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**M**ajor General Carl W. Hoffman, United States Marine Corps, of Escondido passed away on May 31, 2016. Born in Omaha, Nebraska on December 24, 1919, he made his way through Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, as a dance band leader. He joined the Marine Corps at the start of World War II, and earned the Silver Star and two Purple Heart Medals while participating in operations on Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan, and Tinian. He also served combat tours in Korea and Vietnam, served as the Commanding General at Marine Corps Bases in Twentynine Palms, Parris Island, and then retired in 1978 as the Commanding General of Camp Pendleton.

General Hoffman was the consummate musical arranger and composer, and performed dance music with the Carl Hoffman Dance Band for many years around San Diego. He was married to Allie Hoffman for 60 years before her passing in 2005, and they combined to organize local choral groups who performed show tunes and dance tunes with Marine wives during their tours around the country, and after his retirement, in Hidden Meadows Lake Golf Club.

General Hoffman is survived by his children Jill, Bill, and John, his close friend Marilyn Tenney of Escondido, and five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 3, 2016 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church at 1087 West Country Club Lane, Escondido, CA 92026. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider donations to Blindconnect, a non-profit for the visually impaired, located in Las Vegas, Nevada.




## Events

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### Memorial Service


 **Friday**, June 3, 2016

 10:00 AM PT

 **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**  
1087 W Country Club Ln., Escondido CA 92026



### Cemetery Details

 **Arlington National Cemetery**  
Arlington VA 22211





## Tribute Wall

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CH

**Carl Hoffman** posted:

I apologize for writing this memory two years late, but I only just now learned of Gen Hoffman's passing. I met him in Okinawa sometime in the 1970s when I was around the age of 12 and I think he was a Colonel at the time. He came to our family's home for Pesach and immediately made a huge impression on me, for many reasons, not least of which was the fact that we shared almost exactly the same name. Over the years, I had occasional contact with him because e-mail intended for him would somehow land in my inbox, so I'd forward it with my best wishes. My condolences to the family, and I hope to meet Carl W. Hoffman Jr someday. Sincerely, Carl W. Hoffman of Okinawa and Cambridge, Massachusetts

May 23 at 1:45 PM

BW

**Brad Westerdahl** posted:

I was his Intelligence chief in 3d Bn 1st Marines in Korea 1954. I can still hear him playing beautiful music from his tent at night. So pleasant to hear in a lonely place. I have a warm heart for the General alwaysMSgt Brad Westerdahl USMC Retired.

December 14 at 3:16 AM

MC

**Matt Creegan** posted:

I was fortunate to meet the General at the Ranch House in Camp Pendleton shortly before he retired from the Corps. He was a tremendous host, and treated us with the music on his horn, the same one he used on the Canal. My condolences to the family, particularly to his son Bill. I was Bill's XO when he was CO of Lima 3/7.Semper Fi, Matt Creegan, Tucson AZ

September 8 at 4:57 PM



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