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UNITED STATES MARINE RAIDER ASSOCIATION

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CHEERS!!

We Send You Our BEST WISHES
For a Most MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a HAPPY NEW YEAR



MERRY XMAS

WHO'D LIKE TO RE-VISIT GUADALCANAL?

Next August 7th will be the 20th anniversary of the landing on the "canal". If present plans materialize, it may be possible for some of the old Brigade to re-visit various islands in the Solomons. It's possible and much cheaper than you might imagine! Preliminary plans call for a charter flight from San Francisco to Honolulu to the Munda strip on New Georgia. From there by boat to Guadalcanal, Tulagi, etc. Estimated cost? Between \$500 and \$700, including maintenance. Entire cost could be financed over 3 years. A number of publicity opportunities pending could make the overall costs substantially less. Present accommodations are limited to 87 persons on a first come, first served basis. If you would seriously like to be included, drop a line to Bill Cason, 4215 N. Francisco, Chicago 18, Illinois. No obligation at this point, but we would like a show of hands as to how many may want to join an expedition to old battlegrounds in the Pacific.

MID-WEST CHAPTER DOING DURING 1961

Aside from regular meetings, the Gung Ho group around the Mid-West got together for some purely social good-times during the past eleven months.

Two full-fledged, honest-to-goodness, old fashioned basket picnics were held. Both were really social successes enjoyed by youngsters and the rest of us alike.



National and Chapter officers pose for their photo at Midwest picnic, 1961.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

Official ballots for the election of your Raider Assn. officers have been sent out in the mail. Get your's back to us by Jan. 1st, please. It's your outfit, if you want it run right... vote for the guy you think can do the job. Put up or shut up!

KOOKY SPOOKS AT KEKER'S HALLOWEEN



"Pres" Wilinski joins Army for the nite. "Ballerina" Berbesque and "Santy" Barach help celebrate.

It's getting to be almost a tradition for the Mid-West chapter to combine their Oct. meeting with a costume Halloween Party. This year, John Keker and his lovey spouse had the dubious pleasure of hosting the group at their home Niles, Ill. The Army joined us in the person of Capt. J. D. Clifton. Ole-buddy "Cliff" was attending Northwestern U's Traffic Institute. Dropped in to join his Raider buddies in fun and festivities.

The BAD 'n the BEAUTIFUL



Helen Cason and marine (?) trip the light... fantastic!!



Halloween Party host & hostess John & Irene Keker.



...and a goodly crowd was there, at Keker's on Halloween 'eve. D'ja ever see such a motley crew?



**RAIDERS ELECT INDIANA BATON TWIRLER
"QUEEN" OF 1961 GALVESTON CONVENTION**

Miss Barbara Kappmeyer, Indiana State Baton Twirling Champion and runner-up for the U.S. title was selected as our own "Raider Queen". Young, attractive, talented Barbara's U.S. Twirler's Assn. was in convention at the Buccaneer Hotel in Galveston at the same time as the "Old Brigade" get-together.

According to Raiders who viewed the contest, Miss Kappmeyer wuz robbed. Our boys thought she should have had the National Title hands down. When she missed out, they decided they would make her their "queen".

In addition to the dubious honor of being appointed Queen of the Raider Convention, Barbara was made other well intentioned promises which we were unable to fulfill. For this, we owe her our sincerest apologies.

Miss Kappmeyer was given to understand that she would be a guest of the Assn. at the Army-Navy Game. Also, that she would be presented at half-time at this affair. Unfortunately, these are activities over which the Raiders, as such, have very little control. We were unable to come thru as promised.

For the record, it should be understood that we do not in any obligate the Assn. in any way by making promises we can't fulfill. Especially to youngsters. We want to a lot of trouble endeavoring to made good. And the Scholarship Committee was embarassed no end at having to apologize to Miss Kappmeyer and her parents. Arrangements for the Army-Navy Game are made a year in advance. Not only by

the Raiders but by the service academies also. We are allotted only so many tickets, hotel accomodations are difficult to secure, transportation is a problem at this time of the year. In the future, no promises unless we know we can deliver, please!

We plan on inviting Miss Kappmeyer to be our guest here in Chicago for the Installation Panquet in January. We hope to make her and her parents feel right at home. However, to a sweet young thing from Indianapolis, this is small potatoes besides the prospect of being featured at the Army-Navy Game.

THE "PATCH" NEEDS YOUR HELP

Getting out a regular edition of this scoop sheet on any kind of a regular basis requires cooperation from all hands. The Editors can use the assistance of any kind of reporting help from the local chapters.

We want the "Patch" to cover the news of all sections of the country, not just the Mid-West or West Coast Chapters.

We need news and photos of all kinds of Raider activities regardless of where they happen. We need help. Who'll be the first volunteer?

DUES ARE DUE...WHERE'S YOUR'S?

It takes lotta loot to run any organization. The Raider Assn. is no different from the rest. It takes oats to make our mule run, too. So...if you please, make out the checks or send cash, coupon, what-have-you in to our national headquarters without further delay

WATCH THIS
SPACE
FOR FURTHER
NEWS
OF EXCITING EVENTS
TO COME!

Under heavy Marine Raider Guard, a case of "Booze" traveled 1200 miles from the Windy City to Galveston, site of our last convention..... Nick Barach, our non-drinking Chaplain has a brother-in-law who donated this strange cargo for our convention! Our Raiders from Chicago carried it under guard on the Texas Chief; it arrived safely.....into the hands of Texas Raiders!!! This cargo disappeared within a few days in the "Fox Hole", where the boys swapped old times, re-living some of the "olden" days!

We are thanking Paul and Gordy for their donation; it was a donation which everyone in Galveston enjoyed!!! Our President, Bob Wilinski, gathered the Raiders for Paul and Gordy's Grand Opening of their lounge, 3800 N. Western, Chicago (plug), where we had an enjoyable evening singing "She Wore A Yellow Ribbon" the way the Raiders sing it, along with a Serbian Balkan orchestra.....We also heard, for the first time, Ed Fischer's story of his Marine Corps travels thru Calcutta????? Do any of you remember??? And, the strange ship passing by with a strange flag being unfurled saying "Happy Valentines Day"??????????????

New Rosters printed in book form have been mailed out to all paid up members.

If you desire one, please send in your 1962 DUES and we will mail you one of these up to date address books along with your 1962 membership card. Should you move or find that one of your buddies has moved, please notify us so that we can publish the address change in the Patch. Thanks!

IMPORTANT TO ALL

We are endeavoring to put one Patch out every month, so as to keep you in touch with all Raider doings. To do this we want everyone's cooperation, which means YOU....who ME?? Yes, this means anything new with you or your Chapter. An interesting story from the "olden days", which would be nice recalling, new ones just happening, new babies, promotions, new ideas, etc. So, do your best to keep your Patch advised! This is to especially notify the Chapters. All news is to be in by the 20th of each month, and mailed to Nick Barach, 12120 S. Ada, Chicago, 43, Ill.

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