



## Lt. Col. Blair Hyde, U.S. Marines, 1941 - 1945



It was spring 1941, and Blair Hyde was a senior and track star at Stanford University. With the war raging in Europe and knowing that they must soon either enlist or be drafted, he and several of his friends chose the Marines, and on May 15, 1941, they signed up. Following graduation, there were a few

months before he would be called to active duty. He found a job with PG & E and began seeing more of a cute girl named Marilyn Well. After Pearl Harbor, Blair received orders to report to Officer Candidate School at Quantico, Virginia. Here he survived the infamous OCS drill sergeants (the wash-out rate was 20%) and received his gold bars as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Before long, Blair became a regimental intelligence officer, serving in the same regiment from the day it was formed until almost the day it was disbanded in 1945.

The better part of his first year was spent at various bases in the U.S., and during that time he became better and better acquainted with Marilyn. Just before he shipped out, they became engaged, and it would be over two years before they saw each other again. Sailing on the S.S. Lurline, a former luxury liner now converted to a troop ship, he and about 3,000 other Marines went first to New Zealand, where their training continued. They were then sent to Guadalcanal (by now under full American control), waiting to attack the large Japanese force on the island of Bougainville. There he had his first taste of combat and received a letter of commendation from the Division General. After Bougainville, it was back to Guadalcanal and more training. Originally destined for the invasion of Saipan, his regiment instead took part in the liberation of Guam. Here he encountered his first

banzai charge and resultant human carnage. Here he also had more experience as an intelligence officer, working with captured Japanese soldiers and attempting to get others to surrender. At Guam, he received his first Bronze Star.

The next campaign was Iwo Jima. Fortunately for Blair, his 3<sup>rd</sup> Division was in reserve and did not go ashore until day three of the invasion. That first night, lying flat on the beachhead for safety, he had for company a dead Marine on one side and a very scared 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. on his opposite side. "My first 30 days on Iwo were more about survival than making any significant contribution to the actual victory." One in three marines was killed or wounded on Iwo. Here Blair was made a company commander, the prior four having been either killed or wounded, and here he received his second Bronze Star.



With the fall of Iwo Jima, Blair, now a captain, received orders to return to San Diego (after 26 months overseas) and soon thereafter became a major. And, wouldn't you know, the very next thing he did was marry Marilyn. They promptly drove across the country in an old Chevy con-

vertible to North Carolina, there to begin training for the invasion of Japan. Then came the atomic bomb, the Japanese surrender, and the end of WWII. Blair was released from active duty as a major in the inactive reserves until the outbreak of the Korean War, and with that Blair, now a Lt. Colonel, retired from the Marines.

As Blair says, "It may sound odd, but I enjoyed my years in the Marine Corps and being part of campaigns on Bougainville, Guam and Iwo Jima .... It was a pivotal time in my life." A remarkable story about a remarkable man.

*Dick Wheat*

## EVENTS

### **SUN NOV 4 MOVIE – 1:30 – MH**

**Breaker Morant** In South Africa during the Second Boer War, Australian Army Lieutenants Harry "Breaker" Morant, Peter Handcock, and George Witton stand accused of the murders of six Boer prisoners and the assassination of a German missionary. British Commander-in-Chief Lord Kitchener is determined to see the men found guilty, which he can use as a bargaining chip in an impending peace conference with the Boers.

### **WED NOV 7 MOVIE – 7:15 – MH**

**Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again** Five years after the events of *Mamma Mia!*, Sophie prepares for the grand reopening of the Hotel Bella Donna as she learns more about her mother's past.

### **THU NOV 8 HALF-FAST WALKERS PLAN TO WALK – 9**

Walkers will head for **Point Lobos**. Sign up on BB. Jack Enbom will lead.

### **THU NOV 8, 15 BASIC BRIDGE WITH LYDE – 4 – GR**

Learn the basics with 90-minute lessons on successive Thursdays, taught by our local "Queen of Bridge." Sign up on BB.

### **SAT NOV 10 WESTERN HOEDOWN – 7:15 MH**

Hoedown will follow western-themed barbecue dinner. Details – see next column.

### **SUN NOV 11 MOVIE – 1:30 – MH**

**Best in Show** The tension is palpable, the excitement is mounting, and the heady scent of competition is in the air as hundreds of eager contestants from across America prepare to take part in what is undoubtedly one of the greatest events of their lives -- the Mayflower Dog Show. The canine contestants and their owners are as wondrously diverse as the great country that has bred them.

### **MON NOV 12 VETERANS DAY CEREMONY – 10:30 – MH**

A brief ceremony, with songs, will honor our veterans.

### **WED NOV 14 ANNUAL MEETING – 10:30 – MH**

All residents are encouraged to attend our annual meeting.

### **WED NOV 14 MOVIE – 7:15 – MH**

**Isle of Dogs** In this stop-motion-animated film, an outbreak of canine flu in Japan leads all dogs to be quarantined on an island. A boy journeys there to rescue his dog, Spots, and gets help from a pack of misfit canines who have also been exiled. His quest inspires a group of dog lovers to expose a government conspiracy.

### **THU NOV 15 HALF-FAST WALKERS PLAN TO WALK – 9**

Walkers will head for **Carmel Meadows**. Sign up on BB. Ken Rich will lead.

### **SUN NOV 18 MOVIE – 1:30 – MH**

**Crocodile Dundee** A New York reporter heads to Australia to interview the living legend Mike Dundee (Paul Hogan). When she finally locates him, she is so taken

with him that she brings him back with her to New York. In New York, Mike Dundee is amazed by the wonders of the city and the interesting people there.

### **SAT. NOV 10, 7:15PM in MH WESTERN HOEDOWN**

The Hoedown will feature the Fred McCarty Duo, a western combo that plays extensively in the bay- and tri-county- venues.



Fred is an accomplished musician in multiple genres, including classical, folk, cowboy, country & western, and popular music. He plays acoustic and electric guitars and sings. Fred's partner in this hoedown event is a cowboy and country & western fiddle player named Michael Ray. Together, they will play and sing an hour program of toe-tapping music that may inspire residents to

dance on the dance floor next to the stage.

Otto Neely

### **OUR RESIDENTS' WEBSITE VISIT THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE PAGE. SEE THE NEW BOOKS**

There are some wonderful books waiting for you to check them out.

Go to the Residents' Website, click on Committees and scroll down to Library.  
cv8545.org



At 2 am, on Sunday,  
Nov. 4

and

On Tuesday, Nov. 6



### **NEW/SOON-TO-BE RESIDENTS**

Diane Greenlee	John and Ann Mahoney
Charles and Leslie Snorf	Roger Newell
Tom and Sue Masters	Joanne Irmas
Bruce and Harriet Newell	Richard Ruh & Wendy Palmer
Aliceton Jones	

### **Happy Birthday**

11/2	Rosemary B.	11/8	Jean C.
11/2	Blair H.	11/9	Ramona S.
11/3	Betty H.	11/11	Don A.
11/6	Shirley K.	11/13	Geneva W.
11/7	Freya W.		



## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

See also *Master Schedule of Ongoing Activities*

(C 10,11 Residents' Handbook)

<b>MON</b>	Chair Exercise MH	8:30-8:45AM	<b>THUR</b>	Chair Exercise MH	8:30-8:45AM
	Monday Morning Forum (4th) MH	10:30AM		Half-Fast Walkers	9:00AM
	Advanced Exercise MH	11:00-11:45AM		Adv. Water Exercise SP	9:30-10:15AM
	Duplicate Bridge GR	1:00PM		Games GR	7:00PM
	Dominoes GR	7:15PM	<b>FRI</b>	Chair Exercise MH	8:30-8:45AM
<b>TUES</b>	Chair Exercise MH	8:30-8:45AM		Balance and Stretch MH	9:15-9:45AM
	Council Meeting (2nd) CR	9:30AM		Strength Circuit Training FC	11:00-11:45AM
	Adv. Water Exercise SP	9:30-10:15AM		Bookmobile	12:45-1:15PM
	Worship Services (1st) H	10:30AM		Every other Friday (November 2)	
	Communion Service (3rd) HC	10:30AM		Lawn Bowling PG	1:15-3:15PM
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	Sing For Fun (1st) WP	2:30PM	<b>SAT</b>	Chair Exercise MH	8:30-8:45AM
<b>WED</b>	Chair Exercise MH	8:30-8:45AM		Putting (2nd) PG	10-11:30AM
	Balance and Stretch MH	9:15-9:45AM		Wine Dinner Group (2nd) PDR	5:30PM
	Advanced Exercise MH	11:00-11:45AM		Music on the Menu DR (Nov 3)	6:00-7:00PM
	Strength Circuit Training FC	11:00-11:45AM	<b>SUN</b>	Classic Movie MH	1:30PM
	Communion Service (2nd) WP	11:15AM	<b>*NEW</b>		
	Mahjong*	2:00-4:00PM			
	Movie Night MH	7:15PM			

### LOCATION LEGEND

CR Conference Room(s)	DR Dining Room	FC Fitness Center	GR Game Room
H Hillcrest	HC Health Center	HG Hall Gallery	L Library
MH Meeting House	PDR Private Dining Room	PG Putting Green	PL Pavilion Lounge
SP Swimming Pool	WP West Parlor	BB Sign-up and/or Information on Bulletin Board	



**Susan Nycum and Bill Schueler**

Bill and Susan Hubbell (Nycum ) Schueler have known each other for many years, as with their deceased spouses they were in the Stanford Doubles Alumni Group of friends and fun.

Now, as newlyweds, they are here loving the Manor. Susan's long-time friend, Mary Kay Crockett, encouraged them to move here from their home in Portola Valley. After a few visits to the Manor, and able to select a wonderful new home, they moved to 8 D in September.

Bill was born in Normal, Il, the town that had the first Normal Teaching School. After high school, he

joined the Navy and was assigned to an amphibious landing craft. That landing craft took marines into Okinawa, the last major battle of the Pacific. Upon graduating from the University of Illinois, Bill went into the packaging business in New York. Proficient with his marketing ideas, he started his own business, by this time in the Bay Area, as a manufacturer's representative.

Susan was born in Pittsburgh, PA, and raised on a 100 acre farm. She is a lawyer, who specialized in high technology issues and now concentrates on dispute resolution, serving as an independent arbitrator. Her work is now done largely on the phone and computer or when her worldwide clients come to her.

They both look forward to getting involved in Manor Committees after living here awhile.

They do not want to wait too long; after some time here, they will decide which Committees to join.

We welcome the Schuelers, and may every day fulfill their lovely thoughts of Carmel Valley Manor.

A man and his wife, now both 65, were celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. On their special day a good fairy came to them and said that because they had been such a devoted couple, she would grant each of them a special wish.

The wife wished for a trip around the world with her husband. Whoosh! Immediately she had airline/cruise tickets in her hands.

The man wished for a female companion 30 years younger. Whoosh! Immediately he turned ninety-five.

## Carmel Valley Manor Mists and Vapors

Yes, it is true that the food is excellent, especially the soups, and the fish, and salads. Also, the grounds are fertile, with many fields and clusters of red, yellow, and purple flowers in every season. Certainly, the architecture has stood the tests of more than fifty years of simplicity, function and, yes, elegance. Safety is clearly a priority and so are quality and prompt medical care.

So living here is more than the sum of the parts; here are many, many intangibles that float about the mists and vapors that bring us light and liveliness, where other such places might have shadows and even darkness.

After all, this is a “retirement home,” an “old folks home,” where the youngest retirees are in their seventies and several are already more than 100 seasons.

Clearly, or not so clearly, what we have here is of many threads and textures. At this moment, it is not easy to define in mere words, hard as we may try.

There is a sense of place, a lovely place in Carmel Valley, bestride the almost-wild Santa Lucia mountains, much as Vizcaino first saw them several centuries ago. Then there is the sense of grace that pervades the Manor; residents and staff equally care about this place

and each other. For the most part we know the names of the more than 200 residents and 170 staff, and we are part of each other's lives. We are not of one mind—we have our disagreements—but are not rude or degrading of one another. More than mere formality or manners, we are involved with each other. It is really astonishing but true.

In the best sense, we are a community. We are neighbors. We do things together both on and off campus. Certainly we can do more for the less affluent who live around us. Some of the residents here are quite active in organizations off campus and are doing just that.

As neighbors, we see a great deal of each other, almost daily. That is a big reason that many of us resist any changes in the ways and times we eat together. It is not an accident that mealtimes here at morning, noon, and evening are so important, so special. It is the time of expectations that our paths will cross in spontaneous, unplanned ways. We just know we'll be there for the mealtime connections. Daylong grazing, or even the “bistro,” would tear things apart. It is not “change” that we oppose; it is simply that we know what it is to cherish what we have in our delightful encounters with each other.

*Marty Rosen*



A small boy was at the zoo with his father. They were looking at the tigers, and his father was telling him how ferocious they were. “Daddy, if the tigers got out and ate you up...”

“Yes, son?” the father asked, ready to console him.  
“...Which bus would I take home?”

A doctor says to the man, “You want to improve your love life? Run 10 miles a day.” Two weeks later the man calls the doctor. The doctor asks, “How’s your love life since you’ve been running?” “Not very good,” the man says. “I’m 140 miles away.”



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