



THE AMERICAN LEGION

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DEDICATION OF USMC HERITAGE ROOM IN NAME OF LANCE CORPORAL REBELO

Legionaire Aaron Smith who was promoted to GSgt recently presided over the dedication this evening and unveiled pictures of Cpl Rebelo and a copy of his Silver Star.

Adjutant Wells attended the ceremony along with AmLeg Vice Cdr Stephen Ward in the USMC quarters of the Lisbon Embassy.

The Ambassador attended along with all the Marines.

Because of age and disability Cdr Pritchard is unable to continue as Cdr. Adjutant Wells is 88 this year.

Unless younger people step forward American Legion Portugal Post will shut down at the end of the year.

Adjutant Gilbert Wells

Joaquim (Jack) Vaz Rebelo

Corporal, USMC

Fallen

Monte Cemetery Murtosa

Lance Corporal Rebelo was born September 1st, 1946 in Fiscal (Murtosa) and died in combat on May 13, 1967 near the town of Dinh Na, 64 Km south of Da Nang, Vietnam. He went to rescue 2 of his downed comrades and his last words were, "Cover me, God'll cover us all". He was award the Silver Star and Purple Heart medals posthumously. His citation reads, in part, "For bravery and exceptional intrepidity in combat on January 29, 1967 while a radio operator for the 3rd Platoon, Company B, First Marines, 1st Division in the Republic of Vietnam. He had been transported by helicopter into a blocking position in cooperation with the 2nd Battalion and received immediate and intensive fire. After reaching an area about 200 meters from the drop off point, the unit received intense fire of grenades and automatic weapons from entrenched Viet Cong. Later as a result of intense heat some members of the platoon and the commander were rendered inoperative. Lance Corporal Rebelo assumed responsibility for reorganization of the unit and obtained medical assistance for the wounded. He called in 3 air attacks against the enemy position and twice went alone under fire to obtain water for his isolated companions. He gave mouth

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to mouth respiration to the wounded. Due to his energy and determination the unit beat off enemy attacks and maintained their positions.” He is survived by his sister, Laurinda Rebelo, of Newark, NJ. GSgt Smith contacted his sister Laurinda and has received considerable information from her. Also he has obtained a rubbing of LCpl Rebelos name on the VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL in Washington, DC.

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RBL WAR STORIES

While I was Secretary of the Royal British Legion in Portugal prior to 2000 a request went out to collect war stories and experiences dating back many years. I volunteered and have been collecting them. The Treasurer of the RBL, Stewart Austin, requested that these stories be posted on the RBL Portugal Branch website and this was done by the Chairman of the Portugal Branch, Desmond Briggs, with some help from RBL HQ in London.

The War Stories include the names of US military personnel buried in Portugal.

Since there may now be others out there who also have interesting war stories to tell

or just stories relating to military service or RBL service the RBL website has an additional page at the website called “Membership Forum”.

The website is below:

<http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/portugal/membership-forum>

Among the War Stories you will find the report of Lewis T Watty who was rescued from the Los Banos Camp outside Manila on February 23, 1945 along with 2000 other allied prisoners of the Japanese by the 11th Airborne Division.

Gilbert Wells, Adjutant PO 01, WW II veteran of the 11th Airborne Division.

My friend Charles Sass participated in the rescue of Lewis Watty from Los Banos camp. He has a website with his WW 2 stories at:

<http://AWW2paratrooper.wordpress.com>

OBITS

Former Post CDR Stuart Schuyler died March 3, 2014. He served as a navigator during WW II and Korea.

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