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### 2 of Our Best Have Left Us Too Soon

We expect it. We know it's coming. Still, it's always a surprise. Rev. Frank Mack was to be our president next year. We had it all worked out. Then he died Dec. 20, 2008, not long after the Reunion in Oklahoma City, where his voice was again heard giving the invocation and calling the role of the dead. **(He is shown left below at the World War II Memorial Dedication. Edward "Buzzy" Fox is at right.)**

Franks's presence had been felt long before. *cont. pg 6 and 7*

### Reunion 2009 Oct. 26 – Nov. 1

#### *IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN...*

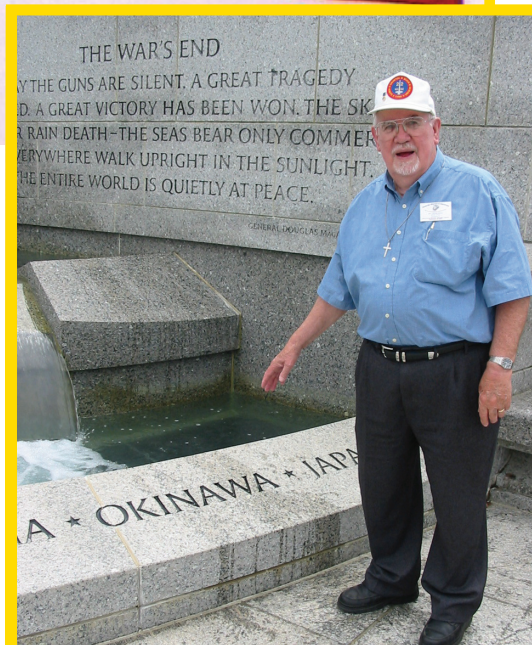
For another great 6<sup>th</sup> Marine Division Association Reunion...

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## President's Message

A good Marine from the 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment has been found to fill the big shoes of retired treasurer Joe McConville. Harold Williams took over the task and has already grasped the reins. He is carefully looking after our approximately \$90,000. That includes the profit from the Oklahoma Reunion.

I understand that Joe's last report is included in this edition of the Striking Sixth. Harold has authored an initial report. There's also the reunion report. We're loaded with money talk.

That makes sense. It's time to talk money. Some guys say, we've got all that money, "Let's blow it." I was there at the St. Louis Reunion when we found out we were broke. I was around when we hustled our way back to financial stability, so I say, "Let's be careful."

If we're going to keep having reunions, some will be money losers. If we keep having reunions, we will continue to need the newsletter and someone to keep track of the members. We may need them anyway if we help out small regional groups. The money we have will go fast if we elect to keep functioning. That will be for the membership to decide.

Back to Harold. We're lucky to have him; he's been keeping track of the

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22<sup>nd</sup>'s finances for 11 years. He ought to know how to do it by now. He was a BAR man on Okinawa, but later he switched to agricultural research after getting his degree from Ohio State. He did that for 21 years.

We're in good hands financially.

## Solution Is on Tap For Legal Change

The lawyers may have found a way to solve the legal tangle facing the Association as it tries to bring lineal descendants in as full members with all rights. Sam Petriello, our advocate general, reports that he is in touch with attorneys who believe the easiest way is to change from a veterans' organization to a standard nonprofit.

Nothing has been settled yet. It's up the membership. The change itself will be a matter of form, affecting only our legal relationship with the government. Sam wants Sixth Division Marines and lineal descendants to know what is going on even though it will take more time before all avenues have been explored. He expects to have more information by the time of the Reunion in October.

Striking Sixth



## Corpsmen's Corner By Jack Rice

Looking ahead I see a bright event in store for the Corpsmen. We will be meeting in one of the prime convention centers of the country: Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. For many years this was a site I visited with friends for a week of golf during the Spring. For those of you who have never been there, you are in for a surprise.

It is expected that we will have a large contingent of our group since many have indicated they're bringing other family members. I may have as many as five additional guests with me. For all of us it will be an opportunity to meet our fellow corpsmen, our favored Marines and their spouses and many of their children. Harvey Anderson holds the record for most attendees. Can his family be beaten? This is a challenge.

Speaking of the Anderson family, they made a great contribution to our Oklahoma City meeting by supplying our hospitality room, The Sick Bay, with many goodies and some great entertainment. Harvey's daughter, Peggy O'Herin, is due special thanks for her leadership.

There will be a SICK BAY hospitality room in Myrtle Beach. This will be accomplished by donations made to our unit. Most of these donations are attributable to the late Frank Mack. More later.

Many of you may be unaware of the email addresses in the Sixth Marine Division web site, You may check this out at [www.sixmarinedivision.com/email/htm](http://www.sixmarinedivision.com/email/htm). Make any necessary corrections or add your address for benefit of all.

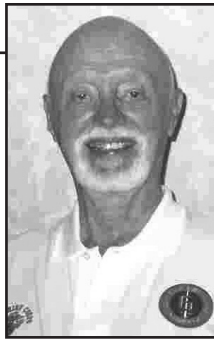
We have been hit pretty hard in the past two years with loss of a number of our Corpsmen. Among these were Frank McCormick, Don Brining, Carl Sproatt, Wally

McNeil, and Charlie Gail. There are probably more whom we do not know of. Sadly we add to this list our own Frank Mack. One cannot put in words the grandeur and eloquence of this wonderful man. He had an impeccable record as a Marine Corpsman and an even greater record as Chaplain of our Division Association.

It was a great honor for me to work closely with him in planning activities. The sacrifices he made on behalf of the Division were over and above the call of duty. He loved each and everyone of us and suffered as we may have suffered. He called or called on the sick. He wrote wonderful letters to the sick and bereaved. He was and continues to be a great inspiration.

One of his final acts was to ask Nancy to announce in his obituary the notice that donations could be made on his behalf to the Sixth Marine Division Corpsmen's group. His wish was for us to have the funds necessary to carry on our traditions at the Reunions, have a hospitality room and keep our group intact. The responses to his wishes were overwhelming. In Myrtle Beach we will have the privilege of paying our final respects to Frank and we must do so in a proper manner.

Frank and I once shared the quotation which will close this column. "Death, in its silent, sure march is fast gathering those who I have longest loved, so that when he shall knock at my door, I will more willingly follow." Robert E. Lee, 1869



*Jack Rice*

**Another Corpsman has left us.** William A. Bennett Jr. died Dec. 27, 2008. He was 86 and had lived in Greensboro, NC since 2000, where he served with the Marine Corps League. Bill joined the navy in 1942 and served with the fleet before joining the Sixth Marine Division. His death was reported by Charles G. Monnett, Jr. 6<sup>th</sup> Division.

## A Note From the Auxiliary President:

Hi Again, I hope all had a great holiday season. I attended the POW' function and spent the holidays with my family. I really enjoyed the great grandchildren. Boy! How they grow.

I was very sad to hear our beloved Chaplin Mack has left us. "But since a cure was not to be "God put his arms around him and said" come with me." He will always be in our prayers and hearts. Nancy, our thoughts are with you and family. Rev. Mack's presence will be greatly missed at all future reunions.

This year the reunion will be later Oct. 26-Nov. 1.

I just received word that a dear friend and 6<sup>th</sup> Association member, Donald E. Brining passed away on December 26<sup>th</sup>. Don was a loyal member and attended the reunions faithfully for many years. God Bless you Don. Marguerite, you are one of us. We are praying for you. Your smiles and laughter will always be remembered along with the joy you both brought to each of us

We have so much to do and no time as the days get shorter each year. Thank You for the cards and notes. Stay well and Semper Fi, Marion



*Marion Bangert*

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**2009 Annual Reunion – Tuesday October 26 – Sunday November 1**  
**Beach Cove Resort, North Myrtle Beach, SC**

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Monday	9 am – 4 pm	<u>early arrivals...</u> enjoy all the amenities of the resort.	
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b> 10-27-09	noon - 5 pm	Registration open Member (spouse free).....	\$ <u>25.00</u>
		<b>Guests (Nos: _____ @ \$25.00 each.....</b>	\$ _____
	Noon	Hospitality Room open	
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b> 10-28-09	7 am	Hospitality Room open	
	10 am – 5 pm	Registration open	
	4:30 pm	Depart to <b>Dixie Stampede</b> (\$49.00/person X's # _____)	\$ _____
<b><u>Thursday</u></b> 10-29-09	7 am	Hospitality Room open	
	10 am – 5 pm	Registration open	
	4:30 pm	Depart to <b>Irish Tenor Show</b> (\$34.00/person X's # _____)	\$ _____
		Dinner on your own	
<b><u>Friday</u></b> 10-30-09	7 am	Hospitality Room open	
	10 am – 5 pm	Registration open	
	11:30 am	<b>Ladies Luncheon</b> (\$20.00/per person X's # _____)	\$ _____
	12:30 pm	Executive Board Meeting	
	7 pm	<b>Steve and Alyce Show</b> (\$10.00/person X's # _____)	\$ _____
<b><u>Saturday</u></b> 10-31-09	7 am	Hospitality Room open	
	9 am – 12 pm	<b>Memorial Service</b> followed after a 30 minute break, by the <b>Men's General Meeting.</b>	
	5:30 pm	Cash Bar – Dinner – Installation of Officers	
<b><u>Please select choice &amp; No:</u> Beef _____ Chicken _____ Fish _____ (\$35.00/per person X's #) _____ \$ _____</b>			
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	11 am	<i>Check out... see you next year!!!</i>	

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**October 26 – November 1, 2009**

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Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. **Send in your reservations early to assure availability!** Hotel check-in is 4:00pm - check-out is 11:00am. Confirmation will be provided by the ***Beach Cove Resort.***



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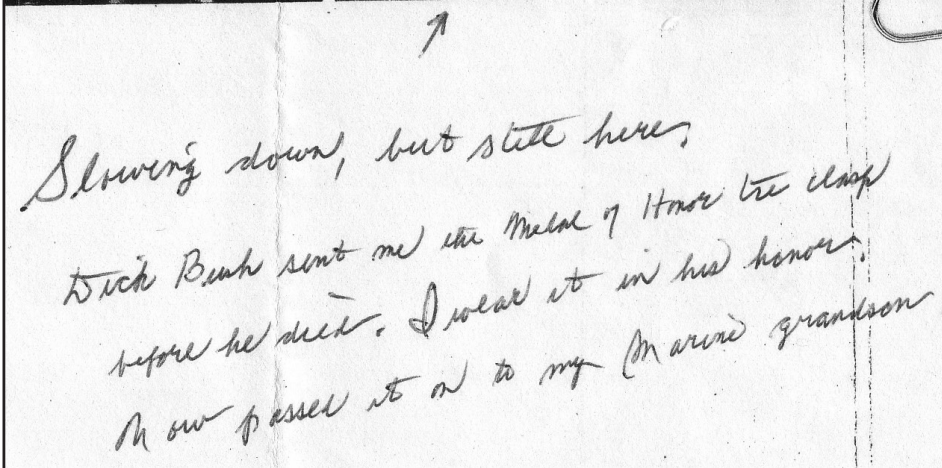
He worked hard for the Division as a Corpsman and the Association as Chaplain. He earned two stars on his Asiatic Pacific ribbon, and like so many of his fellow Sixth Division Marines, a Purple Heart. For 11 years, he served as chaplain for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Marines Assn. Then he replaced Claud Wilkins as Division Assn. chaplain to do double duty.

He was born in 1926 and is survived by his wife Nancy, who has said, "He thought the Marines were part of his family."

He was needed. He will be missed.

Buzzy Fox, who died Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> of this year and was born in 1924, had not been active for some time due to health reasons, but he was very active once, serving as our 12<sup>th</sup> president and being instrumental in developing the Garden of Remembrance Memorial on Okinawa. He was elected president a second time late in life but declined to serve.

Buzzy also was a member of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Marines. He was a machine gunner with



**Buzzy Fox**

G Co. He was an all state basketball player and later coach of all state teams in New Jersey, but his greatest claim to fame was as a starter on the best basketball team (he claimed) in China during the year 1945. That team was fielded by the 22<sup>nd</sup> Marines.

Buzzy and his wife Margaret were married for 64 years. They had six children. He, too, will remain in our thoughts.

**Ed's Note:** The photo on this page of Frank Mack, was taken in 1945. Thanks to Nancy's son, Mark Barnhouse, for both pictures of his stepfather. Buzzy Fox's photo breaks the rules. He would send them on plain paper, and they weren't used because of the poor quality. His comments often weren't used, either, because they weren't legible. This time, we'll forget the rules.



**Frank Mack, in 1945**

# Rev. Frank Mack's Obituary

The Rev. Frank J. Mack, 82, of Keithsburg, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008, at the Mercer County Hospital, Aledo. Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, at the First Christian Church in Keithsburg. Burial is at Greenmound Cemetery where graveside military services will be conducted by Mercer County VFW Post 1571. Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at the First Christian Church in Keithsburg, where memorials may be left to the Sixth Marine Division Corpsman Fund.

He was born Feb. 12, 1926, in Matherville, a son of Frank and Margaret Engstrom Mack. He graduated from Viola High School in 1943.

During World War II, he served with the U.S. Navy Corpsman attached to the Marine Corps from 1943 to 1946. He was awarded the following World War II decorations: Military Order of the Purple Heart, Navy Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with two bronze battle stars, and a World War II Victory Medal.

Frank was employed at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Rock Island for 35 years, retiring in 1981. On Sept. 10, 1994, he was united in marriage to Nancy Bull Barnhouse in El Paso, Ill.

Frank began his career in the ministry in 1982, serving as associate minister at the Disciples of Christ Memorial Christian Church in Rock Island. From 1986 to 1990 he served as pastor for the First Christian Church in Keithsburg. For many years Frank was the chaplain for the 22nd Marine Regiment and national chaplain to the 6th Marine Division. He was also chaplain to the Quad City Candlelighters for more than 23 years.

From 1952 to 1984 Frank Mack was a member of the board of directors of the Quad City Music Guild and appeared in over 25 musical productions. He was known for his beautiful singing voice having sung for over 1,000 weddings and funerals. Frank was also a guest soloist at the graduation exercises of the Moline Hospital School of Nursing for 20 consecutive years between 1960 and 1980. He was raised in the Catholic Church and was a charter member of St. Pious X Catholic Church in Rock Island, where he served for many years as song leader.

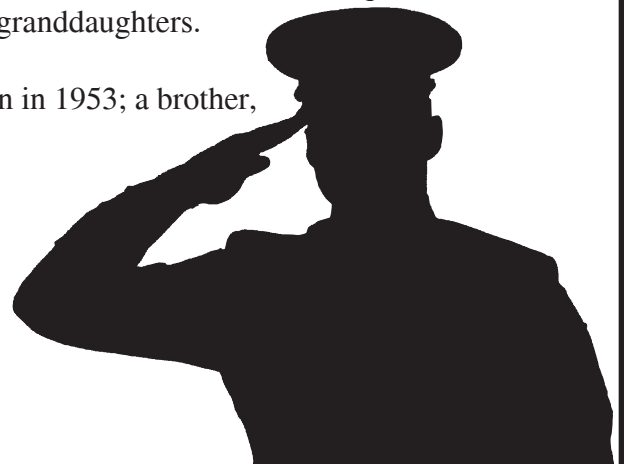
His lifetime memberships included Rock Island VFW Post 1303, American Legion Fallerans Post 121 in Aledo, and Matherville Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie lodge No. 2019 where he served as past president. Other memberships included the Robert Burns Masonic Lodge No. 113 in Keithsburg, Moline Consistory, Scottish Rite Consistory in Moline, Mohammed Shrine Peoria, Horseshoe Bend Scottish Rite Club where he served as past president and Rock Island Rotary Club where he was honored with the Paul Harris Fellowship Award in 1980.

Frank served a two-year term as 1st ward alderman for the city of Keithsburg from 1987-1989, was a board member for both the Rock Island and Mercer County Youth Guidance Councils and served as Cluster Dean of the Illinois College of Professional Ministries in Illinois and Wisconsin. He also had been serving as an elder and as vice chairman of the church board at the Keithsburg Christian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; three daughters, Barbara (Charles) O'Grady, Venice, Fla., Dr. Susan (Dennis) Carr, Chester, Ill., and Kathleen (Michael) Stodola, Johnston, Iowa; three stepsons, Michael (Robin) Barnhouse, Joy, Matthew (Heather) Barnhouse, Monument, Colo., and Mark Barnhouse, Oquawka, Ill.; four grandsons; one granddaughter; five stepgrandsons; and five stepgranddaughters.

Preceding Frank in death were his parents; an infant son, Stephen in 1953; a brother, Raymond Mack in 1974; and a son, James F. Mack in 2008.

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The resort offers unparalleled fun for everyone and a “post card picture” view of the Ocean is everywhere. 3 pools, a 350’ lazy river ride, and 3 whirlpools. Tradewinds Café. Also for your relaxation there is Breezes Pool Bar, Chasers Eatery, Javatini’s Coffee/Martini and Piano Bar, Luigi’s Pizza Express, gift shop and market.

The Beach Cove Resort is conveniently located in North Myrtle Beach across from Barefoot Landing with numerous shops and restaurants.

You can also search for bargains in one of the many shopping malls and outlet stores. Make a reservation for the new Dixie Stampede show with a tasty dinner and / or The Magical Spirit of Ireland featuring the Incredible Irish Tenors (space is very limited). There are also many other areas of interest you can explore on your own.

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Join us for a memorable evening at Dolly Parton’s “new” Dixie Stampede. At the Dixie Stampede, you will experience a special Carriage Room Opening Act, the thrilling main show in our beautiful arena and a mouth watering four-course dinner complete with a delicious dessert. **\$49.00 per person includes show, dinner, gratuity, tax and transportation.**



The Magical Spirit of Ireland combines the sensational talents of the world renowned Spirit of the Dance performers with the Incredible Irish Tenors for a captivating look at Ireland’s culture, and more, through both song and dance. Throughout the 90-minute journey, you’ll be treated to a performance that covers traditional Irish folk songs, popular pop hits from the Green Isle, and even a few Broadway-styled numbers for an eclectic performance. Space is limited for this show...a wait list will be taken. **\$34.00 per person includes show, tax and transportation.**

ENJOY an evening with “Steve and Alyce” featuring standards from the 40’s, 50’s and 60’s from swing to disco, as well as Rhythm & Blues, Rock & Roll, Patriotic songs, smooth Jazz instrumentals and Country. They will also include dance music. Jimmy Buffett “Beach Music” is always a hit. This event will be held at the Resort. **\$10.00 per person, for an enjoyable evening of entertainment with a cash bar available.**

## Three Lovely Lady Marine Hosts Wish to Thank Us?

Now that the dust has settled, we want to tell you all what an honor it was for us to plan and host the Reunion here in Oklahoma City last September. We hope that everyone who came enjoyed themselves. We want to thank you for coming, and thank you all for your cooperation and assistance during the weeklong event.

We specifically want to express our gratitude to Ed & Ann Marsalek, Flo Doman, Joe Singleton, Joyce Staerkel and Marion Bangert for their guidance and support from the early planning stages and throughout the entire Reunion. We want to mention how much we appreciated and enjoyed working with the late Rev Frank Mack as well. We also want to thank DC Rigby and Jim White, the other members of our Reunion Committee.

The hospitality room was OUTSTANDING this year due to the hard work and dedication of “The Sisters,” as they are known to everyone,

Connie Houseweart and Gail Shoemaker, along with the Ladies of the Auxiliary and the other Sons & Daughters who volunteered to work shifts. Connie and Gail, daughters of the late Pat Haynes, went above and beyond the call of duty in making sure the drinks were flowing and the snacks were abundant. Thank you so much, ladies, and all of you who worked the hospitality room! We also want to thank Christina Smith, daughter of Bill Sanner, for helping with the music and also for being our photographer. If you haven’t seen her photos yet, they can be found on the internet at [http://www.myspace.com/counselor\\_christina](http://www.myspace.com/counselor_christina) and click on **Photos** and **Videos** under her name.

Another group that we must profusely thank is the Willauer Family. Joan’s family came to Oklahoma City thinking they were going to relax and enjoy the Reunion with their Mother, but as soon as they got here, we put them all to work! From airport runs, registration desks, errands, decorating, stuffing ditty bags, passing out your

donated door prizes, anything that was needed, they did. They also donated cash and supplies to help ensure a first class event for everyone. So, thank you, Mary, Susie, Parker, David, Ed, Ryan, Zach and Bridget, and most especially to Rick and Dee, who worked from the start of the Reunion to the finish with hardly any time to themselves. We could not have done this without all of you! (By the way, if anyone took a photo of Joan’s family at the Banquet, she would love to have a copy. Thanks!)

It also took a lot of cooperation from some fantastic people here in Oklahoma that we would like to mention. First, our Marine Family—OK Marine Corps Coordinating Council; Heartland Chapter, Women Marines Assoc; Sooner Detachment, Marine Corps League; Maj Denny Weber & his MCJROTC, U S Grant HS; and especially Sgt Grit for his Open House and the special items he made for the 6<sup>th</sup> Division. Also, our active duty units — Recruiting Station OKC; I & I and Fox Battery OKC; *cont. pg 15*

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Laura Lacey

## Historian's Corner By Laura Lacey

People from all over our nation and the world appear there, including many of you who have had the opportunity to visit the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, Virginia. In less than two years, the museum has had over a million visitors, is recognized as one of the top destinations in Virginia and 75 percent of the

visitors are from somewhere outside of Virginia. According to surveys, it is an outstanding success.

However, some members of the Sixth have expressed disappointment that the Sixth Marine Division was not represented as they would have wished. I concur, and while conveying your concerns to members of the Heritage Foundation and museum staff I have been assured by senior museum officials that with the development of the next phase and the restructuring of the current section there will be more about the involvement of the Sixth Marine Division—the story is not finished and there is more to be written.

The second phase of the museum is underway and on schedule; it is expected to open in the spring of 2010. An additional 80,000 square feet will be added to include classrooms, galleries, and display-storage for artifacts not currently assessable to visitors. The second phase will focus on 1775 to World War I, and the existing section will be expanded. Museum Director, Lin Ezell, explains, "Our visitors tell us that they have an interest in American history. These next three galleries will help us go back in time to the roots of America and the Marine Corps." Not only will existing spaces be reconfigured to include displays for which there was not room, to include a film of the Sixth on Okinawa and a piece on General James Day, but a new section highlighting stellar Marines will be integrated into phase two and three of the museum. Also, with the funding provided by the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation and its supporters, the adjacent Semper Fidelis Memorial Park will continue to expand.

Trails and overlooks are already lined with 10,000 commemorative bricks and another 2,000 are reserved for new trail segments. Memorial benches and monuments will be installed in the next phase of development, along with the construction of a new chapel. The nondenominational chapel will be a quiet, contemplative space where

visitors can remember the sacrifices of Marines. Designed by Fentress Architects, the structure will evoke images and memories of improvised field chapels familiar to combat Marines.

Visitors to the National Museum of the Marine Corps cannot help but be awed. Not only is the museum beautiful and filled with interactive displays that come close to capturing combat and men who fight, but the museum also exemplifies the mythos of what it means to be a Marine. It is continually filled with tourists who until that moment "had no idea," it's filled with young lieutenants and PFCs beginning to understand who they are, it is filled with veterans who meet and smile and pass each other knowing that they share this place and what it means and it is filled with youngsters in boy scout uniforms or trousers that are a bit too droopy; you see in their eyes the spark that lets you know they may one day join the glorious band of brothers—the Marines.

Laura Lacey, Semper Fi

### Laura Lacey Wins Teacher of Year

BY JEFF BRANSCOME

(Ed's Note: The following is an abridged version of an article in the Fredericksburg, VA Free Lance Star)

Brooke Point High School social studies teacher Laura Lacey puts her students in the trenches. Sort of.

She has her class turn their desks upside down and place them in two rows facing one another. Lacey refers to the space between the desks, or trenches, as "no man's land." The students crouch behind the desks—which represent barbed wire—as Lacey reads excerpts from the World War I book "All Quiet on the Western Front."

She reads about rats in the trenches and throws stuffed animals at the students. Students then put on surgical masks as she describes the effect of mustard gas.

"I'm off the wall," she said. "I want my kids to know that history happened to people just like them." Lacey was recently named Stafford County's Teacher of the Year because of her enthusiasm and unconventional teaching style. She's not one to limit herself to Standards of Learning test talking points.

"It's not about learning SOL facts—that's trivial pursuit," she said. "I want history to always be very real. Then it makes sense to them." In addition to teaching history, Lacey took over Learn and Serve in 2004. She says the program isn't volunteerism but "service learning." Last academic year, she said, 36 students in the school's two Learn and Serve classes completed about 4,700 hours of community service.

She said her favorite activity is "Reading Rally," in which students act out a Dr. Seuss book for kids in honor of the author's birthday. This year, her students split up into four buses for "Reading Rally," with each bus dropping by at least five places. Their stops included 15 of Stafford's elementary schools.

A narrator read "The Lorax" as students entertained children on a homemade set. Teens prepare for the event by creating bus routes and meeting with each host school's reading specialist.

Lacey holds a master's degree in history from the University of Texas at Arlington and has published a book titled "Stay Off the Skyline: The Sixth Marine Division on Okinawa."

Dear Mr. Watson Crumbie: Thank you for your letters to General Christmas, which he shared with us. Yes, you are absolutely correct that the World War II Gallery as initially opened does not sufficiently interpret the battle for Okinawa.

The original exhibit plan called for the addition of a large audio-visual unit, which portrayed this important battle. Unfortunately, there was insufficient floor space...to incorporate it...As part of a plan to add to two other units in the gallery, we believe that we can...install the exhibit film on Okinawa. We will be preparing our designs for these upgrades and seeking supplementary Federal funding early in 2009.

...Thank you for your interest in preserving Marine Corps history and for your service to this country. Sincerely, Lin Ezell, Director **Ed's Note: This letter has been heavily abridged for reasons of space.**

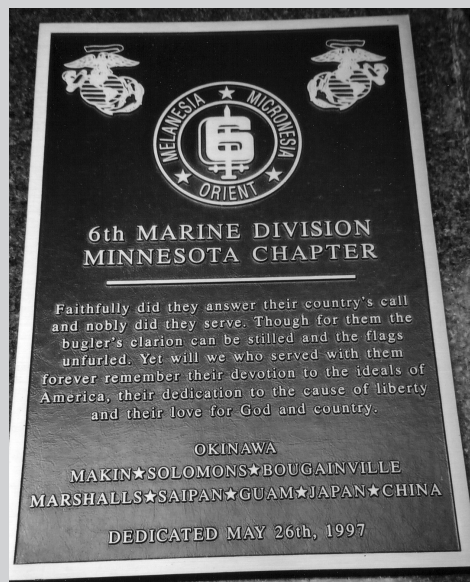
## Mail Call

Dear Joe: I am trying to fill a quota of 60 tickets for the Notre Dame vs. Navy game to be held at Notre Dame on November 6, 2009. These tickets are for WWII Notre Dame alumni who were Marines or Navy, and I don't think I will be able to fill it without some help from 6th Marine Division members who would like to attend. I will appreciate it if you will publish this appeal in the Striking Sixth newsletter. Association members and guests do not have to be alumni. They will need to contact me and buy tickets before Aug. 1. Tickets are \$68.00 each. Travel and accommodations are up to the individual, but I can provide needed advice. You can reach me at (310) 454-4766. We will all sit together and be introduced at the pep rally. The purpose is to honor Marines and sailors who had attended Notre Dame and served in World War II, most of whom are deceased. Some of the honorees are John Lujack, Marine, Class of 1948; Angelo Bertelli, Marine, 1944; Jim Martin, Marine, 1950; Joe Beinor, Marine, 1939; Jack Chevigny, Marine, 1929 (KIA Iwo Jima, former U. of Texas football coach); George Murphy, Marine, 1943 (KIA Okinawa); Ed "Moose Krause, Marine, 1934; Frank Leahy, Navy, 1929; Emil Wroblicky, Marine, 1951; John Vincent Rockne, Marine, 1949 (son of Knute). Thanks and Semper Fidelis, Emil Wroblicky, 3rd Amphibs.

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Dear Joe, How nice of you to contact me. I am so happy you are using some of my photos. My dad was Lloyd Alan Winter. Vince Mathews of St. Paul knew my dad, and attended his funeral. He is the one that showed me the plaque, and I took the picture that day, at Fort Snelling. Vince, also recommended that I read, "Goodbye Darkness", by William Manchester, which I did, and learned of what my dad and fellow Marines experienced--I feel a lump in my throat now, thinking about it. After I read Mr. Manchester's memoir, I wanted very much to meet him, and learned from Vince that he had died. I contacted his daughter, Linda, and received two very kind emails from her. My dad and mom went to all of the reunions, ever since a fellow Marine Veteran, Otis Weeks, tracked down my dad in order

to repay him the money my dad lent him to buy a watch during the war! He told my dad he should come to the upcoming Sixth Division Marine Reunion, and when my dad hung up the phone, he said to my mom: "Pack your bags! We're going to San Diego!". I was very happy to help put together and print the brochure for the reunion held here in Minneapolis in later years, and was honored to be invited to attend. Years later, when I worked for Mesaba Airlines, I was able to fly my parents down to the Nashville Reunion, first class, and free (which was the last reunion my dad was able to attend before he died). I called my mom a little while ago to tell her you are printing a photo, and she is really looking forward to the next newsletter, as am I. We all really miss my dad. He was a lot of fun, really appreciated life. When my dad died, I contacted a very good bluegrass band, Timber Junction, and they actually drove out from the cities and played at my dad's funeral! They refused any sort of payment. They were so honored to play for a Marine Veteran, and played beautifully--I am certain my dad could hear them! Words cannot express my gratitude to you and everyone that has shared their caring, generous hearts with us and other veterans and their families. I, too, am very much looking forward to your next newsletter! Sincerely, Marilee C. Winter Parsons



Minnesota Plaque—This photo was taken by Marilee Winter Parsons. The plaque reminds that some Raiders reportedly are unhappy with memorials that lay claim to battles the 6th did not fight. The

claim, of course, is that units eventually comprising this Division did battle there. Marines of the 22nd could complain when the Marshalls are listed. So far, though, nothing has been heard from them regarding this matter. Nothing has been heard either from various smaller supporting units.

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A short note from Francis Wetzel, HQ-3-22, has been received. His wife Rosemary died after a long illness Jan. 30, 2009. His address is 104 W. Marion Dr., Dothan, AL, phone, (334) 797-3989. He included a poem suitable for children's loss entitled *A Rose for My Mother*. Rosemary's death notice came too late for TAPS this issue, but will be included next time.

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Hi Joe: I'm writing this on behalf of the widow of the late Paulie De Meis, who passed away Oct. 24, '08 and who had a wonderful write up in the Striking Sixth newsletter about his life as a Bazooka Marine and how he, up to the day he passed away, was still very involved with the young Marines at Camp Pendleton. His wife Catherine would like to have a copy of that newsletter and the eulogy Marine Colonel Willy Buhl gave at his Mass. She called me and said she never received that edition. I called his good friend, now president of the association, Andy Sinatra, who said to contact you. Paulie and I both came from Brooklyn. He was in a class by himself—I'm hoping you knew him, too. I was in the Fourth Raiders for over two years. I went overseas in 1942 with the Third Division. Catherine De Meis resides at 1556 Arabian St., Simi Valley, CA 93065-3365, phone, (805) 527-2050. Thank you and Semper Fi, Joe Daloia, 3-1-4, 56423 Patricia Dr., Orlando, FL 32822 **Ed's Note: OK. If Paulie had renewed his subscription, she would have had it a lot sooner.**

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Remembrance of Things Past: Every time I get the most recent newsletter, I am taken back again to all those kids we left on those islands that nobody ever thought or heard of before or since.

**Ed's: Note: This message came in the mail without a return address or any name attached. It was accompanied by**



WHEN I WAS YOUNG AND IN  
THOSE FAR OFF ISLAND KILLING  
TIMES, COMPANIONS LOST TO THE  
ENEMY WERE SOMEHOW EASIER  
TO ACCEPT THEN NOW.  
WHEN HERE, IN THE STEEP  
DOWN HILL OF A LONG AND  
LUCKY LIFE, AS THEIR FACES  
FADE AND THEIR NAMES ARE  
MOSTLY GONE, I MOURN THEM  
EVERY DAY.

AN OLD 22ND MARINE 12/08

the attachment above. Between them, they strike a chord.

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Dear Joe Singleton, First things first: my admiration for your *sixteen*-page *Newsletter*! Few outsiders know better than I - the author of *Tennozan: The Battle of Okinawa and the Atomic Bomb*, a shorter version of which was published in 2001 as *The Battle of Okinawa: The Blood and the Bomb* - how much work and persistence your editing requires. Now straight to my pitch. Okinawa's Ryukyu-America Historical Society, headed by Alex Kishaba, whom many of your members know and respect, is planning a large exhibit to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the battle next year. For that undertaking, Kishaba is seeking Okinawa-related photographs owned by veterans. If you'll permit me to submit an announcement about that in your next issue or issues, it will provide an opportunity for anyone in the possession of such photos to share them with the Okinawan people in general and - because the material will be permanently housed in the Society's archives in Nakagusuku Castle - with future researchers in particular. The Society will acknowledge all contributions. The contributors'

names will be prominently displayed. Anyone unwilling to part with cherished photos can send them to me, and I'll return them after professional scanning. Does that make sense to you? If so, may I write something similar for your pages. With all best wishes, George Feifer - gfeifer9@earthlink.net, 203-263-6495

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Dear Andy: Due to poor communication and little cooperation, as of this date, Jan. 17, 2009, I resign as Service Officer of the 6th Marine Division Assn., Sincerely, Vince Mathews, 6th Amphibs, 230 22nd Ave. South, South St. Paul, MN 55075.

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Dear Joe: My name is A. Robert Mitchell, the A standing for Alfred. I am a

member and have been for some time. I served with C-1-22. I landed April 1 and lasted the entire operation. I have enclosed an article published in the November edition of *Leatherneck*. My reason for submitting it is in hopes of finding out if any of the men written about are still alive. I know that Lt. Jones and Bob McGraw have died. My address is 44 Nightingale Rd., Nashua, NH 03062. Phone, (603) 889-0222; Internet, bobm25@comcast.net. **Ed's Note: The article, too long to use here, depicted an action near Naha where a platoon was almost canceled out, but the enemy paid dearly. The unwounded survivors, who destroyed multiple machine gun positions, were Lt. B.H. Jones, Vic (Goose) Goslin, Bob McGraw, Donald Duncan, Joseph Dubiel and Alfred Mitchell.**

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Flo, do you know of any cd, movies or good books about Okinawa? Enclosed is a newspaper clipping of my meeting with Earl Carnutte. D-29. It was my first contact with anyone who served with the Sixth Division. No one ever contacted me about anything, and I didn't think anybody was left. Walter V. Filipek, C-1-29, Rt. 3, Box 163, Hurricane, WV 25526-9572. (304) 727-4247. **Ed's Note: Both men**

**were wounded on Sugar Loaf. Both received Bronze Stars. Carnutte is from St. Albans, WV.**

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Dear Joe: I am a lifetime member of the Striking Sixth organization and a still-standing participant of the Okinawa Campaign. In the luxury of my now retirement years I have launched a new (dubious) career in fiction writing. I have published one book, completed a second and am well along on the third. It is the third effort, "{Tsingtao: Bond of Honor," that prompts me to contact you in the hope that members of the association can fill me in on Chinese details that have escaped me. Jack Hansgate, PO Box 454, Orchard Park, NY, E-Mail, dbirk@hughes.net. **Ed's Note: This letter was overlooked, the book may be written by now, but I am sure the author would still like to hear from Marines who were there with him. Hal Stephens, F-2-29, has written extensively on Tsingtao and North China. His E-Mail address is booking@inet.co.th.**

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Dear Ms. Lacey, A member of the 6th Marine Division, Mr. Thomas Vincent Rattican, died at his home in Fredericksburg, VA, Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009. Mr. Rattican was my mother's brother and only sibling. Uncle Tommy rarely spoke of his experiences on Okinawa; it was understood that it wasn't proper to ask him about it. A few years ago I read your book, *Stay Off the Skyline*, at his recommendation. He said your book "is pretty close to telling what it was really like." This was high praise coming from a man who scoffed at at most popular depictions of combat. I think Uncle Tommy was one of many combat veterans who struggle to live with a past that cannot be forgotten. I believe that your book provided some sort of solace for him. Thank you.

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Hi MARINES, My dad, John Marz, passed yesterday (April 18, 96 years old). Another Marine to guard the streets. He was a flame-thrower man on Okinawa with the 6th Marine Division. I'm also a Marine (Parris Island, 1962). I plan to attend the reunion at Myrtle Beach, S.C. I want to walk among those he served with. My only regret is that I didn't find you sooner. Thank you! Bob Marz. Semper

## Mail Call

Fi. marz007@optonline.net

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Joe, My father's website is finally online. [www.ralphliberato.com](http://www.ralphliberato.com) I think you will find the USMC section and his WWII stories of interest. I also posted the entire 20 pages of the first edition of *GISMO*. I wanted to pay homage to our WWII veterans, as well as my father. Lynn

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On Dec 3, 2008 at 2:05 PM, <kashatr@aol.com> wrote: Joe, first time on this computer, it's my daughters, anyway. In regard to the picture on page 9 of the summer issue of the Sixth, I believe I am the third Marine sitting down. I was with I Co., 3rd Bn., 22nd. I could be wrong. It could be someone in the photo will recall the event., Semper Fi, Stan Waslasky

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"I fell in mid-July and broke a hip. This probably saved my life---I was found to have a sodium/potassium deficit, which leads to congestive heart failure. After spending three months in a hospital and nursing home, I am back at home again but still weak." Annie Wilkins, widow of former Chaplain Emeritus Claud Wilkins, 3309 Neil St., Bartlett, TN 38134-7646, (901) 386-7646

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Flo, I have enjoyed being an associate of the 6<sup>th</sup> Division Marines. My hope was that I could go to a reunion, but my travel days are over. I have met some K-3

Marines who were with Bob (his brother) when he was KIA on 10/5/45. I am now 81 yrs and a caregiver for my wife (dementia). James J. Larsen, Cmsgt Ret. USAF, 4661 S Kirby St, Gilbert, AZ 85297-8276

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From Website: My father was a Marine in the 6<sup>th</sup> during WWII. I would have reported this sooner but I did not know his division until I went through his papers. Pfc. Pasquale J. Biferie. He died in March of 1999 one week before his 78<sup>th</sup> birthday. He had retired to Deltona, Florida. I would like to know if there is anyone who remembers serving w/him as he was not very vocal about his war time experiences. Chris Biferie, M.S. E-mail: biferiec@pbcc.edu

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Marine (sic): My check for \$50 for subscription fees for the next 5 (five) years. Turned 83 on Jan 5 - I am sure I will use them all. Thanks for the job you are doing. Please send me a few decals. G. Meyer, 190 Audubon Dr, Jacksonville, NC 28546-5804

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Dear Flo: Enclosed please find a copy of Curtis's OB from our local News Journal. I would like to take this time and tell you how grateful our family is for this organization. Because of this Newsletter, 2 of Curtis's friends he had not heard from in sixty-four years were able to contact him and they just enjoyed talking on the phone for hours! And exchanged pictures and old stories, cards and letters. Curtis has 2 grandson's

that are going to apply for scholarships. They really could use the help! One is an honor roll student; the other A/B, mostly A. A picture from his funeral is enclosed. The Marines will always be #1 after God. Thank you for the joy you brought to this family! God Bless Always! The Jernigan Families!

Sheila Jernigan, 1302 N 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, Pensacola, FL 32503

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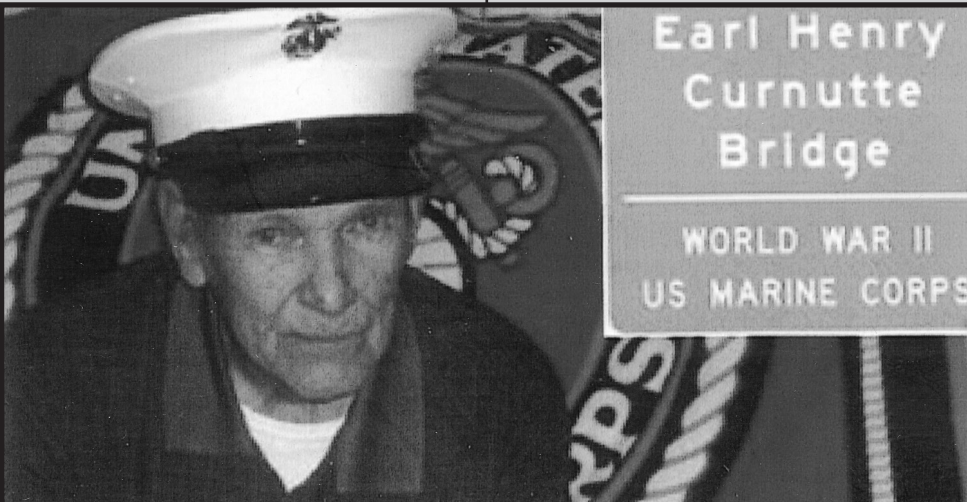
Dear Flo: Enclosed please find my check for the Newsletter. In November my wife and I and our son and his wife attended the 233<sup>rd</sup> Marine Corps Birthday Ball. It was held in Plantsville, CT. Approximately 600 Marines, former Marines and family members attended. A Marine Corps unit performed various ceremonies, including the cutting of the birthday cake. An 87-year-old former Marine got the first piece of cake, and the youngest Marine, back from Iraq, got the second. Last year a Code Talker, age 84, got the first piece, and a young Marine, just back from Iraq, got the second. I keep telling my wife that one of these events I should be in line for the first piece of cake! Semper Fi, John A. Albanese, 277 Quinipiac St, Wallingford, CT 06492

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Hi Florence, Enclosed is a check for my newsletter for 2009. Always happy when it comes. Sometimes it brings back some memories good and bad. Keep them coming. Still here and kicking but not quite as high now. Semper Fi, Fred J. Bennett, 1964 S 71<sup>st</sup> St, West Allis, WI 53219. P.S. Also a little extra for the newsletter fund.

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From: damabrc@aol.com Recently my wife was helping her mother move. While cleaning out her things, they ran across a WW 2 ration book of the Grandmother of my wife. Thought you may enjoy seeing it. DW



**Walter Curnutte honored by having a bridge named after him.**

**Late, But Deserved**—The troops should know, in case any ever pass this way, that the Coal River Bridge near St. Alans, WV has been named for Machine Gunner Earl H. Curnutte, D-2-29, deceased in 2008, who was seriously wounded on Sugar Loaf Hill. The photo and information is from a letter by Angelo DePaola, D-2-29. See Filipek's letter on page 11.



# Taps

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
AGNESIA, Bobby J.	4 <sup>th</sup> MAR-H&S	4/15/1999
ALDERSON, Thomas G.	VMO-6	0/00/1980
AYERS, Lynn L.	29 <sup>th</sup> MAR-1-C	8/10/2004
BENNETT, William A.	29 <sup>th</sup> MAR (Corpsman)	12/27/2008
BIFERO, Pasquale J. (NM)	6 <sup>th</sup> Marine Division	3/00/1999
BRADLEY, Sheila	Wife of Bill Bradley	2/06/2009
BRINING, Donald	29 <sup>th</sup> MAR-3-H (Corpsman)	12/29/2008
BRITT, Arnold H.	22 <sup>nd</sup> MAR-2-G	12/00/2008
BAUMHARDT, Richard E.	4 <sup>th</sup> MAR-1-B	10/15/2008
CURNUTTE, Earl H.	29 <sup>th</sup> MAR-2-D	1/28/2008
DARDEN, Joe W.	6 <sup>th</sup> JASCO	2/19/2009
DELONIS, Edward	6 <sup>th</sup> Tank-Bn C	10/30/2008
DeMEIS, Paolo (Paulie)	4 <sup>th</sup> MAR-3-K	10/24/2008
FLACK, John	Artist: Final Flag-Final Battle	1/18/2009
FOX, Edward L. (Buzzie)	22 <sup>nd</sup> MAR-2-G	2/21/2009
HASOMERIS, Mary D.	Wife of Peter Hasomeris	8/25/2008
HUNT, II, Arlie L.	22 <sup>nd</sup> MAR-3-K	Unknown
JERNIGAN, Curtis	29 <sup>th</sup> MAR-6-Eng -C	11/04/2008
KEARNS, Richard V.	22 <sup>nd</sup> MAR-1-C	Unknown
KRULAK, Victor H.	6 <sup>th</sup> Marine Div.-HQ-HQ	12/30/2008
LANGLEY, Richard J.	Associate	9/07/2008
LAYMEN, Edward R.	22 <sup>nd</sup> MAR-1-A	2/17/2009
LYNN, Nathan A.	22 <sup>nd</sup> MAR-2-HQ	10/28/2008
MACK, Rev. Frank J.	22 <sup>nd</sup> MAR-3-K (Corpsman)	12/20/2008
MAJORS, Wendell K.	22 <sup>nd</sup> MAR-2-G	Unknown
McGOWAN, Frederick J.	22 <sup>nd</sup> MAR-2-F	3/20/2009
NELSON, Glenn W.	6 <sup>th</sup> MAR Div-HQ-G2	2/11/2009
PARKER, J. Edgar (NM)	29 <sup>th</sup> MAR-3-I	9/22/2008
PETRIELLO, Mildred	Wife of Sam Petriello	11/19/2008
ROADS, David James	29 <sup>th</sup> MAR-1-HQ	Unknown
SCHLINDER, Margaret (Muggsy)	Wife of Raymond J. Schlinder	12/29/2008
SIMON, Paul M.	29 <sup>th</sup> MAR-1-A	11/06/2007
STATEN, Charles L.	22 <sup>nd</sup> MAR-3-HQ	3/24/2009
THOMPSON, George S.	29 <sup>th</sup> MAR-2-F	8/09/1964
TRZASKA, Matthew R.	29 <sup>th</sup> MAR-2-D	2/18/2009
VASSEL, William B. (NM)	6 <sup>th</sup> Marine Division	12/12/2008
WALLACK, Robert E.	29 <sup>th</sup> MAR-1-C	7/07/2008
WHEATLEY, John G. (NM)	29 <sup>th</sup> MAR-3-G	12/29/2008
WILBERT, Robert J.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Amphib Corps	Unknown
WOODHEAD, JR., James J. (NM)	6 <sup>th</sup> Marine Division	Unknown
YAHN, Frances	Wife of Henry L. Yahn	1/26/2009

## New Members

CARLISLE, Sue A., ID #6040, Daughter of James T. McDonald,  
Annual

MOODY, SR, Gilbert, ID #6039, 22<sup>nd</sup> MAR-3-M&L, Regular Annual

SOTO, Ramon M., ID #6044, 6<sup>th</sup> Medical Bn, Regular Annual

STEWART, David P., ID #6045, Son of Donald E. Stewart, Annual

IMOEHL, Robert J., ID #6043, 22<sup>nd</sup> MAR-1-A, Regular Life

McCORKLE, Hershel A., ID #6016, Friend of Dick Whitaker,

Associate Annual to Associate Life

McDONALD, James T., ID #6041, 15<sup>th</sup> MAR-HQ, Regular Annual

Spring 2009

## Donations from Caring Members, Families & Friends:

### DIRECTORY:

IMOEHL, Robert

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LOWRY, R.S.

STEPHAN, Laurence

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BRAUER, Parker (Above & Beyond)

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HEUERMANN, Eric

HOJNA, Henry M.

HOUSTON, Jack

HUMMER, George

JOHNSON, Gloria M.

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Schlinder) (Above & Beyond)

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LESTELLE, June

MALINOWSKI, Theodore

MARSALEK, Edward

McBRIDE, Bertha (IMO Francis  
McBride)

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Beyond)

MOORE, Glenn F.

PERRY, Russell (Above & Beyond)

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP MANAGER

I have good news and bad news to report. Good news first, of course. The 22<sup>nd</sup> Marine Association voted to combine their annual reunion with the Sixth Marine Division Association. Ben Ware sent a newsletter to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Marine members advising them of the reunion change and how to join the Association. Since that time I have received dues from 22<sup>nd</sup> members, inquiries and applications for enrollment. Many of our members were also members of the 22<sup>nd</sup> - new members are always a good thing.

The bad news: I received an inquiry from the daughter-in-law of one of our members for an ID number in order to apply for a scholarship for a 6<sup>th</sup> Marine granddaughter. A short time later, she called back to advise me that the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation no longer could offer scholarships to the grandchildren of the Sixth Marine Division Association. Totally amazed, I called June Herring of the Scholarship Foundation and she confirmed the sad truth. Since 1988 to 2008 the Foundation received donations from the Sixth Marine Division

Association in the amount of \$109,000 and \$222,000 in scholarships had been given to the grandchildren of our members and the Foundation would be unable to offer more scholarships to the grandchildren. All grandchildren who received a scholarship for 2008 could continue to receive a scholarship if they applied. June was very apologetic but I think we can understand the situation. She did say it would take a \$10,000 donation in order to continue scholarships for the

grandchildren. The current address to send donations to the Foundation is 121 South Saint Asaph St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

I did not receive any replies to the list of "missing members" placed in the last Striking Sixth and I am going to try to find another group. Any one with information about the following members, please contact me by e-mail, mail or telephone.

Barton, Alexander - 15<sup>th</sup>

MAR-HQ-S2

Bomberger, Harry - 6<sup>th</sup> Engineer Bn

Baylis, George - 4<sup>th</sup> MAR-2-HQ

Bonanni, Louis D - 15<sup>th</sup> MAR-4

Bell, Gerald W. - 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar-H&S

Boone, William M. - 29<sup>th</sup> MAR-Wpns

Bellitti, Leonard A. - 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar-HQ,  
Corpsman

Bowles, John A. - 29<sup>th</sup> MAR-1-HQ

Bergeron, Adrian - 6<sup>th</sup> Jasco

Box, William T.- 15<sup>th</sup> MAR-1-HQ

Bibbo, Nicholas J. - 6<sup>th</sup>

Motor Transport-C

Britt, Arnold H. - 22<sup>nd</sup> MAR-2-G

Bock, William V. - 29<sup>th</sup> MAR-2-D

Brooks, Edward - 4<sup>th</sup> MAR-3-I

Boller, George E. Jr. - Unit unknown

Beard, Harold - 29<sup>th</sup> MAR-2-D

Beatty, Charles F. - 29<sup>th</sup> MAR-3-HQ

### Membership Status

as of 3/30/2009

**Regular Members** 1,645

**Associate Members\*** 633

**Lineal Descendants\*** 124

**Honorary Members** 8

**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP** 2,410

(\*Dues current since 2006)

Semper Fi,

Flo Dornan

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## ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT

Oct. 23, 2008—Jan. 9, 2009

### Beginning Income

10/30/2008—Transfer	73,116.13
10/30/2009—Transfer	12,978.14
11/11/2008— Transfer	208.18
	<u>86,302.45</u>

11/10—Aux. Newsletter	250.00
11/10—Aux. Newsletter	1,000.00
11/13—Seed Money	2,000.00
Checking Deposit	<u>89,552.45</u>

### Disbursements

Wire Transfer Fee	22.00
13-month CD	50,000.00
Money Market Acct.	<u>25,000.00</u>
Sub Total	75,022.00

Ckng. Account Balance	14,530.45
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### Income (checking acct.)

CD Interest	181.22
Dues	465.00
Newsletter Subscriptions	2,250.00
General Fund Donation	390.00
Newsletter Donation	170.00
Directory Donation	30.00
Memorial Markers Donation	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	3,536.22

### Expenses (ckng. Acct.)

Membership Mgr. Salary	1,000.00
Flo Dornan (Part past due)	
Newsletter Printing	2,850.00
Public Relations, Pierce	522.42
Memorial Markers, Sproatt	51.60
New Checks	30.00
Treasurer (supplies) Walters	74.85
(postage) “	18.31
Computer Rpr., Singleton	<u>385.85</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,933.53

Balance, ckng. acct.	13,133.14
Balance, Money Mkt.	25,108.97
Balance, CD	<u>50,000.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	88,242.11

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## Reunion Report

### Income

Seed Money	2,000.00
Event Income	23,996.00
Totals	25,996.00

### Disbursements

Bus Tour, Lunch	3,095.00
Wing Ding	2,950.00
Native Dancers	350.00
Banquet	844.17
Hotel	8,682.51
Van	503.20
Bags, Badges,	1,698.94
And Printing, Decor.	
Hospitality Suite	2,037.65
Gen, Magnus Gift	37.80
Refunds	590.00
Seed Return	2,000.00
Totals	22,789.27

**Net Profit** 3,206.73

cont. from pg 8 Marine Detachment, Ft. Sill and also their CO, Col A.J. Johnson, who emceed the Grand Banquet.

This combined group provided buses, vans, drivers, travel escorts and assistants, airport pickups, door prizes, and giveaway items for reunion goers. Also helping were our other Military friends that need recognition: OK Women Veterans Organization; DAV, Shawnee; MajGen Rita Aragon, USAF (Ret); Lynda Waldroop (Navy) who stayed at the hotel all week and helped wherever and whenever needed; Paul Roberson, LCDR, USN (Ret), who was our piper for the Memorial Service, and the bugler, Jamie Baxter (USAF). And we can't forget our WONDERFUL young Corpsman, HM2 Sven "Doc" Berglowe. Wasn't he great!! It was such a pleasure to have everyone on board.

A debt of gratitude is owed to the staff of the Biltmore Hotel. FYI, they are still talking about you! One waitress told us recently, "We were just getting to know you all — and then you left!" They have extended an open invitation for the 6<sup>th</sup> Division to return again in the future.

We are so grateful to General Bob

Magnus USMC (Ret) and his lovely wife, Rose, for joining us for the weekend and for making the Banquet such a memorable occasion. It was such an honor to have the former Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps mix and mingle with us!

The icing on the cake for us personally was receiving a lovely thank you letter from Ed Marsalek and beautiful glass plaques sent by Bill Pierce on behalf of the 6<sup>th</sup> Marine Division Association. The plaques are displayed proudly in our homes. Thank you so much!

The bond you share was so evident during this last reunion, and the smiles and the fun you had should not be over with quite yet. Although putting on a Reunion is definitely hard work, we hope you will continue to have them as long as any of you are able. If you, or your sons and daughters, are unable to handle it alone but want to hold one in your area, find professional help locally and include your local Marine Corps units and veterans organizations. We hope to see you in Myrtle Beach. Until our paths cross again,

Semper Fidelis, Joan Willauer, Pam Bloustine & Brenda Blair



I have about 20 Sgt Grit Reunion pins left from the Oklahoma City Reunion. I know I told several members I would get one to them but time flew, and now I forget who they were. If they write to me, I will be glad to send them one. I also have ditty bags. I will bring them to the Myrtle Beach Reunion.  
— Joan Willauer, 5901 S Floyd Cox Dr., Norman, OK 73026-0432.

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**Mrs. Curtis Jernigan** — Offers thanks to the Marine Honor Guard at her husband's funeral in Pensacola, FL. Curtis, C-6th Engrs. died Nov. 4, 2008. He was 82. In a letter on Page 12, Sheila Jernigan told us that to her family the Marines are next to God.

## Oceanfront Suites



### Reunion Accommodations

- ❖ Spacious 800 sq. ft. floor plan
- ❖ Master bedroom with 2 queen beds and television
- ❖ Living room with queen sleeper sofa and television
- ❖ Kitchenette with utensils, microwave, stove top and under counter refrigerator
- ❖ Private oceanfront balcony
- ❖ Full bathroom with hairdryer
- ❖ Iron and ironing board in every room
- ❖ Dining area that seats four