



Lt. General Lawrence F. Snowden, Ret.

April 14, 1921 - February 18, 2017

Lt. General Lawrence F. Snowden, US Marine Corps Ret., age 95, entered into rest February 18, 2017 at Margaret Dozier Hospice House. General Snowden was born in Charlottesville, VA and was a longtime resident of Tallahassee. He was preceded in death by his lovely wife, Martha Roslyn Ham Snowden. Survivors include two sons, John Stephen Snowden of Franklin, Ohio and Brian Fontaine Snowden of West Chester, Ohio; twelve grandchildren; thirty-two great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren and sister-in-law Jane Allen of Tallahassee. Memorial services will be held 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at Celebration Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Florida Veterans Association Foundation, The Capitol Suite 2107, 400 South Monroe St. Tallahassee, FL 32399. Rocky Bevis and Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home are assisting the family with their arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193)

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

Celebration Baptist Church
3300 Shamrock East
Tallahassee, FL 32309

Tribute Wall

JB

“ I had the high honor to meet General Snowden during one of many of my business trip to Japan. The General had long been retired from the Corps and managed the Hughes Aircraft Company foreign office in Tokyo. The time frame was circa 1979. I was the Hughes Aircraft Company, Ground Systems Group, Fullerton CA marketing manager of the data processing division. My trip was to visit the JDA to interest the Japanese Navy in a LCD plotting console for submarines and surface ships. General Snowden met with all incoming Hughes personnel for coordination and protocol. The General was so proud to hand me a mayonnaise jar filled with black sand and asked me if I knew what it was? No sir I replied. Well son, he said, that jar is filled with the black lava sand from the beaches of Iwo Jima. He went on to explain how the US tanks and half tracks got bogged down in this "stuff" which cost many Marine lives in the surrounding withering fusillade of machine gun fire. The General, a young man at the time, was in the midst of this battle and I am proud to say I shook the hand of a great patriot and hero. God bless you soul General - Semper - Fi ! 🇺🇸🇺🇸
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Joe Bradley

Joseph Bradley - July 28, 2017 at 08:05 PM



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Edward Pawloski - February 28, 2017 at 07:51 AM



Looking to retrace my late father's military history during WWII, I booked the experience through Miltours 2005 Reunion of Honor... 60th Anniversary of the Battle for Iwo Jima. Included in that package were visits to Saipan (where my father had been wounded) and Tinian, as I followed in the footprints of the 4th Marine Division. The highlights of that tour were the truly honorable privileges of meeting both General Snowden and Colonel Gerald Russell, survivors of that great conflict. It saddened me to learn of Col. Russell's passing a few short years ago, as it does today... learning that Gen. Snowden has also died. Our country, and the world for that matter, has lost yet another great American. Edward Pawloski

Edward Pawloski - February 28, 2017 at 08:12 AM

DR

“ I had the honor over a period of time to emcee the travel event as the Heroes departed LAX on their trek back to Iwo Jima. That is where I had the honor to meet General Snowden. He reminded me so much of my father who during WWII was a tank commander in Northern Africa and Italy. General Snowden carried himself with a straight back and the pride of America on his shoulders everyday. As a retired TSA employee, he also respected the job the TSA Officers accomplished everyday. He was a true Patriot and Hero that will be in the Rae Family memories for a long, long time.

God Bless General Snowden, his Family and God Bless America.

Doug Rae

Doug Rae - February 21, 2017 at 06:48 PM

KH

“ I had the privilege to help coordinate the annual Iwo Jima Veterans send-off events here at Los Angeles International Airport. Lt. General Snowden certainly made an impression on me over the years. The thing that struck me first was that he was always the best-dressed and most well-mannered and courtly person at every event. Then I had the opportunity to speak with him and observe him interacting with other veterans. He always had to time to speak with well-wishers. He was humble and kind and one would never know that he was wounded, not once, but twice, during his time in the Pacific Theater and both times he insisted on going back into battle to serve along side his men. The term 'a life well-lived' seems trite, but here was a man who truly lived life well - in service to others.

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You will be missed Lt. Gen. Snowden, but we are all honored to have known you and the memory of you will remain in our hearts.

Karen Hennington
TSA- LAX

Karen Hennington - February 21, 2017 at 03:27 PM

LK

“ I will always remember his kindness and concern. Also the steely look I would get if I asked him if all was OK. His life was an example of the American spirit and commitment.

Take care Lucille Katavich-Wegner

Lucille Katavich-Wegner - February 21, 2017 at 11:51 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of
Lt.General Lawrence F. Snowden, Ret..



February 20, 2017 at 09:15 PM



“ A finer gentleman we have never encountered. It was a pleasure
and a privilege to have known him. May his family be blessed.
William E. and Janice A. Bubsey

William E. Bubsey - February 20, 2017 at 03:21 PM



“ With General Snowden's passing , a very bright light went out on this
earth but the heavens will forever be, more brilliantly illuminated !
I consider it the privilege of a lifetime, to have accompanied him and
his group for the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima.
He shares an amazing legacy with his fellow veterans.
FREEDOM FROM FEAR AND WANT
FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND RELIGION
These are the gifts, that they have bestowed, on every generation of
Americans.

*Sharon Mason
Proud daughter of Iwo Jima Marine*

Sharon Mason - February 20, 2017 at 02:13 PM

Dan
King

“ *He was a man of faith who showed it in his actions. I travelled to Iwo Jima with him many times and saw firsthand his grace and dignity when interacting with Japanese veterans of the battle.*

A patriot who refused to embrace hatred or hold grudges against his former foes, but sought reconciliation and peace.



Dan King - February 20, 2017 at 12:52 PM

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Mark Stevens - February 19, 2017 at 06:38 PM

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“ *My friend, hero and brother Marine. I'll miss our talks. Gods speed and Semper Fi.*



philip A Doyle - February 19, 2017 at 05:41 PM