

PAPERS CAPTIONS

1957 - 1962

1. My 1957 USMCR Original Orders to Parris Island. So long ago, and I was so young. I can't believe I had the nerve to quit high school and run off to the USMC at 17.
2. My 1958 USMC Original Orders to Camp Pendleton, CA. Peter Kettle, a High School buddy, and I enlisted together and drove to California from New York City, in my 1950 Ford. THAT is another whole story. From Chicago to Los Angeles we took Route 66, which is now a legend in itself. We were only at Pendleton a month when we shipped out for the Far East. Some quick memories: The huge typhoon the ship went through just north of Midway, on the way over. It was only when we got to Yokohama, and I looked up from the pier and saw how high the bow was that I realized what I had witnessed before they secured deck. The bow would totally disappear under water and the over spray was drenching even 623' to the stern!

As we sailed up Tokyo Bay, there was a British heavy cruiser anchored not far away and some Marine shouted out "Fuck the Queen". What a scene! Next, was seeing Japan for the first time. Wow! The next morning I had guard duty 4 to 8 and saw the famous "Land of the Rising Sun" in all its glory, as the 12,389' snow-capped peak of Mt. Fuji turned pink in the sunrise. As we sailed south to Okinawa the next day, I will never forget all the small islands with smoking volcanoes. These memories are priceless.

3. This is just a small collection of the important stuff we carried in those days: my ID and liberty cards, PX Card to Bishagawa, Geneva Convention Card, and a little certificate for crossing the International Date Line. Also a certificate for making the 150 mile force march from the "Desert to the Sea" with the 5th Marines at Pendleton, and my Certificate of Service.
4. My 1958 Bishagawa Enlisted Club pass. The rules are on the back and cover a code of conduct to have access to all that 3.2 beer. Remember: Lucky Lager! Niebur introduced me to Hamm's. I remember thinking, why would they want to name a beer after meat. I could not spell then either!
5. My 1958 Main side Pendleton MESS PASS. The food there was really great. At Margarita we had to eat C-Ration in the mess hall several days a week.
6. When it came time for discharge I asked our Company 1st Lt. D. D. Carbone to write a letter of recommendation which I hoped would help me get into college. I was surprised at the nice things he wrote and still value this letter from a Marine Officer.
7. After N. W. Ayer, I continued as Account Executive on Yamaha with Botsford Ketchum the West Coast office of Ketchum Communications out of Pittsburgh, PA. They were impressed with my level of client involvement.
8. Here is a write up on the success of the show from the Harley Davison newspaper. Coupled with my first place standing in sales this brought about my promotion to General Sales Manager. We moved to Wisconsin in the fall of 1977 and I began my new job at headquarters.
9. The 1979 Harley Davidson News Release announcing my election to Vice President.
10. The bio page used in the 1981 American Retirement Corporation literature.
11. This 1991 Gray Line Brochure Speaks for itself.