

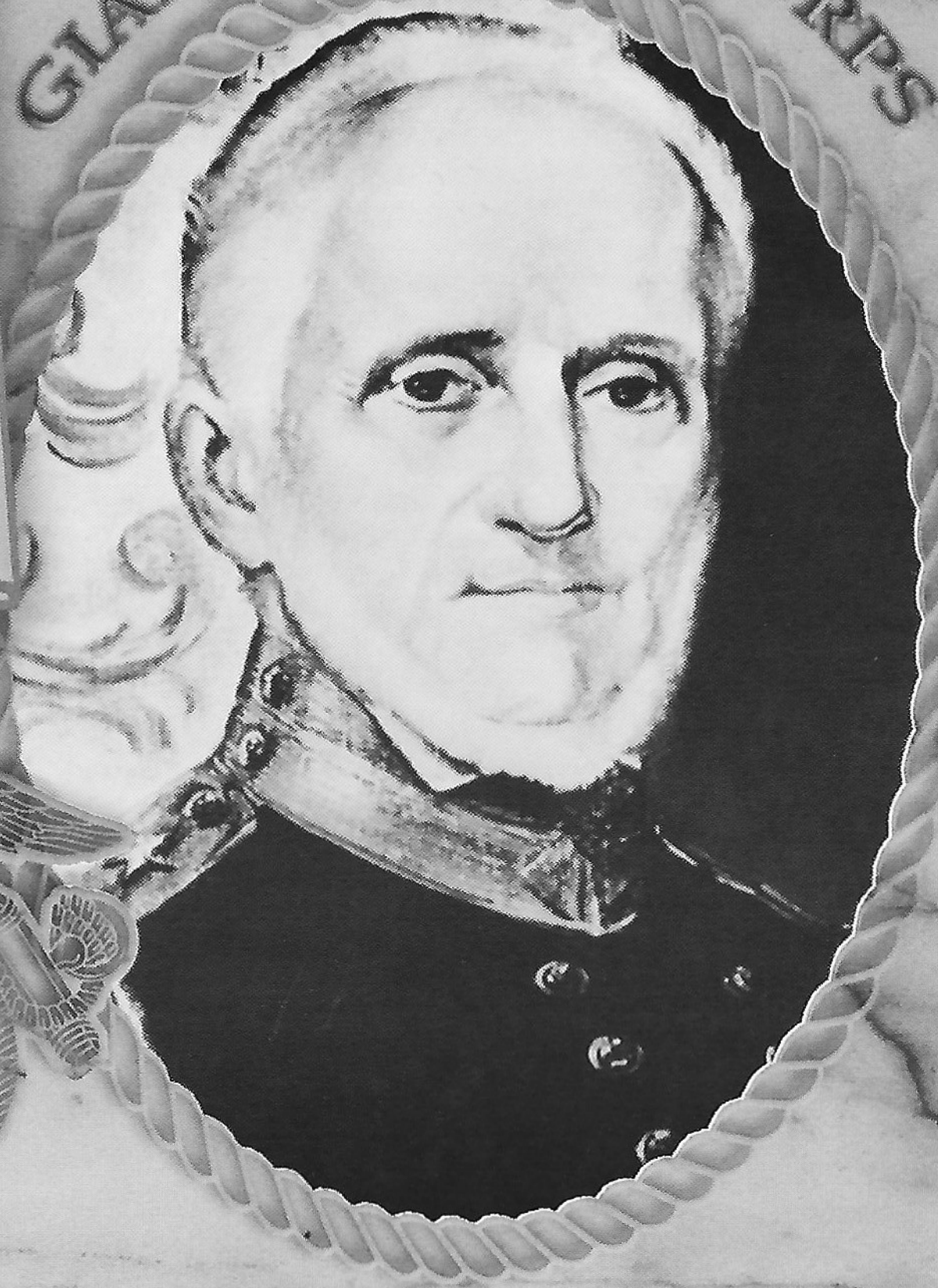
Born 21 January 1783
Died 6 January 1859

- Veteran of the 1846 Mexican War. Fought at Chapultepec, the "Halls of Montezuma."
- Henderson emphasized competence of leaders and men and had newly appointed officers stationed first at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., for professional training.
- Commanded a regiment of Marines in 1836-37 during operations against the Seminole Indians in Florida. Legend has it that he tacked a sign on the barracks, "*Gone to Florida to fight the Indians. Will be back when the war is over.*"
- Reputation of the Marines surged during his Commandancy.
- Fifth Commandant—the longest Commandant in office—for 38 years.

**BREVET BRIGADIER
GENERAL
ARCHIBALD
HENDERSON**



GIANTS OF THE CORPS



Born in Virginia, 1776
Died 12 September 1850

- Served in various stations in the United States prior to assignments aboard USS *Adams*, USS *President*, frigate *Constitution* and USS *Argus*.
- Commanded the Marine detachment in the expedition to capture Derne, Libya, during the Tripolitan War in April 1805. He helped raise the first American flag ever to fly over the Eastern Hemisphere, hence the "shores of Tripoli" reference in the "Marines' Hymn."
- On the occasion of his departure from Derne, Hamet Karamanli honored Lt O'Bannon by presenting him his sword with a Mameluke hilt. This sword was the model for the dress sword that is used by Marine Corps officers today, making it the oldest continuously used weapon in the U.S. military arsenal.
- Upon his return to the United States, the state of Virginia presented O'Bannon a sword modeled after the original Mameluke blade given to him by Hamet (older brother of Yousuf, Pasha of Tripoli).
- Hailed as the "hero of Derne."

LIEUTENANT
**PRESLEY N.
O'BANNON**



GIANTS OF THE CORPS



Born 6 November 1854
Died 6 March 1932

- Began his career with the U.S. Marine Corps at age 13, serving as an apprentice "boy" who had enlisted to receive instruction "in the trade or mystery of a musician." Taught harmony at age 15.
- Became leader of the Marine Band 1 October 1880. The Marine Band made its first concert tour of the United States, visiting the eastern and middle states in 1891 and Pacific coast in 1892.
- Resigned from the Marine Band on 30 July 1892 in order to organize a band of his own.
- In 1917, Sousa joined the U.S. Naval Reserve, was assigned to the Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Ill., in the capacity of musical director and received the rank of Lieutenant Commander, USNR.
- Sousa, the "March King," received decorations from several countries in honor of his genius as a composer and as a band leader. Among them were the Victorian Order (Britain), the Grand Diploma of Honor of the Academy of Heinhault (Belgium) and the French decoration of Palms of the French Academy of Music.

JOHN PHILIP SOUSA



GIANTS OF THE CORPS



Born 30 July 1881
Died 21 June 1940

- On 20 May 1898, he was appointed as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps for the war with Spain.

- He served with the Marine Battalion, North Atlantic Squadron until 11 February 1899. He was then assigned to duty with the Marine battalion at Manila, Philippine Islands, and then in the Boxer Rebellion in China.

- Returning to the United States in 1901, he served at various posts within the continental limits and on several ships. He served ashore in Puerto Rico and the Isthmus of Panama, commanding the 3d Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment. He was temporarily detached to command an expeditionary battalion organized for service in Nicaragua, in which he participated in the bombardment, assault and capture of Coyotepe.

- 21-22 April 1914—Vera Cruz, Mexico: awarded his first Medal of Honor following action at Vera Cruz, where he commanded the Marines who landed and occupied the city. He was eminent and conspicuous in command of his battalion. He exhibited courage and skill in leading his men through the action of the 22nd and in the final occupation of the city.

- 17 November 1915—Fort Riviere, Haiti: awarded his second Medal of Honor for bravery and forceful leadership as Commanding Officer of detachments of Marines and seamen from USS *Connecticut* in crushing the Caco resistance on Fort Riviere.

- For exceptionally meritorious service, he was awarded the Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Navy Distinguished Service Medal and the French Order of the Black Star.

MAJOR GENERAL SMEDLEY D. BUTLER



GIANTS OF THE CORPS



Born 13 March 1887
Died 8 May 1973

- Following instruction at the Marine Officers' School, Port Royal, S.C., and a tour at the Marine Barracks, Portsmouth, N.H., he went to foreign-shore duty in the Caribbean area, where he participated in the bombardment, assault and capture of Coyotepe in Nicaragua. He further participated in the engagement and occupation of Vera Cruz, Mexico.
- Sailed to Haiti with the 1st Brigade and participated in action against hostile Caco bandits in Le Trou and Fort Capois.
- Fought at Guadalcanal and was Commandant during the Marine assaults on Saipan, Tinian, Guam, Peleliu, Iwo Jima and Okinawa in WW II.
- Awarded the Navy Cross for outstanding service as Commanding General of the 1st Marine Division during the attack on Guadalcanal, Tulagi and Gavutu in the Solomon Islands on 7 August 1942. For the subsequent occupation and defense from 7 August to 9 December 1942, he was awarded the Medal of Honor.
- Eighteenth Commandant of the Marine Corps, January 1944 to December 1947.
- Awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for outstanding service as Commandant of the Marine Corps.

GENERAL
ALEXANDER A.
VANDEGRIFT



GIANTS OF THE CORPS



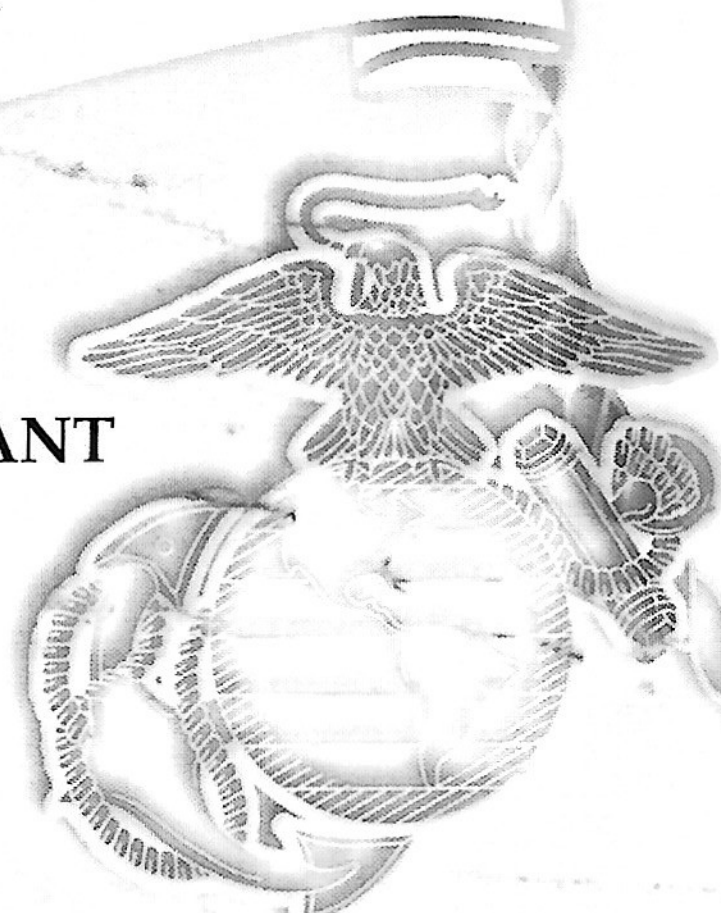
Born 17 August 1878
Died 14 May 1940

- He served under the name of Charles F. Hoffman, then had his name legally changed to Ernest August Janson. He received the Navy and Army Medals of Honor under these different names.
- Fought with the 49th Company, 5th Marine Regiment, 2d Division.
- On 6 June 1918, at the Battle of Chateau-Thierry in France, he displayed coolness and extraordinary heroism throughout the attack. During the counter-attack of the enemy, armed with a rifle, he charged and routed a group of machine-gunners.
- Awarded both the Navy and Army Medals of Honor for the same action.

GUNNERY SERGEANT

**ERNEST A.
JANSON**

A.K.A. CHARLES F. HOFFMAN



Born 1 May 1888
Died 19 March 1956

- Fought with the 66th Company, 5th Marine Regiment.
- 18 July 1918: awarded both the Navy and Army Medals of Honor for the same action in the Forest de Retz, near Villers-Cotterets, France, in WW I.
- Succeeded in getting behind the enemy position and rushed a machine-gun emplacement, killing or driving off the crew with his bayonet. With German hand grenades he then bombed out the remaining portion of the strong point, capturing four men and two damaged machine guns.

MAJOR
**LOUIS
CUKELA**



BRIGADIER GENERAL
EVANS FORDYCE CARLSON, USMCR

GIANTS OF THE CORPS



MAJOR GENERAL
MERRITT A. EDSON



Born 26 February 1896
Died 27 May 1947

- Veteran of the Mexican punitive expedition, WW I; service in China (1927-29, 1933-36, 1937-38); service in Nicaragua and WW II.
- Awarded the Navy Cross for leading 12 Marines against 100 bandits in Nicaragua in 1930.
- Organized and trained the battalion known as "Carlson's Raiders," the 2d Marine Raider Battalion.
- 17 August 1942—Makin Atoll Butaritari Island: awarded a Gold Star in lieu of a second Navy Cross for his leadership in the raid on Makin Atoll Butaritari Island.
- November-December 1942—Guadalcanal: awarded a second Gold Star for heroism and distinguished leadership.

Born 25 April 1897
Died 14 August 1955

- Veteran of WW I, service in Central American waters, Nicaragua, China and WW II.
- Conducted the training exercises that led to the organization of the 1st Marine Raider Battalion.
- 1928-29—Nicaragua: awarded the Navy Cross for "his exhibition of coolness, intrepidity, and dash [that] so inspired his men [against] superior forces of [Augusto Sandino-led] bandits [that] were driven from their prepared positions. ..."
- 7 August 1942—Tulagi, British Solomon Islands: awarded a Gold Star in lieu of a second Navy Cross for his successful conduct of the Tulagi operation.
- 13-14 September 1942—Bloody Ridge, Guadalcanal: awarded the Medal of Honor for his astute leadership and gallant devotion to duty. Although continuously exposed to hostile fire, he personally directed the defense of the reserve position against a fanatical foe of greatly superior numbers.

Born 26 June 1898
Died 11 October 1971

- Veteran of WW II, the Korean War and expeditionary service in China, Nicaragua and Haiti.
- Commander of the "Horse Marines" in China.
- Awarded 14 personal decorations in combat, plus a long list of campaign medals, unit citation ribbons and other awards.
- Only Marine to be awarded five Navy Crosses for heroism and gallantry in combat.
- Awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and received his fifth Navy Cross for heroism in action as commander of the 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division, during the bitter fight to break out of Korea's Chosin Reservoir area.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL
**LEWIS B.
PULLER**



GIANTS OF THE CORPS



Born 11 November 1873
Died 27 April 1937

- Veteran of the Boxer Rebellion in China, WW I and service in Haiti; Panama; Cuba; Vera Cruz, Mexico; and Puerto Rico.
- Awarded the Medal of Honor twice for separate acts of heroism, the Army Distinguished Service Cross and the Navy Cross for heroism in action at Belleau Wood, France, in WW I.
- 14 August 1900—Peking, China: awarded the Medal of Honor for single-handedly defending his position against Chinese Boxers until reinforcements arrived.
- 24 October 1915—Haiti: awarded the Medal of Honor for fighting with exceptional gallantry against Caco forces near Fort Liberte.

SERGEANT MAJOR
**DANIEL
DALY**



GIANTS OF THE CORPS



Born 10 January 1867
Died 20 November 1942

- Veteran of the Spanish-American War; Panama's revolution against Colombia; the Philippine Campaign; the Battle of Vera Cruz, Mexico; and WW I.
- Referred to as "the greatest of all Leathernecks."
- Was the first Marine officer to hold an Army divisional command by commanding the famed Second Division (Army) in WW I.
- Thirteenth Commandant of the Marine Corps, June 1920 to March 1929.
- Founder of the Marine Corps Association and the Marine Corps League.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL
**JOHN A.
LEJEUNE**



GIANTS OF THE CORPS



Born 20 June 1870
Died 10 September 1922

- Veteran of the war with Spain; the Philippine insurrection; the ordeal on Samar, Philippines; the Battle of Vera Cruz, Mexico; and in every battle fought by Marines in France, until 16 October 1918.
- 13 December 1898: awarded the Medal of Honor for his action during the battle of Cuzco Well, Cuba, 14 June 1898, when he signaled USS *Dolphin* on three different occasions while exposed to heavy enemy fire.

GIANTS OF THE CORPS



SERGEANT MAJOR
**JOHN H.
QUICK**

