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1st Sgt. John F. Farritor reaches 100th birthday

Remember when you were going through boot camp and you asked yourself "Is this ever going to end?" Well, it did. Sixty, seventy, eighty years later you look back and say "I can't even remember thinking that." Seventy? Eighty? Yeah, it can happen.

Member (1st Sgt) John F. Farritor of Vista, California made the century mark on July 9th. He was among Marines who, in 1942, marched 55 miles from Camp Elliott in San Diego to the newly opened Camp Pendleton. He fought at Iwo Jima, Bougainville, the Pusan Perimeter, the Inchon Landing, and Chosin Reservoir.

He was honored in a July 11, 2019 *San Diego [CA] Tribune* article titled "At 100,



1st Sgt. Looking young at one hundred years

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Report of the 72nd Annual Reunion

The Association gathered August 5-10, 2019 for its 72nd Annual Reunion in Louisville, Kentucky. It was a meeting of new and old friends, and was generally enjoyed by all the attendees. Registrations came in at 145, besting the count of 132 last year in Colorado. Spouses and guests bring the total attendance to 243.

During the week we toured Fort Knox, Churchill Downs, the Louisville Slugger factory, and bourbon distilleries. Thursday's Bowling Night was the sports highlight of the week. Beer, hot dogs, and chili were downed as we slammed the pins.

At Saturday's General Membership meeting members voted to meet next year in Washington D.C.

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Cheryl and FMDA President Jerry Johs grab a souvenir after a long week of fun at the Louisville reunion.

The Last of the First Bottle

Attention WWII Vets!! At our last reunion the leadership created a new Committee called "The Last of the First." The committee's mission is to coordinate the ceremony that will open the "Last Man Bottle" currently residing at the Marine Memorial Club in San Francisco.

Now is the time for WWII vets to contact Chairman, Life Member and WWII Vet Elmer Hawkins and let him know you want to play a part in this historic event. Reach him at (386) 679-3814 or ehawkins23@AOL.com.

The Last of the First

The 1st Division landed on Guadalcanal and the nearby, smaller islands of Tulagi, Gavutu, and Tombolo on August 7, 1942. It was the first predominately American ground offensive of World War II. The battles for the three outlying islands were fierce, but short. All were secured within two days. In contrast, the main landing on Guadalcanal met only light resistance. That soon changed.

Relieved by other Marine and Army units in early December, the 1st Marine Division headed to Australia for rest and rehabilitation and to prepare for its next campaign. While the final outcome on Guadalcanal appeared certain, the replacements continued the struggle until February 1943, when the Japanese finally withdrew the remnants of their forces. The advance of Japanese forces in the Southern Pacific was stopped: Australia and New Zealand were saved. To the men who fought with the 1stMarine Division a legacy was born.

Two years to the day after the landing on Guadalcanal 14 Marines who had participated in that battle gathered at the

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Remember the Ontos?

Ontos, officially the Rifle, Multiple 106 mm, Self-propelled, M50, was a U.S. light armored tracked anti-tank vehicle developed in the 1950s.

It mounted six 106 mm manually loaded M40 recoilless rifles as its main armament, which could be fired in rapid succession against single targets to guarantee a kill. Although the actual caliber of the main guns was 105 mm it was designated 106 mm to prevent confusion with the ammunition for the 105 mm M27 recoilless rifle, which the M40 replaced.

It was produced in limited numbers for the U.S. Marines after the U.S. Army cancelled the project. The Marines consistently reported excellent results when they used the Ontos for direct fire support against infantry in numerous battles and operations during the Vietnam War. The American stock of Ontos was largely expended towards the end of the conflict and the Ontos was removed from service in 1969.

President's Message



Jerry Johs

I thank everyone who attended the Louisville, KY reunion and made it such a great success. We are still working on a hotel for the 2020 reunion in the Washington D.C. area.

I invite everyone to join us for the upcoming anniversary commemoration in 2020. The dates are set for check-in on Tuesday, January 28, through checkout on Saturday, February 1, 2020. We have rooms on base set aside at the Pacific Views and the Ward Lodge.

We will be burning our own steaks again for the Welcome Aboard dinner. Details are included in this issue. A registration form is on page 26. Hope to see a lot of you attending.

Back in June I made a special plea to you all for donations to help the Association through a lean stretch. Your response made me even prouder to be your Association president.

We published the plea in the Blue Diamond News newsletter and mailed 3,000 letters to the members without email. We received 176 responses to the mailing, for a net of $5,907, after expenses. The response from the BDN is harder to break out from regular donations, but we are working on figuring out an estimate.

Thanks again to you all for your continuing, generous support to the Association.

Finally, I wish you all a "Happy Birthday" to our beloved Corps and a good time for those of you who attend your local birthday ball.

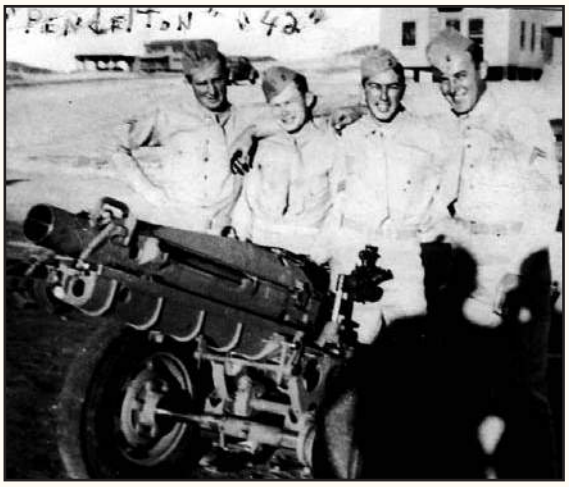
Semper Fi,

President Jerry Johs

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1stSgt John F. Farritor



Retired Marine First Sgt. John Farritor, far left, at Camp Pendleton in 1942



1stSgt John F. Farritor in 1945

WWII and Korean War veteran honored for his place in Marine Corps history."

(You can access the article at https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/communities/north-county/ story/2019-07-10/ wwii-korean-war-veteran-100-honored-for-his-place-in-marine-corps-history.)

According to the article, "He wrote about his war experiences in a 2001 memoir "Through It All: Stories from The Top." The "Top" refers to the Marine Corps' top sergeant rank. During his 30 years in the Corps — 20 on active duty, 10 in the reserves — Farritor rose from the rank of private to first sergeant. Among his many service honors are the Navy-Marines Commendation Medal with Combat V and the Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon.

"After he retired from the service, Farritor said Tuesday he didn't attempt a second career because nothing could ever top the Marine Corps.

"Being a Marine means everything to John. It is his greatest pride,"

Happy Birthday, 1st Sgt. Farritor, from the entire association.

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The week finished with the Saturday night banquet. First Marine Division Commanding General MajGen Robert F. Castellvi was guest of honor. He was accompanied from Camp Pendleton by Capt Bruce, SgtMaj Whitcomb, the Division Color Guard, and a bugler from the Division Band. Association Chaplain GySgt Denny Weisgerber served as MC.

The raffle winners were drawn at the banquet. The 50/50 prize of $515 went to Paul Javins. Steve Dulin took the KA-BAR. President Jerry Johs won the AR-10.

We are still putting the accounting details together, but, preliminarily it appears we finished this Reunion in the black. A full report will appear in the next edition.

The Editor's Desk©



Art Sharp

Climate change vs. change of climate©

How many times in your active duty days did you wish for climate change or a change in climate? Quite a lot, no doubt. (There is a difference. Climate change refers to a general change in weather conditions over a long period of time, whereas change of climate is going from one set of weather conditions, e.g., cold and damp to hot and dry, to another in a short time. See below.)

This may not come as a shock to Marines, but wars are fought outdoors for the most part. Warfighters have no control over the climates in which they take place. That's what we sing in the Marines' Hymn: "In ev'ry clime and place where we could take a gun." Therein lies the rub for Marines.

In WWII and Vietnam Marines fought in steamy jungles that were subject to monsoon rains at times. In Desert Storm they fought in searing heat and dry conditions. In Korea they fought in frigid, snowy, bone-chilling conditions capped by the -40° or so at the Chosin Reservoir during the coldest winter in the country's history. It's a safe bet that many, if not all, of the Marines, Soldiers, and allied troops there wished for a change in the climate—a quick one.

Sometimes that wish is granted. For example in 1961 I participated in a two-week cold-weather training exercise. Was I assigned after that to any unit that was scheduled to operate in cold weather conditions? Noooo! Shortly thereafter I was aboard *USS Boxer* (LPH-4) with H&S/3/8 off the coast of Cuba as part of the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion. Now that is "ev'ry clime and place" in a short time.

I imagine a lot of Chosin Reservoir Marines would have settled for that same change of climate experience in late 1950. Unfortunately they had no control over the weather or the battle site. Historically Marines are told where the fight will be and they show up. That's war.

Change of climate can occur overnight. In a NATO amphibious landing exercise in Turkey in October 1960 as part of a "Med Cruise" we went off the *USS Monrovia* (APA-31) with light transport packs and one blanket each. The daytime temperatures were in the 70s. At night they dropped into the 30s. There wasn't a blanket in the QM's storehouse that could warm us up in that extreme temperature variation.

(That operation included some pretty bizarre experiences for us Marines, for which the U.S. government may still be paying. But that's a different story for a different time.)

A few months later we made a week-long landing at Anzio, Italy from *USS Noah's Ark* (APA-2x2). Well, it might as well have been. Actually, we were still calling Monrovia home.

A hard rain poured down on us steadily for the entire seven days. We fully expected to see animals walking 2 by 2 across our play battlefield. That's when we learned why a "Med Cruise" was called a "float." Everything we had in our possession floated all over Anzio.

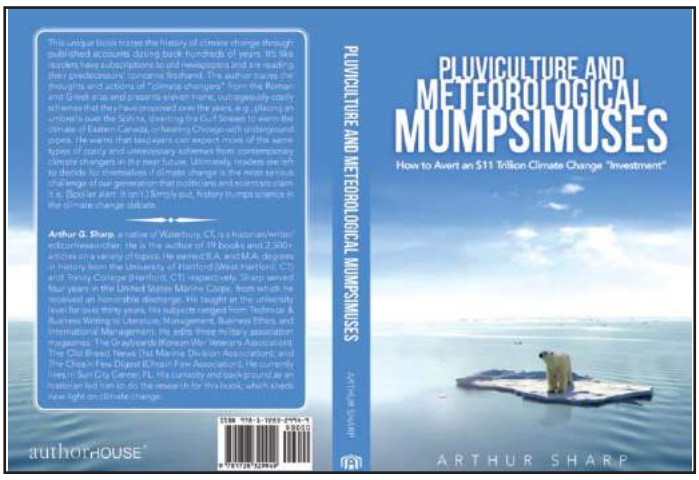
We earnestly prayed for a change in climate that didn't come until we returned to the ship. It was still raining so hard after seven days we didn't need Mike or Peter boats to return us to Monrovia. The crew simply sailed up on what used to be dry land and we climbed over the rails. We were so wet we didn't have to shower for a week, which is how long it took us to dry out.

It was partly my personal experiences as a Marine and the history of other Marines in different climate conditions that prompted me to write my most recent book, "Pluviculture and Meteorological Mumpsimuses: How to Avert an $11 Trillion Climate Change "Investment." (Yeah, that's a real title.) The central question I sought to answer bothers a lot of people nowadays: is climate change real? There were other questions to answer as well, e.g., is the debate about it new? The answers respectively are a qualified "yes" and an unqualified "no."

Climate change exists, but it is so imperceptible that none of us will recognize it in our lifetimes. Moreover, our lives are not in any immediate danger as a result of it. That's bad news for Marines fighting wars who would like to do so in temperate conditions. A careful study of climate change media coverage over at least the past two centuries reveals that people have been hearing the same dire warnings of Earth's imminent demise for hundreds of years. And, politicians have been pushing inane, costly projects to "restore" the climate for that long. There is no rush to spend trillions of dollars to create any of their bizarre schemes now.

The bottom line? Marines will have to rely on a change of climate more than climate change to alleviate the environmental conditions in which they fight. Climate change, such as it is, is slow and steady. A change of climate can occur in a matter of minutes. The words of "ev'ry clime and place" will continue to apply as Marines build on their historical achievements.

(*Pluviculture and Meteorological Mumpsimuses: How to Avert an $11 Trillion Climate Change "Investment"* is available through amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com and other booksellers. Anyone who wants a signed copy can order it directly for $25 from Arthur G. Sharp, 2473 New Haven Circle, Sun City Center, FL 33573. The cost includes postage and handling.)



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According to the 1st Marine Division Association, some 925 veterans are still in the running for the honor of opening the bottle.

Piedmont Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia to reminisce and establish the "Last of the First," reportedly the first U.S. last man's bottle club of World War II. Membership was opened to Marines and sailors of the 1st Marine Division who had "actually participated in active combat operations during World War II and who are active duty or who left the service under honorable conditions."

By August 1944 the Division had gone on to fight in New Guinea and New Britain, making some 20,000 veterans eligible. What the founders could not know was that the battles for Peleliu and Okinawa lay ahead. By V-J Day more than 50,000 Marines and sailors would be eligible to join the club.

The founders elected Lieutenant General Alexander Archer Vandergrift, who commanded the Division during the Guadalcanal and Solomon Island campaigns, as honorary president. However, if he happened to attend a meeting, he would have to leave his rank at the door. The By-laws stated that there were to be no officers or enlisted — just members.

Ralph McGill, editor and publisher of the Atlanta Constitution and a World War I Marine, donated a bottle of Joseph Etournaud & Company Extra Grand Fine Champagne, 1st Grand Cru Cognac to be opened by the last survivor among the Marines and sailors who served in combat with the division during World War II. The First bottle most likely dates from 1920 to 1925. Even if its reported age was mistaken, the bottle had great value to club members. McGill placed it in the vault of the 1st National Bank of Atlanta for safekeeping.

Following its establishment in 1947, the 1st Marine Division Association assumed formal custody of the bottle, which remained safely stowed in the Atlanta bank vault, being removed only for formal functions.

In 1991 a 1st Marine Division Association member wrote to the executive director, pointing out that many World War II veterans had died and many of those who remained had become "teetotalers." Rather than wait for the inevitable and waste an opportunity, he recommended that the bottle be opened at the next annual meeting and, starting with the oldest eligible person present, each veteran drink a thimble full until it was empty. His suggestion was noted without action but is now raised again.

There the bottle languished in relative obscurity until 2005, when the association president, Captain Gerald (Peepsight) Pendas USMC (Ret), discovered it wrapped in paper lying on the floor near a trash can in the back of the small headquarters. Recognizing its historical value, he placed it in a secured commercial storage space where it remained until 2006, when Colonel Len Hayes USMC (Ret), the association's executive director, found it while conducting an inventory. Hayes saw the need for a better way to preserve and display this treasure. The Marines Memorial Club (MMC) in San Francisco seemed a fitting site.

Colonel Hayes wrote to the CEO, Major General Mike Myatt USMC (Ret), asking if the Club would take temporary custody of the Last Man bottle until the final owner was determined. General Myatt agreed and Colonel Jack Kelly, USMC (Ret) delivered the bottle to the Club, where it now fittingly resides in a secure display case attached to a wall in the Leatherneck Steakhouse.

The seers of 1965 who predicted that the ultimate owner of the Last Man Bottle would be known by 2010 were nearsighted. According to the 1st Marine Division Association, some 925 veterans are still in the running for the honor of opening the bottle. (For example, see the story about 1st Sgt. John F. Farritor on p. 1)

Recommendations:

- Review Last of the First By-laws.
- Establish "Last Man committee".
- Review and update eligible veterans
- Develop strategy for "Last Man Event
- The event should select the best aspects of the "Doolittle Bottle."

—Colonel Len Hayes

Note: *Thank you to Colonel Dick Rothwell for his outstanding two-part article, "Last of the First Club," in the Camp Pendleton Historical Society's "Groundbreaker." You can access Part I at https://files.constantcontact.com/2c8e639a001/6e1f6d76-c308-407c-b95c-82c4aa8a7222.pdf and Part II at https://files.constantcontact.com/2c8e639a001/f935db74-f37e-4780-87d9-29d3cc13f50f.pdf.*

Civilian Volunteer of the Year

Association Member Gunner CWO4 Gilbert H. Bolton USMC (Ret.) was honored for his volunteer work as an instructor at the School of Infantry (West). He was recognized as Camp Pendleton's 2019 Civilian Instructor of the Year. The ceremony was held April 23, 2019 at Pacific Views Event Center aboard Camp Pendleton.



LtCol Hager, Gunner Bolton, and SgtMaj Jacobs (L-R) at Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

Gunner Bolton has volunteered at the School since 2003. In 2017 the School of Infantry (West) named the Combat Instructor of the Year award after Gunner Bolton.

Congratulations, Gunner.

Minutes - Executive Meeting; 1st Marine Division Association

9 August, 2019; Louisville, Kentucky

§ Association President Jerry Johs called the meeting to order at 1510 hours.

§ Sgt.-at-Arms Jerry Corrento led the pledge of allegiance.

§ Chaplain William (Denny) Weisgerber provided the invocation.

§ Secretary Pierre A. Sims duly presented a Proof of Meeting Notice for the OBN.

§ Officers present: President Jerry Johs; Vice President Vince Rios; Dep. V/P East Elmer Hawkins; Dep. V/P Central Paul Wojahn; Treasurer A.J. Burn; Secretary Pierre A. Sims; Sgt.-at-Arms Jerry Corrento; Legal Officer James T. Allison; Chaplain William (Denny) Weisgerber; DAL Central Steve (Doc) Lakernick; DAL East Michael Galyean; DAL West Stephen Dulin.

§ The following members were welcome to sit in this meeting: Executive Assistant June Cormier; Liaison Officer Marty Vasquez; Administrative Assistant Dennis Coady; Unit Director of Recon Battalion Kent Dickson.

§ Secretary Pierre A. Sims commenced the roll call.

§ A quorum was met to conduct this meeting.

§ Minutes of the last meeting were approved to be printed in the OBN.

§ Steve (Doc) Lakernick was asked to announce our guests for today, Gino Montagno, USAA, and Barbara Ozenbaugh-Goniotakis, from Avery/Murphy, Reunion Destination Planner.

§ Gino Montagno, USAA, gave an update of USAA benefits for the Association and for the members of the Association who are using USAA services.

• The organization will receive a check in the beginning of the year for $10,000 locked in for the next four years and the credit card that members have will have incentives when using their credit cards.

• USAA is a good company to be a member of, for it helps the Association as well as our members who use their services.

• Mike Galyean asked about putting an advertisement of the FMDA for membership in USAA brochures or newsletters; Gino stated he would look into that.

§ Barbara Ozenbaugh-Goniotakis from Avery/Murphy gave an overview of the FMDA's next reunion destination.

• She talked about the costs and benefits of all three locations.

• There ensued a discussion on the pro and cons of each location and parking and attractions that each city offers that would be enjoyable by our members: Rochester, New York (Room cost around $145.00), Charlotte, North Carolina (Room cost around $105.00) and Memphis, Tennessee (Room cost around $99.00).

• To be discussed at the board of directors meeting, then to the membership meeting for their approval.

§ President Jerry Johs talked about the election of the new officers and committees selected for 2019 – 2021.

• The following members compose the selected Executive Committee: President James Fossos; V/P A.J. Burn; Dep VP East Elmer Hawkins; Sr. Dep V/P Central Phillip Peeler; Dep V/P West Larry Miller; Treasurer, open; Secretary Pierre A. Sims; Legal Officer James T. Allison; Chaplain William (Denny) Weisgerber; Sgt.-at-Arms Tom Clark; DAL Central Jerry Corrento; DAL East Steve "Doc" Lakernick; DAL West Stephen C. Dulin,

Officer Reports:

§ V/P Vince Rios began with a discussion of the by-laws requirements and requested a motion to have both resolutions that were decided at the last meeting in regards to him to be rescinded and void.

• V/P Rios felt the decision that was made in regards to him was unfair and unjustified.

• There was a lot of discussion back and forth between the executive committee and V/P Vince Rios in regards to this matter.

• After a long discussion there was a vote on his motion. It was eleven to one to not second this motion, causing it to be denied.

§ V/P East Elmer Hawkins mentioned that out of 13 chapters on the East Coast, about 8 chapters are active and in need of new members to stay active.

§ DAL East Mike Galyean mentioned the success of recruiting young Marines in the Central Florida area.

• Mike suggested that the 1st Marine Division Association look for a young Marine to be the face of the Association to help grow it.

• He talked about ideas on how to attract new Marines.

• He requested getting stories from Marines stationed at the 1st Marine Division and post those stories in the Old Breed News. This idea could help motivate the members of the Association.

§ For information, V/P Vince Rios provided the document of the requested motion that was denied by this committee to the President Jerry Johs.

§ Treasurer A.J. Burn discussed the present situation in regards to the newly elected President James Fossos.

• Since James Fossos is still under a doctor's care, it was proposed for President Jerry Johs to stay on as President or Elected Vice President A.J. Burn move up to President till President elect James Fossos gets well.

• President James Fossos's health issue is to be reviewed at the end of January 2020 during the 1st Marine Division Anniversary.

§ DAL Central Steve "Doc" Lakernick motioned to keep President Jerry Johs in place as President.

• A discussion on this matter with all members of the committee is in order.

• After a lengthy discussion on this matter, it was recommended that President Jerry Johs stay on as President either until the Association receives confirmation from James Fossos's doctors that he is cleared or the 1st Marine Division Anniversary takes place at the end of January 2020 during the General Membership meeting in Oceanside, California.

• A request was offered to all with any question or concerns on this matter; none were offered.

• A vote was taken for this motion; all were in favor, to be taken to the Board of Directors for consideration.

§ DAL Central Steve "Doc" Lakernick recommended to the by-law committee that we reduce the numbers required for a quorum for the Board of Directors to meet from 20 to 15.

• To be discussed at a later time with the appropriate committee.

§ Treasurer A.J. Burn discussed the financial situation from January to June 2019 of the 1st Marine Division Association.

• Looking over all the positive things going on, it appears that the Association is holding its own and looking stable for the time being, thanks to the help of the members of the Association.

§ Legal Officer James Allison had nothing to report.

§ The meeting was adjourned at 1612 hours.

Respectfully submitted, Pierre Sims, Secretary

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§ Secretary Pierre A. Sims commenced the roll call.

§ A quorum of 20 was met to conduct this meeting.

§ Minutes of the last meeting were approved to be printed in the OBN.

§ President Jerry Johs gave his overview of the reunion, the state of the Association, past and present accomplishments, and the future.

§ A motion brought up at the executive meeting regarding Jerry Johs staying on as President until the status of President-elect James Fossos health is cleared by his doctors or until the end of January 2020 at the 1st Marine Division Anniversary, whichever comes first, was made for consideration.

• Secretary Pierre A Sims called for a motion to all members to vote. All voted in favor. President Jerry Johs will stay on as President of the Association until the designated time is determined.

§ V/P Rios motioned to see the by–laws in regards to the number needed for a quorum. He thought it was 21, not 20.

• A motion was seconded by John Mullan, 5th Marines representative, of Vince Rios's request on the number required for a quorum.

• The answer was the number was 20; it never was 21.

§ V/P Vince Rios appealed to the membership the decision of the Board of Directors concerning his alleged electioneering at the last meeting. A motion was seconded by John Mullan, 5th Marines representative. Mr. Rios's appeal initiated a heavy discussion among all members in attendance.

• President Jerry Johs stated all the facts of the election.

• A.J. Burn read the article from the by-laws on electioneering.

• Steve "Doc" Lakernick, A.J. Burn, Mike Galyean, Elmer Hawkins, and Jerry Johs each gave a vital account of what took place that led to the decision of the Board of Directors.

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§ V/P East Elmer Hawkins mentioned that out of 13 chapters on the East Coast, about 8 chapters are active and in need of new members to stay active.

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§ V/P East Elmer Hawkins talked about the 'Last Man Standing" bottle for those who fought during WWII and that the bottle is sitting in Oceanside, California in a lock box.

• He recommended a study of how many WWII veterans are still left to see if it is possible to invite those Marines to the 1st Marine Division Anniversary to have a ceremony for them and have the bottle opened to all Marines from that time frame. We are getting older and there are fewer of them around.

• To be discussed by the Board of Directors.

§ Legal Officer James Allison stated no legal activity to report.

§ Treasurer A.J. Burn discussed the financial situation of the 1st Marine Division Association from January to June 2019.

• Looking over all the positive things going on, it appears that the Association is holding its own and looking stable for the time being, thanks to the help of the members of the Association.

§ By-law changes: Honorary Associate quorum to be lowered from 20 to 15.

• It needs to be brought up to the by-law committee before it goes in front of the Board of Directors.

§ V/P Vince Rios suggested raising membership dues by 25% and lowering the lifetime membership fee.

• To be presented to the membership committee for review.

§ DAL Central Steve "Doc" Lakernick wanted to know when installment payments for a lifetime membership are supposed to take place.

• The question was duly noted and will be determined at a later date.

§ President Jerry Johs mentioned that the "trip" wire for starting to dissolve the Association is $40,000.00. With all of the good things happening to the Association, he recommended reducing the stated amount to a lower number.

• Chaplain William (Denny) Weisgerber motioned for a discussion.

• Treasurer A.J. Burn and V/P Vince Rios expressed their concerns and feelings on this matter.

• Sgt.-at-Arms Jerry Corrento suggested that there should be a committee formed to discuss this matter.

§ V/P East Elmer Hawkins brought up an individual who can help with fundraising.

§ James Wenberg gave his input about fundraising, the "trip wire," and any money matters.

• To be followed up.

§ John Mullan, 5th Marines representative, wanted to give thanks to Executive Assistant June Cormier, Liaison Officer Marty Vasquez, and Administrative Assistant Dennis Coady for their hard work and dedication.

§ V/P Vince Rios motioned to adjourn this meeting.

§ The meeting was adjourned at 1803 hours.

Respectfully submitted, Pierre Sims, Secretary

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Minutes - General Membership Meeting; 1st Marine Division Association

10 August, 2019; Louisville, Kentucky

§ Association President Jerry Johs called the meeting to order at 1510 hours.

§ Sgt.-at-Arms Jerry Corrento led the pledge of allegiance.

§ Chaplain William (Denny) Weisgerber provided the invocation.

§ Secretary Pierre A. Sims duly presented a Proof of Meeting Notice for the OBN.

§ Officers present: President Jerry Johs; Vice President Vince Rios; Dep. V/P East Elmer Hawkins; Dep. V/P Central Paul Wojahn; Treasurer A.J. Burn; Secretary Pierre A. Sims; Sgt.-at-Arms Jerry Corrento; Legal Officer James T. Allison; Chaplain William (Denny) Weisgerber; DAL Central Steve (Doc) Lakernick; DAL East Michael Galyean; DAL West Stephen Dulin.

§ The following members were welcome to sit in this meeting: Executive Assistant June Cormier; Liaison Officer Marty Vasquez; Administrative Assistant Dennis Coady; Unit Director of Recon Battalion Kent Dickson.

§ Secretary Pierre A. Sims commenced the roll call.

§ A quorum was met to conduct this meeting.

§ Minutes of the last meeting were approved to be printed in the OBN.

Reports

§ V/P West: Sick.

§ V/P Central Paul Wojahn, nothing to report.

§ V/P East Elmer Hawkins stated that we are losing members and we need help from all.

§ Treasurer A J Burn noted the finances of the Association are holding on and meeting their obligation.

§ President Jerry Johs talked about the election of the new officers and committees selected for 2019 – 2021.

• The following members compose the selected Executive Committee: President James Fossos; V/P A.J. Burn; Dep VP East Elmer Hawkins; Sr. Dep V/P Central Phillip Peeler; Dep V/P West Larry Miller; Treasurer, open; Secretary Pierre A. Sims; Legal Officer James T. Allison; Chaplain William (Denny) Weisgerber; Sgt.-at-Arms Tom Clark; DAL Central Jerry Corrento; DAL East Steve "Doc" Lakernick; DAL West Stephen C. Dulin,

• The remaining committee members' names will be published in the Old Breed News.

§ History Committee: None

§ Finance Committee: None

§ Awards: None

§ Reunion Destination: Barbara from Avery/Murphy gave an overview of the FMDA's next reunion destination. She talked about cost and benefit of all three locations, i.e., Rochester, New York (Room cost around $145.00), Charlotte, North Carolina (Room cost around $105.00), and Memphis, Tennessee (Room cost around $99.00).

• There was a discussion on the pro and cons of each location and parking and attractions that each city offers that would be enjoyable by our members.

§ Fundraising: None

§ Insurance: None

§ By-Laws: A J Burn talked about a change to Article II Section M. Addition to by-laws to grant Honorary Life Membership for life for FMDA widows who wish to continue their connection with the FMDA. All were in favor and a motion in favor passed.

§ President

• President Jerry Johs gave his overview of the reunion, the state of the Association, past and present accomplishments, and the future.

• A motion brought up at the executive meeting regarding Jerry Johs staying on as President until the status of President-elect James Fossos's health is cleared by his doctors or until the end of January 2020 at the 1st Marine Division Anniversary, whichever comes first, was made for consideration.

• Secretary Pierre A Sims called for a motion to all members to vote. All voted in favor. President Jerry Johs will stay on as President of the Association until the designated time is determined.

§ V/P Vince Rios appealed to the membership the decision of the Board of Directors concerning his alleged electioneering at the last meeting. A motion was seconded by John Mullan, 5th Marines representative. Mr. Rios's appeal initiated a heavy discussion among all members in attendance.

• President Jerry Johs stated all the facts of the election.

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§ The reunion site for the year 2020 was discussed in great detail. The membership was not in favor of any of the three 2020 reunion destination choices offered by Avery/Murphy.

• After long discussions the choices were voted on: Charlotte, NC received 12 votes, Memphis, TN received 5 votes, and Rochester NY received 15 votes.

• The reunion destination that had the most votes was Washington D.C., the area selected by the membership, with 27.

• Based on the membership selection, Avery/Murphy will be working ASAP on arranging our 2020 reunion in Washington D.C.

• Who said that the members of the Association don't have a say? This proves your vote does count. Thank you for your attendance and your voice. Thank you, First Marine Division Association membership.

§ A collection for the 1st Marine Division Association at this time took in $2,223.00, with more donations to be received. Thank you all for your support.

§ The meeting was adjourned at 1117 hours.

Respectfully submitted, Pierre Sims, Secretary

For those Marines who were too busy to read the newspapers during the invasion of Peleliu...

First Night On Peleliu Beach Nightmare For First Marines

By Technical Sergeant Donald Hallman, Sr., of 51-01 39th Avenue, Long Island City, N. Y., a Marine Corps combat correspondent. Distributed by the Associated Press.

PELELIU, Palau Islands —(Delayed).—This beachhead was no place to sleep the night after the First Marine division landed.

There was an artillery unit not more than 100 yards from the water's edge. There was the constant exploding of Japanese mortar shells, killing some Marines, mangling others.

Battlewagons and cruisers and destroyers had pounded the beach and inland enemy positions. They had done a good job.

Under the covering bombardment, the Marines came ashore. A ridge to the left of the landing beaches was considered vital for artillery purposes, but each effort to reach the summit failed. At dark, the drive was suspended until morning.

Marine artillerymen worked steadily at their guns, to give these infantrymen sorely needed respite.

There were some quiet moments. One was broken, shortly before midnight, by a scream from one of the foxholes. Another voice yelled a warning.

"Jap! Jap! He got my buddy."

A crouching figure dodged among the foxholes. A dozen men fired. The Jap escaped. In the foxhole he left a dead Marine and a badly wounded one.

Fifty yards away a shell suddenly burst. More followed. Then the cry of "Corpsmen! Corpsmen! Men are wounded over there."

That Jap battery opened up again, probing for troops and supply dumps. A medical unit was hit.

Then came the mortars. From the front along the ridge, rifle and machine gun fire broke out. The Japs started a counterattack, but the Marines up front managed to hold.

An hour later, there was a shot nearby.

"The lieutenant has been killed in his foxhole," was the cry.

Later, there were more shots. You could hear the sound of blows.





PELELIU, PELELIU, Palau - U.S. Marine veteran William Darling, right, shakes hands with Imperial Japanese Navy veteran Kiyokazu Tsuchida during the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Peleliu ceremony Sept. 15 at Peleliu Elementary School in the Republic of Palau. The event brought together members of the Palau community, World War II veterans who served in the Battle of Peleliu, elected officials of Palau and representatives the U.S. military to honor the combatants who fought on the island during the fall of 1944. The highlight of the ceremony was when the two veterans came together after being adversaries 70 years earlier. The crowd responded with smiles and tears at the sight of the special moment.

Three Japs crept to within 10 feet of the artillery command post. A Marine spied them. He fired and killed one, then another as the other two charged. The third kept coming. Another Marine grabbed that Jap's rifle, broke it over his foe's head, strangled him, then threw the body over the ridge.

Mortar shells, artillery shells kept coming. The shells passed so close that you could almost reach up and touch them. They burst 25 yards behind our group. The toll was heavy.

"Those explosions are bad enough," said one man, "but they don't have to give you a shave too, do they?"

Dawn finally came and the lines burst into violent action with another vicious counterattack. (The Wilmington Morning Star, October 1, 1944, FINAL EDITION, p. 20, Wilmington, NC).

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MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII - A CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter flies ahead of the amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu after conducting helocast operations at Pyramid Rock Beach, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, July 29, 2014. The helocast was part of a final amphibious assault during the 2014 Rim of the Pacific Exercise. Twenty-two nations, 49 ships and six submarines, more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel participated in RIMPAC from June 26 through Aug. 1, 2014 in and around the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California. The world's largest international maritime exercise, RIMPAC provides a unique training opportunity that helps participants foster and sustain the cooperative relationships that are critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and security on the world's oceans. RIMPAC 2014 is the 24th exercise in the series that began in 1971.

Happy Thanksgiving from Echo 2/7 Vietnam Veterans

It was 1966 Thanksgiving Day with Echo 2/7 in Vietnam. We were dug in on a ridge line, about a thousand meters from the DMZ, close to the Laotian border. There was talk of hot food for Thanksgiving, flown out in thermal containers. These rumors gained wide currency in a place where food and sleep were the only obsessions worth having. Food, sleep, and rotating back to the "world'' after 13 months in "the bush.''

We were all tired beyond description. The thought of hot food, real food, tailed off in your mind like a dream. Potatoes with gravy and turkey with stuffing. Cranberry gel and bread. Maybe even butter. We imagined cold milk, too.

We waited for the choppers. We finished our sweep and set in. The choppers were late.

Deep in the afternoon we heard them. There were two Chinooks coming over the horizon, cargo nets hanging beneath them. We wanted those nets to have hot food containers. Thanksgiving dinner there in the hills, 13,000 miles from home. An unloading party was organized.

The nets were landed and cut loose. The choppers flew away. There was ammo resupply. C-Rations and a huge bag of heat tabs. Thanksgiving dinner would be a C-rations as hot as we wanted them. Thanksgiving came and went. Just another day for grunts in the bush. But we were all thankful. Thankful to be an American, thankful to be a Marine, and thankful to be alive.

Happy Thanksgiving and Semper Fidelis.

Note: *As published in the November 2013 Thanksgiving edition of the Echo Company Two-Seven Tooter.*

Loren 'Duke' Abdalla Honored

I am pleased to let you know my Grandfather, Cpl Loren Duke Abdalla, was honored by the U.S. Veterans' Affairs as Veteran of the Day!!! Here is the link:

https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/63622/veteranoftheday-marine-veteran-loren-duke-abdalla/

This was on July 24, 2019, and I was not aware of it until now. I googled my grandfather's name and it was the first thing that popped up. I have been busy moving and have finally settled in and ready to start climbing Mt Olympus again for my grandfather's review for the CMOH and I just saw this.

Ben Szalinski, the author of the article written, is a student at University of Illinois. I am trying to reach out to him to thank him personally. The only mistake was he was born in Greenwood, South Dakota and raised in Wagner.

Can this recognition be forwarded to the DOD and to President Trump to get the machines running again??? I have been waiting to hear from the DOD since January 2017, with a completed Award Recommendation Package sponsored by then SD Tribal Affairs Advisor Jeannie Hovland and U.S. Senator John Thune (R-SD).

The good thing is I have not received a denial letter so it is my belief the review is ongoing. Please forward the link above and let's finally get the job done for Duke "The Indian," WWII veteran. He deserves it!!!!

GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!!!

Doug Nykolaycuyk
Eldest Grandson

Dates set for 79th Anniversary Commemoration, 2020 Reunion

79th Anniversary

Arrive: Tuesday, January 28, 2020
Depart: Saturday, February 1, 2020.

We have rooms on base set aside at the Pacific Views and the Ward lodge. Plans are still in pencil, but we are looking at tours of School of Infantry, the new base hospital, and the Air Wing. Monday night's welcome aboard dinner is again set for Burn Your Own Steak in Iron Mike's room. We are also looking at lunch and a horse show at Horses Spirit Ranch in Bonsall.

Are there areas of the base you would like to revisit? Let us know.

Stay tuned for more details.

Late January is a beautiful time of year aboard Camp Pendleton and San Diego. Please try to make plans to join us for a week of old memories and friends.

2020 Reunion

And farther out, we have set the dates for next summer's 73rd Annual Reunion:

Washington, D.C.
Friday, Aug 14 - Sunday Aug 23, 2020

We will met at the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel. More details to come in future issues.

Korean War Memories

The memoir below, written by Lt. Richard Schwartz, was submitted by William T. Callahan. "This is the story about only one hill. The hill was called 673. As Lt. Schwartz states, only nine of us walked off it. I was one of the nine," Callahan said.

"I consider Lt. Schwartz to be one of the best platoon leaders I had in Korea," he concluded.

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Miracles on Hill 673

By Richard Schwartz

It has taken nearly 40 years of procrastination to finally set down and put pen to paper regarding my experience in Korea in 1951-52. So many men of my generation have had war experiences in WWl1, Korea, or Vietnam that it is considered poor taste to even discuss them. But I have received so much pleasure from reading and discussing the Civil War events described in my grandfather's diary that I can't resist the hope that some future great grandson of mine might enjoy sharing these experiences.

Most veterans will admit that their service years were the most exciting and challenging times of their lives even though they certainly would not like to repeat them. Besides, we have hopefully reached a point in history where war is obsolete and if fought at all in the 21st century that it will be so technical and detached that the gut-wrenching emotions of an infantry charge or deep patrol will never be repeated.

I am just going to let memories flow without regard to punctuation or spelling errors, otherwise I would never get done. I have the benefit of both my wife's and my mother's collection of letters that I wrote from Korea to jog my memory.

Richard G. Schwartz, 2/19/90, 2nd Lt., 3rd platoon, Charley Co, 7th Marines

September 5, 1951

This is it. I am assigned to take a deep patrol up the ridge toward Hill 673 to see if we can get in sight of the fortification to call in artillery fire to start the softening up process. I took two squads with me, leaving one squad and the machine guns in place. Also attached was an artillery forward observer and his radar man. About 30 men altogether.

We moved through Baker Company's position, around the river, and started to move up the nose of the ridge. We had an idea down the ridge that they may have a defense line or outpost, so we moved extremely cautiously. I had the distinct feeling we were being sucked in.

When we rounded a wide spot about one and a half miles up the ridge, I sent a fire team out on a relatively bare finger to see if we could get a clear view of the top. Suddenly Woodson's fire team began drawing fire from the rear. As usual he seemed to be stepping into some kind of crap. It turned out to be a ROK patrol in the valley, which was taking us for the enemy.

I got the company commander on the phone, but he couldn't establish communication with them, so he started walking 60mm mortars toward their position. They got the message.

The ridge narrowed considerably from bottom up and I didn't want to get my men strung out, so I left one squad in a defensive position in the wide area. A little further forward was a smaller wide area and then a knoll from which we could see the fortifications. Dropping two more fire teams at the smaller area, I moved forward with the artillery observer and one fire team to the knoll. We had a fair view of the top.

We probably stayed an hour while Jones called in artillery fire. We knew they were occupied bunkers because of the screams we heard after a direct hit. I finally was getting nervous from staying so long and was particularly worried about the Reds sending an ambush party down the short ridge to our left to cut off our retreat. Nothing of the sort happened, and after Jones completed his 'fire mission' we began a school solution withdrawal.

One funny thing happened on the way back. You were never supposed to call a man's rank when you were forward of the lines. Snipers obviously want to pick off officers or senior NCOs. Sgt. Trask forgot. At one point in the withdrawal he shouted, "Lieutenant" at me. Without missing a beat I replied, "What do you want, Colonel?" He got the point and we both laughed it off.

Jones, a veteran Warrant Officer, complimented me on the way that I had run my first real patrol. I told him not to tell me but tell 'Battalion.'

September 6, 1951

I sent a squad on a short patrol today and they came back with a machine gun. Apparently someone had left it unattended and my boys just helped themselves. I wasn't quite sure how to handle the situation, so I consulted Trask. He explained that he had seen that happen quite a lot. Front line units always feel short of firepower and resent rear echelon units being careless with their equipment. I decided to ignore it.

Of course, if word came out that a unit in the rear was missing a gun and if anyone knows anything about it they should speak up. The company commander looked straight at me when he passed the word at 'Officers call.'

September 7, 1951

Today we switched places with 'Able' Company on the outpost. The position was originally put in by an ROK unit, and they are terrible. No field of fire and almost up front of the bunkers are 'booby' traps scattered all over the place. Most of them are so close to the fighting holes that if they went off they would take out both the attackers and the defender. The undergrowth is so close to the positions that infiltrators would be on top of you before you saw them.

My platoon has the least secure position on the right flank. There is a low covered approach right into the center and the two flanks are on side hills, where it would be difficult to support the center. The enemy is approximately½ mile ahead across an open plain. I decided to place what I considered to be my steadiest machine gun crew in the most vulnerable position.

Hamilton, the gunner in charge, was

more experienced than the other leader. Unfortunately, his assistant gunner, 'Frenchy' was one of the most emotional/nervous men in the outfit, but I hadn't determined that yet. I placed my other gun along the border with the 1st platoon and allowed the 1st squad with its borrowed gun to set up on the side hill next to the Koreans. Everyone was nervous about the positions as night came, but I warned them not to fire their automatic weapons and give away their positions. If anyone fired off a round in the middle of the night, I expected to find a dead 'gook' at the tip of their foxhole.

My day was further ruined by the C.O. telling me that I needed to organize a patrol for the next morning to prod the enemy position to our front. There was no cover and a flat rice paddy about a half-mile wide without the benefit of covering fire from our machine guns. I could see no logical spot where I could move them forward to provide fire support. It looked to me like 'high diddle diddle straight up the middle' attack to me, and if they held their fire and let us come up to the edge of their position, we would be in a real fix. I worried about it all day.

Just at dusk Capt. McMahon called me up to the company C.P. and changed the orders. The ROK unit on our right was going to jump off in an attack the next morning and we would just be in the way. Talk about being relieved! I was at that point.

Since I was tied in with the ROKs I was to take an interpreter, establish contact with the attacking units, and offer the support of our mortars and artillery. I hustled over to meet the ROK Major in charge and found that that the attack had been delayed 24 hours.

September 8, 1951

I was awakened at dawn with McMahon yelling at me over the phone asking me what the hell went on last night. I'm a particularly heavy sleeper, but McMahon couldn't believe that I didn't hear any machine guns opening up in the middle of the night. I was stunned and asked him for a moment to check things out, but I didn't believe that it was any of my boys.

Trask looked foolish as hell! Seems like 'Frenchy' was on watch in the draw and thought that he had an infiltrator and opened up. Trask ran down and got it stopped, but he didn't wake me to tell me about it. McMahon would never believe that I slept through that racket, so I looked like a liar. I chewed Trask royally and then exchanged the two gun positions, giving Hamilton the safer position on the hill.

Trask realized just how upset I was for not advising me about what was going on. I spent the best part of the day being a diplomat, establishing relations with the ROKs, and setting up an observation post for the Major and his staff on our side of the boundaries so we had a clearer view.

They had apparently run another patrol up Hill 673 similar to mine to deliver artillery fire, then decided that a third patrol should probe a little farther. The over-eager Lieutenant involved got sucked in almost to the bunkers, then all hell broke loose. He had 4 or 5 dead, several wounded and, worst of all, he had 5 missing.

In the Marine Corps you don't come back without accounting for your men. The wounded you bring out, and the dead, if at all possible. No way do you come back without accounting for your men. He was immediately relieved of his command and sent to the rear in disgrace. You have to use some judgment when interpreting orders like "advance until fired on." I would have cause to remember his fate a month or so later.

September 9, 1951

The ROK's jumped off, using the edge of the flat area to our front. I spent the day in the observation post with the Major. On a couple occasions we arranged for fire support from our mortars. All my diplomacy went down the tubes, however, when one of the Major's enlisted aides was found wearing a watch that had been stolen from one of my men a couple days before.

After much 'hassle' we were able to prove to the major that the watch belonged to my man by identifying 2 missing crystals before the back was removed, showing that to be the case. Thoroughly embarrassed, the major started striking the man with his fists. I was not used to Asian punishment and wasn't sure just how far he would go. Needless to say, it put a chill on our relations the rest of the day.

September 10, 1951

Orders came to move out as quietly and secretly as we could to an assembly area behind our old position, abandoning the outpost area around dusk. Since the Reds had driven away any observers to our immediate front, we accomplished the withdrawal without incident. They must have gotten some inclination that something was going on, because we drew some sporadic mortar fire in the assembly area.

'Charley' Company would leave the assembly area but wait in the valley until Hill 673 was secured, then move on to Hills 749 and 650. I caught a couple hours sleep and prepared a C-ration meal in a downpour.

September 11, 1951

This started the longest two days of my life at 0300—in the rain. There was much milling to get units lined up. I remember particularly a 75 recoilless crew knee deep in mud trying to wrestle the gun along the trail in the dark. It actually felt good to get the mud washed off when crossing the gorge.

Our company sat at the bottom of the 673 ridge all morning and all afternoon. The sun was hot. A dead Korean in our immediate vicinity smelled to high heaven. I finally had to get something to eat and I found a can of sausage patties deep in grease. There was no time to heat them or move to a less odorous environment "Shake the grease off and gulp them down."

Four p.m. arrived and we had been sitting twelve hours listening to the gun fire on 673. Finally, just before dark we got some word that Able Company had been unable to take 673 in two attacks. Baker Company had then tried from an attack position on the right and had been equally unsuccessful. Charlie Company was now being called up to execute a NIGHT attack.

We hadn't been briefed on 673, since it wasn't our objective, and night attacks are notoriously unsuccessful when rehearsed in detail. We started up the ridge with full field-packs, with no time for catching our breath. Mine was the last platoon in line so naturally when Capt. McMahon in the lead called an officers call I really had to hump. When I arrived McMahon was on the radio to Battalion suggesting that we were short of time and asking that we wait until morning. He keep getting that one sentence reply from the Bn. CO: "Take that hill and good

luck."

McMahon was experienced enough to know that a night attack had no chance of succeeding, but Regiment wanted to keep the defenders pinned in position so they didn't retreat and reinforce the enemy troops on 749, which was under attack by the 3rd Bn. It was necessary to engage them in a fire fight and keep the pressure on all night.

The 2nd platoon would advance up the ridge. Whitlow's old outfit had been taken over by a Lt. Smith; I had just met him the night before. He was an Annapolis grad and a career man who had come to Korea as a General's aide. He had asked for a leave from that job in order to join this operation and get some combat time on his record.

My platoon, the 3rd, was assigned to a draw to the right of the ridge as an avenue of approach. 1st platoon would be held in reserve. Our only look at our objective was as the sun set, which left us no time to scout our avenue of approach at all.

We moved through Able Company's position. As we did, our 4.2 mortars, which were trying to zero in, dropped a short round of white-phosphorus right among us. I got a couple burns on the wrist, but an Able Company machine gun squad took some serious casualties.

The draw that I had been assigned turned out to be steep, instead of narrow. Single file was the only way we could make it in the dark. I traveled between 2nd and 3rd squads. For control Trask brought up the rear. We had groped our way along about 150 yards when an explosion and screams to our left indicated that the 2nd platoon had run into mines. Everyone froze in our group for maybe five minutes while the noise continued to our left. Then it happened.

A single mortar round landed on the 1st squad. Gallagher took some shrapnel in the throat. He was trying to yell but it came out all breathless like he had laryngitis. I rushed over to him and felt the wound. It didn't seem to me that the jugular had been cut, but who could tell in the dark.

I delegated Woodson and another man to make a chair of their arms, hold Gallagher over it so he wouldn't choke on his own blood, and start back for Able Company's lines. We were bracketed in a preplanned mortar barrage that the enemy had planned to cover this avenue of approach.

My Corpsman rushed over to me saying that we had to get out of there about the same time that word was passed up from the rear that McMahon had ordered a withdrawal. I grabbed Willis, the closest man to me, and told him to move forward and make contact with the 2nd platoon to be sure they got the word, then started everyone filing back. It took over two hours.

A word would come back that we had a casualty and we would bring out a poncho to carry him, but it would take six men to get him up the steep slopes. If another round came in I'd have another six casualties.

Slowly dragging our wounded the best we could, we groped our way back. I stayed in the rear to make sure no one was left while all the time mortar shells were raining down. It was then that miracle #1 happened.

All of us have our reflexes to beating the clock at the sound of an incoming mortar round; they make a distinct whistle. As I was moving along checking in the dark for wounded I found a kid named Virtue clinging to a tree. He wasn't hit, just petrified with fear. I was in the process of jerking him to his feet and yelling for him to move back when an 82mm mortar round came in and landed 6 inches from my foot. One out of every 16 enemy rounds are duds and this was number sixteen.

Virtue took off as I told him to, and I fairly melted into the ground. One man, a cool-headed kid named Norm Frazzini, had stood alone with me and helped me scout for wounded. Willis joined us after, making contact with 2nd platoon. We determined that we were the last three men forward of Able Company's position, which was no more than 25 yards ahead.

I had just said "Let's go for it" when I heard my named being called up to my right near the ridge that 2nd platoon was on. I saw Sgt. Hennery, who was in charge of my attached machine gun section. I told Willis and Frazzini to go on in and I would cut up the hill to see what Hennery wanted. Miracle escape #2.

Willis and Frazzini never made it. Their bodies were found the next morning. If Hennery hadn't called I would have been with them.

I found Sgt. Hennery wandering around the ridge looking for someone in authority to tell him where to place his guns. The ridge was not receiving mortar at all, as it had been concentrated on the valley and they were still pouring it on. I led Hennery and his men back through Able Company's position, found elements of Charley Company, and started looking for a place to set his gun.

McMahon came by and said that I still had some wounded in Able Company's area and they needed stretchers. Cpl. Burton's third squad was relatively still intact and I sent them up. I continued organizing a hasty defense perimeter. It seems that I had just turned around when Burton came down the hill on a stretcher. The firing had slowly petered out and all of a sudden everything was quiet.

No more wounded crying out, nobody shouting orders. It was like everyone had suddenly passed out from exhaustion. Zeb Hughes touched my arm and said, "This way, Lieutenant." He and Trask had organized the remnants of the 3rd platoon in a reverse slope position and Zeb had placed my sleeping bag out on a small ledge. I was asleep as soon as I lay my head down.

September 12, 1951

It was just before dawn when Zeb shook me awake. "Officers call in 15 minutes. McMahon says to get a count of your effectiveness and report on the double," he said.

Trask had already counted noses. There were only 11 of us out of a platoon of 44, plus a relatively intact machine gun section. Judas, what a clobbering! McMahon, being the senior regular Captain, sort of assumed on the spot leadership of all three companies.

Able Company had been badly hurt the day before. Baker Company and the 1st platoon of Charley were relatively intact. 2nd platoon was down to 22 men and I had only 11 in the 3rd.

All available machine guns were on a small knoll to the left of the objective. Under cover of their fire, 1st platoon would attack, followed by 2nd platoon. 3rd platoon would supplement the line of fire with our BARs. Baker Company would keep the pressure on the right flank with an attack from that direction.

Take five for an explanation

I should explain at this point how a Marine platoon is organized. It is built around a four-man fire team, with one of the team carrying a BAR (Browning Automatic Rifle), which fires a twenty-round magazine. The other three Marines protect the 'Barman.'

Three fire teams form a squad and three squads form a platoon. The rule is to keep those BARs in action. If the BAR man is hit, one of his fire team members will take over his BAR. It was a tribute to the fine discipline of the 3rd platoon that in spite of all the confusion last night we didn't lose any BARs or machine guns.

Back to the action

I lined up all nine of our BARs for maximum support fire-power. Trask, Zeb and I dug foxholes directly behind them so we could load and forward their magazines to them. Our fire power was being returned from the machine guns in the enemy bunkers. I have never seen so much concentrated lead flying in one small area in my life. In addition, enemy mortars were now bursting in the top of the trees, throwing shrapnel.

1st platoon pushed off on schedule, about ten a.m., but became pinned down by bunkers whose apertures faced west and couldn't be hit by our line of fire. They were hanging out there taking casualties and the only way to relieve them was an attack through their base of fire. Word was sent forward that 2nd platoon would attack through our position and my 3rd would follow them out. We would knock off the base of fire when they were ready to rush.

I told my men to step out of their holes and let the 2nd move through, and we would follow them out. The 2nd platoon moved out. About the time they were to pass us, a terrible mortar barrage started. Instead of passing us they jumped into our holes. Me and my men were lying out on the open, exposed to all that lead and our foxholes were being occupied by the so called 'assault team.' Bull!

The situation brought up miracle #3. I had been popping my head out of my hole all morning to toss magazines forward. The man who jumped into my hole was James, the radioman for the artillery spotter. He popped up one time to adjust his radio and took a machine gun slug right in his forehead.

I couldn't see Lt. Smith, the 2nd platoon leader, so I started yelling at the 2nd platoon to move out. Naturally there was no response. I shouted that the 1st platoon was hanging out there and needed us to take the pressure off; still no response. Decision time!

I said 3rd platoon was moving through and taking the point, follow me. I started crawling as fast as I could for the low area to our front, my men right beside me. Damn, I was proud of them! The cover ran out in the draw. We started crawling up a slot that led to a bunker. Our own machine guns were firing over our heads, so we had to keep low.

Someone was crawling on all fours just ahead of me. I figured that it must be the rear end of the 1st platoon, but when I put my hand on him to warn him of my presence, he toppled over, stiff as a board in a crawling position. Rigor mortis? In three hours? Then it dawned on me. This was one of the missing men from that ill-fated patrol I had heard about. My God! Had he stupidly run his men up this close to draw fire?

I called for a bazooka crew to come forward and see if they could get a solid hit on the bunker. That took some time and then they got misled. A hand kept coming up from in back of the bunker, throwing grenades. I keep trying to hit it but no luck. Ben Dixon had been sent forward by McMahon to check our progress and I didn't have a chance to warn him about a booby trap grenade that was lying to my left. He dropped right down on top of it, but the pin didn't come out. I told him to freeze; that it was just under him right arm pit. Very gingerly he reached over with his left hand and managed to push the pin back in to a safe position.

By this time I had determined that the machine gun in the bunker had quit firing. The hand was still tossing grenades, but the machine-gun was either out of ammo or had been withdrawn. I sent word back to knock off the base of fire. When the fire dribbled to a halt I rose and started for the left of the bunker, the blind side of the aperture.

The ubiquitous 10%

There is always that 10% that doesn't gets the word, so one of our machine guns opened up again, kicking dust up just to my right. I hit the deck again cussing and yelling. I could hear Trask chewing out one of the gunners. Somehow I knew instantly that it was 'friendly.' I got back on my feet, with the rest of the platoon following me. We swept to the top of 673. Completely unbeknown to me was miracle #4.

It was then that the bazooka crew finally arrived. Zeb, on his own initiative, had hustled up a 75mm crew that had been getting set to fire on the key bunker. Just as he was getting ready to fire, my back appeared in his cross-hairs. If he hadn't taken a second look, I would have been blown to 'kingdom come.'

I detailed Sgt. Baird into talking the North Korean who had been throwing the grenades into surrendering, while I and the rest of the platoon headed up to Hill 749. The main enemy force had pulled back a bit so the platoon was no longer pinned down. They filed in behind us, mopping up the enemy stragglers. I could see Eddie LeBaron's platoon from Baker Company moving in from the right flank, and no way was I going to let Baker Company get to the top first after all our hard work. We just kept moving, bypassing enemy stragglers from the 1st platoon to mop up.

The enemy decides Hill 812 is a safer place for them

It was about 2 p.m. Apparently the enemy had decided to withdraw to Hill 812, an oblong ridge. The 3rd Bn. forces took 749 from the west and were in pursuit up the ridge. We arrived to occupy an empty strong point about halfway up the ridge between 673 and 749. Capt. McMahon arrived shortly after and issued orders for us to dig in until relieved.

I quickly arranged firing frontages for each unit in the direction of the withdrawing enemy. It's SOP that when you take an enemy strong point you dig in quickly because you can expect a counter-barrage, a counter-attack, or both, just as soon as the enemy can organize one. You try to use the overhead cover afforded by the old defense if possible.

I stuck my head into one bunker, which had an excellent roof on. But, one side was blown out. There was a pretty messy enemy body in it, so I took out my bayonet and started scraping sand from the side over the mess. Right then the barrage started.

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Chapter Scuttlebutt

News from the Chapters of the 1st Marine Division Association

Old Breed News is—or could be—a beneficial recruiting tool

Some chapters continue to meet and report on their activities. Unfortunately, it is generally the same chapters that let us know what they are doing, when and where they meet, etc. We are "recruiting" more chapters to join them on the pages of OBN.

There is always a chance that 1st Marine Division veterans might see the news of chapters in their areas on our website or in the hard copies floating around. Please let us know what your chapter is doing so we can expand our round-up—and possibly attract some new members,

Goodbye, Houston Chapter

Chapter President Larry Wells and Treasurer CPL John Keeling informed us that our Houston Chapter voted to disband. Once again, not enough members are available for a meeting. The original charter and chapter funds will be sent in to FMDA Headquarters.

Alamo

Members still get together on a regular basis.

New President Tex Stiteler reports that the chapter will be donating $10,000 to the Scholarship Fund. The money comes from the proceeds from 7th Annual Sporting Clay Scholarship Shoot.



Alamo Chapter members gather for meeting

Desert Cities/Mitchell Paige Chapter

This very active chapter has a new website: *www.fmdadesert.org*.

As an example of its activities here is an entry from its new president in the chapter's July 2019 Newsletter:

"President's Message

"The first two months of my tenure as President have been very busy. Quint and I made a trip to 29 Palms to meet with 7th Marines Regimental SgtMajor Anthony J. Pompos. The idea was to get his perspective on the needs of 7th Regiment's Marines and how our Chapter can be of assistance. We also discussed the Emergency Fund recently established by our Chapter that is available to Marine families in need. The fund will be administered by the ASYMCA office on the Base.

"With the passing of long time Chapter member Colonel Dick Partee much effort went into his Memorial Service which took the place of our April Meeting.

"Most of you missed the exciting May meeting when the 7th Regiment Executive Officer LtColonel Steven Ford spoke about the rapid response deployments of 7/3.

"I hope to concentrate this year on growing our membership, getting corporate sponsorship for the 7th Regiment, solidifying our fund raising and bringing renewed awareness of the support needed by our young Military families and our Veterans.

"Thank you for the honor of serving as your President

"SEMPER FI

Harry Covert"



Members of Desert Cities/Mitchell Paige Chapter

Southern California Chapter

SoCal Chapter Lunches with 1st Recon

The Southern California Chapter served hot dogs, hamburgers, beans, and more to about 200 1st Recon Marines and sailors at Camp Las Flores, Camp Pendleton on July 19th.



SoCal Chapter President SgtMaj (Ret) Tony Aguilar addresses 1st Recon troops before declaring the serving line open

Korea Chapter

The war memorial monument in Jori-Up, Paju City



The Korea Chapter visited the Korean War battlefield in Paju and the former camp site of the 1st Division USMC.



Members of the Korea Chapter

The war memorial monument was built in Jori-Up, Paju City to honor the victory of U.S. and Korean Marine Corps during Korean War.

Happy 244th Birthday, Marines

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

10 November 2019

This year, the Marine Corps celebrates 244 years of warfighting excellence and uncommon valor. United States Marines define the world's image of elite warrior-citizens. We take great pride in the legacy built by those who came before us and in carrying that legacy into the future.

Capabilities, battlefields, and adversaries change, and Marines continue to adapt to every challenge - prepared to fight and win wherever and whenever our Nation calls. What does not change is the Marine spirit- a warrior spirit rooted in our core values.

The strength of our Corps is our Marines. Our success depends on all Marines embodying the values in which our Corps was founded; it requires leveraging the talents and ingenuity of every Marine to strengthen our Corps.

Since 1775, courageous Marines have answered the call to fight for freedom and shaped our reputation as the most feared fighting force the world has seen. Marines from each generation approached every battle with a lethal combination of versatility, perseverance, and adaptability that has allowed us to prevail in any clime and place.

Throughout the 244-year history of the Marine Corps, our Nation has required Marines to adapt capabilities and fighting styles to defeat adversaries in all domains. The Marines who took to the seas with naval counterparts to combat the Barbary Pirates solidified our role as a naval expeditionary force-in-readiness.

World War I saw Marines fighting sustained land campaigns and returning from those battles to immediately begin redesigning how to go to war. Those innovations laid the foundation for the amphibious landings of World War II.

Combat operations in Korea and Vietnam brought harsh climates and unforgiving terrains that again forced Marines to adapt and overcome. In Iraq and Afghanistan, urban battlefields and counterinsurgency tactics demanded innovations in warfighting strategies and capabilities.

Today, we find ourselves once again facing new and evolving threats in different operational environments. Like our predecessors, we will move forward with the lessons learned from past conflicts while redesigning the force and innovating for future conflict with any adversary who dares to fight. Marines, congratulations on 244 years of excellence.

Like the first birthday message published by 13th Commandant General John Lejeune in 1921, this message serves as a reminder of the legacy we are charged with upholding. Today is our day to celebrate our heritage and to honor the sacrifices of those who fought before us. It is also a day to recommit ourselves to our core values and resolutely pursue the strength of character that defines United States Marines. And it is a day to look toward future battlefields, to prepare to uphold the distinguished warfighting legacy of our predecessors wherever our Nation calls.

Happy Birthday, Marines!
David H. Berger, General,
U.S. Marine Corps,
Commandant of the Marine Corps

QUIZ: Which island on which the 1st Marine Division fought in the early part of WWII has been rented by the Chinese? (See the answer on page 23).

Some Thoughts on Going to Korea in July 1951

By Francis M. Albin

The *USS Pickaway* was one of three ships bringing over the Marine Corps' "11th Replacement Draft" to Korea. Two other troop ships on this convoy were the USS General Black and the USS Cavalier.

We boarded Pickaway on July 11, 1951. The Korean War was beginning its second year. Armistice talks were under way. In fact, our journey to Korea was slowed because, if truce talks were agreed to, no additional troops would be allowed into Korea. There were brief rumors that our replacement draft might end up in Hawaii or Japan.

Early on, day-to-day life aboard Pickaway had settled into somewhat of a less-than-pleasant routine since we had left San Diego, California. Our sleeping quarters were crowded. They were no more than simple metal tubing and canvases stacked four high, fastened to the bulkheads on each side of the passageways. They resembled a type of stretcher used in the Navy.

We slept in our clothes and our backpacks served as our pillows. At first the temperature in our quarters was reasonable. For the first few days aboard ship I just wanted to sleep. I was sleeping up to 20 hours a day, only getting up for meals and roll calls. So it was with most of the other Marines.

Part of this sleeping was because in the weeks before the departure we had been participating in rigorous advanced combat training of week-long marches, digging fox holes, setting up defensive positions, going on patrols, and doing simulated forced marches at night, capped off by a week of simulated combat conditions at Camp Pendleton.

Soon, the temperature in the below decks, the passageways, and our sleeping areas became intolerably hot. The 800 plus Marines tried to find places to sit, exercise, read, play cards, etc. on the ship's topside and be in the shade as much as possible.

As *Pickaway* continued to Korea, all announcements, reveille, various drills, taps, and so on were made over the ship's public address system. Before each announcement, there would be a shrill sound of a boatswain's pipe, a type of metal whistle. Several such "pipe-downs" were heard throughout the day. They were necessary as a ship is a very noisy environment with the rumble of the ship's engines, the rush of fresh air from vents, and the clatter of metal on metal, hammering and "chipping paint" and so on by ship's crew while going about their duties. At other times of the day, music might be played over the public address system.

Arrival in South Korea

We arrived early in the morning in the harbor of Pusan, South Korea. We had been at sea for a day and a half since leaving Kobe, Japan. Kobe is where our sea bags would be stored for the duration. The ship picked up supplies and ammunition for Korea. This brief voyage to South Korea had taken us through the Sea of Japan. Ironically, the sea had large swells but the water was not displaying waves or white caps. One noticed the ship's bow was going up and down, which caused a few people to get seasick.





The smell in the harbor area of Pusan was unforgettable. Much like Kobe, there were many small one-man "motorized junks," each belching out a cloud of heavy blue smoke that seemed to linger in the air in the morning. The whole harbor area seemed to be filled with filth and waste and was coated with an iridescent oily sheen. As the ship slowly guided into the dockside, a military band struck up a tune, "If I Knew You Were Coming I'd Have Baked a Cake," which was very popular in the 1950s.

During the morning, we eventually left the ship to board trucks to go to the United Nations camp near or in the city of Pusan. We were weighed down with all our combat 782 gear. These are the helmets, backpacks, field clothing, blanket roll, cartridge belts, shelter half, small trench shovel, and sleeping bag rolled up at the bottom of the lower pack. We also carried an M-1 Rifle or a Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR). We carried everything that we would have for the uncertain future.

The activity at the UN camp was noisy and chaotic, with the loudspeakers paging officers, troops, various military groups, and so on to report to a specific area. We were no longer walking or marching in any formation. This was around the first time that I was not in some squad, platoon or company formation marching or in "route step," best described as normal casual walking and not keeping in step with the person ahead of you or to either side.

The noise was not like the din one might hear in a major bus terminal or train station, e.g., announcements about numbers, boarding times, and schedules. We were told to always listen for our name to be called for an assignment. The camp was inhabited by various allied and U.S. Soldiers.

Security of your possessions was always a key factor for concern. I barely got my back pack off and got comfortable lying on my requisitioned cot when I heard my name called along with several others to report to a specific location in the camp for further orders. I again put on my pack, folded up my cot, and returned to the camp headquarters' supply area.

At this area I again met the Marine 1st Lieutenant who had earlier been in

charge of us as we left the ship. He checked off our names and stated that we would not be in combat for a few more days. I learned that our group of Marines would be transported by truck to an airbase somewhere north of Pusan.

The best I could guess was a slow truck ride for an hour or so to a location that I think was near the city of Teague, South Korea. The weather was still hot and relatively clear. However, we were in the countryside and the land was relatively flat, as would be needed for an airport. Off in the distance we could see farmers working with their oxen and doing some cultivation in the area.

At the airport camp location we had all received a box of C-rations. There were some squad-size tents that we were to use. The day turned into evening and we later bedded down, using our sleeping bags and lying on the ground. The ground was dry but was simply hard-packed dirt. In the evening I slowly fell asleep.

The Flight to Chunchon, South Korea

I woke up around 5 a.m. in the large and rectangular squad tent that troops stayed in. It was light outside; the temperature was cool and I did not see any farmers working in the field. I had slept in my clothes in my lightweight nylon sleeping bag. By now everyone was a stranger. No longer was there any one person that I had gone with through boot camp, tent camp, or advanced combat training. There, I also met others who had graduated from special schools of artillery, heavy weapons, transportation, radio schools, etc.

The 1st lieutenant who was on our tractor-trailer convoy from the UN camp to the airport came over to us. He delivered some more good news: we would not be going to the front lines immediately. It was a great relief as most of us were expecting to be on the front lines some time later this very day. He stated that the unit we would be going to was the 3rd Marine Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, which was in reserve.

We assembled in the area and walked over to the nearby runway. There were several four-engine, DC 4 cargo planes that we would climb into for the flight to Chun Chon, South Korea. The planes were pretty basic compared to a civilian plane. There were simple canvas web seats along each side of the plane on which troops faced one another.





We put our backpacks on the flooring under our seats. Ammunition cases were loaded onto the aisle area and fastened down with netting. These four engine planes soon began to take off.

I thought I would try to estimate how many miles we would be traveling to arrive at Chun Chon. However, of the three hours we had been flying, I later learned that the pilots and crew had been flying in long and wide circles because the Chun Chon airport was fogged in. I did not have a map of Korea with me and I had no idea how large the country was. Finally, we landed.

From Chunchon to lnje, South Korea

After the flight from the air base in around Teague, we finally landed at this airstrip called Chunchon around noon. We stood around the airstrip after the four-engine cargo planes discharged their troops. We each received a box of "C-rations" as there was no kitchen or mess hall around the area.

It was probably around 1 p.m. when a convoy of military trucks arrived. These were Marine 6 X 6 troop carrying trucks. These trucks had been heavily used and showed considerable wear and tear. Some had canvas tops over the cab. The windscreen was not set-up on some of them and their windshields were missing. It was very hot and so there was no canvas to cover the truck bed.

The trucks did not seem to have any functioning mufflers. We boarded the trucks which held a driver, another military person in the passenger seat, and 10 or 12 people in the seating in the truck bed. The truck had several boxes of ammunition. Ammunition for our M-1 rifles was finally handed out to all troops. The ammo was in olive drab bandoleers of eight clips. An M-1 clip held eight rounds or bullets. Ever since portions of the 9th replacement draft had been ambushed, ammunition was issued to all troops.

The convoy began a slow hot journey north along the MSR (Main Supply Route). It was a road that left the airfield but became somewhat "carved out" of the side of the steep hills on the journey north to lnje. In some places it was wide enough for two vehicles to go by one another. They were so-called "cut-outs." In other places, it was barely wide enough for the outside dual wheels of the vehicle to have footing.

It is doubtful that the convoy ever reached a speed of 12 miles per hour. The grinding of gears on the "6 X 6" trucks was constant. The road was hot and dusty and it seemed that it hadn't rained in weeks or months. However, the almost lush green vegetation probably said otherwise.

Arrival at lnje, Korea (Just above the 38th North degree parallel)

It was around 4 p.m. when the convoy turned off the Main Supply Route into the area where I was to learn later was the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, of the 1st Marine Division. The organization had just completed a parade at which medals had been handed out to specific Marines. I learned that the battalion was indeed in reserve and would not be going to the front lines for a couple of weeks. I did not realize it at first, but after the four hours of riding in the truck from Chunchon everyone was covered with a very fine layer of dust that was created by the convoy. At least we looked like Marines in a combat area.

(Sgt) Francis M. Albin, recently went to guard the gates of Heaven (see TAPS on page 22).

TAPS

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***SGT JAMES E. BUTLAND JR** WPNS-3-1 KO ODENTON, MD 4/21/2015

***PVT HECTOR CAFFERATA** F-2-7 KO VENICE, FL 4/12/2016

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CPL ROBERT W. COLLINS ANGLICO-3-7 KO YORKTOWN, IN 7/9/2019

SGT EDGAR L. COLLISON HQ-11MAR KO PARKTON, MD 7/4/2018

***CPL MICHAEL C. COPPOLA** K-3-1 WWII NEW HAVEN, CT 5/22/2019

***ROBERT L. CORWIN** B-1-1 WWII HUNTINGTON, NY 3/27/2017

SGT ROBERT W. COURSEY A-1-5 WWII MILTON, FL 10/2/2014

CPL DONALD J. CULLEY H&S/F-2-11 WWII TOPEKA, KS 12/17/2009

***SGT ALFRED A. DALL** MTACS2 KO BANGOR, ME 4/27/2017

SGT THOMAS F. DALTON Jr WPNS-2-5 KO BARNEGAT, NJ 11/30/2015

Mrs ELLEN S. DAVIS OBN ONLY CLARKDALE, AZ 12/30/2018

***1STSGT RICHARD R. DEVASTO** USMC (Ret) 1-1MAR KO VN WINTER PARK, FL 9/25/2019

***SGT WILLIAM J. DICKERSON** HQ-2-5 E-2-5 WWII CH BARTLESVILLE, OK 12/4/2012

PFC JOSEPH G. DITARANTO 1-5MAR WWII AUBURN, MA 9/22/2011

LCPL RUSSELL C. DODSON H&S-1-5 3-5 3-9 CW VN PALM DESERT, CA 1/20/2009

***CPL JOHN J. DOHERTY** C-1-7 KO MYRTLE BEACH, SC 11/29/2018

***SGT DARRELL K. DONALDSON** H&S/C-1-1 KO CROWLEY, TX 10/18/2016

***SGT ARTHUR F. DREVES** C-1-1 WWII CH SEWANEE, TN 6/23/2019

***SGT ROBERT A. EBERLE** 11MAR 7MAR CH KO EAST STROUDSBURG, PA 2/12/2013

***PFC H. J. EGGEMAN** A-1-7 KO FORT HUACHUCA, AZ 4/20/1996

SGTMAJ STANLEY L. ELBIE USMC (Ret) HQ-1FAG KO VN RIO RICO, AZ 1/17/2018

***PFC DONALD K. ELLIOTT** I-3-7 KO LONGWOOD, FL 2/26/2019

***SGT H. R. EPPERSON JR** C-7-1 KO VN MELBOURNE, FL 6/12/2000

***SGT JAMES M. FAIRBAIRN** A-1-5 KO RICHARDSON, TX 11/13/2019

***CPL WILLIAM J. FEENEY SR** L-3-7 WWII SOMERDALE, NJ 3/1/2004

HM1 JOHN W. FRIDGE Jr D-2-7 WWII KO DENHAM SPRINGS, LA 10/11/2006

SGT THOMAS G. GALLANT Jr M-4-11 WWII SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TN 11/10/2009

CPL EMILE A. GERACI B-1-5 KO NEW ORLEANS, LA 2/20/2018

***LTCOL EDWARD A. GRIMM** USMC (Ret) H&S-1-1 VN CW LAKE RIDGE , VA 5/30/2018

MR. ROBERT C. GRUNDEL D-7MT KO GERALD, MO 12/27/2016

CAPT JAMES W. HACKLEMAN B-1-7 WWII KO REDLANDS, CA 9/9/2018

***PHM2 KENNETH J. HENSELER** I-3-5 WWII YANKTON, SD 3/10/2019

PFC RUSSELL E. HESLIN B-1-1 KO WALLINGFORD, CT 3/20/2019

***LTCOL PAUL L. HIRT** USMC (Ret) HQ-4-11 3-11MAR WWII CH KO VN FALLS CHURCH, VA 8/10/2019

***SSGT OLEN GARLAND HOLTZ** 1SIG H-3-5 KO ABILENE, TX 12/10/2108

***PFC HARRY E. HORSTMYER** A-1-1 CH WILMINGTON, DE 5/31/2019

SGT RICHARD J. HUBANY HQ CO 2-9 FORT MOHAVE, AZ 11/8/2011

***SSGT JOSEPH E. HUMBERSON JR** HQ-3-1 KO SEBASTOPOL, CA 4/25/2019

LCPL PATRICK C. HUMPHREY 1 TANK, HQCO-3-5 TRIANGLE, VA 4/27/2018

***ORVILLE C. JOHNSON** I-3-5 WWII CH DETROIT LAKES, MI 9/30/2017

SGT ALLAN D. JOHNSTON B-1-11 KO DAVENPORT, IA 5/14/2016

CPL SAM E. KELLEY 1SCT/RECON K-3-1 WWII CH BRADENTON, FL 2/21/2016

MSGT FREDERICK G. KOSSOW USMC (Ret) K-3-7 WWII CH KO FORT WORTH, TX 11/30/2012

***RAYMOND G. LAWSON** E-2-7 WWII CH TROY, MI 5/6/2018

MARYLOU LEAHY OBN ONLY GLASTONBURY, CT 1/6/2019

***SGT ANTHONY M. LIMA** D-2-5 KO WEYMOUTH, MA 2/21/2019

***CPL LANCE K. MACHAMER** G-2-5 VN Kailua, HI 12/24/2018

***CWO4 FREDERICK D. MANN** CUB1 WWII MCALLEN, TX 1/9/2017

***CPL PHILIP N. MARASCO** A-1-13 VN MARYLAND, NY 6/16/2019

***HM2 JACK E. MCCRORY** USN D-2-5 C-1MED KO CORONA, CA 9/2/2019

MRS BONNIE J. MCFADDEN OBN ONLY SOUTH BEND, IN 3/4/2015

***MAJ JOHN P. MCFADDEN** USMC (Ret) VMF(N)542 KO SOUTH FORK, CO 4/26/2008

***LEE N. MEAD** D-2-11 I-3-1 KO SMITHTOWN, NY 5/3/2018

***COL OTTO E. MELSA** USA (Ret) 1SIG-HQ WWII MEMPHIS, TN 11/20/2015

LTCOL JOHN MESKO USMC (Ret) WPNS-3-7 WWII KO UVALDE, TX 4/27/2012

PFC STANLEY J. MIKULAK M-4-11 WWII CH OAKHILL, VA 4/2/2018

***CPL DAVID M. MILLER** L-3-5 VN LOVELAND, OH 5/7/2019

***GYSGT ANTHONY G MORRIS** A-1-1, 1ST RECON VN CONRAD, MT 8/2/2018

***CPL FRANCIS R. O'BRIEN** K-3-1 WWII TUCSON, AZ 6/28/2018

HM1 RUSSELL A. O'DAY USN (Ret) 1ENGR I-3-7 KO CAPE CORAL, FL 2/15/2015

MSGT CHARLES H. OWENS USMC (Ret) A-1-7 H-3-7 WWII CH KO VN LAFAYETTE, GA 6/8/2016

***SGT ALVIN G. PADILLA JR** A-1-7 KO HARLINGEN, TX 11/17/2004

***CPL FRANCIS J. PAHLER** 1PARA BN WWII PASO ROBLES, CA 8/6/2011

LCPL COSMO D. PARISI G-2-5 VN GLOUCESTER, MA 1/25/2019

***CPL E. B. PEALER SR** HARTFORD, CT

***PFC R. W. PERUZZI** B-1-1 CW STERLING HEIGHTS, MI 1/22/2019

***SGT S. E. PETERS JR** USMC (Ret) HQ-2-5 WWII OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 6/11/2007

***CPL FRANCIS (FRANK) J. PILEWSKI** B-1-17 H&S-1ENGR WWII ERIE, PA 11/5/2009

CPL CALVIN A. POWERS I-3-11 WWII CH MOUNT CARMEL, TN 4/7/2019

*MGYSGT JOHN P. REIDENHOUR C-1-5 KO POTTSTOWN, PA 5/3/2019

***SGT DAVID E. ROCKHILL** HQ-1-11 KO GRANDVIEW, MO 7/16/2007

***COL MURRAY F. ROSE** USMC (Ret) A-1-17 1ENGR-SHPTY WWII KO ASHBURN, VA 3/15/2012

CPL WARREN E. RUPF C-1-7 3-5 VN CMC MARTINEZ, CA 8/9/2012

***HM2 DAVID I. RUPP** W-2-11 VN ALAMOGORDO, NM 12/13/2012

***MAJ R. G. SAULS** E-2-5 MARSHALL, NC 4/26/2019

***A. L. SCARBOROUGH** C-1AMTRAC KO VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 7/9/2019

***CPL GEORGE E. SCHULTZ** 1AMTRAC WWII CONWAY, SC 4/17/2006

***1STSGT JOE N. STARKS** B-1-1 VN OCKLAWAHA, FL 11/30/2011

***SGT JOHN H. STEVENSON** H&S-1ENGR VN TULSA, OK

CTOCS/E-8 JACKIE L. STULL 1ST MAW VN CMC CW GREAT FALLS, MT 8/1/2013

GERALD C. THOMAS OBN ONLY WARRENTON, VA 10/21/2003

***CPL EDMUND A. VASPER SR** H&S-1-5 KO AIEA, HI 1/13/2015

***SGT WILLIAM G. WHITE** HQ-2-11 KO HOT SPRINGS, AR 12/19/2018

***CPL LOUIS J. WIHL** H&S-5MAR WWII CH ALBUQUERQUE, NM 11/16/2012

SSGT STEPHEN W. WODRICH B Co 3RD AMTRAC BN MARIETTA, GA 3/5/2019

SSGT HARVEY L. ZION JR MAG33-1MAW KO COEUR D'ALENE, ID 11/11/2005

QUIZ ANSWER: Tulagi. According to an article in the October 17, 2019 UK-based The Times:

"Beijing has extended its influence and control over the approaches to Australia by leasing a Pacific island from the impoverished Solomon Islands.

"The deal to rent the island of Tulagi to a conglomerate closely linked to the Chinese government has raised concerns that Beijing will establish a military foothold about 1,000 miles from Australia's northeast coast.

"Details of the deal have emerged just days after the Solomons switched diplomatic allegiance to Beijing from Taiwan, which China regards as a renegade province."

Scholarship Fund

Donations = 2; Total = $150.00

MAJ/04 CAMILO CHINEA	2nd	50
CAPT RICK SCURICH M.A. J.D	10th	100

Southern Cross Team Contributions

Southern Cross Donations =1; Total = $100.00

•CPL THOMAS M. MASTERSON	6th	100

Scholarship Update

Congratulations to Elle Pittman, Portland State University

Our latest scholarship award has been transmitted for recipient Elle Pittman who is attending Portland State University. This is a 1st Year Award. This scholarship payment fulfills the scholarship commitments for all qualified applicants who filed applications with, and were approved by, the FMDA Scholarship Selection Committee.

Total scholarships paid to date in 2019: $58,500!!!

Good job everyone!

Jerry Reed

Future Nurse Delaney Dixon Says Thank You

July 31, 2019

Dear First Marine Division Association

I am writing this letter regarding the scholarship I received the past four years. First off I want to start by saying thank you for the help you have provided me during my time in college. I never knew how stressful and difficult the College of Nursing was going to be, but having some burden taken off my shoulders by this organization was a true blessing. You gave me the opportunity to focus on my academics and put all my efforts toward becoming the best Nurse I can be. It really felt like I had a team behind me when things would get tough. My dad would always assure me I did, that was just the Marine Corps way. I could not have come this far without your help and I thank you for that.

As I enter the last year of school, I am doing a lot of reflecting on the last four years. Not only was it a great opportunity for self-growth but it was a time that shaped me and taught me so many things about life. I would not be the person I am today without my support systems. This includes the First Marine Division Association.

This final year is bringing forth new challenges for me that I am both nervous and excited about. I am trying to think ahead about what my next five year plan may look like, as well as finish school. I have considered many options for what my future holds, including joining the Armed Forces or becoming a Women's Health Nurse. The world is full of possibility and I am so excited for what it holds. This last year is going to be a struggle, but I know with my hard work and perseverance, I am going to make it.

I want to finish by stating that I will never forget the support this Association has given me. My success is not just mine, but everyone that was involved in getting me here. I didn't do this on my own, I had a team, and I am so grateful for my team. So again, thank you for all you have done for me thus far and continue to do for so many. Semper Fi,

Delaney Dixon,
Future RN, BSN

Kudos Mr. President

Mr. President:

A very significant key accomplishment for your term was the recovery of the First Marine Division Association Scholarship Fund, Inc., assets and the rebuilding of trust and a great working relationship between the Association and The Fund such that, together,

The Fund and the Association built a protected scholarship investment portfolio for the qualified children of our 1st Division Marines of a few dollars short of $1 Million at the end of your term!

What a marvelous accomplishment born of great teamwork and solid decision-making by our teams of Marines within The Fund and the Association!

Jerry Reed
Chief Financial Officer
1st Marine Division Association Scholarship, Inc.

General Fund

General Fund Donations = 34; Total = $5,869

• LTCOL WM A ALLANSON USMC (Ret)	30	25
• COL CLAUDE 'NICK' N. CRESSY USA (Ret)	1	25
In memory of my father, CPL Bernard Dale Cressey, C/1/5 Korea.		
• CROWNE PLAZA LOUISVILLE AIRPORT HOTEL	1	3864
2019 Louiville Reunion rebate from hotel		
• SSGT IRVEN S. DAWSON	6th	100
• SGT CHARLES G. DIEZ	13th	50
• FRANKLIN MADISON (formerly AFFINION GROUP)	28th	389.38
• FRANKLIN MADISON (formerly AFFINION GROUP)	29th	202.16
• FRANKLIN MADISON (formerly AFFINION GROUP)	31st	334.67
• FRANKLIN MADISON (formerly AFFINION GROUP)	30th	145.74
• 1STSGT GEORGE E. GALVAN USMC (Ret)	81st	100
In Honor of John Loomis		
• SGT ANTON C. GROSS	3rd	20
• SGT PHILIP H. HODAPP	7th	100
• IBM EMPLOYEE SERVICES CENTER	94th	11
• IBM EMPLOYEE SERVICES CENTER	95th	11
• IBM EMPLOYEE SERVICES CENTER	96th	11
• IBM EMPLOYEE SERVICES CENTER	97th	11
• IBM EMPLOYEE SERVICES CENTER	98th	11
• IBM EMPLOYEE SERVICES CENTER	99th	11
• IBM EMPLOYEE SERVICES CENTER	100th	11
• PAUL JAVINS	10	10
• LCPL JOHN L. LADAN	2	25
• CAPT NORMAN W. LARSON	17th	40
• SGT JOHN E. MANSFIELD	97th	32
• CPL MILTON JOHN MAXHEIMER	20th	25
• 1STLT GREGORY E. MELNICK JR	11th	25
• SGT JOHN S. O'KEEFFE	112th	10
• SGT JOHN S. O'KEEFFE	113th	10
• SGT JOHN S. O'KEEFFE	114th	10
• CAPT WILLIAM R. OTTO USMC (Ret)	53rd	25
• SGT DWIGHT E. PAULEY	6th	100
In Memory of Sgt Eugene Pauley, 5th Marines WWII, Korea		
• CPL RICHARD J. ROBBINS	18th	50
• SSGT VICTOR R. ROLANDO	2nd	10
• CPL WALLACE T. STEWART	50th	25
• SSGT HENRY L. TASSINARI	26th	40

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OBN Plead Donations = 173; Total = $8,154

• PFC MEL E. ACHTZEHN	8th	10
• SGT DEMETRIO AGRAS	8th	50
• CPL PAUL J. ALLEN	5th	100
• SGT RICHARD C. ANDERSON	6th	100
• CPL ANDREW A. ASP	16th	50
• SSGT RALPH C. AST	60th	100
• WALTER (HORACE) H. BAGGETT	2nd	10
• PHM2 JOHN W. BAILEY JR	15th	100
• SGT JAMES C. BASS	2nd	20
• CPL CHARLES E. BLACKBURN	6th	10
• MSGT ROBERT F. BOLAND	3rd	100
• HM3 NORMAN DALE BROWN	2nd	25
• HM1 JERRY M. BULLARD FMF	1	20
• SGT PAUL D. BUNNELL	7th	35
• LTCOL WILLIAM O. BUTLER USMC (Ret)	2nd	25
• SGT ROBERT L. CALKINS	28th	30
• CPL JOSEPH R. CARBAJAL	4th	100
• SGT RAYMOND C. CESARETTI	4th	25
• CAPT JACKSON B. CHAVES USMC (Ret)	7th	50
• REV. SAM (YOUNG) Y. CHUNG	2nd	100
• SGT ALBERT W. CLUTTER JR USMC (Ret)	2nd	25
• SGT JOHN C. COLE	10th	50
• SGT MERLE L. COMMONS	4th	50
• SGT DAVID J. COOKSLEY	2nd	100
• SGT ALBERT A. CRAWFORD	11th	50
• CPL DAVID P. CRAWLEY	12th	25
• 1STLT DANIEL J. CRONIN USMC (Ret)	33rd	50
• BRENDA A. CUMMINGS	3rd	100
• SGT PAUL J. DAILEY	4th	10
• SGT FRANK W. DEFINA	4th	10
• SGT RALPH M. DELANEY	18th	100
• CPL THOMAS D. DEMARTIN	1	40
• PFC WILLIAM J. DENNIS	26th	20
• SGT WALTER K. DENNISON JR	3rd	25
• CPL NORMAN L. DIKE	2nd	25
• SGT RICHARD J. DOBSON	35th	10
• COL DARRYL A. DONEGAN	16th	20
• RAY L. ECKERT	1	30
• SGT MICHAEL T. FACOPOULOS	1	10
• CPL BRUCE J. FARR	4th	25
• HM2 EARL FISHER	4th	65
• SGT ROLAND W. FISHER JR	6th	10
• SGT EDWARD G. FITZGERALD	3rd	10
• RONALD P. FRECHETTE	1	50
• SGT ROGER A. FRERICHS	7th	50
• CPL BOB FULTON	1	20
• SGT JESSE GARZA	2nd	15
• LCPL PETER H. GLASGOW	8th	25
• CPL JAMES P. GOBLET	10th	20
• CPL ARTHUR G. GOFF Jr	21st	50
• MSGT TROY E. GOODSPEED	2nd	100
• GWYNN W. GRIFFIS	5th	25
• CPL GEARY A. GUERRA	1	100
• MSGT JAMES R. GUMMOW	24th	10
• CPL DAVID R. GUTIERREZ	1	10
• W. PETE HAAS	1	100
• PHILIP E. HAHN	5th	50
• CPL JOHN R. HALDEMAN	1	25
• SGT ROBERT D. HALL	15th	10
• CAPT STEPHEN S. HANWAY	17th	100
• CPL JERRY L. HARRIS	2nd	50
• SGT JOHN E. HARRISON JR USMC (Ret)	14th	100
• CAPT DAVID T. HARVEY	2nd	100
• CPL RICHARD J. HARVEY	2nd	25
• SSGT DAVE E. HAWKINS	152nd	50
For the China Marines		
• SGT WILLIAM (BILL) E. HENDRICKSON	1st	10
• PFC RUBEN HERNANDEZ	3rd	15
• SSGT RON P. HERSHEY	1	25
• CPL WALTER JAMES HIBARGER	1st	100
• CPL HARRY Y. HIGAKI	9th	20
• SSGT LOWELL M. HODSON	2nd	10
• MAJ JAMES B. HUNTER JR USMC (Ret)	15th	100
• MELVIN E. IRVIN	2nd	100
• 1STSGT AL JAINNINI Sr USMC (Ret)	16th	25
• DALE G. JENKINS	6th	10
• DENISE JOHNSTON	1	100
• SSGT DALE L. JONES	2nd	20
• SSGT ROBERT H. JONES	1	100
• CPL ALFRED ROBERT JORDAN	9th	20
• SGT RALPH EDWARD JOY	8th	25
• CPL JOHN J. KANE Jr	2nd	25

• ROBERT B. KAUFMAN	5th	25
• MR. GERALD D. KEFFER	5th	25
• CPL CHARLES W. KEITH	33rd	25
• MARY SAULS KELLY In memory of my late father Maj Reginald Gideon Sauls IV USMC. Semper Fi!	1	50
• CAPT EDWIN A. KLEIN	1st	10
• SSGT MARVIN D. KREBSBACH	3rd	25
• SSGT WILLIAM L. KRELLER Jr	5th	100
• CPL THOMAS F. KULKA	2nd	50
• HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL	5th	50
• CPL EDWARD M. LANDRY	2nd	20
• LCPL CHARLES P. LANDT III	4th	25
• CPL RICHARD L. LARGE	6th	20
• SSGT GERALD O. LARSON USMC (Ret)	2nd	20
• SGT DANIEL D. LEAL	2nd	10
• STEVE A. LEVY	2	20
• MRS MARILYN LIMA In memory of Anthony Lima, always proud of his time in the USMC.	1	25
• HM3 PAUL E. LUNSFORD	6th	25
• MRS ARLENE D. MACCHIA In Memory of my husband 1stLt E. Macchia, and as General Gray would say, My warriors.	3rd	50
• SGT JOHN W. MAJKA	3rd	50
• MRS VIRGINIA MANN In memory of CWO4 Frederick D. Mann	1	25
• CAPT JIMMIE D. MARTIN	8th	100
• GEN JAMES N. MATTIS	5TH	100
• SGT EDWARD T. MCANDREWS	2nd	10
• CPL BEN F. MCCAULEY	11th	50
• MSGT JOHN F. MCCORKLE USMC (Ret)	7th	50
• BERT W. MCCORMACK	2nd	100
• CPL JACK F. MCCORMACK	3rd	50
• ELIZABETH MCFADDEN	1	50
• CPL JOHN J. MCLAUGHLIN	14th	25
• SGT JOHN E. MCMAHON	14th	100
• SGTMAJ FRANCIS T. MCNEIVE USMC (Ret)	7th	20
• SGT WARREN L. MCVEY	1	20
• CPL MANUEL H. MENDIVIL USMC (Ret)	2nd	25
• LT GEORGE W. MILLER	3rd	25
• PFC MILLER F. MOFFETT	5th	10
• SGT SIDNEY G. MONTECINO	5th	10
• E-5 DIRK P. MOSIS III	15th	25
• CPL RALPH E. MUSSEHL	5th	20
• CPL JOSEPH N. MYRICK	2nd	20
• SGT PATRICK B. NIXON	2	50
• COL DONALD V. NORTON USA (Ret)	2nd	100
• SGT RICHARD B. O'NEILL Jr		100
• SGT ROBERT M. OTTO	3rd	25
• SGT HENRY PANG	2nd	10
• SGT CHARLES W. PARKER	34th	100
• 1STSGT AURELIO D. PEREZ USMC (Ret)	1	20
• SGT EUGENE J. PETE	1	10
• LTCOL FRANK J. PICCOLA	1	100
• PFC KENNETH A. PRATT	1	100
• CPL JAMES E. PRECOUR	10th	50
• CPL ALAN J. PRESEREN	7th	40
• CPL PHILIP J. PRIAL Jr	1	20
• SGT JACK PRINCE	1	200
• SGT ROGER R. PRINCE	3rd	20
• CPL R. A. QUATTROCCHI	1	100
• SGT ROBERT M. QUIRK	20th	25
• CPL CARLOS G. RATCLIFF	1	10
• CAPT LIONEL A. RAYMOND	1	110
• CINDY REESE CINDYSTRONG , LLC	1	20
• SGT HAROLD T. RITTER	3rd	20
• SGT JAMES L. ROBB	3rd	100
• SGT JAMES E. ROLLINS	2nd	15
• MGYSGT ALLEN RICHARD ROTH	1st	25
• SGT JOSEPH W. SALTZMAN	3rd	25
• SGT ALBERT E. SCHAUBLE	11th	50
• SGT BERNARD L. SCHELB	3rd	10
• CPL WILLIAM H. SCHNEIDER In memory of the Old Man: Sgt Milton Schneider, WWII, Korea Chosin Few.	7th	100
• CPL WILLIAM H. SCHNEIDER For my brothers who did not come home: Cpl W Schneider, Vietnam	8th	100
• CPL WILLIAM H. SCHNEIDER In honor of my son: MSgt Brian Schneider (Ret), Afghanistan and Iraq.	9th	100
• SGT WALTER STEVEN SKRABITS	1	10
• CWO3 HAROLD G. SOPER USMC (Ret)	3rd	100
• SSGT A. J. STAHL	25th	100
• SGT JAMES T. STASIO	1	14
• LCPL STEVE T. STEFAN	5th	10
• 1STSGT WILLIE A. TARVER USMC (Ret)	20th	20
• CPL PETER TERREBETZKY	2nd	10
• SGT THOMAS M. THOMPSON	9th	200
• CPL THOMAS J. TOLENTINO Sr	2nd	50
• MGYSGT PAUL A. TOTH USMC (Ret)	6th	50
• CPL LAWRENCE R. VAN AVERY USMC	1	100
• GYSGT KAROL W. VARDELL	7th	25
• PVT DOUGLAS M. VASS	2nd	25
• CPL ROBERT E. WAHLBECK	10th	100
• LTCOL ROBERT L. WALSH USMC (Ret)	12th	100
• CPL LARRY P. WEBB	3rd	10
• SGT HAROLD W. WEINRICH	17th	10
• SGT FRED W. WESCHE	9th	150
• SGT JOE L. WHITE	1	20
• MSGT RALPH M. WILCOX USMC (Ret)	44th	50
• CPL RICHARD F. WILLIAMS	1st	25
• CPL CHARLES ZAKIAN	2nd	25
• SGT GLENN A. ZUSPAN	1	25

General Fund–Life Members

Life Member = 17; Total = $1290.00

• CAPT WD 'BILL' BAINES	6th	60
• SGT ARTHUR JOHN BURN	16th	200
• SGT DONALD A. CARFAGNO In memory of Jim Churchich, Alton IL, my friend and fire team leader, Silver Star recipient North Korea 1951	6th	300
• LTGEN GEORGE R. CHRISTMAS	5th	25
• ANDREW R. DUDON	12th	10
• 1STSGT GEORGE E. GALVAN USMC (Ret)	82nd	100
• 1STLT MICHAEL L. GALYEAN In memory of Sgt Art Dreves	19th	100
• MSGT LEWIS C. HIBBS Sr USMC (Ret)	8th	50
• RICHARD T. HOLBROOK	9th	25
• SSGT BERNIE L. LENHART	1st	50
• CAPT CHARLES S. LINDBERG	41st	50
• CPL IRVIN A. MAY USMC (Ret)	20th	50
• SGTMAJ BERNARD M. SCHUTZMAN USMC (Ret)	11th	100
• COL ERIC P. VISSER USMC (Ret)	4th	100
• CPL EDWARD VITAL	5th	25
• GYSGT WILLIAM D. WEISGERBER	47th	17
• GYSGT WILLIAM D. WEISGERBER	48th	28

1ST MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION

79th Anniversary Commemoration

29 January – 31 January 2020 Camp Pendleton, California

ADVANCE REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY 21 JANUARY 2020

Due to the Division's involvement in an exercise we will be having an abbreviated Anniversary Commemoration itinerary this year

REGISTRATION INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

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City/State/Zip:_____

Phone:_____ **Email**_____ **Birthdate:**_____

Unit served in that I want on my badge (one only):_____

Please state exactly how you would like your name (include spouse/guests) printed on your badge(s) (i.e. rank, Mr., Mrs. or Ms.):_____

EVENT REGISTRATION

Registration fee (includes Welcome Aboard Dinner) , $35 per member, $35 per guest, and $30 each additional guest:.....#_____Total:$_____

Registration/Check-In at Pacific Views Lodge: Wed 29 Jan (0930-1600)

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(1700-1900) Welcome Aboard "Burn Your Own Steak" .....#_____ No Charge

Thu 30 Jan (0900-1200) Tour 5th Marines, Memorials.....No Charge

(1200-1330) Lunch at 5th Marines Mess Hall.....($20 per person)...#_____Total: $_____

(1330-1500) Tour New Base Hospital.....No Charge

Fri 31 Jan (0900-1000) Colors, Streamers Rededication .....No Charge

(1000-1030) Photographs

(1100-1145) Tour White House 1st MarDiv HQ & FMDA HQ.....No Charge

(1200-1500) Lunch at 1stMarDiv.....($20.00 per person)...#_____Total: $_____

(1800-2200) Anniversary Banquet at Pacific Views Event Center

Champagne Chicken Breast ($40.00 per person):.....#_____Total: $_____

Jumbo Stuffed Pasta Shells ($40.00 per person):.....#_____Total: $_____

Pasta tossed with garlic, tomatoes, and lemon zest (vegan, gluten free soy free, dairy free) ($40.00 # per person):.....#_____Total: $_____

DUES: (if not current) - $35.00 per year, $150.00 Senior Life Member, $1000 Regular Life member:.....$_____

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1st Marine Division Association (General) Fund.....$_____

Scholarship Fund.....$_____

Sponsor an Active Duty Marine or Sailor for Anniversary Banquet ($40.00 per person):#_____ total: $_____

TOTAL..... $

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ANNIVERSARY DINNER SEATING REQUEST:

Each table will consist of four association members and four active duty Marines. If you would like to reserve an entire table (party of eight), you must provide the names of your party and payment MUST be received NO LATER THAN 21 January 2020.

If you would like to be seated at a specific table (party of four or less) please provide the names of the members you would like to be seated with.

Please seat me and my guest with the following members (names): _____

Send payment and registration or fax a copy of the form to the office at: 1st Marine Division Association, P.O. Box 9000, Box #902, Oceanside, CA 92051. Office phone number (760) 763-3268: FAX number: (760) 763-3270; e-mail: june.oldbreed@fmda.us

NOTES:

- Attire for the Banquet: Coat and Tie or Service Alpha uniform
- All tours will require members/participants to fill out "hold harmless" agreements upon check-in
- Please make arrangements with the Division Association Office for medical assistance (if required).

Membership is Our Strength

It's not the price you pay to belong, It's the price you paid to become eligible to join

1st Marine Division Association

VISITOR ACCESS TO CAMP PENDLETON

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE MILITARY ID, RETIREE ID, or CAC CARD, you will need to apply for a Visitor Pass. Please fill in information below for each person in the vehicle. Use back of sheet for more people. We will pre-register you with the Visitors Center. You are agreeing to a background check. Bring your id, proof of insurance, and vehicle registration to Camp Pendleton Visitors Center, outside the Main Gate, off of Interstate 5. Business hours are: Mon, Tue, Thur & Fri 7:30AM to 3:30PM; Wed 7:45AM to 3:30PM. Call us at 760-763-3268 for a sponsored entry when the Center is closed.

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LODGING INFORMATION

Pacific Views Lodge (Host Hotel)
(760) 763-7805
Tue 28 Jan – Sat 01 Feb
(20) Double Queen Deluxe - $114.00 per night
Cut-off date/First night's due: two weeks prior to arrival (14 Jan 2020)
Cancellation for refund: One week prior

Ward Lodge
(760) 725-5304
Tue 28 Jan – Sat 01 Feb
(5) Double Queen Standards - $94.00 per night
Cut-off date/First night's due: two weeks prior to arrival (14 Jan 2020)
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When making your hotel reservation please say that you are with the First Marine Division Association. All members of FMDA who do not have an ID card, SgtMaj Marty Vasquez will sponsor you for Pacific Views Lodge or Ward Lodge.

For information on additional hotel options in the nearby area, please contact Dana Higgins at 760-637-9953 or dana@visitoceanside.org

Holiday and continuing series stories wanted for 2020



We are soliciting holiday stories for the 4th Qtr 2020 OBN. Yeah, it may seem a bit premature, but…we did not get one holiday story for our 2018 issue. Let's start building our holiday inventory now for the 4th Qtr 2020 holiday issue.

Please send your stories, photos, and art work recounting anything memorable, special, or routine that occurred anywhere you might have been…involving you, your unit, your friends…on the major year-end holidays, e.g., Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukah, New Year's Day, Boxing Day, Ramadan… The material can relate to war time or peacetime. Hopefully we will get enough stories, photos, and art work to fill the issue.

Hey, it's never too early to get a start on our holiday issue. Send your stories and photos to Arthur G. Sharp, OBN Editor, 2473 New Haven Circle, Sun City Center, FL 33573. Or, submit them electronically to sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net.

In case you missed it…we have a new Commandant

General David H. Berger received the battle colors of the Marine Corps from Gen. Robert B. Neller during a passage of command ceremony at Marine Barracks Washington, July 11 2019, signifying his new position as the 38th Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Berger, a Woodbine, Maryland native and 38-year Marine veteran, assumes responsibility as the senior ranking officer of the Corps.

"This is a special generation of Marines and Sailors, and I am quite confident that we will continue to be the force the nation needs us to be," said Berger. "I am honored for the opportunity to continue serving in this cloth."

Neller, an East Lansing, Michigan native, relinquished command of the Marine Corps after serving in the top post since 2015.

During his time as the 37th Commandant of the Marine Corps, Neller moved forward to meet challenges with his planning guidance stressing innovation, adaptation and winning America's battles.

"Thanks to all Marines, Sailors and their families that I have had the honor and privilege to serve with," said Neller. "Your efforts and sacrifices as warfighters and citizens make the nation proud. Every day strive to be men and women of virtue and honor. Protect what you've earned."

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Welcome Aboard!

* Life Member

New Members of the 1st Marine Division Association

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Trask, who was outside, put his #12 boot against my backside, driving me the rest of the way in and diving in beside me. When the rounds quit falling we reassembled outside, but no counter-attack was being mounted. I was in the process of trying to bandage my cut-up right hand with my left, very awkwardly, when a corpsman rushed over.

"Hey Lieutenant, looks like I can write you up for a Purple Heart."

I replied, "You will like hell."

How could I explain to my grandson that I got it by being kicked in the ass by my platoon Sgt. and falling on my own bayonet? We all had a good laugh over that.

The section that our platoon had been given to organize for defense was relatively safe. We faced out over a steep cliff with a gentle slope at the bottom and it faced basically to the rear.

I determined that my greatest danger would be if they came up the ridge, overrunning either of the units on my flanks. Consequently I had my men dig in on the ridge itself, with a couple cuts through to the forward slope for observation. Basically it was a reverse slope defense.

The Lieutenant from Able Company, with whom I was tied in on my left, came over and tried to tell me that I should be on the forward slope. I passed off his arrogance as light heartedly as I could manage. I thanked him for his suggestion and said that I would be glad to return the favor by inspecting his defense as soon as he got it set in. He left in a huff.

The Korean laborers arrived about 5 p.m. with our C-rations. Man, was I hungry. I hadn't eaten anything solid since those greasy sausages the evening before. Just at dusk, Fox Company (1st Marines) started coming up the ridge from 673. We had hoped that they would be our relief, but they filed right through Baker Co. position toward the front. We battened down for the night.

September 13, 1951

When I awoke the next morning I got a real shock. My entire left flank was empty. Able Company had pulled out during the night, not waiting for proper relief and not informing a soul. So much for my arrogant young friend's advice on how to tie in to a proper defense.

When I told McMahon about it he was really ticked off. Granted, it was a rear facing position, but a surprise hit from that direction could have wiped out the whole battalion. The Captain of Able Company must have seen the 1st Marines coming up and just assumed that we were being relieved. I'm sure he and McMahon had words later about it, but I never heard anything farther.

We were finally relieved about ten a.m., when we started filing down the hill past 673. Out of my 44 man platoon 2 days before, there were only 9 of us walking off on our own power.

The two months of peace talks had given the enemy time to dig in and fortify the hill, which accounts for why it had been like running our heads into a brick wall. To this day I keep thinking that there must have been some way for me to keep the casualties down. But, aside from abandoning our wounded in the valley (and that we would never have done) I still can't find one. We were just in the wrong place at the wrong time.

At the bottom of the hill we were joined by some of our walking wounded from our platoon, the ones with minor patches at the aid station. That brought our strength up to sixteen by the time we loaded on trucks near our original assembly area and headed back for some rest and refitting.

My God, what a price we had to pay for such a small piece of real estate.

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