

Anniversary in 2016. Sadly our numbers have dwindled and many are struggling with the ailments and consequences of our service in Vietnam, yet, there are no regrets nor blame to be placed upon anyone or any government institution. As Marines, we all agreed that even this late in life, we are still in service to our country and its people but mostly that we remain "Faithful" to each other and our Marine Corps.

Although, we originally came from States East of the Mississippi River, today, we make our homes throughout the United States and Canada. Members of Platoon 2027 currently live in your state and as its Governor and its chief elected official, I am here to ask for your assistance and consideration. In April 2016, we will gather in Washington DC to celebrate our Jubilee and it would be a great tribute to those present to receive a greeting or a certificate of commemoration from you. Wherever we live it is our goal to be a considerate and valuable resident to our communities. Therefore, you can rest assure that those principles have been lived up to because as Marines we are always prepared to defend and protect our homefront. The reasons that brought each of us to your State are various but we have made certain to live up to the standards and privileges within which makes us proud of you regardless of political affiliation because of the immensity of the task that you have chosen to undertake. We stand proud of our Nation and its Governors for making each of our home states a place worth living in. I hope that you'll honor us by responding to this request.

I have enclosed my personal card. Please feel free to contact me at any time. Should you decide to see this through, I'll be at your service.

Thanking you in advance,

  
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I represent Platoon 2027 that graduated from Parris Island in August 1966. At that time, this country was in the midst of the Vietnam War and much of the American youth were being recruited. There's a statement that 250,000 recruits passed through the gates of Parris Island during the Vietnam Era and the main public concern was the number of casualties in the battlefield, with great justification. Also within the many statistics that have come to life, there's one that very few people have known, and hence, has taken almost 36 years to determine the following:

By 1969, most of the members of Platoon 2027 had seen action in Vietnam. Many were wounded, 2 had been awarded The Silver Star, but yet not a single member of the Platoon had died in Vietnam.

As a Marine would later say, "You were the Luckiest Platoon in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War." Who would truly know whether it was luck or other factors that came into the mix but, after many long days and sleepless nights reviewing and searching through available data, the unique luck of Platoon 2027 was established. In 2006, Platoon 2027 returned to Parris Island to celebrate our 40th Anniversary and to also dedicate a monument to all those Marines, that along with Platoon 2027, who had graduated from there during the Vietnam War.

Currently, we are beginning to make plans for the upcoming 50th

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Semper Fi

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