



# SIXTH

1st Provisional Marine Brigade

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## Memorial stone has tough time getting to Hawaii

Past President Paul Ulrich made many attempts to obtain passage on airlines for free transportation of the memorial stone to Honolulu. Even connections in Washington kept giving him thumbs down. In the meantime the stone quarry where the stone was being made was set to close down for the winter.

Paul and Chairman Keith Tingley finally agreed to send the stone to Columbus, Ohio, where Keith's son, a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the National Guard had connections. The quarry people had found a memorial dealer there who would take the stone and transport it to an airport when arrangements could be made.

Keith started contacting those he'd come to know in Honolulu for help. Commander Griff Warren began calling firms that supplied products to the Navy in Honolulu, and Col. G. E. Castagnetti, director of the cemetery, began informing others of the situation. At this juncture the colonel stated to Keith that the National Guard brought things over to the Islands all the time. Keith then contacted his son and asked him to do some checking on behalf of the association. The C.O. of the National Guard unit in Columbus was a friend of his, as they had flown together in Desert Storm. The Commanding Officer found that a Guard plane was due to fly in on Feb. 5, but the Defense Department said they could not haul the stone in one of their aircraft.

When Keith notified Col. Castagnetti of this, the colonel wanted to know who was holding up the process and was advised that a Col. Reynes at the Defense Department was the one to convince.

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## 6th MarDiv lands in Hawaii

by Lance Cpl. Otto C. Pleil-Muete

Reprinted from the Hawaiian Marine Newspaper

Veterans from 6th Marine Division Association gathered together once again to land on Hawaii and accomplish one final mission - to honor their fellow comrades that died in World War II.

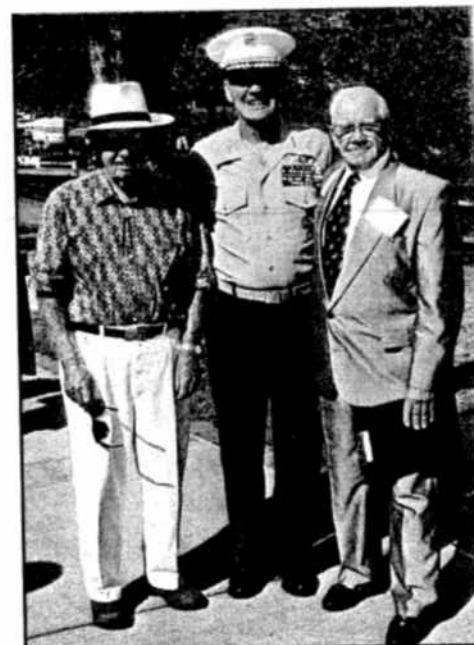
During their five-day tour, veterans from the 6th Marine Div. Association and their families visited Kaneohe Bay, then attended a long awaited ceremony at Punchbowl National Cemetery of the Pacific to dedicate the 6th Marine Div. Memorial last week.

Their visit to K-Bay Thursday began with a static display of the Marine Corps' modern weapon systems and vehicles in the morning. They walked through the static displays and were informed by their younger Marines of how the Corps had advanced since their days of service in WWII.

"I look to these younger Marines as my Marines," said James Bucklin, retired machine gunner, after hopping into an M220E4 TOW missile weapons system on a humvee with a younger devil dog.

"I like everything I see," said Bucklin, during his overview of the younger Marines and their weapons systems.

"I hope these Marines will be as proud to have served when they get out as we are," said Morgan Finkeldley, retired 1st Military Police Battalion leatherneck.



At Punchbowl National Cemetery, left to right: Lt. Gen. Al Bowser, Lt. Gen. C.W. Fulford, Commanding General, Marine Forces, Pacific and keynote speaker for the occasion; Keith Tingley, Past President of the 6th Marine Division Association and Chairman of the Committee for the Punchbowl memorial.

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Marines from "A" Battery 1/12 conduct a 21-gun salute in support of the 6th Marine Division memorial dedication at the Punchbowl National Cemetery Friday.

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**From the "Top"**



Thomas McKinney,  
 President, 6th Marine  
 Division Assn.

To all the wonderful folks of the Sixth Marine Division Association, this will be the last of my reports — but it will not be the last of me as a member. Sorry about that...

I fully intend to remain active in our association as long as I am physically and mentally able. I know there are some that think I'm out of my mind. oh well, nobody's perfect, except "Him."

**It was a joy and a pleasure to be a member representing our great association in Hawaii at the Punchbowl**

Without embarrassing anyone, I wish to say that we have had one heck of a fine group of folks taking care of this association's business. Each and every one has given his full support at all times. That I really appreciate.

Perhaps at some future date I just may try to be your president once again. My goal for my term of office was to enhance our association, and I do hope my goal was achieved.

My mentor, Andy Horvath, had set the wheels rolling toward our final monuments

and Keith Tingley has more than lived up to our expectations. There was not one iota left out of his program to get the job done. It was a joy and a pleasure to be a member representing our great association in Hawaii at the Punchbowl.

Thanks, Keith, for a job well done and to your committee too. We love you all — Andy Sinatra, Emil Wroblecky, Vince Mathews and Paul Ulrich — all movers and shakers. What a team of producers they are!

Our Quantico project I will pass on to the "Doc." He and that committee are hard at work and will do us proud, for sure.

To Captain Tom Terpinas, USNR, I'll pass the gavel and medallion. He is a Captain in more ways than one. His humanitarian work is not highly publicized, but he is into it up to his eyeballs. This I know first hand.

The mini-reunion is upon us and I feel certain that those not in attendance really missed out on our great fun time. More on this later in the "Striking Sixth."

Now give "Doc" your full support as he gave us when we needed him; can't ask any more than that.

Walk slowly, drink sparingly of the water and stay off the skyline. See you at the beach.

Semper Fi,

"Top" Tom

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**Projects Honoring the Memory of our Fallen Comrades**

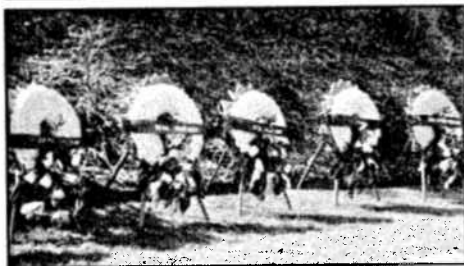
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## Punchbowl National Cemetery.....



At the 6th Marine Division Memorial dedication in Punchbowl National Cemetery, Honolulu. Upper photo, past, present and future — left to right: Tom Terpinas, president-elect of the Association; Tom McKinney, current president and immediate past president and Andy Horvath attended the impressive ceremony

Close up of the plaque with the inscription: "THIS IS NOT A BIVOUAC OF THE DEAD. IT IS A COLONY OF HEAVEN, AND SOME PART OF ALL OF US IS BURIED HERE."



The floral displays of each of the regiments of the division. Photos are by President Tom McKinney.



### Final Battle - Final Flag

Some of you may remember that I established a project committee for the commissioning of a painting suitable for presentation of the raising of the victory flag on Okinawa. The committee, with myself as chair, was initially comprised of Bill Pierce and Dick Whitaker. We have since added our President-Elect, Tom Terpinas. With Tom's assistance, we have commissioned an artist from the Indianapolis, Indiana, area, John Flack, 1st Division, Okinawa. We have previewed the 'roughs' of the proposed final product, and with all members commenting, offered some points to be included as part of the final painting.

Bill Pierce now tells me that the final product is nearing completion. I fully believe that the painting will be something that you will be proud of. It will be on display in Buffalo, and be presented to the Commandant/Heritage Museum as a part of the 2000 Mini.

Thank you for your past support.

Past President  
H "Pete" Howell

### Register now for the 1999 Sixth Marine Division Annual Reunion

Buffalo, NY September 5-12, 1999

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### From the Chairman

## 1999 Reunion Report

*Fellow Sixth Division Association Marines and Families:*

The committee for the 1999 reunion at Buffalo and myself as chairman would like to inform all members that we are working very hard to insure a successful reunion in Buffalo.

We have planned all the activities to feature local and regional attractions. It is your choice as to how you wish to spend your time at the reunion. We can promise you a good time, that you will not have to spend a lot of money to enjoy yourselves and that, in itself, is a big attraction.

We request all who plan to attend to please, please follow the instructions contained in the pages about the reunion in this newsletter. It is very critical that the forms for registration, tours, hotel registration and special events be filled out and returned to us with the required fees. Association events should go to:

Joseph McConville  
75 Elm Road  
Caldwell, NJ 07006

Of course the hotel reservation form goes to the hotel and the one for the tours to Bedore Tours, as listed on their form.

Our guest of honor and guest speaker will be Brigadier General George Gaspard USA (Ret), known to many of us as "Speedy" Gaspard, who was a PFC in L Company 3rd Bn., 4th Marines on Okinawa and in Japan at Yokosuka Naval Base in 1945. After being discharged he enlisted in the Army, became a 2nd Lieutenant in 1952 and was one of the original members of the special forces that served in Korea. He also had 3 tours of duty in Vietnam. His full background will be listed on the banquet program.

We hope to see you in Buffalo September 5 to 12, 1999, at the Adam's Mark hotel.

The Reunion Committee  
John Foley, Chairman  
715 Ash Lane  
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Photo by Lance Cpl. Otto C. Pleil-Muete



Photo by Lance Cpl. Otto C. Pleil-Muete

Lieutenant Gen. Carlton Fulford, MarForPac commanding general (center), along with representatives of the 6th MarDiv Association render a salute to fallen comrades who died in battle during World War II.

A Marine color guard from 1st MAW ASE leads a procession of veterans to the site of the 6th MarDiv Monument at the Punchbowl "Walk of Honor" Friday.

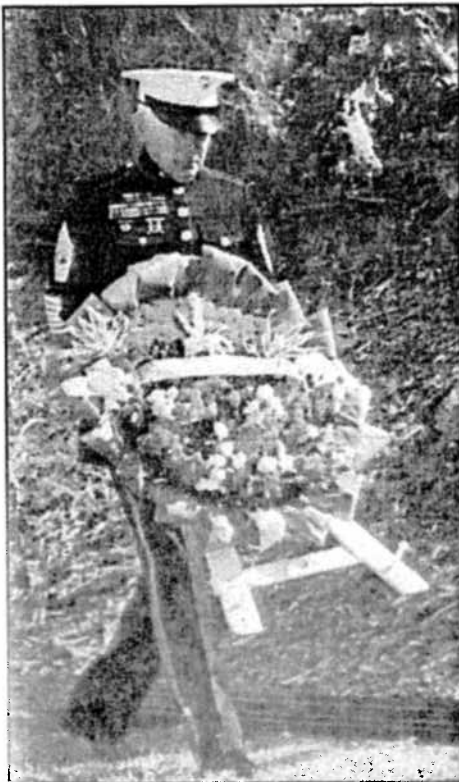


Photo by Cpl. M.V. Trindade

Retired 1st Sergeant Frank Magdich lays a wreath on behalf of India Co.

Through another point of view, many younger Marines also enjoyed being visited by their "senior Marines."

"This is fun," said Pfc. Christopher Humphries, gunner for Weapons Company. "It's great to meet other Marines, more

experienced Marines, that have already been there, out on the firing lines of war."

"It's a good history lesson," said Lance Cpl. Kenneth Gallegos, displaying an M294 grenade launcher to his senior Marines. "It's motivating for us to have them come out here and show us so much respect for being their fellow Marines."

"My tour has been very nice," said Irma Bailey, wife of a retired Marine, as she sat nearby in the shade and watched her husband indulge in the displays of K-Bay Marines.

"Our tour here is very special for my husband, to talk with his fellow Marines from the division and remember his experience in the Marine Corps," said Bailey. "He'd join again if he could."

And as midday approached, the tour continued to Anderson Hall for some Marine "chow" followed by another informative session at the base theater. There, these leathernecks learned a little more about their Marines in Hawaii, including the modern Marine lifestyle, during a question and answer session.

Friday the 6th Marine Div. Association leathernecks recognized their fallen Marines with a ceremony at the top of Punchbowl Cemetery, overlooking the surrounding greenery-flushed mountain landscape.

"We're finally doing what we should have done a long time ago," said Thomas E McKinney, retired 1st sergeant, and president of the 6th Marine Div. Association, "recognize our fallen buddies."

"We're honoring the men that made us strong," said McKinney's wife, Dorothy.

Everyone who attended the ceremony followed the color guard to the 6th Marine Div. Memorial, where a rainbow of colored, flowered wreaths were standing by.

Each battalion had a representative place a wreath by the memorial, to signify the joint effort taken to make the memorial possible.

"No one man has made this possible," 1st Sergeant McKinney said, "all of us took part to make it possible. It was an all-hands effort."

And after the dedication was presented, "A" Battery, 1st Battalion 12th Marine Regiment leathernecks conducted a 21-gun salute with 75mm Pack Howitzers.

"It brought back many memories of the guys we were in tile battlefields with," said former Pfc. Warren Wanamaker, retired machine-gunner.

"The ceremony was outstanding," said retired 75-year-old 1st Sgt. Frank Magdich in his dress blues. "The memorial was long overdue and well deserved!" he added after

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Arranging for delivery of the monument at the tanker plane were Keith Tingley, his son Lt. Col. Lyle Tingley (Ret); Wayne Thompson, branch manager, Mason Memorial Studio and T/Sgt Jimmy Scott, 121st Maint. Sqdn Crew Chief.

Col. Castagnetti faxed a letter to the Department, stating that the stone had been given from the 6th Marine Division Association to the Punchbowl, so that in essence it was now the property of the government. Secondly, that the date for the dedication was set for Feb. 26, where Lt. Gen. C.W. Fulford Jr., Commanding General, Marine Forces, Pacific, would be giving the keynote address; and third, that an aircraft at Rickenbacker Airfield in Columbus, Ohio was already scheduled to fly to Honolulu on Feb. 6. In other words, this was an item that now belonged to the government, not the 6th Marine Division.

Two days later the Commandant's office called Keith for a copy of the program for the day and wanted it immediately. Within in

an hour and a half, Keith had put together the schedule for the entire ceremony and faxed it to the office of the Commandant. Later an officer from the Commandant's office called to say that two men from the Defense Department were just signing papers authorizing the shipment.

Keith flew to Columbus to witness the loading of the stone on Feb. 4th — his 75th birthday. Unbelievably, the stone was the only cargo being shipped that day. The plane was going to Hawaii to bring back 50 military police that had gone over earlier to relieve the regulars who had been sent to Korea for training.

And now, you really know the rest of the story....

### HAWAII from page 4

placing a small American flag by the memorial.

"This flag was placed at our memorial in Okinawa, I placed it here today, and it will eventually retire at the museum at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, for the 6th Marine Division," said Magdich with a proud, wide grin.

The same sentiment seemed to ring for all the Marines from the 6 Marine Division.

"I was happy to have served as a

Marine," said Bucklin. "If I had it to do over again, I would."

The 6th Marine Division was the only Marine Division formed on the battlefield - it was formed during the Battle of Guadalcanal in August 1944. The division was disbanded in April 1946.

About 22,000 Marines served with the 6th Marine Div., and more than 500 were buried at Punchbowl National Cemetery of the Pacific.

## Scholarship Fund and Raffle

At this point the scholarship raffle fund booklets have been completed along with required correspondence. The membership should expect to receive their raffle books and return envelopes by the first two weeks in May. We have had excellent support from Joyce and Ray Robison who have contributed immeasurably to the collating of all material. Jack Dornan has rendered invaluable assistance in organizing the mailing, packaging and shipping of the raffle material which will be completed during the mid-year reunion at Arlington, Texas.

Dewitt Joralemon has accepted the chairmanship of the mid-year (mini) reunion to be held in April 2000 in Washington, DC. Arrangements have been made for the reunion to be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Arlington, VA.

At this time we will dedicate our Sixth Marine Division Memorial Monument at the National Cemetery at Quantico, Virginia. Our "final flag" painting will also be displayed during this reunion and be presented to the Commandant of the Corps. The painting will be honored by placement at the Heritage Foundation Museum and National Preservation Headquarters.

This will be located on the 55 acres of land for the housing of present U.S. Marine Museum contents based at Washington, DC and the Quantico museums.

Tom Terpinas  
President-Elect

### 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 <Sxth-mardiv@aol.com> and including your name will reduce the number of errors when recording same. If address is at work, so indicate.

# 6th Marine Division Association

## Don't miss out on the fun in Buffalo!! and Niagara Falls!

Here are some great opportunities to visit with friends, and see all of the great sights in Buffalo and Niagara Falls!

**Tour #1: September 7, 1999 (1:00 -3:00 p.m.) Miss Buffalo Sightseeing Tour.**

Enjoy a narrated cruise of Buffalo's beautiful waterfront aboard the Miss Buffalo. Experience the sights and sounds of the Black Rock Canal and Niagara River.

Cost per person! \$16.00 (Includes sightseeing cruise, school bus transportation, guide service)

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This tour explores some of the hidden treasures in Canada.

Highlights of this tour will include: admission to the renowned Butterfly Conservatory, time to browse and have lunch on your own in the historical town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, and a tour with tasting at one of the region's fine wineries.

Cost per person: \$29.00 (includes admission to Butterfly Conservatory, winery tour, guide service and motorcoach transportation)

**Tour #3: September 9, 1999 (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) US/Canadian Adventure Tour**

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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# Mail Call

Dear Brother:

After all these years there are finally plans to build a World War II Memorial in Washington D.C. to honor those who served and to be a reminder to future generations that we should always be vigilant and not take our freedoms for granted. As you probably know, there are already memorials in place for Korean War and Vietnam War veterans and many other groups but the most terrible war in our history has been largely ignored.

I was pleased to be able to get legislation passed that enables our state to participate in this very worthwhile endeavor and I would encourage you to contact your local legislators and suggest they sponsor similar legislation in your state. I realize there are many other needs (or wants) to take care of with a state budget but certainly our veterans should be worth \$1 each.



The National World War II Memorial, Washington, DC

Some 16 million men and women served in WW2 but they are dying off at the rate of 1,000 per day. I suppose there about 8 to 10 million left and wouldn't it be great to have this done before they are all gone. (Some of our comrades are getting old) In our Utah house of representatives, I am the last WW2 veteran, there is one in our senate who is younger and was in at the tail end of the war. There are not many left in any of our government bodies and soon the decisions and actions that affect our lives so much will be entirely in the hands of succeeding generations who have not experienced the things we have. That is a scary thought to me. Let us hope that this memorial and the ensuing publicity and reminiscing taking place will help them have a greater understanding and appreciation for our country, our freedoms, our constitution, our way of life, and to be ever ready to defend the principles that brought these things about.

Perhaps you have been contacted about this but, if not, here is an address in case you want to send a contribution or know someone who does:

World War II Memorial Fund  
American Battle Monuments Commission  
P.O. Box 96766  
Washington D.C. 20090-6766

There are no federal funds being provided for this memorial, just individuals, corporations, veteran and other groups and now, some states, but we'll get it done. \$100 million is what we need and already we have raised some \$38 million. Groundbreaking is set for veterans day 2000. Wouldn't it be great to be there?

Sincerely,

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*(Ed. Note: My brother, Don is a veteran of the U.S. Navy, and served in the Pacific in WWII and the Korean War)*

Harry Simes, F/2/29 has advised that Major General Charles D. Mize, USMC (Ret) has passed away. General Mize was a 2nd Lt. and was wounded in June, 1945, while serving as a Platoon Leader in F/2/29. He later served in the Korean conflict as a company commander with the Fifth Marines and was awarded the Navy Cross and the Bronze Star Medal. Continuing his Marine Corps career, General Mize eventually became commander of the 1st Marine Division, a post he held until retiring in 1976.

Rest in peace, general. You served your country well...

"The reports of my demise have been greatly exaggerated," was the statement sent by Patrick J. Powers to his buddy, Richard A. Walker, according to Membership Chairman Jack Dornan, who linked the two together after Walker sent Dornan a letter seeking help in finding Powers. Walker forthwith sent in his membership application to Chairman Dornan and mentioned that because of Dornan's efforts he had talked to his comrade, Pat Powers on the telephone a few days later. He (Powers) resides in your editor's home state of Utah in Salt Lake City.

Dornan also received a nice thank you note from Carrie M. Leigher, with a contribution enclosed, for the memorial sent to her for the headstone of her husband, John, C/1/29, who recently passed away. We will continue to send "Striking Sixth" to Carrie.

Hugh C. Becker, H and S/3/15, has written that he was known as "Pippen 3" in the 3rd battalion, 15th. "We were in direct support of the 29th in their initial attempts to take Sugar Loaf Hill," comrade Becker writes. "And like the other 3 battalions we laid down a lot of fire prior to each morning's assault by the infantry. I also remember the last two counter-attacks by the Japanese, in which we had to stop firing, as one gun from another battalion was firing short. One day after the island was secured, Lt. Calloway, Lt. Shank and I drove back to the original beach-heads --- Red I and II. We passed Sugar Loaf and to this day wish we'd gone over and walked on that beat-up hill massacre."

"It would have been like standing on Little Round Top at Gettysburg..."

Dear Editor:

When the Association has its reunion in Buffalo, NY, in September 1999 we would invite members to take an eleven mile ride to North Tonawanda along the Niagara River.

The Conrad Kania Detachment of the Marine Corps League has erected a beautiful twenty-four foot monument for the United States Marine Corps with bricks being purchased by Marines from all over the country. The focal point of the monument is a gold 9-foot high reproduction of the Eagle, Globe and Anchor which sits on an 8' marble base. It is truly awesome.

There are over 1000 names on the monument now and when good weather comes to enable the members to put more on it will be done.



North Tonawanda, N.Y. monument

It will be worth the drive for anyone who comes to see it and maybe have a brick on the wall with their names!

Semper Fi

Felix Piotrowski L-4-15

Dear Mr. Bush:

I received a phone call today from Helen Murtaugh informing me her husband, Robert had passed away on February 22.

Bob was a member of the association but in recent years his health had prevented him from taking part in any of the activities. The last reunion he attended was in Albany, NY. He was a member of L/4/15, my outfit. We served together on Okinawa and in China.

I don't know if he is eligible for the grave marker, but if he is would you please contact his widow, Helen at 902 Lake Palms Drive, Largo, FL 33771.

He was a proud former Marine and before his health failed was very active in the Marine Corps League.

Thank you and Semper Fi.

Felix Piotrowski  
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*(Ed. note: Membership Chairman Jack Dornan has already sent the marker to Helen )*

Dear Mr. Bush:

I appreciated very much your printing my letter to you about our late division chaplain, Don Mayberry. Thanks to your solicitation I got a key phone call from Vincent J. DiPentima, 898 Ontario St. NW, Palm Bay, Fla.32907

Not only that but he followed it up with a letter, with more detailed information about the Chaplain worthy of further recognition in the "Striking Sixth" newsletter.

In the Guam operation, DiPentima was assigned to Mayberry and he recalls several close calls. I am enclosing the picture he sent to me and after you are through with it I would appreciate its return. My other picture of Mayberry is in Vermont in a saved edition of the newsletter. It shows him conducting the memorial service for FDR at our HQ in the schoolyard in Nago. A big mission bell also is in it—with Gen Shepherd and Col.MacQueen in the front row. That same scene is also in several movie shots. I know because I was visible in the 2nd row!

I hope you get additional stories about Don Mayberry but you now have something to begin with. That original comment about his death "no Unit of Record" really got me.

Sincerely,

Gardner N Soule  
HDQ/4MAR DIV TQM

PS: My address after April 15th until November 1st is PO Box 396, Shelburne, VT 05482.

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Okinawa, 4 April, 1945. Vince Dipentima (left) and Chaplain Don. W. Mayberry.



# 1999 Sixth Marine Division Association Annual Reunion: Buffalo, NY – September 5 - 12

## Schedule of Events

TIME	EVENT
<b>Sunday, 9/5</b>	
1200-1700 .....	Registration
1000-1700 .....	NAVAL & MILITARY PARK & MARINE MUSEUM (walk or a shuttle is available)
1200-2300 .....	Hospitality Room
<b>Monday 9/6</b>	
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)
<b>Tuesday 9/7</b>	
0700-0900 .....	Coffee & Donuts
0900-1700 .....	Registration
1000-1700 .....	Naval & Military Park & Marine Museum
1200-2300 .....	Hospitality Room
1300-1500 .....	MISS BUFFALO SIGHTSEEING TOUR
<b>Wednesday 9/8</b>	
0700-0900 .....	Coffee & Donuts
0900-1700 .....	Registration
0900-1600 .....	NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE
1000-1700 .....	Naval & Military Park & Marine Museum
1200-2300 .....	Hospitality Room
<b>Thursday 9/9</b>	
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
<b>Friday 9/10</b>	
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
<b>Saturday 9/11</b>	
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.*

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## Mail Call *from page 9*

Dear Mr. Bush;

I was deeply saddened at the passing of Chaplain Donald W. Mayberry, as I had the good fortune to serve as his aide, but more so as his personal bodyguard, from the time we were with the First Provisional Marine Brigade and the 6th Division until our last tour in Tsingtao, China. He was a fine, exceptional clergyman who thought nothing of his personal safety so long as he could tend to the wounded and dying.

From Brigade Headquarters, prior to D-Day, 7/21/44 on Guam, he asked permission of General Shepherd to transfer from our ship, the USS Polk, to LST 478, so he could be with one of the first landing units. We had to use a command boat to get us alongside an amtrac heading for the beach. We were almost shot out of the water by enemy artillery, but made the landing on Yellow Beach 2, then were pinned down by enemy crossfire for what seemed like many hours. But that didn't stop Chaplain Mayberry, who continued to seek out the wounded and dying. I have never witnessed someone who seemed to dare the enemy to come at him.

On Okinawa, once again, Chaplain Mayberry tended to those in need, moving from one position to another, so that even I didn't know exactly where we were. In the accompanying photo, the Chaplain and I decided to move out, when he found a Japanese bible in the little house of worship. We were the only two there and observed a movement in the hedge row. I immediately aimed my carbine and was about to fire, when we heard a voice shout out: "Don't shoot, I'm Len Eyerman, Life War Correspondent." It seems he was lost, too, but took our picture and mailed it to me after the war. I had the pleasure of visiting with Chaplain (then Reverend) Don Mayberry and his wife in San Francisco in 1985, and only wish I'd have had more time to be with him.

Rev. Mayberry was a life member of our association and I hope his wife will receive a marker for his tombstone. Her address is: Mrs. Natalie Mayberry, 361 14th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94118.

Vincent J. DiPentima  
898 Ontario Street  
Palm Bay, FL 32907  
HQ/HQ Co/ 6MAR DIV

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Dear Wesley;

Gathered some information that many "Old Warriors" who were members of the 4th Marines might be interested in, so I'm passing it along in case you can use it.

We, all of us, regardless of what unit we served with during WWII, hold one or two items in our memory that we have never forgotten. Most are remembered because they were exceptionally bad, but there were, on very rare occasions, a few that were never forgotten because they were good to recall to mind, and to periodically savor the warmth that they brought to our lives, having survived the battles.

Several pages of the "History of the Sixth Marine Division" are devoted to the initial landing in, the disarming of, and the occupation of the Tokyo Bay Area. It also touches on the release of Marine Prisoners of War that were taken at the fall of Wake Island and Corregidor. Many of these men so released had been members of the

original 4th Marines. When my grandchildren ask me to tell about the war, and they do ask, I find that I always speak of that gathering of Marines, the "Old" and the "New," so to speak, at the Naval Base at Yokosuka. It was, in the opinion of this "old Warrior," an experience of a lifetime, and certainly the best of the war years.

On May 18, 1999, the survivors of that group will meet in San Antonio, Texas, for another of their periodic assemblies. The Command Post will be at the Radison Hotel, Downtown Market Square, 502 West Durango Street, San Antonio, Texas, 78207. Phone (210) 224-7155. As "outsiders," common courtesy demands that permission to attend be granted, so Pat Hitchcock was contacted at 195 Windemere Circle, Jackson, TN, 38305 and I have been granted permission to attend the assembly. He is on E-Mail and can be contacted at phitch@aol.com should you want to get additional information about attending. If enough of us are interested, it could be a second gathering of the "Old" and the "New" of the 4th Marines. I will be happy to send what data I have to any who asks for it.

Respectfully Submitted,

"Jack" Dornan

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Dear Mr. Bush:

I am attempting to locate Robert C. Wolfe. He was in the 4th Marines and was wounded on Okinawa — a very bad lower leg wound.

He entered the USMC from Portland, Oregon in 1943, but was from the Pendleton/LaGrande area. I last saw him in 1946.

Anyone knowing his whereabouts please contact me.

P.M. "Swede" Sorensen  
76 Brentwood Drive  
San Rafael, CA 94901  
(415) 453-3737

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To Whom it May Concern:

I was with the 4th Marines Weapons Company on Okinawa and until the operation was over. During the battle, two other Marines and I carried a wounded Marine on a stretcher toward an aid station. Once we were out of enemy fire, I was told to return to my position.

I would like to know the Marine we aided and see how he is doing now. I realize this was a long time ago, but I keep wondering if we could possibly get in touch with each other.

Thomas Mason  
1762 Lakeside Dr. So.  
Forked River, NJ 08731

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Dear Wesley,

You might have received a number of letters about your Editor's Note to Edward W. Knebel concerning General Simon B. Buckner's service affiliation. Here's another one. It is not meant as a criticism. You do an excellent job as editor of the newsletter.

Gen. Buckner was an Army general. At the time of his death he was the commander of the Tenth Army, which was composed of the XXIV Army Corps and the III Amphibious Corps.

The III Amphibious Corps included the First, Second and Sixth Marine Divisions. The XXIV Army Corps included the 7th, 27th,

77th and 96th Infantry Divisions.

General Buckner was the grandson of Simon Bolivar Buckner, a Lieutenant General in the Confederate Army during the Civil War.

A neighbor of mine, who has since passed away, was a member of A-1-8 of the Second Marine Division. He had been wounded on Saipan and evacuated to the United States and so was not with his company on Okinawa when Gen. Buckner was killed. Buckner was with members of A-1-8 on the south end of Okinawa on June 18, 1945 when a rock fragment from an exploding shell struck him in the chest.

Semper Fi

James S. White (G-3-29)  
2209 Holly  
Duncan, OK 73533-2007  
(580) 255-2689

Dear Mr. Dornan:

I am a life member of the 6th Marine Division Association.

Around 1956-57 I was a high school teacher and ordered a film entitled "Remember These Faces." It was about the Navy corpsmen in the battle of Saipan.

One scene shows a 4th Marine Division member lying wounded on a stretcher. I studied that clip for hours and believe him to be my brother who was killed on Saipan.

I am hoping somehow to get hold of that film again. It was made by the U.S. Navy. Any help the members can give me will be appreciated. Semper Fi,

James M. Thomas, H/3/15  
7523 E. Culver St. Apt. 323  
Scottsdale, AZ 85257-3520

Gentlemen:

My husband, a life member of the 6th Marine Division Association, passed away January 23, 1999. He was ill for quite awhile, but this dedicated Marine fought a good battle to survive. We would have been married for 50 years in August.

Joe was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather and very proud to be a Marine. He always told me he would have been a career Marine if he hadn't been wounded on Guam and Okinawa and discharged. One of his Christmas gifts was a book titled "With The Old Breed" but he was hospitalized so never got to read it. But I did. It's all about the battle at Peleliu and Okinawa — very good reading.

I love reading the newsletter each time it arrives and I hope you continue to send it to me. I believe Joe saved all the issues he had received from the beginning.

Thank you so much for the newsletter and all the good reading in it.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Joseph J. Gracik  
143 Hoon Road  
Butler, PA 16001

*P.S. When Joe was discharged, a friend offered to bring back his duffle bag with all his belongings in it to his family. But this*

*"friend" kept it all. I don't know the name but if anyone remembers the incident I would appreciate knowing about it. Joe was a member of HQ/2/22*

Dear Jack [Dornan]:

I received the package literature and the memorial marker the same day. Thanks. I already had a directory, but will pass it on to a prospective member if I ever meet one. I assume the marker is for my gravestone. It is very impressive.

I and my wife attended our first reunion in Portland and had a ball. Most all of my close buddies have passed away, but I enjoyed meeting the members who were there and their wives.

The enclosed modest donation can be used to offset the cost of your mailing.

Sincerely,

George L. Brennan, F/2/4  
13-1256 Kahukai Street  
Pahoa, HI 96778

Dear Wesley,

I read a book in which they refer to the Marine Corps Motto "Semper Fidelis" always faithful. They go on to say Marines never leave their own.

I have lived by this motto all my life. It has helped me to live my life by being truthful and faithful not just to Marines, but to everyone. It also taught me to never leave those in need.

It seems the Marine Corps Motto "Semper Fidelis" no longer includes or applies to me.

Just another Marine,

Roy R. Sibit  
833 Laurann Ave.  
Tallmadge, Ohio 44278  
(330) 633-7149

*Wesley, I am requesting that you print my letter in the "Striking Sixth" newsletter under "Mail Call."*

Marine Bush;

I am sure this will make the April 20, dead line.

Twenty-two of us, counting the ladies, had a birthday party, Saturday, 06 Feb., to celebrate our Commanding General's 203 birthday. This year we had lunch at Tony and Peggy Vandoli's restaurant. Hats off to Peggy and her chef. Never heard one complaint but a lot of compliments. Even Cotton the Brig Rat will tell you the salmon was the best he has ever had. Plenty of red and white wine to wash the meal down. After a toast to our General by Doc Haigler, the General's favorite German chocolate cake was served. From all of us who were there; Thanks Peggy, it was a good party.

Jack E. Hoag, 6th JASCO, Historian  
12341 Rebecca Lane  
Santa Ana, CA 92707

Dear Jack:

In the February 1999 "Striking Sixth" newsletter, page 8, in your Editor's note to Edward W. (Hill) Knebel you indicated that Gen.

Buckner was the Commander of the Fifth Amphibious Corps. I think that your memory has failed you on this one. Gen. Simon Buckner, United States Army was Commanding General, United States Tenth Army.

The Marine Amphibious Corps at Okinawa was the III and was Commanded by Major General Roy S. Geiger, USMC. General Geiger was promoted to Lt. General and was appointed Commanding General, Tenth United States Army upon General Buckner's death. General Buckner was killed by enemy artillery fire on 18 June, 1945. General Buckner had instructed his Chief of Staff to inform Admiral Nimitz that upon his death he wanted General Geiger to have command of the Army until an Army General of suitable rank could be sent in.

General Geiger was promoted to four star rank many years after his death and was the only Marine General to Command an Army. Keep up the good work and Semper Fidelis.

Henry L. Gaidner, Jr. C-1-4  
Life Member #1622  
9117 Four Mile Creek Road  
Charlotte, NC 28277-9067

Dear Wes:

Last January I sent you a copy of our Marine Family Newsletter and in it was an excellent story by Tim Joyner entitled, "The Screaming Meemi." I hope you will re-print it for all members of our Association to read. This terrible weapon that was unleashed on us during the Oruko Peninsula Campaign left a lasting nightmare with many Marines and Corpsmen. Tim's article created quite a response on the part of our readers. One letter in particular, was written by Leo Brennan (D-2-29) and is in the newsletter that I am enclosing. If you need permission to re-print these articles here are their phone numbers. Tim Joyner (360) 697-1594 and Leo Brennan (973) 366-6063. Leo just joined the 6th Mar. Div. Asso.

Your "Thoughts While Shaving" is always great reading and I appreciate the quality newsletter you mastermind.

With grateful appreciation and Semper Fi,

Glenn F. Moore, Editor  
Marine Family Newsletter

Dear Wes:

I've used this phrase once before: "The right man for the right job," when Tom McKinney became president. I'd like to say it again to Keith Tingley and his committee: Paul Ulrich, Andy Sinatra, Vince Mathews and Emil Wroblicky for the assignment at the Punchbowl cemetery. They did a really magnificent job.

Thanks to you all for a job well done. We have accomplished what I meant, when I first mentioned this project.

By the way, with President Tom McKinney we had seven former presidents of this association there, plus the president-elect. Semper Fi,

Andy Horvath, Past President

Dear Sir:

I am an associate member of the Sixth Marine Division Associ-

ation. My father was Marvin F. Schroeder Sr., 6th Jasco.

I wish to inform all members of a Living History event to be performed in Solomons, MD August 6, 7 and 8, 1999. It will consist of a re-creation of a Marine Corps training beach assault of actions in 1943 to 45. There will also be a living history encampment throughout the weekend. The participants will portray a tent encampment of the same period. Static displays and actual training will be conducted at this site.

Assault troops will board the old liberty ship *John W. Brown* and disembark via the cargo nets into landing craft and maneuver onto the beachhead. The photos displayed will depict the "then and now" contrast.



Marines receive briefing aboard SS *John W. Brown* preparatory to the "landing beach" exercise.

We would be honored to have any interested veterans come and see this activity. The pictures I've enclosed show some of the young men performing various aspects of their living history Marine Corps program throughout the year in the Maryland/Virginia area. They also participate as the marine detachment aboard the USS North Carolina, permanently moored at Wilmington, NC.

I served in the Marine Corps from 1971 to 1975 and can tell you these boys do a good job with their living history enactment.

Here is the contact for those interested in observing this event: Thomas E. Williams, 3807 Bayer Valley Road, Frederick, MD 21704-7652; (301) 662-3141, FAX (301) 662-0219.

Respectfully,

Milton E. Schroeder  
10146 Guadalupe Tr. NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87114

To: Quantico Memorial Committee

Thank you for the Certificate of Appreciation for donating to the Quantico Memorial Project and your letter. What more could I have said except "It came from the heart."

Semper Fidelis,

Celia Dempsey, wife of PltSgt Robert (Jack) Dempsey, USMC (deceased 2/31/92)

Note. Mrs. Dempsey was a mayor contributor to the Memorial Fund.

Mr. Bush,

I had talked to Jack Dornan and he gave me your address. I had asked Jack if he would be able to help me try to find anyone who may have served with my brother in the Sixth Div. He served in Okinawa and was at Yokosaka on Sept, 23 1945. I have a picture with the date on the back. His Name was Philip J. Reim. He was born on Feb. 6, 1925 and died from cancer on Jan. 23, 1972.

I have enclosed two pictures of Phil. On the left of one picture is another Marine whose name I do not know. If anyone can identify him, it may help me also. Jack said that it may be possible to put the pictures in the newsletter and see what happens.



Phillip J. Reim (right) and friend. Do any of you comrades remember Philip?

Jack told me that Phil's name appears in "The History of The Sixth Marine Div." as having received the purple heart. I have since become an associate member of the division because of my relationship to Phil. I would appreciate any help that you may give to this effort.

As I am sure you know there is to be a memorial built in Washington. And I would like his name to be on the wall. But I would like to have the name of his unit as well as the division.

My wife is a member of the American War Orphans Network as her father was killed in Germany. He was a member of the 101st Airborne Div. in the glider infantry. This group has helped us obtain his medals and information from St. Louis where a fire destroyed most of the Army records.

I am sorry this letter is so long, but this information is important to me as Phil had no children and I do not want his sacrifice to go unrecognized. I served in the Corps from 1958-1961.

Again thank you. Feel free to reword anything you feel necessary. Semper Fi

Ed Portley  
5725 Reach St.  
Phila. PA. 19120 215-742-2977  
e-mail eddiport@aol.com

To Jack Dornan:

I knew there was a 6th Marine Division Association but didn't know where it was until I received the February issue of the

newsletter.

I was in the 1st Raiders and at the tail end of the 'Canal, went to New Georgia in the Raider regiment, then to Emirau and Guam in HQ/3/4. I stayed in and retired in 1959.

Col. Alan Shapley was mentioned in the newsletter. He was one of the finest officers I served under. I might be a little biased, because he went to Washington after Guam and got me a Warrant Officers rank. I received it on my birthday, November 30, 1944 at the age of 24. I believe I was one of the youngest WO's in the Corps.

I'm now a member of the Marine Raider Association, the American Legion and Quartermaster of the local VFW post.

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 I am afraid to leave her.

Sincerely,

John Grine  
14010 Cove Creek  
Prairie Grove, AR 72753

The Winter 1999 Newsletter for Retired Marines in the Taps Listing has the name of Col. Malcolmb O. Donohoo, retired July 61 died Nov 98. He was seriously wounded on Okinawa while commanding 3Bn 22d Marines. He was replaced by Clair W. Shisler who remained CO until end of he war.

Shisler had previously been CO 3/22 from about 12/43 thru Marshalls and Guam campaigns. Shisler retired in Aug 53 because of medical reasons and died in June 96. I thought people in the Assn. might like to have this information and could be used in the newsletter. As far as I know neither ever became a member. I have had no contact with them since WWII.

Shisler did receive some awards for his WWII combat actions while he and I were stationed at Quantico in 1946. Francis K. Wetzel, Hq/3/22. LM 0519

All the best and

Semper Fi, Frank

Wes,

Greetings from the dry, fire threatened and totally devoid of any moisture this year, State of Florida.

I am enclosing an item in reference to the project "Final Flag Raising in WW II." I request that you include same in the next issue of "Striking Sixth." The article is self-explanatory, and hopefully, will generate some positive response from our members.

One other note: The By Laws of the association provides that the board of directors shall include the last two Past Presidents. I tried to adhere to that while President. I would appreciate your listing the name of the eligibles in future newsletters.

Pending results of some tests this next week, I expect to be in Texas for the Mini.

Your product continues to be outstanding. I look forward receiving my copy of each issue.

Semper Fi,

H.E. "Pete" Howell



# Thoughts while shavin'



By Wesley D. Bush

A distinguished favorite son of old Savannah is still being honored and remembered by the city's civic and veterans associations, even though he died on June 25 last year. Perhaps you've never heard of this man, and you probably didn't even realize that he considered himself the commanding officer of the "77th Marines." In July of 1994 he even returned to Guam for the 50th anniversary of Guam's liberation.

His name was Army Major General Charles Leon Davis and here's what happened: In the battle for the Otote Peninsula, then Lt. Col. Davis was instrumental in bringing devastating artillery fire from his own 77th Army Division to break a path for assaults by the First Provisional Marine Brigade and stop a last ditch Japanese banzai charge in its tracks. Army and Marine artillery, working together, poured 26,000 shells in the pocket of enemy attackers, often screaming as they attacked. At daylight, the muddy ground in front of the Marine positions was slick with blood. More than 400 bodies were sprawled in the driving rain. The General recalled how warmly individual Marines congratulated the effective role played by the 77th Artillery. They began calling them the "77th Marines."

The 77th went on to Leyte in the Philippines and then again, fought beside the Marines on Okinawa. It was known by all those who fought alongside the 77th as a good and effective outfit, with fine leadership and excellent spirit.

And to his dying day, Army Major General Charles Leon Davis was proud to be dubbed the C.O. of the "77th Marines."

So as Paul Harvey would say: "Now you know the rest of the story..."



In Bevan Case's *History of the Sixth Marine Division*, page 144, there appears a picture, with the caption "A veteran of the 22nd Marines." It is actually Harry Kizirian, known to some of his comrades as "The Beast" for his tenacity in combat.

On page 183 of the same publication,

those awarded the Navy Cross are listed, and here's what it says about Comrade Harry: Corporal Harry Kizirian, a squad leader with Company E, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Marines. While returning from a dangerous patrol in enemy territory, Corporal Kizirian had almost reached his lines when he spotted a Marine stretcher party pinned down by intense Jap fire. Despite wounds suffered in both legs and the groin, Corporal Kizirian held a heavy Browning Automatic Rifle in the crook of his arms and dragged himself in the direction of the enemy by pressure of his elbows. Firing a steady stream into the enemy position, he completely wiped it out, allowing the stricken group of Marines to gain their lines."

The same Harry Kizirian, a member of our association, living in Rhode Island, was recently visited by Past President Buzzy Fox, where this picture of the two old salts was taken. Buzzy reports that Harry was the Postmaster at Providence, R.I. for over 30 years until he retired. He is now Rhode Island's most decorated Marine.



Harry "The Beast" Kizirian (seated) - Rhode Island's most decorated Marine and Past President/Editor Edward "Buzzy" Fox.

The beast looks very docile now. And for that matter, so does the fox...



I have always had a deep respect for men of the cloth — those individuals who shepherd us on our journey through life and try to keep us from straying too far from the fold. Most are underpaid, overworked and expected to solve all the problems that some families ought to be solv-

ing themselves. One of those men is our own chaplain, Claud Wilkins.

Claud was president of this association about 15 years ago, having served with us in WWII and the Korean War. Twenty years ago he began volunteering at the Methodist North Hospital in Memphis. "I was looking for something to do that was less hazardous," he said of the job. As of last September he has put in 9,000 hours of service to this hospital. He helped organize the very successful volunteer program during that time, devoting most of his Saturdays to this work, never mind his arthritic foot.

Claud has been on call for various services and reunions that the association has each year, such as the memorial service for Gen. Jim Day as well as others. When Past President Cliff Gilbert succumbed to cancer last year, Claud Wilkins traveled to Missouri to do the obituary and eulogy for our departed comrade at his funeral on Dec. 21. In February Claud was on hand at the Punchbowl National Cemetery for the placing of our memorial marker, which many of you attended. And at all reunions, Claud capably conducts the Memorial Service.

Yet another side of this man is his help with amateur football teams. He was presented with a plaque and award by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, for his contribution to amateur football.

His work at the hospital does have some lighter moments. Like the time an elderly woman said to him, "You're such a nice man. Can't you get a better paying job?" And the patient whom he had just rolled back to his room from the lab, who joked, "You people are so great. I don't have to lie out in the hall for two hours with my rear end sticking out."



I'll bet you didn't know that the memorial marker that was set in the Punchbowl Cemetery arrived at Hickam Air Force Base with a Marine escort. Unofficial, but nevertheless, escorted. Here's the story in a letter from our good buddy, Harry McKnight and his wife, Barbara, who live in Columbus, Ohio.

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Harry McKnight (right) and crew of KC-135 that flew memorial stone to Hawaii.

March 3, 1999

Dear Wesley,

Just a note and a couple of pictures that might be of some interest. Barbara and I were going to Hawaii to visit friends who spend the month of February to relax at the Hale Koa. I had other plans and could not be at the ceremony at the Punchbowl later in the month.

We got a call from Captain Bruce Weaver, a member of the Church, who is a pilot for the 121st ARW at Rickenbacker ANG base near Columbus. He would be piloting a KC-135 to Hickam and had room for us if we could find another way back as they would be picking up the Missouri ANG for a return to the US. That would be no problem since our son, Tom, is a pilot for United and we get parent passes at a reasonable rate. Tom was an F-18 Pilot for the Marines for 10 years and now also flies the F-5 for the USMCR as the "Aggressor" out of Yuma.

We boarded the plane and I noticed a large crate near the cargo door. As the flight progressed I noticed the label "Monument" I

thought, could it be? I asked the Crew Chief and he said it was going to the Punchbowl for a Marine ceremony. Wow, what luck that we would be escorting the Monument to its destination. Bruce was asked to take the Monument by another friend of his, the son of Keith Tingley.

Barb had a copy of the "Striking Sixth" and let the crew read all about it. Barb took the enclosed pictures. The first is of me and the Monument, the other is with me and the crew as we arrived at Hickam. Captain Bruce Weaver is to my right and next to him the Crew Chief and the rest of the crew.

A few days later we went to the Punchbowl and asked where it would be placed. We visited the spot and also took pictures of the markers of five Marines from my outfit that are buried there. Barbara will add these to our scrapbook and have it with us at Buffalo.

Have a good day, Semper Fi

Harry and Barbara McKnight, H-3-29

*Past President Tingley should to be complimented on another job well done.—Ed.*

**Not so**

**Quotable Quotes**

"WHEN MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE THROWN OUT OF WORK, UNEMPLOYMENT RESULTS."

— Former U.S. President Calvin Coolidge.

"I'M NOT GOING TO HAVE SOME REPORTERS PAWING THROUGH OUR PAPERS. WE ARE THE PRESIDENT." — Hillary Clinton commenting on the release of subpoenaed documents.

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"THAT LOWDOWN SCOUNDREL DESERVES TO BE KICKED TO DEATH BY A JACKASS, AND I'M JUST THE ONE TO DO IT." — A congressional candidate in Texas.

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"A BILLION HERE, A BILLION THERE — SOONER OR LATER IT ADDS UP TO REAL MONEY." — Everett Dirksen.

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"IT ISN'T POLLUTION THAT'S HARMING THE ENVIRONMENT. IT'S THE IMPURITIES IN OUR AIR AND WATER THAT ARE DOING IT." — Former U.S. Vice-President Dan Quayle.

**Meetings & Reunions**

**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, California 92107 Phone: (619) 226-8472

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**UNIT: 11th Special U.S. Navy Seabees of WWII**

**PLACE:** Baltimore, MD

**DATE:** September 19, 20, 21, 22, 1999

**CONTACT:** James V. D'Arnore, 3 Roosevelt Road, Clarksburg, NJ 08510; (609) 259-0631 (Voice), (609) 259-1027 (FAX)

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**UNIT: WWII Corpsmen of the 6th Marine Division**

**PLACE:** Frankfort, KY

**DATE:** June 21 to 24, 1999

**BILLETING:** Holiday Inn, 405 Wilkinson Blvd, Frankfort, KY 40601. Special Room rates \$69 Make reservations by May 25, 1999. Mention "Corpsmen Reunion" (800) 465-4349

**CONTACT:** Edward (Doc) Strohmeier, 360 Strohmeier Rd. Frankfort, KY 40601

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**UNIT: 22nd Marines Assn, Inc.**

7th Annual Reunion

**PLACE:** Corpus Christi, Tx, Ramada Inn Bayfront

**DATE:** Sept. 5 to 9, 1999

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

**A firsthand account**

# The "Screaming Meemie"

Reprinted from The Marine Family Newsletter

"It has been said that all things come to he who waits, and I have waited and wondered since the day I received the newsletter relating to the story about the "Screaming Meemie" — a span of 54 years.

I was there in that courtyard when that thing hit. On 5 June, 1945, I was ordered to Bn Hq to get the code for my SCR-300 radio (it changed every day). As I entered the courtyard, there was a guy bent over a heat pellet with a canteen cup in his hand. Before I could speak to him, that Screaming Meemie came out of nowhere. It blew me and 38 lbs of radio over the courtyard wall.

**One man was lying near the entrance of the tomb and I remember seeing another man in the doorway and that heat pellet lying on the ground still smoldering.**

I managed to pull myself up far enough to see over the wall. One man was lying near the entrance of the tomb and I remember seeing another man in the doorway and that heat pellet lying on the ground still

smoldering. I must have passed out after that, and when I came too, I was in a hospital ship offshore.

I have wondered and often thought about the poor guy who lost his leg. I don't think I will ever get over the smell of things that day and I keep seeing that heat pellet. Why??

A few years ago I read a book by Bill Manchester in which he relates about that terrible day in June. It brought back many memories and some things I couldn't remember, but not as vividly as Tim Joyner's article. I'm still not sure of all the facts and events—I'm not sure I ever will be.

Perhaps I will be able to talk to some guys who were there and the blanks will be filled in.

The best to you all and Semper Fi.

Leo Brennan (D-2-29)



Annie Wilkins

## Ladies' Auxiliary

by Annie Wilkins

Hello again, Marine wives and sweethearts!

This year is well on its way, but it is not without a few worries for our

group. No one responded to my call for a volunteer to be chairman of the Ways and Means committee, so now I am pleading — please answer our desperate request for someone to fill this most important position! If we are to continue to be able to help our men with their worthy projects, we must have a successful crafts sale at the Buffalo reunion.

My other pressing concern is that the schedule for the fall reunion does not have a time slot that will accommodate a luncheon. Please read the schedule of events carefully to see what I am referring to. I have been in consultation with our men who are coordinating plans for the activities and after much deliberation have decided that we will have to forego the luncheon this year and have a business meeting ONLY at the same time that the men have their business meeting. Our

choices for a luncheon were Tuesday (too early in the week) or a luncheon/business meeting on Friday, the night on which the banquet will be held this year. If you see a solution to this problem that I have failed to see, please let me know immediately so I can put it into effect.

Now on to happier items of interest! The mini in Texas sounds like fun, and we hope to see you there. The time and place for a brief, informal get-together for our group will be available when you check in with the host committee.

I wish that all of you could have been with us in Hawaii for the dedication of the marker the association has placed there. The men who participated in the ceremony (both our men and the active Marines who took part) did the entire 6th Marine Division and their families proud. The cemetery is a truly beautiful and fitting site for our heroic dead who have their final resting place there. Now we must move ahead to work toward completing the Quantico memorial as planned.

Keep those projects going for our fundraiser! Until we meet again — Semper Fi

### Cost accounting...

## The Punchbowl Memorial Stone Project

At the Portland reunion an amount of "not more than \$3,000" was approved for the Punchbowl Memorial project. Chairman Keith Tingley has reported that the dedication ceremony was well within that budget. Here is a breakdown:

Stone .....	\$1,150.00
Plaque with 6th marine Division emblem, 2 globe and anchor logos and 1st Provisional Marine Brigade insignia .....	60.23
Shipping costs to Barre, VA from Vermont .....	32.00
Shipping and handling costs to Hawaii .....	110.71
TOTAL .....	\$2,052.94

Committee members Vince Mathews, Keith Tingley, Andy Sinatra, Paul Ulrich and Emil Wroblicky received no remuneration for postage, many telephone calls or other expense. None of the above received

a free trip to Honolulu. Two members made a special trip to Hawaii prior to the trip for the purpose of inspection and planning the event.

The free trip offered for early registration was won by Robert Koonce of Mountain Home, AZ.

The committee appreciates the efforts of General Fulford and his staff; Aaron Martin, public affairs office; Col. Castagnetti, Commander Griff Warren, Base Supply Officer and CW04 Robert Farmer, Marine Forces Pacific Band.

All these individuals contributed in some way to the visit to Kaneohe Bay to see the static display of Marine Corps weapon systems and for the meal at the base mess hall.

The trip to the Arizona Memorial and the Battleship Missouri was arranged by Military Historical Tours.

# MONUMENTS & MEMORIES

Your committee is pleased to report that with the \$5,000 contribution from the general fund, overwhelmingly (one nay) approved by the membership at the annual meeting last September, we have reached our fund-raising goal of \$65,000. Our heartfelt thanks to the thousand-plus individual donors who so generously supported the project. It's a great feeling to know that the association will indeed leave a fitting legacy for future generations.

We are pleased to announce that the design of the memorial, revised to accommodate the lower budget, has been reviewed and heartily approved by the National Cemetery System in Washington. It is completely in keeping with their requirement of landscape compatibility and presents a clear focus. It will leave a strong impression on those who visit.

The memorial will about the Raider Memorial at the top of the Memorial Pathway, with a path connecting the memorial to the Memorial Pathway.

The entrance is flanked on either side by end stones. One stone (on the right) will carry a plaque with an explanation of the 6th Marine Division. The other will bear the poem "Monuments & Memories," by Bob Gannon.

The form of the memorial is based on Okinawan tomb structures. Two areas principally define this form. The first is a square open forecourt. The second is an inner circular contemplation court. A low continuous bench will be formed to define this configuration. The seatbacks of the forecourt will have bronze plaques with the battlesites of the 6th Marine Division and its predecessor units. The plaque for Okinawa would be on the back seat at the head of the circular court. At the center of the inner court floor will be a large bronze plaque with the 6th

Marine Division insignia. Radiating from this insignia are thin bronze inserts set into the concrete walking surface. These will tie the two courts together.

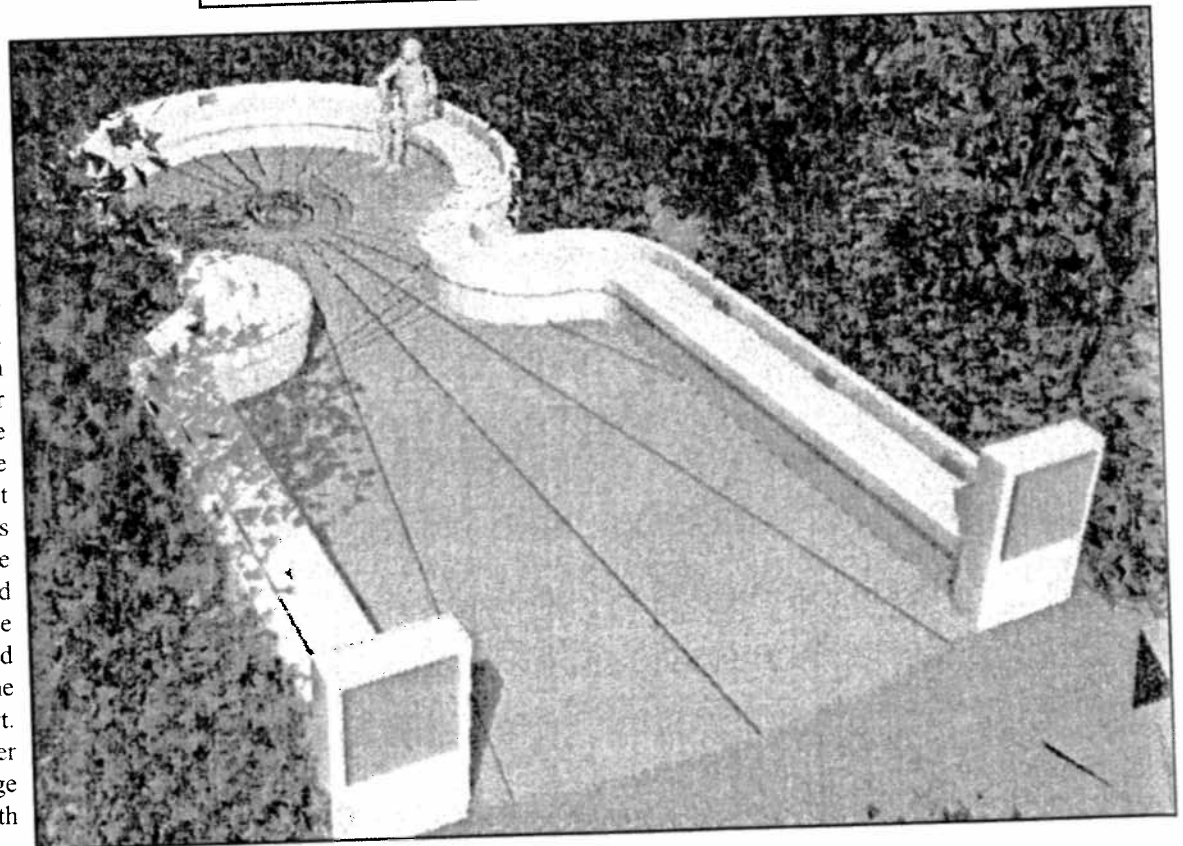
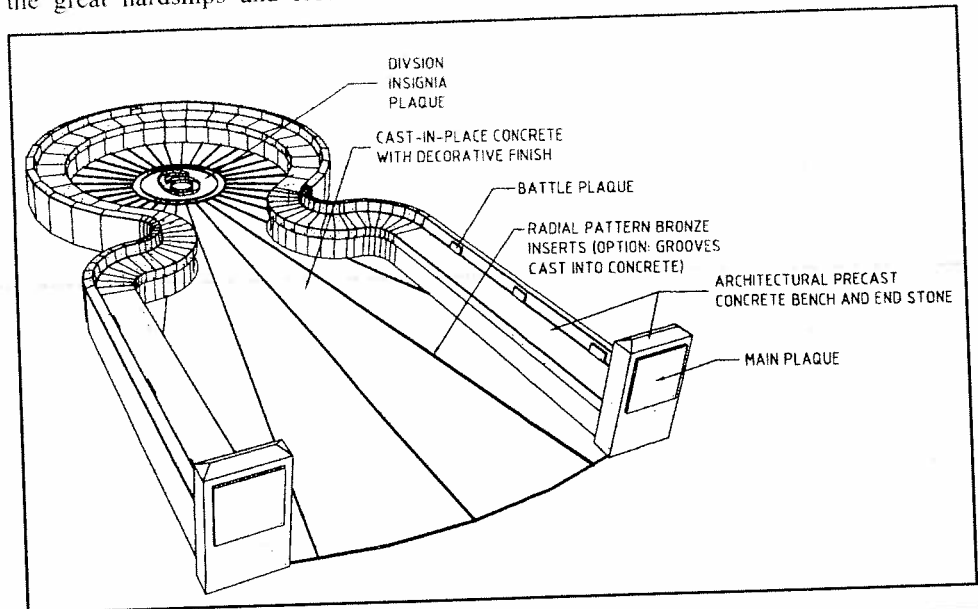
The floor will be CIP concrete with a decorative finish. The benches forming the overall contour will be precast concrete.

Paintings of American holly will flank the entrance and forecourt areas, the spiny nature of the leaves being representative of the great hardships and losses endured.

The circular court will be surrounded by Mountain Laurel, this being conducive to a space for remembrance and contemplation.

Construction will be completed by fall. Formal dedication is planned for April 2000.

DeWitt H. Joralemon, Chairman  
Quantico Memorial Project



# America's Veterans "Strange People"

There's some strange people in town. They often gather in cafes, parks or bars. Sometimes they are uncomfortably loud, sometimes they are strangely quiet.

We don't know much about them. They seem to come from a different time. They remember friends long dead by marching in parades... standing graveside in small cemeteries, wearing uniforms that don't always fit. They go to these graves even when it is raining, cold or when no one else is there.

Two or three men fire old guns in honor of fighting men who are sometimes not even buried there. They do this to commands of a comrade... even these commands seem out of place to everyone but these strange people.

We see them carrying flags at various sporting events. They seem serious about carrying the colors. Almost like somebody died.

They wear strange caps. They gather at a bar. I wonder if they go there to remember, or do they go there to forget?

You'll see people snap to attention when the flag comes by in a parade. If you look closely, you may even see a tear in that person's eye.

At the Veteran's Memorial, they'll go and touch the stones... here... tears again. Strange people.

If these unusual people are remembering battles and friends, or living with the memory of horrors and death that Hollywood can't even come close to imitating,

*We see them carrying flags at various sporting events. They seem serious about carrying the colors. Almost like somebody died.*

why do they do everything they can for our community?

It's because they have fought for freedom. They know freedom is not free. They live every day with the memories of battles or sacrifice. They know that if we don't always watch out for our freedoms ... someone will take them.... Even from inside our country.

While some people were thinking of proms, honor societies, band and what college to go to ... these strange people had to put all of that on hold to fight and die to protect our Constitution so we could go to the prom, graduate and speak on the Constitution so eloquently.

These strange people know that protecting the Constitution does not always have to be done on the battlefield.

So by instilling in us the values of freedom and liberty and encouraging us to be superior communicators when it comes to the Constitution... You and I will protect it. First with our words and then, if necessary, with our lives.

By now you should have some insight as to who these strange people are.

**They are our Veterans.**

*Our sincere thanks to 6th Marine Division Assn Member - Vince Mathews*

## Recent Changes in Status and/or Records

The following members have changed from Annual to Life Membership:

**CARLSON**, August J., (Diana), ID #4525, Unit corrected to read 4th Mar-1-B  
**DAY**, Thomas L., (Eloise), ID #5217  
**DEBNAM**, Edward D., (Gloria) ID #5363  
**ENDER**, Arthur F. (Mildred), ID #5238, Designate Unit as 22nd Mar-3-HQ  
**FURBUSH**, Allen A., (Anna J.), ID #5303,  
**HOEFT**, Harvey H., (Duaine) ID #4437  
**LITTLE**, Harold V., (Mary), ID #5098  
**MILES**, Mark A., (Betty), ID #4502  
**SUKOWATEY**, Edward W., (Rosemary), ID #5357

## Membership Status

<b>Active Membership</b>	<b>2,982</b>
<b>Deceased</b>	<b>820</b>
<b>Inactive</b>	<b>698</b>
<b>Total on Rolls</b>	<b>4,490</b>

## 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.

- ❖ DANKESE, John J., ID #5038, 22nd Mar-?-? Non Member
- ❖ DONOHOO, Malcolmb O., ID #4530, 22nd Mar-3-HQ, Non Member,
- ❖ GILBERT, Clifford, ID #1276, 22nd Mar-3-K
- ❖ EDWARD Gregorka, H and S/29 Combat Photographer
- ❖ GUIDRY, Ovide, ID #1954, 22nd Mar-2-H
- ❖ LAWRENCE, Edwin L., ID #2552, 22nd Mar-2-F
- ❖ LOVE, Ned, ID #4695, 29th Mar-Wpns
- ❖ MARTINEZ, Joseph P., ID #2940, 4th Mar-HQ
- ❖ O'CONNELL, James J., ID #1355, 22nd Mar-2-H&SW
- ❖ PAROLISE, Frank J., ID #2490, 22nd Mar-3-K
- ❖ QUATE, Marion R., ID #3293, 6th Mar Div-HQ
- ❖ SANDERS, Carl B., ID #5524, 29th Mar-2-F Non-Member
- ❖ SHERWOOD, Charles H., ID #3365, 4th Mar-2-F
- ❖ SHISLER, Clair W., ID #4545, 22nd Mar-3-HQ, Non Member
- ❖ SULLIVAN, Lawrence P., ID #3705, 29th Mar-3-I
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# A Born Leader to the Corps

Reprinted from the San Diego Union-Tribune, 2/23/99

By Darlene Himmelspach, Staff Writer

CAMP PENDLETON—When his four-year stint as commandant ends June 30, Gen. Charles Krulak said here yesterday, he will leave the Marine Corps in better shape than when he took over and he will leave with the memory of the character of individual Marines imprinted on his soul.

Krulak made his last visit to Camp Pendleton as commandant yesterday and met with about 2,000 officers and senior enlisted Marines, telling them his 35 years in the Corps was “a great run.” He said he is leaving “pumped and excited” about his future.

“I don’t know what I will do for a job. I want time to kick back. Then I would love to work with youth,” either as a teacher or by developing a national program for young people, Krulak said.

June 30 will mark the end of a formidable dynasty in the Corps: the first time in 70 years that a Krulak has not worn the eagle, globe and anchor, he said. Krulak’s father, Victor, of Point Loma, is a retired three-star general.

He said he would like Marines to remember him as “someone who loved them and did his best to make the Marine Corps better. I will take with me the dedication of the men and women who put on this uniform (and) their unbelievable selflessness that is found nowhere else.”

Krulak compared himself to a football lineman, “someone who works in a non-glamorous position.” That job has included tussling with Congress to wring extra dollars for programs, equipment and pay for

Marines.

When he testified recently before the House Armed Services Committee, Krulak said, he told the lawmakers, “You cannot pay my Marines enough for what they do for this nation. But you sure as heck can pay them too little.”

The difference between civilian and military pay is partly to blame for a sharp decrease in enlistments in all services except the Marine Corps. But paychecks already have begun to grow, reflecting part of what is a proposed 25 percent increase in base pay between now and the beginning of 2005, Krulak said. That is a big deal, the top Marine told his troops, because base pay is what their retirement is calculated on. Those who entered the service after 1985 should have a better retirement for another reason as well.

Their retirement pay is proposed to be 50 percent of their final base pay, plus inflation adjustments, just as it has been for those who entered in 1985 or earlier. Previously, those who came in after 1985 were to receive 40 percent of their final pay in retirement. “You’ll still be smelly and dirty and you’re going to deploy and it’s going to be rough, but you are getting more money,” Krulak said.

A potential new benefit, which is also yet to be approved by Congress, would allow Marines who stay in for 20 years to transfer their GI Bill education money to their children.

Krulak said he knows the importance of

such a plan because, after sending children to the College of William and Mary and Rice University, “I don’t have the money to buy the material to build a flea a wrestling jacket.”

Pay raises weren’t the only good news Krulak brought with him. In June, Marines will begin receiving the long-awaited V-22 Osprey, a tilt-rotor aircraft seen as the replacement for aging Vietnam-era CH-46 helicopters. The same month, the Marines will take delivery of advanced amphibious assault vehicles that cut through water at 30 knots and will contain biological-chemical warfare protection for crew and passengers.

Other equipment gained during Krulak’s tenure includes new boots, which are finally beginning to dribble in after manufacturing delays, and improved cold-weather gear.

Of great pride to Krulak, he said, is that the Marine Corps has refused to lower its standards and still has repeatedly exceeded recruiting goals, while other services have lowered theirs and still can’t meet their goals.

At a recent gathering of business leaders and politicians in Georgia, Krulak said, former Secretary of Education William Bennett told the assembly: “There is only one institution in the nation that holds to its standards, the Marine Corps.” That, Krulak told his troops, is a credit to them and what they do daily. “Sneak off someplace where no one will see you being happy and pat yourselves on the back,” he said.

One thing that hasn’t gone well, though not through the fault of anyone here, Krulak said, is the education of Marines and other service members about the need to take anthrax vaccine to protect against biological warfare or terrorist attack.

“People are petrified that their penis is going to fall off, yet it is the safest vaccine ever given to American citizens. The polio vaccine was far more dangerous, yet the public lined up to get it,” Krulak said.

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# Sick Call

In the old days, they referred 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 one of the cited categories. A note or a card can do just that.

**BOSSART**, Fred (Helen), ID #3012, 4th Mar-2-H&S. Both Fred and Helen have been reported as very ill by President Tom McKINNEY. Again, a card or note would be in order to let both know that our prayers are with them. Address of record is Box 316, Laughlinton, PA, 15655-0316.

**FIRKALY**, John, ID #4232, 22nd Mar-2-H. John has been one of our lost sheep since 1997, and has come back to the fold. Ms. Margaret David has reported that John has been ill, but no details were received. A card or note from members of his Unit would let him know that we are glad he is back with us, and that we are all pulling for his recovery. Checking for added information and will advise. Write him C/O Ms. David, 1025 Houston Drive, West Mifflin, PA, 15122-3101.

**TOWNSEND**, L. Forrest, Director, 4th Marines. Mrs Townsend has reported, via Keith Tingley, that Forrest has been very ill since around Christmas. The details of the illness are not known, but a card or note of encouragement would do both Forrest and his Mrs a world of good.

**WHITAKER**, Richard A., ID #0095, 29th Mar-2-F. Eileen, Richard's spouse, has passed the word via Bill Pierce that Richard had suffered a

heart attack the morning of April 8, 1999. His condition was stable a few hours later, and while hospitalized, he is doing well. Let's get those cards and letters on the way to Mount Pleasant, SC and let them know we are, all of us, pulling for a speedy recovery.

## Photo file...

Submitted by John B Michaux



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**BORCENK**, Frank, ID #5510, 29th Mar-3-G, Reg Annual, Enrolled 03/10/1999; 3285 Corey Road NE, Malabar, FL, 32950. Phone A/C 407 951-1256

**BRENNEN**, George L. (A. Lorraine), #5377, 4th Mar-2-F, Reg Life, Enrolled 02/12/1999; 13-1256 Kahukai Street, Pahoehoe, HI, 96778. Phone A/C 808 965-8902

**BRENNEN**, Leo F. (Patricia), ID #5499, 29th Mar-2-D, Reg. Life, Enrolled 02/12/1999; 48 Sickle Street, Dover, NJ, 07801. Phone A/C 973 366-6063

**BROWN**, Sugars T. (Charleen), ID #5523, 4th Mar-Wpns, Reg Annual, enrolled 04/05/1999; Box 343, George West, TX, 78022-0343. Phone A/C 361 449-1006

**CURRAN**, John (Katherine), ID #5037, 22nd Mar-?-?, Reg. Life, Enrolled 03/23/1999; 410 S. E. 6th Street, Enterprise, OR, 97828. Phone A/C/ 541 426-3192

**DANKESE**, Joseph P., ID #5038A, Brother of John J. Dankese, Associate, Enrolled 03/23/1999; 17 Arcadia St, Dorchester, MA, 02122. Phone A/C 617 288-0837

**DEAN**, Charles W. (Lorraine), ID #5492, 22nd Mar-3-K, Reg. Annual, Enrolled 0 1/3 0/1999; 604 Bradford Hills Court, Nashville, TN, 37221. Phone A/C 615 315-8856

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**EARLY**, William J. (Clara), ID #5496, 29th Mar-3-G, Reg annual, Enrolled 02/04/1999; 4600 Ocean Drive Apt #507, Corpus Christi, TX, 78412. Phone A/C 512 857-8710

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**GALAZKA**, Eileen, ID #0079A, Widow of Stanley Galazka, Associate Life, Enrolled 03/11/1999; 1131 S. Softwind Loop, Lecanto, FL, 34461. Phone A/C 352 527-8050

**GILBERT**, Lorene, ID # I 276A, Widow of Clifford Gilbert, Associate Life, Enrolled 02/26/1999; 17737 Spruce Drive, Neosho, MO, 64850-8460. Phone A/C 417 364-8632

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## The "Texas Contingent" Does it Again

For the second time, those members who reside in and around the State of Texas, gathered together to renew friendships, share Sea Stories, and stretch the truth a bit.

The gathering was hosted by D. C. Rigby, informality was the rule of thumb, and the Historic Sites of Fredericksburg, Texas, were enjoyed by all. Traditional German cuisine was offered in every eating establishment, but it was topped off by an

outstanding buffet dinner at the Fredericksburg Brewery. Truly, a Marine's dream come true—the best of chow, and all that beer.

Some sixty plus members and their ladies were in attendance. It was decided that the next gathering will be in or near Amarillo, Texas, and held at a date not to interfere with the normal 6th Marine Division Association gatherings.

### Dues and Change of Address

Name \_\_\_\_\_ New Member  Yes  No

Spouse 1st Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Unit \_\_\_\_\_

(Company)                      (Battalion)                      (Regiment)                      (Special)

If new member, name of recruiter/sponsor, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

**New Associate** – your relative or friend who served in the 6th Mar. Div.; \_\_\_\_\_

His unit and your relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**Present Member** – Membership ID Number \_\_\_\_\_ (upper left of mail label)

Annual Dues (\$10/year)     Regular     Associate ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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