry would have liked nothing better than to have been at the reunion. I know how hard that you worked gathering information about the class and organizing the event. We will cherish these coins as we remember.

There are also eight granddaughters —fifteen total grandchildren I know Terry would have enjoyed. We'll pass on the momentos of his service, with gratitude.



Jesse R. Baker (1943–1967)

DOB and Place of Birth: 1943 at Whitmire, SC

High School: Whitmire High School, Whitmire, SC. Class of 1961

College: Clemson University, Clemson, SC, 1965, Civil Engineering

USMC Entry: According to <https://marines.togetherweserved.com/usmc>, Jesse completed OCS Class 5-66.

USMC Career: Jesse's obituary and information at www.Virtual/Wall.org indicates that following TBS he was assigned to Camp Lejune and then Camp Pendleton for deployment to RVN as 1301: Basic Engineer, Construction and Equipment Officer; B Co., 7th Engineer Bn, 1st MARDIV.

Jesse was killed on 18 Aug 1967, when the jeep he was riding detonated

a mine in Quang Nam Province. The driver of the jeep was wounded.

Awards: Jesse's awards included the Bronze Star with one gold star and the Purple Heart.

Reflections: Jesse was buried in the cemetery at Whitmire Methodist Church with full military honors. There are a number of tributes to Jesse in the pages of the Clemson University Alumni Association from Marines who served with Jesse. However, the following written by Jesse's brother Edgar, in 2009, says much about Jesse's love of the Corps and his tenacity:



Jesse survived a construction accident that broke his back while working at the family construction company. Doctors initially thought Jesse would not walk again. About six months later, Jesse decided to leave the Army ROTC for the Marine Corps. Jesse completed all of the paper work for the Marine recruiter and was told to return two weeks later. When he returned, he was told that he was rejected due to medical records that revealed the broken back. The following is a summary of the discussion with the Recruiter:

Jesse: What can I do to convince you that my back is OK?

Recruiter: With your record there is nothing you can do.

Jesse: If I throw you on your back would that convince you?

Recruiter: Jesse, get real. You have had a broken back and I'm a Marine.

Jesse: If I can, will you sign me up?

Recruiter: If you can throw me, I will sign the papers before you leave. As they stood up, Jesse put him on the floor before he knew what hit him and walked out with his signed papers.







! Welcome Bravo Company !
TBS 1-67

1966 – 2016

Fifty Years in Making the Old Corps



With four reunions as "practice," we got this one "just right"! After much planning under the leadership of Larry Karch, nearly 50 of our class gathered in Fredricksburg, VA, with spouses and friends and a few relatives of those we lost in war. The reunion marked the 50th anniversary of our class experience from 5 July through 23 November 1966. It was a grand event, held during 20-23 October. Photos and stories can be found on the web site (<http://www.tbs167.com/>) created and managed by Bob Schmitt. Dianna Cahn, a reporter for *Stars and Stripes* was at nearly all the reunion events, and wrote a great story, which appeared in the 11 November 2016 issue. The issue featured photos and profiles of several TBS 1-67 classmates.

The following pages contain a small selection of images from the reunion, including a visit to TBS, dinner at the Globe and Laurel restaurant, an afternoon of reminiscing at reunion headquarters, and a grand banquet featuring retired LtGen. Ron Christmas.





The Company, October 2016

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35. Metschan 36. Trainor 37. Schmitt 38. McClung 39. Sullivan 40. Parks 41. Symolon 42. Lovell 43. Lee 44. Hajduk



13. Hunt 14. Lund 15. Buescher 16. Astle 17. Meir 18. DeLuca 19. Bassett 20. Larsen 21. Andy Billup 22. Frame 23. Wholley
1. Aker 2. Glenn Hill 3. Vogt 4. Twiddy 5. Mansdorf 6. Rivers 7. Pierce 8. Ridenour 9. Halloran 10. Elliott 11. Gerlach 12. Lange



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TBS, MCB Quantico-21 October 2016



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Welcome, 20 October

Clockwise from immediate left: Al Bassett, Hon Lee, Bob and Penny Rivers; Bill and Paulette Symolon; John Astle and Larry Akers; Greeting station with Vicki Lee, Larry Karch, Nate Wong, Hays Parks, Al Buescher; Lori Hill with Kevin and Linda Trainor.



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A Day at TBS, 21 October

Above: Classroom briefing from the XO of TBS, LtCol. Kalliman. Much remains. Much has changed.

Below: LtCol. Shusko (USMC Ret.), who briefed a reunion of ours a decade or more ago, describes today's formal and intense martial arts training .



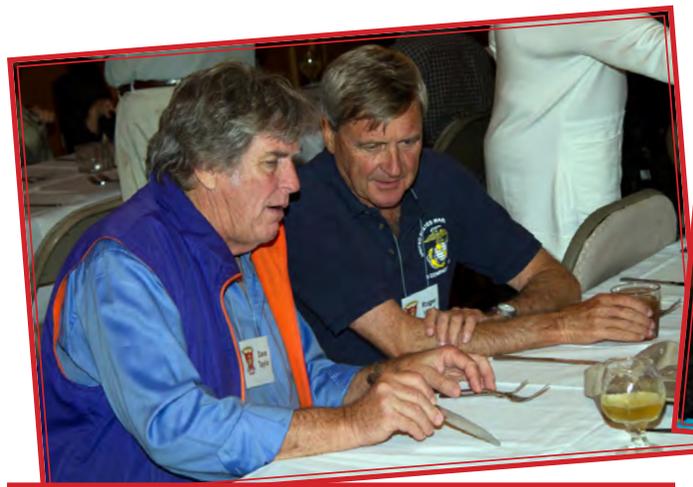
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Globe and Laurel, 21 October
Clockwise from immediate left:
Woody Sadler; Bob Rivers and Lou Pierce;
Fred and Prudy Meier with Bob Lange; Eileen
and Jim Stokes flanking Andy Billup, brother
of B Company mate Norm Billup; Daniel and
Fran Wood; Dick Larsen and John Sullivan.



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Globe and Laurel (cont.)
Clockwise from above: Nate Wong and Hon Lee; Dave Taylor and Roger Hunt refight air battle; Mike Wholley recording event with AirPhone; Kit Corcoran and Jim Scott all ears; Col. Lori Sadler (USMC, Ret.)



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The Banquet, 22 October

Counterclockwise from immediate left: John Metschan, Al Buescher, Bob DeLuca, Bob Lange, John Astle; Jim and Bonnie Hajduk and Dick and Carol Larsen; Betty and Roger Daniel and Bob and Shannon Schmitt; Enter the Lions, courtesy of Hon Lee and the Jow Ga Shaolin Institute; Harry Roberts, Bill Symolon, David Taylor; Ron Christmas delivering keynote address.