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2010 Reunion Guest Speaker, Col. Stephen W. Davis, USMC and USMRA President Jack Dornan. The Colonel is Deputy Commander of MARSOC.

### GUNG HO STILL LIVES WITHIN THE CORPS

Since his commission through the OCC Program in April, 1981, Colonel Davis has enjoyed a variety of assignments that make him highly qualified for his present duty as Deputy Commander of MARSOC.

He provided USMRA members and guests with an informative and close look at our present day Corps, its fighting men and a special look at MARSOC. He was a most impressive speaker.

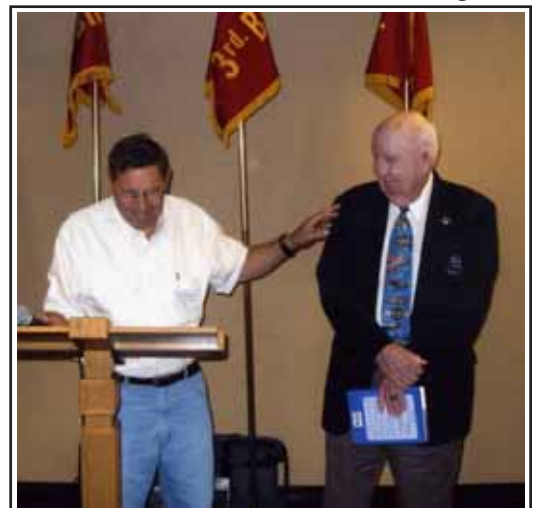
Colonel Davis' personal decorations include Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, the Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal with "V"

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Guest Speaker, "Mr. Guadalcanal" John Innes shows original barbed wire and pigtail from the 'Canal's Bloody Ridge for our auction to Long Patrol vet, Ken McCullough (2B).



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Former USMRA President Harold Berg (1B), welcomes Guest Speaker, Fiske Hanley II, to the podium. A former B-29 flight engineer who spent 150 horrible days in a Jap POW Camp. He is a Fort Worth native.



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**HATS OFF TO THE JACK DORNANS**

John McCarthy

Everyone of us knows the real meaning of the Raider's Gung Ho. The translation literally means "work together" or "work in harmony". We all saw that in spades at our 2010 Raider Reunion in Fort Worth.

Everyone also knows, or can at least guess, what a hell-of-a-job it is to plan, coordinate and conduct a large gathering and do all possible to please all concerned. Like I said, it's a hell of a job!

Well, our USMRA President Jack Dornan, his hard working Shelter Half, Flo and their daughter, , did a phenomenal job of putting together a great program and kept it running smoothly through five and a half days for reunion attendees.

Having been to Dallas many times, I had never been to Fort Worth and really didn't know quite what to expect. I'm sure many others felt the same way. What a great surprise! A terrific venue for all of us and filled with attractions that most of us will remember for a long time to come.

Until Alaska gained statehood status a while back, Texas was our biggest state and true Texans never let anyone within shouting distance forget it. Well, they may not be our biggest state anymore, but they can still shout loud 'n clear that they welcome "strangers" in true early west fashion.

Although Fort Worth is a major player in the Southwest in a variety of corporate and industrial activities, it was their early years that impressed your Editor most. And it was that era that your reunion committee zeroed in on and hit their targets dead center!

**CHANGE**

*There's an old barracks story about a Marine CO after inspecting his Company, informed the Gunney that the men smelled bad and suggested it might help if they changed their underwear occasionally. The Gunney responded, "Aye, Aye sir, I'll see to it immediatly!" The Gunney went straight to the men's barracks and announced, "The CO thinks you guys smell bad and wants you to change your underwear." Pittman, you change with Jones. Meyer you change with Witkowski; and Brown you change with Schultz. "Now get to it!"*



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*Enough can never be said that could adequately thank the Dornans for all the hard work and care they put into making our 2010 Fort Worth Reunion such a success. Daughter, Doreen Walker, left, worked like a gladiator doing anything that needed done. Mom Flo, center, held everything together and Dad Jack, our current President, kept everyone informed and as usual, without using a microphone! God bless and Gung Ho to all of you. Back left is Daughter-in-law Emily and Son David Anderson.*



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*Not only do we tip our hats to our Reunion Committee, but to our flag as well. The USMC Color Guard did the honors for us.*



## Bits & Pieces From President Jack

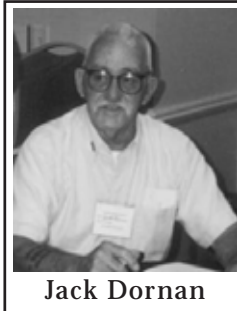
### A JOINT EFFORT BY JACK & FLORENCE DORNAN, YOUR PRESIDENT & SECRETARY

We are happy to report that our Fort Worth gathering was well attended all things considered such as our age, state of health, and distances. A list of attendees is published elsewhere in this issue, including 22 Raiders, and 87 of their respective wives, family members, friends, and guests. Everyone said they had a great time and that is the primary reason we have a reunion. Our special speaker was a Fort Worth native, Fiske Hanley II, whose plane was shot down over Japan. He was taken prisoner and considered a "special prisoner", essentially a war criminal. We were fortunate to have John Innis attend our reunion and he spoke on the history of the war in Guadalcanal primarily and the Solomon Islands as a whole. At our banquet we were privileged to have Col. Steve Davis, Deputy Commander, Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command (MARSOC) at Camp Lejeune, NC, as our guest speaker. As a perfect ending to our banquet program, the MetroNotes of Fort Worth sang songs from the World War II era which everyone enjoyed. Everyone left Fort Worth before the flooding rains of Hurricane Hermine hit our area, including Chuck Meacham, Sr., who stayed a few days extra and had a bumpy ride leaving DFW Airport.

Looking over the registration forms for record changes and dues payments our attendees had sent to us, we found that several of our life members had included \$25 on their registration as dues. These funds were placed in the General Fund as donations. This is a reminder - if you are a life member you do not owe any dues, ever.

At the general membership meeting we asked if anyone had any suggestions to make the reunion better and Jim Stinekraus stood and suggested that pictures of Raiders by battalion be taken at each reunion, as well as a picture of all Raiders in attendance. At the banquet our editor, John McCarthy, took these pictures. Watch "The Patch" for information on how to purchase pictures of your unit.

We would now like to introduce Cathleen Conforti who has volunteered to become our Membership Secretary as of September 26, 2010, replacing Jack Dornan who has held this position for many years with help this past year from his wife, Flo.



Jack Dornan

Cathleen is coming to our home on September 25th to learn the rules of becoming a member of the U.S. Marine Raider Assn. and to take the membership roster home with her.

She is an Honorary member and the daughter of Edward F. Powarzynski (2BE). Cathleen's address is 641 Beau Ct, Des Plaines, IL 60016, Phone No. (847) 669-3115, email address [cati50@comcast.net](mailto:cati50@comcast.net) and she will be able to answer your questions regarding your membership. We are very appreciative that Cathleen is willing to volunteer her time for the good of the USMRA and we send our thanks from the Association.

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CHAMPLIN, Kenneth (1HQAD) 7/6/2010  
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the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon with Gold Star.

### OTHER SPEAKERS

A most welcome guest speaker was "Mr. Guadalcanal", John Innes. He is familiar to most Raiders and anyone that has any knowledge of the Solomon Islands Campaign than any other living person. His talk was most informative. He has written a series of booklets that detail his tours that include photos of what you'll see. John Innes as born in England, but has lived in Australia for many years.

The other guest speaker didn't have to travel far. He was native of Fort Worth and former B-29 Flight Engineer, Fiske Hanley II. He was one of the brave flyers that ultimately brought Japan to her knees.

In March 1945, on his 8th mission, Hanley's aircraft was shot down over Japan. He was taken prisoner but not afforded POW status due to the Japanese bitterness involving the fire bombings they had recently undergone a few weeks earlier. The Japanese considered Fiske a "special prisoner", essentially a war criminal and he spent more than 150 days in a POW camp in Tokyo until released by the Fourth Marines, many of whom had served as Marine Raiders. He told us of his inhumane treatment at the Forum.

Fiske has written *History of the 504th Bomb Group in World War II and Accused American War Criminal*. He was also appointed Historian by the 504th Bomb Group Association.

Many thanks to Harold Berg (1B), for setting up a most interesting and informative program.

### MEMBERSHIP STATUS (As of 06/01/2010)

Category	Life	Annual	Total
Raiders	247	141	388
Honorary	228	122	350
Associate	53	49	102
<b>Totals (Active)</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>840</b>

### CODE TALKERS:

#### Only Two Originals Left

Allen Dale June, one of the 29 original Navajo Code Talkers who confounded Japan during World War II by transmitting in their native language, has died. "He was 91 when he passed away," said his wife, Virginia.

The Code Talkers took part in every assault the Marines conducted in the Pacific from 1942 to 1945. They sent thousands of messages on Japanese troop movements, battlefield tactics and other communications crucial to the war's outcome.

With Mr. June's death, only two of the original 29 are still living.

— from Star Telegram

## U.S. Marine Raider Statue—Gung Ho!

"Gung Ho," working together—that is exactly what the U.S. Marine Raider Association & Foundation are attempting to do as we begin fundraising efforts dedicated to construction of a bronze statue as shown in this concept picture.



The statue will consist of a Marine Raider, a Navajo Code Talker, and War Dog with handler—a winning combination that assisted greatly in our first victories in WWII. By partnering with the Navajo Code Talkers and the War Dog Association we should be able to obtain sufficient donations to make this unique memorial a reality. The three partners need a total of about \$450,000 to be able to share this proud heritage with future generations through construction of this permanent statue. Our fair share is about \$150,000.

The Marine Raiders, Navajo Code Talkers, and War Dog Handlers fought side by side in WWII. Their Pacific combat campaigns ranged from Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands to the Marianas, and onward to Okinawa. They made the perfect combat team and their exploits in the war are legendary. Be part of patriotic donors honoring these brave marines by donating today. All major donors will be acknowledged by name on a plaque at the base of the statue and invited to a special unveiling reception.

Join ranks with our early donors now—we need fewer than 50 individuals or groups to come forward with a pledge of \$1,000 per year for each of the next three years. Send your 1st contribution and 3-year pledge to the address below. "Semper Fi."

**Charles P. Meacham, President**  
**U.S. Marine Raider Foundation**  
**9509 Wheeler Avenue**  
**Gig Harbor, WA 98332**

*For additional information on the partners involved with this statue fundraising initiative, visit these web sites:*

**U.S. Marine Raider Association**  
<http://www.usmarineraiders.org/>

**Navajo Code Talkers**  
<http://navajocodetalkers.org/>

**War Dog Association**  
<http://www.uswardogs.org/>

### **ARLINGTON: Our National Cemetery Has A Big Problem!**

Most of us have close family, friends and comrades buried in our Honored Ground of Arlington National Cemetery. Unsettling word from Washington lately has many of us thinking about something none of us ever gave any serious thought to... burial mistakes!

**ARLINGTON FOLLOW UP FROM WASHINGTON:** Two people were buried in the wrong graves at Arlington National Cemetery, the Army said recently as it followed up an investigation into bookkeeping problems and burial mix-ups at one of the nation's most hallowed sites.

After a report issued in June found that the problems could potentially affect thousands of graves, defense officials received about 1,100 calls from worried families.

One of those calls, from the widow of an Army staff sergeant, led to the exhumation of her husband's casket. The remains in it belonged to someone else, so officials opened a nearby grave and found the woman's husband, an Army spokesman said. "The families are now satisfied that the problem was fixed," he said.



*The first thing a visitor to Arlington National Cemetery sees is the imposing former residence of General Robert E. Lee. The Custis-Lee Estate seen in this Civil War photo was confiscated by our Federal Government and the grounds used to bury the dead of both sides. It eventually became Arlington National Cemetery.*

# MARINE RAIDERS IN ATTENDANCE



*MARINE RAIDERS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE 2010 REUNION IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS*

Considering the fact that all surviving original Raiders are well into their 80's, our turnout at the Fort Worth Reunion was well attended. When you think about it, these tenacious old warriors did their thing for Corps and Country 68 years ago and most are still in pretty good shape! It only goes to prove that Raiders were a tough group and the survivors still are.

A tip of our Patch helmet to all of you former Gung Ho Marines for making our 2010 Reunion very special.

Harold Berg (85 yrs)	1B
James W. Campbell (86 yrs)	1HQ
Mel Heckt (86 yrs)	1BA
Joseph Hiott (86 yrs)	1B2HQH
Ralph Burlingham (87 yrs)	2H4HQ
Rhel D. Cook (90 yrs)	2HBFHQ1E
John E. Dornan (84 yrs)	2G
Norman Korsmeyer (88 yrs)	2FH
Ray Merrell (87 yrs)	2H
Jim Stinekraus (86 yrs)	2nd/4th
J. D. Green (86 yrs)	3BK
Donald N. Jones (88 yrs)	3CL
Charles H. Meacham (84 yrs)	3K
Theodore B. Parker (85 yrs)	3K
William (Bill) Zepp (91 yrs)	3C
Pat W. Almond (88 yrs)	4DHQ
Dale E. Crabb (87 yrs)	4N
"Buck" Lavarre Daley (87yrs)	4AN
Jesse L. Pacheco (86 yrs)	4HQ
David Van Fleet (87 yrs)	4DQ
Ralph M. Wilson (86 yrs)	4CP

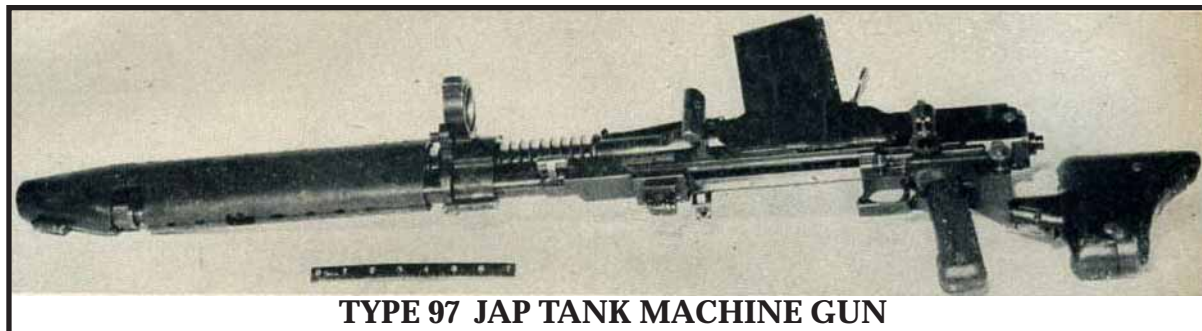
## Other families and friends in attendance included:

Gloria Almond (Spouse)  
 David Anderson (Hon)  
 Emily Anderson (Spouse)  
 Michael Baque (Hon)  
 Sarah Benson (Daughter)  
 Andrew Benson (Son-in-Law)  
 Wes Biglin (Hon)  
 Lucilia Blocker (Guest)  
 Claire Brown (Reflec./Honor)  
 Bob Buerlein (Hon)  
 Rebecca Burlingham (Hon)  
 Bruce Burlingham (Hon)  
 Caleb Burlingham (Grandson)  
 Mark Byrd (Associate)  
 James W. Campbell (Hon)  
 Tom Carmody (Son)  
 Anna Carmody (Hon)  
 Iva Lee Crabb (Spouse)  
 David Lee Crabb (Son)  
 Andrea Crabb (Dau-in-law)  
 Alecia Crowe (Hon)  
 Col. Steve Davis (Guest Spkr)  
 Robert "Lynn" Dix (Hon)  
 Seth C. Dix (Hon)  
 Flo Dornan (Hon)  
 John V. Eason (Hon)  
 Mary Eason (Spouse)  
 Peter B. Eldridge (Guest)  
 Bill EuDaly (Hon)

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# RAIDER HALL GETS RARE RELIC DONATION FROM BILL KOEHLER

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The following was recently received by your Editor from William (Bill) Koehler, (son of Ralph Koehler, 3L), a dedicated, hard-working Honorary member of our USMRA. It is self-explanatory and all of our thanks and Semper Fi to Bill for his outstanding donation.*



**TYPE 97 JAP TANK MACHINE GUN**

**BILL WRITES TO THE USMRA:**

Sometime in 2007, while bidding on Ebay for a Raider stiletto, I discovered the seller actually possessed all of the personal effects of a Raider KIA on Bougainville, as purchased from the estate of the Raider's mother.

The Raider is Pfc Raymond T. Scanlon from New York and believed to be from "K" Company, 3rd Raider Battalion. Wounded on Bougainville and later died from his injuries while aboard the FULLER. On the day Pfc. Scanlon was wounded, seven other Raiders were killed and twenty-two wounded. Killed were Pvt. Alfred Tsosie, a Navajo Code Talker of HQ, Gunnery Sgt. Leyden, Pfc's Bobby Brewer, George Hudson, William McCombe and Carlton Russell of "K" Company.

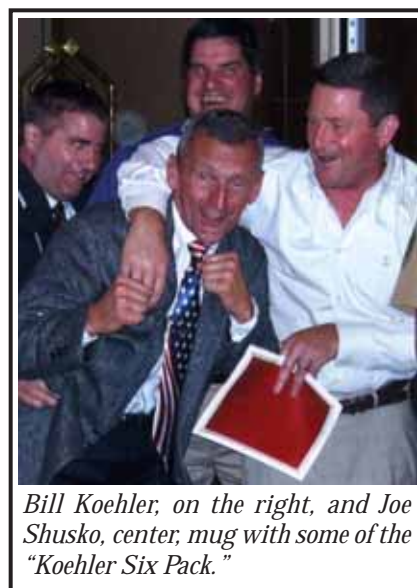
Many months after Pfc. Scanlon's mother received the dreaded notice via Western Union, three crates arrived containing his personal possessions, including his uniform, photos, helmet liner, watch, lighter, etc., and a fully functioning Type 97 tank machine gun.

Through the years someone tried to "de-militarize" the weapon by plugging the barrel and scarring the receiver, but it remains an automatic weapon without

the proper permits to own legally. While there were nearly 18,000 of this type of gun manufactured between 1937 and 1945, it is believed to be one of only a handful still in existence with a confirmed value in excess of \$15,000.00.

I believe in my heart this gun was sent back by Pfc. Scanlon's fellow Marines as a sign to his family that his death was avenged and it is because of that, I humbly donate it to the Raider Hall.

Respectfully,  
Bill Koehler, Honorary Member, USMRA



*Bill Koehler, on the right, and Joe Shusko, center, mug with some of the "Koehler Six Pack."*

**REUNION ATTENDANCE - Other families and friends in attendance included:**

- |                              |                              |                                |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mary Fedoruk (Hon)           | Michelle Kitzman (Hon)       | Irene McCullough (Spouse)      | Donna Salter (Hon)           |
| Earl Gould (Friend)          | Tony Kitzman (Spouse)        | Tom McLeod (Guest)             | Mary Sammons (Daughter)      |
| Jack Green (Son)             | Andrew Koehler (Hon)         | June Meacham (Spouse)          | LtCol Joe Shusko (Hon)       |
| Fiske Hanley II (Guest Spkr) | Jim Koehler (Hon)            | Chuck Meacham, Jr. (Hon)       | Janette Stinekraus (Spouse)  |
| Jerry Hanley (Spouse)        | Martin Koppy (Associate)     | Helen Merrell (Spouse)         | Doreen Walker (Hon)          |
| Jo Harn (Hon)                | Sabine Renz Koppy (Spouse)   | Jack Miller, Jr. (Hon)         | Robert N. Weller (Associate) |
| Kathy Harn (Hon)             | Betty Korsmeyer (Spouse)     | Tami Miller (Spouse)           | Boyce White, Jr. (Hon)       |
| Marion Hays (Spouse)         | Joyce B. Lambert (Hon)       | Kitty Pacheco (Spouse)         | David Wotanis (Hon)          |
| Paul N. Heckt (Son)          | Bobby Lambert (Son)          | Morgan Porter (Hon)            | Edward J. Wotanis, Jr. (Hon) |
| Virginia Hiott (Spouse)      | Susie Lambert (Dau-in-law)   | Alicia Porter (Daughter)       | Emil Wroblicky (Associate)   |
| Debbie Hopper (Daughter)     | Ellen Nealey (Friend)        | Linda Ransom (Hon)             | Alice Wroblicky (Spouse)     |
| John Innes (Guest Speaker)   | Louie Marsh (Hon)            | Jerry Ransom (Spouse)          | Lucy Young (Webmaster)       |
| John Janeke (Hon)            | Sigrid F. McAllister (Hon)   | James T. Ratliff (Hon)         | Eric Zepp (Son)              |
| Martha Janeke (Spouse)       | Carl F. McAllister (Spouse)  | Teeke Robertson (Daughter)     |                              |
| Keith L. Jones (Brother)     | John McCarthy (Editor Patch) | Maj John Ruffini (Active USMC) |                              |

# THE MONEY GOES ROUND AND ROUND BUT IT STARTS RIGHT HERE!

BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING  
WESTERN CURRENCY FACILITY  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

By Patch Editor

After our chartered bus delivered our USMRA members to this ultra-high security venue, we were taken through a small facility for a thorough security check. It made routine airport security look like child's play. Then to another bus, this one a government job that would take us to the plant that produces billions of dollars in U.S. currency.

Here we began our tour, guided by a delightful young lady that gave us a good and descriptive talk on each step in the making of the item we all work so hard for... money! She took us through each of the various steps of currency production, beginning with large, blank sheets of paper and ending with wallet-ready bills.

As the U.S. Government's security printer, the BEP is responsible for the design, engraving, and printing of all U.S. paper currency. A world leader in printing technology, the Bureau also produces White House invitations, Treasury obligations, and other U.S. securities.

In 1862, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing started off as a simple currency processing operation in Washington, D.C. Since then the Bureau has evolved into a state-of-the-art security document printing facility. The first government notes were produced by a private firm, then trimmed and separated by hand at the Department of the Treasury. Gradually, all facets of currency production were assumed by the Bureau. The Bureau



— Patch Photo

*Reunion Co-Chairperson, Flo Dornan, did a super job of keeping everyone entertained and happy while in Fort Worth. Unfortunately she failed to get any "samples" for all of us when visiting this most unique money plant!*

moved to its present site in Washington, D.C. in 1914 and in 1991 a second currency production facility was opened in Fort Worth, Texas.

Though new printing, production and examining technologies have brought the BEP into the 21st century, the Bureau's engravers continue to use the same traditional tools that have been used for hundreds of years.

Our guide informed us that this facility only produces replacement currency. No "stimulus" money or other projects is printed at the Fort Worth BEP plant. At least, not yet!

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

By Patch Editor

While touring the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, our tour guide got on the subject of counterfitting U.S. currency. It has always been a big problem and the safeguards that the Bureau employs with our paper money are incredible. You would think that no one would even attempt to counterfit. Not because of the years they would spend behind bars if they would be caught, but it would seem to be impossible to produce something good enough to pass. Not so!

There are probably more folks into counterfitting than ever before. Many, I suppose, with all the exotic technology available to ordinary citizens.

Most of the current counterfitting currently is for \$20.00 bills and up. I guess inflation and the economy even it the counterfitters. Many changes have been made only recently and continue in the design and safeguards employed in each denomination. But the bad guys keep trying.

During the tour of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, I asked our very informative guide if we have had a large influx of counterfits from the Middle East areas. She told me, "not really".

I then asked, "How about China?" She gave me a very serious look and replied, "Lots", "with a capital "L".

***Think Ahead...***

***The 2011***

***Raider Reunion***

***is being planned***

***for San Diego,***

***Details will be in***

***the Patch!***

***Stay Tuned!***

# Fort Worth's National Stockyards • Historic District

**ONE HORSE POWER COP**



— Patch Photo

**JUST WAITING FOR RAIDERS**



— Patch Photo

**TEXAS COWBOY HALL OF FAME**



— Patch Photo

**"NO BULL!"**



— Patch Photo

## ***THE PLACE FOR FUN IN FORT WORTH • COWBOYS • CULTURE • CONCERTS • COMFORT***

There's no place like Stockyards Station, with over 20 shops, restaurants and great entertainment for the whole family. It's the best place in the world to view the Fort Worth Herd cattle drive held daily. Take a historical GPS guided walking tour and watch history come alive. Bring your family over for an unforgettable western cowboy experience.

The Stockyards is the best location to view the world's only longhorn cattle drive. Authentic cowboys drive the herd down East Exchange Avenue twice daily. You can take a ride back in time by boarding the 1896 Tarantula steam train, race the Cowtown Cattlepen Maze, or go horseback riding along Trinity River Trails. The 125 acre Stockyards National Historic District attracts over a million visitors a year and is home to restaurants, hotels, saloons, galleries, shopping and family entertainment.

**Two-step on over to Billy Bob's Texas** - the world's largest Honky Tonk. There's fun for the whole family with entertainment nightly and your favorite country stars, from Alabama to Willie - that's why Billy Bob's has been named the Country Music Club of the Year ten times! You'll see real, rowdy bull riding every week-end in Billy Bob's arena.



You won't do without outstanding entertainment. Here dueling musicians keep the crowd entertained at Pete's Dueling Piano Bar.

## “I’m An ol’ Cowhand from the USMRA...”

By John McCarthy, Patch Editor

I always thought that the State of Texas was a place where new car and truck dealers sold their pickup trucks with rifle racks as standard equipment in the back cab windows. Not so. Only about 90% of ‘em do. Well, my visit to Fort Worth for our 2010 USMRA Reunion changed a lot of my thinking about Texas and Texans. Fort Worth and the Texans I met there were pleasant, enjoyable and unique and I, for one, would like to return someday.

One of the destinations not to miss when visiting Fort Worth is called The Stockyard Station and a visit will make you think you’re back in the days when rifle racks were standard equipment, only on stage coaches!

It was once the biggest and busiest cattle, horse, mule, hog and sheep marketing center in the Southwest, where more than 160 million head of livestock were sold. Today, the 125+ acre Stockyard National Historic District attracts over two million visitors a year.

There is so much to see and do in Stockyard Station that brings back the old west that it’s hard to put a finger on a favorite site or activity. It’s so well preserved and accurate. I kept waiting for the ghosts of “Duke” Wayne, and Roy Rogers, along with Trigger, to show up. Even the local cops are on horseback.

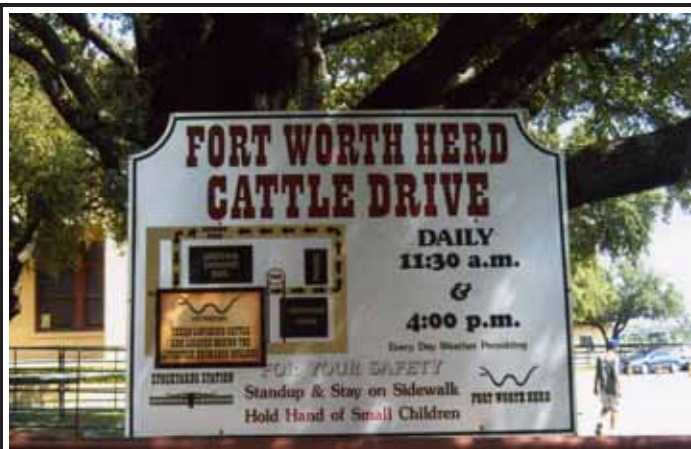
Probably the most interesting and fascinating scheduled event, performed twice a day, weather permitting, was the cattle drive. Cowboys and Cowgirls, dressed in period attire, drive a small herd of Texas longhorns down historic Exchange Avenue. It really is a sight to see. Other interesting and fascinating venues to visit while in the area are: Billy Bob’s Texas Honky Tonk, Cowtown Cattlepen Maza, Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame, and the Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge.

If you visit Fort Worth and its outstanding Stockyard Station, I guarantee you’ll thoroughly enjoy yourself, but I can’t promise you’ll see the ghost of the “Duke”, Roy Rogers, Dale Evans or Trigger!



— Patch Photo

*“That’s one horny critter...” The one on the left that is, Emil Wroblicky, one of our most active honoraries, poses with a genuine longhorn steer during our reunion “deep in the heart of Texas.”*



## CHOW TIME FOR RAIDERS!

During our 2010 Fort Worth Reunion no one went hungry, that's for sure. Our hotel, the Sheraton Fort Worth, provided an outstanding variety of gourmet meals with excellent service. Our Reunion chairpeople, Jack and Flo Dornan, did a superb job of getting every thing, including the dining programs. If you were a meat lover, you came to the right place. Texas is world famous for its tasty and king-size steaks and all the goodies that go with it. We all probably put on a few pounds!



PICTURED AT LEFT:

Here are three Raiders (actually Army guys) enjoying dinner at the hotel's excellent restaurant Shula's! Odd name for a good dining spot in Texas. Wonder why they didn't call it Landry's - every thing in Dallas/Fort Worth is about the cowboys. Anyway, Jack Miller (Hon.) left, Bob Buerlein (Hon), and John McCarthy (Hon) pose for a camera while having an outstanding meal without leaving the grounds of the Sheraton Hotel. All three agreed that our 2010 Get-Together was exceptional, and really enjoyed that famous Texas hospitality.

## CAUGHT ON CAMERA



— Patch Photo

*USMRA members attend general meeting and share their thoughts with board members.*



— Patch Photo

*Former Metropolitan Tenor, Mel Heckt, will lead the group in the Marine Corps hymn - just kidding! Photo taken during the general meeting. Fellow board members with Mel are: from left, Charles Meacham Jr., Lynn Dix, Mel and our busy reunion Co-Chairperson, Flo Dornan.*



— Patch Photo

*Our USMRA President Jack Dornan, left, presented your Editor with an appreciation plaque. It wasn't for your editor, however! It was for his "Girl Friday" Kathi Shelor, the real force behind your Raider Patch. Editor John McCarthy served as delivery boy to Kathi back in California. Jack and Flo Dornan really appreciate her efforts on our behalf. Kathi was delighted and absolutely surprised at the honor. It couldn't have been to a more deserving person. Everyone refers to her as Kathi "Patch" and she loves it. Semper Fi, Kathi*



— Patch Photo

*As our new 2011 President, Lynn Dix tolls the bell, Rebecca Burlingham, center, and Bob Buerlein, alternately read the names on our 2010 Honor Roll. The list sadly included 213 names. All will be missed and remembered.*



— Patch Photo

*Teeka Robertson, "Buck" Daley's daughter, had a blast at our 2010 get-together. Here she shares her charm with Sgt. Christopher Cody Goodwin, USMC, one of the always welcome Honor Guards at our reunion.*



— Patch Photo

*Teeka Robertson cutting a rug with USMRA Board member, Charles Meacham, Jr. Great to see young folks involved.*

## REUNION POTSHOTS



— Patch Photo

*Our Charles Meacham, Sr. - Chuck and his delightful Shelter Half, June, spend some quality time and conversation with our guest speaker, Colonel Stephen W. Davis, USMC.*



— Patch Photo

*Ray "Tex" Strohmeier, center, got a surprise visit to his hospital during our Fort Worth reunion. The visitors were Ray Merrell, left, and Norm Korsmeier. Very thoughtful, guys... Semper Fi.*



— Patch Photo

*While Ken McCullough, far right, does all possible to ignore Jack Miller and Joe Shusko, he can't keep a straight face. Note Jack's shoulder ornament.*



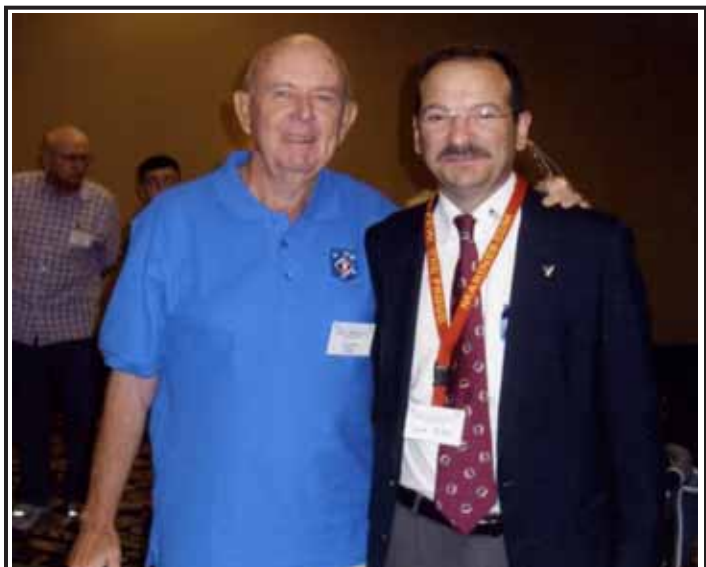
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*Our USMRA President, Jack Dornan, center, looks like he's pouring an imaginary cocktail for Ray Merrell and Jim Stinekraus. Looks like Jim already has a real one.*



— Patch Photo

*"Is that you, Ray?" Eddie Wotanis looks over Ray Merrell's outstanding scrapbooks in our hospitality suite. Really a good idea. Others enjoy the trip back in time that Ray chronicled with his photos, newspaper clips, and lots of memories.*



— Patch Photo

*Not dancing, but still enjoying each other's company are visiting guest speaker, "Mr. Guadalcanal", John Innis, left, and "Mr. Workhorse", Jack Miller. Jack was everywhere, doing everything while our guests watched.*

## More Reunion Potshots!



— Patch Photo

*This photo must have been taken in the morning... They are all drinking coffee! Pictured are, left to right, John Innes ("Mr. Guadalcanal"), Bob Reynolds, Harold Berg, and Lynn Dix in our hospitality room.*



— Patch Photo

*What a nice surprise and honor it was to have a member of our APD's show up. Here, Stuart J. Hepburn, right, formerly of the USS TALBOT APD-7, chats with 2nd Raider Jim Stinekraus. They had probably met before somewhere in the South Pacific.*



— Patch Photo

*"You wrote a book too?" Your editor, who has just written and published GUNG HO MARINES, The Men of Carlson's Raiders, points to Martin Kopyy, right, who has just written a series of booklet guides on Battlefields of the Solomons, while Ray Merrell looks on. Ray still has a supply of his book, "My Three Years in the Marine Corps. It's a good one and still available.*

## LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON ... TEXAS STYLE!

Being an avid sports fan most of my life, I enjoyed our close-up look at the Dallas Cowboys brand new stadium in Irving, Texas. The day I departed our 2010 reunion, Sunday, The Cowboys were to play a league game there.

Thinking about the Cowboys reminded me that their coach is Wade Phillips. He is the son of another former NFL Coach, "Bum" Phillips! Some of you may recall that "Bum" coached the old Houston Oilers and other teams with some success in the past. But how many of you know that "Bum" was a United States Marine Raider in World War II? He was in from the beginning, '41 to '45 and served in the 4th Raider Battalion.

His love for football began as a youngster and has stayed with him all of his life. As I write this, Bum is celebrating his 87th year. As a coach or administrator, Bum served, including high school, college and the NFL, nine schools or NFL franchises. After retiring from football, he served as a color analyst for television and radio. He has since retired to his horse and cattle ranch in Goliad County, Texas.

When chatting with our Bill Carroll, I mentioned Bum Phillips and Bill told me, "I remember he drove for Father Redmond at a time."

A religious man, Bum has recently finished a book with the help of award-winning writer/editor Gabe Semenza entitled, "Bum Phillips: Coach, Cowboy and Christian." The book is available at his website: [www.bumphillipsbook.com](http://www.bumphillipsbook.com)

***"Coaching is not how much you know, It's how much you can get your players to do."***



**Former Raider  
Bum Phillips**



*Raider's Son Coaches The Dallas Cowboys Here!*

# NOTHING STOPPED THIS FORMER RAIDER FROM HIGHER LEARNING

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

Received this story from Frank Guidone (1 ABD) and was asked to share it in the Patch, so here goes...

I am sending you a picture of Willam Hunrichs. He is a past Raider who I met. I found Bill by scanning our directory one day, as he was reported to be living in my area.

I arranged to meet with him at a restaurant. Bill joined the Raiders just before we made the landing on Emirau. He remained in the Raider BN and The Fourth Marines, participating in the Guam and Okinawa operations as a member of the 4th Marines.

He was severely wounded during the Okinawa campaign and was discharged from the Corps. He spent 18 months healing from his wounds and immediately pursued an education. Below are his own words about his education and position. Something to be very proud of.

Bill is a member of our association and we have spent hours talking about certain Marines that we both knew. Hopefully, some of our members may remember Bill, or even served with him. He served with and knew Joe Deal, Tom Pollard, Frank Kemp and several others we both knew.

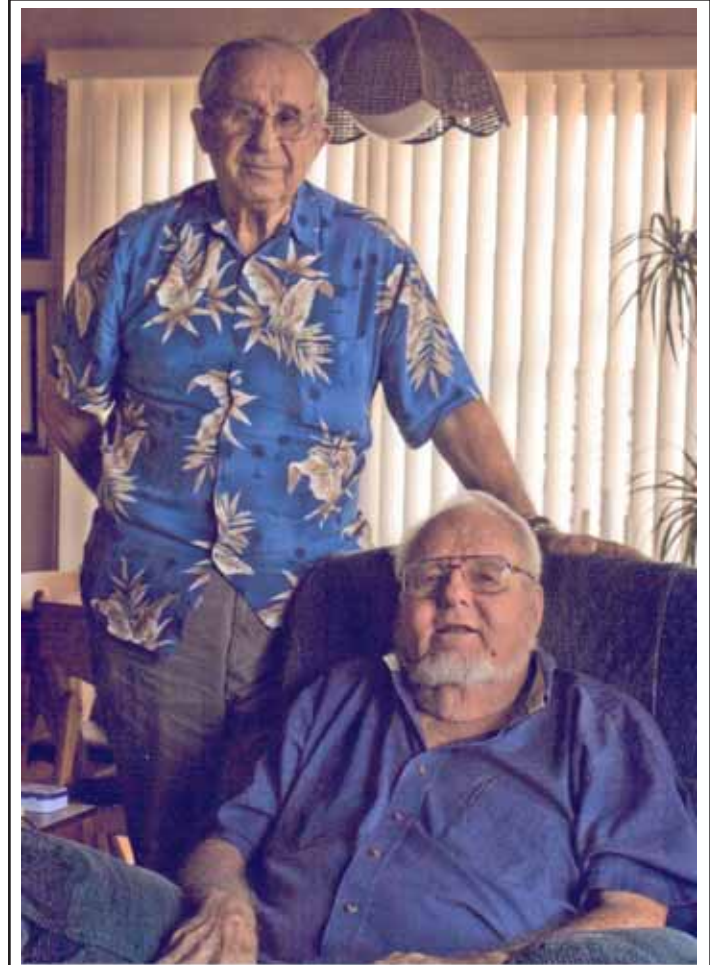
### HERE IS BILL'S CAPTION

Hi Frank;

Here is the information you requested:

I served in the 1st Raider Battalion, soon to become the 1st Battalion of the Fourth Marines. I went to the Emirau Occupation and then was in combat on Guam and Okinawa. I was wounded on Okinawa and spent the next 18 months in various hospitals.

While I was in the hospital I dediced that because of my injuries I needed to continue my education in order to get a decent job. I enrolled in a Junior College to test my abilities in academic work. I surprised myself and did very well, so I continued onto U.C. Santa Barbara



— Photo courtesy of Frank Guidone

Frank Guidone (1ABD), standing, visits former fellow First Raider, William Hunrichs. Both saw plenty of action and "Bill" was severely wounded during the Battle for Okinawa.

and then to Stanford University. At Stanford I completed my BA, MA and PhD, all in psychology. I then accepted a position at San Diego State University teaching pychology. I retired even though I still have residual problems from my war injury.

Bill Hunrichs

## Do You Want to Share Your Memories Pictures & Stories?

The Patch is always interested in your stories and news items.

Send, or preferably email, (in a Word document - pictures in .jpeg format, please!) to us and we'll use as space permits and as appropriate.

## DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT A SECURITY SYSTEM!

Someone at the reunion asked me if I worried about leaving my home and possessions over a week with no one there. "Do you have a security system?" they ask. "Just my kitty Gilmore," I replied. Here's what my security camera caught while I was at the last reunion. Police later identified the culprit by his fingerprints. He's doing 3 to 7 for attempted burglary. Good job, Gilmore!

- Editor



## THE AMPHIBIANS MAIN WEAPON



**RAIDERS FAMILIAR WITH HIGGINS**  
*Mr. Higgins changed how we handled assaults from the sea. Raiders set to go ashore on Tulagi.*

When most people think of the name Higgins, Professor Henry Higgins comes to mind. You know, Rex Harrison's role in the play and movie, "My Fair Lady".

Well there was another Higgins who played a vital role in World War II as a designer of landing craft, like those aboard the APDs. Andrew Higgins designed these in 1926 from his shallow-draft boats oil drillers and trappers used along the Gulf coast.

With a semi-tunnel hull protecting its propellers, the boat operated in shallow waters. It could be beached then easily backed off.

In 1936, the Navy conducted trials for a new landing craft, without satisfactory results. Having previously approached the Marine Corps, Higgins now offered the Navy his Eureka.

In 1938 and '39, trials showed the 36-foot "LCP" or "LCP(L)" (Landing Craft Personnel-Large) superior to Navy designs and satisfactory during landing exercises. It lacked a bow ramp for disembarking men and equipment, but Higgins was soon shown photographs of Japanese landing crafts with this feature. So he incorporated this into his modified LCP (R).

By 1940, the Navy obtained funding to purchase landing craft in quantity. Initially converting large merchant ships as troop transports equipped with davits for handling them, the Navy adopted "Higgins Boats" as standard. Eventually 2,193 LCP(L) and 2,631 LCP(R) were built, followed by 23,358 LCVP (Landing Craft Vehicle Personnel) of which General Dwight Eisenhower said, "Andrew Higgins... is the man who won the war for us... if Higgins had not designed and built those LCVPs, we never could have landed over an open beach. The whole strategy of the war would have been different.

— Submitted by Johnny McDonald,  
The Four Stacker APD Veterans.

## *If it ain't broke, don't fix it...* INTERESTING HISTORY LESSON

### Railroad Tracks. This is fascinating.

Be sure and read the final paragraph; your understanding of it will depend on the earlier part of the content.

The U.S. standard railroad gauge (distance between the rails) is 4 feet, 8.5 inches. That's an exceedingly odd number.

Why was that gauge used? Because that's the way they built them in England, and English expatriates built the U.S. railroads.

Why did the English build them like that? Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-railroad tramways, and that's the gauge they used.

Why did "they" use that gauge then? Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they used for building wagons, which used that wheel spacing. Why did the wagons have that particular odd wheel spacing? Well, if they tried to use any other spacing, the wagon wheels would break on some of the old, long distance roads in England, because that's the spacing of the wheel ruts.

So, who built those old rutted roads? Imperial Rome built the first long distance roads in Europe (and England) for their legions. The roads have been used ever since.

And the ruts in the roads? Roman war chariots formed the initial ruts, which everyone else had to match for fear of destroying their wagon wheels. Since the chariots were made for Imperial Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing. Therefore, the United States standard railroad gauge of 4 feet, 8.5 inches, is derived from the original specifications for an Imperial Roman war chariot.

### Bureaucracies Live Forever.

So the next time you are handed a Specification/Procedure/Process and wonder, "What horse's ass came up with it... you may be exactly right. Imperial Roman army chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the rear ends of two war horses. (two horse's asses!)

### Now the twist to the story:

When you see a space shuttle sitting on its launch pad, there are two big booster rockets attached to the sides of the main fuel tank. These are solid rocket boosters, or SRB's. The SRB's are made by Thiokol at their factory in Utah. The engineers who designed the SRB's would have preferred to make them a bit fatter, but the SRB's had to be shipped by train from the factory to the launch site. The railroad line from the factory happens to run through a tunnel in the mountains and the SRB's had to fit through that tunnel. The tunnel is slightly wider than the railroad track, and the railroad track, as you now know, is about as wide as two horse's behinds.

So, a major space shuttle design feature of what is arguably the world's most advanced transportation system was determined over two thousand years ago by the width of a horse's ass. And you thought being a horse's ass wasn't important!

# ROBINSON CRUSOE, USN

– as told to Blake Clark by George Ray Tweed

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Jim Stinekraus (2G), supplied our Patch with this interesting item. Jim was one of the first to see "Robinson Crusoe, USN" when he landed on Guam's beach. "I saw this guy in clean whites, running and waving at us. It was an incredible sight for both of us," Jim told your Editor.*

The story of George Ray Tweed, the Navy radioman, who spent two and a half years on Jap-held Guam (TIME, Aug. 21) is a packed with adventure, suspense and endurance as Robinson Crusoe's own. In many respects Crusoe's 20th Century counterpart went Crusoe one better. Tweed had no handy wrecked ship from which to salvage an "abundance of hatchets," nails, knives and other carpenter's tools. The only tool he had to build some of his furniture was a machete.

Unlike Crusoe, Tweed was a fugitive, as well as a castaway, and his story is a harrowing tale of hare and hounds. Never for a moment did the Japs relax their hunt for him and the five other U.S. servicemen who chose to hide on the 225 square mile island rather than surrender with the rest on Dec. 10, 1941. Time after time Tweed abandoned a hideaway only minutes before a Jap hunting party arrived. After several weeks in the bush ("a devilish shrub... chest high and thickly matted together, it is covered with sharp thorns half an inch long"), Tweed and his friend Al Tyson moved into a hole in a hillside that was "practically the Waldorf-Astoria." And a native friend brought them a radio. But a search party soon drove them out.

Next, in a cave on the side of a hill overlooking the sea, Tweed felt "for the first time in over three months... that I had successfully eluded the Japs long enough to enjoy a breathing spell... My cave was well concealed, and I was already turning over in my mind the ways in which I would make it more comfortable." With ingenuity and the help of an enterprising Chamorro, he soon succeeded.

**Good Man Friday:** A stolen gasoline generator was rigged to provide current for a light bulb and another salvaged radio. With the aid of a battered but usable typewriter, Tweed even began publication of a newspaper, the Guam Eagle. (for a circulation of five loyal Chamorros.) "My cave became a rendezvous. It was growing more comfortable all the time... in exchange for world news supplied by the radio and the Guam Eagle, I received a steady flow of supplies and local intelligence from a few friends."

All this had to be abandoned hastily when Tweed discovered that the Chamorro who owned the cave was more than friendly with the Japs and permitted him to stay only because he liked having an American dependent on him for life itself. "Here he is," he would say to his friends, pointing to Tweed as if he were a caged animal. "I keep him here. I feed him."

Most of the Chamorros, however, were good men Fridays to the modern Crusoe, though even the best of them could never appreciate the importance of secrecy in their ordinary talk. Yet, hauled before the Japs, they held their tongues despite unspeakable tortures.

Robinson Crusoe, USN is a 1945 memoir of George Ray Tweed's experience of evading the Japanese military on the South Pacific Island of Guam when it is invaded during World War II. Tweed was interviewed by Blake Clark, and Blake Clark transferred his words into the novel. Tweed is a veteran Radio Man in The U.S. Navy who has been stationed on Guam since 1939. The Japanese invaded the island in December of 1941, and The American Navy had arrived back in Guam on June 11, 1944, though it wasn't until a number of weeks later that Tweed was rescued.

Only six known American military men decided to run away from their quarters on the night of the invasion, rather than surrendering to the Japanese, like most did: Tweed, (Of Course), Al Tyson, Johnston, who was a machinist's mate working on a mine sweeper, First classman Yablonsky, Chief Aerographer Jones, and Chief Machinist's mate Krump. All of them had been together, yet later decided to split up on the count of less chance being found by their enemies, although every single one was later to meet their fate, all but one: George Ray Tweed.

Probably the only reason why Tweed was the last American survivor, and had not been found or killed was because he received great help from the native Chamorros living on Guam.

For his excellent bravery and courage, Tweed was promoted to Chief and was awarded The Legion Of Merit Medal. Months later, Tweed returned to Guam to re-visit his hiding places and the people who had helped save his life.

According to a newspaper article (Le Petit Journal, Montreal) from August 25, 1946, George Tweed had promised a local native, Antonio Artero, a brand new car if he evaded capture and return to the United States. Tweed, with the help of General Motors, sent a car to Antonio Artero from San Francisco.

George Tweed died in an automobile accident in 1989. He is buried at Eagle Point National Cemetery .

George Tweed's story is told in short in the official US Navy documentary on the Battle of Guam, as well as in the 1945 book Robinson Crusoe, USN."His story was also dramatized in the 1962 movie No Man Is an Island starring Jeffrey Hunter



# BULL SHEET

To all WWII Marine Raiders...  
... who served with my brother Pfc. Lester C. Behnisch in 2nd Battalion, Headquarters, F, G, H Companies. Lester was KIA on Bougainville on 3 November 1942. We did not have any information on his activities with the 2nd Marine Raiders. Any information will be appreciated. Please send e-mails to me at:

[ebehnisch@wi.rr.com](mailto:ebehnisch@wi.rr.com)

or mail information to me at:

Ernest J. Behnisch  
W51 N591 Highland Crossings Circle  
Cedarburg, WI 53012-3506

Your replies will be greatly appreciated and will be acknowledged.

Thank you,  
Ernest J. Behnisch

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Dear John,

Thank you so much for printing my letter and pictures in the *PATCH*. It means a great deal to myself and my family. Also, I received an enthusiastic phone call from Ray Merrell about the article. He made the story possible.

Look forward to seeing you in Fort Worth. Thanks again and Semper Fi.  
Dave Wotanis

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Dear Author John,

I am thinking of writing a biography of Father Redmond. Could you put a notice in the *PATCH* newsletter stating the following:

“Author John Wukovits is currently researching material for a biography of Raider Chaplain, Father Redmond. If any of you have anecdotes, written accounts, letters, or anything concerning Father Redmond, a man who was there when we Raiders needed him, please contact me at: [johnwukovits@comcast.net](mailto:johnwukovits@comcast.net) or call me at (734) 676-5473.”

I appreciate anything anyone can do, or any type of information that can be provided to help me.

Hope all is well with you.

John Wukovits  
Author

*Editor’s Note: How about it guys? Let’s give John some help on his research. I know there is lots to tell and share about the favorite Chaplain of the Raiders, Father Redmond.*

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John,

I wonder if any of your readers will recognize themselves in the enclosed photo (See page 21). It is the March 1943 Platoon 291 Boot Camp group photo.

I don’t think many of them are still around. The dot above the guy in the last row is me! The guy with the dot above his head is Paul Burline. Paul also joined the Raiders.

Semper Fi,  
Emil Wroblicky (Hon.)

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Email from Jack Miller (Hon.)

“Bill Koehler sends us this sad news about the grandson of one of our Raiders. Raider, Pat Emiro lost his grandson in Afghanistan on August 8th to an IED. “

Pat can be reached at:  
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The new items will get posted there first.

Claire and I want to thank all who attended the reunion in Dallas, and to say a special “thank you” from us. We love and appreciate all.

Larry and Claire Brown  
Reflections of Honor



# MORE BULL SHEET

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

John,

In checking though my local newspaper, I found two great articles about the Navajo Code Talkers. Jim talked to me a lot about them and their work. The stories were always very interesting. Enjoyed the feature in the PATCH.

I hope the reunion in Texas will be a good one and that there will be a large crowd there. I will miss seeing everyone and I shall always cherish all the years Jim and I were able to attend.

Mrs. Johnnie W. Strawbridge  
Pensacola, FL

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To Jack Dornan,  
Greetings,

I am sorry I am so tardy in sending the information regarding the death of my beloved husband, Percival A. Menning. He had a great respect for the Marines, and was very proud that he had been a Marine and that he was one of Carlson's Raiders until he was injured. After recovery, I understand he was assigned to a different unit. He said very little about his experiences so we have practically no knowledge of the battles he was in, nor the medals and citations he received. Do you have that kind of information available?

He was a lifetime member of the U.S. Marine Raider Association. He was also a member of the American Legion and the D A V and contributions were often made to the VFW.

Because of his association with the Raiders I think Percival, affectionately known as Pete, would be pleased to have a gift given in his name. Please credit the enclosed memorial to whatever you feel would be most useful for the Raiders organization.

Sincerely,  
Edna A. Menning  
Woodbury, MN

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Dear Raider Friends,

I am writing to send a heartfelt "Thank You" to the officers and members for the recent honor of receiving a beautiful and very meaningful placque for service. I wish I could have been at your recent reunion to meet many of the members whose names and pictures I have seen for many years mentioned in the newsletter. My work on the PATCH for the U.S.M.R.A since 2001 has really become a labor of love. I have had the benefit of receiving a wonderful education about Marine Raiders and the war in the Pacific. I am humbled.

Everyone that I have worked with, through emails, the telephone, and the mail, have been kind and always helpful to me so that John and I can produce the best issues of the PATCH. I hope to be in San Diego in 2011 for the next Reunion and say "Thanks" in person.

Kathi "Patch"





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# \* A TRIBUTE TO THE CORPSMEN \*

By BGen. William Flake, USMC (Ret.) - Deceased

This is the story of "Q" Company Corpsmen of the 4th Raider Battalion. To start with, it is well to appreciate the physical location of the Company Corpsmen. They had to, of necessity, be close to the frontline elements so that the call "Corpsman!" could be heard. It must be understood that in the Raiders, primary casualties were from direct fire weapons such as rifles and machine guns. Hence, the Corpsmen were well forward. This was the situation on 1 July 1943 with Jim Gleason and his partner Legg, two of our three Company Corpsmen.

The next tier of Corpsmen had to be at the Battalion Aid Station, well to the rear. They were not exposed to direct fire.

Q Company was charged with the rear guard for the Battalion as we withdrew back to our original landing area. As we were forming up for the move, Sgt. Hearn, Platoon Sgt. of the rear end Platoon was hit by what I assumed to be a sniper. He was flopping around out in a slight clearing. I was afraid that he would be hit again. So I went across the clearing to pull him across the clearing to pull him back to a log area out of harms way. It was as I was moving to help him that I was also hit.

The call "Corpsman!" immediately went up. Legg was the first one to respond. He started to take care of me, but I saw that Hearn appeared to be hurt worse than I was so I told Legg to take care of him. Gleason was the next Corpsman up and immediately started taking care of my wound. Without the Corpsmen, I wouldn't be here.

The Corpsmen, after immediately applying first aid to our wounds, prepared us for evacuation with the Battalion. Stretchers for this movement consisted of two bamboo poles put through the sleeves of a dungaree jacket. Carriers were four men. They carried us about three miles. I think it took several hours. I was left overnight at the Army aid station at our original landing site. The next morning we were evacuated.

## TWO ASIDE STORIES

The Corpsmen continued to check on me as we were being evacuated to the Battalion Aid Station.

Periodically, the Corpsmen gave me a bottle of medicinal brandy, which I immediately passed to my carriers.

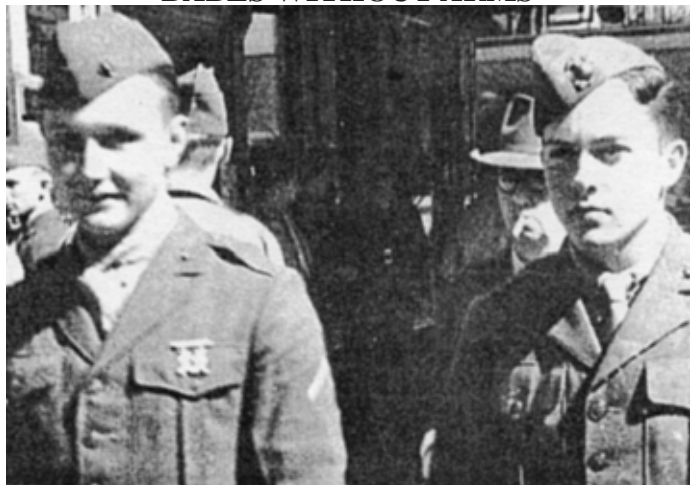
One significant event occurred during this trip which is forever fixed in my mind. In our withdrawal, we had to cross a stream which went to the waists of my carriers. As we were crossing the stream, you could see the water splash up from sniper fire. I have never felt so helpless in my life. I had given my carbine away to one of my men whose carbine had blown up, and my pistol to another. So, with my wound, I could not move. I was totally in the hands of my men and my Corpsmen. They stood by me. They could have dropped me and left.

At the Battalion Aid Station, we were cared for overnight. The next day, we were evacuated to Russell Island. The following morning the wounded were loaded into an LCT (Landing Craft Tank). An LCT is a flat bottom tank carrier with very limited space for its own crew. I think there were 17 of us wounded. The distance between Vangunu and Russell Island was approximately 100 miles.

We pulled out in a storm, and it took us until the next day to reach Russell Island. Our medical personnel consisted of three Corpsmen, the senior of which, was an HA 1st. I have been informed that as we were being loaded in, the doctor told our Corpsman that "You can expect to lose at least three of them on the way down." Our primary medical supplies were bandages and morphine. We all made it, thanks to the Corpsmen.

*From Corpsman Gleason: "Following this first Raider action on New Georgia Island, we returned to Guadalcanal for a few days before we were hurriedly transported to Rice Anchorage to reinforce the 1st Raider Bn whose strength was as badly diminished as the 4th Raider Bn. Both Bn's combined, numbered less than 900 effectives. While attacking Bairoko Harbor, I was called upon to take care of another wounded Company Commander, Tony (Cold Steel) Walker, who also survived the war, retiring as a Colonel." (Jim Gleason, Hospital Apprentice, 1C, 1943)*

## "BABES WITHOUT ARMS"



— Photo courtesy of Jim Gleason

*They look more like cherubs on the way to Mass than seasoned Raiders. In this photo, both Pfc. Jack Shaffer, left, and our own "resident Corpsman" Jim Gleason were caught by a camera on Queen Street in Auckland, NZ on 5 October 1943. So young! Corpsmen did not carry weapons. Editor's Note: It was reported that Corpsman Gleason was the youngest combat Corpsman in the Pacific War.*

## "ANGELS IN HELL"



— USMC Photo

*BRAVE AND UNARMED WARRIORS... While bullets fly, Raider Corpsmen work on a wounded man who had been hit in the back by an enemy sniper.*

# ACCURACY...

By Patch Editor

Although I've been guilty of it in the past, nothing bothers me more, especially when it's about Raiders, is when I find inaccuracies in the media or films. It is so easy to do these things correctly.

I recently watched a beautiful production of my favorite Broadway hit "South Pacific" on tv. The show was almost perfect. The PBS show was outstanding, except... The second male lead is a downed flyer (supposedly a Marine). His kaki uniform had a mixture of stuff... nothing related to a Marine flyer in the South Pacific.

He did wear, on the proper shoulder of his kaki shirt, a "Raider patch", and there was no mistaking it.

In mid-October my adult kids have given me tickets to this road production at our theater of performing arts. I plan to get back stage, or at least send a note, if they'll let me, informing them his attire is incorrect.

I'm probably the only person on the globe that noticed, but it just bugged me!



— Universal Pictures Co., Inc. Photo

*Evans Carlson, left, and Sgt. (later Capt.) Victor "Transport" Maghakian, center, and actor Sam Levene, who portrayed Maghakian in the film GUNG HO, pose for a studio photo. Both Carlson and "Transport" served as technical advisors on the film. As technical advisors they didn't do a bang-up job. Note Raider stiletto on both Maghakian and Levene. The Raider stiletto didn't come along until well after the Makin raid. (see circled above.)*



— US Navy Photo

*This official U.S. Navy photo appeared in THE ESCORT CARRIERS IN ACTION, Ruralist Press, 1946. It shows two 20mm anti-aircraft gun crews at practice on board a CVE in World War II. Note the gunner's mate, left foreground. His dungaree shirt clearly says "MAKIN". Even has a palm tree. Interesting, huh? The ship in this photo is probably the USS MAKIN ISLAND, CVE-73.*

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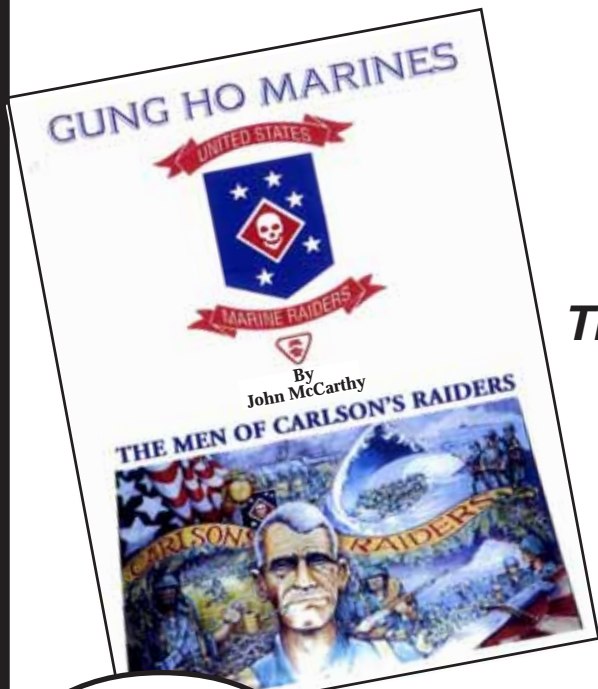
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## Changes In Life Dues Structure For Honorary & Associate Membership

As Enacted By USMRA Board of Directors and Approved by Membership at Nashville Convention.

**Note:** The following has been translated from “legalese” to laymen’s language and will appear on the new U.S. Marine Raider Association Application for Membership as published in the Patch and elsewhere.

Read the detailed information below. Questions related to membership, if any, may be directed to the Membership Secretary, at any of the contact addresses appearing at the bottom of the Application Form. Make checks and/or money orders payable to the United States Marine Raider Association Inc. No Cash, please. When form is completed, attach check or money order and mail to the Membership Secretary.

### Active Membership Classifications

WWII Marine Raider Members: Active - Annual \$25.00 Active Life - \$125.00

Honorary Members: Active Annual - \$25.00 Active Life - By age per the new Life Membership Annuity Table.

Associate Members: Active Annual - \$25.00 Active Life - By age per the new Life Membership Annuity Table.

### Eligibility Details

#### **WWII Marine Raiders Members: Active Annual or Active Life Membership.**

Any person will be eligible for Annual or Life Membership who has served with one or more of the four Marine Raider Battalions, including those Battalions which were designated as 1st and 2nd Separate Battalions, or in any component unit of the 1st Marine Raider Regiment or the 2nd Marine Raider Regiment (Provisional), or had completed Marine Raider Training prior to February 1, 1944, when the 4th Marine Regiment was formed.

#### **Honorary Membership: Active Annual or Active Life Membership**

Honorary Membership eligibility shall be limited to: (1) the spouse, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters and other descendants of the members, or of any deceased person who was an active member during his life, or who was eligible to active membership as hereinabove provided and (2) to those persons who have rendered distinguished service to this Association and who shall be proposed for Honorary Membership by an Active Member or a Membership Committee, subject to further approval by the Members at an Annual Meeting of the Membership. If a present Honorary Member should let his membership lapse, he or she will be dropped from the membership with no provision for reinstatement., effective as of January 1, 2005.

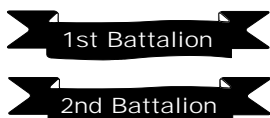
#### **Associate Membership**

Associate Membership eligibility shall be limited to: (1) Any person who was an active duty Marine in World War II and served with former Marine Raiders after February 1, 1944 and any person who is historically interested in the Marine Raiders. Such person shall apply for Associate Membership. (2) Any person, other than a Marine who completed his Marine Raider Training prior to February 1, 1944, who was an active duty Marine in World War II and served with former Marine Raiders after February 1, 1944 and any person who is historically interested in the Marine Raiders. Such persons may apply for associate membership, effective as of January 1, 2005. (3) All such persons shall pay their annual or life membership dues in order to maintain their associate membership and shall have no right to vote or hold office.

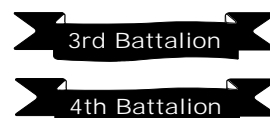
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20	\$564.51	31	\$529.25	42	\$477.25	53	\$408.50	64	\$321.00	75	\$221.25
21	\$562.00	32	\$525.25	43	\$471.75	54	\$401.25	65	\$312.00	76	\$212.75
22	\$559.25	33	\$521.25	44	\$466.00	55	\$394.25	66	\$303.00	77	\$203.75
23	\$556.25	34	\$517.00	45	\$460.25	56	\$386.75	67	\$294.00	78	\$195.25
24	\$553.25	35	\$512.75	46	\$454.00	57	\$379.25	68	\$284.75	79	\$186.75
25	\$550.25	36	\$508.00	47	\$448.00	58	\$371.50	69	\$275.75	80	\$178.50
26	\$547.00	37	\$503.25	48	\$441.50	59	\$363.50	70	\$266.50	81	\$125.00
27	\$543.75	38	\$498.50	49	\$435.25	60	\$355.25	71	\$257.75	82	\$125.00
28	\$540.25	39	\$493.50	50	\$428.75	61	\$347.00	72	\$248.25	83	\$125.00



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\_\_\_\_\_ Initial Application    \_\_\_\_\_ Reinstatement    \_\_\_\_\_ Change of Address    \_\_\_\_\_ Record Correction

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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt./Bldg./Lot#: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Raider Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ BN: \_\_\_\_\_ Co.: \_\_\_\_\_ USMC : \_\_\_\_\_ Navy: \_\_\_\_\_ Honorary: \_\_\_\_\_ Associate: \_\_\_\_\_

Military Service Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliate of Raider: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have an E-Mail Address? At Home \_\_\_\_\_ At Work \_\_\_\_\_

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