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Nashville Reunion Draws 650, Opry Honors Division

By Susan Parham
Reunion Co-Chairman



The 2004 6th Marine Division Reunion is now history. Approximately 250 association members registered for the reunion in Nashville, Tennessee held the last week of September at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel. Over 650 people attended the weeklong event, which included a tour of the city and an outstanding evening at the Grand Ole Opry.

Anyone who went to the Opry will tell you what an exciting and emotional evening it was as the 6th Division Marines were recognized from the stage during the live broadcast over 650 WSM radio. But in my opinion, the highlight of the evening was Chely Wright's emotional and heartwarming tribute to her brother who is currently serving as a Marine in Iraq.

Chely is a big supporter of the Armed Forces and especially of the Marine Corps. I think a 'little bird' told Chely of our visit to the Opry that night and she deliberately decided to perform "Bumper of My SUV" for our group. I know I didn't have a dry eye after her performance

of that song. I noticed our group was the first to stand on their feet to give her a standing ovation.

Another highlight of the week was the stop on our city tour at the WWII Memorial Park in downtown Nashville. I was amazed that a city of Nashville's size would have such a magnificent and beautiful park dedicated to the Armed Forces of WWII. More time could have been spent, but we had another stop to make—The Country Music Hall of Fame. Here we were able to wander around looking at the exhibits country music has to offer, from Bluegrass to today's country music superstars.

A stop at the historic Ryman Auditorium (the Mother Church of Country Music) allowed anyone who wanted to take a picture on the historic stage where all of the greats in country music once stood.

Our Memorial Service on Friday exceeded all expectations not only in content but in size as well. We had an overflow of attendees and thanks are due to

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Wilkins Steps Down As Division Chaplain



Wilkins passes torch

Claud Wilkins

Photo by Harold Taylor, C-1-29

Claud Wilkins, co-chairman of the Nashville Reunion, and Division Chaplain since 1973, laid aside his mitre (or whatever chaplains carry) at the Nashville Reunion. Reverend

Frank J. Mack, 6th HQ Corpsman, will take his place.

Andrew Sinatra, C-1-22, who replaced Buzzy Fox, G-2-22, as president early in his term, will again lead the association this coming year. Sinatra had been president elect when he was tapped as leader. The board of directors and the membership agreed this was a normal progression following Fox's resignation.

In other Association news, Harold (Pete) Howell agreed to be the next President Elect. He will take office as president at the Las Vegas Reunion in 2005. He previously served as the top officer in the mid 90's. Carl Sproatt, F-2-29, did not run for re-election as service officer. Joseph L'Etoile, 2-29, was chosen to take his place. Joe Singleton, F-2-29, was elected editor.

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TWO DEATHS THIS YEAR



Bush



Manchester

DESERVE SPECIAL MENTION

We've lost two of our best this year; Richard E. Bush, C-1-4, corporal, USMCR and William Manchester, S2-2-29, sergeant, USMC.

Both had their full share of combat. Both were seriously wounded. Bush received the Medal of Honor. Manchester won his fame as a noted author. Both could have died on Okinawa, Bush from pulling a Japanese grenade to him though already wounded. Manchester was unable to dodge a "screaming meemie."

Bush was wounded early, in the north, assaulting Mt. Yaetake. Manchester was hurt in the south, much later. Bush didn't have the advantage of a lifetime's written work to be his valediction, just his family and friends and a Marine Corps

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FEED THE SIXTH

COOKBOOK PROJECT

Is Underway for April 1 Unveiling

There is going to be a Sixth Marine Division Cookbook. It will depend upon contributions from the Marines of the division and a lot of effort from sons and daughters.

Linda Spangler, daughter of Jack A. Snyder, Hq-3-29, has volunteered to head the cookbook fundraising project and the work itself. As she tells it, her father related many stories about his time shared with many other Marines of the Sixth Division and those stories always came back to food, how hungry he was, his memories of special food, or the fact that the Seabees had steak and vanilla ice cream!

She explains the project: "When we share food, we tend to share stories so we thought it would be a great idea to ask each of you to share your special recipes and some stories and pictures. The recipes can be for the food you missed while in the service or food you like today. We prefer the stories and pictures to reflect your time in the service."

The categories for recipes:

Appetizers

Soups

Salads

Vegetables

Main dishes

Breads

Desserts (cakes, pies, candies, other)

Other – use your imagination. For example, *Devil Dog biscuits!*

We have an ambitious goal to meet. Our cookbook must be assembled, printed and ready for sale not later than April 1, 2005. Submissions must begin immediately and may continue until January 31, 2005. The following is a "recipe" for what you can do to ensure that this cookbook is like the Striking Sixth, the best!

GATHER:

favorite recipe(s)
picture(s) of the member of the Sixth
using approximately 150-200
words,(more if necessary for a really good
story), describe a memory of you and your
family member or have him share a story
or stories he remembers from his life. Be

funny, or serious; this is your opportunity to tell your story or stories. While we prefer the story to reflect his memories of his time in the Sixth, any story or remembrance will do.

INSTRUCTIONS

It is preferred that you submit your recipes and stories on a disk or CD, using WORD in a PC format. You may email them to me but put them as an attachment in the email. Also, submit pictures in .jpg (jpeg) format. Don't panic! For those of you not using a computer, you may also send them by snail mail; contact info to follow. Be sure all information sent contains your full name, not just your e-mail name, and full contact information including telephone. If you send actual pictures, make good black and white copies of your pictures at any photo center that has a quick duplicate print machine and send me the **copies only**. With each submission, please identify the member of the Sixth by full name and unit information.

**SUBMIT AS MANY RECIPES, STORIES,
AND/OR PHOTOS AS YOU WANT.**

Identify each recipe by category and provide your name, address, contact information and relationship to the Sixth veteran. It is not necessary to submit a picture and/or story with each recipe but the more, the better; feel free to submit what you desire.

COOKBOOK NAMING CONTEST

Submit a suggested title for the book with your recipe and if your title is selected, you will win a prize to be determined.

This project will be as good as you make it. Uphold the tradition of the Striking Sixth, dig in, take the challenge, and produce results!

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EDITOR'S CORNER

PIC?

HERE'S THE PLAN:

This is the first of three editions to be mailed between the Nashville Reunion of 2004 and the upcoming Las Vegas Reunion of 2005. You should be reading this in November of 2004. Some may get it as late as December. We can't control the Post Office.

The next edition (Spring) is scheduled to mail in April of 2005. It will consist for the most part of plans for the next Reunion, catching up whatever we missed this time about the past Reunion, including photos, and any pertinent association news. Copy deadline will be March 1. The

Spring/Summer edition will mail in June as a Reunion reminder and general catchall.

We will not forget those who cannot be in attendance at reunions. We welcome letters, comments, opinions and reminiscences, preferable funny ones. Above all, we need to know when a Sixth Division Marine or wife dies. Your friends who are left deserve this much.

These editions are Spartan and lacking in amenities, such as four-color photos and better paper. The reason is obvious. Two years ago, we had a subscription list bringing in \$13,000 a year and donations in the thousands. Now, we're down to 800 subscribers or \$8,000. That means three editions instead of four to save on mailing costs, reduced page numbers and no frills. Even with these restrictions, the association must subsidize the newsletter to a certain extent.

All of that will change if we can build paid circulation and donations.

There is a consensus among the brass that we had too much in the way of combat sea stories. In the future, they must be

brief. Past and present photos are still considered desirable.

We're all in this together, as in the past. We can all rebuild together. There's lots of time left.

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MAIL CALL

Dear Friends:

I have stepped down as Executive Director of the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation. I intend to stay committed as a volunteer in the years ahead and to help where I can to continue supporting the mission of this great organization.

As word got out that I would be leaving, I was sincerely gratified by the opportunities that were provided to me. The end result was that I was sworn in as the new General Counsel of NASA.

I hope that in the coming months and years I will not lose touch with you. My e-mail address is mikewholley@com-cast.net

I know that the dedicated leadership, the volunteers, and all of the supporters of the MCSF will continue this organization's great tradition of helping young men and women to achieve their dreams.

*God bless you, God Bless America,
Mike Wholley*

Editor's Note: Gen. Wholley, former Marine Adjutant General, retired to head the MCSF, where he worked with the 6th Marine Division Assn. on our scholarship program. He was a speaker at the 2002 Reunion.

Editor, Leatherneck Magazine: (reprinted here)

I note in the August edition of Leatherneck the obituaries for William Manchester, noted

writer, and Dick Bush, Medal of Honor recipient. There is no mention whatsoever of Bill Manchester being a member of the 29th Marine Regiment, 6th Marine Div. The obit states 'wounded veteran of the Okinawa battle.'

Hell, that could be a soldier, sailor or whatever! Bill had a deep affection for our Regiment and the Sixth Division. See the dedication page, dedicated to the 29th Regiment, in his Pulitzer-prize book, "American Caesar", the bio of General Douglas MacArthur.

We thank you for getting the correct information in the obit for the 4th Marines' Dick Bush; he was a great man and fine Marine.

*Semper Fi,
Bill Pierce*

PR Chairman, 6th Marine Div. Assn.

SIXTH DIVISION WON A BUNCH OF MEDALS

Editor's Note: There has been a lot of talk about medals in the media lately. Without getting into that controversy, there has been Sixth Division Marine comment on the subject. The following has been drawn from several E-mails.

A rifleman states that "To be awarded a Purple Heart medal in the Sixth Marine Division in 1945, the rule was: The wounded man had to spend at least one night in either an aid station or a hospital and be treated by a medical officer. Many members of my Marine rifle company received minor wounds and were treated by a medical corpsman without leaving the front line; or were treated at an aid station and returned to the company on the same day."

He goes on to say that a Sixth Division Marine with minor wounds would most likely not have received an award. One Marine quotes a naval doctor with Vietnam service saying those rules were still in effect at that time.

Another Marine revisits the number of medals awarded the Division for the Okinawa action. He says,

"Conservatively the quantities would be roughly as follows:

*Six (6) Medals of Honor
Twenty-seven (27) Navy Crosses
One (1) Distinguished Service Medal
One hundred thirty-four (134) Silver Stars
Eleven (11) Legions of Merit
Seven (7) Distinguished Flying Crosses
Five hundred and fifty-seven (557) Bronze Stars
Twelve (12) Air Medals
Seven thousand, four hundred and twenty-nine (7,429) Purple Hearts
One (1) Presidential Unit Citation"*

Dear Editor;

I am trying to contact any Marine who fought at Okinawa. My brother, Pvt. William Niader, 1st Div. 7th Reg. H&S Co., was K.I.A. June 12, 1945 at the Battle of Kunishi Ridge. I am looking for any information about the battle. I am also looking for anyone who might have known Scott Grant, 6th Div. 22nd Reg., who was K.I.A. June 17, also at Kunishi Ridge. I have the names and phone numbers of over 150 1st Div. and 6th Div. Marines who fought at Okinawa.

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Sons/Daughters Road Map: *You've Been Great, But More Help Needed*

By Jean Steed

We had a great outpouring of support from over 30 Sons and Daughters at the 2004 Division reunion in Nashville. Several of these individuals deserve special mention.

Susan Parham, was cochairman of the reunion. Along with Team TN, she pulled off a smashing success. The SDs, too, were generous with their time and support during the reunion. A special thanks to Lori Clemenger, Carol Cross and Leo and Cecilia Gattoni for a big assistance with the memorial service and other events as well. To Howard Terry's wonderful offspring—Melissa and Jack, David and Mary, and Anita—many thanks for brightening the reunion with your presence and cheerfully pitching in with events: Big thanks for steering the banquet seating, too!

Richard Gehrke and Gary Smith: We were so fortunate to have you back this year, volunteering to help with leadership, databases, a new directory and anything else that we can pile on you. Those irreplaceable Walker Brothers (reinforced this year with brother Luke/wife Angie and the lone Walker sister!) were everywhere, and along with David and Glen Stoel, added greatly to SD event/tour support.

If we gave a prize for best new members it would go to the three Benedetti sisters who showed up to honor their Dad and join the SDG. They are absolutely the SDG's only active sister trio to date!

We can never fully thank Dan Accrocco for again bringing his memorabilia tribute display to the reunion—a poignant honor to his father and all veterans and a history lesson for the offspring. To Linda Spangler, supported by husband Paul: Truly you are the example for every SD to emulate. All eyes are upon you as you lead the SDG's first moneymaking/historical project for the Division, the Striking Sixth Cookbook.

Heartfelt thanks to a very special, poised lady, Martha Monnett, for providing sterling support capturing stories and photos for the newsletter. We were lucky and very grateful to have Claud Wilkin's daughter Ann and her patient husband serving up brews/stocking the bar in our hospitality room. Finally, my enduring thanks to those Fathers and Mothers who somehow managed to twist arms, get their kids to sign up and truly launch the Division's SDG.

We held two formal SDG meetings at the reunion. We discussed current projects, emphasized the value of the Division website and our good luck in having dedicated SD webmasters supporting an engaged Division webmaster, encouraged all SDs to visit the greatly expanded SD button on the Division site, and delegated immediate tasks to support the reunion. We settled on the following business plan for the upcoming year:

1. SDG volunteer officer slate. Susan Parham graciously agreed to continue as SDG Operations Officer and Co-Reunion Chairman. What a gal. However, we do need a new executive director. I loved starting the SDG and guiding it through the first two years but it is time for another SD to leave a mark. Contact me if interested. I can be as engaged as you need me to be as you learn the ropes. Most importantly, we **immediately** need one or

more SDs to train as a supporting editor for the Striking Sixth newsletter. This volunteer will learn how to craft and publish the newsletter. This is a valuable skill to have and it looks good on any resume! The Striking Sixth is the Division's lifeblood. Supporting its editorship is the most critical role SDs can play. Please contact me for details.

2. The Cookbook project. Take a look at Linda Spangler's cookbook article in this newsletter. Linda emphasizes that we must help our parents in capturing their recipes and memories/photos in order to make this project a success. Remember, two SDG goals are to increase the Division coffers and preserve history. This project should be a gold mine on both accounts. Any SD also can send in recipes, associated memories/photos, so let's all "get-out-the recipe" in honor of our vets and submit them to Linda by 31 Jan 05.

3. Reunion support. Despite email entreaties and postings on our website, relatively few SDs signed up in advance to support Susan with the reunion. For any major event, the planning and coordination in advance is the most critical and time consuming. Please contact Susan soon to offer support for the 2005 reunion committees. Several committees are already detailed on the SDG button, www.sixthmarinedivision.com/sdindex.htm, and will be updated routinely. Let's ease Susan's burden in 2005! I can provide you written plans of action for any of these committees. Moreover, Susan can add her own personal experiences and unique requirements based on her baptism-under-fire in 2004. You can help remotely, in advance, even if you can't attend the 2005 Las Vegas Reunion.

4. Standard Operating Procedures/support for elected officers. Unfortunately, the SDG has made little headway on this goal to date. Here was the plan: Volunteer SD action officers would ride sidesaddle with current elected officials in the Division and pick their brains for all implicit, implied and additional tasks that each performs. Action officers would draft SOPs relative to their selected official's responsibilities and help the official with his duties during the year. We'd still like volunteers for this goal; check out the website for details.

SD MEMBERSHIP

39 fully registered SDs: SDs officially signed up as both SD members and Division associate members. Note, this doesn't count spouses, per se, so "39" is a loose figure. In many cases, both husband and wife are supporting, regardless of which is the blood relative.

35 partially registered SDs: SDs signed up as either Division associate member or a SD, but not both! Note, several in this group reportedly plan to transition to the fully registered group.

46 SD contacts. Parents or offspring provided contact data, but the SD has yet to join either the Division or SDG. I have made follow-up contact with each of these SDs and hope for the best.

So we have 120+ in our database-yet there are thousands of offspring out there in the pool! We continue to encourage all parents to spread the word to their children. In turn, we hope the SDs will choose to honor the Vets, join our ranks and support the Sixth Marine Division.

Contact Jean Steed: email, billysteed@prodigy.net or write, 7507 E. Roy Rogers Rd, Scottsdale AZ 85262.

Corpsman's Corner

15 Make Nashville

By Jack Rice

6TH MEDICAL BN.

The change of venue for our annual meeting met with great success. We will no longer meet at a separate time and place. We will meet at the Annual Reunion of the 6th Marine Division Association with our fellow Marines. In Nashville there were 15 of the 6th Marine Division Corpsmen Association present. Three others had to cancel at last minute due to hardship.

Those present in Nashville:

Harvey Anderson	Bill McDaniel
Don Brining	Don Peterson
John Hart (Marine with 6th MedBn)	Litt Raines
Paul Judd	Jack Rice
Hank Lewis	Louis Spillone
Rocco Lospinusso	Tom Terpinas
Rev. Frank Mack	David Titus
Father Frank McCormick	

There are 43 "active" members of the 6th Marine Division Corpsmen Association. These are those who have continued to show an interest in the group. Hopefully others will be so inclined and contacts will be made to increase this number. We want many more to join with the 6th Marine Division Association at the annual reunions for it is there we continue our associations with the Marines we so highly respect.

Plans are already being made for our next meeting in Las Vegas. It should be an exciting meeting. See you there?

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FRIEND OF DIVISION ON OKINAWA DIES

A good friend of the Sixth Division has died. Harlan Murray served during WWII on the USS New York, where he was part of the USMC detachment aboard. He lived on Okinawa most of his life and ran an insurance company there.

Harlan was a very good friend of the 6th Division. He helped Buzzy Fox with the monument erected to both the Japanese and US forces at Camp Kinser, a USMC base on Okinawa.

Bill Pierce, Wpns-29, met Harlan several times, and said, "He was indeed a good friend to all 6th Division men who returned to Okinawa.

He was also a very dear friend of Dave Davenport, who is director of the Battle Museum of Okinawa at Camp Kinser. Over 1500 individuals visit the museum a month, and 85% of the museum is dedicated to the 6th Division.

LADIES AUXILIARY

By Marian Bangert

MARIAN BANGERT IS ONCE AGAIN AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Hi All:

Where do I begin? First, I want to express my gratitude to all of you for putting your Auxiliary in my hands again. It is an honor and privilege.

Second, I need to tell Lorene Gilbert what a great job she did over the past two years as president and for taking on the job as Vice President. To all of you who are on my staff, thank you. I consider myself indeed lucky.

I wish to offer a special thanks to Bobbi Norman for her many years of service to this Auxiliary as our parliamentarian. (Bobbi, a former Sixth Division widow, has married outside the Division this time, but we expect to keep seeing her.) We love you. Your advice and wisdom will be missed. Also, many thanks to Anne Wilkins for all the years she devoted to our Auxiliary. God Bless.

As a matter of special interest, the Auxiliary has donated \$1500 to the Striking Sixth newsletter, an amount that we are told will pay a large part of the cost of this issue.

The new officers in addition to Bangert and Gilbert are Secretary, Bernice Walters; Treasurer, Pauline Roberts; Chaplain, Shirley Judd; Sgt. at Arms, Joan Willauer; Parliamentarian, Marilyn Essex.

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we were spared on the bloody sands and beaches of the South Pacific. Many young men, just like us, never returned, never knew the joy of living out their lives. They were ordinary heroes who sacrificed their lives to defend the liberty Americans should cherish, and so that we could remain a free Nation, under God. Their ultimate contribution must never be forgotten. Their memory must live on.

All of us, including the men we memorialize today, were trained in the highest ideals of the United States Marines. Our beloved Corps was forged with an unyielding code of honor and imbued with a mythical sense of valor. The Marines gallantry in battle is legendary. In just a few minutes we will pause and pay our deepest honor and respect to 103 of these legends as we "ring the bell" for each of them.

A few moments ago I mentioned Bill Manchester. I'm sure many of you have read some of his books about World War II, especially his well known memoir, "Goodbye, Darkness."

Bill was a young non-commissioned officer with the 29th

Marines during the battle for Okinawa. I would like to paraphrase one of his most memorable quotes about death. "As my time to depart this life draws near, I think to myself, when it does come, and I confront

St. Peter at the golden gates, I shall have just one question for him. I'll ask, 'Are my Sixth Marine Division buddies in Heaven?' If the answer is "NO", I'll tell him, 'Well sir, then I choose to join the rest of my buddies in Hell. Don't worry about us, we'll manage okay, because after all, we've been there before!'

Yes, my friends, taps will someday inevitably sound for us all. It may be soon, or it may be years away, but our days are numbered. Until then, we must carry on the ideals of those who fell in battle, and those we honor at this ceremony. Soon we must yield the torch of freedom to a younger generation. Let us do so while it yet burns and glows within our hearts. May it bum as brightly for those who take it from our hands, as it has for us.

In closing, I'm reminded of the last verse of a poem by Gerald Lewis Geiger. In it he speaks of the sacredness of the lives of veterans and he concludes by saying, "Forget not their gift to you, betray not their simple trust, forsake not their sacred bequest, and cradle them well, in your hearts".

May God bless each of you, and may God bless the United States of America. Amen!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR 2004 SIXTH MARINE DIVISION ASSN.

All information is dated from the Reunion in St. Petersburg to August 31, 2004.

Membership:

Total members in good standing, dues paid for 2004	2,574
Life Regular Members	1,371
Life Associate Members	538
Annual Regular Members	401
Annual Associate Members	162
Honorary Life	6
Organizations	19
Sons and Daughters	77

Keep in mind that as regular members die, their widows take on their membership status as an associate. For that reason you will notice that the number of Life Regular members will decrease and Life Associate members will increase.

There are 79 members with bad addresses. This means the USPS has returned mail as undeliverable – left no forwarding address or forwarding address has expired. The mailing of the Newsletter to all members produced a large number of members who had moved and not advised the Association.

There were 17 Sons & Daughters and 59 Regular Annual Members dropped for non-payment of 2002 dues and 81 have not paid for 2003 dues.

Members requesting they be dropped from the mailing list –15.

New members since the last reunion:	94
Regular Life Members	8
Regular Annual Members	25
Regular Annual to Regular Life	8
Associate Annual Members	47
(43 Sons & Daughters, 4 Regular)	
Associate Life Members (Sons & Dau)	6

Newsletter:

There are 370 members who have paid for the Newsletter in advance from 2005 to 2016.

Mailing list for paid subscription for 2003 and 2004	1,526
Regular Life Subscribers for 2004+	676
Regular Life Subscribers for 2003	504
Regular Annual Subscribers for 2004+	84
Regular Annual Subscribers for 2003	56
Associate Life Subscribers 2004+	23
Associate Life Subscribers 2003	76
Associate Annual Subscribers 2004+	35
Associate Annual Subscribers 2003	23
Honorary Life	6
Organizations	19
Subscription Only	24

Widows:

Associate Life	249
Associate Annual (Paid 2004)	2
Widows with paid Subscription 2004+	109
Widows with paid Subscription 2003	19

Deceased Members:

There are 81 **members** on the Memorial List since the St. Petersburg Reunion.

ROLL CALL

(NEW MEMBERS of the Sixth Marine Division Association)

AKIN, Mark, ID #5863, Son of Glenn Akin, Associate Annual
 CLEMENGER, Lori A., #5877, Daughter of Delmer W. Asbury, Assoc. Annual
 CROWLEY, Stephanie, ID #5847, Wife of Joseph Crowley (6th Motor Trans), Assoc. Annual
 ERICKSON, Duane R., ID #5851, Brother of Demar L. Erickson, Assoc. Annual
 FOX, Jane, ID #6865, Daughter of Buzzy Fox, Associate Annual
 GEHRKE, Richard A., ID #5852, Son of Wilbur J. Gehrke, Associate Life
 GOSS, Richard C., ID #5845, 4th MAR-2-G, Regular Life
 HAGENAH, Mrs. John (Irish), Friend of Glenn Akin, Associate Annual
 HARTLEY, Anne G., ID #5856, Daughter of Anthony T. Greco, Assoc. Annual
 HASEKIAN, Harry, ID #5875, 15th MAR-3-G, Regular Annual
 HIGGINS, Judy, ID #5849, Daughter of Buzzy Fox, Associate Annual
 HOUSTON, Mark A., ID #5872, Son of Robert A. Houston, Associate Annual
 KELLISON, James F., ID #5871, 22nd MAR-1-B, Regular Annual
 LANGLEY, Richard J., ID #5860, Friend of William Roberts, Associate Annual
 LEBLANC, Dale P., ID #0949, 22nd MAR-1-HQ, Reinstatement Regular Annual
 LEHENBAUER, Ruth, ID #5869, Daughter of Thomas S. Oaks, Assoc. Annual
 MARCHELL, Madeline, ID # 5846, Daughter of Joseph Gianvito, Associate Life
 MARTIN, Linda, ID #5861, Daughter of Kurt Aaron, Associate Annual
 McCORMACK, James H., ID #5755, 29th MAR-2-G, Annual to Life
 McGOWAN, II, Robert W., ID #5866, Son of Robert W. McGowan, Assoc. Life
 PARKER, David, ID #5873, Son of James W. Parker, Associate Annual
 O'NEIL, Stephen J., ID #5867, Son of Jeremiah J. O'Neil, Associate Annual
 SCHAFER, Kenneth C., ID #5853, 6th Engineer Bn.-Co. B, Regular Annual
 SHERROD, Charol, ID #5874, Daughter of Robert A. Russell, Associate Annual
 SMITH, Gary J., Son of Joe Hugh Smith, Associate Annual
 SMITH, Scott M., ID #5848, Son of Robert A. Smith, Jr., Associate Annual
 TAYLOR, Timothy M., ID #5858, Son of Robert Charles Taylor, Associate Annual
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