



# **Captain Jack T. Paxton USMC (Ret)**

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**C**aptain Jack T. Paxton, age 88, of Wildwood Florida passed away April 17, 2018. Jack was born to Harold and Rae (Thomas) Paxton on March 22, 1930 in Greenville, Pennsylvania.

Jack served his country in the Marine Corps in a specialized job, as stated by this article.

Jack T. Paxton came out of retirement in 2005 to assume duties as Executive Director of the United States Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Association, a national organization of Marine writers, photographers, artists and graphic illustrators.

Paxton, retired from the Corps as a captain in 1969 following a 22-year career in Marine Corps public affairs. He served tours as a combat correspondent with the 1st Marine Division in Korea in 1951-52 as well as with the III Marine Amphibious Force in Vietnam in 1965-66.

During the first 15 years of his enlisted Marine career he edited several Marine Corps newspapers including the Parris Island BOOT and the Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii Windward Marine. Later in his career he was honored for his military writing with the 1968 award of the Silver Anvil, presented by the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA).

After attaining the rank of master sergeant, he was commissioned a second lieutenant while serving as senior public affairs representative at ChuLai in May 1966 with the 4th Marine Regiment. On retirement in 1969 he was public affairs officer of the 6th Marine Corps and Recruitment District, then located in Atlanta, GA.

For the next 18+years he served in various public relations management positions with the GTE Corporation, retiring in 1987 as Director, Government and Community Affairs. Because of his long involvement with United Way activities he then was chosen by the United Way of America as one of four regional corporate relations managers working with 18 major companies in the southeastern United



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States. He ultimately retired and moved to Florida in 1994.

An avid golfer he used the military perk of space-available flying first in 1978 when he began a quest of playing each venue in the British Open Championship Rota. Since then he has made 30 trips to Scotland as well as others to Spain, Germany, Hawaii and the Azores. He is a member of the Whitekirk Golf Club in North Berwick, Scotland.

A professional writer, Paxton has had various articles published in military and civilian publications. Several of his space-available travel adventures have been chronicled in *Leatherneck*, the Magazine of Marines.

Paxton was born and raised in Greenville, PA. During his military career he attended Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. He is graduate of the GTE University, Norwalk, CN.

He and his wife, Pat have been married since 2000 and reside at Continental Country Club in Wildwood, FL.

Jack is survived by his wife Patricia Paxton, son Jeff, son Jack, Jr. and wife Renee, daughter, Sharon Fiedler and husband John, son Tom, son Rick and wife Kelly, step-son Michael Barry, sister Mary Jane Farmer, five Grandchildren, Shelby, Sam, Chris, Ruby, and Maddison, and one Great-Granddaughter.

A Memorial service will be held 11:00am, Monday, May 14, 2018 in the chapel of Banks Page Theus Funeral Home with a visitation one hour prior to service time. Burial will take place in Florida National Cemetery with full military honors.

Memorials may be made to USMCCCA Foundation at 385 SW 254th St., Newberry, FL 32669.




## Events


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### Celebration of Life Memorial Service

 **Monday**, May 14, 2018

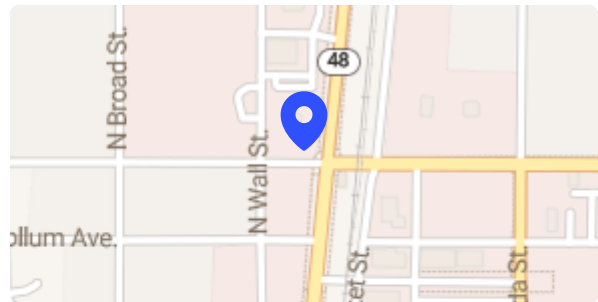
 11:00 AM ET

 **Banks/Page-Theus Chapel**  
410 Webster St, Wildwood FL 34785



### Cemetery Details

 **Florida National Cemetery**  
6502 SW 102nd Ave., Bushnell FL 33513





## Tribute Wall

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**Banks-Page Theus Funerals And Cremations** shared a **Video**.



May 3 at 4:49 AM



**Patrick Brent** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Jack is my hero still and still a Marine PatriciaSemper Fidelis LeatherneckLadyAloha nui loa from Hawaii ... PT / Patrick



December 6 at 4:33 PM



**Steve Toler** posted:

I met Jack while we were both working at GTE in Bluefield West Virginia in the mid-1970's. He was always upbeat and had a great smile and a helpful spirit. During our tour in West Virginia, I arranged to have a photo of Jack and then candidate Ronald Reagan taken...Jack was always the consummate politician! Because of Jack's advocacy and encouragement I got into Public Affairs in GTE and enjoyed a 30 year career, retiring as VP-Public Affairs for Verizon in NC. I called him up a year or two ago to thank him for his great encouragement and mentorship..a call I'm so glad I made. His memory brings a smile to my face...while in Bluefield, he taught me the true definition of a '5 block woman', that there are no 'retired' marines and fine scotch is a food group. During our association and friendship, he taught me much more important lessons about integrity, honor, duty and service. He loved his family dearly and spoke of them often....and will be sorely missed. I for one am much better off for having had Jack in my life! Thanks Cap'n!Steve Toler

May 9 at 10:33 AM



**Your Usmccca Family** sent a Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray to the Paxton family.



April 29 at 12:52 PM



**Michael** lit a candle in honor of Jack.

RIP Sir, heaven gained one Hell of a MARINE,,Semper Fidelis.



April 19 at 4:58 PM



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**Sondra Fort** lit a candle in honor of Jack.



April 19 at 1:38 PM



**Bunny Mason** posted:

Pat, I'm so sorry to hear about Jack. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Bunny

April 19 at 11:03 AM



**Charlotte Guimond** lit a candle in honor of Jack.

Pat, so sorry for your loss



April 19 at 4:17 AM



## Media

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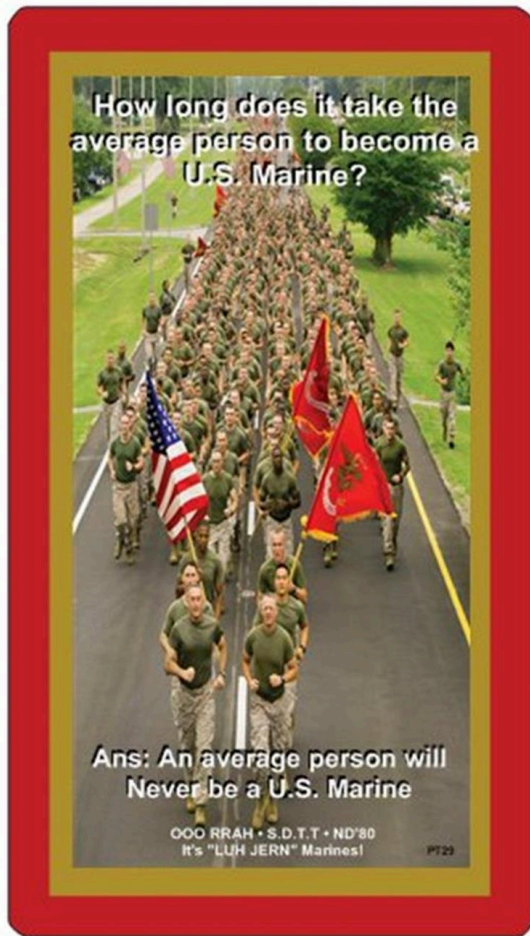
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