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2003
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Reunion Info



Raider
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Raider
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after 61 years!



Bull Sheet
and more!



USMRA Board Meeting Covers Many Bases



- Patch Photo

Under the watchful eyes of the D-Day Museum founder, Stephen Ambrose, our Association President, Chuck Meacham, right and 1st Vice President Ashley "Bill" Fisher, left, flank the museum's Vice President of Development and founder's son, Hugh Ambrose. Serious talk was given the prospect of a significant Raider display at the magnificent new museum, a tribute to those who served in World War II.

Outlook Good for D-Day Museum "Raider Room"

Our USMRA New Orleans Board of Directors meeting in early March covered many subjects, some of which are covered elsewhere in the Patch. However, one of the primary reasons for the board meeting in New Orleans was to meet with the nice folks at the National D-Day museum.

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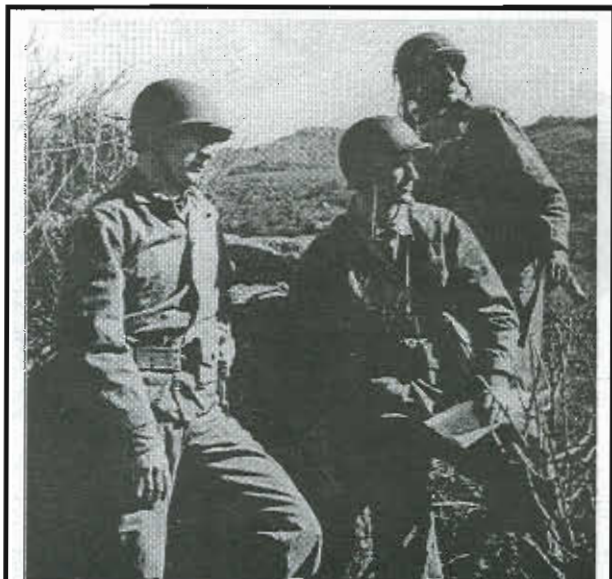
Fabulous Red Lion Hotel will be Reunion Headquarters

Visiting our 2003 Reunion in San Diego this September will be like "old home week" for many Raiders.

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.

Our Reunion Committee have really gone to work on our reunion program and it promises to be one of the best ever. We have had reunions in San Diego before and they have 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 will 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! You'll find all info you need to make sure you're in on the action on pages 14 & 15. See you there!



- Patch File Photo

Not far north of our 2003 Reunion Headquarters at The Red Lion Hotel is this spot photographed over 59 years ago. Here Charles L. Banks, left, Lt. Col. Jimmy Roosevelt and Jack Shaffer, 'all 4th Bn., survey Camp Pendleton while getting ready to ship overseas.

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— *Semper Fidelis*

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EDITOR'S NOTES

*As the Legend grows,
so do the obligations!*

John McCarthy

No military unit in the history of the United States brought more honor and glory to themselves, more pride to their countrymen and more grief to their enemies as the four United States Marine Raider Battalions of World War II. And, in such a short period of time. It is imperative that their heritage and exploits live long past the remaining Raider survivors.

It is to these men, living and dead, that the United States Marine Raider Association and their friends are dedicated to preserving the history, exploits and honor of all of "those who served" as members of the United States Marine Raiders.

During their two years of existence, the 8,600 Marine Raiders and Navy Corpsmen earned 8 Medals of Honor, 136 Navy Crosses, 21 Distinguished Service Crosses, 330 Silver Stars, 18 Legions of Merit, 6 Navy and Marine Corps medals, 3 Soldier Medals, 169 Bronze Stars and 32 Letters of Commendation.

These men have joined together to ensure their heritage: A scholarship fund in honor of Sir Jacob Vouza, a Solomon Island native hero; and funds to maintain Raider Rooms in several museums and other projects.

Like most honorable endeavors, to perpetuate a lasting memorial takes money. The USMRA, in addition to maintaining existing projects, has some exciting plans for the future. We need your support. You can become a most important part of U.S. Marine Raider heritage as a sponsor. No matter how large or how small your donation, it will help ensure the future of Marine Raider heritage.

To say that the USMRA, their associate members, families and friends will be extremely grateful would be a gross understatement.

Thank you in advance for any consideration you offer. A donor form can be found on page 3 of this issue of your Raider Patch. Complete the form, include your check and mail it to the address on the form. Your name will be listed on our Honored Donor Roll and appear in our official magazine.

Your coming on board as a sponsor should make your future descendants very proud.

Semper Fidelis,
Editor



From the Membership Secretary's Cluttered Desk

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SICK CALL

Gaulden, Clyde R., (3DHQ) - had a report from Clyde dated 3/10/03 that he is doing well. Recuperating from a case of pneumonia, a real problem for our age group. Reported an address change: 4805 Bethlehem Dr., Hudson, TX 75904. Let him hear from you.

Grimes, Alfred, (3BK) - received via Archie Rackerby. Raider Sgt. Grimes is now in the VA Vets Home, Room 326-B, 2249 Visan Hwy, Milledgeville, GA 31061. Phone (404) 308-4908 and is fighting cancer. Don't have much in way of details, but am sure a card, letter, or call would be appreciated. See what you can do to help.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

(As of 4/5/03)

Category	Life	Annual	Total
Raiders	422	279	701
Honorary	163	87	250
Associate	38	43	81
Organizations	6	9	15
Totals	629	418	1,047

Note:

Mailing labels affixed to the Jan-Feb-March Patch contained the "Last Issue" notation as a reminder to those who had not sent in their respective 2003 dues. A total of 63 members have been removed from the mailing list.



Notes & Thoughts From President Charles Meacham

"Yo" Raiders & Friends,

I am writing you on Easter Sunday, 2003. How many of you can remember where you were 58 years ago on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1945? My vision of that first wave landing on Okinawa and moving out across Yontan airfield is still quite vivid.

Today, I attended an Easter Sunday band concert in the park. The concert was put on by the local Sequim, WA, volunteer city band - 40 strong. They began with the Star Spangled Banner; the audience all rose and the men uncovered their heads and placed their hats over their hearts. Children and dogs ran hither and yon, having a good time. It made me feel good that perhaps in WWII, I had made some small contribution which allowed this concert to take place. Have you been to a city park band concert lately? Try it, you'll like it.

We Raiders are becoming an endangered species and we must prepare our Association to continue under the leadership of our blood relatives; may we stand as one cohesive association. Let us set an example for them.

On March 6 & 7, 2003, your Association Board of Directors held a special meeting in New Orleans, LA. The 15 pages of minutes will be reported on at the San Diego Reunion. Of particular interest at this writing are:

- Associate/Honorary members will sit on Board committees but will have no vote until January, 2005.
- The Board will recommend Memphis, TN for the 2004 Reunion.
- On Veteran's Day, November 11, 2003, a plaque will be placed on Kwajalein Island in memory of our nine Raiders executed there.
- The Association's publications and records will be archived on CDs.
- The Board met with senior D-Day Museum officers in New Orleans to explore the possibility of a Raider presence in the expanded D-Day Museum.

Fund Raising - As mentioned in the previous *PATCH*, one of my duties as Association President is to keep the "company" solvent and to provide for its perpetuation and programs. My goal is to raise \$250,000 during my two-year tenure. These funds will be used to perpetuate the Legacy and History of the Raiders, to upgrade our website and museums, to establish a trust for scholarships and, perhaps, a presence in the expanded D-Day Museum in New Orleans and in the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation's national museum in Quantico, VA.

It will take the help of all members - Raiders as well as Associate and Honorary members - to raise these funds. If each member raised only \$100 in each of the two years, the goal will have been reached. We then, in 2005, would be able to integrate our Association with our young blood relatives and provide a solid and funded program. Will you please assist your Association in this endeavor?

San Diego Reunion - September 17-21, 2003

It is extremely important that you fill out your registration form to attend the San Diego Reunion and submit it to Steve Klos, Treasurer, as early as possible. Your Association has made a large commitment to the Red Lion Hanalei Hotel in order to obtain the excellent rate concessions extended to us. There is something for everyone in the San Diego area, so plan to bring the family and grandkids. September is a great time of the year to vacation in the area.

We will have two great speakers at the banquet: John Innes, a Guadalcanal historian from Australia and one of the three administrators of the Vouza Scholarship Fund, will inform us of the present situation in the Solomon Islands and the Vouza Scholarship Fund. Col. John T. Hoffman, USMCR and an Honorary member of the Raider Association will speak on "The Influence of WWII U.S. Marine Raiders on the current U.S. Military."

Semper Fidelis, C U on the beach!
 Chuck Meacham
 President, USMRA



Chuck Meacham, President

MARINE WAR DOGS aka "RAIDER DEVIL DOGS"

On the 23rd of January, 1942 the State of New York issued the Certificate of Incorporation to the "Dogs For Defense, Inc." The constitution and bylaws were instituted and Mr. Harry I. Caesar became the President of the newly formed corporation. Their purpose was "to inspire, encourage and develop the use of dogs for duties and services in connection with defense work and - conduct and supervise training camps, demonstrations and instructions in the training of dogs as guards, messengers, carriers and sentries..."

These efforts were finally acknowledged by the Quartermaster General, Major General E.B. Gregory, after the reception and training center for dogs was established at Front Royal Quartermaster Depot, Front Royal, Virginia. General Gregory wrote Mr. Caesar on July 31, 1942 advising him that "Dogs for Defense" was the sole agency, for the time being, through which patriotic citizens will be afforded an opportunity to donate dogs for use in the war effort.

Also, the War Department well recognized that there was a definite and urgent need for trained dogs in the connection with the war effort.



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Guard Duty was a primary duty for most war dogs. This one, with his Marine handler, certainly make for a pretty picture. The dog is a doberman.



— Patch File Photo

HAIL CAESAR!
Ceasar in all his majesty! A dog all Raiders loved and a genuine hero. Ceasar was the epitome of our Marine motto, *Semper Fidelis - Always Faithful.*

General Gregory then designated Lt. Col. Clifford Smith to take charge of the dog corps.

One of the first duties of "Dog for Defense" was to find and gather up 5,000 dogs and ship them off to Front Royal. This was a large task as they also had to give them a preliminary intelligence test and physical examination before shipping them off. This request for 5,000 dogs came after "Dog for Defense" had given 10 dogs to Brig. General P.S. Gage of Fort Hancock for sentry duty. Then Maj. Gen. Gregory was given 200 dogs trained for sentry and other duties. He thought them so valuable he appointed DFD the sole supplier and ordered the 5,000.

General Gage who was in command of the Harbor Defenses, and General Gregory was the Quartermaster General had such success with the application of dogs in the war effort that the order was issued to Dogs for Defense for 125,000 dogs. Branches for DFD grew via the efforts of the American Kennel Club and Mr. Caesar. Regional Directors for the 48 states were appointed and the order for 125,000 dogs the first year was met.

Sentry duty, guards, messengers were all in the training given at Front Royal. Then tactical duty on the front line was what was needed. In the jungle where sight was limited, sound and smell was the order of the day. Could the K-9 Corps function as scouts and lead patrols? More than 10,000 sentry dogs were on duty during the emergency times of 1942 and well into 1943. Sabotage attempts had been prevented by using the dogs on harbor defenses. The presence of Japs were detected by their smell at ammunition dumps and supply depots. Jungle scouting and patrols must be tried.

The Marine War Dog Training Camp was located near New River, North Carolina at Camp Le Jeune. This was commanded by Capt. Jackson Boyd. And true to Corps traditions, every effort was made to give the Marine dogs distinctiveness. "First to Fight", the Corps motto, could be applied even to Marine dogs. It was not new that dogs were used by Marines. A Marine serving in the Garde d'Jaiti years ago had trained dogs to work at the point of patrols and expose enemy ambushes. It had been suggested in the 1935 revision of Small Wars Operations, published by the Marine Corps Schools,



— Patch File Photo

A German shepherd, the most reliable breed, goes through the training process with his Raider handler. Shepards learned extremely well.

that dogs can and should be used in jungle warfare. These dogs were referred to as "Devil Dogs" as this was the term the Germans had flung at their tough Marine opposition of the 2nd Division in 1918. "Marine War Dogs" and "Devil Dogs" was the name used throughout the war. K-9 Corps was the term used when they were referring to the Army or Coast Guard.

The First Marine Dog Platoon, Commanding Officer First Lt. Clyde A. Henderson, was attached to the Second Marine Raider Battalion, First Marine Raider Regiment, on August 3, 1943. This platoon of "Devil Dogs" was composed of 6 NCO's and 49 enlisted PFC's and Pvt's. Two men were assigned to each dog, and the dogs numbered 24. There were 21 doberman pinschers and 3 German shepards. The first use of these combat trained war dogs in WWII by the USMC in the Pacific was the coming Bougainville landing which was scheduled for 1 November 1943. This First Marine Dog Platoon even carried their own corpsmen, Cpl. John N. Dix. His duties were to check and maintain the dogs health, and treat wounds and other injuries.

Aboard a landing craft under heavy shelling, the "Devil Dogs" headed for the beach on D-Day, November 1, 1943 - Bougainville. Those dogs aboard that landing were attached to H & S Co., 2nd Raider Battalion. They were - "Jack, Caesar and Thor" the German shepards. The Dobermans were "Topper, Eri, Fritz, Otto, Rex, Liney, Rolo, Bobbie, Pal, Andy, Mike, Sparky, Prince, Kuno, Ruff, Judy, Freida, and Kathe" (Three other dobermans are missing from the list.) When they landed on the beach with a jerk they were about ten yards offshore. The men wading for the shore with water up to their waist. The dogs were swimming right after them. Upon reaching the beach they all made a mad dash for the cover of the jungle. This landing was made under fire and the dogs reacted as trained.

"Andy" and "Caesar" were assigned to M Company. They, with their handlers, Pfc. Rober Lansley with "Andy" and Pfc. Rufus G. Mayo with "Caesar" were sent straight out to the point of one of M Company's patrols which went right into the heart of the jungle. "Andy" worked off-leash, unlike most dogs on patrol, and trotted up the trail about ten yards ahead of his handler. He was about 500 yards into the thick jungle when "Andy" froze in his tracks. His ears pricked up, hackles rose, and a soft growl rumbled in his throat. His head pointed slightly to the right. The patrol leader had never worked with



— Patch File Photo

Good Dog! Caesar goes through a rugged training routine as Marine handlers observe. The dogs worked as hard as Raiders in learning their trade.

dogs before, but felt they were trained to do a job, so he sent up a couple of automatic riflemen to check things out. Sure enough, just as "Andy" had signaled to them, the riflemen came back that they had shot a Jap sniper hiding in a mangrove tree just off the trail. Twice more before they reached a trail junction to establish a road block "Andy" had alerted the presence of snipers. "Andy", who had been trained as a scout dog, had performed up to expectations.

"Caesar", who had been trained as a messenger dog, showed what he had been made of after the road block was set up. In a report and article written by Tech. Sgt. Harold Azine, "Caesar's" exploits were set in history. For two days and nights "Caesar", the Marine trained, 3 year old German shepard, was the sole means of swift communications between the extreme front line and the rear command post. During this period, while radio and phone contact was not established, the tireless dog got through time after time, running each vital message through a gauntlet of Jap sniper fire. Not once was he distracted by whizzing bullets. Not once did he get lost in the jungle denseness. Not once did he slacken with fatigue. Every message entrusted to "Caesar" was delivered safely and speedily. But "Caesar's" service to his country and his master, Pfc. Rufus Mayo, was not limited to running messages.

The events of the third day on Bougainville in the life of "Caesar" has been told many ways. The way that "Caesar" received his wounds is varied. The events that Sgt. Azine wrote showing "Caesar" saving his handler from being blown up by a Jap grenade when the Jap sneaked into the vicinity to his fox-hole that night. The Jap shot "Caesar" during the encounter. The official account as reported by "History of Dogs for Defense", as told by the Commanding Officer Lt. Henderson. "Caesar" made runs back and forth between his two handlers with Jap snipers taking pot shots at him enroute. The light was bad and "Caesar" was fast. He got through with each message he was instructed to carry. He was the "darling" of the Raiders. "Caesar" was also the first casualty of the company at dawn of the third day. The Japs had launched a dawn attack. "Caesar", hearing the Japs



— Patch File Photo

DOG PLATOON - Baily Island, New Caledonia. Note that all dogs here are dobermans except for the shepard in the foreground.

MARINE WAR DOGS aka "RAIDER DEVIL DOGS"

(Continued)

coming, jumped out of the foxhole and ran toward them. Handler Mayo called "Caesar" back. Just as "Caesar" stopped grudgingly to turn back, a Jap pumped bullets into him. He then crawled off into the jungle and could not be found. He was later located near the battalion command post where he had taken refuge in the bushes near Pfc. Johnny Kleeman, his other handler. The Raiders fashioned two short poles, and to this they fastened a blanket so that it made a deep hammock. He was taken to the regimental first-aid station by volunteers. "Caesar" was later returned to service in about three weeks, but still carried a Jap slug in his shoulder, as it was too close to his heart to remove.

"Andy" was later credited with saving the company from being caught in a machine-gun crossfire, and possibly heavy casualties. An advance had been stalled for several hours by nasty machine-gun fire. No one could figure quite where it was coming from. Finally, "Andy's" handlers, Pfc. Lansley and Pfc. John Mahoney, volunteered to locate the trouble. They pushed off into the jungle with "Andy" leading. When "Andy" froze, this time, he seemed a bit confused. First he turned sideways in the trail and began moving forward side-leggedly. That was "Andy's" own particular way of saying there was a whole mess of strangers up ahead. Then finally he pointed decisively to the left, then decisively to the right. Lansley crawled up beside "Andy" and peered through the foliage. All he could see of interest was a small trail with a banyan tree to the left of it and another to the right. Lansley studied the branches of both trees and could see nothing unusual. Then he noticed that bushes hiding part of the huge aerial roots of both trees didn't look quite right. He had it! The Japs has set up camouflaged machine gun nests beneath the roots of these trees. That would give them a murderous crossfire of the trail. Lansley and the men who followed him wiped out the two machine gun nests with grenades and machine-gun fire.

That clinched it for the dogs. The next day, Colonel Shapley, who had been dubious originally, sent a long report to Washington citing six of the dogs specifically for outstanding performance, and concluded with this statement: "The Dog Platoon has proved itself an unqualified success."

With Colonel Shapley's message to Washington, the Commanding General of the First Marine Amphibious Corps saying they had proven themselves in battle and "more are needed". Lt. General Thomas Holcomb, the Marine Corps Commandant, wrote personal letters to the donors of the cited dogs. Indeed Bougainville lent tremendous impetus to the cause which Dogs for Defense has launched with such difficulty a little more than a year before.

After Bougainville all female dogs were returned to the USA as they were too nervous to be of any use. One female dog "Ruff", littered nine pups on Guadalcanal. She did her part for the war effort!

Those of you who worked with the dogs, and were in the area where they operated, know first-hand how much the Raiders appreciated them. And, some of you are here today as a result of their training.

Outlook Good for D-Day Museum Raider Room

(Continued from Cover)

Most of us had a chance to visit this tribute to America's fighting men during our 2002 New Orleans Reunion. It is a very special place.

Our meeting was with Hugh Ambrose, Vice President of Development of the Museum. He is also the son of the Museum's Founder, famed Historian and Author, the late Stephen Ambrose. This delightful young man welcomed us with open arms, as did his entire staff.

We, collectively, told him as much as we could about the four United States Marine Raider Battalions. He in turn, gave us a good look at the present status of the museum and some very exciting plans for the near future. He also briefed us on some of the parameters and guidelines that we should know about. The talks will be ongoing and it looks very much like we will have significant exposure in the outstanding D-Day Museum.

Although the D-Day Museum has been open for some time and "is completely staffed and functioning" as Hugh told us, "It is a work in progress and will be for years to come."

Until our next report on the project we can tell one and all that it will indeed be an honor and a privilege for every Raider to be represented in this magnificent museum.

The Board of Directors appointed Ashley "Bill" Fisher, (2B) to head a 3-man committee, including George MacRae (3K), and John McCarthy, Patch Editor, to coordinate activities between the USMRA and the D-Day Museum.



Pictured at left:
Dr. Erv Kaplan,
(2EH), left and
Jimmy "Doc"
Gleason (4HQ)

— Patch Photo

Dr. Erv Kaplan and Jimmy "Doc" Gleason relax a little during our New Orleans Board of Directors meeting. Irv is busy improving his Raider website and "Doc" had just published his book "Real Blood, Real Guts." It's about Raider Corpsmen, What else?



Pictured at right:
George MacRae (3K),
and Tom Czekanski.

— Patch Photo

Our own George MacRae shows Tom Czekanski, Collections and Exhibits Manager of the National D-Day Museum in New Orleans, some photos of our Richmond Raider Museum in which George is very involved. Tom was impressed, as he was with similar photos of our Raider Room in San Diego.

An interesting but embarrassing sidebar, at least it was for your Editor. In the elevator going up to our meeting with Hugh Ambrose I mentioned to him that I had "all" of his Father's books. He looked at me and replied "All 34 of them?" I kept my mouth shut for the rest of the day! — Editor

Riverside National Cemetery & The Medal of Honor Memorial

By Patch Editor

A short time ago I was asked to do something I had never done before. A long-time, dear friend, a retired Army Major, passed away in Arkansas. He and I had been friends for many years, as were our wives. We had been neighbors and our children went through grade and high school together.

Both of our spouses are buried at the Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California. I received a phone call from my friend's son that he had passed away and would I possibly do the eulogy. Of course I told him that I would be proud and honored to, although I had never done one before. But I did, and survived!

While at Riverside National Cemetery I took time to view the magnificent new Medal of Honor Memorial. It is without question, a very special tribute to a very special group of men.

I attempted to take as many photos as I could that would show this beautiful memorial to America's bravest of the brave. But nothing can compare with seeing it first hand. I urge all USMRA members, if ever in the area, to pay a visit to this new tribute to America's heroes. The names, including all eight of our Raider recipients; Clyde Thomason, Merritt Edson, Harry Gurke, William Walsh, Kenneth Bailey, Justice Chambers, Richard Bush and Mitchell Red Cloud are there.

The Riverside National Cemetery is just across Highway 15 from the Air Museum at March Field, which is also an excellent venue to visit.

My visit to Riverside Memorial Cemetery was on the day after Veterans Day and the entire huge facility was filled with thousands of American flags. It was an amazing sight.

Hopefully, the accompanying photos will provide you with an idea as to how this wonderful memorial to America's heroes looks.

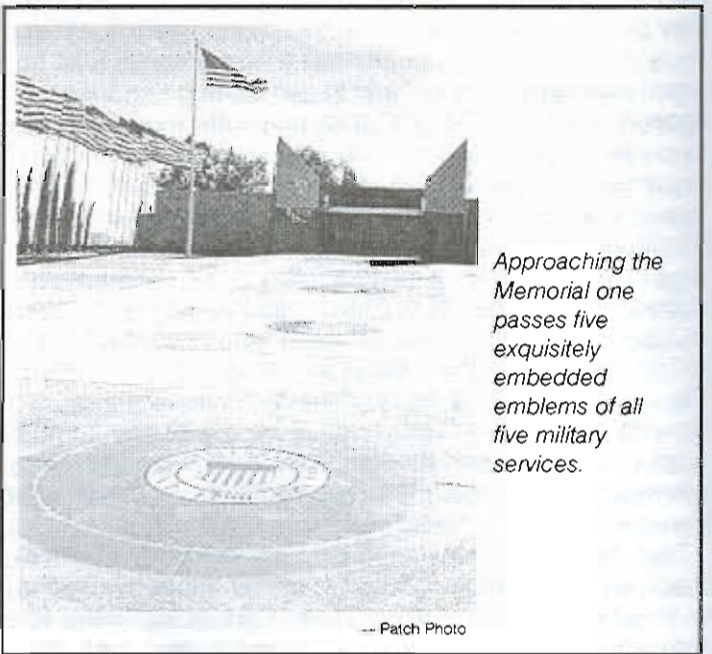
I was unable to find out at the time of this writing, the identity of the designer, and if other National Cemeteries have similar plans. It is a grand idea and I hope it catches on all over the country.

— Patch Editor



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Inside the confines of the memorial, this unique fountain offers a fresh and pleasing touch as water continuously falls from the steel arch.



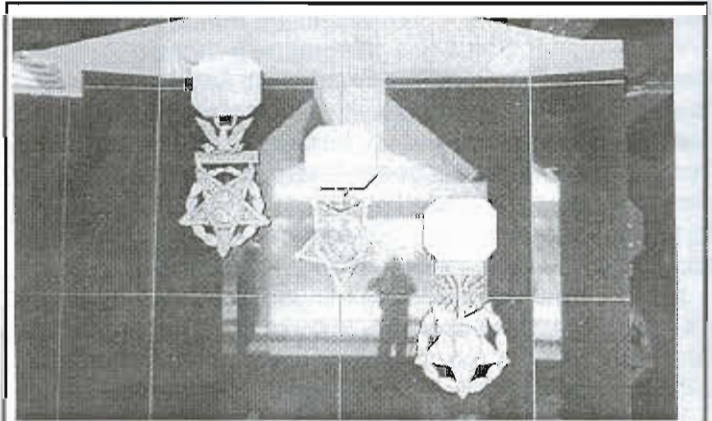
Approaching the Memorial one passes five exquisitely embedded emblems of all five military services.

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This is a view of the Marine Corps emblem. Each branch of service is represented by an emblem of the same size. They are highly detailed, colorful works of art.



— Patch Photo

These replicas of the Medal of Honor (one for the Army, Navy/Marines, and Air Force) each are over 4 feet tall.



A Raider Remembers A SEA STORY



By Colonel John Apergis, (2HQ)

I started in the Raiders after I was commissioned in Quantanamo Bay, Cuba, 29 Feb '41 and was assigned to A Co. 5th Raiders, 1st Marine Brigade. The Brigade later became the 1st Marine Div. in Cuba. I was platoon leader of A Co., 1st Separate Bn, later designated as the 1st Raiders, or Edson's Raiders.

Major Roosevelt came to Quantico with orders from the Commandant to detach one company reinforced with M.G. and Mortar Sections to the West Coast in order to form the cadre of the 2nd Bn. Edson detailed my Company with the M.G.'s and Mortars commanded by Lt. Wilbur Myerhoff.

At this juncture we East Coast Marines were dissolved and were treated as individual Marines by Major Evans Carlson. In other words, he "picked and choosed" the Marines he wanted and those not wanted, passing or not passing as being suited for Raider duty. This was a hell of a mess and most of us tried to "qualify" for such military duty. We were proud and could just not stand rejection by the West Coast mob. Carlson made me Company Commander D Co. We trained at Jacques farm, and after arrival in Hawaii I was hence sent on to Midway on the mission to defend that outpost. Prior to departing Pearl we were given briefings on the Japanese plans for Midway. Their code had been broken and we knew the plan. We were sworn to secrecy of course, and were never to tell the amazing story of the code breaking.

We deckloaded three ships, destroyers *Case* and *Quinn* and cruiser *St. Louis* then proceeded forced draft, full speed and no zig-zaging in order to arrive before June 1st. C Company 2nd Raiders went on Sand Island and my Company went to Eastern Island and we all disappeared in the bush. Before departing we were told by the Admiral to deck load as much ammo as possible and to sell out dearly.

By 6 a.m., June 4th the sky was dotted with Jap Zeros but our planes were already in the air headed for Jap carriers. We got hit hard by the Jap bombers, particularly on Eastern Island. Japanese Admiral Nagumo lost four of his carriers plus other ships leaving his attacking planes nowhere to land. The greatest victory in naval warfare was ours and our skins were saved. We worked through the night to get planes ready the next day. We fueled the planes with hand pumps, including Army Air Corps B-24's.

A sergeant by the name of Sergeant and I were manning a 50cal. AA machine gun. As the Jap planes swooped over we waited until the plane was close enough, then pulled the trigger. All we heard was a "click". The gun wouldn't fire. Sergeant was so mad he picked up his rifle and fired and I fired my pistol. The Jap watched us and came right back around to have some fun strafing right on us. We fired back with no effect as he zoomed overhead about 20 ft. off the ground thumbing his nose. We did down 17 Jap planes that day.

From Midway we ended up on Guadalcanal fighting for Henderson Field. By the way, Henderson Field was named after a Marine pilot who fought at Midway and was killed diving on a Jap warship.

There was fear of losing Henderson Field, so a strategy was developed to locate and build a second field. So on 4 November, the 2nd Raiders were detailed to a place called Aola Bay, together with elements from the 147th Army Infantry and the 5th Marine Def. Bn. We were to hunt for a suitable site and engage the enemy as we found them. I was with Carlson as CO HQ Company.

The Raiders on this patrol were the first to be armed with semi-automatic M-1's. We had firepower unseen by the 1st Div. and particularly the Japanese.

At 4 a.m. we paddled rubber boats to the beaches and as we approached we saw fires in the jungle. We didn't know if we were to meet friend or foe, but finally we met Capt. Martin Clemens and Maj. John Mather of Australia who had been on the Solomons for some time. Native police under Jacob Vouza guided us through the back country on this patrol.

Our tactic was to send out small patrols, search, find and attack and then withdrawn into the jungle and continue on. With our superior firepower we overwhelmed the Japanese. Our casualties were light - we evacuated more Marines with malaria than from gunshot wounds.

We were out of the Solomons and back on Espiritu Santo by the end of 1942. In April of 1943 I was transferred to IMAC (First Marine Amphibious Force) in Noumea.

Reprinted from an earlier Patch.



— Patch File Photo

Taking a break on Col. Carlson's Long Patrol in Nov. '42 are Capt. John Apergis, left, Col. Carlson, washing his feet, and Australian Maj. John Mather. The grueling 30 day trek had its share of combat with a very tenacious enemy.

RAIDER TRIO'S GREAT WORK RECOGNIZED

By Patch Editor



— Patch Photo

Bob Buerlein, Honorary

The April, 2003 issue of the National Rifle Association's outstanding magazine, American Rifleman has a feature story on USMRA Honorary Member Bob Buerlein and his fabulous operation in Richmond, VA.

Weapons have always held a certain fascination since their very first appearance centuries ago. That fascination shows no signs of disappearing anytime soon.

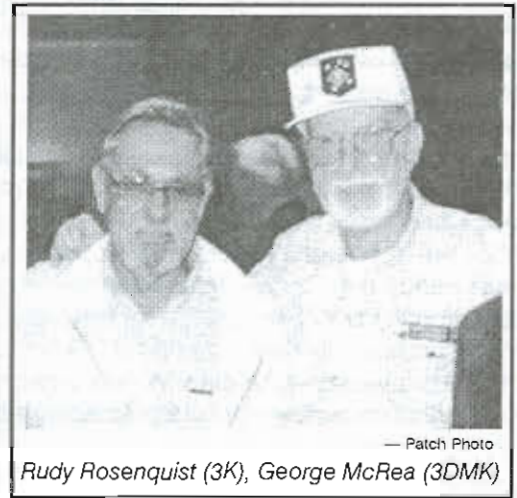
The American Historical Foundation has joined America's love of country and history through the evolution of the gun. Our history, as is the entire world's, was heavily influenced by the use of firearms. AHF has provided elegant and artful examples of not just functioning weapons of our history, but classic works of art!

The variety of the weapons offered at one time or another by AHF are as varied as the history they represent. All are truly beautiful examples of craftsmanship. From a tiny Colt .25 cal pocket model hammerless automatic, a Smith & Wesson Schofield revolver to a Model 1928 Thompson sub-machine gun, all are items Tiffany would be proud of.

Bob's American Historical Foundation's production of decorated commemorative firearms and edged weapons are unequalled. The quality and workmanship are indeed, works of art.

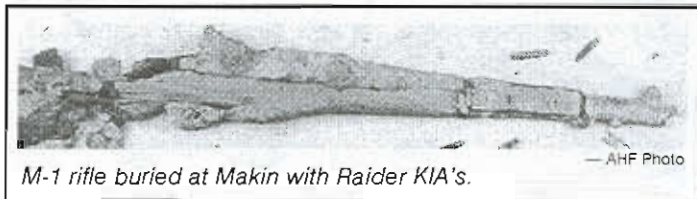
As most Raiders know, the American Historical Foundation facility, located at 1142 West Grace St., Richmond, VA, features a magnificent tribute to all Raiders, their own museum! The museum is in the capable hands and under the watchful eyes of two 3K members, Rudy Rosenquist and George McRea. Along with Bob Buerlein, the trio has left no stone (or sand) unturned to make their museum rank right up with the very best.

The AHF story in the American Rifleman by Gary James details the complete story of the operation of the Virginia facility. A special insert tells the story of a Raider's M-1 rifle that was left behind on the Makin Raid and spent almost 60 years buried on that Atoll's Butaritari Island. The rifle, with most of its wood furniture rotted, still held its oiler and tool in the butt plate. All factory marking, including serial number were long gone. Bob, Rudy and George have provided an exceptional display for the artifact, complete with sand and spent cartridges from Makin.



— Patch Photo

Rudy Rosenquist (3K), George McRea (3DMK)



— AHF Photo

M-1 rifle buried at Makin with Raider KIA's.

For someone like your Editor, who lost a very close friend on that raid, seeing it had special meaning. Looking at that rifle of a time long ago and wondering who it was issued to, was a most meaningful and haunting experience. I couldn't help but wonder if this weapon was his. In any case, it is a lasting memento to those brave and tenacious Raiders who gave their all so long ago.

For members of our Association that have never had an opportunity to visit the Richmond Raider Museum, take a tip and make the trip. It's well worth whatever it takes. The three gentlemen pictured above have done quite a marvelous job. When you see it you'll realize that it all is a labor of love, a tribute to the gallant men of the Four United States Raider Battalions. And, they should be thanked and congratulated by all who survive, as well as all Americans. Semper Fi - Editor.

RAIDER ROOM COULD USE...

We are attempting to fill out a collection of patches (Marine Corps) for display in one or more of our Museums.

The three illustrated here are three that we don't presently have. If you have one or more of them and would like to donate it (or them) to our future Raider Room display, they would really be welcomed and recognition will be provided the donor(s).

Send to: John McCarthy, Raider Room Curator c/o The Raider Patch, 14851 Jeffrey Rd., Ste. 270, Irvine, CA 92618-8270. Tel: (949) 552-6866.



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WELCOME ABOARD

Colonel Jon T. Hoffman, an Honorary Raider

Colonel Jon T. Hoffman USMRC, Deputy Director of the USMC History and Museum Division has accepted honorary membership in the U.S. Marine Raider Association and has agreed to be a member of the Raider website committee. He will be a guest speaker at the San Diego Reunion. The subject will be "The Influence of the World War II United States Marine Raiders on the current U.S. Military." His co-speaker will be John Innes, the celebrated Guadalcanal historian.



Colonel Jon T. Hoffman

Colonel Hoffman holds the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence from Duke University, an MA degree from Ohio State University and a BA degree from Miami University. He has been a celebrated author of biographies of Marine Corps personalities. "Chesty: The Story of Lieutenant General Lewis B. Puller, USMC" (August 2001) and "Once a Legend: "Red Mike" Edson of the Marine Raiders" (June 1994). In addition, he is the author of "From Makin to Bougainville: Marine Raiders in the Pacific War" one of the Marine Corps commemorative series booklets.

His most recent effort is "U.S.M.C.: A Complete History" (October 2002), the definitive chronology of the Marine Corps.

"U.S.M.C.: A Complete History will be the definitive chronology on the Marines - serving as both a reference tool and a handsome addition to any military history collection. Building on the official Marine Corps chronologies, this book will present a year-to-year summary of significant Marine activities, from 1775 to the present. Key historical entries, as well as significant operations, technological advances, and the people instrumental in shaping the Marines, will be treated as expanded sidebars or articles. Treating these elements in detail will help bring this encyclopedic account of the Marine Corps history to life."

His other publications include, a monograph on Marine parachutists and more than three dozen articles in various professional journals. He has received a dozen writing awards and was named a Marine Corps Gazette Distinguished Author in 1998.

The U.S. Marine Raider Association will pass into the hands of blood relatives of Marine Raiders and those dedicated to the history of the Raiders in the year 2005. The future members may be significantly assured that the presence of Colonel Hoffman in the organization will be a very positive factor in the preservation of Raider history. It is hoped that his talents, skills and council will contribute to the continuation and improvement of the Raider website.



Ervin Kaplan, M.D.
E & H Company
2nd Raider Battalion.

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.

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TULAGI GIVES UP TREASURE AFTER 61 YEARS!

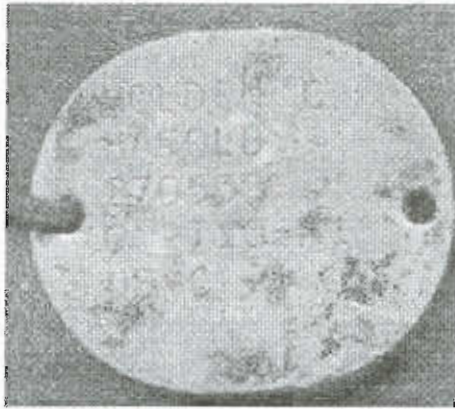
First Raider Harold Holden Recovers Long Lost Dog Tag

It is 7:30 a.m., 7th August 1942, Cpl. Harold C. Holden is preparing to go to war. He is in a landing craft on his way to Blue Beach on Tulagi, in the Solomon Islands. The United States is about to commence their first offensive land operation in the Second World War and Harold Holden's unit was the spearhead of that assault.

Many thoughts must be going through Harold's mind. Such as, "I am scared.", "What is going to happen?", "Are the Japs waiting for us?", "Will I make it?", "I must not let my unit down."

Harold is part of an elite group of people, The United States Marines. He is also part of another elite group, the 1st Marine Raider Battalion. This is a special Battalion chosen from volunteers from the US Marines. They were guaranteed early action against the enemy.

At 8:00 a.m. Harold's boat touches the coral and with his rifle held above his head, Harold wades ashore at Blue Beach. The enemy does not oppose the initial landing. Harold's D Company gets ashore and wheels right to find and engage the enemy. They find them. Running across a bridge across a small cutting D Company finds the Japanese. Harold has found himself on a hill designated as Hill 281 by the military planners. This is where the main Japanese defenses and headquarters are on Tulagi. A labyrinth of Japanese caves and fighting positions confronts



the Raiders and Harold Holden. Fierce and deadly fighting now begins.

9:30 a.m., 23rd November 2002, a picnic group has traveled from Guadalcanal to Tulagi to have an early Christmas party. Many of them had never been to Tulagi before. One of their group was fascinated by the history of the Second World War and was keen to show off all the historic sites. He showed them the Cutting, made by prisoners. This was a roadway cut through the rock of a hill. Then on to Blue Beach, the scene of American landings during the war. Up to the site of the British Resident Commissioners house on the highest point with wonderful views. This had become the Headquarters for the US Marines during the war. The group then moved on to Hill 281 where the Japanese main defensive positions were. They went through some Japanese caves used as

defensive positions and stood in Japanese gun emplacements on Hill 281. A local Tulagi resident, noting the interest being shown, approached the group and offered something he had found while he was digging. It was an American dog tag. The name on the dog tag was initially hard to see. After a bit of cleaning a name became readable, the name was Harold Holden. John Innes, the man showing the group around was intrigued. Was Harold killed in the fighting? How can I find the family? Was he in the Raiders?

Returning to Guadalcanal, John emails some friends of his in America. Stan Jersey, a veteran of the Cactus Air Force and Major Bill Fisher, an executive of the Marine Raider Assoc. Was Harold in the Raiders and what happened to him?

25th November - 8:00 a.m. - John goes to work and to his delight finds emails from both of his friends waiting. "Harold Holden lives in Oceanside, California and this is his phone number!

The first thing John does after reading that email was to immediately ring Harold. Harold was flabbergasted and so happy. He couldn't explain how he lost his dog tag. After the fighting was over on Tulagi the Raiders transferred to Guadalcanal and it was on Guadalcanal that he noticed his dog tag was missing. He often wondered whether he had lost it on Tulagi or Guadalcanal. He now knew.

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— Patch File Photo

Hal Holden in the early 1940's. He saw plenty of action and in the fierce fight for Tulagi in August of '42 he lost a dog tag. 62 years later it showed up, much to Hal's amazement.



— Patch Photo

Hal Holden while putting together our Raider Room at MCRD, San Diego. He holds a Jap fan and an original Raider stiletto. He was a great help on the Raider Room.

Tulagi Gives Up Treasure - Holden Dog Tags ...

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Harold went on to participate in some of the most famous actions on Guadalcanal. He was with the Raiders at Tasimboko, Bloody Ridge, Matanikau 1 and Matanikau 2.

He visited Tulagi one more time. When the Raiders went into action in New Georgia in the Central Solomons, he was badly wounded. The Medics picked him up and sent him on a PBY (Catalina Flying Boat) back to Tulagi. His unit didn't know this and posted him as Missing In Action (MIA). His parents were notified he was MIA although he was safe in Tulagi.

Once again Tulagi enters Harold's story, this time with the discovery of his 1942 dog tag. The discovery has given us the opportunity to once again reflect on those climatic times and the heroism shown by Harold and those Marine Raiders.



— Patch File Photo

"Safe but not at Home" Hal Holden, (1D) was severely wounded during the battle for New Georgia. He was evacuated via PBY to Tulagi (back again). His records didn't follow him and his folks got a MIA telegram from Uncle Sam.

BOOK REVIEW: By Patch Editor

"UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RAIDERS"

This most interesting book, filled with photos of men of the 4th Raider Battalion by LaVarre Daley, a 4th Raider himself, is a terrific read. The book takes the reader through the triumphs and tragedies that only war can create. Places, some with forgotten names, such as New Georgia, Vanguna, Wickham Anchorage, Enogai Inlet, Emirau, Guam and the caves of Okinawa are the "stages" for the "actors". The book offers a first hand account of the heroic feats of the Fourth Battalion in October, 1942 with the organization of the 4th at Camp Pendleton, CA. The new battalion, the last one of the famed Marine Raiders to be formed was under the command of Maj. James Roosevelt, a seasoned veteran of the original 2nd Raider Battalion, better known as "Carlson's Raiders."

The author, who prefers to be called "Buck", keeps the reader's interest with dozens upon dozens of fascinating and humorous stories from many members of his 4th Raider Battalion. All adding to an intriguing true tale of action, attitude, mind set and all of the good and bad times.

It is noteworthy that the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines (Raiders) were the first foreign invaders ever to touch the Japanese mainland. This honor went to the Fourth Marine Regiment, Second Battalion of the old 4th Raider Battalion. On 27 August, 1945 at 5:30 a.m. before the actual surrender took place on 2 September on the Battleship Missouri, the first Japanese sur-

render on the homeland was to the Fourth Marines at the fort and garrison on Saki Peninsula in Tokyo Bay.

Like I said at the beginning of this review, *United States Marine Corps Raiders*: A personal account by LaVarre Daley, is a great read. The book sells for \$24.95 F.O.B. and can be purchased from Pal-Mit Industries, P.O. Box 377, Erie, CO 80516. Phone: (303) 828-3503 or L.L. Daley, P.O. Box 431, Scottsbluff, NE 69363. Phone: (308) 632-7677.

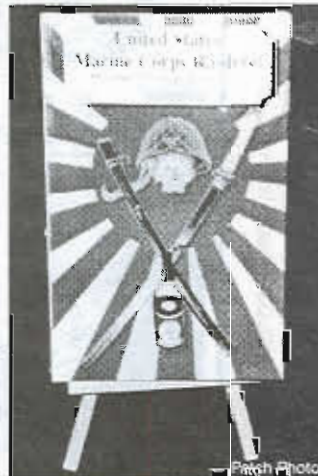
Editor's Note: During the war, the author received a field commission for his leadership after his lieutenant was severely wounded and evacuated. War medals include several unit citations, both Navy and Presidential, The Silver Star and Purple Heart.

Photo Booth - 'Tight Fit!



In a photo that must have a million others just like it, Harry Clark and Lyle Brandt cram into a photo booth for that ultimate souvenir.

Didn't everybody have one of these? Wherever there were Marines or Sailors, there were coin-operated photo booths in the 1940's. Both of these men served in 4HQ.



— Patch Photo

RAIDER ROOM GETS RARE DONATION

By John McCarthy, Raider Room Coordinator/Curator

Jim Johannes, a hard working and dedicated honorary member of our association is the nephew of Roland Johannes, (1A) KIA Okinawa. Jim has recently been selected to sit on the Board of Directors as a representative of the ever-growing contingent of "Raider Relatives", who may someday form the entire membership of our association.

I will print Jim's letter to me as a result of conversations we had during our recent board meeting. Jim Johannes made me a promise and within a few short days, come through with flying colors, Raider colors - red, white and blue.

Here is Jim's letter that accompanied the items shown with this article. What a great and generous gift for the "House of Raider" legacy, our Raider Room at MCRD, San Diego.

Hello John,

Here are the two original Raider Patches. I received these patches as gifts from two of my uncle's (Roland Johannes, 1A, KIA Okinawa) best Raider buddies. The first Raider patch, the wool one, was made in New Zealand and belonged to Preston Gross (1A). The second, made of mercerized cotton, was made in Australia and belonged to Mark "Little Joe" Laroe (also 1A). My uncle, Gross, and Laroe were all riflemen in the Enogai-Bairoku actions on New Georgia. Laroe and my uncle were in the same rifle squad. An interesting sidebar on Laroe is that he was the Raider knocked out of the rubber raft at Rice Anchorage by the Higgins boat. The clumsiness of the Higgins boat driver is what compelled his squad leader, Ashley Large, to point an M1 at the driver and warn him not to do it again. My uncle was the one who saw him go overboard in the darkness and fished him out. This story is frequently repeated in books on New Georgia.

Just so you know, the Raider in the front of the Jap flag is Preston Gross. Mark Laroe is the Raider in the middle of the other picture. Also, in that picture, left to right are my uncle, Roland Johannes, Mark Laroe, and John Gawel, all 1A Raiders. **

It would be really nice if you could put their names (Gross and Laroe) in the display with their patches. They treasured them for years and that is how these originals survived so long to get into my possession.

Here is something else you might mention in an article. The kanji on the Jap flag behind Preston Gross says, "The Emperor's Army is benevolent and will destroy evil and promote justice." I am sure the Raiders will all agree with this!

I have treasured these original Raider patches for some time, not just because they are incredibly rare and important historic relics, but because of whom they belonged to and the great sacrifices made by the Raider units for the great freedoms of our country. But, as valuable as they are, they belong in the museum where they can be shared with others and where they can truly honor their original owners and all the other magnificent Marine Raiders.

Jim Johannes, (Honorary)
Madison, WI

(** Photos on next page.)



— Patch Photo

Jim Johannes, Hon., (above) has recently presented our San Diego Raider Room with two very rare, original Raider patches. (Pictured below). The one on the far right is a current commercial patch.



— Photo courtesy of Jim Johannes

Good friend and comrade of Roland Johannes, Preston Gross, also of 1A, seen in Oct. 20, 1944 photo with souvenir Jap flag.

RAIDER ROOM GETS RARE DONATION

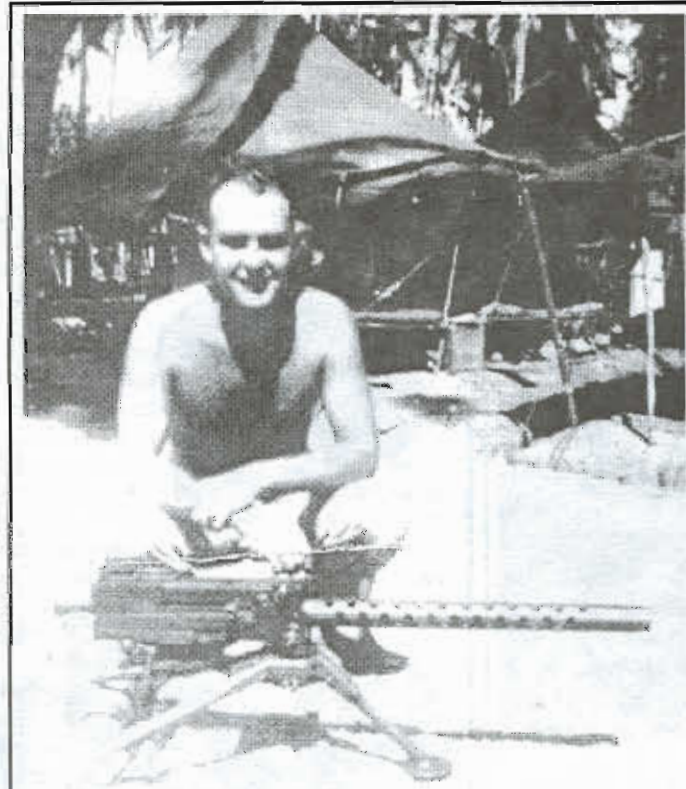


— Photo courtesy of Jim Johannes

Jim Johannes uncle Roland Johannes, left, KIA, Okinawa, Mark Laroe, center, and John Gawel were all 1A Raiders. Don't know where this photo was taken.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Jim, on behalf of the entire membership of USMRA, may I express our most sincere appreciation for your generous gift to our Raider Room. The items will be professionally framed and properly displayed in San Diego to be enjoyed by all visitors, especially those young boot recruits, for many years to come. Thank the Lord for people like you. —Editor



— Patch File Photo

Here's a little better photo of Roland Johannes with his "weapon of choice", the Browning air-cooled .30cal light MG.

"ODD BEDFELLOWS"



— Patch File Photo

Harry Reynolds (2BHQ), right and Ben Carson (2), left are old friends. As a matter of fact, so old that they went through Jacques Farm together. Matter of fact, they shared a pup tent together. Years later, when Harry introduced his wife Kiki to Ben at a Reunion, Kiki said to Ben, "I understand you two were close friends in Raider training." Her husband replied, "Kiki, I slept with Ben long before I slept with you!"

USS KENNETH BAILEY REUNION ASSOCIATION INVITED TO OUR SAN DIEGO REUNION

We may see some new faces when we gather this September at the Hanalei Hotel. Our Directors, during their 2002 meeting at the New Orleans Reunion, extended an "Open" invitation to this group to be with us this year in San Diego.

Their membership is made up of former crew members of the ship named after Medal of Honor hero, Major Kenneth Bailey (1C), the DD/DDR 713. Several hundred of them met in April this year at Annapolis, Maryland. Our invitation was announced to those present, as well as placed in their quarterly newsletter, "The Bailey News."

Let's all render a most sincere "Welcome Aboard" to those who attend.

NOTICE: SOLOMON'S MEDAL

You many inform your members that the 1992 Solomon Island 50th Anniversary Decoration is still available at the same official prices used when the Red Beach Landings were first honored almost 11 years ago.

Any member of the U.S. or Allied Armed Forces who served in, near, or over the Solomons chain during 1942-1944 is eligible. Also, all USMC personnel on active duty in any station 1941-1945 are eligible. According to the Governor-General of the Solomon Islands. Full size and miniature medals suspended from ribbon bar are available.

Interested persons may write for an application to: Christie's Pty., Ltd., P.O. Box 153, Iola, WI 54945. They may also apply via e-mail for the official form to: rviking@athenet.net

Russel Rulau, MSGT
World War II, Korea

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

Dear Patch Editor,

This is to notify you that Robert E. Hajic's (2FE) sister, Phyllis (Hajic) Smetana, who recently became an Honorary Life Member, died January 4, 2003.

She will be incredibly missed by the whole family. As for Marine Raider activities, she was a major archivist for items related to our brother Bob, and assisted me in many ways. Over a year ago she sent me all of Bob's family correspondence from the time during his Raider service.

Sincerely,

Earl J. Hajic (Hon. Life)

Editor's Note: Our condolences Earl. The Patch can't thank both of you enough for your tremendous input of photos and info.

Hi John,

I'm sorry to say that due to medical problems, I'll be unable to attend further Raider Reunions. I have certainly enjoyed the several that I have attended in the past. I would like to be able to continue to travel to them. Of course I will continue to be a member of the Raider's Association. Best of luck for your planned reunion. Best regards to Chuck and my "young" old buddy Emmett Hays.

Semper Fi,
Robert Rifkin (3K)

Dear Editor,

Being only an honorary member, your invitation to participate at the Marine Raider's Association gathering was most appreciated. Thank you.

However, due to age and health condition I regret to have to say that I am unable to attend such a great gathering.

It would be a pleasure to meet you all once again, but it's not possible. Again, thank you. God bless you all.

Semper Fidelis!

Sincerely,

Sister Mary Theresa

62 Newton St.

Waltham, MA 02453



BULL SHEET

Raiders:

Please find my enclosed check for dues. Being a part (honorary) of such an elite outfit makes me so proud. My Dad was a U.S. Marine, my son, my son-in-law, and all my grandkids god-fathers are U.S. Marines. In Maine we grow them strong and brave, a family tradition.

Thank you all for leading our great nation. We hope to leave it for your great-great grandchildren (Marines).
Donald M. Martin, Sr. (Hon.)
Brownsville Junction, ME

Greetings,

I became an honorary member of the Marine Raiders back in the 70's through Lowell Bulger. I came in contact with Lowell through a guy I had met in Korea and again saw him at the Marine Memorial Club in S.F. Can't remember his name but I believe he was a Raider. I was attempting to find information on my cousin Joe Glalkon who was in the old 4th and dies as a POW. In the process Lowell allowed me to join the Raider Association (honorary) and I eventually became a Life member. I have almost all of the Raider patches since the late 70's and have been a strong supporter through the years. Lately I've had several medical problems. I was the one who had the belt buckle made up, the first one going to Lowell and which I believe was sold by the association at an auction.

Best wishes to all,
James C. Burneson (Hon.)
Orem, UT

Ahoy,

Enclosed is a donation in memory of Joe Baque. We will all miss this great Raider who always had a helping hand.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Jones (3I)

Editor's Note:

Joe Baque was a very special Raider.

Attention:

I am enclosing a money order for \$125 for my dues for Life membership.

It's much easier to be a life member instead of a late member.

I hit the 80 year mark - the golden years. Still ticking.

Didn't make the last year's reunion. It's a bit tough because I'm disabled and wheelchair bound.

Hoping this year will be a better year for me. God Bless!

Yours truly,

Clyde J. Cockrell (1D)

Dear Marine Raiders,

I am not a Marine Raider directly, but my twin brother was, and thus I am proud to be an Honorary member of the USMRA. (I served in the paratroops in the ETO). As such, I receive your fine publication, *RAIDER PATCH*. You are to be commended for your dedicated effort.

I would appreciate assistance in contacting Raiders who served with my brother.

Charles J. Quade (805 936) joined the Marines in early 1943. He took his basic training at Parris Island, followed by Scout Sniper School, after which he went to the West Coast. After a short stay there, he went to the Pacific where he served as a Raider in Bougainville and Guam. He was wounded twice while serving with 2H4HQ1, and then the 6th Marines. Charles John Quade was in Recruit Platoon 20 at Parris Island, March '43, then Scout Sniper School, Dec. '43. Joined the 3rd Bn., 2nd Raider Regiment. Jan. '44 he

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Charles J. Quade, Marine Raider

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transferred to H Co., 2nd Raider BN. And then into the new 4th Marines. Served on Guam and Bougainville. He was wounded Sept. '44.

Upon his discharge in 1945, he returned to college. Unfortunately he was killed in an auto accident in 1947.

I certainly would appreciate hearing from anyone who would remember Charlie, and would share with me whatever they remember about his training and combat experiences, including details of the two Purple Hearts that he earned.

Let me thank you in advance for any information you can share with me.

Sincerely,

Joe Quade, Airborne
4 Cain Ct.
Montville, NJ 07045
(973) 263-2433

To The Raider Patch Editor,

My name is Joe Hiott (1B2HQ). This is the first time I have written you. I wrote to Frances Hepburn several times and then seemed to run out of gas or something. This has nothing to do with your becoming Editor.

I receive several other publications and I think the *PATCH* is as far ahead of them as the Raiders are of any other military unit.

I received my *PATCH* today and read it completely before I got out of the chair. I kind of sat there in a daze. Is it possible that I was actually a Marine Raider? Did I really serve with all these great men? I keep feeling that I did not quite stack up to the Marine Raider level. There are so many things that I seem to remember but almost like they were in another world. I have only made two reunions. At those times and the few times I have met two or three of my old platoon, time does not seem to exist. My wife says we tell the same stories all the time! She knows them as well as I do. But it is just being there, knowing that they were the same place I was and feeling accepted as one of them - "The Raiders".

I was only in the Raiders a short time, but going into the Fourth Regt. was like still being in the Raiders. Nothing else in my life feels like these memories. My wife and children are the most important things in my life. The Raiders were the most important thing in my "other" life.



BULL SHEET

You know, John, I guess I am a little crazy. Sounds like it, doesn't it? I've always been like that. Jack Dornan will verify that! He was my best friend in the Marine Corps. Mel Heckt still thinks I'm crazy but we're friends. Maybe I'll try to write again and make some sense. Semper Fi,
Joe Hiott (1B2HQ)
Pt. St. Lucie, FL

Editor's Note: Joe, I think your letter says a lot about how most Raiders still feel about those wonderful and terrifying days you spent with buddies. Thanks for expressing it so well.

Hi John,

Here's a photo of my Dad, seated far right (wearing full camo), James William Morgan. The photo (shown below) was taken on New Georgia or Guadalcanal. I don't know the names of the other guys. Maybe some of your readers do?

By the way, Dad was in 1 H&S Co. Thanks for everything.

Semper Fi,
Mitch Morgan
Merritt Island, Florida
jmorgan14@cfl.rr.com



Seated far right (back) in full camo is James Morgan. Can any readers identify others?



3M Raiders pictured left to right, Richard Carter, Don Bressler, John Davis and James Siler.

Hi Patch,

I am writing to inform you that my father Richard H. Carter, suffered a serious stroke in August, 2002. He is now paralyzed on the left side. He is home and will be as long as his family has the strength to care for him there.

He was in M Company, 3rd Raider Battalion, then later a member of the Combat Engineers, 4th Marine Regt. He served on Bougainville where he participated in numerous actions, including the Koiari Raid, and also was a veteran of Emaru, Guam and Okinawa, as well as the occupation of Japan.

His home address is: 10454 Larkin, Live Oak, CA 95953. He would love to hear from old buddies.

Randy Carter (son)
Live Oak, CA

Editor's Note:

How about it you 4th Raiders? Drop Dick Carter a note. Nothing quite like hearing from old friends and comrades.



BULL SHEET

Dear Patch Editor,

My name is Mark W. Kennedy. My uncle, James Kennedy, a Pfc. in 1A and was KIA 10 July, 1943 at New Georgia.

I would be most appreciative if any members would have any information concerning my uncle. I can be contacted at the address below.

Semper Fi,

Mark Kennedy

2041 Chisholm Trail, Rockwell, TX 75032

Tel: (972) 771-2648 • e-mail: mark@rockhc.com

Dear Editor,

I am a recent honorary member. My father, nicknamed "Nutmeg", because he was from Connecticut, was in Edson's First Raider Battalion when Lew Walt was a Captain. I am enclosing a photo and would like you to print it with this letter in the hope that someone who knew him or recognizes him may write or phone me with anything they may know about him. In 1953 or so, he mentioned to me being at or near Bougainville, Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Tulagi Saipan and New Caledonia. He showed me where he got a bayonet wound in the bicep and said he was the only one from his unit from Connecticut to make it back alive. He was in Company A, I believe.

He fathered eleven children and lost three. He was a motorcycle policeman in New Haven, who died two days after Christmas in 1973 at the age of 49. I hope you have room to print my letter and photo. My thanks also to the Raider Museum staff, G. MacRae, Jerry Beau, Fred Odette and Jack Dornan.

Gratefully & Semper Fi,

Ed Johnson

2 Gallup St., Groton, CT 06340

Tel: (860) 303-2640



"Nutmeg Johnson"



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Book Review

Raider Corpsman Book Now Available to Order

Raider Corpsman James Gleason Pens Classic on
Long Overlooked Navy Members of the Raiders

By Patch Editor

Our own Jim Gleason (4DQ), has completed his long awaited story "*Real Blood, Real Guts*", a history of Navy Corpsmen attached to the United States Marine Raiders. Jim has left little to the imagination and covered about every situation and locations that Raider Corpsmen performed doing their dedicated and delicate task. He carries the Raiders and their Corpsmen through the entire war, long after the original four battalions were dissolved and absorbed into other units, mainly the Fourth Marine Regiment.



James Gleason

The book includes tables showing medals received as well as KIA's. Jim includes data and insights on Raiders who fought in every major island battle in the Pacific during World War II.

Real Blood, Real Guts begins where and when the famed Raiders started and concludes with the occupation of Japan, the battles for Korea and all the action in between.

One campaign where former Raiders and their Corpsmen displayed their "*Uncommon Valor*" was on rugged Iwo Jima. Few people are aware that Raiders were involved in both famous flag raisings on Mt. Suribachi. Two Raiders were recipients of the Medal of Honor, 64 Raiders died on Iwo Jima and 183 were wounded. The actions of those involved prompted Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz to remark about it, Iwo Jima, "Uncommon Valor was Common Virtue."

In addition to his comprehensive coverage of Marine Raider Corpsmen, author Gleason has given considerable and careful coverage to other brave and caring, so called non-combatants, the doctors and chaplains. Awards, WIA, KIA, who, where and when — it's all in "*Real Blood, Real Guts*." It's a good read and a must read for any former United States Marine Raider.

— Editor

**Make Your Reservations
for the upcoming
San Diego Reunion!**

**See pages 14 & 15 for complete
details and registration forms**

"IWO RAIDERS UNITE!"

(Editor's Note: The following letter and enclosures was originally sent to Jack Dornan, who forwarded it for our "Bull Sheet" section. Your Editor thought it deserved a little more than BS exposure, especially with the great photos.)

March 21, 2003

Dear Jack, (Dornan)

Although I neglected to respond before this, I wish to express my appreciation for receiving an honorary membership in the U.S. Marine Raiders Association.

My deceased husband, Orville E. Wanger (2AHQ) served from April 1941 to September 1945. We attended many Raider Reunions over the years, the last one being the Makin Island Reunion at Arlington, VA in 2001.

In relation to that I am enclosing a reprint of Carlson's Raiders returning from Makin to Pearl Harbor for R & R. I have indicated "Ole" and also Howard Young from Peoria, IL. This picture was part of a news reel which was shown in a theater in Peoria, where "Howie" was the manager before he went in the Marines.

In May or June of 2001, I saw an ad in the *PATCH* for a military history video showing Marine Raiders returning to Pearl Harbor following the Makin Raid in '42. I sent for it and recognized "Ole" in three places. We also recognized "Howie" twice. I'm grateful to have this video of my husband when he was only 21 years old. I have him on video tape when he was 74 years old. That's when we celebrated our 55th wedding anniversary in 1995.

I'm also enclosing two other reprints: Charles Lindberg, the first flag raiser on Iwo Jima and now the sole survivor of both flag raisings. And one of me (Navy veteran) Chuck and Ole.

I just spoke with Elmer Mapes and found out (as I had suspected) that he was the one who notified you of Orville's death July 23, 2002.

In Orville's remembrance, I am enclosing a check for \$100 which I would like to go to Scholarships and Marine Raider Heritage Perpetuation.

Sincerely & Gung Ho and Anchors Aweigh

Gretchen Wanger
1718 1st Street N.E.
Austin, MN 55912
(aka "Spam Town, USA")



— Photo courtesy of Gretchen Wanger

Charles Lindberg (2A), is seen standing by the etching of him from famous Iwo Jima photo. Location was Soldier's Field, Rochester, MN. He was a guest speaker at a large function.



— Photo courtesy of Gretchen Wanger

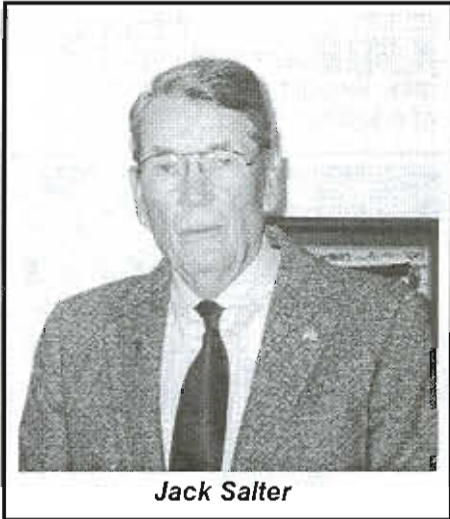
Gretchen Wanger, right, a retired USNR WAVE, Charles Lindberg, original IWO flag raiser and Orville Wanger (2A), an Iwo Jima survivor at Soldier's Field ceremony on 18 May, 2002.



— Photo courtesy of Gretchen Wanger

This clip from a news reel strip shows Howard Young, center foreground, and Orville "Ole" Wanger, center right in black shirt, upon arrival at Pearl Harbor after sub raid on Makin Atoll, August '42. Both men belonged to 2AHQ.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER



Jack Salter

Enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves at Phoenix, Arizona on 4 June 1942. Attended boot camp at San Diego. Subsequently assigned to the 2nd Bn., 9th Marines at Camp Pendleton. Later volunteered for duty with a Marine Raider Bn. Was accepted and assigned to D Company, 4th Raider Bn. and attached to the 60mm mortar section.

Participated in activities of the 4th Bn. at Vangunu, Bairoko, and later as a member of F Company, 2nd Bn., 4th Marine Regiment on Guam.

Discharged from active duty at San Diego 4 June 1945.

Attended University of New Mexico from 1945 until graduating in 1949. Majored in Education and participated in the University's U.S. Naval Reserve Officers Training program. In June 1949 received a commission as 2nd Lt. in the Marine Corps Reserve.

From the 1950's through the 1970's active in Marine Reserve training programs; including: infantry, reconnaissance, public affairs and artillery.

Retired from the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve in 1979 with the rank of Colonel.

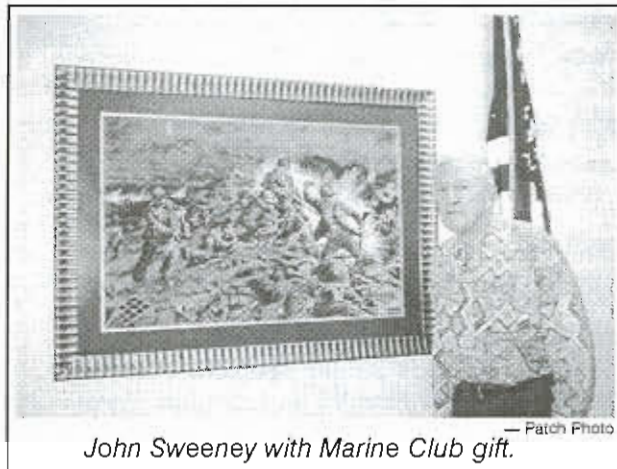
My civilian employment, all involving law enforcement activities, commenced with the New Mexico State Police, later with the Federal Government Bureau of Narcotics, U.S. Customs Agency Service, and the Drug Enforcement Administration. I retired from government service in August 1979.

With the exception of family, I consider my military service as the most significant part of my life.

**USMRA
Welcomes
Jack!**



VEGAS CONTINGENT OF USMRA



John Sweeney with Marine Club gift.



A recent visit to Las Vegas found your Editor in the company of a strong contingent of USMRA who make their home in the famed gambling center.

The group photo below, minus your Editor, meets once a month at the Gold Coast Hotel & Casino to have lunch and conduct a "serious" BS session among themselves. It was indeed a pleasure for your Editor to be among such an "elite" group. The below photo shows Frank Guidone (1ABD), in back of him, Harry Reynolds (2BHQ), Al Canlin (1B), Frank Cannistraci (2HQ) holding Raider pennant, Norm Johnsrud (2E), John Sweeney (1EBCHQ), John McCarthy, Patch Editor and Jack T. Barnes (1C & 2E).

After the lunch the group ventured to the Marine Club, where there is always a welcome mat out for Marines, especially Raider Marines, for more social gabbing.

One very important part of the visit was the presentation of a beautiful color print of Col. Donald Dickson's magnificent rendering of the "Battle of Edson's Ridge" to the Marine Club by Col. Sweeney. John was awarded the Navy Cross for his actions during that bloody battle. Also on hand for the presentation were two other "Ridge" veterans, Frank Guidone and Al Canlin.



Raiders Association "Vegas Company"

NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME ABOARD!

ANDERSON, David C Associate
 BOONE, Dorothy Honorary
 BREKKE, Pat Honorary
 BUSHWELL, Roy L. Associate
 BUTCHER, Almerna Honorary
 CALIGIURI, Paul A. Honorary
 DIPIETRANTONIO, Joseph C. Affiliate
 DUVAL, Ronald Organizational
 GLENN, Harlan Associate
 IRELAND, Gregg E. Honorary

JOHNSON, Edward F. Honorary
 McAFEE, Paul Honorary
 MELMS, Richard (4AN) Annual
 MESSER, James G. Honorary
 PERKINS, Lyn Honorary
 REINKEN, Tom Honorary
 ROOT, Alan K. (3HQ1A) Annual
 ROOT, Michael Honorary
 ROSS, Robert H. Honorary
 TAGGART, Joseph E. (1A) Annual
 WROBLICKY, Emil P. Associate
 YUNKER, William F. (1HQ) Annual

U.S. MARINE RAIDER ASSOCIATION - SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS - PERIOD ENDING 12/31/2002

DONATIONS, REVENUE AND RECEIPTS:

DONATIONS:	
VOUZA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$ 450.00
GENERAL FUND	9,925.50
MUSEUM	555.00
TOTAL DONATIONS	<u>\$ 10,930.50</u>

REVENUE:	
DUES & LIFE PAYMENTS	\$ 23,040.00
INVESTMENT INCOME	4,257.18
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>27,297.18</u>

OTHER RECEIPTS:	
RAIDER MEMORIAL STATUE FUND (MEDALLION SALES & DONATIONS)	\$ 2,238.00
TURNER BOOK SALES (SOLD OUT)	1,962.00
REUNION GAIN - 2002 NEW ORLEANS	3,491.02
MISCELLANEOUS	79.96
TOTAL OTHER RECEIPTS	<u>7,770.98</u>

TOTAL SUPPORT	<u>\$ 45,998.66</u>
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DISBURSEMENTS:

VOUZA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$ 600.00
PATCH PUBLICATION	18,546.56
CORPORATE & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	14,581.89

OTHER DISBURSEMENTS:	
CATCHING THE DREAM - SCHOLARSHIP FD. NAVAJO CODE TALKERS	\$ 1,000.00
PUNCH BOWL RAIDER MEMORIAL(TOTAL SPENT 2001/2002 \$3,793)	1,312.69
WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL FUND	1,000.00
MEMBERSHIP SURVEY (1077 MAILING)	851.05
MISCELLANEOUS	463.72
TOTAL OTHER DISBURSEMENTS	<u>4,627.46</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 38,355.91</u>
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NET INCREASE IN ASSETS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 7,642.75
RESTRICTED FUND DONATION PERPETUATE RAIDER HISTORY	25,000.00
TOTAL NET INCREASE IN ASSETS	<u>\$ 32,642.75</u>

FUND BALANCE-RESTRICTED & UNRESTRICTED:

RESTRICTED FUNDS:	
VOUZA SCHOLARSHIP FUND:	\$ 47,416.72
SUPPORT RAIDER'S MUSEUM, WEBSITE AND HISTORY	57,311.43
RAIDER MEMORIAL STATUE FUND	2,238.00

TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	<u>\$ 106,966.15</u>
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TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	<u>106,412.28</u>
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TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 213,378.43</u>
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The Association's assets, liabilities and net assets with the related statements of support and disbursements - cash basis for the year ending December 31, 2002 were audited by Allison,Knapp & Siekmann - Certified Public Accountants and no adjustments were necessary to the Association's records.
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