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It Was a Sunny Day in Texas — The Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, within easy reach of both Austin and San Antonio, was the setting for the dedication of the Sixth Marine Division sponsored panoramic painting “Sugar Loaf Hill.” Looking closely at this Memorial Day 2008 photograph, an Okinawa veteran might see Marines he knows now and knew then. The turnout this late in the game was heartening. See related photos and article on Pages 7, 8 and 16. Photo by Ward Lowing.

Some Reunion Details Will Remain Classified

While we cannot release all the “classified” details about your upcoming Reunion (Ha, ha! We DO have some surprises for you!), you can rest assured that plans are locked on to show you a great time. We hope you’ll be impressed with what we’ve been able to put together for you and your sons and daughters. In fact, we thought we’d tell you just a little about your planners so, hopefully, we have some different generations covered and can make sure you ALL have a good time!

Who are we? Well, as we told you in the last newsletter, Joan Willauer is the widow of the late Ed Willauer Sr. (H&S 22), and she served in the Marine Corps Women’s Reserve at Cherry Point, NC during WWII. She and Ed raised eight children in Wisconsin after they were both *Continued on page 3*

Let’s Meet at the Biltmore

For a grand old time and perhaps a cup or two.

Let us REUNITE. At least one more time. There will be good cheer.

The 6th Marine Division

Is having its 38th annual Get-together in OKC.

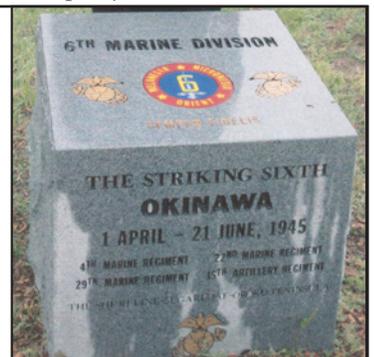
(Short for Oklahoma City, Rube) A great old prairie town by the river.

Tuesday, Sept. 16 Thru Saturday, Sept. 20

Be there if those old legs still work. If there’s any gas in the old tank.

The hard work ended in ’45. It’s late, but the party isn’t over.

Memorial Markers — There is a monument dedicated to the United States Marine Corps in Golden, CO next to well-traveled Interstate 40 that includes a wall and six stones. Each of four Marine Divisions of World War II had a dedicated stone similar to the one pictured here. This past Memorial Day, the stones part of the project was completed with the addition of the Third and Sixth Marine Division markers. Christen Clemensen, E-2-29, represented our division, made a speech that was no doubt well received and provided us with this photograph. (See more photos & articles on Pages 8 and 16.)





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Ed Marsalek

President's Message

Dear Friends: The flowers are in bloom and summer is here. We have had flooding at our home in Wisconsin but the water has finally dried up and hopefully no more floods, just gentle summer rains.

On Monday May 26th, the nation paused in tribute to Veterans of all wars for the efforts that they contributed to the preservation of this great nation. Our Sixth Marine Division Association appropriately on this same day augmented the reasons for such recognition by participating in two events memorializing the Sixth Marine Division.

The primary purpose of our Sixth Marine Division Association is to participate in actions of this nature which serve to perpetuate the memory of the Sixth Marine Division.

To all of those who participated at the dedications in Golden, Colorado and Fredericksburg, Texas, I, on behalf of all the members offer a sincere THANK YOU. I recognize that these things just don't happen, but instead require planning, hours of effort and proper execution for a successful conclusion. In this respect, I would be

remiss if I did not single out our dynamic Public Relations Chairman, Bill Pierce, for his superb coordination and diligence in making these two events a success.

As long as we are in a thank you mood, let's THANK Joe Singleton, Editor of the Striking Sixth, for always doing such a wonderful and informative newsletter.

Hope all of you are getting ready to attend our reunion in Oklahoma City, September 16-20. Our "Lady Marines" are doing a bang up job to make sure everyone has a wonderful time. Fill out the forms from the Striking Sixth as soon as possible, so that you will be assured of having a great experience in Oklahoma City. See you in September. Stay Well.

Semper Fi, Ed Marsalek

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Nominations For President Needed

Past President Marty Essex, 15th Marines, needs nominations for officers.

He can be contacted at the address, phone number or E-Mail address as noted on this page.

As head of the nominating committee as required by the bylaws, Marty said, "There isn't usually much of a turnover, but at the very least we will need a new president elect."

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released from active duty. She currently lives with her son, Ed Jr., and two dogs (Pita & Honey) in Norman, OK, which is about 30 minutes south of Oklahoma City. Joan is the President of the Heartland Chapter of the Women Marines Association (WMA) and the Vice President of the Oklahoma Women Veterans Organization (WVO). She volunteers at the Norman Veterans Center, which is one of six centers in the State of Oklahoma, and she is also very active in her church.

Pam Bloustine is a retired Marine Corps Sergeant Major, originally from Chicago. She joined the Marine Corps in 1971 and retired in 2001. She and her husband, Don, live in Edmond, OK, which is about 15 miles north of Oklahoma City. They live on 10 acres with two Golden Retrievers, Teddy & Tequila, a 20-year-old thoroughbred horse, Country Keeper, and a burro named Sugar. Pam is currently the Production Manager for Triad Energy, a small independent oil company in Oklahoma City. Her husband, Don, is a geologist and is self-employed.

Brenda Blair is a Military Services Coordinator for the Department of Veterans Affairs. She has been with the VA for over 15 years. Her office is located on one of the five military installations we have in Oklahoma, Tinker Air Force Base. She is originally from Memphis, TN. She joined the Marine Corps in 1989, and after school at Camp LeJeune, she served at the Marine Detachment, Fort Sill, OK. She was discharged in 1993. She now lives in Guthrie, OK, with her two calico cats, Abbi & Stoli. Guthrie is about 26 miles north of Oklahoma City.

The three of us initially met through the Women Marines Association (WMA) and all are currently serving as officers of our chapter. WMA is a national organization with 88 chapters, including a chapter in Iraq. The organization is comprised of former, retired, reserve and active duty female Marines. The Heartland Chapter is very active. To some, we are known as the "Party Chapter" (imagine that!). But, where there is work to be done, we are there to get the job done. We are charter members of the Oklahoma Marine Corps Coordinating Council. Pam serves on the board. We also organize the annual Oklahoma Women Veterans Recognition Day with 250 women veterans and active duty personnel attending this annual event. We also host a couple of dances as fundraisers each year; our St. Patrick's Day Dance and a fall dance, the Oklahoma Veterans Starlight Dance and Benefit Show.

Yes, we are busy women but we enjoy planning events and socializing with other Marines of all eras. We look forward to meeting you all in September — and those that we met in Norfolk, we are looking forward to seeing you again. And of course, many of you have known Joan for years. The camaraderie we all share as Marines is so special.

So, if you haven't already, buy those airline tickets NOW! Prices will only continue to go up. The hotel provides a free shuttle from the airport, but we are hoping to meet and greet each and every one of you. If you're driving, buddy up with your friends and share the gasoline costs. The hotel parking is free. There are driving directions at the hotel's website: www.biltmoreokc.com, or make a note on your registration form and we'll send them to you. There are many restaurants all within walking distance of the hotel. And don't forget to make your hotel reservations early and no later than September 1st. See you in September!

Not to Worry About Trolley Security, Drivers Ex-Marines

Do you think we are sitting here in Oklahoma twiddling our thumbs just waiting for you to show up? No Way!! In fact, a great example of what we are doing here to prepare for your Reunion just occurred today. In an attempt to make sure your time in Oklahoma City is a pleasant experience, Joan Willauer and I went on a "Recon Mission."

Yes, we wanted to personally check out our trolley system, the Oklahoma Spirit Trolleys, and also our newest addition to our Metro Transit System, the Oklahoma River Cruises. Both of these systems link together and, with a trolley stop **RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE BILTMORE HOTEL**, this will certainly be a fun and economical way to get around to many of our attractions without having to drive. At least, that's what we were told — BUT, we wanted to **MAKE SURE** before we recommended it to you.

Due to timing restrictions, we decided to take a trolley ride starting from our Bricktown area to the Biltmore Hotel. We got on the Orange Line (which runs every 45 minutes — 50 cents for seniors & disabled, \$1.00 basic fare) in front of our beautiful Bass Pro Shop in Bricktown. At the next stop, Regatta Park, by the Oklahoma River, all the other passengers got off the trolley, leaving Joan and I alone with the driver. Being the friendly folks we are, I said, "This is our first time on the Trolley. We're on a Recon Mission." Well, this got his attention, and he turned around to face us. As Joan and I explained who we were and what we were "reconnoitering," he stood up and came back to where we were sitting, and said, "Semper Fi! I'm a former Marine myself." What a small world!

Needless to say, the rest of the trip was **WONDERFUL**. We stopped at the OKC Memorial & Museum (Murrah Federal Building bombsite), our baseball stadium, Stockyards City and other various points between Bricktown and the hotel. He told everyone that got on the trolley who we were and made sure to give us extra time at the Oklahoma River Cruises stop so we could see the cruise boat that was docked (there are 3 of them — very nice) and meet the Captain. Our driver then proceeded to tell us that seven or eight of the trolley drivers are former Marines. Won't that be wonderful while you are here? Marines taking care of Marines!

So, the bottom line is — **YES!** You can get around to many of the attractions by trolley, and boat. It is a very pleasant experience. There are daily passes available as well. There is an automated ramp and a secure area for wheelchairs on each trolley. So, with the high cost of gasoline now, just get here, and save your gas money while you're here!

**THE SIXTH MARINE DIVISION ASSN
2008 REUNION
BILTMORE HOTEL, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
September 16-20, 2008**

ARRIVAL DATE: _____ DEPARTURE DATE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Single, Double, Occupancy: \$75 + tax per night (includes 2 free breakfasts per room)

Please check preferred accommodations: King Bed Two Beds Handicap
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**Please complete this form and return it with a deposit in the amount of one night's lodging \$75.
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Signature _____

Or: Call 1-800-522-6620 or 1-405-947-7681 (both are direct to hotel) and be sure to say you are with the 6th MARINE DIVISION REUNION to secure the \$75.00 rate. Have your credit card handy. Rooms not guaranteed will be released at 6 pm on your arrival date.

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

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS SEPTEMBER 1ST. After that date, reservations will be taken on availability basis only. Cancellations will be accepted up to TWO (2) days before arrival. One night's lodging (\$75.00) will be CHARGED if cancellation is after that time.

Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Hotel check-in is 3:00 pm - check-out is 1 pm. Special rates apply 3 days prior to & 3 days after the event.

Go to www.biltmoreokc.com for additional hotel information.

Don't wait until the last minute. Call or send in your reservations NOW to ensure availability!

**Sixth Marine Division Association
2008 Annual Reunion
Oklahoma City, Ok
Tuesday, September 16th – Saturday, September 20th**

(Please print legibly and list names as you would like them on your name badges)

Name _____ Spouse _____

Guest Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (____) _____ Cell phone (____) _____ Email _____

Company _____ Battalion _____ Regiment _____

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, Sep 16, 2008

12-5 pm	Registration	Member (spouse free)	\$ <u>20</u>
		Guests	# _____ @ \$20 = \$ _____
12 pm 6-9 pm	Hospitality Room (Open all day) Meet & Greet - Hospitality Room/Atrium (Appetizers/Drinks - Welcome by Oklahoma Marine Corps Coordinating Council)		# _____ (for planning purposes)

Wednesday, Sep 17, 2008

6-9 am	Free Breakfast at Hotel/2 per room daily		
9 am	Hospitality Room (Open all day)		
9 am-3 pm	Registration		
9 am-2 pm	City Bus Tour (w/stops at Murrah Federal Bldg Bombing Memorial & 45 th Infantry Museum/includes Lunch)	# _____ @ \$25 = \$ _____	
6-10 pm	Welcome to Oklahoma Country Wingding (DJ/Entertainment/BBQ/Dancing - American Legion Post 73)	# _____ @ \$25 = \$ _____	

Thursday, Sep 18, 2008

6-9 am	Free Breakfast at Hotel/2 per room daily		
9 am	Hospitality Room (Open all day)		
9 am-3 pm	Registration		
10 am-3 pm	Visit to Sgt Grit's Marine Specialties (Groups of 25-30 - prescheduled sign-ups)	# _____ (for planning purposes)	
7-8:30 pm	Native American Fancy Dancers (at Hotel)	# _____ @ \$ 7 = \$ _____	

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Friday, Sep 19, 2008

6-9 am Free Breakfast at Hotel/2 per room daily
9 am Hospitality Room (Open all day)
10 am Board Meeting
12 pm **Ladies' Luncheon** #___ @ \$ 20 = \$___
Time TBD **Sons & Daughters Meeting** #___ (for planning purposes)

Saturday, Sep 20, 2008

6-9 am Free Breakfast at Hotel/2 per room daily
9 am Memorial Service (at Hotel) to be followed by
Men's General Meeting (after 20 minute break)
4 pm **Catholic Mass (at Hotel)** #___ (for planning purposes)
5:30-6:30 pm Reception/Social Hour (Cash Bar)
6:30-11:30 pm **Grand Banquet (Dinner, Guest Speaker,
Installation of Officers, Dancing, Entertainment)**
Please indicate # and choice: **Beef** #___ @ \$ 45 = \$___
Chicken #___ @ \$ 45 = \$___

TOTAL DUE FOR REGISTRATION AND ACTIVITIES \$___

MAIL THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO 6th MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION 2008 REUNION TO:

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(SAVE THESE PHONE NUMBERS – CALL JOAN IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR ENCOUNTER ANY PROBLEMS)

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO YOU:

____ Attending my 1st Reunion ____ I am a Son/Daughter
____ Mobility Impaired (cane/walker/rider) ____ Wheelchair Bound (will need lift)
____ Special Needs: Specify _____
____ Special Dietary Needs: (specify) _____
____ Will be willing to help out ____ Will bring Door Prize (Names of Donors will be announced)

YOUR TRAVEL PLANS (For our information):

Will be arriving to OKC by _____
(Mode of Transportation)
If traveling by air, please provide your flight information: _____

Twelve Sixth Division Marines Invade Texas Hill Country WWII Museum

By Flo Dornan

Memorial Day, May 26, 2008, was a special day for 12 Texas members of the Sixth Marine Division Association. The morning began with a touching memorial service at the Admiral Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg, TX in the Veterans Walk of Honor. At 1 PM, the painting of “The Battle of Sugar Loaf Hill” was dedicated by the division Marines who came from all over Texas, which can be a “far piece.”

Charles Pearson, Allan Phillips, Billy McClellan, Anerson McBride, Daniel Freytag, Harold Walker, Ray Schlinder, M.E. Corbitt, D. C. Rigby, Floyd “Stoney” Hill, Oliver Welch and Jack Dornan were present.

Jack Dornan opened the dedication with a large map on the wall and a short history of the battles on Okinawa (also in a handout) and specifically of Sugar Loaf Hill. Ray Schlinder gave a very personal talk on his experience of the battles at Sugar Loaf as did Allan Phillips. They each gave their version of the battle in a slightly different manner. Personal emotions ran high and you could feel the bond between these men who shared this battle.

Not only did we have 12 Marines at the dedication, but many sons, daughters and friends, totaling 42. The dedication was a perfect time to renew old friendships and make new ones and a lot of that was going on.

Much credit must be given to Ward Lowing of the Halls of Montezuma Print Co., Sierra Vista, AZ, who came up with the idea for the painting together with Ray Schlinder. With the help of Bill Pierce, they gathered pictures, found an artist to paint the picture and located a museum to accept the painting. Ward himself funded the cost of the painting (many thousands of dollars) for the sole purpose of recognizing the men of the Sixth. He is a true friend of the Sixth Division.

A CD and DVD of “Before You Go,” music and video aimed at memorializing the shrinking numbers of WWII and Korean veterans, was presented to the museum by Jack and Flo Dornan. There will also be a set given to the Sixth Marine Division Association and the U.S. Marine Raider Association with the hope it will be played many times at the respective reunions.

Anyone visiting the San Antonio or Austin area should make a trip to Fredericksburg and the National Museum of the Pacific War, home of the Admiral Nimitz Museum. “The Battle of Sugar Loaf Hill” painting will be temporarily housed in its present position but permanently moved to a new area of the museum, which will be ready in three years.



Ray Schlinder — Stands between two other Sixth Division Okinawa veterans, M.E. Corbitt, Left, and Allan Phillips, right. Ray had much to do with producing the painting behind them. He is from Fremont, Wisconsin.



Museum Is Legacy Of Chester Nimitz

The Museum of the Pacific War is located in Fredericksburg, Texas because that small city was the birthplace of Admiral Chester Nimitz, whose family ran a hotel there. The hotel building still exists. Its frontage is built in the form of a ship's prow. The museum began life as sort of a hometown affair but has grown in recent years to national recognition.

Nimitz was in Hawaii expecting to run what was a naval war throughout the Pacific Ocean. Douglas MacArthur had escaped to Australia from the Philippines and figured he should be in charge. They duked it out until an exasperated President Franklin Roosevelt split the ocean into two parts, one for each.

Nimitz got the Navy and Marine portions, mostly atolls and open water; MacArthur got the big Army battles and a hog's share of the glory. Nimitz received respect and gratitude — and a museum.

“Painting is Nothing Short of Awesome”

Dear Joe: I just returned home from Fredericksburg, TX after dedicating our painting, “The Battle of Sugar Loaf Hill.” I must say the painting is nothing short of awesome; it is spectacular. The artist got into great detail and color. It's beautiful to say the least.

It is temporarily hung in the Bush Room of the museum. They just broke ground for a new museum at least four times as large as the present one. The painting will be hung in a most advantageous location when completed.

The man responsible for the painting is Ward (Bif) Lowing, a friend of mine from Arizona. Bif has invested much time, effort, traveling and cost to this point. It took the better part of three years from the start to the end of this great project.

I believe we of the Sixth Marine Division should thank him with an open letter in the Striking Sixth to show our appreciation. It should include this thought above all others:

“Bif, you have done much to keep our Striking Sixth Division in the minds and hearts of all the people who see the painting. You've helped us make history once again by keeping our name and reputation alive forever. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.”

Ray Schindler, for himself and the Division

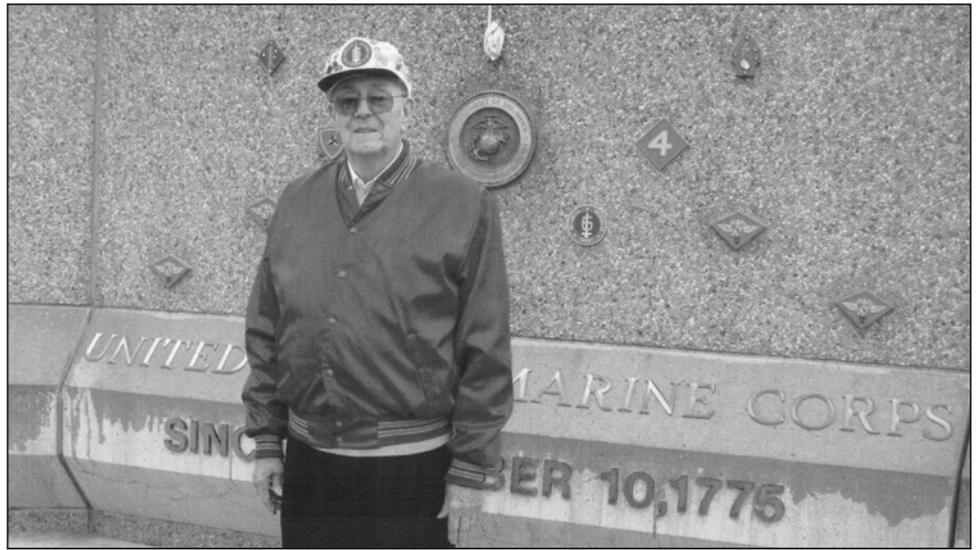
Asked to Stand Forward, This Marine Responded

Not only did Chris Clemensen, E-2-29, agree to represent the Sixth Division at ceremonies honoring us at Golden, Colorado, he faced a situation that would normally terrify the stoutest of combat Marines. He was asked to make a speech at the ceremony — and on television.

Facing fellow Marines, families and a civic delegation featuring the mayor, Chris rose to the occasion. He began:

“Greetings, ladies and gentlemen. It is with great pride that I speak for the Sixth Marine Division. I also want to thank the Marine Corps Memorial Association for its tribute to the Division. We are here today to dedicate this memorial to the men of the Division, both living and dead.”

Chris went on to recount the history of the unit, including the 10 days it took to take Sugar Loaf Hill, a battle in which Chris participated. He got almost rhapsodic describing the thinking behind the Division patch. (Probably,



Chris Clemensen — Of Denver, represented the Sixth Marine Division at Memorial Day ceremonies in Golden, Colorado, which specifically honored the Third and Sixth Divisions with specially treated stones. Chris is shown here standing before a portion of the monument listing various major USMC units.

it does have more actual content behind it, as Chris’ talk made clear, than any other division patch except that of the First Division; something that probably hasn’t occurred to most of us.)

All six division stones were financed by the Golden Civic Assn. Other organizations, such as the Marine

Corps League were involved. Official sponsor was the U.S.M.C. Memorial Association.

According to Chris, who lives in Denver, there was one other attendee from the Division, a corpsman from Cheyenne, Wyoming, whose name he didn’t catch.

Ward Lowing Deserves Appreciation for Painting Effort

It was a family affair as Sixth Division Marines, friends, sons and daughters attended Memorial Day ceremonies in Texas to dedicate the Sugar Loaf Hill painting at the Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg. Those present report that it was quite a show, but the story really began miles to the north in Alaska.

Ward met Ray Schlinder, K-3-22, on a fishing trip there and was intrigued by Ray’s reminiscences of war with the Sixth Marine Division on Okinawa. Ward is not a veteran, but patriotism and love of our military races through his veins. He owns “Halls of Montezuma,” a company that produces and sells fine historic and military prints.

Ward determined to honor our Sixth Division and contracted with a renowned artist, Pierre De Wispleare to paint a large panorama that would depict the Division in the struggle for Okinawa. Sugar Loaf Hill was the theme as it was felt by Ray and myself that this battle would represent the Division well, as no other singular action in the campaign was as bitterly fought as the valorous and courageous attack on that ferociously defended hill.

Though it is nigh impossible to truly create the battle scene of such a day-by-day effort by our Marines, it was decided that it should be attempted. The artist was supplied with many photos,

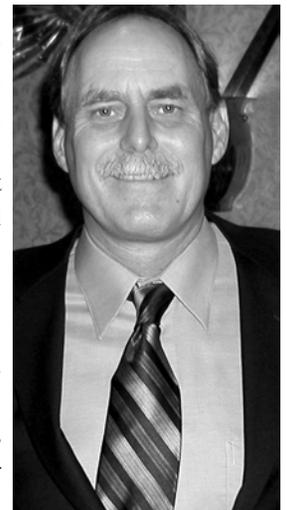
drawings, equipment and such to be placed in the painting. It was hoped to honor many of us by displaying tanks, amtracs, radios, BARs, Rifles, machine guns, Corpsmen, etc. Though it might crowd the resulting painting, it would represent all of us well.

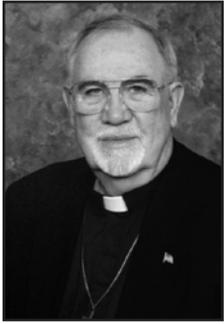
The artist’s compensation for the 5’ by 8’ painting was close to \$10,000. The frame, paid for by our Division was \$1500. The cost for Ward to make the trip to Texas and back to Arizona was over \$1200. Ward also attended our Reunions in Las Vegas and Norfolk. He has also visited Ray’s home and mine with his lovely wife Chrissy, spending many enjoyable days.

The purpose of this letter is to extend to Ward our profound “Thank You, Ward” for such a splendid effort on our behalf. As Marines, we have a saying, “You can share my foxhole any time!”

We extend to you at this time an Honorary Lifetime Membership in our Sixth Marine Division Association.

Bill Pierce, PR Chairman





Rev. Mack

Greetings from your Chaplain! Our 38th annual reunion is scheduled to begin on September 16. By the time this newsletter reaches you there will be less than two months left until "opening day."

I'm sure our reunion

chairman, Joan Willauer and her committee, will appreciate your registration as soon as possible. Many activities have been planned for your enjoyment and entertainment. However, Joan needs to know who will be attending in order to properly plan for many of the activities. It's difficult for reunion planners to organize a reunion when they don't know how many will participate.

This year our Memorial Service will be held on Saturday morning, September 20. If it holds true to form, we will again ring the bell as we honor some 150 to 200 Marines and spouses. It will again be my high honor and special privilege to conduct the service as we pay tribute to our fallen buddies and spouses whose deaths have been reported during the last year. This year the "Taps" list will once more include the names of men and women who were very near and dear to us.

Each time the bell is struck, it tolls for a life that has ended here on earth, a life that has gone on to its eternal reward in heaven.

It becomes more difficult for us each time because with each passing year we know that we too, are drawing closer to our final destiny. With the passing of dear friends we have all sensed the urgency that we may be next. Even though these friends are gone from our sight, their presence will forever linger in our memories. Most of the lives we will honor probably resembled our own. They were living, breathing people who walked among us. They talked and laughed and joked with us. They prayed with us and helped us celebrate and toast the glorious history of the Sixth Marine Division.

Today, America looks at us as aging veterans, in the winter of our lives, old men who are nearing the end of our life's journey. However, from my vantage point as your Chaplain, I have a different view than what America sees. I see young men. I see machine gunners destroying enemy gun entrenchments. I see riflemen fighting for ground that at times was measured in yards, and even feet or inches. I see artillerymen laying down a barrage of firepower. I see BAR men lugging their heavy automatic rifles up a hillside. I see JASCO men stringing their wire while under heavy

enemy fire.

I see line corpsmen crawling along, responding to the cry of the platoon sergeant or lieutenant when his platoon is pinned down and under attack. "Corpsman", or "Corpsman up." Those are battlefield cries every Marine who has been under enemy fire will never forget. Amid the din of battle, the corpsman passionately tends to the injured and dying. As I look at you, I see Purple Hearts, even multiple Purple Hearts on some of you and other awards for bravery. Yes, every one of you can be defined as a hero, because without hesitation, you fought for and defended our beloved homeland.

As I close this time, I again urge you to attend our 38th reunion if you possibly can. I realize it's a sacrifice because transportation costs are soaring, as well as everything else. Many have financial burdens, while other members are homebound or in continuing care facilities. Many have health issues that prevent them from enjoying even the small pleasures of life that most of us take for granted. Please remember these dear ones in your thoughts and prayers, and if you can, call them or send a card or a note of encouragement. I hope I will see you in Oklahoma City. Semper Fi, and God bless you.



Dear Rev. Mack:

Thank you so much for ordering the 6th Marine Division memorial marker for my father Byron S. Henderson (A-1-22). I received it yesterday, and it is beautiful—and heavy. My family and I will most likely put into a concrete mold and have it in my garden. When we gather outdoors for family celebrations and holidays, we will be reminded of Dad's service to our country and all WWII veterans who gave their all. Thank you again for blessing us with such a cherished memorial. We truly appreciate your kind words and thoughtfulness. May the Lord bless you a thousand fold. In Christ, Barbara Marrone

Okinawa Marines? — This photo had no caption when received, but doesn't it look like Sixth Division Marines on the march in the north of Okinawa. Apparently they are waiting for the word to move out.

Historian's Corner

More and more frequently the correspondence I receive is from children and grandchildren of veterans requesting information about their father or grandfather. They have watched a show on the history channel or read a book, hopefully mine, that has peaked their interest. Enough time has passed now that the "greatest generation" and their times are the topic of many books and documentaries.

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) reports over 4,000 requests for military personnel records daily.¹ Unfortunately more often than not family members can no longer ask the questions that they have to their deceased relative and often don't even know where to begin to look for information.

First I hope that each of you will take the time to record your experiences for your descendants. Whether you privately document your story on a tape recorder, dictate to some grandchild who shows an interest or write it yourself — make the time, it will be a valued family heirloom. Although your children may show no interest, (probably because you did not encourage their questions in the past, you modest bunch) someone will benefit in the future from your efforts. Secondly, make sure that in your papers your service number, when and where you served, branch and where you were discharged are available. Even if you leave sketchy evidence these few pieces of information will allow some familial super sleuth to research you in the future.

Now to the many sons and daughters who receive the newsletter or browse our website; there are ways to obtain your parents' military records. Veterans or next of kin of a deceased veteran may use vetrecs.archives.gov. All others must fill out the Standard SF180 form available online or contact the archive by fax 314-801-9195 or mail. Write to: The National personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Ave., St. Louis, Missouri 63132

Additionally, you may be able to obtain the form at your local Veterans Administration office. To complete the form you will need the complete name of the service member, a service number (birth date and place, especially if you don't have this) or social security number, branch of service, and if possible dates of service, place of discharge, last unit assignment, and place of entry into service. The processing time varies depending on how much information you are able to provide but currently they are averaging processing records in three weeks.²

Another website that can be helpful is: <http://members.aol.com/forvets/htomr.htm> Hopefully this information will make it somewhat easier to research your family's history. It should also be a reminder how important it is to share your historical legacy. No time like the present, yours is a rich story. — Laura Lacey



Laura Lacey

¹ <http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/standard-form-180.html>

² Ibid

Mail Call *Continued on page 12*

Dear Flo, Had a little left over this month & wanted to put it to good use. I couldn't think of anything more deserving than this Association. I want to thank you for all your hard work & want you to know it is appreciated. Regards, Bob - A. Robert Mitchell, C-1-22, 44 Nightingale Rd, Nashua, NH 06062-2170

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Dear Flo: Please send me a memorial marker. I never, ever, got one. I promise to tell my wife, and my four sons, where it is located. Donation check enclosed. Thank you, Carlton J. Gaffney D-2-15, 14 Wagner St, Binghamton, NY 13904-1727. **Note from the Membership Manager: It was obvious he had read my message in the last newsletter which I appreciate, and I appreciate his sense of humor - don't ever lose it!! Flo**

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I regret to report the death of my father, William B. Rogers, Wpns-29. He died at his residence in San Bernardino, CA

due to bladder cancer on April 27, 2008. He was buried at Riverside National Cemetery with full military honors, May 5, 2008. He was holding his Marine Corps issued Bible, covered by his Marine Corps blanket and was wearing his 6th Marine Division Association lapel pin. Thank you, William G. Rogers wrogers657@aol.com

Mrs. Dornan,

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I read the article in Mail Call in last mailing where a grandson of Robert L. Shepherd was trying to locate someone who knew of his death. I was in D Co. 29th Machine Gun Platoon and knew Marine Shepherd. Bob was killed in the southern part of the island in June. Marine Irvin Gehret was also a member of this platoon and was with him when he was shot and died. I called him to verify the information and we agree to date and place. No address for the grandson was available at the time the newsletter was mailed. If one has been located since, we would be glad to write or call the grandson. I appreciate reading the newsletter and hope to

make the Reunion in Okla. Bennett R. Bard, 462 South 7th St, Chambersburg, PA 17201-2744 Life time member. Now 90 years old and still kicking. But not kicking high enough to make the reunions anymore. **Ed's Note: See Gehret letter this issue.**

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Dear Ms. Dornan: Enclosed is my check for the Newsletter. We have two Marine grandsons , both Cpls. One returned from Iraq and is at Pendleton. The other has been in Okinawa with periods in Korea and Thailand for two years. Bob had he lived would be so proud of them. I am a Navy veteran (Nurse Corps) but I'll say, Semper Fi, Mildred Hart, 837 Hampshire Rd, Drexel Hill, PA 19026

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Dear Florence: I wish to report the passing of a long-time friend, and former member of H-Battery, Third Battalion, 15th Marines, Sixth Marine Division: John Belonick of Thomaston, CT passed away the latter part of 2007. We

CORPSMEN'S CORNER

June 17, 2008 marked the 110th Birthday of the U. S Navy Hospital Corps. In addition to the pride we have in serving with the U. S. Marine Corps, we also have pride in being a part of the Hospital Corps. After all, how else could we have had a conduit to the Marines. Just think, when we first joined the Hospital Corps, it was only about 44 years old. We have come a long way, Doc!

From Washington, D.C. comes this inspiring message: "On behalf of all Marines, I extend sincere congratulations to the men and women of the U.S. Navy Hospital Corps upon the occasion of your 110th birthday. Since 17 June 1898, you have proudly served shoulder to shoulder with Marines at home and abroad. From medical treatment facilities to distant battlefields, the professionalism of our health care providers is truly a force multiplier.

"As you celebrate and reflect upon your heritage, know that every Marine appreciates your many sacrifices and selfless dedication while serving our country, our families, and the Marines of our Corps."

"Happy Birthday and Semper Fidelis." James T. Conway, General, U. S. Marine Corps, Commandant.

Thanks to the Commandant for this high tribute to the Hospital Corps.

OKLAHOMA CITY, HERE WE COME!

The reunion of the 6th Marine Division Association is in a city I fondly remember. Pardon the personal comment but my first duty station after Corps School in Bainbridge, MD was the U.S Naval Hospital in Norman, OK, just a few miles south of OKC. Spent a lot of liberty time there. I encourage you to attend the reunion. I'm looking forward to having a great time with you and the Marines. OKC is an interesting city and the plans made for us are fantastic.

Arrangements have already been made for our hospitality room (THE SICK BAY). We will not have the generosity experienced last year when John Foley, an honorary member of our group, was able to compliment the room to us. There will be some costs involved. I am sure we can rise to the occasion. At some time during the Reunion we will schedule a meeting

of all corpsmen in order to conduct business and elect a leader. More of this will be covered in our publication, THE SICK BAY. — Jack Rice

Again, we want John Foley to know how much we appreciated his contributions to us last year as well as in previous years. He's a Gung Ho guy!!

STILL LOOKING FOR "LOST" CORPSMEN.

I have had minor response to my plea for the names of the 6th Division corpsmen you may have known who are no longer a part of our group. I hope to have a rough roster in review at the Reunion. I would like to list all we have known and provide a current status. Your input is very important to me and your compatriots.

Corpsman's Request

Bury me next to a Marine,
When my time has come to an end,
So I can spend eternity,
Beside my brother and friend

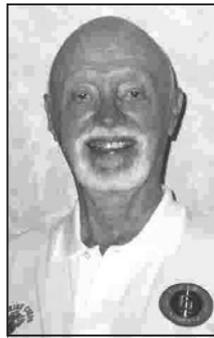
I've served beside them for years
And they've inspired me every day.
They've never asked for anything,
So a debt I can never repay.

None of them served for glory,
None for money or fame.
But they've served in every clime and place,
Heroes with but one name.

No one will ever outdo them,
Their honor is never outdone.
They will all go down in history,
As America's favorite sons.

Marines will never fail you,
And their guard will never cease.
Please bury me next to a Marine,
So I may rest in peace.

HM2(FMF) Robert L. Owens
August 31, 2007
Courtesy of Howard Terry, F-2-29



Jack Rice

Changes on the Way, How Do We React?

We do not know how long the official Reunions will last considering our ages and possible increased transportation expenses and other potential problems. If the Reunions end, is there any further purpose to our association? If the answer is no, there is no point in reading further.

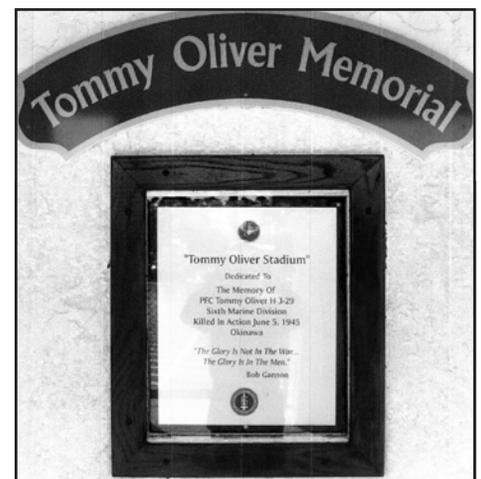
If it is possible that there will be regional or unit meetings or further business to be conducted, will the newsletter be needed? Will the association finance it? Will the association help finance other meetings or other needs not now known?

The newsletter at this time costs a little under \$10,000 a year. (Subscriptions don't cover the cost.) It can be turned into a bulletin board type of operation for half that, maybe less. It can be restricted to the Internet for practically nothing. People without computers can go to their libraries for help.

If there are no meetings, do members still want to receive TAPS, other people information. If so, a membership manager will still be necessary. A treasurer and bylaw changes will be needed.

Should we start thinking about these things now?

— Joe Singleton



Marine Honored—A stadium in Panama City was named after a Sixth Division Marine but few knew who he was or what he did. Our PR Chairman Bill Pierce took care of that by arranging for a plaque to be installed honoring Pfc. Tommy Oliver, H-3-29, of that city. He was killed June 5 on Okinawa

exchanged Christmas greetings every year. I failed to receive a response last Christmas. Several months later his wife, Celia, notified me that John had passed away. John and I trained at Camp Lejeune in 1943, and then shipped to Camp Linda Vista, CA with a replacement battalion. We were sent to New Caledonia prior to being assigned to the Eleventh Defense Battalion at Guadalcanal, and later in the New Georgia Islands. When the Sixth Marine Division was formed, we were assigned to H-15, Sixth Marine Division, and on Okinawa, Guam and North China. As luck would it, we returned to the states from Tsingtao, China on the same ship. We managed to keep in touch for the following 62 years! Wow! I don't even feel 62 years of age! Semper Fi, John A. Albanese, 273 Quinnipiac St, Wallingford, CT 06492 203-294-1847

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Dear Flo, I'm writing you for my father, Robert Lowney, 81, who was in C-1-29. He decided to adopt and care for the gravesite of Medal of Honor winner Major Courtney at Calvary Cemetery in Duluth, MN since he felt it was not being looked after properly. I will be taking over the care of his basket and gravesite if something happens to my father. We would like to know if we can get additional emblems (sticky kind) of the 6th Division Assn. stickers (approx 3-4" larger size) for his basket at the gravesite. P.S. Dad is also a China Marine. Thank you for your help, Robert Lowney and Patti (Lowney) Fisher, 25 W. 8th St, Duluth, MN 55806 **(Note from the Membership Mgr: Once in awhile I receive notes/requests that make me so proud that I am working with Sixth Marine Division members and their sons/daughters — and this is one of those times. What great Americans, quietly caring for a fallen Marine with no recognition from anyone. Keep up the great work. Flo)**

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I have sent several emails to different people trying to find an address or telephone no. for Edward L. Appleby. He was listed in the last newsletter as

a new member.i.d.#6013 15th Marines, 3-bn. I would like very much to get in touch with him. We were in radio school together, went overseas the same time and served on Guam and Okinawa together. He isn't in the directory as it came out before the newsletter. I would appreciate any information you may have. Sincerely, Reese Anderson Reeseevelyn@gmail.com

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Mr. Pierce: I posted this on the Forum at your web site and it was suggested I send you a copy. Does anyone remember my father Cpl. Maurice V. Pickard, KIA Sugar Loaf Hill May 19, 1945. He was in C-29, 3rd platoon. I have a list of names: Sullivan, Beauregard, Butts, Collier, Caldwell, Davis, Doster, Greffe, Symington, Wacomme, Watson, Gregson, Rogan. Thank you, Jean (Pickard) Brosnahan. (Don.brosnahan@cox.net) **Ed's Note: Bill Pierce answered this with a lengthy reply that began "Marine sons and daughters of our Division when seeking information from me...never ever bore me." Bill then went on to give her every scrap of information he could find.**

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Mr. Singleton, I am wondering if you and the group could consider bringing the annual Reunion to Spokane. We have hosted a number of veterans groups and would like to add the 6th Marine Division to the list. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your service. Best regards, Tim Rhodes, Convention Sales Manager Spokane Convention & Visitor's Bureau, 801 W. Riverside, Ste 301, Spokane, WA 99201 509-742-9384, 800-662-0084 trhodes@visitspokane.com

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From: Kenneth D. Wells <tinossip@verizon.net>
To: GYRENE629@aol.com <Bill Pierce>
Subject: Re: 6TH DIV NEWSLETTER

Bill, Went to our website and read the newsletter and must say it was great. It would probably be a wise thing if all newsletters were put online, instead of mailing it to the members. It would save lots of postage. Probably most members have a computer. Doc

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My late father, Ralph Liberato, served in the South Pacific as a young Marine Raider during World War II. One of his stories, *Raider Padre*, appeared in the No. 1 issue of GISMO. It appears that he wrote several other stories. I have been unable to locate any more issues of GISMO through the Red Cross, or other venues. GISMO was published by the American Red Cross, APO 502, Postmaster, San Francisco. Could you kindly provide me with the history of GISMO and assist me in locating other issues that may have printed my father's other stories? It would mean so much. I plan to create a web site on my father's life. I'd like to include the entire first issue of GISMO, links to the Sixth Marine Division, etc. What is your policy regarding using quotes or pictures published in the *Striking Sixth* newsletter? My father lived a very rich life. His service started in the Marines and continued throughout his political and union career. Ralph A. (Libby) Liberato, volunteered USMC August 13, 1940, served w/ the 1st Div., 5th Marines; 4th Raider Bn., 4th Regt., 6th Division, Guadalcanal, New Georgia, Guam, Okinawa, Japan. I am also wondering if there are any readers out there that remember him. I can email a photo later. Respectfully, Lynn Liberato. justlaugh@sbcglobal.net

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6th Division Assn. Members: You may think this is a hate letter from a disgruntled member, take it for what it is worth to you. Has anyone spoken to the New Jersey Board that grants our charter? I did and I found out that sons and daughters could only hold office if they have served with the division. It was decided long before the Norfolk Reunion to hold the next

Reunion in Oklahoma and to have three women conduct it. This is strictly illegal. We have been faced with a vicious and unwarranted campaign to discredit some of the board members and some of your highly respected members. If you must talk about someone, at least tell the truth and nothing but the truth. Please, remember that a member was taken into court for telling untruths about another member. We have little enough time left without hastening our demise. I was put on the blacklist when I publicly challenged the smear campaigns by stating the facts. No one was interested and with much anguish, I hereby resign as an active member of the association. Thomas F. McKinney, past president, 1998, 99.

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Dear Joe, My father receives your newsletter. He was in D Co. 29th, Sixth Marine Division. Dad was reading the "Mail Call," in the Spring 2008 Newsletter. On Page 11, he read the article about Robert Lee Shepherdd. How his Grandson, Adam, was looking for information about him. My dad was a good friend of Robert Shepherd, he served with him until his death. He would be willing to share information with Adam. I see he did not leave a contact number or address. My dad would like to leave his Name, address and Phone Number. If some way, you can get a address or number. Please forward this to Adam. If not, can you please place my Dad's information in the next Newsletter. My Father would be very happy to help Adam. Thank You! Susan Grimes Daughter of : Irvin Gehret D Co. 29th, Sixth Marine Division, 418 Euclid Ave. Temple, Pa. 19605, 610-929-1008. **Ed's Note: Susan may already have this information as fellow D Co. Marine Albert Bonin may have been in touch. In any case Adam's E-Mail address is adamlshepherd@gmail.com**

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My father, Gen. Walter Harold Stephens, served with the 22d Mar., 6th Mar Div as a Lt. Col. from June 1945 where he was wounded in the shoulder and hand during the capture of Okinawa Shima. He remained with the division and participated in the landing and occupation of Tsingtao, for which Gen. Shepherd awarded him a Bronze Star. He served in China until Sept., 1946. He had previously served with the 1st Marine Division on Guadalcanal from Aug - Dec. 1942. I have a detailed copy of his service record but would love to hear any more personal memories. I have been endeavoring to learn more about his service and would appreciate any information from anyone who may have served with him. He passed away in 1984 and his grandchildren have many questions that I have been unable to answer. Thank you very much. Sutton Stephens Hamlin. sutton_hamlin@yahoo.com



Gail Death — Charles M. Gail, shown here at the Norfolk Reunion, died June 20. He had been a corpsman, who served with the Sea Bees in the Pacific and later with the Sixth Marine Division in China. He was 81. He is survived by his wife Yeny and other relatives. A native of Kansas, Gail spent his civilian life in the petroleum industry.

Message From The Membership Manager

It won't be long before we will be gathering in Oklahoma City to meet our friends and enjoy the entertainment promised which is far different than we normally see. Be sure to get your reservation and registration in so you won't miss this unique opportunity.

Once again I must sincerely ask that any change in your address be reported to me so I can update your record and you will receive your newsletter I even had a newsletter returned because the member moved from one apartment (#124) on the first floor to an apartment (#322) on the third floor at the very same address. Each return is a lost newsletter that no one will see and a 50 cent charge to the Association for handling.

I hope you are enjoying your 2008 Directory. Remember, if you see anything that is not correct or has changed, please let me know so I can correct it. Also, if you have not yet sent your donation to help with the cost of printing and mailing your Directory, please do so now.

Recently I have received important donations for the Scholarship Fund. In 2006 at the Board of Directors Meeting in Harrisburg, the decision was made that all donations for scholarships be sent directly to the Scholarship Fund by the donor to assure the funds are received by the foundation. Please send your donations to:

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Flo Dornan

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Taps 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.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
AMO, Roberta (Bobbie)	Wife of Francis Amo	7/17/2007
ANDREWS, George A.	4 th MAR-2-G	8/00/1995
BARNES, Thomas L.	4 th Marines	1/18/2008
BELONICK, John (NM)	15 th MAR-3-H	0/00/2007
BRIGGS, Archie M.	29 th MAR-1-A	8/27/2004
BURNETTE, Dale P.	22 nd MAR-1-B	4/14/2008
CERRA, Michael	6 th Motor Transport Bn	3/09/1998
CHADWICK, Louis M.	4 th MAR-1-C	4/23/2001
CHADWICK, Warren	6 th Marines-Signal Co-HQ	Unknown
DUDNEY, Blonie E.	22 nd MAR-HQ	10/24/2007
EVANS, Lewis C.	29 th MAR-Wpns	Unknown
FLOYD, Lee R.	22 nd MAR-1-A	0/00/2003
FOWLER, Donald H.	6 th Marine Division	11/07/1999
GAIL, Charles M.	6 th Marine Div - Corpsman	6/20/2008
GERTH, Gerald F.	4 th MAR-H&S-HQ	Unknown
HENDERSON, Bryon S.	22 nd MAR-1-A	5/03/2008
JACKSON, Warren E.	15 th MAR-3-H&S	4/20/2002
KAMINSKI, Del	Wife of Walter Kaminski	5/06/2008
KELLY, Robert J.	4 th MAR-3-I	0/00/2003
LAMM, Mack A.	29 th MAR-2-HQ	10/09/2007
LESTER, Keith E.	15 th MAR-3-K	1/28/2008
MILLER, Max	6 th Motor Transport Bn-H&S	5/08/2008
MOLAISON, Richard J.	22 nd MAR-2-H	6/21/2008
MURPHY, William F.	29 th MAR-2	5/22/2008
NOYES, L. William	29 th MAR-3-HQ	12/19/2004
O'NEIL, Walter E.	6 th Medical Bn-D	6/19/2008
RICKER, Edward J.	4 th MAR-3-L	Unknown
ROOKS, Eugene B.	4 th MAR-1-H&S	0/00/1984
PENDERGRAFT, Robert J.	4 th MAR-2-E	12/00/1998
PETERSEN, Raymond H.	22 nd MAR-1-HQ	3/28/2008
POPOVICH, SR., George	22 nd MAR-3-L	3/30/2008
ROGERS, William B.	29 th MAR-Wpns	4/27/2008
SCHREIBER, Robert P.	29 th MAR-3-H	2/20/2008
SHEPPERD, Kenneth R.	4 th MAR-H&S	4/02/1972
SCHULTZ, Glen E.	6 th Marine Division	5/07/2008
TRAVERS, James F. (Trigger)	29 th MAR-2-HQ	9/25/2007
UCCELLETTI, Ray F.	15 th MAR-4-K	10/26/2007
WILSON, Albert O.	29 th MAR-1-C	5/24/2008
WESTERMAN, Robert T.	22 nd MAR-H&S	(Corr) 4/27/2004

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DAIGLE, Maurice R., ID #6019, 22nd MAR-1-HQ, Regular Annual
DELONIS, Mary Ann, ID #6023, Wife of Edward Delonis, Associate Annual
HOWELL, David A., ID #5831, Son of Pete Howell, Associate Annual to Life
HOWELL, Eric R., ID #5830, Son of Pete Howell, Associate Annual to Life
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12 Marines (Above) — Represented the Sixth Division at the Sugar Loaf Hill painting dedication Memorial Day. Many families also were present. The Hill Country setting at a museum gaining ground yearly with additional space and displays provided an ideal setting for the event. The 12, from left, are Charles Pearson, 2-4; Allan Phillips, F-2-4; Billy McClellan, A-6th Engineers; Anerson McBride, Wpns-4; Daniel Freytag, 1-4; Harold L. Walker, F-2-22; Ray Schlinder, K-3-22; M.E. Corbitt, K-3-22; D.C. Rigby, HQ-3-22; Floyd "Stoney" Hill, 6th JASCO; Oliver Welch, F-2-29, and John E. (Jack) Dornan, F-2-4. All were at the Sugar Loaf battle or fought to get there. Only one, Ray Schlinder, is not from Texas. Former Raiders were heavily represented. (Photo by Ward Lowing)



Colorado Ceremony (Left) — The flags were rustling as the Marines, present and past, stood to attention during Memorial Day ceremonies honoring the Third and Sixth Marine Divisions at Golden, Colorado. A number of organizations were involved, including the U.S. Marine Corps Memorial Association.

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