

Cpl Franklin George Hansen

Born: 5/7/1934
Island

Died:

Service # 1427493

Period of Service Korea
US Marine Corps
Sources: Monument, B10 f
2a, JG, Frank himself

Entered the Marine Corps in August 28, 1953 from Milwaukee.
Discharged August 27, 1955 from Camp Pendleton.

He was stationed at Camp Pendleton, North Camp, also Fuji Gotemba, Japan, and the Demilitarized Zone of Korea. He was with the Fire Direction Center of the 81 mm Mortar Platoon, which was part of the Third Marine Division. While in Japan he also worked as a chaplain's assistant. In Korea, he was part of the replacement troops helping to 'keep the peace.' He notes, "Japan was a great experience. I was stationed right at the very base of Mount Fuji, and climbed it many times. I also played baseball so I got to travel all over Japan. Korea was cold and totally blown to pieces. I would like to see it again. My greatest joy is knowing Jesus and his love. My life would not be much without Him. Also my family and my friends all over the world, but mostly Washington Island, my home, are my inspiration. Again, I say, Semper Fidelis."

Parents were Josie and Jens Hansen. There were 12 children, including, Muriel, Sylvia, James, Lucien, Richard, Lillian, Natalie, Lucien 2nd, Raymond, Theodore, Ardis, and Franklin. Frank (or sometimes Frankie as he was called) graduated from Washington Island High School in 1952, Dana College in 1958 with a bachelor of science degree in business administration.

Frank's wife Kimberleigh Johanna Bigelow (born 6/21/49) died of cancer after a long siege in 2011. They had been married in November 1969. Their children were daughters Andi Lynn (Vacla), Jenny Marie (Stults), and son James.

Frank worked in, and owned, seafood restaurants in Chicago and Wood Dale, IL, from 1963 to 1996 when he retired and returned to the Island. He is a very good carpenter.