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*Last Call for High Times At Sixth Division Reunion*

## LAS VEGAS REUNION UPDATE

**REMEMBER THE DATES:**

**SEPTEMBER 25 THRU SEPTEMBER 29**

It's the beginning of June at this writing and already reservations are arriving for the annual Reunion in Las Vegas. Lots of activities are planned and there's plenty to see and do in the city that sparkles and shines so don't forget to send in your reservations. The sooner the better.

Activities planned for your enjoyment include the Ladies Shopping trip to the gorgeous Bellagio Hotel, the Sun City Dancers (who entertained us in 2002) and of course, the BBQ at the newly renovated Marine Corp League.

The Sahara Hotel is host to the reunion this year and as a main stop on the newly constructed Strip Monorail, it offers easy access to all the fun and activities happening along the Strip. Get on at the Sahara Hotel and get off anywhere along the monorails six stops.

Want to stay poolside? The Sahara has a sparkling 5,000

square foot pool featuring 8 private cabanas, circular fountains, a gazebo-covered spa and a snack bar that offers tropical refreshments. After a day at the pool relax in the hotel spa. Destination Salon is a full service salon and spa that specializes in pampering the guests of the Sahara Hotel and Casino. They provide a variety of salon and spa services and professional retail products.

The Sahara hotel offers a variety of places to eat including the "World of Taste" buffet. This 900-seat dinery is located within a casual setting with multiple carving and serving stations. Enjoy an

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## One by One, We Pass On

Legend has it that the best die first. That may be true. Certainly the division left some good Marines in the Islands back in the 1940's. Now, though, the division's survivors mourn more good men who have left us this year, 28 since the last newsletter in the spring. Those are just the ones we know about. There may have been others.

All of the 28 deserve mention and are listed in TAPS in this issue. One is of particular interest because of service "above and beyond," another because of his efforts on behalf of the Sixth Division Association. A third was listed in TAPS in the Spring Issue but died too late for other coverage. He, also, served valorously.

Lt. Wilbur Gerhke, A-1-29, died June 5, 2005. Three campaigns: Tarawa, Saipan and Okinawa. Three times wounded. One Navy Cross awarded. He will be remembered.

Cpl. Dan Dereschuk, G-2-22, died January 26, 2005. One campaign, Okinawa; one Bronze Star, three times wounded. He will be remembered.

Pfc. Edward Tomaiolo, F-2-29, died May 14, 2005. He came to the division too late for combat but has served the association long and well. He, too, will be remembered.

Gehrke was born in Crosby, ND in 1917. He graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1939. He was commissioned in 1942. The Navy Cross was won on an Okinawa hill, which one is not certain. Hal Taylor, C-1-29, believes it happened when Gehrke's A-1-29 attacked Half Moon,

He married Thelma and operated a successful real estate business in and around Santa Rosa, CA following the war.

Dereschuk was born in 1925 in Parma, OH. He grew up in Minnesota on the family farm. One of six brothers who served in the military, Dereschuk chose the Marines on his 17th birthday and shipped overseas in 1943. His distinguished service was at Sugar Loaf on May 14, 1945. The regiment was up and down that hill three times in one day with fearsome casualties.

Dereschuk won his Bronze Star there and stayed alive to become one of the flag raisers at the south end, signifying the

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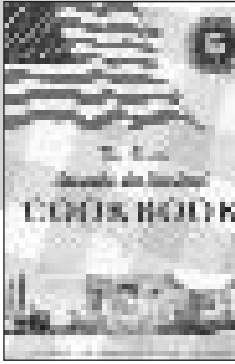
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**It Appears Cookbook to Be  
Moneymaker for Division**

The Striking Sixth Cookbook, born April 1, is achieving such

success that its creator, Linda Spangler of the Sons and Daughters group, is predicting future profitability after only two months of sales. The book was created and on the market April 1. Her report of 137 sold and more orders coming in as of June 1.

Others have helped, but the idea and the creativity came from Spangler. She does have to share title credit with Glenn Moore, editor of the Marine Family

Newsletter. The book was to be called The Sixth Division Assaults the Kitchen. Moore suggested dropping division and inserting Striking, a positive change.

If Spangler did the brainwork, it was the division Marines who provided the content, a voluntary effort by many. There are photos and veterans' thoughts. There are many interesting stories. Oh, yes, there are veterans' and wives' recipes, many of them staples from long ago.

When told she deserves credit for the cookbook's apparent success, Spangler said she didn't do it for credit, it was a debt to her father (Jack Snyder, HQ-3-29) and his Marine buddies, both dead and living, who did so much that she and others could live in freedom.

It is expected that the book will continue to sell this summer, but the big push will come at the Reunion this fall. Efforts are also being made to market the book to the rest of the world. Why stop with just one division? The association, which bankrolled production costs, will receive the profits. Who knows, we might all end up rich.

A review will be published in the next edition of the Striking Sixth Newsletter. Volunteers, anyone!

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**MARINE CORPS  
MUSEUM  
CONSTRUCTION  
UNDERWAY**

A recent Washington Post article tells of a new landmark that is now visible above the trees along Interstate 95 near Quantico—an angular 20-story high mast situated above the National Museum of the Marine Corps under construction near the Potomac River.

The mast leans at a 60-degree angle representing the flag raising in the famed photograph taken at the top of Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima in 1945. The first phase of the museum is scheduled for completion in late 2006. Later additions will depend upon further fund raising, the article said.

# PRESIDENT'S



## MESSAGE

### SINATRA'S GOODBYE WORDS HEAP PRAISE ON MEMBERSHIP

Members of the Sixth Marine Division Association and Ladies Auxiliary, it is an honor and privilege to have served you these last two years. As your president, I would like to thank all for making my time in office so pleasant and productive.

John Foley, Claud Wilkins, Joseph McConville, Sam Petriello and Reverend Mack are due applause for helping make our association so successful. I would also like to commend Striking Sixth Editor Joe Singleton and all of our members, especially those who support our Reunions.

Thank you ladies of the auxiliary for your support, donations and for your appearance at the Reunions. You make the difference. The Sons and Daughters have been a big help during my time in office. What would we do without them, most of all Susan Parham, who makes our Reunions go? Bless you all!

Andy A. Sinatra,  
President



# PRESIDENT ELECT HOWELL

## Shares His Thoughts On Memorial Day

My thoughts turned to the past on Memorial Day as they have many times before, to the men we left behind on Okinawa, good friends and stout Marines. After pondering the past, my mind returned to the present.

It is with great humility that I commend to you the thoughts I then felt on Memorial Day weekend. The number of members of our beloved 6th Marine Division who remain with us is dwindling exceedingly fast.

Each of those that we learn has taken his post "On Heaven's Scene" makes us even more mindful that it was as young Marines that we took on the mantle of the warrior fighting to preserve Liberty and Freedom. Those young Marines engaging terrorists today are to be honored and remembered as we remember our comrades of old.

When you took to your sanctum to give thanks to those of the 6th who have given so much for our Country, I hope you also gave homage to those who serve today.

I hope you had a rewarding Memorial Day weekend.

Semper Fi,

Pete

## WHERE FROM HERE?

*I always feel a loss when I learn of the passing of an acquaintance, but I have experienced the loss of two close, personal friends in the past month. The first, a boyhood schoolmate, college fraternity brother and really close friend during our recent years. The second, a brother Marine, a member of the 6th Division, and a member of my regiment and company. I had not known Eddie Tomaiolo during the time we served together on active duty, but I got to know him at the first reunion I attended. His willingness to assist in any need, personal or procedural, was evident in his acceptance of the role of 'getting things done' on many projects in my term as president. Somehow, the loss of our Marine brothers strikes home even more as we recognize bonds which have developed as a result of our special relationships. Our numbers, evidenced by the reports appearing in TAPS, are dwindling. But we represent a fighting force which delivered when called upon.*

*We are The Greatest Generation.*

**WE ARE THE FEW. WE ARE THE PROUD.**

*Harold (Pete) Howell (F-2-29)*

*Pete Howell*

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

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

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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  
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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
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

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## SIXTH WEB SITE SHOWS VISITATION IS INCREASING

By Lucy Young

### SITE VISITATION IS UP

As the web site *is* on the World Wide Web, it can be visited and enjoyed by anyone, anywhere in the world.

I am happy to report that a recent search for "sixth marine division" on the Google search engine (the #1 search engine on the web), returned our web site as the very first result out of 633 total results. That means we are doing our job in terms of doing the best (professionally) that we know how to do in order to make the site easily attainable by those who are not already aware of its existence.

Both established Division members as well as newcomers visit the site daily. Non-members having found the web site through an online search have also contacted us. At times, site visitors are students requesting information, others have been siblings or children of deceased members wanting information about the actions their loved one was engaged in, and more.

### FORUM USAGE HELPFUL

To help you get in contact with old buddies, or just read what everyone else is talking about, go to the web site and look on the upper right to click on the word "forum". For example, Mr. Waslaski emailed me searching for a mascot from Tsingtao named "Smokey", a 12-year old Chinese boy with the 22<sup>nd</sup> Marines in China. His message was posted on the forum, we hope it helps him find the boy whom he describes as "almost beat me at poker".

### NEWSLETTERS ONLINE

On the web site you will always find the current newsletters in a PDF format. This may be saved to your computer, printed, or read online. A helpful link to the free Adobe Acrobat Reader program is included, should you need it.

### UP-TO-DATE ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

The web site contains two helpful email lists to which you can subscribe simply by supplying your name and email address. Sign up is free and quick (your email address remains confidential, it will not be sold or shared with third parties, neither will you receive spam from us).

Our mass mailings occur typically no more than once or twice a month, containing information that the Association may like to convey between newsletters, such as the recent Sons & Daughters Cookbook project. This is a very useful method by which we can keep all members abreast of the *latest* Association news.

Remember to sign up for the Sons & Daughters mailing list if you wish to remain up-to-date on their projects, as they are becoming very active in the Association. Andy and I are proud to also be part of the Sons & Daughters Association.

### THE FUTURE OF THE WEB SITE

As long as Andy & I are in charge, we will do whatever it takes to keep the Sixth Marine Division web site online. We believe it to be an invaluable resource for future generations.

Our goal is to have a complete record of all of the Sixth Marine Division's history. Laura Lacey, Division historian will undoubtedly prove invaluable in this goal. We merely publish online the information regarding the great Sixth Marine Division. The history itself, was made by you, as can only be recounted by those who really know.

We plan someday to have a complete archive of past newsletters if at all possible. This is simply a dream at this time, but a good Marine never runs from a good fight - or in this case, a challenge.

We hope to continue to increase the site's popularity and usefulness by adding to its comprehensive and veritable accounts of the Sixth Marine Division's history. This, we intend, will pay tribute and give further honor to the men of the Fighting Sixth... forever.

As President Ronald Reagan said: *"Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world. But, the Marines don't have that problem."* We, in turn, hope to make a difference to you.

A complete Sixth Marine Division contact list is on the web site. If you have questions or comments please feel free to contact Andy & Lucy Young via email: [webmaster@texasnova.com](mailto:webmaster@texasnova.com) or snailmail: P.O. Box 1428, Tomball, TX 77377.

## One by One... Continued from page 1

Dereschuk was born in 1925 in Parma, OH. He grew up in Minnesota on the family farm. One of six brothers who served in the military, Dereschuk chose the Marines on his 17th birthday and shipped overseas in 1943. His distinguished service was at Sugar Loaf on May 14, 1945. The regiment was up and down that hill three times in one day with fearsome casualties.

Dereschuk won his Bronze Star there and stayed alive to become one of the flag raisers at the south end, signifying the end of the battle.

Graduating from the North Dakota State School of Forestry, Dereschuk turned to teaching for most of his life and with his wife, Aili, spent the next half-century raising four daughters while he was explaining science to kids. His final teaching post was in Santa Rosa, CA.

A daughter, Jean a retired Marine Lt. Colonel, was instrumental in forming the association's Sons and Daughters Group.

Tomaiolo, a resident of Worcester, MA, went to the first Reunion in 1971 and immediately made his presence known with faithful service. He headed the Boston reunion in 1974 and was honored as president in 1991. He is believed to have been the youngest president ever to serve the association.

Tomaiolo was serving as secretary when illness struck. Following an operation and radiation and while undergoing chemotherapy, he indicated to a Fox Company friend that "he had some good news," but it didn't turn out that way. We never know for sure.

**Ed. Note: Thanks to Edward (Buzzy) Fox for much of the information in this article.**

### NOTE FROM EDITOR

**Copies to members who have not paid for their subscriptions for 2005 have been mailed this year to subscribers from 2004 and 2003. That should end. Present plans are that only 2005 subscribers and any others who pay for 2006 will receive December's post Reunion issue, unless, of course, the board decides otherwise. Presently there are about 700 2005 subscribers.**

# Son Takes After Father, Teaches *The Hard Road*

Gene Chizik, E-2-22, a Purple Heart and Bronze Star winner survived the Sugar Loaf battle and other tests on Okinawa to return to the U.S. and become a successful teacher and football coach. He ended his career as coach and principal at Clearwater High School in Florida.

Chizik, who died three years ago, lived long enough to see his son follow his career choice and become a respected col-

lege football coach, but he missed watching Gene Jr. receive recognition as one of the best defensive coaches alive. Last year the son was named the best defensive coordinator in the college ranks after his Auburn Tigers completed an undefeated season.

Chizik, as reported in the Dallas Morning News, said that he teaches what his father taught him. "When you're

young, you're cocky and think you know it all," Chizik told the News. "My dad would always say to me, 'Son don't ever tell me, just show me.'

"He was a man's man," Chizik added.

A friend said the younger Chizik takes "all of his bullets in the front. He doesn't know what it means to retreat." His father, the Marine, would be proud.

## BREAKFAST CLUBBERS REMEMBER OKINAWA LANDING ON BATTLESHIP



*Sam Petriello (L-4-15),  
Assn. Judge Advocate, left, and  
Dan Cantwell (H-3-29), right*

By

**E.W. Turner, G-3-29**

Norristown, PA—Members of the Sixth Marine Division Association Breakfast Club here, families and friends, observed the 60th anniversary of the Okinawa landing April 1, 1945 with commemorative services aboard the battleship New Jersey at Camden, NJ. The setting on the New Jersey was especially meaningful as her 16-inch guns helped pave the way for the landing 60 years ago.

A Marine color guard and firing squad from the Fourth Marine Division contributed to the solemnity of the event, which included taps and a casting of a wreath in the Delaware River by Breakfast Club President Sam Petriello and Association President Andy Sinatra.

Club members Dan Cantwell and Eric Turner, also from the 29th Regiment, made a brief talk regarding events leading up to the battle. The 12 surviving club members honored were all that was left of the original 35. They have observed April 1 for most of the last 25 years. The group meets monthly.

The idea to hold services was Cantwell's. He corresponded with the commandant's office to hold "our last Hurrah" on the ship and received cooperation from the Marines, the Navy and a politician or two.

## MAIL CALL

*Ed. Note: I don't know how I goofed this up.*

Hi Joe:

I suppose by this time you've been told of the picture of Marian Bangert and whoever on Page 8 of the Spring issue. If not, please let me inform you and our members that is not Richard Bush. Just the same, I am enclosing \$10 for the newsletter. Keep up the good work and keep 'em coming. Semper Fi,

Ray Schlinder, K-3-22, Past President

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Hi Joe:

After 50 years and six kids, Peg and I moved out of our old homestead to a senior citizen housing complex in Scotch Plains, NJ (about 10 miles away). We both couldn't handle the stairs any more. Our apartment here has an elevator and other senior amenities. On the positive side, Peggy still knows me and I recognize her. Besides we are both still around. In discarding things, my eyes got all wet. I am sending you some pictures of guys still active. You might want to use them some day for various reasons.

Edward L. (Buzzy) Fox

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*Ed. Note: This letter kicked around awhile before reaching here.*

Florence:

It is with deep regret that I must inform you of the passing of yet another 6thMarDiv Marine. Our Dad, Hilbert J. Englert (life member 2245) passed on June 27, 2004. He had heart bypass surgery on 28 May and didn't fully recover from the surgery. The center of Dad's life, and the subject of many discussions, was the Corps. The Reunions were highlights for him and mom, making new friends and telling war stories. Dad loved the association so much that he made sure two of his sons, Marines of course, were also on the association rolls. I am happy to report that he was given a sendoff that any Marine would be proud of. Wearing dress blues, he was surrounded by USMC memorabilia, photos of his buddies and his original wool uniform. He got a set of blues because the wool "itched too darn much." At the cemetery, proper honors and a rifle salute were rendered. Finally, those at the gravesite sang Dad's favorite song—The Marines Hymn. I'm sure that from the "streets of heaven," which he is now guarding, he was smiling.

Semper Fidelis,

Dave Englert, Capt., USMC (Ret)  
Dennis Englert, MSgt, USMC (Ret)

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# Chaplain's Column



by  
Rev. Frank J. Mack

Relentlessly and sadly, many of the Marines we served with are continually taking on new assignments as they are called to "guard the golden streets." As we read the names of those for whom "taps" have sounded for the last time, we must remember that our

will in their lives. You may rest assured that any personal matter you ever share with me will be kept in the strictest confidence.

The other day I was reflecting on how our lives are completed in accordance with God's will and purpose. As my mind wandered back over the last 60 years, I realized how circumstances in my own life have now come full circle. As most of you know, I was a hospital corpsman during World War II. In that capacity I was called upon to give medical aid and treatment to many wounded and dying Marines. As I cared for the wounded and broken bodies of young men like myself, only God knew that 60 years later I would be called upon to serve them again.

Only this time I would be asked to minister to the spiritual needs of my buddies instead of the physical wounds they suffered on the battlefield. Yes, my own life has come full circle, and for that I give God my heartfelt thanks and praise for allowing me to be your Chaplain. No higher calling can come to anyone. I sincerely hope you will contact me if I can ever be of any spiritual help to you or your loved ones.

In closing, I would like to leave with you my thoughts on "luck" or "chance". What follows is in no way a criticism of gambling, because I enjoy a game of "low stakes" poker anytime. I suppose there is such a thing as good luck or good fortune in a poker game or a game of craps or at the race track. However, I don't think God "rolls the dice" when it comes to answering our prayers. So, I have chosen to replace the phrase "good luck" with "God's blessing" because I have confidence in God's ability to use His awesome power. I have placed my faith, my hope and my trust in Him, because God's odds are much better than you will ever find in a betting parlor.

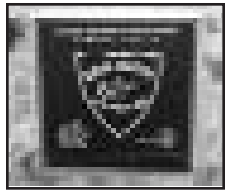
Semper Fi, and God bless you.  
Rev. Frank J. Mack

own names will someday appear on that list. That's why I pass on to you some advice I received from my old parish priest more than 50 years ago. The good Father said, "Don't get ready, Frank, be ready, for there may not be time to get ready!"

After eight months on the job as your Chaplain, I realize what an incredible opportunity God has given me to continue my service as a minister to His people. I am grateful to our editor for allowing me to share some of my thoughts with you in each newsletter. This time I would like to tell you what I perceive the role of a Chaplain to be. A Chaplain must listen to the needs of the people he serves by being available, approachable and attentive. He should offer His spiritual insight, guidance and encouragement to those who call on him. The Chaplain should share in the grief of those who mourn the passing of a loved one.

Most importantly, the Chaplain has the obligation and privilege of praying for, and with, those who seek the heart of God. I see my role as your Chaplain to be an intercessor, a trusted prayer partner, and a faithful friend to all who seek to know and do God's

## Remembering China Marines



This plaque of the China Marine Assn. Was installed last year at the National Museum of the Pacific War at Fredericksburg, Texas. Ed Fulwider provided the photo, which may be of interest to those Sixth Division Marines who served there in 1945-46. There

is also a Sixth Division plaque at the museum.

## REUNION

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elegant dinner at the House of Lords or stop by the NASCAR Café for a quick bite to eat.

And, don't forget to bring your nickels, as the action never stops in the hotels 85,000 sq foot casino.

This year's Reunion is shaping up to be packed with fun and excitement. The Hospitality Suite promises to be a place to sit down and enjoy renewing old friendships and catching up on all the happenings since last year's Reunion. So plan on attending and send in your reservations soon. Remember, this year we have a strict deadline on reservations so get it in ASAP. Marilyn and Martin Essex and I are ready for you (as ready as we'll ever be, anyway).

See you in Vegas!  
Susan Parham



**Terrible Terry** with family at Nashville Reunion—Howard Terry, F-2-29, set what is probably a division reunion record for family attendance. The 13 shown include Mrs. Terry, seated front.

## Mail Call

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Dear Florence:

Enclosed is my check for the newsletter. I also would appreciate it if you would add my name to the Unit Directors list for JASCO. It has been left out of several editions.

Very truly yours,  
Ed Marsalek

*Ed. Note: Thanks to a supreme effort, Ed, we have finally managed it, I think.*

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Mr. Joe Singleton: (Abridged)

I served as a volunteer in WWII. I joined the association when I heard about it. You did have a nice little paper worth \$10 a year. My country needed help. I gave it. I am proud of my minor service as a mechanic. Now the paper comes three times a year—maybe. I tried to hold a Reunion in Nebraska. There were so many rules attached that it would not fly in Nebraska. I attended a Reunion in Pigeon Ford. I tried to mingle and reunite. I got the cold shoulder the minute I mentioned I was a mechanic, not infantry. Please, just let my subscription run out, and I'll quietly go away.

Semper Fidelis, James E. Holman, USMCR

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP MANAGER

I wish to apologize to you all for the omissions on your label which made it impossible for you to "check your label" to know your membership dues and Newsletter subscription status. A new person at the mailing company made the labels and did not use all the information I sent to him; he has promised to correct the problem.

We need to update our records with regard to e-mail addresses. Many of you have gone to DSL or just changed servers and many of the addresses in my record are no longer valid. If you have changed your e-mail address or have come on line and not reported your e-mail address to me, kindly send me an e-mail and **sign your name** in the message section so I know who is sending me the information and what record to change. Please include any other changes to your record, such as address, phone number, etc.

Each time we make a mailing of the Newsletter, many are returned to me because members have moved and not advised me to change the record. Newsletters are not forwarded as 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Mail. Each return costs the

Association 70 cents for the USPS return notice plus the initial cost of the Newsletter itself (printing and mailing) and the costs add up. Result: You do not receive your copy of the Newsletter and the Association charges \$2.60 to send a replacement issue. You can advise your change of address by filling out the form on the back of the Newsletter and sending it to Flo Dornan, Membership Manager, 704 Cooper Court, Arlington, TX 76011-5550. I can also be contacted by e-mail at [Sxthmardiv@aol.com](mailto:Sxthmardiv@aol.com) or by phone at 817-275-1552.

Note: **ALL** members of the Association must pay the subscription fee of \$10 per calendar year to receive the Newsletter. Some Life Members don't seem to understand that they too must pay and they are missing their copies – **646** Regular Life members have never subscribed to the Newsletter.

Please notify me by e-mail, phone or mail of the deaths of any member or spouse of a member or person who served in the Sixth Marine Division. This will assure that their name will be published in the newsletter and memorialized at the

Memorial Service at the reunion.

Lastly, if I can help anyone understand their dues and newsletter subscription status, please contact me. I am here to serve you!

### MEMBERSHIP STATUS

(As of 5/31/2005)

<b>Regular Life Members</b>	<b>1,823</b>
<b>Regular Annual Mem. (05 Dues pd)</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Associate Life Members</b>	<b>562</b>
<b>Associate Ann. Mem. (05 Dues pd)</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Honorary Members</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>2,481</b>

**FYI :Annual members dues in arrears for 2005, some of whom we do not have a valid address:**

<b>Regular</b>	<b>236</b>
<b>Associate</b>	<b>142</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>378</b>

**Regular Life Members who have never subscribed to the Newsletter 646.**

Flo Dornan  
Membership Manager

### MAIL CALL

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James White:

Enclosed is a donation for the newsletter/directory. Use at your discretion. Sure hope we do not have to discontinue the newsletter. I look forward to it and use it for catching up, since I am unable to attend any Reunions (last one was in Tucson (1990)). I still like to hear from buddies from long ago and far away.

Semper Fi,  
Jack R. Long  
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Joe:

Despite living in the Toledo area all my life, I did not know Mr. Rankin or if he is a member of the association. I thought you should be notified.

Sincerely,  
Bill McCann

**Ed. Note: Included with McCann's letter was a news clipping noting the death of Master Sgt. Richard Rankin, who was wounded on Okinawa while with the 4th Marines. He died 12-31-04 in the Toledo area.**

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Dear Joe:

Enclosed are some pictures from the 1978 Reunion at Virginia Beach. Note the picture of

Claud Wilkins, Perry, Chuck and myself. I hope Claud is OK and doing well. I haven't seen him since our last Reunion at Virginia Beach. The pictures are for the archives. I hope I can attend the next Reunion. God bless us all and keep our troops safe.

Semper Fi, Rocco V. Greco, HQ-3-29

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Dear Mrs. Dornan:

Enclosed find my check for the newsletter. The newsletter referred to not wanting any more sea stories about the war. I'm sorry to hear that as I found most of them interesting. They are much better than reading the minutes. Sincerely,

Fred Addison

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Dear Mrs. Dornan:

Corporal John Ternes died in an automobile accident on Thanksgiving Day, 2004. He served with C Co., 6th Tank Bn. He is survived by his wife, Terry, children and grandchildren. He was a brave Marine, a beloved husband and a wonderful father. Please, accept this donation to the 6th Marine Division Foundation.

William J. Crowley, MD, Capt. USAFR (Ret)

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Dear Joe: **(Abridged)**

I received my copy of the Spring newsletter. I appreciate your getting it out. Will you please forward the enclosed letter to Andy and Lucy

Young. I see no address with their wonderful column. Wow, what an ambitious couple! Jim Young Jr. sure would be proud of them.

Semper Fi,  
Leon H. Kazian  
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If my dues for the Striking Sixth newsletter are paid, please use this for a man who is not able to pay. Please, in future years, have a Reunion on the southwest coast. We were Marines, too.

God Bless you and yours,  
Harley (Rusty) Hoeck  
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I would like to know if there is a corpsman that remembers treating my hand and arms while in combat. The colonel would not let me go back to battalion because he needed me on the gun.

Cpl. Benjamin Profit  
150 Mulberry Dr.  
Fortson, GA 31808  
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Dear Martin (Essex): **(abridged by editor)**

I have received notification from the daughter of Major Robert Mallon that her father passed away March 13, 2005. I served with Major Mallon in the 11th Defense Bn. on Guadalcanal and in the New Georgia Islands. We transferred to H-Battery-3-15. Once in the north of Okinawa, we settled in for the night. Alerted that Japs were on the move, I climbed out of my muddy hole only to have one of our men cut

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# CORPSMEN'S CORNER

*LAS VEGAS - HERE WE COME!*



*Jack Rice in 1944*



*Jack Rice Now*

We are still basking in the success of our first meeting held in conjunction with the reunion of the Sixth Marine Division Association in Nashville last year. We are expecting an even greater meeting this year, in quality and attendance.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the election of our own Frank Mack as Chaplain. We congratulate him and look forward in assisting him whenever necessary.

Harvey Anderson was reelected as the representative of the Medical Group of the Association.

Preparations are being made to have our own hospitality area in the hotel. This may be affectionately known as the "Sick Bay" hoping it will not attract our fellow Marines to seek relief after a heavy night of partying. It will be a place we can share our expe-

riences as well as meet with those we know and welcome new Corpsmen to our fellowship. You are encouraged to bring pictures and other memorabilia to share.

Two new Sixth Corpsmen have surfaced and are being added to our group. John Lester (Jack) Kirby of Wilton, Maine. His e-mail address is lmkirby@mid-maine.co. Jack was with the division on Okinawa through China. He was with Hq2ndBn29th Marines.

Also, we welcome Robert (Bob) Rhodes of Lady Lake, Florida. His address is cyberpop@aol.com. He served with the 3rd Battalion.

I am presently involved with the preparation of an article about Dr. James L. Goebel, 2nd Battalion Surgeon. If any of you have pertinent information or wish to comment concerning your experience with this fine gentleman, please e-mail me as soon as possible.

I will look forward to and appreciate any corrections, comments, advice, BS, or other information any of you have.

Contact me - Jack Rice, 3649 Buckskin Trail, East, Jacksonville, FL 32277 or jaxjack77@aol.com.

## John Kalinowski, winner of Two Navy Crosses in Three Wars, Dies

by Bill Pierce

Another highly decorated 6thMarDiv Marine is gone from us. John Kalinowski, Wpns-29, died in Jacksonville, FL Dec. 16, 2004. In ill health for years, according to the Jacksonville Daily News, Sgt. Major Kalinowski (Ret) was 79.

A friend to generals and privates alike, "Ski" served in WWII, Korea and Viet Nam. His poor health was attributed to the action at Chosin Reservoir. His son Cpl. George Kalinowski was killed in Viet Nam in 1968 during the battle at Hue.

Two Navy Crosses, two Bronze Stars and six Purple Hearts were a major part of his 26 decorations from a Marine career that lasted more than 30 years, but in a way did not end with his retirement in 1979.

Kalinowski would go to the USO and find Marines there to encourage and mentor. He actually took a number of young people to raise while still in the Marines, a friend said.

His wife Blanche preceded him in death.



## MAIL CALL *Continued from page 9*

loose several rounds at me. He didn't hit me, but the rounds went by Mallon in a scrounged hammock so close that he bailed out in a hurry. He never slept in that hammock again.

Semper Fi, John A. Albanese, H-3-15

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I couldn't remember if I sent you a copy of this about Tony—also Floy Manion called. She said Harry passed away. He had another bout of pneumonia. He had been bedfast for quite some time. Hope you are well.

Betty and Fred Wesphal, 6th Recon

**Note: Tony was Major Anthony Walker, formerly CO of the 6th Recon Co. He and Sgt. Harry**

**Manion, also of Recon, were Raider veterans of the Central Solomons. The copy referred to was a memorial.**

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Hello Joe:

We enjoyed the Sixth Reunion at Nashville. Glad to meet you and wish you well. I said I would send you copies of Ernie Pyle clippings and some other material. I don't know if you can use them. If not, add them to your collection. Wishing you the best.

William H. (Rip) Ripley  
Comm. Section, HQ-3-22  
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**WILLIAMS**, Robert E., ID #5903, 22<sup>nd</sup> MAR-2-E, Regular Life

# 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.*

**ABNEY**, Louis, ID #0536, 15<sup>th</sup> MAR-3-I, DOD: 11/08/2004

**AGAZZI**, Fred C., ID #4551, 29<sup>th</sup> MAR-2-HQ, DOD: 3/28/2005

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**CHIZIK**, Gene, Former Member, 22<sup>nd</sup> MAR-2-E, DOD: Unknown

**DAVIS**, Robert F., ID #0548, 22<sup>nd</sup> MAR-Wpns, DOD: 3/09/2005

**DRISCOLL**, John C., ID #0832, 4<sup>th</sup> MAR-3-K, DOD: 9/13/2004

**GEHRKE**, Wilbur J., ID #0799, 29<sup>th</sup> MAR-1-A, DOD: 6/5/2005

**GIMBEL**, Harry Boyer, NM, 6<sup>th</sup> Marine Div., DOD: 8/19/1980

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**JOHNSON**, Norma, Wife of Frederick W. Johnson, DOD: 4/01/2005

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**McGRAW**, Katherine, Wife of Robert L. McGraw, DOD, 8/13/2004

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**REGAL**, Evan C., ID #0259, 22<sup>nd</sup> MAR-1-C, DOD: Unknown

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**SANDERS**, William C., ID #2506, 29<sup>th</sup> MAR-H&S, DOD: 1/05/2005

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**TOMAILO**, Edward M., ID #2711, 29<sup>th</sup> MAR-2-F, DOD: 5/14/2005

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**VAN NESS**, William, ID #3466, 4<sup>th</sup> Marines, DOD: 7/26/2004

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