

# STRIKING SIXTH

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### *It's Showtime Once Again for the Sixth;* **VEGAS 'STRIP' TO HOST MARINE EXTRAVAGANZA**

Las Vegas is once again ready for the Sixth Division Marines, this time at the Sahara Hotel, one of the prime entertainment hotspots at the center of the "Strip," that legendary home of party-going hospitality known to reenergize aging veterans who didn't know they still had it in them.

Susan Parham and Marilyn and Martin Essex have put it all together for your Reunion enjoyment beginning Sunday 9-25-05 when registration begins. It won't be over until Friday checkout at noon on 9-30-05. The weekdays Reunion is a result of Vegas hotels going money-crazy on the weekends. That's when they haul in the big bucks.

Weekdays at the Sahara are not all that bad. The hotel is a Las Vegas landmark but still thrives. It has recently been redecorated with a Moroccan theme in keeping with its desert namesake. Any husband who has ever dreamed of being a wild and woolly Sheik, now's your chance. Any wife who has ever thought it might be nice to have a wild and woolly husband, likewise.

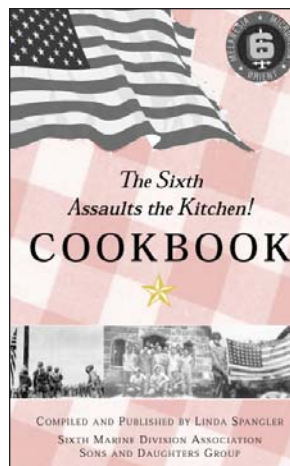
A special rate of \$65 a night single or double occupancy for the Reunion has been arranged. Those wanting to stay for the weekend will have to pay \$109 a night. Deadline for registration is August 5. Checks only will be accepted; no credit cards.

The hotel's 1760 rooms, restaurants and other dining options, spa, salon and shopping outlets are just part of the offerings there. There is the casino and there will be live entertainment in the famous Congo Room and the Casbah Room. Remember the 1938 movie "Algiers," where the French cops chase Charles Boyer around the Casbah while he's trying to make out with Hedy Lamarr. Probably, we are among the few left who might remember it, him and her. Wasn't she a beauty though?

Sahara rooms provide high-speed Internet access for those who bring their computers. There is also a 5,000 square foot pool with eight cabanas, a bar and snack bar. Valet or self-parking is available.

There are other amusements on the "Strip" besides the Sahara. There are, to name a few of the casinos, the Las Vegas Hilton, Convention Center, Harrah's, the Flamingo, Bally's, Paris and MGM Grand. There are also bars, nightclubs and restaurants. Off the "Strip" are other casinos, including the Bellagio, the Rio and Steve Wynn's brand-spanking new Steve Wynn Hotel and Casino.

Another landmark well worth visiting is the Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, where you can stroll through an amazing



### **Youngsters of Today Can Find Out How We Ate Once We Got Home**

All they have to do is buy the "Striking Sixth Assaults the Kitchen" cookbook that is coming out as scheduled April 1. The line forms to the right.

Actually, the line to Linda Spangler's telephone is the way to go or to her address, both of which are listed in accompanying articles. This cookbook is her baby, the culmination of six months of dedication and hard work.

Spangler, having put this book together, is going to sell it herself, with the help of a few Marines, of course. She isn't going to profit from it, however, beyond knowledge of a good deed well done.

Proceeds will go entirely to the Sixth Marine Division Association after expenses, which will be posted so everyone can examine them. Payments for the book will be to the association. All of this is so everybody will know that everything is on the up and up.

Price of the book has been set at \$15.00 with a \$5.00 shipping and handling charge.

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spectacle of 10,000 blooming flowers, a diverse array of plant life, water shows and artistic architectural designs. Each display changes with the season and offers a world of unbelievable sights, scents and sounds. You don't want to miss seeing this.

And, you don't want to miss the monorail, which has a Sahara stop and free parking. It covers four miles of the "Strip" at up to 50 miles an hour for \$3.

The Reunion covers the usual with ladies' shopping excursion, banquet, and meetings. An extra is a visit to the Sun City Dance Co. and a barbeque at the Marine Corps League building. There are other plans, which cannot be revealed just yet as Marilyn Essex likes to surprise. She also likes for people to register early so she won't have to do so much worrying about whether anyone will come.

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**Cookbook**

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Despite the mountain Spangler had to climb getting everything ready by her self imposed April 1 deadline, she got it all done but the printing when the project ran into a wall in March. Quite simply, the printer, who had agreed to help out at cost, wanted assurance that he would be paid. Can you imagine that?

So far, no major expense had come up, thanks to all the free labor, but no provision for seed money to pay the printing bill had been made. Oops!

When the project was announced at the Nashville Reunion, no one had any idea even of how many pages would be required, much less the cost of paper, color, art, reproduction, all of the expense involved in modern day publishing. Spangler had published a cookbook before, but that was then, this is now.

It would take \$5,000, she found, to have books ready to sell. She turned to the association for seed money. Jean Steed, who had been mothering the Sons and Daughters, of which Spangler is one, had been dealing with the death of her father, Dan Dereschuk, and the emotional and practical details that involves.

President Andrew Sinatra had just put his wife in the hospital following a sudden emergency when he was informed. That just about capped his day, but he responded.

Sinatra said that he personally approved of the expenditure but that he couldn't authorize it without violating the bylaws. He believed he had to consider the will of the membership and couldn't give an immediate answer.

Things simmered for a while as Spangler considered having a stroke, the newsletter was held up and various members considered possible solutions. The problem finally boiled down to should the association wait for a vote at the upcoming Reunion or conduct a tele-

phone poll of the Executive Committee or of the full board.

Holding off until the Reunion would kill any sales this summer and would mean no sales at the Reunion. It might also dampen the desire of any Sons and Daughters, including Spangler, to ever again want to do anything for this association.

Another point made: Providing the seed money didn't mean that it was gone forever. Some is bound to come back, maybe most or all, maybe considerably more. The money would pay for 1,000 books. If all of them sell, it's money in the bank.

On the other side, \$5,000 is a lot of money, due consideration should be given and the matter should have been decided before now.

Past President John J. Foley and Sinatra broke the logjam. They mutually determined that the full board should decide, and they should do so immediately. Rev. Frank Mack, our new chaplain, should conduct the poll. What could be fairer than that?

Mack reported back that an overwhelming majority favored providing the \$5,000 in time for Spangler to keep her April 1 deadline and begin selling books.

Sinatra breathed a sigh of relief and said that his wife was doing better. Foley said he was glad he didn't have to court martial anyone.

**Vegas Strip Extravaganza**

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The shopping trip will go to the Bellagio, a premier, high-toned setting. Shops include Fendi, Chanel, Dior, Fred Leighton, Giorgio Armani, Gucci, Hermes, Prada, Yves St. Laurent and, naturally, Tiffany & Co. Those Marines who don't understand the big deal can ask their wives.

There are some additional details to be noted: Those flying in will find shuttle services at the airport next to baggage claim. Bell Transport, \$4.75 each to "Strip" Hotels, (702) 739-7990; Grey Line, same price, 739-5700; C.L.S., same price, 740-4545; ODS, same, 876-2222; Showtime, \$4.25, 261-6101. All the services have added prices for non-"Strip" hotels.

Those with questions should call Marilyn Essex at (702) 243-9603. She has put so much time into this project a little more won't hurt. Just don't call collect.

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# The Striking Sixth Assaults the Kitchen! Cookbook

The Striking Sixth Assaults the Kitchen! Cookbook, is ready to order. Effective April 1, as promised, the Sons and Daughters Group delivers a great product designed as a major fund-raiser for the Association; please support their efforts.

With 150 recipes from Appetizers through Devil dog biscuits, the book proves to be not just your average cookbook but includes articles on the history of the division and food in the forties. Scattered throughout are pictures and stories from and about the members of the Sixth.

Order early! Only 1,000 will be printed as the first edition. These make great gifts as well as personal mementos, and don't forget you are contributing to the support of our organization.

If you have any questions, please contact cookbook editor, Linda Spangler by calling 408-356-6519 (she's in California so remember the time zones when calling). You may also contact her via email at [pl.spangler@verizon.net](mailto:pl.spangler@verizon.net). To order your copies of our cookbook, see the order form below.

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\*Shipping & Handling is \$5.00 for the first book and \$2.00 for each additional book if sent to the same address

Over 100 recipes  
Great pictures  
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Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

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### Commemorative Coin Honors Marines 230th Birthday

A silver dollar will be released this Summer honoring the 230<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States Marine Corps. It is expected to be offered in both proof and uncirculated form. Part of the proceeds will accrue to the National Museum of the Marine Corps at Quantico. (The photo comes to us from Semper Fi Consulting via Bill Pierce, Public Relations Chairman.)

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**THE SIXTH MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION 2005 REUNION**  
**SAHARA HOTEL - LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**  
**SEPTEMBER 25 - SEPTEMBER 29, 2005**

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Single, Double Occupancy: \$65 per day  
\$109/nite rate available for Friday 9-23-05, Saturday 9-24-05, Friday 9-30-05 & Saturday 10-1-05

Please check preferred accommodations:  King Bed  Two Double Beds  Handicap  
 Smoking  Non-Smoking (limited)

No. of Nights Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$65/night = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Nights Requested for early/late check-in/out: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$109/night = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$109/nite rate available for Friday 9-23-05, Saturday 9-24-05, Friday 9-30-05 & Saturday 10-1-05

**Please complete this form and return it with a check for full payment made payable to the 6th Marine Division Association 2005 Reunion and mail to: Susan Parham 15111 Freeman Avenue - Unit 14, Lawndale, CA 90260. SORRY NO CREDIT CARDS CAN BE ACCEPTED**

Special Requests: We will make every effort possible to accommodate: \_\_\_\_\_

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**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS AUGUST 5TH, 2005. A CANCELLATION FEE OF 1 NIGHTS DEPOSIT WILL BE CHARGED IF CANCELLATION OCCURS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF REUNION. NO CANCELLATION FEE IF CANCELLED MORE THAN 30 DAYS BEFORE REUNION.**

**RESERVATIONS WILL BE TAKEN ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE BASIS.**

**SEND IN YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY TO ASSURE AVAILABILITY!**

**HOTEL CHECK-IN IS 3:00 PM - CHECK-OUT IS 12:00 NOON**

**Confirmation will be provided by the Sahara Hotel either by email or post card**

**Sixth Marine Division Association  
2005 Annual Reunion  
Sunday, September 25th - Thursday, September 29th**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest/Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Co: \_\_\_\_\_ Bn: \_\_\_\_\_ Regt: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

DAY	TIME	EVENT
Sunday 9-25-05	12:00 pm - 05:00pm	Registration Member (spouse free).....\$ 20.00 <b>Guests (No: _____ @ \$20 each).....\$ _____</b>
	12:00 pm	Hospitality Room
Monday 9-26-05	07:00 am	Hospitality Room
	09:00 am - 05:00 pm	Registration
	09:30 am - 01:00 pm	<b>Ladies Shopping Excursion (\$10/person x No. _____)\$ _____</b>
Tuesday 9-27-05	07:00 am	Hospitality Room
	09:00 am - 05:00 pm	Registration
	11:30 am - 01:30 pm	<b>Ladies Luncheon (\$23/person x No. _____).....\$ _____</b>
	02:30 pm - 03:30 pm	Sons/Daughters Meeting
	05:00 pm - 06:00 pm	Sun City Dance Company (\$4/person x No. _____).....\$ _____
Wednesday 9-28-05	07:00 am	Hospitality Room
	09:00 am - 05:00 pm	Registration
	10:00 am - 11:30 am	Memorial Service
	12:30 pm - 02:00 pm	Executive Board Meeting
	05:30 pm - 08:30 pm	<b>BBQ (\$32/person x No. _____).....\$ _____</b> (Limited to the first 200 people)
Thursday 9-29-05	07:00 am	Hospitality Room
	09:00 am - 11:00 am	Men's General Meeting
	05:30 pm - 11:00 pm	Banquet - Installation of Officers - Dinner - Dancing Please select choice & No.:
		Chicken _____ (\$45/person x No. _____).....\$ _____
		Prime Rib _____ (\$45/person x No. _____).....\$ _____
<b>TOTAL DUE FOR REGISTRATION &amp; ACTIVITIES:.....\$ _____</b>		

Friday  
9-30-05                      Check out

**Mail this form to: Susan Parham, 15111 Freeman Avenue - Unit 14, Lawndale, CA 90260 (phone: (310) 644-4591)**  
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**President Elect Howell  
Calls  
For Increased SDG Role**  
By Harold E. (Pete) Howell  
President Elect

Fellow Marines, as we move into the spring of the year 2005, I find myself thinking of the future of the 6th Marine Division Association. We remain a viable organization, and it is important that we continue to work for the purposes set forth in our By-Laws.

We have surrendered some of that effort to the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, by transferring funds from our Scholarship/General Fund to the Foundation, thus providing for the future of our Scholarship Program.

Colonel Jean Steed proposed, and we accepted, the group called Sons and Daughters of the Sixth Marine Division, to assist in the planning and functioning of our annual Reunions. As evidenced by the tremendous success of Nashville, that has been a wise move. We need to allow "Our Kids" to expand their efforts to provide support to the Officers and Directors of the Association. We can all recall that we sought to "revolutionize" the activities of the 6th during the formative years.

Our membership numbers continue to dwindle, a fact of the passing of a growing number each year. We know there are eligible veterans of the 6th Division who are not aware we exist. Each year, as our Officers and Directors are elected, we need to publicize the fact in the news media of the area surrounding the residence of the elected.

Many of our Officers/Directors receive notices of change of status of members; a change of address, hospitalization or confinement to bed or other factors that are of interest to fellow Marines. Assignment of a Son and Daughter member to work with that O/D could alleviate the load.

It is with these thoughts in mind that I will ask some of our members and some of the SDG to meet and discern ways of providing for the future of the 6th Marine Division Association. Encouragement of and participation by the SDG will surely provide for our future and the memory of our Striking Sixth will be enhanced.

# MINUTES - 2004 NASHVILLE MEETING

Meeting called to order by President Andrew Sinatra Sept. 30, 2004. Opening prayer by Chaplain Claud Wilkins followed by Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary's report was dispensed as it was published in the June newsletter. Treasurers report was read by the Secretary as the Treasurer had to leave the Reunion, following an emergency at home. The report stated that we had a total of \$74,582.75 in our treasury. This report was accepted as read.

Chaplain's report: List of deceased to be updated. Reverend Frank Mack, a member of the association, was asked if he would accept the position as Chaplain to replace Claud Wilkins, who had resigned. He agreed. Claud Wilkins received a new title: Chaplain Emeritus.

Newsletter Editor: It was decided to publish three newsletters per year consisting of twelve pages each; issue dates to be left to the editor's discretion.

Year 2005 Reunion Chairman: Martin Essex has notified the body that the hotel selected for the 2005 Reunion was to be announced later as he has a choice of his selection. The tentative dates are 25 September to 30 September, 2005.

A discussion was held relative to the 15th Marines, 22nd Marines and the Raiders holding their reunions along with the Sixth Division Reunion instead of separately. These organizations, many of whose members belong to our association, hold their reunions at different locations and usually different dates.

Sons & Daughters: Jean Steed who is the Chairperson and Liaison officer of this organization stated that a cook book was being put together by the members and profits would be given to the association. More to follow.

Nominating Committee: John Foley stated that Tom McKinney had submitted his name for President. Tom Terpinas of the nominating committee recommended that since the current president had not served the entire year, following the resignation of Buzzy Fox, the current president's term should be extended for another year. This was voted on and passed. After a lengthy discussion Andrew Sinatra was reelected as President of the Association for 2004-05. Harold (Pete) Howell was voted in as President-elect.

## 6th Marine Division Association 2004 Reunion Financial Results Nashville, TN

Deposits received for hotel & activities	\$129,979.29
Dividends received thru 12-31-04	\$ 119.84
Expenses for activities (Opry tickets, city tour, etc.)	(\$19,600.66)
Hotel expenses (Rooms @ Millennium & Spring Hill Suites) (Banquet and Ladies Luncheon expenses)	(\$86,285.83)
Hospitality Suite Expenses (beverages, snacks, paper products)	(\$551.82)
Operational Expenses (stationary supplies, program printing, postage/shipping)	(\$815.90)
Refunds (Cancellations, refunds on hotel and activities) (Checks issued still outstanding - \$121.00)	(\$10,985.82)
Seed money received	(\$2,000.00)
Proceeds due Association for reunion	<b>\$9,859.10</b>

Susan Parham

# HISTORIAN'S CORNER

A WEEKEND WITH THE  
15TH: THE WORLD WAR II  
DEDICATION.

By Association Historian  
Laura Lacey

Another highlight of the World War dedication weekend was getting to share it with members of the 15th Marines Association. The 15th gathered to be a part of the dedication weekend for a mini-reunion in Washington, Memorial Day 2004. They spent their first day at Quantico Marine Corps Base and had a memorable day.

Friday began at the Sixth Marine Division Memorial at Quantico National Cemetery. A base chaplain helped them pay tribute to comrades who will forever be young, and to remember others present at the memorials dedication in April of 2000, who have since passed on. They admired the memorial and honored DeWitt Joralemons for his hard work as the memorial chairman. The trees and shrubs at the memorial are maturing and a nice spring made the setting a delight.

Next the group headed to the Gray Research Center where members of the Marine Corps University Archives had prepared a special program for them. The group was treated to a presentation in the facilities auditorium, complete with music from the forties, and best, a surprise! Al Garcia and Bill Sams recognized themselves in one of the photographs used in the program. Both men stood at the same time and yelled "Hey that's me, that's my gun!"

The presentation brought back many memories and was followed by the unveiling of a new display that the author had prepared in the foyer of the center. The display—a table display and a full wall display of the Sixth Marine Division, will be a focal point of the entryway from now on at the center. Members of the 15th found this a fitting tribute to the men of the Striking Sixth.

Lunch was served in the chow hall where the old veterans of the Second World War had the opportunity to meet some of the new veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan. Then it was back to the Gray Center for tours of the archives, refreshments, and oral interview displays, including an oral interview with General James Day. It was a full day that all agreed readied them for the next day, their

## Our Web Site Offered Free, Thanks to Lucy and Andy



The Sixth Marine Division's official web site ([www.sixthmarinedivision.com](http://www.sixthmarinedivision.com)) is in full swing (since November 1999). It is a labor of love, as a perennial work in progress and we have no intention of stopping now.

### *Webmasters Andy & Lucy Young*

My name is Luciana "Lucy" Young, my husband is Andrew "Andy" and we are your webmasters. Andy's father was James "Jim" L. Young, Jr., (4th Marines, 3rd Bn, K Co.) - he was also a Marine

Raider. We believe dad (as we both called him) would have loved the Sixth Marine Division's web site.

We offer our services free of charge to the Sixth Marine Division Association (as to our other USMC sites), for the love of dad and of the Sixth Marine Division and the U.S.M.C. We gladly offer our time (wishing we had more to spare) in dad's name, and in loving service to all the Sixth Marine Division members he so cherished.

The web site is truly a labor of love for us and I believe we love the Sixth Marine Division *almost* as much as he did, for he was a Marine to the core, and he was proud to be a member of the Sixth Marine Division.

As patriotic Americans, Andy and I are greatly appreciative of all the sacrifices the men of the Sixth Marine Division have made which afford us the freedoms of this wonderful country. I am proud that I can call America "my country" as I myself have been a naturalized American citizen since 1999. Point us to the nearest flag waving event and we'll be there!

If I may plagiarize a popular Texas bumper sticker, I would say (most truthfully) that "I wasn't born here, but I got here as fast as I could". I was further blessed by being accepted into a wonderful family whose head was a U.S. Marine!

Having realized my dream of coming to America, I believe I have a greater appreciation than some young Americans do these days. Appreciation for what America really means, appreciation of just how blessed we "Americans" truly are. This could not be said if not for the valor and unselfish sacrifices of the men who fought for her, like the men of the Striking Sixth!

For that alone, Andy and I could never do enough in the name of the Sixth Marine Division and the U.S. Marine Corps.

### *Only 24 hours in a day*

Nothing would make me happier than to be able to concentrate my entire computer time to the U.S.M.C. sites which we at once proudly and humbly webmaster. Though it takes me more time to get things online than I would like, we hope, with the help of Jean Steed's Sons & Daughters army...er...Marines, to get some typing help to expedite the addition of material to the site.

At present I have a large stack of wonderful material contributed almost entirely by Mr. Bill Pierce (Sixth Marine Division public relations chairman), which I look forward to put on the web site for posterity.

### *Bulletin board helps to keep in touch*

Through the bulletin board many Marines or their relatives have been located and reunited. Our bulletin board is quite active, having been started nearly 3 years ago.

Almost daily, new comments or questions are posted by visitors. These postings may be read or replied to by one and all. One may also directly email the poster.

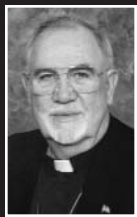
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second day in the sun—The World War II Memorial dedication.

I felt truly privileged to share the weekend with the 15th, and was pleased to see how many children and grandchildren were

present. It was fulfilling to watch and listen as these future generations learned to appreciate "the greatest generations" many contributions to this county.

# Chaplain's Column



by  
Rev. Frank J. Mack

Greetings from your new Chaplain. Please allow me first to introduce myself. I was born on February 12, 1926 and still live in Mercer County, Illinois, only about 30 miles from my birthplace. Following graduation from high school in 1943, my military service began when I enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the age of 17. I went through boot camp and hospital corps school at Great Lakes Naval Training Station. So as not to bore you with details, I will mention only the highlights of my service with the Marine Corps.

While stationed at the San Diego Naval Hospital in January 1944, I volunteered for the Fleet Marine Force and was sent to Marine Combat Medical School. In September 1944 I was attached to the newly formed Sixth Marine Division and subsequently assigned to the 22nd Regiment as a hospital corpsman. I served as a line corpsman with K Company during the battle of Okinawa and received shrapnel wounds on May 15, 1945 during the battle for Sugar Loaf Hill.

While most of you went to Tsingtao, China when the war ended, I was reassigned to the Navy and went to Japan. I spent the next five months aboard ship as part of the occupation forces. Following my discharge from the Navy in January 1946, I attended college on the GI Bill while being employed as a civilian by the U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers. After 35 years of employment with the Rock Island District, USACE, I retired in 1981 as Chief of the Emergency Management Division.

I entered seminary training in 1981 and was ordained as a minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in 1984. Since that time I have served as a pastor and hospital chaplain, as well as a pastoral care counselor. Currently and for the last nine years I have been serving as the Chaplain of the 22nd Marines Association.

My wife, Nancy, and I have collectively, been blessed with three sons and two daughters. We have 15 grandchildren, nine boys and six girls, ranging in age from three

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# Ladies' Auxillary



Marian Bangert is shown here with the late Richard Bush, who won the Medal of Honor while fighting with the Fourth Marines at Mount Yaetake on Okinawa. The photo was taken in 2001 at a memorial service for the eight Second Battalion Raiders executed by the Japanese at Makin Island in 1942.

## WOMEN'S PRESIDENT NOTES ENGAGEMENT

By Marian Bangert

I sure hope you all had a happy and healthy holiday season. Living in the north-east, we have had our share of cold weather and snow. We are expecting spring to come as usual. I have heard from several of the auxiliary members, but there isn't much to report except that Vice President Lorene Gilbert is engaged. She will be married April 23. She will become the bride of Buddy Haley.

We all wish her the best of everything. luck, happiness and love.

## Mail Call

Mr. Singleton,

I am a daughter of Sheldon Scott Gayle who served in WWII as a 2nd Lt. in Weapons Company, 22nd Marines, 6th Division. My father died several years ago and with him most of his life history as he would never talk about it. My sisters and I lost our mother when we were very young and have never been able to find anything out about our father. Everyone said he was not the same man that left the U.S. as I am sure happened to many others. At this time as daughters we have been trying to piece together where he may have served during WWII. Do you know of any avenues we can follow to learn more about our father as he was a very distant man for all of our lives. However several people have told us he was just the opposite prior to his service overseas. Thank you for any help you can give us at this time.

Sandra Flowers  
Maflowers5@aol.com

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Hello, Joe

We enjoyed the 6th Reunion at Nashville. Glad to meet you and wish you well. I said I would send copies of clippings by Ernie Pyle. I am enclosing them and some other pictures that go with material I have written. I don't know if you can use any of this material, but I hope that you find it interesting and

can at least add it to your collection. Wishing you the best,

Semper Fi,

Wm. H. (Rip) Ripley

Comm. Section, Hq. Co.-3-22

**Enclosed were some copies of Ernie Pyle's war reports, the 22nd Marines commendation following the Marshall Campaign, some photos, an Okinawa reminiscence and a think piece beginning, "Remember—If there had not been a Pearl Harbor, there would not have been a Hiroshima." Can't quarrel with that.—Ed.**

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Dear Editor Joe:

It's been a long time since I received a copy of the 6th Division magazine. The last one, if I can recall, was with John J. Wise as editor. I understand John was on board for a short time and now no longer is the editor.

Best wishes to you and yours. Thank you! Next magazine due??

Semper Fi,

Leon H. Kazian, C-1-4

P.S. The enclosed of "Santa and a Marine," was taken off the Internet by my son-in-law. Author unknown! The story brought tears to my eyes. Oh, if only the powers that be would awaken and get our people home. They are like sitting ducks. True the silver die pierced the heart of each of us way back then on 3-1-43 and the Globe and Anchor was embedded in our hearts forever.

**The aforementioned poem was more suitable for Christmas time.—Ed.**

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## Webmasters

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We hope to continue to update you regularly on the status of the Sixth Marine Division web site. Please feel free to e-mail me any thoughts or comments regarding the web site: [lucy@texasnova.com](mailto:lucy@texasnova.com).

Semper Fi,  
Lucy Young



## Chaplain

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to 28 years, but as of yet, we have no great-grandkids.

I consider it an extraordinary honor to follow Claud Wilkins as your Chaplain. Claud served you with great distinction and compassion for many years. When he said he would support me as his successor, I told him I would never think of replacing him, only that I would humbly try to imitate him. In appreciation for his loyal and faithful service, our board of directors awarded Claud the lifetime honorary title of "Chaplain Emeritus" at our reunion in Nashville.

As your Chaplain, I encourage you to promptly report the death of a member, or his wife, to Flo Dornan, our Membership Manager, who will then notify me. Flo's contact information is on the back page of this newsletter. Also, please advise me if you are aware of a member or his wife who is on the sick list or who has suffered misfortune in any way. I must depend on you to keep me up-to-date about our members. I'm never anxious to receive sad news, but I want to be able to promptly send a personal letter of condolence to a bereaved family or a letter of encouragement to those who are ill or distressed. To make it easier for you to inform me, my e-mail address is listed on page two of this newsletter.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you as your Chaplain. I will devote all of my energy in fulfilling the trust you have placed in me. Please write or call me if I can be of any spiritual help to you or your loved ones. I'm here to offer a hand of friendship and consolation at any time. Semper Fi.

Rev. Frank J. Mack

## ROLL CALL

BENEDETTI, Anita, ID #5890, Daughter of Alio Benedetti, Associate Annual  
BENEDETTI, Lisa, ID #5892, Daughter of Alio Benedetti, Associate Annual  
BENEDETTI, Melinda, ID #5891, Daughter of Alio Benedetti, Assoc. Annual  
BROSNAHAN, Jean, ID #5897, Daughter of Maurice V. Pichard, Assoc. Annual  
FINKEL, MD. Stuart I., ID #5883, Son of Lloyd W. Finkel, Associate Life  
FRIEDHOFF, William J., ID #5889, 22nd MAR-2-F, Regular Annual  
HANNAHER, Paul, ID #5884, Son of Thomas P. Hannaher, Associate Annual  
KOHNS, Stuart, ID #5885, Son of Joseph Kohn, Associate Annual  
MARTIN, Jeffrey M., ID #5888, Grandson of Kurt F. Aaron, Associate Life  
MONNETT, Martha, ID #5878, Daughter of Charles Monnett, Jr., Assoc. Annual  
NOVICKI, Thomas P., ID #5893, Son of Thomas W. Novicki, Associate Annual  
PALMER, W. Ryan, ID #5886, Son of John K. Palmer, Associate Life  
PERONE, Kathleen, ID #5797, Daughter of John H. Stewart, Assoc. Annual to Life  
PROPECK, Robert A., ID #5879, 15th MAR-4-K, Regular Annual  
RHODES, Robert H., ID #5896, 29th MAR-3-H&S, Regular Life  
ULRICH, Frank J., ID #5895, 4th MARINES, Regular Annual  
VANDIVIER, Jacob M., ID #5887, 22nd MAR-Weapons, Regular Annual  
WHITE, Henry W., ID #5894, 29th MARINES, Regular Annual

## 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.*

ASSELIN, Leonel, ID #1850, 4th MARINES, DOD: 5/21/2004  
BALL, Nelson A., ID #3501, 22nd MAR-1-B, DOD: 8/29/2004  
BEAMAN, Donald E., NM, 6th Marine Div., DOD: Unknown  
BREWER, Bea, Wife of Ernest A. Brewer, DOD: 10/07/2004  
BROWN, Warren, ID #5081, 29th MAR-2-F, DOD: 12/16/2004  
CAMPIONE, Joseph Louis, NM, 4th MAR-1, DOD: 7/04/2000  
CARROLL, Wayne O., ID #2192, 22nd MAR-Wpns Co., DOD: 11/15/2004  
DERESCHUK, Daniel, ID #1455, 22nd MAR-2-G, DOD: 1/26/2005  
DUKE, James N., ID #3750, 15th MAR-2-D, DOD: 6/28/2004  
EVERETT, Robert E., ID #3319, 29th MAR-1-A, DOD: 12/20/2004  
FASOLINO, Anthony E., ID #0197, 29th MAR-HQ, DOD: 1/12/2005  
FIELDS, Shirley, Wife of Walter Fields, DOD: 11/20/2004  
FOX, Deloris, Widow of Richard Fox, DOD: 1/30/2005  
FRANZOI, Larry C., ID #2239, 29th MAR-H&S, DOD: 10/25/2004  
GROVE, Mary, Wife of John Grove, DOD: 3/15/2004  
HART, Robert F., ID #0344, 6th Pioneer Bn - H&S, DOD: 10/27/2004  
HAYS, William V. (Hap), ID #2104, 22nd MAR-2-G, DOD: 7/04/2004  
KALINOWSKI, John, NM, 29th MAR-Wpns, DOD: 12/19/2004  
KLINGENHAGEN, Declan, ID #0608, 29th MAR-2-D, DOD: 9/17/2004  
KURTZ, Stanley P., ID #3805, 6th Amphib-DUKWS, DOD: 1/11/2005  
LEIFHEIT, Don, ID #5706, No record of Unit, DOD: 5/10/2005  
LIMES, Leonard L., ID 1657, 15th MAR-2-D, DOD: 2/24/2005  
LONG, Kenneth J., ID #4196, 29th MAR-3-I, DOD: 2/03/2005  
MALAFARINA, Joseph A., ID #0309, 29th MAR-3-H, DOD: 11/05/2004  
MANNING, John A., ID #1314, 29th MAR-1-HQ, DOD: 12/03/2004  
McCOOK, Albert E., ID #5677, 6th MAR Amphibious, DOD: 7/14/2004  
MILLER, Charles H., ID #5240, 22nd MAR-2-E, DOD: 10/19/2004  
PALMER, Estella, Wife of John K. Palmer, DOD: 5/16/2004  
PORTER, Julian K., ID #2817, 22nd MAR-2-G, DOD: 12/04/2004  
REINKEN, John A., ID #0825, 4th MAR-2-E, DOD: 1/13/01  
SABIN, Daniel H., ID #5277, 29th MAR-2-HQ, DOD: 1/07/2005  
SMILEY, Jack E., ID #1598, 29th MAR-2-F, DOD: 7/11/1999  
SMITH, Terri, Widow of Jim Smith (6th Recon), DOD: 1/17/2005  
SPRINGER, Ferdinand, NM, JASCO, DOD: 2/28/2004  
STROHMEIER, Edward A., ID #5226, 4th MAR-2-E, DOD: 11/20/2004  
SULLIVAN, Vernon D. (Sully), NM, 22nd MAR-1-D, DOD: 12/06/2003  
TERNES, John Frederick, ID #5301, 6th Tank Bn., DOD: 11/25/2004  
WALKER, Anthony, ID #0060, 6th Recon Co., DOD: 11/05/2004  
WELKY, James D., NM, 6th Marine Division, DOD: 12/18/2004

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Dear Joe:

Enclosed are some pictures from the 1978 ('79?) Reunion at Virginia Beach. Of interest is the picture of Claud Wilkins, Perry, Chuck and myself. I hope Claud is OK and doing well. I haven't seen him since then. The pictures are for the archives if they want them. I am trying to find the rest of my photos from past reunions. I hope I can attend the next reunion. God bless us all and keep our troops safe.

Semper Fi,  
Rocco V. Greco  
Hq. Co-3-29  
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**Continued Reunion Success May Depend Upon Outside Assistance**

Dear Mr. Foley,

It certainly was a pleasure talking to you the other day. As you requested I am sending some information about my services. I am a military brat who has been coordinating reunions for 18 years. I've put many great reunions together, ranging from 50 - 2000 attendees and have had thousands of satisfied customers. I only coordinate reunions for Veteran or dependent organizations. That is where my heart lies.

My services encompass a virtually unlimited domain. I can coordinate such items as accommodations, meals, banquets,

entertainment, activities/tours, transportation, speakers and color guard, anywhere in the USA. I can offer special discounted group airfares guaranteed to be the lowest available. I provide a registration package for your attendees, including a list of those attending, an itinerary, custom name buttons, information/maps on the area of your event and any other items you choose. I can handle all the registrations from your participants, send out confirmation letters and staff the event as well. Whatever you need.

Please note that all final decisions on items that I coordinate rest with you. I sign no contracts for your reunion without first obtaining your approval. I make a profit from the commission I receive from the hotel, profit on the tours I put together and a registration fee in the registration price, which generally runs about \$15 per person.

I am a firm believer that the more affordable you can make a reunion, the more people can attend and the more successful the event. My ability to obtain special tour coordinator prices from the hotels and other suppliers and the fact that I work so diligently to obtain the best possible prices available from hotels, caterers etc. usually enables me to save your attendees money equal to or exceeding the registration fee.

Hiring a coordinator for your special event is an important decision. Should you have any questions please feel free to call, 360-663-2521 or email [TheReunionBRAT@TX3.net](mailto:TheReunionBRAT@TX3.net)

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
Linda Irvine, *The Reunion Brat*

**Something Needs to be Done**

Marines! As past president, former reunion site chairman and chairman of two reunions, one in Buffalo and the other at St. Petersburg, Florida, I feel that running these reunions ourselves only defeats our reunion goals. That is especially true now that we have a few years on us.

We go to enjoy our former comrades and the site of the reunion at a reasonable price. As it is, we are captive to reunion sites convenient to the reunion chairman. Otherwise it is almost impossible to get the reunion planning done and cooperation from other members and from the site city.

I do not know much about this young lady who is willing to take us on. She is well recommended. If we give her the opportunity to show us how she can perform, it might give our association longer life and take a load off our backs.

What we stand to lose is \$15.00 of the \$20.00 registration fee. So we will still make \$5.00 from that source, and we can make much of it back if everyone who drinks will bring his own. The liquor and beer we give away uses up much of our profit.

I am for a carefree reunion. It's time for someone else to do the heavy lifting.

John J. Foley

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## NOW HEAR THIS:

Marines! There is to be a gathering of all Marines, all eras, all divisions on May 6th in Orlando. This gathering is being hosted by the Orlando Chapter of the First Division. It will be held at the Ramada Hotel. More information is nearby in this newsletter. If those interested in attending have any questions, call me, John Foley, at 352-686-6209.

## ANY AND ALL MARINES INVITED TO THIS SHINDIG

The all-Florida, all-Marine, all-divisions get-together May 6-8 will provide Florida Leathernecks a chance to meet and greet other Marines from other divisions and related units, and aviation, sea-going, corps and Washington types, any one who has worn the globe and anchor. Corpsmen are also welcome.

Set in Orlando at the Ramada Plaza Hotel and Inn, the gathering of Marines will provide opportunities to make new friends and greet old ones. This will give Marines who do not belong to any organization an opportunity to meet other Marines.

This is a no frills, mild expense chance to just shoot the breeze, have a little liquid refreshment and enjoy some good food and companionship. This newsletter coming out when it does may cause you to contact the hotel later than they say you can, but maybe they'll be nice enough to let you in on the festivities anyway. If they give you any static just tell them you have a special invite.

The organizer is a First Division Viet vet, but he says us old guys can come along if we promise to stay awake at least part of the time. I'm booked and ready.

Semper Fidelis,  
John Foley

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### ALL FLORIDA MARINE REUNION MAY 6-8, 2005

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**Completed reservation form and full payment must be received at the hotel no later than April 6, 2005**

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Number in Party: \_\_\_\_\_ \*\* Special Requests: (smoking, non-smoking, handicapped, 2 beds, King bed, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PACKAGES: (sales tax and gratuities included)

#### **PACKAGE A, May 6 & 7, 2005**

##### **3 day/2night Includes:**

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- Friday Buffet Dinner for each person
- Saturday Plated Dinner for each person
- Sunday Farewell Breakfast for each person

#### **PACKAGE B, May 7, 2005**

##### **2 day/1night Includes:**

- A sleeping room in the Plaza or Inn for 1 night
- Saturday Plated Dinner for each person
- Sunday Farewell Breakfast for each person

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Reservation cancellations and/or refunds will not be accepted after April 22, 2005. Please be sure to indicate which package you have selected as well your meal desired for the Saturday plated dinner. Please make yourself aware of our policies for we will not make any exceptions. For questions, call our Reservations Department at 800-327-9170.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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