MacArthur Foster

June 27, 1942 – July 19, 2010

Company C

3rd Reconnaissance Battalion 1963
Camp Schwab, Okinawa
and the
Republic of Vietnam

In April 1963 Mac was deployed to Viet Nam with a platoon of Marines from Charlie Company, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division to provide security for the Da Nang Airbase during Operation Shufly. Mac's platoon was also utilized to secure landing zones in the field and act as a fast-reaction force.

Mac served a 2nd tour in Vietnam with 2nd Battalion, Seventh Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division in 1965. During his service in Vietnam, Mac was involved in a total of 14 major combat operations.

When he returned from Vietnam, Mac became the all-service light-heavyweight boxing champion and teammate of future heavyweight champion Ken Norton. After completing six years in the Marine Corps, Mac fought his way to become the No. 1 contender for the heavyweight boxing crown. Mac went 15 rounds with Muhammad Ali in a non-title fight that he lost by decision. He finished his career with a 30-6 record, all wins coming by knockout and he was only stopped once.

Mac passed away at age 68 from congestive heart failure.

He was a good friend and brother and will be greatly missed.

(Note: The above picture is from a small snapshot that Mac gave Neil Grissom in Viet Nam on Mac's 21st birthday, June 27, 1963.)

Rest in Peace…

Semper Fidelis, your brothers

Neil Grissom, Wade Hudson & John Gariano