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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



"Happy Birthday to SgtMaj Marty Vasquez"

Standing left to right June Cormier, SgtMaj Marty Vasquez, Margaret Williams (Protocol Officer, 1st Marine Division).
Seated SgtMaj Paul Stephenson.





Dallas Chapter Members

Jim Fairbairn, Ed Morbitzer & Walt Schmick as they participated in the 2016 Dallas Vet's Day Parade.

FROM THE HEADQUARTERS

HEADQUARTERS has managed to bring on board Mrs Lindsey Parra as a temporary part time clerical support administrative assistant. Lindsey comes to us by the good graces of the Division, who sent us three highly qualified individuals to choose from, Lindsey was the best choice. Lindsey's husband is on active duty with the Second Battalion, First Marines, an excellent fighting unit. She is a big help with the sudden huge increase in mail traffic that includes a spike in new membership applications and renewal payments.

Guys,

Vince has recruited a new member to the Dallas Chapter. His name is Eldon Prax and he lives in Haslet, TX.

Eldon is out of town & wont' be available to attend our November meeting; however, he and his wife (Kim) will be attending our Christmas luncheon.

I told Eldon, if he joins the Chapter, I'll pay his 2016 chapter dues. Ed, I'll bring the check to Saturday's meeting. Also, make sure you bring the checkbook, we'll need to reimburse Bob for a deposit he had to post to reserve the room as the Park Cities Club.

Brad, also can you bring the Ka-Bar to Saturday's meeting?

Semper Fi,

Walt

ALL

In all fairness, *El Jefe* recruited Eldon to the FMDA National, Walt recruited him to the Dallas Chapter.

Check the President's Blast each Friday for newly recruited National members. You may find someone you know from our area to recruit off the list into our Dallas Chapter. I'd ask HQ to notify each chapter individually but it is more practical for 53 chapters to make the local contact with someone they know than for one person from HQ to handle it "hit-or-miss".

Semper Fi,
El Jefe

MONEY MATTERS

General Fund Report For the Week of 14 November 2016

Bank of America Checking	
Beginning Balance (11/02/16)	\$82,268.59
Credits, Total	\$1,221.48

Debits, Total	\$2,644.39
Ending Balance (11/18/16)	\$80,845.68

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FROM THE CHAPTERS

Phoenix Chapter

Hi Vince,
Good to hear from you. Hope all is well. Have three individuals that said they would like to join the FMDA. Two in Phoenix and One in Chicago. Just want you to know Vince, you have my 100 % support.

Semper Fi
Gene Wuestenfeld

> Ooh RAH !
> El Jefe

FMDA Website

Hi Vince,

I have been in the hospital since Friday so I haven't had time to add last week's newsletter to the website yet. I will do it as soon as I get home.

Sandy

We who know how serious your illness is hold every prayer for you. And those who don't know, please join with me.

May God show his every mercy for you.

Vince Rios, President

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Leo McGranahan

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Leo S.G. McGranahan

May 30, 1940 - November 5, 2016

Gates - Leo Stewart Granvel McGranahan was born on May 30, 1940 in Salem, OR. He was one of seven Children and is survived by one brother, Herschell. He served in the Marine Corp from September 12, 1958 - September 11, 1964. He received a "Good Conduct" medal and an "Expert Shooter" badge for a .30 caliber rifle, as well. He was happily married to Connie Swartz for over 40 years and she preceded him in passing in 2012. He was well loved and will be missed by all that knew him. He was quick to laugh and has always been there for anyone that needed help or support. With only a 10th grade education, he became a successful business owner of LeConn Floor Covering and Supply from which he retired a few years ago. He loved living in Gates, Oregon among all the natural beauty and serenity.

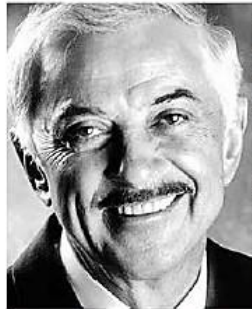
Leo enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and visiting with his family. He passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Saturday, November 5, 2016. Our beloved Leo is survived by his daughter, Staci Johnson, and Son, Kevin McGranahan. Five grandchildren: Jill, Justin, Jimmie, Jessica and Jakob. He had 3 great-grandchildren, as well - Zachary, Andrew and Indie Fawn. He will always be in our hearts.

Assisting is Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service.

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Harry A. Merlo

Mar. 05, 1925 - Oct. 24, 2016



From the humblest of beginnings to the pinnacle of success, Harry was always just "Harry." If one called him Mr. Merlo he'd respond, "Mr. Merlo was my father. I'm Harry."

Born and raised in poverty in a high Sierra lumber camp, he was the son of Italian immigrants. His mother, a profound influence on Harry's achievements, taught Harry "Che non lavaro, non deve mangiare"... "if you don't work, you don't eat." The foundation of

Harry's life was hard work, from childhood boarding house chores to physical improvements on his beloved ranch in eastern Oregon.

Harry, on the cusp of America's greatest generation, began his worldly successes as a Marine officer during WWII. After the war and the Marine Corps, with a degree from the University of California, and with the post-war building boom under way, Harry launched his legendary forest products career.

As a child growing up in a lumber yard, sawdust was in Harry's veins. Summer jobs during college injected more. In 1949 he landed his first full-time job with the Rounds and Kilpatrick Lumber Company at Cloverdale, Calif. As a shipping clerk earning \$350 a month, Harry launched a career that would redefine the forest products industry.

By 1952 Harry had so captured the attention of the absentee owners of the company that he was asked to move to San Francisco to handle sales of lumber for the company. He developed relations with customers based on quick and accurate lumber deliveries, a captivating personality, and a magic ingredient--wine! Harry won and secured the loyalty of customers by including a case of Italian Swiss Colony wine in every railroad car of lumber that he shipped.

By 1958, at the age of 33, Harry was named vice president and general manager of Rounds and Kilpatrick Lumber Company, selling redwood by the train load across America. Harry knew in abundance how to buy timber, produce and sell lumber, manage people, and he had grand ambitions for the company. So did Robert Pamplin, Sr., Chief Executive Officer of Georgia Pacific Corporation. In a rapid and strategic purchase of Rounds and Kilpatrick Lumber Company, Georgia Pacific acquired the company and its greatest asset, Harry A. Merlo. In 1967 Harry became vice president in charge of timber, plywood, and lumber operations at Georgia Pacific's giant Samoa, Calif. operation. Harry's leadership at Samoa catapulted the operation's profits to an extraordinary level in just one year. Harry was soon moved to Georgia Pacific Corporate offices in Portland.

Through aggressive purchases of timberland and, particularly, the manufacturing operations that accompanied those timberlands, Georgia Pacific caught the attention of the Federal Trade Commission, claiming an acquired monopoly in the Southern pine plywood market. As a result, a new company was born, Louisiana-Pacific Corporation, and in 1972 Harry became President and Chief Operating Officer. Soon he would add the title of Chairman of the Board. Success was neither immediate nor easy. History shows that Harry's tenacity, work ethic, respect for the dignity of his employees, his insatiable appetite for new

and innovative products, and his intellectual curiosity brought Harry and Louisiana-Pacific to the precipice of unprecedented success in 1978.

He discovered a product being advocated in a display booth at the National Association of Home Builders while attending a trade show. That product was called "waferwood." Harry was prescient. He knew the preferred building material in America, plywood, had to change because the resources to make plywood were being withdrawn from the market by changing forest policy.

While other leaders and competitors in the forest products industry scoffed, Harry bet his future and that of Louisiana-Pacific on a new form of building panels, a product that would evolve from "waferwood" to "oriented strand board." Making building panels from small logs, waste wood, recycled wood, low value invasive trees--fiber once discarded or burned--created a product superior to plywood without a reliance on large trees that were becoming increasingly rare. Today, one seldom sees a home or wooden building under construction in America that is not using oriented strand board, Harry's vision, rather than plywood.

Until his final day, Harry never lost enthusiasm for innovation and creativity for that which might become a better and more useful forest product. Always curious, his eyes would sparkle and his enthusiasm erupt when he'd meet an entrepreneur with a better idea. Harry believed in wood products and, even more, he believed in people with better ideas.

Harry's career at Louisiana Pacific was extraordinary, both for business success and for community involvement. He brought professional soccer to Portland. He brought Davis Cup tennis to Portland, and he brought great success to the entire soccer program at the University of Portland where the perfectly designed and maintained soccer field carries Harry's name. The aptly named Harry A. Merlo Hall at the World Forestry Center documents his generosity and his vision for global forestry.

After leaving Louisiana Pacific in 1995 Harry focused his considerable energies on passions he had little time for during his career: creating a stunning forested ranch, a model for forest stewardship in eastern Oregon; encouraging his son Harry, Jr. to grow grapes for award winning wines in California; fishing from his boat in Alaskan waters; hunting deer and elk each autumn; creating a better Oregon through the philanthropy of his Merlo Foundation; and most importantly, enjoying occasions, both small and large, with his wife Flo. For Harry, watching a sporting event, attending a social function, traveling, or receiving a myriad of awards, all were joyous occasions when shared with Flo. Their time together became, and endured, as Harry's happiest time in a life.

Besides his wife, Flo Newton Merlo, Harry leaves a son, Harry Merlo Jr.; his daughter-in-law, Billie Merlo; grandsons, Dominic and Anthony Merlo; and two stepchildren from a previous marriage. Harry is also survived by two brothers, Pete Merlo of Chico, Calif., and Frank Merlo of Sacramento, Calif.; as well as many nieces and nephews.

It was Harry's wish that, instead of gifts or flowers, contributions be made to the Harry A. Merlo Foundation, Inc., 1001 S.E. Sandy Blvd., Portland, OR 97214 so as to sustain the charitable work that has long impacted and improved Portland and the region.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016 at the Chapel of Christ the Teacher on the campus of University of Portland, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd., Portland, OR. University of Portland President; Reverend Mark L. Poorman, C.S.C. will preside.

Please sign the online guest book at www.oregonlive.com/obits



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