



UNITED STATES MARINE RAIDER ASSOCIATION

PLAN YOUR VACATION NOW

If you are going to take a vacation this year, you will not be able to beat this one. The annual reunion of the Raider Association will be held this year in fabulous Miami Beach, Fla. The convention committee thinks that they have come up with a real winner this year. Make your plans now to be with us at the Carillon Hotel from August 15th through the 18th. The Carillon is providing special low rates to raiders and their guests for this occasion. For double occupancy, the rate is \$6.00 per day per person or, better yet, \$9.00 per day per person on the modified American Plan, which includes breakfast and dinner. There will be no room charge for children under twelve, and \$3.00 for children over twelve in the same room as their parents. The charge for individuals will be \$10.00 per day for a single room or \$13.00 per day on the modified American Plan. Arrangements have been made so that these prices will be for your complete stay. So come early and stay late.

The registration fee this year is going to be \$18.50 per family. For children over twelve attending the banquet, there will be a charge of \$2.75 each. Children under twelve will be free. Single registrations will be \$10.00.

Saturday, August 17th will be a very enjoyable evening. Our Banquet will be a dinner of Roast Prime Rib. After dinner, we will be entertained by a stage show in the hotel night

club. Wear your dancing shoes and don't plan on getting much sleep that night.

We would like this reunion to be the biggest and best one yet. The prices can't be beat, you have plenty of notice, so now it's up to you.

Please, make your plans now and get your advance reservations sent in to National Headquarters at 370 Park Way, Northbrook, Illinois. We have to contract with the hotel for rooms in advance, so please let us hear from you. A \$10.00 deposit will hold your reservation.

We are trying to arrange special plane fares from about four points across the country. We will print more information on this when we get some definite commitments. For those who drive down, there is parking at the hotel. \$1.00 per day with in and out privileges. It doesn't matter how you get there, just make sure you DO get there. Remember, guests are welcome to attend this reunion and the special hotel rates apply to them if they are registered with us.

Florida offers countless attractions for the family vacation. Swimming, fishing, boating, and sightseeing in the daytime. In the evening, while blowing the foam off of a tall cool one, you can swap tall stories with the rest of us hasbeens.

SEE YOU IN MIAMI IN AUGUST.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

To: The membership at large.
From: Your new president.

Ahoy Raiders and their Families:

My wife Faye and I wish to thank each and every one of you for the wonderful honor that has been bestowed upon us this year by the organization. After realizing the road ahead in this new capacity, I wonder if I should thank you or not. But, seriously speaking, you can be assured of the fact that every proper effort will be made on my part to continue the fine work already done for a wonderful organization. I am sure you realize the extraordinary work that has been done by past presidents and their staffs and at this point, I wish to thank, on behalf of the Raider Association, Bob Wilinski and his shelterhalf Virginia for an extremely fine job during the past two years, I only hope that I can produce as well as they have and show as much dedication to your organization.

Your new Board of Directors and myself propose many new and interesting programs for this year of our tenure. But, in order to carry out any accomplishments, we definitely must rely on your continued support. This is an appeal to all of you. You see, the cost of maintaining any organization must be met if they are

successful. Remember our
call upon you for the
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ORGANIZATION OF AMERICANS WHO FOUGHT TOGETHER FOR AMERICAN IDEALS. ALSO, TO PERPETUATE THE NAMES ON OUR ROLLS OF MEN WHO DIED FOR THESE JUST IDEALS.

We would like to send more scholarship winners to our country's fine schools of learning but again, this takes money as well as effort. We pitched in together some twenty years ago and really showed the world what a Raider is, and so far, in this post war world, we have shown them our standards from time to time. This we must never stop till the bugle sounds Taps for the last Raider. I believe in this, and I am sure each

and every one of you do, too. Even though a handful of Raiders have at times dug down deep in the pocket and some have stretched themselves to far reaching limits financially to maintain this organization, your annual dues does not go unappreciated. I must implore you at this time, Raiders, SEND IN YOUR YEARLY MEMBERSHIP DUES NOW.

In conclusion, I wish to state to all of you that I have a big mail box and no letter will go unanswered. Don't be bashful in the least. Your ideas are welcomed. Even your gripes, if any, will be carefully read. After all, constructive criticism never hurt anyone. More heads are better than one anytime. Speaking of letters, I want you all to know that we are in constant contact with the Commandant and Liaison in recruiting.

Congratulations to the new staffs of our chapters, and please feel free to call upon us at any time for anything. Your support helps the National here tremendously.

Respectfully Yours,

Roy Rutizer,
President

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In February of this year, the Oxford University Press published Brig. General Sam Griffith's translation of SUN TZU: ON THE ART OF WAR.

This is a justly celebrated Chinese classic on the subject of war. The Japanese military tradition was derived from Sun Tzu. The general assures us that the book is not too scholarly, and should be interesting reading.

Also, Gen. Griffith has another book that will be published in August. This one is GUADALCANAL, and who is more qualified to write about this than the Executive Officer of the First Raiders during this campaign. The Raiders are treated at some length in this book. So watch for this one and pick up a copy. It should be well worth your while.



Bob Wilinski hands Roy Rutizer the gavel as the presidency changes hands



Faye and Roy Rutizer with their guests in the foreground, Irene and John Keker in the rear.



At the head table are, from left to right; Mr. & Mrs. Warren Wright, Bob and Virginia Wilinski, & Lt. Col. Burton Lucas, the installing officer.



Daisy and Nick Barach enjoy a fine meal at the installation dinner.



From left to right, the officers present at the installation are; Roy Rutizer, John Keker, George McNichol, Nick Barach, Ed Fischer, Jim Morrison, Jack Berbesque, and Bob Wilinski.



On the right are; Ed and Jean Youhas and Carl Olsen. George McNichol and guests of the Youhas' are on the left.

1963 INSTALLATION



WINNER OF THE FORD FALCON

Pictured above is the James P. Trent family of Ardmore, Oklahoma. From left to right they are, Becky, Dolores, Jim, Sr., Randall, Jim, Jr., and John. Jim, Sr., is holding notification of winning the Ford Falcon that was raffled off for the scholarship fund in 1962.

Jim was a BAR man in H company, 2nd battalion. He was wounded at Bougainville on Christmas Eve in 1943, returned stateside to an Oakland hospital and was discharged from there in 1945.

In 1948, he earned his B.A. degree in Journalism at the University of Oklahoma. Between 1948 and 1956, he was associated with six different newspapers in various capacities including managing editor of two of them.

In 1956, he was awarded the position of Registrar of the Motor Vehicle License Division for Ardmore and Carter counties and holds this job at the present time.

Jim, Jr., who is seventeen, will graduate from high school this year. Randall, fifteen, is in the ninth grade and has been given the opportunity of attending the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs. John, the youngest boy at thirteen, has his sights set on making the varsity football team of the University of Oklahoma. His father proudly states that he has the ability and desire and will make the team if he can develop the size needed for college football.

With a pretty wife and daughter to complete the Trent family, Jim should be mighty proud of the way he has come since he toted that BAR on Bougainville.

Installation ceremonies of the national officers of the Raider Assn. for 1963 were held January 27 at the Kenilworth Inn in Lincolnwood Ill.. Twentyseven raiders, wives, and guests attended the dinner meeting. Lt. Col. Burton Lucas, C.O. of the Chicago recruiting office, did us the honor of installing your 1963 President, Roy Rutizer and his Officers.

Bob Wilinski, the outgoing president, presented Roy with a "gavel" which was really a blackjack. In his acceptance speech Roy pledged that all of us will try to make this the greatest year yet for the association. He also thanked Bob for the wonderful job he had done over the past two years and presented him with a beautiful ring with the insignia of the Raiders on it.

Bob then introduced Mrs. and Mr. Warren Wright, very good friends of the raiders, who showed us a film dealing with the turncoats during the Korean mess. This was a very interesting and educational picture. Mr. Wright told us that not one Marine or Naval officer succumbed to the Chinese brainwashing.

It was getting late by this time and some of us had quite a long way to go - Ray Sheely all the way to La Cross Ind. - so we had one for the road and agreed that it had been a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

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Marine Raider Reunion

Your scholarship chairman has a couple of good ideas on how to raise money for the scholarship fund. If we put these across successfully, we should be well on the way to having enough money to start another student on his or her way to college.

One of these ideas is to run our annual raffle in conjunction with our reunion in Florida this year. The first prize will be an all expense paid trip to the Carillon Hotel in Miami Beach, Florida during the annual reunion of the Raider Association. This will be from August 15th through the 18th. A four day modified American plan vacation, including transportation, will be awarded to the holder of the lucky ticket and his family. Anyone is eligible to win, it does not have to be a raider.

There will be a second prize of a portable television set. Fifty dollars will be awarded to the person selling the winning ticket, and fifty dollars will also be given to the person selling the most tickets,

With a little extra effort on your part in selling these tickets, this could be a huge financial success. So, don't let them lay on your desk until the last minute, get out and sell them. If you sell one book, don't be afraid to ask for more. We can print them faster than you can sell them.

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CHAPTER NEWS

It is always nice to hear from the local chapters with news of what is going on around the country. Northern California has elected their 1963 officers. Frank W. (Hashmark) Gilbert was elected president for his second term. His officers are: George Poulis, vice president; Art Fawl, secretary **treasurer**; Joe (Doc) Sladky, public relations and assistant sec/treas.; Bill Orrick was elected chairman of the board, with Jack Aaroe as vice chairman and Lea Bell member at large.

The Shelter Halves elected the following: Edith Orrick, president; Jeanne Aaroe, vice president; Phyllis

As your Treasurer for 1963, I'd like to discuss a matter with you that I believe is the deciding factor in whether this organization will flourish or slowly wither away. Having been an active member in the Raider Association from its inception, I've watched past officers wrestle with the knotty problem of dues collections.

We all know that the old Raider Battalions were truly unique in many ways. That our type of organization, from the fire team on up, has been adapted to present day ground units is all too well known. What can never be borrowed is the comradeship and "togetherness" that kept us going during our darkest hours. This bond, whether we recognize it or not, was the driving force behind the formation of the U. S. Marine Raider Assn. We've had many good years as an organization and this year's officers intend to make it the best yet -- but meetings, decisions, and hard work won't do the job. Without finances we're a dead issue. Your dues are the necessary oil in the machinery. Without them our main source of contact - The Patch - cannot be issued. It's a rather sad commentary that with all the members receiving our mail and claiming membership only a handful are actually supporting it through dues.

The few dollars you will spend for '63 dues will help us maintain "our outfit", something I think, we all believe to be very special. Let's all pitch in and support it!!

Poulis, secretary; Jackie Sladky, treasurer and liaison officer; Betty Gilbert, social chairman.

This active chapter held a meeting February 16, at the Paolis Restaurant for dinner and then retired to the Sky Room of the Marine Memorial Building for a little liquid refreshment and good fellowship.

Any of you raiders in the northern California area who do not already belong to this chapter, get in touch with Frank W. Gilbert at 220 Poplar Ave. Millbrae, Calif.

Thanks for the news Hashmark and keep it coming.

Many of you know Bob Wilinski personally. Bob was your president for the past two years, and during that time has been the most devoted raider of us all. We could fill this issue of the Patch with accounts of of the time, money, and energy he has spent to keep the Marine Raider Association the kind of an outfit you fellows want. Using his place of business as the National Headquarters, his home as a workshop when needed, or flying to Washington D. C. to see the Commandant, are just a few of the things he felt were part of the job.

There were many stormy meetings during his two years in office, but he always remained even-tempered and no matter how irritating some of us became, he always seemed able to step in and find a workable solution to the problem. As always, behind every nice guy stands a wonderful gal. Bob's wife, Virginia, not only had to put up with the same inconveniences that he did, but also had to be the crutch Bob leaned on when he was weary. So at this time, Virg and Bob, from the whole organization, we say thanks for a job very well done.

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