

# 24th Infantry Division Association



Dear 24<sup>th</sup> Members,

If you were there, you will recall that I was the recipient of the coveted "Verbeck Award." at the banquet in Tucson on September 20, 2003

To be given this award from the association is one of the highlights of my life. Whatever I did was with pleasure and I hope the good of the association who deemed me worthy to receive the award.

My fellow warriors, I believe we have reached the crossroads in the future of our group of survivors. As the number of WWII veterans diminishes, I hope the younger group will pick up the flag and carry on. The key is in the continuation of the "Taro Leaf" and the election of capable officers who should be given 100% support once they are in office. Without this it may be difficult to continue.

Again my heartfelt thanks.

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**BEN WAHLE ~ A MOST DESERVING WARRIOR**  
BEN MAKING HIS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH AFTER RECEIVING THE  
VERBECK BOWL AWARD