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### Navy Corpsman Bill Bailey, USN

On June 26, 2008 America lost one of her sons, and we Marines lost a true hero from World War II.

Chief Pharmacist Mate, William H. Bailey was attached to the 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Division, "E" Medical Co.

Funeral services for Bill will be held on July 3 at the Rocky Mount Catholic Church at 11 am. There will be a graveside service August 2 at 11 am at the Stantonsburg Cemetery with full Military Honors.

All Goldleaf Detachment Marines are urged to attend Bill's services and please wear your MCL uniforms.

Bill made three landings with the Marines before landing with them on Iwo Jima, in Feb 1945.

In combat, "corpsman up" is all too often the words that send fear through the hearts of grunts, because one of their own has been hit. A Corpsmen may not wear the Eagle Globe and Anchor, but they are well respected by the Marines. Ask any Grunt who has ever strapped on their 782 gear or sighted down a rifle barrel or heard a shot fired in anger, and they will tell you that Navy Hospital Corpsmen are vital. Corpsmen have patched up a lot of Marines and there are some in our Goldleaf Detachment that may not have made it home without their skill, bravery and dedication to duty.

On behalf of the United States Marine Corps, I salute Chief Pharmacist Mate Bill Bailey and all those Corpsmen like him who took the oath, "To aid the wounded, in their time of need."

When Bill reports for his next duty, he will find that the streets of Heaven are guarded by his beloved, United States Marines.

Semper Fi

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