

God Willing, Reunion Looks Like a Go!
FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA ~ SEPTEMBER 14-19, 2021



We wish we could give you an absolute guarantee. However, we live in the real world where nothing is certain and surprises happen. That said, we are feeling pretty optimistic about the reunion in September. We urge you to call the hotel to make your reservations and send in your Registration Form (page 9-10) ASAP. There's no risk. If you have to cancel for any reason, we'll refund your money. And you can cancel your hotel reservation up until 6:00 pm on the day before your arrival.

The Board of Directors has been hard at work planning what we hope will be a fun-filled reunion with some interesting activities. But we think the best activity will be spending time together.

If you're new to our reunions, or haven't been to one for a while, don't worry — we promise you'll be warmly welcomed. Hope to see you there!

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WWII Vet Reflects on Life Dedicated to the Marine Corps

by Calvin Shomaker, *The Daily News*, December 21, 2020

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II, only two percent are still alive today. Retired U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Marion Carcirieri is among them.

Not only did Carcirieri, or “Cass” as he is known, serve with the 6th Marine Division in the Pacific during World War II, but he also fought in the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

He was wounded just once.

“It’s a miracle I made it through all of them,” Carcirieri said, who joined the Marine Corps when he was not yet 17 years old.

When reflecting on his 31 years in the Marine Corps ahead of his 95th birthday on December 31, Carcirieri remembered what it was like to be a Marine back in the 1940s.

“I was just so young that I was brought up by all the old time Marines,” Carcirieri said. “They taught me all the good and bad things about the world and so forth, and we made it through the Battle of Okinawa.”

As the real voices of World War II inevitably wane with each passing year, Carcirieri wants

people to remember the sacrifices made by the brave warriors of his generation.

“My platoon sergeant made four campaigns - Guadalcanal, Peleliu, Tarawa and then the Battle of Okinawa — so you were out the whole time,” Carcirieri recalled. “If you were married, as a lot of those guys were, you

ance were all about from a young age. As a boy growing up in Maryland, he was a farm laborer doing the best he and his family could to survive in the hardship days of the Great Depression.

Carcirieri got out of the Marine Corps in 1974 and two years later began working for Marine

Corps Community Services (MCCS), who is his employer still to this day. He manages the Marine Corps Exchange at Camp Geiger, home of the Marine Corps’ School of Infantry-East, and works four days a week, 10 hour days.

He says his drive must have come from his Italian ancestors, who immigrated to America not knowing a bit of English. Though similar to his forefathers’ hard-nosed work ethic, Carcirieri’s dogged determination came out of plain neces-

sity to survive.

“My dad had to work day and night in labor in them days,” Carcirieri said. “I grew up the hard way, so I’m used to it. I wake up about 0300, four o’clock in the morning. I get up, get dressed, come in and go to work.”



Retired U. S. Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Marion “Cass” Carcirieri in his office at Camp Geiger in front of a picture of himself in 1955

stayed out from your family for years at a time, not like today (when) you go out for a skirmish and then you’re back in. They sacrificed a lot, really. People will never understand that stuff. They never understand what combat is about.”

Carcirieri learned firsthand what combat, struggle and persever-

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Life Dedicated to the Marine Corps

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Carcirieri says productivity has no correlation to age, but rather a person's will power.

"If you got the will to do something, you'll do it, but if you make excuses for yourself, you'll just sit back on your haunches and not do nothing."

When Carcirieri looks at today's Marines, especially the younger ones that are entrenched in technology, he urges them to do things the right way and to remember what the Marine Corps has meant to him and to so many other veterans.

"They don't seem like they have the discipline that we had," Carcirieri said. "But what I would tell them is by God if you are going to be a Marine, be a Marine and don't be a half-ass Marine and just give it a little but not give it all, because without the Marine Corps I probably wouldn't be here today, because that's where I started (and) got my first clothes, my first shoes, first gosh-darn good meal, and they've taken care of me outstanding."

One highlight from Carcirieri's time in the Marine Corps was after the Battle of Okinawa when he reunited with his brother who had been fighting on the other end of the island. Another thing he won't forget is an old tradition he and his fellow Marines used to do when

they were living in Quonset huts after the war that just "tickled the tar" out of him — Marines challenging Marines' manhood through the form of tap dancing following a day's work, and maybe a beer or two.

"It's the funniest thing in the world to see a whole room full of Marines tap dancing," Carcirieri said. "It went on all through the night. I guess you could say that's one of the highlights I enjoyed seeing. That's the kind of Marines we were. You fought real hard and you played real hard."

Retired U.S. Marine Corps Master Gunnery Sgt. Harry Weatherly first met Carcirieri in the early 1990s at a breakfast for the Regiment of Retired Marines.

"[Carcirieri] is a very reserved person," Weatherly said. "He is very calm, (but) everybody listens to him and everybody looks up to him. He is absolutely a great person."

Allen Carter, retail manager for MCCS Lejeune-New River, calls Carcirieri a motivator.

"He is a tremendous leader," Carter said. "His staff really enjoy working for him. They respect him a lot and they work hard for him. He's just been a tremendous asset for us and we are glad to have him."

If there is one main piece of advice that is first and foremost for Carcirieri, it is his embodiment of the mentality to be proactive and adamant in the pursuit of whatever it is you are doing.

"Get up in the morning and don't make excuses," Carcirieri said. "Everybody can make excuses. Get up and go for it."

From the Editor



I write this note on the 4th of July as I think about how fortunate we are to live in freedom. I

also look forward to the fireworks tonight!

That freedom didn't just happen. It was earned by the men and women who were willing to fight for it. Many years later, the men of the Sixth Marine Division fought to preserve that freedom. I am so grateful for their sacrifice.

I'm also grateful we have one more chance to get together in September to celebrate the accomplishments of the Sixth Marine Division. I hope you can join us!

~Carroll McGowan

MAIL CALL



75th Birthday Surprise for Jack Hoag

Carroll,

I was able to locate Jack Hoag's son, Wyatt Hoag. I sent him the article on the lost bottle. [Spring 2021 newsletter] His reply is below.

~Watson Crumbie (29th Mar-1-C)

Thanks, Mr. Crumbie! This is great reading. Our daughter read this as well, and it brought tears to her eyes. She and dad had a great "Papa" and granddaughter relationship, and she was as close to him as any granddaughter could be.

I was fortunate during the time I served in the Pentagon between '96 and '97 that General Krulak also served there as Commandant. I, a lowly Army Major, walked into his command suite hoping to talk to him. I wasn't able to since he was out of

town TDY. But his XO spoke with me and what resulted was getting a letter written and signed by General Krulak wishing dad a happy 75th birthday.

I framed the letter, packed it into a carry-on along with a case of Tun Tavern beer, and flew with my wife and daughter to visit dad. I called the chaplain at El Toro and asked if he would send two Marines in their blues to dad's house to present the framed letter. I specified that after the presentation, they could stand down, change into civies, eat barbecue, and drink beer.

Dad had a number of friends over that day: Len Cotton, Ken Davis, General Day, and several others. Dad had just fired his cannon, and the two Marines snuck up behind him. Before Dad could figure out what was going on, Len Cotton yelled out, "Attention!" and ordered dad to do an about face. Dad was surprised to find two towering Marines in their blues standing at attention. They called attention to orders, everyone popped to, and they read General Krulak's letter. Then they presented dad with the framed letter and the case of beer I had lugged aboard the plane.

Then, just by sheer luck, two Marine Corps F/A-18s (I think that was the flavor of the day) flew by! Everyone thought I had coordinated that too, but it was purely accidental.

Regards,
Wyatt Hoag



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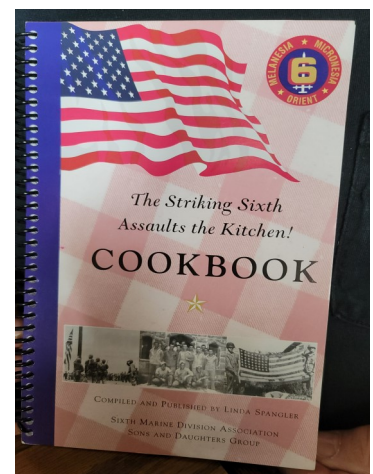
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Be sure to provide the name and address where the cookbook should be sent.

Remember — proceeds from your purchase will be used to fund our newsletter and website.

Please direct any questions to Connie at: (570) 433-4402 or almostnuts@comcast.net.



MAIL CALL



Photos from Okinawa Taken by SSgt David Peskin, 6MarDiv Combat Photographer

After reading the story in the Spring 2021 Newsletter about 1st Sgt. Scott Smith's father being a flame thrower with the Sixth Marine Division during the battle for Okinawa, I recalled that I have a combat photo my father took of PFC Galen A. Brehm in action. I am attaching it along with two other pictures he took on Okinawa.

My father was SSgt David Peskin, 6th Marine Division combat photographer. He was WIA on 24 May 1945 and taken to a field hospital, so these photos must have been taken prior to then.

Semper Fidelis,
Todd Preston
SSgt USMC 1977-1991
Mobile: (305) 342-9613



above: PFC Galen A. Brehm on Okinawa



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2021 Reunion Updates

Updates

- The **National Museum of the Marine Corps** has reopened! We expect the Sixth Marine Division colors (which were held at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum in San Diego for many years) to be transferred to Quantico this summer. The Museum tells us they will have them on display for our visit!
- The **Fredericksburg Trolleys** are also running again! The trolley will pick us up at the hotel on Wednesday at 2:00 for a tour of Fredericksburg. There will be two stops — Ferry Farm, George Washington's boyhood home, and Kenmore Plantation. This will require some walking, and there are a few steps at the plantation. We'll stop downtown around 4:30 and drop off anyone who wants to have dinner and taxi or uber back. The trolley will deliver everyone else back to the hotel around 5:00.
- We've added a **Choir Concert** on Thursday night and a **Museum Docent Presentation** on Friday afternoon.
- Thanks to a generous donation from Kate McGuigan and Tom Montalbano, we will have an **Open Bar at the Dinner Banquet!**

Airport Transportation



Bob and Jane McCalmont have graciously offered to provide transportation to and from the airport for Sixth Division Marines and their wives/significant others and widows.

Given the challenging logistics, we request that you **only** ask for Bob and Jane's assistance if you are **not** traveling with younger family members.

If you have any pictures or keepsakes from old reunions, please bring them. We'd love to see them!

Annual Meeting Topics

Since this is our last reunion, it will also be our last Annual Meeting. We will need to vote on the future of the Association. The following proposals will be brought to a vote:

- 1) Apply any funds remaining after the 2021 reunion to publishing the newsletter and maintaining the website.
- 2) Continue the newsletter as long as we have Sixth Division Marine subscribers and the money to pay for it. Thereafter, we will use the website for building awareness of the Sixth Marine Division.
- 3) Stop soliciting memberships and dissolve the Association effective when our funds run out.

Is the Reunion Definitely a Go?

With vaccinations underway, we are optimistic we'll have the reunion. Look for the final decision on our website by August 14. You can also call Sharon Woodhouse at (503) 799-4455 or email her at sjawoodhouse@gmail.com for an update.

Please note that **if we have to cancel, we will refund every penny you have sent us.** Also, the hotel does not require a deposit, and reservations can be cancelled without penalty up until the *day before* your arrival date.

Please check our website — www.sixthmarinedivision.com — for additional updates.

2021 Reunion — Holiday Inn

Fredericksburg Conference Center

20 Sanford Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22406

For reservations call **540-368-8000** and mention code **MD6** to get the special room rate.

Room Rate: \$99 + 10.3% tax

- for singles and doubles
- available 3 nights before and 3 nights after the reunion
- free cancellation up to 6:00 pm the night before

This rate is only available by phone with code MD6 if reserved by August 14. (*Cheaper rates may be available online, but they come with more restrictions.*)

Amenities

- newly renovated
- refrigerator, microwave, Keurig coffeemaker, and smart TV in every room
- free parking
- free high-speed internet
- heated indoor pool & fitness center

Dining Options:

- Toast to Toast Sports Bar and Restaurant — a fast casual, counter service restaurant concept only at Holiday Inn. The menu features a delicious selection of small bites, bowls, and big bites along with local beer drafts and local wines. You'll also find fresh grab-and-go meals to enjoy in your room, as well as premium coffees and espresso. Serves breakfast and dinner. Daily happy hour 5:00-7:00.

Note: \$5 breakfast vouchers will be provided to Sixth Division Marines and their wives/significant others and widows.

- A dozen nearby restaurants (most just a 5-minute walk) including Panera, IHOP, Subway, and Dunkin'
- Drive or take a cab, Uber, or Lyft to historic downtown Fredericksburg where you'll find highly-rated restaurants including Brock's Riverside Grill, Capital Ale House, Castiglia's, and Ristorante Renato.



king room at the Holiday Inn Fredericksburg Conference Center

Transportation Options

- right off route I-95, minutes from historic downtown Fredericksburg
- Reagan National Airport — 49 miles
- Washington Dulles Airport — 56 miles
- Richmond Int'l Airport — 67 miles
- Fredericksburg Rail Station — 5 miles

Due to the distance, the hotel does not have an airport shuttle and we are unable to provide airport transportation, except for Sixth Division veterans and widows — see page 6. We suggest taking a taxi, Uber, or Lyft. A taxi from Reagan to Fredericksburg normally runs about \$110 in normal traffic. Uber or Lyft could be as low as \$65-80 unless surge pricing is in effect. Taxis, Ubers and Lyfts from the Dulles and Richmond airports will cost more due to the additional miles.

Reservation Deadline

You must make hotel reservations and return your registration form by **Saturday, August 14**

Questions???

Call or email Sharon Woodhouse:
phone: (503) 799-4455
email: sjawoodhouse@gmail.com

2021 Reunion — Schedule

cost per person

Registration	Please register in the Hospitality Room after you arrive. Someone will normally be there to register you from 10:00 am until the evening each day, except during field trips.	\$25.00*
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Breakfast will be available in the hotel restaurant each morning, and \$5 vouchers will be provided to Sixth Division Marines and their wives/significant others and widows.

Tuesday, September 14

3:00 pm-10:00 pm	Sixth Marine Division Hospitality Room	
6:00 pm-8:00 pm	Meet and Greet Reception at the Hotel with Hors D'oeuvres and Presentation by Laura Lacey about the Sixth Marine Division	\$15.00

Wednesday, September 15

8:00 am-10:00 pm	Sixth Marine Division Hospitality Room	
2:00 pm-5:00 pm	Trolley Tour of Fredericksburg	\$27.00
8:00 pm-9:30 pm	Executive Board Meeting	

Thursday, September 16

8:00 am-10:00 pm	Sixth Marine Division Hospitality Room	
9:00 am-3:00 pm	National Museum of the Marine Corps by Bus (lunch on your own at the museum)	\$20.00
7:00 pm	Local Choir Concert	no charge

Friday, September 17

8:00 am-7:00 pm	Sixth Marine Division Hospitality Room	
1:00 pm	Docents Present Exhibits from the Marine Corps Museum	no charge
7:00 pm-10:00 pm	Annual Meeting and Auction at the Hotel	no charge

Saturday, September 18

8:00 am-6:00 pm	Sixth Marine Division Hospitality Room	
10:00 am	Memorial Service at the Hotel	
11:00 am-12:00 pm	Zoom Call (see page 11)	
6:00 pm-7:00 pm	Reception at the Hotel with Open Bar	
7:00 pm-10:00 pm	Dinner Banquet — Virginia Comfort Buffet — at the Hotel (dinner, guest speaker, and officer installation)	\$49.00*

***Hospitality Room Registration and Dinner Banquet are FREE for Sixth Division Marines and their wives/significant others and widows.**

2021 Reunion — Registration Form (p 1)

Please complete **both sides** of this form and send it with
a check made payable to 6th Marine Division Assn.
to Sharon Woodhouse at the address on the reverse side
by August 14.

Name _____ Spouse/Guest Name _____

If Lineal Descendant, of whom _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone (____) _____ Cell phone (____) _____ Email _____

Company _____ Battalion _____ Regiment _____

Check all that apply to you:

Attending my 1st Reunion I will NOT be staying at the Holiday Inn

Use cane or walker Use wheelchair Use motorized wheelchair

Will take wheelchair on field trips

Special dietary needs: (please specify) _____

Other special needs: (please specify) _____

Will bring auction item Willing to help as needed

YOUR TRAVEL PLANS

Will be arriving in Fredericksburg by _____ on _____
(Mode of Transportation) (Arrival Date)

**For Sixth Division Marines and their wives/significant others and widows who are flying
with no younger family members to assist you:**

Do you want us to pick you up at the airport? _____

Please provide your airline, flight # and arrival date and time:

Please provide your airline, flight # and departure date and time for your flight home:

Cell phone # while traveling: (_____) _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO

Contact Name: _____

Relationship to you: _____ Phone: _____

Please complete the reverse side

2021 Reunion — Registration Form (p 2)

Registration Sixth Division Marines and their wives/significant others and widows -- FREE # ____ (for planning)
 All others -- \$25 per person # attending ____ x \$25 = \$ _____

Tuesday, September 14

6:00 pm-8:00 pm **Meet and Greet Reception** # attending ____ x \$15 = \$ _____
 (including hors d'oeuvres and presentation)

Wednesday, September 15

2:00 pm-5:00 pm **Trolley Tour of Fredericksburg** # attending ____ x \$27 = \$ _____

Thursday, September 16

9:00 am-3:00 pm **National Museum of the Marine Corps by bus** # attending ____ x \$20 = \$ _____
 7:00 pm **Local Choir Concert** # attending ____ (for planning)

Friday, September 17

1:00 pm **Marine Corps Museum Docent Presentation** # attending ____ (for planning)
 7:00 pm-10:00 pm **Annual Meeting and Auction** # attending ____ (for planning)

Saturday, September 18

10:00 am **Memorial Service** # attending ____ (for planning)
 6:00 pm-10:00 pm **Reception and Dinner Banquet (buffet)** # attending ____ x \$49* = \$ _____
**Note: dinner is free for Sixth Division Marines and their wives/significant others and widows*

Total due for all events.....\$ _____

Make check payable to: 6th Marine Division Assn.

Please mail completed form with your check by August 14 to:

Sharon Woodhouse
 12598 SW Dickson Street
 Tigard, OR 97224

Questions? Contact Sharon Woodhouse -- sjawoodhouse@gmail.com or (503) 799-4455

Reunion by Zoom! 11:00 am EDT, September 18

Can't Attend the Reunion? Be There Via Zoom!

We're guessing you're tired of Zoom calls by now. But here's one we think you'll enjoy. Assuming we get enough interest, we'll set up a Zoom call to connect people who can't make it to the reunion with those who are there.

It will be right after the Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Saturday, September 18. We'll gather as many people as we can at the Holiday

Inn and get them on camera. You'll click a link on your phone or PC and be connected with the group via Zoom.

Paul Kirst has graciously volunteered to set up and moderate the call.

If you want to participate, please send your e-mail address to Carroll McGowan — chm1423@aol.com — by August 14.

When we get closer to the meeting, Paul will send you a link to

access the Zoom call. Then at 11:00 EDT on the 18th, you'll click the link and Paul will let you into the call.

If you haven't done Zoom before, it's easy. We'll send you the instructions for installing Zoom on your PC or phone.

If you have any questions, please contact Carroll at 412-341-9219 or chm1423@aol.com.

Hope to see you on Zoom, if not in person!

Chaplain's Report



I would like to share a story from my time in Okinawa.

It was May 15, 1945. Our platoon, composed

of three rifle squads and a machine gun squad, was located at the base of Horseshoe Hill, which was to the left of Sugar Loaf. We were there to support "C" company as they fought their way to the top of Sugar Loaf. At this point, there were only 15 Marines left in Charlie Company able to fight.

We had been in this position for at least a couple of hours trying to take out the Japanese Nambu machine guns. After studying the scene on Sugar Loaf Hill, my foxhole buddy John Wells said to me, "I think I know what is going on. When our guys start up

Sugar Loaf, the Nambu comes to life with its rapid rate of fire, and it stops our guys from taking the hill. When the Nambu stops, our guys can advance a bit."

John continued, "You see all those huge boulders over there? They're using the rocks for cover. There are some spaces between the boulders where I can see a Jap running horizontal and up the hill. Then I see him running back the same path, and shortly afterwards the Nambu comes to life and starts firing again. I think he is their ammunition runner getting more ammo for the Nambu."

I looked, and John was right about the repeated path this Jap was taking and the sounds of the Nambu. I figured the

openings in the boulders were 400 yards away, and I aimed in that direction. When the runner passed the first opening, I fired. My shot hit him as he came to the second opening. I knew it was the ammo runner, because after that shot the Nambu was quiet and our men were finally able to advance and take Sugar Loaf Hill.

Your friendly Chaplain,
Harry McKnight



Harry McKnight and John Wells in 2016



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TAPS

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

Clemente, Joseph Jr.	6th Mar-HQ-Wire	08/25/20
Falch, Wayne Dale	6th Marine Division	01/03/80
Kinchen, James Aloysius	6th Marine Division	07/22/89
Hudson, Benjamin F. Jr.	6th Pioneer Bn-B	03/08/08
May, James H. Sr.	22nd Mar-2-F	03/24/21
Orfei, Frank	29th Mar-2-E (Mg Plt)	01/12/21
Sakowicz, William	1st Dog Platoon	02/19/19
Soifer, Claire	wife of Oscar Soifer	12/11/20

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Please report deaths as soon as possible to:
Patty Payne
Membership Chair
(410) 978-2979

AND
Harry McKnight
Chaplain
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barbandht6321@aol.com

James H. May Sr.



James H. May passed away on March 24, one day shy of his 99th birthday. Olena May wrote the following tribute to her father-in-law, which typifies the character and spirit of Sixth Division Marines.

James H May Sr.
“Of all his accomplishments and joys in life, there was nothing compared to the love he had for our country and for the United States Marine Corps, in which he served with the 6th Division from 1944-1946. Although it took up only three of his 99 years here on earth, it molded him and made him into the wonderful man that he was. He is now reunited with the love of his life, his wife Joan, and all his Marine buddies. The funeral service, with full military honors, was exactly what this Marine deserved. It was beautiful.”

Thank you, Olena, for reminding us why we honor these men and why they should never be forgotten. May your father-in-law rest in peace.

Gregg Woodhouse



Gregg & Sharon Woodhouse

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Gregg Woodhouse, husband of Sixth Marine Division Association Treasurer Sharon Woodhouse, on April 25. Although Gregg suffered from Alzheimer’s disease the past few years, it did not put a dent in his warmth and friendliness. Gregg and Sharon arrived early to our reunions to help set up the hospitality suite, and once guests began arriving, Gregg welcomed them with a hug and a smile. In 2012, their family, including daughter Tiffany and Sharon’s late father Ozzie Aasland (15th Mar-3-H&S), hosted a wonderful reunion in Portland, OR.

Gregg was as devoted to the Sixth Marine Division as any lineal descendent. We thank Gregg for his many contributions to the Association, and we extend our sincere sympathy to Sharon, Tiffany, and the rest of their loving family.

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The First 49 Reunions

- 1971 Atlantic City, NJ
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- 1973 Washington, DC
- 1974 Boston, MA
- 1975 Poconos, PA
- 1976 San Diego, CA
- 1977 Memphis, TN
- 1978 Virginia Beach, VA
- 1979 Orlando, FL



1973 Washington D.C.

back — Harry Simes, Sam Saggiotes, Frank Greene, Bill Twigger, Mike Senko, Wayne Snyder, Jack Cray
middle — Vic DiMartino, Tony Mangano, Dominic Fioriti, Warren Wanamaker
front — unknown, Ed Tomaiolo, Bill McCann



1977 Memphis

Mark Pollock, Augustine LePore, Frank Greene, Ed Tomaiolo, Warren Wanamaker, General Lemuel Shepherd, Homer Williams, Bill Humphrey, Tony Mangano

- 1980 Arlington, VA
- 1981 New Orleans, LA
- 1982 San Francisco, CA
- 1983 Cherry Hill, NJ
- 1984 St. Louis, MO
- 1985 Clearwater, FL
- 1986 Albany, NY
- 1987 Lafayette, LA
- 1988 Tucson, AZ
- 1989 Denver, CO



1997
Kentucky

Frank McCormick, Warren Wanamaker, Bill Twigger, Harry Simes, Dick Whitaker, Neal McCallum, Wayne Snyder, Stan Holtzapple, Bob Sherer



2006 Harrisburg

back — Jack Walker, Bill Twigger, Wally York, Jack Rice, Bill Sanner, Neal McCallum, Delmer Asbury, Don Peterson, Henry Kemp, Dick Whitaker
front — Ken Wells, Charlie Stringham, Howard Terry, Pete Howell, Bob Sherer, George Schadt

- 1990 Milwaukee, WI
- 1991 San Antonio, TX
- 1992 Pigeon Forge, TN
- 1993 Minneapolis, MN
- 1994 Albuquerque, NM
- 1995 Salt Lake City, UT
- 1996 Schaumburg, IL
- 1997 Covington, KY
- 1998 Portland, OR
- 1999 Buffalo, NY

Thanks to Nancy Twigger for giving us her late father Bill Twigger's reunion photos. And thanks to Bill for labeling them!

The First 49 Reunions



**2015
Columbus**

foxhole buddies Neal McCallum & Paul Justice



**2019
Philadelphia**

Leonard Turner at Christ Church

- 2000 Rapid City, SD
- 2001 St Louis, MO
- 2002 Las Vegas, NV
- 2003 St Petersburg, FL
- 2004 Nashville, TN
- 2005 Las Vegas, NV
- 2006 Harrisburg, PA
- 2007 Norfolk, VA
- 2008 Oklahoma City, OK
- 2009 Myrtle Beach, SC

- 2010 Las Vegas, NV
- 2011 Cleveland, OH
- 2012 Portland, OR
- 2013 Quantico, VA
- 2014 Quantico, VA
- 2015 Columbus, OH
- 2016 Norman, OK
- 2017 Scottsdale, AZ
- 2018 Baltimore, MD
- 2019 Philadelphia, PA



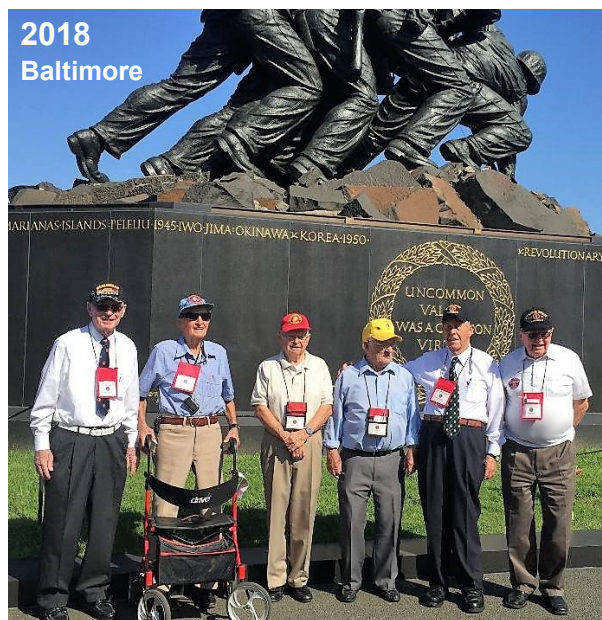
2009 Myrtle Beach

Anita & Melinda Benedetti, Joan & Rick Willauer, Mary & Parker Brauer



2013 Quantico

Fred Abbott & Dave Mears at Sixth Division Monument



**2018
Baltimore**

Harry McKnight, DC Rigby, Herbert Kinney, Paul Judd, Neal McCallum & Bill Most at Iwo Jima Monument



2010 Las Vegas

back — Bill Twigger, Dick Whitaker, Ray Welch, Bill Sanner, Henry Kemp, Jack Stewart
front — John Senterfitt, Ken Wells, Neal McCallum, Jack Rice, Joe Singleton

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Reunion Banners, Pacific Map, Flags, and Bell Need a Home



What do we do with the banners, the map of the Pacific, the division and regimental flags, and the bell from the Memorial Service now that our reunions are coming to an end? We've thought about donating them to a museum, but so far none are interested. (They prefer items from the war, not post-war.) We've thought about auctioning them off to raise funds — at the reunion? on eBay? We're just not sure, and we could use your help.

If you have any ideas, please contact one of us:

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