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THE VETERANS - OF THE DIVISION WHICH HAS "KNOWN" HAWAII, AUSTRALIA,
GOODENOUGH, HOLLANDIA, BIAK, LEYTE, SHIKOKU, MINDORO, LUZON,
CORREGIDOR, MINDANAO, HONSHU, KYUSHU, KOREA, GERMANY AND LEBANON -
OF THE DIVISION WHICH HAS NEVER "COME HOME" - WHO HAVE REASSEMBLED
FROM TIME TO TIME, AS AT BALTIMORE IN '48, NEW YORK IN '49,
CHICAGO IN '50, DETROIT IN '51, COLUMBUS IN '52, ST. LOUIS IN '53,
WASHINGTON IN '54, SAN FRANCISCO IN '54, GARMISCH IN '55, NEW YORK
IN '55 AND '56, CHICAGO IN '57 AND '58, PHILADELPHIA IN '59,
ATLANTIC CITY IN '60, LOUISVILLE IN '61, CHICAGO IN '62, AND LOUISVILLE
IN '63 - JOYOUSLY CONVENE ONCE AGAIN

AT THE SOMERSET

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

AUGUST 14, 15, 16, 1964

TO PLAN FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE FULL CIRCLE: HAWAII IN AUGUST OF 1965.



THE PRESIDENT SEZ -

Approach the Somerset - on your own - from whence you come - set up your own bivouac - unpack - and then come downstairs to join in the fun - and come, please, with a determination not to look for a specific friend and, failing to find him, to sulk and pout - come, we beg, with a determination to contribute to the frivolities as though you'd known each and every one of us intimately for the last 122 years. Give it a go for 5 minutes and see if you don't feel as though you had. For here, gathered in conclave, are some of the easiest-to-know people whom God has ever suffered to walk upon the face of the earth.

The Golden Dome on the State House has been polished and is glistening - the sacred sod of Boston Common is emerald green and sweet; and the blue waters of the Charles, across the street, are rippling to the refreshing breezes - all evidence that Boston is the place to be in the week that IS.

So what's your pleasure? Is it meeting old and new 24th Division friends...men with whom you helped to create a unique tradition in military history? Is it an outstanding vacation trip in one of America's oldest and most picturesque areas - with a stop over at the World's Fair? This year's reunion gives us all of this plus a chance to rekindle those friendships born in the 24th. Your Division friends will be looking for you, as will it.

Twenty-fourth Divisionally Yours,

Bill

WILLIAM J. VERBECK
Maj. General USA (Ret)
President

THE PROGRAM

THURSDAY, 13 August

6:30 PM to
when you
wanna go

New England Hospitality Nite -
by courtesy of the New England
Chapter - in the suite of
Maj. Gen. William J. Verbeck.
Buffet and Refreshments -
Be our guests - a gala party
for the early birds who have
heard about catching worms.

FRIDAY, 14 August

10:00 AM
to
10:00 PM

Registration Desk at our
"Tanemarah Beachhead" (Princess
Ballroom Foyer) - open for
enlistments.
Trophy Room - we're calling it
our "Alangalang Room" - open.
Hospitality Room - complete
with our own Taejon Bar" - open.

Once registered, "Take 5" to
spot your buddies and start
reliving the "days when" -
you listen while he lies and
then he listens while you lie.



12:00 noon
on

Luncheon - you're on your own.

During the day, "Take another 5" to tour Boston and environs on your own. No planned tours per se are scheduled, but come forward, express your pleasure, and we'll help out.

1:00 PM
to
5:00 PM

"Our" Films - Taloma Cinema (Princess Ballroom) whenever 2 or 3 indicate a desire to take a peek - chairs provided; bring your own log, if you insist.

Throughout the day - informal get-togethers - by regiments, battalions, companies, platoons, squads, or just plain "doggie meets doggie".

And the swimming pool is just outside our door if it's a question of changing the routine.

And may we commend to you the suggestion that all of us - each of us - make a bona fide effort to avoid the gathering of small groups in the seclusion of our private rooms - that the feeling of exclusion will not be felt by any single one of our members or his lady. As the TV people sing it. "The family that goes to a reunion together stays together".

1:00 PM

Committee Meetings - places to be announced.
Executive Committee
Nominating Committee
Auditing Committee
Constitution and By-Laws Committee
Time and Place Committee

5:00 PM

Dinner Time - You're on your own.

to

8:30 PM

Cocktail Time - Princess Ballroom (Dutch Treat)

8:30 PM

"Assembly" - we'll blow it if we can find a bugler in the Somerset Lobby - for busses to Rows Wharf - we won't "fall in" - we'll just go as a mob.

9:00 PM

Anchors aweigh - a naval term - aboard SS ("small ship") Nantascot cruising the Harbor - Beverages available if you wanna buy. Music and dancing. Return to the Somerset via busses.

to

12:00 PM

12:00 AM
ad infinitum

Organized disorganization. Entertainment: we make our own; it's cheaper and more fun; everyone invited to contribute. Retire when the gout starts kicking up. Join the fun and soak your ulcers. Members are requested to leave their "elephant" stories in their rooms.

SATURDAY, 15 August

Breakfast - you're on your own.

9:00 AM Registration - open.
to Trophy Room - open.
7:00 PM Hospitality Room - open.
The Bar - open.

10:00 AM Films
to
1:30 PM

10:30 AM Meeting of Board of Directors.
to Meetings of Committees:
11:30 AM Auditing, Nominating,
Time & Place, Constitution &
By-Laws.

12:00 PM Luncheon - as you like it -
to when you like it - where you
1:30 PM like it.

1:30 PM Annual Business Meeting -
to Princess Ballroom.
4:30 PM

Call to Order
Invocation
Addresses of Welcome
Introduction of
Distinguished Guests
Annual Address of the
President
Unfinished Business and
New Business
Reports of Committees
(The reading of the
Articles of War and
the showing of sex
films are being
omitted this year)
Election of 1964-65 Officers
Selection of the '65 Time
and Place.
Adjournment sine die.

1:30 PM Cocktails for the ladies who
to want to stay close by.
4:00 PM Shopping time for the ladies
who want to go out and spend.

6:00 PM Cocktails for All - everyone
to invited - the butcher, the
7:30 PM baker, the Candlestick-maker-
generals and corporals -
and their ladies - all mix it
up in good fellowship.

Dress - informal - "afternoon"
or "cocktail" for the ladies-
"suit coats" for the men

7:30 PM Ft. Devens Band Concert.
to Ft. Devens Color Guard
9:30 PM Memorial Service - to honor
those who have answered the
call.
Banquet and all that follows -
Guest of Honor: LT. GEN.
CHARLES H. BONESTEEL, III
"Christmas in August"-
door prizes

9:30 PM Entertainment: we make our own.
to Dancing: if the legs will
Dawn take it.
Chairs and elbow bending if
the legs won't.
Tables arranged as you want

them - for cozy 2's, happy 4's,
happier 6's, ambitious 8's,
etc.

The songs we used to sing
(unexpurgated) - with beverages
of our choice - a gathering
for everyone for everyone's
good time.

Meet the Guest of Honor



LT. GENERAL CHARLES H. BONESTEEL, III, U.S. ARMY
ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER '56
DIVISION COMMANDER '61-'62

SUNDAY, 16 August

6:00 AM Church Services
to
10:00 AM

10:00 AM New England Brunch -
'til "The Eye Opener" (courtesy
you the New England membership.
wanna Boston Baked Beans, SOS, etc.
break Princess Ballroom and Foyer
away Break bivovac
Farewells - Alohas -
Sayonaras - Goodbyes -
'til '65.



OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION 1963-64

President: William J. Verbeck (21st)
Vice President: Patrick J. Ciangi (724th Ord)
Secretary-Treasurer: Edmund F. Henry (Div.Hq.)
Chaplain: Emil M. Larson (19th)

THE '64 CONVENTION COMMITTEE - comprised of

Maj. Gen. Wm. J. Verbeck (USA) Ret-21st
Arlington, Va.
Edmund F. Henry - Div. Hq. (Chairman)
Attleboro, Mass.
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Hazardville, Conn.
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Livermore Falls, Me.
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Somerville, Mass.
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No. Dartmouth, Mass.
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Dorchester, Mass.
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Quincy, Mass.
James A. McGaffigan - 19th
Needham, Mass.
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Waltham, Mass.
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James Russell - 19th
Pawtucket, R.I.
William Sanderson - 19th
Attleboro, Mass.
Ernest L. Vienneau - 21st
Waltham, Mass.
and, in fact, all members of the New England
Chapter of the 24th Infantry Division Association
of which William J. Muldoon is the guiding
light, grand high alpha, and exalted ruler.



PICK AND SHOVEL SUB-COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

General Hospitality	Blais, Fulton
\$\$\$	Cochran
Tanemarah Beachead	Bennett, Cochran
Program	Kilroy
Taejon Bar	Backer 'natch!', Muldoon
Early Bird Buffet	Sanderson, McGaffigan
SS Nantascot	Kaiser, Farrell, Blais
Alangalang Trophy Room	Russell, Gerry
Entertainment	Every blessed one of us.
Food Functions	Fulton, Gerry, Benoit
Publicity	Farrell, Bennett, Berlo
Holding the Line with	
the Somerset	Henry, Cochran
Sightseeing	Muldoon, Benoit, Fulton
Music	Vienneau, Kaiser, Backer
Memorial Service	Berlo, Sanderson,
	McNamara
Photos	Vienneau, Russell,
	Muldoon
Banquet	Verbeck, Fulton, Kaiser
Alka-Seltzer Supply	Sanderson, Gerry,
	McGaffigan
Taloma Cinema	Vienneau, Backer,
	Cochran
Business Session	Sanderson, Gerry,
	Russell
Christmas in August	A lot of us.
Floating Reserve	McGaffigan, McNamara
	and the 19th RCT



HOSTESSES

Alice E. Sanderson
Rite H. Gallant
Doris Cochran
Margaret Fulton
Patricia Muldoon
Beverly Treat

As we went to press, Prexy Bill made the request that his last of his year long series of daily communiques to Sec'y-Treas. Ed. be published in the "next issue of the Taro Leaf". Because we are treating this as the "next issue", because the President has ordained it, and because we are in complete agreement with Bill's "extremism", we publish it:

August 5, 1964

Mr. Edmund F. Henry
First National Bank Building
Attleboro, Massachusetts

Dear Ed:

This is my last written message as president of our association.

I can not relinquish my duties as president without commending you for your enthusiasm, your energy and your labor on our behalf. As Secretary and Treasurer, you have far greater responsibilities than I have as president - yet you have gone out of your way to make my work easier. This you have done to many other presidents of this association in the past.

It is not too much to say that there would be no Twenty-Fourth Infantry Division Association were it not for you.

I thank you for your assistance to me. I thank you for the devotion that you show to the organization to which we all feel that our loyalty belongs. I thank you for the initiative which inspires the rest of us to keep this movement going. In the name of the membership I express our appreciation for the true leadership which has sparked The Association for over seventeen years.

Gratefully,

Bill

William J. Verbeck,
Maj. Gen. USA (Ret)
President.

Your New England Chapter is warmly happy and proud that you spent this time with us - and sincerely hopes that you are pleased that you came.

