



# United States Marine Raider Ass'n.

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Ahoy RAIDER:

A "Raid" was made on San Francisco, 10, 11, 12 and 13 August ..... Veterans of the famous Marine RAIDER Battalions of War II got together for their 30th anniversary. Generals, Colonels, and many other retired officers led the parade plus some 200 former civilian Marines. Blind, one-eyed, double and single amputees, and other 100% disabled gathered together and 'we had a SMASH'.....Everyone said it was 'the best convention ever'.

THE MARINE MEMORIAL CLUB was most helpful in finding us outside accommodations, when they ran out of space..... As usual there were some 'foul-ups'....adjoining hotels cancelled some reservations and left some of our guys 'hanging on a limb'.... We doubled up and 'scrounged' some extra rooms but two big lucrative conventions were causing cancellations...some Raiders got mad and went home...we are sorry.... when reservations are not honored, we can only say - NEVER PATRONIZE THIS HOTEL AGAIN... Beresford.....take note.

Convention Chairman, COL RAYMOND L. LUCKEL and his 'working party' of COL BOB WHITE took command and 'ran the show'....Many Thanks. These two men controlled the registration and other Marine Groups. All of us are deeply indebted.

THURSDAY 10 August....Registration.....fun..."SKY ROOM".

FRIDAY 11 August...At 1300 the buses arrived and took us to the "FISHERMAN'S WHARF". The crab pots, fishing trawlers, Joe DiMaggios Restaurant left us all in a 'state of exhilaration'. The boat trip around the wonderful Bay, under the Golden Gate and the Oakland Bay bridges made us all bring back "our sea legs".... Even then, some of the bald-headed Raiders were green around the gills and some headed for safer quarters...Actually, the tour of the 60 mile San Francisco Bay and its many islands, inspired us all. Once again we felt like 'Old Salts'.

In the evening, IRA GILLIAND, delivered a most intellectual and informative lecture with his slides taken on a recent tour of the South Seas....Guadalcanal, New Georgia, Tulagi, Espiritu Santo, New Caledonia, Samoa, the Fiji's and many other islands as they exist today....We loved every picture and every word....IRA.

Later, HOMER W. "WOODY" SHERWOOD and his lovely wife Jean, showed us movies of the 1970 SIEF (Solomon Island Education Fund). We shipped 37 tons of school supplies to the Solomons...Beautiful.

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SATURDAY, 12 August we tried to join the "land of the living". The Army buses arrived at 1000 and we were conducted through a most wonderful and historic tour of the Presidio, the Headquarters of the 6th Army.

Through former RAIDER and now LT COL JOHN E. PLACE, USA a fine tour of the base was made. The base guards the Golden Gate, the bridges, and the several forts which have guarded the entrance to San Francisco Bay for 200 years. The pre-Civil War brick Fort Point which is directly under the Golden Gate was the highlight of the tour. Thirty or forty minutes at the oldest building in San Francisco ....The Commander....or the present Officer's Club....brought us back to life.... back to the Marine Club at 1300....On the way, we sang several naughty RAIDER songs, GOR BLIMEY, MORTAR SONG, PURPLE GARTER, EDSON'S RAIDERS, etc.... When I apologized to Our Padre, FATHER PAUL REDMOND, for the vulgarity, someone said "hell, he taught em to us".....Many thanks to COL PLACE and the U.S. ARMY for a memorable experience.

A short business meeting was held to determine whether this social group should attempt to continue as an organized association. The vote of the majority of the board, and some 50 RAIDERS who are a quorum decided to transfer authority and a new majority of this Association's Board Members to the San Francisco-Sacramento area....New Blood. Subject to your approval, we will hand over the reins of this RAIDER ASSOCIATION to a new group who are willing and capable...It is difficult to find qualified people who are willing to serve. We think we have done so; therefore, on your ballot, you will find only one name for each office. It is necessary to keep a majority of our Board of Directors and the working officers in the same geographic area. Under a separate Ballot we offer our nominees for the coming year. Do not hesitate to object if you fail to agree with an individual proposed for National Office in the RAIDER ASSOCIATION. It is hard to find Ability, Willingness, and Desire in a small veteran's group such as ours...we hope you will approve our nominees.

At 1800 we left for the Officers Club on Treasure Island...The ADMIRAL CHESTER NIMITZ Club was a wonderful host.....and we had "BRASS".

GENERAL ALAN SHAPLEY, USMC, RET - Washington, D.C.  
COL R. L. LUCKEL, Convention Chairman, San Francisco, Calif.  
COL MERWIN C. PLUMLEY, Pasadena, Calif.  
COL F. L. "BOB" WHITE, Santa Rosa, Calif.  
CMDR PAUL J. REDMOND, USN, CHAPLAIN, Carmel, Calif.  
COL MACOLM MC CARTHY, Atty-At-Law, San Francisco, Calif.  
COL WILLIAM H. ENFIELD, Circuit Judge, Bentonville, Ark.  
CMDR DR JAMES REGAN, M.D. Los Angeles, Calif.  
COL JAMES BROWN, Burlingame, Calif.  
COL JOHN E. PLACE, USA, Palo Alto, Calif.  
COL VILHELM E. MECKLENBERG VON SCHWERIN, 'WILD BILL' SCHWERIN or recently  
"Sweet William", Malaga, Spain  
MAJOR MARTIN YOUNG, USMC, Boise, Idaho  
MAJOR TRUETT CLIFTON, USA, San Francisco, Calif.  
MAJOR EARLE SNELL, RET., Walnut Creek, Calif.  
CAPT MELVIN SPOTTS, Chicago, Ill.  
CWO MAX STEIN, RET., Los Angeles, Calif.  
WO LESLIE AMES, San Luis Obispo, Calif.

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There were also some 200 enlisted who showed up for some of the functions, but as always, the "free-loaders" got by without paying dues or the registration fee which we needed to break even. We had several guests such as the 25 man Marine Flag Pageant from San Diego and about 10 others who were most helpful in the work involved. These cost the Association money and if you were one of those who did not pay, PLEASE send us \$10.00 Registration and \$6.00 Annual Dues.

Following the Cocktail Hour, we were inspired to re-enlist by Flag Pageant Review of our nation's colors for the last 200 years. Each flag showed a stage in our progress as a nation....1776, 1812, 1846, 1865, 1898, 1918, 1941, 1950 and Viet Nam.

Our good "padre" FATHER REDMOND, delivered the invocation and a short but humorous speech. We were inspired to be better people.

THE ADMIRAL CHESTER NIMITZ CLUB served us a delicious prime-rib dinner and following individual introductions we again became acquainted, as we looked past the paunches, bald heads, grey hair and beards, we again recognized some of our old buddies. A great time was had by all as we socialized. The speeches were short and sweet.

GENERAL ALAN SHAPLEY, our Guest of Honor, delivered a short review of the RAIDER'S existence and their emergence as the 4th Marines. He concluded his speech by saying, "I am proud to say that I never served with a finer bunch of Marines"....Thank you GENERAL...

Telegrams, and letters were read from:

GENERAL LEWIS WALT  
MAJ GEN OSCAR PEATROSS  
BGEN JAMES ROOSEVELT  
BGEN JAY HUBBARD...Active USMC  
COL FLOYD M "TEX" JOHNSON  
DR JOHN J. SACCO, M.D.  
BRIGADIER JOHN MATHER, Australia  
W..F MARTIN CLEMENS, Coastwatcher Guadalcanal 1942-1944 Australia  
SGT MAJ JACOB VOUSA, Constabulary Guadalcanal Native Hero  
COL WM. L. FLAKE, Rome, Italy

and several other famous RAIDERS -- We hope to cover most of these in the "BULLSHEET". Thanks to you all for your letters.

Following the banquet, we danced and 'lived it up' as if we were 19 again... but when the buses arrived we were happy to go back to the hotel and 'hit the sack'....Nobody was arrested, there were no fights and everyone had a good time...a far cry from the "old days" when we tore things apart on liberty.... Father Time has reached us....

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SUNDAY....13 August - 8:00 AM

Bleary-eyed and hung-over, most of us managed to get on the buses which took us out to "Lands End" for our Memorial Service to honor our dead.... The Service was held on the actual "Bridge of the San Francisco" which is now a monument overlooking the entrance to the harbor....ADMIRAL CALLAHAN with a small force of 14 ships, 2 cruisers and 12 destroyers, hurled his fleet into a huge enemy task force of 2 battleships, 11 cruisers and some 30 destroyers. With no chance of success, he spread havoc in the enemy fleet which was bent on the destruction of Henderson Field and the American aircraft. With the sacrifice of his own life and 12 of his 14 ships, he succeeded in planting many torpedoes and shells into enemy vessels as he drove into the center of the enemy force. He and all the brave American sailors who died, turned back the enemy fleet with severe wounds, and the Japanese never again attempted to re-take Guadalcanal. Our air, now safe from heavy bombardment and destruction went to work on the 11 enemy transports, which were scheduled to land and re-take Guadalcanal the next day...seven were sunk and four were rammed into the beach as burning hulks...only a few of 30,000 invasion force reached land. All supplies and food were lost. THUS....ADMIRAL CALLAHAN, the men of the San Francisco and the rest of his fleet gave their lives to protect a small group of RAIDERS and Marines who were waging a land battle for survival....

WE SALUTE YOU ADMIRAL CALLAHAN and all the brave men who died in helping us defeat the enemy...I think you would be proud to know that as we stood on the 'shell-holed' bridge of your ship...we as Marines, old and tired, crippled and blind, amputees, and paraplegics wept, unashamedly as the Field Music played "taps", the Marine Firing Squad fired 3 volleys....we rang your ship's bell....with pride and dignity we honored your bravery of 13 November 1942.

We regret to inform you that there was a tragic accident with our beloved Priest, FATHER PAUL REDMOND PHD. There people were killed and the PADRE was hospitalized for some 10 days. There are manslaughter charges pending and we will need to raise monies to assist him since his expenses are now personal. As you know, he was a veteran of two World Wars...and in War Two....performed services and buried our dead in all faiths, HEBREW, PROTESTANT and CATHOLIC. He is and was "Our Fighting Padre"....All this happened, Sunday, 13 August on his way back from our convention to Ft. Ord, where he was to relieve another "Man of the Cloth" for the day. He is now in seclusion.. Attorney MAL MC CARTHY and Atty BELLINI of the Archdioceses.....HOPE YOU WILL HELP.....!

Semper Fidelis,

*for*   
Lowell V. Bulger, Exec. Sec'y.  
U.S. MARINE RAIDER ASS'N INC.

BALLOT

In a legally constituted meeting of the United States Marine Raider Association on August 12, 1972 the following members were nominated for the 1972/72 Board of Directors. Each nominee pledged his support to the promotion of the Organization and agreed to serve.

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