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MILLENNIUM MAXWELL HOTEL, TOURS, AMONG REUNION OFFERINGS

By Susan Parham, reunion coordinator



Millennium Maxwell House in Nashville, Tennessee

iron and board. The hotel offers two dining choices - Maxwell's Sports Bar, a contemporary sports bar serving great food, and Praline's - for casual dining for breakfast, lunch and dinner. A selection of healthy choices are available from the menu or from the buffets offered. The hotel is offering all reunion guests a 10 percent discount on all food served in both of the dining areas.

Directions to the hotel: Traveling I-40 (West) through downtown Nashville to exit 208 which takes you to 65 North, exit 85, Metro-Center Boulevard, turn left, and at the stoplight turn left again.

Activities planned for the week include a DISCOVER NASHVILLE CITY TOUR.

This tour will depart from the hotel on Wednesday morning (9-29-04) and will include the Bicentennial Mall, Historic Second Avenue, Music Row, Vanderbilt University, The Parthenon and

The Millennium Maxwell Hotel is the gathering spot for the 2004 6th Marine Division Association reunion. The hotel provides a warm, relaxed setting that is comfortable and cozy. The hotel is located just minutes from downtown Nashville, and provides an outdoor pool and courtyard area. All rooms are equipped with coffee maker, hair dryer,



Cozy room inside the Millennium Maxwell House.

entrance into the Country Music Hall of Fame Museum and the Ryman Auditorium. Finish the tour with live Country Music and refreshment at a downtown Honky Tonk! Friday night it's off to the GRAND OLE OPRY!

We have been able to obtain the best seating possible - Gold Circle that are within the first 12 rows of the stage. We also have available Main Floor seating for those who don't care to be "up-close and personal" but still want to enjoy the excitement of the Opry. Transportation is included with the buses leaving the hotel around 6:30 pm.

There is so much to enjoy in Nashville that it'll be hard to decide what to do. Suggestions include the General Jackson Showboat - a 4-deck paddle wheeler with midday and evening cruises with strolling musicians and live musical productions. The Hermitage: Home of President Andrew Jackson. Tour the 1837 mansion with guides in period costume. The Military History Branch of the Tennessee State Museum. This is located in the War Memorial Building as a tribute to veterans. The museum features exhibits on America's involvement in foreign wars from the Spanish American War to World War II.

Shopping is a must at the Opry Mills - where "shoppertainment" comes to life. Over 200 shops, themed dining and entertainment venues. And of course you can't miss the Gaylord Opryland Hotel with its nine acres of lush gardens and exciting dining experiences.

Don't forget the hotel offers complimentary shuttle service to downtown Nashville and all the "honky tonks" such as the world famous Wild Horse Saloon!

If you are planning on flying into Nashville - be sure to check out the Senior Rates available from Southwest Air Lines. And make sure to take the phone number of the hotel to contact them for pick-up service from the airport directly to the hotel.



The Grand Ole Opry House

See pgs. 14 & 15 for Reunion Registration Form and Schedule of Events

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WWII DRILL INSTRUCTORS REUNION

The U.S. Marine Corps World War II Drill Instructors are hosting what may be their final reunion at none other than Parris Island, South Carolina. The get-together is slated for Oct. 12-15, 2004, at Days Inn, in nearby Port Royal.

"This year's reunion is the fourteenth and last reunion because members' numbers have dwindled, dwindled, dwindled," according to organizer Tiny Renaker. "Only 12 WWII drill instructors met at the reunion in October (2003). Many can't travel and can't drive. We'll meet one more time and see what happens."

At least one 6th Marine Division and Okinawa veteran belongs to the Drill Instructors group, Buzzy Fox. Both Marines fought on Okinawa, Renaker as a platoon guide with L-3-5 of the 1st Marine Division.

Born April 6, 1923, Renaker joined the 1st Division at Pavuvu in the Russell Islands in fall, 1944. After training at Guadalcanal, the 1st sailed for Okinawa. Renaker emerged from the Battle for Okinawa after 83 days with his 16-gauge shotgun, and 6-foot, five-inch tall frame in tact.

"I was not wounded. Not a scratch. I was a big target but they missed me," Tiny said. He later served in China. Tiny earned his nickname at the induction center and it stuck through boot camp and the remainder of his time in the Marines. At 6-foot, five-inches tall and weighing 250-plus "stripped," Tiny was granted a waiver to join the Marine Corps, he said.

Tiny kicked off the Drill Instructors group in 1982, mustering old Marines from across the country and he did it by writing letters to 160 newspapers. He asked editors to publish his letter seeking contacts with World War II era Marine Corps drill instructors. Repeated contacts with more and more newspapers yielded additional "recruits" for the small organization Tiny was founding. The roster hit a high of about 350 former D.I.s, according to Tiny. In December 2003, reunion notices were sent to 189 old Marines still on the roster.

For information on the reunion, contact Tiny Renaker, 1307 21ST PORT HURON, MI, 48060.

Written by John J. Wise

22ND MARINES REUNION SLATED

Seattle is the site for reuniting Marines from the 22nd Regiment and it is set for Oct. 5-10 at the Radisson Seattle Airport Hotel. For information contact reunion hosts Jim and Marie Bucklin at (509) 547-2289.

Hotel reservations are available at \$79-plus tax and reunion forms can be obtained from Harold E. Walters, Treasurer, 143 Jefferson Rd. Wooster, Ohio 44691-3209.

China Marine Association

The China Marine Association is hosting its 16th annual reunion Sept. 1-4 in San Antonio, Texas, and invites association members and other Marines with China service to attend. The gathering will be held in the Airport Hilton, and hotel reservations must be made directly to the hotel. The hotel's toll-free number is 877-377-7227.

For more information contact association president James J. Hadaway, 1200 Morningside Dr., Waycross, GA 31501-5041. Incidentally, Hadaway served in the 1st Marine Division, but welcomes any and all 6th Marine Division veterans.

SHIP STORES DOCKING IN NASHVILLE

Tom McKinney promises to keep the store open at the 2004 reunion in Nashville and have available for sale shirts, caps, flags and large division decals among other items He is also willing to fill special requests, and reminds shoppers proceeds go to the association.

"What If... ESSAYS BY THE WORLD'S FOREMOST MILITARY HISTORIANS *IMAGINE WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN,*

Review by Dan Accrocco,
son of 6th Marine Engineer

I've recently read a very interesting book, each chapter written by leading historians posing the question, "What If?.." to a variety of significant moments in history. Questions such as "what if Lee's Order hadn't been lost..", "what if Hitler had captured the Middle East oil reserves..," and "what if Japan had sprung their trap at Midway.." Each writer provides a compelling insight into how history may have changed if certain key events had turned differently.

The most relevant essay for 6th Marine veterans was the one called, "No Bomb, No End, the Operation Olympic Disaster, Japan 1945" by Richard Frank. In this report, I will provide a review of the controversy and the writer's case. While no doubt, Marine veterans already agree that a disaster was waiting their invasion of Japan, the story reveals some surprises not generally understood about the plausible results of history's unchosen alternative. In Frank's view, speed was of the essence. The war had to end when it did.

During the month Okinawa was invaded by U.S. forces, the Joint Chiefs of Staff had tentatively agreed on a two-phase amphibious landing on Japan to end the war. The goal was unconditional surrender. The nightmare concern was not the initial invasion, but the reality that there might not be an organized capitulation of Japan's 4 million armed forces. By August, American leaders seriously questioned the invasion rationale as new intelligence revealed a veritable ambush waiting the US at both invasion targets. Chances were zero that either operation would have been executed in 1945.

Two obvious alternative choices to invasion were diplomacy and a blockade and bombardment strategy, but each deferred surrender. There was little support for negotiations as the minimum Japanese position desired to preserve the existing imperial system and old order. It was expected Japan would yield to no terms acceptable to America.

The success of bombing infrastructure targets in Europe was believed to have hastened the collapse of Germany. Thus, also in August, a change in bombing strategy against Japan was planned to shift to its transportation system. The author suggests that the actual affect of this change would have been cataclysmic. The loss of the railroads would have inflicted mass famine, followed by civil disruptions and revolution, as access to all the limited food supplies in the country would have been severed. The Soviet Army was poised to invade Japan as well.

The key to Japan's immediate and unconditional surrender actually rested with use of nuclear weapons in that first week of August. The emperor's power over the military leaders and his influence to intervene was quickly eroding. The armed forces, entrenched in their belief they could defeat any invading armies, would refuse to comply with any surrender directive. Millions

would have perished from starvation or disease. Japanese under arms would have held out until annihilation. The Pacific War would have dragged on for probably two to five more years, ending with a possibly divisive Soviet-American condition in the homelands. The surviving Japanese people would have lived in bitterness and poverty for decades.

The author concludes that the atomic bomb, for all its horror, was the least abhorrent choice.

"What If?", edited by Robert Cowley, G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1999, ISBN 0-399-14576-1

Of MarinesThen and Always

"To have seen what they did at Sugar Loaf Hill, and the cheerfulness with which they went to their deaths has stayed with me forever.

"What is it that makes them all the same? I've watched them in Vietnam. I've watched them in Korea. They are all the same. There is nothing different.

"And that is a source of immense satisfaction to me because these boys are just the microcosm of the American youth. And the American youth is one helluva lot better than it is credited."

Lt. Gen. Victor H. Krulac
6th Marine Division WWII
Okinawa battle veteran
Born 7 Jan 1913, Denver, Colorado

Gen. Krulac provided the above quote during an interview and program broadcast on The History Channel.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Hi Ladies,

I flew to Modesto, California to have Thanksgiving with my two brothers and their families. I had a wonderful time. The flight was pleasant and very beautiful.

John Wise, acting editor of our newsletter, did a fine job to help us keep in touch. Thank you, John, for your time, hard work and wonderful newsletter.

Our craft table will need lots of crafts and I know you will see that it is full of crafts. Jean Steed is Ways and Means and she is doing a fine job. Thanks, Jean.

Keep our leaders in Washington in your prayers. They need wisdom to know how to lead our great country. Pray for our military people to be safe and return home soon.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Nashville. The committee has lots of wonderful activities planned and has spent many long hours to make our reunion a success. I am excited to get there and enjoy the fellowship of everyone. God bless each one of you.

Love and Semper Fi,

Lorene Gilbert

Bylaws-6th Marine Division Association

Submitted by Sam Petriello, Judge Advocate

ARTICLE V - MEMBERS AND DUES

A. Strike out "five" and insert "six"

Insert a new "2"

2. Regular associate members. Lineal descendants of regular members in good standing of the association, or deceased members who, at the time of their deaths, were in good standing of the association are eligible for regular association membership. They shall be entitled to hold office and vote at the annual meeting.

Renumber 2 to 3 to read: Associate members

Renumber 3 to read 4: Life members

Renumber 4 to read 5: Honorary members

Renumber 5 to read 6: Friends of the association, USMC Aviation, Historical Center ... are friends of regular members.

D. Dues. Amend to combine 1 and 2 to read:

1. All dues are payable in advance and shall be due and payable on Jan. 1 of each year. Number 3 becomes 2.

E. Delete the word "his."

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

B. Amend to insert "regular associate," to read as follows: "All officers shall be voting regular, regular associate, or regular life members of the association in good standing."

C. Amend the third sentence by deleting "and be installed at the banquet/dinner held during the annual reunion." Amend the third sentence after the words "respective officers" by adding "following installation at the close of the annual meeting."

D. 9. Editor. Amend by adding at the end "upon payment of the subscription fee," to read "The editor shall receive all information to be included in the Striking Sixth newsletter, which information shall compiled, edited and the publication sent to all members upon payment of the subscription fee."

ARTICLE VI- MEETINGS.

C. Quorum. Amend by inserting after the word "regular" the words "regular associate." To read: "The presence of not less than one hundred or 30 percent regular, regular associate and life members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a later number may adjourn to some future time and date, or the next annual meeting."

D. Voting. First sentence. Amend after the word "regular" the words "regular associate," to read: The right to vote in the transaction of the association is vested in paid-up regular, regular associate and regular life members only.

ARTICLE VIII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

B. Membership

d. Amend by inserting after the words "one elected regular" the words "regular associate," to read: "d. One elected regular, regular associate or regular life member of the association."

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SON OF A MARINE And Proud of It

FROM THE ACTING EDITOR



*Franklin E. Taylor, John Wise,
Gualalcanal G-3-29th*

Hello, my name is John J. Wise and it is my pleasure to serve as acting newsletter editor for the 6th Marine Division Association. I am not a Marine, but I am proud to say that my late father, John Wise, is. He served in G-3-29. He left me little in material things, among them, an old wristwatch, a trio of Japanese medals he said he "confiscated" from a post office on Okinawa, and a collection of old photographs of his Marine days in places familiar to men of the Striking Sixth.

Those old black and white photos and a dozen or so names penned in the margins of a dog-eared photo album eventually allowed me, with the help of associate member Karen Hayes, to link up with a few old Marines who knew my father. They have told me my dad was a good Marine, one they could depend on. I've spent hours searching telephone directories, contacting Marine veterans who would offer names of other Marines I should contact. My search continues making positive connections. I've talked to some G Company Marines. And I've talked with some of their wives, and widows, and sons and daughters.

Relatively few are left now. I met only one, Sigurd Carlson, at the reunion in St. Petersburg. He is old and in failing health and it was bittersweet to finally meet him. Sweet to finally meet a Marine who knew my dad, and to learn from him that it was my dad, and fellow Marine Clyde Bucy,

who "took out a Jap machine gun nest" that had only minutes before, fired on and wounded Sig Carlson. Bitter to see this former warrior struggle with the fight of his life.

"Your dad had balls," Sig told me. Of the other Marines in 3rd Platoon, Sig said, "They were the greatest bunch of guys you'd meet in your life. I was blessed to be with those guys." His experience in the Marines and combat on Okinawa, Sig said emphatically, "... Gave me a foundation for life. When I came home I didn't want to hurt anyone anymore."

Another Marine I have spoken with is Franklin Earl Taylor. He, too, brightened my day when he recalled my father. Both walked the same path from boot camp to northern China.

"Johnny Wise was one fellow I could put my trust in. We were in combat together and at Parris Island and everywhere else," he told me during our initial telephone conversation two years ago. "We stayed together on Guadalcanal, Okinawa and were in the same squad until we were wounded. He was a good Marine. He held up his end of the stick 100 percent. No, 200 percent. Johnny was a heckuva good guy."

And there is Eric W. Turner. He offered the most thorough recollections of my father and to him I will be forever indebted. We have never met, but Eric has shared with me stories of long ago via letters and email.

"Johnny was a happy-go-lucky guy in the company; Always upbeat. Well liked by everyone and had the knack for kidding guys out of a fight," Turner told me.

"And I remember John's singing a pop song at the time, *I'll Never Smile Again Until I Smile at You*. It seemed the only one he did; like a stuck record. Got kidded a lot about it."

And that early contact brought me to my dad's Platoon Leader Tommy Owen. He told me of the tremendous losses 3rd Platoon experienced on Okinawa: 17 killed, all but a few WIA.

I like to think my father was equally fond of Sig Carlson, Frank Taylor, Eric W. Turner, Tom Owen, and all Marines who took part in the Last Ordeal in the Pacific.

Like so many Marines, these combat-tested men came home after the war and got on with their lives. And that, I think, is part of their legacy. Living. And remembering their role in history and the friendships forged so many years ago. Past Association President Buzzy Fox pledged to keep their memories and the association alive "... to remind the world of our courage on that island so close to Japan."

It is this editor's intention to live up to that legacy by helping keep afloat the 6th Marine Division Association. My father left me few material possessions. I now treasure them. But he left me a part of his heart and, I hope, a measure of his integrity. Both were shaped during his short ride with the Striking Sixth. I have a lot to live up to.

Son of a Sixth Division Marine

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*Marines John Wise (left) Melvin Mack,
Guadalcanal, 1944*



*Editor John J. Wise (left) Melvisn Mack, Cincinnati,
Ohio, 2002*

HISTORIAN'S CORNER LEADERSHIP DEFINED

By Association Historian Laura Lacey

define the fighting man--- yet another characteristic is leadership. What makes some men so natural to follow? One of the Sixth's natural leaders, both as a corporal and a general, was James Day. This transcribed monologue from a video interview with General Day explains why he was a leader of men.

[James Day, from Saint Louis, Illinois, had participated in combat in the Marshall Islands and on Guam. As a nineteen-year-old corporal on Okinawa, his actions would result in his receiving the Medal of Honor.]

I have heard throughout my career, as a general officer in the Marine Corps, people come up to me and say, 'Hey you have an awesome responsibility.' When I commanded, as General of 26,000, when I commanded a division, the First Marine Division of 26,000 people, people would often ask, 'How do you do it?' 'How do you take care of them, how do you take care of their medical needs, and their tactical needs, and their equipment needs, and their every being?' 'Cause you're like a father image to them.' They always said that was an awesome responsibility. Well, I always like to compare that general, who was a division commander, when you talk about awesome responsibility to the Marine Corps fire team leader.

Now that Marine Corps fire team leader is the leader of the smallest element in the Marine Corps. He leads only four people himself and three others. It's called a fire team. His responsibility, I think, is almost beyond comprehension. If you take a look at the day in combat of that general officer who leads the 26,000 men and take a look at the young man, who is a corporal, [his] day in combat, I think you can see the correlation of the thing I'm talking about.

A general, when he gets up in the morning, in combat, he has had a goodnight's sleep. He usually gets up and has a nice cup of coffee and a nice breakfast and he brings in his staff of at least eighteen people. They brief him on what they are going to do that day. He brings in an engineer officer, supply officer, a tactical officer, an air officer, a medical officer, and artillery officer. He brings them all in and they advise him about what's going to happen that day. He takes that advice and that's the way he fights the battle that comes up that day. He might go forward to the front lines regiments, visit commanders, and says, hey, you're doing a fine job. Then he goes back to rear, debriefs again with these eighteen people, and then he prepares for bed at night. When he goes to bed at night, he has a nice warm place to sleep in. He might not

As I interviewed men for my thesis/manuscript Stay off the Skyline: A Personal History of the Sixth, I was ever amazed at the many facets of being a warrior. Courage, friendship, and honor all help to

have sheets every night but at least in a sleeping bag. He does not have to worry about being overrun by the enemy or receiving a lot of incoming artillery or air being used against him. He is in a pretty safe and pretty shallow place.

If you take that corporal who's a fire team leader and you look at him when, as he's waking up in the morning, you have to remember at most he's had two or-two-and-a-half hours sleep. Two men in a foxhole. There's usually eight hours of darkness and because of the probes against the front lines, counter attacks, artillery fire that's coming in, mortar fire that's coming in, machine gun fire that's coming in, he doesn't get much sleep. So, when he gets up in the morning ready to move out, he's the man responsible to make sure that his men have had water and food, that they have rations, and that they're ready to move out. He has to take care of his casualties. He has dead. He has to see that guy is wrapped in a poncho and evacuated. If he has wounded he has to see that their wounds are taken care of and they're evacuated. Then he jumps off the attack and he doesn't have any respite from that attack. After he takes that hill, he takes another and another and another.

When his day comes to an end, he hasn't had anything to eat during the day. He hasn't had the advice of eighteen professionals to tell him what to do during the day. He does it on his own. When the night comes, he digs in and prepares to do the same thing with a lack of sleep. So, when you talk about the awesome responsibility that the Marine General has, on one hand, as division command, it is awesome. Awesome enough to me because, simply because, it's very difficult to do, but often because of the amount of men.

Remember that Marine General has been in the Marine Corps probably about thirty-five years. He's been a platoon commander, he's been a company commander, he's been a battalion commander, and a regimental commander. He's been to seven or eight schools in the service and he usually has a Master's Degree in civilian life. So, he's well prepared for that command.

When you take a look at that little corporal and what he's done, he's probably had one school in his entire life and that's the Marine Corps boot camp, which is the finest school in the finest organization or organizing force for Marines that I've ever seen, but that's all he has. So when you talk about awesome responsibility, I say to you, that corporal has more responsibility, tenfold, than the division commander.

Now, if you line these two men up side-by-side and you ask that general what would you like to see today in combat. He'd probably like to see...I'd like to see us accomplish our mission at a minimum loss of men. You put that corporal beside him and you ask that corporal, 'Corporal, what would you like to see happen today, to happen in combat.' He'd say, 'The thing I'd like to see is tomorrow. I'd like to see tomorrow.' That's the kid that has responsibility. The general and everyone else involved has the responsibility to see that young man does see his tomorrows.

Gen. Day died in November 1999, not long after receiving his long overdue Medal of Honor.

THE GENERAL

In walked the general
perfectly straight
immaculately groomed
and the prescribed weight.
He said all the right things
and kept others in line
he knew when to eat
and when rather to dine.
But he came to a place
to be with men he'd not lead
but with who he had fought
and he had bled.
Then no matter the ribbons
he was nineteen again
simply a Marine
with many an old friend.
I watched him from a distance
as the layers came away
he was no longer the General
just Cpl. Jim Day.
He taught me a lesson
that I should have already seen
that even the best Generals
will first be a Marine.



ATTENTION
ALL
MEMBERS!

It may come as a surprise to some, but there really is someone in this organization who knows what is going on when it comes to membership roles, dues, newsletter fees and the like. Her name is Florence Dornan, official membership manager of the 6th Marine Division Association. All requests for membership information and dues should be sent directly to her at the following address: FLORENCE DORNAN, 704 Cooper Ct Arlington, TX 76011-5550. For those with email, Florence can be reached at: Sxthmardiv@aol.com

Among errors in the last Striking Sixth were Florence's name. It is Dornan. Not Doran. Also, the email address contained a mistake.

Florence Dornan also has the unenviable task of compiling the lists of names for the Taps section of the newsletter. Such information should be sent to her for the records, as well as for inclusion in future newsletters. Also, membership dues and newsletter fees should be made payable to the Sixth Marine Division Association.

NEW MEMBERS

5841 CARSON, Gene, Friend of Howard Terry, Associate Annual
5835 CARTER, Donald L., 22nd MAR-HQ, Regular Annual
5844 FOX, Meg, (Daughter of Edward "Buzzy" Fox), Associate Annual
5827 GULCZYNSKI, Karol, 6th MAR DIV, Regular Life
5837 HENDREN, Ann W., (Daughter of Claud Wilkins), Associate Life
5834 HLAVAC, Donna, (Daughter of Daniel Dereschuk), Associate Annual
5831 HOWELL, David A., (Son of Harold Howell), Associate Annual
5830 HOWELL, Eric R., (Son of Harold Howell), Associate Annual
5829 HOWELL, Gary J., (Son of Harold Howell), Associate Annual
5839 KOEHLER, Andrew (Son of Ralph I. Koehler), Associate Annual
5843 MARTINDALE, Anita (Daughter of Howard Terry), Associate Annual
5727 McBRIDE, Anerson, Regimental Weapons, Regular Annual to Life
5840 REYNOLDS, Raymond S. (Son of Robert S. Reynolds), Associate Annual
5832 RISCHAR, Rena N., (Daughter of Harold Howell), Associate Annual
5828 RISHER, Carolyn M., (Daughter of Harold Howell), Associate Annual
5842 SCOTT, George A., 4th MAR-2-E, Regular Annual
5833 SMITH, Jacquelyn L. (Daughter of Harold Howell), Associate Annual
5836 STARR, Floyd E., 22nd MAR-2-G, Regular Life
5738 WEBB, Francis E., 15th MAR-4-M, Regular Annual to Life
5838 WILKINS, Mark H., (Son of Claud Wilkins), Associate Life

TAPS

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

AGNEW, William, NM, 6th MAR DIV.-Artillery, DOD: 10/25/2003
BRANDES, Alice (Wife of Zack Brandes), DOD: 2/29/2004
BRENNEN, Leo, ID#5499, 29TH MAR-2-D, DOD: 6/08/2003
CAHILL, William T., ID #1021, 15th MAR-3-H&S, DOD: 3/06/2004
CAMISE, Vincent, ID #1142, 29th MAR-H&S, DOD: 2/16/2004
CROCKER, Lester B., ID #1131, 6th JASCO, DOD: 2/29/2004
DAVENPORT, William, ID #5310, 4th MAR-2-F, DOD: 2/29/2004
DRAGON, John, ID #1664, 4th MAR-Weapons, DOD: 12/29/2003
FITZGERALD, Robert L., ID #3201, 4th MAR-1-C, DOD: 12/09/2003
GIBBONS, Charles B., ID #2655, 22nd MAR-2-F, DOD: 10/20/2003
GOSS, Henry Lee, ID #5146, 6th MAR Div., DOD: 5/03/1999
HENSLEY, Jack, ID #4405, 22nd MAR-B-6th Medical Bn, DOD: 3/19/2004
HOEHNE, Curt O., ID #1564, 29th MAR-1-C, DOD: 12/03/2003
HOLTON, Robert L., ID #4732, 29th MAR-3-I, DOD: Unknown
HUNT, Roy F., ID #3883, 22nd MAR-1-B, DOD: 2/19/2004
JOHNSON, Leo M., ID #1837, 22nd MAR-H&S, DOD: 12/06/2003
KRULAK, Amy, Wife of Victor Krulak, DOD: 1/17/2004
LADWIG, Valle, Wife of Jerry Ladwig, DOD: Unknown
LAHMEYER, John A., ID #5278, 22nd MAR-JASCO, DOD: 11/29/2003
LOWE, Gwen, Wife of Warren Lowe, DOD: 9/09/2003
LOWE, Warren E., ID #4282, 29th MAR-3-G, DOD: 11/02/2003
MACK, William P., ID #1219, 6th Marine Div-HQ-MP, DOD: 11/3/2003
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McCOSH, John D., (Jack), NM, 22nd MAR-2-F, DOD: 11/14/2003
McKINNEY, Dorothy, Wife of Thomas McKinney, DOD: 3/18/2004
McNAMARA, Joseph E., ID#0777, 4th MAR-3-K, DOD: 10/26/2003
MUIR, George C., ID #3761, 4th MAR-2, DOD: 1/23/2004
OAKES, Landon, ID #0458, 22nd MAR-Weapons, DOD: 2/29/2004
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CURIOUS CONNECTION



Paul Brandt, Jr.

UNION, NJ MARINE FIRST TO FALL ON OKINAWA

BY JOHN J. WISE
STRIKING SIXTH EDITOR

Paul Brandt, Jr. of Union, New Jersey was the first Marine killed on land on Okinawa, 1 April 1945. He was 19, and serving with the A Co. 4th Marines, 6th Marine Division, having trained previously on Guadalcanal. Brandt completed boot camp at Parris Island in Platoon 351. Among his drill instructors was Edward "Buzzy" Fox, a long-time member of the 6th Marine Division Association.

Fox didn't know of his connections to the slain Marine until well after the war when another Marine and Okinawa veteran, Charles Robinson, came to Fox looking for a job. According to Fox, Robinson said something like: "Don't you remember me? You were my drill instructor at Parris Island." Fox could not remember, and told this editor: "He was one of 76 kids we had in the platoon. I didn't remember him."

All three Union, New Jersey Marines - Brandt, Robinson, and Fox - would eventually find their way to Okinawa. Sadly, only two made it home.

Charles Robinson served in the 1st Marine Division on Okinawa. Paul Brandt, in A Co. 4th Marines, 6th Division. And Buzzy Fox, pulled from Parris Island and sent to the Pacific, wound up as a replacement with the 22nd Marines.

Well after the war Robinson got the job with Buzzy Fox, and eventually came to mention Paul Brandt - and the distinction of being the first Marine killed on Okinawa. Robinson spoke of their shared connection to boot camp, their shared hometown and their shared experience of being Okinawa Marines. Buzzy still has the memorial service program from Brandt's funeral, as well as an age-yellowed newspaper article noting the young Marine's death.

The newspaper reported Brandt enlisted in the Marine Corps in April, 1944, was called to active duty 6 June and took boot training through August. Then came advanced training at Camp Lejeune, where Brandt qualified as an expert machine gunner. He went overseas in late November.

The April 19, 1945 newspaper account noted a surviving brother: "Seaman 1/c Harry Brandt, a Seabee who was recently home on leave after service in the European Area, and now ordered to service in the Pacific."

Five decades after the Last Ordeal in the Pacific, Fox made one more connection to the fallen Union Marine. That when he touched the name - Paul Brandt - among the more than 237,000 names on the Memorial Peace Wall on Okinawa.

"Sinatra Speaks"

ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT 'LAST OF THE HORSE MARINES'

Born in Garfield, New Jersey 30 June 30, 1925, Sinatra joined the Marines in 1943, and went through recruit training at Parris Island, graduating as Honor Man of the platoon and was subsequently promoted to PFC. His first assignment: guard duty at the Naval Ammunition in Crane, Indiana. His first duty vehicle: a horse. That's right. By his own admission, Sixth Marine Division Association President Andy Sinatra was the last of the horse Marines.



Andy Sinatra

After six months in the saddle Sinatra volunteered for Fleet Marine Force and soon shipped out as a replacement for the 22nd

Marines in the Marshall Island. From there to Guadalcanal and training with the 4th Marines about the time the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade was formed. On Guam he served as a BAR man with C-1-22 and was WIA.

Editor's note: Serving a second hitch as association president is Andy Sinatra, who took over earlier this year following the sudden resignation of Edward "Buzzy" Fox. Sinatra was first elected president in 1979 at the reunion held in Virginia Beach. He was asked to pen a "president's message" but chose to offer a Marine's autobiography.

Once recovered from those wounds, Sinatra was shipped back to Guadalcanal and assigned to the newly minted Striking Sixth. Landing on Okinawa 1 April 45, he served as point man and was wounded WIA in the battle for Charlie Hill. From Okinawa he was evacuated to San Diego Naval Hospital, and in November, to Newport, Rhode Island Naval Hospital. Soon after, on the 170th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps, Sinatra was discharged.

He is a member of the Marine Corps League, West Hudson Detachment, and was employed until retirement by the Givaudan Corporation in Clifton, New Jersey. He also served as president of the local Oil Chemical Workers of America union. He remains married to Wanda, his wife of 56 years. Wanda served as Ladies Auxiliary president in 1979.

Condensed from:

TWO OF THREE CHINA MARINES REUNITED



1946 China - Left to right: Douglas P. Gordon, Edward H. Jacot and William H. Bounds

"A WONDERFUL MARINE STORY"

by Mary Jacot

On Jan. 9, 1945, four months before the Invasion of Okinawa, Ed Jacot joined the U.S. Marine Corps. Like other Marines of the era, he trained at Parris Island and Camp Lejune before shipping out for the Pacific from Camp Pendleton. During that time he met and befriended many Marines who were heading that way. Jacot went to Guam and then onto China for occupation duty. His tour in China took him to Tsingtao, Peipin and Tientsin. During this time a friendship was formed with fellow from Ohio -

Douglas P. Gordon. Jacot and Gordon were both young, quite and counted the days until they could go home.

For Jacot that day came in April 1947 and he headed home to Holyoke, Mass. He soon lost contact with Gordon, who had been sent home on an emergency leave because his dad was very ill and passed away. Doug Gordon was subsequently.

Jacot knew Gordon had lived on a farm in Ohio, and over the ensuing years he attempted to look up his old

buddy and re-establish contact. Time marched on and after more than five decades, Jacot had zero luck finding Doug Gordon, former China Marine.

Jacot belongs to the 6th Marine Division Association and when the newsletter comes around he pours over it, searching familiar names. In the single 2003 issue mailed to members Jacot found a familiar name - that of Douglas P. Gordon, his buddy of long ago. Contact was made, as were plans for a long-overdue meeting. Jacot and Gordon, and

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RETURN TO TSINGTAO

*Written by Robert Martin
E-2-29 Machine gun platoon*

*Bob Martin, E-2-29 in compound
of Old TsingTao University, 1945*



It is now well known by members of our 6th Division Association that the original plan for our Division at the end of the war was to enter the fishing port of Chefoo (now Yantai) on the northeast coast of Shantung (today Shandong) Province.

The Chinese Communists, however, had already seized the city but they were told they could not accept the surrender of the Japanese units as the newly created U.N. had mandated surrender to the Allies, which meant only the Chinese Nationalists.

The Kung Chang Tang (Communists) informed the Americans that they would not withdraw. General Keller Rockey then ordered the Marines to Tsingtao and on 11 October 1945, the 6th Division entered the city. Many reading this will recall the joyous and enthusiastic reception of the people of Tsingtao when the 6th Division entered the city.

The 29th Regiment was billeted in several schools and part of the regiment, for example, was in Tsingtao University and later in the Strand Hotel (no longer there) on one of the beaches. Tsingtao University became National Tsingtao University by 1930 and in the 1939-40 era when the Japanese sent troops into the city, it became a Japanese high school.

Today this German-built landmark (1924) in Qingdao is Ocean University (since 1988), having been Shandong University until 1959 and the college of Oceanography after 1959 and one of the China's key universities. Although the Chinese Communists held the area around the city, the 6th Division had control of the city. A representative of the 8th Route

Army (Communist) sent a message to Gen. Shepherd saying they were willing to enter the city and help with the surrender of the Japanese Army. Gen. Shepherd replied that he was under orders for only the Nationalists to join in accepting the Japanese surrender with the understanding that the Marines were not to assist either of the Chinese armies. Yet, in a major policy change from Washington, the Kuo Min Tang (Nationalist) army was brought up from south China and civil war again erupted in China by April, 1946.

The 6th Marine Division was disbanded by 1 April 1946 (Gen. Shepherd having left on 24 December 1945) and the remnants of the Division became the 3rd Marine Brigade.

For those of us who had been in the Division since its beginning in 1944, but were too young to have the 'points' necessary for being demobilized, we were involved in the end of our division plus an ever increasing hostility between the Nationalists and the Communists. Our mission to effect the surrender of the Japanese forces was accomplished and many of us assisted as guards on the LSTs and ships which took the Japanese forces out of China and back to Japan.

The 4th Marines left in September 1946, and there was only one Marine duty

station as of 1 September 1947. All Marines and Navy personnel were gone by April, 1949, when Tsingtao became the last major city to be taken by the Chinese Communists.

I left Tsingtao in August 1946, and could not imagine ever seeing the city again. In 1998, however, I joined a study group which went back to the 'German built city on the Yellow Sea', now with a population of over seven million and a 'new city, which emerged only after 1992 in its eastern part. The city still has its red roofs, yellow walls, green trees, often with blue skies and blue water. There are also still some tree-lined cobblestone streets with houses of German architecture.

In 1999 I was invited to return to the city and teach English to doctors and nurses and it is during this period that I could recall so many places that I remember from the 1945-46 era. It was interesting to visit 'my former home, now Ocean University, still in its unchanged building. This school has produced tens of thousands of scientists, technicians, and engineers in the past few decades. I visited classes and met



Bob Martin in Qingdao, 1999

some of the professors who were surprised that I had actually lived in their university.

The Edgewater Hotel, which was reserved for Marine officers, is now a small Navy hotel and Qingdao now boasts several five star skyscraper hotels. Moving about the city in 1999, I could identify many of the German buildings and houses ... especially near the beaches. Several restaurants featured buffet style meals with the exact metal trays we used in our mess halls.

One day, in a crowded and ultra modern department store, a Chinese man asked me in English if I had been in the city before. I

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said in 1998 but wished I had said 1945 because, as he stepped on the escalator and disappeared in the crowd, he said, "I was a kid here in 1945 when the Marines came. I used to help push the rickshaws up the hills." And as he went out of sight, he was saying, "Hello, Joe! Whadd'ya know?" And I heard his voice trailing with "See you later, Mac!"

I wonder if anyone in our association remembers Herbert Muller and his family who lived just a few houses from our entrance gate? Herb's father was the last German sailor who had returned to Tsingtao, having been in the original fleet the Kaiser sent to take the city in 1897. Heinrich Muller died in 1946 and Herb invited me to attend his father's funeral.

Or does anyone remember Galina Lavroff, whose family came out of the Russian revolution through Manchuria in 1917? Galina was born in Harbin and could speak Russian, Japanese, Chinese, and English. We became good friends and she told me many interesting stories about life in the city in the 1930s and 1940s. She married a Marine, Gene Edwards, and was living in Indiana when I last heard from her.

Somehow, Qingdao has kept an unusual personality for a huge metropolis. Unlike the hustle and bustle of Beijing and Shanghai, the people seem to walk slower,

talk slower, and definitely want to enjoy life. The beautiful six beaches and the increasingly growing middle class allow for a picturesque setting with friendly people.

Robert Martin, 77, now calls California home. He is a career teacher.



Galina Lavroff

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"A Wonderful Marine Story"



2003 Bethesda, Maryland 57 years later China Marine Reunion-Douglas Patrick Gordon (left) and Ed H. Jacot (right)

their wives, reunited on Aug. 12, 2003 at the China Marine Association reunion in Maryland. Doug Gordon and his wife Rosemary attended with two of their daughters and their husbands, and two grandchildren. And what a joyous reunion they had.

Ed and Mary Jacot are still searching for the other Marine in the old photograph - a fellow named William H. Bounds from Goose Creek, Texas.

Gordon and Jacot served in the 15th Marines.

Mail Call

Dear Marines:

"I would like to know if any Marines have any recollections or stories to share about my uncle Pfc. Norbert "Norm" Pitz. My uncle Norm was born and raised in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He served with the 22nd Marines from the Regiment's earliest days in 1943 through China Service in 1945. He was not wounded, so he stayed with his unit throughout the war and into China. He served in all the 22nd campaigns including Kwajalein, Eniwetok, Guam, and Okinawa. He was discharged in December 1945. His Unit was "B" Company, 6th Pioneer BN, 22 Marines. I believe he was a machine gunner in addition to other duties. I greatly appreciate your help. If you have any information, please contact me on e-mail: romeys@onebox.com, or write to: Steve Romey, 154 Barnesfield Ct., Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878

Steve Romey

Dear Marines:

I would like to correspond with anyone who knew my father, Charles "Dog" Rutz, who served with the 6th Marines from the summer of 1941 until 1942, when he was transferred into the 22nd Marines. He was a radioman in, I believe, the 2nd Battalion. He served with them from their inception until just before the invasion of Okinawa, and took part in Eniwetok (he was on Engebi), the island clearing campaign in the Marshalls, and on Guam. Anyone who has any recollection of him can contact me at 138 Krider St., Johnstown, PA 15905, by telephone at (814) 288-2053, or by e-mail at redbaron80@earthlink.net or mruz@Cambria.edu. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Meryl Rutz

To the editor:

I received the Winter 2004 issue today. This is the first newsletter I have received in a year. About two months ago I contacted a Bill Pierce for information about the newsletter and he gave me the info where to send the \$10 for the letter. I sent a check for that amount about a month ago

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which should be for the year 2004, but on my mailing notice it states I am only paid through Dec 2003. Please correct this date to Dec 2004. Thank you.

Edward F. Hoffman, L 3 22

To John Foley:

I feel obligated to send you a short note to thank you for your extraordinarily efforts in organizing and executing the 6th Marine Division Reunion in St. Petersburg. You and whoever helped you certainly pulled off a feat that would seem almost impossible. This was the first reunion I attended.

Because I remembered all my WWII friends when we were all 17, 18 and 19 years old; I know now that I have missed a lot of memory sharing with others whom I may not have known at the time, but who were in some of the same fire-fights on Okinawa in 1945. My wife had a great time and was impressed with all the happenings, and we are really impressed with the history of the 6th Marine Division.

A second reason for this note is to ask you if you if you knew anyone in the association who can fill me in on what ribbons, medals or awards members of the 6th, 1st Provisional Brigade and the 22nd Marine Regiment are entitled to wear. I have few listed on my 1946 discharge papers, a letter awarding the Purple Heart and later, the receipt of the Combat Action Ribbon (CAR). I think there were some relative to the occupation of China among other China awards and either 1 or 2 Presidential Unit Citations. I was with the First Provisional Brigade and the 6th Div from August 1944, thru Okinawa and China, being discharged in March 1946. Any information or point of contact would be appreciated.

Thank again for a great job on your part and for providing us with such a memorable time.

Semper Fi
Calvin O'Rourke
850 SE 1st Terrace
Cape Coral, FL 33990
3rd Bn, 22nd Marines

To the editor:

Hi John. I am not sure you remember me but a long time ago I helped you out

in 2001 I passed on the names of three men who knew your father. Currently I am still a member of the Association and noticed your post about the newsletter. It's great to see that you are involved within the Division.. I am still plugging away trying to find people out there on the web looking for information for people looking for relatives that served. I still get a good number of hits on my website. I am not sure if you are the one I should ask but, it has been awhile and I am not sure if I am past due on my membership dues along with the newsletter.

Also I would like to inquire about Mr. Lorenzo Forgit's status. A few years ago when I was working I was a bank teller and noticed Mr. Forgit had a very familiar patch which was of the 6th Marine Division. He seemed shocked that I knew what that patch meant and we quickly made a bond with one another. I found out that he lived in town and was in the 29th Band. I copied down his address sent him some information and he replied back saying that he had two daughters that work at my bank. Since that time I have helped him get his medals reissued for the Merchant Marines and complete the medals he received when he was with the 6th Marine Division. He had offered me a monetary payment as appreciation, which I put toward a membership to the Association. I am not sure if he has renewed but I would like to keep his membership current as well.

Also has there been any update as to when the Association newsletter will be mailed? Again congratulations and I hope to see your work soon.

Semper Fi
Karen Hayes

Editor's note: Both Ms. Hayes and Mr. Forgit are listed in the 2003 association directory.

To the editor:

I have a problem. Something we all have but I am hoping you may point me in the right direction. I moved last July, have sent a change of address via the form printed on the last page of the newsletter but to date no newsletter. To whom I sent it remains a mystery as I have no address. Any help you may provide will be greatly appreciated. I am a life member of the Association.

Sincerely,
Walter J. McKenzie
2209 238th PL NE
Sammamish, WA 98074

Editor's note: As with all such requests, Mr. McKenzie's note was passed on to Association Membership Manager Florence Dornan.

To the editor:

John: Thank you for the coverage you gave Joe Senonioms in the newsletter. I was pleasantly surprised because I wasn't really sure you had received my mail.

Bill Hecht 22nd Marines

To the editor:

"I'm a life member of the 6th Assoc. and I haven't received a Newsletter in a long time and am wondering why. A friend member sent me a copy (which happened to have a little blurb about me) from which I acquired your address. I understand you're short of cash so I am sending this \$50 as a little help. Thanks.

Ernest Pozzi



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