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Portland Reunion Squared Away and Ready

Bob McGowan of this association and once a Captain of Marines offers a medallion to General James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps. Both men were attending a Washington, D.C. affair



in April. The photographer missed the medallion, but he caught the general's thoughtful mien. We hope to have more on this next edition. What did the general mean in his response to Bob's gift?

**SIXTH MARINE DIVISION
ASSOCIATION
2012 REUNION
Portland Oregon.....
here we come!**

When: September 17-22, 2012
Where: Hilton Portland Executive Tower
! 921 SW Sixth Avenue!
! Portland, Oregon
Room Rate: \$123.75 per night
(\$110 + \$13.75 (12.5%) hotel tax)
We are looking forward to seeing you all in Portland in September and showing you our wonderful city. We have several fun events planned for you:

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McGowan Talks to the Commandant, Who Then Makes a Cryptic Rejoinder

On April 5th I had the privilege of attending the fourth annual Military Child of the Year Awards Gala in Washington, D.C. These awards are sponsored by Operation Homefront, which is a Four Star Charity that provides emergency financial and other assistance to the families of our service members and wounded warriors. My wife Carroll and I are on the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania/Delaware Chapter and I was invited because one of the award recipients, Amelia McConnell, is from Pennsylvania. One child from each of the five Armed Service branches is selected to receive a \$5000 scholarship based on their achievements in their

schools and communities.

These awards receive great support from our Military, and the gala was attended by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and his team, including General James F. Amos, 35th Commandant of the Marine Corps. After all the awards were handed out, I saw that I had the opportunity to approach the Commandant and shake his hand. As a former Marine, you can imagine what thoughts were going through my head. My Dad would have told me to stand up straight, look him in the eye and give him a good handshake.

After introducing myself as a Marine

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**2 Sugar
Loaf
Vets
Leave
Us**

Bill Pauley Dies

Two of the ever decreasing number of Sugar Loaf veterans in this association have died: Ray Schlinder and Bill Pauley. Ray was a machine gunner with K-3-22; Bill was a rifleman with F-2-29.

Both men served as presidents of the association and were frequent

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President's Message

By Sam Petriello

The Marine Corps has a long tradition of pride and loyalty to comrades, exemplified in the motto Semper Fidelis (Always Faithful).

Senator Paul H. Douglas defined being a Marine well when he said:

“Those of us who have had the privilege of serving in the Marine Corps value our experience as among the most precious of our lives. The fellowship of shared hardships and dangers in a worthy cause creates a close bond of comradeship. It is the basic reason for the cohesiveness of Marines and for the pride we have in our corps and our loyalty to each other.. “

The Marines of the 6th Division have carried out that tradition for over sixty-five years. I, personally, have attended nearly every Reunion, missing only one in Lafayette, Louisiana, and I know many of my fellow Marines have done the same. I believe the Reunion tradition is an important facet of our Division, and I feel strongly about passing on that tradition to the sons and daughters and grandchildren of those who served in the 6th Marine Division.

Besides the Reunions, many of us have gotten together over the years. Since the late 1970s, members of the 6th Marine Division, who live in the Pennsylvania and New Jersey area, have met for breakfast at a local diner the second Tuesday of each month to remember old times and to discuss our ever-changing world. Our friendships have meant a great deal to all of us. And though our numbers have dwindled from more than 50 attendees in the 1970's to less than ten now, the bonds we have and the memories we share are special and important to each one of us.

I encourage you all to attend the Reunion in Portland this fall and to bring your family members so that they, too, can share in the rich tradition of the 6th Marine Division. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sam Petriello, President



Bill Sanner Dies — Cancer took her husband, in March, but Minnie Bell (right) is coming to the Portland Reunion because she thinks she should and because of the associations the family has made over the years. She is hopeful that daughter Christina Smith (center) will come with her.

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The Commander Recalls Two Campaigns

Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr.



**By General Lemuel Shepherd
Fellow Veterans of the Sixth Marine
Division and First Provisional Marine
Brigade: Greetings!**

I regret that, due to my advancing years and physical disabilities, I am unable to join you on this occasion.

As I dictate this message, my thoughts return to the combat we experienced together on Guam and Okinawa, 43 and 44 years ago. The conquest of Guam, July 21, 1944 to Aug. 10, was an especially important operation as it was the first offensive action to regain American territory seized by the Japanese in World War II. Hastily brought together, the Fourth and 22nd Marines, reinforced with supporting troops, did a masterful job in recapturing Guam. Our principal battle at the base of the Orote Peninsula was the major battle of the operation. It was followed by an advance to the northern tip of the island, together with the occupation of the southern part of Guam by the First Marine Brigade, supported by an army division. It was a moment of pride by those who attended the raising of the stars and stripes on the flag pole of the old Marine Barracks at Agana. This ceremony was attended by Admiral Nimitz, General Holland Smith and General Geiger. It was truly a stirring moment for all of us.

Upon our return to the training area on the west end of Guadalcanal, Spring 2012

GEN. L. C. SHEPHERD, USMC (RET)
6110 AVENIDA CRESTA
LA JOLLA, CALIF. 92037

September 20, 1988

Dear Perry,

In view of my advancing years and physical disabilities, I will not be able to attend the reunion of the Sixth Marine Division and First Marine Brigade in Tucson on September 25. Please read the enclosed message to the members of the division at an appropriate time.

With my best wishes to you and the Division for a successful reunion, I remain

Sincerely,

Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr.
Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr.
General, USMC (Ret.)

the Brigade was increased in strength to a full reinforced division by the addition of the 29th Marines (reinforced).

During the next sixth months, the division underwent a rigorous training schedule and was well prepared for our landing on Okinawa, April 1, 1945, a day otherwise noted as Easter as well as April Fools Day. Those of you veterans who were there will recall our rapid advance to the northern tip of the island, followed in three weeks by our advance to the south against the strong Japanese main line of resistance (MLR) based at Shuri Castle.

After a hard-fought battle, the division captured Sugar Loaf Hill, the western bastion of the Japanese defense line, resulting in the withdrawal of the Japanese forces from Shuri. Advancing to the south, the division captured Naha, the capitol of Okinawa. This victory was followed by a shore-to-shore amphibious operation and the

capture of Naha Airfield. Continuing our advance, the division reached the southern tip of the island on June 21.

In my opinion, it was the loss of Okinawa, just 350 miles from the Japanese Mainland that helped influence the emperor to surrender. Those of you who fought in this campaign can be justly proud of your achievements. I congratulate you on your devotion to duty and loyalty to the Marine Corps and to your country.

My best wishes to all of you for good health and happiness throughout the remainder of your lives.

Ed's Note: This version of the brigade and then division commander's address to the association is recreated here for the benefit of all our new members who did not know him and as sort of a time line of the combat experiences of those remaining from both outfits. The address resurfaced through efforts of Bill Pierce. The letter was sent to Perry Zemlicka of this association.

Sixth Marine Division Association 2012 Annual Reunion

* * * REGISTRATION FORM * * *

Hilton Portland Executive Tower, Portland Oregon

Monday 9/17/12 - Saturday 9/22/12

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>Monday</u> 9-17-12	1000-1900 1000-2200	Registration Desk in the Hospitality Room Hospitality Room hours	
<u>Tuesday</u> 9-18-12	0730-0930 0730-2200 1000-1900 1130-1400 1900-2000	Continental Breakfast in the Hospitality Room Hospitality Room hours Registration Desk in the Hospitality Room Portland Spirit Lunch Cruise \$49.00 x _____ = Entertainment by Local Singers group	\$ _____ \$ <u>NoCharge</u>
<u>Wednesday</u> 9-19-12	0730-0930 0730-2200 1000-1900 0900-1100 1130-1330 1130-1330 1330-1700	Continental Breakfast in the Hospitality Room Hospitality Room hours Registration Desk in the Hospitality Room Portland City Tour \$20.00 x _____ = Ladies Luncheon \$25.00 x _____ = Officers Board Meeting Oregon Wine Country Tour & Tasting at WillaKenzie Winery \$35.00 x _____ =	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____

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<u>Thursday</u>	0730-0930	Continental Breakfast in the Hospitality Room
9-20-12	0730-2200	Hospitality Room hours
	0900-1730	Evergreen Aviation Museum \$49.00 x _____ = \$ _____
		Home of the "Spruce Goose". Lunch included.
	1000-1900	Registration Desk in the Hospitality Room
<u>Friday</u>	0730-0930	Continental Breakfast in the Hospitality Room
9-21-12	0730-2200	Hospitality Room hours
	1000-1130	Memorial Service
	1300-1500	General Meeting
	1800-2300	Banquet - Guest Speaker - Installation of Officers
		Dinner with choice of Entree: \$49.00 x _____ = \$ _____
		- Fish _____
		- Chicken _____
		- Vegetarian _____
		DJ Music of the 40's and 50's
<u>Saturday</u>		
9-22-12	1200	Checkout is at Noon

Grand Total Enclosed for Registration and Activities \$ _____

Make check payable to:

6th Marine Division Association, Inc.

Mail this form with your check to:

**Sharon Woodhouse
Portland 1012 Reunion
20585 SW Genoa Court
Aloha OR 97007**

Contact Information:

503-642-2429 (home)

503-799-4455 (cell)

Email: sjawoodhouse@gmail.com

May we suggest that you make a copy of the registration for your records & bring it with you to the Reunion. We are very excited about seeing you in Portland. Oorah!!

HOTEL INFORMATION

AND

RESERVATIONS

“SIXTH MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION REUNION”
SEPTEMBER 17 - 22, 2012

HILTON PORTLAND & EXECUTIVE TOWER
921 SW SIXTH AVENUE
PORTLAND, OREGON 97204-1296

ARRIVAL DATE: _____ **DEPARTURE DATE:** _____

Single/Double Occupancy: \$110.00 + \$13.75 (12.5% tax) = \$123.75 per night

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

Available Accommodations: _____ King _____ Two Beds _____ Handicap

Note: The Hilton Hotel is a non-smoking Hotel

Please DO NOT mail in Hotel reservations. To make reservations:

Call: 503-226-1611 (hotel direct line) **or** 1-800-445-8667 (central reservations)

Be sure to mention 6th Marine Division Association Reunion for the rate. Have your credit card on hand.

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

Note: Parking fees are \$27.00 per day for valet and \$20.00 per day for self-parking. Parking facilities are owned by the City of Portland not the Hilton and the City regulates all costs.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS AUGUST 17, 2012. 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. and Check-Out is Noon
- Early Check-In may be available if the room is ready

Need help making Reservations or have Questions, contact Sharon Woodhouse at 503-642-2429

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OPTIONAL EVENT NOTES

Note that All optional events are handicapped accessible

- **Portland Spirit Lunch Cruise on the Willamette River**

You will be transported from the hotel to the river by bus. The 2 hour cruise includes a lunch entree selected by each guest on board with fresh bread, soft drinks, iced/hot tea coffee while listening to live piano music and taking in the beautiful scenery. Afterward the bus will return you to the hotel.

- **City of Portland Tour**

This will be a narrated 2 hour bus tour of Portland

- **Wine Country Tour**

Experience Oregon's world renowned Pinot Noir wine. You'll board the bus for a scenic drive to the WillaKenzie Winery in Yamhill, Oregon. They have a wonderful tasting room along with several wines to taste.

- **Evergreen Aviation Museum**

With displays ranging from the elegant aeronautic designs of two unknown bike mechanics - Orville and Wilbur Wright - to an actual Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird that can fly at speeds of over 2,000 miles per hour - the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum located in McMinnville, Oregon, has a little something for everyone. The centerpiece of these aeronautic breakthroughs is the original Hughes Flying Boat HK-1 otherwise know as the Spruce Goose. Built entirely of wood due to wartime restrictions on metals, this massive airplane stands as a symbol of American industry during World War II. You will also see an area of World War II Aircraft including the B-17 Flying Fortress.

Dues and Newsletter Subscription Now Due

Sixth Marine Division Association 2012 Annual Reunion

GENERAL NOTES:

- Valet parking is \$27.00/day with in/out privileges.
- Self-park is \$20.00/day with in/out privileges
- Easy walking distance to shopping and many restaurants.

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO YOU:

___ Attending my 1st Reunion ___ Wheelchair Bound (will need a lift) ___ Motorized
___ Mobility Impaired (cane/walker) Special Needs (specify) _____

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS (specify):

_____ Will be helping out _____ Will bring Auction Item(s).
(Donors will be announced – please label)

YOUR TRAVEL PLANS FOR OUR RECORDS:

Will be arriving in Portland, Oregon by _____ (mode of transportation?)

If traveling by air: _____
Airline Flight # Departure City Date/Time of Arrival

We hope to have transportation available to pick you up at the airport but those plans are not finalized yet. There is light rail (MAX) from the airport to downtown Portland which brings you within 1.5 blocks of the hotel. Cost \$1.00 senior rate per person. There is also an airport shuttle that will take you to the Hilton for \$14.00 per person. And of course there are plenty of Taxis's available.

Please keep these cell phone numbers handy if you have any problems or questions when arriving, during or when leaving the reunion:

Chairperson: Sharon Woodhouse 503-799-4455

Slaves: Gregg Woodhouse 503-449-0290 & Tiffany Woodhouse 503-449-0288

If you have a name badge holder from the 2008, 2010, 2011 reunions, please bring it.

**HAVE A SAFE JOURNEY TO AND FROM THE REUNION.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL
AND SHOWING OFF OUR BEAUTIFUL CITY OF ROSES!**

6th Division MOH Marine's Portrait Is Rescued by Another Marine at Auction

By J.J. McGrath



A few weeks ago while “surfing” Ebay for Marine Corps antiques I came upon an auction that at first I couldn't believe to be for real. It was for a portrait described as follows: “USMC Medal of Honor Winner Painting WW2 vintage Original Marine Corps Commission.” Alongside that caption was a photo of a smiling young Marine private. A paragraph told the story that the portrait was an old original WWII era painting of USMC MOH recipient Robert M. McTureous.

It was original Marine Corps artwork commissioned during China occupation duty, ordered by the 6th Marine Division and later hung in the chapel at Camp McTureous on Okinawa. It was brought to the states sometime during a base renovation in the 1960's. There also was a copy of the MOH citation issued by President Truman. It was at that moment I knew there was no way in hell this portrait of a true American hero was going to go anywhere but a place of honor. Being a Marine Corps veteran and having my 19 year old son presently serving in the “Corps” only hardened my resolve. My mission was clear and a short time later after a little strategic bidding I won the auction.

Several days later the oil on canvas painting of Pvt. Robert McTureous, Jr. arrived at my home. The portrait is outstanding! The colors are still vivid and his image appears alive. I noticed on closer inspection the signature of the artist, “C. Yonaha.” With a little research I learned that Chotai Yonaha was a well known and respected

Okinawan artist born in 1933 who died in 2008. Yonaha had painted portraits of President John F. Kennedy, U. S. astronaut Lt. Col. L. Gordon Cooper, air pioneer Maj. Gen. Benjamin Foulois and Air Force Chief MSgt. Leslie Knot, the last three portraits being displayed at the Air Force Hall of Fame in Washington, D.C.

I continued my research to verify the history of the portrait as presented by the seller and in doing so came to speak with Bill Pierce and Harry McKnight of the 6th Marine Division Association. Both Bill and Harry have been very helpful providing me firsthand information on the battle for Okinawa and Harry's personal knowledge of Robert McTureous, Jr., due to their friendship, was especially meaningful. As I told Bill, I have great admiration and respect for all the courageous members of the 6th Marine Division. You are all heroes to me and to our Country.

Both the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, Va. and the Lake County Historical Museum in Tavares, Fla. expressed strong desire to have this portrait for display. The Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, where McTureous' Medal of Honor is presently stored, would not be able to display the portrait until 2017 when a new section of the building is completed. The Lake County Historical Museum, the county in Florida where Robert grew up, has a permanent display for him there and would be able to display it immediately. (Their website shows the display).

Therefore, I am presently inclined to loan the portrait to Lake County until Quantico is ready and then donate it to the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Either way, the portrait of Medal of Honor recipient Private Robert M. McTureous, Jr., United States Marine Corps will be in a proper place to honor his great courage and ultimate sacrifice! Semper Fi!

J. J. McGrath, Deputy Chief of Police, Sharon, Ma. 02067 <jmcgrathpolice@yahoo.com> Marine Corps veteran, 1975 - 1977

2012 Reunion

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- A lunch cruise on the Willamette River aboard the Portland Spirit
- A City bus tour of Portland
- An Oregon Wine Country tour and tasting
- A day tour to the Evergreen Aviation Museum including lunch

Portland has many fine restaurants within walking distance of the hotel as well as great shopping. We have Macys, Nordstrom, Coach, Tiffany & Co. to name a few and remember Oregon has NO SALES TAX!!

Our light rail system, otherwise known as MAX, runs from Portland west to Hillsboro to east to Gresham. The fare is very reasonable for seniors. The Oregon Zoo is a short ride on MAX from downtown and we are very proud of our zoo animals. On Saturday and Sunday is the Portland Saturday Market which is right on the MAX line and the Chinese Garden is open every day and is also on the MAX line. The weather in September should be 70-75 degrees with NO HUMIDITY! I wish I could tell you there will be no rain but it s Oregon and the rain keeps us green! The hotel does have complimentary umbrellas in each room in case of rain but we ll try to put our order in for only sunny skies the week of September 17. I can t tell you how excited we are to have you coming to Portland and the State of Oregon!

Semper Fi,

The Woodhouse/Aasland family

McGowan Talks

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eye and give him a good handshake.

After introducing myself as a Marine who served in the 1970's, I gave him a 6th Marine Division Challenge Coin and told him that my Dad was a squad leader in the 29th Marines. He stared at it a long time and said, “Who would have thought?” I'm not sure what he meant by that. Maybe, “who would have thought” that it took six Divisions of Marines to defeat the Japanese. Or maybe, “who would have thought” that it would cost over 2000 casualties to take Sugar Loaf Hill. Or maybe “who would have thought” that someone would approach him at this gala dinner just to remind him about the Striking Sixth.

I guess I'll never know for sure, but the General motioned for his aide to give me one of his own Challenge Medals. In my mind, and maybe in his too, this medal belongs to the 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, H/3/29, Sixth Marine Division. It's a fitting addition to their 13 Purple Hearts.

Semper Fidelis, Bob McGowan II

Striking Sixth

2 Sugar Loaf Vets Leave Us

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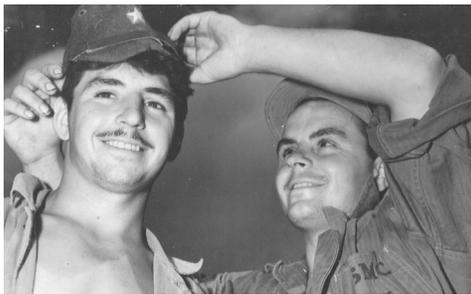
reunion goes in their heyday. Bill died in an extended care home in Palos Verdes, CA. He had been ill for several years. It was reported by his caregiver that when his time came, Bill straightened up, saluted and died. Like many 6th Division infantrymen Bill won his Purple Heart on Okinawa, somewhere in the Sugar Loaf Hill complex. He was an original member of the 29th Marines, when that regiment was assembled at Camp Lejeune, NC.

We have no reports on how Ray died, the news came late for this edition and with no details. There can be no doubt that he went out like a Marine, if not with Bill's flair. Ray's wife Muggs predeceased him.

Bill's widow Rose Marie was reported by daughter Susan Parham to be doing as well as could be expected. Susan, who managed one of our more successful reunions, said she had retired from her stint as vice president of a financial company and was doing well herself.

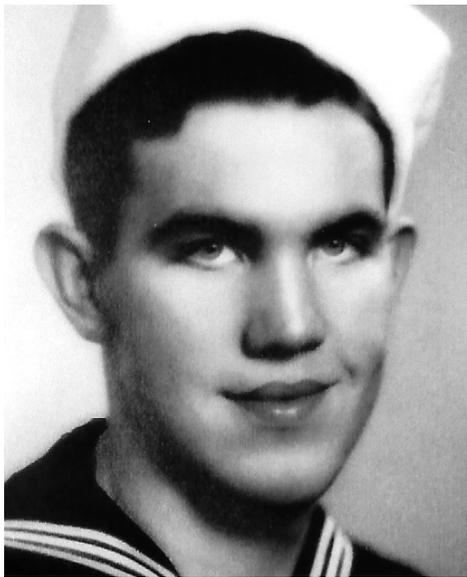
Many will remember that it was Ray, along with Bill Pierce, who were instrumental in the acquiring of the "Sugar Loaf Hill Panorama" painting.

Another note to be remembered: when Ray was severely wounded somewhere around the top of Sugar Loaf, and dying if he didn't get help, a young corpsman came and patched him up enough to sustain his life. That well loved corpsman later became chaplain of the association. His name: the Reverend Frank Mack, now deceased.



Brothers Meet on Okinawa

— This Marine Corps photo shows First Marine Division Corporal James A. Scocy placing a Japanese cap on the head of his brother Richard of the Sixth Spring 2012



Frank Mack



Ray Schlinder



The Pauley Family - Susan Parham, Rose Marie, and Bill Pauley



Marine Division's Amphibious Tank Bn. Both landed on L Day, April 1, 1945. They had told their mother that if they ever met during the war and could get

photographed they would see that she got a copy. The accompanying group photo shows Richard's fellow Dukw mechanics taking a break.



Harry McKnight

Chaplain's Report

Marines and ladies, we live in difficult times. The media and some anti religion judges and lawyers attack any reference to God or Jesus Christ. One judge in California said he would throw anyone who mentions one of the two in jail if was used in any high school program. My two cents worth is this. There are three major religions who agree on the basics of Genesis: Christians, Jews and Muslims. They all agree up to and including Abraham. From there on, many changes occur. The Muslims and the Jews hold that Jesus Christ was just a prophet. Christians believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God who died on the cross for all born on earth, all have come short of the Glory of God and are in constant need of repentance.

He tells us very plainly, "If you love Me, keep my commandments." and "If you keep the commandments you will prosper in the land." There are many translations of the Bible. I use the King James Version because of it's special language with the personal pronouns of thee and thy etc. My advice to all, regardless of which church you belong to, is to simply keep the commandments and you will be OK. The golden rule is still effective. Some of our politicians think that it's OK to do unto others before others can do unto us.

Advice from some older folks: Don't argue politics or religion. Don't be disagreeable when you don't agree with someone. Hope to see you all in Portland. Harry McKnight

Wife Barbara tells all about Harry's hip

Some of you know that Harry had a hip replacement on Tuesday 7 Feb and have asked for an update. To others this is new. In any case this is the report:

Harry had a complete right hip replacement. The surgeon said the hip was really in bad shape, and the socket was a mess. (I am guessing that all those years of pole vaulting and diving and taking off on the right foot did not help any, along with his getting stuck on a leg press machine and not having anyone around to help him get out of it.)

I went with him to the hospital and stayed the entire time with him at the Mt Carmel New Albany Orthopedic Hospital. After some of the things my Dad want through at the hospital, and no one was there to keep an eye on things, I am much more comfortable loosing sleep, etc but staying with the patient to be his advocate. Harry was able to come home on Thursday afternoon, the 9th, and has been following the doc's orders as to exercise, etc. In fact I am thinking he is overdoing it some but then you have to understand the athlete who thinks he can do it all.

He got up by himself both days he has been home by using his good leg (left side) to help move the right leg out of bed. Harry is anxious to do all the doc says to get back to moving on his own so he can be ready for the golf season and he hopes to get out on the course in April if not in March. He has to use a walker for two weeks and I think this really bugs him and then he is to use a cane for 4 more weeks following. (He has a cane that we got my Dad, and I also got him an OSU cane so we will see what he uses).

He is not to drive for 6 weeks because it was the right hip that was replaced and that is the one used for the brakes, and if there were any need for strong brake action this would mess up the surgery. (This should be interesting because he has taught driver education, and he will sit in the

teacher's seat and he will be — trying — to treat me like one of his driver education students.)

In all a good report of all that is going on. He gets some cramps in the right leg, and there is still some swelling, but we think that is normal, so he is off to a speedy recovery, if he has anything to say about it.

Barbara McKnight



Ladies Auxiliary Report

Barb McKnight

Time to Make Travel Plans

Do you have your calendar marked, Monday 16 September to Friday 22 September for the Sixth Marine Division Reunion? Have you made your travel plans to Portland, Oregon? Are you anxious to meet old friends and make new ones? I am excited about the coming reunion. Sharon Aasland Woodhouse has been working hard so we can once again have a memorial reunion. Tuesday is a river cruise with a meal and Wednesday is the Ladies Luncheon. Thursday is the trip to the Aviation Museum. And of course Friday is the memorial service, men's meeting and the Banquet with dancing. Please make sure your children and grand children know about the reunion so they can make plans to join us. We need "the youth" and their energy to keep the organization going.

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Corpsmen's Corner

by Jack Rice



On several occasions I had to travel North on Interstate 95 passing Quantico only to see the top of the Museum towering over the trees. In spite of a desperate desire to visit the Museum circumstances did not permit it.

When making plans for driving to the Cleveland reunion, I included plans to return home via Quantico. This was probably one of the best decisions I had made in a long time.

Arriving late in the day we checked into a local motel. Upon arriving I met a Museum guide, a volunteer from South Carolina, who was checking in for his tour of duty. Over dinner we had a great conversation about the Museum and he gave well-appreciated information regarding a tour.

Upon arriving at the Museum the next morning he was waiting for us. Although he was not our tour guide he made certain we were well taken care of by contacting us several times during our stay to ensure we were having a good tour. We were! We left the Museum after a seven-hour tour, and we did not see everything.

Why am I writing this? It is hoped that it will encourage others to take advantage of this truly great marvel dedicated to one of our important assets, that of being a Marine. You can take a virtual tour of this online but it does not take the place of a real visit.

The tribute to the Corpsman is well represented by the exhibit of a Marine being treated by a Corpsman. The legend

“On the field of battle, every Marine knows he can count On his Navy Corpsman for support.

A Navy Hospital Corpsman is assigned to every Marine infantry platoon. The Corpsman lives, trains and fights alongside his Marine brother. He treats their wounds - often risking his own life for their sake.

Twenty-three Navy Corpsmen have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor while serving with the Fleet Marine Force.”

SEE YOU IN PORTLAND THIS FALL

Ladies Auxiliary

continued from page 10...

I hope you and your family are working on your craft to share at the “Craft Table” (we welcome the men sharing their talent too). I was asked the amount a particular donated craft sold for last year. It is very hard to know the amount each item raised because the big items were part of a raffle. We sold raffle tickets at 1 for \$2; 4 for \$5 and 10 for \$10. Some people put all tickets into one item and some people spread out their tickets for a variety of crafts. I will say we had a great variety of good items and look for a similar choice this coming reunion.

I have had some people tell me that they would like to have the next reunion closer to their home so they would be able to attend. If you have a suggestion as to where you would like the next reunion (2013) drop an email or letter to the “Striking Sixth” and suggest a place and time you would prefer to have the reunion. The wives are not currently able to vote on the reunion site but the Marines and the descendants are. It would be nice to have the input and suggestions of everyone. .

Semper Fi, Barbara McKnight



6th Eng. Bn. Corpsmen

Oscar Soifer is at the very top, just over Dr. Aronson. He was a replacement from the operating room group, and he does not remember the others' names, but he does say that the group is complete.



Bill Pierce Can't Forget — the joys of hauling a .37 mm antitank gun around while people were shooting at him. He insists on a .37 photo in the newsletter at least once every year. (He was a fixture in Weapons Co, 29th Marines.) Note the ease with which these crewmen move the gun about.

This Reads Like The Old Corps Back Then

“We, the unknowing, led by the unwilling, have done so much for so long with so little, we are now qualified to do anything with nothing.”

Interesting statistics - FY 2010:
USMC Percentage of DOD Budget: 6.1%

For that, Marine Corps provides:
15% of ground maneuver brigades and Reg't Combat Teams;
12% of fighter/attack planes
19% of attack helicopters
Avg Cost per Active Duty Member - NOTE AVERAGE MARINE IS OF LOWER RANK AND LESS PAY
Marine \$63,335 Sailor \$76,694
Soldier \$72,781 Airman \$78,701
Officer/Enlisted Ratio
USMC 1:8.4 Army 1:5.0
Navy 1:5.3 AF 1:4.0
Civilian to Active Duty Member ratio
USMC 1:12.8 Army 1:2.1 Navy 1:1.9
AF 1:2.0
Operational Force and Percentage of Total Force
USMC 136,182 (67%)
Navy 162,400 (50%)
Army 307,700 (56%)
AF 119,000 (36%)
Average Age USMC 24.9 Army 28.5
Navy 28.7 AF 29.6
E-3 and Below
USMC 83,047 (45.7%)
Navy 79,324 (28.9%)
Army 118,792 (25.6%)
AF 69,265 (26.0%)
Number of Generals
USMC 81
Army 315
Navy 221
AF 284
SECDEF 81
Afghanistan Force US 92,000
USMC 21,000
Army 57,000
Navy 4,000 A
F 9,000

2012 National Marine Corps Council Spring Meeting

4 May 2012 0800 – 1600 The Pentagon

Pick-up Location: Fairview Park Marriott
(VA Rte. 50 East exit off 495)

Pick-up Time: 0700 SHARP– ALL participants MUST use the provided transportation

Total Cost: \$22.50 includes, Breakfast and Lunch at the Pentagon and Conference fee

All reservations must be paid in advance:

Checks – make payable to: - Marine Corps League and mail to:
P.O. Box 3070 Merrifield, VA 22116

To pay by Credit Card, please call Jeanette Eshoo, 703.207.9588

Deadline for Reservations: 11 April 2012 per HQMC

Reminder: Two (2) forms of identification, including one photo ID, are required

If you would like overnight accommodations at the Fairview Park Marriott, please indicate date of check-in and check-out when you R.S.V.P.

A special rate of \$99 per night is available

Join us for a “no-host” dinner at the Fairview Park Marriott Friday evening

May 3rd at 1900 in the restaurant.

If you would like an advanced copy of the agenda, please email your request to: jeshoo@mcleague.org

Semper Fidelis, Michael A. Blum
Executive Chairman

Ed's Note: The association is entitled to two slots. To my knowledge they have never been filled. There'll be another one next year. If interested, contact the president or president elect.

IS THIS WHERE THE EXPRESSION “MORE BANG FOR THE BUCK” CAME FROM??

From Frank Niader@msn.com

Possible Charity Status for the Association

Sam Petriello and I have been working with Bruce T. Royal, Attorney at Law, to see if we could apply for a charity tax status for the Association. Bruce did some research on the qualification requirements and he feels that we'll need to amend our bylaws in order to qualify. The most significant change would be that we would have to create a classification known as Associate Members: Associate Members.

Those individuals not qualified for Regular Membership who espouse the principles and purposes of the Association as contained in its Articles of Incorporation may upon application to the Association be accepted for associate membership as an Associate Member, and, upon acceptance, will pay dues in the same amount as prescribed for regular members, including initiation fees. An Associate member shall be entitled to the rights and privileges, benefits of a regular member, unless otherwise prohibited. The Board of Directors will handle each request on a case by case basis to ensure the applicant do not meet the Ineligible Member criteria of the Associations By-Laws. Associate Members may only serve in appointed positions and shall not vote on membership application or an election of a Director or hold office.

The right to vote will still be restricted to Regular, Regular Associate and Regular Life Members only. There are some additional changes that speak to the object and purpose for which the Association is formed, conflict of interest and fund raising, all of which would be required of any charitable institution. The advantage of becoming a charitable versus private institution would be that any donations could be declared tax deductible.

In accordance with Article XIX of our current Bylaws, any amendment, such as these, must be voted on and approved by two-thirds of the members attending the Annual Meeting. Any member who wishes
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a copy of the existing Bylaws or the proposed new Bylaws can contact me at Bob.McGowan@airgas.com, or CHMcG11@aol.com, or call me at 412-580-7473. I can e-mail you a copy or send it by regular mail if you prefer.

Bob McGowan, Judge Advocate

Officer Assesses Marines On Film Desecrating Dead Taliban Insurgents

A former Army lieutenant colonel had this to say in a video about Marines urinating on dead insurgents in Afghanistan.

"I have sat back and assessed the incident with the video of our Marines urinating on Taliban corpses. I do not recall any self-righteous indignation when our Delta snipers, Shugart and Gordon, had their bodies dragged through Mogadishu. Neither do I recall media outrage and condemnation of our Blackwater security contractors being killed, their bodies burned, and hung from a bridge in Fallujah.

"All these over-emotional pundits and armchair quarterbacks need to chill. Does anyone remember the two Soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division who were beheaded and gutted in Iraq?

"The Marines were wrong. Give them a maximum punishment under field grade level Article 15 (non-judicial punishment), place a General Officer level letter of reprimand in their personnel file, and have them in full dress uniform stand before their Battalion, each personally apologize to God, Country and Corps and conclude by singing the full U.S. Marine Corps Hymn without a teleprompter.

"As for everyone else, unless you have been shot at by the Taliban, shut your mouth. War is hell."



Captain Sakae Oba — offers his sword to Lt. Col. Howard Kurgis., who reportedly declined to accept it. The Japanese officer had held out from surrendering after the Battle of Saipan in July, 1944 until December, 1945. Oba maintained a fighting force that occasionally fought offensive actions against American troops until three months after war's end.. He also protected holdout civilians at his base on Mt. Tapotchau. The connection to the Sixth Division: It was the 1st Battalion of the 29th Marines that took the 1500-foot high mountain.

They undoubtedly faced the redoubtable captain in battle.

Mail Call



Joe, i'm a life member of Sixth Marine Assoc. Thoroughly enjoy receiving the newsletter and thank you for your excellent job. My husband was Dennis McGrath, corpsman with 6th, and we attended many memorable reunions. He was a proud "Marine!" Dennis always regretted it wasn't possible to save all the precious wounded ones. This article may be something you can use in the newsletter. It was news to me. Keep the presses rolling! Semper fi, Lula Davison McGrath, 10411 Takeridge Court, Charlotte, NC 28277 - lmcgrath3@carolina.rr.com - **Ed's Note: Lula, we'll work the story in as soon as possible.**



Finding Veteran's Service Information Is a Little Easier When You Know How

Ed's Note: Bill Pierce offers a Sixth Division Marine's daughter some advice and information. We pass it on to help others in the same situation.

Reba, super, you are embarking on a walk through history. First off, you are using his unit and that is excellent. It should be mentioned every time you send or post anything. Your email should also be sent to our editor, Joe Singleton at joes104183@aol.com. Ask Joe to post it in our newsletter. Also see 'Sons and Daughters' on our Sixth Internet site and join. Make sure you get the newsletters. If you do not have his records, obtain them here. Use his social security number or his serial number.

You can obtain the monthly roster reports for his company. This lists all illness, sickness, wounds, death, etc. There may be some information within. All members of the company are shown. Contact USMC archives at 703-432-4875 for months covering his service either on Guam or Okinawa. Guam in particular was bad on dengue fever and malaria.

If you need further help let me know. Bill Pierce - PR Chairman, Sixth Marine Division
Searching for Veteran's Records

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/standard-form-180>.
<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>
<http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/index.html>
<http://www.jahitchcock.com/search.html>

I get E-Mails asking how to find a parent's service records from WWII. I finally got some info I can pass on, but first, a little bit of "preaching" from me:

Don't wait until your father, mother, uncle, aunt, etc are dead to start looking for service records. Talk to your father, uncle, or whoever before they're too ill to tell you



Hi Bill (Pierce), we want to tell you about the results of the USMC kid's newspaper that you sent to my neighbor and young warrior Reed Blackman. Excitedly Reed walked away with the paper that you sent, reading it from cover to cover. There was an article about creating cards and posters for wounded Marines at Bethesda so Reed decided to participate. He is still focused on being a Marine pilot of some kind.

Anyway Reed's plan was to create as many cards and posters as possible so he approached his grade school teachers for help. The art instructor listened to Reed's idea and incorporated it into her lesson plan. Several weeks ago, children of the Beverly Hills Elementary School in Concord created around 89 cards and 89

posters to send to Bethesda. I read every card and poster one night when Reed proudly called me to his home to see his project. Thank you for sending this to him. It's great when a 10-year old is capable of making a difference while learning the positive value of community service.

Reed's grandmother (Col. Brenda Blackman), as you've heard me mention, works under one of the USMC officers in the Pentagon. Her new assignment is to oversee the division of wounded warriors. How appropriate for Reed to have this personal connection; the timing of Col. Blackman's new assignment coincidentally synchronized with young Reed's project. I don't know if Reed sent the shipment of cards to his grandmother to personally hand-deliver to the wounded, but am sure that he sent the posters to the USMC museum for display.

Reed and his mother are really proud of this project and asked me to inform you. His mother stressed that the idea came from materials that you had sent to him, so thank you!

Reed had hoped to travel to DC the first weekend of Dec. to help lay wreaths at Arlington in conjunction with his project, but life was too busy for his family at that time. I don't know if his mother plans to take him to Arlington to help remove the wreaths after the holiday or not. They did that as a family last year. Again thank you. Projects like this give the holiday extra meaning.

Here's to you and Marie for a blessed holiday. Q Anne and Michael.
queenannieslace@ctc.net

Dear readers: My name is Jason Hussman, grandson of George Henry Hussman (1st Marine Raider, H&S co./4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Bn/. pharmacists mate 1st class). I am on a search to find out any and all information on my grandfathers military service. George sadly passed away in January, 1987 leaving his family with many unanswered questions. I was born in 1990 and all through my childhood and up 'til about one year ago no one ever talked about his service. I became really curious, and I sent for his discharge papers from the national archives. As soon as I received them I began researching and ultimately my search brought me to this publication. I thought if there was a chance that just one person who served with him or possibly knew him, who just might read this letter maybe it could fill in this void I have the need to fill, to honor my grandfather and his service to his country. Any information would mean the world to my family and me. If there is any Raider/4th Marine who knew him, please feel free to contact me at 24912 hawk Drive, Bovey MN 55709, E-mail jayhussman@live.com, phone 1(218)245-3117 Thank you, Jason David Hussman



Dick, I wanted to let you know that my Dad, Bill Pauley, passed away on November 28. He was in a care facility for the last three years and in failing health due to Parkinson's disease. He was alert, had breakfast and was sitting in his chair when he saluted his caregiver and passed away a few

minutes later. I know how much he loved his country and military service and was especially proud to call himself a Marine. His years of attending the 6th Marine Reunion were some of his fondest memories and mine as well of being able to attend with him. We are planning on having a memorial service on January 15th at his church in Palos Verdes. Rose Marie is doing fine and in good spirits. I know you will send this off to the other members of Fox Co, and I appreciate it. Susan Parham separham@earthlink.net Ed's Note: Bill Pauley, F-2-29, was a former president and well known to Reunion attendees. Somewhere in my files there is a photo of Bill, but I can't find it. Susan's post came from Dick Whitaker.



A CB Salute to the 'Greatest Generation'

From Edwin E. Foster: SALUTE to all those of my Father's generation who guaranteed me that I would never have to speak Japanese. Edwin's father was a Seabee with a 6th Division connection. Post originally from genebyrd1@aol.com.

>> The Greatest Generation <<

For quite some time, I've heard it said, and seen in newsprint that we, now in our 80's, are "The Greatest Generation," and is one we don't know when, if ever, we will see another like them.

It's inherent in all of us in our Eighties to feel proud when we see and hear those words---but we shall always be reminded;

our parents taught us well, as we watched them struggle through "The Great Depression." Only we, in our eighties, have the early 1900s deeply imbedded in our memories, never to be forgotten. In the midst of that depression, our parents — many who were young warriors of World War One, had hopes of raising their families in a peaceful world.

History has told us---the suffering and sacrifice of the parents of The Greatest Generation made "us" The Greatest, and the warriors of WW II shall always remind our youth, that the 9th and 10th folds of our American Flag, when removed from a warrior casket, is dedicated to our Mother and Father. Few people realize the meaning of the folded flag, but "every" fold leaves a special message when presented to a grieving family member.

We fought two powerful enemies that covered some 20,000 miles from Germany to Japan, including two treacherous oceans in between. Yes, it was our generation that saved our America, and it must always be remembered, the warriors of our generation paid so much blood to keep America what it "was," and we, Marines, soldiers, other sailors and Seabees who fought our battles in the Pacific never forgot our brothers in arms, who fought their many battles in Europe and were packed and ready to join us on the seas and soil of Japan for our final battle.

I'm proud to be considered one of "the Greatest," and we will slowly fade away while hoping the youth of America really understand why we fought and died for the free country we bequeath to you. It will be up to you to remember, as we leave you. This is your country. Make the "Greatest Generation" and their parents proud of you.

We Pray That You Will!



**Married in Tsingtao,
Died in Same Week
As His Soul Mate**

Fargo Balliett Jr. passed away in Ithaca, NY on March 4, 2012, surrounded by his loved ones and only five days after the passing of his soul mate Jean. Fargo was born November 26, 1921 in NYC and grew up in Glen Cove, NY. He was the son of Fargo Balliett Sr. and Dorothy Lyon Deagon, and the Great Grandson of William G. Fargo, the co-founder of Wells Fargo and American Express Co.

After graduating from Yale University in 1945, he enlisted in the Marine Corps and was assigned to the 6th Division as an aide to Major General Shepherd and Brigadier General Clements during WWII. He also served during the Korean War. It was in Tsingtao, China where he met his love Jean Uren. After only knowing each other for three weeks, Fargo proposed. They were married for 67 years.

Fargo and Jean were buried in the Fargo Plot in Buffalo, NY. A formal service was held in their honor May 12, 2012 at the First Presbyterian Church in Ithaca.



Dear Florence: Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$50.00 to extend my subscription for another five years. I would also appreciate it if you could have my apartment changed from #119 to #126. On another note: A couple of years ago, when I opened my issue of the newsletter, there was someone else’s newsletter stuck inside. Upon closer examination I found that it was addressed to Gerrald Milillo from Columbus, NJ which is located about six or seven miles from the Masonic Home where I reside. I went on the computer and got Gerry’s phone number and called him. It turns out we were both Corpsman with the 6th, he from F-2-4 and I from E-2-29. We had both trained at Camp Lejeune. I was wounded on 13 April and returned to the States for about a year of hospitalization before discharge. He went the full time on Okinawa and then to Japan before coming home. We’ve become very good friends and told each other many stories from the past. About a year before meeting Gerry I made friends with a couple of young men who were Civil War reenactors and are now interested in the WWII era. They have become very good friends with both Gerry and myself. They frequently come to my home to visit since it’s quite a problem for me to get out without specialized equipment. They were here this morning along with Gerry, for coffee and donuts and told us that arrangements had been made to honor us at a formal dinner on Saturday, March 3 before about 100 members of the 9th Army Division WWII Historical Preservation

Society. I know my “little” note has turned into quite a letter, but I wanted to share my excitement with you about how this new generation has received us into their lives and how much it means to me as I am approaching the final days of my life. Sincerely and Semper Fi, James W Hall, Member No. 0161, 902 Jacksonville Rd. No. 126, Burlington, NJ 08016-3814



Glen and Carol Staples — can’t go to reunions. Nevertheless, they believe in them enough to donate \$100 for their continuance. They say, “God bless all of you.



Dear Mr. Pierce, Hello, my name is Ryan Vanderhoef and I go to school at Seaholm High School in Birmingham, Michigan. My friends and I are working on a World War II project for our history class and we were directed to you by Mr. Larry Paleno. We would like to gather information from people that were there and we hoped that you could help us. We would like to know what, overall, what it was like fighting in the Pacific. Specifically we were wondering about breaking through the Shuri Line at Okinawa and Sugarloaf Hill. Thank you so much for helping us. Sincerely, Ryan, Quin, Tommy, Zach and Evan okinawa.hist@gmail.com



James Christopher Pleat, 90, of Manchester, died Wednesday March 7, 2012, in

Bedford, surrounded by his loving family. James enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in June, 1942, just six months after the attack on Pearl Harbor. After completing basic training in Parris Island, S.C., he attended a communications school for radio operators in Quantico, Va. After additional months of training in San Diego Calif., James left for the Pacific theater, where he fought with the 22nd Marines in the Marshall Islands, Guam and Okinawa. Once home, James attended the University of New Hampshire. In the summer of 1949, he met Eugenia Caros of Nashua. They married in June of 1950. His employment history included General Electric, Portland Renewal Authority of Portland, Maine, the Economic Development Authority, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Manchester, from which he retired in 1984.



Please note my beloved father, John William Zeissner, Jr., passed away on October 29, 2011 in Laguna Woods, California. He was in the Sixth Marine Division in World War II and went to seven different islands in the Pacific. It is a miracle he came home. Serving from 1943-1945 ish. Also, do you happen to know how I can obtain his badges for our shadow box? Kind regards, Ashanti Falcon falcona@gtlaw.com

Dear Mrs. Dornan: I would like to upgrade my membership to a Life Associate. I've enclosed a check for the newsletter along with a contribution to the Memorial Medallion Fund. Please, note my new E-Mail address. I include a poem written by my uncle Robert H. Ascher, when he was still attached to the First Provisional Marine Brigade somewhere in the Pacific. Robert was killed on Okinawa, June 18, 1945. He was a member of F-22. Thank you, Robert C. Ascher.

"While sitting in our tents on this lonely isle, somewhere in the Pacific, we are given more than adequate time to think. I have put some of my thoughts on paper."

They'll Know Somehow

*When the war is over, and the din
is gone,
And the blood has ceased to flow,
Marines will tell tales of courage,
But so few will really know.*

*Memories, like ghosts in the night,
Haunting those who lived to tell
Of the awful, seething, blazing
fight,
And a life that was a living hell.*

*They'll know some day,
Marines, have no dread,
That far away,
We'll have avenged our honored
dead.*

Ed's Note: Pfc Robert Ascher wrote this in 1944 while a member of Headquarters, Brigade Troops.

Winter (which seemed more like Spring) slid into spring without much notice here until April 3rd when 17 confirmed tornadoes devastated parts of our area, including a portion of Arlington where I live. My family and friends, including myself, are all okay. My son-in-law was the only family member who experienced one of the worst tornadoes firsthand when one went over his work shop, lifting the roof and blowing out windows. There was no place to run to so he stayed in the shop recording "his first tornado" – typical guy. The brick building across the street from his shop is GONE. All those tornadoes and no casualties.

I recently had a computer crash and lost my Taps, New Members and Donations reports and had to reconstruct them again. I am grateful that my two rosters of Marine Associations survived or I would have had a very large job reconstructing them. My apologies if I left you out of any of those reports. Please advise me if you are one I left out and I will include you in the next newsletter.

IMPORTANT: I now have a new e-mail address so if you are someone who contacts me often by e-mail, please be sure you change my address to sxthmardiv@sbcglobal.net. Thank you.

**MEMBERSHIP STATUS AS OF
APRIL 15, 2012**

Regular Members	1,385
Associate Members	667
Lineal Descendants	213
Honorary Members	8
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	2,273

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.

ALLISON, James G.	29th Mar-H&S	8/09/2011
ASBURY, Delmer	29th Mar-2-F	1/04/2012
AYO, Joseph (NM)	29th Mar-1-A	2/23/2012
BALLIETT, JR., Fargo (NM)	6th Marine Division	3/04/2012
BAULCH, Maxine S.	Wife of Clyde F. Baulch	9/23/2011
CARR, William D.	4th Mar-1-C	Unknown
COHEN, Jerry	29th Mar-H&S	4/14/2009
DACEY, William R.	29th Mar-1-C	8/14/2011
FOURNIER, Park W.	29th Mar-6th Tank-C	11/07/2011
GABAY, George G.	4th Mar-3-K	1/24/2012
GOTTESMAN, Marvin	6th Mtr Transport Bn	Unknown
HASOMERIS, Peter S.	29th Marines-H&S	9/30/2011
HECKT, Paul N.	Son of Mel Heckt	12/18/2011
HEFFRON, Donald B.	4TH Mar-4-A	2/04/2012
HICKMAN, Richard (NM)	29th Mar-A	1/31/2012
HILL, Mary Sue	Wife of Bryce Hill, Jr.	8/31/2011
HODGES, George M.	6th Jasco	2/29/2012
HONN, William J.	29th Mar-1	9/24/2011
LABOUTELEY, Roger B.	4th Mar-2-HQ	4/16/2011
LACKEY, Robert (NM)	6th Marine Division	3/05/2012
LANDRY, Daniel L.	4th Mar-1-B	2011
LITTLE, Keith (NM) Code Talker	4th Marines	1/03/2012
McWALTERS, James P.	15th Mar-3-H&S	2/28/2012
MULCAHEY, Robert J.	4th Mar-3-L	1/00/2012
NILAND, Nancy	Wife of George Niland	12/04/2011
OUBRE, Willie V.	22nd Mar-3-HQ	12/28/2008
PAULEY, Bill	29th Mar-2-F	11/28/2011
PLEAT, James C. (NM)	6th Marine Division	3/07/2012
POLO, Carmine (Jack)	29th Mar-2-D	12/23/2011
ROBERSON, Guy C. (NM)	29th Mar-2-HQ	8/06/2004
ROLLWAGEN, Matthew G.	29th Mar-1-HQ	1/26/2012
RUCKER, Jettie Judson (NM)	29th Marines	11/06/2003
SAKS, James P.	6th Mar Div-HQ-HQ	12/31/2011
SANDY, Lloyd E.	29th Mar-3-K	4/09/2010
SANNER, William (Bill)	29th Mar-2-F	3/04/2012
SMITH, Marvin Ted (NM)	6th Marine Division	3/03/2009
SPELLMAN, James L.	29th Mar-1-HQ	6/12/2005
SPITZER, Herbert A	29th Mar-2-E	1/26/2012
STANLEY, Harold T. (Bill)	22nd Mar-1-C	9/24/2011
STASKEL, SR., Henry L. (NM)	6th Marine Division	11/24/2011
STEARMAN, Don W.	6th Engineer Bn-B	10/09/2011
STEPHENSON, Jack	29th Mar-2-F	1/09/2012
TUPPER, Robert O.	22nd Mar-3-K	10/20/2011
WEBER, Ruth	Widow of Rollie Weber	11/21/2011
WILBERT, Robert J.	3rd Amphib Corps	4/15/2008
ZEISSNER, JR., John W. (NM)	6th Marine Division	10/29/2011

(NM indicates non-member of Association)

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1st Row	Navy Cross				
2nd Row	Distinguished Service Cross	Navy Distinguished Service Medal w/ 2 stars	Silver Star w/ 2 oak leaf clusters	Legion of Merit w/ 1 oak leaf cluster & valor device	
3rd Row	Bronze Star w/ valor device	Purple Heart w/ 2 oak leaf clusters & 1 star	Navy Presidential Unit Citation w/ 3 stars	Navy Unit Commendation w/ 1 star	
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6th Row	Navy Occupation Service Medal	National Defense Service Medal	Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Stars	United Nations Korea Medal	French Fourragère
7th Row	Croix de guerre with Gilt Star	Medaille pour la Bravoure Militaire (Montenegrin) with crossed swords and palm	Haitian National Order of Honour and Merit	Haitian Distinguished Service Medal	
8th Row	Order of the Cloud and Banner, Second Grade	Order of Military Merit, Taeguk Cordon Medal	Presidential Unit Citation (Korea)	Bronze Plaque with Diploma Commemorative Especial	
9th Row	Naval Order of Merit, Grand Officer Argentine	Naval Order of Merit, Grand Officer Brazil	Grand Cross of Naval Merit of Spain	Abdon Calderon, First Class, Republic of Ecuador	
10th Row	Military Order of the Ayacucho, Grand Officer, Peru	Grand Cross, National Order of Merit of Paraguay	Military Medal of the Army, First Class Chile	Medal of Military Merit of Mexico, First Class	
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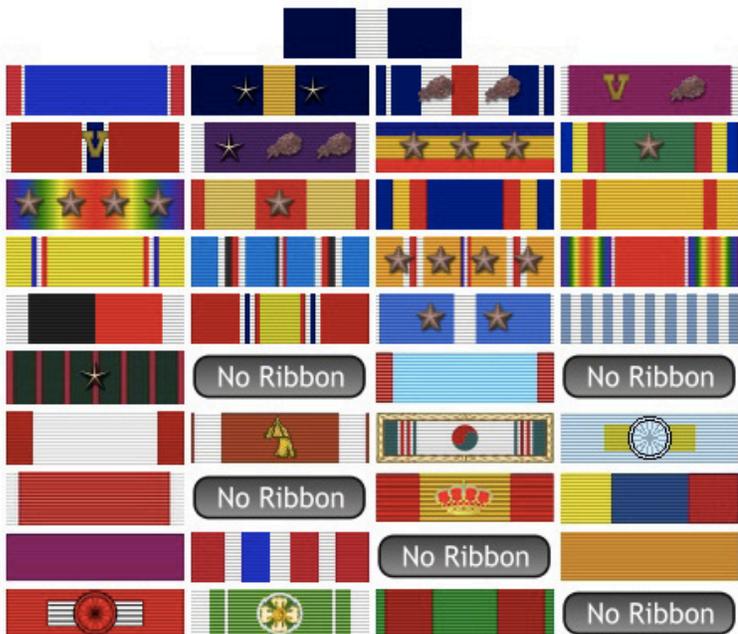
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General Shepherd's experience included three wounds, a Navy Cross and a Distinguished Service Cross in WW I with the Fifth Marines, four campaigns in World War II with the First, Third and Sixth Divisions and service in Korea, plus four years as USMC Commandant.

Afterwards, there were a well-deserved retirement, participation in association affairs and a number of bull sessions with some of his "boys" from Guam and Okinawa. It is said that the scotch flowed freely.

The "fruit salad" on this page is testament to his career.