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WELCOME MAT READY FOR ALL
FORMER AND PRESENT 24TH DIVISION
MEMBERS AND
FAMILIES

MAYOR DALEY PROCLAIMS 16 AUG. '58 24th DIVISION DAY



MORRISON

in Chicago

at Madison & Clark Sts.

WATCH FOR THE TARO LEAF FLAG AT THE AIR-CONDITIONED MORRISON NEXT MONTH..THE STAFF OF THE MORRISON HAS BEEN COOPERATING WITH OUR CONVENTION COMMITTEE TO THE END THAT THIS WILL, WITHOUT A DOUBT, BE THE MOST EXCITING REUNION EVER HELD. ADDITIONAL FEATURES THIS YEAR WILL INCLUDE MUSIC OR ENTERTAINMENT ON FRIDAY, TELEVISION SHOWS, QUEEN AND TROPHY CONTESTS, AND OTHER SURPRISES YOU WILL FIND AFTER ARRIVING. OH YES, IF YOU'D LIKE TO SEE A NEWSPAPER IN THE MAKING, WE HAVE A TRIP PLANNED FOR YOU THRU THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE. ...YOU ALL COME, AND BRING THE FAMILY!



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RICHARD J. DALEY
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

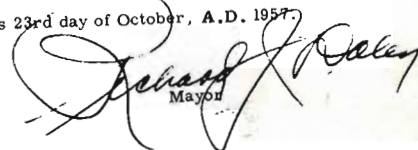
WHEREAS, the annual re-union of the famous combat force, the Twenty-Fourth Infantry Division will be held in Chicago on August 16, 1958; and

WHEREAS, this famous fighting organization was formerly known as the Hawaiian Division, and was the first to enter combat in both World War II and the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, the Twenty-Fourth Infantry Division Association first held its re-union in our city in 1950, again in 1957, and is returning to Chicago by an overwhelming vote of the membership;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard J. Daley, Mayor of the City of Chicago, do hereby proclaim August 16, 1958, to be TWENTY-FOURTH INFANTRY DIVISION DAY IN CHICAGO, and urge all citizens to join in tribute to this great combat organization.

Dated this 23rd day of October, A.D. 1957.


Mayor

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Robert J. Duff, Editor

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YOUR PRESIDENT SPEAKS

24 JUNE 58

TO ALL FORMER MEMBERS OF THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION:

ONE WEEK FROM TODAY, ON 1 JULY 58, OUR BELOVED DIVISION WILL AGAIN RETURN TO ACTIVE DUTY, THIS TIME IN GERMANY, BEING THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE DIVISION THAT IT HAS BEEN STATIONED OR CALLED TO DUTY ANY PLACE OTHER THAN THE PACIFIC THEATER.

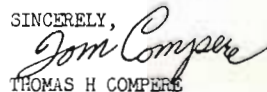
I URGE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND THE REUNION THIS COMING MONTH. AS VETERANS OF THIS GREAT AND VALAINT DIVISION, WE SHALL RENEW OUR FREINDSHIP, AND KEEP ALIVE THAT SPIRIT WHICH WAS SO NECESSARY TO ATTAIN THE DISTINGUISHED RECORD SO GALLANTLY EARNED BY ALL THOSE WHO SERVED AND FOUGHT WITH THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION.

THE CHICAGO COMMITTEE HAS PLANNED MUCH FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF MEMBERS AND THIER FAMILIES. BRING THE KIDDIES - THEY'LL HAVE FUN TOO.

SEND IN YOUR HOTEL RESHRVATIONS NOW - I MEAN NOW. DON'T WAIT. THE MORRISON ROOMS ARE AIR-CONDITIONED.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THE LARGEST GROUP EVER, I REMAIN

SINCERELY,



THOMAS H COMPERE

DON'T FORGET AUGUST - DON'T BE AWOL

SEND IN CONTRIBUTIONS OR PHOTOS ANYTIME.

the HUME'N SLANT on Japan



"WHY YOU SPEAK I BUILT WITH BRICK?"

We are sorry.. The above entry for the "QUEEN CONTEST" could not be used because the young lady pictured above is not a relative of the person forwarding same.. GET YOUR ENTRY IN NOW!

24th Infantry (Victory) Division Veterans' Association

402-410 First National Bank Building, Attleboro, Massachusetts

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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COMPANY AND REGIMENT, OR BATTERY.....

HOME ADDRESS.....

ADDRESSES OF FELLOW-VETERANS.....

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REMARKS.....

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Compere:

As you know, the 24th Infantry Division was replaced by the 1st Cavalry Division in Korea last December and was reduced to the status of a "paper" division. However, in view of the 24th's outstanding service in World War II and Korea, it was not intended that this status should be permanent.

I am writing to inform you and the members of your Association that the 11th Airborne Division will be redesignated the 24th Infantry Division on July 1, 1958. The division will remain in Germany and will be a composite division, composed of both airborne and infantry units. This organization will allow the division to retain some of the flexibility and strategic mobility inherent in airborne units and, at the same time, provide it with some of the fire power and staying power characteristic of an infantry division.

Within its Pentomic structure, the "Victory Division" will contain elements of famous units from both the 24th and 11th Divisions. Major units from the 24th will include the 1st Battle Groups from the 19th, 21st, and 34th Infantry Regiments, while from the 11th will come the 1st Airborne Battle Groups of the 187th and 503d Infantry Regiments.

I am confident that the new 24th Infantry Division will continue to contribute to the proud history and traditions of its famous predecessors.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

DONALD P. SOUTH
Lieutenant General, GS
Deputy Chief of Staff
for Personnel

Mr. Thomas H. Compere
National President
24th Infantry Division Association
67 West Division Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

CHICAGO GROUP

Points of Interest on the Tenth Meeting of the Chicago Chapter
for the year 1958

Meeting was opened by our Convention Chairman, and plans were completed for our coming convention. The meeting was delayed for one hour, and everyone was feeling his oats by the time we got started.

Hotel arrangements and menus for the banquet have been completed. Our purchase of items for the convention were discussed and approved. Money for these items were to be paid by the Chicago Chapter. Also our President has purchased about 500 decals, of which he put himself out on a limb.

Mike Rafter gave him report on the entertainment for the Friday night and Saturday night, which was voted on and accepted.

Richard Goiny, will get free of charge from the Schenly Co. the use of their camera and screen for our movies.

Pat Ciangi reported on the prizes for the queen contest. Mr. Duff reported on the problems of publishing our Taro Leaf, we need copy.

The meeting was attended by Ray Kresky, Pat Ciangi and wife, Angelo Strada, Richard Goiny, Bob Andrea and wife, Gerald Stevenson (even though he fell asleep), Paul Hartley our Schaffer Pen man, who again dug into his pocket and donated the prize for the Trophy contest. Adolph Miller, Mike Rafter wife and friend, (who she was we don't know. We didn't see her name). Bob Duff and wife (rain or shine, sink or swim they made it.) Spike O'Donnel, John Trinca, Tom Compere the one and only, (we hope you catch a big one in Canada.)

This ended the meeting with everyone who could walk ending up at the bar.

Yours truly,

John Trinca

EDITOR'S NOTE: It was almost "Swim", for after 8 inches of rain between here and Chi, we had to ford water... the young lady with the Rafters was Mrs. Rafter's little sister.... A bit more copy came in this week... thanks to Hartley, Ed Henry, and Trinca....

CHICAGO RAFFLE GREAT SUCCESS!

FROM: The Convention Chairman

TO: All the Association Members

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every person for all the co-operation they have given to make the raffle party a success.

I want to thank Lorretta Rafter and all the Rafter gang for handling the food. To my mother and sister for helping to prepare some of the food too. To Mrs. Henry Marinello for helping to serve the food. To Tom Strouds and all the Lafayette group. To Chet Andruszka's group. To the Millers and their friends. The Ciangi group and to Pats sister-in-law for helping to prepare all the letters and cards that were sent out to the members. And we all remember the name of the man who did the Hawaiian dance at our last convention, John Justice and wife and to Ray Kresky and Angelo Strada. To Richard Goiny and friend. To Bob Andre and family. Dickard Lipman. James Bjorkman and wife. And to Good Old Spike. To our president, Tom Compere and his loyal secretary, Miss Shaw for all the work she did in sending out and collecting the raffle books. And to all the other friends who attended and helped to make our party a success, "I say thanks."

Yours truly,

John Trinca
Convention Chairman

THE PRICE IS RIGHT!!

Annual dues \$5.00

Registration Fee \$5.00 (for members only)

Our Smorgesboard for Friday Night \$3.50
(per person)

Banquet Diner \$6.50 (per person)

Total cost for members will be \$20.00

A FEW PRESENT AT THE RECENT
CHICAGO RAFFLE PARTY



PAT CIANGI GROUP



JOHN JUSTICE GROUP



LAFAYETTE POST GROUP



The BEAUTIFUL VICTORY TROPHY pictured above will be awarded to the winner of the QUEEN CONTEST. Together with the name of the winner, it will be engraved thus: "QUEEN FOR A YEAR, 24th DIVISION ASSN. CHICAGO—1958."

VICTORY TROPHY TO BE AWARDED TO THE 24th DIVISION QUEEN IS A LITTLE MORE THAN TWO FEET HIGH

Pictured above are two of the entries for the 24th Division Queen Contest to reach its climax on the 16th. More entries are expected. Get yours in before the deadline 31 July. Pictured above are two Chicago lovelies, Mrs. Pat Ciangi, and Mary Louise Andre, daughter of Bob Andre. Whatzammer wit youze guys in other parts of the country — send in your photos. We want Easterners, Westerners, and some from down thar in Claxton's part of the country! Your editor has a photo of Bill and Lorna Davidson's lovely daughter (to be published later), but this young lady has not reached the required age to enter the contest.

Rules for the 24th Division Queen Contest

1. All contestants must be either the wife, daughter, or a member of the immediate family of a 24th Division Member.
2. All contestants must be 16 years of age or over.
3. All contestants must be present at the Saturday night banquet.
4. All photographs must be entered before July 31.
5. All photographs may be picked up after the convention.
6. Please put name and age of the contestant and the name and relationship of the Member of the Association on back of photograph.
7. All photographs must be sent to Tom Compere, Room 200, 67 West Division Street, Chicago 10, Illinois.
8. The winner will be announced Saturday night at the banquet.

Rules for Trophy Contest

1. All souvenirs which were brought back from overseas may be entered in the contest.
2. The owners of the souvenirs must be present at the convention.
3. All entries must be in by Noon, Saturday, August 16, 1958, at the trophy room in the Morrison Hotel.

CHICAGO TOURS

Board of Trade
141 W. Jackson Blvd.
Lectures on World's largest grain market
Friday 12:40 (Free)

Chicago Tribune
435 N. Michigan Ave.
Half hour tour of newspaper plant and film
Friday 2p.m. (Free)

NBC Color Studio
Merchandise Mart
(Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) Free

Prudential Building Observation Deck
Saturday 4 p.m.
Adults 50¢ Children 25¢

Gray Line
Sightseeing tour.
Conducted lecture tours of all parts of Chicago

FIRST PRIZE FOR THE TROPHY CONTEST IS A SHEAFFER DESK SET

One of our own members, PAUL W. HARTLEY of Chicago, who is with the Sheaffer Pen Company, has donated a lovely Desk Set to the Assn. to be awarded as the Prize for the best TROPHY or TROPHY DISPLAY entered at the 1958 Reunion. This Sheaffer White Dot Set will be inscribed as follows: "TROPHY DISPLAY AWARD — 24th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION, CHICAGO — 1958."

SHEAFFER'S DESK SET 2201-J . . . Sheaffer's White Dot Snorkel pen on highly polished Jet Crystal base. Gold swivel socket and name plate for engraving. This handsome desk set is ideal for use in the home or office.

A genuine SHEAFFER'S SCRIP PEN (not a ballpoint) will be available to every member attending the coming reunion . . . not only is it a Sheaffer's, but it will be engraved with the Taro Leaf in full color.



THIS IS CHICAGO. . . . by Col. Max N. Cizon

So you want to know whether you can come to the Third Reunion in Chicago and have fun on your skinny pocketbook?

Brother, at least three million of the people who live in and around Chicago will tell you "yes"—with some qualifications.

You TOO can do it.

The best things in Chicago—its wonderful window displays, its famous streets, its large stores, its museums, its tremendous views—cost little or nothing to see, IF the Little Woman does not convince you that the "fur coat is a bargain." August is Fur Month in Chicago!

The people—they are the best show of all—are free, and even the wife or girl friend couldn't convince you otherwise.

But, let's start at the beginning. When you get off your train, plane or bus, treat yourself to a cab ride to the Morrison Hotel, the Convention headquarters. If you drive your own car, park it and forget it until you are ready to go home. Downtown, (The Loop), traffic has been known to take an hour per mile, so use the street cars, (15c), the city-owned elevated trains, (17c), or the bus, (13c). They will be cheaper and faster in the long-run.

You want to go to a NAME place to eat? All right, but go there for lunch. The prices are usually scaled down at mid-day. Here are some for you—

BLACKHAWK—a nice walk from the Morrison to 139 North Wabash Avenue, (that's east, toward Lake Michigan).

EITEL'S OLD HEIDELBERG—14 West Randolph Street, two blocks north of the Morrison.

IVANHOE—3000 North Clark Street—take the Clark Street car north, right to the door—a "scary" place and a lot of fun, if you are in the mood for live skeletons.

HENRICI'S—71 West Randolph Street, just two blocks north of Headquarters, (Spike O'Donnel's favorite spot for Brunch)—if you like hard rolls, whipped cream for your coffee, and some of the best food in town according to the real old-timers.

BERGHOFF—17 West Adams Street, if you like a head on your beer, and Wienerschnitzel.

BOSTON OYSTER HOUSE—(a part of the Hotel Morrison) for sea-food.

HOE SAI GAI—85 West Randolph Street—(I'm sure by now you know which direction Randolph Street is from Headquarters)—for good Chinese food.

NOTE: However, I think you can get more atmosphere at Chinatown's walk-downs—a seven or nine course dinner for 77c. You don't have the "canned" music, but the food—Yum, Yum. The BEST Chinese of Chicago like to eat there, so why not YOU? Take the south bound Clark Street cars to CHINATOWN, 22nd Street and Wentworth Avenue, south of the Loop. Most distinctive foreign section in Chicago. The On Leong Tong, "Chinese City Hall," 2216 S. Wentworth Avenue, with a Temple Shrine and Hall of Justice on the third floor, is open for public inspection.

SHANGRI-LA—222 North State Street—nice oriental food, AND entertainment—AND expensive too.

WIMPY GRILLS, INC.—of which there are no less than eight, serving the All American Sandwich—The Hamburger, at reasonable prices.

And a lot of other places too, to fit every appetite and pocket-book.

But, if you are a music lover, (and don't mind the mosquitos), you can listen to some of the world's best talent at evening concerts under the stars at Grant Park, no admission charge. The Jackson Boulevard bus will deliver you right to the band shell—cost 13c—or you can take a leisurely stroll down the famous "Boul Mich" or State Street (the most concentrated retail shopping district in the world), but don't be a dope, Bud, take her there at night when the stores are closed. Walking and gawking are the finest fun if your arches are in shape. The concert doesn't start until it gets dark (this gives the mosquitos a break too!)

Don't fail to go to the

ADLER PLANETARIUM, on the Lake front at Roosevelt Road. Open 10 to 5 weekdays with lectures at 11 and 3; 2 to 5 Sunday and holidays with lectures at 2:30 and 3:30. Free Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. Other days 30c.

ART INSTITUTE, at Michigan Avenue and Adams Street. World-famous collection of paintings, prints and sculpture. Open 9 to 5 weekdays; 12 to 5 Sunday. Free Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays. Other days 30c.

BOARD OF TRADE, Jackson and LaSalle Streets, Chicago's tallest building—605 feet to top of statue. World's leading grain exchange. Free illustrated lectures for gallery visitors. Open Monday to Friday 9:30 to 1:15; Saturday 9:30 to noon.

CHICAGO ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, in Lincoln Park, 2001 North Clark Street. Exhibits depicting natural history of Chicago area. Open Tuesday through Friday 1 to 4 P. M.; Saturday and Sunday 10 A. M. to 5 P. M. Admission free.

CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, in Lincoln Park at Clark Street and North Avenue. One of the finest historical collections in America. Open 9:30 to 4:30 weekdays; 12:30 to 5:30 Sunday. Free on weekdays. Sunday and holidays 30c.

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE, 110 North Franklin Street. The nation's largest market for futures in butter, eggs and other farm commodities. Open Monday to Friday 9:00 to 12 noon.

CHICAGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM (formerly Field Museum), at Roosevelt Road and Lake Shore Drive. Anthropology, botany, geology and zoology illustrated. Open 9 to 4 P. M. daily. Conducted tours weekdays at 2. Free Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Other days 30c.

LINCOLN PARK ZOO, 2200 North in Lincoln Park. Home of Bushman, world-famous gorilla and more than 2,600 mammals, birds and reptiles. Open 10 A. M. to 6 P. M. daily.

MAXWELL STREET MARKET, centering on Maxwell and Halsted Streets. Outdoor market place in an old-world atmosphere. Closed Saturdays. (Don't plan to eat here, please! Ye Ed.)

MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, 5700 S., 4800 W., busiest civilian airport in the world. A plane arriving or departing every three minutes. Admission to special observation deck 10c. Swanky "Cloud Room" restaurant, where one can dine and watch the planes arriving and departing. Food excellent. Prices reasonable.

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY, on the Lake front at 57th Street. Acres of exhibits showing relation of science to industry. Open weekdays 9:30 to 4; Saturday to 5:30; Sunday to 7 P. M. Admission free to all exhibits but the coal mine. Nickelodeon (weekly program of old-time movie thrillers) and Microworld Theatre.

SHEDD AQUARIUM, on the Lake front at Roosevelt Road. 132 tanks containing 10,000 specimens of fresh and salt water fish. Open 10 to 5. Free Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Other days 30c.

Plan at home for:

RADIO BROADCASTING. The following radio stations have a number of programs to which a studio audience is admitted. Tickets can be obtained by writing in advance. In some cases arrangements for tickets can be made over the telephone. No admission charged.

WBBM (CBS) 410 North Michigan Avenue.

WENR (ABC) Guest Relations Dept., 20 North Wacker Drive. (Also TV).

WGN (MBS) 435 N. Michigan Ave. (Also TV).

WLS (Prairie Farmer) 1230 W. Washington Blvd.

WMAQ (NBC) Guest Relations Dept., Merchandise Mart Plaza. (Also TV).

TELEVISION SHOW, WBKB, 190 N. State Street. Viewing studio open to public when station is on the air. Tickets not necessary.

"There is something interesting to see and to do . . . all of the time".

including the TV Program, "BINGO AT HOME", on Friday, 15th August at 4:00 P.M., at N.B.C., to which 24th Assn. Members have been invited as special guests. (Thirty seats)...

One final important tip: DON'T change \$2.00 (or \$20.00) bills for strangers. AND none of the Chicago bridges are for sale, they tell me!

CONVENTION PROGRAM

THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 14, 1958

5 p.m. Registration and Open House Mezzanine Foyer
Hollywood Room

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 15, 1958

9 - 12 p.m.-Registration Mezzanine Foyer
9 - 12 " Open House - Conviviality Embassy Room
9 - 12 " Trophy Room Hollywood Room
12:40 Tour (wives - no charge) Board of Trade

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

1 p.m. Combat Film Cotillion Room
2 p.m. Committee Meetings, Officers' Meeting Burgundy Room
2 p.m. Tour (no charge) Chicago Tribune
2 p.m. Unit Meetings
4 p.m. Tour (no charge) NBC Color Studio

FRIDAY EVENING

7 p.m. to Midnite Buffet Dinner-Entertainment Cotillion Room
Embassy Room
8 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting
9 p.m. TV All Star Football Game Burgundy Room
Old Soldiers' Tales or
Children of Yesterday or
As You Like it With Just Plain
Conviviality for Old Times Sake

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 1958

9 - 12 pm- Registration Mezzanine Foyer
9 a.m. to Closing Trophy Room Hollywood Room
10 a.m. Unit Meetings
11 - 5 Open House - Conviviality Embassy Room
11 a.m. Combat Film & Film on Washington Convention Cotillion Room
11 a.m. Contest Committee Meeting Burgundy Room
11 a.m. Tour Gray Line Sightseeing
12 N. Judging of Trophy Contest Hollywood Room

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1 p.m. Annual Meeting of Members Cotillion Room
Election of Officers
2 p.m. Cocktail Hour (wives) Embassy Room

SATURDAY AFTERNOON (continued)

4 p.m. Tour Prudential Bldg;
Observation Deck

SATURDAY EVENING

6 p.m. Punch Bowl Hour Embassy Room
7 p.m. Memorial Service Cotillion,
Reception and Hospitality Embassy and,
Banquet Burgundy Rooms
Contest Awards
Old Soldiers' Tales, etc. (con-
tinued)

SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 17, 1958

10 a.m. Eye Opener (coffee) and Embassy Room
farewells

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