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WWII Memorial, Silent Drill Team Are Top Features of October Reunion

After a slow start, the 6th Marine Division Association Reunion planned for Harrisburg, PA appears to be gaining steam as one of the most feature driven get-togethers in the long history of such bashes, beginning with the first in Atlantic City. Scheduled for Oct. 24-29, this 36th version of a Marine holiday may turn out to be one of the best.

Harrisburg, PA! Who would have thunk it? No reflection on Pennsylvania, one of the brightest stars

of the original 13, but does this medium-size city compare with such past venues as Washington, Boston, New Orleans, San Francisco and Chicago? Well, yes. Size isn't everything, and they say the countryside is as pretty as any, particularly in October.

Plus, we get to visit the WWII Memorial. That's something we should all do; after all, in one sense we helped build it. We get to goof off with the brass at Eighth and Eye. That's Marine

HQ, where they decided where we were going to go without asking us if we wanted to go there. We will see the Silent Drill Team at work, eat in a genuine Marine chow hall, meal included. The Iwo Monument also will be on the agenda.

Or we can eat at an actual Marine hangout, Finn McCools, a bar and grill nearby. There will also be a tour of a barracks and a short talk, probably

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6th Division Marine, Ex-Raider Honored



Forrest Miller was honored at the annual Birthday Ball held at the Illinois Veterans Home in Manteno, IL by the Marine Corps League Detachment of Joliet, IL. Miller, a resident of the home who served with Co. A, 1st Raider Bn. And C-1-4 of the Sixth Division, had been the recipient of two Purple Hearts and the Silver Star for his service in WWII. He received framed arm patches, Raider and Sixth Division, along with a plaque and Raider ball cap from the League. Shown with Miller, center, are Terrance Rohman, service officer, left, and Edward Balker, past president of the detachment.

Art Director Excited by Sugar Loaf Painting

By Bill Pierce, PR Chairman

Charles Grow, art director for the National Museum of the Marines at Quantico says he is very excited about receiving "The Battle of Sugar Loaf Hill," presently being painted under commission from Ward Lowing for the association.

Grow and I agreed that the timing to deliver it should be sometime next

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Editor's Commentary: Time Has Come to Consider Change

The Division needs help.

There is work to be done here and few to do it. That's not really a surprise. We're closing in on the end. We're almost all in our 80s or 90s, and few of us want to spend our declining years doing association work, especially if it's controversial.

This editor is no exception. I've had enough. I am not standing for reappointment. Years ago that would have been no problem, hardly worth mentioning. Someone would step forward. If someone does now, it will be a surprise. If no one does, I am offering a possible

solution. Hire it done.

We are spending around \$10,000 a year on the Striking Sixth. Fees and donations pay for about half of that. If we hire someone for about \$ 2,100 a year, we can save more than that by doing the layout in house. In other words, it wouldn't cost us a dime to pay for an editor. There would be a startup expense for software and a scanner.

Do I have anyone in mind? Yes, indeed. Will I help with the transition? Yes, all year if necessary. There is a very dependable woman who already works for

us and may agree to do it. She is dedicated to her job. Her name is Flo Dorman. She is our membership manager and without her there are no association records, no continuity and no newsletter as well... assuming no one steps forward.

(As an aside, I would like to put in a plug for Marydel Gaiser as a possible Reunion Manager. This year's Reunion information coming from her is accurate, reliable, correctly formatted for the Internet and on time.)

Joe Singleton



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Notes From the President

Fellow Marines:

Some questions have been presented regarding our 2006 Reunion, and I believe this is the time to help resolve those questions.

Those who have worked reunions will know that hosting the 6th Division Reunions requires full effort on the part of the host, and those selected as committee members, in planning and coordinating with the President and Reunion Site Chairman.

I named John Foley to serve as Reunion Site Chairman because I know that John has the aim and goals of the association uppermost in his highest interest and would work with any host to assure that those interests are maintained.

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While we both had misgivings about the location of the 2006 reunion and the time of year of scheduling, we felt we should go

with Pennsylvania; mainly because it had been some years since the Northeast had the opportunity to host a reunion—and Mrs. Marilyn Brown was the only applicant

Efforts to maintain contact with Mrs. Brown by John Foley as Site Chairman and Editor Joe Singleton for purposes of preparing copy for the *Striking 6th* proved nearly impossible because she was off on a month's vacation (or tour) and for other reasons not completely understood.

Despite the foregoing, John made numerous attempts to reconcile with Mrs. Brown to make the reunion a "GO." Only after being unable to elicit information on her making a deposit with the Hotel (not called for), making the association liable for rooms on days not usually well attended by members, and what seemed unusually high costs for the Tours, including a requirement that the Association suffer financial penalties if the Tour was canceled, it was decided to seek assistance from a Professional Reunion Planner, Marydel Gaiser, who traveled to Harrisburg and worked with the Holiday Inn East to amend the terms of the contract; as well as attempting to negotiate with the tour bus company.

Without going into details of the ensuing weeks, continued difficulty in working with Mrs. Brown resulted in the decision to relieve her as host of the Reunion and ask John and Ms. Gaiser to assume the roles of "in charge" for the continued development of plans for Harrisburg.

I have opined many times before that we must think in terms of seeking professional assistance for reunions. It is clear that we must move in that direction. As a result of actions by John Foley on Marine business, he has visited Norfolk, Virginia, and has planned a presentation for Reunion 2007 to be held there. We will learn more of this during our meetings, and there is a preliminary article on Page 7.

(Ed.'s note: The decision to ask Mrs. Brown to stand down was supported by the other site committee members, Singleton and Bill Pierce, Public Relations Chairman.)

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with questions and (maybe) answers.

Not everything happens in Harrisburg or Washington. There is a Gettysburg tour. We will see where the Confederacy was briefly at high tide, but, also, where Bobby Lee had to turn his army south never to return.

There will be shopping for the ladies at an out-of-town outlet complex. Back in Harrisburg, a musical event has been planned that is reportedly well worth the \$10 asked. There is a lot to do when you hold a Reunion in Harrisburg, PA.

More than one charge has been reduced. If an early applicant has paid too much, based on the new charges, refunds will be made at the Reunion.

WASHINGTON DC TOUR – WW II MEMORIAL

Wednesday October 25, 2006

9:00 AM – 6:30 PM

\$45.00 per person Lunch Included

9:00 AM Depart the Holiday Inn Harrisburg East
11:15 AM Arrive DC, WW II Memorial
1:15 PM Depart for 8th & I Lunch at barracks
2:30 PM Drill Team Presentation
Drive by Marine Memorial (Iwo Jima)
4:00 PM Depart DC for Harrisburg.
6:30 PM (approx) arrival at the hotel
\$45.00 per person including lunch & gratuities...

LADIES SHOPPING AT THE HERSHEY OUTLETS

Thursday October 26, 2006

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

\$15.00 per person, lunch on their own

10:00 AM Depart the Holiday Inn Harrisburg East
Shopping at the 60 Hershey Outlets...restaurants available
3:00 PM Arrive back to the hotel

OR

GETTYSBURG TOUR

Thursday 10/26/06

9:00 PM – 4:00 PM

\$35.00 per person including lunch

10:15 AM Arrive for the Electronic Map presentation 10:30 – 11 AM
11:15 AM Lunch arrive General Pickett's Buffet (included)
12:15 PM Depart for the Battlefield guided tour
2:30 PM End of Tour
2:45 PM Depart for the Harrisburg Holiday Inn East
4:00 PM Arrive at the hotel
\$35.00 per person inclusive of lunch and gratuities.

Word From the President Elect



To my dear friends: As we are all starting to plan for the Reunion in October, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for electing me as president for the year 2006 and 2007. In this sixtieth year since most of

us saw active duty, it is truly amazing to me that so many of us are still active in the Association after all these years.

What friendship this organization has provided! What enjoyment to share "seastories" through The Striking Sixth, our web site and especially through our wonderful yearly Reunions!

In light of this great tradition, I would like to raise two issues that are highly important for me personally and that I hope can become our collective objectives over the next year or so.

I am greatly saddened that some

Retired Colonel To Be Speaker At Harrisburg

Colonel Pizzo, who has agreed to speak at the forthcoming Reunion in Harrisburg, Oct. 28, enlisted in March 1971, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in October 1971. Upon graduation from the Basic School, he reported into 3rd Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan, and was assigned to the 9th Marines where he completed duties in Vietnam and Southeast Asia.

In 1974, he completed naval aerial observer training and was assigned duties with Marine Observation Squadron 2. After serving three years with the 1st and 3rd Marine Aircraft Wings, then Captain Pizzo reported to Amphibious Warfare School.

As a Major, from 1982 to 1984, he was assigned duties as the Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, Sigonella, Sicily, and CO, 14th Interrogator Translator Team, Beirut, Lebanon.

Promoted to the rank of Colonel in 1993, he served as the 3rd Marine Division G3 (Operations) on Okinawa, and as Commanding Officer, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. In 1996, he returned to Headquarters, Marine Corps where he completed a tour as the Deputy Director, Manpower Management.

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of our colleagues are not part of our camaraderie. This is my largest concern, as we think about the future for our organization. The Sixth Division Assn. exists for all its members, and I encourage all members to participate and feel a part of its family.

My second area of concern is to provide a more supportive environment for our sons and daughters and friends who are interested and willing to assist us to continue. My wife Marilyn and I have organized two reunions in

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THE SIXTH MARINE ASSOCIATION 2006 REUNION
Holiday Inn Harrisburg East, Harrisburg PA.
October 24 – 29, 2006

ARRIVAL DATE: _____ DEPARTURE DATE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-mail: _____

Single, Double, Occupancy: \$88 per night

Please check preferred accommodations: King Bed Two Beds Handicap
 Smoking Non-Smoking

Please complete this form and return it with a deposit in the amount of one nights lodging \$88.00

By check or credit card to: Holiday Inn Harrisburg East, 4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111

Credit card # _____ EXP date _____

Signature _____

OR: Call 1-800-637-4817... (This is the hotel 800 number)...Be sure to say you are with the 6th MARINE REUNION TO BE GIVEN THE \$88.00 RATE.

SPECIAL REQUESTS: Every effort will be made to accommodate special requests, however they are not guaranteed: _____

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS OCTOBER 2, 2006. After that date reservations will be taken on availability basis only. Cancellations will be accepted up to TWO (2) days before arrival date. One night's lodging (\$88.00) will be CHARGED if cancellation is after that time.

Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. **Send in your reservations early to assure availability!** Hotel check-in is 3:00 pm - check-out is 12:00 Noon

Confirmation will be provided by the *Holiday Inn Harrisburg East.*

**Sixth Marine Division Association
2006 Annual Reunion - Tuesday October 24, – Sunday October 29
Holiday Inn East, Harrisburg, PA.**

Name: _____ Guest/Spouse Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Co: _____ Bn: _____ Regt: _____

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	
<u>Tuesday</u> 10-24-06	12:00 pm – 05:00pm	Registration Member (spouse free).....	\$ 20.00
		Guests (No: _____ @ \$20 each).....	\$ _____
	12:00 pm	Hospitality Room	
<u>Wednesday</u> 10-25-06	07:00 am	Hospitality Room	
	09:00 am – 05:00 pm	Registration	
	08:00 am – 6:00 pm	Tour Washington DC, WWII Memorial & More (\$45.00/ person X's # _____)	\$ _____
		<u>Lunch Included.</u>	
<u>Thursday</u> 10-26-06	07:00 am	Hospitality Room	
	09:00 am – 05:00 pm	Registration	
	10:00 am – 03:00 pm	Hershey Outlet Shopping (\$15/person x #. _____).....	\$ _____
		Lunch on your own, food available.	
OR	09:00 am – 04:00 pm	Tour of Gettysburg <u>Lunch included</u> (\$35.00 / person X # _____)	\$ _____
<u>Friday</u> 10-27-06	07:00 am	Hospitality Room	
	09:00 am – 05:00 pm	Registration	
	11:30 am – 01:30 pm	Ladies Luncheon (\$20/person X # _____).....	\$ _____
	12:30 pm – 02:00 pm	Executive Board Meeting	
		Dinner on your own followed by a	
	07:00 pm – 08:00 pm	Musical Event (\$10.00 /person X # _____).....	\$ _____
<u>Saturday</u> 10-28-06	07:00 am	Hospitality Room	
	09:00 am – 12:00 pm	Memorial Service followed, after a 30 minute break, by the Men's General Meeting.	
	06:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Banquet – Installation of Officers – Dinner –Dancing (\$35.00/ person X # _____)	
		Please select choice & No.: Beef _____ Chicken _____ Fish _____	\$ _____
<u>Sunday</u> 10-29-06	Check out		

TOTAL DUE FOR REGISTRATION & Activities:.....\$ _____

Mail this form with your check payable to: 6th Marine Division Association 2006 Reunion

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Lucy Young

Forum is the Letters column of the present (and future.) Since the 6th Marine Division Association's newsletters are on the web site in their entirety (even before they reach your mailbox), the site is a great tool to keep us informed and in touch. Like technology or not, the Internet has the ability to keep us in touch in ways which conventional mail never could! In an email to me this month, Joe Singleton wisely called the site's forum (bulletin board) the "letters column of the future". Let's all take advantage of that!

Forum Improvements! We made some changes to the forum last month, but they didn't go over too well. It seems I made it more complicated than it needed to be. So, thanks to Bill Pierce, we're back to the old format. The annoying pop-ups will soon be disappearing from the forum page however (perhaps by the time you read this), so please visit again soon and leave a message for your fellow members.

Take our Poll Online! (The verdict is still out on whether you enjoyed the debut of our military joke

in this column in the last issue. Go to www.sixthmarinedivision.com and click at the top where it says, "take our mini poll." On the poll's page, click on "view stats" if you are interested in seeing how the voting is going thus far. This newsletter is about and very much FOR you, so let us know what you think!).....Only one vote per customer please! :o)

WWII Album! Let us make a concerted effort to really build up our scrapbook. I was working this morning on increasing to nearly 80 the pictures to the War Scrapbook section of your sister site www.marineamphibians.com (1st Armored Amphibian Battalion's web site – where, as you already know I am also proud webmaster). You might enjoy seeing the new pictures. Simply visit the site above and find on the home page (under an orange-colored box) the words "view war scrapbook." Click to view any photo or start with the first and navigate to the next from each individual photo.

Idea for the Sixth! I would REALLY like to set up the same thing for the Sixth Marine

Division's site, but I will need scanned images from you! Any of your WWII photos, postcards, etc. which you would like to share. Please include your full name and email address (or mailing address) if you would like for others to be able to contact you directly. Also include names, locations, and events/battles, etc. which are portrayed in the photo. I will post all the information you send to the web site, so the entire World Wide Web can appreciate your past as Andy & I do!

Internet Joke—War is Hell!
This is an actual e-mail from a senior watch officer monitoring the battle in Fallujah. "Gents, There is a legitimate, credentialed, Iraqi Reporter named Fathi Ghanim Al Iraqia attached with 4th BN, 1st Bde of the Iraqi forces. Earlier today he

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A Message from the Membership Manager

I want to give a big thanks to all you faithful members who researched your address books and Christmas card lists and then wrote, called or e-mailed me your most recent addresses or known information regarding our "missing" members. You all are great. The sad reality, however, is each time we send out a Newsletter, more "undeliverable" mail is returned.

I know this is repetitious, but if you move or know of a buddy who has passed, please advise me as soon as you know. Rev. Frank Mack writes a

wonderful letter to widows and/or next of kin and helps them in many ways during a difficult time, but its greatest impact and usefulness is in the days closely following a death.

Some of you have requested that your Newsletter be mailed to two different addresses depending upon the time of year - summer and winter addresses. My computer program is not set up for such a distinction, but I think I have been able to work out special coding to make it possible to send the Newsletters to summer or winter addresses

depending upon the season. I would like to try it out. It will save the Association in return mail fees.

Therefore, I am asking those with summer and winter addresses to advise me: (1) your complete permanent address, (2) your complete seasonal address and (3) the approximate dates you reside at each. You can E-mail me at sxthmardiv@aol.com, call me at 817-275-1552 or write me at 704 Cooper Court, Arlington, TX 76011-5550. I look forward to working this out with you - so let's give it a try!

Respectfully, Flo Dornan

recent past and we would be very pleased to advise the organizers of the 2007 Reunion. Here are some thoughts and ideas that you might consider:

1) Pete Howell, our current President and I would like to extend a personal and heartfelt invitation for ALL members of the Sixth to join our Reunion activities. Since some members may already have commitments for 2006, we invite you to start now to plan for joining us in 2007. I feel it's especially important to welcome family members as well as those who have not joined us in the past.

2) If you agree, the Reunion in September, 2007 could be held in Quantico, Va. There's a new Marine museum associated with the Marine Base there and preliminary investigations indicate hotel and conference facilities for our extended membership.

3) I or my family will be calling

some of the members we have not heard from in many years to invite them personally to attend the 2007 reunion, and to consider standing for positions on the slate of elected officers. We believe that our organization will be so enriched by having more members and their families represented.

4) As you know, the Sixth has set up a scholarship fund that is granted yearly to a son or daughter or grandchild of a member. I would like to learn more about the young people who have benefited from this fund: their personal and career ambitions, their fields of study, and their accomplishments. I suggest that we invite the scholarship recipients to join our association as "honorary members." I will ask for one or more to provide a brief profile for our newsletter and ideally at the reunion in 2007.

5) In order to encourage and

support participation by sons and daughters of members I am asking original members to volunteer for committees along with the younger members. This will not only encourage them, but will help us to share our experiences and promote camaraderie across the generations.

I hope that you will agree with me about the importance of these issues, and that if we all work together we can strengthen our organization. I invite you to send your thoughts by E-mail or by calling me or my wife Marilyn personally. You are also invited to comment on these matters in *The Striking Sixth* and our web site at <http://www.sixthmarinedivision.com/>

Semper Fi, Martin (Marty)
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2007 Reunion Proposal To Be Offered for Vote

A proposal will be made at the Harrisburg Reunion in October to hold the 2007 Reunion in Norfolk, according to Past President John Foley, K-3-4. Preliminary planning is already underway, he said.

Foley said he has been traveling extensively this summer while working on this year's 6th Division Reunion as Site Chairman and on other activities resulting from his interest in what other Marine veterans' associations are doing. As a result, he was in Norfolk to attend a hosting of 27 reunion planners to extol the Virginia city's suitability as a host site.

He is enthusiastic about the prospect, he said.

Foley stayed at the Radisson and was pleased at its possibilities, he said, because of its facilities and the numbers of restaurants within

walking distance as well as other nearby attractions. During his visit, these included tour boats offering lunch or dinner, a Military tattoo, 200 pipers, the Marine Corps Band, a recon group doing its thing, some Russian events, a hundred Mounties putting on a show and on and on.

Does this sort of thing go on all the time? He didn't say.

A Ms. Melissa Malinis of the Convention and Visitors Bureau reported to this newsletter that Norfolk also offers a National Maritime Center, the battleship Wisconsin, the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, the MacArthur Memorial Museum, a harbor cruise and a tour of the Naval Station.

Sixth Division Marines may not be overwhelmed by the MacArthur opportunity or renewing our acquaintance with the navy, but

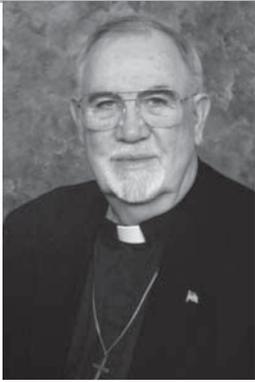
there does seem to be a lot to do.

If Foley has his way, after 2007, a professional planner must handle the nuts and bolts. The planner probably will not be needed at Norfolk, he said, because the convention bureau there has offered to carry the load. The local Marines and PX have also agreed to help, he added.

Judging by his comments in another part of this newsletter, current President Harold (Pete) Howell, F-2-29, agrees that a planner will be needed soon.

In still another article in this issue, incoming president Marty Essex, H&S-4-15, has expressed interest in having the next Reunion in Quantico. The board and the membership will make their views known when the time comes.

By Rev. Frank J. Mack



Greetings from your Chaplain! When I attended the seminary 25 years ago, one of the prescribed courses was called "Social and Personal

Relationships." The course dealt mainly with how to "get along" or interact with the people with whom you have a personal relationship.

The main theme of the course stressed that there are always at least two sides to every controversy. There are times when our views clash so much that all we can agree on is to disagree. However, the bottom line should always be that we treat others with respect and kindness, and especially with the gift of a gracious heart. In other words, we should all practice the Golden Rule when it comes to our relationship with others.

I grew up on a farm back in the 1930s, before the advent of modern and powerful tractors. My dad had a pair of draft plow horses that worked together as a team. He also had a team of obstinate old mules that would not pull together. The horses accomplished 10 times as much as the mules, simply because they pulled together as a team. We can all learn from that example from the distant past. Think of what we could do if we work together toward a common goal, even if we disagree, even if we're angry and even if we're convinced that we are right and the other guy is wrong. As brothers, let's all band together and continue to preserve the legacy of our beloved

"Striking Sixth."

Later this year, during the last week of October, we will meet in reunion in Harrisburg, PA. On Wednesday, October 25th you will be given the opportunity to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington, DC. I strongly urge you to sign up for this tour of what I consider to be one of the most inspiring places in the United States.

My wife, Nancy, and I were privileged to attend the dedication of this magnificent Memorial on May 29, 2004. Because we had VIP Honoree tickets, and because we intentionally arrived six hours early, we managed to get front row center seats. Out of 173,000 seats, Nancy and I had the two best seats on the Mall.

The time passed quickly, and finally, with the trumpeters from the "President's Own" standing only about three feet from us and playing "Hail to the Chief," in came President George W. Bush. Believe me, it was the most electrifying and awesome event I've ever witnessed. When President Bush ended his talk he looked right down at me and smiled and saluted as he said, "World War II veterans, I salute you," and I returned his salute on behalf of all World War II veterans.

But that wasn't the end. After his speech, the President came down and shook hands with those of us in the front row, including Nancy and me. He took his time and even stopped and visited with us for a minute or more.

Later that afternoon they opened the Memorial for the thousands of visitors. We went first to the South Arch representing the battles of the South Pacific. In a semi-circle around the South Arch are smaller stone monuments representing the various

battles fought in the South Pacific. I was drawn to the last one. It was marked "Okinawa." As I ran my fingers over the letters, etched in granite, my thoughts were again transported back to Okinawa.

Long forgotten scenes of 60 years ago became vivid for a few seconds. It was as if I could hear the sounds of the mortar shells and the staccato firing of the machine guns. Next we moved to the "Freedom Wall" with its 4,000 sculpted gold stars, each star representing 100 lives that were lost. I briefly closed my eyes and saw the faces of men who didn't make it because there wasn't any way to save them; men whose names I never knew but whose faces will always be part of my memory.

As Nancy and I walked away from the Memorial, again along the beautiful ceremonial entrance and exit, we saw the bronze bas-relief sculptures depicting scenes from World War II. Of significant interest to me was one of a corpsman, giving aid to a wounded Marine, as the battle raged around him. As we left the site I realized that we veterans of World War II definitely set the standard for future generations. I thought to myself as I looked back at the Memorial, freedom is the most precious gift we have, but it is a gift that must be earned and defended with our lives if need be.

The World War II Memorial was built to honor us. But even more so, it is to remind future generations that the world once stood at the precipice of another Dark Age, from which human civilization as we know it, might never have survived. Thank God, that you, and millions of others, were strong enough, and brave and willing enough, to fight to the death if called upon to do so. There was no turning back, for the freedom of our children and our grandchildren, and for all their future generations, hung in the balance. Semper Fi, and God bless you.

Rev. Frank J. Mack

Mail Call

Dear Flo,
Enclosed is check for another year of the Striking Sixth Newsletter. I was home on "boot leave" Easter Sunday 1945, got back to Camp Pendleton for two days, placed in the 62nd replacement draft, arrived on Okinawa June 16, joined Plt 2, E-2-22 June 17 and participated in battle for "Kawanga

Ridge". Rather a short war for me. Then later to Tsingtao.
Semper Fi, Russ Rutan



To Flo Dornan:
I am sending my dues for 2005 and 2006 and curious to know how many of the

original 19th Replacement Bn are left. I went overseas with them and landed in Am. Samoa and then on to Maui, HI, the Marshalls, Guam and Okinawa where I was wounded, then back to the states.

Iver R. Bailey



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119 Attend 2005 Reunion At Nevada's Sahara Hotel



Dancers Have the Most Fun

The following were paid attendees at the 2005 Reunion in Las Vegas. Altogether there were 119.

Abbott, FW	HQ-2-29
Anderson, H	E-6-Med
Anderson, R	G-3-15
Jones, Scotty	C-4-22
Anderson, V	A-1-4
Arthur, LC	A-1-29
Aust, KT	I-3-29
Barbaro, SC	HQ-2-29
Bovee, WR	A-1-29
Bucklin, JI	H-2-22
Carvalho, J	HQ-1-22
Capatanos, G	HQ-2-22
Crumbie, W	C-1-29
Curtis, PF	Recon
Dail, DR	G-2-22
Doney, B	G-3-22
Durr, DE	K/HQ-3-29
Fields, WM	HQ-2-29
Freeling, JJ	F-2-4
Foley, JJ	K-3-4
Gianacakes	Wpns 4
Gromley, MD	C-Pioneers
Gianvito, J	HQ-4-15
Halastik, J	JASCO
Harris, A	G-3-29
Haigler, FH	L-3-22
Heuer, W	HQ-4
Hogue, DF	L-4-15
Honeyager, D	E-2-29
Houston, RA	Wpns 22
Hettinger, G	Wpns 29
Howell, HE	F-2-29

Hoag, JE	JASCO
Hutzmann, E	Pioneers
Israel, L	HQ-Engrs
Joyner, T	HQ-2-29
Jones, TS	HQ-2-22
Judd, PE	4th Marines
Kemp, HB jr	E/F-2-29
Kunkle, TW	M-4-15
Lang, L	HQ-Engrs
La Barge, F	I-3-22
Levine, M	K-3-22
Lear, MT	L-3-22
De Leeuw, J	HQ-29
Lospinuso, R	E-2-29
Lockwood, W	HQ-29
Miller, RJ	HQ-1-29
Mistretta, S	B-Tanks
Morris, J	G-2-22
Moore, G	HQ-2-29
Marsalek, EH	JASCO
Mack, FJ	K-3-22
Mears, DA	D-2-29
Michael, F	I-3-22
Moss, KG	A-1-22
Mouton, P	HQ-3-22
McConnell, E	15th Marines
McCormack, J	G-2-29
McConville, J	K-4-15
McDowell, HJ	B-1-22
McWalters,	HQ-3-15
Oligino, A	22nd Marines
O'Rourke, C	HQ-3-22
Paice, L	F-2-22
Peebles, J	I-3-29
Pauley, B	F-2-29
Pringle, RB	HQ-4-15
Petriello, S	L-4-15
Pierce, B	Wpns-29
Peterson, DJ	F-2-29
Ponce, P	A-1-22
Putts, D	G-2-22
Penny, L	HQ-2-29
Polo, CA	D-2-29
Portero, JO	M-3-22
Pringle, RB	HQ-4-15
Ramos, FA	HQ-1-22
Rajkovich, FJ	A-1-29
Rice, DN	Recon
Richards, E jr	B-Tanks
Rigby, DC	HQ-3-22
Rodriguez, J	HQ-1-15
Roberts, RM	JASCO
Robertson, C	Pioneers
Rhodes, RH	G-3-29
Ripley, WH	HQ-3-22
Rice, J	I-3-29

Sanner, WO	F-2-29
Schiess, W	HQ-1-29
Schroeder, A	F-2-29
Schneider, K	F-2-4
Scott, GA	E-2-4
Sherer, RJ	F-2-29
Sigel, HW	I-3-29
Singleton, J	F-2-29/Recon
Smith, PW	HQ-1-22
Stephan, LA	G-2-22
Spillone, LA	HQ-29
Staten, CL	HQ-3-22
Stephenson	F-2-29
Sucoff, M	I-3-29
Taylor, HH	C-1-29
Titus, DW	A-Med
Terry, H	F-2-29
Terpinas, T	C-1-29
Taylor, GH	Recon
Twigger, WJ	F-2-29
Ucrop, SD	B-1-22
Ulrich, FJ	4th Marines
Valkenaar, D	JASCO
Warren, JH	C-1-29
Weinstein, L	B-1-29
Williams, RE	E-2-22
Wroblicky, EP	3rd Amphibs
Walker, RJ	F-2-29
Westphal, FE	Recon
Whitaker, RA	F-2-29
Walters, WH	F-2-29

9th Marines Reunion

Request that the information in regard to our upcoming reunion be posted in the 6th Marine Division newsletter. 1st Battalion 9th Marines (The Walking Dead) All Eras Branson, MO. Sept. 20 - 24, 2006-Tour # 60085. Contact: Branson Hospitality 800-877-8687. www.bransonfun.com Thank you for your cooperation, Semper Fidelis; Frank Healey, Reunion Co-Chairman.

By Jack Rice



It will only be a short while until we will be meeting in Harrisburg. It is not too early to encourage your attendance and help in encouraging other corpsmen to be there. We did well in Las Vegas and need to keep the ball rolling.

By now most of you have received the first edition of THE SICK BAY, a publication for the Corpsmen of the Sixth Division. In it are details of some of the arrangements being made for your comfort and pleasure. Care is being taken to avoid any activity, which will conflict with the overall reunion. Many quality tours are being arranged and you will more than likely want to take part in these.

It never surprises me to hear plaudits to the Corpsmen from Marines. Many of their wives also express their feelings. A letter from the widow of Vince Camise of Bridgeton, NJ was particularly meaningful to me and a compliment to all of us.

Dear Jack,

I just received the Striking Sixth Newsletter and as always was glad to receive it.

I enjoyed your article on the Corpsmen's get-togethers. Vince and I enjoyed our times with you and the other corpsmen and the reunions.

I am enclosing a check for \$25.00 to put in the treasury of the Corpsmen. Use it towards the Hospitality Room expenses.

I did make the 2nd Las Vegas reunion but am not sure about this year's. It's hard to attend the reunion without Vince.

Have d great reunion and a good year.

Most sincerely,
Mrs. Nancy Camise.

Thank you, Nancy, and God bless you. We hope to see you in Harrisburg. See you all at the SICK BAY hospitality room. Remarks and suggestions can be directed to Jack Rice, jaxjack77@aol.com

Chinese Woman

This 1945 or '46 photo taken by Claude Bohn, A-1-22, shows a woman walking along the sea wall in Tsingtao. Note the bound feet, a practice that was not unusual in China at that time.

Patton on the Pacific War

"I want you boys to hurry up and whip these Germans so we can get out to the Pacific to kick the @## out of the purple-pissing, Japanese, before the @##@## Marines get all the credit!"

- Lt General George Patton,
U.S. Army.

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Dear Flo
"Missing Members - Chuck Wentz - 6-3-15th"
Chuck and I were lifelong buddies. He died about 5 years ago. He was in the reserves and was called up for Korea. He left the Marine Corps and enlisted in the Navy. He was injured while in the Navy and retired as a C.P.O. His injuries were serious and he did not get around very well. His last reunion was at Cherry Hill, NJ, a long time ago. He always said the Navy was OK but there was nothing like the Marine Corps.
Semper Fi, Richard Glassbrenner



Hi Comrade: I really enjoy the newsletter. I read it from front to back. I still think about my comrades that I served with. Just wish my health would let me attend all the functions. Keep up the good work. It's real informative. I'm sending \$50 to keep it afloat. Yours in comradeship,
Nathan F. Holeman, C-Eng. Bn. Semper Fi.



Dear Joe: I would like the address of Linda Blubaugh-Beguvin. I served with her father, Robert L. Blubaugh. We served together on the 'Canal and Okinawa. I have some

pictures that she might be interested in of the fellows from Co. C. Ralph J. Miller, 106 Grayvine Ln., Butler, PA 16001.

Thank you and Semper Fi.



Joe: You moved. Stay the course. Semper Fi, Vincent Mathews, 6th Amphibs. **Ed's note: Vince submitted an article for the Striking Sixth.**



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Russ Mueller Just Wants to Help Keep The Record Straight

To OIC/6th Marine Division, Dear Sir: After all these years, I feel that I must set the record straight. I will try to be brief.

Enlisted Jan. 6, 1943, Milwaukee, WI. MCRD, San Diego, CA. Radio School, MCRD. Communications School, Camp Pendleton. Overseas, Sept., '43. New Caledonia, Guadalcanal. Bougainville (one week on the beach). HQ Co., III Corps, Sig. Bn., Radio Plt., Guam, 1st Provisional Brigade. Okinawa, III Corps Sig. Bn.

Sugar Loaf/word came back for volunteers, six of us stepped forward, one dead, three wounded. 32 days on the line, four company commanders. Back to Guam. Tientsin, China.

Discharged. College. Married the most beautiful woman ever, three daughters, three grandchildren. I was 81 in January, 2006.

What this all means is that I value most the time I spent with A Company, First Battalion, 22nd Regiment, 6th Marine Division. While I am not a real member, I do feel that my time with A Co. was most meaningful and worthy. The men and boys of A Co. will be a part of me for whatever time I have left.

God bless all who served then and are serving now. Russ Mueller/525628. Semper Fidelis.

Three Marines Were From Same Street



Three Marines, discovered after joining the Corps, that they all had lived on the same street, Undercliff Ave., Edgewater, N.J. just across the river from New York City. From left, William Schiess, 29th Marines, Gary Gleason, 4th and Jack Claes, 22nd.

Shirts For Sale

Tom McKinney, F-2-4) has some shirts that are white (not t-shirts but regular shirts) with small 1 1/2" 6th Division insignia enclosed in a wreath, and under it saying "WWII." If you would like to order any, contact Tom at 910-897-2389.

Cost, including shipping, is \$20.

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Editor: Re: "Laura Lacey Did Not Stay Off the Skyline." (Book review, Spring Edition.)

If we don't tell it, who will?

How many times did I hear this phrase at 6th Division Reunions. It was like a theme that always ran through when we had speakers, memorials and just sitting in the hospitality room kibitzing. So now someone actually put your words in writing and had a book published with your own words for the world to know something about war that could come from the people who could tell it as they saw it from the small two feet surrounding them during the most dramatic time in their lives.

I don't know who wrote this review,

but he missed the most important point. Not only has the book been received as an important addition to Marine Corps history, but the write-ups in the Leatherneck and local papers around Washington (the only ones I have seen personally) have given the Okinawa Campaign another look. This book was written by a professional with a degree in history from Mary Washington University and a master's degree in history from the University of Texas.

She is presently teaching history to young minds in high school, who need someone to set them on the right road to their heritage as Americans. In her spare time she works at Quantico's Marine Corps archives. It's time someone from the Sixth

stood up and said, "Thank you."

Jimmy loved Laura, and I know he would have been even more proud of her if he had just lived long enough to read her book, a book written because it needed to be.

Nancy Chaisson, wife of Pfc. James Chaisson, G-2-22, 6th Marine Division, deceased' 4265 Cherokee Trail, Gainesville, GA 30504, nchaisson@charter.net.

Ed's Note—The editor accepts being properly chastised but adds, "If I could find anyone to help write this thing, I wouldn't touch a book review with a 10-foot pole."

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Little-Known Story of Sugar Loaf With Modern Sequel

FROM THE 'CONQUEST OF OKINAWA' USMC HISTORICAL DIV. (Okinawa - 1945)

It was on this day, the 17th of May, that the one-man attack on Sugar Loaf occurred. Cpl O'Connor, a machine gun section leader in I company 22nd, during a quiet interval at 1000, decided to make an assault by himself on Sugar Loaf. Tanks were firing in the valley between hill NO. 3 (?) and Sugar Loaf but O'Connor got under the muzzles of their guns and started up the hill with a bag of grenades under his arm and a pistol in his hand. He ran up and down the summit firing his pistol and throwing grenades 'til the cartridges and the grenades were gone. Then he returned across the valley. The tanks had obligingly stopped firing while he was on the summit.

Captain Marston Jr., CO of the company, had been told that there was a Marine on top of Sugar Loaf and he watched him through his field glasses; he had believed however, that he was only one of many who had secured the top. Later on one of his men said, "There comes that crazy Marine of ours back from Sugar Loaf." The Captain was incredulous at first and then ordered the Cpl. up. The Cpl. said that he'd had a good many buddies killed or wounded the day before and that he wanted to get even. Captain Marston sent him to the rear for 24 hours to have him examined for a psychoneurosis."

Hill #3 Gets Its Brief Mention

This from tunnel rat Marty Black who is expert on the battle of Okinawa as well as wonderful with maps and such. Marty went over the battlefield with surveyor instruments and pointed out to me that some distance scales in our green history book should be doubled

Bill Pierce, Wpns-29

Hill 3 is mentioned in the Hallas "Killing Ground" book and in some other source as well. Just can't remember it. It was slightly NW of Sugar Loaf and not very far away. But it must've been quite low, and was apparently bulldozed flat when the Makiminato US Military housing area was built on the site. Of course, the "Maki" was taken down in the 1980's.

There was also a Hill 1 in that area, a little further NW, and I think I was on that little rise when I first visited the area in 1981. Just a small hillock — suitable for cover, but not much else. It was near the west gate of the Maki housing area, and Mickey Van Dyke and I found a partial Jap skeleton just under the surface of the soil. He kept the canteen and I kept the slightly bent 30.06 bullet that was in the ribs area. Good shooting, Marines!

There was also a Hill 2, but I can't find it now in my reference book maps. It too was just a little rise in the ground, and not a "hill" per se. I think it was just a reference for cover, as the

Marines advanced across the fairly open "no man's land" toward Sugar Loaf.

These little hills apparently weren't very significant, as they aren't even mentioned in most accounts of the Sugar Loaf battles.

Another Hill, This Time #1

I'm going by a 61 year old memory: On 14 or 15 May I was "selected" with a couple of others from G-3-29 to go to a very small hill that was maybe a third of the way across the valley north of Sugar Loaf. The hill was maybe ten feet high, fairly flat on top and about 20 to 25 feet in diameter.

I think the purpose of going there was to act as support for an FO from the 15th Marines, a lieutenant. About a half dozen Marines from some other unit were already there, keeping their heads down. The FO was dead, killed by a single rifle bullet in the head. He had been very shallowly buried and his name was written on something, a piece of cardboard, perhaps.

The others already on the hill might have been from the 15th Marines, as they knew the lieutenant's name. After a while, probably less than an hour, there being no purpose in staying on that small hill, we all left. I went back to G Company.

The hill might have been Hill No. 1, as mentioned by Marty Black. Semper Fi, Jim White

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Dear Flo: Here's my ten bucks for renewing my membership. Apologies for having fallen into arrears. Please, put a note in Mail Call about the book "Kanji and Codes" by Irwin Slesnick and his wife. The book deals with Japanese language officers during WWII. Irwin and I were language officers with the 6th Division on Okinawa. Semper fi, Glenn Nelson.



Dear Mrs. Dornan: It has been more than a year since Bob died. I received the grave marker. It has been fixed to the headstone. We have added two young

Marines to the family, grandsons. Bob would have been so proud of them. I am enclosing a check for the newsletter. Sincerely, Mildred Hart, widow of Robert Hart, 6th Pioneers.



My dad...I am not sure why I am writing this letter. I guess, just because. My father just passed away and he had tried in his life to tell us all about his days in the Corps. Corporal Robert E. Finley Sr. He served with the 6th Marine Division, I Co., 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment during WWII...I sure do miss him. I

guess you think this is crazy but he has a granddaughter on Okinawa who is so proud of her grandfather. She is Capt. Shannon Keesler. Shannon is third generation Marine. Her grandpa gave her the first salute when she was commissioned in 2001. Her life's lessons came from her grandfather. I just needed to write someone out there to let them know another Marine is now guarding the gates of heaven.

Semper Fi. Bonny Sargent



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took some pictures of 4th BN Iraqi wounded. The Iraqi soldiers he was with took exception to him doing this. He says he deleted the photos from his camera, but the Iraqi soldiers were still incensed and locked him in a closet somewhere in their zone. He is calling the MEF PAO on his cell phone from the closet.

We need to get him released. Please get a hold of the LNO there

and work the issue. Let us know your progress and when you find him.

Semper Fidelis,

To contact Andy & Lucy Young

P.O. Box 1428

Tomball, TX 77377

E-mail: lucy@texasnova.com

Art Director Excited by Sugar Loaf..... *Continued from page 1*

year from March to June.

I also mentioned the 'Final Flag - Final Battle' painting to him. He was not aware of it. He said they are presently inventorying all items sent down from the USMC, Washington, D.C. Navy Yard Museum.

I know our painting was or is in the warehouse there. I will get a copy of the final flag print to him ASAP, so he may familiarize himself with the painting. He is most anxious to see it as he mentioned to me they lack paintings of Okinawa!!! Believe it or not!

I just had 50-color copies made

of the "Final Flag" print, suitable for mailing to sons and daughters, or interested individuals. They came out first rate and are displayed on our web site. Anyone who would like one let me know. They measure 8 1/2" by 11 1/2" and if framed would make an excellent item for gift or presentation.

This was authorized by President Pete Howell at my request and at the expense of our association. Prints cost only .90 for each color copy.

Semper Fi,

Bill Pierce, PR Chairman.

Retired Colonel To Be.... *Continued from page 3*

In 1998, he was ordered to duties as the Senior Marine Fellow, National War College, where he completed a career of over 31 years of honorable service to the nation. He was selected for a Senior Executive Service position as the Chief of Staff and Dean of Students at the National War College in 2004. He continues to teach and lecture on matters of National Security Strategy, Military Operations, and the Global War on Terrorism

Magazine Has 6th Division Tint

Military History magazine, June 2006, ran an article on Army Cpl. Mitchell Red Cloud Jr. and his posthumous Medal of Honor awarded for bravely resisting a Chinese attack at the Chongchon River during the Korean War. Earlier he was known to 6th Division Marines as Sgt. Red Cloud of Able Co., 29th Regiment.

The magazine credits Red Cloud with staying awake (unlike many of his fellow soldiers) at his observation post and alerting his company of the attack early in the morning. Firing a Browning Automatic Rifle, he fought on despite multiple wounds until finally dying after gaining "time for the company to consolidate its defense."

Red Cloud was born in Wisconsin in 1924 and a member of the Winnebago Nation, the magazine said. No reason was given for his switch from the Marines to the Army.

An added bonus for this division was an advertisement for a book, *Leatherneck Legends*, picturing another BAR man, Navy Cross winner Harry (The Beast) Kizirian, 22nd Marines, on the cover.

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Dear Editor: Just a line or two. Received the newsletter the other day. First one since sometime in 2004. I was in the 1st Provisional Brigade when it formed, but cannot tell much about it. I know I made Guam and the Marshalls and came back to the 'Canal. I came apart there and woke up in Ft. Worth, TX six months later. Maybe more later. I'll send a check. If it isn't right, bill me. Kenneth Schafer. (816) 758-4876.



I got quite a surprise the other day; I got the newsletter from the Sixth Division Assn. I have been a member since almost the start, but I had forgotten

the pleasures of the newsletter. My label showed arrears from '02. I want to enclose #10 for '03, \$10 for '04, \$10 for '05, \$10 for '06 and \$10 for good luck. I'm sure you'll put it to good use. Also, I would like a Directory. I would like to find out if any of my friends are left from H&S-29, particularly Jack De Leeuw and my Navajo buddy Adolph Nagurski. I would deeply appreciate any word on them. Time does not stand still. Thank you. Jerry Cohen.



Dear Flo: Much to my surprise, I received a copy of the newsletter. When the assn. started charging for them, I chose not to

participate. I became a member because the then president came by the naval hospital at Camp Lejeune, where I was a volunteer and invited me to join. I attended the miniReunion at Quantico, where I ran into only one Marine from my unit. It was a short conversation, "We will have lunch together," but he never saved me a spot at the table. So much for old buddies. As I read the newsletters, I became aware that the same people were in charge of things, and if I were to participate it would only be with the rank and file. I am a life member, owned a sales company before retiring and wanted more than it appeared the

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The December 25th That Never Was; Tale of a Marine Christmas Crossing They Missed December 25th, But They didn't Miss Christmas

On December 14, 1944 just under 2,400 Marines, members of the 29th and 32nd Drafts, together with a contingent of the First Marine Air Wing, boarded the USS General O. H. Ernst in San Diego and sailed into the vast Pacific Ocean. Conditions aboard ship were as might be expected. We were crowded, underfed and bored.

We slowly adjusted to two meals a day, salt water showers, abandon ship drills and were taught to stand watch and actually fire some of the smaller deck guns. We spent most of our leisure time on deck, both day and night, reading, playing cards and watching the slowly turning radar screen, ever attuned to that OOOOOWEEEEEOOOOO whistle and the Boatswain's voice with his "Now Hear This" pronouncements.

It was all totally boring until December 23rd when the Ernst crossed the Equator and entered the Southern Hemisphere. According to THE DRAFT, the ship's mimeographed newspaper, "Hardly had the ship's bow crossed the line when King Neptune flew the Jolly Roger and Davey Jones was sighted by the Watch. The Navy crew roamed the ship at will dragging their hapless victims from compartments and wardroom alike and submitting them to indignities too cruel to mention."

We "walked the plank," had our heads shaved and were fed strange food. In the process of undergoing this ancient maritime ritual we were all transformed from lowly Pollywogs into seagoing Shellbacks. The Marines aboard had been forewarned of King Neptune's plans for us and we were not

disappointed. A fine time was had by all.

However, the very next day (December 24th) was unique and although we were all bonafide Shellbacks, we discovered we still had a great deal to learn about the sea or at least the Pacific. We were confused and surprised by a "Now Hear This" announcement stating that our ship had crossed something called the 180th Meridian and that instead of it being December 25th it was now December 26th.

The decks were awash with scuttlebutt about the sudden

disappearance of Christmas, 1944. The unrest calmed when R. W. Dole, Captain of the USS Ernst announced that, "The eccentricities of East and West Longitude and the International Date Line eliminated December 25 from our calendar but cannot eliminate Christmas, nor the Christmas Spirit from our hearts." The Captain closed with, "Best wishes to you all."

Later that same day, Marines celebrated the holiday with a standup dinner featuring Roast Tom Turkey with Oyster Dressing and all the trimmings. The feast was topped off with ice cream, mince pie and cigars after which the Boatswain blew his whistle and

declared the "Smoking Lamp" lit. As the ship's Radar continued it's slow, endless revolution, we "puffed" our way into the setting sun.

Three days later (December 29, 1944) Captain Dole and his crew delivered us to Banika Island in the Russell Group. On February 2, 1945 we made the short trip over to Guadalcanal where we joined the newly formed Sixth Marine Division.

Just short of a year later, at Christmas time, 1945, the Sixth Marine Division was enjoying a world at peace and the many pleasures of Tsingtao, China. Our 13-month Pacific adventure marred only by the 82-day Battle of Okinawa and the tragic loss of many good friends



Who is the Marine on the lower right? Everyone else is from Fox Company, 29th Marines, so presumably he is, also. John Senterfitt, upper left wants to know. Other Marines in this photo taken in the summer of 1945 on Guam are (back row, center) Fred Roe and Howard (Red) Lewis (back row, right). Front row, left is Chick Warford with Dick Whitaker in the center. It's only been 60 years. Doesn't someone remember?

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assn. offered. My unit rep has held the job for many years. I would think that others from our unit should be offered a chance at the role. Enclosed is \$10 to help defray newsletter expenses. Pfc. Robert B. McClatchy, H&S-Eng. Bn. Ed's Note: Here's how it goes, McClatchy. The call goes out at the Reunion for unit directors. No answer. Then the prez begs for someone to volunteer. Finally, someone gets volunteered. It doesn't matter; their only duty is to sit in at Board meetings.



All of us in the Sixth Marine Division Association extend our sympathy to the family and friends of those listed below. May they rest in peace.

Taps

NAME	UNIT	DATE OF DEATH
CARLSON, Vernon L. (NM)	6th MAR Div.	2004
CHASTAIN, Clarence	4th MAR-2-E	7/03/2003
DAIL, David	22nd MAR-2-G	4/07/2006
DOSCHER, JR., Albert H.	4th MAR-2-E	1996
EVANS, James L.	15th MAR-2-F	11/06/2005
FINLEY, SR., Robert E. (NM)	4th MAR-3-K	2006
GARNER, Lynn E. (NM)	PK HOW A Btry/22	2/12/2006
GRACE, Oris J.	22nd MAR-2-F	5/31/2006
HODGES, Lyle L.	6th Amphib-Dukws	2000
KERSH, Edna	Widow of Norman Kersh	5/2006
KRAUT, Fred L.	Wife of Robert K. Kraut	1/02/2006
LADWIG, Gerald L.	4th MAR-2-F	5/22/2006
LARRY, Hugh F.	6th Mar Div-HG-MP	5/19/2006
LARSON, Daro E.	6th Tank Bn-B	10/20/2002
LONG, Jack R.	6th Marine Div-HG-Signal	4/20/2006
LOTZ, George Donald	22nd Marines	5/19/2006
MANLEY, Bernard	22nd MAR-3-L	5/18/2002
MOORE, Harold E.	4th MAR-2-F	4/21/2006
MULLEN, JR, Earl W.	6th Medical BN	3/30/2006
NORMAN, Bobbie	Widow of Robert Norman	5/18/2006
NUYANES, John S.	22nd MAR-2-F	6/9/2006
PUGH, Charles W.	22nd MAR-3-K	9/29/2005
RHODES, JR., Robert H.	29th MAR-3-H&S	5/10/2006
READ, Wallace W.	15th MAR-1-B	5/12/2006
RICHARDS, Eugene R.	22nd MAR-2-E	1/18/2002
RUDZIAK, Walter D.	22nd MAR-2	12/26/2001
SHERIFF, Charles W.	4th MAR-3-L	1/20/2000
SIMONS, Florence L.	Wife of Irving R. Simons	3/29/2006
SLINKARD, Theodore L.	22nd MAR-2-B, H&S	9/00/2002
SMITH, Robert H.	3rd Amphib-155 HOW	5/29/2004
STANDS, Donald R.	4th MAR-2-F (Corpsman)	5/05/2004
TAFOLLA, John F.	6th Tank BN-H&S	8/01/2002
TAYLOR, Franklin E.	29th MAR-3-G	11/28/2005
TIBBS, George (Tom)	15th MAR-3-I	4/17/2006
WOLF, Alvin A.	1st PRo Mar Brigade	2004
VANDOLI, Anthony	6th Motor Transport Bn	4/10/2006
WALKER, Roberta	Wife of Harold Walker	5/24/2006
WENTZ, JR., Charles G.	15th MAR-3-G	2001
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We are sorry to inform you that our mother, Bobbie Norman, died on May 18th of lung cancer. A memorial service will be held in her honor at Burbank First United Methodist Church, 700 N. Glenoaks Blvd., Burbank, CA, on Saturday, June 3rd, at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Haven House, P.O. Box 50007, Pasadena, CA 91115, or National Alliance on Mental Illness, NAMI Donor Services, P.O. Box 630577 Baltimore, MD 21263-0577.

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