

# **Echo Company.....Fall in**

**(don't just read it... say it out loud, like your DI in boot camp would do.)**

**Have I got your attention now?            GOOD!**

**We have a mission, a mission of dedication, of honor, of remembrance**

**As with each Veterans day, Memorial day, and Marine Corps birthday I think of my service, where I was, who I was with, who didn't make it. It's the same with each of the 5 reunions I've attended. It is really good to see and be around all the people I fought with during my tour in Vietnam. It's good to find out what everyone's been doing since and to reminisce about actual events during the war. It is also just as good and healing to remember the brave Marines that didn't make it. While it is difficult at times, remembering is something I think we all need to do.**

**Our mission is this... While we have 2 engraved bricks that are placed along the path of Memorial Park at the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico that honor Echo Companies fallen Marines, they are a bit generic at best. Now we have the opportunity to put something in concrete (well not exactly, as it will be more in marble and granite) Col. Higgins has done all the preliminary work to get design and construction costs for a lasting memorial to the 88 Marines from Echo Company who died in Vietnam from 1965-1970.**

**Last month at the Echo 2/7 reunion in San Antonio the 80 members present voted to support the monument project enthusiastically.**

**(photo of preliminary drawing is attached)**

**Proposed monument is 7 feet wide at the pedestal base and is made of black polished granite, Center is 6 feet high with large brass inlaid Marine Corps emblem on top section at a 45 degree angle. 2 wings of black polished granite each with 44 names will be at a 15 degree angle. Depth of pedestal is 18 inches, depth of wings is 8 inches, depth of center section is 10 inches.**

**Back of monument will contain 8 laser etchings**

- 1. amphibious landing**
- 2. CH 34**
- 3. Corpsman running with unit 1**
- 4. Echo section of 81 mortars night firing**
- 5. Echo Company under fire, Operation Arizona**
- 6. CH 46**
- 7. Echo Marine with m79 under fire**
- 8. silhouette of USS Vancouver LPD2**

**About 15-20 unit monuments have been installed at Semper Fi Memorial Park with more in the works.**

**We would like to engrave on the back “donated by Echo 2/7 Vietnam vets” so we need to raise the money in house. When we have the money in hand we will take all plans to Quantico for final approval.**

**Nelson and Son Monument in Portsmouth, Virginia has done all preliminary work at no cost.**

**The design team of Col. Higgins, Skip Johnson, & Bill Dyer will oversee the design, construction, & installation of the Echo Company Monument at Quantico. I have volunteered to be the treasurer (I guess I never learned not to volunteer when I was in the Corps!!) as such I have set up a bank account so we can start collecting donations. All donations should be sent to...**

**Randy Patterson P.O. Box 843, Novato, California, 94948**

**and all checks should be made out to “ECHO 2/7 MEMORIAL FUND” You can send 1 lump sum or pay a little bit each month, it doesn’t matter. An accounting of how the fund is doing will be sent out every month to the design team. The total cost of the memorial, from design to construction to installation, including perpetual care is \$32,000.**

**These 88 men are worth it.... you are all worth it**

**\* I’ve spent many years in groups at the VA in San Francisco & Menlo Park with all types of servicemen. At one point or another all would ask “What is it about you Marines?”  
my answer “We’re a family, we take care of each other in battle, we take care of each other in life, we don’t leave anyone behind, we never forget... we’re a family”  
You just have to be a Marine to understand.**

**Take care of yourselves...**

**SEMPER FI ,**

**RANDY**



**ECHO COMPANY  
2ND BATTALION  
7TH MARINES  
1ST MARINE DIVISION**

**DEDICATED TO THE  
MARINES AND SAILORS  
WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE  
SACRIFICE FOR GOD,  
COUNTRY, CORPS  
YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN**

**KIA  
VIETNAM 1965-1970**

**DONATED BY  
E-2-7 VIETNAM VETERANS**

PFC JOE M SALINAS  
L/CPL MITCHELL L ANDERSON  
CPL JAMES P BROCK  
L/CPL VERNON T CARTER Jr  
L/CPL RICHARD E CHABOT  
PVT DONALD E GLICKMAN  
L/CPL CEPHAS BARNES Jr  
PFC ROBERT C FELTER  
SGT ROBERTO ITUARTE  
PFC RICHARD F MOODY  
CPL ROBERT D WILLIAMS Jr  
CPL CHARLES W SIMS  
PFC ALTON WILKINS III  
SGT RICHARD W FERRY  
L/CPL ANDREW W YOUNGKIN Jr  
L/CPL ALBERT S HURTADO  
PFC JAMES J HEETHER II  
PFC ROGER A PETERSEN  
HN WOODWARD S HATFIELD Jr  
L/CPL TRACY S TENHOFF  
L/CPL RONALD K SCHMID  
PFC DOUGLAS M THOMAS  
PFC D C GEORGE  
PFC DONALD E SHOEMAKER  
L/CPL JERRY E METCALF  
2ND LT WALTER J LYONS  
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L/CPL WILLIAM E REES  
L/CPL HAROLD C DOSS Jr  
L/CPL DAVID R MALINS  
CAPT LYLE A JOHNSON  
L/CPL GERALD W McMILLAN  
PFC GORDON W WILL  
PFC ROBERT C SMITH  
PFC ROBERT W MORRIS  
L/CPL LEO E SWAN Jr  
L/CPL BRENT F WARD  
HM3 DUANE F REDTKE  
PVT DANIEL E STROBBE  
PFC CHARLES T BOYER  
CPL DAVID A BRENT  
L/CPL JOE L WARE  
CPL RICHARD J GAFFANEY Jr

PFC WILLIAM M JOHNSON  
PFC THOMAS M ROYBAL Jr  
PFC PAUL SHIREMAN Jr  
PVT WENDELL H McKENZIE  
L/CPL GEORGE A BRANCH  
PFC KEVIN J McARDLE  
PFC GERALD M GISCHER  
L/CPL ROBERT F KELLY  
PFC MICHAEL D HAHN  
PFC WILLIAM A HADSOCK  
PFC ROGER D CHEEK  
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PFC ALBERT P SMERIGLIO  
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