



Down Under Report

Seraching for James Eaton

Dear Sir, I am hoping you can assist me in obtaining information about a man by the name of James F. Eaton, who was a member of the Second Marine Division during World War Two. I am inquiring for my father-in-law, a Harold Parker.

In 1943 Mr. Parker was a bombardier in an anti-aircraft battery in Auckland, New Zealand. Mr. Eaton was "sweet" on a local girl who was a family friend of the Parkers. At the time, Mr. Parker was living in a suburb of Auckland called Balmoral. He thinks the division military camp was at the suburb Mt Wellington (Camp Bunn) because of this Mr. Parker saw a lot of Mr. Eaton until he shipped out.

Although they heard about the Tarawa battle, Mr. Parker has never known what became of Mr. Eaton. Mr. Parker mentioned this to me after the recent funeral of his sister. Mr. Parker liked and admired this man, and we wondered if you could assist us in discovering how Mr. Eaton fared and if he survived the war. Any advice would be appreciated as to any U.S. government website that might give such information to foreign nationals.

Here is what Mr. Parker could tell me about Mr. Eaton:

- He was professional soldier, having served in China with the Division.
- He spoke of being involved with a British regiment in China, possibly Middlesex
- He spoke of clashes with the Japanese in China, with U.S. Marine casualties that he was not permitted to retaliate for.
- He said that he was on a troop ship one day out of Hawaii when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.
- Mr. Parker said he had very senior NCO rank, possibly the equivalent of a British regiment sergeant major.
- Mr. Parker made the comment the Mr. Eaton was in charge of the camp, as he was often telephoned about problems back at the camp while off duty visiting with his girlfriend. Mr. Parker said that he often wondered what the officers did as the Marine NCOs seemed to run

everything.

That is all we know. I hope you can assist on another note. I would just like to say a few things. I have studied the Pacific battles and I am aware of the American sacrifice.

My father was sent to Fiji as an aircraft mechanic, as he was 35 years old with three children. My first father-in-law was a navigator on a fighter-bomber (TBF?). He flew from Guadalcanal on raids to Rabaul after the Marines had left. He crashed and broke his back, but survived the war.

I have had one overseas trip in my life, and that was to Hawaii, in September 11, 1992. We walked straight into Hurricane Iniki on Kawai. We were placed at a school at Popoi Beach, which became a National Guard Base supplied by helicopters and armed troops. They patrolled the area at night. They were a nice bunch of local men. One of the things I was glad of was that we were in a disaster area on American soil and not some other countries one could think of. When we got back to the main island, we went on the Pearl Harbor Tour.

Yours Sincerely;

D.M.Andersen
72 Nnamat Rd
One Tree Hill
Auckland, New Zealand

Thanks for your help, Marines

The Jeeps, Jazz & Jitterbugging exhibition has now finished. During the period of the Marines' exhibition, over 20,000 people passed through the exhibition gallery.

The exhibition attracted a great deal of media coverage. There were interviews on a number of radio stations and a news item on TV3.

The success of this sort of exhibition reflects the generosity of all the people,

such as the SMDA members who contributed items and information.

With many thanks for your participation in a highly acclaimed and successful exhibition.

Kind Regards,

Bob Maysmor
Exhibition Curator



More fallout from the exhibit

The exhibition [described above] was mounted by the curator of the Porirua museum and art gallery, and ran from July till October. Porirua, a city in the environs of Wellington, is surrounded by many of the old Second Division camp sites.

We thought it was very well done. The hall was done out with jeeps, 6 x 6 GMC trucks, and several artillery pieces, multitudes of photos, and some old movie footage from wartime shots that ran continuously through a large television screen. On opening day several staff members from the U.S. Embassy were in attendance, plus a few Second Division men who have made their homes in this country. Also, a band in attendance played the old WWII big band tunes that the boys loved.

One outcome of the exhibition is that it helped "educate" those younger people who did not live through that era, and who find it difficult to visualize what it was all about. Some of the interest it kindled in those people bore fruit in that I received several enquiries from people who as young children could vaguely remember Marines coming to their parents' homes on leave, and who asked me could I trace those men whose names they had.

Happily, in a couple of cases, through a lot of help from a friend in Massachusetts, we were successful —much happiness.

Kind regards,

Stan Martin

Visit the Second Marine Division Association Website at:
www.2marine.com



Recon Missions

Can anyone add to the story of Clifton Fomby?

My great uncle, Clifton Fomby, was KIA 22 Nov 1943 at Tarawa. His father died as results of combat in WW1. His brother Otis died within a year of him in Brussels. My grandfather Oscar, the only surviving son, served in the Army Air Corps and was called back to CONUS. Here is some information from the newspaper clipping following his death:

Bernice Marine Sergeant killed at Tarawa, awarded high honors

Killed by enemy shellfire as he directed the fire of tanks against a Japanese concrete emplacement on Tarawa, last November 22nd, Marine Sergeant Clifton E. Fomby of Bernice has been awarded the Silver Star Medal, posthumously, for "heroic self-sacrifice in the face of grave peril".

When his company lost contact with supporting tanks, Sergeant Fomby, the citation accompanying the award said, "courageously charged forward across an air strip exposed to heavy enemy shellfire in order to regain contact."

"Discovering a strong hostile concrete emplacement threatening the advance of our forces he successfully brought the support of tanks against the enemy position assuring its complete destruction," the citation added.

"Sergeant Fomby contributed immeasurably to the saving of many lives before he was killed by enemy shellfire during his perilous advance.

Born January 29, 1919 at Shiloh, Clifton was the son of Mrs. Mattie Lou Fomby of Bernice. His wife, Mrs. Marjorie Marie Fomby, lives at 1715 B. High School Parks, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Enlisting in the Marine Corps October 14, 1940, the ruddy 140-pound Leatherneck was promoted to the rank of Sergeant June 10, 1943. In addition to the Silver Star Medal his decorations include the Purple Heart, the American Defense Service Medal, and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal.

The citation follows:

"For conscious gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against hostile enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, November 22, 1943. When his company lost contact with supporting assault tanks, Sergeant Fomby courageously charged forward across an air-strip exposed to heavy enemy shellfire in order to regain contact. Discovering a strong hostile concrete emplacement threatening the advance of our forces, he successfully brought the support of the tanks against the enemy position, assuring its complete destruction. By his heroic self-sacrifice in the face of grave peril, Sergeant Fomby contributed immeasurably to the saving of many lives before he was killed by enemy shellfire during the perilous advance. His gallant conduct and unswerving devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

My contact information is Clifton Fomby - 208 Connie Court - Spring Lake, NC 28390 - (910) 497-3285. E-mail address is Clifton@Fomby.com

What did Corpsmen wear at Tarawa?

My father was Harry P. Dewey, PhM2c USNR. He was attached to the 2nd Marines as a corpsman on Tarawa, Saipan and Tinian during WWII.

As time has permitted over the past few years, I have been working on a memorial for my father. He never spoke much about the war when he was living, but it came out now and then how proud he was to have been involved with the 2nd Marines. He made sure I had all of his patches, papers, campaign ribbons etc. The most interesting is two pieces of metal on a khaki shoelace with his name, blood type and serial # scratched into them. He said he lost his dog tags and made these from some destroyed piece of equipment on Tarawa.

A few years ago, on an episode of "Antiques Road Show" on PHS television, a woman had put together a uniform and equipment display of her grandfather's WWI artifacts. I wanted to do something similar. I have a book sent to my dad in 1947 called *Follow Me*. I have tried to see in the photos what equipment he may have had, but it is so varied nothing is clear. My idea was to display his things on one side of the box and on the other side display the things a corpsman would have carried or worn—at least on the way into the beach.

He did tell me once that on Tarawa the boat he was on (he called it a Higgins boat) turned over and was sunk and he had to get rid of equipment so as not to drown. He said he then worked his way ashore along a pier that went out from the beach.

I'm hoping the Marine Corps might have pictured what a corpsman would have worn.

In the Follow Me photos some men are wearing leggings, some have a sling-like pack over their shoulders, and others have various small things attached to the web belt. I would like to be as accurate as possible for a corpsman. Can you help me or point me in the right direction?

Thanks.

John P. Dewey
53 Redwood Drive
Kentfield, CA 94904

Anyone remember Louis C. Rea?

I am trying to locate some Marines who may have served with my father, Louis C. Rea Sr., who died in 1988. My dad was drafted into the Marine Corps in 1944 and spent two years in the Pacific. I found an old letter that my mother sent to him dated March 9, 1945. She addressed it to:

PFC Louis C. Rea Sr. 972074, Service & Supply Co., Service Troops, Second Service Bn., Second Marine Division FMF, c/o Fleet Marine P.O., San Francisco CA.

I think he was in the 8th Regiment, but I am only guessing at that. I also believe he fought at Okinawa and went to Japan for

occupation. He brought a Japanese rifle home. He was wounded in the neck, but I don't think he ever applied for a Purple Heart.

My mother is trying to locate his discharge papers, which would be helpful, I guess, when I send for his service itinerary from St. Louis. She also gave me a couple names of Marines with whom he may have served:

- Charles Cave, from Paterson NJ
- John Hall (?)
- A Mr. Ortilano from Texas?

Please send any info you can to Louis C. Rea Jr., 18 Ashlyn Street, Wayne NJ 07470, (973) 696-5874.

Anyone interested in a new Association?

Recipients of the Navy & Marine Corps Medal, Soldier's Medal, Airman's Medal, and Coast Guard Medal for Heroism: please contact Gary A. Gruenwald (former sergeant of Marines) in reference to an association that is being started. Contact him at P.O. Box 656, New Market MD 21774, (301) 990-5314, or usm-cgman@juno.com

Not just another hole in the head

The other night a neighbor of ours was watching a TV show. I believe it was American Antiques Roadshow or something like that. They showed a former Marine who was showing his helmet with a bullet hole in it made during the battle of Tarawa. Not many survived with a bullet hole in the helmet, but I was one of them—and I was also at Tarawa. The bullet through my helmet was a little off-center, which saved my life. I received the Purple Heart for a slight wound on top of my head.

I would like to know who this Marine was and where he lives so we can correspond and compare our nightmarish experiences. I was S/Sgt. in R-2 Section, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division on Tarawa.

Jack Lent
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Uvalde TX 78802, (830) 278-6722

I am beginning a search for men who knew and served with my father, Max Maynard Paris, of Urbana, Illinois, during WWII. He passed away in February 1987. In 1996, through a rather remarkable set of events, I was contacted by an older half-brother living in Christchurch, New Zealand. My father had been engaged to a New Zealander who became pregnant with my older brother. We never knew Dad had a son and my brother was raised in New Zealand, never knowing my Dad was his father.

I am writing memoirs and am seeking contact with men who might have recollection of Dad in New Zealand or during his time in service. I just don't know where to begin or what information to give. Can you give me some guidance on who I might contact or what channels to explore?

He enlisted July 21, 1942, in Urbana, Illinois, and did his basic training in San Diego, California (584th Platoon U.S.M.C.). He boarded the *Matsonia* on October 18, 1942, and arrived in Wellington, New Zealand November 5, 1942.

It appears Dad spent about 15 - 18 months in New Zealand. He spent time at Silverstream Naval Hospital, where he met his fiancé, who was a Red Cross nurse. He had knee surgery and rehabilitation there.

His duffel bag has names like: Camp Russell, Trentam, Paekakariki, Hutt Park, Marpi Point, Gushawawa, Yonabaru, Yontan, Linda Vista and Levin written on it.

On his military records I obtained, there are the following spliced pieces of information:

HqCo., 2d Base Depot, SS, 1Mac, FMF, In the Field 24 February, 1944, embarked on board the *SS James B. Francis* at Wellington, New Zealand; 26 February, 1944, sailed; 14 March, 1944, arrived and disembarked at Pearl Harbor, T.H. (A.E. Schade, Captain, USMCR, Commanding) General Supply Company, Seventh Field Depot: Special temporary duty with the Second Marine Division from 15 June, 1944 to 1 August, 1944. Previously attached for Amphibious training at FRAY. (A.F. Pilliod, Jr, Capt., USMC, Commanding)

Embarked aboard *USS Arthur Middleton* at Hilo Harbor, Hawaii, T.H. 5 May, 1944. Sailed therefrom 13 May 1944. 14-18 May 1944 in vicinity of Maui Is., T.H. in conn/w amphibious training. Arrived Honolulu, T.H. 19 May 1944.

Sailed therefrom 30 May 1944; arrived at Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944 in conn/w amphibious operation. Disembarked 22 June 1944. (G.M. Rice, Major, USMCR, Commanding)

Embarked aboard the *U.S.S. Berrien* (APA-62) at Saipan, M.I., on 9 March, 1945 and sailed therefrom 27 March, 1945. Arrived at Okinawa R. I., on 1 April, 1945, and disembarked thereat on 12 April, 1945. (A.F. PILLIOC, JR, Capt, USMCR, Commanding)

Embarked aboard the *U.S.S. General H. W. Butner* (AP-113) on 6 Sept 1945 at Okinawa R. I. and sailed therefrom on 9 Sept 1945. Arrived 24 Sept. 1945 and disembarked 24 Sept. 1945 at Seattle, Washington (George A. Ratz., USMCR)

He participated in action against the Japanese at Marianas Island, 22 June 1944 - 10 July 1944; Okinawa, Ryukyu Island 1 April 1945 - 12 April 1945.

There is an exhaustive list of assignments with what appears to be 2nd Co. 6th Marines.

I could supply more information, but perhaps this gives you a reference point to know what to ask or where to point me.

I am 50 years old and my brother in New Zealand turned 59 last week. I traveled to meet him in 1997 (amazing!), and spent 3 days and nights at the old Naval Hospital at Silverstream in the barracks he would have stayed in. I visited the house in Wellington where Dad's fiance lived when he was dating, and then engaged to her, and met my brother's family. Our local paper did a full-page feature story on our reunion and my trip to New Zealand.

The loss of my father in 1987 was devastating. The more I have read about what Tom Brokaw calls "The Greatest Generation," the more I have been filled with awe at the courage and sacrifice of my father's generation. Dad's untimely death served as a catalyst for much reading. Since the discovery of my brother in NZ, needless to say, I have a thousand questions—most that will go unanswered. My father simply did not talk much about his experience in the war—a few stories here and there.

Doubleday Books contacted him after the war to pursue a book about an unusual interaction Dad had. A Jap plane went down and Dad was the first Marine to arrive. The pilot and Dad's eyes met. They froze for a moment; quickly, both took aim. Dad shot first, killed the young pilot, removed personal articles (a

now blood stained ancestral flag, photos, etc.). After the war he had them in a showcase in his office here at the University of Illinois. A Japanese professor visiting Dad's office (Dad was a graphic artist) asked to see the items. Dad asked the man if it would be possible for him to inquire whether the boy's family was alive. Contact was indeed made. Dad's first letter to them explained that their son died honorably in combat. The package to them included the flag—which the professor said would be so important to his family, and the other personal effects. He did not mention that he had killed their son. They wrote back, expressing deep gratitude and included a new Japanese flag, an 8x10 of their son and a family picture, and they asked if Dad knew more details.

Dad wrote back explaining that he had killed their son—what the circumstance was, and asked their forgiveness. There were several letters exchanged. They expressed their forgiveness and their gratitude to Dad for contacting them. It was a very moving experience for my father. I have the letters and photos.

I did carry on correspondence with one Marine who knew Dad and spent a limited time with him during the war. They wrote often to each other after the war. He was considerably older than Dad and came home long before Dad, who was born in 1920.

Being able to make contact with any men who knew Dad, gaining any additional info from them—their memories of Dad or specific battles would be a real gift to me.

Thanks,

Rev. Kent Paris

Editor's Note: Please send any info you have re Max Paris to the Managing Editor, 35 Ashwell Avenue, Rocky Hill CT 06067, or e-mail it to him at ags0326@aol.com. He will forward it to the Reverend Paris.

THOUGHTS I THINK WHEN I WASN'T THINKING

Thoughts I Think When I Wasn't Thinking Arthur G. Sharp's 6th book, is now available. It comprises 42 diverse personal essays, including stories about a cat in a dying woman's hospital room...a war with ants that humans cannot win...why people pay so much for holes...pulling elected officials' names out of hats instead of voting for them...TV 101: the secrets to television broadcasts...As one critic said, "These essays stem from the mind of a writer whose thoughts can best be described as bizarre—yet rational."

To order the book: call the publisher, 1st Books Library, at 1-888-280-7715. Via the net, access www.1stbooks.com, amazon.com, or barnesandnoble.com You can also order direct from the author by sending a check for \$19.00 (\$16.50 for the book and \$2.50 for postage & handling) to Arthur G. Sharp, 35 Ashwell Avenue, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. A portion of the proceeds for books ordered directly from the author will go to the SMDA.

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Last Call

All of us at the Second marine Division Association extend our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of those listed below. May they rest in peace.

- ★ Richard Arn, Jr. (M/3/6)
dod 12/20/2001
Family
4409 Lido Lane
Houston, TX 77092-4315
- ★ Frank F. Borsello (I/3/18)
dod 2/2/1999
Family
71 Circle Drive
Patchogue, NY 11772-4213
- ★ Rayford D. Caldwell (E/2/8)
dod 10/5/02
Jamie Caldwell
508 Chippendale Drive
Rockwall, TX 75087
- ★ Vincent L. Conniff (D/2d Med Bn)
dod unknown
Helene Conniff
3040 Elm Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90807-5023
- ★ Orval Cutshaw (D/1/2)
unknown
Betty Cutshaw
9066 Marina Drive
Alanson, MI 49706
- ★ John Gaschler (E/2/2)
dod 5/11/02
Josephine Gaschler
394 Manor Drive
Scott City, KS 67871-1233
- ★ Walter L. Haller (B/1/2)
dod 11/12/2002
Darlyne Haller
PO Box 2914
Battle Ground WA 98604
- ★ Joseph Hecht (HQ/2/8)
dod 10/19/2002
Audrey Hecht
4 Sadore Lane
Yonkers, NY 10710-4734
- ★ Capt Fred L. Holl USMCR
(F/2/2 L/3/8)
dod 1999
Merrilyn Holl
28125 Hamden Lane
Escondido, CA 92026
- ★ J B Johnson (F/2/10)
dod 09/12/2002
Laurine Johnson
12421 Morning Mist Ln
Auburn, CA 95602
- ★ John C. Jones (D/2/18)
dod 10/09/2002
Christina Jones
2131 NW 15th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73107
- ★ Frank T. Murray (F/2/2 C/1/8)
dod unknown
Family
RR 2 BOX 9
Lake Crystal, MN 56055
- ★ George B Penn (HQ/3/8)
dod 9/22/2002
Alicia Penn
10 Meadowview Drive
Selinsgrove, PA 17870-8612
- ★ Robert J. Pierini (M/4/10)
dod 8/2/2002
Jean Pierini
1169 Airport Road
Lake Village AR 71653
- ★ Leslie Gordon Simpson (H&S/10)
dod 11/8/2002
Family
16520 SE 31st Street
Bellevue, WA 98008
- ★ Thomas A. Tierney (B/1/6)
dod 11/5/2002
Dorothy Tierney
200 Underwood St
Holliston, MA 01746-1627
- ★ Robert R. Twitchell (G/2/2)
dod 10/17/2002
Family
7016 Beverly Blvd
Everett, WA 98203
- ★ Joseph A. Vadell (G/2/6)
dod 10/3/2003
Family
70235 8th Street
Covington, LA 70433-5367
- ★ George D. Van Dyke (L/3/6)
dod 10/29/2002
Blanche Van Dyke
3408 Glenda Lane
Ellenton, FL 34222
- ★ Herbert D. Warble (A/2d TK BN)
dod 10/25/02
Family
4549 Harvey Avenue
Western Springs, IL 60558

So that his brethren shall know...

Please report the death of any member of the Second Marine Division Association to: Headquarters, Second Marine division Association, PO Box 8180, Camp Lejeune, NC 28547 so that he may be listed in "Last Call."

where they got the meat or what it was. He sure made a liar out of himself because we did have fresh meat that night, such as it was.

Fish Stories

What A Price To Pay For Fresh Fish

Yes, the Second Marine Division members did have fresh fish during WWII, re an article in *Follow Me*, Nov/Dec 2002. Marines fished as described. A hand grenade in the middle of a school of fish furnished all the fish needed. But, one incident had its sad side.

In November 1942, my company had been transferred from Guadalcanal to Tulagi for a rest. We were able to sit on the beach at Tulagi and watch the fantastic battles of November 13th, 14th, and 15th between our navy and the Japanese navy. A few days after this, a young Marine who had heard about some sailors from Florida Island who had been very successful fishing with grenades decided to try it. I was sitting close to the beach when I heard the grenade go off.

Immediately following the explosion, the young Marine came running up to the area screaming, "Give me a hand! Give me a hand!" I was close enough to him to see that his hand had been blown off at his wrist.

We found out later what happened. His friends told him they were going to fish from the bank, which they did. They saw a large school of fish swimming towards them. As the young Marine (I never did learn his name) pulled the pin on his grenade, the fish veered away. This apparently confused him, and he held to the grenade too long. I will never forget the sight of the blood flying from his arm as he waved the arm in the air.

I do not know what happened to this fellow. A month and a half later, on January 31st, we went aboard ship and on to New Zealand.

B. G. Kenneer

Perhaps the fish should have taken the day off from school

There was a time when Marines on patrol on Tulagi had fresh fish as well, although they did not have to throw hand grenades into the water to catch it.

Ray Schneider told us by phone of the experiences of 28 Marines composing two 14-man patrols on Tulagi whose assignment was to locate "Washing Machine Charley," who made bombing runs over Guadalcanal around midnight every night to keep the troops awake. As Schneider recalls, "We didn't see any Japs, but we did get friendly with the natives." And, he added, they taught the Marines a valuable lesson: how to fish the native way.

The system was rather simple. Swimmers would locate a school of fish and herd it into a shallow pool. There, a group of folks took the fish out of the water and piled them into baskets. "They never took one more fish than they needed," he said. "When somebody passed the word that they had enough, the

fishing party ended."

The natives and the Marines got very friendly with one another. "They gave us boatloads of food," Schneider noted. So, the Marines got their fish—and no one got hurt in the process. They didn't use the process on their own very often, but at least they had learned something new. And that is no fish tale.

At Least we know one Marine in the picture

In regard to the "Mystery Photo" on page 13 of the Sept/Oct 2002 *Follow Me*, submitted by Richard Karr, my husband Tom is lying on his left arm in front of the group. According to his records, he was in L-36. Then he transferred to F-2-6, where he did police action and played a lot of football.

I found a copy in his records with "Notre Dame Here I Come" under the picture. He did go to Notre Dame for one year. Then he went to St. Louis University. He was on their last football team. He graduated and worked for Sears for 33 years as an executive. Then he became president of Craft Showcase.

We moved 21 times in his career, and came back "home" to the St. Louis area. He died 5/16/99 after his second major heart by-pass operation.

I spoke to Mrs. Karr, who put me in touch with two Marines, Dick Furman, 169 W. Rogers Path, Cold Springs Harbor, NY 11743 (631) 692-7356, and General Paul Gagne, 216 Berkeley, Methuen, MA 01844 (978) 685-5908.

Virginia Mungenast

Hawkins wasn't where the authors said he was

The lead article about Lt. William Deane Hawkins in the Nov/Dec *Follow Me* had a few notable errors. To begin with, Hawkins went to boot camp in San Diego at the Marine Corps Base, not Los Angeles.

Secondly, he went to sniper school at River Camp, Jaques Farm, or Green Farm, not at MCB to the Army Camp San Luis Obispo for rifle training because Camp Matthews was so overloaded.

Earl MacPherson

Earl:

I spoke to the co-author, Norm Chandler. Norm said that you are absolutely correct: Hawkins attended boot camp at San Diego and sniper training at Green Farm. He apologized for the mistakes in the magazine article.

In their book about Lt. Hawkins the information was correct. When they later downloaded portions of the book to prepare the magazine article, they downloaded an earlier, unedited version instead of the corrected final version. In other words, they blew it ... and you caught it.

Thanks for taking the time to write and correct it.

Chuck Van Horne

8:30 AM September 6, 2002

Call to order by President Jack Hare

Pledge of allegiance led by Sgt. at Arms Paul Goforth.

◆ Invocation given by Chaplain Carroll Strider, in absence of Warren Martens. Carroll introduced Peter Willard, son of previous chaplain in Pacific Wyatt Willard, who passed away some three years ago. He mentioned several others who need our prayers.

◆ Recognition of past presidents: they were asked to stand. .

◆ Recognition of first attendees: they were asked to stand.

◆ Approval of the minutes of fifty-second national assembly.

Motion made by vice president Brixey Lewis to approve as written; seconded by Paul Goforth. Adjutant Bill Steele asked to speak to motion. Bill said Carolinas Chapter report was included in minutes but left out when published in *Follow Me*. Showed Carroll Strider where they were recorded. Motion carried.

◆ President Jack Hare's Report

–Gave his report on visit to Cleveland.

–Went to Carl Wiegel memorial service in October and Tarawa Day in November.

–At 2002 division birthday this year, there was a staff meeting at Harriett B Smith Library

–Committee on bringing SMDA to correspond with same

–Conclusion was President sent letter directing Chairman Bob Groves to change endowment by-laws to aforesaid changes.

–That was reported at staff meeting yesterday and approved.

–Visited Spokane and visited Bert Diehl in hospital there. Bert is present at this meeting.

–Attended Carolinas meeting at Camp Lejeune.

◆ Executive Secretary Chuck Van Horne's report.

–Membership is at 6,426 as of end of June.

–Please notify registration if anyone knows of deceased members.

–Losing around 200 members a year.

–Lost 150 so far this year.

–Need recruiters to get more members.

–Accounts are in good shape.

–Have taken in sweepstakes this year \$23,025.50.

–Published directory this year. Some errors.

Cost over \$17,000 to put out. So far \$7,517.50 has been put back by members.

- Need about \$10,000 to pay off directory.

- General John Sattler and wife will be in today. He will be our speaker at banquet.

- Tarawa Event at Camp Lejeune will be November 20.

- Division birthday will be January 30-31 at Camp Lejeune.

Copies of hotels are listed and copies were given out to all present.

- Found no suitable place to have reunion in northeast, as required by by-laws for 2003. Atlantic City Clarion hotel sent in a bid for 2003 reunion. Clarion is run by former Marines. The staff yesterday approved Atlantic City Clarion for 2003 reunion.

◆ Treasurer Arnold Schectman's Report

- A copy of written report will be attached to minutes.

◆ New Directory Chairman Ed Person's Report

–Expense of directory was given by treasurer report.

–All who can, please send in envelope with donation

to Chuck Van Horne.

–Thanks to headquarters personnel for an outstanding job.

–Cost from last directory was quoted.

–Thanks to the previous people for doing such an outstanding job.

–Ed said he would do another in the future.

◆ Vice President Ed Person met with state chapters people yesterday. A discussion developed on reunions and result was developed on reunions and result was there had been no bad reunions over the years. Some better and some not as good but all were good. Can't continue to get the low room prices as this hotel has given.

◆ Membership Chairman James Evans not present due to auto accident.

◆ President Jack Hare called on Raymond Kania to give a report on data that he was sent in mail. Ray showed a flyer he had made up and this application would be good for members to put in public places. Dave Dowdakin application in pocket to give out to new applicants.

Several newspapers were used in years gone by as news release. This was good for several years, but soon faded out.

◆ SMDA Endowment Fund Inc. report given by Chairman Bob Groves. The Endowment has given \$13,000 in interest and has been given to scholarship fund to support 13 students. Have 19 funded Endowment memorials valued at \$157,356.77. Some new money came in this year from insurance policies.

◆ SMDA memorial scholarship fund reports given by chairman Darrell Albers. Darrell introduced trustees, secretary Marty McNulty, Dick Grace, Bill Frazier, Wesley Morrett (who is ill) and Steve Judd, liaison to staff. Met yesterday and approved following students: 9 seniors, 5 juniors, 3 sophomores. New applicants approved, 3 seniors, 4 juniors, 2 sophomores, 11 freshmen. We are in fine shape money wise. Twenty-five years ago we had zero funds for scholarships. Now in scholarship fund we have \$214,992. Membership has really come through with donations over the years.

◆ In 6 years we will enter a real turning point in this association. A lot of us will not be here to make the donations as are now being given. But we will hit the time when the Beirut memorial scholarship fund, now at \$180,206, will come to SMDA. Bud said it should come to Memorial Scholarship Fund to help out until new people start donations.

◆ John Deitle gave report on his hair cut scholarship fund. John asked for bucket to be passed around for donations. John thanked everybody for money. \$802.00 dollars was collected in Cleveland and some checks from others sent into headquarters for John.

15 minute break.

◆ Reunion 2002 report given by chairman George Garden.

Everything has gone smoothly, with few complaints. Give all credit to George's wife Edie.

◆ State and Regional chapters reports

Arkansas—no report

California—Bill McConnell gave report, had a great year. Fine meetings. \$1000 for memorial scholarship fund, \$500 for general fund.

Carolinas—Carroll Strider gave report: Meeting at Jacksonville NC during division birthday. Also a meeting at Norfolk this year. They are continuing to stay in step. Donation of \$1000 for memorial scholarship fund.

Colorado—Elmer R. Widman had 11 meetings during year. Do not meet in September. In May have election of officers, President William Hare; First Vice President Orlando Gonzales; Second Vice



President Russell Ratcliff; Third Vice President Frank Rozich; Adjutant Elmer Widman; and Chaplain Russell Mason. Have 30 members. Toys for Tots drive in December.

Florida—no report

Georgia - David Oxley: Have about 40 members. Lost 2 this year. Meeting in October at Warner Robins.

Illinois—\$500 for scholarship fund. Pleasure to be here with all present.

Mid-Atlantic—\$1000.00 check given. \$500.00 to scholarship fund and \$500.00 to endowment fund.

Minnesota—no report

Mississippi—Karl Rushing: 150 members. Lost one member, Robert Stubblefield, and Sarah Countiss. Jim Countiss recovering from heart valve operation in hospital. Meet with Arkansas chapter each year to celebrate Marine Corps Birthday. This year in Greenville, MS and everybody is invited.

Missouri—no report

New England—Fred Flammini: Represent 5 states. Meet in Quincy, MA most of the time. Fred talked about parades and toys for tots. Wear uniform and people love to see. 200 members.

Northwest—George Stein: 265 members; lost 2; Meet once a year; Met this year at Yakima, Washington in April. Had 49 at the banquet. Next reunion at Tacoma, Washington. Chapter appointed Dave Dowdakin to get a plaque for USS Navy ship Shoup that was to be commissioned. Men who served under David Shoup were honored aboard ship. \$300 donated to endowment fund. *Follow Me* will tell about the ship.

Oklahoma—Report given by Carroll Strider. Carl Shank had to stay home to take care of the cows.

Texas—Arnold Schectman: Meeting in Nacogdoches Texas in March. About 50 members were present. Historic town. Very old. 200 members. Next meeting in Waco.

New Business:

- ◆ Marty McNulty was elected for 5-year term as trustee on Memorial Scholarship Fund at National staff meeting yesterday.
 - ◆ Motion made by Bill Steele that Carroll Strider be elected for 5-year term on Board of Director on endowment fund. Second Bert Diehl. Motion carried.
 - ◆ Nominating Committee
 - Chairman: Past President Robert E. Lewis.
 - President: Fred Flammini
 - First Vice: President- Brixey Lewis
 - Second Vice President: Edward Person
 - Third Vice President: James Evans
 - Fourth Vice President: Paul Goforth
 - Adjutant: Bill Steele
 - Judge Advocate General: Orlo Steele
 - Sergeant at Arms: Bill Dunaway
 - Past President: Jack Hare
 - ◆ Bert Diehl made motion, nominations ceased. Second Dave Dowdakin, motion carried.
 - ◆ Chick Lewis declared these nominees elected by acclamation for the coming year.
 - ◆ Benediction given by Carroll Strider
 - ◆ Donations received \$4500.00
- Adjournment

Submitted by Adjutant Bill Steele

Chaplain's Corner

Lessons From The Brits

With the exception of the War for Independence and the War of 1812, United States Marines and the Royal Marines have formed a kinship as brothers-in-arms which has lasted to this day. In the present war against terrorism, our strongest ally in dedication and joint operations are the Royal Marines and the United Kingdom.

We have learned much, not only from the Brits of the present, but also from their past history. During the darkest days of World War II, there existed a situation very much as today—the London Blitz of 1940 and the V Bomb blitz of 1944-45, where citizens as well as the military were involved. When bombs could fall anywhere, anytime, with no or little prior warning, it was their determination, dedication, teamwork, and faith which saw them through.

I remember during those days there was a rallying song which we also heard on this side of the Atlantic: "There'll Always Be An England and England Shall Be Free." Love of country not only helped win World War II, but it also helped save civilization and prevent a new age of darkness.

We have the same challenge today in this total war, but by faith in God, love of country, dedication and devotion, we again shall prevail. Let us not forget the example of the Brits who, in their awful days, were bright lights of freedom, dignity, and national strength.

2003 REUNIONS		
ORGANIZATION/UNIT	DATES/LOCATION	CONTACT
Marine Corps Musicians Association	April 9 - 12 New Orleans	Richard Oldenburg PMB42 5101 Bear Valley Rd. Tehachapi, CA 93561-8311 (661) 821-1683 jazjoc@sierratel.com
Membership in the MCMA is open to any Marine who served in any musical unit: band, Drum and bugle, field music, show band, or pipe band.		
USS Crescent City (APA-21)	Aug. 14-18 Arlington, VA Doubletree Hotel	Bill Vormbrock 9 Dee Bee Lane Griswold, CT 06351-8812 (860) 376-5557 BILLV16@juno.com or BILLVOR@military.com
Marine Corps Mustang Association	Oct. 12-16 Marines' Memorial Club & Hotel San Francisco CA	Bill Max P. O. Box 1314 Delran NJ 08075 1-800-321-USMC topmustang@aol.com

Errata

We have a couple alterations to make re SMDA's Surgeon General's personal information. First, he is a medical doctor; ergo, his title should be James E. Stygles, M.D. Second, his correct phone number is (508) 653-2381. Other than that, we got the information right.

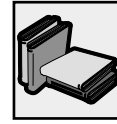
Next, Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Dunaway's unit designation should be C-1-8, rather than C-1-18.



SMDA Scholarship Fund Contributions

- Darrell Albers—IMO: My wife, Norma Albers
- Betty Arnett—Endowment Fund: IMO: Norma Albers, Carl Hass, MGen Jack P. Juhan USMC RET, Seymour Orlove, Donald R. Peauler
- William Ashley—Scholarship Fund: IMO: Norma Albers
- Herbert & Kumie Bain: Scholarship Fund: IMO: Norma Albers
- Edward Bale—Scholarship Fund
- Eleanor Barron—Scholarship Fund—IMO: Preston Barron
- Arthur Blenski—Scholarship Fund: IMO: F. Ray Goswick
- Raymond Bodeur—Scholarship Fund
- Jean Brown—IMO: William T. Brown
- John & Avis Buff—Scholarship Fund: Leslie Gordon Simpson
- Craig & Colleen Caulkins—Scholarship Fund: IMO: Norma Albers
- Kenneth Crilley—Scholarship Fund: IMO: Norma Albers
- Wayne Daley—Scholarship Fund
- Dwight & Kathy Dalton—Scholarship Fund: IMO: James R. Berg
- Albert & Lee Daubenschmidt—& Lee: Scholarship Fund: IMO: David Hayward
- James Delaney—Scholarship Fund: IMO: Sgt Thomas A. Glogofsky
- Martin Delaney—Scholarship Fund
- Ray Dotson—Endowment Fund: James R. Berg (A/1/8) & Walter Brinkman Memorial Fund
- Mary E Dunn—Scholarship Fund: IMO: Emery Thomas
- Bryant Ranch Elementary School—Scholarship Fund: IMO: Norma Albers
- Fayette Ellis—Scholarship Fund—IMO: Rovie Lane
- Ramon & Anne Evans—Scholarship Fund—IMO: Norma Albers
- George & Inga Freeberg: Scholarship Fund: IMO: Norma Albers
- Howard Frost—Scholarship Fund: IMO: Norma Albers
- William Gallagher—Scholarship Fund
- Hugo Victor Genge—IMO: Hugo Genge Endowment Fund
- Robert J Goggins—Scholarship Fund: IMO: Donnie Owens
- William & Nila Graham: D/2/Medical Endowment Fund: Joseph B. Brown, HQ/2/8, Norma Albers & Vincent L. Conniff, Hq/1/2, and D/2/Med
- William Hammond—Scholarship Fund
- Beverly Haney—Scholarship Fund: IMO: Norma Albers
- Wm David & Teresa Hayman—Scholarship Fund—IMO: Norma Albers
- Milton Hazzard—Scholarship & Endowment Fund
- Judith Hernandez—Scholarship Fund—IMO: Norma Albers
- Myrtle Hernandez—Scholarship Fund: IMO: Norma Albers
- Grant & Margie Johnson: Scholarship Fund—IMO—Norma Albers
- Raymond Kania—Scholarship Fund: IMO: Fred McDonald E/2/8 & James Hughes 8th Marines
- Richard & Margaret Karr: Scholarship Fund: IMO—John Golden, Ina Mae Johnson
- Newey & Sybil Kearney: IMO—Hugo & Garinda Grence, Carl Weigle, Maurice Bunyon, Scotty Patton
- Robert Kelly—Scholarship Fund
- Ernest & June Knuth—Scholarship Fund: IMO: Norma Albers
- Timothy & Sue Langner—Scholarship Fund-IMO: James R. Berg
- Robert Legan—Scholarship Fund: IMO: Norma Albers
- Donald Magee—Scholarship Fund
- Bill & Betty Mager: Walter & Erma Brinkman Endowment Fund
- Casimer Marcinkowski—Scholarship Fund
- Lawrence Martin—Scholarship Fund
- William Maxam—Scholarship Fund
- James & Dolores McMahon: Scholarship Fund: IMO: Norma Albers
- John Mesko—Scholarship Fund
- Ruth Joan Miller—Scholarship Fund—IMO: Norma Albers
- Don & Carol Montgomery—Scholarship Fund—IMO: Norma Albers
- James & Barbara Montgomery: Scholarship Fund: IMO: Norma Albers
- Wesley & Pat Morrett—Scholarship Fund: IMO: Norma Albers
- Raymond Myers—Scholarship Fund—IMO: Norma Albers (Norma's brother)
- Carl Noss—Scholarship Fund
- John & Laura O'Connor: Scholarship Fund: IMO: Norma Albers
- Lawrence Obenhuber—Endowment Fund
- Arthur Eddie & Blanche Owen: Scholarship Fund—IMO: August F. Gustafson, Joe Brown, Endowment Fund—IMO: Norma Albers & Annia Mae Woods
- Peter Petro—Endowment Fund
- Louise Price—Scholarship Fund
- Avery Guinn & Linda Rasbury: Scholarship Fund: IMO: Margaret Hofford, Sarah Countis, B.J. Ellis, Clarinda & Hugo Genge, Peter "Pete" & Dorothy Pavel, George & Ella Herbac, John Simmons, Harriette "Happy" Smith, Preston Barron, Laverne Hutka, Lawrence "Larry" Rydzeski, Henry "Hank" Mast, Albert Tidwell, Randall Johnson, Eldon Landback, Michael Hunt, Jarvis Welch, Joseph B. Brown, & Norma Albers
- Russell Ratcliff—Scholarship Fund
- Joan Reis—Scholarship Fund: IMO: Norma Albers
- Edward & Jackie Rigg: Scholarship Fund: IMO: Norma Albers
- Nelson Roetter—Scholarship Fund
- Peter Rondero—Scholarship Fund
- Frank Rozich—Scholarship Fund
- Edward Sadowski—Scholarship Fund
- David Shanley—Scholarship Fund
- Gary S. Simpson—Scholarship Fund: Leslie Gordon Simpson
- California Chapter SMDA—Scholarship Fund
- Carolina's Chapter SMDA—Scholarship Fund
- Illinois Chapter SMDA—Scholarship Fund
- Mid Atlantic Chapte SMDA—Scholarship Fund
- Mississippi Chapter SMDA—Lathan Joblin Endowment Fund
- Northwest Chapter SMDA—Endowment Fund
- OK Chapter SMDA—Scholarship Fund

Book Corner



For people who like more pictures than words in a book, U.S. Marine Uniforms: 1912 -1940 is an ideal fit. The 174-page book written by Jim Moran, a U.S. Marine historian and collector who lives in South Yorkshire, England, and an associate member of the SMDA, traces USMC uniform changes and regulations from 1912 to the outbreak of WWII.

Moran is well aware of the fact that words cannot adequately describe the various uniform components Marines wore, carried, etc. So, he adhered to the adage "A picture is worth a thousand words." Pictures are legion; words are at a premium. What few words there are provide adequate descriptions of each piece of equipment, patch, helmet.

The pictures alone are worth the price of the book—even though it is listed at \$49.95. For example, there are photos of Brigadier General S. Butler and Major General J. Lejeune standing next to each other in full uniform and Lt. Richard S. Hooker, later a colonel, wearing a "western-style" belt rig. The 5'11" Hooker is pictured standing next to a native who is considerably shorter. (Hooker died in Shanghai on December 24, 1932.) The photo captions provide some fascinating history—as do the photos themselves.

To order, contact Phillips Publications, Box 168, Williamstown, NJ 08094 (609) 567-0695, (fax) (609) 561-4967.

Does Anyone Remember...

This item regarding a tragic incident during WWII appeared in a July 20, 2002, New Zealand newspaper. Unfortunately, the exact newspaper is unknown:

Perhaps the worst single local event was an exercise off Kapiti Island, when several barges containing men laden with packs and rifles overturned in heavy seas. Although official reports said 9 men died, two Marines who were present believe the death toll was about 140.

Does anyone remember the incident? What was the real total? And why would USMC officials cover up the actual number?

- Texas Chapter SMDA—Preston Barron Endowment Fund: IMO: Robert Stubblefield D/2/18 & Paul Buhler H&S/8
- Patricia Smith—Scholarship Fund: IMO: Norma Albers, Eldon Landback & Ray Lamoreaux
- Gordon Spencer & Hannelore Kutz: Scholarship Fund: IMO: Norma Albers, We will miss you!
- Dr. Anthony Stasio—Scholarship Fund—IMO: Chester M. Haugen & Hayes J. Wascom
- William Steele—Scholarship Fund: IMO: Norma Albers
- W Kendall Stevenson—Scholarship Fund
- John Stone—& Lucy: Scholarship Fund: IMO: Norma Albers
- Christopher D. Stone—Endowment Fund: IMO My father, Sgt. John G. Stone
- Earl & Daylene Stout—Scholarship Fund: IMO: In Loving Memory of Norma H. Albers
- Carrol Strider—Scholarship Fund
- Theodore H. Stueber, Scholarship Fund
- Howard & Elaine Sutton—Scholarship Fund—IMO: Norma Albers (Norma's sister)
- Richard Taubert—Scholarship Fund
- David Van Amburg—IMO: Honor of the Marines and Corpsman who served with the 3rd Battalion, 10th Marines, Second Marine Division, FMF during the period March 1, 1943 until cessation of hostilities at the end of WWII
- Richard Van Horne—Scholarship Fund
- Michael Vassallo—Scholarship Fund
- Dean Warner—Scholarship Fund
- Georgia L. Waters—Scholarship Fund: IMO My Father, former Platoon Sergeant Roger P. Scovill, M/4/10
- Michael Wattik—Scholarship Fund
- Don & Janet Weide: Scholarship Fund: IMO our beloved friend, Norma Albers
- Merton Whitlow—Scholarship Fund
- Zola Wiegel—Scholarship Fund
- Peter Willard—Chaplain Willard Endowment Fund
- Mr & Mrs Bert Williams—Scholarship Fund—IMO: Norma Albers
- Raymond Zajic—Carl Wiegel Endowment Fund

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Members whose children (or grandchildren) are approaching college age may be interested in eligibility requirements for these scholarships and how to apply. Here's the information you need.

1. The SMDA Memorial Scholarships is granted only to an unmarried son, daughter or grandchild of an individual who is serving or has served with the 2nd Marine Division, U. S. Marine Corps or with a unit attached thereto. The term "son, daughter or grandchild" shall include a "legally adopted son, daughter or grandchild."
2. Scholarship grants will be awarded only to students who are high school graduates or are enrolled as undergraduates in an accredited college, university or vocational/technical school, and who maintain an academic average equivalent to a C+ or 2.5.
3. The applicant family's adjusted gross income should not exceed \$42,000.00 for the taxable year preceding the school year for which this grant is requested. (Although a grandparent may establish eligibility for a scholarship, the parent of the applicant must establish the proof of income.)
4. To apply for an SMDA Memorial Scholarship contact Second Marine Division Association, PO Box 8180, Camp Lejeune, NC 28547. Deadline for submission is April 1st.

Division Birthday 2003

Camp Lejeune

The dates for the Division's 62nd Birthday reunion are Thursday-Friday, January 30-31. The Reunion Headquarters will be at the Comfort Suites. The backup hotels will be the Super 8 and the Innkeeper. To get the rates listed below you must identify yourself with the Second Marine Division Association when you call for reservations. The Division Birthday celebration has become very popular among our members in the past few years, and the number of attendees continues to grow. Last year we had over 360 members register, the most ever. The big numbers stress the event facilities we use, and I need to predict accurately what our requirements will be. The bottom line is that we need to pre-register as many attendees as possible, so that my guesses will be more accurate. We cannot guarantee admission to the birthday banquet to anyone unless they are preregistered.

Essential Elements of Information

WHAT	2nd Marine Division Birthday celebration	BACKUP	Super 8 Motel
WHERE	Camp Lejeune, NC		2149 Marine Blvd North (Rte 17) Jacksonville, NC 28540 (910) 455-6888 Rate: \$45.00/nite (1 bed) + tax
WHEN	30-31 January 2003		
HQ HOTEL	Comfort Suites	BACKUP:	Innkeeper
	130 Workshop Lane (off Rte 17N) Jacksonville, NC 28546 (910) 346-8900 Rate: \$59.95/nite (1 or 2 beds) + tax		2139 N. Marine Blvd. (Rte 17N) Jacksonville, NC 28546 (910) 938-0800 Rate: \$45.00/nite (1 or 2 beds) + tax

Transportation

AIR: For those who are planning to arrive by commercial airlines, the local regional airport serving Jacksonville/Camp Lejeune is Albert J. Ellis Regional Airport (OAJ). It is served by only one airline, US Airways Express, with five scheduled flights per day to and from Charlotte, NC. It flies only small turboprop aircraft. The nearest alternative airports with major airlines and large turbojet aircraft are Wilmington, NC (ILM)(one hour's drive) and Raleigh/Durham International Airport (RDU)(2.5 hour's drive).

HIGHWAY: For those who are planning to drive, Jacksonville, NC is at the intersection of two major highways: Route 17 (which runs north and south parallel to the coast) and Route 24 (which runs east and west). Route 24 connects to Interstate 40 about an hour west of Jacksonville at Warsaw, NC

Schedule:

Wednesday	All Day - Arrival/registration at Comfort Suites
Thursday	All Day - Fun with the Marines Evening - Reception at Marston Pavillion (heavy hors d'oeuvres)
Friday:	Morning - Memorial Service & Division Birthday ceremonies followed by lunch at mess hall Afternoon - Shopping and free time Evening - Division Birthday banquet at O'Club
Saturday	All Day - Check out & departures

NOTICE TO NATIONAL STAFF: Staff Meeting - Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Harriotte B. Smith Library

Second Marine Division Association

Division Birthday Celebration – Comfort Suites – Jacksonville, NC

January 30 — January 31, 2003

Pre-Registration

Please Print

Name: _____ Date Mailed: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) _____

Served with the 2d Marine Division in (one only):

 (Company) Battalion) (Regiment)

Please word badges:

Member: _____

Guest: _____

(NAME as you want it to read on badge)

I served in: (check those applicable)
 WWII Korea Lebanon
 DomRep RVN Grenada
 Panama SWA

Check this box if attending your first reunion:

WARNING: HOTEL ROOM MUST BE RESERVED SEPARATELY: This **Birthday Pre-Registration** form will register you for birthday events only. It will **not** reserve your hotel room. You must contact the COMFORT SUITES, SUPER 8 or INNKEEPER – JACKSONVILLE, NC to make your room reservation. The room rates vary with the hotel. A 9% room tax must be added to these room rates.

REMINDER: Receipts for pre-registration checks are normally provided in your welcome packet when you arrive at the reunion in January. If you want us to mail you a receipt prior to the reunion, please enclose a self addressed, stamped envelop.

Event Registration

# persons	Subtotal
REGISTRATION: Required of all attendees/not refundable. _____ (Pre-registration: \$5.00; after 27 January: \$10.00)	\$ _____
THURSDAY - 30 January	
_____ Noon Meal w/Marines (\$8 per person)	\$ _____
_____ Evening Reception at Marston Pavillion (\$16.00/person)	\$ _____
_____ (Heavy Hors D'oeuvres/Keg/Cash Bar)	
FRIDAY - 31 January	
_____ Noon Meal w/Marines (\$8 per person)	\$ _____
_____ Division Birthday Banquet at O'Club (\$25.00/person)	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

* If you require a special banquet meal (eg. vegetarian, kosher, etc.) please contact SMDA at 910-451-3167 prior to January 27, 2003.

To Pay by Credit Card:

Credit Card # _____ MC VISA Expires _____/ _____

Signature _____ Phone # _____

Date Mailed _____

Mail form with remittance or credit card info to: **SMDA DB2003, P. 0. Box 8180, Camp Lejeune, NC 28547**

Please note: No refunds after 27 January except for medical.

SMDA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

This year thirty college students are being supported by your generous support of the Second Marine Division Association Memorial Scholarship Fund. An additional six scholarships are currently underwritten by the SMDA Endowment Fund and those scholarships are being awarded in the name of a person or organization designated by the donor(s). The following students have been awarded SMDA Memorial Scholarships for the current academic year:

MARGE HOWARTH AWARD



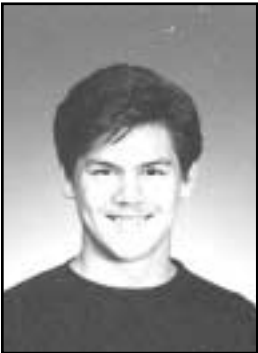
Jamie Huber
Junior, Illinois College
Fr Dale H. Huber
Maint. Co., 2d Svc. Bn.

JULIAN C. SMITH AWARD



Nicholas E. Babbs
Soph., NC State Univ.
Fr Donald E. Babbs
HQ Co., 1st Bn, 6th Mar

PRESTON BARRON AWARD



John Leslie – Senior,
Kansas State University
Fr Richard A. Leslie -
H&S Co, 3d Bn., 8th Mar

HUGO GENGE AWARD



Gerald Fortuna - Soph.,
US Merchant Mar. Acad.
SFr Joseph J. Fortuna
H&S Co, 3d Bn., 2d Mar

MISSISSIPPI CHAP AWARD



Frances Martin - Coastal
Carolina Com. College.
Fr David P. Milligan -
H&S Co, 3d Bn., 2d Mar

HENRY LUPIEN AWARD



Jeffrey Eicher, Jr. -
Soph., Philadelphia
Biblical University
Fr Jeffrey Eicher, Sr. -
HQ Co., 6th Marines

Seniors

- Amanda J. Cowan -
Oklahoma Panhandle
University
Fr Dannie Cowan - HQ
Btry, 1-10
- Benjamin A. Guthrie -
Clemson University
GFr Bill Ashley - E-2-8
- Susan G. Guthrie -
Medical University of
South Carolina
GFr Bill Ashley - E-2-8\
- Christopher J. Madzik -
University of North
Florida
Fr James Madzik - Sup
Co-2d Svc Bn
- Julie E. Newbill -
Harding University
Fr Patrick S. Newbill -
Svc Co-HQ Bn
- Cynthia A Rawling -
University of North
Carolina (CH)
Fr Richard Rawling - 5-10
- Lindsay Schuster -
Clark State College
Fr Bernhardt Schuster -
2d Pioneer Bn
- Jillian N. Vassallo -
University of Scranton
Fr Michael Vassallo - F-2-6
- Mirachelle Weyeneth -
California State San
Marcos
Fr Clifton Weyeneth - H-2-8
- Merrilee Weyeneth -
California State San
Marcos
Fr Clifton Weyeneth - H-2-8

Juniors

- Anya C. Babbitt -
Boston College

Fr Elwood Babbitt - A
Co., 2d MT Bn

- Francis C. Hahne -
Lake Area Technical
Institute
Fr William Hahne - I-3-2
- Peter A. Mapes -
Emporia State University
GFr Maurice Mench -
H&S Co., 2d Tank Bn
- Daniel P. McNie -
University of Cincinnati
GFr Paul C. Hill - K-3-6
- Rachel N. Robinson -
Ohio Wesleyan
University
Fr Richard M. Robinson
- 2-10
- Zachary B. Schuster -
Boise State University
GFr Bernhardt Schuster -
2d Pioneer Bn

- Alexander J. Wright -
Santa Clara University
Fr Bobby Wright - A Co,
2d Tank Bn

Sophomores

- Justin L. Babbs - NC
State University
Fr Donald E. Babbs - HQ
Co, 6th Marines
- Cassandra Schuster -
Lewis & Clark State
College
GFr Bernhardt Schuster -
2d Pioneer Bn
- Shelia M. Wood -
John Fisher College
Fr Frederick Wood D-1-2
- Adrienne Batiste -
Louisiana State
University
Fr Adam Batiste - C-1-6

(deceased)

Erinn Buckley - Craven
Community College
SFr Steve Nelson -H&S-
3-8

■ Chad E. Bulkley -
Maine Maritime
Academy
Fr Willard K. Bulkely, Jr. -
H&S-2-2

■ Abby Cunningham -
University of North
Carolina (CH)
Fr Walter Cunningham -
C-1-8

■ Carla L. Hahne -
South Dakota State
University
Fr William Hahne - I-3-2

■ Athena Kelly -
Henderson State
University

Fr Peter J. Kelly - HQ Co,
6th Marines

■ Timothy D. Newbill -
Harding University
Fr Patrick S. Newbill -
Svc Co, HQ Bn

■ Cassandra Okie -
California Polytechnic,
San Luis Obispo
GFr Eldon Landback - K-
3-6 (deceased)

■ Michelle Rawling -
University of North
Carolina (CH)
Fr Richard Rawling 5-10

■ Anthony Toledo -
University of Notre Dame
Fr William Toledo - HQ
Co, 6th Marines

See Scholarship Eligibility on page 25

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Thank You, Harry

Here's a copy of the letter that appeared on the editorial page of the Greensboro News & Record, Friday, November 1, 2002. It is dedicated to all the "Harrys"—and Toms and Dicks as well—who served their country, many of whom paid the ultimate price.

My older cousin Harry died today. He was 79. When he's buried, it will be with some metal relics of his times. Shrapnel from a Japanese grenade on Saipan and shell fragments from an artillery shell that hit his landing craft on the beach at Iwo Jima still remained in his body. And, in his casket there'll be the metal brace he needed to walk with for the last 58 years of his life.

His was a different life...in a different time. For a man who never believed he'd see his 21st birthday, he was fortunate to live to be 79.

He was of a generation that did their duty, as they saw it, as it was asked of them. And they made the world a better place for me and millions of others.

Thanks, Harry.

Written by Phil Koch, Greensboro, NC

In memory of PFC Harry Simmons, 4th Marine Division

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Submitted by Bill Cunane

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