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September 29, 2007 (FPRC) -- In 1951 and at the Age of 17, Lee Ballenger enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. During his first year in the Marine Corps he trained with the 3rd Tank Battalion. Shortly after his 18th birthday, Lee Ballenger was shipped out to Korea, arriving in January 1953. After a short stint "with the 1st Reconnaissance Company, he returned to tanks in time to participate in the Nevada Cities fighting at the end of March." Lee Ballenger continued as a tank crewman until the end of fighting in Korea. He re-enlisted in the Marine Corps and served as a military police officer until his discharge in 1957.

After his discharge Lee Ballenger began his law enforcement career with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. He retired in 1989 at the rank of Lieutenant. Lee Ballenger is the author of a two volume set on the Korean War: The Outpost War: U.S. Marine Corps in Korea, 1952 and The Final Crucible: U.S. Marines in Korea, 1953.

In 1962 Stephen Beeler joined the United States Army, serving in Germany. After his discharge in 1965 he joined the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. During his law enforcement career with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department he served in patrol, administration, court services, community relations, press liaison and hostage negotiations. In 1986, he retired from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's because of a duty-related injury. From 1987 to 1995, he was the business manager for the Arizona Department of Corrections in Winslow. Stephen Beeler is the author of The Firestone Syndrome.

In 1969, Charles "Sid" Heal joined the United States Marine Corps. After serving a combat tour in Vietnam, he returned home, joined the Marine Corps reserve and attended college. Commander Charles "Sid" Heal began his law enforcement career in 1975 as an investigator for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. In 1977, he joined the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department as a deputy sheriff. During his law enforcement career, he has worked various assignments within the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, including Men's Central Jail, Firestone Station and Industry Station.

Upon being promoted to Sergeant in 1983, Commander Heal worked at Crescenta Valley Station and the Special Enforcement Bureau. After being promoted to Lieutenant in 1989, Commander Heal worked Central Property and Evidence, Firestone Station, Lennox Station, Hall of Justice Jail, Transit Services Bureau, Walnut Station, Emergency Operations Bureau, Special Projects Unit, and Field Operations Region III Headquarters. In January 2000, he was promoted to Captain and selected to command the Special Enforcement Bureau.

During his 35 years in the Marine Corps he has served in over 20 countries including military operations in Vietnam, Desert Storm, Somalia and Iraqi Freedom. Charles "Sid" Heal retired from the United States Marine Corps at the rank of Chief Warrant Officer (CWO5).

Commander Charles Heal holds an Associate of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Pasadena

City College, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Police Science and Administration from California State University, Los Angeles, a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California, and a Master's Degree in Management from California Polytechnic University, Pomona. He is also a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy. Commander Charles "Sid" Heal is the author of Sound Doctrine: A Tactical Primer and An Illustrated Guide to Tactical Diagramming.

Military-Writers.com currently lists 50 current, former or retired military servicemembers and their 100 military books.

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