

## **About Dale, the Novelist**

Dale Lee Sumner was born and reared in a very Navy family. His father was a retired Avionics Chief Petty Officer, and his mother, a Yeoman Third Class Petty Officer during WWII. His brother was a Navy SEAL. His sister is married to a career (now retired) Naval officer. Dale retired as a Commander (O-5) in the Supply Corps.

While stationed at the Marine Corps Air Station at Yuma, Arizona, as a Navy enlisted man, he experienced the unusual privilege of being awarded the station's highest honor of "Marine of the Month." A close association with the Marines continued throughout the rest of his Naval career.

In 1996, Dale and Robert O. Wagner, Jr. co-founded the first Civil War Federal Marine Re-enacting unit, "U.S. Marine Detachment, Washington Navy Yard, 1859-1865."

He and his wife currently reside in Middle Georgia. This is his first novel – number one in an expected series of five about "The Forgotten Marines" of our Civil War.