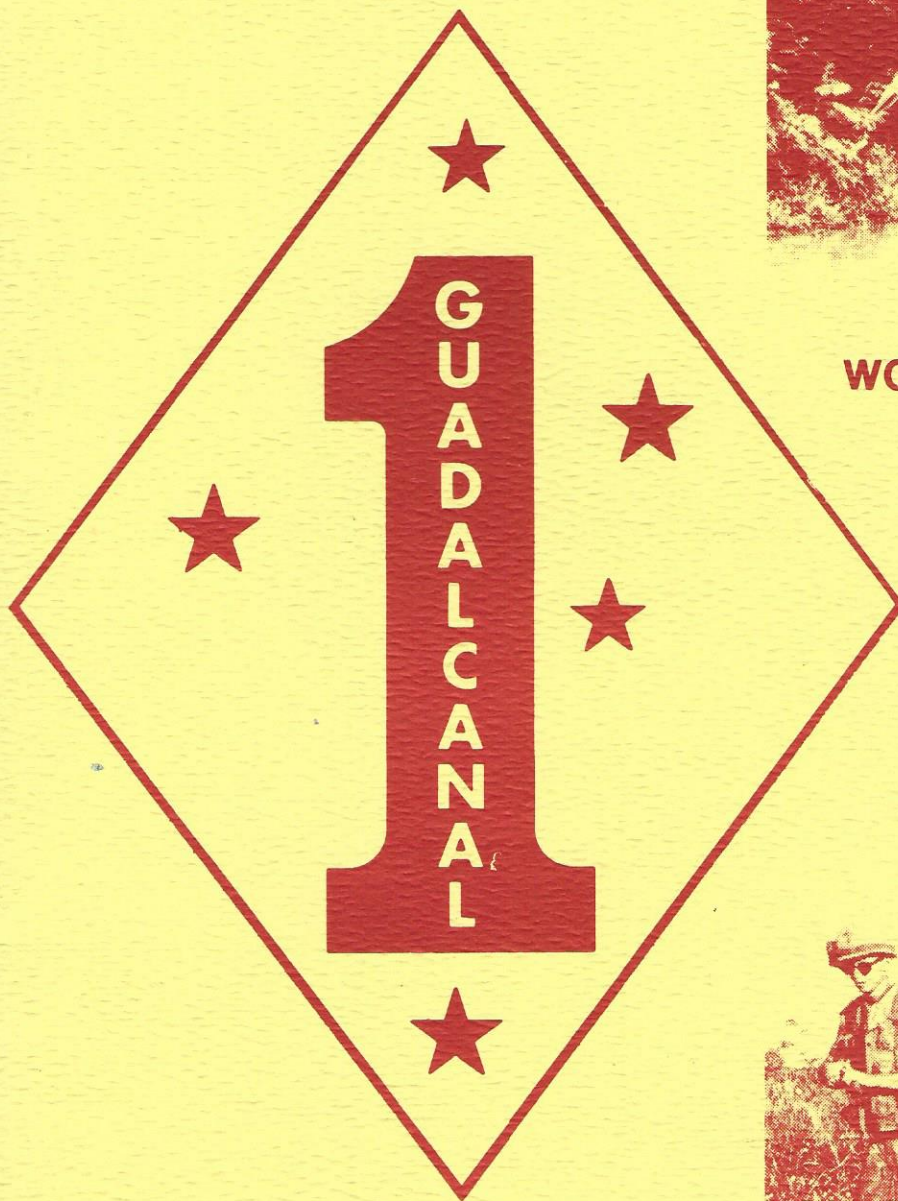


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A SALUTE TO THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION



WORLD WAR II 1942-1945



KOREA 1950-1955



VIETNAM 1965-1971

NOVEMBER 7, 1981



A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

On behalf of all Marines I extend warm greetings to the members of the First Marine Division Association as you gather for your annual reunion.

As with most reunions, there will be many memories revived and old friendships rekindled. Those memories and friendships are unique and must be treasured because they are the substances from which the history and traditions of our Corps are fashioned. They were born on battlefields of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and every place the First Marine Division has served. You, our fellow Marines, are the ones who, through courage and sacrifice, made possible our many successes in peace and war.

Every Marine can take pride in the past and present contributions of the First Marine Division Association to the Marine Corps community. I look forward to your continued support as we face the challenges of the future with the same determination and esprit de corps long associated with our Corps.

I extend my best wishes for your continued success and for an enjoyable and memorable reunion.

R. H. Barrow

R. H. BARROW
General, U. S. Marine Corps



Robert H. Barrow



General Barrow succeeds General Louis H. Wilson, a Medal of Honor winner during the battle for the recapture of Guam during World War II. General Wilson retires, and General Barrow became Commandant, on July 1.

The new Commandant is a veteran of three wars. During World War II, as a second lieutenant, he served with a Chinese guerrilla force, operating *behind* enemy lines.

During the fighting in Korea, as a captain commanding "A"/1/1, of

the "Fighting First" Division, he distinguished himself, earning the Navy Cross and the Army Distinguished Service Cross. He fought to and through Seoul, and into and out of the "Frozen Chosin" under a feisty regimental commander known affectionately as "Chesty" Puller.

Captain Barrow led his company up an ice-covered, razorbacked ridge in a blinding snowstorm and launched a well-coordinated attack against a heavily fortified, deeply entrenched enemy force estimated at battalion strength.

As his assault platoon was caught in withering enemy fire, he advanced to the front, under continuous fire, directing and deploying his men as they followed him to close with the enemy in hand-to-hand combat.

He continued moving up the hill, wiping out emplacements as he climbed. It is estimated that his action and the bravery of his men accounted for more than 300 enemy dead and wounded.

During his third war, he served as a regimental commander, operating

near the Demilitarized Zone, Khe Sanh and the A-Shau Valley.

Stateside duty included the National War College. He also served three years as commanding general of the Marine Corps base at Camp Butler, Okinawa; and a tour as commanding general of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

He was appointed a lieutenant general in July 1975 and named as Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower at Headquarters Marine Corps. Fifteen months later, he assumed command of Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, in Norfolk, remaining there until July 1, 1978, when he was selected as Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Among General Barrow's personal decorations, in addition to the nation's second highest awards (the Navy Cross and Army Distinguished Service Cross), he also holds the Silver Star, three Legions of Merit, two Bronze Stars and the Joint Service Commendation Medal.





1st MARINE DIVISION

H I S T O R Y

The 1st Marine Division is the direct descendant of the Advance Base Brigade which was activated at Philadelphia on 23 December 1913. During its early years the brigade was deployed to troubled areas in the Caribbean. While in this region it was employed in a combat capacity in the so-called "Banana Wars," landing in Vera Cruz, Mexico and participating in the occupation of both Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

After a number of redesignations this organization ultimately received its present designation of 1st Marine Division on 1 February 1941 while stationed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. This unit became the first division in Marine Corps history and its eventual composition included the 1st, 5th, 7th Marines (infantry regiments) and the 11th Marines (artillery regiment). The 1st Division following the outbreak of World War II moved to the southwest Pacific to take part in the initial invasion of Japanese-occupied territory. On 7 August 1942, units of the division made amphibious landings on Guadalcanal and Tulagi in the Solomon Islands. After a hard-fought, six-month campaign, the struggle for Guadalcanal was terminated with an American victory. The division, which suffered 3000 casualties, moved to Australia for rehabilitation and reorganization.

Operations in the eastern New Guinea area in late 1943 and the subsequent New Britain campaign were next on the agenda for the 1st Division. After more than four months of sharp fights and rugged patrolling which forced the Japanese from the western half of the island, the division moved to the Pavuvu Islands in the Russells to prepare for its next operation. This came in the assault on Peleliu in September 1944 which was characterized by very vicious and bloody fighting. Over 6000 leathernecks from the division were casualties during the battle. Okinawa was the last campaign for the division in World War II. The unit was one of the assault forces to initially land on the enemy bastion on 1 April 1945. Continuous fighting persisted for the division until the island was secured in late June. Three weeks after Japan surrendered the 1st Marine Division was dispatched to north China for occupation duty. While in China it had a number of encounters with the Chinese Communists. In the spring of 1947, it returned to the United States and was stationed at Camp Pendleton.

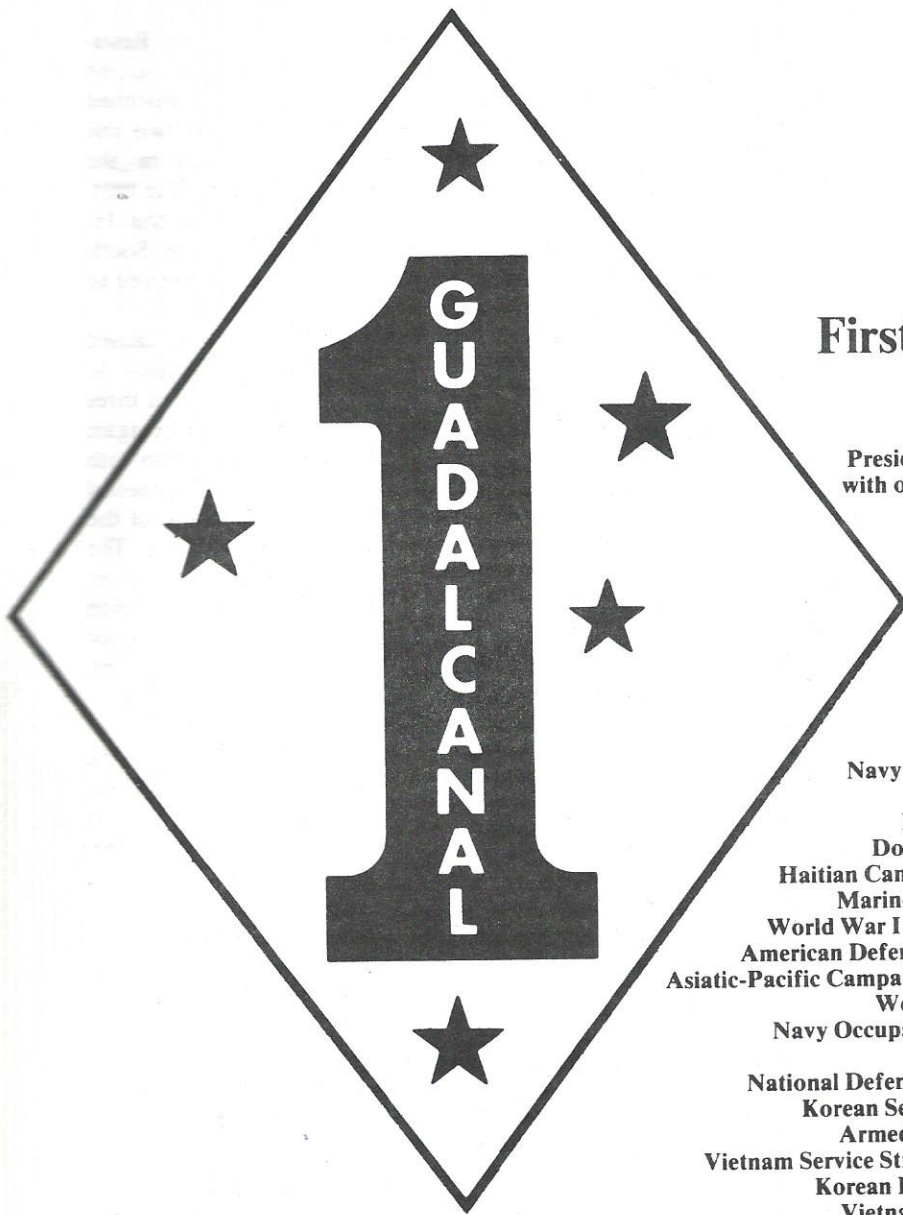
The outbreak of the Korean War in June 1950 was the occasion for the next combat assignment for the 1st Division. The first unit of the division to embark for Korea was the 5th Marines which left in early July. The rest of the division departed in August and was reunited in September when it made an amphibious landing at Inchon. In November and December, the 1st Division was heavily engaged in bitter fighting with

Chinese Communist forces around the Chosin Reservoir. After being completely surrounded, 1st Marine Division units broke the encirclement and marched into Hungnam and were evacuated. The next two and one-half years saw the division employed in the struggle as a combat force, mostly as a frontline unit. Although the fighting ended in July 1953, the 1st Division remained in defensive positions in South Korea for nearly two more years. It was redeployed to Camp Pendleton in the spring of 1955.

The Cuban Missile Crisis in the fall of 1962 caused the deployment of elements of the 1st Division to Guantanamo Bay and to the Caribbean. Less than three years later, 1st Marine Division units were once again sailing for the Far East — this time in connection with the escalation of the war in Vietnam. Regimental Landing Team 7, in May 1965, was the first unit of the 1st Division to enter the Republic of Vietnam. The following March division headquarters moved from Okinawa to Chu Lai. By June 1966, all of the division was located in South Vietnam. Its zone of operations was originally in the southern two provinces of I Corps, Quang Tin and Quang Ngai.

In 1965 the 7th Marines had the honor of participating in Operation *STARLITE* (August) and *PIRANHA* (September) — the first major engagements with the enemy for American ground troops. Other major engagements were *HASTINGS* (summer 1966) and *UNION I* and *UNION II* (spring 1967). In these operations 1st Division units decisively defeated the enemy. During the 1968 enemy Tet offensive the 1st Marine Division was involved in fierce fighting with both Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army elements. After heavy contacts with Communist forces, division units were successful in beating back the enemy drive in their areas. From that time until its relocation to Camp Pendleton in April 1971, the 1st Marine Division was continually employed in combat in Vietnam.





First Marine Division Honors

Presidential Unit Citation Streamer
with one Silver and two Bronze Stars

World War II
Guadalcanal - 1942
Peleliu, Ngesebus - 1944
Okinawa - 1945
Korea - 1950
Korea - 1950
Korea - 1951

Vietnam - 1966 - 1967
Vietnam - 1967 - 1968

Navy Unit Commendation Streamer
Korea - 1952 - 1953

Mexican Service Streamer

Dominican Campaign Streamer

Haitian Campaign Streamer with one Bronze Star

Marine Corps Expeditionary Streamer

World War I Victory Streamer with one Bronze Star

American Defense Service Streamer with one Bronze Star

Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Streamer with one Silver and one Bronze Star

World War II Victory Streamer

Navy Occupation Service Streamer with Asia Clasp

China Service Streamer

National Defense Service Streamer with one Bronze Star

Korean Service Streamer with two Silver Stars

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamer

Vietnam Service Streamer with two Silver and three Bronze Stars

Korean Presidential Unit Citation Streamer

Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm

Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation Civil Actions Streamer

Units of the First Marine Division

The First Marine Regiment is one of the most illustrious regiments of the Marine Corps. Originally activated at Philadelphia in November 1913, it was employed as a combat force during the "Banana Wars." The regiment fought at Guadalcanal, Peleliu and Okinawa during World War II, and received recognition for its battles in Korea and Vietnam.

The Fifth Marine Regiment was activated at Philadelphia in June 1917 for service in World War I. From June until the Armistice in November 1918, the regiment was engaged in heavy fighting and suffered nearly 2,000 killed and wounded. As part of the First Marine Division, the regiment earned various unit awards during World War

II, Korea and Vietnam fighting.

The Seventh Marine Regiment was activated in August 1917 at Philadelphia, and a few days later, the regiment sailed for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Its members fought at Guadalcanal, Peleliu and Okinawa during World War II. They also distinguished themselves at the Chosin Reservoir in Korea and in the jungles of Vietnam.

The present Eleventh Marine Regiment [artillery] was preceded by three other organizations having similar designations. The present regiment was activated at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in September 1940. The unit fought at Guadalcanal, Peleliu and Okinawa during World War II, and later in Korea and Vietnam.

Our Guest of Honor

DR. ROBERT J. RENTZ



Dr. Robert J. Rentz is a former Associate Professor of Education at Rosary Hill College. He was a history teacher at Riverside High School in Buffalo during the early war years and volunteered for duty with the Air Force, undergoing training at Stewart Field, N.Y. He was commissioned a Lieutenant and served with General Chenault's Flying Tigers in China. He was presented the Bronze Star Medal among his many military awards and continued to serve after the war as a Captain in the Air Force Reserve.

He later became a guidance counselor and Assistant Principal at Lafayette High School and then went on to be the Principal of East High.

Dr. Rentz is a graduate of Canisius High School and Canisius College where he also received his Master's Degree. He received his Degree in Education and his Doctorate at the University of Buffalo.

Bob is no stranger to Lackawanna. He gave the main address at the detachment's 13th Annual Dinner Dance back in 1962 and served as Master of Ceremonies for the Chamber of Commerce Installation of Officers in February of 1972.

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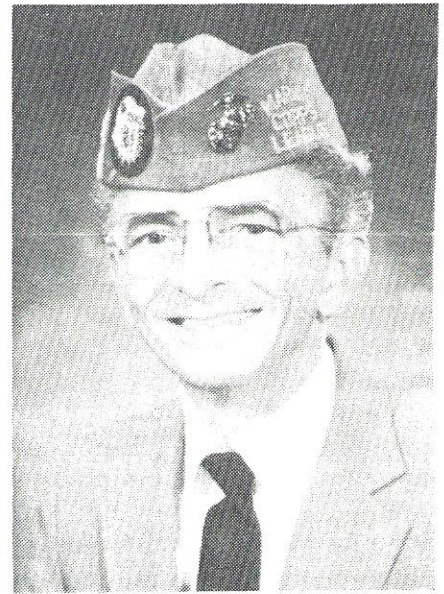
"Marine of the Year"

Dick joined the Marine Corps on October 5, 1946. After graduation from Parris Island, S.C., he was assigned to the Second Marine Division, FMF at Camp Lejeune, N.C. He was honorably discharged on October 5, 1949, whereupon he joined the inactive reserve with the rank of Sergeant. He was activated during the Korean conflict in October of 1950 and served with a mortar section with H & S Company, 2nd Bn., 1st Marine Division, and was released from service in February of 1952.

Dick is a graduate of East High School in Buffalo and attended Canisius College and the University of Buffalo, majoring in Political Science. He has been employed by the Metro Bus as a bus operator since 1957.

He is presently Senior Vice Commandant of the Detachment and a member of the Detachment House Committee and Board of Directors. He was elected Vice Commandant of the Department of New York (West) at this year's State Convention at Swan Lake, N.Y., after serving last year as a Department Aide to the Commandant.

He is an avid shooter and was the winner of last year's detachment Mid-Year Shoot and Bett-Toomey Division of the Bob Carroll Shoot, which he won again this year. He was recipient of the Cpl. Kenneth Barnes Memorial Award (House Committee Award) last year.



HON. FRANCIS J. PORDUM

"Civilian of the Year"

Fran was born in Lackawanna and attended St. Barbara's Elementary School, Franklin Elementary and Hoover Jr. High School; Manlius Military School, Canisius High School and graduated from Colgate University with a degree in Geology. He received a Master's Degree in Education from the S.U.C.N.Y. at Buffalo. He has a School District Administrator Certificate and taught in the Lackawanna School System for 11 years, along with coaching both football and baseball at LHS.

He was elected as County Legislator from the 1st District, two years ago and had a 100% attendance in representing his constituents from Lackawanna, Bladell, Buffalo, Hamburg, West Seneca and Woodlawn. He was named one of the Outstanding Young Men in America in 1981 in recognition of his outstanding professional achievement, superior leadership ability and exceptional service to the community. In 1978 he was elected a Regional All-Star in the ASA Mid-Atlantic Major men's Fast-Pitch Baseball League.

He is married to the former Theresa Marzec and they have a daughter Carolyn who is 7 years of age.



HON. DENNIS T. GORSKI

"Toastmaster"

Dennis Gorski enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1966, and attended OCS at Quantico, VA. After graduation as a Lieutenant he served as an Infantry Platoon Commander in Vietnam, with the 1st Bn., 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division. His awards include the Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and the Presidential Unit Citation. He was discharged as a Captain in 1971.

He was born in Buffalo in July of 1944 and attended Our Lady of Czestochowa Elementary School and Timon High School. He graduated from LeMoyne College, Syracuse with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Literature.

He was elected to the Erie County Legislature in 1972 and then elected to represent the 146th Assembly District of the New York State Legislature in 1975. In 1974, Mr. Gorski was named "Citizen of the Year" by the AM-POL EAGLE, a Polish-American newspaper. He is married to the former MaryJo Craven and resides in Cheektowaga, N.Y.



First Marine Division

Lineage

1913 - 1914

Activated 23 December 1913 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania as the 1st Advance Base Brigade
Deployed during January 1914 to Culebra, Puerto Rico
Relocated during February 1914 to New Orleans, Louisiana
Redesignated 1 April 1914 as the 1st Brigade
Deployed during April 1914 to Vera Cruz, Mexico
Participated in the landings and occupation of Vera Cruz, Mexico, April-November 1914
Relocated during December 1914 to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

1915 - 1935

Deployed during August 1915 to Port au Prince, Haiti
Participated in the occupation of Haiti, August 1915-August 1934
Participated in the occupation of the Dominican Republic, June-December 1916
Deactivated 15 August 1934 at Port au Prince, Haiti
Reactivated 1 September 1935 at Quantico, Virginia as the 1st Brigade and assigned to the Fleet Marine Force
Redesignated 16 September 1935 as the 1st Marine Brigade

1940 - 1949

Deployed during October 1940 to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
Redesignated 1 February 1941 as the 1st Marine Division
Relocated during May 1941 to Quantico, Virginia and Parris Island, South Carolina
Deployed from April to July 1942 to Samoa and Wellington, New Zealand
Participated in the following World War II campaigns
Guadalcanal
Eastern New Guinea
New Britain
Peleliu
Okinawa
Participated in the occupation of North China, September 1945-June 1947
Relocated during June 1947 to Camp Pendleton, California

1950 - 1964

Deployed from July to September 1950 to the Republic of Korea
Participated in the Korean War, September 1950-July 1953, operating from
Inchon-Seoul
Chosin Reservoir
East-Central Front
Western Front
Participated in the defense of the Korean Demilitarized Zone, July 1953-March 1955
Relocated from February to April 1955 to Camp Pendleton, California
Elements participated in the Cuban Missile Crisis, October-December 1962

1965 - 1973

Deployed to the Republic of Vietnam from July 1965 to May 1966
Participated in the war in Vietnam from July 1965 to April 1971, operating from
Chu Lai Hue
Da Nang Phu Bai
Dong Ha Quang Tri
Qui Nhon
Relocated during April 1971 to Camp Pendleton, California



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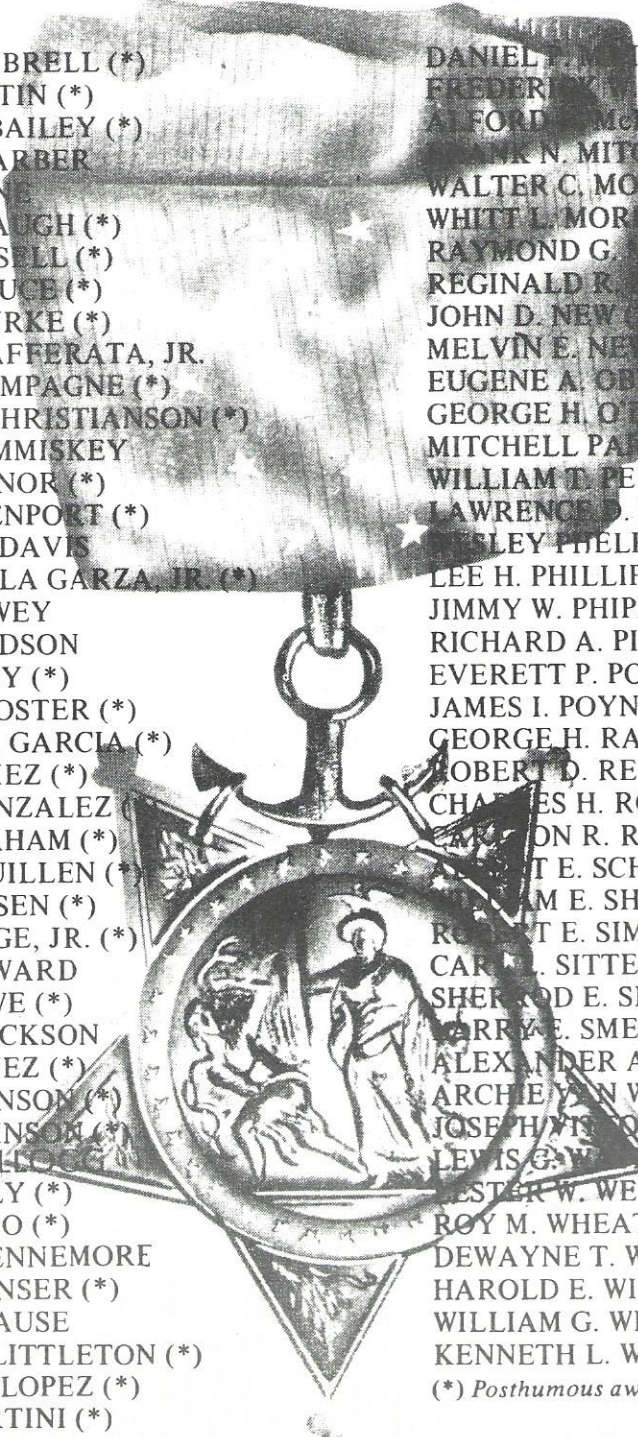


"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty ..."

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A Message From The Commandant

For 206 years no challenge has been too great for our proud Corps. Our forebears stood ready to pick up the gauntlet during peace or war, at home or abroad, ashore or afloat. Each challenge has been met with determination, discipline, courage and esprit, qualities which have become the hallmark of our Corps. This legacy provides the standard for all who now claim the title Marine.

As soldiers of the sea we reflect the maritime heritage of our nation, a heritage seldom more evident than it is today. Events of the recent past illustrate that when again confrontation comes, our national response may well be from the sea. Around the globe, Marines are on watch, ready to answer the call.

We should take this opportunity to pause and reflect on our past, to remember the sacrifices of earlier Marines—this we owe to them. Let us then reaffirm our commitment to those values and virtues which distinguish us as Marines. The people of our nation expect it; the strength and security of our nation demand it; and the future of our beloved Marine Corps depends on it.

Happy birthday and best wishes to all Marines, their families and their friends, on this the 206th anniversary of the founding of our Corps.

R.H. Barrow
General, U.S. Marine Corps