



SIXTH

1st Provisional Marine Brigade

NEWS LETTER

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Mt. Pleasant, SC

Jim Day Memorial Dedicated

On April 15th, 1999, a beautiful day full of sunshine, some 24 members of our Association attended a ceremony at the Medal of Honor Society in Mt. Pleasant, SC. The ceremony was held so that we could present to the Museum a statue depicting Cpl. Jim Day at Sugar Loaf Hill, Okinawa. A similar statue had been presented to Jim Day at the Portland, OR reunion last year. Since Jim's death we understand that the family has now placed the statue in the Sixth Division room at the San Diego Recruit Depot Museum.

Both statues were donated by Jim Chaisson G-2-22 upon his authorizing the work by the sculptor Lee Millett. It is interesting to note that this fine sculptor is the son of Col. Lewis Millett, he too a recipient of the Medal of Honor.

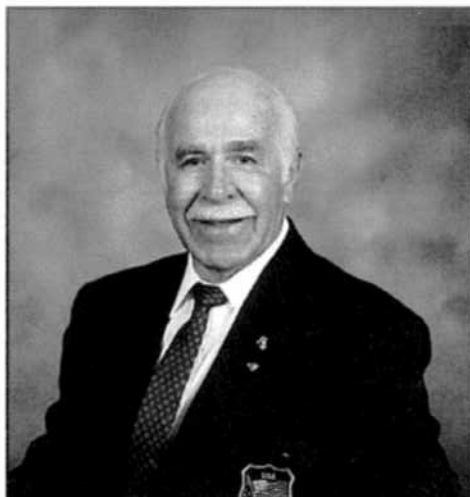
The statue was presented by Jim to Frank Currey, recipient of the Medal of Honor, Battle of the Bulge. Also accepting for the museum were Ms Sherry Russell, Museum Administrator, and Medal of Honor recipient Michael Novasell, Medal of Honor, Vietnam. The ceremony was conducted by Bill Pierce, Weapons Co. 29th. Speakers included President Tom McKinney and Tom Terpinas, President elect of our Division. Jim Chaisson and Bill Day, Jim Day's son who accompanied Jim and Nancy Chaisson on the trip from Atlanta, GA., also participated in the presentation ceremony.

Notice of the event appeared in the Charleston Newspaper the next day, and also attending were individuals representing the U. S. Marine Corps from the Parris Island News Information Division. A film crew in the process of the creation of a doc-

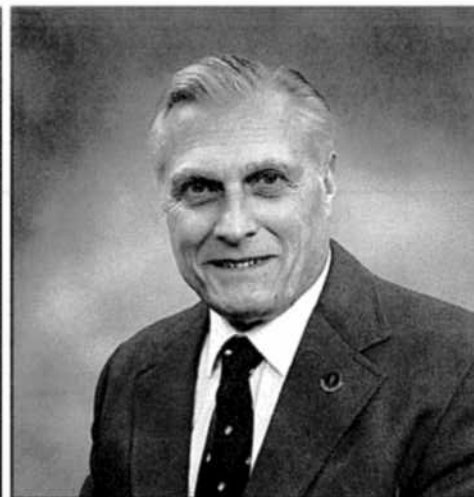
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Men of Great Character

Death takes Simes, Scotia



James B. Scotia



Harry Simes, Jr.

Revered and respected by all the members of our association, Service Officer James B. Scotia was laid to rest with full Marine Corps honors on June 8 at the Veterans Cemetery in Bourne, Massachusetts. Active duty Marines in full dress blues provided the color guard, firing squad and bugler for this outstanding ceremony, which was attended by several of Jim's Sixth Marine Division Association members. Family members were profoundly impressed by the way Jim's comrades honored him at this final tribute to the gentle man.

In addition to his duties as Service Officer, Jim also represented his unit, the 6th Recon Company, on the board of directors of the association.

He put up a valiant struggle for his life after being stricken last year.

After his Marine Corps service, Jim was a motor vehicle operator for more than 28 years with the U.S. Postal Service. He belonged to the VFW, American Legion, Marine Corps League and the Masonic Lodge. His recreation was bowling.

Jim's wife, Jeannette, son Kirk, and daughter Cheryl survive him, along with three grandchildren, one brother and two sisters.



Harry Simes, Jr., a founding member of the Sixth Marine Division Association died of a heart attack on June 18, and was buried with full Marine Corps honors at King of Prussia cemetery in Pennsylvania.

Harry enlisted in the Marine Corps while a senior at Radnor High School in Fort Wayne, Pennsylvania and reported for recruit training to Parris Island after graduation. After that, he was sent to Camp Pendleton, California, then shipped overseas to join Company F, 2nd Battalion, 29th Marines as a BAR man. After the battle of Okinawa, he returned with his unit to Guam and then to Tsingtao, China.

When the Sixth Division was deactivated he was reassigned to the 1st Marine Division until he was discharged in November, 1946.

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John E "Jack" Dorman

From the Membership Chairman

The 1999 Arlington Mini-Reunion is now a part of our Association history. This "Old Warrior" got it done but it was with the help of a very able and enthusiastic "Working Crew," made up of attendees that pitched in when needed. A special thanks goes out to such people as Life member Watson Crumbie, 29th Mar-1-C, from Grand Prairie, Texas; U. S. Navy Veteran, "Buck" Blakley, a somewhat younger non-member, an old friend and neighbor from Arlington; and Lord only knows how many Arlington VFW Post #8561 Members, and last, but not least, this Chairman's sons, daughters, sons and daughters in-law. The true meaning of Gung Ho....Work together....Get it done. The team effort prevails.

Notes, cards, letters, and phone calls continue to find their way to this desk and all are an ode to a good reunion, and emphasizing the informality and time able to be devoted to old friends and doing what they wished. The content of such communications have been most rewarding, making the entire effort well worth it. Many have been passed on to the Editor and may appear elsewhere in this issue or one that follows.

This Membership Chairman, for the

first time in almost five years in office, failed to make a formal report to the officers and members in attendance at the Arlington gathering. The reasons were twofold; first, seeing to the many details in planning for the Mini was very demanding with regard to time. One must be involved in such an undertaking to fully realize what is involved. There are just not enough hours in the day to accomplish all that must be done, plus keep up to date on day to day routine membership duties such as change of addresses, crediting dues received, responding to letters and calls. Secondly, experience has taught this officer that few, if any, were really interested in such a formal report.

Problem areas commented upon drew little attention; income estimates were taken too lightly, and in general, questions and recommendations largely not answered or acted upon, with the exception of those holding the higher offices. Suffice it to say, as of this date, we are at or about three thousand active members. Of that total, some 194 have not paid their dues that expired on December 31, 1998. Post card notifications have been prepared and will go out in the next few days.

Another mailing will be made on December 31, 1999 to those members whose dues expire on that date, and as of this writing, numbering some 260 mem-

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From the Chairman

1999 Reunion Report

Due to the sustained efforts of our treasurer, Bradley Safreed, the Sixth Marine Div. Association now has a U.S.. Federal tax exempt organization status under section 501-c.

This status will now enable the reunion at Buffalo to apply for a tax exempt status in New York. This has been applied for. There are specific requirements that have to be followed when we get this status.

The reunion cannot be completely successful until the banquet is fully booked in advance and paid for. The price is right—

Most of the members who have made reservations with the Adams Mark Hotel, guaranteed with their Visa or some other credit or debit card and will have to do nothing

until they arrive at the hotel. On that day they will give to the committee, which will be in place near the check-in desk, a check for their full stay at the required price of \$70.00, plus 13% occupancy tax, for each and every night they intend to stay at the hotel.

All members who have guaranteed their stay at the hotel with a check for one night, plus the 13% occupancy tax, will receive their check back from the hotel. When they arrive for their stay, they will give to the committee present a check for the full amount needed for their stay: \$70.00 plus 13% occupancy tax for each night that they will stay at the hotel.

All members of the Sixth Div. Assn. should understand that the original price

for the hotel in the signed contract, made prior to this committee and myself getting involved at the Kentucky reunion, was \$80.00 per night plus 13% occupancy tax. We the committee, have turned the \$10 saved back to the membership attending the reunion rather than using that money for reunion expenses.

We must now find alternative ways to make expense money to keep the reunion solvent. There are no hidden or added charges on any of the listed events with the tour operator, hotel, etc. We have added a small extra fee on the very reasonable banquet charge. Don't forget the one hour free cocktail party with food on Monday, Sept 6th and the free gala cocktail hour on Friday, September 10th. To top all this off will be Sixth Division free open bar right after the brief program and recollections of our guest speaker.

We would request that everyone send to Joseph McConville the banquet reservation money, registration charge money, Naval Marine Park fee.

The reunion cannot be completely successful until the banquet is fully booked in advance and paid for. The price is right—free cocktail hour, five piece band, free open bar all night, for \$40, no tax.

Remember, we will not admit anyone who books the Adams Mark without payment in full at the check in. We must do this because there is no time left . After you receive this special newsletter to send us the money for the hotel. The banquet will be for paid members to the banquet and their guests only.

Yours in comradeship,

The reunion committee

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bers. Simple math indicates we are speaking of a sum that could be as much as \$6500.

Elsewhere in this issue, if printed, is a listing of membership ID numbers of the above. Check for yours and please, take appropriate action as soon as possible.

Each mailing of the newsletter contains the wording "Change Service Requested". If you have moved, that newsletter will be returned to this Membership Chairman, and in most instances, the new address will be made available. The newsletter, not being a first class piece of mail, will not be forwarded to your new address, and it's return costs fifty cents. Those of you who make seasonal changes suffer the same loss. A report is made to this Membership Chairman of the fact that you are "Temporarily Away", the newsletter is deep sixed and never delivered. *Please* make a change of address report to this office each and every time you make such a Seasonal Move. It is costing us a bundle with every issue. I would strongly suggest that the "Change Service Requested" notation be utilized not more than once per year.

Member Watson Crumbie has indicated that he will assume those duties of Service Officer. He and this Membership Chairman will coordinate what has to be accomplished to the very best of our abilities. The shoes of long time Service Officer James Scotia will be hard to fill, but together, Watson and "Jack" will give it their best shot. Continue to report the passing of a comrade to this Office. That Information will be acted upon as far as records go, and forwarded to Watson for his area of responsibility relative to memorial marker and other mailings.

There has been a problem in transmitting data to our printer. We are working on it and hope to have it solved in the near future. Many have contacted this office about the fact the their address labels have not been correct on that line (the top one) that normally indicates the ID number, the unit designation, and the membership expiration date. In many cases the top line is totally missing, but for the most part, it has been the expiration date that has been deleted. Rest assured your records, as such, are correct. We are trying to correct the error that is created in sending the data between the two computers.

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umentary on the Medal of Honor, were also on hand and recorded the entire 6th Division statue presentation ceremony.

The Division owes a debt of gratitude to Jim Chaisson for his creation of this wonderful bronzed sculptor that will honor "our General Jim" for many generations to come.

Bill Pierce WPNS/29

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Harry attempted to organize a 29th Marines group in 1970, but ended up, with Rudy Vojnar, being one of the founders and charter members of the Sixth Marine Division.

He was the host chairman for the first reunion of the association in 1971 in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Another Side of the "RATS"

By Laura Lacey (aka Prissy Rat)

The Tunnel Rats have become rather well known for our caving adventures (more of those to come in another article) however, there is a much more serious side to what we do. Usually when we are fulfilling one of our more serious obligations, we are known as the Battle of Okinawa Historical Society. At this time of year when the Battle of Sugar Loaf occurred and the Battle on Okinawa ended I am reminded of the events that occur today on Okinawa to commemorate them. One of the greatest honors that I ever had was getting to partake in both the ceremony to honor Sugar Loaf and the ceremony at the Peace Park on Okinawa to honor our dead in June that the Battle of Okinawa Historical Society does.

For those of you who have never been to Okinawa, the Peace Park is located on the southern end of the island where the 32nd Japanese Army had their headquarters. The spot now is extremely lovely with the beautiful blue water below and the jagged cliffs and lush foliage all around. The highest point of the park is the spot where Ushijima and Cho committed seppuku.

Monuments from each prefecture in Japan mark the way to this high spot. These monuments honor the casualties of each individual prefecture. At the foot of this area is a valley and this is where the main section of the park lies. In the center is an eternal flame in a pool of water. Looking into the pool one sees a map of the world with Okinawa sitting where the flame is.

Then facing away from this pool one sees wall after black wall. Unlike the Vietnam Memorial in DC., the walls are panels and are not straight. This broken look is to give the impression of waves; "Waves of Peace radiating out from Okinawa." On these black walls are the names of the Okinawan, Japanese and "other foreigners" who died on Okinawa. Here one really understands the full impact of the Battle of Okinawa, the walls seem to go on forever!

Each year on Okinawa, on June 23rd, there is a tremendous peace celebration put on by the Okinawans and the Japanese to commemorate the end of the Battle of Okinawa. Some Americans believe that not

Peace, what a wonderful gift those men have given me. Peace, what a wonderful gift each of you gave this world.

enough has been done to honor our part in this battle or to pay proper respect to our American servicemen who lost their lives in that Battle on this day. The Battle of Okinawa Historical Society decided that it was important to make sure that our servicemen were properly honored too, during this important anniversary. We developed a program to make sure we were part of the festivities. It has now become an annual event. We were helped by the Masons and the Post Exchange who provided us with small American flags.

The Marine Band on Okinawa had two young men volunteers to play echo taps and several news organizations came out to film us. Prayers were said, the poem by Gannon, The Helmet on a Rifle was read and then we placed flags at each panel of the wall where the Americans names were. Something happened that touched me more than I can ever express, as Americans made their way forward to take a flag to place at a panel so did Okinawans and with great care they invited themselves to our little ceremony and helped us honor our dead.

Then taps was played. The two Marines picked different spots in the park and began. People all over stopped and watched and listened and the sound carried out.... Across that little island, across that blue water and into my heart. Peace, what a wonderful gift those men have given me. Peace, what a wonderful gift each of you gave this world.

Thank you.... Semper Fi

Update

Air Force Memorial

This is the latest information on the public hearing concerning public comment on the environmental assessment for the proposed Air Force Memorial site on Arlington Ridge. Gen. and Mrs. Cooper are on a much deserved vacation so I'll summarize the proceedings for 2nd hearing on the subject that took place on 4 March, 1999.

...it's hard to imagine that the Park Service could issue a finding of No Significant Impact. We'll see!

The Air Force Memorial Foundation learned from the first hearing and came with all their Big Guns including Joe Coors Jr., The President of their Memorial Foundation; retired MajGen Larsen, the Chairman of the Air Force Association; retired Gen. Shaud, the Executive Director of the Air Force Association; and former ASAF (M&RA) Rodney Coleman. Their theme was all the same—that they were incredulous that the Marines were upset with the process. They also tried to instill justification for an Air Force Memorial because the Army Air Corps lost more men in WWII than the Marine Corps. They all stated that the AFMF had always complied with all the regulations and "dotted all the I's and crossed all the T's." What they completely ignore is that "even if what they say were completely true," they still have to go through the prescribed process and the site can be disapproved anywhere along the line.

Assessment of last night's hearing is that the Air Force got in some good licks primarily because of the horsepower they brought in to speak. However the comments from the Marine family, Marine supporters, area residents, runners and citizens concerned about the impact on the local environment were overwhelming and carried the day. Our emotional theme was throughout the comments and convincing as ever. However, the fact that it is not just Marines that are against the proposed site on Arlington Ridge is compelling. Given the comments from both

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Directions to the reunion...

How do I get to the Adam's Mark Hotel if I'm...

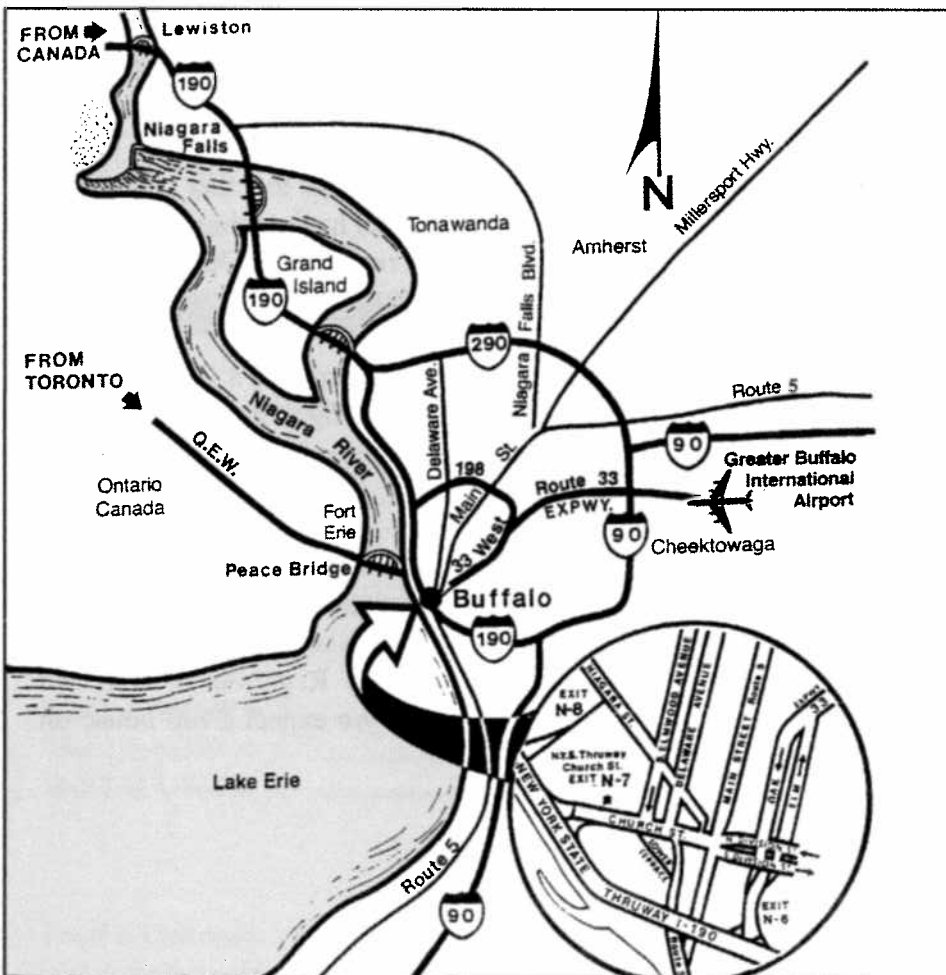
... coming from the Rochester, Syracuse and Albany areas: travel Route 90-West. Take it all the way to Exit 53 (the overhead sign will read: "Downtown Buffalo"). Once you pass through the South Ogden Street toll barrier at the base of the exit, you will be traveling on Route 190-North. Travel approximately four miles to the Elm Street Exit. Exit leads to one way traffic on Elm Street. Follow Elm to North Division, turn left follow straight ahead seven blocks the hotel will be on your left.

... coming from the Erie and Cleveland areas: travel Route 90-East. Take it all the way to Exit 53 (the overhead sign will read: "Downtown Buffalo"). Once you pass through the South Ogden Street toll barrier at the base of the exit, you will be traveling on Route 190-North. Travel approximately four miles to the Elm Street Exit. Exit leads to one way traffic on Elm Street. Follow Elm to North Division, turn left follow straight ahead seven blocks the hotel will be on your left.

... coming from the Peace Bridge, Canada, and northern areas: Once you pass through the Peace Bridge toll barrier; OR from the Robert Moses Parkway; travel Route 190-South. Exit at the Niagara Street Exit. At the base of the exit, turn right. Travel up Niagara approximately one mile. At the intersection of South Elmwood and Niagara Street (at City Hall), turn right. Travel South Elmwood approximately 1/4 mile to the entrance of the Adam's Mark Hotel.

... coming from the Greater Buffalo International Airport: leaving the terminal and continue straight ahead onto the Route 33 West on-ramp. Stay on 33 West all the way to the end where it will blend into Oak Street approximately 9 miles. Follow Oak Street one half of a mile and turn right onto North Division. (Greyhound Bus Station on the corner). Follow North Division one half of a mile to the entrance of the Adam's Mark Hotel.

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VA Programs for Older Veterans

The number of Americans age 65 and older is expected to increase from 31 million in 1990 to nearly 59 million in 2025 as the baby boom generation of the 1940s and 1950s ages. VA, however, has been faced with the graying of the veteran population for some time. Currently, the median age of World War II veterans is estimated at 73.8 years. Today, nearly 9 million veterans are age 65 and older — 34.8 percent of the overall veteran population. By 2000, the number of veterans age 65 and older will peak at 9.3 million and represent 38.2 percent of the total veteran population.

On an average, the elderly have more chronic medical problems than younger persons. Their need for health-care services, especially long-term care, is much greater, creating a challenge to VA's healthcare system. That challenge is being met through a variety of programs directed toward the special, complex needs of the aging veteran population.

E-mail Listings

The Membership Chairman is trying to establish a listing of all members who have E-mail access. He would like to have several such contacts in each of the various states. Each member holding an active E-mail address is requested to forward it to his attention ASAP. Such data can be transmitted to E-mail address <Sxthmardiv@aol.com> and including your name will reduce the number of errors when recording same. If address is at work, so indicate.

The Church Bulletin

- ♦ This afternoon there will be a meeting in the north and south ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
- ♦ Tonight's Sermon: "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- ♦ Another marriage encounter weekend is being offered. It's a chance for a weekend away just for you and your souse.



Mail Call

Hi Jack [Dornan],

I knew there was a 6th Marine Div. Association but I didn't know where it was until I received the February newsletter.

I was in the 1st Raiders at the tail end of the Canal, went to New Georgia in the Raider Regt and then to Emirau (?) and Guam in HqCo 3/4. I stayed in, enlisted in 1938, and retired in 1959.

Col. Shapley was mentioned in the newsletter. He was one of the finest officers I served under. I might be a little biased, he went to Washington after Guam and got me a warrant. I received it on my birthday, 11-30-44, and at age 24 I believe I was the youngest warrant officer in the Corps.

I'm now a member of the Marine Raider Ass'n., the Edsons Raiders Ass'n., the American legion, and I'm quartermaster of the local VFW post.

Sincerely

John Grine, Hq 3/4

P.S. Sorry I can't make any of the reunions. Dorothy has been in the hospital ten times in the last 14 months with different ailments and she's afraid to leave the area.

Mr. Wesley Bush,

Sadly I report the January 15, 1999 death of Ramond G. Chagnon following a long illness. Ray was a good buddy and a member of the Third Platoon, G Company, Third Battalion, 29th Marines.

Enlisting USMC 1940, he was in harms way before most of us. Recovered from wounds received on Okinawa, he rejoined G Company to finish the campaign. He served in Tsingtao, North China and later was a marksman instructor at Camp Lejeune during the Korean war.

Ray is listed in the 1991 and earlier issues of the "Sixth Directory." He is survived by his wife Arlene Chagnon, a son, three daughters and ten grandchildren.

Semper Fi

Eric W. Turner Jr. G-3-29
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Dear Wes:

In our February copy of the "Striking Sixth," I read with a great deal of interest and pride that Tom Terpinas is to become our next "C.O." Recognition of our Corpsmen's heroics is long overdue.

I served from start to finish with the 3rd Platoon, I Company, 3rd Battalion, 29th Marines as a BAR man until I became an 18-year-old squad leader on Okinawa and through China.

I can attest to the bravery and devotion to duty of our two platoon corpsmen, DeMuth and Pauk. DeMuth was killed in May of '45. John Pauk made it all the way through the whole operation. He was a Marine all the way and was awarded the Navy Cross. He probably deserved more than one decoration. I personally saw him many times in the lines and not hiding in the C.P. John Pauk did his country and

the Marine Corps proud. I have always considered him one of us.

God bless our 6th Division leaders for their choice of Terpinas, and while I don't know him personally, I'm sure he will prove to be one of the most capable leaders we have ever had.

God speed and a big Semper Fi to Tom Terpinas.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Miller
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Hemet, CA 92544-7481

Jack Dornan

The arrival of the bronze memorial marker was one of the most emotional days of my life. It is difficult to express how much this meant to me and my children. The fact that I have been given a lifetime membership in the Division has been a great honor and privilege.

The heartache of losing someone so close doesn't go away. The consolation is in knowing that I am not alone and that Joe, being such a wonderful Christian, is with his Heavenly Father.

Thank you for your wonderful book. We both had so much enjoyment reading each publication.

Mrs. Joseph (Lillian) Gracik
(Joseph Gracik was in HQ/2/22)

Dear Wes,

I'm writing to ask you to put a thank you note in the next "Striking Sixth."

It is with my utmost gratitude that I thank everyone for all their thoughts wishes and most of all, their prayers during my recent illness. I'm now on my way to a speedy recovery and back on my feet.

Thank you for doing this for me. I appreciate it very much.

Semper Fi

L. Forrest Townsend, C-1-4

Gentlemen:

During the past few years, we have been unable to attend any reunions due to the health of my wife so for the past couple of years I have been using the computer. Using some of the tapes I dictated in the hospital, I completed a book— "Nobody Becomes Perfect By Merely Ceasing to Act." I set forth unusual and humorous experiences regarding my life in the Corps and FBI.

In March 1997, I received a letter from the Marine Corps University Archives requesting information on my experiences in the Pacific in WW2. I answered their questions regarding training, combat, etc. I also wrote a narrative with a lighter touch. In a return letter they indicated they found my stories interesting and amusing. I applied the same formula to my years as a FBI Agent.

I added a rundown on the Okinawa. LTC Leslie Bailey, a cousin, sent me a copy of an extremely well written and interesting book ("Through Hell and High Water") regarding his experiences as a junior combat officer in North Africa and Italy. After reading my

efforts, he was extremely complimentary indicating he liked the direct, blunt, and down-to-earth style. Bear in mind he is a cousin and we always got along well.

The FBI also read the portion regarding the Bureau and said it was OK to print, however, not to use the FBI insignia or use the Bureau to promote etc. Heavens to Betsy-NO. I used a photo of a G-man, and sent the entire manuscript to First Book to run on the Net. It is much more economical this way (\$412.00 vs. several thousand)

Now to the punchline, the book can be purchased through the net at www.1stbooks.com and www.1stlibrary.com. Outstanding price-only \$4.95. The profits I receive from this will be equally divided with the Raiders Association, 6th Marine Division Association, and the Society of Former FBI Agents. Each has worthy causes to sponsor.

Sincerely,

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Hampton, Virginia, 23669

Dear Marine Bush,

The May 1999 newsletter just arrived. I read it from start to finish. There was not a dry eye in the house. It is an excellent publication in case anyone should ask. This letter may not make your day, but your newsletter made mine.

Marines like you who diligently labor in silence provide the backbone which causes the organization to survive. Marines like me read and enjoy the fruits of your labor. Thanks a bunch for volunteering to keep us all enlightened.

Best wishes to you and yours in southwest Utah from beautiful downtown Irvine, CA.

Semper Fidelis,

John E. Brown HQ/29

Dear Wes:

We were elated when we saw you listed as an officer of the 22nd Marines Assoc. We were sorry we missed our reunion in "Sandy Ago." We made all the others.

Wes, we are enclosing a poem from a Marine buddy in Alaska. It is factual and occurred just recently as my pal is recuperating from a series of major operations. Seems to be doing OK. It would give him a boost if you could find room to publish his poem in the "Striking Sixth." If not, I'm sure our 22nd Marine Chaplain, with a nudge from you, would add it to his "Corner" in our little newsletter. The Chaplain is coming to visit us next month. We are sure he would like to see it in the Sixth...

Incidentally Wes, your column 'Thoughts while shavin' is the first place we turn to when the Sixth newsletter arrives. Always timely, always interesting, you do a very creditable job as editor. Thank you. We put together the Twenty Seconds newsletter on our watch as president and tried to follow your format even so far as "lathering up." Or words to that effect.

Semper Fi. Aloha, Tofa, soifua.

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"The Chaplains"

We spent twenty-eight months on foreign shores,
Or at sea in the South Pacific.
Much of that land was just coral sand,
And some landings were somewhat horrific!
Some islands were friendly, while many were not.
In the Marshall Islands, you'd likely be shot!
Out in Guam, it was all very much the same.
And the Japanese there, played a deadly game!

Polynesian Islands were paradise!
The Samoan "Tagota," were more than nice.
Still, a different style "island" we'd come to know,
There to give us strength, if our spirits were low.

That "island of strength" was a Navy Chaplain,
And wherever we'd go, he'd be near.
On the land or at sea and in combat too,
There, for those needing solace and cheer.

Lost week, while leaving my hospital room,
A Chaplain came visiting me.
We conversed with each other a little while,
Then he asked me, specifically,

"What branch of the services were you in?"
So I told him I was a Marine.
He responded, "I knew it! I always can tell!
Cause there simply is no in between!"

"There is," he continued, "a quality there,
A positive 'something,' they show.
A confident nature, extreme self esteem!
If they've been a Marine, I will know!"

God Bless the Chaplains! Don't miss even one!
All the Chaplains I've known or have seen!
I'll always recall how the one I just met
Made me proud I'd become a Marine!

Howard M. Pierce
H&S 22nd Marines WWW-II

(Ed. Note: In Samoan, Tagata means people)

Gentlemen:

My husband, a lifetime member of the 6th Marine Division Association, passed away March 10, 1999. He was sick for 4 years but he was a Marine until he died as he fought to survive.

We were married 59 years. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather and was proud to be a Marine. He served with K Co., 4th Marines.

Would you please send me the 6th Marine Division Memorial marker for the gravestone? He would have been so proud to know he had one.

I love reading the newsletter each time it arrives and I hope you continue sending it. Thank you so much for the newsletter. Orville looked forward to receiving them.

Mrs. Orville A. Gilliland
9055 Gallant Road
Gallant, AL 35972

Please turn to **MAIL CALL** on page 14

The Adam's Mark Buffalo is pleased to host the 6th Marine Division Association — Sunday, September 5-12, 1999

To ensure accurate reservations, please complete this reservation request and return it before August 5, 1999. Requests received after this date will be accepted based on room and rate availability. Reservation requests must be accompanied by a deposit equal to one night's room rate plus 13% occupancy tax. This deposit will be applied to the last night of the reservation.

Room type preference:	Single	Double	Triple	Quadruple
<input type="checkbox"/> King	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70
<input type="checkbox"/> Two Double Beds	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70

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Name: _____

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- I have enclosed a check in the amount of one night's room rate plus 13% occupancy tax.
 - Please charge one night's room rate plus 13% occupancy tax to the following credit card:
 - MasterCard Visa American Express Carte Blanche/Diners Club Discover JCB
- Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

I understand that I will forfeit my deposit in the event that I do not arrive or cancel less than 48 hours prior to arrival. All reservations will be assessed a \$25.00 early departure charge for each night I check out in advance of my scheduled departure date.

Name of Credit Card Holder: _____

Signature of Card Holder: _____

- Maximum of two rooms held per name.
- Bed types are not guaranteed and are based upon availability.
- Check-in time after 3:00 p.m. Check out time is 12:00 noon.
- Occupancy tax is subject to change.
- Cancellation or modification of reservation must be made at least 48 hours prior to arrival to avoid forfeiture of deposit.
- Ask for and retain cancellation number until you receive refund of deposit or credit to credit card.
- All hotel accounts are subject to credit arrangements at time of registration and payable at departure.

Mail this form with deposit or fax with credit card deposit to:

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120 Church Street
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Phone: 716-845-5100
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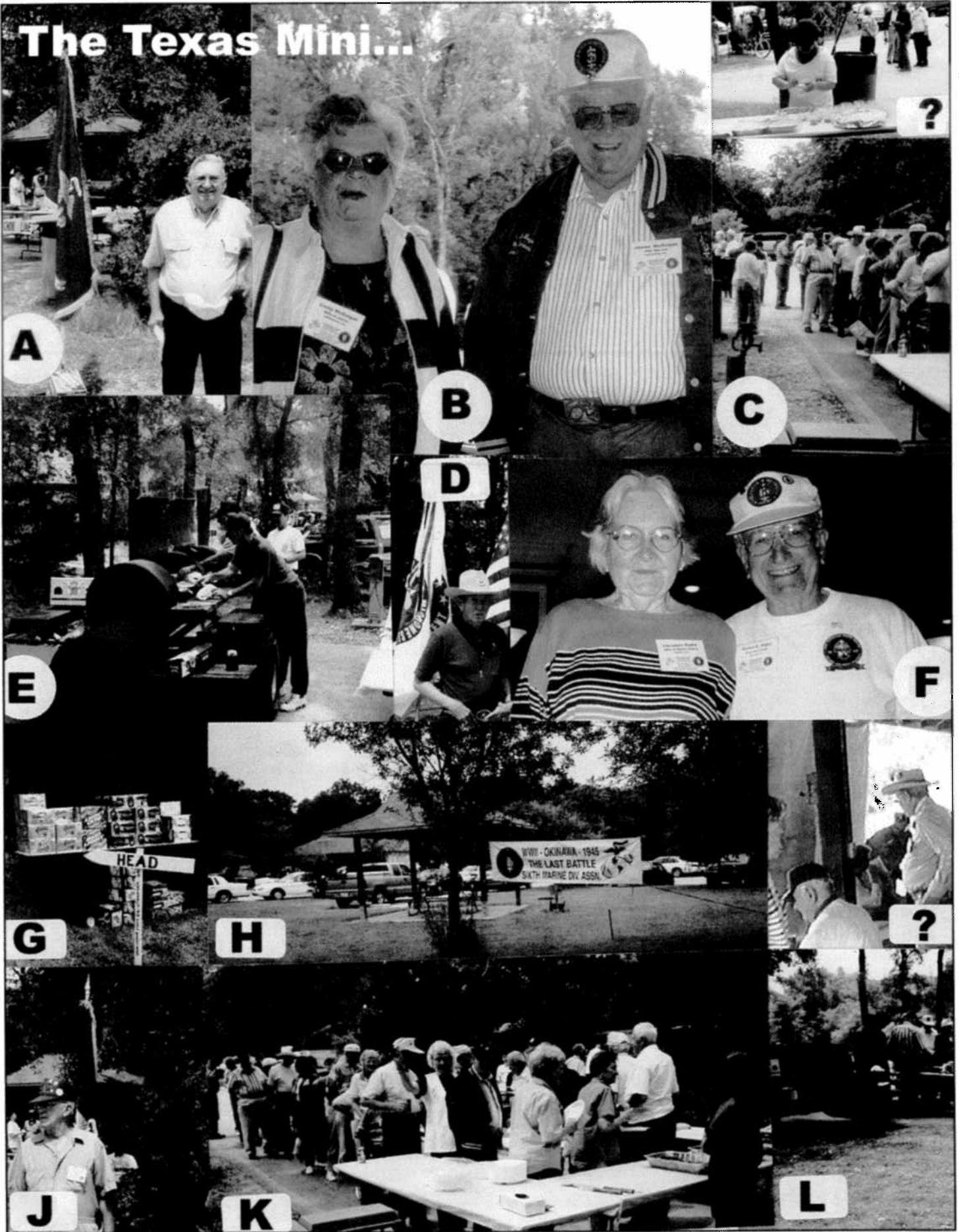
1999 Sixth Marine Division Association Annual Reunion: Buffalo, NY – September 5 - 12

Schedule of Events

TIME	EVENT
Sunday, 9/5	
1200-1700	Registration
1000-1700	NAVAL & MILITARY PARK & MARINE MUSEUM (walk or a shuttle is available)
1200-2300	Hospitality Room
Monday 9/6	
0700-090	Coffee & Donuts
0900-1700	Registration
1000-1700	Naval & Military Park & Marine Museum
1200-2300	Hospitality Room
1700-1800	COMPLIMENTARY "Welcome to Buffalo" COCKTAIL HOUR (hors d'oeuvres)
Tuesday 9/7	
0700-0900.....	Coffee & Donuts
0900-1700	Registration
1000-1700	Naval & Military Park & Marine Museum
1200-2300	Hospitality Room
1300-1500	MISS BUFFALO SIGHTSEEING TOUR
Wednesday 9/8	
0700-0900	Coffee & Donuts
0900-1700	Registration
0900-1600	NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE
1000-1700	Naval & Military Park & Marine Museum
1200-2300	Hospitality Room
Thursday 9/9	
0700-0900	Coffee & Donuts
0900-1700	Registration
0900-1600	U.S. - CANADIAN ADVENTURE TOUR
1000-1700	Naval & Military Park & Marine Museum
1200-2300	Hospitality Room
1800	REGIMENTAL-UNIT DINNERS AND/OR ELECT UNIT DIRECTORS
Friday 9/10	
0700-0900	Coffee & Donuts
0900-1200	Registration
0900-1100	BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING
1000-1200	LADIES AUXILIARY BUSINESS MEETING (Details to follow)
1000-1700	Naval & Military Park & Marine Museum
1300-2100	MEMBERS MEETING
1800-1900	COMPLIMENTARY COCKTAIL HOUR (hors d'oeuvres)
1900-2100.....	"STRIKING SIXTH" DINNER (Half-hour program)
2100-2400	DANCING & HOSPITALITY ROOM
Saturday 9/11	
0700-0900	Coffee & Donuts
1100-1200	MEMORIAL SERVICE at Naval & Military Park
1300-2300	Hospitality Room

FOR REGISTRATION & BANQUET RESERVATIONS AND TOUR RESERVATIONS, SEE SEPARATE PAGES.

The Texas Mini...



Credit Jack Dorman for putting together this montage-Ed.

- A. Chaplain Wilkins
- B. Cathy & James McGuigan.
- C. You never forget how to form up in a chow line.
- D. Always the 1st Sgt, keeping tabs on the troops ... Tom McKinney.
- E. The duty Mess Sgt with a Texas size back yard Grill.
- F. D. C. Rigby and Christine.
- G. Slop chute "Reserve" and directional marker to required facility.
Wording on the post reminded all that entrenching tool & old letters were not required items....
- H. A reminder of "who we are."
- J. Duty "clerk" helping out the 1st Sgt.
- K. Others eat after the Rank & File have feasted.
- L. 2nds and 3rds were also available.
- M. Jack & Eunadell Freeing partake of the offerings. Our newest Life Member & Raider President.
- N. Our editor, Wesley Bush, and Bette.
- O. The Slop Chute. Open for business and well supplied.
- P. Norma Tackett, sister of Alta Paice
- Q. Harold & Lois Howell, with Lorene, widow of Clifford Gilbert.



Mail Call *from page 9*

Dear Wes:

I enjoy getting the newsletter. It helps me to keep up with the happenings of members in the Sixth Marine Division Association. I also enjoy reading your column, "Thoughts While Shavin." I was so interested to remember Harry Kizirian. I knew him and remembered him on Okinawa as one of the bravest Marines I had ever met. Your reference to men of the cloth was read with great appreciation.

Enclosed is a copy of the address I gave on Memorial Day this year in Haverhill and Woodside, New Hampshire. The invitation to speak came from the American Legion and the VFW. Use any part of it you like or just throw it in the circular file.

Many thanks for keeping us in touch.
Semper Fi,

Steven M. Seminerio
PHM2/2/22 and Former Chaplain of the
6th Marine Division
RR#1 Box 49
Pike, NH 03780

(Editors Note: The talk was well done and we'll be using all or parts of it in another issue...)

Dear Wes,

Thank you for sharing with us your daughter Juli's excellent review of "Saving Private Ryan." The clarity of her writing and uncomplicated analysis of the film's message made it a joy to read. For me, as I suspect was the case with many veterans, the film awakened long suppressed memories of mortal combat. But its message came through loud and clear to me as it did to Juli. I left the theater shaken but enriched by a new appreciation of the depth of commitment that dire circumstances can evoke in ordinary men.

Yesterday (Veterans' Day) my daughter, Yoko, called and touched my heart with a message similar to the one expressed to you by Juli. It brought tears to my eyes and later caused me to reread Juli's article with even greater appreciation. In her tribute to her Dad she wrote, "He never expressed to me anything but compassion for the enemy." That is a feeling I too brought home from "our war" and tried to transmit to Yoko and her brother. Both were born in wartime Japan. As infants, they barely survived the fire bombing of Tokyo and two other cities to which their mother (Later to become my wife) had fled. Juli's article also revealed your thoughts on how the weapons used against us by the Japanese compared with those the Germans used in Europe. After seeing "Ryan" I can only add, thank God the Japanese didn't have 88s and Leopard tanks.

Thanks, Wes, for your fine work editing the "Striking Sixth" newsletter.
Semper Fi,

Tim Joyner (Cpl, Bn-2, Hq/2-29).
12674 Plateau Circle NW
Silverdale, WA 98383-8006

Dear Wesley;

Please publish this in the next issue of the "Striking Sixth," in that section devoted to letters from the membership, and referred to as "Mail Call."

I have been taken to task over my writings which appeared in the December issue of the newsletter, and as much as I hate to admit it, the comments and concerns of the person initiating the complaint, were well founded. Who that person was is of no importance to anyone but he and I, but suffice it to say he is a hard working, constant contributor of time and effort to the good of the Association, and has been for many years. He was concerned over the fact that I had used my official position to editorialize my personal opinions. As it appears, he is correct, even though that was not my intention to do so.

My writings were submitted under the heading of "An Open Letter" and was directed to the attention of "All Sixth Marine Division Association Members," but it was published as a part of the Membership Chairman's column on page 4.

I would like to extend my personal apology to the Association's Officers, Directors, and General Membership. I will, in the future, take care to render no personal opinions in any of my Official writings, and will direct such opinions via the editor, to the Mail Call section of the newsletter and/or before those who serve on the Board of Directors.

Respectfully Submitted,
"Jack" Dornan

Dear Jack:

Many thanks for the wonderful Marine plaque. Stan would be so proud. He always expressed a wish to have one.

And thank you for your help and kind words as well as the 6th Marine Division card. I seem to have gathered up lovely memorabilia. I'll certainly keep up with the newsletters. I've also received my life member card. Thank you so much.

With best wishes,
Eileen Galazka
Wife of Stan, E/2/4
1131 S. Softwind Loop
Lecanto, FL 34461-8378

Glen Walker, Lake Crystal, Minnesota writes that General Simon Bolivar Buckner commanded the 10th Army, which included Marines of the 1st and 6th Division. All were part of the 3rd Amphibious Corps, commanded by Marine General Roy S. Geiger. After Gen. Buckner was killed, Gen. Geiger became the only Marine to command a field Army in WWII.

Glen adds a few more words of interest: "On the morning of the invasion I was a member of the 2nd Platoon, B Company 9th Amph. Tractor Bn. We had landed the first wave on Red Beach, then took in some follow-up units about 10:30. We were just floating around off shore, watching the troops heading for Yontan Airfield, when a boat carrying several officers, displaying a two-star flag pulled alongside and asked if we could take the General over the reef to the beach. Naturally we complied and took Gen. Geiger to Red Beach.

"As luck would have it, we also took him in on the third day to one of the Blue Beaches.

"There was an interview, with pictures on the first day, but I never saw any of them. Later we lost our tractor in the Sugar Loaf area but obtained another one and made the Oroku Peninsula landing on June 4th."

MONUMENTS & MEMORIES

In the May issue of the 'Striking Sixth' newsletter we advised you that our fund-raising goal had been attained and the final design approved by the National Cemetery System in Washington. We had been waiting for the \$5,000 contribution from the General Fund since we had promised not to start before all funds were on hand.

We are currently in the process of entertaining bids from general contractors and from bronze foundries (for the plaques) and will begin construction as soon as these suppliers are determined.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank all of the membership who so generously supported this project. There were 1,000+ individ-

ual donors, with the average donation over \$60.

The following is a list of the major donors, contributing \$100 or more. This group (15% of the total) accounted for over two-thirds of the funds raised. Each major donor received a Certificate of Appreciation personally signed by our then Honorary Chairman, Jim Day.

To each of you who gave what he or she could afford, regardless of the amount, we are equally grateful.

DeWitt H. Joralemon, Chairman
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Thoughts while shavin'



By Wesley D. Bush

FOUR CORNERS — the only place in America where 4 states all come together. There's big circular dial there and when you sit right in the center of it, where the lines intersect, your butt is sitting in four states — Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and Utah.

There is really not much there, although it is a National Monument — just 20 or 30 small booths run by Navajos displaying various Indian-made items such as jewelry, belts, pottery and other souvenirs. Soft drinks are dispensed in separate cubicles, along with Navajo Tacos, — a delicious favorite here in the southwest.

Four Corners is off highway 190, between Shiprock, New Mexico and Tuba City, Arizona. It is part of the Navajo Nation. About 54 miles north of Tuba City is Kayenta, not really very much of a town. But it has a Burger King and that is a major part of this story.

Tourists stopping for a whopper and a coke will be made aware of a special exhibit and collection of souvenirs by the original owner of the Burger King, who was a Navajo code talker in the Marines in WWII. Looking at the exhibit more closely, I spied my first pleasant surprise — a big 6th Marine Division logo prominently displayed. Sure 'nuff.

Other military items were perused and a history of the Navajo Code Talkers of WWII in printed form was available to the public. But at the far end of the exhibit where diners could plainly see it was the jackpot — the best surprise of all — a personal bio of the Navajo himself, a member of the 22nd Marines, my own outfit. Hey, I might have known that Marine.

Then I saw the picture. Two Marines, a Corpsman, a Navajo, an Okinawan woman with two children. Easily identified were the two jugheads. They were a pair of my scouts — Elliott MacDonald and Julius Morris, and the young Corpsman whom I recognized but couldn't remember his name. And then to the Navajo. He looked like King Mike, whom we called "Chief." The caption under the photo proved me

correct. He was "Chief," the Navajo assigned to the scouts, in H and S Company, 22nd Marines. What a great find!

I spoke to a young lady named Kris who seemed interested in my excitement at the display. She called "Chief" Uncle Mike and told us he had died a few years ago at age 75. She mentioned his son Richard, now owns the Burger King and is building a new motel next door. She knew the family well. We went on our way but a month later we stopped in again and I got the phone number of Richard, called him later

and had a nice conversation. He was very pleased that I had taken the trouble to call him and was anxious to know more about his dad.

Ruins of past cliff dwellers, 1500 years ago, the Grand Canyon, ghost towns and magnificent red mountains appear in the great southwest. But the most poignant memory I have is finding the birthplace and one time home of our little buddy, King Mike, and knowing that he was an important man in his little corner of the world.

About the Navajo Code Talkers

With the advent of World War II, many young Navajo men appeared at the first selective service registration armed with rifles, bedrolls, and food; they were ready to fight. By 1943, 1,400 Navajos joined the Army, Navy, and Marines; one-fourth of all these new recruits had joined as volunteers. Thousand of other hopefuls were rejected for the inability to speak or read English, and others for physical defects or being under-age.

Philip Johnston, a minister's son was often given credit for conceiving the concept of a Navajo Code. Although he was a catalyst in the concept of a Navajo Code, he was also considered a braggart and was suspect by the Marine Corps for disclosing the Navajo Code secret to the Arizona Highways Magazine in June 1943 through a report by the head of the Navajo Bureau of Indian Affairs, James Stewart:

The U.S. Marine Corps has organized a special Navajo signal unit for combat communication service. A platoon of thirty Navajos was recruited in the spring of 1942. Its members were trained in signal work using the Navajo language as a code, adapting a scheme tried with considerable success during World War I, when the enemy was completely baffled by the employment of an Indian language in front line communications. The thirty Navajo Marines performed their duties so successfully that the plan was expanded, a recruiting detail was sent back to the Navajo reservation in the early autumn and by early December, 67 new boys were enlisted.

The actual creators of the Navajo Code Project were Major General Clayton B. Vogel, Amphibious Force, Pacific Fleet, and Commandant Thomas Holcomb, USMC. Beginning with the battle for Guadalcanal, the Navajos proved to be excellent soldiers "island hopping" many Pacific Islands on their way to Japan. The Navajo Code Talkers fought in some of the fiercest battles of the Pacific war at: Bougainville, New Britain, Kwajalein, Saipan, Guam, Peleliu, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and many smaller islands and atolls in between.

Transmission of the standard USMC code might read:

"XB6T7YJL9P2MDX4ZHP6GWQ8U4RINL2T9VD5A8SWK6FB4YQLBR8DCZ8RFP6QLK9D"

Meaning: "Jump off at 0600; move 50 yards left flank of C Company; proceed 200 yards; and report your position." The problems of the USMC code was that it could take up to four hours to decode; pieces of the message were sometimes missing; and only after decoding, it was relayed to the commanders. When you need an artillery strike, you want it to start now! The efficiency of the Navajo Code was that all of it was memorized and verbal. The Navajo Code Talker wrote down the messages as he received them. Many lives were saved because the code was quick, perfectly decoded, transmitted over telephone lines, and secure. Even after the war, all secrets about the Atom bomb were sent to San Francisco by Navajo Code. The secret of the Navajo Code Talkers was finally revealed on June 25, 1969 at a Chicago 22nd reunion of the 4th Marine Division Association.



Annie Wilkins

Ladies' Auxiliary

by Annie Wilkins

Greetings, Friends!

The time is growing near for the next reunion and our visit to Buffalo. I am looking forward with great anticipation to seeing you there. The big news this time is that Bernice Lightfoot has emailed me her willingness to chair Ways and Means again! This generous offer came despite the fact that she is presently wearing two casts—one on her right ankle and one on her right wrist, the result of a fall as she was leaving home to go to church recently. She expects to be on foot in time to go to Buffalo; however, I think we must all pitch in to be sure that she has all the help she needs. Don't forget to sign up for a shift at the sales table and don't forget to bring your contributions to sell.

No solution to the lack of a timely spot in the schedule for a combination luncheon/business meeting has materialized. We will just have to make sure there is one for the Y2K reunion.

Since you heard from me last via this column, Claud and I have been on the go. The mini in Arlington, TX was a delight. Jack Dornan and his crew had everything

organized so well that it ran as smoothly as a well-oiled machine. He even found a tea room in a nearby antique mall where we ladies were able to have a lovely lunch while the men were meeting. Thanks again and again to Jack, his committee, and his family!

We also went to Louisville, KY, to the annual reunion of the 15th Regiment. This was another well-planned, fun gathering that included lunch and an afternoon at Churchill Downs, a trip to Ft Knox, and concluded with a dinner that featured folk music by a dulcimer group. Thanks to Morris Futrell for his wonderful job as host! Our most recent trip was to Chattanooga for the annual Tennessee Marine Corps League convention. Now we are back at home to recharge our batteries (and to get our bills paid) and get ready for the Buffalo reunion.

You will be saddened, as I was, to learn of the passing of two of our ladies, Marjorie Grumley and Ruth Piotrowski. Please let me know if there are others that I don't know about or if there is illness that we are unaware of.

Ladies, I hope that you are all well and that we will see each other in Buffalo for a wonderful week of fun and fellowship. Until then—Semper Fi!!

Annie

Meetings & Reunions

The 1st Marine Division Association will hold its 52nd Annual Reunion in Philadelphia, PA, from Aug. 4-8. Anyone who served with or in support of the 1st Marine Division at any time, in peace or war, is invited to join the Association and attend the reunion. Contact: Reunion Chairman Steve Lakernick, P. O. Box 255, Darby, PA 19023-0255; ph: (610) 586-5796 or Reunion Co-Chairman Jerry Corrento, 6034 Tackawanna St., Philadelphia, PA 19135; ph: (215) 743-4063

ORGANIZATION: U. S. Marine Raider Association

PLACE: San Diego, California

DATE: September 4-9, 1999

CONTACT: Francis Hepburn, Admin. Sec'y

4711 Del Monte Avenue, San Diego, CA 92107 Phone: (619) 226-8472

FMF Navy corpsmen, doctors and Marines. Together again. 12th Reunion, September 12-16, Charleston, S.C. Association FMF Combat Medical Personnel Inc. Contact Chuck Clarke, (864)- 445-3617, Rt. 2, Box 116, Saluda, SC 29138. Things that are on our immediate agenda are a Museum Gallery for FMF doctors and corpsmen in Balboa Park, San Diego, CA. Also a wall to FMF corpsmen and doctors who were KIA, and a Memorial Grove.

The U.S. Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Association will hold its Annual Conference at the Hilton Jacksonville & Towers in Jacksonville, FL., September 15-18. Further information is available from Don H. Gee, Executive Director, 238 Cornwall Circle, Chalfont, PA 18914-2318; telephone 1-(888)-999-7819; or e-mail: USMCCCA@aol.com

The China Marine Association Annual Reunion. The CMA 1999 Reunion will be held at the Henry VIII Hotel and Conference Center in St. Louis, MO on Sept 23 - 26. Contact John M. Slattery, Reunion Chairman, PO Box 18029, Oxon Hill, MD 20745, Phone (301) 567-4407 for details.

UNIT: 22nd Marines Assn, Inc.

7th Annual Reunion

PLACE: Corpus Christi, TX, Ramada Inn Bayfront

DATE: October 5 to 9, 1999

CONTACT: Harold E. Walters, Treasurer, 143 No. Jefferson Rd. Wooster, Oh 44691-3209 or Jim Reed (847) 398-4849.

In Memoriam of Raider Jim Scotia

By George Niland

We bade farewell to our dear friend and comrade Jim Scotia recently. He was waked at Worcester, Mass. on June 7, 1999 and buried in the National Cemetery at Bourne, Mass. on beautiful Cape Cod, June 8, 1999.

It was a sad occasion, but we were all glad that his trials and travails had come to a merciful conclusion.

Raider Jim Scotia fought alongside his fellow Raiders during the first island battle of Guadalcanal and continued all the way through to the final battle of Okinawa, where he served with the 6th Marine Division.

Jim Scotia was a storied Marine, who compiled an enviable record while serving in the Marine Corps during World War II. He was a great friend and inspiration to all of us who came later.

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inception of the 6th Marine Division Association till the present time. He did an outstanding job and his attention to the families of our deceased members is legendary. He was a good and decent man and was loved by all. He will be missed terribly.

Our members attending the services included: Peter Vrettos, Fred Abbott, Nick Albanese, Ed Tomailo, Ernie Graustein, George Niland, DeWitt Joralemon, Augie Lepore, Eddie Maigarie, Leonard Israel, and Sam Barbaro.

Goodbye Jim — you were a Marine for the ages. Thank you for being my friend, I'll never forget you. Semper Fidelis.

Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting-April 30, 1999 Arlington, TX

Meeting called to order by President Thomas McKinney. Chaplain Claud

Wilkins gave the invocation and the group joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Secretary Richard Fox called the roll.

1998-99 Officers:

President Thomas F. McKinney, present
President-Elect Thomas M. Terpinas, present
Editor Wesley D. Bush, present
Secretary Richard L. Fox, present
Treasurer Bradley M. Safreed, absent
Membership Chairman Jack E. Dornan, absent
Chaplain Claud H. Wilkins, present
Immediate Past President Andrew Horvath, present
Past President Harold "Pete" Howell, present
Service Officer James B. Scotia, absent
Judge Advocate Melvin D. Heckt, present
Public Relations Chairman Vincent G. Mathews, present

1998-99 Directors:

Honorary Life Board Member,
Rudolf F. Vojnar, absent
Honorary Life Board Member,
James F. Wabeck, absent
4th Marines Forest L. Townsend, absent
15th Marines James N. Duke, present
22nd Marines Andrew A. Sinatra, present
29th Marines Ralph A. Falacara, absent
6th Jasco Donald R. Valkenaar present
1st Arm Amphib Bn George W. Tremblay,
absent
Hq Bn Augustine F. Lapore, present
6th Tank Bn Salvatore Mistretta, absent

Moved, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of the General Membership meeting of Sept. 18, 1998 as printed in the Oct. issue of our Striking Sixth Newsletter.

Pete Howell reported on the Quantico Memorial project. He reminded us that at the General Membership meeting last Sept. it was agreed to discontinue the BABA Program and transfer the remaining \$2,100 to the Quantico Memorial Fund. At the same meeting, approval was given for the Association to make up the difference, up to \$5,000 if the total funds by Nov. 10, 1998 had not reached the goal of \$65,000 to build the Memorial. The total funds raised to date is \$59,495 approx. This morning the Board of Directors agreed to issue a check for \$5,000 to the Quantico Memorial Project. All members are still encouraged to contribute to this project. Construction should start June or July and will be unveiled and dedicated during the April, 2000 reunion in Washington, D.C.

President McKinney, in the absence of Chairman Keith Tingley, reported on the very successful Punch Bowl Cemetery project, Feb, 4th to 28th in Honolulu. Forty-nine members made the trip from the mainland and were joined by six members who live in Hawaii. The

Marine Corps was extremely helpful. They arranged to haul the 2,000 pound stone from Rickover Air Base in Columbus, Ohio free of charge. The ceremony was well done and all members or tile Association can be proud of the stone placed there. Only \$2,000 was spent of the \$3,000 allotted by the association.

President McKinney also reported on the ceremony last February aboard the *USS Yorktown*, which is the headquarters of the Medal of Honor Society. At the reception to honor the inclusion of General James Day as a Medal of Honor recipient for the occasion, a statue, similar to the one unveiled in Portland was donated by Jim Chaisson. A round of applause was accorded to Jim for his thoughtful generosity.

The president also reported that the 6th Marine Division Association had been reinstated as a tax exempt organization thanks to the work of Judge Advocate Mel Hecht, who was also given a round of applause.

Andy Sinatra suggested we contact the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Division Associations and encourage them to also be represented at the Punch Bowl Cemetery with a stone as the 4th and 6th have done.

D.C. Rigby, Directory Committee chairman, reported that the new directory will have larger print, telephone numbers, and a cross reference by state. The cost will be about 1 1/2 times the 1996 directory. Requests for bids will go out next week. Members should contact Jack Dornan with any changes or additions to their individual listings.

President McKinney discussed the possibility that he might run again for the office against anyone else who might seek the office.

Reports

Tom Terpinas reported on the Scholarship Fund Raising Committee and expressed appreciation to Ray and Joyce Robinson and Jack Dornan, who arranged for the printing of 2900 raffle tickets, letter of explanation and an invitation to participate as well as the return envelopes. He thanked the many members and their wives who stuffed and sealed the envelopes for mailing by bulk mail. Date of mailing will be about May 12.

Treasurer Safreed was unable to be present because of the graduation of his granddaughter from college. His report will be found elsewhere in this newsletter. The board voted to accept this report, which will also be presented to the general membership at their meeting this week.

DeWitt Joralemon, Projects in Memory of the Deceased Comrades Chairman, was not able to be at this meeting so his report was given by Past President Pete Howell. This committee has received the remaining \$2100 that was in the BABA fund at the request of the fund's chairman, Ken Gray and the approval of the meeting of the general membership on Sept. 18, 1998.

At that meeting approval also given for the Association to contribute up to \$5000 to meet the cost of constructing the Quantico Memorial. The total now stands at \$59,594.89.

In discussing the project, President McKinney said he had received many critical and threatening letters regarding the memorial, since he had begun working on it when he was first elected. Others reported receiving copies of the same material. Accusations were investigated and proven to be false.

Mel Hecht reported that he, President McKinney, and Pete Howell had met and reviewed the bank statement, a detailed accounting of all funds received and disbursed and other information involving the project. He even discussed the matter with a tax expert, who advised that as long as money contributed is spent for the Quantico Memorial and properly documented, there would be no problem with the IRS, even though the funds have been in a separate bank account. Mel agreed with Director Andy Sinatra that in the future, all similar requests from a committee to raise funds for a project should be made first to the board of directors, then approved by the membership. He also agreed that all disbursements should be made by the Treasurer and all funding go through the treasurer's office.

In that regard, Pete Howell stated that Chairman Joralemon will be advised to get a written statement from the architect that (1) his services will be pro bono, that is without cost to the association; and (2) that the cap on the cost of the project will be \$65,000. Any money received over that amount would be retained for other memorial projects, with the permission of the donor. It was then moved, seconded and approved that the Treasurer be authorized to send an check to the Quantico Memorial Fund for \$5000.

As an aside, Mel reported that IRS authorities have reinstated the association's tax-exempt status, after a lot of paper and filing of forms.

Watson Crumbie reported for Membership Chairman Jack Dornan that Jack has set up his computer to differentiate monies received for dues, contributions and other donations into separate categories. His report on membership will be mailed to the board in about ten days. He reported that we have more new members than deceased notices; also more conversions to Life membership since the fee was reduced from \$100 to \$50.

D.C. Rigby, Directory Committee Chairman, said the new directory will be done in a larger type, with a cross reference listing by states. It will cost about one and a half times as much as the 1996 directory and will be mailed to all members who will be asked to contribute to its total cost. Telephone numbers will be optional.

Other Business

President McKinney noted he had received requests to have the reunions nearer to the center area of the country, which might be closer for most members. He also received requests

asking that reunions be scheduled to stay clear of holidays and try to stay away from dates of other Marine units.

Tom Terpinas suggested that the president be allowed to run for a second term, as all other officers and directors do. He explained that he would have a very schedule next year with his professional organization, but could run for president-elect then.

Judge Advocate Mel Hecht advised that there was nothing in the by-laws that would preclude Tom McKinney from running for another term as president, nor prevent Tom Terpinas for running for president-elect again this year.

along with any other candidates.

Speaking further on the Quantico Memorial, Pete stated construction is scheduled to start this summer, with the completed project to be unveiled and dedicated during the mini-reunion next year.

Chaplain Wilkins pronounced the Benediction, after which President McKinney adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard L. Fox
Secretary

Sick Call

In the old days, they refered to "Sick Call" as being for the "Sick, Lame, and Lazy". This generation of "Old Warriors" are probably "Sick," possibly "Lame," and by virtue of the passage of time, have earned the right to be "Lazy." Let them know they are not alone in any of the cited categories. A note or a card can do just that.

PASSANANTE, Joseph F. The membership chairman was informed of Joe's ill health well over two months ago, but the info got lost in the shuffle. Joseph is a lifer, and he and his lovely lady, Anna, want his friends to know he is feeling poorly, to say the least. A call or a card would do wonders for both of them, and particularly from 22nd Marine 1st Battalion buddies. That mailing address is 769 Cinnaminson Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19128-1511.

Recent Changes in Status and/or Records

The following members or associate members have changed from Annual to Life Membership:

- ADKINS, Albert S., ID #5182
- DARDEN, Joe W., ID #5262
- HODGES, Vernon G., ID #5368
- LIPPENS, Shirley J., ID #5440A
- ROBERTSON, William F., ID #3440
- RUEDIGER, Leonard C., ID #5397
- TURPIN, Kenneth, ID #5218
- WOOLLEY, John J., ID #5385

TAPS

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

- ❖ BRYAN, Vernon F., ID #0960, 29th Mar-2-HQ, DOD 10/11/1998
- ❖ GILLILAND, Orville O., ID #0915, 4th Mar-3-K, DOD 03/10/1999
- ❖ GREGORKA, Edward, ID #5535, 29th Mar-HQ-Combat Photo DOD 01/04/1999
- ❖ GUIDRY, Ovide J., ID #1954, 22nd Mar-2-H,
- ❖ POCZATEK, Julian H. Sr, ID #0492, 29th Mar-3-H DOD 11/??/1998
- ❖ PRON, George N., ID #4268, 22nd Mar-1-A, DOD 05/11/1999
- ❖ SAMER, Floyd B., ID #4254, 22nd Mar-1-HQ, DOD 04/03/1999
- ❖ SCOTIA, James B., ID #0008, 3rd Raider Bn, DOD 06/03/1999
- ❖ SCOTT, Thomas D., ID #1150, 22nd Mar-1-C, DOD 01/04/1998
- ❖ SEXTON, Martin J., ID #4488, 4th Mar-3-K, DOD 06/01/1999
- ❖ SIMES, Harry Jr., ID #0391, 29th Mar-2-F, DOD 06/18/1999

Please take note: All persons listed shall be honored at the next scheduled Reunion's Memorial Service, at the Buffalo, New York gathering. Honors are rendered to all those of our membership who have been reported as deceased during the period of about one year between the Fall conventions.

Errata:

On or about August 7, 1998, Association Member Ralph J. Westpetal, ID #5284, 6th JASCO, was reported as "Deceased". Please be advised that the report of his death was, in the words of Mark Twain, "Greatly Exaggerated".

It is the policy of this Membership Chairman to record such data, the date received, the reported date of death, and the source of the report and/or other related data. Never-the-less, we are happy to report that it was in error, and who was at fault and who made the report is of no consequence. Our roster of "deceased" is down by one and our Roster of "Actives" has increased by a like number.

Sea Stories—Address Correction:

For those who may have sent in submissions for the book retired Marine SSgt Donald F. Myers is writing titled Sea Stories, please be advised there was an error in the address and many stories were returned to the senders. Myers needs a minimum of 100 sea stories for his forth-coming book and to date has 35. Help him put together what will surely be an enjoyable book for Marines and others. Send your rough draft sea stories in care of Myers to: Almar Books, 5342 Elmwood Av., Suite G, Indianapolis, IN 46203. Each submission will get writers credit.

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Company-Battalion-Regiment	Membership/Dues Coding:
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	1299 = Dues paid thru Dec. '99

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704 Cooper Ct				
Arlington, TX 76011-5550				
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Check your name and address (zip code, Apt./Bldg/Lot No.). Notify the Membership Chairman if you find an error.

Important: If no barcode appears on your label, your address is not correct according to the USPS. Contact your local Post Office for proper format.

Attendees — 1999 Mini-Reunion, Arlington, TX (April 28 – May 2)

Henry S.	Arnold	4th Raider Bn	Houston, Tx.	William L.	Lemen	22nd Mar-1 -A	San Juan, Tx.
Eula	Arnold	Wife of Henry	Houston, Tx.	Mary	Lemen	Wife of William	San Juan, Tx.
Kenneth T.	Aust	29th Mar-3-1	Brentwood, Tn.	A. F.	Lepore	6th Engr BN-H&S	Bristol, Ct.
Louise	Aust	Wife of Kenneth	Brentwood, Tn.	Helen	Lepore	Wife of Augustine	Bristol, Ct.
Clyde F.	Baulch	22nd Mar-2-H	Ada, Ok.	Kenneth J.	Long	29th Mar-3-1	Battle Creek, Mi.
Maxine	Baulch	Wife of Clyde	Ada, Ok.	Robert J.	Mallon	15th Mar-3-?	De Pere, Wi.
Harry R.	Bertram	29th Mar-34	Severna Park, Md	Mary	Mallon	Wife of Robert	De Pere, Wi.
Dolores	Bertram	Wife of Harry	Severna Park, Md.	Vincent G.	Mathews	6th Amph-DUKW	So St. Paul, Mn.
James O.	Boan	6th Recon Co	Bloomfield, Mo.	Toni	Mathews	Wife of Vincent	So. St. Paul, Mn.
Lara	Boan	Wife of James	Bloomfield, Mo.	Flo	McCutchan	Widow of C. Earle	Richardson, Tx.
James I.	Bucklin	22nd Mar-2-H	Pasco, Wa.	Linda	McCutchan	Guest of Florence	
Marie	Bucklin	Wife of James	Pasco, Wa.	Clayton P.	McFerrin	6th Mtr Trans	Bn Bethany, La.
Wesley D.	Bush	22nd Mar-H&S	St. George, Ut.	Doris	McFerrin	Wife of Clayton	Bethany, La.
Bette	Bush	Wife of Wesley	St. George, Ut.	Fred J.	McGowan	22nd Mar-2-F	Greenville, Mi.
Wayne O.	Carroll	22nd Mar Wpns	Amarillo, Tx.	James	McGuigan	29th Mar-3-G	Lansdowne, Pa.
Jim	Chaisson	22nd Mar-2-G	Gainesville, Ga.	Cathy	McGuigan	Wife of James	Lansdowne, Pa.
Nancy	Chaisson	Wife of James	Gainesville, Ga	Tom	McKinney	4th Mar-2-F	Erwin, NC.
Lonley M.	Cotten	29th Mar-I -C	La Mirarda, Ca.	Dorothy	McKinney	Wife of Thomas	Erwin, NC.
Miriam E.	Corbift	22nd Mar-3-K	Moody, Tx.	Robert A.	Menard	4th Mar-1 -A	Ft Myers Bch, FL.
Ladine	Corbift	Wife of Miriam	Moody, Tx.	Muriel	Menard	Wife of Robert	Ft Myers Bch, FL.
Stanley	Crider	Associate	Elkton, Va.	Louis R.	Merrell	2nd Raider Bn-H	Liberty, Mo.
Hazel	Crider	Wife of Stanley	Elkton, Va.	Helen	Merrell	Wife of Louis	Liberty, Mo.
Watson A.	Crumbie	29th Mar-1-C	Grand Prairie, Tx.	John B.	Michaux	4th Mar-2-F	Keller, Tx.
Beiva	Crumble	Wde of Watson	Grand Prairie, Tx.	Ben E.	Mitchell	22nd Mar-Wpns	Baton Rouge, La.
Howard R.	Cushman	29th Mar-1 -A	Mt Home, Ar.	Douglas	Newton	Guest of J. Michaux	Keller, Tx.
Winifred	Cushman	Wife of Howard	Mt. Home, Ar.	Vivian	Newton	Guest of J. Michaux	Keller, Tx.
William	Davenport	4th Mar-2-F	Louisville, Ky.	Donald J.	Mollica	29th Mar-3-1	Fairport, NY.
Virginia	Davenport	Wife of William	Louisville, Ky.	Jacqueline	Mollica	Wife of Donald	Fairport, NY.
Drew T.	Dickinson	6th Engineer Bn C	Moodus, Ct.	Kenneth G.	Moss	22nd Mar-1 -A	Shawnee, Ok.
John E.	Doman	4th Mar-2-F	Arlington, Tx.	Wanda	Moss	Wife of Kenneth	Shawnee, Ok.
Florence R.	Doman	Wife of John	Arlington, Tx.	Patrick E.	Mouton	22nd Mar-3-HQ	Eunice, La.
James N.	Duke	15th Mar-2-D	Boaz, Al.	Charlene	Bertrand	Guest of P. Mouton	Eunice, La.
Richard C.	Fenn	4th Mar-2-F	Jacksonville, NC	Hollis R.	Nichols	29th Mar-3-1	Higbee, Mo.
Dolores	Fenn	Wife of Richard	Jacksonville, NC	Delores	Nichols	Wife of Hollis	Higbee, Mo.
Richard L.	Fox	15th Mar-HO	Pasadena, Ca.	Robert H.	Norman	6th Engineer Bn	Burbank, Ca.
Dolores	Fox	Wife of Richard	Pasadena, Ca.	Guerino F	Oronzio	4th Mar-3-1	Media, Pa.
John J.	Freeling	4th Mar-2-F	Omaha, No.	Lester E	Owen	29th Mar-1-B	Little Rock, Ar.
Eunadell	Freeling	Wife of John	Omaha, No.	Vemard	Oxenreider	22nd Mar-3-K	Chariton, Ia.
Lorene	Gilbert	Widow of Clifford	Neosho, Mo.	Evelyn	Oxenreider	Wife of Vemard	Chariton, Ia.
Betty	Graham	Guest of L. Gilbert	Ft Worth, Tx.	Leon	Paice	22nd Mar-2-F	Beaver, Ut.
Ernest J.	Glaustein	4th Mar-34	Barrington, Ri.	Alta	Paice	Wife of Leon	Beaver, Ut.
Helen	Glaustein	Wife of Ernest	Barrington, Ri.	Jamice	Lewis	Guest of L. Paice	Salt Lake City, Ut
Marvin J.	Glessing	6th Medical Bn-A	Howard Lake, Mn.	Norma	Tackeft	Guest of L. Paice	Las Vegas, Nv.
Delores	Glessing	Wife of Marvin	Howard Lake, Mn.	Pasquale J.	Patruno	29th Mar-3-1	St Petersburg, Fl.
Joshua	Moist	Guest of M. Glessing		Betty M.	Patruno	Wife of Pasquale	St Petersburg, Fl.
Cheryl	Moist	Guest of M. Glessing		Ray	Derk	Guest of P. Patruno	St Petersburg, Fl.
Melvin H.	Grant	Associate		Eileen	Derk	Guest of P. Patruno	St Petersburg, Ff.
Gary	Grant	Guest of M. Grant	DIFW Area	Charles E.	Pulford	4th Mar-1-?	Shawnee, Ok.
Ted	Grant	Guest of M. Grant	DIFW Area	Jacqui	Pulford	Wife of Charles	Shawnee, Ok.
J. D.	Green	4th Mar-3-K	Weatherford, Tx.	Darius C.	Rigby	22nd Mar-3-HQ	Devine, Tx.
Marvin D.	Gromley	6th Pioneer Bn-C	Brookville, Pa.	Christine	Rigby	Wife of D. C.	Devine, Tx.
Melvin D.	Hockt	4th Mar-1-B	Minneapolis, Mn.	Richard M.	Roberts	6th JASCO	Danville, Pa.
John M.	Hibbard	6th Pioneer Bn-B	Westfield, Ma.	Pauline	Roberts	Wife of Richard	Danville, Pa.
Irene	Hibbard	Wife of John	Westfield, Ma.	Ray G.	Robison	15th Mar-2-E	Edmond, Ok
George M.	Hodges	6th JASCO	Joplin, Mo.	Joyce	Robison	Wife of Raymond	Edmond, Ok.
Joyce	Hodges	Wife of George	Joplin, Mo.	Frank	Santarpia	29th Mar-3-1	Brooklyn, NY
Curt O.	Hoohe	29th Mar-1-C	Jackson, Mo.	Jean	Santarpia	Wife of Frank	Brooklyn, NY
Marjorie	Hoehne	Wife of Curt	Jackson, Mo.	John S.	Siembida	29th Mar-3-1	Gardnerville, Nv.
Robert L.	Holton	29th Mar-3-1	Cincinafti, Oh.	Hazel	Siembida	Wife of John	Gardnerville, Nv.
Rosemary	Holton	Wife of Robert	Cincinafti, Oh.	Andrew A.	Sinatra	22nd Mar-1 -C	Bamegat, NJ.
Andrew	Horvath	15th Mar-3-1	Lodi, NJ.	Charles E.	Stines	22nd Mar-Wpns	Kiamasha Lk, NY.
Anne	Horvath	Wife of Andrew	Lodi, NJ.	Martin	Sucorff	29th Mar-3-1	Pompano Bch, Fl.
Bob	Briola	Guest of A. Horvath	D/FW Area, Tx.	Millicent	Sucorff	Wife of Martin	Pompano Bch, Fl.
Felicia	Briola	Guest of A. Horvath	D/FW Area, Tx.	Thomas M	Terpinas	29th Mar-1 -C	Indianapolis, In.
Martin	Berei	Guest of A. Horvath	Not Reported	Don R.	Valkenaar	6th JASCO	Selah, Wa.
Robert A.	Houston	22nd Mar-Wpns	Orange Pk, FL.	Ginny	Valkenaar	Wife of Donald	Selah, Wa.
Kiyo	Houston	Wife of Robert	Orange Park, Fl.	Joseph M.	Wall	29th Mar-1-C	Dallas, Tx.
Harold E.	Howell	29th Mar-2-F	Fort Myers, Ff.	Patsy	Wall	Wife of Joseph	Dallas, Tx.
Lois	Howell	Wife of Harold	Fort Myers, Ff.	Fred E	Westphal	6th Recon Co	Witchita, Ks.
James H.	Ireland	15th Mar-H&S	N Hollywood, Ca.	Betty	Westphal	Wife of Fred	Witchita, Ks.
Ginger	Ireland	Wife of James	NHollywood, Ca.	Morris E	Whitten	15th Mar-2-HO	S Lake Tahoe, Ca.
Paul	Judd	4th Mar-3-?	Shenandoah, Va.	Claud H	Wilkins	29th Mar-1 -A	Memphis, Tn.
Shirley	Judd	Wife of Paul	Shenandoah, Va.	Annie	Wilkins	Wife of Claud	Memphis, Tn.
Lyndal A	Kefter	15th Mar-2-H&S	Herrin, If.	Emil P	Wroblicky	3rd Amphib Bn	Pac Palisades, Ca.
Shirley	Kefter	Wife of Lyndal	Herrin, If.				

A toast to the General

Dear Wesley,

I had the pleasure of having a drink with Col. Lemuel C Shepherd III, Ret. at the Marine Military Academy in Harlingen Texas on May 7th. I expressed the admiration the men of The Sixth Marine Division had for his father and extended an invitation to attend a future Sixth Marine Division reunion.

It was an inspiration to see these young marines pass in review in honor of a few old warriors. Many do not know that Felix DeWeldon's original mold for the Iwo Jima Memorial is on the parade field at the Academy in Harlingen. 78 feet tall, an exact duplicate, including the base.

Semper Fi,

Watson Crumbie
4964 Shady Oak Trail
Grand Prairie TX 75052

PS. I have suggested that the association have Col. Shepherd as guest of honor or speaker at a future reunion.

(Ed Note: Comrade Crumbie will be our Association's new Service Officer, replacing the late Jim Scotia...)



Col. Shepherd and Watson Crumbie at the Marine Military Academy, Harlingen, TX.

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evenings, it's hard to imagine that the Park Service could issue a finding of No Significant Impact. We'll see!

Those that have been planning our strategy, Gen. Cooper and General Bice have been right on the mark. However, the results have been made possible by the tremendous show of support from all quarters; active duty, retired, reserve and former Marines. Our thanks goes out not only to all those that spoke so eloquently and convincingly, but also to those that wrote literally hundreds of letters and also those attended to show support for the Marine Corps cause. The Marine family has truly rallied to the call.

The period for public comment closed 22 March. The Park Service then has 2-3 months to forward their report and recommendation to the National Capital Planning Commission. We will keep you posted on the status.

In related events the Appeals court in Richmond is hearing arguments today (March 4) on the suit filed by the Friends on Iwo on whether or not the proper procedures have been followed. Again we'll keep you posted.

Again, thanks to all. your efforts have been invaluable. Remember though that the fight isn't over by a long shot. We need your unwavering support to the end.

Semper Fi, Les Palm,
Executive Director MCA.

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June 25, 1999

Thomas F. McKinney, President
6th Marine Division Association
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Dear First Sergeant McKinney,

Thank you, Marine! On behalf Of the Board of Directors and Officers of the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, please accept our deep appreciation for the 6th Marine Division Association's recent contribution of \$6500 to the Foundation. Your continued support is deeply appreciated. Please pass on to your membership the thanks not only of the Board and Officers, but of the many terrific youngsters that we are able to assist because of your generosity and continued support.

I can share with you that this year has seen a record number of applications and, I am pleased to report, a record level of support that we will be able to give to kids. In fact, for the eighth successive year we have authorized over a million dollars in scholarship assistance. This year we have awarded just over \$1.5 million to almost 1100 deserving kids! You and the 6th Marine Division Association had a significant and meaningful hand in that, and in doing so you have helped us to focus on youth, education, and values.

I have enclosed a "Yearbook" that was recently published. It gives you a good idea about the history of the Foundation, and about how much the support of great people such as you means both to us as an organization, and to the terrific kids that we are able to assist. As an almost all volunteer organization, we could not exist without the generous support from individuals, corporations, other foundations, and organizations such as yours.

God bless you for what you have done, and for your continued support.
Semper fidelis,

Michael C. Wholley
Brigadier General, U. S. Marine Corps (Ret)
Executive Director

The Boss....



Jack Dornan, able chairman of the Arlington Mini Reunion kept his troops and himself in high gear and put on a great event!

USMC Museum in the Works

MCB Quantico has been established formally as the future site for what could ultimately be a 460,000 square-foot Marine Corps Heritage Center. It will include a national museum for the Marine Corps, a welcome center, a conference center with a hotel, and an IMAX theater.

Marine officials hope the center will become a regional attraction which will draw as many as 500,000 visitors a year. The exact site for the facility has not yet been determined.

According to current plans, the center will be completed in phases. The first will include a large part of the museum and the welcome center. That is expected to cost \$20-25 million. It could be completed as soon as 2004. The next two phases could take 10-20 years to complete.

Not so

Quotable Quotes

“WHAT A WASTE IT IS TO LOSE ONE’S MIND. OR NOT TO HAVE A MIND IS BEING VERY WASTEFUL. HOW TRUE THAT IS.” - Former U.S. Vice-President Dan Quayle at a fundraising event for the United Negro College Fund. He was attempting to quote the line “a mind is a terrible thing to waste.”

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Roll Call

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Hey Marine...

Lighten up!

Reprinted from the VFW Magazine, June/July 1999

There was a fine sea captain cruising on his ship in the night. As he peered ahead of him into the darkness he spotted a light so he asked a seaman to send a message: "Tell them to change their course 10 knots to the South."

The message came back, "No, change your course 10 knots to the North."

The Captain said, "Send another message. Tell them this is the Captain. Change your course 10 knots to the South." The message came back: "I am a First Class Seaman. Change YOUR course 10 knots to the North."

Again the Captain sent a message: "I am in a battleship. Change your course 10 knots to the South" The message came back. "No, you change your course 10 knots to the North. I am in a lighthouse

Barbara C Bavlinka, Canby, OR



A man and his wife were driving along a highway when a police officer pulled them over. He asked to see the man's driver's license. The man showed it to him. The officer said, "Your driver's license expired two months ago." The man said, "I didn't know that."

The woman said, "You did, too. You said you would have to get a new one before long." The man looked at her and said "Shut up!"

The cop said, "You didn't have your seat belt fastened." The man said, "I took it off when I saw you coming." The wife said, "You never fasten your seat belt." The man said, "Shut up!"

Then the officer said, "Your left tail-light is not working." The man said, "That's funny. It must have just burned out." His wife said, "That has been out for months." The man said, "Shut up!"

The officer asked the woman, "Does your husband always talk to you like that?"

The woman said, "Only when he's drunk."

Frank G. Rector, Kalamazoo, MI

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