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SET SIGHTS ON SAN DIEGO, CA 2003 REUNION SET FOR SEPTEMBER 17-21, 2003

It's All Yours, Chuck



- Patch File Photo

Our new President, Charles H. Meacham, left and outgoing Pres. Mel Heckt exchange congratulations as Chuck prepares to lead us for the next two years. Mel did an outstanding job and we all wish Chuck the best and promise our support.

2002 Took Its Toll on Raider Roster

The year 2002 was a good year for the Raider Association with the exception of the terrible toll taken on our membership by the Grim Reaper. Inside this issue of your Patch, you will find tributes and obituaries on some of our fine members who left us in 2002.

— Editor

Fabulous Red Lion Hotel will be Raider Headquarters

Probably no other city in America has more to offer than San Diego, California. To begin with, the weather is always perfect, well almost and especially at the time of our Annual Reunion, September 17-21, 2003.

Our Reunion Committee have really gone to work on our reunion program and it promises to be one of the best ever. We've had reunions in San Diego before and they've always been exciting and well received by members. This year we'll have some new surprises that are sure to please one and all.

All the information you'll need to insure your attendance is in this issue of your Patch.

Although it's still a few months away, don't delay - sign up today!

(See pages 14 & 15)

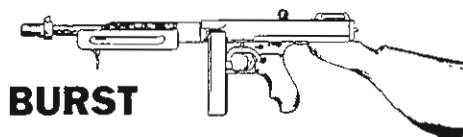


For a Marine, especially a Raider Marine, San Diego is like a second home. This time everything will be First Class. The magnificent Red Lion Hotel is just the "start of something big." Reunion committee has some great plans. (See inside ...)





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Notes & Thoughts From President Charles Meacham

Fellow Raiders,

Thank you for your support in my election as President of your Association. Now, it's off to work we go!

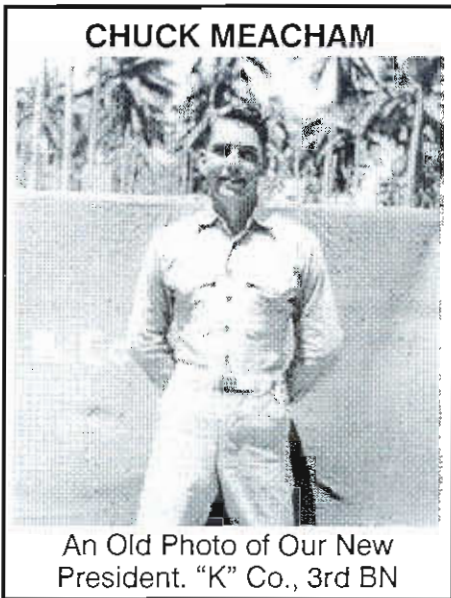
Past President Mel Heckt, his Officers and Board Members deserve special recognition for the impressive accomplishments that have taken place over the past two years. A revisit to President Mel Heckt's last "Short Burst" in the October-November-December issue of the "Patch" which details an impressive array of accomplishments is highly recommended. Mel says that he is willing to continue to contribute and to act as our Judge Advocate. Thank you, Mel.

We also wish to acknowledge the following Raiders who will be leaving the Board after many years of dedicated service to the USMRA: John Sweeney, former President and Board Member; Bill Carroll, Second Vice President and Board Member; Olin Gray and James Eagleton, Board Members.

The Association is fortunate to have been able to recruit four new Board Members: Victor Anderson and Harold Berg of the 1st Bn; Jack Dornan, 2nd Bn.; and Jack Salter of the 4th Bn. The membership of the Board remains balanced at four members from each Battalion. Thanks, Raiders, for volunteering to serve. Special thanks to the officers and board members who continue to serve and to the Chairmen and Committee members of the various, working committees.

A full slate of Officers, Board Members and Committee assignments appears in this issue. Additional Committee assignments to areas of concern will be made at the March special board meeting; i.e., uniting the four battalions into one cohesive group, the amalgamation of the "old" and "new" Association, forward observations, preservation of records, cataloging of all museum items, how to increase member participation, and financial stability of the Association.

One of my primary duties as President is to put the Association on a solid financial footing in order to ensure that our Marine Raider history, our East and West Coast museums; our web site; and our Jacob Vouza and other scholarship



CHUCK MEACHAM

An Old Photo of Our New President. "K" Co., 3rd BN

programs will be maintained in perpetuity. This requires the raising of funds. I am prepared to do this and with the help of Ashley "Bill" Fisher and our "Patch" Editor, John McCarthy, have prepared a fund-raising brochure. Should you wish a copy or copies of the brochure, please contact our "Patch" Editor. I urge each of you to participate in this endeavor.

Reunion in 2003. The Association has made a large commitment to the Red Lion Hanalei Hotel in San Diego, California to accommodate our September 2003 Reunion. This is the same fine hotel where the Raiders have held two previous reunions. Both the Hanalei Hotel (<http://www.hanaleihotel.com>) and the San Diego Visitors Bureau (<http://www.sandiego.org>) have interesting and informative web sites. I urge you to review these two excellent sites. They will enhance your visit.

An Interesting Story: Through the campaigns of Bougainville, Emirau, Guam, and Okinawa my gunnery sergeant and later first sergeant was Raider George Huly. George now lives in the San Diego area. Therefore, once San Diego was chosen for our 2003 Reunion, I contacted him. George said he could not help physically due to his poor health, but to call his son. It turned out his son is Major General Jan Huly, Commanding General MCRD, San Diego, CA and Western Recruiting Region.

General Huly has been extremely helpful in assisting in the preparation for our Reunion.

Here is a brief rundown of our activities. **Wednesday**, September 17th is Registration. **Thursday**, September 18th is the Board of Directors' meeting with open time for those who wish to see the sights of San Diego, or just visit - there will be a Marine Corps band concert for us at the hotel from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. **Friday**, September 19th is a full day with a visit to the San Diego Marine Corps Recruit Depot graduation, a visit to the Raider Room at the Museum, chow with the troops on base, and our Memorial Service at the base Chapel before returning to the hotel for lively discussions. **Saturday**, September 20th is the membership meeting, some individual battalion meetings, church services, a cocktail hour and our banquet. **Sunday**, September 21st, we will have our farewell breakfast. Remember, the hotel is honoring our excellent rate of \$99.45 (including all taxes) for three days before and after the Reunion.

God only knows how long we will have the privilege of meeting and visiting with our Raider buddies, swapping our stories, and yes, embellishing them a bit! So, please make a special effort to attend, bring your family, children and grandchildren, and guests. There will be something for everyone at the hotel or adjacent thereto. See the accompanying reunion article and registration form for details. **Send your registration form and payment to Steve Klos** at the address shown on the form. Be sure to make your **hotel reservations DIRECTLY** with the **Red Lion Hanalei Hotel**, 2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108. Telephone: 1-(800) 882-0858 and ask for the **Raider Rate**.

To those who responded to the Association's recent mail questionnaire, a big thank you. Out of 1,077 mailings we have received 718 responses, an excellent percentage. Our hard working membership chairman, **Jack Dornan**, is compiling the responses and will have a full report for you in the next "Patch".

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**U. S. MARINE
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A NATIONAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION



SUPPORTING SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE
SOUTH PACIFIC, MARINE CORPS HERITAGE FOUNDATION,
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EDITOR'S NOTES

*Raiders Lose An Officer
and a Gentleman*

John McCarthy

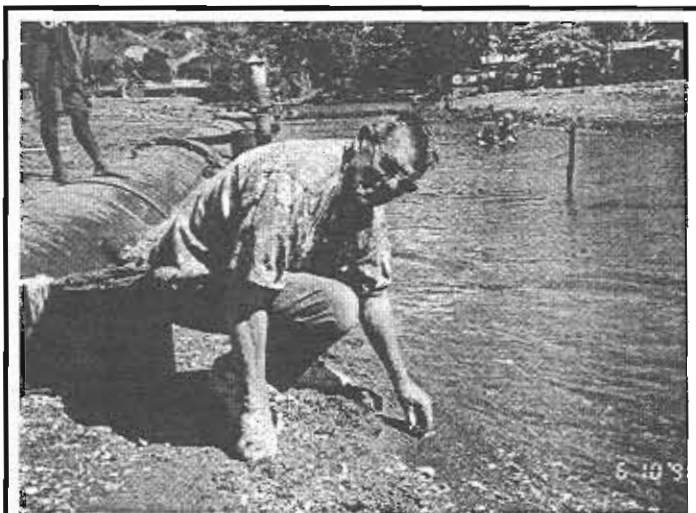
All Raiders are personally saddened by the January 1, 2003 loss of our last Raider to reach flag rank, Brig. Gen. Jay W. Hubbard. He was 80 years old. Although I had only known Jay for six or eight years, he was the epitome of what a Marine and Raider Officer should be, plus... He was a caring, generous and thoughtful person and I am grateful that I was his friend.

This Editor won't delve into the career of this great American original. Our last issue of your Patch, #82 - Oct/Nov/Dec. 2002 carried a pretty comprehensive look at "Hub" in his own words. Only things he left out were any references to his personal heroism and awards for valor, which were numerous. That was Jay Hubbard. Never one to blow his own horn.

He was indeed unique. He served his country and his Corps as few Marines ever had, on land, sea and air. He was a remarkable person and I'm so glad the Patch had the opportunity to run his "farewell" to his Raiders in our last issue. It meant a great deal to him and he appreciated it and called me to thank me, twice! It is myself and the entire Association who should be saying "Thank you, General Hubbard, for everything."

On a personal note: Back in the summer of 1998, Jay was requested by the Commandant to represent the Marine Corps in the dedication of the "Wall of History" at Henderson Field and to represent the Corps at the "Battle of Guadalcanal and Solomon Islands Foundation."

He had given me the details of his upcoming trip during lunch one day and I asked him if he would do a story for the Patch when he returned, and maybe take a few photos to accompany it. He answered without hesitation, "Sure partner, anything I can." *(continued on page 4)*



— Patch Photo

Brig. General Jay Hubbard adds to Editor's collection of "Hallowed Ground." On the reverse of this photo Jay wrote, "John, this shows me collecting your sand. I'll drop the stuff by in a few days at your office." Always a man of his word.

Raiders Lose An Officer and a Gentleman

(Editor's column continued from page 3)

I have a rather strange collection that started when I first visited the Gettysburg battlefields when I was a kid. I call it "Hallowed Ground." It consists of soil or sand or stones from places where American military actions of importance have taken place. Most of the collection I have accumulated myself, i.e. Ft. Sumter, Normandy, The Rhein, Chateau Thierry, and numerous samples from friends who got to many places and brought samples home to me.

After Jay had said, "Sure Partner, anything I can," I asked the favor. "Would you possibly bring me a 35mm plastic film canister with some sand from the Matanikeau River while on the 'Canal?" His answer was a direct, "certainly"! He not only brought me the Matanikeau sand, but brought me some from "Edson's Ridge" and "Red Beach" where the battle of Guadalcanal all began on 7 August, '42.

Now that's a lot of trouble for a Brig. General to go through for a lowly PFC, Army yet! But he was really glad to do it and I'll always be grateful. That was the Jay Hubbard that I knew and admired.

Jay Hubbard had a habit of calling people he liked, "partner." So, for the last time, "So long partner, it was indeed an honor and pleasure to make your acquaintance."

— Editor

NOTE: Details on Brig. Gen. Jay H. Hubbard's Memorial Service can be found on page 7.

Reporting Outstanding Support from Generous Raiders & Friends...

The following generous Raiders made donations with their registrations for the 2002 New Orleans Reunion:

Isaac Atterberry	John McCormick
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**Many thanks for the many
contributions received for
the General Fund, the Museum Fund,
and the Vouza Fund.**

HONOR ROLL



CALLAWAY, Richard D. (4E), 8/26/02
DELOUCHE, William L. (1D), 11/5/02
DEMILLE, George (2E), 11/16/02
ELLIS, Eugene (3DM), 12/2/02
HOGAN, Terrence F., Jr. (3HQ), 6/13/02
HOLSTINE, William (4CP), 10/28/02
HUBBARD, Jay - 1/1/03
LANG, Lawrence A. (2B), 11/5/02
PIERCE, John H. (2HQ), unknown
RASSMUSSEN, Carl A. (2HQ), 6/6/82
REED, Garland (4BO), 12/10/97
REGINATO, Joe (2HQ), 9/20/00
ROBINSON, Charles G. (2F3M), 5/2/95
SHERWOOD, Homer (2DA), 10/19/02
THOMSON, Howard S. (2BHQ), unknown
VILLARRUBIA, Wallace J. (4ANHQ), 11/19/02
WANGEN, Orville E. (2A), 7/23/02
WEBB, William W. (2BE), 10/18/02

A total of 23 deaths have been reported since the Memorial Service held in New Orleans. Several were reported as a result of the recently mailed Raider Member survey. Six were reported in time to be added to the listing that appeared in the last Patch issue. The above listed deceased, plus the cited 6 that have already been published will be honored at the San Diego 2003 Memorial Service. Please make timely reports of such deaths, and also details related to serious illness and/or hospitalization, to the Membership Secretary. Name, Unit, source of information, and date of death are important.

SICK CALL

Johnston, William J. (3K) - suffered a stroke about 6 years ago. His mobility is hampered. Mailing address and phone are listed in the 2000 Directory. Area code is 309.

BEAU, Jerome J.C. (3BK) - Slowing down due to light strokes. He is staying busy but travel is limited per his Doctor's orders.

USALIS, Daniel J. (4N) - His son has advised us that his father must use a walker, is at home, and doing well. Wants to attend the San Diego Convention. Mrs. Usalis is also ailing.

From the Membership Secretary's Cluttered Desk

Of Interest to Those Raiders Who Responded to Our Recent Survey: Shortly after the New Orleans Convention, President-Elect Charles H. Meacham made the determination that he wanted some input from the membership regarding their respective opinions related to future conventions, and matters related to Raider Patch issues. He formatted a cover letter and a two page survey form. These were inserted in a #10 envelope, along with a pre-addressed #9 return envelope. In the case of Annual Members paid through December, 2002, a reminder about dues for 2003 was included. 1,077 envelopes were "stuffed" by a four member working party consisting of this Membership Secretary's eldest grandchildren. Thank the Good Lord for self adhesive 1st Class postage stamps.

You haven't lived until you have licked that many envelopes!

The response has been excellent and in far greater numbers than anticipated. A survey of this type is deemed a successful effort with a 45-50% return. We have, as of this date, had returns that are closer to 70%.

The work of tabulating returns has been a slow process, but should be completed in a week or so. The results will be forwarded to Raider Charles Meacham who has now assumed the Office and Duties of President, for his information and evaluation. He will, I am sure, make a more detailed report of his findings and opinions in the next Patch issue and to the members of the Board of Directors prior to their New Orleans gathering. As one who has watched this influx of information from the sidelines, let it be said that the data gleaned will be most useful to his administration during the next two years. Watch for details.

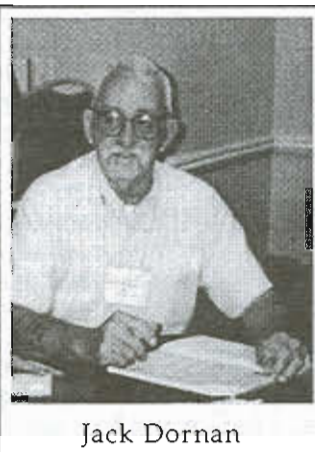
The spreadsheet covering the survey results will be available to all hands at the Board of Directors meeting in New Orleans, and at the convention in San Diego.

Recent survey returns have revealed that a number of our members have joined the list of "sick, lame and lazy." Sick and lame can be noted, but the term "lazy" will be used out of habit. We, all of us, have earned the right to be somewhat less than that which we were in our prime. As more data is received, it will be made available to the Editor for publication. A call, a card, or a short note from another old warrior may do wonders. Wives and Raider family members are encouraged to keep the Membership Secretary aware of the status of ALL Raiders, even if not members of the Association, so their status can be passed on to their many comrades.

These same survey, having been sent out as 1st Class Mail have resulted in the return of several letters that could not be delivered. Check the following listing to see if you can provide any information. If you have some data on anyone listed, please pass it on to the Membership Secretary. According to the USPS, most have simply moved. There were four deaths reported by the same returns. They are listed in the "TAPS - Honor Roll" section.

BATTERTON, Roy J. (4AHQ)
 BOCASH, Albert J. (1B)
 DEWEES, James (4A)
 DILIBERTO, Charles O. (1AD)
 FALICKI, Sigmund (1A2A)
 HART, Dixie (Honorary)
 HECKT, Thomas R. (Honorary)
 KNIGHT, Norma (Honorary)

MAYFIELD, James G. (4HQ)
 McLANE, Stanley S. (2GHQ)
 NUGENT, William O. (2B3HQ)
 POSTON, William (2BE)
 RYAN, John J. (2HQ)
 STOWE, Jeremy (Honorary)
 TRIPANIER, Mrs. John (Honorary)
 YETSKO, John M. (2H)



Jack Dornan

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Category	Life	Annual	Total
Raiders	407	310	717
Honorary	158	90	248
Associate	35	55	90
Totals	600	455	1,055

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME ABOARD!

BURLINGHAM, Ralph H. (2H) Life
 D'ALESSIO, Simone P. (3E4P) Life
 DEMILLE, Vivian Honorary
 GILES, Conrad M. (3D) Life
 GORSKI, James M. Honorary
 JONES, Tayia M. Honorary Life
 KLOS, Sandra Honorary
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 MATHEWS, Vincent G. Associate
 MEACHAM, Bruce H. Honorary Life
 MEACHAM, Charles P. Honorary Life
 MEACHAM, Daniel Honorary Life
 MEACHAM, Jerod P. Honorary Life
 MEACHAM, Ryan D. Honorary Life
 McQUEEN, Greg M. Associate
 SHERWOOD, Jean Honorary Life
 STEWART, Brian, J. Honorary Life
 STOWE, Linda E. Honorary
 TANAGLIA, Primo (1C) Annual
 VAN LANDINGHAM, Jesse (2CE) ... Annual
 VILLARRUBIA, Mona V. Honorary
 WANGEN, Gretchen Honorary
 WASSERMAN, William Associate
 WESOLOWSKI, Paul Associate
 WILLHITE, Leslie J. Honorary

"Bed Warmer"



Our Raider Room recently received a unique donation from Odell Smith (1HQ). "Smitty" was a runner for "Red Mike" Edson and Joe Griffin during

the New Georgia Campaign.

Some time during his stay on New Georgia, "Smitty" found an ideal place to sleep for the night. Some palm fronds and grass made for an excellent place to get 40 winks. When "Smitty" awakened from his snooze, he felt something hard poking into his back.

To his amazement, he had been sleeping on a live Jap hand grenade. It had apparently been there for some time as rust caused by the salt air made the grenade almost unrecognizable.

He took it to some U.S. Army demo guys not far from his Raider camp. They de-activated the grenade and "Smitty" has had it ever since.

Now it becomes part of the Raider Room exhibits after a very long journey. Many thanks, "Smitty".

SHORT BURST Continued from Page 2.

A WIN-WIN OPPORTUNITY! Please notice the item at the bottom of the registration form. The more you donate to the Association's various funds, the better your chances to win round-trip airline tickets for two to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, and a free week's stay in a condo at the Lindo Mar Resort in Puerto Vallarta. I have stayed there and I assure you it is great! So, open up your hearts and wallets.

Have you visited our web site lately? Check it out at (<http://www.usmarineraiders.org>) The Raider web site is being upgraded constantly, with the goal of making it a reference source for those wishing to research Raider history. This is being accomplished by placing links to pertinent information at the bottom of each web page.

In closing, thank you for your support and keep those "Patch" articles coming — they make good reading! Semper Fidelis,
Chuck Meacham

DONATIONS FROM CARING RAIDERS AND FRIENDS

About Donations: Funds received fall into one of two categories; "Restricted" is when a specific fund or use is stated by the person making the contribution. Good examples are Scholarship Fund, Vousa Fund, Memorial Funds (such as The Arlington National Cemetery Monument, or other projects of the same nature.) All non-designated contributions are credited to the General Fund.

Scholarships & Marine Raider Heritage Perpetuation:

Charles H. Meacham Family
Arlington National Cemetery Monument
Mary B. Hale (Honorary)

In Memory of:

Robert Sherwood (2DA)
William & Donna Murray
Beverly C. Patterson
Bill & Dee Sherwood
Ruth Robbins
Bob Mathews (4HQ)
Timi Beeler (Honorary)

General Fund

John P. Minogue
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Harry M. Baringer
Edward Callahan (4DQ)
Richard J. Stahr
Arthur J. Antczak
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A.J. Martineza Jr. (3K)
Wayne & Mary Shull (4HQ)
Vadm K. M. Carr (Honorary)
E.H. Hasenberg (2BE)
Simone P. D'Alessio (3E&4P)
William J. Johnston (3M)
Ralph A. Liberato (4N)
Kenneth & Sylvia Nelson
Robert J. Kilcoyne (3M)

Directory

John G. Crawford

A SECOND LOOK AT "THE BIG YANKEE"

As your Editor, I have noticed over the years that most Raiders are very familiar with their own Company and its CO's. However, most of those that I have talked to or interviewed have a lot less knowledge about the other battalions and their CO's.

I'm not referring to just the military record of battalion commanders, but their entire lives. Each had a most unique and interesting biography.

I just finished reading a story on one of the Raiders most unique, unusual and controversial CO's in Raider and Corps history. It is in Vol. II, No. 1, January, 2003 issue of **WWII History**, published bi-monthly by Sovereign Media. It is a different and true story of Evans F. Carlson. It does not focus solely on Carlson's Makin Raid, which most other accounts of his life always highlight.

The 6½ pages of the Carlson story are almost a condensed version of Michael Blankfort's outstanding 1947 Carlson Biography, "The Big Yankee." Long out of print and now a collector's item, you can settle for Michael D. Hull's **WWII History**, abbreviated version, in it's January 2003 issue.

Having read both, I can highly recommend the WWII feature. It covers every aspect of Evans Carlson's amazing life, from his youth as the son of a New England minister, to his death on May 27, 1947 at age 57.

Most Second Raiders know his story. Most First, Third and Fourth Raiders don't. It's enlightening reading!

EDITOR'S NOTE: The author of the WWII History feature, Michael D. Hull, made one major error. He stated that the 2nd Battalion returned to Jacques Farm after their Midway and Makin experience. Not so. Perhaps he was thinking of Roosevelt starting the 4th Battalion at Camp Pendleton in Oct. of '42.



Col. Evans F. Carlson, USMC

ALWAYS I.D. PHOTOS!

From time to time we will run photos of Raiders that we haven't a clue as to who they are. We ask that members who do recognize the Raider(s) in a photo, to please supply the Patch with their names and any other info you may have. We want to leave an as accurate photo record of Raiders as possible for future historians.

This is a good time to remind everyone to identify their personal photos, because when you depart this world, your grandkids won't know you from any of the others. Don't delay - do it today! — Editor



NEED I.D. - We need an I.D. on this Makin Raider for our files. Photo was taken at Pearl Harbor upon the return of Argonaut and Nautilus. He was still wearing his black dyed shirt. Let us know if you know who he is.



Here's a photo from our files sent in by William A. Campbell (3M). Notation on reverse: "M Co., 3rd Raiders at Guadalcanal base camp after Bougainville. We don't know which is Campbell or the ID's of any of the others. Thanks in advance for any help. — Editor

RAIDERS LOSE LAST FLAG-RANK OFFICER: BRIG. GEN. JAY W. HUBBARD

By Patch Editor

Brig. Gen. Jay W. Hubbard was given a memorable and poignant farewell at Miramar Marine Air Corps Station on Friday, January 24, 2003. It was fitting tribute to a beloved member of the Marine Corps fraternity.

In addition to family members there were several hundred friends, comrades-in-arms and others whose lives Gen. Hubbard touched and who had a deep and caring affection for the man.

Three heart-felt eulogies were delivered, the first given by Gen. Hubbard's son, Clint, himself a retired USMC Lt. Col. He was followed by Lt. Gen. William G. Thrash, USMC (ret.) and he, in turn, was followed by Gen. Carl E. Mundy, Jr., USMC (ret), a former Commandant of the Marine Corps. Their words of admiration, affection and respect were shared by those in attendance.

Last to offer his final farewell to a long-time and dear friend was Robert Johnson. He and Jay Hubbard spent many years together in war and in peace. They were fast friends to the end and Johnson shared with all of us many interesting and often humorous anecdotes of their experiences together.

After the chapel services, the memorial tributes were moved outside where the family gathered facing a folded American flag.

The Honor Guard fired their rifle salute and the Marine Corps Band played several stanzas of the Marine Corps Hymn.

Brig. Gen. John A. Gallinetti, Commanding Officer of Miramar, offered his condolences to Jay Hubbard's widow, Darla and presented her with the flag which was then followed by the closing act of the services.

With the timing and precision of a Marine Corps Drill Team, four F-18 Marine Corps fighter jets appeared overhead and, at the appropriate moment, one plane, in a "missing man" formation, pulled straight up and headed toward the heavens where, no doubt, Jay Hubbard was watching and giving his approval to a well-executed, precision aviation maneuver.

The memorial services and military honors were followed by a reception for the attendees at the Miramar Officers Club.

The Hubbard family respectfully requests donations be made to two of Jay Hubbard's most cherished projects:

Flying Leatherneck Historical Foundation, P. O. Box 45316, San Diego, CA 92145-0316 or to:

U. S. Marine Raider Association, the funds for which will be used to maintain their "Raider Room" museums. Send donatons to USMRA, c/o Steve Klos, Treasurer, 1521 Victoria St., Chicago, IL, 60660.



The Miramar chapel altar offered a fitting memorial display where Chaplain Victor H. Krulak, Jr. presided over Hubbard services.



Miramar Marine Corps Band provided an outstanding musical performance at the Hubbard services.



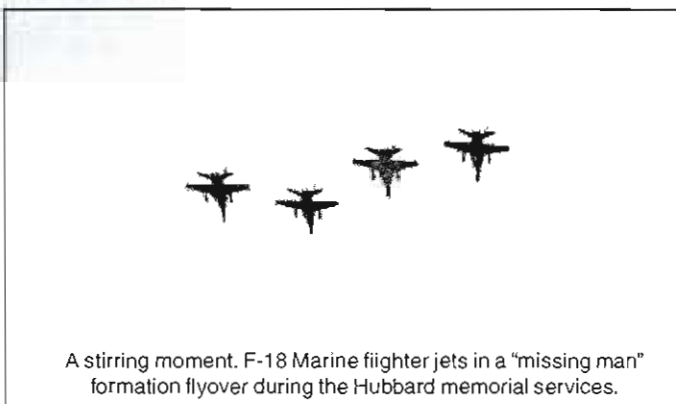
Brig. Gen. John A. Gallinetti presents American flag to Darla Hubbard, widow of Brig. Gen. Jay W. Hubbard



Lone bugler sounds "Taps" at Hubbard Memorial Service. A solemn moment.



The Raiders, whom Jay Hubbard was a proud member, 2F, were represented by (from left) Chet DeVore, 2E, your editor, John McCarthy, and Harold C. Holden, 1D. There may have been others.



A stirring moment. F-18 Marine fighter jets in a "missing man" formation flyover during the Hubbard memorial services.

(Patch photos)

GENERAL NEWS

RENO MINI REUNION

We've just got word from Archie Rackerby, 3K, that "all systems are go" for their annual Reno Marine Raider Roundup mini-reunion. It will be held May 6 - 7 at the elegant, senior-friendly John Ascuaga's Nugget where many previous and highly successful mini-reunions have been held.

Archie informed the Patch that, as usual, there will be no fees, no meetings, no planned tours and no banquet. The chow is great and reasonably priced in all eight Nugget restaurants to fit every wallet.

All Raiders and their best gals are welcome and Archie added a hearty welcome to all Raider widows.

So, fellas and gals, let's saddle up and be in the count while we're still able. A great opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones.

If you need more info on this terrific two day mini, call Bob Kennedy, 1EB at 801-277-3414 or Archie Rackerby, 3K at 503-273-4220. They'll send you all the data with a brochure. Don't miss this one!

"OLD FRIENDS"



Editor's note: by coincidence this photo was sent to us by Ashley "Bill" Fisher, 2B at about the time of Brig. Gen. Jay Hubbard's death. Ashley says, "This was back in the 'good old days!' It was taken in New River Air Station. I was a PA type and Hub was CO of the 4th Marine Wing. Circa 1972. We were ruminating about Raider Days."

Photo courtesy of Bill Fisher

GEN. JONES JOINS NATO

Former Marine Corps Commandant James L. Jones took over as NATO's top commander. The first Marine to head the 19-nation alliance, Gen. Jones' new post became official on the first of the year, 2003.

Gen. Jones, 59, was sworn in as Supreme Allied Commander, Europe at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's military headquarters in Mons, Belgium.

Jones replaces U. S. Air Force Gen. Joseph W. Ralston who took command of NATO forces in the year 2000.

Gen. Jones takes over as Commander with the full knowledge of a potential war in the middle east with Iraq.

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

Our outgoing president, Mel Heckt, advised the Patch of his last official act as president. It was indeed a good one.

Mel wrote the editor of National Geographic Magazine with an important complaint. One that he feels most Association members will agree with. The letter follows:

Dear Mr. Allen:

As president of the United States Marine Raider Association, may I respectfully suggest that the Makin Island documentary produced by Hoggard Films is neither accurate nor fair. It presents opinions of several of our members that Col. Evans F. Carlson was lacking in leadership and negligent in his command of the Makin raid.

This documentary fails to present the opposite opinions shared by the vast majority of Carlson's Raiders that Col. Carlson's leadership, character and conduct was of the highest quality and most exemplary.

I strongly suggest that fairness requires revision of the documentary to present both sides of the issue. Unfortunately, there are always a few whose facts or opinions are colored by jealousy, personality conflicts, misunderstanding of the facts or resistance to changing Marine Corps methods.

I assure you that at least 95% of our membership believes we were most fortunate in having four most outstanding commanders in Edson, Carlson, Liversedge and Roosevelt.

Semper Fidelis,

Melvin D. Heckt, President USMRA

ATTENTION GOLFERS

San Diego is a golfer's paradise. Let the Patch know ASAP if you would be interested in having a golf outing during our 2003 reunion. If we can confirm two (2) foursomes (8 players) or more, we'll put together an 18-hole event. Ladies welcome.

At this date we don't have any details. We need your input to proceed. Let me know pronto and we'll get going. — Editor



LOOKING BACK AT YEAR 2002



One of the most worthwhile Raider Association projects was the 2002 dedication of a plaque honoring all Raiders buried in the Punchbowl National Cemetery in Hawaii. Led by President Mel Heckt, the occasion was very special for all Raiders.

THE 4TH'S "OLD BLUE"

By Patch Editor

As you enter the Command Museum at MCRD, San Diego and climb the stairs to the second floor, you'll be greeted with an eyeful of a truly magnificent sight. The framed colors of the old 4th Regiment's, the "China Marines," Old Blue hits your eyes.

The following is some history about that beautiful banner and some of the trials and tribulations it has been through over the years.

In 1923, General John A. LeJeune, the 13th Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, directed that when the traditional blue colors needed to be replaced, new colors consisting of a scarlet background with scarlet and gold inscriptions would be used.

In 1933, with the creation of the Fleet Marine Force, all regiments of the Corps were retitled and the Fourth Regiment of Marines, originally formed in San Diego, California in 1911, became the Fourth Marine Regiment.

It took time for the Commandant's directive to reach every "climb and place," but in Shanghai, China, on the 4th of July, 1937, these colors, known throughout the Regiment as "Old Blue," were marched front and center of the "spin-shined" regiment, before finally being retired.

The directive to change the regiment's colors from blue to scarlet included an order that all colors would be destroyed by burning. Fortunately, an unnamed Marine, who apparently could not bear to carry out the order to burn the colors, hid Old Blue in the bottom of his seabag. This nameless Marine later died in the line of duty in China and his personal effects were carried to the Philippines when the Fourth Marines evacuated Shanghai and moved to the island of Corregidor. Miraculously, at the end of World War Two, the personal effects of the men of the Fourth Marines were returned to Marine barracks, Mare Island, California to await final shipment home and among them was the deceased Marine's seabag which still contained the Regimental Colors.

An officer decided to inventory personal effects and found "Old Blue" neatly folded in the bottom of the seabag and, realizing the value of his discovery, transferred the flag to his personal belongings.

Twenty years later, the long-forgot-

ter command of Colonel C. A. Doyen, it was Lt. Col. Calland who began the process to bring "Old Blue" back home.

Following an expensive and extensive restoration by Virginia Lee Pledger, a noted textile conservator in Washington, D.C., "Old Blue" was fully restored and arrived at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot's Command Museum in February, 1991.

Rescued from generations of benevolent neglect, the Fourth Marine's "Old Blue" is proudly displayed on the second floor of the MCRD Command Museum. It is magnificent in its resurrection and from generations of benevolent neglect fully pardoned from a 69-year long sentence — a sentence to be destroyed by burning.

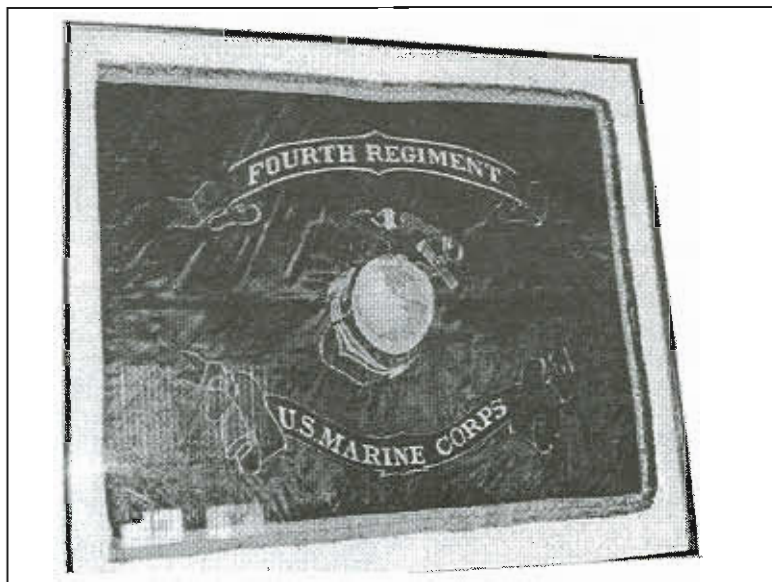
Editor's note: All Raiders should know that the famous Fourth Marines were literally decimated during the final battles of the Philippines

in 1942. The remnants of the Regiment, after putting up an epic and gallant four-month long fight against the enemy, were forced to surrender at Corregidor, along with all other U. S. forces in the Philippines on May 6, 1942. The Fourth Marines, had for all practical purposes, ceased to exist. Like the Phoenix of mythology, the Fourth Marines would rise and fight again! This time with a special purpose and profound mission to avenge those Marines of the Old Fourth, "Old Blue." This time with a new generation of warriors. On 1 February 1944, the four Raider battalions ceased to exist. The first, third and fourth battalions were to form the reactivation of the 4th, whose survivors were still in Japanese prison camps. The famed 2nd Raider battalion was dissolved. As stated in Maj.

Jerome (J. C.) Beau's record of the Marine Raiders, "Those Who Served," the new 4th came from the Raiders and what a magnificent choice that was. The new 4th distinguished itself in the assault operations of Guam and Okinawa. It was truly a worthy successor to the old 4th.



ten colors were rediscovered by the officer, safe but deteriorating. Wishing to return "Old Blue" to the hands of the Marine Corps, the officer contacted Lt. Col. Bob



Calland, USMC (ret.), who was working for the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. The Regimental Colors were brought to the Marine Corps Museum at the Washington Navy Yard and were placed in storage at the Marine Corps base at Quantico, Virginia.

Aware that the Fourth Marines were formed in San Diego in March, 1911, nn-

WW II CODE TALKERS NOT FIRST

By Patch Editor

After a very long silence, the world now knows what a remarkable job the Navajo Code Talkers did in the Pacific during World War II. For some strange reason, our government kept their activities secret for decades. Perhaps with the reasoning that we may have to use them again sometime.

Our World War II Code Talkers were all Navajos and were all Marines. Their language and symbols were virtually impossible to decipher even by some other members of their tribe. Recent books, articles and the motion picture, "Wind Talkers" have spread the word about these brave and patriotic native Americans of World War II.

What is not known by many is the fact that our WW II Marine Code Talkers were preceded by another generation of American Indians, the Choctaw Code Talkers of World War I! We checked with our good friend George MacRae, assistant curator of the U. S. Marine Raider Museum in Richmond, VA and did he have a story for us!

I asked George, "Who were these people and why haven't any of us heard about them and their place in military history? George answered: "Unbelievably, these men have never been honored by their country and we can help make that happen. It appears that our Navajo friends weren't the first 'code talkers.' That honor belongs to the not-so-well known Choctaw Indian Code Talkers of World War I."

Having boned up on a little history of our Navajo group, I was fascinated by what George was telling me.

George continued, "In the closing days of World War I, eight Choctaw Indians were instrumental in helping the American Expeditionary Force (AEF) win several key battles in the Meuse-Argonne campaign, which proved to be the final big German push of that war." He added, "These brave soldiers were the now known "Choctaw Code Talkers. One of the eight was from Bryan County, Oklahoma and one was from Choctaw County and the remaining six were from McCurtain County. They were Solomon Lewis, Bennington; Ben Carterby (Bismark) Wright City; Mitchell Bobb, Smithville, Robert Taylor, Boswell, Calvin Nelson, Kullitukle; Pete Maytubby, Broken Bow; James Edwards, Ida (now Battiest); and Jeff Wilson, Goodwater. All of these men were serving in the same battalion which was nearly surrounded by the German army. And, to make matters worse, it was known that the Germans had broken the American radio codes and had tapped the telephone lines. The Germans were also capturing about one out of every four couriers sent out to carry messages between the various units on the front lines."

While I sat wide-eyed and all ears, George continued, "One day, a Captain Lawrence, commander of one of the line companies, was strolling through the company area when he happened to overhear Solomon Lewis and Mitchell Bobb conversing in the native Choctaw language. After listening for a few minutes, he called Lewis and asked, 'Corporal, how many of you Choctaws are in this battalion?' After a conference with Bobb, Lewis told the captain, 'Sir, we have eight men who speak fluent Choctaw in the battalion.' 'Are any of them over in headquarters company?' the captain asked. 'I think Carterby and Maytubby are over there,' Lewis replied.

'You fellows sit right here,' said the captain. He got on the field telephone and discovered that, indeed, Ben Carterby and Pete Maytubby were attached to Headquarters Company. 'Get them and have them standby,' said Captain Lawrence. He then told his commanding officer, 'I've got an idea that just might get the heinies off our backs.'

Calling Lewis and Bobb, the captain told them, 'Look, I'm going to give you a message to call in to headquarters and I want you to transmit the message in your language. There will be someone there who can understand it.'

At that moment, Pfc. Mitchell Bobb, using a field telephone, delivered the first Choctaw coded message to Choctaw Ben Carterby, who then translated it into English for the battalion commander. Within a matter of hours, the eight Choctaws had been shifted until there was at least one in each field company headquarters.

"Not only were they handling field telephone calls, they were translating radio messages into Choctaw and writing field orders to be carried by runners between various companies," MacRae went on. "The German code experts were flipping their wigs trying to break the new American code." Within 72 hours after the Choctaw language was pressed into service, the tide of battle had turned and in less than 72 hours, the German army was retreating and the Allied forces were on full attack. Since this occurred at the close of the war, the Choctaw code Talkers were apparently used in only this one campaign. The men were commended by their company and battalion commanders.

"The information contained in this history of the Choctaw Code Talkers was told to a writer of the article by Solomon Lewis in 1979, who at the time was the only remaining Choctaw Code Talker alive. Though these men were promised medals for their contributions in helping end the war, they were never awarded. Such a pity. Solomon Lewis died sometime between 1982 and 1983," MacRae concluded.



Our brave & talented Navajo Code Talkers were not the first to use their native language to frustrate the enemy. The Choctaws of World War I make that claim.

(Archive photo)

OFF TO A RUNNING START



Our incoming president, Chuck Meacham (left) and Cong. Don Young (AK) discuss resolution allowing a Raider marker to be placed near the Challenger monument in Arlington National Cemetery.



*** ATTENTION USMRA MEMBERS ***

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REUNION COMMITMENT

Your association has made a considerable committment towards our 2003 Marine Raider Reunion in San Diego, California.

It was necessary for your Association to guarantee a specific amount of room and meal accommodations in order to secure what your Directors feel was a very fair and acceptable price.

Needless to say, it is imperative that we fulfill that committment. We respectfully urge every member to make their committment as soon as possible. We realize that health and other problems can adversely affect your decision to attend. Please try and do all possible to be on hand for what will undoubtedly be one of our last get-togethers. Your attendance could be the deciding factor in continuing annual reunions.

Let's make our 2003 Raider Reunion one that will rival the best we've ever had. Only you can make it happen.

See you in San Diego!

Semper Fidelis
Charles Meacham

P.S. See the centerfold of this issue of your Patch for all information and registration form.

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G.I. WILLY SUTTON

By Patch Editor

Remember the famous bank robber Willy Sutton of the 1930's and '40's? He was probably best remembered for a casual remark he once made. When a reporter asked him (at the police station) why he robbed banks, Sutton replied, "because that's where the money is." Willy might have been a thief, but he certainly didn't lie.

My oldest and closest friend, Al Kropff, an Honorary Life member of our Association, is an avid World War II historian and a major collector. At the time that the photo accompanying this article was taken, Al was very much into military vehicles. This beautiful fully restored 1943 Willys Jeep was just one of his outstanding "toys".



— Photo courtesy of Al Kropff

G.I. "Willy Sutton" USMRA member Al Kropff (Hon.) has restored several vintage military vehicles. The jeep pictured above was the subject of a most interesting "police chase."

One day Al was zipping around his home town, Thousand Oaks, CA, getting last minute details taken care of before going to a military vehicle collector show some miles away. While driving on the Ventura Freeway, at a reasonably safe speed, Al noticed a red light flashing in his rear view mirror. Before he knew it, there were four Ventura County Sheriff cars, cautiously advising him to pull over. He pulled his beautifully restored World War II jeep into a shopping center parking lot. The police followed, exited their patrol cars very slowly and approached Al from all sides.

After quizzing him for some time and determining that he wasn't a modern day Willy Sutton, the cops loosened up and started to enjoy what they were looking at. All were too young to have had any experience with a WWII jeep, especially one mounted with a Browning .50 cal machine gun. Al also had all the "official" accessories that a war-time jeep would carry. (I.E. - radio, helmet, and a cased M-1 Garand rifle and a couple of deactivated Mark II frag. grenades.

One of the police officers had a camera on hand and began taking pictures of Al's jeep and all its accessories. Soon, other officers were putting on his helmet, sitting in the driver's seat, standing behind the .50 cal weapon and posing in all sorts of "make-believe" positions.

For a long time many of those photos took and honored place in the Ventura County Sheriff's Office. It's nice to know that our civilian constabulary was looking out for its citizens well being. And, this happened long before 9-11. If that incident happened today, Al would probably be in Leavenworth!

1944, WELCOME HOME!



Photo taken at Jimmy Kennedy's Paris Inn. On the souvenir photo jacket it says: Kennedy's Concession, 102 W. "C" Street, San Diego, CA. Boy, do we love this kind of stuff for your Patch. Note the Raider shoulder patch on Al Miller (right).

To the Editor of the Patch:

Having immersed myself in my Dad's Raider history, I enjoy reading the Patch and am always looking for names that Dad has mentioned. Thus, I was saddened to see Harmon Hunt's name in the Honor Roll (Oct-Nov-Dec 2002 issue). Dad fondly remembers Harmon as a good man.

I am enclosing a picture of my Dad (far right, Albert B. Miller, Jr., 1EHQ) and Harmon (far left) taken at Jimmy Kennedy's Paris Inn in 1944. You can see Dad's Raider patch in the photo.

Dad's health is fair ("Hi, Dad!") but he doesn't remember the other gentlemen nor the ladies in the picture. I would love to hear from anyone who can tell me who they are, as I have the actual photo and souvenir jacket from the Paris Inn.

Thanks for all your great work and dedication to honor, and in memory of, the Raiders.

Sincerely,

Debbie Draper

"Keeping the Faith"



— Photo courtesy of Ashley Fisher

Ashley "Bill" Fisher took this photo of Solomon Islanders posing with our Marine Obilisk on a recent trip back to Guadalcanal. Fisher told the Patch that he spent hours with brass cleaner shining up that globe and anchor. He had planned ahead and took the brass cleaner with him!

... And No Purple Hearts!

The National Hockey League estimates that doctors take about 4,200 stitches each year on the league's players. They haven't released the figures from dentist's on the number of lost teeth. Tough game, hockey!



LOCAL ALUMNI - Enjoying their monthly lunch meeting are, left to right: Harry Reynolds (2BHQ), Jack Barnes (2E), Frank Cannistraci (2HQ), Norman Johnsrud (2E), and Frank Guidone (1ABD). Camera shy were John Sweeney (1EBCHQ) and Ken "Mudhole" Merrill (2B). Cannistraci says, "There's nothing like bs'ing with old comrades every month!" — Gold Coast Casino/Hotel Photo



ADVANCE MAN - Harry Reynolds (2BHQ) sent in this photo of our James "Doc" Gleason busy trying to get a better hotel deal in Las Vegas for possible future reunion locations. Photo was taken in Reynold's kitchen. The "plasma" bottle on the counter was used for medicinal purposes only! — Harry Reynolds Photo

Sight and Sounds of San Diego

The **Red Lion Hanalei Hotel** lies at the west end of Mission Valley, close to San Diego's major roads and highways. The hotel is within minutes of all major attractions in San Diego County.

Adjacent to the hotel is the **Riverwalk**. It is a splendid environmental experience along the San Diego River, you'll see striking varieties of trees and flowers and enjoy the feel of a park within a city. Your stroll will also take you past the green area of the **Riverwalk Golf Club**, a challenging 27-hole golf club open to the public.

Just five minutes west of the Red Lion Hanalei is **Mission Bay**, whose 27 miles of shoreline is free to the public and provides a wealth of recreational opportunities for visitors. One of the most popular attractions on Mission Bay is **Sea World Aquatic Park**, home to Shamu and friends. Only five minutes west of Mission Bay begins the **beaches** for which San Diego is so famous.

Belmont Park in South Mission Beach is home to the Giant Dipper, the largest historic wooden roller coaster in Southern California. The park also has many other carnival-type rides, an arcade and eateries. Enjoy the rides, food and fun then relax with a beautiful sunset on the adjoining beach.

Ten minutes southwest of the Red Lion Hanalei is the **Embarcadero on San Diego Bay**. Harbor cruises by several companies, the maritime Museum, Seaport Village and the colorful waterfront, are among this area's popular diversions.

Two minutes southwest of the hotel is **Old Town Historic Park** with buildings representative of the city's early years. Surrounded by the ambiance of Old Mexico, you can

appreciate a bit of history, or shop and dine on authentic Mexican and American cuisine. Distinctive restaurants, a special atmosphere, interesting merchandise, and the cordiality of the service people combine to make Old Town one of the city's chief attractions.

World Famous **San Diego Zoo** is located ten minutes directly south of the hotel in **Balboa Park**. The Park, a 1,400-acre refuge in the center of the city, is noted for its tranquil atmosphere, museums and galleries. **Veterans Memorial Center** in Balboa Park honors the memories of all the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States. The **San Diego Peace Memorial**, erected in 1969, dedicated to the veterans who died in Vietnam can also be found in the Park.

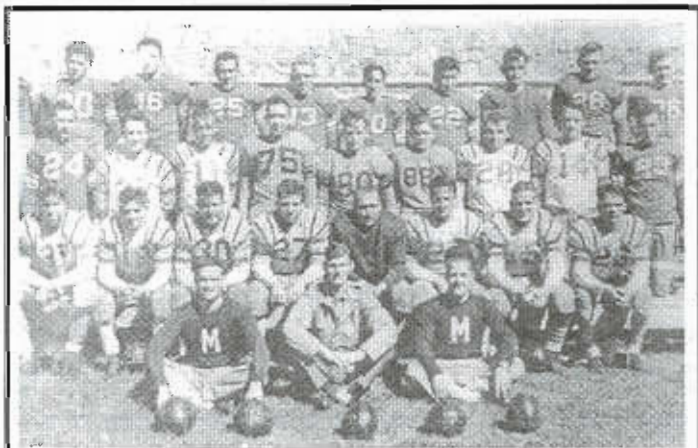
Fashion Valley, one of San Diego's finest shopping malls, is two minutes from the hotel. The center features large department stores such as Nordstrom, Neiman-Marcus, Macy's and JCPenney, as well as many specialty stores, shops and restaurants.

Three minutes east of Fashion Valley is **Mission Valley Center**. Along with specialty shops there are Robinsons-May, Loehmann's and another Macy's. Also in the Center is the AMC 20 Movie Theatre, the largest theatre complex in San Diego.

La Jolla, fifteen minutes northwest, is a city renowned for its chic boutiques and haute couture... a shopper's paradise! If shopping's not your thing you must see the **Stephen J. Birch Aquarium-Museum** and the **Scripps Institute of Oceanography**. Both are beautifully designed and a wealth of information.

Attendees of our Raider Reunion can expect a good time.

"Raggedy Assed" Marines



— Photo courtesy of Archie Rackerby

Archie's "Raggedy Assed" Marines Archie Rackerby (3K) (front row, center) lead this group of war wounded and malaria ridden Marines to "football glory" in 1944.

Ahoy Raiders -

Here's a photo of the "Raggedy Assed" Marine football team from the Marine barracks, Naval Ordinance Plant, Pocatello, Idaho, in August, 1944.

Archie Rackerby (3K) sent this photo along with its history to the Patch and we thought all you "has been" athletes would get a kick out of it.

Archie tells us that the only two Raiders in this picture are he (front row, center in Marine uniform), as barrack's executive officer and athletic officer/coach, and one of the players whose identity in the photo he doesn't recall. In getting this photo made, they cut out a 6'6" cook named Skero, whose 1/2 body can be seen in the back row, far left, Archie said.

All of these men were combat veterans as Archie was. None of them were physically fit for combat and recently released from a Navy hospital.

Archie told the Patch... "Early in August of '44, some men approached me with the request to have a football team as many military posts had. We scrounged uniforms and equipment from local high schools, mostly beat-up, old stuff. The Corps had no gear for us. Thus, the "Raggedy Assed Marines."

"Our hastily put together schedule included games with Utah State University, Idaho Southern U, Great Falls Montana Air Corps base and Hillfield Army Air Corps base in Utah. Almost all of these opponents were faced twice that year. We had a one-on-one schedule.

Considering all our opponents had squads of 100% healthy young men while our Marines were limited physically by wounds, malaria, etc., I was very proud of them in spirit, in spite of winning only one game - at Great Falls.

My Marines made up in enthusiasm what they lacked in physical fitness," Archie Rackerby concluded.

Editor's Note: The greatest football game I ever saw, and I've seen plenty, was between two service teams. It was in 1944 at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum between the fabulous El Toro Marines and the San Francisco based Fleet City team. What a game! Both teams were loaded with college and pro All-Stars.



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LOOKING BACK AT NEW ORLEANS REUNION



— Patch Photo

Rudy and Marian Rosenquist, Bob and Judy Buerlein had a great time at our 2002 Reunion. Photo was taken at the outstanding banquet dinner at the Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel.



— Patch Photo

"And leave the driving to us!" All loaded up and ready to go, our charter bus is heading towards the Marine Corps Reserve Facility. The young Marines were delighted by a visit of the "famed Raiders" of WWII and put on a super show for us all.



— Patch Photo

While Bob Wallace (4HQ) and Jack Freeling, standing, get into some serious conversation, Jo Harn and Emmitt Hayes (3K), carry on their chatting. That's our bartender Pat Almond (4DHQ), right background.



— Patch Photo

George MacRea (3K), Jim Wood (3M) and John Dragon (2G) relaxing in our Hospitality Suite. As usual, it was the place everyone gravitated to for tall tales and censored jokes.



— Patch Photo

Our membership chairman, Jack Dornan, far right, is in with some pretty heavy hitters, or should we say "heavenly". Far left is Rt. Rev. Phillip Hanna, retired Archdioceses of New Orleans, Rev. Jefferson De Blanc, Jr., Raider Chaplain Shirl Butler. Their appearance added a very special touch.



— Patch Photo

Our Marine host for our visit to New Orleans was Lt. Gen. Dennis M. McCarthy. Here he is with our own Albert Kaminsky (2E). The General and his lovely wife opened their doors to the Raiders. Many thanks again, General.

2002 REUNION REVISED



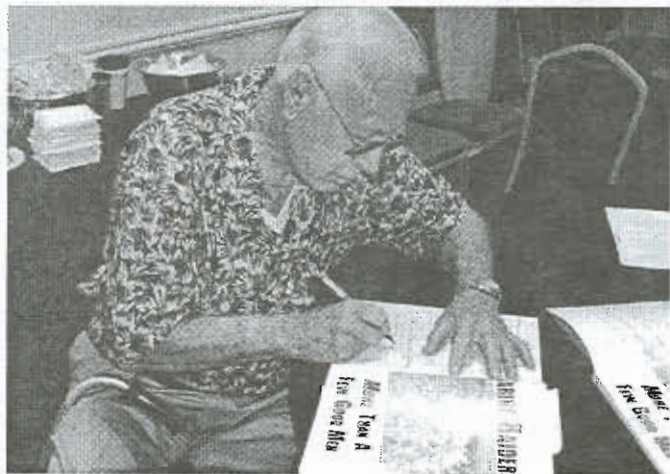
— Patch Photo

Lee Pressley (4DQ) right, and Brian Quirk (2B3L) got surprised by our Patch camera in the Hospitality Room. Both enjoyed reminiscing about "old times."



— Patch Photo

There's a poster that should get your attention! One of our "shelter halves" stops to read one of the posters during the tour of the magnificent D-Day Museum.



— Patch Photo

Jim Strawbridge (4DQH) has reached "celebrity status". Here he autographs a copy of "Marine Raiders, More Than A Few Good Men" for an admirer.



— Patch Photo

Our Past President, Mel Heckt, left, presents Honorary member Bob Buerlein his well earned Certificate of Appreciation. Bob has been a tireless supporter of USMRA.



— Patch Photo

The service and food was outstanding at the 2002 Raider Headquarters, the Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel in New Orleans. The Banquet was enjoyed by all who attended.



— Patch Photo

Naturally, there was a Board of Directors meeting. Much of the Association business was discussed and future plans for USMRA were on the front burner.

PAST REUNIONS IN REVIEW

San Diego has always been a Raider Favorite for Reunions.



— Patch Photo

Ray Luckel (4B0), left, in "full dress civies" presents Bob Mathews (4HQ) with a well deserved honor during the 1982 Reunion.



— Patch Photo

Raiders identified on the podium, left to right are: Gen. Lou Walt, Ray Luckel, Bob Mathews, Father Redmond and Lowell Bulger. Note Honor Guard. 1982 Reunion.



— Patch Photo

Maj. Gen. Charles S. Cooper, CG of MCRD in 1980 must have said something quite funny as Brig. Gen. Jimmy Roosevelt (2nd & 4th) as Association President, Ray Luckel (4B0) seems unimpressed.



— Patch Photo

General "Silent Lou" Walt, a Marine and Raider legend, was principle speaker at the 1982 Reunion. He could hold an audience, no question about it!



— Patch Photo

Looks like Lowell Bulger, right, either won a bet or lost a bet with Jimmy Roosevelt, left. Man in the middle is unidentified. Photo taken in 1980.



— Patch Photo

The Raider's sole surviving Medal of Honor recipient, Dick Bush (4D4HQ), addressed the audience and he always had some very interesting remarks.

Raider Scrapbook



— Photo courtesy of Edward L. Hall

Members of the First Raider Battalion take a break from the action on Guadalcanal. We have no identifications or location or date on this photo. Only notation on back - 1st Raiders, Guadalcanal.



"Generous Raider"

Nathan "Nate" Lipscomb (2E), poses on Esparito Santos during a little R & R. "Nate" retired a Major and sent us about a dozen other photos, as well as his "Gung Ho" knife that was one of the original issues to Carlson's Battalion. He carried it through Guadalcanal, Bougainville and Iwo Jima. A great momento for our Raider Room.



— Patch File Photo

"Beach and Barbed Wire" Jack W. Hickland and a Raider identified only a Vervaka enjoy a little R & R on the beach at the Royal Hawaii Hotel. Note Diamond Head in the background.



— Photo courtesy of Jerry Beau.

"Time to Relax" These Marines take time out during attack on Guam. A brief rest seated on a Japanese wicker settee after wrestling the Orote Point Airfield from the enemy. Left to right seated: Pfc's Jack E. Schulte (1H), (Died 19 Nov. 1990), Robert E. Klasen (1DA), 1st Sgt. B.E. Davis and Pfc. Milton A. Hopkins. U.S. Navy photo taken 8 Aug. 1944, sent to Patch by Raider Association Historian Jerry Beau. Many thanks, Jerry.



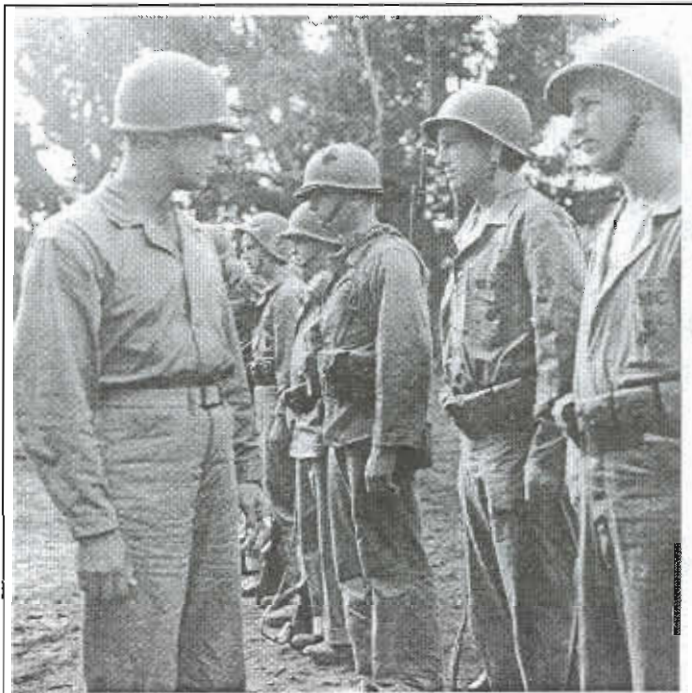
— Patch File Photo

Here's our own Membership Secretary, Jack Dornan (2G), right, with two buddies during a lull in the action on Okinawa. Jack does a fabulous job for our Association keeping those many and varied records in order.

REUNION NOTICE

Guadalcanal Campaign Veterans
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 Gordon W. Morgan or "Boats" Lindsay
 8837 NE Schuyler St., Portland, OR 97220
 (503) 254-6848
 Email: USMCG27@aol.com

Raider Scrapbook



— Patch File Photo

"Ten Hut..." Lt. Charles McTeer's 3rd Platoon, 4B, stands to attention as he inspects his troops. Photo was taken on the 'canal after Viru. Photo identifies man on extreme right as "Knight". If anyone can I.D. the others, let us know!



— Patch File Photo

"The Bod Squad" It must have been the 1940's. Didn't anyone have hair on his chest? Even the movies made sure Gable, Flynn, and Tyrone Powers were "hairless". These four proved the point! On the left is an unknown Raider. Then Pete Arias, Jake Broderick and Riley E. Gilbert. All were members of 2 CF while on Espiritu Santos where this photo was taken in 1943.



For Sgt. James O. Faulkner, his combat was limited to one campaign, Makin. But that was enough. He was wounded three times and was the recipient of the Navy Cross.



— Patch File Photo

"Combat Chaplains, Business as Usual!" Somewhere in a jungle in the South Pacific, a Chaplain conducts services for his flock of Raiders in a make-shift "chapel", probably made by those faithful in the foreground. Those Chaplains were really a "Godsend" to the men on the line. What a magnificent job they did.

RAIDER NEEDS INFO

I received a phone call from Ron C. Haxer, 7760 Firth Rd., Columbus, MI 48063. His brother John C. Haxer was with me at Ehogai, New Georgia on the morning of July 11, 1943.

While we were at a well getting water for my canteen, a Jap dive bomber came overhead and dropped his bomb so close to us it killed John instantly and I was severely wounded.

I first met John at Camp Elliott just after my boot camp at San Diego, which was around the middle of Feb. 1943. I knew very little about John, but I knew we really would like each other.

John had been an orphan and I believed he had come from Detroit, Mi. I am not positive that he may also have had his boot camp at San Diego. I was in Platoon 1142, December 1942. According to what Ron told me, he and John had hardly known each other.

Ron and his son contacted me after reading about John and I in a book by Col. Joseph H. Alexander, USMC (Ret.) The book was "Edson's Raiders, The 1st Marine Raider Battalion in World War II, page 274.

Ron and his son are hoping that we can get some info to pass along to them. If John did go through boot camp at San Diego, and if John McCarthy can find out and get his platoon number, they have sold copies of platoon pictures upon submitting a request and a fee.

I would welcome the opportunity of submitting a request and the fee. I would definitely want the platoon picture sent to me. I would get copies with much better results using the original.

I also plan to contact Maj. Jerome J.C. Beau. Maybe he has some info in his updated files. James "Horsecollar" Smith must have plenty of Company and Platoon records available that could be helpful.

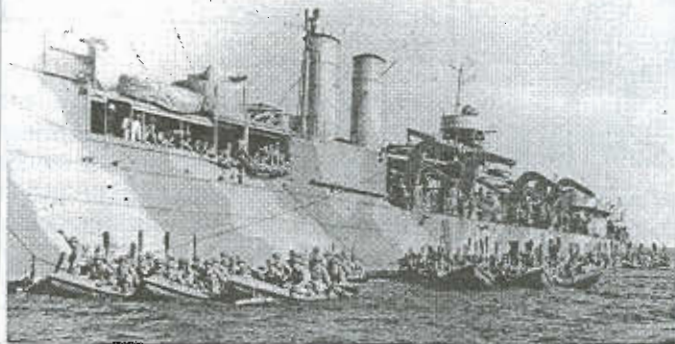
Semper Fi,
Fred Odette, B Co., 1st Raider Bn.
(810) 732-2884

COMING IN

THE NEXT ISSUE OF YOUR PATCH...

How 1st Raider Harold Holden recovered his dog tag, lost on Tulagi 7 August 1942 - 61 years later!

Raiders Head for the Beach



— Patch File Photo

IT WAS NEVER EASY

Wherever they landed, in whatever manner, such as from a Navy transport as pictured above, or submarines, or Higgins boats or the tough, reliable APD's, they were always sure of one thing... A reception party!

The Japanese, pictured below, were waiting for them. Maybe not on the beach, but close by. That was almost a certainty. Raiders never seemed to pick a good place to wage war! If there is such a place.

A Royal Nippon Welcome



— Patch File Photo



Season's Greetings

To all the Raiders. Having been on Guadalcanal for fifty years makes me feel that I belong in the midst of those who fought to save "those islands". With the ranks diminishing, being 93 myself, I understand the losses very well. Please accept my sincere thanks for your greetings, as well as wishes for a healthy, happy New Year.

Ever grateful,
An old "war time" Guadalcanal missionary
Sister Mary Theresa.

(Received by the Patch Editor, Holidays 2002)

PAST USMRA PRESIDENT BOB MATHEWS PASSES

A Tribute by Archie Rackerby

Bob Mathews has been my close friend for some 25 years, and I can honestly say that I have never known a better or finer man in my life. As a former Boy Scout and Scout Leader for some years gone by, I feel that Bob Mathews was the living example of the Boy Scout oath and law: his life was devoted to God, his country, his wife and family, and his friends. He was the epitome of the Boy Scout laws of Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent. And, as well as I knew Bob, I don't know if he was even a Boy Scout!

Bob did so much for people. He was very gracious with his time and money on behalf of his friends and family. He was a true American patriot by serving 20 years in both the Marine Corps and the U.S. Army. He was awarded two

Silver Star medals for his bravery and leadership during the Korean War. Earlier, he was one of about 10 Marine Raiders who trained for six months in Scotland with the British Commandos and returned to this country to train Marine Raiders for the grueling tasks ahead during World War II.

Bob was President of the U.S. Marine Raider Association from 1984 and 1988 and his leadership was unexcelled. Almost single-handedly he collected and sent half a ton of books to the schools of the Solomon Islands to help educate the young people whose parents had been so loyal and helpful to Marines during World War II. He was a prime mover with Raider Rudy Rosenquist in establishing the permanent Marine Raider Museum in Virginia. When the Raider Association Treasurer was unable to handle the workload of his office alone, Bob drove 200 miles frequently to help out. He has been the leader in organizing annual spring mini-reunions for Western Marine Raiders in Reno, Nevada.

Bob's loyalty to his ailing friends has been unsurpassed. During the past several months, he has made lengthy, time consuming trips to the bedside of ailing old Marine Raider friends shortly before they passed away. Bob was very compassionate and felt the loss of an increasing number of old buddies immensely.

Any way you want to slice it, Bob was a true good old Texas boy. They didn't make them any better. I truly am proud to have been his friend.



Bob Mathews, right, as a member of 3 Commando in Scotland in May, 1942 with Lt. Duncan, USMC. Bob was last of the Scotland Cadre.



Bob Mathews as an American tourist at the statue honoring the Commandos of World War II. Monument is near where Bob and others trained.

Please, always include your Battalion and Company(s) when writing to the Editor.

Dear Patch Editor,

This is about the kind of man Father Redmond was. In 1946 I was a member of the Pennsylvania State Police. That year the American Legion was holding their National Convention in San Francisco. The man running for National Commander was from Pennsylvania, so the Governor wanted to make a good showing out there. They flew 17 troopers out to SF to ride in their parade. When we arrived, we had to borrow 17 horses. We took our own saddle equipment. On a Thursday afternoon, I was standing in front of the Witcomb Hotel deciding where to go for a sandwich. All of a sudden this big limo pulls up in front of the hotel. The man in the limo was none other than Father Redmond. He didn't quite recognize me. I was in uniform (state police). As I walked over to the limo I removed my hat. Then he recognized me. After a few pleasantries he asked me where I was going. I told him I was going to find a place for a sandwich. He said, "No you aren't". He made me get into the limo and took me over to the most prestigious club in Frisco. I think it was next to the St. Francis Hotel. That day I made friends with Ambassadors, surgeons, and other community leaders. I said to Father Redmond, "You are going to have to order for me, I'm just a peon." "Don't worry," he said. We had a wonderful lunch. I think he had carte blanche in any hotel or restaurant in San Francisco.

I just want you and the Association's membership to know one more story about this remarkable man. Thanks for listening.

John McGinty (4CP)

7 Maricrest Dr.

Amherst, NY 14228-3042

Dear Patch Editor,

I would like to add my two cents to the Piano Story. I had guard duty the night of the "great theft". I was corporal of the guard, stationed near the gangway. Don't recall who, but someone instructed me to be looking elsewhere when the piano left the ship.

Sgt. Hartman's tale of what happened is about as I recall.



BULL SHEET

I can add one more name to those that carried the piano - Cpl. Wilton M. Barnes. Barnes wrist was against the railing and he lost his wrist watch to the briny deep. Barnes, myself and nine others were chosen to join the Raiders when interviewed by Lt. Col. Roosevelt and his assistant Currin.

Barnes retired from commercial airlines as a pilot. He lived in Wilmington, NC until his death. I recall all of the persons mentioned in Sgt. Hartman's story. Kondracki was a great cribbage player. I later learned to play the game from a Navy Chief in the hospital on Guadalcanal in Feb. 1944 while attached to "A" Co., 1st Bn., 9th Marines.

You're doing a great job on the Patch.

Sincerely,

Clarence Brooks (4N)

41 South Main St.

Homer, NY 13077

Dear Sir,

I was a Marine in "A" Co. 1/4 and we were known as the Alpha Co. Raiders. Our CO went to great lengths to teach us the tradition of the Marine Raiders, to the point of we even had tests about it before we could go on liberty. I myself was a 0351, but they sent me to scout swimmer school and small boat coxswain school as we now used the Zodiacs with 55hp engines.

I have heard there has been resistance from some of the old salty Raiders about us youngsters calling ourselves Raiders, but I just wanted you to know that we took great pride in that and we were the toughest bastards out on those cold and horrible waters every night we had to do a raid and we let no one forget that. My CO that year was Maj. Montanous and our First Sgt. was (now Sgt. Maj.) Stebbins, just in case you wondered.

If you could have seen us, we would have done you and the rest of the Old Raiders proud and I just felt that needed to be addressed, even though

it's been almost six years now. Great site, Sir, and thank you for giving us the proud tradition that you all did.

Semper Fi

Ian Pickett

Editor's Note: This letter was sent to the Patch by Archie Rackerby via Don Marsh's website. No contact information available. The sender's heart is in the right place.

Hello Editor,

I informed you some time ago that I held the dedication of the Plaque in Volcano, Harry The Horse's birthplace. Col. Harry Liversedge (3HQ) organized the 3rd Bn. on Samoa.

A problem arose as to who owned the right of way where the plaque was mounted. Rather than get into the dog fight that is still ongoing, I took possession of the plaque from the Sheriff who was holding it for safe keeping. I decided to donate the plaque to the Corps and requested it to be placed in the lobby of Liversedge Hall, which as you no doubt know is the BOQ at Quantico. I was fortunate in knowing Station Sgt. Major Thomas here in my area and he acted as the conduit between me and Quantico.

As of this date, it is in the process of being permanently installed there. In my opinion, it will get far more exposure there than where it was originally placed. Many of today's young officers will learn of this unsung legend of our Corps.

Earlier today I spoke with retired Marine Major General Fred Haynes at his new home in Manhattan to advise him of this turn of events as he, like you, was a contributor to this project. And, of course, he served then Col. Liversedge on Iwo Jima.

This should be the final chapter in this saga.

I thank you again for your participation in this project.

Al Careaga (1C)

Former Gy/Sgt.

1st Raider Bn., WWII

Dear John,

Thank you so much for sending the additional copies of the Raider Patch. It is great to have them and I am sending them to the right places. Tregaskis deserves every word you've said. Your piece is SUPERB!

Semper Fi

Mona McLaughlin-Tregaskis

Honolulu, HI

Please, always include your Battalion and Company(s) when writing to the Editor.

Hello Jack,

I enjoyed talking with you a few weeks ago. I'm enclosing a copy of a photo from my Marine album, and thought perhaps you would publish it some time. I do not know who these fellow are and someone might recognize them and write in. This photo was taken on Guadalcanal.

Hope this finds you in good health. Please find enclosed my check for 2003 dues.

Regards,
John G. Crawford, Jr. (2F)
Harrisonburg, VA

Editor's Note: John didn't say which Marine in the photo is him!



Anyone recognize the guys in this photo? Please let the Patch know.

Sir! Yes Sir!

Got your message and am sending my dues for 2003 on time for a change.

Would like to add the phone rang on Nov. 3rd and a voice said "Hey Mel, do you know where we were at this time 60 years ago?" My response was Bougainville? The voice said "No, we were landing at Rola Bay on Guadalcanal." The voice identified himself as Neil Morley, who I had not seen or heard from since Camp Pendleton, before Iwo Jima.

We had a great time remembering good and bad times while holding a mini-reunion. I am sorry that we did not think to have a picture taken.

Regard to all the old gang of "H" Company.
Semper Fi,
James M. Irvine (2EH)



BULL SHEET

Dear Editor,

Enclosed are my 2003 dues. I want to add to Mel Heckt's note about our Commanding Officers, namely, Carlson and Shapley.

Col. E. Carlson's motto "Gung Ho" from his experience with China's 8th Route Army: Work Together.

Col. Alan Shapley: "A taught ship is a happy ship."

This was a sharp turnaround for the Jack's Farm Raiders who went there to do what they thought was what Marine Raiders were all about.

Sincerely,
Edward Hammer (2D)
San Clemente, CA

Dear Editor,

I was in Europe during WWII with the 3rd Army. My brother, Roy C. Chick, was a Raider in "B" Co., 1st Bn., 4th Marines, 6th Marine Div. He was KIA 17 April, 1945 on Okinawa. I was hoping maybe, that you could put this in your Raider Patch. He was a squad leader of a machine gun squad of "B" Co., 1st. BN., 4th Marines, 6th Div.

I hope to hear from someone that was with him and could give me a little more about him. Thank you very much.

W.H. Chick
Rt.1, Box 196-2
Queen City, TX 75572

Hi John,

Just a note to say hello and send you the attached updated lyrics to "Gung Ho". The old lyrics were written in 1972 - 30 years ago. These seem to be more appropriate. Semper Fidelis.

H.E. LeBlanc (Hon.)
1663 Paularino Ave.
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Editor's Note: Thanks Hedley! In a future issue of the Patch we will run the complete "Gung Ho" song.

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BATTALION AND COMPANY!**

Dear John,

Thank you for sending the copy of your Raider Patch. It is a fine publication, replete with interesting writing, particularly the super feature on the incomparable Dick Tregaskis. You have earned gratitude and applause for doing it.

Sincerely,
V.H. Krulak
Lt. Gen., USMC (Ret.)

Dear Editor,

We, my husband Richard, 1B, 4th Reg., 6th Div., and myself, really enjoyed the most recent Patch with all the familiar faces in the pictures. Thank you.

Carrol Baumhardt,
Centerville, OH

Dear Mr. Dornan,

I am hereby regretfully withdrawing from the Association as an Honorary member. I came into the Raider Association at the behest of Bob Mathews (4HQ) and Don Floyd (4DQ). As you know, both recently passed away. I served with both of them in the 3rd Marine Div. after they left the Raiders. Accordingly, I do not feel it appropriate to continue as a part of the Association.

Semper Fi,
Ralph Franklin (Hon.)
Sarasota, FL

Editor's note: All the more reason, Ralph, to stick it out. Both Bob and Don would feel it would be appropriate. Give it some more thought.

Dear Patch,

Enclosed is a check for renewing my membership in our Raider Assoc. I enjoy reading the Raider Patch and hope to attend our next reunion. Thanks for all the hard work you do in keeping things together.

Sincerely,
Robert J. Mulcahey, (4L)
Janesville, MN

Ahoy Patch!

Enclosed is my annual contribution in the amount of \$75. Please apply where most needed in Raider affairs. I am not sure other non-active Raiders greatly appreciate yours and the other active members efforts to keep the outfit going.

Semper Fi & Gung Ho,
Ken Nelson (3I)
Arlington, VA

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Dear John,

You are doing a great job with the Patch. I enjoy it and so does my wife. Thought these pictures might strike up some memories.

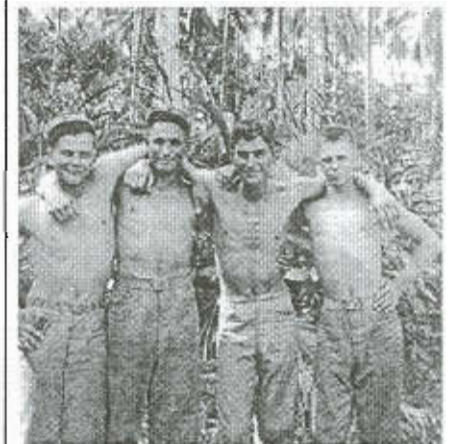
Semper Fi.

Junior Montgomery (3M) -
jhbonnie@rtcol.com



6th Marine Division in Japan.

Sitting: Junior Montgomery (Monty) and George Hashert. Back Unknown and A.J. Louesso.



M Co., 3rd Raiders Bn., 2nd Pl.

L-R: Charles Kundert, Junior (Monty) Montgomery, Robert Toles and Fred Lettau.

To the Raider Patch:

As our ranks diminish each year, my pride increases in having been a Marine Raider, and having been associated with so many extraordinary men with an enviable record of extraordinary accomplishments in defense of our Country and the freedoms we cherish.

Semper Fi,

Norman L. Gidden (1D)

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BULL SHEET

Dear Jack (Dornan),

Thank you very much for sending me the copy of the Raider Patch and the membership application form at the request of Archie Rackerby.

Enclosed you will find the completed application and a check for \$25 to enroll me as an Honorary member as per your requirements.

I realize that my twin brother's service in the Raiders was almost 60 years ago, but there still is a possibility that a Patch reader might remember having served with him. Towards this end, I would appreciate it if you would forward the attached letter to the Editor of the Patch and ask him to print the pertinent parts of my request in the next issue of the Patch. My brother was Charles J. Quade and served in 2H and 4HQ. Thank you.

Sincerely

Joe Quade

4 Cain Ct.

Montville, NJ 08045

Hello Raider Patch,

My name is Mark Schmidt and I am the curator of the Museum of World War II in Natick, MA. I am trying to let the Guadalcanal veterans know of the existence of our Museum, to visit it either on the web (www.museumofworldwar2.com) or in person.

And, also to let you know that we remember the spirit, sacrifice and commitment put forth by these men and others like them.

A big welcome awaits you.

Mark Schmidt

To the Patch,

My sincere thanks to all the Raiders for the plaque which gives me recognition for the years of service to the Association. It came to me at a time when I needed some cheering up.

A year ago July, I suffered a stroke that has changed my life. I can still walk and talk but the stroke weakened me. However, I am slowly regaining my abilities and God willing, should be complete again within a few more months.

I am still at 4711 Del Monte Ave., San Diego, so if you are ever in the area, please stop by.

Semper Fi,

Francis Hepburn

4th Bn., Co. CP

Editor's note:

Best to you Francis, I'm still trying to fit into your boots!

Editor,

I am enclosing my dues for 2003. In reference to a photo printed in the last Patch showing a photo of Vincent Cassidy held by his daughter Karen Walk, I sure did recognize Vincent.

Vincent was my Squad Leader on New Georgia, 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, B Co., 1st Battalion.

I am enclosing a photo that we took at Quantico in the 1950's during a reunion of the Edson's Raiders. Perhaps Karen would like to have it. I am on the left, Vincent on the right.

Semper Fi,

Carl Fox (1B)

4828 39th St.

Sunnyside, NY 11104



Carl Fox (1B) and Vincent Cassidy

Gentlemen,

I'd like to point out the theme that developed during our Convention.

Beginning with Lt. Gen. McCarthy's remarks, i.e., What we as Raiders had done and how he wanted his young Marines to learn from our contribution, etc.

Then came Archbishop Hannan who also focused on what we should do to teach the youngsters of today.

Colonel Watson also made the same points as did Johnie Webb.

It would therefore seem that pride of accomplishment and a charge to the future was the underlying theme of the 2002 Raider Reunion.

Semper Fidelis,

Ashley W. "Bill" Fisher

Covington, TN



BULL SHEET

This email came to the Patch from M.D. Kenny (3EL). We found it most interesting.

"Echoes of the Past"

A few weeks ago I had a call from a guy in Ft. Collins, CO looking for a former Marine named "M. Kenny". I said I was M.D. Kenny and served with the U.S. Marine Raiders during World War II. He said he had just returned from a gun show in Phoenix, AZ and bought a U.S. Marine stilleto with the name "M. Kenny" stamped on the leather casing. I told him I remembered being issued a stilleto while serving with the 3rd Raiders during training on American Samoa in 1942. However, I could not recall what happened to it and it was eventually replaced by the K-Bar, which was much more practical for us in the jungle environment. He said he traced me through the Raider Museum in Richmond, VA, which indeed shows me as a member of E & L companies, 3rd Bn. This could very well have been mine since I never used my middle initial in those days and I did not know of any other Kenny's in the Raiders.

Semper Fi,

M.D. Kenny (3rd Bn.)

Dear John,

Just a note to congratulate you on the excellent job you and your associate editors, Harry Reynolds and Al Kropff, do with each and every addition of *The Raider Patch*. Hope you are able to put out the "Patch" for a long, long time to come. I look forward to receiving each and every issue.

Enclosed is a copy of a picture from page 26 of Issue No. 81, (July-Aug-Sept, 2002). The picture is of *PhM Brice Martin of HQ, Co. 3rd Raider Bn, and me, Cpl. Horace "Cal" Frost of L. Co., 3rd Raider Bn. (Machine Gun Squad Leader.)*

I am not asking you to correct the caption, I'm perfectly happy... and very appreciative that you printed the picture and the caption. Thank you very much. My only reason for calling it to your attention, is for the record. Please don't feel

it is necessary to print a correction. The information is basically correct.

The enclosed check in the amount of \$100 is a "no-strings" donation to the Association.

Sincerely,

Cal Frost

Co. L. 3rd Raider Bn.

Bougainville - Guam - Okinawa

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"SMALL WORLD"



While visiting a recent air show at Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, California your Editor was struck by this display of current Marines in vintage uniforms and equipment.

The weapon in the foreground is a .55 cal Boys Anti Tank, bolt action rifle. This is the weapon used by at least two Raider Battalions. Your Editor took almost a year to locate one for our new Raider Room at the Command Museum, MCRD, San Diego. We did find one and with our pleas to the membership in the Patch, enough money was donated to purchase the Boys Gun.

My interest was more than casual when I saw the above. I asked the young Marine (in photo) where they got the fairly rare weapon. He answered, "The Museum at MCRD loaned it to us for the show."

So, in a small (Big Bore) way, the Raiders were on hand at the largest All-Marine Air Show ever held.



"ALL PROS" Dan Pastorini, All Pro Quarterback, has everything going for him. On his right is our beloved Fr. Paul J. Redmond. On the left is former NFL Houston Oilers Coach Q.A "Bum" Phillips. With all that spiritual and professional help, Pastorini should never have lost a game. "Bum" has a member of 4DQ has been in our Association for years. Photo taken at Reunion in September of 1981

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POINT MAN AWARD



Roger B. Labouteley, left, presents the USMRA's first "Point Man" award to Dr. Jack McConnell. The good doctor was most deserving of the honor. The presentation took place at the Iwo Jima site at the Parris Island Recruit Depot, Beaufort, S.C.

"FALL IN, KICKED OUT"

In any war there were many ways to stay out of the service for those who chose that course. The poet, Edgar Allen Poe had a most unique way. While a cadet at West Point Military Academy the posted parade uniform for the day was "gloves and saber belts." Poe strolled into formation wearing nothing but gloves and a saber belt and a brief smile.

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