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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF IWO JIMA ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Welcome to our inaugural newsletter! I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your continued support of the Iwo Jima Association of America ("IJAA").

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of General Fred Haynes (the founder of IJAA) on March 25. General Haynes was a Marine of the highest integrity and a patriot who inspired us during his very full life. Our sincere condolences extend

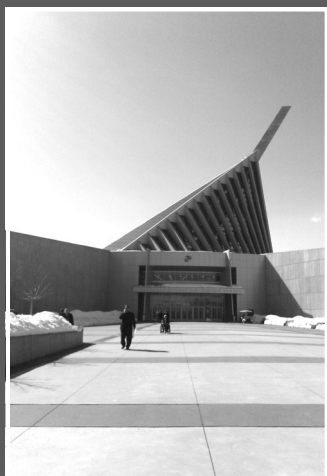
to his family and friends.

The passing of General Haynes reminds us that IJAA is in a period of transition. The legacy of our beloved Iwo Jima veterans is in the process of being transferred to the families who are determined to keep the remembrance of Iwo Jima alive going forward. The recent HBO miniseries "The Pacific" reflects the growing national awareness that the history of this battle needs to be remembered and shared with future generations.

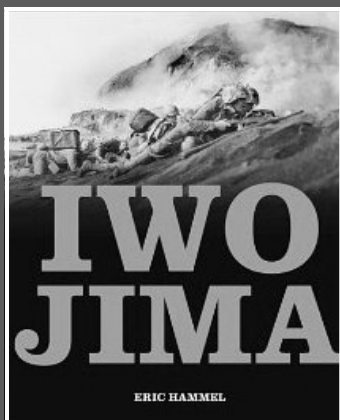
Please save the date to attend the 66th Iwo Jima Symposium in Washington DC during February 17-20, 2011. Also remember to renew your annual dues via the membership form on the last page of this newsletter or via the PayPal link on our website IwoJimaAssociation.org at your convenience.

Semper Fidelis!

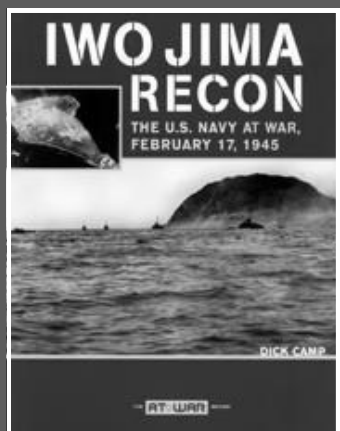
General Hank Stackpole



**National Museum
of the Marine Corps
Quantico, VA**



By Eric Hammel



By Dick Camp

Message from the Executive Director

The day after the funeral of our Association Founder and President, Major General Fred Haynes, USMC, on 22 July, at Arlington National Cemetery, the Iwo Jima Association of America (IJAA) held an organizational meeting to elect officers and board members, as well as outline the direction that IJAA plans to take in the upcoming year. LtGen Larry Snowden opened the proceedings as chairman. LtGen Snowden introduced the new President, LtGen HC "Hank" Stackpole who resides in Honolulu, HI. He brings with him 36 years of Marine Corps service, as well as many years of experience in the business world. An election was then held by the board and the following individuals were elected: LtGen Earl Hailston, Vice President, Col Warren Wiedhahn, Executive Vice President, Shayne Jarosz, Executive Director, Doug Meny, Treasurer, and LtCol Robert Lindholm, Secretary. New board members elected at the meeting were: Col Bill Rockey, Bonnie Haynes, Diane Kuebler, and John Butler.

The primary discussion during the Board meeting was education and inclusion. The IJAA Board believes that the veterans of WWII should be remembered and celebrated. In order to achieve this goal, we must first and foremost make sure that IJAA works FOR the veterans of Iwo Jima. Also, IJAA must provide an arena for "Legacy" members to exchange stories, pictures, and make contacts with others who can fill in the blanks. Legacy members are family members and friends of Iwo Jima Veterans. As Iwo Jima veterans' associations start to wind down, IJAA's goal is to welcome all interested participants from said associations and place them under the umbrella of IJAA.

IJAA will continue to organize and op-

erate the Iwo Jima Symposium in February, and the "Reunion of Honor" tour to Iwo Jima in March, but will also add an additional tour each year that will educate participants about the War in the Pacific. Starting in July of 2011, an annual educational tour will be offered to members and friends of the IJAA that will examine WWII. The first tour will examine the start of the war in the Pacific with the attack on Pearl Harbor and will include Kaneohe Marine base as well as Camp Tarawa on the big island of Hawaii.

In addition to the organizational agenda, the 5th Marine Division Association sent two representatives, Ivan Hammond and John Huffines, to discuss the memorial statue to be dedicated at the Museum of the Marine Corps in February 2011. The "BAR on the Beach" statue has the full support of IJAA and it was mutually agreed that IJAA will help in any way possible.

More information about membership and educational trips will be posted on the IJAA website. If you are interested in joining the association to help preserve the memory of this iconic battle on Iwo Jima, please visit our website at www.IwoJimaAssociation.org.

You may also contact me, IJAA's Executive Director, Shayne Jarosz, at (703)212-8128 or email

Director@IwoJimaAssociation.org.

Semper Fidelis!



65th Anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima

By John Butler

In February, I attended the IJAA reunion and symposium honoring the 65th anniversary of the Battle for Iwo Jima. This organization was known as Combat Veterans of Iwo Jima, but has been renamed this year because many of the Iwo veterans are passing on and more and more of the attendees are children and grandchildren of Iwo Jima veterans, in addition to journalists and historians with an interest in Iwo Jima.

This year, the IJAA event was held at the Sheraton in Arlington, VA. On the first day, attendees were welcomed at the Heritage Center at Quantico by the Commandant with an inspiring address linking the legacy of Iwo Jima to the new generation of Marines fighting in Afghanistan. The second day featured a symposium held at the hotel. Colonel Dick Camp gave a superb account of the Naval gunfire and UDT/Marine Recon pre-landing operation from 16-18 Feb. Lieutenant General Jim Mattis gave a rousing address on today's Marines and the difficult fight they face with "No Better Friend, No Worse Enemy."

General Larry Snowden introduced the Japanese military attaché who addressed the group. He reviewed the history of the Japanese Army occupation on Iwo Jima, preparation of defenses and the current use as a Japanese Self Defense Force air base. General Snowden has long fostered the Reunions of Honor and furthering strong relations between former foes on the battlefield.

A number of Iwo veterans spoke of their personal experiences. All services, except some Army ground support units and US Coast Guard, were represented. A former B-29 pilot thanked all present for their sacrifices. He was one of many able to get his crippled plane back to safety because Iwo Jima was in friendly hands.

Then, a trio of Navajo Code Talkers thrilled us with a rendition of the Marine Corps hymn in Navajo!

Saturday evening, we enjoyed a superb meal, entertainment by the Quantico Marine band and an address from the Assistant Commandant. Attending the banquet



Veterans at 65th Anniversary of
Battle of Iwo Jima

quet were three battalion commanders from Iwo Jima: Dick Rothwell (97) 2/24, Shelton Scales (94) 3/23, and Gerry Russell (93) 2/27 from 9-26 March. Russell landed as XO/2/27 and replaced LtCol John Antoelli the CO on 9 Mar when Antonelli was wounded and evacuated. Rothwell was the father of Dick Rothwell, a fellow USNA classmate of mine and fellow Marine who went on to complete a 29-year career in the Corps.

Diane Kuebler and I, along with another Iwo Marine Junior Kevin Jarvis, hosted a family night meeting to discuss the importance of Iwo Jima children and grandchildren in fostering the legacy of our fathers and Iwo Jima.

It was a rewarding and well-organized event—the best I have attended. Kudos and thanks to General Fred Haynes, former President of the Association, and himself an Iwo veteran of the 28th Marines, General Snowden, Jim Adams (the former IJAA Director) and Col Warren Wiedhahn and his entire staff from Military Historical Tours. They hit the ball out of the park on this one!

Veterans' Scrapbook



From Bill Plummer's (1/26) photos
— labeled "Hilo" 1945

Did you know...

On March 11, 1945 Senator Joseph C. O. Mahoney asked the Postmaster General to issue a special three cent Iwo Jima stamp depicting the flag-raising on Mt. Suribachi. To gain support for the stamp proposal, he wrote both to the Associated Press, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and also appealed to the US Senate. In July 1945, the Post Office released the three cent stamp printed in "Marine Corps green" (the first commemorative stamp of that denomination not issued in purple). It was the first stamp to represent living persons—Iwo Jima surviving veterans John Bradley, Rene Gagnon and Ira Hayes (note: 3 of the second flag raisers—Franklin Sousley, Harlan Block and Mike Strank were KIA on Iwo). It was also the first time to depict an unfurled Stars and Stripes. The Post Office serviced over 400,000 covers the first day of sale, the greatest number for any stamp ever issued. Over 137 million stamps were printed before the end of circulation.



ATTENTION IWO JIMA AUTHORS!

Veterans, Family Members & Historians

We welcome you to attend the 66th Anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima Reunion and Symposium on February 17- 20, 2011 at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington VA. As usual, the weekend will feature a variety of activities including educational seminars, a tour to the USMC Museum in Quantico, and the dedication of the BAR on the Beach Statue. This year, all authors, especially Iwo Jima veterans and family members, are cordially invited to bring copies of their books to sell at the Friday night gathering. You must be registered but there is no additional charge to participate in this unique book signing.

We also ask everyone to bring your memorabilia and photos to share with each other at this special gathering.

More details will be included in the Symposium registration packet available in November.

Every Member a Recruiter!

Maybe years back you were a rifleman, a corpsman, or a pilot—or maybe you were a nurse, a sweetheart back home, or a Red Cross volunteer. You enlisted as a seaman, you joined the Army, you did basic training as a Seabee in Davisville, you cussed your DI. You polished your boots, you cleaned your BAR, you sent V mails, you prayed. Or maybe you were "a thought in heaven" and would be the bundle of joy that your dad, the Iwo Jima vet would hug someday. Maybe today you are the wife of that Marine, or are you now the grandchild or great grandchild of the sailor, the son of the bombardier, the daughter of the chaplain who served on Iwo Jima. Whatever job you did or whomever you are, you are needed to recruit your fellow veterans and family members to join the IJAA. Give a membership as a gift, give your buddies a call, and plan to meet at the 2011 Reunion!

LEST WE FORGET...

PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT OF

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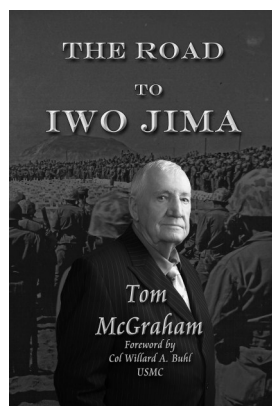
Members are essential to the IJAA Mission to preserve the legacy of the Battle of Iwo Jima—through promoting the study of the battle and helping veterans, descendants of veterans, and the public better understand its place in military history. With your ongoing support, IJAA will continue to offer events such as our yearly reunion and historical symposium, memorial services, gatherings of Iwo Jima veterans as well as our annual pilgrimage to Iwo Jima each March.

IJAA is the *only organization dedicated solely to remembering the battle of Iwo Jima*. Members will have exclusive access to special information on our website in addition to receiving our periodic newsletter full of interesting information, articles and updates on Iwo Jima.

Iwo Jima Association of America, Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and all donations are tax-deductible as IJAA is a registered public charity with 501(c)(3) entitlements.

Please continue your support today by renewing your annual dues or providing for an additional contribution via the form enclosed on the back page of this newsletter or alternatively via Paypal as offered on our website.

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'The Road to Iwo Jima' by
Tom McGraham, C Company,
1st Battalion, 25th Marines, 4th
Division

Learning History and Patriotism First Hand

IJAA member Dave Scott and his 11 year old son spent an afternoon visiting with 97 year old Col. Richard Rothwell, USMC (Ret) and his wife Rebecca following a meeting at the 65th Iwo Jima reunion in February. Col. Rothwell shared stories about his time as commander of the 2nd Bn, 24th Reg, 4th Marine Division on Iwo Jima. For Dave Scott and his son, nothing beats hearing history from those who made it. Col. Rothwell graciously signed maps and a poster of the AP flag raising photograph taken by Joe Rosenthal. In March, the Col. and Mrs. Rothwell returned to Iwo Jima to participate in the activities on Iwo Jima.

On Passing: John Gerber

The founder of the Pacific War Museum on Guam and Vietnam Marine veteran John Gerber died May 3 of a sudden heart attack. Many travelers and military personnel enjoyed his hospitality at his ranch while viewing the Pacific War Museum that John founded on Guam.

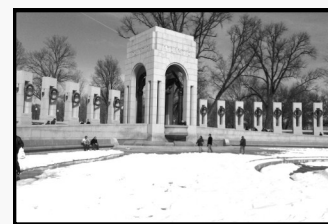
Gerber is best known for his "can do" and spirited efforts to re-name Marine Drive on Guam to Marine Corps Drive to honor the Marines who liberated Guam in 1944. Semper Fidelis, John—from your many friends at IJAA.

The National WWII Memorial WANTS YOU!

If you have not done so, please be certain to register yourself or family member in the Registry of the National WWII Memorial in Washington DC. Anyone who served in the armed forces during WWII, and any American who helped on the home front is eligible for the Registry. Homefront activities include working in defense-related industries, recycling of materials needed for the war effort, and more. You may register your own name, the name of a family member or friend.

To register a name via the internet, go to
www.wwiimemorial.com.

Click on the "WWII Registry" button at the left. Follow the online instructions to enter the name you wish to honor. To register a name via mail, call 1-800-639-4992 and a form will be mailed to you with instructions. Many visitors stop by the kiosk to look up service buddies. This is a service at no cost to you!

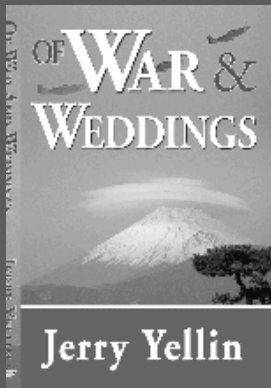


**World War II
Memorial
Washington, DC**

My Father, Jerry Yellin by Michael Yellin



Jerry Yellin's P-51
The Dorrie R



On Wednesday, March 3rd, my father, Jerry Yellin, and I flew on a chartered Continental Airlines flight to Iwo Jima to participate in the 65th anniversary ceremony of the battle for that island. My father was a P-51 fighter pilot who strafed, fought and lived on Iwo Jima in March of 1945. And after the island was captured and secured he flew his fighter plane on combat missions over Japan while based on Iwo Jima. He brought back horrible memories of the war, but for years never spoke of his experiences. Only recently has he spoken of those experiences—in large part due to the fact that his son, my brother, moved to Japan, married a Japanese woman and bore my father 3 wonderful grandchildren. My brother Robert and his son Simon accompanied us to Iwo Jima.

It was a beautiful and hot day on March 3rd in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. We arrived on Iwo Jima at about 8AM and departed at around 4PM. The trip, the first time he had been back to the island since the war, was emotional and difficult for my father. He cried as his feet touched the ground and again when he stood on top of Mount Suribachi, where he recited the names of his comrades in the 78th Fighter Squadron who died during the war. He told us that when he was on Iwo Jima all he could think about was home and when he finally came home all he could think



Jerry Yellin, his two sons and grandson, waiting to board plane to Iwo Jima

about was Iwo Jima. He recited his experiences there, of the mass graves, of the piles of dead bodies, of the stench of death, of living in fox holes, experiences that haunted him and affected his life until this very day. He was treated with great respect and honor by the generals and admirals who also were there to commemorate the battle. The commander of Anderson Air Force Base on Guam, a one-star general, was thrilled to meet a living P-51 pilot, especially one who had fought the battle of Iwo Jima. He was treated like a star by the civilians who were on the tour—crowding around him and wanting to hear about his experiences during the war. The memories of war are etched on his brain and he recited with detail to the gratitude of his audience. At the end of the day we were exhausted but my father seemed content. It seemed to me that a circle had been closed—that maybe the return to the island had filled a void in his life he harbored since 1945.

At mid-day the official Japanese and American delegations performed the annual ceremony to commemorate the battle and the soldiers of both nations. On a plateau overlooking the invasion beach north of Mount Suribachi, Japanese and American honor guards stood at attention as delegates, including the US Ambassador to Japan, the US Marine Commandant, and Yoshitaka Shindo, the grandson of the commander of Japanese troops on Iwo Jima, Tadamichi Kuribayashi who died during the battle, spoke about the courage and dedication of the soldiers that fought on the 8 square mile island, the now-strong alliance between the two countries and their hopes for peace.



Shaking hands with Shindo

Bands played, wreathes were placed on the hillside monument, soldiers saluted and Taps was played. It was very touching and emotional. After the ceremony was completed, the dozen or so aging Iwo Jima veterans gathered for a group photo—mostly former Marines and 2 former P-51 pilots brought together by fate.

For me, the trip to Iwo Jima was one of the most unique, interesting and gratify-

ing experiences of my life. I was so proud of my father and appreciative of the reception he was given. I also felt very proud for my

country—witnessing the solemnity of the ceremony and the conduct of the young Marines who assisted us (in particular, assisting the aging veterans). I was awed by Iwo Jima and the thick black crunchy sand and Mount Suribachi. Witnessing the island from the air it seemed beyond belief that such a small island would require such a massive and bloody battle to capture it from her defenders. But seeing first hand the terrain, the slope of the beach, the difficulty walking in the sand, the vantage point of Mount Suribachi, and knowing that the Japanese defenders had built miles and miles of underground tunnels and fortifications that withstood days of bombardment, I now have an inkling of what US forces encountered when they set foot on Iwo Jima in 1945. I felt humbled and awed to know that almost 30,000 soldiers (about 21,000 Japanese and 8,000 US soldiers) sacrificed their lives on the island and that the remains of many thousands of Japanese soldiers have never been recovered. March 3, 2010 is a day I will long remember.



Michael Yellin

As IJAA expands, we have a need for volunteers in a number of areas including:

- Newsletter Content: If you have stories, personal experiences, historical articles, photographs that you would like to have included in the IJAA newsletter or on the web site, please submit for consideration.
- Public Affairs & Marketing: Design & edit of brochures and historical materials for membership & Annual Symposium.
- Legal Affairs: To handle various annual regulatory filings with the State of Virginia as a public charity.
- Fund-Raising: Design logos for shirts and other merchandise available for IJAA members; serve on fund-raising committee for IJAA events.
- Symposium Planning: Serve on planning committee for annual symposium held in February each year in Washington D.C.
- Database & Mail List Management for member information.
- Website Management & Maintenance.
- Various additional administrative duties.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Shayne Jarosz (Executive Director) at 703-212-8128 or email Director@IwoJimaAssociation.org.



Marine Corps Band entertaining Iwo Jima Veterans and their guests at the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, VA — February 19, 2010

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General Fred Haynes on Iwo Jima March 2005 researching his book 'The Lions of Iwo Jima'

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IJAA ON THE WEB

www.IwoJimaAssociation.org

Members will be pleased to learn that the IJAA website is being updated in order to keep all of our members and others interested in our association informed. Recent additions include links to articles & photos related to the recent February 2010 Symposium in Washington DC and March Annual Commemoration Visit to the island of

Iwo Jima. A photograph gallery of historic pictures of the Battle of Iwo Jima is also available where members can download and print pictures from the site. Membership applications & dues renewal are also included on the website (click on "Join the Association"). If you have photos that you would like to share and have posted,

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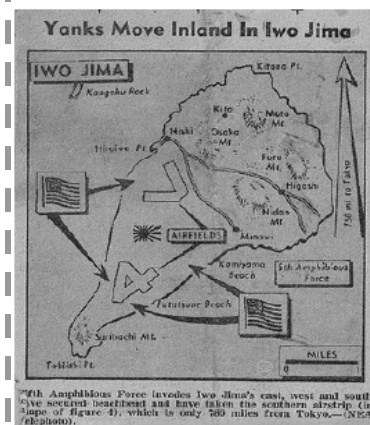
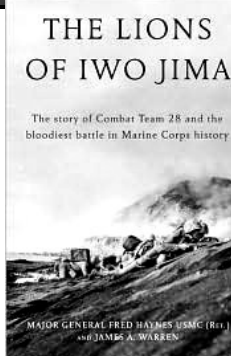


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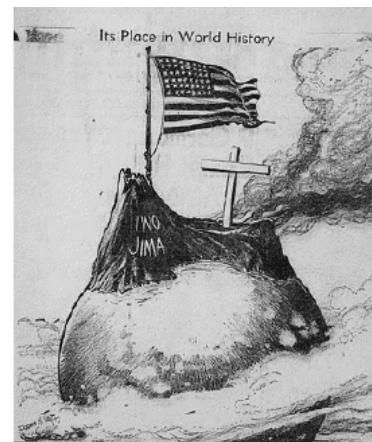
We want to close this inaugural IJAA newsletter with a quote from the late Major General Fred E. Haynes (Operations Officer with the 28th Regiment on Iwo Jima) taken from his book "The Lions of Iwo Jima":

"The point of Iwo Jima was its place in the annals of American military history as 'a classic amphibious battle,' probably the classic. I think it was the philosophy of the battle, the strategic importance of it, and the emotional value of the picture Rosenthal took. Because that is part of the symbolism: you've got a Wisconsin farm kid, you've got a South Texas kid, a coal miner's son, you've got an Appalachian kid, and then you got an Indian. This was a microcosm...In my case, it was a real seminal experience. I fought in three wars and I never experienced anything like this. Those who participated—why do you think we get together every five years in Washington...and go to the Marine War Memorial and have a ceremony? It was an unusual occurrence in human history. Iwo Jima was unique, even for Marines who were veterans of other campaigns"

The Lions of Iwo Jima by Maj Gen Haynes and James A. Warren published in 2008 by Henry Holt and Company



Mexico Ledge Newspaper Feb. 20, 1945



War cartoon by Dorman Smith Mexico Ledge 15

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Join us as we preserve and perpetuate the history of the Battle of Iwo Jima!
IJAA Membership Application Form (and Renewal/Additional Contributions)

Membership is open to both veterans of the *Battle of Iwo Jima* (all services, ground, air and sea) and to all those who desire to help perpetuate the memory of the sacrifices made by all the veterans of the battle ensuring that, long after the last *Iwo Jima Veteran* has gone, future generations will remember *Iwo Jima*. I hereby make application for (or renewing) membership in the Iwo Jima Association of America, Inc. (IJAA) or provide for an additional contribution. **Dues are \$25.00** and are payable by February 19th. (Membership is free to all Medal of Honor recipients, former POWs, and Gold Star Mothers & Fathers of any conflict).

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CALL TO ARMS!

IJAA wants to hear your suggestions and thoughts on future newsletter content and how IJAA might better serve you in the future. Write to us at IJAA, PO Box 680, Quantico, VA 22134 or email us at Director@IwoJimaAssociation.org



USMC Heritage Foundation

By Diane Kuebler

Oorah to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation!



The 65th Anniversary would not have been possible without the generous support of the foundation.

The foundation supports the National Museum of the Marine Corps and related events.

You can view numerous photos of the event at the website:

www.marineheritage.org

Among the Iwo Jima veterans featured on the site are Leroy Hulser of FL, Charles Tauser and Paul G. Smith of MO, Tom Hodge, Josias Villarreal, and Bill Johnson of TX, Frank Willet and Bill Toledo of NM, Clayton Chipman of WI, Edward McHenry of CA, and Kenneth Fiske of NY.

Attendees at the Saturday night banquet received a card signed by a support-

er of the foundation. I was thrilled to receive a card signed by Bill G. Hilton of NV, an Iwo Jima veteran who served with Co. A 4th Parachute Bn and Co. A 1st Bn 26th Marines 5th Division. Bill could not attend this year's event but gives a big hello to his fellow Marine buddies!

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Marine Corps War Memorial Foundation

By James Donovan Founder/Executive Director

One quarter of a century old problems affect the Marine Corps War Memorial's legacy.

Like the aging veterans of Iwo Jima, the now 56 year old Marine Corps War Memorial and monument wither from exposure to the elements and age. Last sealed in 1984, the unsealed bronze sculpture slowly deteriorates from corrosive oxidation, streaking and discoloring the battle inscriptions and polished granite panels below.

Observed in the 1990's, 29 of the 108 granite panels of the monuments base have loosened and slipped; a result of dissolved steel fasteners. Stabilized in 2007 by the National Park Service, as a stop gap measure, many panels remain misaligned.

For more than one quarter of a century the infamous portable toilets, standing a stone's throw from the monument and reviewing stand, offer little comfort to the more than 1.2 million annual visitors. Cracked areas and patched sections of Marine Corps Circle, worn walkways and damaged hand-capped ramps surround the memorial.

It is the mission of the Marine Corps War Memorial Foundation (MCWMF) to restore and preserve this most cherished icon. By doing so visitors will find comfort, solace and a

greater understanding of the importance of our memorial which commemorates victory in one of the most horrific, yet heroic, military battles ever fought by U.S. Forces and honors our Marine dead.



In support of the IJAA the MCWMF will offer information about the preservation of the War Memorial at the 2011 IJAA Reunion and Symposium. Commemorating the anniversary of both flag-raising during the battle of Iwo Jima, the Marine Corps War Memorial Foundation will again host its annual wreath-laying ceremony at 0930 on 23 February 2011 at the War Memorial.

As Marines, whether as a result of duty or responsibility to our Marine dead, it is our obligation to preserve their memory and memorial for generations to come. Your tax deductible donations will be greatly appreciated in this worthy endeavor. Please make your donations payable and forward to the:

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IWO JIMA 66TH ANNIVERSARY
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**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS
COMMEMORATION and DEDICATION
5TH MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION
"BAR ON THE BEACH" MEMORIAL**

Friday, February 18

Opened to the public on 13 November 2006, the National Museum of the Marine Corps is a lasting tribute to U.S. Marines — past, present, and future. Situated on a 135-acre site adjacent to the Marine Corps base in Quantico, Virginia, the Museum's soaring design evokes the image of the flag-raisers of Iwo Jima and beckons visitors to its 118,000-square-foot structure. World-class interactive exhibits using the most innovative technology will surround visitors with irreplaceable artifacts and immerse them in the sights and sounds of Marines in action. Enjoy lunch on your own in the Mess Hall or 18th Century Tun Tavern. Following the museum, a stop will be made at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, for a wreath laying ceremony.

Note: You will be required to pass through a metal detector before entering the museum.

There is a lot of walking, so please wear comfortable shoes.

8:00am board bus, 4:00pm back at the hotel

\$35/Person includes transportation. Lunch on your own.

**HOME OF THE COMMANDANT
(LADIES ONLY)**

Saturday, February 19

Still used for its original purpose, the Home of the Commandant has been home to all but the first two commandants, and is said to be the oldest, continuously occupied public building in Washington, D.C. When first built, the Georgian-Federalist style house measured 25 by 32 feet. It contained four large rooms and a central hallway on each floor, a kitchen in the basement and servant's quarters in the attic. Renovations and additions, which began in 1836, have expanded the house to 15,000 square feet including 30 rooms, not counting closets or baths. The decor has always been dictated by the personal tastes of each commandant and his family.

9:30am board bus, 11:30am back at the hotel

This is a no cost tour, but you must indicate the number of ladies attending on your registration form.

IWO JIMA 66th ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below is the registration cost for the Reunion and Symposium. Please enter how many people will be participating and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at www.afr-reg.com/iwo66. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before **January 25, 2011**. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

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Norfolk, VA 23510
ATTN: Iwo Jima 66th Anniversary

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CUT-OFF DATE IS 1/25/11	Price Per	# of People	Total
<u>TOURS</u>			
FRIDAY: NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS COMMEMORATION and DEDICATION 5TH MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION "BAR ON THE BEACH" MEMORIAL	\$ 35		\$
SATURDAY: LADIES TOUR OF THE HOME OF THE COMMANDANT (This tour is free; please provide the total number of people attending)		#	
<u>MEALS</u>			
SATURDAY: SYMPOSIUM LUNCH	\$ 32		\$
SATURDAY: BANQUET (Please select your entrée below)			
Prime Rib	\$ 54		\$
Chicken Marsala	\$ 40		\$
Mandatory Per Person Registration Fee	\$ 25		\$
Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.			\$

PLEASE PRINT NAME

Note: Correct names and addresses are very important because of the prominent position of some of our guests.

FIRST _____ LAST _____ EMAIL _____

SPOUSE NAME (IF ATTENDING) _____

GUEST NAMES _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, ST, ZIP _____ PH. NUMBER (____) _____ - _____

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly with hotel)

MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS TRIPS? ☐ YES ☐ NO (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY).

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PH. NUMBER (____) _____ - _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____

ARE YOU STAYING AT THE HOTEL? YES ☐ NO ☐ ARE YOU FLYING? ☐ DRIVING? ☐ RV? ☐

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. **CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-5:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays).** Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.

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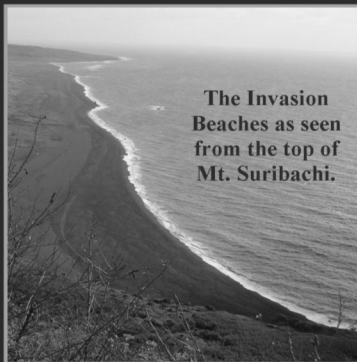


LtGen Snowden & the Honorable Felix Camacho, Governor of Guam at the Banquet.

Iwo Veterans with family members at the memorial on Mt. Suribachi.



General Conway at the 2010 Memorial Ceremony.



The Invasion
Beaches as seen
from the top of
Mt. Suribachi.



Below: One of the bunkers overlooking the landing beaches. Right: Collecting some of the "Black Sands" to bring home.



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The Sheraton National has 408 deluxe guest rooms with individual climate controls; an HD TV with in-room movies, and video check-out. Rooms offer in-room coffee makers, hair dryers, and irons/ironing boards. Guests can enjoy a rooftop indoor swimming pool (9:00am-10:00pm weekdays, 9:00am-9:00pm weekends), sundeck (9:00am-10:00pm daily), and an exercise room. The exercise room features Stairmaster, LifeCycle, and weight resistance equipment. The hotel is offering complimentary parking for all reunion attendees who are registered hotel guests. There are 390 parking spaces available with a six-foot ceiling height. Check-in time is 3:00pm; check-out is 12:00 noon.

The **Potomac Restaurant**, with seating for over 200 features unique culinary creations for breakfast, lunch, and dinner from prime steak to fresh seafood and exotic desserts, we will dazzle you with the best dining experience in Washington, D.C. Open from 2pm until midnight, the **Potomac Lounge**, adjacent to the restaurant, offers an inviting and social atmosphere for lunch, dinner or light fare. Catch your favorite game or the latest news on one of two large elevated flat screen televisions or the 42" plasma television positioned behind the bar. Room service is available daily from 5:00am-12:00am.

Complimentary shuttle van service departs every 30 minutes from 6:00am-11:00pm to and from Washington-Reagan National Airport. Go to the Ground Transportation area of the airport to catch the shuttle. SuperShuttle offers transportation from Dulles International Airport and Baltimore/Washington International Airport. Please contact them at (202) 296-6662 or (800) BLUE-VAN for more information and/or reservations.

Oversize vehicles or RVs can park in the hotel's satellite parking lot across the street from the hotel; but if you require RV hook-ups please contact Harmony Place located on 8018 Richmond Road, Alexandria, VA 22306, which is about 8 miles from the hotel. Call (703) 360-4460 for information, reservations, and directions. There are no campgrounds in Arlington County.

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Vendors, Schedules, and Prices are subject to change.

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IWO JIMA ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC – HOTEL RESERVATION FORM
REUNION DATES: FEBRUARY 17-20, 2011

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (if available) _____ TELEPHONE # (_____) _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ TIME _____ AM/PM DEP. DATE _____

_____ # OF ROOMS NEEDED _____ # OF PEOPLE IN ROOM _____ HANDICAP ACCESS
_____ KING BED _____ 2 DOUBLE BEDS

In the event room type requested is not available, nearest room type will be assigned.

RATE: \$99 (10.25%)

CUT OFF DATE: 01/25/11; Reservations received after this date will be processed on a space available basis, at the prevailing public rate.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Deposit is refundable if reservation is cancelled by 4:00pm the day prior to arrival. If guest does not check-in OR has not cancelled their reservation by 4:00pm the day prior to arrival, 1 night's room & tax will be charged to the guest's credit card.

All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or first night's deposit, enclosed.

_____ AMEX _____ DINERS _____ VISA _____ MASTER CARD _____ DISCOVER

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ EXP. DATE _____

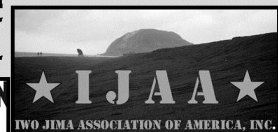
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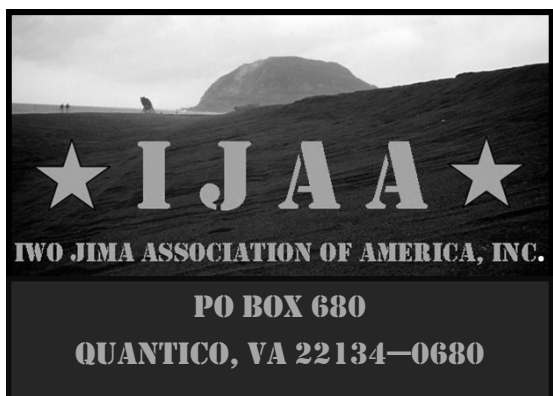
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