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Come One, Come All 2011—The Year of the Cleveland Reunion

We hope that's how you'll remember your 2011 Sixth Marine Division get-together this year – as the year we met in Cleveland! To that end, your reunion committee has planned a well-balanced event of things to do as a group and free time on your own. We're arranging for a ride on a scenic railway, a city tour with lunch, and a "goodtime" cruise on the "famous" Cuyahoga River.

If you prefer to do your own exploring, we've picked a hotel in the heart of the city where there are not 1, but 2 free trolley routes running by the hotel doors. Plus, with advance notice, the hotel shuttle will take you anywhere within a 2 mile radius for the price of a tip! Of course, there are also public buses (R.T.A.) just outside the hotel doors and taxis for hire. We even have light rail transportation, which we feel is excellent for those of you coming in from Hopkins International Airport.

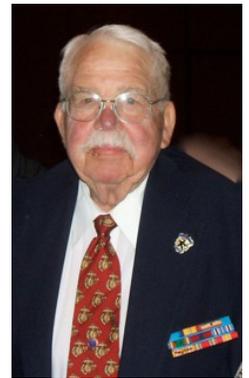
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The Regimental Flags

From left, Henry Kemp, 29th Marines; Bob Russell, 22nd Marines; James McWalters, 15th Marines, and George Scott, 4th Marines. See article Page 7.

Casualties in Final Campaign Increase For Aging Marines



Jack Hoag

The casualties in this final campaign continue to mount. A glance at TAPS in this edition will show a much longer list than usual. The list keeps growing.

We had planned a requiem in this issue for four Marines prominent over the years in association affairs. At the last minute today (April 15) a fifth was added to the fire team of Jack Dornan, Marty Essex, Jack Hoag and Bob Sherer.

"Wake the Sergeant of the Guard, Tom McKinney of the Fourth Marines is at the gate."

All we know at this writing is in the following E-Mail:

"1. I wish to inform all that Tom McKinney, Fourth Marines, passed on this Wednesday, April 13 at 4 p.m. in a North Carolina hospital as told by his loving wife. Tom will be cremated, but the burial place at this time is not known. A Memorial Service will be held at the funeral home.

2. Tom was a great Marine and a great person. He will be missed. John J. Foley

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Memorial Day — Let us not forget.



**The
President's
Report**

by Ed Marsalek

**Chicago Was Cold,
But Spirits Rising**

Greetings the spring flowers are blooming and our spirits are again rising after the cold winter in Chicago. I write this with a heavy heart for the losses we have experienced since our last reunion in Las Vegas.

The Las Vegas reunion was a testament to the entire Essex family and our three

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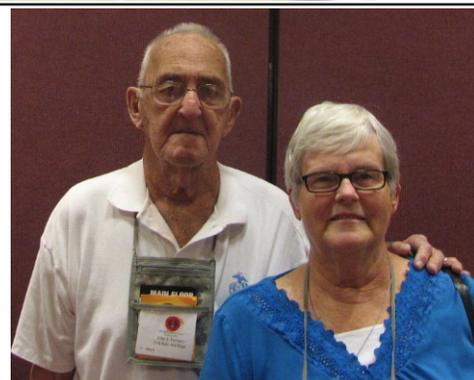


Photo by Christina Smith

John and Flo Dornan's picture — was taken at the 2010 Las Vegas Reunion. He died March 20, 2011, one of several attendees who did not get far into the New Year. Jack, an officer in the Raiders Association, had been membership manager in the Sixth Marine Division Association. He was replaced by Watson Crumbie, who was replaced by Jim White, who accepted Flo as membership manager. That completed the circle.

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HOTEL INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS

**THE SIXTH MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION
2011 REUNION
HYATT REGENCY CLEVELAND AT THE ARCADE
420 SUPERIOR AVENUE
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44114
September 6 – 11, 2011**

ARRIVAL DATE: _____ DEPARTURE DATE: _____

- Single/Double Occupancy:** \$105.00 + tax per night
(includes 2 complimentary breakfasts per day at the hotel restaurant)
- Triple Occupancy:** \$130.00 + tax per night
(includes 3 complimentary breakfasts per day at the hotel restaurant)
- Quadruple Occupancy:** \$155.00 + tax per night
(includes 4 complimentary breakfasts per day at the hotel restaurant)

These rates are also available three days before and three days after the event!

***Note: Complimentary Breakfast only if hotel is booked under the Reunion Group Rate.

Available accommodations: _____ King _____ Two Beds _____ Handicap
_____ Non-smoking _____ Smoking

Please do not mail in hotel reservations. To make reservations:

Call: 1-888-421-1442 (central reservations) - Be sure to mention 6th Marine Division Association Reunion for the rate. Have your credit card on hand.

Or
Online through a dedicated booking website for the 6th Marine Division:

https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=2727956&utm_source=4531&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=3509173
(you may also find this link on the 6th Marine Division website)

Special Requests – Every effort will be made to accommodate special requests, however they are not guaranteed.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS AUGUST 15, 2011. After that date reservations will be taken on availability basis only. Cancellations will be accepted up to 24 hours before arrival date.

Your credit card will not be charged until you check out.

Hotel check in is 3:00 p.m. – Check out Noon
Early check in may be available if the room is ready.

If you have any questions or need help making reservations, contact the Benedetti's at 440-442-0386.

**Sixth Marine Division Association
2011 Annual Reunion
Tuesday 9/6/11 – Sunday 9/11/11
Cleveland, Ohio**

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest Name: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 E-mail: _____ Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Company: _____ Battalion: _____ Regiment: _____
 Lineal Descendant: _____ Of Whom: _____
 In Case of Emergency during the Reunion: Contact: _____
 Relationship: _____
 Phone(s): _____

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Registration (supports Hospitality Room):		Member \$25.00 (Spouses are free)	\$ _____
		Guests \$25.00 x _____	\$ _____
<u>Tuesday</u>	10am-7 pm	Registration Desk	
9-6-11	11am-11pm	Hospitality Room	
	2pm-3pm	Federal Reserve Bank Tour (walking, limited to 35) # _____	<u>No Charge</u>
	7pm-10pm	Cleveland Indians vs. Detroit Tigers Baseball game (minimum of 25 needed) \$16.00 x _____ =	\$ _____
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:30am-11am	Complimentary Breakfast	
9-7-11	9am-7pm	Registration Desk	
	10am-11pm	Hospitality Room	
	10am-2pm	City Tour and lunch \$35.00 x _____ =	\$ _____
	3:30pm-4:30pm	Terminal Tower 42 nd Floor Observation Deck- (walking) \$6.00 x _____ =	\$ _____
<u>Thursday</u>	6:30am-11am	Complimentary Breakfast	
9-8-11	9am-7pm	Registration Desk	
	10am-11pm	Hospitality Room	
	12pm-4:30pm	Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Train Ride \$25.00 x _____ =	\$ _____
<u>Friday</u>	6:30am-11am	Complimentary Breakfast	
9-9-11	9am-5pm	Registration Desk	
	10am-11pm	Hospitality Room	
	11:00am-1:00pm	Officers Board Meeting	
	11:00am-1:00pm	Ladies Luncheon \$25.00 x _____ =	\$ _____
	3pm-5pm	River & Lake Boat Cruise \$18.00 x _____ =	\$ _____

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Saturday	6:30am-11am	Complimentary Breakfast
9-10-11	Closed	Registration Desk (All information moved to Hospitality Room)
	10am-11:30am	Memorial Service
	11:30am-5pm	Hospitality Room
	1pm-3pm	General Meeting
	6pm-11pm	Banquet - Guest Speaker-Installation of Officers-Dancing-Entertainment \$45.00 x _____ \$ _____
		Choice of Entrée: Fish _____
		Chicken _____
		Vegetarian _____

Sunday	6:30am-11am	Complimentary Breakfast
9-11-11	Checkout is Noon	

Grand Total Enclosed for Registration and Activities \$ _____

Make check payable to: **6th Marine Division Association, Inc.**

Mail this form with your check to:
The Benedetti's
6039 Wilson Mills Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44143
Phone: 440-442-0386
Email: amlbenedetti@sbcglobal.net

May we suggest that you make a copy of the registration for your records & bring it with you to the Reunion.

Optional Event Notes: All optional events are handicapped accessible.

Federal Reserve Bank – one of only twelve in the country. This tour shows the operations of the U.S. central bank located in a national historic landmark building. The tour takes 1 hour and is a walking tour. It is located just around the corner from the hotel.

City tour – we will use trolleys for ease of getting on and off. Wheelchairs (not motorized) can be accommodated. Lunch will be included.

Observation Deck – get a great view of Cleveland from the 42nd floor of another historic landmark building. There is a bit of walking from the elevators to the observation deck itself.

Train ride – This train is run by volunteers and uses historic cars. The trip is a leisurely 3 hour roundtrip ride through the Cuyahoga Valley National Park with a stop (of approx. 1 ½ hours) in the village of Peninsula where there are two restaurants and many quaint shops or you can elect to stay on board for the whole trip down to the City of Akron (no disembarking) and back. Light concessions are available on board.

River and lake cruise – an interesting sightseeing tour from a different viewpoint. The boat goes on both Lake Erie and the Cuyahoga River.

President's Report

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angels, Pam, Brenda and Joan. Everyone who attended had a marvelous time. The food, the entertainment and the tours were wonderful and all left Las Vegas smiling on their way home.

The Benedetti family is working very hard for our Cleveland reunion in September. I am confident that the efforts extended by the Benedetti sisters will result in another fruitful gathering. Please make your reservations early. This will be much appreciated by them.

I would like to take this opportunity to announce I have appointed Dick Roberts to fill the vacancy of Service Officer on the Board of Directors. Dick's presence on the Board should help in easing the loss created by the passing of Marty Essex and should help in continuing the harmony the Board is presently enjoying.

I have been receiving letters and emails from daughters, sons, grandchildren and friends of members inquiring as to why they are not receiving copies of the Striking Sixth. Invariably, I find that the member in question has a new address, new phone number or email address and has failed to advise our faithful, hard working Flo Dornan of the change.

I am asking for a volunteer, preferably from the lineal descendants to appoint a person to whom the inquiries will be directed. That person will advise the Membership Chairman; maintain a list of all changes and submit them in a timely manner to Joe Singleton, who could then publish the notices of change in the Striking Sixth. Those with membership directories could make the changes in their book and be current.

In closing Ann and I wish you good health and look forward to seeing you in Cleveland. Happy Spring! Semper Fi, Ed Marsalek

Casualties in Final

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Jack Dornan was a former 2nd battalion Raider with two battle stars from the Central Solomons Campaigns. He served with the Brigade on Guam and the Division on Okinawa as a member of F-2-4. He could wear the Navy Unit Citation with star and the Presidential Unit Citation with star along with his Purple Heart. A regular, he had a passel of other awards while serving with the First Division in Korea. He was discharged as a captain.

He was Membership Chairman of the Spring 2011

association for several years and had a short stay at advocate general. He was even pressed into the editorship of the Striking Sixth for an issue.

Marty Essex, 15th Marine Artillery Regiment, was a president once and Reunion Chairman three times. His lengthy Pacific service, which began with a defense battalion on Guadalcanal culminated with the Battle of Okinawa.

Jack Hoag, a veteran of the Okinawa battle also fought on Bougainville and Guam, served with 6th JASCO, the divisional unit tasked with coordinating air-sea bombardments with unit needs. He was Division Historian for years and a Reunion supporter. Jack also was instrumental in providing the Last Man Bottle of Scotch following various imbibing engagements with former Division Commander Lemuel Shepherd.

Bob Sherer joins the list as one of the last infantry commanders of the 6th Marine Division. He was a first Lt. in charge of the machine gun platoon of F-2-29 when the Battle of Okinawa began. After the other five original officers of the company had been killed or wounded, Bob inherited Fox Company and led the company during some of its severest trials.

Retiring as a major, Bob devoted his time to civilian pursuits while also supporting the Association by attending most reunions over the years.

Tom McKinney was there for Okinawa and a number of Korean battles. He was, I believe, also around for Viet Nam. He served as association president twice and hosted the 2000 reunion.

Three of the five were at the reunion last October. They were the two Jacks and Marty. Bob Sherer had reservations for he and his family but could not honor them.

—Editor

Come One, Come All ..

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But, if you prefer to just stay close and mosey about a bit, the Arcade is full of shops and little eateries with nooks and crannies for sitting and chatting or people watching.

Remember, our group hotel rates at the Hyatt Regency Cleveland at the

Arcade are good for 3 days prior and 3 days after the official reunion from Sept. 6 to 11. Perhaps you'll make it a "complete" vacation by coming early for the Cleveland National Airshow which runs Sept. 3-5 or staying on for a visit to one of our famous museums.

Come and join us at the 6th Marine Division Association 2011 Reunion, held for the first time in Cleveland, Ohio! We think you'll be glad you did!

Sincerely, Your Hosts, The Benedettis, Alio, Angela, Anita, Melinda and Lisa

The Regimental Flags

The regimental flags of the Sixth Marine Division no longer march in review on the parade ground. Their standard bearers, however, each holding his regiment's flag high, are still seen every year at Reunions of the Division's World War II veterans. Each year, the steps slow a mite, the hair grows thinner and the cadence becomes a little less certain. The Marines carrying the flags are still the same at heart that they were back in the 1940s; the flags are still proud.

We have no battle honors on our regimental flags but if we did they would go like this. 29th Marines, Saipan (1st Battalion), Okinawa, Presidential Unit Citation; 22nd Marines, Marshall Islands, Navy Unit Citation, Guam, Star on Navy Unit Citation, Okinawa, Presidential Unit Citation; 15th Marines, Okinawa, Presidential Unit Citation, and 4th Marines, Guam, Navy Unit Citation, Okinawa, Presidential Unit Citation.

The 22nd Marines and the Fourth Marines have won more battles and more awards since our days, but our flags are frozen in time. The Fourth did see service in earlier Banana Republics fighting, but does that count? Neither regiment served in France during the Great War. The 29th Marines lived only from 1944 to 1946. The first battalion did fight on Saipan as a battalion of the 29th but was largely raised from the ranks of the Second Marine Division and fought as an extension of that unit.



Corpsmen's Corner

by Jack Rice

Corpsmen Encouraged To Attend 2011 Reunion

Now is the time to make certain that you have made your final plans for the Association's reunion in Cleveland. Last year many of our Corpsmen had conflicts preventing their attendance. Please don't let that happen this year.

It is understandable that health factors prevent attendance but it is so important that those able to attend have another opportunity to fellowship with Corpsmen and Marines with whom they so valiantly fought on Okinawa during those crucial months just prior to the end of the war. We are proudly called the "Greatest Generation." Let's live up to our reputation and answer the call once more.

Cleveland is a site many of our number can reach by auto. It is near many of the homes of our members. That should help.

I have been able to talk with several of you over the past few months, particularly those with a history of meeting with us. I understand your plight. If you cannot make it, rest assured your compatriots are still hanging in

there with you.

Sadly, most of you have heard of the passing of a dear and wonderful lady, Loraine Anderson, wife of Harvey Anderson. She and her fabulous family graced us with their presence on many occasions. While Don Peterson remains seriously ill, he is able to be somewhat active. I recently talked with him and he wanted me to make sure I extended his greetings to all of you.

This was an anecdote found in the Hospital Corps Quarterly of October, 1945. Casualties were so heavy among Navy hospital corpsmen in one Sixth Marine Division sector, that marines agreed all wounded men would return unaided to the medical station some 200 yards back.

"We refused to let any more hospital corpsmen risk their lives for us," a marine told Navy doctors and hospital corpsmen who took him into an operating tent. He had been shot through the chest by an enemy sniper. Then he saw another Leatherneck lying on an operating table. "Hey, Mac, did you keep our agreement?" he asked.

The other marine raised his head "Yeah," he said, "I made it back." His left foot had been blown off by a mortar shell.

EVER WONDER WHY THERE IS SUCH A STRONG BOND BETWEEN MARINES AND CORPSMEN?



Barb McKnight Is New President of Auxiliary

The new Ladies Auxiliary officers elected at the Las Vegas Reunion are Barbara McKnight (the wife of Harry who was in H-3-29) President. Connie Houseweart is the new Vice President and is the first lineal descendant to be elected to a Ladies Auxiliary office. This is an exciting new event for our organization.

Marilyn Essex, the widow of Martin Essex, is the Parliamentarian. I will announce the rest of the officers in the next newsletter.

I am excited and looking forward to the next reunion to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, Sept 6 to 11, 2011. From what I understand "The Benedetti Girls" have been working hard and have a fun time planned for everyone. We are hoping many wives and descendants will join us for the reunion.

I would like to remind all wives, and anyone who will join us, to get busy making the crafts to donate so we can share their talents and sell them at the «Craft Table» at the reunion. We know there are many talented people in our group. Remember all the proceeds from the craft table go to the Scholarship Fund.

I was saddened to learn of the loss of so many spouses. I personally will miss one the ladies, Bernice Walters, who passed away April 1, 2011. She was one of the first friendly, smiling faces to welcome me when we came to our first reunion. I was honored that she sat beside me and visited with me at our last luncheon. She, along with a host of other friends, will be missed.

I am excited to invite the daughters, granddaughters and other female relatives of the 6th Division Marines to join us for our Luncheon on Friday, Sept 9, 2011.

—Sincerely, Barb McKnight

Striking Sixth



Corpsmen at Last Reunion — From left, Les Weinstein, Jack Rice, Paul Smith, Paul Judd and Rocco Lespinuso.

Okinawa Battle Did More Damage Than Dropping 2 Atomic Bombs

Okinawa was the largest amphibious invasion of the Pacific campaign and the last major campaign of the Pacific War. More ships were used, more troops put ashore, more supplies transported, more bombs dropped, more naval guns fired against shore targets than any other operation in the Pacific.

More people died during the Battle of Okinawa than all those killed during the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Casualties totaled more than 38,000 Americans wounded and 12,000 killed or missing, more than 107,000 Japanese and Okinawan conscripts killed, and perhaps 100,000 Okinawan civilians who perished in the battle.

The battle of Okinawa proved to be the bloodiest battle of the Pacific War. Thirty-four allied ships and craft of all types had been sunk, mostly by kamikazes, and 368 ships and craft damaged. The fleet had lost 763 aircraft. Total American casualties in the operation numbered over 12,000 killed [including nearly 5,000 Navy dead and almost 8,000 Marine and Army dead] and 36,000 wounded. Navy casualties were tremendous, with a ratio of one killed for one wounded as compared to a one to five ratio for the Spring 2011

Marine Corps.

Combat stress also caused large numbers of psychiatric casualties, a terrible hemorrhage of front-line strength. There were more than 26,000 non-battle casualties. In the battle of Okinawa, the rate of combat losses due to battle stress, expressed as a percentage of those caused by combat wounds, was 48% [in the Korean War the overall rate was about 20-25%, and in the Yom Kippur War it was about 30%].

American losses at Okinawa were so heavy as to incite Congressional calls for an investigation into the conduct of the military commanders. Not surprisingly, the cost of this battle, in terms of lives, time, and material, weighed heavily in the decision to use the atomic bomb against Japan just six weeks later.

Japanese human losses were enormous: 107,539 soldiers killed and 23,764 sealed in caves or buried by the Japanese themselves; 10,755 captured or surrendered. The Japanese lost 7,830 aircraft and 16 combat ships. Since many Okinawan residents fled to caves where they subsequently were entombed the precise number of civilian casualties will probably never be known,



After the Battle — It was good to be alive. These Marines on Okinawa had recently hated the rain, mud and any water unfit to drink. Now, the fighting's over, and that puddle made a swell swimming hole. USMC Photo.

but the lowest estimate is 42,000 killed. Somewhere between one-tenth and one-fourth of the civilian population perished, though by some estimates the battle of Okinawa killed almost a third of the civilian population.

According to US Army records during the planning phase of the operation, the assumption was that Okinawa was home to about 300,000 civilians. At the conclusion of hostilities around 196,000 civilians remained. However, US Army figures for the 82-day campaign showed a total figure of 142,058 civilian casualties, including those killed by artillery fire, air attacks and those who were pressed into service by the Japanese army.

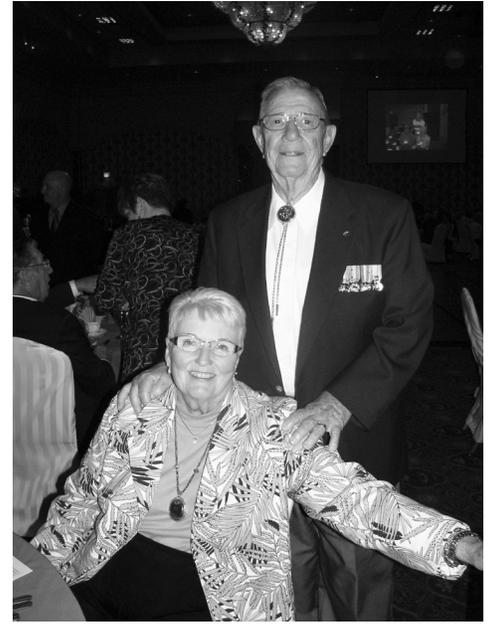
— Bill Pierce

There are only two types of ships: submarines and targets. — Frank Niader

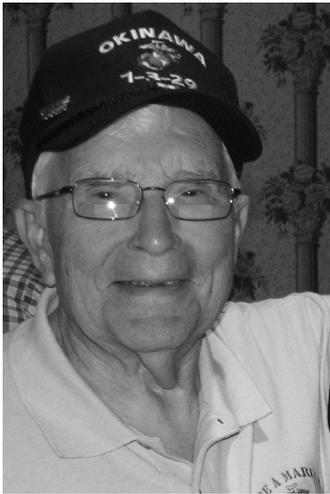
Some of the First-Rate People Participating



Bonnie Hillegass - Lee and Bill Davis



Watson and Margaret Anne Crumie



Don Honis



John Senterfitt and daughter — First reunion for both

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In the 3rd Las Vegas Reunion Are Seen Here



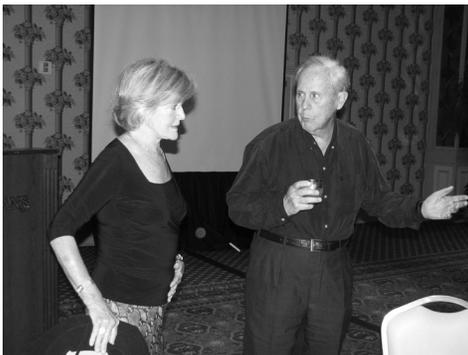
Close Order Drill



Sloane and Scott Whitaker, brother and sister



JoAnn & Joseph Fair



Eileen Whitaker and Neal McCallum



Gregg & Sharon Woodhouse



Alice & John Portera



Sandy & Stebe Sampley



Happy Days Are Here Again

Mail Call

Bill Pierce: Thank you so much — my address is Ms.Teto Wais — My brother will be thrilled. All my Dad's things from the Marine Corps were given to my other brother who was a drunk and were stolen. Don't know any more details about my Dad's unit etc. until I get that information from ARC. I know he had a special document given to the guys that passed the equator on ship and he had to go to some kind of initiation before he got one. I do remember seeing it, and he was proud of it. It was large with the picture of Neptune on it and the world. I wanted to join the Marines when I was younger but just too little. Again, I thank you very much. teto@cox.net

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Note on a membership application: Maybe someone can help. My uncle Robert H. Ascher, pfc on June 18, 1945 was killed at Awara Saki, Okinawa. I would like to know if anyone in Company K (22 Marines-3-K) knew my uncle? I have inherited the letters he sent home to my grandmother. Robert C. Ascher, 156 Willow St., Snug Harbor, Hertford, NC 2794-9275 (252) 426-9275

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The family of Edward L. Wainwright, deceased December 9, 2009, would like to continue supporting the Sixth Marine Division Association. Our loved one loved this association and we would like to honor him by being a part of this wonderful group. We would like to salute all the men and women who have served our Great Nation and to all the ones serving now and in the future. Thank you, Frances Wainwright, Wife for 61 years.

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Dear Florence, I probably won't get to any reunions. They never seem to get close enough to NH. Also, I have not encountered any Sixth Div. Marines among those I have met or read about in my Am. Legion magazine. However, maybe you know some artilleryMarines who started with the Second (can't read) Howitzer which merged into the 22nd Marines for (can't read) then went into Guam with the same set up but joined with the 4th Marines Reinforced

to form the Prov. Brigade. After that there was the 15th Marines with the Sixth Div. Col Lucky was Reg. Commander. I was Operations NCO, Second Bn, HQ Btry. It was the Fifteenth which trained the Amtrac Co in using indirect fire as support artillery until the regular artillery got ashore and set up to take over the support function. Have you encountered any Second Bn 15th guys? Best to you, John C. Richmond, 380 W Main St Apt 43, Tilton, NH 03276-5036, 603-286-3896 (Note: Anyone from any of the units mentioned or who knew John Richmond, you might want to contact him for old times sake.)

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Dear Mrs. Dornan,
This is to notify you that Sherman M. Wessells who served with the 6 Division Marines (29Mar-1-C) on Okinawa, passed away on Feb. 13, 2011. He was so proud of being a Marine and we also flew the Division flag, and his license plate read: 6THUSMC. I am enclosing a copy of his obituary, along with a check so I can keep getting copies of the "Striking Sixth." Thank you. Sincerely, Ruth C. Wessells, 6188 Pinewood Way, Chincoteague, VA 23336-2716

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I may have informed you all at the time, but I can't remember. On May 17, 2003, Earl M.J. Boydell died. He was with the 6th Reconnaissance Company. If anyone knew my father, please contact me. I have never been the same since that day. With Best Regards, Earl M.J. Boydell, Jr. J.D. (504) 2843495 TELEPHONE/ (504) 284-3495 FAX, 6301 Cartwright Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana 70122
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It's Official: Once a Marine, Always a Marine! Semper Fi., OO-Rah!
chdf@windstream.net **Ed's Note:** I guess he, whoever he is, is referring to the commandant's recent comment to that effect.

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Hello sir. My name is Bill Shaughnessy. I am looking for any information on my Great Uncle Pfc Edwin P. Shaughnessy 29th Marines 6th Division I Co. He was killed in action on May 18, 1945 on Okinawa. My grandfather told me it didn't make sense how he was killed since he was a sniper. I've been trying every website possible but not getting anywhere. If you or any member of the 6th Marines could shed some light on my uncle it would be deeply appreciated. Sincerely, Bill Shaughnessy bshaughnessy0503@aol.com

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Hello - my dad, Robert Blank, recently passed away and I found among his mail a letter he had written to you with something included for the newsletter that he had saved from Okinawa pertaining to Japanese propaganda on Roosevelt's death. Apparently he sent it to a wrong address just before he died. If you can send me your address, I will forward it on. I have many Marine issued postcard photos of Okinawa if you are interested. I would hate to throw anything out that would be of interest to your readers. Also, can you tell me how to get his email taken off your web page. Thanks. Christine Shields cookieadge@hotmail.com

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My name is Vic Franklin and my Father Vic Franklin Sr. was Cpl. Victor L. Franklin Sr. a member of 2nd Battalion, 15th FA Regiment, 6th Marine Division. He passed away in 2005. I am seeking the names of all the ships that my Dad was on during his time of service. I know he was activated on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, Oct. 23, 1944 and rendezvoused with the 3rd Amphibious Corps. at Ulithi Atoll, March 23-24, 1945. Assaulted Okinawa April 1, 1945. Left for Guam July, 1945. Departed Guam Oct. 1, 1945. Landed at Tsingtao, China Oct. 11, 1945. Deactivated March 26, 1946. chdf@windstream.net

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Mail Call

Dear Joe: I guess it took a while — I never read so many memorable names in one article (**Eds. Note: Summer, 2009, Col. Alexander's Article**). Let's start with Smokey Dean, from Pittsburg, I think. He was my star left fielder on Samoa. The first play of the game Smokey hurt his back on a long fly ball and then disappeared in a fox hole. At the end of the first inning the score was 1 to 0. The other guy on the team was Red Lawrence. He played a credible game at second base. If I had played as good a game as Red, we would have walked away a winner. Red still is a winner today. Smokey was not so lucky. He tried to move back when his teammate was shot dead, and here is what Smokey said, "Hey guys, I'm up here alone, and for Christ's sake don't shoot me." That's when he moved back. He got no more than a step, and somebody blew him away. We were on the island of Eniwetok. Pete Lala was on the north side and Major Henry A. Courtney Jr. was right behind us. When Pete opened the ground door, a Jap appeared, and Pete shot him dead. They both went on to the next battle. D.J. Fox saw all the action, and he is still alive to talk about it as is Richard Stifel, my buddy from Cherry Point, where we both rode horses, which was a lot of fun. Richard is still alive and active. Tragedy struck Dale Bertoli. By then we were down to 40% effectiveness. This included MOH winner Jim Day. D.J. McPhillips was my buddy all the way. He sent things home to my parents when I was wounded. Col. Joseph H. Alexander deserves credit. Bill Hecht, 22nd Marines, Pfc.

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Dear Mr. Pierce, I received the copy of the Cactus Bowl rosters (football on Okinawa) and want to thank you for taking the time to copy and send them to me. Since my father talked very little about his experiences, it's nice that I can now include information in my paper about the different experiences he had, and this will certainly help. I really do appreciate the help I've gotten from Sixth Division members — You're a special group in my heart. Sincerely, Cynthia Lipsius, Buffalo, N.Y.

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Raider Room Makeover

barbara.mccurtis@usmc.mil
To: GYRENE629@aol.com
Sent: 3/7/2011 1:49:26 P.M. Eastern Standard Time
Subj: RE: MCRD Museum Raider Room Exhibit

Roger. The CG is after me to show the current wars in Afghanistan and Iraq so in the process of doing that we will be creating a new WWII gallery and the 6th Div will have a place. I will keep you posted. Pass my best on to Bob and his bride.
R/S
Barbara

—Original Message—
From: GYRENE629@aol.com [<mailto:GYRENE629@aol.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2011 10:21
To: Mccurtis CIV Barbara S
Subject: Re: MCRD Museum Raider Room Exhibit

BARBRA, THANKS MUCH FOR REPLACING THE THOMPSON WITH THE REAL THING...
GOOD FRIEND OF MINE IS FORMER DOCENT SGT MAJ BOB DEVILLIERS...
KEEP UP XLNT WORK...AND SOME DAY ROTATE OUR SIXTH MARINE DIV BACK INTO THE ORIGINAL

From: alambert <jcoltrane50@yahoo.com>
Date: February 1, 2011 5:29:22 PM CST
To: webmaster@texasnova.com
Subject: taps
As a member of the Sons and Daughters of the Sixth Marine Division I regret to inform you that my Dad, John S. Lambert (4th Marine Regiment-Sixth Marine Division) passed away on November 15, 2010. The Marine Corps meant so much to him and through the Sixth Divisions Reunions and publications he was able to keep in touch with his fellow Marines. Keep up the good work. Arden Lambert
jcoltrane50@yahoo.com

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ROOM...WAS THERE FOR THE DEDICATION.
BILL PIERCE
PR CHAIRMAN
SIXTH USMC DIV.

In a message dated 3/7/2011 12:46:30 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, barbara.mccurtis@usmc.mil writes:

Mr. Bill Pierce:

Thank you for your recent inquiry to the Museum Historical Society web page. The Museum is operated by staff that work for the base, and the Museum Historical Society, is our foundation.

The Raider Room exhibit was created by the Marine Raider Association volunteers. This exhibit did have a model Thompson on display. I have replaced the toy model with a real Thompson MG that had been on display in the Museum armory. I appreciate your attention and thank you for visiting the Museum. I hope you plan to visit again.

R/S
Barbara S. McCurtis
Museum Director
San Diego, MCRD

Dear Mr. Singleton, The winter 2010 edition of the Striking Sixth Newsletter arrived last week. I was "taken aback" when I saw the copy of the Christmas card on the cover page. I immediately went and pulled from the files my husband's copy of this same card. Do you have any more information on this? I think my husband told me many years ago that he did the printing for the card. I cannot confirm this as my husband, Charles R. Harpole died in 2007. Would appreciate any info you might have. Thanks, Marilyn Harpole, 12 Manor Lane, Glen Rock, PA 17327
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Mail Call

Mr. Singleton, Mr. Pierce suggested I send you an email containing information on my uncle PFC Roy L Graver E/2/29 for the newsletter, hoping someone may have served with him on Okinawa.

My uncle Roy was KIA on 10Jun45 on Okinawa Shima, Ryuku Islands. Recently I have obtained his military records from the NPR St Louis Mo. Fascinating info for me, we never knew much about Roy. He enlisted at the age of 17 with parental consent, a form which I now have in my possession, 17 Feb 43. Roy was killed 8 days after his 20th birthday. Roy embarked aboard the USS George Clymer APA #27 on 14Mar45 at Guadalcanal and sailed there from 15Mar45, arrived and disembarked

14Apr45 at Okinawa, Ryukyus Islands and participated in action there against enemy Japanese forces. Roy was buried at the 6th Marine Div Cemetery #1 until 16 Feb 1949, he was returned home to be buried at Long Island National Cemetery. The records I have show that he was buried next to Pfc L.A. Verga ser # 565807 and Pvt. H.F. Price Jr ser# 944363 6th Marine Div Cemetery. My uncle was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal & the Victory Medal WW II. My uncle Roy was from the Bronx NY and my father was 8 years old when his brother was returned home. Dad says Roy was determined to come home to be a professional boxer. I would appreciate any efforts

to find any additional information on my uncle, who will forever be my hero as are all who have and will continue to serve our country. From the bottom of my heart, Thank You for your service. Semper Fi, Ami M Tamburro ami9d9@aol.com

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My name is Arthur Samel. I am a 25 year old male in a wheelchair with Muscular Dystrophy. I live in the Philadelphia area. I would really appreciate any signed military memorabilia that you could send me. Thank you very much. Arthur Samel, 1700 Tuckerstown Road, Dresher, PA 19025



Cape Totkina — Jack Dornan may not be in this photo of Marine Raiders on Bougainville, but he was around there somewhere with the 2nd Battalion. Come to think of it, Jack Hoag was on Bougainville that January of 1944, supporting the 3rd Marine Division as a radio operator. And, let's not forget Lemuel Shepherd, who was there, too.



Robert Sherer

Bob Sherer was “a good man.”

“When I joined Fox on the north end in late April,

I was assigned to Bob’s machine gun platoon. After Bob became company commander and after his runner Keith Ryan was killed, he tapped me to become his runner along with Charlie Oates, who had been a runner for Captain Fowler. Oates was killed on Oruko in early June. Bob was a fine leader and a fine Marine. We had a few close scrapes on Okinawa and over time a friendship developed. We parted company in Tsingtao when Bob left to be discharged. And then, in 1951, we ran into each other at a subway stop on Long Island. We had dinner together that night and for the next 60 years we kept in touch by phone and mail. Sixth Division Reunions were always special because I knew he would be there. He called me the day before he died. He was a good friend, and I miss him.

—Dick Whitaker

Memorial Planned

Major Robert D. Sherer service will be held on June 11. Contact stsherer@gmail.com for further info. Sgt. Bob Sherer

Tankers to Meet

The Marine Corps Tankers Association, August 24 - 28 2011, Quantico, Virginia, Contact: C. R. “Casey” Casey. 434.577.2346. casey@telpage.net Semper Fi. Casey

Jack Hoag Dies at 90



Jack E. Hoag

Jack E. Hoag 1921 - 2011 Devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, United States Marine, and Free Mason of 69 years, died February 8 with family by his side. Born April 17th, 1921 in Anaheim, California to Thomas L. and Margaret Hoag. Jack graduated from Anaheim High School in 1939 and joined the United States Marine Corps in June, 1942. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jayne Alice; son, Wyatt; daughter in law, Gesche; granddaughter, Devin; brother, Earle; sister in law, Peggy; nieces and nephew. His life will be celebrated on February 17th, 2011 at Fairhaven Cemetery’s Waverley Chapel in Santa Ana, California.

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There were two Marines in their Blues standing watch over Dad last night (Feb. 17) during the viewing. When it came time to stand they both snapped to attention, sang all of the verses to the Marine Hymn, and then marched out of the chapel. No dry eyes, even for the Marines. They were both Masons and had been influenced by Dad. Today at 1430 a detail of 10 Marines will escort/carry dad into the chapel from the mortuary across the street. There will

be a firing squad as I promised Dad he would have and the flag will be presented to Mom. His son Wyatt Hoag

Established on the internet is an online guestbook that any may sign or leave comments at the following address: <http://www.legacy.com/guestbook/orangecounty/guestbook.aspx?n=jack->

Historian Jack Hoag Had Stories to Tell

Jack Hoag, who did his Marine work with the 6th Division’s JASCO during the Battle of Okinawa providing air/sea bombardment services, also served as Division Historian once the war was over and the association formed. Since he lived in California where former division commander Lemuel Shepherd resided after retirement, the two with other Sixth Division Marines, would occasionally share a glass or two.

As a result Jack had a supply of Shepherd stories to share with Striking Sixth veterans. Division rolls included veterans of the Great War, who had fought in France 26 years before the 6th was formed in 1944. Shepherd was thrice wounded and was decorated as an officer of the 4th Marine Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, American Expeditionary Force.

At one of their soirees, Shepherd told Jack the following story, here much abbreviated.

Suffering from a severe leg wound in a French hospital, the French doctor said he would have to remove the leg. Shepherd responded with an emphatic “No!” An argument ensued, which was settled by a German doctor pressed into service by his French captors. He would save the leg, he said, which he did.

The German then gave Shepherd a cane for use as he recuperated. This cane became the general’s celebrated swagger stick, which was almost always with him as he roamed several battlefields in the Pacific during WWII.

'Proud Marine' Jack Dornan Dies With Family, Dog at Side

To All:

It is with regret that I must inform you that Jack, my proud Marine, passed away Sunday, March 20, 2011. As he wished his dog and his family were at his side. He leaves a large void in our family as the husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather and will always be remembered with love and respect.

**Semper Fi,
Flo Dornan**

JOHN (JACK) E. DORNAN

Jack, as he was known by most, passed away Sunday morning, March 20, 2011 at the age of 85 at his home in Arlington, TX. He was buried at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. Jack was born on November 1, 1925 in Detroit, MI. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Jack left school and went to Canada with his older brother, Don, to join the Essex Scottish Regiment. Don was accepted but Jack was declared to be underage and sent home.

Without his mother's knowledge, in January 1942 he talked his father into signing for him that he was a year older to get in the Marine Corps. Jack volunteered for the special ops unit, the Marine Raiders, and was accepted in the Second Battalion, also known as Carlson's Raiders. He participated in action on Bougainville, Solomon Islands, Guam and Okinawa. After the breakup of the Raiders, Jack served with the Fourth Marine Regiment

of the Sixth Marine Division. One of Jack's proudest moments of the war was as a member of the Tokyo Bay Occupation Force (TF-31) which participated in the initial landing and occupation of the Tokyo Bay Area and the capture of HIJMS Nagato. This act symbolized the unconditional and complete surrender of the Japanese Navy on 30 August 1945. Jack participated in the release of the American prisoners of war in Tokyo. He also served in the Korean War with the First Marine Division, including at the famed Chosin Reservoir.

On November 27, 1972 Jack married Florence Russell Anderson and became a loving father of her five children and brought his two children into the family. Flo's children claimed he came into their lives like a drill sergeant and whipped them into shape. It was like a boot camp where the oldest kids wished they could get a transfer but today they understand his lessons and love him for all he taught them. Jack became an over-the-road driver for Hartz Mountain and Tandy Transportation and enjoyed the freedom of the open road. He often took Flo on trips with him and she enjoyed seeing the country from the cab of a semi. Jack's stories and great sense of humor will be remembered always.

Jack was Membership Chairman for the Sixth Marine Division Assn. from 1995 to 2000, Membership Secretary from 1998 to 2010 and President late 2010 and 2011 for the U.S. Marine Raider Assn. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and three sisters. Jack is survived by his wife, Flo; sons Edward Dornan, William, Robert, and David Anderson; daughters, Regina Thornton, Debra Bassett and Doreen Walker; seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; one sister, Catherine Barker of Michigan.



Harry McKnight

**Deaths
Provide
Sadness,
But We Will
Carry on
This Fall in
Cleveland**

With the memory of an outstanding reunion in Las Vegas, we look forward to Cleveland in the fall. The Benedetti sisters are hard at work again.

With sadness we remember our latest friends who now occupy a special place in the Paradise of our God. Marty Essex and family have done so much for our organization as has Jack Dornan, Flo's right hand man.

Harold Walter's wife Bernice left us on April 1st, a familiar date. My letter to Harold was more of an apology since this letter is written on the date of her funeral. Only several hours away from Columbus is Wooster, Ohio, an easy drive, but I missed her funeral. I am in San Marcos, California to greet my Marine son just back from Afghanistan.

It seems our ranks are getting thin. I try to remind the wives or husbands that death only takes us to another realm where we rest from all our cares and bodily pains. We still have a memory of all our lives and those we love. Most of us do not study and ponder the teachings from the scriptures, so it's difficult to explain that Paradise is not heaven, but a beautiful place reserved for us to learn our new duties before our assignment to one of the three glories of heaven, as mentioned by the Apostle Paul.

As your current Chaplain, I send you all this thought. God is in charge of this world, He will decide when it is time to send His Son back to destroy the wicked. So be at peace and get out your walkers, canes, wheelchairs and whatever help you need and meet us all at Cleveland and have another great time.

—Chaplain Harry McKnight



Marine 'Dad' Dies After Hosting Last Reunion

The Las Vegas Reunion hosted by Martin Essex, his wife Marilyn, son Rick, and daughters Bonnie, Joan and Robin became even more special

The Las Vegas, Nevada 6th Division Marine Reunion

because it was our beloved fathers last reunion. We lost our Marine dad on Feb. 8, 2011. He was born Jan. 9, 1923, in New York, and was a 65-year resident of Nevada.

Martin was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran who fought in the last major battle of World War II on the island of Okinawa with the 6th Marine Division. He was a founder and board member of the Marine Corps League in Las Vegas. He served as chairperson of the annual Marine Corps Ball. He was a member of the Elks Club and a leader in the Boy Scouts organization.

He originally came to Nevada to work on the construction of Boulder Dam. Since that time, he was a business owner and worked in the hotel industry. He assisted many new residents of Las Vegas to get established, helping them with housing and employment. He spent his last 30 business years as a 7-Eleven franchisee. Martin will be sorely missed by his family, friends, Marine Corps buddies and all those he assisted over the years.

Martin was the beloved husband of Marilyn Essex for 65 years. He is also survived by his children, Bonnie and Lou Hillegass, Joan and Dan Roman, Robin and Steve Starr and Rick and Christine Essex. The Hillegass, Betke, Nolan, Weber, Getz, Roman, Starr, Denney and Essex grandchildren mourn the death of "Poppop" as do his 29 great-grandchildren.

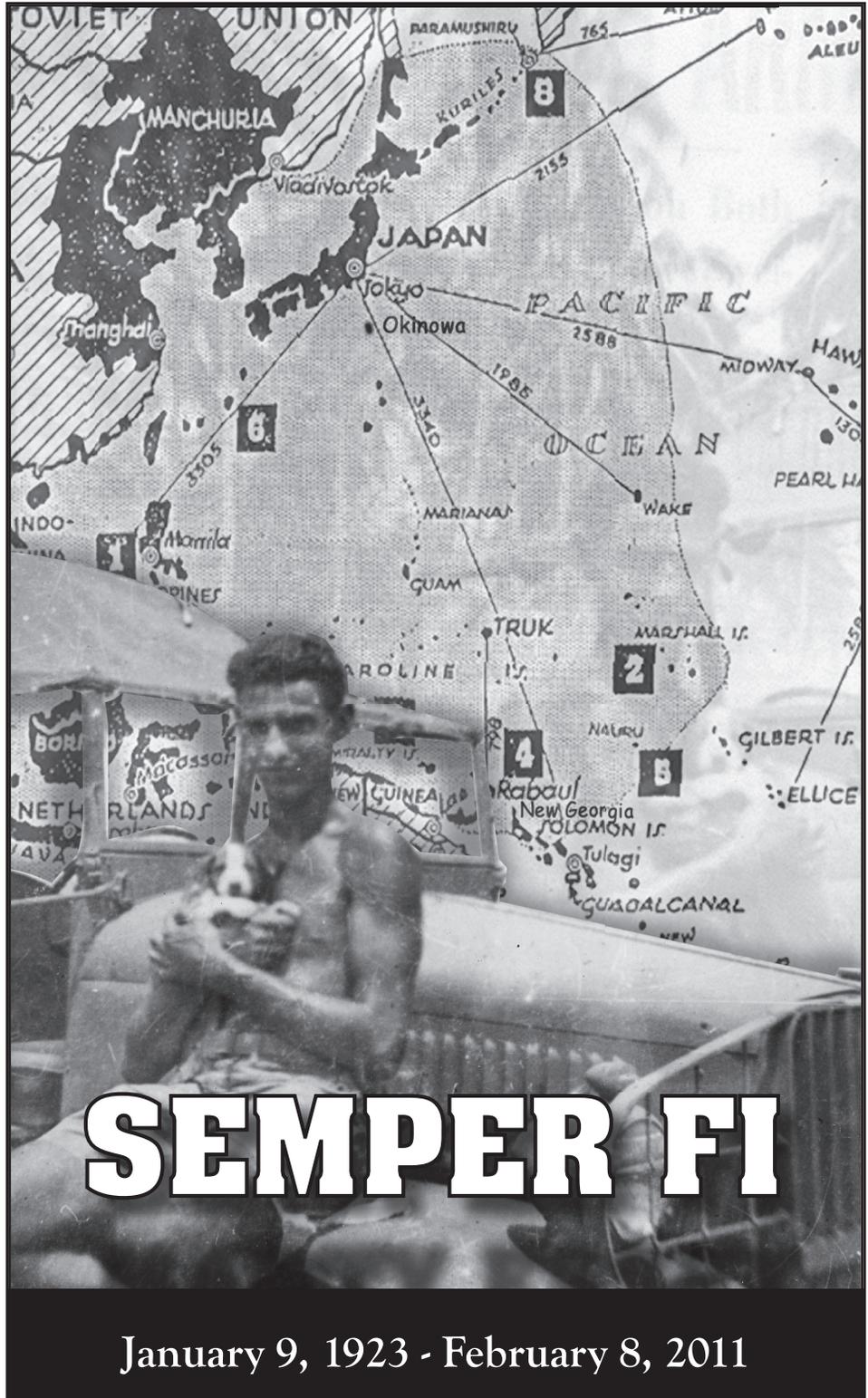
The Essex family is grateful to Captain Jack O'Rourke, who was Dad's good friend and former Commandant of the Marine Corps League, who so

splendidly carried out dad's wishes at his funeral. Captain Jack also was asked to plan the service at Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial. Dad would have been so honored by the way his life was celebrated.

The Essex family is additionally so grateful for all of the love and support from the 6th Division Marines.

— Robin Essex Starr

Marty Essex Program Cover





couple of hours and he was proud that his Marines didn't need a shower for three months, and that his Marines killed a lot of Taliban and managed to lose only one good man.

That's the Marines. They'll show up in force with no warning, and their reputation with U.S. Army and Brits who have fought alongside them is stellar. A NPR photographer who just spent more than three weeks with the Marines could not praise them enough, saying he'd been with them in Iraq, too, and that when Marines take casualties, their reaction is to continue to attack. They try to stay in contact until they finish the enemy, no matter how long it takes.

Truly they are animals when it comes to the fight. Other than that, great guys. Tonight at dinner, a young Marine Lance Corporal sat in front of me at the crowded dining facility. "Good evening, Sir," he said. I asked, "Are you living like animals out there?" "Livin' the dream, Sir!"

They are fantastic.



VJ Day — There were celebrations on Guam but nothing like San Francisco. Here's the photo that made us all want to celebrate there. This sailor grabbed the girl and gave her a Victory Kiss. This photograph went 'round the world. Apparently unimpressed by the sailor's effort, she says she slapped him. She died this year, so that's all we have to go on.



Marines Get a Look — at an unfired "Screaming Mimi" after the Battle of Okinawa was finally over. This rocket weapon when fired would tumble through the sky, land almost anywhere and go off with a major bang. William Manchester described his near-fatal wounding by one in his book, "Goodbye Darkness."

The Cadet Sergeant — a year or two ago leading the parade at West Point is Greg Rueth, grandson of Joan and Edward Willauer, H&S 22. Edward is now deceased, but he would have been mighty proud. Greg's mother is Susan Rueth, a lineal descendant with the Sixth Marine Division. Joan is proud, also: "He's quite some kid. I should say man now. Ha!" She adds, "He graduated in 2009, and he is in Iraq now."

Have to Know Them To Understand Them

By Michael Yon

The U.S. Marines are flooding in, and you might think that every Marine helicopter in our arsenal is here. I'll not give numbers and types other than to say the line of aircraft is long and formidable.

The U.S. Marines are a spectacle for the U.S. Army and also the British Army. The Marines will come in and live like pure animals and build a base around themselves, whereas the British and American Armies will tend to build at least part of the base before coming in.

One Marine commander told me that during the early part of this war, his men didn't even shower for three months. We talked for a

Rifle Companies Truly Points of the Spear

By Ken Long (rip) - a member of this valiant company.

In a photo I have of I Company men, 3rd Bn, 29th Marine Regiment, 46 are shown. Of the 46 shown only 5 made it through the battle without being wia or kia, or transferred. There were 57 marines killed during the battle. Some shown as wia could have eventually died and of these we do not have any records. .

The company strength on April 1, 1945, the landing day, was 252 officers and men. During the 90 day battle the company received 218 replacements. Some Marines were wounded twice, and one of

those is shown as being kia later in the battle. It is difficult to say who suffered from battle fatigue, but the company roster lists many men sick.

Of the 252 officers and men, only 53 made it through the battle who were not kia/wia. Twenty three received decorations which included the Navy Cross, Silver Stars, Bronze Stars and letters of commendation.

The statistics shown above can be applied to almost all of the companies of the Sixth Marine Division during the Battle of Okinawa.

A Semper Fidelis to all of these fine men."

Ed's Note: Received from Bill Pierce.

Abandonment of the Shuri Line

May 21, 1945

On Okinawa, US 3rd Amphibious Corps reports advances near the Horseshoe, Half Moon and Wana positions, on the western flank.

On the east-side, US 7th and 96th Divisions (parts of US 24th Corps) attack near Yonabaru.

Japanese forces begin to pull out of the Shuri Line.

May 22, 1945

On Okinawa, American forces enter Yonabaru and capture Conical Hill. Heavy rains begin that hamper offensive operations for the coming weeks.

The positions on the left and right of the Shuri line are about to fall leaving the main defensive positions flanked. The Chiefs of staff of the 32nd Army's main combat units **hold a meeting** that will determine the remainder of the Okinawa Campaign. The three options they discuss are:

1) Encircle Shuri Castle and prepare a concentrated defense with the 50,000 remaining troops and long range guns. This proposal retained most of the Japanese heavy guns and artillery ammunition, but there are not enough cave positions in this area to shield all the remaining troops from American artillery.

2) The second option considered was to withdraw east from the Shuri line to the Chinen Peninsula. This was rejected due to poor roads that would hamper the withdrawal and had the same problem of the lack of cave positions plus a lack of stockpiles of food and ammunition.

3) The third options was to withdraw south and form a line across the Kiyon Peninsula. This option was chosen because there were enough cave positions with stockpiles of food and small arms ammunition to fall back on.

May 23, 1945

On Okinawa, after occupying Naha, the US 6th Marine Division (part of US 3rd Amphibious Corps) encounters heavy Japanese resistance to attempts to advance further south. Japanese aircraft begin a three-day series of strikes against the Allied naval forces around the island. This is the seventh kikusui or "Floating Chrysanthemum" suicide strike.

Reverse slope of Warta Ridge, U.S. forces captured this position only 1,000 yards northwest of the Shuri command cave on 21-23 May

May 24, 1945

On Okinawa, during the night, Japanese paratroopers on a suicide mission are landed on American held Yontan airfield.

According to naval historian Samuel Elliott Morrison, four of the five Sally transports are destroyed before landing. The fifth transport lands ten "geritsu" paratroopers who destroy seven aircraft, damage 26 others and blow up a fuel dump with 70,000 gallons of aviation gasoline before being wiped out.

Meanwhile, Japanese troops conduct vigorous counterattacks in the direction of Yonabaru and make a small penetration into the lines of the US 32nd Division.

May 25, 1945

On Okinawa, the US 4th Marine Regiment eliminates the Japanese casemates and underground positions on Machishi Hill.

The US 29th Regiment secures Naha. The beaches at Naha will soon replace Hagushi beach as the main logistical landing beach for Okinawa operations.

Map 9. Preliminary withdrawal of the IJA 62d Division, 25 May 1945

On Okinawa, American bombers and artillery attack Japanese troops withdrawing from the Shuri Line.

The remnants of the IJA 62nd Division stage a series of night attacks the American 77th Division at Yonabaru.

May 27, 1945

On Okinawa, American forces attacking southward, continue to encounter heavy Japanese resistance. Japanese aircraft begin a three-day series of strikes against the Allied naval forces around the island. This is the eighth kikusui or "Floating Chrysanthemum" suicide strike.

Battleship USS Mississippi completes the destruction of Shuri Castle. The rubble of the castle is later used to make roads supporting the American advance.

Say a Prayer for The Darkhorse Battalion

We are asking everyone to say a prayer for "Darkhorse" 3rd Battalion 5th Marines and their families. They are fighting it out in Afghanistan & they have lost 12 marines in 4 days.

God Bless America and God Bless the United States Marine Corps

Semper Fi, Often Tested, Always Faithful, Brothers Forever

Nothing in the media about these guys because no one seems to care:

Justin Allen, 23, Brett Linley, 29, Matthew Weikert, 29, Justus Bartett, 27, Dave Santos, 21, Chase Stanley, 21, Jesse Reed, 26, Matthew Johnson, 21, Zachary Fisher, 24, Brandon King, 23, Christopher Goeke, 23, Sheldon Tate, 27,

All are Marines that gave their lives for YOU this week!

Ed's Note: It wasn't actually this week, but it won't hurt to say a prayer anyway.

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NEW MEMBERS

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MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP MANAGER

The end of 2010 we published a Directory Update covering new members, reported deceased members, and reported deceased widows, wives, friends and associate members from December 1, 2007 to November 10, 2010. I received many thank you phone calls which I appreciated. Also, I received phone calls from widows who realized their husband's name did not appear on the list because they had not be reported. There were 72 Updates returned as unknown or unable to forward, which we can assume are deceased ...but no one has reported them as such. And then there was one unhappy lineal descendant member whose name had inadvertently been left off the list of new members. I wish to apologize to her and add her to my message:

Spring 2011

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We have more and more lineal descendants joining by the family as you will find in the New Member section. This is a good sign that the Sixth Marine Division Association will continue to be active and the history of the Sixth Marine Division will be retained. We now hope these new members will become active and enjoy new friendships and a new cause to champion. Tops was the Drago Family with 10 mentions. Aasland followed with five.

On a personal note I wish to thank all those members of the Sixth Marine Division Assn. who sent sympathy cards, letters and e-mails of condolence, donations in memory of Jack, as well as compassionate phone calls. You are all appreciated and THANK YOU.

Respectfully submitted,

Flo Dornan
Membership Manager

Membership Status as of April 10, 2011 (Dues paid through 2008)

Regular Members	1,415
Associate Members	643
Lineal Descendants	183
Honorary Members	8
	2,249



Harold Tayler Jr. died at 85.

Harold Tayler Jr. True to the Corps

By JOE ROSSITER FREE PRESS STAFF WRITER

True to the Marine Corps motto – “Semper fidelis,” or “Always faithful” – World War II veteran Harold Tayler Jr. repeatedly demonstrated his allegiance to the Corps by attending annual reunions across the country.

Harold Tayler, a retired pharmacist who owned businesses in Farmington and Farmington Hills, died of liver cancer in Port Charlotte, Fla. The resident of Lake Suzy, Fla., where he moved after his retirement, was 85. “The Marines had a profound impact on him in terms of giving him direction and the right approach toward life, and he was proud of it,” said his oldest son, Jeff Tayler. “He lived through some horrific experiences during wartime, but never dwelled on the negative. He preferred instead to talk about the esprit de corps, integrity and mental toughness.” Born in Hammond, Ind., Mr. Tayler was raised in Detroit and joined the military at age 17. A member of the Sixth Marine Division, he fought in the Battle of Okinawa in the Pacific Theater and earned a Purple Heart. After graduating from what was then the Wayne University School of Pharmacy in 1950, he served as chief pharmacist at Hutzel Women’s Hospital in Detroit for five years before going into business on his own. His first wife of 40 years, Shirley, died in 1991. He remarried in 2000. Besides his son Jeff, survivors include his wife, Judith; sons Craig and Roger; daughter Cynthia Zoner; one brother; one sister; seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

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.

AGNITSCH, Norbert R.	15 th Mar-2-E	4/07/2010
ALLEN, Floyd E.	29 th Mar-1-B	9/03/2004
ANDERSON, Loraine	Wife of Harvey Anderson	2/22/2011
AUST, Kenneth T.	29 th Mar-3-I	9/09/2010
BAGENSKI, Leon E.	22 nd Mar-2-HQ	12/12/2010
BAILES, Elmer E.	15 th Mar-4-M	00/00/2008
BENNETT, Polly	Wife of Fred J. Bennett	Unknown
BLANK, Robert H.	29 th Mar-1-HQ	11/30/2010
BUTLER, Shirl P.	4 th Mar-2-F	11/26/2010
CIAMPOLI, John C.	6 th Marine Division	7/03/2009
CROCKETT, David W.	22 nd Mar-2-E	12/22/2008
CURTIN, Alden C. (NM)	6 th Marine Division	4/04/1990
DAMIANO, JR., Martin R.	4 th Mar-1-B	2/26/2010
DILLON, Gordon F.	Associate	6/15/2009
DORNAN, John (Jack)	4 th Mar-2-F	3/20/2011
DYKSTRA, Edward G.	29 th Mar-1-B	3/03/2010
ESSEX, Martin	15 th Mar-4-H&S	2/08/2011
FALCIONI, A. Vincent	3 rd Amphib Corps	Unknown
FISHER, Robert J.	22 nd Mar-Wpns	5/11/2007
FOSTER, Lewis E. (SeaBee) (NM)	58 th NCB (Corpsman)	2/23/1011
FOX, Ronald R. (Son of Buzzy Fox)	Associate	4/08/2006
FURBISH, Anna	Wife of Allen Furbish	12/29/2010
GRAY, Kenneth	29 th Mar 6 th Pioneer Bn C	11/10/2010
GREEN, Maj Russell R.	4 th Mar-3-K	8/24/2010
GREGG, Ernest S.	15 th Mar-4-K	10/26/2009
GRIGGS, James H.	6 th Marine Div-HQ-HQ	11/16/2010
GRISSOM, Orval (Gus)	1 st Arm Amphib	10/18/2010
HART, John (Jack) W.	6 th Medical Bn-B	10/30/2010
HERRERA, Ramon S.	22 nd Mar-1-B	12/13/2009
HOAG, Jack	6 th JASCO	2/08/2011
HUNDLEY, Jr., Overton E.	Mag 43-EWS#7	8/11/2007
HUNTER, John G.	22 nd Mar-H&S	1/30/2011
KANE, Joseph R.	6 th Medical Bn B	Unknown
KAZIAN, Leon H.	4 th Mar-1-C	2/18/2010
KELLER, Joseph M.	6 th Engineer Bn-C	3/08/2011
LAMBERT, John S.	4 th Marines-HQ	11/15/2010
LaPRADE, Leo T.	22 nd Mar-1-HQ	Unknown
LEE, Houston R.	29 th -6 th Tank-C	Unknown
LINGERFELT, Helen	Widow of Earl Lingerfelt	Unknown
MANCHESTER, Robert H.	22 nd Mar-3-I	9/17/2008
MARSHAK, Larry	4 th Mar-3-L	7/01/2009
MASLEY, Metro	6 th Recon Co.	11/21/2010
McALLISTER, Alan (NM)	6 th Mar-Forward Observer	10/30/2003
McBRIDE, Anerson	4 th Mar-Wpns	12/14/2010
McCARTHY, Martha	Widow of Timothy McCarthy	unknown
McCLATCHY, JR. Robert B.	6 th Engineer Bn-H&S	11/11/2010
MEISCH, John	6 th Marine Division	Unknown
MONNETT, Diamando	Wife of Charles Monnett	1/30/2011
MURRAY, Harry L.	6 th Engineer Bn-B	Unknown
NEVEL, Robert E.	155 Gun Bn	9/29/2010
ORCUTT, Charles	4 th Mar-3-K	Unknown
PEPPER, Ransford B.	29 th Mar-3-I	1/24/2010
PRATT, James B.	15 th Mar-3-H&S	4/02/2005
PRICE, John S.	29 th Mar-1-HQ	Unknown
ROGERS, Robert J.	22 nd Mar-1-B	8/17/2010
ROSS, Richard W.	29 th Mar-3-I	1/12/2011
SAFREED, Bradley M.	29 th Mar-3-H	12/22/2010
SCHIKOWITZ, William	6 th Marine Division	00/00/2010
SCHMIDT, John S.	22 nd Mar-1-HQ	11/07/2010
SCHOLL, JR., James L. (NM)	6 th Marine Division	10/31/2009
SCHRAMM, William R.	6 th Marine Div-HQ-Band	4/04/2005
SHERER, Robert J.	29 th Mar-2-F	11/27/2010
STELLA, Romeo J.	6 th Marine Div, Raider 2H	4/19/2010
STIRLING, Jack C.	29 th Mar-2-D	Unknown
STITES, William	29 th Mar-1-A	12/16/2010
STUSS, Rosemary	Wife of Lyle E. Struss	Unknown
TAYLOR, JR., Harold H.	29 th Mar-1-C	11/20/2010
TENNIMON, Cecil L.	22 nd Mar-3-I	3/31/2011
THOEMKE, Lloyd C.	29 th Mar-1-A	Unknown
THOMAS, Joan	Wife of Gilbert Thomas	7/17/2010
THOMASSIE, Emile J.	6 th Marine Div-HQ-G2	7/20/2009
TOMASKO, JR., John	29 th Mar-2-D	11/05/2010
UPCHURCH, Laton C.	22 nd Mar-1-C	10/03/2010
VOGEL, Nevin H.	29 th Mar-Wpns	Unknown
WAGONER, Frances	Wife of Donald Wagoner	3/05/2010
WALL, Patsy	Widow of Joseph Wall	Unknown
WARNECKE, Jr., William H.	22 nd Mar-1-B	2/00/2011
WEEDER, Bruce W.	22 nd Mar-2-F	11/09/2010
WESSELL, Sherman M.	Associate	2/13/2011
WHIPPLE, James B.	15 th Marines	12/19/2010
WOLF, Richard Max	4 th Mar-2-E	8/05/2010
ZOLIK, Peter J.	6 th Tank Bn-B	5/02/2009

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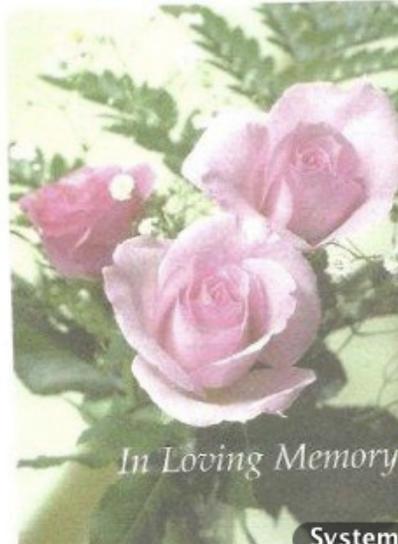


Lorraine (Doss) Anderson, age 87, of Eagle Lake, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, February 22, 2011.

Lorraine was born in a farm house on the prairie in Brookings County, White, South Dakota on July 1, 1923, to Christ and Mable (Friday) Doss and was also baptized there. Her family moved to Alma City, MN during the depression in 1933.

She married Harvey Anderson, Jr. on August 27, 1946, in Seattle, WA. She was a beloved and devoted wife who deeply loved her family. She was also Harvey's helpmate in his construction business. Lorraine was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Smiths Mill, and served as Sunday school teacher and member and past president of the Dorcas Society. She also served as president of the Eagle Lake American Legion Auxiliary and president of the Blue Earth County American Legion Auxiliary.

Lorraine enjoyed time spent with family and especially the grandchildren, great grandchildren. She also enjoyed camping, crocheting, reading, and gardening.



Mother's Prayer

*I lift my hands in faith to yours.
Hold them firmly, and lead me thru the dangers
and temptations of the day.
When I begin to stumble,
Lift me up, remind me of your presence,
And keep me every step of the way,
Thru life to death.
In Jesus name we pray. Amen*

Lorraine prayed and lived this everyday.

Lorraine Anderson was the wife of Harvey Anderson, who was a member of Co. E, Sixth Medical Bn, Sixth Marine Division. They lived in Eagle Lake, MN. A grandson, 2nd Lt. Eric Anderson, USMC, was an honorary pallbearer.

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Our Reunion Hosts

The Las Vegas Reunion hosts and the Essex Family were one and the same. Others were involved and performed ably, but it was Marty Essex's baby, and his immediate family pitched in to help make it

memorable. Here they are, the Essex Family at the closing dinner, back row, from left: Robin Essex Starr, Steve Starr, Lou Hillegass, Stan Roman, Joan Essex Roman, Rick Essex, Christine Essex,

Aaron Essex and Bonnie Hillegass. In front are Christine Nolan, Christopher Nolan, the late Marty Essex and Marilyn Essex.