



UNITED STATES MARINE RAIDER ASSOCIATION

AUGUST 15, 16, 17, 18

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This will be the last issue of the PATCH before our Reunion at the Carillon Hotel in Miami Beach Florida. The hotel management reports a very good return of the reservation cards they sent to all of our members. If you have not as yet made your reservation you had better do so soon.

The Carillon is providing special low rates to Raiders and their guests for this occasion. For double occupancy, the rate is \$6.00 per day per person or, better yet, \$9.00 per day per person on the modified American Plan which includes breakfast and dinner. There will be no room charge for children under twelve, and \$3.00 for children over twelve in the same room as their parents. Single rooms will be \$10.00 per day with the same \$3.00 charge for meals if desired.

The registration fee this year is going to be \$18.50 per family. For children over twelve attending the banquet, there will be a charge of \$2.75 each. Children under twelve will be free. Single registrations will be \$10.00.

Don't stay away just because you do not personally know anyone who is going to be there. These are all a great bunch of fellows and after the first night there no one is a stranger. So why don't you pack a bag and grab a plane or train or bus or car and come on down and have a helluva time.

SEE YOU IN MIAMI IN AUGUST

For the last two years, Steve Lewandowski, 2nd Bn., has sold the most tickets for our annual raffle. This year's count was one hundred and ten plus fifty more with the \$50.00 prize for selling the most. This was a total of one hundred and sixty tickets.

On July 14th, the Midwest Chapter sponsored a beach party at Montrose Beach in Chicago. A good crowd of over fifty people attended. One of the highlights of the day was the drawing of the winning ticket. The Lewandowski family was the lucky winner and will attend our reunion at the Carillon Hotel in Miami Beach from AUGUST 15th through the 18th as guests of the Raider Association with all expenses paid.

The second prize, a portable television set, was won by William L. Garner, 4th Bn., of Kenosha, Wis.

Bob Wilinski, the scholarship chairman, wishes to thank all of the members for the way they got out and sold tickets this year. This annual raffle and contributions are the only sources of financial aid that the scholarship fund has at the present time.

IN MEMORIAM

Lt. Col. Edward F. Doyle
March 22, 1963
Mrs. Russ Tratebas
May 24, 1963

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The staff and I wish to personally thank each and every one of you fellows who came to the aid of our "help" letter. Some gave a little, and some gave more, but we are sure it was the best you could do. We can continue with the issuance of the PATCH at present. This being the nucleus of the organization, you must realize how important a matter it is. The response we received to this letter sure did our hearts good. We received dues and contributions, not only from civilian members, but some of our boys still in the Corps. I'm sure if the membership as a whole would just remember to send in their dues each year, we could lower the dues the following year. The issue of the PATCH after our Reunion in August will contain a treasurer's report so that all will see how things stand. The Scholarship Fund is separate and in a separate account. It was the general fund that we were in trouble with. This general fund pays for the cost of the Patch printing, stationery, and mailing costs. This is usually used up each year with just a few dollars carried over to the next. If the dues fail to come in as was the case this year, we cannot meet these operating costs. Remember, we mail out to eleven or twelve hundred members, so just sharpen your pencil and try to figure out the cost.

We have been kicking around the thought that if a member has not paid his dues for the past four years and still refrains from doing so, he will be dropped from our mailing list. Unless the case is a hardship one, I, myself, can see no reason for the lack of payment of dues unless it is a disinterested person. I do know this much, though, after seeing the response and the wonderful letters, that there are many Raiders who wish to perpetuate a famous name. Once again, our heartfelt thanks.

Respectfully yours,

Roy Rutizer
President



RAIDER CREATES MOSAIC

Jacques Berbesque, 3rd Bn., took more than 5,000 tiny bits of glass tile in varying shades of 20 colors. He used a design drawn in pastels by a Chicago artist. He applied the skill of 15 years work as a ceramic tile contractor and artist, plus 400 hours of spare time effort over two years.

Now the wall of the Brothers' Oratory Chapel of the Capuchin Catholic Seminary of St. Mary near Schererville, Ind., is adorned by a large mosaic depicting St. Francis of Assisi serving mass.

Berbesque, who operates a commercial tile firm at 2310 Ridge Road, Gary, Indiana, donated the mosaic to the seminary. Tho he is not Catholic, he had become acquainted with the fathers and brothers of the order while doing tile work several years ago for their new seminary. The Rev. Bartholomew Kestell, Supervising Architect, had seen examples of Berbesque's Mosaics and commissioned him to do a mosaic for the chapel. Berbesque accepted but would take no pay.

The work is six feet high, eight feet wide, and in three panels. Each piece of glass tile was cut and set separately. Berbesque's wife, Betty, also an artist, correlated the colors from the original sketch to the mosaic tile. The work weighs 300 pounds.

The seminary is in a secluded area off U.S. Highway 39, 4 miles north of Crown Point. The buildings were built in 1958-59. The seminary has a student body of 74 young men studying philosophy in preparing for the priesthood. The Capuchin Order, one of three Franciscan Orders, works in home and foreign missions.

The following letter is one of many that we received in answer to our "help" letter. We feel this letter may be typical of some of the gripes against the organization. We will try to answer these to your satisfaction.

Gentlemen:

Please note enclosed check for \$10.00. If my dues are paid, the ten is yours, if they are not paid, pay them and keep the balance.

Now that the cash business is out of the way, I feel entitled to call a spade a spade.

Have you ever felt that as a dues paying member to a non-profit organization, someone might like to have a look at a financial statement of some kind once in a while? On the letterhead paper which your appeal for money and dues was written, you listed eighteen names; ten of those names listed was accompanied with an Illinois Address.

Hell, look it over. Every Raider wasn't from Chicago or necessarily Illinois. You are wanting to draw members and ex-members back into the group for a healthy organization, but it seems from an outsider's viewpoint that it is becoming more and more of a closed corporation.

Sure, I am a great one to talk because I have never attended the reunion. Why? Either the time wasn't right or the finances were on the down side.

However, I am quite sure that my case isn't the only one such as this. My personal feeling is that there is lots of Ex-Raiders that are in the same boat. This being the case and knowing that there would be more attending a reunion if it were more centrally located, why not pick a spot that would be more centrally located for Ex-Raiders from all over the country.

This letter is not meant to be just one big long criticism. I believe in the Raider Association. I believe in the people that made it possible. I would love to see some of my old buddies again. I would like very much to hear from my old C.O., Capt Sheffield or my Platoon Leader, Lt. Mims.

These have been suggestions, thoughts and criticism. No offense meant or implied.

Dear Raiders:

This is not anything like a closed corporation of just Chicago people. The organization was formed originally on the West Coast, and the National Headquarters was there for a number of years. They worked very hard to build up this organization. When they finally wanted a rest, the Midwest Chapter was the only group able to handle the National Headquarters at that time. The reason most of the officers are from Illinois is that we have to be close enough to get together to iron out problems and make decisions.

We have local chapters in NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (Frank Gilbert, 220 Poplar, Millbrae, California, President), LOS ANGELES (Paul Aspel, 6238 W. 85th Place, Los Angeles, President), SOUTHWEST (Cullen Barnett, 1403 Scarborough, Pasadena, Texas, President) and MIDWEST (Nick Barach, 12120 S. Ada, Chicago, President). Anyone wishing to organize a chapter in his own area will get all of the help that the National Headquarters can give them.

The success of a reunion depends upon the work of the Raiders in the area of the reunion. We have learned from experience that at times Raiders with a lot of enthusiasm have asked for a reunion in their area, but when it came time for all of the labor involved, these people were not around and all of the work fell upon one or two raiders.

This is why we have to try and put the reunion in a location where we can be reasonably sure we will have some local help.

This is your organization, and anytime you have a gripe, we want to hear it. We are trying to do a job that may be unfamiliar to our everyday life and, therefore, we make mistakes, but they are honest mistakes, and we have to answer to you members at all times.

NEWS BRIEFS

M/Sgt. F. W. Kent's new job is D.I. at the good ole Recruit Depot, San Diego. 3-4 ya lept ... Sgt. Major Mims, always working for the organization, has found three new raiders for us .. Good work..... Tom Murphy of Santa Susanna, California ran into Art Wade of the 2nd Bn. recently ... maybe we can get both of them to join a California ChapterGlad to hear from Transport Maghakian, one of the Charter Members of the Organization; he'd like Mel Spotts to come out and put a couple of nickels in the Slot Machines at the Fremont Hotel where he is Slot Boss.

Sorry to hear that Bill & Dottie Dusseau have both been ill..Sure hope they recover physically and financially so they can make it to Miami. A note from Gabby Gannon of C Co., 2nd Bn ... Glad to have you aboard - Anyone out Astoria, Oregon way, stop in and see him Wonder if Bill & Edie Orrick of California pulled any of Transport's handles at the Fremont when they were in Las Vegas San Francisco Sheriff's Office is still in good hands with Frank Gilbert and Merle Langston keepin the County clean. Ray Luckel is still competing in those pistol contests wherever and whenever he can ... Good luck, Ray.

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