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Paul Barker Mural Sketches Collection

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Biographical Note

Paul Barker was drafted at the height of the Vietnam War in 1969 after graduating from the University of Dallas with a Fine Arts degree. While in Vietnam, Barker commanded an infantry platoon as an officer with the First Marine Division. In 1985 he returned to art and founded the company Googleplex for which he paints large-scale murals for museums, zoos, and aquariums. In 2005, Barker was subcontracted to paint the murals for the soon to be opened Marine Corps Museum.

The National Museum of the Marine Corps is the historical museum of the United States Marine Corps. The museum opened on November 10, 2006 and is located in Triangle, Virginia. The museum is a public-private venture, a cooperative effort between the United States Marine Corps and the Marine Corps Heritage Foundations.

Scope and Content of the Collection

The Paul Barker Mural Sketches Collection consists of nine pages of color sketches for the scenic murals in the National Museum of the Marine Corps. The collections contain

a page that shows a key to how the murals fit within the exhibits in the museum. Each sketch is of different landscapes that have been involved in combat. The collection also contains a letter from the artist, Paul Barker, to Dr. Sohn explaining the enclosed sketches.

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Related Material

National Museum of the Marine Corps: a tribute to all marines – past, present, and future.

Call #: V13.N38 2006

Portal to the corps: chronicling the National Museum of the Marine Corps

Call #: U13.U62P67 2007

The National Museum of the Marine Corps – Created by WNED-TV Buffalo/Toronto

DVD #: AM11.Q3

Related Collections

[The National Museum of the Marine Corps] Flatfile Storage – Print 00640

Key Subjects

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Subjects

Marines in art.

Military museums--United States--Designs and plans.

National Museum of the Marine Corps.

United States--Marine Corps--Art Collections.

Container List

Color Sketches for the scenic murals in the National Museum of the Marine Corps

- 800190001 Cover: Paul Barker's color sketches for the scenic murals in the NATIONAL MUSEUM of the MARINE CORPS.
- 800190002 Page 1: Key to How the Murals interface with each exhibit.
- 800190003 Page 2: Hue/Tet sketch
- 800190004 Page 3: Marine Life sketch
- 800190005 Page 4: Seoul sketch
- 800190006 Page 5: Peleliu sketch
- 800190007 Page 6: Quangnam sketch
- 800190008 Page 7: Hill 881 South (A) sketch
- 800190009 Page 8: Hill 881 South (B) sketch
- 800190010 Page 9: Hill 881 South (C) sketch
- 800190011 Page 10: Hill 881 South (D) sketch

- 800190012 Letter from: Paul Barker; To: Dr. Sohn; Explaining the enclosed sketches and key and how the murals fit within exhibits at the National Museum of the Marine Corps.