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Striking Sixth Division Marines Muster For Oregon Reunion

Quantico Is Target For Next Reunion If All Goes as Planned

By Carroll McGowan

Where is the perfect place for a Sixth Marine Division Reunion? Well okay, no place is perfect, or equally convenient, for everyone; but many of the Marines at the 2012 reunion thought Quantico would be the ideal location for our next Reunion. While nothing is etched in stone yet, all signs point to Quantico.

Quantico offers some significant advantages:

An opportunity to tour the National Museum of the Marine Corps

A chance to visit the World War II Memorial

A wide range of hotels and restaurants nearby

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We have a new
Treasurer
and a new
Editor
is on the way.

As a sad
side note
Glenn Moore
is
shutting down
The Marine Family
Newsletter.

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2012 Portland Reunion Smaller But Potent for Camaraderie

By Sharon Woodhouse

A BIG "Thank You" To All Who Attended the 2012 Reunion from the Aasland-Woodhouse Families!

Well, Marines and guests, we had a wonderful time at our 2012 reunion in Portland! We've received many e-mails, cards and phone calls telling us how much they enjoyed every aspect of this year's reunion. Many were surprised and happy at being greeted at the airport by Tiffany and driven from



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In the Rose Garden — Dick Whitaker, left; Ed Marsalek, Eileen Whitaker and Ann Marsalek enjoy a stroll through one of Portland's feature attractions.

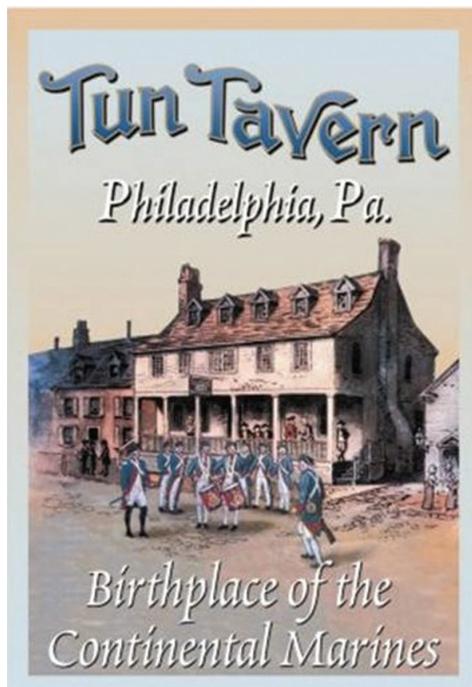
Operation Over, A Happy President Is Again Walking Tall

Another successful reunion has come and gone. My heartfelt thanks go out to the Woodhouses - Sharon, Gregg, Tiffany, their neighbor Bob and Tiffany's friend Vien. They all did an



Connie

outstanding job. The hospitality was great from the time they met us at the airport until it was time to say "see ya next year." I think everyone that attended will agree it was a job well done. As for next year, it will either be Quantico, VA or Columbus, OH.



I am still amazed and in awe that on September 21, 2012 I took the oath to be your new President for the year. It is a tremendous honor and labor of love. In 2006 when my father ("Pat" Rolland Haynes) passed little did I know that the Sixth Marine Division Association would change my life forever. He so loved the

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Our Corpsman Finds His Own 'Band Of Brothers' Just a Train Ride Away

By Joe Singleton

James Hall was 17 when the platoon's point man went down under sniper fire. E Company of the 29th Marines was moving north on Okinawa, chasing retreating Japanese up the Ishikawa Isthmus. Hearing screams and cries for help, James left his relatively safe position and ran forward to help. That's what Corpsmen do.

It was Friday, April 13, 1945 when James began the run that would end his war. The sniper was waiting for him. Within the first few feet James took two bullets to the gut and was quickly down. His legs would not work, so he pulled himself along the ground the rest of the way to the other wounded Marine. The sniper continued to fire, giving his position away to the platoon's riflemen, who quickly shot him.

Reaching the other casualty, James, putting his own wounds on hold, tried to staunch the man's three stomach wounds, but the effort was futile. The platoon leader called to James. Could he make it back on his own? No! James couldn't. Another New Jersey Marine ran to him and carried him to safety.

That was it as far as the war was concerned. Later he was able to walk

with a cane until he finally became confined to a wheel chair. He was able to work and spent 20 years with the FAA. He took a wife, Florence, in a marriage that lasted 60 years. They dreamed of a train ride across the country, but it never came to pass. She has been dead for three years.

Then came the possibility of that train ride.

A New Jersey native, James returned to that state when he finally escaped hospitalization. For 15 years he has been living at the Masonic Home in Burlington Township. It takes all of his income to live there despite help from the Masons. It is a good place for him considering his physical limitations.

He has friends there and in the neighborhood. Bob Higgins, an Air Force veteran is one. He and James are very close. When the idea of a train ride to the Portland Reunion struck James it wasn't much of a leap to consider Bob as a companion on the journey. The hitch was that neither one of them had the \$3000 it would cost.

Fate has its ways. The Twilight Wish Foundation is designed to help old people achieve a final dream, a last hope. They picked up the tab. James and Bob



James Hall and Bob Higgins

made the trip. The nearby photo shows them at the reunion. Scott at the North Pole probably didn't face any greater odds. Stanley in darkest Africa when confronted by David Livingston may not have shown any less surprise.

Sometimes things just work out. Did James find anyone he knew almost 70 years ago? Was the journey as good as he thought it would be? I missed him at the reunion and failed to reach him at the Masonic Home, so I couldn't ask him. I can quote from an article in the Philadelphia Enquirer.

In the words of Reporter Michael Vitez, "He doesn't know if he'll know anybody, but he shared the same sandy beaches with them, drew the same enemy fire. And for this old disabled veteran, it will be good to be among his band of brothers one last time. "

Moore's Publication Nearing End of Trail

The Marine Family Newsletter has completed its 15th year, judging by the volume numbers. It has one edition to go next year before it ends publication and becomes history. It will be sorely missed.

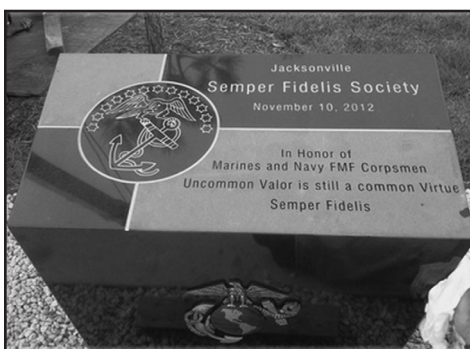
Glenn Moore, an 81 mortarman for the 29th Marines' Second battalion, started small, intended to stay that way, but his Neighborhood Publishing Company kept growing. There was a reason for that,

Well edited and well written, it answered a need for a friendly publication that put on no airs and had no pretensions. It was based on the war and Marines in particular, but it was liable to range over many subjects, lots

of good people and occasionally some surprising facts not known to all.

It was not intended to turn a profit, and it didn't. It was a labor of love because that is the kind of people the Moore Family is, and it is the kind of people who like their newsletter.

We all understand that times change, but the rate of change seems to be picking up speed.



Marine/Corpsmen Memorial — Jack Rice sends word that the Semper Fidelis Society of Jacksonville FL has unveiled a memorial to both Marines and Corpsmen as part of Veterans Day celebrations.



**Emil and Alice
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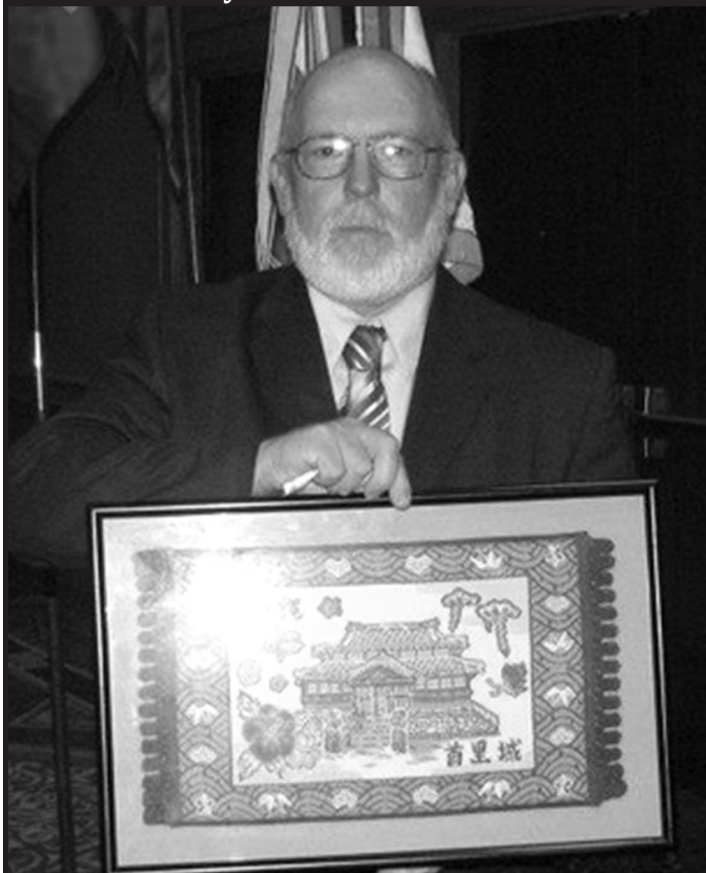
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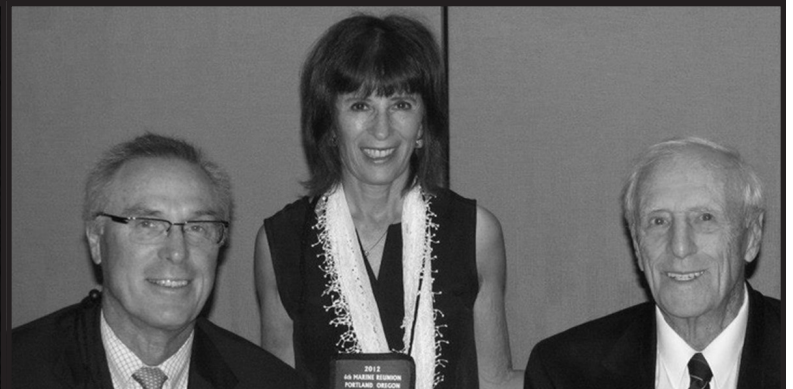
Sam Petriello, Lisa Benedetti and Andy Sinatra



Sue and Bill Green



Dave Hilner



Kenneth T., Gillian and Kenneth F. Martin



Don and Ginny Valkenaar



Portland Spirit - Portland Oregon
Tuesday, September 18th, 2012

Luncheon Cruise on the River



Marilyn Essex and Marion Bangert



Connie Houseweart



Dick and Pauline Roberts



Connie and Daniel Long



Neal McCallum and Phuong

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the airport by Gregg and Bob to the hotel, plus having their rooms close to the elevators and the hospitality room directly off the elevators was outstanding!

I think all who joined us on the week's events enjoyed themselves. We had a luncheon cruise on the Willamette River aboard the Portland Spirit and had beautiful weather; a local singing group entertained one evening and everyone thoroughly enjoyed them; The Portland City Tour and the Wine Country Tour to the Willakenzie Estates Winery was enjoyed by all who attended as well as the day spent at the Evergreen Aviation Museum (home of Howard Hughes Spruce Goose).

Our week ended with another emotional Memorial Service remembering those who are no longer with us; a productive general meeting, and to culminate the week, a wonderful banquet dinner including background music before and during dinner and after dinner dancing by Pro DJ's.

This year after our banquet dinner and speakers we had an auction that was such fun! Jim Monbeck from the Seattle area joined us in the hospitality room bringing books, pictures, hats, etc. for us to look at. Before Jim left he gave us a hat and book to auction; Marilyn Essex donated a beautiful framed picture for auction and there also was a Marine poster. I'm not an auctioneer by any stretch of the imagination but I truly had fun trying to get the most 'bucks' for each item. Auction items, final price and lucky new owners are as follows:

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|-----------------|-------|-------------------|
| Marine Poster | \$30 | Christina Smith |
| Framed Picture | \$85 | Dave Hilner |
| 6th Marine Hat | \$45 | Arlo Eddy |
| 6th Marine Book | \$140 | Connie Houseweart |

Connie and Tiffany Woodhouse were bidding back and forth. At one time I mentioned maybe they should go into the hall to "duke it out!" In the end Connie was successful in taking the book home.

For all of you who brought items to sell on the Ladies Auxiliary tables in the hospitality room, thank you so much. The money raised helps offset the cost of the hospitality room and general costs for the reunions. The winners of the raffle this year are as follows:

- 1 - Quilt (made by Janet Russell) went home with Lisa Benedetti
- 2 - Afghan (donated by Marty Gromley) went home with Janet Russell
- 3 - Tin Man (made & donated by Ozzie Aasland) went to Minnie Belle Sanner
- 4 - Small Flag place mats (donated by Connie Houseweart) went home with Gregg Woodhouse Note: Pauline Roberts was the real winner, but Gregg really wanted them so she gave them to him. Thank you Pauline!
- 5 - Flag place mats (donated by Connie Houseweart) went home with Marilyn Essex.

The staff at the Portland Hilton was super to work with from planning the reunion throughout the week to checking out! We worked very hard to make sure you all had a good time and I think we succeeded! I know we had a fun time planning and putting everything in place for you. When the week was over I was ready to plan the next reunion! It's a lot of work to organize a reunion, but when you see the Marines and guests enjoying themselves, it makes all the work worthwhile!

We want to extend a special **thank you** to Connie Houseweart, Dave Hilner and Lisa Benedetti for all their assistance during the week.

Acknowledgment to those making a donation for the 2012 reunion:

Albertsons donated the goodie bags

Reunion Magnets donated by Gregg & Sharon Woodhouse

Wallet badge holders donated by Tiffany Woodhouse

Airport Taxi Vehicles donated by Ozzie Aasland & Bob Golob

Glencoe High School Students for escorting us to the Memorial Service

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Excellent transportation options

Close proximity to all the sites and activities that Washington D.C. and Northern Virginia have to offer.

A committee comprised of Connie Houseweart, Lisa Benedetti, Sharon Woodhouse, Barbara McKnight and Bob McGowan has begun researching hotels, transportation and potential activities. While it will take some time to finalize the arrangements, the one certainty is that a tour of the National Museum of the Marine Corps will be on the agenda. The museum presents and preserves the history of the U.S. Marine Corps as it honors the commitment and sacrifices of Marines through the ages. The Sixth Division Marines who have been there say it is an incredible experience.

Still to be determined is the date for the reunion. Right now the committee is looking at dates in the fall.

Stay tuned — details should be finalized in the first quarter of 2013. A bill for dues and subscriptions to be mailed in January will include any new information known at that time. Our SixthMarineDivision.com web site will also tell us what's going on when something actually happens, and a full report will be in the spring newsletter due out in April.

Monetary Donations from:

Jeff Woodhouse
Bill & Alice Belcher
Jim Monbeck
Bill Call
Mark Wysocki
Joan Willhauer
Robert Pringle

If I've left anyone off please forgive me as we appreciated everything you all did!

Again, we want to thank all the Marines, their families and friends for attending the 2012 Reunion in Portland! We consider you all part of our extended family and look forward to seeing you at the 2013 reunion.

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Marines. The only way I could think to honor my father's memory was to become involved with you, the Sixth Marine Division Association.

I used to think, "why go, you don't have a family member present anymore." I wasn't sure if I would fit in or not. That line of thinking quickly changed after my first reunion without my father. You all made me feel welcome. Every year after that got tremendously better. I have attended the reunions, made many new friends and have adopted many new "fathers and mothers," "brothers and sisters." My "mission" was to be able to let other sons and daughters know that their loved one did not have to be present to be able to honor them; and to perpetuate the memory of the Sixth Marine Division.

With all of that being said, I hope you all have a prosperous, healthy year until we meet again next year.

Your President,
Connie Houseweart. Semper Fi

P.S. As most of you know I postponed having hip surgery so I could attend the reunion. Surgery was done on October 2, 2012. I was released to home October 4. I walked out of the hospital under my own power. I am recouping extremely well. Life couldn't be greater!



This Reunion Was A Hard Act to Follow

By Barb McKnight

It was a really good reunion and gives whomever has the next reunion a hard act to follow. I checked the weather for Portland before we left home. It said sunny and 80 for the high and 55 for the low so I did not take a coat or jacket. The sun was shining when we arrived but it hid from us the rest of the time.

When we arrived in Portland, we were picked up at the airport by Gregg Woodhouse, and he gave us a nice ride through the city of Portland, which was interesting. The hotel was nice and clean and the hospitably room was just off the elevator when we got off on the lower level. I heard the parking was expensive, so I am glad we did not drive.

A nice thing that has never happened in a hotel or motel for us before was when we asked the desk for a wake up call on the last day, so we could get up in time to catch the tram to the airport. They called and I answered the phone, I thought, but I could not get anyone to hear me. They called three times and none of the times could I get a voice when I answered. We got up, and shortly after there was a knock on our door.

It was the hotel security checking to see if we were all right because we had not answered the wake up call. That was really nice to know that if something happened during the night and we were not able to get to the phone they were there to help us. I thanked the people at the desk as we left and she said that if the guests don't answer the wake up calls they send security right away.

The hospitality room was nice and there were about eight round tables with center pieces. All of the tables had 4 snacks: M & M's, Chex Mix, those little cheese "goldfish" and pretzels, all in small dishes. They had a bar and someone to serve the drinks. In the back of the room they had a choice of soda pop, ice, glasses, cups, coffee and hot water for tea. For breakfast they had this same set up for drinks but added OJ, grapefruit and apple juice.

Breakfast was from 7:30 till 9:00 and by the time we usually got there at 8:00, most of the good rolls and muffins were gone, but they did have yogurt, slices of watermelon, cantaloupe, honeydew melon and pineapple with a few berries around these to please the eye but not enough to please the stomach. There were also bagels

and cream cheese so it worked out well for most of us. On one end of the room we had three tables of the Ladies Aux items for sale... One of the men made a clever "Tin Man" (Wizard of Oz type) out of a variety of tin cans that everyone loved but wondered how they would get it home if they won it. We also had some beautiful quilts for sale among other items.

One evening we had a chorus of about 20 sing for us in the hospitality room. They did a good job and sang some church type songs that everyone liked and a few WW II songs. There was a short sing along, which everyone seemed to enjoy, but it was too short for me. I knew a lot of the songs as we have piano rolls that we play on our player piano. Andy Sinatra and I wanted to have a longer sing a long. It is something that everyone can do, and I even heard Harry sing for a change. The singers visited with us a short time after they were through singing and it went well.

We did not arrive early enough on Tuesday to go on the river cruise, but we got good reports from those that went except it was cooler than they had expected.

On Wednesday we went on a bus tour of the city. The lady who gave the tour was good and really loved her city. I noticed a lot of bridges, and I don't like bridges. Since Portland is known as «the City of Roses» we stopped off for a short visit at a rose park, which had some beautiful flowers and a nice gift shop where I purchased a nice "rose" necklace with no sales tax in Oregon. (The hotel made up for it with the hotel tax.)

We got back from our city tour in time for the "Ladies Luncheon," but there were only 14 ladies joining us. More ladies were at the reunion but for some reason they did not join us for the luncheon. We didn't have a speaker because it was informal, and we all had fun playing a "get to know you" game. Next year we want more/all ladies to join us. Last year at Cleveland there were 27 ladies and the year before at Las Vegas there were 44. In 2009 there were 65, and in 2008 there were 54.

The men had their board meeting while we had our luncheon. We missed some of the ladies, who are daughters of the Marines, at our luncheon because they are officers in the association. Connie Houseweart is the new Division President and she is also the V P of the Ladies Auxiliary. Lisa Benedetti was not there because she is Secretary for the association and next year Sharon Woodhouse, new treasurer of the association (She is the secretary of the

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Chaplain's Report

Harry McKnight

The Bell Sounded for 102 at Portland Reunion

Another fun reunion. Sharon did a great job, it was well organized. Say your prayers for her father for a speedy recovery from a slight stroke. He is home from the hospital and using a walker.

The Rose garden was nice and the museum tour was great. We had an up-close look at the "Spruce Goose" that was not made of spruce. The display of all the known weapons of war in the upstairs display was not to be missed. We all enjoyed the singers and the sing along.

The hospitality room was well stocked and service was good. Special prayers for our new President Connie for a successful recovery from her hip operation. I had one myself last February. Some thought I walked like Walter Brennen, but it was just my hip

recovering from surgery. My surgeon said It takes a full year for complete recovery.

At the Memorial the bell was sounded for 106. We rang the bell for 18 Marine non-members of the association, 12 wives, 8 associates and 86 Sixth Division Marines, including 2 past Presidents, one past chaplain and two code talkers. Special guests were Carolyn Risher, Minnie Bell Sanner and Christina Smith, Lori Cleminger, Linda Dobson and Patricia Seal; all there for their special Marines.

Just for fun I looked up the USS Essex. It is the "USMC Assault Ship USS Essex." No wonder when Marty used his ship to shore radio that the USS Essex was inbound there was concern by the Port Authority and the Harbor Patrol.

Over too soon but, we saw some new faces and made new friends including wives and children. The last thing, that Barb and I enjoyed was the Street Car ride from one short block from the hotel to the airport for \$1.00 each There was a big sign saying these seats are for senior citizens and handicapped. Looking forward for the next reunion. Keep the commandments,

Your friendly Chaplain Harry McKnight



Two Couples — one regiment. Harry McKnight, association chaplain and once a stalwart in the Third Battalion, 29th Regiment was at the Portland Reunion with wife Barbara at his right. Barb is the president of the Ladies Auxiliary. On the left is Christina Smith, daughter of Bill Sanner of the Second Battalion, who died in March. Chris took most of the photographs in this edition of the Striking Sixth. Her mother Minnie Belle Sanner, next to Chris, was determined to make this reunion if her daughter would come with her. She and her husband were reunion fixtures for many years.



*Barbara McKnight
Ladies Auxiliary
President*

Ladies Auxiliary Report

"daughters" who are now officers in the Sixth Division Association. Lisa Benedetti has been Secretary for several years, Connie Houseweart is now President and Sharon Woodhouse has now been elected Treasurer. Congratulations ladies.

As of this writing the location of the 2013 reunion is not set. It will be either in Fredericksburg, Virginia or Columbus, Ohio. As soon as the location is known the Striking Sixth newsletter will share the info with you. Wherever the reunion is we want to see you there so start budgeting your funds and plan for a great time.

We would like to ask the Marines and their wives to send us the names, addresses, phone numbers and email

addresses of their sons, daughters and adult grandchildren, even if they are not members of the association and can't make it to the reunions. We would like to keep track of them for future growth of the association. You can email me this info at barbandht6321@aol.com or mail the info to the Chaplain at his address in the front of the newsletter.

If you know of any of your Sixth Division Marine friends or their widows who have had a change of address (living with children, assisted living or nursing home) please let the Chaplain know of their new address so he can keep in touch with them personally. They are still an important part of the association and sadly we have lost contact with some of them. He would also like to be sure they get a copy of the current issue of the "Striking Sixth."

Woodhouse Crew Deserves Praise For A Splendid Reunion

In short, our Portland reunion was GREAT. Sharon Woodhouse, her husband Gregg and daughter Tiffany did almost all the work themselves with a little help from a few good friends. Other friends who could not make it to the reunion were missed..

The Ladies Auxiliary is proud of our

Sharon Woodhouse, Carroll McGowan Filling Treasurer and Newsletter Editor Positions

Two new officers will be working for the membership in 2013. They are Sharon Woodhouse, who proved her mettle organizing and running the recent Portland, OR Reunion, and Carroll McGowan, wife of our Judge Advocate Bob McGowan.

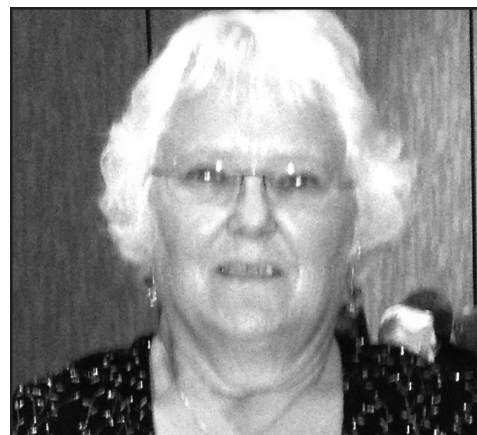
Sharon is our new treasurer. She has bookkeeping experience and to provide continuity she has already produced an updated 2011-12 Financial Report for the newsletter. She is aware that the bylaws require that a similar report will be required for those interested at the next reunion and for publication in the newsletter at that time.

Carroll, according to President Connie will be named acting newsletter editor next year. That will require board approval at the next annual meeting, which should be just a formality. She

has considerable experience with national charities and knows how to put one sentence after another.

She will replace Joe Singleton, who is expected to resign in early 2013. Joe, who has been fooling around with the written word since 1947, has a book to edit that has been pending since 1956 and another to write that he has been mulling over for the last 40. He has decided that he may be short on time and should get to work before he runs out. He also notes that the second battalion of the 29th has already produced a gaggle of writers, and one more shouldn't hurt anything.

Some of the 2-29 penmen of note are Tim Joyner, William Manchester and Howard Terry. He has read all three. There are others, but he doesn't remember them.



Sharon Woodhouse



Carroll McGowan

A Gentle Push for Quantico and the East From Barb and Harry and Private Partz

(A note from Barbara (and Harry) McKnight — thanks for asking !!!!!!!)

I'd like to see the Sixth Division 2013 Reunion held somewhere near the **National Museum of the Marine Corps (Google it)** in Quantico, VA. My suggestion for lodging would be Fredericksburg VA. By the way, there are 41 hotels in FBurg.

Why? East of the Mississippi! It's the East Coast's turn! We (the SIXTH) are long overdue to visit OUR Museum! Easy to drive to! Easy to fly to! Mid-way on the Eastern seaboard!

Testimonials galore from other USMC groups who have been there! China Marines, etc.

Professional on-site leadership available. We do not need a local Chairman! And, we are not discovering the wheel.

Easy on our wheelchair people. Guided tours! Special welcome by the Museum Staff. Deluxe Tour Bus services readily available. Lots of restaurants such as **THE GLOBE AND LAUREL (Google it)**. OUR Museum would present a real incentive

to our membership.

Lots of other activities available in **Fredericksburg (Google it)**. We would not have to invent things to do. The area is a treasure trove of attractions.

This is an idea that the BOARD OF DIRECTORS should embrace, should endorse and should announce as a *feta compli*!

The last and best reason is, ***I've never been there*** and I'd like to see it with my buddies while a few of us are still alive.

Finally, I did not want to be the one to bring this up at our annual meeting in Portland. I try to limit my pain to root canal work.

All the best. Thanks for all you guys do !!!!! Stay off the skyline and Semper Fi! Quantico or bust!

Note: As Chief Instigator, I support this message. Private Partz, USMC

Ed's Note: It looks like this is actually going to happen. Barb is usually right on. As to Partz, he can't always be wrong.

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for
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SIXTH MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting Minutes

The Hilton, Portland, Oregon

Friday, September 21, 2012

President Sam Petriello called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

President Petriello appointed Andy Sinatra as Sergeant at Arms.

Roll Call

Officers:

Secretary Lisa Benedetti took the roll call:

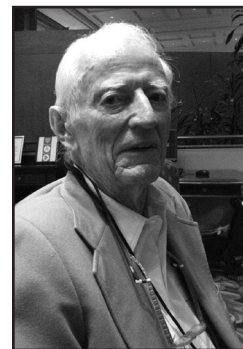
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| President – Sam Petriello | Present |
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| Secretary – Lisa Benedetti | Present |
| Treasurer – Jim Rigby | Absent and excused |
| Chaplain – Harry McKnight | Present |
| Editor – Joe Singleton | Present |
| Judge Advocate – Bob McGowan | Present |
| Membership Chairman – Jim White | Absent and excused |
| Public Relations Officer – Bill Pierce | Absent and excused |
| Service Officer – Dick Roberts | Present |
| Past President – Ed Marsalek | Present |
| Past President Emeritus – Andy Sinatra | Present |



Petriello

Unit Directors:

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| 4 th Marines | George Scott - Absent |
| 15 th Marines | Ozzie Aasland - Present |
| 22 nd Marines | Bob Russell - Present |
| 29 th Marines | Henry B. Kemp - Absent |
| 6 th Motor Transportation Battalion | Vacant |
| 6 th Medical Battalion | Jack Rice - Absent |
| 6 th Engineering Battalion | Vacant |
| 6 th Tank Battalion | Sal Mistretta - Absent |
| 6 th Pioneer Battalion | Marvin Gromley - Present |
| 6 th Headquarters Battalion | Vacant |
| 6 th Recon Co. | Joe Singleton |
| 6 th JASCO | Dick Roberts - Present |
| 1 st Amphibs | George Tremblay - Absent |



Singleton

Secretary Benedetti declared a quorum was in attendance (at least 30 members).

Proof of Meeting Notice:

President Petriello stated that the Meeting Notice was published in the spring and summer issues of the Striking Sixth. He had a copy available.

President Emeritus Andy Sinatra led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chaplain Harry McKnight gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2011:

Watson Crumbie, seconded by Sharon Woodhouse, moved to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2011 Annual Meeting as published in the winter issue of the Striking Sixth. All in favor; motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

President: President Petriello thanked Sharon Woodhouse and family for the great reunion this year.

President Elect – Connie Houseweart: The Finance Committee met on September 18, 2012 to conduct the annual audit of the funds of the Sixth Marine Division Association pursuant to Article X (9) of the By Laws of the Association. The Committee found that the financial records and reports appear to be in order.

Secretary Lisa Benedetti: The minutes of September 10, 2011 will be signed and certified now that they have been approved.

Treasurer Jim Rigby: President Elect Houseweart reported on the financial report for Treasurer Rigby who had to leave the reunion early. The report covered the period of November 15, 2011 to September 14, 2012 (attached). Total deposits were \$73,512.41 and total expenditures were \$17,603.42. The balance for total assets was \$55,908.99.

Sharon Woodhouse, seconded by Marvin Gromley, moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. All in favor, motion carried.

Chaplain Harry McKnight: Chaplain McKnight asked to be given names and addresses of members who may be in extended living or nursing homes so that he can make contact with them.

Editor Joe Singleton: Newsletters have been sent out to people whether they are paying a subscription or not. We will not be doing that anymore. A notice will be sent out that only people who have paid subscriptions will be sent the newsletter, since it is very expensive to mail and so many are returned. Depending on the response, he will go from there. The newsletter may have to be downsized.

Judge Advocate Bob McGowan: As has been reported for the past several years, the Association was reincorporated in the State of Pennsylvania in 2009. Bruce Royal, a lawyer who is doing all the work for free, recently helped us file our tax return. He advised us that we had to declare the Association as either a private or charitable institution. In order to qualify as a charitable institution, some changes would have to be made to our bylaws, the main one being the fact that we would have to open up the membership beyond the WWII Vets and their lineal descendants. Bruce drew up language that would create a new classification called Associate Members, which would be subject to certain guidelines and limitations. The Association applied for charity status 501(C) (3) which would permit any contributions to be tax deductible, our hopes being that the IRS would grant us that classification based on the scholarships that are given and the fact that we are a historical society. Bruce feels it is more probable that the Association can get a 501 (C) (4) status which while not allowing contributions to be tax deductible would at least make us tax exempt. The language changing the bylaws was published in the Spring newsletter. Bob read the section pertaining to the Associate Membership.

Marian Bangert questioned if the widows could vote. President Petriello said yes.

Dick Whitaker, seconded by Marvin Gromley, moved to approve changes to the bylaws to allow for either a 501(C) (3) or 501 (C) (4) status, as determined by the IRS. All in favor, motion carried.

Membership Chairman Jim White: President Petriello reported for Jim White. Jim would like to continue as Membership Chairman.

Public Relations Bill Pierce: President Petriello stated that Bill would also like to continue as chairman.

Service Officer Dick Roberts: No report.

Past President Ed Marsalek: No report.

Past President Emeritus Andy Sinatra: No report.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

2012 Reunion: Sharon Woodhouse reported that there are 33 veterans and 49 guests here this year. President Petriello stated it was a good reunion and thanked Sharon for everything.



McKnight

Membership: Connie reviewed the Membership Manager's Report. As of August 28, 2012 there are 2,460 names on the roster. Total membership is now 2,132. The number of paid subscriptions is much less (report attached). The Membership Manager's Contract for 2013 will remain at \$300 per month.

Watson Crumbie, seconded by Marilyn Essex, moved to approve the Membership Manager's Contract for 2013. All in favor, motion carried.

Elections: The Nominating Committee for officers consisted of Past Presidents Ed Marsalek and Andy Sinatra.

Ed Marsalek read the nominations for all officers and stated that all had accepted. Several officers are now lineal descendants.

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|----------------------------|-------------------|
| President – | Connie Houseweart |
| President Elect – | Sam Petriello |
| Secretary – | Lisa Benedetti |
| Treasurer – | Sharon Woodhouse |
| Chaplain – | Harry McKnight |
| Editor – | Joe Singleton |
| Judge Advocate – | Bob McGowan |
| Membership Chairman – | Jim White |
| Public Relations Officer – | Bill Pierce |
| Service Officer – | Dick Roberts |



Houseweart

Ed Marsalek asked if anyone else was interested, as nominations could be taken from the floor. Carolyn Risher asked if Sam Petriello could hold two positions and Ed said yes. The position of past president is not an elected position. Marian Bangert asked if the president could serve for two years. Ed cited the bylaws that state the terms are for one year.

Dick Whitaker, seconded by Marvin Gromley, moved to cast a unanimous vote. All in favor, motion carried.

Ed Marsalek stated that for the election of the Unit Directors he spoke with the four unit directors here who agreed to continue. Those not here, if interested, should contact the new President and indicate their willingness to serve.

Unit Directors Elected:

| | |
|--|---|
| 4 th Marines | (George Scott) |
| 15 th Marines | Ozzie Aasland |
| 22 nd Marines | Bob Russell |
| 29 th Marines | (Henry B. Kemp) |
| 6 th Motor Transportation Battalion | Vacant |
| 6 th Med Battalion | (Jack Rice) |
| 6 th Engineering | (Burr Allen) |
| 6 th Tank Battalion | (Sal Mistretta) |
| 6 th Pioneer Battalion | Marvin Gromley |
| 6 th Headquarters Battalion | Vacant |
| 6 th Recon Co. | Vacant (subsequent to the meeting, Joe Singleton was appointed) |
| 6 th JASCO | Dick Roberts |
| 1 st Amphibs | (George Tremblay) |



McGowan

As there were only four directors present, the other prior directors shown in parentheses, would not be confirmed.

Sharon Woodhouse, seconded by Emil Wroblecky, moved to accept the four unit directors. All in favor, motion carried.

Sharon Woodhouse nominated Tiffany Woodhouse to be on the Nominating Committee and Tiffany accepted. All in favor, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Associate Membership:

President Petriello stated that now that the bylaws have been amended, there is a provision that the Associate Members have to apply to become members. Sam would like to offer the following names for approval by the membership:

Richard (Sam) Beitler

David Hilner

Julie Koonce

Gregg Woodhouse

Ed Marsalek, seconded by Harry McKnight, moved to approve the above cited names as Associate Members of the Sixth Marine Division Association. All in favor, motion carried.

Presentations for Reunion 2013:

Barb McKnight stated that she has offered to host the reunion in Columbus, Ohio if Fredericksburg does not get off the ground. Some members would like to see the reunion in Fredericksburg as it is close to Quantico and the Marine Museum which many have not yet seen. The problem is that no one has come forward to coordinate that location. Barb suggested that the Executive Board would have until Veterans Day to explore and set up a reunion for Fredericksburg. If that does not work, then Barb McKnight would start the process for the reunion in Columbus. Discussion was held on the need for contacts in that area.

Ed Marsalek, seconded by Sharon Woodhouse, moved to allow the Executive Board until Veterans Day to determine if Fredericksburg can be coordinated by someone, otherwise the 2013 Reunion would be held in Columbus, Ohio. All in favor, motion carried.

Burnis Gardner commented that he thought there would be discussion on a central location for future reunions. Bob McGowan stated that this matter has been discussed on and off. Ed Marsalek agreed, but said that this is the only proposal right now.

Secretary Benedetti mentioned that there is a registry for World War II veterans that is accessible on the World War II Memorial website. People are urged to register veterans and any other persons who helped the war effort such as Red Cross volunteers. The website is www.WWII Memorial.com or by phone at 1-800-639-4WW2.

Bob Russell commented that he was disappointed that the regimental flags were not posted by the unit directors to honor those no longer here. President Petriello explained that a decision was made that due to health reasons of the directors present it may be a hardship so that was the reason. We are still close to those who are no longer with us.

Bob Russell commended Sharon Woodhouse and her family for a wonderful reunion.

Chaplain Harry McKnight gave the benediction.

Adjournment 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Lisa Benedetti
Secretary



Benedetti

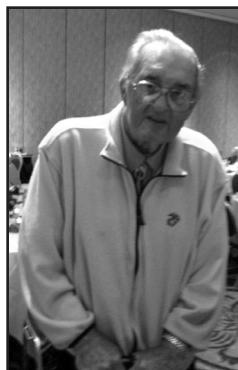
Attachments to Minutes:

6th MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION
Financial Report
Nov. 15, 2011 to Sept. 14, 2012

Total Deposits: **73,512.41**
Total Expenditures: **17,603.42**
Balance: **55,908.99**

EXPENSES

Harland-Clark: 96.41
Bill Pierce PR 511.89
Flo Dornan Contract 2,400.00
Newsletter–Leesburg Printing: 11,204.01
IRS Filing-Petriello & Royal: 750.00
2012 Reunion 2,500.00



Roberts



Marsalek

Jim Rigby, Treasurer

TO: Jim White, Membership Chairman

August 28, 2012

FROM: Flo Dornan, Membership Manager

MEMBERSHIP MANAGER 2012 REPORT

After removing deceased members, those we have lost and those who have requested to be dropped, we have 2,460 names on the roster. The following is based on those 2,460 names as of August 28, 2012:

Membership:

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| Regular Life Members | 1,269 |
| Regular Annual Members – Current* | 77 |
| Associate Life Members | 582 |
| Associate Annual Members – Current* | 14 |
| Associate Life Lineal Descendants | 96 |
| Associate Annual Lineal Descendants – Current* | 80 |
| Organizations: 6; Honorary Members: 8 | <u>14</u> |
| Current* - Dues are paid for 2009 to 2017 | |
| Total Membership | 2,132 |

There are 429 members whose newsletters have been returned by the USPS without a new or forwarding address. We must assume they are in nursing facilities or unreported deceased but we will not know until we receive notification from next-of-kin or a friend. There are still 55 members who requested they be dropped from the roster for various reasons – mostly because of health or their friends are gone and they don't know anyone any more. As a matter of interest we have 531 widows who are associate members and 107 who are current in payment for the newsletter. We have stopped reporting email addresses on the web site because too many were not accurate and changes weren't being reported.

Newsletter Subscriptions:

The following are the number of currently paid subscribers to the newsletter by year as of August 28, 2012:

| | | | |
|------|-----|-----------|-----|
| 2009 | 96 | 2012 | 190 |
| 2010 | 141 | 2013 | 88 |
| 2011 | 130 | 2014-2021 | 72 |

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Dornan

cc: Connie Houseweart
Sam Petriello



Dornan

Financial Report, 2011-12

By Sharon Newhouse

November 15, 2011 Expenses

Balance \$ 100.00

December 1, 2011

| | | | |
|----------|-------------|----------|-------------------|
| Balance | \$ 100.00 | \$ 96.41 | New checks & book |
| Deposits | 67,268.41 | 900.00 | Unknown |
| Expenses | (996.41) | | |
| | \$66,372.00 | | |

January 1, 2012

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|----------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Balance | \$66,372.00 | \$ 3,002.58 | Leesburg Printing |
| Deposits | -0- | | |
| Expenses | (3,002.58) | | |
| | \$63,369.42 | | |

February 1, 2012

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|----------|-------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Balance | \$63,369.42 | \$ 600.00 | Membership Mgr |
| Deposits | 2,512.00 | 181.16 | F. Dornan - expenses |
| Expenses | (905.47) | 104.31 | Bill Pierce |
| | \$64,975.95 | 20.00 | Bank service fee |

March 1, 2012

| | | | |
|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Balance | \$64,975.95 | \$ 228.49 | Bill Pierce |
| Deposits | -0- | 2,500.00 | Woodhouse - Seed \$\$ |
| Expenses | (3,048.49) | 300.00 | Membership Mgr |
| | \$61,927.46 | 20.00 | Bank service fee |

April 1, 2012

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|----------|-------------|----------|------------------|
| Balance | \$61,927.46 | \$ 20.00 | Bank service fee |
| Deposits | 600.00 | | |
| Expenses | (20.00) | | |
| | \$62,507.46 | | |

May 1, 2012

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|----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| Balance | \$62,507.46 | \$ 179.04 | Bill Pierce |
| Deposits | 180.00 | | |
| Expenses | (179.04) | | |
| | \$62,508.42 | | |

June 1, 2012

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|----------|-------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Balance | \$62,508.42 | \$ 900.00 | Membership Mgr |
| Deposits | 532.00 | 4,383.26 | Leesburg Printing |
| Expenses | (5,283.26) | | |
| | \$57,757.16 | | |

July 1, 2012

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| Balance | \$57,757.16 | | |
| Deposits | 1,430.00 | | |
| Expenses | -0- | | |
| | \$59,187.16 | | |

August 1, 2012

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|----------|-------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Balance | \$59,187.16 | \$ 750.00 | Petriello & Royal |
| Deposits | 890.00 | 600.00 | Membership Mgr |
| Expenses | (4,168.17) | 2,818.17 | Leesburg Printing |
| | \$55,908.99 | | |

September 1, 2012

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|----------|-------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Balance | \$55,908.99 | \$ 100.00 | Petriello & Royal |
| Deposits | -0- | | |
| Expenses | (100.00) | | |
| | \$55,808.99 | | |

October 1, 2012

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|----------|-------------|-----------|----------------|
| Balance | \$55,808.99 | \$ 600.00 | Membership Mgr |
| Deposits | 715.00 | | |
| Expenses | (600.00) | | |
| | \$55,923.99 | | |

Ed's Note — This Financial Report was by our new Treasurer Sharon Woodhouse, prepared at my request. This format is close to the original as used by the association for many years. It is hoped that it will be continued as it contains every check written.

Editor’s Report — 6thMarDiv Assn. — 2012

All is well except we failed to keep our costs under the annual budget of \$9000. Our costs for the budget year ran to 10,203. This is the first time we have exceeded our financial limits.

| | | | Pages Printed | Mail Prep | Postage | We mailed (apprx) |
|--------------------|----------------|---------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------------------|
| Post Reunion Issue | November, 2011 | \$3002. | 28 | 65.82 | 558.67 | 1165 newsletters |
| New Reunion Issue | May, 2012 | \$4383. | 20 | 200.70 | 1219.85 | 2550 |
| Summer Issue | August, 2012 | \$2818. | 24 | 77.47 | 483.90 | 990 |

1. We sent the May issue (Reunion issue) to everyone in this organization in hopes of gaining additional participants.
2. The bylaws state that each reunion will be announced by newsletter or regular mail.

Ways to save money:

- Reduce number of pages
- Eliminate 4-color
- Eliminate spot color
- Eliminate Summer Edition
- Eliminate make up charges
- Print ourselves
- Eliminate mail, use Web only
- Some combination thereof



First Ashore — is a motto written for Marines. When the Japanese agreed to surrender, the Americans weren’t too certain that they meant it. So the Sixth Division’s 4th Marines hit the beach one more time. It turned out the Japanese did mean it, and the beach wasn’t hot. It may have been hot physically, it was August, but there must have been many a sigh of relief.

Mail Call

Dear Sixth Division, I am piecing-together some military history of Hopkinton, Mass. During WW II Hopkinton had a population of about 3000; yet, 7 Marines were on Iwo Jima, and came home. I think 13 (majority Marines) have been identified who were involved with Okinawa -- all from a population of 3000! Louis H. Chouinard -- Louie -- was with the 6th Marine Division (4th Reg't, 2nd Btln, Co E). I know he was at Yokosuka in October 1945. Was he on Okinawa during The Battle? Can anyone provide information? Thank you, Hank Alessio, 252 Pond St., Hopkinton, MA 01748



Betty Ann Burge Pompilius:

Hello, I am the daughter of Rufus Raymond Burge, PFC 6th Marine Division. I lost my father many years ago and my mother about 10 years ago. 2 days ago I was going through a box of my Moms and found a book that was given to my Dad. it's the 6th book, "History of the 6th Marine Division, by Infantry Journal Press. I also found his unit book from Camp Elliott, CA. Company C November 1943 - Jan 1944; Infantry Battalion. I also found a magazine type book the only cover has a picture and the words written on the diagonal (of which there are many) of the battalions, divisions and regiments that built or became the 6th. I write to you first of all, Do you know what the magazine type book is? (It's about the surrender of the Japanese and the people of China) and when it was issued. 2) I would like to have these books restored or preserved as they are not in mint condition (not too bad considering) but not

mint. 3) From the official web page of the 6th Division and on this page I have seen many people wondering a n d questioning about family



Betty, right

members. The Blue book History of the 6th has a section in the back of honor roll, medals issued and many pictures. I would like to share my treasures with people to keep the 6th alive and the history alive. My family is well aware of the sacrifices these men made and the difference the 6th made in history, but many are not. Any information on restoration would be appreciated and should you have anyone asking questions that I might could assist with please contact me either on FB or my email pompiliusa@live.com, add 6th marine in subject line please. And always Semper FI!!!!

Daughter of the Corps, Betty

Ed's Note: This post was taken from Facebook mainly because if Shirley Temple could be "Daughter of the Regiment" there is no earthly reason why Betty can't be Daughter of the Corps.



Respectfully requesting any info that your organization may have concerning Private Ronald Keith Zundell, USMCR of Springfield, Mass. PVT Zundell was KIA on Okinawa, o/a 09 June 1945 at age 19. He is listed online in the 6th Division Marines cemetery/honor roll and in a brief obituary notice in a MA newspaper. He is also listed on the honor roll of WWII New England casualties

aboard the USS Massachusetts BB-59 war memorial at Fall River, MA. I have been unable to contact any of his family members, or other acquaintances.

Would appreciate any further details as to Zundell's specific unit of assignment within 6th MARDIV, his MOS, any personal combat and/or posthumous citations, corresponding unit citations, etc. His 09 JUN 45 date of death appears to correspond to action on the Oroku Peninsula of Okinawa, so there is probably at least a Purple Heart cited near this date.

REASON FOR THIS QUERY:

PVT Zundell was my Dad's best friend in High School. These two young men joined the armed forces, c.1944. Dad sailed to WESTPAC aboard a Destroyer Escort (DE-642) in the summer of 1945. "Zundie" joined the Marines and never returned. Dad never forgot him, and passed away at age 82 in 2009. He was always very conscious that he was living the life and opportunities that his friend had otherwise sacrificed on Okinawa. With Dad's passing, we now have a complete picture of what that life may have looked like, had Zundell survived WWII. I've recently prepared a <freedom shrine> panel display of the US Constitution for presentation to a local museum and would like to dedicate this display in memory of PVT Zundell.

Robert C. Liebman, MAJ USAF (Ret)
SD Air & Space Museum Ellsworth
Heritage Foundation/VP
mach1crow@msn.com



Mail Call

Dear Joe: This is in reference to your article: "You must go to the reunion if you wish to vote on the next location." Very true, but the most recent reunions have been in large cities where the price of a hotel room is dear. I do understand that in a big city there are attractions to be taken in for those attending. For Portland the room rate of \$123.75 was absurd, not that I couldn't afford it, but I am not going to pay that much for just a place to sleep. You must look at this expense in any future reunions. Perhaps, a charge like this one kept a number of Marines from attending. At one time a number of years back there were some mini reunions lasting maybe three days. These were held in small locales. They were very intimate to say the least. For me, I would like to attend a reunion before I am not able, but I will not pay an exorbitant room fee. What I have put down here doesn't provide any answers, but just my feelings concerning reunions. Sincerely yours,
Russell Perry, 22nd Marines.

Eds. Note: It is likely that high room and banquet prices keep some Marines away. Having reunions in the northeast and far west means higher prices. In the Las Vegas Reunion there were Marines who would have gone hungry if they hadn't been helped. With inflation expected to increase this could become a major problem.

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Dear Joe,
When you called me asking for details of those killed and wounded during the 22 Marines December 6, 1943 Maui Maneuvers, I had a

lapse of memory. However, after the receipt of the Summer "News Letter" I was reminded and do remember that Naval Air Craft were simulating strafing and bombing ahead of the troops and two of the planes clipped wings then crashed into "H" company. For details you can contact Clyde Baulch who was a member of "H" Company. Clyde's phone number is [580-332-3155](tel:580-332-3155). I appreciate and enjoyed the Summer "News Letter."
Sincerely, William R. Cloud
kumo9@charter.net

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Dear Florence, In response to the 22nd Training Accident — I was there. I was in the 75 PACHOW machine gun section. I was in the area, probably about 1/2 mile away and saw it all happen. One plane collided with another plane, and I saw two parachutes coming down. At the same time a bomb came down and lit among the troops. Sometime later the trucks started hauling out the dead. I remember that because the dead were stacked high on the trucks. I don't remember anything about the wounded. I talked to a friend later who was right in the area where the bomb fell. He said he wasn't even scratched.
William F. Robertson, 2-E-15, 215 Lone Tree Rd., Fallon NV 89406. (775) 423-3961

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Hello Joe and Flo, My name is Darren Cytryn and I was forwarded to you by Bill Pierce to see if you could possibly help locate possible members who may have served with my late father-in-law on Guam during the 1944 invasion.

Tom Day served with the 22d Marines as part of the Pack Howitzer

Battalion (Battery B). He did not move forward with the unit when it was assigned to Okinawa and his children and I are trying to find anyone still alive who may have known him. Like many, Tom did not talk much about the war. but it had a lasting effect on his late wife and children, who are looking for some kind of closure.



Tom Day and Friends

I am hoping that the association may be able to help us find out what happened to Tom when he was assigned to the Regimental CP as a radioman during the battle that was overrun by the Japanese. I also know that when he shipped out with his unit back to Guadalcanal, he developed emotional problems but was never diagnosed with PTSD.

That is why I'm trying to locate someone who may have known him. I have attached photos of Tom with some of his mates. Any help you can offer is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Darren
703-598-2325 (cell)

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My father-in-law Ervin Schneider

Mail Call

died August 5, 2012. He was a member of the 6th Marine Division. He enlisted 11/42 and was discharged 12/45. Is it possible to find out what campaigns he participated in while in the Pacific. Thank you, Paul Hartkopf. <pghcjs@gmail.com>

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I enjoy reading the Striking Sixth newsletters. I am one of the oldest machine gunners left that fought on Sugar Loaf Hill – 1945. I was wounded on May 14 attacking the Hill. I am 91.5 years old. I should write more about my memories. Enclosed is my \$20 for dues and newsletter. Thank you, Charles J. Willman, 7014 15th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55423

(Note from Flo: More of you Marines should write your “memories” in order to pass on your legacies. Schools don’t teach history like when we went to school.)

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Florence R. Dornan: I wish to cancel my subscription for the Striking 6th Newsletter. My husband Henry Pilkington passed away 12 years ago, and I no longer can come to the reunions and have lost contact with most of the members we associated with. I have enjoyed the newsletter but now don’t know the members anymore. I wish continued success for the Striking 6th and the Reunions. Thank you, Beverly (Pilkington) Bernstein, 2000 Dolphin Blvd S, St. Petersburg, FL 33707

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Hi Florence,
It has been a while since I’ve been in touch. I’m writing to let you know I no longer wish to receive the newsletter (for which I think maybe I owe for any further copies). I have

never found a single name from 2nd Bn-H&S Btry, 15th Mar that I knew. There weren’t many anyhow. That may be as to how we or I ended up in the 6th Div. I started training with the 42nd Sep. Pk. Howitzer Bn on British Samoa. We went from there into the 22nd Marines at Eniwetok and Kwajalein, then it was the 1st Marine Provisional Brigade at Guam and then into the 15th Marines, 6th Div. We were fortunate to have Col Luckey as our C.O. We trained for Okinawa on Guadalcanal and had the privilege to train the Amphibious Tank Company in firing indirect fire missions so they could act as regular artillery until the 15th Marines landed. After Okinawa I was shipped home after 31-1/2 months. I was involved finally as Operations NCO of the 2nd Bn 15th. I doubt there will be another Division like the 6th. It would be a hard act to follow!!

Semper Fi,
John C. Richmond,
380 W Main St Apt 43
Tilton, NH 03276-5033

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Dear Ms. Dornan, I’m enclosing a check for the newsletter. Also, this article was in yesterday’s Philadelphia Enquirer. As the widow of a corpsman who was in the invasion of Okinawa and throughout the campaign it interested me. When I turned 90 this year I began sorting photos. I have many from Bob’s album taken on Okinawa and

in Tsingtao. Could someone from the newsletter use them? Please, tell me where to send them.,
Sincerely, Mildred Hart. **Ed’s Note: The article she sent referred to Jim Hall and his railway trip to Portland.**

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To My Fellow Marines, my wife of 68 years passed away Nov. 5, 2011, was interred Mountford State Veterans Cemetery. Would appreciate you entering her name, Millicent M. Stockwell, wife of above vet. Thank you, Harry E. Stockwell, 106 Pineview Rd, Jacksonville, NC 28546

This post was sent to our Facebook site recently. It drew a lot of attention.



Sixth Marine Division Association
14 hours ago · 127 like this



**You may find me dead in a ditch somewhere.
But by God, you'll find me in a pile of brass.**

MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP MANAGER

As promised I am submitting names that I have on the Roster that we are not able to contact because the USPS has returned mail to us because they no longer live at that address, the address has been changed or they are deceased but have not been reported to me or to the Association. This is the first installment of all last names beginning with the letters "A" through "D". Please go through and check if one of your friends is on the list and if so, please contact me to let me know of any changes that should be made. I truly appreciate any help I can receive. I have just learned of two new websites that will help me find deceased members and I will be searching those websites also. Your effort is appreciated.

Flo Dornan, Membership Manager

MEMBERS WITH "BAD ADDRESSES"

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|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| -A- | | BUBECK, A. Eric | ANNAPOLIS MD |
| ALLEN, Charles R. | STUART FL | BUCKINGHAM, John E. | DAYTON KY |
| ALLEN, Terrance G. | BRUCETON TN | BUCKLEY, William J. | MALDEN MA |
| ANDERSON, Dorothy | PESHTIGO WI | BURKE, Brenda L. | BENTON IL |
| ARENDT, Edward W. | ROCKVILLE MD | BUSWELL, Roy L. | OCALA FL |
| ARNOLD, George D. | OAK LAWN IL | | |
| ASTOR, David | FALMOUTH ME | -C- | |
| ATNIP, Albert C. | SALINAS CA | CALCUTT, Nancy | TRAVERSE CITY MI |
| | | CAMPBELL, Jane | IDAHO FALLS ID |
| -B- | | CARLSON, Althea | PORT CHARLOTTE FL |
| BAIRD, Tom C. | CLARKSVILLE IN | CARNEY, E. Frank | SAN FRANCISCO CA |
| BARBER, Ara J. | MECHANICSBURG PA | CARPENTER, Dorothy | SAN RAFAEL CA |
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Ladies Auxiliary, **This Reunion Was A Hard Act to Follow** *Continued from page 7* too.).

Next year we will need to have our luncheon at a different time from the Board Meeting so we can have these three, very involved daughters, with us. I understand though because I would do the same for my dad.

We did not go on the wine tour. It was after the Ladies Luncheon and I understand those who went had a great time sampling the many varieties of wine that are made in that part of Oregon.

Our dear Joan Willaur had planned to be at the reunion but she had gone on the "Honor Flight" to DC and while she was at the "WW II War Memorial," she somehow fell on her face and ended up hitting her head and got two black eyes and two broken fingers. I only know that much because I understand she called Sharon Woodhouse and told her why she wouldn't be there.

Thursday we took the 1 1/2 hour bus ride to the "Evergreen Air Museum." Harry loved this because he taught Aviation Science in the high school and gave flying lessons and has flown as a commercial pilot. When the tour guide gave the tour of the museum Harry took off on his own and showed me the various planes he and his brother and our son have flown. They furnished a nice lunch at the museum. We got to see the "Spruce Goose" of Howard Hughes fame.

The head man at the Museum really loved his job and was excited that "The 6th Division Marines" were visiting. He is a retired physical education teacher and coach and he loved the planes and the museum. Most people "working" at the museum were volunteers who loved what they were doing and had excellent knowledge of the things they were explaining to us.

The Memorial Service was nice and Sharon had it planned well. It was held in another part of the hotel/ across the street from where we had our rooms and the hospitality room. Sharon had about 16 students from the National Honor Society at one of the high schools escort all the vets and families across the street and up to the room where we had the Memorial service. There was one widow at the Memorial Service, Minnie Bell Sanner, widow of Bill Sanner and their daughter Christina Smith (our unofficial photographer).

There were two sisters there, Linda Dobson and Patricia Seal, the daughters

of Louis F. Towns, who died about 12 years ago. They learned of the 6th Division Reunions earlier this year when one of their sons was looking for info about his grandfather. Also at the service to honor her father was Lori Cleminger, daughter of Delmer Asbury. There were 101 Marines and family members who were remembered at the Memorial service. Taps was played by a Marine bugler. There was a bagpiper who played "Amazing Grace" and "Marines Hymn" for us. After the Memorial Service the students and vets all went back to the hospitality room and the students sat with the vets and asked questions to share what they learned when they got back to school.

After lunch was the General Meeting. It went as smooth, as expected, with a few questions from the members. One widow asked if the widows had a vote and she was told "yes," so she was happy to have a say in what was going on. President Sam Petriello brought up the next reunion and asked me to speak.

(Since no one had talked to any of the officers about wanting to host the next reunion Sam had asked me the day before if I would be willing to host a reunion in Columbus, Ohio.) I talked with Harry and he said we could. One of the Marines had talked to me earlier about wanting the 2013 reunion in Fredericksburg, Virginia, (near Quantico), so I offered to host the reunion in Columbus, but it would be fine with me if those who wanted the reunion in Fredericksburg could get it worked out. Wherever the reunion is I am hoping all of you reading this, and your children and grand children will be able to accompany you.

I think they said that there were only 33 Vets attending this year and 49 guests which include wives, widows, children, and adult grand children at this reunion. Like most others, I just want the reunions to keep going for the Marines and for your children and grandchildren to honor you and to learn about all you did.

The Banquet was nice and the food looked and tasted good but nothing was left for anyone to take back to their room. Servings were small but that was fine since we were not really there to eat but to enjoy the company and install the new officers. The speakers were two young sergeants who said they had learned a lot of the history of the 6th Division and thanked you all for setting the path for them. The music was perfect. We had a DJ who played mostly 40's songs that the Marines knew. Not many people danced, too many widows and widowers, canes and wheel chairs, but all of us enjoyed the music. I got Harry to dance with me on the slow dances. I prefer the slower dances and they are more "cozy" anyhow.

Ed's Note: Bob McGowan, a member of the 2013 Reunion Committee, seems confident the Virginia venture will succeed.

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.

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