

DEADLINE IS CLOSE

This is your chance to get your story told as you experienced it. Every time I talk to a Koh Tang Vet who was in a different area than I was, I learn so much more about the mission and the people involved. Every one of us had a different situation and experience and you are the only person that can tell your story. Please consider putting your thoughts down on paper and sharing them with us.

Below is the update and contact information from Scott.

Semper Fi Marines!, Fred Morris

working book title

The 14 Hour War – The Rescue of the Mayaguez and the Battle of Koh Tang

Dear Koh Tang Veterans

Several months into the project, I thought (at the gentle urgings of Tina Bailey) that it might be a good idea to update you all as to where things stand. First off, the publisher, Naval Institute Press (Annapolis) has DEFINITELY committed to publishing the book, working title; The 14 Hour War – The Rescue of the Mayaguez and the Battle of Koh Tang. Possibly out by Fall 2010. The book manuscript is due at the publisher in mid-January 2010, so Tempus Fuget!

I continue to be increasing impressed at what a remarkable story you all have to tell. The more of you I speak with, the more I understand the enormity of the task you were given. Getting on the island was a remarkable achievement. Getting off was miraculous. You should hold your reunion in Vegas or Atlantic City.

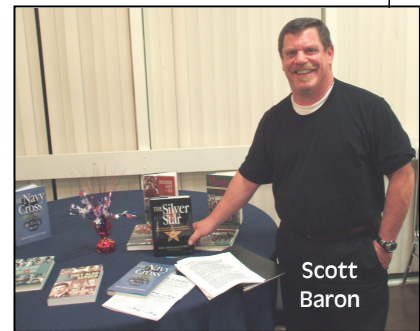
On that note, both my co-author, Capt. James Wise Jr. and I have tentative plans to attend your 2010 Reunion in Branson, Missouri and speak with and meet as many of you as our ability to consume alcoholic beverages will allow.



Capt. James Wise, Jr.
October 2009

The following have already submitted recollections for inclusion in the book

LCpl Larry Barnett	3rd Plt. Golf Co. 2/9th
PFC Terry Brooks	3rd Plt. Echo Co. 2/9th
2LT Richard Comer	Co-Pilot – Jolly 12
Capt James H. Davis	Commander, Golf Co. 2/9th
SGT Jesus DeJesus	Flight Engineer – Jolly 12
1SGT Larry Funk	First Sgt, Golf 2/9
LCpl Serge Hanson	Echo Co. 2/9th
SSgt Jon D. Harston	Flight Mechanic – Knife 31
PFC Mike Hennen	3rd Plt. Golf Co. 2/9th
2LT Dan Hoffman	3rd Plt. Golf Co. 2/9th
1LT Dick Keith	XO, Golf Co. 2/9th
PFC Kevin Logan	3rd Plt. Echo Co. 2/9th
PVT Alfred Mahan	1st Plt. Golf Co. 2/9th
LT James McDaniel	1st Plt. Golf Co. 2/9th
GYSGT Francis McGowin	Battalion S-2, 2/9th
PFC Fred Morris	Weapons Plt. Golf Co. 2/9th
PO1 Thomas Noble	“Black Velvet-1, USS Wilson
PFC Gale Rogers	Echo Co. 2/9th
LCPL John S. Standfast	3rd Plt. Echo Co. 2/9th
SSGT Fofu Tuitele	2nd Plt. Golf Co. 2/9th
AT1 Alan Zack	USCG – Cubi Point, Subic Bay



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BOOKS WRITTEN

Soldiers Lost at Sea: A Chronicle of Troopship Disasters in Wartime
International Stars at Wars
Women at War: Iraq, Afghanistan, and Other Conflicts

TOGETHER

The Silver Star: Navy and Marine Corps Gallantry in Iraq, Afghanistan & Other Conflicts
The Navy Cross: Extraordinary Heroism in Iraq, Afghanistan and Other Conflicts

The following are in the process of completing/promised recollections

LT Bob Blough PFC Al Bailey COL Randy Austin MAJ Joe Guilmartin LCPL Gabe Herrera MAJ John Hendricks LT Mike Cicere

I'm still hopeful of interviewing Marines who were on the East Beach, Marines aboard KNIFE 31, and Marines who were with Headquarters Co. in Col. Austin's group, or anyone else who has a story to tell.

Ultimately, It is your story. Both Capt. Wise and I are committed to telling the story to the best of our ability. Your participation will only make a good book better. I can be contacted at SBaron7827@aol.com or 831-761-3209

Semper Fi, Scott Baron