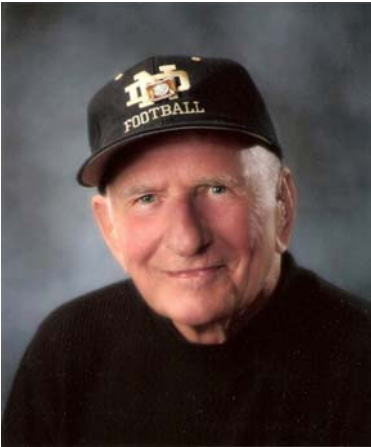




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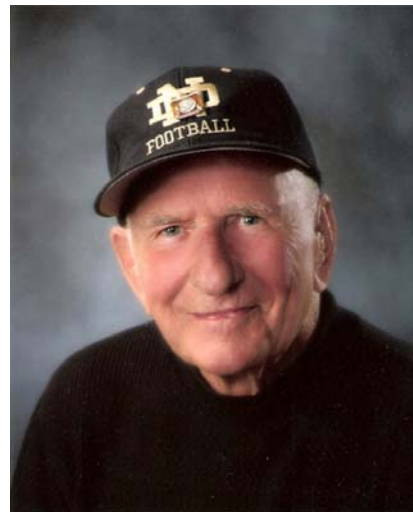
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Patrick meets Ryan Nichols whose grandmother is Japanese. They protect each other through the battles of Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima. While waiting to depart the black ash of Iwo Jima, Ryan decides to go for a swim at the base of Mt. Suribachi. After being absent for two hours, Patrick becomes worried about his buddy and goes in search of him. He finds his friends' neat pile of clothes, including his carbine and dog tags. Pat observes sharks in the area.

Ryan is attacked by a great white shark. He is saved by an old Japanese doctor who is living in Mt. Suribachi. He thinks Ryan is a Japanese soldier and sets his broken leg and arm. When Ryan regains consciousness, he has no memory. He, too, thinks he is a Japanese soldier. They end up in Sasebo, Japan, the doctor's hometown.

After the Japanese surrender, Patrick is sent to Sasebo as part of the occupation force.

The meeting of these two young marines is a story in itself. "Don't miss it."

Jason Kinkaid meets Andrew Martin while standing in line at boot camp. These two marines bond instantly and vow to be each other's protector during their tours of duty. Andrew becomes fascinated by Jason's knowledge of the outdoor world and his boy and his dog ways. Andrew is the poster boy of the military brat. Andy's father is Colonel Thomas Martin, the top gun of the Military Intelligence in Quantico, Virginia.

Andrew was his father's biggest problem until Andy met Jason, the common sense Iowa boy. Jason and Andy survive Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima, protecting each other all the way.

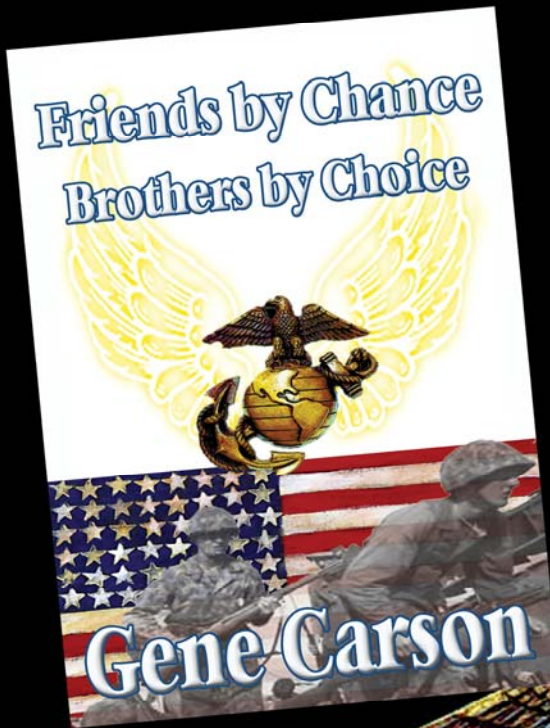
After returning home, they go their separate ways, vowing to keep in touch.

Jason returns to his hometown from Sasebo, Japan, where he and Andy were sent after the Japanese surrender. Jason falls in love with Corey Castle who saves him from drowning one hot day. He knew Corey as a twelve year old playmate. Jason discovers she is married to a marine who is AWOL in Sasebo. He was last seen with a Japanese nurse.

Jason calls Colonel Martin about Ryan Kelly, the missing AWOL marine. Colonel Martin sends his son, Andrew, to Sasebo to investigate. Unbeknownst to Jason, Andy had reenlisted and was his father's top man. With the help of his aid, Brant Larson, the Tennessee hill country sharpshooter, Andy found Mr. Kelly at the bottom of a deep cove, an anchor around his neck, the victim of his girl friends' brother, Taro. Taro was a Japanese soldier with a mission to kill Americans.

An old Japanese ex-fisherman, his wife, and son, become major players in this military mystery written by an 85-year old ex-marine who climbed Mt. Suribachi sixty-two years ago.

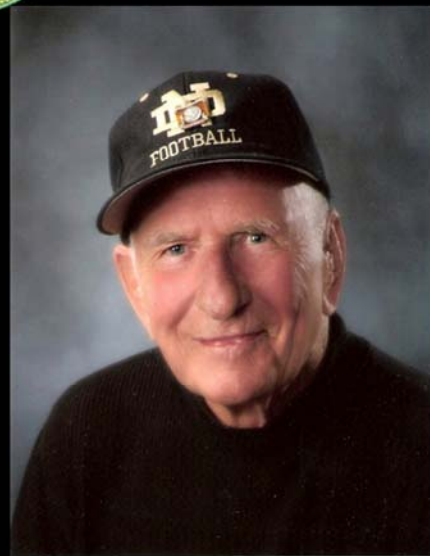
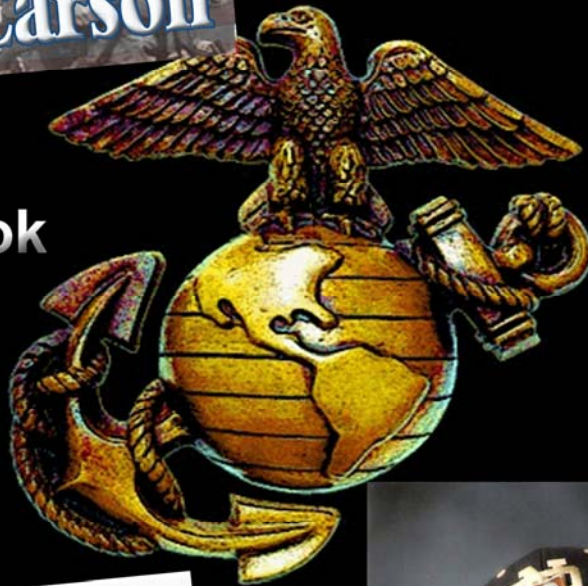
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