

## Band of Brothers

The term "Band of Brothers" has been used by historians to describe the immensely close comradeship, which existed between combat Marines during the difficult days of the Korean War.

In essence it meant that:

Each person was considered entitled to dignity and respect as an individual, but each had to abide by common standards established by the proper authority

Each unit, regardless of size, was a disciplined family structure with similar relationships based on mutual respect among its members.

Each person refrained from cheating, lying, or stealing from a buddy and no one failed to come to one's aid when in need.

Each issue and problem was addressed, weighted against the impact it would have on the unit as a whole and was resolved. Particularly when it detracted from the efficiency and well being of an individual.

Each person contributed 100% of his ability to the unit's mission because any less effort would mean passing the buck to someone else.

Each person received job satisfaction, equal consideration and recognition for his accomplishments.

Each person realizing nothing worthwhile comes easy, strove to be the best he could be through hard work and team effort.

Each person in the unselfishness atmosphere of common goals, aspirations and mutual understanding shared in the blending of cultures, varying education and social backgrounds.

Each person was willing to share his eyes with another so that they could learn to see things from a different angle.

Each person knew they "belonged" and was fully "accepted" by those they worked with, ate with and sometimes died with.

To this day, this brotherhood concept continues to make the Marines unique among the world's military organizations.