

Connections

I lost two close friends since we last met: my business partner, John Furia, and an old high school chum who was the longtime General Superintendent of the Golden Gate National Parks, Brian O'Neil. These combined with the loss of CC patriarch Jack Lewis and Herb Schlosberg may seem a gloomy start to this letter, but bear with me. John Furia was a widely respected former president of the Writers Guild and close advisor to all the presidents who followed him. Our dream was to build a movie studio in Turkey and if the first Gulf War hadn't wrecked our finances, we'd have pulled it off. Funny thing is, a few weeks after John's death I got an offer to teach at a university in Istanbul and supervise a big international film project. A coincidence to be sure, but a surprising connection with an absent friend.

I had 't seen Brian O'Neil in more than 40 years, yet when I heard of his death I had to join the more than 2,000 people who showed up at the Presidio to honor the man credited with saving it along with Alcatraz and the other marvels that make up the national park.

I had completely lost track of Brian and knew nothing of his career or where he was, yet the weekend he lay dying, I drove my girlfriend and son through much of his park. My son,

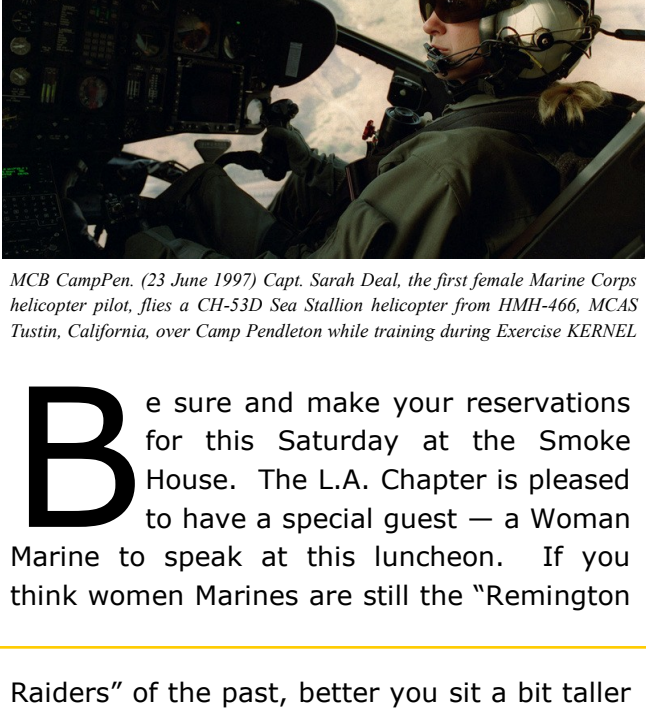
Philip, is named after the teacher who brought Brian and me together so long ago. Showing Philip Brian's park was nothing supernatural, but again, an unexpected connection to a lost friend. I am grateful for both of these coincidences and for the long friendships they connected me to.

Last night I watched an exceptionally fine fireworks display. It was in Gurnee, Illinois, midway between Chicago and Milwaukee. I was visiting my girlfriend's family. Joan Rebecca's father is an immigrant who was born on the Fourth of July and taught chemistry at Valley Forge Military Academy. In the rockets' red glare, it was time to think about birth for a change, the birth of a nation. Visiting

The role a WM takes on is often no different than her male counterpart except to not be in combat. That is debatable since when does a female pilot fly an FA-18 with her squadron mates on a CAP patrol? Certainly not for a Grand Canyon tour. Or a WM behind the wheel of a multi-wheeler driving like an Indy 500 racer hoping to miss an IED. If that isn't "combat," Santa Claus is indeed real! As this former Marine will admit, I wouldn't want to be at the receiving end of an at-prone WM with a rifle 600 yards away. Bullets are non-gender issued.

Since 1918, women have answered proudly to serve in the United States Marines and their role — as pictured here have evolved and expanded. Opha Mae Johnson (inset) is credited as the first woman Marine, joining the service on August 13, 1918. During that year some 300 women followed,

THE WOMAN MARINE



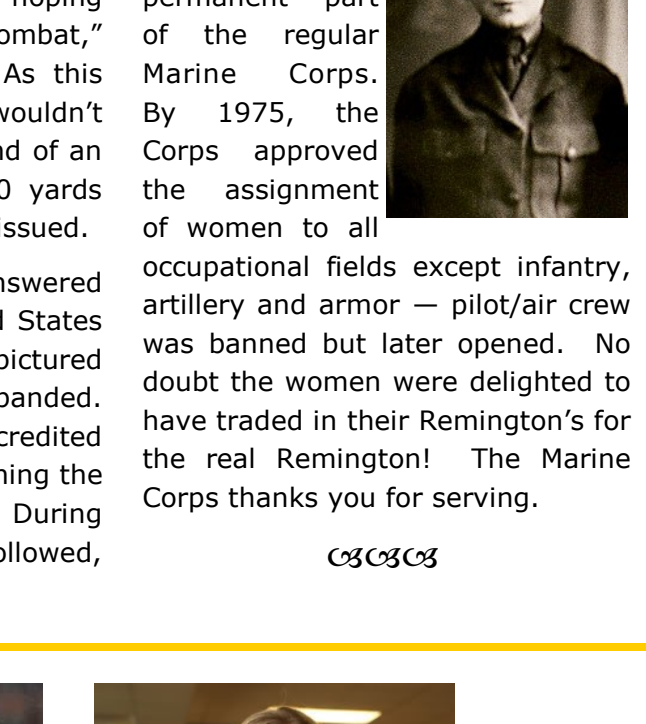
MCB CampPen. (23 June 1997) Capt. Sarah Deal, the first female Marine Corps helicopter pilot, flies a CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter from HMM-466, MCAS Tustin, California, over Camp Pendleton while training during Exercise KERNEL.

Be sure and make your reservations for this Saturday at the Smoke House. The L.A. Chapter is pleased to have a special guest — a Woman Marine to speak at this luncheon. If you think women Marines are still the "Remington

Raiders" of the past, better you sit a bit taller when you meet this WM. To preface this engagement, here are some glimpses of today's Woman Marine.

If you were a female and said that you were going to join the Marine Corps, you will more than likely be told that not only did you lose your marbles, but they would move you to the front of the line for mental evaluation. And if you made it through boot camp (segregated of course) and into the Corps, you were subjected to even more harassment, notwithstanding some awful name calling. Thankfully much of these goings-on are 86.

The Woman Marine ("WM") of today has earned the stature and recognition of being a "Marine," not a simple title to have but as a famous actor once said, "You got to earn it."

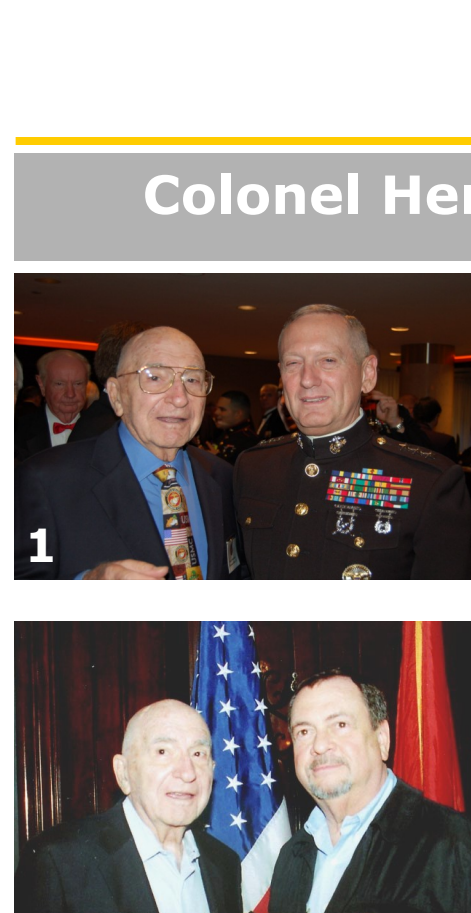


the immigrant who earned a PhD. and his colonel's eagles in America was as fine a connection to our national birthday as I could have wished.

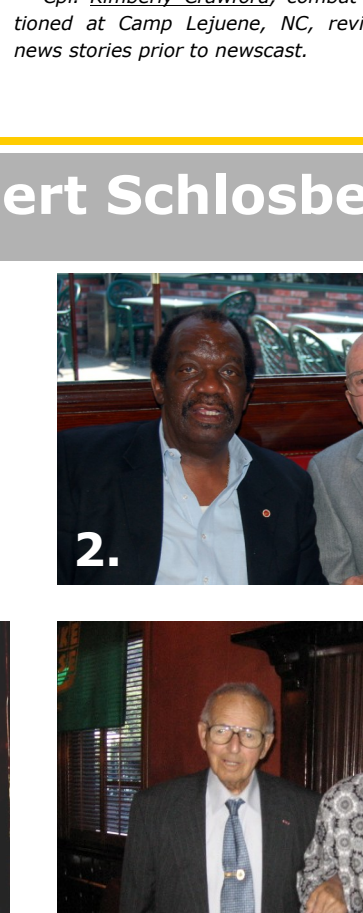
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their principal duties to take over clerical duties stateside while their male counterparts went overseas. On June 12, 1948, Congress passed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act and made women a permanent part of the regular Marine Corps. By 1975, the Corps approved the assignment of women to all occupational fields except infantry, artillery and armor — pilot/air crew was banned but later opened. No doubt the women were delighted to have traded in their Remington's for the real Remington! The Marine Corps thanks you for serving.

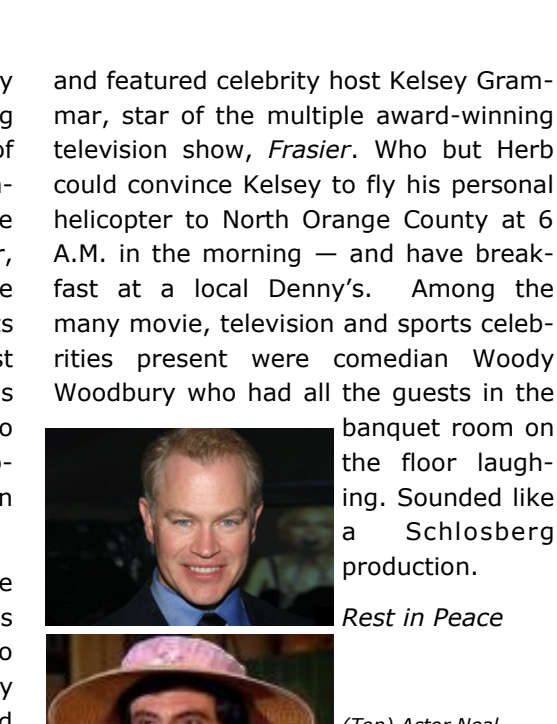
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CAMP TAQUADDUM, IRAQ (28 October 2008) — Cpl. Lisa M. Bodenburg, 20, UH-1N crew chief with Marine Helicopter Squadron 367, 3rd MAW (Forward) prepares herself before taking off on an aerial reconnaissance mission.

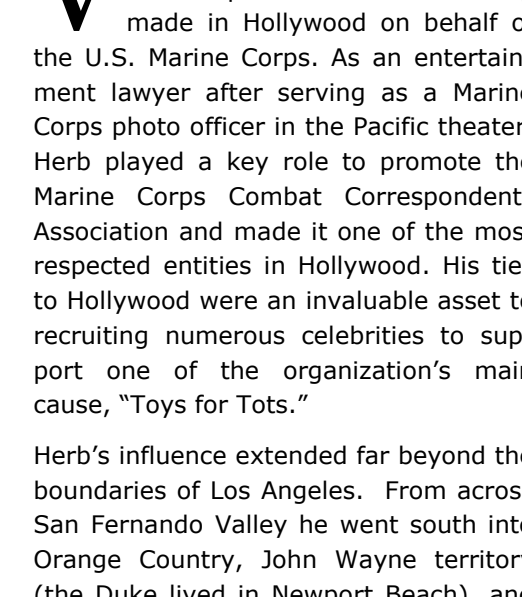


Lance Corporal displaying the Purple Heart while in Iraq. She is currently in physical rehab recovering from injuries. No gender bias on bullets.

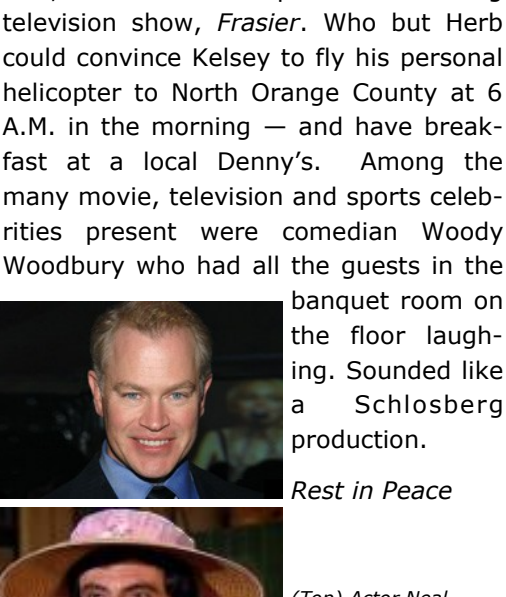


BAGRAM AIRFIELD, AFGHANISTAN (24 February 2009) — Cpl. Kimberly Crawford, combat correspondent stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC, reviews the day's top news stories prior to newscast.

Colonel Herbert Schlosberg



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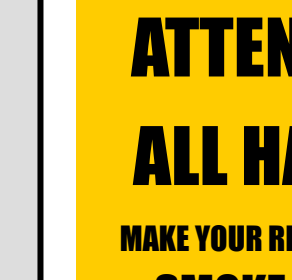


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Volumes of words cannot convey the impact Herb Schlosberg made in Hollywood on behalf of the U.S. Marine Corps. As an entertainment lawyer after serving as a Marine Corps photo officer in the Pacific theater, Herb played a key role to promote the Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Association and made it one of the most respected entities in Hollywood. His ties to Hollywood were an invaluable asset to recruiting numerous celebrities to support one of the organization's main cause, "Toys for Tots."

Herb's influence extended far beyond the boundaries of Los Angeles. From across San Fernando Valley he went south into Orange Country, John Wayne territory (the Duke lived in Newport Beach), and organized a Toys for Tots celebrity golf tournament at the Yorba Linda Country Club. It too turned out to be a success

and featured celebrity host Kelsey Grammer, star of the multiple award-winning television show, *Frasier*. Who but Herb could convince *Frasier* to fly his personal helicopter to North Orange County at 6 A.M. in the morning — and have breakfast at a local Denny's. Among the many movie, television and sports celebrities present were comedian Woody Woodbury who had all the guests in the



banquet room on the floor laughing. Sounded like a Schlosberg production.

Rest in Peace



(Top) Actor Neal McDonough, Band of Brothers; (Bottom) Jamie Farr, Mash.

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