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## Battle Painting

## Battle Painting Offered to Men of Sixth Division

By Bill Pierce, PR Chairman

Ward Lowing, associate member, has commissioned the internationally known Belgian artist, Pierre De Wispelaere, to complete a panoramic painting of the Sugar Loaf Hill Battle, including Horseshoe and Half Moon Hills.

The painting will take about 6 to 8 months and Ward has already sent \$5,000 to the artist to begin work. The painting will be 4' by 6' and framed in 6' to 8' of wood. A 14" brass plate will be attached to the bottom of the painting, which will be entitled "The Battle of Sugar Loaf Hill" with appropriate dates, division recognition etc.

This battle was selected to represent the entire division as it was the keynote of the Okinawa Campaign.

Prints will be made and will be

available for sale. This will be handled by Lowing. A portion of the proceeds



### The Instigators

Ray Schlinder, K-3-22, left, Ward Lowing, center and Bill Pierce, Wpns-2-29, are the prime movers behind the Sugar Loaf Hill painting planned for the National USMC Museum at Quantico, VA.

will be offered to the Sixth Marine Division Assn.

An appropriate ceremony will be held at completion of the painting at the National Marine Corps museum in Quantico, Virginia. All association members will be invited to the ceremony by notification in our newsletter.

At this time we offer our sincere thanks to Ward for this very generous offering, and for honoring the men of the "Striking Sixth." It is hoped that the painting will do for the Okinawa Campaign what the flag-raising photo did for the Iwo Jima battle, Ray Schlinder, one of the proponents said. Bill Pierce is the third member of the proposal group. ♦

*Ed's Note: The circumstances, primarily involving Past President Ray Schlinder, surrounding the offer are interesting and will be reported in a later edition.*

## Funniest Part of Reunion Unseen Except for Few

By the Editor

Paulie De Meis and Andy Sinatra were supposed to discuss Gen. James Day in a separate meeting for a Marine historian.

Maybe they eventually got around to General Day, but not while I was listening. They had listeners rolling in the aisles as they recounted their experiences as Marine boxers during the war.

The accounts ranged from

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## Pretty Fall Colors to Greet Marines at Reunion in Pennsylvania

By Marilyn Brown

To all men of the Sixth Marine Division, spouses, children, grandchildren, and yes, great grandchildren, too:

This comes to you, on behalf of my husband Harry, L-3-22, and me, as a first invitation to next year's Reunion being held Sunday, Oct. 22 to Sunday, Oct 29, 2006 at Harrisburg East Holiday Inn on the outskirts of our state capital, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Our site is just a stone's throw from the Harrisburg International Airport and the hotel has a free shuttle to and from, if you give them 24 hours notice.

The hotel has been newly renovated to the tune of \$7 million, has lovely restaurant facilities, a small shop for necessities and souvenirs, meeting rooms for everyone and a large Hospitality Room that will be open from 7 AM to 11 PM. We pursued this hotel because of the need for just one hotel to house everyone, and this one can do it, unless we have a miraculous turnout. Then

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**Tom M. Terpinas**

This former association president is back in the fray, this time as secretary. The former corpsman turned physician replaces Edward Tomiaolo, recently deceased. He avers that he looks forward to working “in close association and harmony” with other officials. ♦



**Belated Salute To Wilbur Gehrke**

We were unable to print everything we wanted to earlier

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this year when Wilbur Gehrke, A-1-29, died. Specifically, we thought it would be appropriate to feature his citation and a few words he spoke about the incident behind the award.

“Redcloud was my runner the day (May 17, 1945) they decided I would get the Navy Cross.” (That was Mitchell Redcloud, who would win the Medal of Honor posthumously during the Korean War.) “I was to scout out a route to take A Company up to the front lines on May 18. Redcloud and I went up a Jap trench a long way, maybe a 1/2 mile or more. This was a little dangerous. We picked up a Jap rifle on the way back. Then we saw with glasses that 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Watson was having a rough time trying to get to the top of a ridge. I don’t know if that was Sugar Loaf, Bloody Ridge or what... We took off at a fast pace, zigging and zagging across the open ground. I was ahead and Redcloud was behind me. They started sniping us and Redcloud got a bullet in his left shoulder...not too bad.”

The citation picks up from there. “For extraordinary heroism as leader of a machine gun platoon of Company A...in action against enemy Japanese forces... Reconnoitering...on the front lines during a coordinated attack on a heavily defended Japanese hill in the Naha-Shuri sector, First

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## President Howell Seeks Youth Assistance in Future Planning for Our Association

Fellow Marines, as we embark upon a new year, we are again faced with some realities as to our future. It is essential that we do some serious planning that will require the input of some of the most future-minded members.

I have members in mind that I believe have the ability to dig down and come up with ideas to help revitalize the association. I would invite you to recall current and past leaders who will make an effort to work toward keeping us a viable organization.

Some thoughts for consideration: Membership remains the topmost factor in our future. All members, regular and associate, are needed to strive diligently for the success that we seek.

I have recently reviewed the publications of several veterans' organizations, and without exception, the need to attract and involve our youth is stressed. Two years ago, we were presented with a plan for augmenting the efforts of our officers and Directors. That plan, presented by Lt. Colonel Jean Steed, produced the Sons and Daughters. These are the youth available to us for keeping the Sixth alive in the memory of Family and in the annals of the Marine Corps.

The excellent endeavors of Susan Parham planning and executing



the Reunions in Nashville (ably assisted by Chaplain Emeritus Claud Wilkins), and the just concluded Las Vegas (working closely with our President-elect, Martin Essex and Marilyn) are examples of applied cooperation.

One need only to have visited the Hospitality Room to realize the magnificent performances

of those members of the S&D responsible. Unfortunately, we are failing to completely utilize their capabilities. I am as guilty as any. I shall correct that within the month. I ask that all officers and directors seek out a member of the S&D—possibly one of your family members—to work with you in performing your duties of office.

I also wish to commend the efforts of Linda Spangler, who developed the concept and oversaw the compiling and publishing of “The Sixth Assaults the Kitchen” and our Historian, Laura Lacey who researched and wrote “Stay Off the Skyline: The Sixth Marine Division on Okinawa.” Kudos are also due Andy and Lucy Young, developers of our website, which continues to attract and corral eligible Marines for membership in the association.

Others are working diligently to keep us alive. Give them a chance if you want the 6th to endure. ♦

Harold (Pete) Howell,  
President

### Harold (Pete) Howell

Harold (Pete) Howell took his place as association president for the second time at the Las Vegas Reunion in September. Howell, F-2-29, put in his Okinawa time and earned his Purple Heart May 18, 1945. After the war he attended Kent State U. and then worked for the Selective Service System until his retirement in 1974. Twenty-two years later he retired again from the Nebraska Dept. of Labor.

## Women Marines Helped Bring Sixth Up to Strength

(Abridged)

Laura: I have just received your two-part series on Okinawa. I have not yet finished it, but I can already say congratulations on such a fine job. Knowing you, it doesn't surprise me much.

There is one little part of USMC history I want to tell you about. When the 6th Division was formed on the Canal in 1944 a great many of the newly arrived Marines were those who had been replaced by Women Marines.

The Corps began taking in females in April of 1943, and by 1944 the specific objective was to find a gal to replace every stateside male Marine and get him to the Pacific.

You can surely imagine some or many of the Marines weren't that happy and excited to see their female replacement walk in the door. Others of course were anxious as hell to get going.

Many of those replaced had returned from the Pacific, and now they went out for the second time. The stated goal of the Marine Corps was to have 85% of the whole Corps in the Pacific, and most of that remaining 15% left in the states were to be Women Reservists. Even small stations brought in the WR's and shipped out 6, 7, or 10 guys who were now available. So, that was a very significant part of the 6th Division pool.

I look forward to spending a good amount of time on your whole story Laura. Love and best wishes from Borghild and I.

Semper Fidelis,  
B and B.

*Ed's Note: This E-Mail was from retired Sgt. Major Bob De Villiers, a friend of the division, to Laura Lacey, Division Historian and author.*

## Nevada Weather Cooperated For Sixth Division Reunion

By Susan Parham

The 2005 Reunion is over and in the history books. It was well attended and hopefully everyone had a good time. The weather certainly cooperated and provided us with excellent temperatures for walking



Martin and Marilyn Essex

the Strip and seeing the sights. Speaking of sights, the view from our Penthouse hospitality room was breathtaking – especially at night with all the city lights glowing.

The hospitality room this year was set-up differently than it has been in the past and I'm optimistically hopeful everyone found it comfortable and cozy with all the couches and separate gathering areas. In today's business environment it is getting more and more challenging to find a hotel that will work with us on stocking our own hospitality room and still keep the cost within a reasonable amount—thus allowing more and more of the membership to attend.

Martin and Marilyn Essex's daughter Joan hosted the ladies shopping trip to the beautiful Bellagio. Being a native of Las Vegas she was able to provide some history on the city and the tremendous growth it has endured the past 10 years. The Wednesday night BBQ at the Marine Corps League, courtesy of Martin and

Marilyn, provided some of the best BBQ in Vegas.

Thursday night was our banquet and the installation of the new officers and Board Members. (See Page 11) This year we elected not to have a guest speaker allowing the time for the installation and more time for dinner and dancing. The band was exceptional and it was wonderful to see so many out on the dance floor enjoying themselves.

Like last year there are a few people I would like to personally thank for all their support and help to make this years Reunion a success. First off, Martin and Marilyn Essex, their support was beyond words. From the beginning they were in this 150% making sure everything was worthy of the 6<sup>th</sup> Division. Second, to their daughter Joan who came in from California and sat at the Registration Desk daily and hosted the Ladies Shopping trip. Third, to the Essex's friend and neighbor Margaret, who helped at the Registration Desk for the second year.

And lastly to my dearest and best friends in the world, Sydney and David Gunnels who flew in from Northern California to help out in any way they could. It is because of them the Hospitality Room was clean, fully stocked and ready to go each day. I cannot begin to thank them for their hard work.

My appreciation also must go out to the Catering Staff at the Sahara Hotel, as they were able to completely reconfigure the banquet seating arrangements one hour before dinner, which allowed 61 additional guests to enjoy the dinner and dancing.

It was fun, challenging and rewarding to have coordinated this years Reunion, but I have to admit I am looking forward to just showing up at next years Reunion and enjoying the fun things planned. I hear there will be lots to do and wonderful places to visit. So, see you in Pennsylvania! ♦



### Having Fun Dancing

The dinner was OK at the Las Vegas Reunion, but the dancing was splendiferous as you can see. ♦

### Belated Salute...

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Lieutenant Gehrke realized the necessity of securing a vital terrain feature to the front in order for our attack to succeed and, proceeding alone ahead of our own lines in the face of hostile mortar, machine gun and sniper fire, selected a route of approach to the enemy-held crest. Finding the ranks disorganized from the heavy hostile fire upon his return, he unhesitatingly took charge of several men and, gallantly assaulting the ridge, succeeded in holding this almost untenable position. When his company was ordered to withdraw, he again voluntarily exposed himself in a fire swept area in order to administer first aid to a severely wounded man, subsequently carrying him to the safety of our lines. His indomitable fighting spirit and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service." ♦

*The above information was provided by Bill Pierce, Assn. PR Chairman*

## SD Shadows Named For Bangert, Roberts

### *Hi Auxiliary Members and Friends,*

The Ladies meeting held September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005 was a great success. We had several new members join us. A group of Sons and Daughters were at the meeting giving us better insight to their purpose and function.



Marion Bangert

Treasurer, Pauline Roberts, and President, Marion Bangert, asked for backup from the Sons and Daughters. They attended the S & D meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Spangler conducted the meeting in the absence of Lt. Col. Steed. Nancy Anderson will be shadow for Pauline Roberts and Donna Mollica will shadow Marion Bangert. Laura Lacy encourages us to send her pictures of veterans from WWII Sixth Marines.

Auxiliary held first 50-50 raffle due to lack of items for craft table. Quite successful but hope to do better next year. Due to the generosity of Martin and Marilyn Essex daughter, Joan, a memorial donation was sent to Marilyn and with a donation from the Auxiliary the new directory goal was met. Stipulation was that the money was to be used for the directory only.

Nomination committee presented new list of officers. Elections to be at next reunion. All terms are for two years. If unable to fulfill, send a letter of resignation to President, who will contact Executive Board.

We all had a wonderful time. It was a great Reunion. Thanks to Marilyn and Martin Essex for being fantastic host and hostess. Special thanks to Sue Parham for another outstanding job as coordinator. God Bless and keep you. ♦

Semper Fi, Marion Bangert

## Stephens Finally Returns To His Chinese Beginning at Tsingtao

By Hal Stephens

Since leaving China in 1948, I have returned several times—Shanghai, Peking (now Beijing), Chengdu, Xian—but never to Tsingtao



Hal Stephens

(now Qingdao). Yet it was Tsingtao that I longed to see the most having arrived there with Fox Company, 29<sup>th</sup> Marines, in September, 1945.

I'm sure many China Marines wonder how much of Old Tsingtao still remains. My chance to find out came a few months ago when I was in Shanghai and found I had some time to spare. I thought about catching a coastal boat and following the same route we had taken when the Sixth Division arrived by sea, but I would have had to wait several days, so I caught the overnight train. What a surprise awaited me.

The train trip was comfortable but I could not sleep thinking of what was to come the next morning. I was told I would never recognize modern Tsingtao. Perhaps, but certainly the Shantung University must still be there. They wouldn't tear down that magnificent stone building. It was the first quarters we were given when we went ashore.

Maybe the old Strand Hotel, the second place we were billeted, might be gone, and I imagined so would many of the bars and restaurants. I remembered all the monuments and pagodas. They must be there. And certainly the beaches. You can't easily tear down a beach. I was carrying a stack of photos with me that I had taken from 1945 to 1948, including the twin towered church on a hill in the center of town. It would be fun trying to match them.

The old warehouses where we had stood guard duty, shabby and rundown as they were then, were still there, still shabby and rundown. The railway station was new and very modern. There was no parade and cheering crowd like the first time we arrived.

The Catholic Church on the hill was still there. The old city with its hills and narrow streets were much the same but within minutes we were through the old section of town and the scene suddenly changed—into a modern city. Now, it was totally new and unfamiliar. Suddenly, the beaches appeared, one after the other, each with tiled walkways and vistas with benches and fancy kiosks.

One beach I remembered in particular. We called it Long Beach and it had several Quonset huts for storage. It was as far out of town as you could go without getting shot by bandits. Where was Long Beach now, and the Quonsets? With my map in hand I discovered that the Quonset huts once stood where the new glittering Shangri-la Hotel now stands. The hotel, with its marvelous view, was surrounded by shopping complexes, high-rises and wide avenues. It was open fields back then.

The pretty Director of Communications at the Shangri-la Hotel, Sunny Zhang, offered to be my guide. I was unaware she had alerted the press that someone from the past was in town. Thinking there might be a story here, two reporters arrived. They questioned me. "Yes, I was here with the US Marines in 1945."

"US Marines were never here. You are mistaken."

They refused to believe that US Marines had liberated the Chinese people from Japanese rule and aggression. "Yes," I insisted, "the Japanese forces surrendered to our Marine general on October 25, 1945."

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Since my last column, Andy and I received many kind emails from members of the Sixth Marine Division Association. One very kind gentleman, Leon H. Kazian, went so far as to snail mail us a letter by way of Joe Singleton (newsletter editor) as he did not have a way to contact us via the web, nor our mailing address. Thank you all for taking the time to write. Please continue to do so with your ideas, comments or questions. Let us know what you like, and even what you DON'T like about the web site. We want this site to be the best it can be.

We enjoyed very much hearing from everyone, and apologize for not having responded to every message as of yet.

Mr. John (Jack) de Leeuw, a Life Member of the Association, e-mailed me offering his entire collection of past newsletters to help us attain the goal of putting all past issues of the Striking Sixth on CD for distribution to members, and for the posterity for the Association. This was a VERY kind offer indeed. We thanked him but as of yet we have no idea how or who can help us with the task of scanning every page into PDF. If anyone has any ideas, or can volunteer to do the

job, please contact me.

### **I am merely the webmaster!**

The kind words are greatly appreciated, however, I get too much credit for this web site. I love the work, because I love the client— (though you are more of a family to us). However, I could not do this job without the kind collaboration of Bill Pierce. He is the leader in this outfit, I'm just a civilian doing a job as I don't have the honor to claim myself as one of The Few, The Proud, The Marines.

It is not an exaggeration to say that without a good Marine to lead this web site, it would be NOWHERE. Bill Pierce, in fact, knows the site much better than I. He also keeps a daily vigil on the site to make sure no improper or solicitous messages are placed on the forum.

If one is there, he lets me know so that I may erase it ASAP. Since I have a business to run ([www.texasnova.com](http://www.texasnova.com)) and 3 feisty Shih Tzus demanding my undivided attention, I consider it an immense blessing, as well as an honor to work virtually side by side with Bill in improving and adding to the Sixth Marine Division web site.

Poster store beginning to catch on

You may have noticed a poster store on the web site. I set up the

page with links and permission from **All Posters**. Each and any poster purchased through the site makes money for the 6<sup>th</sup> Marine Division



*Lucy Young*

Association. So far not many have been purchased, perhaps I should have explained that ANY poster purchased, not just those patriotic ones shown on [www.sixthmarinedivision.com](http://www.sixthmarinedivision.com), will do.

So if you are looking for something to hang over the mantelpiece, or are looking to buy one for someone you know, click on the link at the bottom of the page named "poster store" and search for what you want. Whatever you buy, as long as it originated from our web site, will count for the Sixth Marine Division Association.

If you need to contact anyone from the Sixth Marine Division Association click on the "Contact List" link at the top right hand corner.

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## **Pretty Fall Colors to Greet Marines ...**

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we will find a second hotel, but I do believe we are safe with just one.

The hotel agreed on the price of \$88.00 per room per night, which you men voted on at your general meeting the day I gave my presentation. This price includes all taxes. There will be several trips from which you can choose. Some of these include the following: Lancaster County Dutch Country, Harrisburg itself, York, our nation's first capital, Gettysburg and outlets galore.

The biggest trip, to me, will be to the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. I personally hope that all will opt to go even

if you have already seen it. Can you imagine anything more awesome than all of you Marines standing there together??? I can't. Just thinking about it gives me a good case of goose bumps, but I am on the sentimental side.

I promise you that there will be something for everyone. You can have an eventful week or a laidback week, your choice. Close by are malls, restaurants, and from many windows the dome of our capitol can be viewed. Autumn has finally hit here and it is beautiful. I have "ordered" an awesome fall for next October so that you can return home with calendar-type photos of the gorgeous

Susquehanna River Valley in central Pennsylvania. Come one, come all.

To you all we wish a safe and pleasant autumn, a glorious holiday season, and a prosperous New Year. We remain committed to presenting you with a Reunion you won't forget, just as we won't forget the one just past in Las Vegas. Our E-mail is [gauchob@nfdc.net](mailto:gauchob@nfdc.net). Write any time. I will return your note, promise.

Until then, God Bless and Semper Fi from Harry and Marilyn Brown, 775 Jefferson Lane, Red Lion, Pennsylvania 17356. ♦

*Ed's Note: More information and reservation forms will be provided in the Spring edition of the Striking Sixth due out May 2006.*

## Division E-Mail List To Update on Line

E-mail addresses of members will not be printed in the new directory coming out by the next Reunion. Instead they will be transmitted on line.

The addresses are in the process of being updated. Any members who believe their addresses may be incorrect should send the right one to Flo Dornan, the membership manager. Her phone number, address and E-Mail address are on the back page.

A list as complete as we can get it will be published over the internet to those addresses we have three times a year at about the same time as newsletter delivery. That's December, May and July. If you don't get the list, that means we don't have your address. We'll never have it if you don't give it to us. Contact Flo. ♦

Submissions to the Spring edition of the "Striking Sixth" newsletter must be in the editor's hands by April 1 for planned distribution by late April and early May, assuming post office cooperation.



Paul, Tommy, and Michael LaSorda

## Cousin LaSorda

The LaSorda boys, Paul, left, and Michael, right, grandsons of Sam, L-4-15, and Mildred Petriello, were reunited at the Air Force Academy earlier this year with their cousin Tommy LaSorda, former manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers, now in the Baseball Hall of Fame. LaSorda was there as a speaker. Both young men are Air Force cadets with plans to fly. ♦

## Mail Call

Billy Steed:

Hello - I have just stumbled onto your site and am very much enjoying reading the information you have. My brothers and I have just started putting together a time line of our father's activities in WWII. He was a runner in Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division from approximately June, 1944 until I believe around October, 1945. I have found his letters for his commendations and a few other things as well as all of his letters home during that time. If you have any information or websites

I should check out, please let me know. Thank you for your time.

Linda Blubaugh-Beguin

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Dear Joe:

For whatever reason, I have not received a newsletter since the fall-winter edition of 2004. Although I'll become 81 years old tomorrow, my wife and I have some interest in attending the Las Vegas gathering, but need a bit more information. Would you please forward this letter to the appropriate person in hopes they will get me a copy of the latest edition of the newsletter. Thank you.

Thomas V. Brown, 6<sup>th</sup> Signal Co.

*Ed's Note: The editor dropped the ball on this one. For best results, contact Flo Dornan, our membership manager, when you need help getting a newsletter or other mailing or dues information. Her address and phone number are on the back page. Above all, don't send the editor any checks, they're liable to get stuck in a pigeon hole somewhere.*

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Joe Singleton:

My name is Paul Creager, and I am researching the stories of Japanese bells that left Japan after WWII. During the spring of this year, Bill Pierce was very helpful in getting me some information about the bell that Gen. Lemuel Shepherd gave to VMI. This bell is called the Daishozen-ji bell, and after staying at VMI for quite some time, it was returned to Okinawa by Gen. John W. Ripley, Maj. Gen. John W. Knapp and Gen. James Day. Because my research has now expanded to several other bells, I am now trying to reach any 6th Div. Marines that have memory of the bell being acquired in Okinawa, transported back to America, given to VMI, etc.

The research I gather will be used for

several purposes: donation to any and all military archives for future use, a documentary film, and a picture book about the odyssey of these bells. I'd like to begin a dialogue to you about how I might include a description of the 6th Div. Marine bell story in your newsletter, as well as how that article might help to attract more veterans to share their stories. Also, we could talk about the web-based ways I could also reach the veterans. Any and all help is greatly appreciated, and I look forward to telling you more about this story. Sincerely, Paul Creager. I can be reached at 651-226-5046, or by email at [wiiibell@gmail.com](mailto:wiiibell@gmail.com).

Paul Creager

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Hello Joe Singleton:

Bill Pierce suggested I contact you and your newsletter re my search for Marines who may have known my uncle. Pvt. Roy Lee Dunham (from Oregon), Co. C, 1st Bn., 4th Marines, Wounded May 27, 1945, Died May 31, 1945, Okinawa. Thank You.

C Max Dunham

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Joe:

Keep up the good work. I do have an inquiry, in the last issue of the Newsletter on Page 8 (Remembering China Marines). The plaque of the China Marines Assn., is it available for purchase, Inasmuch as I was in Tsingtao, China in 1945-46, I would certainly like to purchase one. Maybe you can set me in the right direction to get one.

My thanks and Semper Fi. Dewey L.

Franco, L-3-4.

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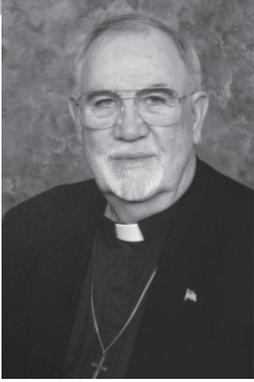
*Eds. Note: It is doubtful that a museum plaque would be available, but check with the China Marines.*

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Joe:

I am Gary Smith ( Son of Joe Smith F-2-29). I am also with the Sons and Daughters. I am disabled and stay home most of the day on the computer. If there is anything that I could help you

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Our 35<sup>th</sup> annual reunion has now been completed, but the memory of this exciting event will linger in our hearts and minds

This year our Memorial Service was once again a very moving experience for all who attended. We called the roll and “rang the bell” for 89 Marine buddies and 16 beloved Marine wives whose passing we mourned during the last year. As the years go by, our services of remembrance take on a deeper meaning for all of us. I think I know why.

Our generation is quickly and quietly disappearing as our march through history comes to an end. We know that only eternity awaits us.

Have you ever thought about how long eternity is? We talk about eternity and spending it in the life hereafter, yet none of us has any concept of eternity, except that it's a very long time.

Let me paint a word picture of a concept of eternity that I think we might be able to comprehend. To do this we'll need to think of three things.

First, we'll need a period of time. Secondly, we'll need a little bird, and thirdly, we'll need a huge block of granite, carved from a mountain. Oh, I forgot, we will also need to use our imagination. Regarding the period of time, we'll use 100 years. Most of us can grasp what a 100-year time period is because we know or have known of people who have lived for 100 years or more.

Our next object, a little bird, small enough for you to hold in your hand, is also imaginable.

For our block of granite, let's imagine we have a cube of stone that measures one mile in length, one mile in height, and one mile in depth.

So, here we have this cube of granite, one mile high and one mile in each direction. Now, let's suppose our little bird sharpens his little beak on this huge block of granite. Our little bird's beak is only about one-quarter of an inch long, but here he is, hard at work diligently sharpening it. Our next question would be: how often does he sharpen his beak?

After he sharpens his little beak, our little bird flies away to some idyllic place where he remains for 100 years.

Following that, he flies back to our one-mile cube of granite and sharpens his little beak again. He repeats this process every 100 years throughout eternity. So, how long is eternity?

The definition is, after our little bird has entirely worn away this one mile cube of granite by sharpening his little one-quarter inch beak every 100 years, that my friends, represents one second in eternity. We can only conclude that eternity is a very long time. Just ask our little bird. ♦

for a long time. Our applause goes to Marty and Marilyn Essex who again hosted this outstanding gathering for us in Las Vegas. Also, our hats are off to Susan Parham for her help in coordinating the many reunion activities. I'm sure others will provide a more detailed description of our 2005 reunion elsewhere in this newsletter.

However, I would be remiss if I failed to mention the separate hospitality room provided for our Sixth Marine Division corpsmen and their guests. This place of relaxation and refreshment was known as the “Sick Bay,” and was hosted by Corpsman Jack Rice and his wife, Ray.

The corpsmen, and all who sought out this place of rejuvenation, are indebted to Jack and Ray for the warm and friendly hospitality they so generously extended to us all.

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with please let me know. Unfortunately I was not able to attend in Las Vegas this year. I will miss everyone. Thanks.

Gary Smith,  
gsmith1120@msn.com

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Hi Joe:  
My official name is Francis J. Glancey. I have picked up many aliases over the years, but lately Frank has stuck on my back. I really don't care, but Francis seems a little formal, so Frank will be OK. I am at present in touch with Bob

Lowe, who was C Company's corpsman and John C. Hughes, who was the company runner. Both of these guys were on Guam, and Hughes was also on New Georgia to the best of my knowledge. So was Dick Bush. All had been in the First Raider Battalion. Keep in touch, as there are several guys around, but the ranks are thinning.

Hold high the torch,  
Frank Glancey, C-1-4.

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Dear Flo;  
As an old man in my 80's I spent a very sleepless night over the latest Striking Sixth. The fact that there are a lot of older Marines that will not be getting the newsletter is a worry. There may be veterans in nursing homes that still enjoy it. Also, many veterans are unable to pay with the cost of drugs and health care. I am one of the lucky ones that stayed in good health, but there has to be a way for the Marines that go to the next con-

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General Membership Meeting September 29, 2005. Prior to the opening of the meeting, President Andrew Sinatra, C-1-22, presented Historian Laura Lacey, who addressed the assembly to express her thanks and appreciation for being permitted to hold her book signing of "Stay Off the Skyline, The Sixth Marine Division On Okinawa." Laura held her signing in the Hospitality Room, and was well received.

Public Relations Officer Bill Pierce, Wpns-2-29, and Past President Ray Schlinder, K-3-22, presented information regarding the in-process painting to commemorate the 6th Marine Division and the Battle of Okinawa. The painting is being sponsored and donated to the Association by Ward Rowing for presentation to the Marine Corps Heritage Museum in 2006-2007.

The painting, a panoramic action view of the three hills: Sugarloaf, Horseshoe and Half Moon will depict the area of greatest resistance during the battle. Signed prints of the painting will be sold, with the proceeds accruing to the Association.

President Sinatra convened the meeting at 0907, and named member Frank La Barge, I-3-22, as sergeant at arms. The Invocation

was given by Chaplain Frank Mack, K-3-22. President Sinatra led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Roll Call of Elected Officers was read: With the exceptions of Secretary Edward Tomaiolo, deceased, Service Officer Joseph L'Etoile, 2-29, and Membership Chair James White, all were present. Chaplain Emeritus Cluad Wilkins was absent. A motion to dedicate the meeting to honor Claud was made and approved. A motion to dispense with reading of the Nashville meeting was made, seconded and approved.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS:** Treasurer Joseph McConville, K-4-15, submitted two reports; the General Fund and the Overflow Funds. The report was approved as submitted. Judge Advocate and Scholarship Fund Chair Sam Petriello, L-4-15, distributed copies of the current Association By-laws for reference as needed. He also reported that the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund has awarded \$30,000.00 to a total of ten 6th Division recipients for the 2005-2006 Academic Year. Chaplain Mack reported on his activities relative to the families of departed members and the distribution of Memorial Markers to those who do not currently possess them and make a request. Member Glenn Moore, 2-29, rose to give plaudits to

Chaplain Mack for his service and his manner of personally dealing with surviving family members and/or those who have family in need. Nomination Committee Chair Past President Foley, K-3-4, reported that except for the office of President-elect, no names were submitted for placement before the membership.

Past President Foley will assume position of Reunion Committee Chairman in the term of office of President Howell, and has recommended consideration of an outside agent to locate reunion site hotels, arrange for activities, room rates and returns to the association. Further consideration for 2007 and 2008 will follow decision on the 2006 bid. For purposes of expediency, at this point the presentation of a bid to hold the 2006 reunion in York, PA, (See article on Page One.) was conducted prior to the election of officers.

The bid was offered by Marilyn Brown, spouse of member Harry Brown. The proposal is for lodging at two hotels with a shuttle bus operating between the hotels with a room rate of \$88.00 nightly, including tax. Objections were raised regarding the two-hotel proposal because of limitations on activity participation by those staying in the second hotel. Mrs. Brown has

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vention to foot the cost in the Hospitality Room and pay for a few drinks, I have been there and if it has not changed, there was a lot of free drinking going on. I know the convention is a place for fun, I also know there are a lot of Marines that if they had the money would pay the subscription. The letters in the summer 2005 issue tell us a lot about the way the Sixth is going. It makes an old China Marine sad, In the 6<sup>th</sup>, they seem to have also forgotten the fact that the

Marines were in China. So much from the West Coast.

Semper Fi,  
Harley (Rusty) Hoeck, G-3-15.  
Gods Blessings.

★

Joe:

You moved. Stay the course.

Semper Fi,  
Vincent Mathews, 6<sup>th</sup> Amphibs.

*Ed's note: Vince submitted an article for fact that the Marines were in China. So much from the West Coast.* ★

Dear Editor:

It was a pleasant surprise to receive the newsletter yesterday. I have to commend you for keeping the editor's role this coming year and also admire you for hanging in there last year, when you definitely went through a "valley experience." I am hanging in there, here in ole South Carolina. My three daughters and son-in-law are my Godsend and always there when needed. I found no Ladies Auxiliary column this time by Marian

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By Jack Rice



The Corpsmen of the 6th Marine Division Association can take great pride in their representation at the Reunion in Las Vegas.

The attendance was great and there were three making their first appearance at the reunion.

Those attending:

Harvey Anderson  
Paul Judd  
Marvin Levine  
Rocco Lospinuso  
Frank Mack

George Miller  
Don Peterson  
Bob Rhodes  
Paul Smith  
Louis Spillone

Tom Terpinas  
David Titus  
Bob Waring  
Jack Rice

Regular attendees having to cancel at last minute were Don Brining (health), Hank Lewis (hurricane), and Carl Sproat (wife's health). We were greatly saddened to learn that Bill McDaniel, who was to attend, passed away on Sunday, September 25.

We now have four of our number participating in the leadership of the Association. Tom Terpinas is now Secretary, Frank Mack continues as chaplain, Louis Spillone is a unit director for the 6th Pioneer Bn. and Jack Rice is unit director for the 6th Medical Bn.

Having our own hospitality suite, in addition to using the Reunion's facilities, enhanced our ability to associate with each other and our families in attendance enjoyed their ability to socialize more closely. We plan to continue with this activity at future meetings. The reunion in 2006 will be in late October in Harrisburg, Pa.

During the interim we should make our plans to attend, encourage others to attend and seek those eligible for membership in our group.

We are indebted to the Officials of the Association and, in particular, Susan Parham, for their assistance and encouragement prior to and during the meeting.

Comments, suggestions, complaints, questions, answers, etc. can be made to Jack Rice, Home telephone number 904 744 0921, Cellular 904 874 6379. Email [jaxjack77@aol.com](mailto:jaxjack77@aol.com). ♦

**Watch for more of Jack Rice  
in the Spring Issue**

### All Florida Marine Reunion Set for '06

The second All Florida Marine Reunion will be held May 4-7, 2006 at the Radisson Riverwalk Hotel in Jacksonville, FL.

TWO PACKAGES ARE OFFERED:

**A:** 3 days, 2 nights: Friday night buffet, Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast; single \$207, double, \$297.

**B:** 2 days, 1 night, Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast: single \$125, double, \$176.

Additional information can be obtained from John J. Foley at (352) 686-6209. ♦

### Corpsman's Poem

Corpsman...corpsman,  
he's really badly hit.  
Damn, where did that  
shot come from?  
Corpsman! Corpsman,  
up here just a bit.  
I know that there's got to be  
someone.  
Corpsman...corpsman,  
he's right over here.  
We're really taking it now.  
Corpsman...corpsman,  
he's out in the clear.  
I think there's another man down.  
OK...OK, I'm coming on in.  
Which one to pick, who's hit worst?  
OK...OK, they hit him again.  
I'm going to take that one first.  
Coming, I'm coming,  
it's not very far.  
Jesus, I just took one too.  
I won't be coming...  
that's all of my war.  
Without me, what will they do?

*Ed's. Note: This poem came from Bill Pierce, PR Chairman. It was written by a friend of his, Marine Cpl. Joseph J. Cornish III, PBJ navigator.*

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## Lana Knew How To Please Mortar Crew

Jack Rice, 6th Med. Bn., sent the Striking Sixth this photo of Lana Turner without explanation beyond mentioning 81 mm mortars. It took Glenn Moore, at one time an aficionado of the 81's for the 29<sup>th</sup>'s second battalion, to explain:

Wilson Ackerman of the 81 bunch, who died a few years



ago, wrote Lana while in Tsingtao. She responded with the photo and inscription (barely visible now). "Did you note where she signed it?" Glenn wrote. "She knew how to excite young lonesome boys."

Apparently Rice got the photo from a mortarman before returning to the States. He knew this newsletter needed some cool material, not that there was anything cool about Lana.

In today's parlance, she would be known as hot. Marine veteran and Mafia wise-guy Johnny Stompanato already knew that when he was stabbed to death. That was done by her daughter Cheryl, who was defending her mother. She was probably pretty hot at the time.

Question: Was Stompanato a Sixth Division Marine? ♦

## Laura Lacey First Speaker ...

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been advised by Past President John Foley, Reunion Committee Advisory Chairman at the time, that she must meet the 16 points of the Reunion Criteria to host a 6th Division Reunion. She is to inform Foley when she feels capable of so doing. (Foley has since resigned.)

One member voiced an opinion that the room rate was not a good deal. Following the bid presentation and as no other bids were offered, President Sinatra moved to the election of Officers and Directors. In accordance with the by-laws of the association, President-elect Howell agreed to accept the office of President, and was approved by acclamation. Nominations chair Foley announced Martin Essex as the only name put forth to the committee, and placed his name in nomination.

Following several subsequent nominations and declinations, it was moved that the nominations be closed and Martin Essex be named President-elect by acclamation. The motion was seconded and approved. Past President Tom Terpinas was Nominated for the Office of Secretary, and elected by acclamation. President Sinatra announced that all remaining members of the Executive Board, excepting Service Officer L'Etoile, have agreed to serve in their respective offices for another year.

Thus, the Executive Board for

the coming year of 2005-2006, shall include the following: President Harold E. Howell, F-2-29, President-elect Martin Essex, H & S-4-15, Secretary, Thomas Terpinas, C-1-29, Treasurer, Joseph McConville, K-4-15, Chaplain, Rev. Frank J. Mack, K-3-22, Chaplain Emeritus, Claud Wilkins, A-1-29, Editor, Joe Singleton, F-2-29, Judge Advocate, Sam Petriello, L-4-15, Membership Chairman, James White, G-3-29, Public Relations Officer, William T. Pierce, WPNS-29, Service Officer Carl Sproatt, F-2-29; Past President, Andrew Sinatra, C-1-22.

Unit members assembled and named Director Representatives for the year 2005-2006. 4th Marines, Walter Heuer; 15th Marines, James McWalters; 22nd Marines, Charles Staten; 29th Marines, Henry Kemp; 6th Mtr. Trns. Bn., Vince Matthews; 6th Med. Bn., Jack Rice; 6th Engr. Bn., Leonard Israel; 6th Tank Bn., Sal Mistretta; 6th Pioneer Bn., Louis Spillone; 6th HQ Bn., Augie LePore; 6th Recon Co., Fred Westphal; 6th JASCO, Ed Marsalek; 1st Amphibs, George Tremblay.

Following a motion by President-elect Howell, honoring President Sinatra for his extraordinary service as President for the past two years with an Honorary Life Board Membership, seconded by Sam Petriello and approved unanimously. President Sinatra entertained a motion for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 1012. ♦

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*Ed's Note: Marian is back. Her column is on Page 5.*

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Joe:

Thank you so much for writing. I came across the website by accident doing a search for NUYIANES. John Nuyianes is my dad. I don't have his numbers in front of me but I know he was in the

6th Division... Fox...22 and I think there is another number. My dad has been in Coatesville, PA Veteran's Hospital for 3 years now. He has dementia caused by mini-strokes. Even in his condition, he clings to being a Marine. I've wanted to write an article and include some pictures for some time now. Is there anything I can do to help you get this group together?

Semper Fi,  
Ceil Nuyianes...  
(With pride, I went back  
to my maiden name)

★

I sure would like to find an old buddy that I served with in H&S Company, 6th Tank Battalion, if you should ever run across the name of Elven Marvin Dooly,

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The Grand Hotel—It’s a little spiffier now than when it was home to the 29<sup>th</sup> Marines during much of their China stay.

I had, with my photos, the certificate of the surrender with my name on it. They refused to believe it.

I had a photo of me taken at a temple outside the city. I was standing on a marble slab beside a stone lion. One reporter recognized it. We drove to the site. I posed for a photo at the same spot, 60 years later. I asked them to take me to Shantung University. The name had been changed, but they were able to identify the place from my photographs. The reporters called the local TV station and we all met in front of the university.

“All that’s missing,” I said, showing them the photograph, “are the rickshaws waiting out front.” What

a thrilling moment to walk up those same stairs with the cameras following. I remembered the room where I had slept and led the way. It was now a science lab and the teachers inside were astounded to see us enter. One teacher snapped,

“What are you doing here?” And I responded, in my best Chinese, “What are you doing here? I was here first.” It brought on a few laughs.

The media was now convinced the Marines had been there, but no one had heard of the Strand Hotel. When our machine gun platoon left the university for our new quarters we hiked over a hill with full packs. With the cameramen following, I made my way over the hill. I almost couldn’t believe it myself. There it was—the Strand Hotel.

The hotel had been refaced with a new entrance but little of the interior was altered. The old stairway, the railing, the windows, the porches,

all were the originals. I could almost hear the bugle sounding, calling us to muster. But, sad as it may be, we Marines had been written out of Chinese history books. A plaque at the entrance to the Strand states that it was an officers’ club after the war.

We made our way to the Edgewater Hotel, once the officers’ quarters, at the far end of the bay. It was still there.

There were other sites that I found and all were a thrilling experience. I walked through the Old Town, which still has its cobblestone, twisted streets and the red brick building that was once the EM Club still stands but it’s now a hotel. I was disappointed that I could not find the home of my first Chinese teacher, Mrs. Djung, whom I wrote about in *Take China*.

I did take a walk out to the pagoda at the end of the pier, where I saw a group of elderly Chinese women. Perhaps they remembered the China Marines. I asked them if they remembered us. I was surprised when one of the women spoke English rather well. “Oh yes, I do,” she said. At last I was getting some place. She went on: “My mother told me about the Marines being here.”

I was saddened to leave Tsingtao with all its memories but I guess that’s all we have left. ♦

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Mission Texas, (believed to be Audi Murphy’s first cousin) let me know. As ever,  
Semper Fi,  
Walter Ogrean  
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To whom it may concern:

I would like to report the death of George R. Stahl, a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Marines band. He passed away August 23, 2005. We served together in the 1<sup>st</sup> Provisional Brigade on Guadalcanal, with the 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment on Okinawa and in the occupation of Japan. George was my last contact with a mem-

ber of the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment band. He will be missed. Sincerely, Thaddeus M. Rush P.S. Please send a copy of the Striking Sixth newsletter to his widow once his death has been reported. Lois Stahl, 4709 Abbott Ave South, Minneapolis, MN 55410-1925.

Lois Stahl  
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Sir,  
You have my correct e-mail address. I am due to leave Okinawa in November for either Camp Pendleton or Camp Lejeune. I will contact you and or the 6<sup>th</sup> Marine

Division web page once I am in place.  
Very Respectfully,  
1st Sgt. Scott M. Smith

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Hi Flo...

Just had a thought in regard to 6th Div. shirts and assorted “goodies”... Sgt. Grit Marine specialties web site www.grunt.com has recently become the official supplier for the “China Marine Association.” I recently ordered a couple of 6thMarDiv flags and patches

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## It's Been 60 Years; Can You Believe It?

This year marks sixty years since the Battle of Okinawa was fought and I have been pleasantly surprised to see several well-done documentaries about the battle on television. Concerns that what the 'greatest generation' accomplished would be forgotten during the anniversary of the fiftieth have been thwarted, primarily because finally you began to share your experiences.

The past ten years have seen a new attitude towards "the good war." Books like Tom Brokaw's reminded the world of the sacrifices a generation made for the safety of the world. Movies like Saving Private Ryan visually captured the horror of war and yet how necessary it sometimes can be to fight.

Most importantly, the World War II Memorial was built and dedicated in Washington, D.C. One hears "Took um' long enough" and other such comments when referring to the World War II Memorial, but it could be argued that it was in fact the fault of those who lived through the Second World War that nothing was done sooner. You came home; you went on with life with the same single-mindedness that had allowed you to win the War in the first place.

You did not share your memories

even with wives but kept them buried and made comments like "I was just doing my job" or "The real heroes never came home." The members of the "greatest generation" kept silent. After the fifties a new attitude emerged, whether because of an understanding that time was getting short or a fear of revisionist history.

Some began to tell their tales. The world is better for it. In a time when once again the world is at war, young men are being asked to do the unthinkable, and they do it, just as men did sixty years ago. This country needs your wisdom and insight.

In the past ten years many of your members have been silenced forever, therefore you must speak even louder for them. Many communities are actively collecting oral histories— seek such a group out.

Make it a point to go and speak at a high school, or local college, to your grandchildren, your children, buy a book or tape recorder and record your memories—just get your stories preserved! We have asked a lot of your generation; this is yet another gift you can give.

Make sure that future generations understand how dangerous the world was in 1941 and that freedom is never free. Additionally, thank you for such a warm welcome at the Las Vegas Reunion. I am so happy that you are pleased with "Stay Off the Skyline: an Oral History of the Sixth Marine Division."

It is your story, and I was proud to finally bring it to you. ♦

## New Marine Unit May Remind Old Raiders Of How It Used to Be

The United States Marine Corps is changing a policy that dates back to World War II. There will now be Marines in special forces. This is a departure from regular practice, initiated earlier but not completed until 1944, with the disbandment of the Parachute and Raider regiments.

The new unit will be regimental in size and structure with about 2,600 men (presumably men) and report to Special Forces Command

The Marine Corps eliminated its paratroop regiment and distributed most of its active troops into the Fifth Division, it was believed, because there was not much opportunity for parachute jumps on Pacific Islands.

Raiders had always been resented by many officers, it has been noted, because of their special nature and elite status. The reason given for their disbandment, however, was that they were needed to staff the 4<sup>th</sup> Marines. Certainly, the Sixth Division was the better off for their presence on Guam and Okinawa. ♦

## Funniest Part...

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the Marshalls to Okinawa, from the Raiders to Holy Wine. When they weren't boxing, they were doing things best left unreported, especially the parts about excretions and bodily parts.

The Marines in the Sixth didn't need visits from Bob Hope and Red Buttons, they had Andy and Paulie. ♦

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from this company. The price of the flags...\$8.95 ea...3'x5' size, and other items seem to be reasonable.

Roy Spedden,  
H&S 6<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Bn.

★

## PLUG FOR STEPHENS

Hal asked for a little blurb to help him sell his book "Take China," a tale of Marines there after WWII. The editor has bought and read the book. It's pretty good and of special interest to Sixth Division Marines. Any would be buyers can contact Howard Terry. His address is in the Directory.

## **Battle Museum Reflects Sixth Division History**

By Bill Pierce, PR Chairman

The well maintained, expert displays of the Battle Museum of Okinawa are on the number one tour on Okinawa. Some 1500 plus visit the Museum monthly.

Tours are conducted by our Division's loyal friends, Dave Davenport and Chris Majewski. The Museum boasts, medals, weapons, uniforms, artifacts, Japanese swords, flags, battlefield items and much more. Many of the items are those discovered in explorations of the caves and battlefields by the 'Tunnel Rats', who under Dave and Chris's supervision explore whenever they get the time.

Some 75% of the Museum is dedicated to the Sixth Marine Division. Items sent to the Museum by our members are prominently displayed on walls, showcases, shelves, etc. A well-equipped library is kept within the museum with division histories, personal biographies and battle history.

In the event any member has items they feel are suitable for the Museum please send them to me, and I will see that they are boxed, shipped and placed in the Museum with the donors name on a card with the item.

Dave Davenport, the Director is currently battling a life threatening disease and I ask that if one can, kindly send Dave a get-well card. Address the card as follows:

Chris Majewski  
PSC 577 Box 3642  
FPO AP 96379-3642  
ATT: Dave Davenport ♦

### **Items Left Out**

The Board of Directors Minutes, the Marines who attended the Reunion and the Financial Statement. They will appear in the Spring issue. In the meantime, for those interested in the money. We have \$28,959.32 in the checking account and \$62,887.36 in savings as of Aug. 1, 2005.



Cpl. James David Holloway

### **Tribute to A Marine—**

James David (Jim) Holloway, died July 19, 2005 at his home in Simsbury, CT. He passed away a month past his 86th birthday. In his final hours his daughter and the only daughter of his son attended him. Born into a long line of patriots who have valiantly fought for America in every generation dating back to the Revolution, Jim was honored to fight with the 6th Marine Division on Okinawa. Before he died, he told his children,

**“The greatest thing I ever did was become a Marine.”**

From James (Jim) Holloway, Jr.  
(972) 250-3460



Frederick Scheitlin

### **Letter to Buzzy; Scheitlin Gone**

Dear Buzzy (Edward L. Fox, G-2-22):

This just to let you know that Fred passed away on September 15. After months of illness, he died peacefully at his home surrounded by family... You were special to Fred, and we wanted you to know. Thank you for your prayers at this time of our loss. As Fred would say, "Semper Fi", always faithful. God Bless you always, Claire Scheitlin.

*"The Lord is my light and my salvation..."* Psalm 27, (one of Fred's favorites, memorized during the war).  
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Frederick J. Schleitlin, B-1-22, was born Nov. 23, 1925. Coming from a family of Marines and following in his father's footsteps, he too joined the Marines. Married to Claire, he fathered two children, Paul and Carolan. Services were held Sept. 24.

### **McDaniel Dies**

Millen, GA—William Francis (Bill) McDaniel, Sr., 78 died Sunday, Sept. 25, 2005. He was born in St. Petersburg, FL. A Navy corpsman, McDaniel served with the 6<sup>th</sup> Marine Division's Medical Bn., Co. B.

Survivors include his wife Shely, a daughter and four sons.

## New Members

**EARNHARDT**, Heidi, ID #5914, Daughter of James W. Syrell, Assoc. Annual

**GUTHRIE**, Louis, ID#5911, 4th MAR, Regular Annual

**HONN**, William J., ID #5915, 29th MAR-1, Regular Life

**KNERR**, John, ID #5909, 4th MAR-2-G, Regular Annual

**LOWING**, Ward S., ID #5918, Friend of Bill Pierce, Ray Schlinder, Assoc. Life

**MONNETT**, Martha, ID #5878, Daughter of Charles Monnett, Jr., Assoc. Annual

**OVERHOLSER**, Dwight, ID #5906, 15th MAR-Artillery, Regular Life

**SAWYER**, Raymond R., ID#5922, 29th Mar-2-E, Annual Regular

**SCOTT**, George A., ID #5842, 4th MAR-2-E, Regular Annual to Regular Life

**SHERIDAN**, Kenneth, ID #5920, 22nd MAR-E, Regular Annual

**SMITH**, Courtland B., ID #5910, 29th MAR-3-G, Regular Annual

**SNYDER**, Lucille, ID #5919, Widow of Jack Snyder, Associate Annual

**SPANGLER**, Linda, ID #5854, Dau. of Jack Snyder, Assoc. Ann. to Assoc. Life

**THACH**, Michael R., ID #5907, Son of Earnest Jackie Thach, Associate Life

**WATERS**, Robert E., ID #5913, 22nd MAR-1-C, Regular Annual

**WEINSTEIN**, Lester, ID #1829, 29th MAR-1-B, Regular Annual to Regular Life

**WHEELHOUSE**, Dannet, ID#5912, Daughter of Kenneth Sheridan, Assoc. Ann.

**WILLIAMS**, John R., ID #5916, 29th MAR-2-H, Regular Annual

**WILLIAMS**, Scott, ID #5917, Son of John R. Williams, Associate Annual

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<b>BLANCHET</b> , Thomas J.	29th Mar-3-G	8/19/2005
<b>BRAKEMAN</b> , Walter G.	6th Engineer Bn	9/2002
<b>CAROTHERS</b> , Willis "Bill"	6th Marine Division-Motor T	Unknown
<b>DAVIDIO</b> , Adolph J., NM	6th Marine Division	Unknown
<b>DRUDGE</b> , Waldo E.	4th Marines	1/30/2004
<b>FITZGERALD</b> , Ramona	Widow of John Fitzgerald	6/01/2005
<b>GALLAGHER</b> , William	15th MAR-4-K	9/07/2005
<b>GANZ</b> , Charles D.	22nd MAR-1-A	9/13/2005
<b>HALIDAY</b> , Alfred C.	22nd MAR-3-I	2/11/2005
<b>HANCOCK</b> , William J.	29th MAR-H&S-Comm	2005
<b>HARTNER</b> , George L.	22nd MAR-2-HQ	9/14/2005
<b>HENRY</b> , Harley H., NM	6th Marine Division	10/11/2005
<b>HICKS</b> , Eugene W.	29th MAR-1-HQ	5/05/2003
<b>HOLLOWAY</b> , James D.	6th MAR-HQ-HQ	7/19/2005
<b>HONIS</b> , Barbara	Wife of Donald J. Honis	7/31/2005
<b>HUMPHRIES</b> , Harold E.	6th Engineer-Bn A	5/5/2005
<b>JONES</b> , Robert H.	4th MAR-3-I	7/31/2005
<b>KALINOWSKI</b> , John, NM	29th MAR-Weapons	12/2004
<b>LYNDE</b> , Paul K., NM	15th MAR-4-H&S	Unknown
<b>MAGDICH</b> , Frank	29th MAR-3-I	8/28/2005
<b>MALLON</b> , Robert	15th MAR-3	3/13/2005
<b>MAY</b> , Wilmer Jack, NM	4th Marines	11/2/2005
<b>MCDANIEL</b> , William F.	6th Medical Bn	9/25/2005
<b>MILLER</b> , Walter H., NM	6th Marine Division	9/17/2004
<b>O'BRIEN</b> , Kenneth J.	6th Marine Division	9/23/2005
<b>OWEN</b> , Lester E.	29th MAR-1-B	8/14/2004
<b>PAGE, JR.</b> , William G.	29th MAR-3-G	10/13/2004
<b>PECK</b> , Franklin, MD, NM	4th Marine Regiment	6/14/2005
<b>RANKIN</b> , James, NM	4th Marines	12/31/2004
<b>ROOT</b> , Elverson	6th Engineers, H&S	8/31/2005
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<b>SCHLOERKE</b> , Helen	Wife of Ken Schloerke	6/25/2004
<b>SPEARS</b> , Ottis R. (Ray)	6th Recon Co.	9/13/2005
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<b>STOWELL</b> , Robert W.	6th Marine Division	11/5/1980
<b>SURRIDGE</b> , Robert W.	22nd MAR-2-H	7/13/2005
<b>TREHEY</b> , Veronica	Wife of Harold L. Trehey	1/15/2005
<b>TRESEMER</b> , Wayne, NM	29th MAR-2-F	8/24/2005
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