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NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR MUSEUM OF MILITARY HISTORY

By Col. Lloyd D. Byers, U.S. Army, retired

Here is a "jewel" in military history, a museum dedicated to preserving the history of events and the heroes of every uniformed service of the United States from the Revolutionary War until the present time, exhibiting mementos that tell the story of our hallowed past.

As you enter the museum, courteous hosts greet visitors and guide them through an array of military memorabilia unmatched in the entire nation. To better inform visitors, a video explains and heralds the Medal of Honor, our nation's highest military award. Interesting film footage highlights the brave deeds of many of the medal's recipients. One segment tells the story of Sergeant Conrad Schmidt of the Union Army and his daring rescue of his Captain, Theophilus Rodenbaugh at Winchester, Virginia. Ironically, his Medal of Honor was recommended by the enemy (the Confederates).

An impressive, immense photograph of the "Great Locomotive Chase" involving the Andrews Raiders during the Civil War establishes the first Medal of Honor recipients for the bravery exemplified in that heroic action and an audio of this can be heard here. The locomotive, "The General" caused a flurry in recent years as to ownership and brought added attention to its importance. The gift shop is also located in this area. Moving about the museum, you will discover tributes and memorabilia relating to conflicts and life throughout the history of our country. Displays portray the Confederacy, Indian Wars, World War I (mannequins in uniforms from all nations), a sand-bagged fortress, the holocaust, POWs, the Airborne, Korean conflict, Vietnam era and Persian Gulf, the #1 helmet and headdress collection, rare guns, knives, cutlasses and sabers of various services. All depict a vivid picture of military lifestyle in the various conflicts. One outstanding display represents the centerpiece of the entire museum, an array of Medal of Honor citations in a large rotunda. This display gives the viewer a deep sense of respect for deeds of gallantry on the part of this nation's heroes.

Beyond The

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A stair-chair is available for the handicapped and upon ascending the stairs to the museum's 2nd floor, the visitor will see a wall of memorial headstones for all con-

flicts from the Revolutionary War to the present. These memorial stones list the number of dead, wounded and missing along with the number of Medal of Honor recipients. It is an impressive reminder of sacrifice and reminds one of the great price paid for freedom.

Other important pieces of history are displayed in the first cannonball fired at Chattanooga during the Civil War, a piece of the Berlin Wall, a brick from Adolph Hitler's home, the genuine signatures of the 24 Nazi leaders tried at Nuremberg (obtained by a guest at the trial). All are interesting and rare artifacts awaiting the visitor.

This museum is also enriched by a rather large library which is used by local residents and university students for research on military subjects. It is truly an educational tool that enhances the knowledge of all who visit. Young people and students, especially, demonstrate a desire to know more about the military history of this great nation and the effort to keep the United States a free country. Veterans are this museum's most ardent supporters and volunteer much time and funds toward its operation. In fact, thus far, it has been maintained and operated entirely by an all-volunteer staff.

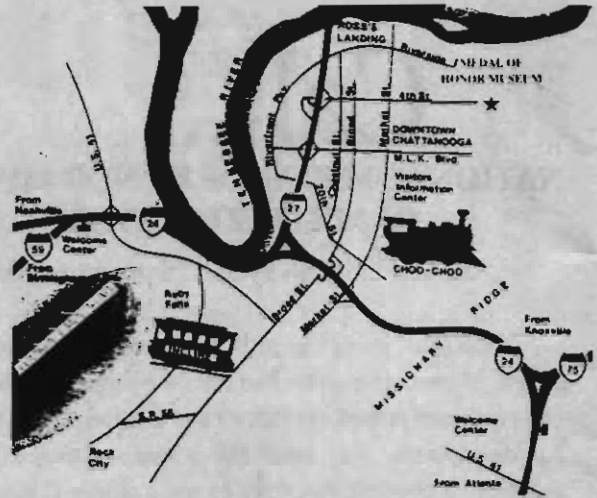
From an humble beginning in July, 1990, the museum has grown far above expectations at a rapid pace. Hundreds have rallied to its support and as a result, it has outgrown its present location and is looking for a larger, more permanent facility in order to display additional items held in storage. The uniqueness of this museum includes the fact that it doesn't belong to any individual or group but is a piece of the life of all of us.

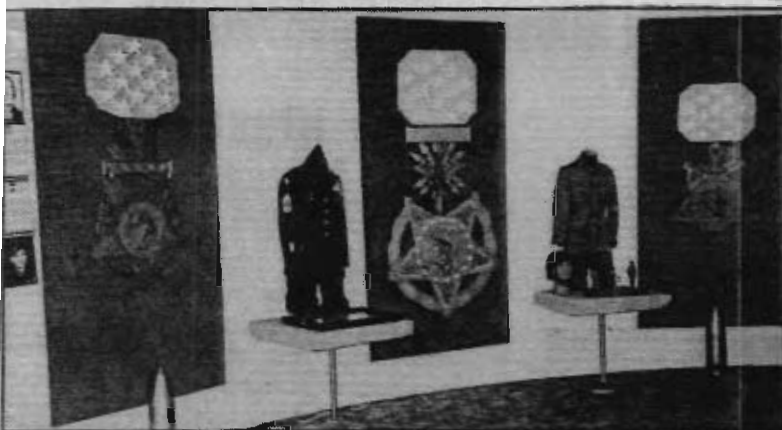
Individuals, businesses and other interested citizens are encouraged to participate in the development by contributing funds and artifacts. It is an undertaking of the people in whom ownership rests. A contribution of \$25 or more to the building fund will result in the name of contributors being inscribed on a donor's plaque and displayed in the museum.

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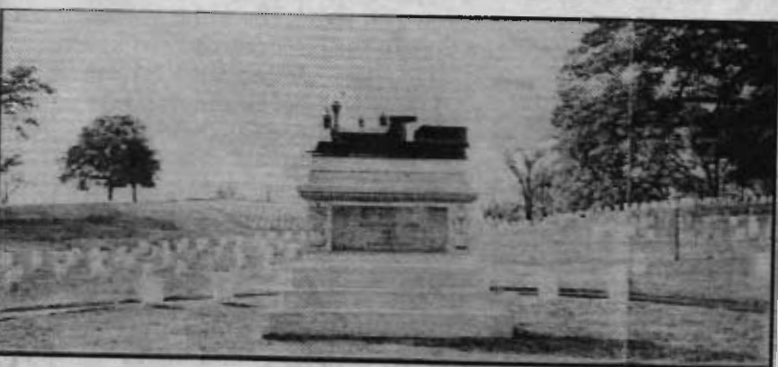
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Paul R. McArdle of Summit Hill, PA writes that all he got for a "Taro Leaf" was the front page with his address on it. Wants us to send him another. What is it with soldiers these days? All they do is gripe, gripe, gripe. (Secretary)



One of America's most famous musicians
was also a buddy of every GI in WWII.

GLENN MILLER:

MORALE BOOSTER EXTRAORDINAIRE

by Penny Howard

Glenn Miller was king during the era of the great swing bands — he has been called America's most unforgettable band-leader. But Miller and his band have legitimate claim to an even greater distinction.

Gen. Jimmy Doolittle summed it up magnificently when he said, "Next to a letter from home, Miller's band is the greatest morale-builder of the war effort."

Eager to Join

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Glenn Miller's concern for the morale of servicemen intensified as he catered to them with United Service Organizations (USO) appearances and more radio broadcasts.

But he still felt he could be doing more. So even though he was too old, he registered for the draft in February 1942, but was never called up.

In July, he applied to the Navy. It turned him down. He refused to give up. In August, he sent a letter to Brig. Gen. Charles D. Young requesting induction into the Army. The letter

read, in part:

"The many requests are very pleasing to me, but they leave me wishing that I might do something concrete in the way of setting up a plan that would enable our music to reach our servicemen here and abroad with some degree of regularity. With these thoughts in mind I should like to go into the Army if I could be placed in charge of a modernized Army band."

The letter must have convinced the top brass it needed him. He was ordered to report on Oct. 7, 1942.

In the Army Now

On Dec. 4, 1942, upon completion of officer training, Miller was commissioned a captain in the Army Specialist Corps.

With training finally behind him, it was time to organize the band. He recruited several of his former band members who had been drafted, and some from other well-known bands. He had grand visions of changing the marching music of the last genera-

tion by jazzing it up.

But the top brass would have none of that. "Look, Capt. Miller," the commandant said, "we played those Sousa marches straight in the last war and we did all right, didn't we?"

"You certainly did, Sir. But tell me, are you still flying the same planes you flew in the last war, too?"

From then on the band played as Miller directed. Their rendition of "St. Louis Blues," set to march time, is his most famous arrangement.

The band aired radio broadcasts, staged bond rallies and recorded V-discs to be sent to the troops overseas. But Glenn's greatest objective was to take the band to Europe to play for the troops there. So on

June 18, 1944, he flew to London. The band arrived several days later aboard the *Queen Elizabeth*, which had been converted to a troopship.

Band members were immediately subjected to the horrors of real war by the Nazi buzz bombs, which were devastating London and had killed thou-

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— Gen. Jimmy Doolittle

Above: Portrait of Glenn Miller in uniform. Exact date unknown, but he is wearing his captain's bars. Courtesy of The Glenn Miller Birthplace Society

sands of people. As a result, they were frequently in bomb shelters.

Yet they performed a dozen or more radio broadcasts a week, in addition to flying to bases all over England to entertain the troops in person; performing in large, drafty hangars, on flat bed trucks and in hospitals. The troops, starving for music from home, greeted the band with loud cheers wherever it performed.

The strenuous schedule and constant peril of the buzz bombs began to take its toll on Miller. He became tense and fatalistic.

"Don," he said to his close friend, Don Haynes, "I have a strong feeling that I'll never see Helen and Stevie again (his wife and son). I've had a feeling for a long time now that one of those buzz bombs has my name on it."



Carnival of Music at the Granada Theatre, Bedford, England, a benefit for Allied war prisoners. Glenn Miller with uniform hat on, appears with members of the YANKS band of the 1st Strategic Air Depot, Huntington, England. Courtesy of The Glenn Miller Birthplace Society

On to France

With the liberation of Paris, Miller, now a major, was eager to get over there to entertain the troops on the front lines. Plans were completed, authorizing him to go in the middle

of December. The band worked almost around the clock prerecording broadcasts to be aired while it was gone. In 18 days, members recorded 85 half-hour shows in addition to their live performances.

Miller's orders, issued by Gen. Eisenhower, were for him to fly to Paris on Dec. 14. The band would follow later. But the weather was so bad no planes could take off.

As an alternative, he accepted an invitation to fly in a private plane. Dec. 15, 1944, dawned cold and drizzly at Twinwood Farm. The plane, a single engine Norseman C-64, came in

through the overcast sky and taxied up the runway. Miller and British Col. Norman Baesell put their luggage aboard and climbed in.

The small plane had no deicing equipment. Even at the low altitude

Veterans Say Goodbye to Colonel Maggie

On Oct. 19, 1994, American veterans lost a true comrade-in-arms when Martha Raye, affectionately known as Colonel Maggie, died of complications from a stroke in Los Angeles. She was 78 and had appeared in 26 films during her career.

From WWII to Vietnam, she had always been there for the troops. Whether on stage in front of thousands or one-on-one with a wounded soldier in a hospital ward, she made them laugh to her boisterous antics. Col. Maggie spent countless hours, far from the limelight and the press photographers, just letting "her boys" know they weren't forgotten. She brought news from back home, or played cards with them, just being a pal.

As a registered nurse, Raye would often finish a performance, then go straight to the aid station to help out wherever needed. Sometimes battle casualties were actually arriving. Rather than simply stand by as a concerned observer,

she would jump right in and care for the wounded.

"I'd do it all over again without hesitation," said the native Montanan in 1979. "The love and gratitude of our wounded cannot be expressed in words."

(Raye herself was wounded in both WWII and Vietnam.)

For her efforts in Vietnam, Raye received the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award (an Oscar) from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in 1969.

An honor she cherished even more was given by the 5th Special Forces (Airborne) Group — the Green Berets — when she received an honorary commission as a lieutenant colonel in 1964. And in case anyone felt she didn't qualify to wear the Green Beret, Col. Maggie climbed aboard a troop transport and successfully completed five parachute drops in 1967.



Martha Raye was adored by three generations of war veterans. Courtesy USO

As her last request, she asked to be buried at Fort Bragg, N.C., home of the Special Forces. On Oct. 22 of last year, her flag-draped casket was carried by a Special Forces honor guard to the post cemetery where she was laid to rest: Colonel Maggie had come home to stay.

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flew — in an effort to avoid icing the temperature was freezing. The one probably iced up and plunged to the English Channel.

Hysterious Disappearance

Another story claimed a squadron of British bombers, returning from a aborted mission over Germany, were ordered to jettison their bombs in the Channel. Crewmen on one of the bombers watched the bombs explode at sea level and saw a small one go into the water, so the story goes.

The crew, not having been debriefed upon return from their aborted mission, didn't report the one. Not until the movie *The Glenn Miller Story* came out did the navigator remember the incident. Only then did he go back to his log book. Miller's aircraft was the only one reported missing that day.

Miller Lives On

The World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra, conducted by Larry O'Brien, performs around the globe today. The Glenn Miller Birthplace Society in Clarinda, Iowa, holds a festival in his honor every June. He was born March 1, 1904. Fans, young and old, come from as far away as Australia, South Africa and Japan to revel in his music. ©

For information about the festival write: *The Glenn Miller Birthplace Society, P.O. Box 61, Clarinda, Iowa 51632.*

For information on the schedule of appearances by the orchestra, write: *Glenn Miller Productions, 2250 Lucien Way, Suite 100, Maitland, FL 32751.*

Author's note: For more information on Glenn Miller, read: *Glenn Miller and His Orchestra* by George T. Simon and *Every Night Was New Year's Eve* by Paul Tanner.

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You know your getting old when you don't care where your wife goes, just so long as you don't have to go along.



Dear Dr. Science:

Where does middle-aged spread come from, and why haven't I been able to find it at my grocer's?

Gil Gragert, Stillwater, MN

You can, but you may have to show ID first. You have to be over 35 to purchase middle-aged spread, although younger people have achieved a pear-shaped figure on their own. Middle-aged spread differs from general obesity in its distribution on the body. One would expect a chubby person with an ample waist to be chubby all over. This holds true with the overweight child or young adult. But many is the porcine adult over 35 who has thin arms and legs but a prodigious waistline. Science classifies middle-aged spread with quirks and neutrinos as examples of natural quirkdom.

NEW MEMBERS FROM THE 339th ENGN.

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CHARLES J & ROSE MAIE REICH 339 Picture Dr. Pleasant Hills, Pa. 15236-4536. Ph. 412-653-1818 Charles was at Tanahemera Bay, Palo, & San Narciso Luzon.

WAYNE S. WILEY & CORRINE live at RR1, Box 320 Lynn, In. 47355 (Wayne was at Palo "44 & San Narcisso, "45 He's Ma Bell is 317-874-2219 WILLIAM J. & AUGUSTA OZANICH of 104 Firewood Dr. Bridgeville, Pa.

15017 Ph. 412-221-7390. Bill was at Tanahemera Bay, Palo, & San Narciso.

DOMENIC & MATILDA NUCCI of 136 Elizabeth Ave. East Pittsburgh, Pa. 15112. Ph. 412-824-7541. Domenic was at Tanahemera Bay and Palo.

CLARENCE H. "BILBO" AND LEE MORRISON of 2401 McDowell Rd. Jackson, Ms. 39204. Ph. 601-372-9763. Bilbo was at Tanahemera Bay, Palo, & San Narciso Luzon.

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COL.LAWRENCE R.STACK(1st Bn.21st '65-'67)An Investment Adviser,he & his wife lives at 1306 Borders Dr. Palatine,Il.60067.Ph.708-359-3357. raised Brian 30,Laurel 27.

HUGH "KENT"PHARAOH(H&H 24th '68-'69(ETS))He maintained Fin.for H&H, 24th Med Bn.& 2 other Units. Kent lives at P.O.Box 578 Henryette,Ok.74437 with his wife Linda is in ranching & Banking.

DAVID O. SPENCE(19th '45-'46)642 1100S Madison,In.46025 a retired farmer,Married 5 children. Hopes to see us in Nashville.

CLAUD ADELL PETERS (B 19th'45-'46) 202 S.30th St.Ozark,Ar.72949,Ph. 501-667-3908.He and his wife have raised 6 children.

DELTON J.CASTLEBERRY(B-21st'54-'56) He and his wife Virginia is at2289 Hylea Rd.Tucker,Ga.30084. Ph.404-491-1056 raised 2 boys,3 girls. into Chemical sales. Looking forward to Nashville,it will be his first!

Jim A. Aspel
(339th Eng)
6809 S. Alabama
Darien, IL 60561
Wife "Marlys"

Bill E. Vickers says this picture was taken either in Baltimore or Chicago and needs help in identifying the other men.
William E Vickers 2640 Delany Rd. #201, Waukegon, IL 60087-1884
Ph. (708) 244-6030



Jack Davies

Bill Schwertfeger (Jr.)

Sgt Fanning (Medic)

28 Mar. '95

Dear Mr. Ross,

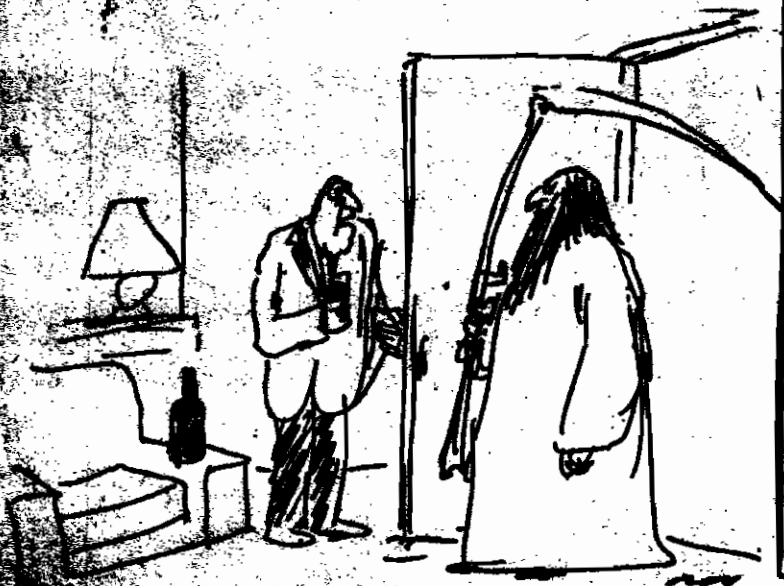
My father was then - Captain Leon H. Rainville, Co.M, 3rd 21st Inf.Div. from July '49 to Sept '50 in Japan and Korea. My mother, brother and I arrived at Camp Wood (21st Regt.) Kumamoto, Kyushu, Japan in Nov. '49 after disembarking from the USNS James O'Hara in Yokohama. I was nearly ten (Jan. 26, 1940), Tom was eight years old (28 Aug. '41). My father (1987) and my mother (1992) are both buried together at Riverside Nat'l Cemetery in So. California: my father (Major USA Ret.) retired in April '61 at the Presidio of San Francisco: he worked for the State of California for nearly 25 years retiring in Dec. '84: he died on 8 Mar. '87.

Last week, after a 4-decade search, I was put in touch with my dad's company clerk (George Bingham) and Supply Sgt (Ernest Burlingame). We have spent hours on the telephone.

I am honoring my father's memory, and those gallant men of the 21st Regt., I would consider it an honor to join the 24th Div. Assoc. I have been invited to the 21st Regt. Reunion to be held in Washington, D.C. in late July- We fully intend to be there!

Thanks.

Respectfully,
Ronald D. Rainville
LCOL U.S. Army (Ret)
2411 So. Quitman St.
Denver, Co. 80219



"Have I time to finish the bottle?"

New Members:

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(Div Arty, WWII)
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MRS. JUNE (DEAN) WILLIAMS
DAUGHTER →
WIFE OF COL. ROBERT WILLIAMS

CPT LEON H. RAINVILLE CDR, CO. M, 3/21, 24th INF DIV (1949-1950)
CAMP WOOD



Casing the 24th's flag a senseless decision

Four years ago this week, on Feb. 24, 1991, the Army's 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), spearheaded the allied attack into Iraq. Moving farther and faster than any mechanized force in military history, in just 100 hours of battle the "Victory" division attacked some 240 miles deep into the enemy flank and rear, severing Iraqi lines of communication through the Euphrates River valley, and systematically eliminating the enemy's 26th Commando Brigade, 47th and 49th Infantry Divisions, and four Iraqi Republican Guard divisions in the process.

The Army announced earlier this month that the 24th Infantry Division will be deactivated, victim of the Clinton Administration's cutback of the Army to 10 active divisions. The regular army will now consist of two airborne/air assault divisions, two armored divisions, four heavy mechanized divisions and two light infantry divisions.

The mix of what types of divisions to retain was important, but so was the question of what unit designations would survive. The basis for the decision was turned over to the Army's Center for Military History.

Having screwed up the regimental affiliations within the Army they were a poor choice for the job.

They have an abysmal sense of history; using their guidelines, the 2d Infantry Regiment in whose ranks I served in Vietnam, has no battalions on the active rolls of the Army. This even though the regiment, formed in 1808, fought four campaigns in the War of 1812, six in the Mexican War, 23 in the Civil War, eight in the Indian Wars, one in the war with Spain, one in the Philippine insurrection, five in World War II and 11 in Vietnam.

Yet battalions of the 10th Mountain Division's 87th Infantry Regiment, formed in 1941, remain on active duty.

The criterion for which unit was to survive supposedly was based on one point for longevity and two for each campaign in which it had fought. Six heavy divisions, including two armor or cavalry divisions would be in the force, as well as four light divisions, including an airborne and an air assault division.

The 82d Airborne Division and the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) were thus automatically included, as were the 1st Ar-

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Does anyone remember Lt. and Mrs. Batchelor, 78th Hvy. Tk. Bn. at Camp Crouch, Yamaguchi-shi, Yama guchi-Ken?

mored Division and 1st Cavalry Divisions. And the four mechanized divisions selected — the 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th Infantry Divisions, all of which had fought in World War II, two in Korea and two in Vietnam — were also obvious choices.

The selection of the 25th Infantry Division as one of the two light divisions made sense. Formed in Hawaii in August 1941 on the eve of Pearl Harbor, the "Tropic Lightning" division survived that attack and went on to participate in four campaigns in the Pacific in World War II, fought in 10 campaigns in the Korean War and later in 11 campaigns in Vietnam.

But what made no sense at all was the deactivation of its sister unit, 24th Infantry Division, in favor of the 10th Mountain Division. Also a survivor of the Pearl Harbor attack, the "Victory" division fought five campaigns in the Pacific, including three amphibious landings, was the first to fight in Korea and spearheaded the allied attack in the Gulf.

The 10th Mountain Division, by comparison, has only two World War II campaign credits to its name. Its participation in recent politically correct peace operations in Somalia and Haiti evidently tipped the balance.

The Army may have kept the 10th Division on active duty to suck up to Sen. Dole, but his proposed "Peace Powers Act" would severely limit the very reason for which the division was retained.

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"Population control is important
let's limit the family to 52."



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON, DC 20310-1600

October 18, 1994

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OFFICE, CHIEF OF
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Honorable Sam Nunn
United States Senator
75 Spring Street, S.W.
Suite 1700
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Senator Nunn:

This replies to your October 6, 1994, letter to the Department of Defense concerning redesignation of Army units.

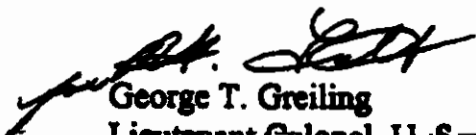
The downsizing of the Army makes it difficult to predict its ultimate structure. Once a decision is reached on the composition of the Army's final force structure, a determination will be made as to which divisional flags to retain. Planning guidance at this time includes retaining divisions with the best history. The Army followed similar guidance in 1970, when it inactivated the 24th Infantry Division and replaced it with the 1st Infantry Division, the oldest Regular Army division, which was returning from Vietnam.

Costs alluded to in Mr. Rubin's article for moving the 1st or 3d Infantry Division to Forts Stewart and Benning, Georgia, and inactivating the 24th are minimal. Painting signs and vehicle identification markers is considered routine maintenance for Army units, and naming streets and buildings is the post commander's prerogative. Realignment of division elements could require at least five new battalion colors. Battalion colors cost approximately \$3,000 each; thus, the costs for new ones could be \$15,000.

A major expense, however, would be moving items from the 24th Infantry Division's museum at Fort Stewart to a storage depot in Alabama. The cost is estimated to be \$101,000. Moving the 3d Infantry Division's artifacts from Germany to the United States is estimated at \$278,000, while moving the 1st Infantry Division's artifacts from Fort Riley to Fort Stewart would be considerably less. Therefore, the total cost of replacing the 24th Infantry Division with another division may run as much as \$400,000.

We appreciate your concern in this matter. The Army is committed to maintaining our proud units and their traditions, which impact on the esprit of our soldiers—past as well as present.

Sincerely,



George T. Greiling
Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Army
Chief, Special Actions Branch
Congressional Inquiry Division

Soldiers return from Kuwait, while others deploy to Haiti

By Spec. Thomas Pape and
Cpl. Thomas Johnson

Patriot Staff

More than 260 soldiers arrived from Southwest Asia Wednesday, leaving few who remain their. The last flight of soldiers from the area is scheduled to arrive later this week.

But even as these soldiers return to spend the Christmas holidays with their families, others are being deployed to Haiti to spend the holidays supporting Operation Uphold Democracy.

Soldiers from Hunter Army Airfield's B Company, 2nd Battalion, 159th Aviation deployed Friday by CH-47D "Chinook" helicopters enroute to Haiti.

These soldiers will replace other soldiers from their unit who deployed there in early September.

Their mission is to continue support for units from the 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y. as part of a multi-national force.

Expected to remain in Haiti into the new year, those deployed will

add to the worldwide list of soldiers spending the Christmas season and the start of the New Year away from their families.

For the soldiers of the 24th Inf. Div. and Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield — who have had a busy year with deployments to the Caribbean, Southwest Asia and other worldwide locations — the experience is a familiar one, but nevertheless a somewhat painful one.

"Spending Thanksgiving together (with my family) was nice, but the fact that I wasn't going to be with my son on his first Christmas made it somewhat bittersweet," said Capt. Nicholas Anthony, operations officer, 2nd Bn., 159th Avn. Task Force. "However, being a soldier, I do understand that we have to do our jobs as soldiers whenever and wherever we are needed."

"Everyone's excited about going down there and being able to help out," said Capt. Shawn Rasmussen, officer in charge, 2nd Bn., 159th Avn. Task Force.



Under the gun: Defense Secretary William Perry (center) is flanked by NATO defense ministers and Maj. Gen. Joseph DeFrancisco (second from right) at a March 3 news conference at Fort Stewart, Ga. DeFrancisco is commanding general of the 24th Division (Mechanized), which gave a live-fire demonstration for the officials.

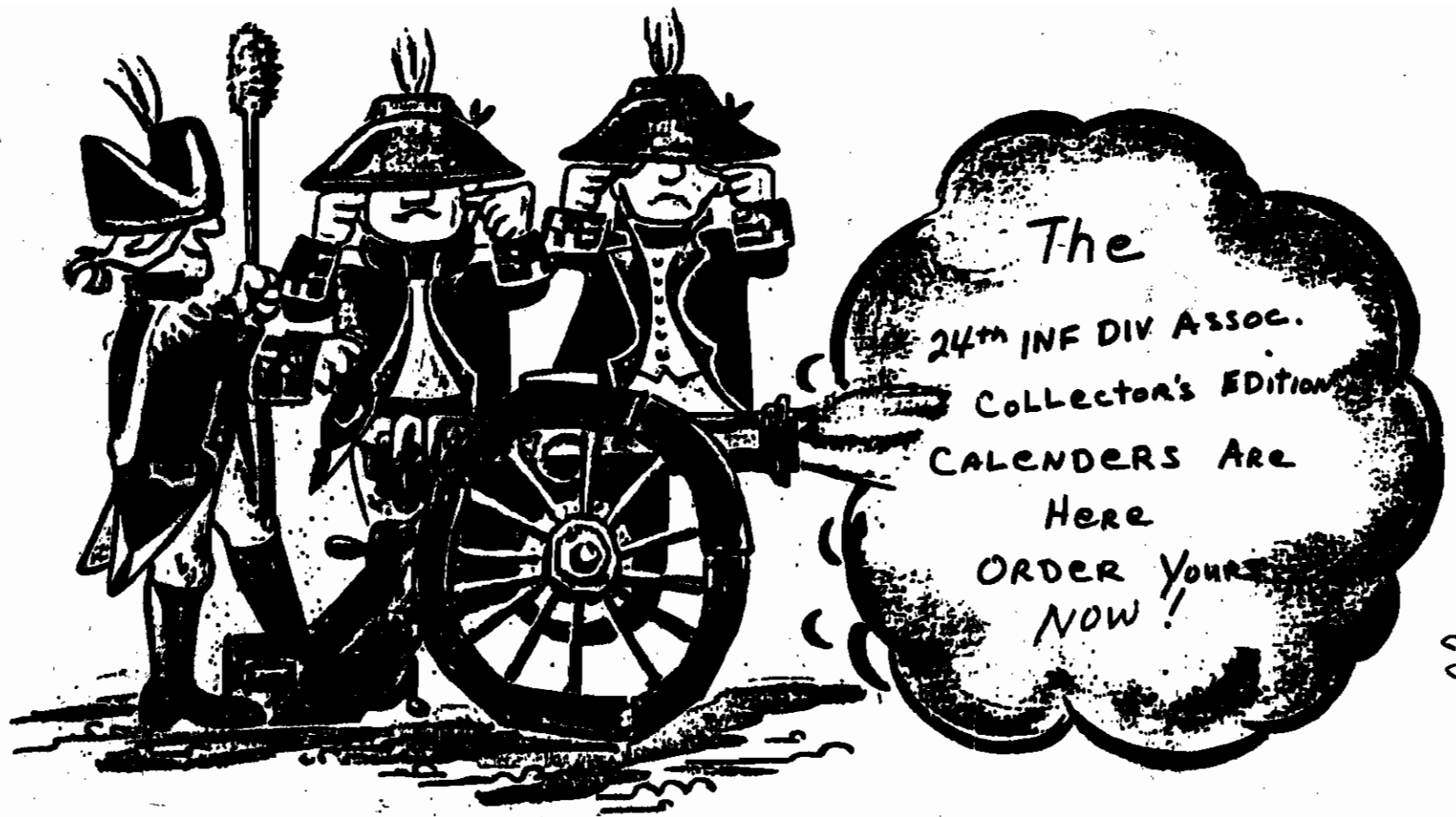
Dear Dr. Science:

Why are bald men's heads so shiny?

Patti Pearson, Eugene, OR

When testosterone levels in the mature male rise to a certain level, hair follicles on the scalp are stimulated to release the troublesome hair shaft, and start producing carnuba wax, a valuable ingredient in car and furniture polishes. By the way, the Latin term for midlife crisis is "carnuba vita", or "spot where the road narrows and the pavement becomes uneven." The most encouraging thing you can do to a bald man is to rub his head and murmur, "Nice 'n shiny." If more people did this, the toupee industry would evaporate overnight.

JAMES W. (for "Bill") DUPAW (34th Korea) writes, together with Jackie, from the Vermont Veterans Home, in Bennington VT 05201. He is a contributor to the "Green Mountain Messenger", the periodical for the Home. In their last issue, Bill had an item about the VFW Steak House & Bar in Tokyo during the Korean War days. Bill reminded his readers about the good food served in the Steak House in those days, when 360 Yen converted to 1 USA dollar.



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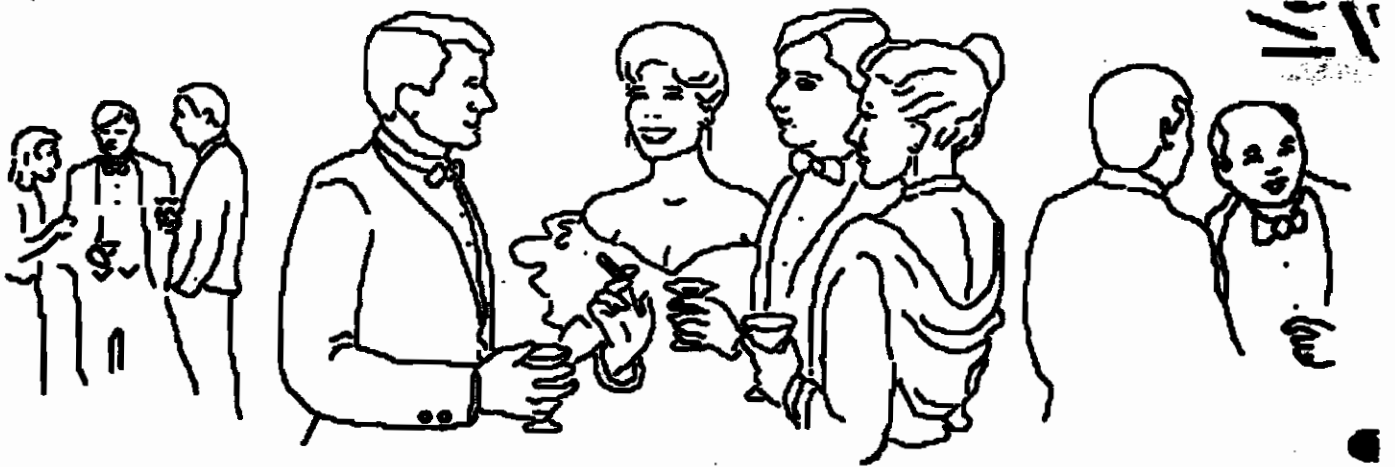
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The Annual 19th Infantry Regiment (Chicks) "John Morgan Memorial Breakfast" will be held on September 9, 1995 from 8:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. in the Davidson C, room of the Nashville Stouffer Hotel, site of the 24th Infantry Division Association Reunion.

The cost for the breakfast is \$15.00 with no registration fee for this event. Since the 24th Infantry Division Association Annual Meeting follows at 10:00 A.M. it is requested that attendees at the Memorial Breakfast be punctual so that we may transact our business, eat our breakfast and adjourn to the Association Meeting at 10:00 A.M.

"Make New Friends,
but keep the old;
Those are Silver,
These are Gold.:

Make check payable to: 19th Infantry Regiment Funds

Mail check along with form below to: Rodolph Mullins

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My Phone # 314-365-1007

Rocky Mount, MO 65072

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About Our Reunion In Nashville!

A word about the Nashville Stouffer Hotel and the hotel room rate. Bob Ender negotiated with several large hotels in Nashville to obtain the most favorable rate for the membership. The Nashville Stouffer gave us the best rate and facilities available. There are many hotels with cheaper rates but they do not have the banquet, meeting rooms, or other facilities large or adequate enough to accommodate large groups such as ours.

Please note for comparison purposes, the standard published rates for the Stouffer Nashville Hotel for Jan 1 to Dec 31, 1994 are \$144.00 for standard rooms. Our group discount rate is a \$69.00 savings off the minimum rate. This represents an outstanding value for the facilities and high level of service we will receive.

Also, we have been given certain amenities that benefit you and I, the 24th Infantry Division Association, as a whole. For example, the hotel will allow us to provide our own coffee for the hospitality room, after a minimum purchase from them. Tom Cochran has agreed to loan the association the coffee maker, which is the property of the 34th Inf. Regt. and he and I will work out the logistics. Not only does this save your association a heap of money, but it will afford us the opportunity to appoint the first complainers, the coffee maker of the day.

As a member of the First to Fight Division, you are also entitled to a 15% discount in the Commerce Street Bar & Grill and the Bridge Deli.

Drink Prices for the Hospitality Room:	12 oz Draft Beer	\$1.50
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	Glass House Wine	\$2.00
	Can Soda/Soft Drinks	\$1.00

Complimentary Services: Shoe Shine and use of the hotel health club and pool facilities. Also the hotel is in the process of up dating all rooms and should, by our arrival, provide the USA Today newspaper from Mon-Fri and the Nashville Tennessean on Sat. & Sun. They will have irons and ironing boards, new TV's and hair dryers in each room.

Group rates will be available on a space availability basic 3 days before and 3 days after our reunion dates. Rooms will also be available on a space availability basis over and above the contracted block. So come early and stay as long as you wish, relax and enjoy yourself.

LADIES COFFEE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1995
9:30 a.m. - 12 NOON

ATTENTION ALL LADIES:

FROM: Yvonne Mullins

Be sure to sign up for the Ladies Coffee, it is something you won't want to miss. We have planned "The Continental" to take place at a leisurely hour of 9:30 A.M., giving all of you that extra time in the morning that we ladies like to have. This program is planned at the same time of the 24th Infantry Division Association Annual Meeting.

Our speaker will be Grace Oliver, talking on "Street Smarts". Grace Oliver has been studying martial arts for over a decade and has a First Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do. She is the Director of the Sumner County Alternative Program and is also the Attendance Supervisor for the Sumner County School District. Ms. Oliver teaches "Street Smarts" at the YWCA as well as to many civic organizations. Her goal is to make every person more aware of their surroundings, how to avoid potentially dangerous situations and most importantly, to remain safe.

Ladies, what more can you ask, a timely subject like "Street Smarts", a light breakfast at a reasonable hour, good friends, good surroundings, an all around very enjoyable morning for only \$10.00. One more thing, your breakfast ticket will be put into a pot for a drawing and one person will win an afghan and a rack to display it on. If you are wondering how you will get it home and you don't have room in your car or if you came by air, don't worry, it can be shipped UPS to your home. UPS Office is located in the adjoining shopping mall. Another point I would like to make, if we all come out and support this breakfast, we will have the funds to pay for it and it won't have to come out of the 24th Inf. Div. Associations funds. Send in your reservations early, this is one "Ladies Coffee" you will never forget!!

Make check payable to 24th Inf. Div. Assoc. and mail to: Rodolph Mullins
HCR 3 Box 191
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KOA Nashville Opryland located on Briley Parkway, Exit 12B 1.5 mi on Music Valley Dr. They offer a 10% senior discount, and they should, since basic price is \$24.55. Phone 615-889-0286

KOA: Nashville/Dickson I-40

JCT I-40 Hwy 46 exit 172 across from Westbound exit. 2340 Hwy 46. Phone 615-446-9925

There are other campgrounds around Nashville but these two are recommended because of their close proximity to the Nashville Stouffer Hotel.

A FRIEND

There is no friend like an old friend
who has shared our morning days,
No greeting like his welcome,
No homage like his praise.
Fame is the scentless flower,
with gaudy crowns of gold;
But friendship is the breathing rose
with sweets in every fold.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

We are arranging a visit to Fort Campbell, home of the 101st Airborne Division, for Friday. The tour will include, tour of the Post, the Museum, view a special "Skit" of the Air Assault School, lunch at the Post Exchange Cafeteria, dining facility, Officers Club or the Sportsmans Lodge. Unfortunately, we are restricted to 172 for the tour, so it will be on a first ask first serve basis. So get your request in for this tour as soon as possible. You will be notified with your welcoming letter.

YES, I WISH TO TAKE THE FORT CAMPBELL TOUR ON FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER '95

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24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION REUNION
NASHVILLE - SEPTEMBER 7 - 11, 1995

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Joseph J. McKeon	19th Inf	12733 Muscatine	Arleta CA 91331
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Donald & Opal Williams	21st K CO	Box 326	Wyatt MO 63882
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Walter & Lillian Risceck	21st Inf.	807-I Edwards Ferry	Leesburg VA 22075
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Carl & Mary Sue Gamel	19th Inf.	26431 Williamsburg	Bonita Springs FL 33923
Bill & Katharine Franke	24th Sig. Co.	1309 Bridge Rd	Charleston WV 25314
Vann & Betty Todd	63rd FA	550 E. Mill	Republic MO 65738
John & Catherine Porter Evelyn Britian	21st Inf.	401 Wilson St	Claude TX 79019
Rodolph & Yvonne Mullins	19th Inf.	HCR 3 Box 191	Rocky Mount MO 65072
Leslie Blouin	13th F.A. BN	13 George Circle	Mechanicsburg PA 17055

We are planning on having several nice door prizes to raffle off this year. Included in the door prizes are two men's wrist watches and one ladies wrist watch. They are in excess of \$100 value each. There will be an afghan with quilt rack. Special 24th Infantry Division Association wall or mantle clocks (we're hoping to have six of these). There will be books, gift certificates and other items of good value. These will be drawn at the Friday and Saturday night dinners. The main attraction which is a set of crystal, consisting of a decanter, four glasses and tray will be drawn on Sunday night during our Memorial Banquet.

Taro Leafer, Joe McKeon, on his annual visit to Ireland this Spring, is having the set of crystal made especially for the 24th Infantry Division Association to commemorate the 50th anniversary of VJ Day and the 48th annual reunion of the Association.

Tickets for these door prizes will be sold 6 for \$5.00. We will distribute the tickets through the mail to you, upon receipt of your registration form along with the appropriate payment for the dinner and registration fee. An acknowledgment and letter will be mailed to you. At this time we will include the raffle tickets. We will enclose 2 books of raffle tickets in each letter. Upon receipt of the tickets, if you choose to enter the raffle, simply return the ticket stubs along with the appropriate amount of money for the tickets. We will deposit your stubs in the raffle box. We will also have the raffle tickets on sale at the registration desk. **GOOD LUCK!!**

Hotel Parking will cost \$4.00 per day. Valet parking is available and cost \$9.95 per day. The front of the hotel is entered from Commerce Street and the parking garage is directly in front of the hotel but you must enter the parking garage from 6th or 7th Avenues. The hotel has a nice unloading area at the entrance, so unload and then park, unless you choose to have valet parking, in that case let them do the parking.

We have contracted with Reunion Services to be in Nashville to take pictures and put together a reunion album. This is similar to what Dutch Nelson had in Colorado Springs. They will be circulating among us taking candid shots, so be on your good behavior.

For our three dinners, appropriate dress for these occasions are as follows: For the Friday night "Welcome to Nashville" we plan on country music with possible line dance instruction, so the appropriate dress would be your chance to wear your country/western attire. If you are like us this opportunity comes only too infrequent. Naturally, for Saturday nights function, Hawaiian shirts and dresses would certainly be appropriate, so get out those hawaiian clothes and wear them and make yourself comfortable for this gala occasion. You know what to wear for our big function, the Memorial dinner. For those of you who can still wear your military uniforms, follow Dutch Nelson's example and wear them. I plan on wearing mine and for the ladies, you're always

dressed beautifully for this occasion.

Information on tours and entertainment will follow at a later date.

Fort Campbell has promised to respond within the next 3 weeks.

Cartoonist lampoons the silly rule that male soldiers are not allowed to use umbrellas. There is supposed to be the idea of manliness here, but on the other hand, there's nothing very attractive about a sopping-wet soldier.



EARLY BIRD INCENTIVE!!!!!!!!!!

ADVANCE REGISTRATION DRAWING

THE REUNION CHAIRMAN, RUDY MULLINS, WILL ARRANGE FOR A DRAWING SHORTLY AFTER AUGUST 7TH, CUT-OFF DATE, FROM THE NAMES OF ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE SENT IN THEIR ADVANCE REGISTRATION TO THE CHAIRMAN BY THAT DATE. THE PRIZE WILL BE:

Three Complimentary Room Nights At The Nashville Stouffer Hotel

To Be eligible for this drawing, your check and registration form must be in the hands of Chairman Rudy Mullins by **Monday, August 7th.**

GREAT ODDS!!!

DON'T DELAY!!!

YOU MAY BE THE LUCKY ONE!

GOOD LUCK!!!



**THE
GRAND
PRIZE!**

Clarenbridge crystal
Decanter and Glass
SET



Top Left: Reunion Chairman and Wife. (Rudy Mullins and Yvonne)

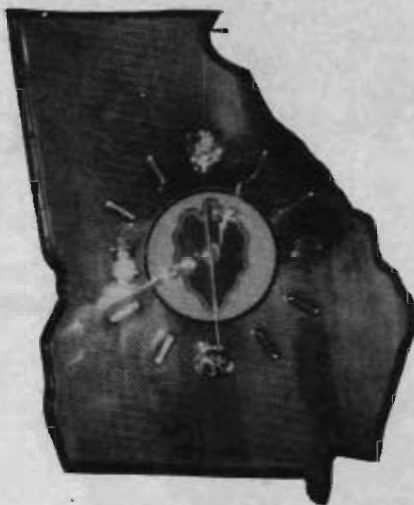
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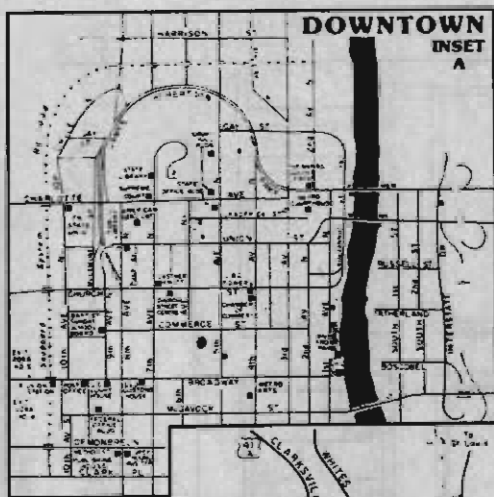


Center: Two Mens and Two ladies Wrist Watches for Fri. & Sat. Raffle

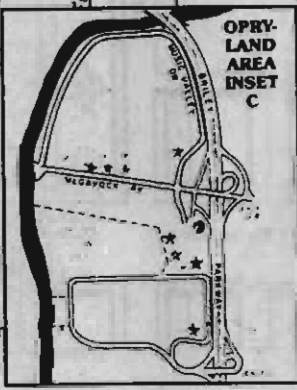
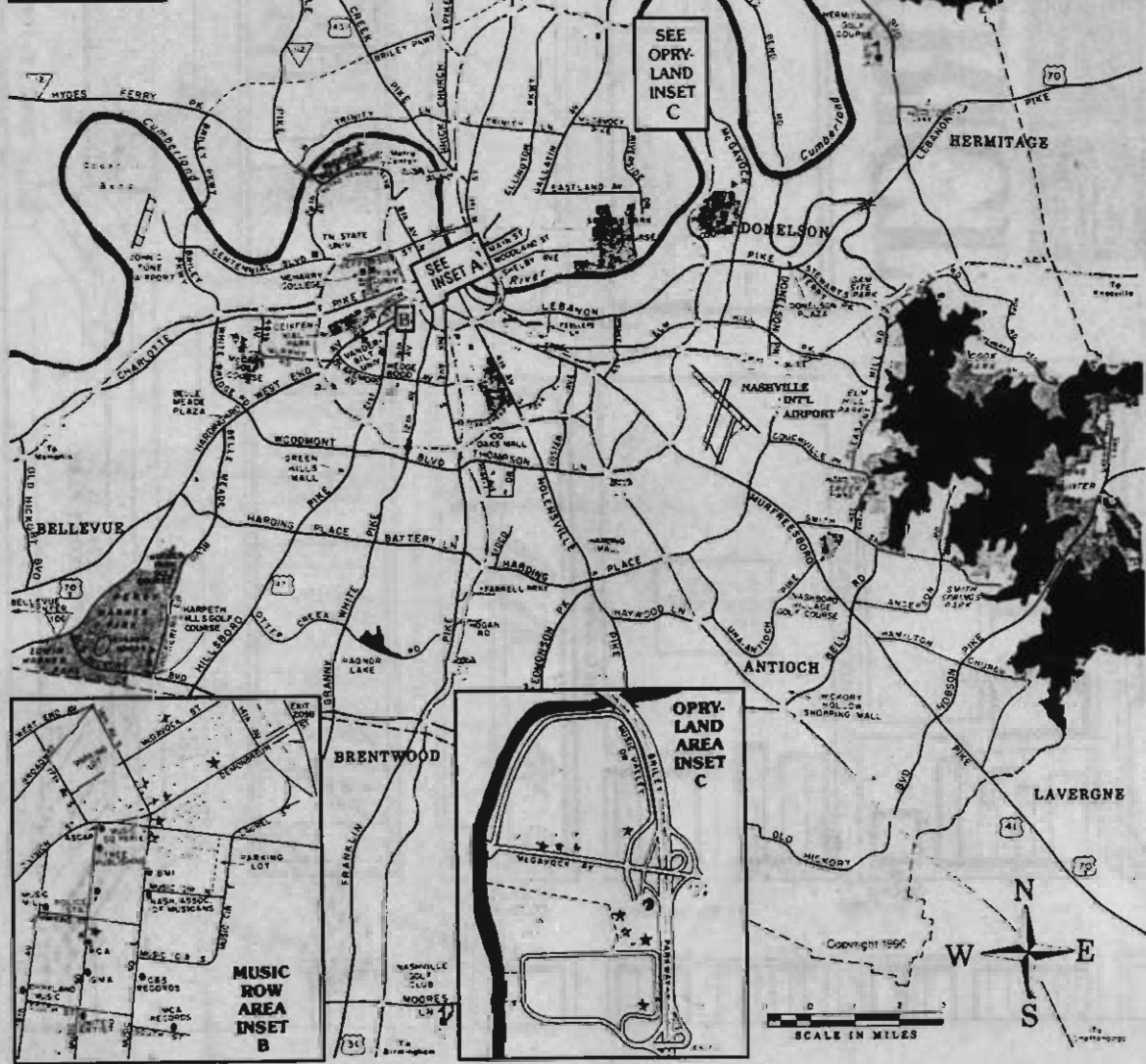
Bottom Left: One of Seven Wall Clocks for Fri. & Sat. Raffle

Bottom Right: One of 4 Wall Rugs for Fri & Sat. Raffle.





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NOTICE TO ALL KOREAN WAR VETERANS

**KOREAN WAR VETERANS
ITS YOUR REUNION**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

16 - 17 - 18 OCTOBER 1995

THESE DAYS ARE AVAILABLE FOR "INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZED UNITS" TO HOLD THEIR OWN UNIT REUNIONS. FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE AREA AND THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY VIRGINIA BEACH MILITARY CONVENTION, PLEASE CALL:

**DICK KINSLEY - (800) VA-BEACH
MILITARY REUNION COORDINATOR**

**CALL ONLY FOR ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED
16-17-18 & 22-23-24 OCTOBER 1995**

FIRST NATIONAL KOREAN WAR VETERANS REUNION 19 - 20 - 21 OCTOBER 1995

THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 1995—CHECK IN TO YOUR LODGING. EVERYONE AT ALL SITES WILL BE PROVIDED ACCESS TO A COMPUTER "DATA BASE" WHICH WILL CONTAIN EVERY VETERANS NAME - RANK - UNIT SERVED IN - DATES OF SERVICE AND WHERE THEY WILL BE STAYING. A PHONE CALL WILL UNITE YOU WITH YOUR COMBAT BUDDIES FROM OVER 40 YEARS AGO. THIS IS YOUR DAY TO RELIVE ALL THAT HAPPENING YOU WENT THROUGH TOGETHER. NOW WE CAN RELAX AND FINALLY ENJOY COMMUNICATING AGAIN.

FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER 1995—THE MORNING IS AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE TO YOU. TOURING MILITARY BASES - GOLFING - BOWLING - VISITING SHOPPING CENTERS - MUSEUMS - OR YOUR OWN DESIRES.

IN THE AFTERNOON — DISPLAYS OF KOREAN WAR MILITARY EQUIPMENT WILL BE OPEN

IN THE EVENING, ALL ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE WILL BE LISTED IN THE OFFICIAL REUNION BOOKLET. BUDDY REUNIONS - DANCES - DINING - ENTERTAINMENT - YOU CONTROL IT ALL.

SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER 1995—IN THE MORNING WE ARE HOLDING OUR NATIONAL KOREAN VETERAN PARADE ON ATLANTIC AVE. IN VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. THE OCEANFRONT IS PARALLEL TO OUR PARADE. IF YOU DESIRE BEING IN THE PARADE, NOTIFY REUNION.

THE REST OF THE DAY IS "ENJOY YOUR VACATION" YOU DESERVE IT. WHAT IS OUR FUTURE? TRANSFER TO US YOUR IDEAS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. SHOULD WE ALL UNITE AGAIN?

**WE WERE DRAFTED
WE VOLUNTEERED
WE FOUGHT FOR YOU
WE GOT WOUNDED
WE GOT SLAIN
WE GAVE 3 YEARS
WE WON THE COLD WAR
WE GOT COLD, HOT, WET
WE GOT DISABLED
WE DID IT ALL FOR YOU**

**AT 2100 HOURS (9 PM) WE ARE HAVING A MAJOR REENACTMENT
OF THE LAST HOUR OF THE LAST DAY OF THE WAR.
OF COURSE THIS FOLLOWS OUR MAJOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY.**



**ITS TIME TO DANCE WITH OUR LOVED ONES TO
THAT WONDERFUL 50'S MUSIC. WE ALL WILL
BE ABLE TO RELIVE THE FIFTIES AS WE KNEW IT.**





KOREAN WAR VETERANS REUNION

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April 14, 1995

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Mr. Robert L. Lawhon
Taro Leaf
24th Infantry Division Association
P. O. Box 6066
Colorado Springs, CO 80934-6066

Dear Robert,

I must apologize for the lateness of my letter to you. I have been really busy traveling and tied down with my business.

I saw the Korean War Reunion announcement in our last issue of the Taro Leaf. We have had quite a few Korean Veterans who have responded to the announcement and a few have made some commitments to the reunion in Virginia Beach.

We now have a permanent office and a new 800 number for the office.

Korean War Reunion
Parkway II, Suite 207
International Parkway
Virginia Beach, Va. 23452

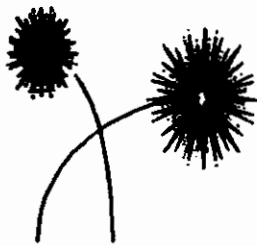
1-800-523-4715
804-468-0846

Again, thank you and I really appreciate your support. I hope to get to one of 24th reunion's soon. I just started my new business about 2 years ago and I am getting to point I will be able to take some time off.

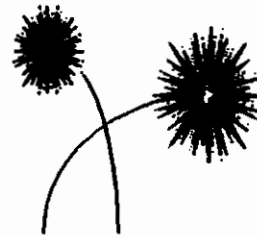
Best regards.

Sincerely,

D. Eugene Brittan



Tiger Survivors



Shorty R. Estabrook

24822 Muirlands Sp 46
Lake Forest, CA 92630

Telephone (714) 583-1841

April 12, 1995

Editor

24 Infantry Division Association

Taro Leaf

PO Box 6066

Colorado Springs, CO 80934-6066

Ye Ed:

Enclosed you will find the TIGER SURVIVORS Newsletter. We were all POW's in North Korea, mostly from the 24th Infantry Division, captured in July 1950. Many from TASK FORCE SMITH were with us also.

Would appreciate it if you would place our reunion advertisement in the next Bulletin.

TIGER SURVIVORS: July 31st to August 6th at Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza, 300 J. Street, Sacramento CA 95814. Contact Shorty Estabrook for more information at 24922 Muirlands, Space 46, Lake Forest CA 92630 Telephone 714-583-1841. You are a TIGER SURVIVOR if you were captured in July 1950 and were with our group led by Colonel John Dunn. We are mostly from the 24th Infantry Division.

Many of our members are also members of AMEXPOW. I am a life member.

Thank you for your consideration.

In Peace and Freedom,

Shorty Estabrook

Lester J. Wynn
243 Highland Terrace Drive
League City, TX 77573

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April 4, 1995

TARO LEAF
24th Infantry Division Association
Kenwood Ross, Editor
120 Maple Street
Springfield, MA 01103-2278

Dear Mr. Ross

I am a nephew of Kinley V. Wynn. He has had a desire to attend one of the reunions for a number of years, however, he never told me about it until this past week. I told him that I would try to find out when the next reunion was scheduled and if possible, I would take him to it. Kinley will be 81 years old in July 1995. He loves to talk about his experiences during the war and would truly enjoy seeing others that served during the war in the Pacific.

Kinley V. Wynn began his service on February 6, 1942 and served 3 years, 3 months, and 26 days with Company K, 3rd Battalion. He holds medals for the Asian Pacific Campaign with 2 bronze stars, the Philippines Liberation with 2 bronze stars. He was awarded the Bronze Star on March 6, 1991, 46 years after he was discharged.

Kinley was not given a middle name when he was born, however, the army insisted that he had to have a middle name or initial, so he gave himself the 'V' and said it stood for 'Victory'. Victory is exactly what we had in the Pacific, however, it did cost a lot of American lives. Some of those were related to Kinley and me.

Please correct Kinley's address:

Kinley V. Wynn
P.O. Box 193
Turkey, TX 79261

Please send the information concerning the reunion to me at the address on the head of this letter.

Yours truly,

Lester Wynn
Lester Wynn

Statistical Data
of the
24th Infantry Division Association

Computerization of the individual records is now complete, and allows easy gathering of statistical information, some of which is presented here. This information is as imperfect as are the records from which it is gathered. Many, many records are woefully incomplete. For example, under "unit" one finds the entry, "first platoon, Charlie Company." (What regiment?) Or, "I was with the boys in the Philippines." (Obviously WWII but what unit?) Even, "I was a Gimlet all the way." (21st all right, but what war?)

Also, this information changes daily with the addition and loss of members. So, for what it's worth I present the following to you.

Dutch Nelsen
Sec/Tres

1,705 annual members	<u>By War</u>	<u>Duty In:</u>
1,065 \$100 Life members	WWII 1,048	Japan 738
115 \$150 Life members	Korea 1,255	Germany 160
14 Comp. members	D. Storm 7	Ft. Riley 6
-----	Pearl Har 64	Ft. Stewart 3
2,899 total members	TF Smith 16	
	POW 12	

Largest States:

CA 217
PA 201
FL 190
NY 163
TX 138
IL 129
OH 120
GA 99
MA 98
MI 94
NJ 94
NC 70
IN 67
VA 65
MO 64
WI 57
WA 56
LA 52
MN 50

By Unit:

These figures will not "balance" because, (1) incomplete data provided by members, (2) peacetime service is not shown. Only major units shown here.

Div Hq: 78, WWII 27, Korea 24
Div Arty: 21, WWII 14, Korea 7
5th RCT: 262 all Korea
19th: 591, WWII 243, Korea 278
21st: 620, WWII 301, Korea 247
34th: 365, WWII 211, Korea 104
3rd Eng: 100, WWII 41, Korea 44
24th Sig: 30, WWII 12, Korea 11
24th Recon: 20, WWII 9, Korea 9
24th Med: 40, WWII 19, Korea 11
11th Field: 75, WWII 31, Korea 33
13th Field: 80, WWII 32, Korea 36
52nd Field: 60, WWII 30, Korea 25
63rd Field: 41, WWII 20, Korea 19
24th MP: 33, WWII 11, Korea 11
339th Eng: 51, all WWII
24th QM: 18, WWII 3, Korea 5

Philip H. Hostetter M.D.
2040 Jay Court
Manhattan, K S 66502

Robert L. Lawhon
Rt. 2, Box 711
Proctorville, O H 45669

Dear Robert,

I was delighted to see my article about the 50th Leyte Landing Anniversary, a map, and a page from my book in the Taro Leaf. You ran 9 pictures of mine in addition. Now let's see some of you other Chicks get busy!

I have always wished I had given more recognition to my Medical Department Associates. In my position I could have. One time I did write a note and it was printed in the Soldier's hometown newspaper! I was young, and quite busy at the time I recall. I am glad you have given me the opportunity in the Taro Leaf to catch up a little.

"We Have Returned" was also printed in a Chicago Filipino-American newspaper and my hometown paper. Can you send me a few copies of the Leaf? I would like to send them to Mayor Lim of Manila, my old friend Loling Espana of Palo, and my brother Clyde (a former Ensign) at San Louis Obispo. Clyde is a retired Professor Of Journalism. The difference between him and me is he can write, and he gets paid for it.

After seeing Page 41 there seems to be little likelihood (see what I mean?) of either of us losing our amateur standings. "Deborah, How you have changed!"

Best wishes, and hang in there!

Phil

Note attached

Haven't been anywhere in a while

The Hawaii-based 25th Infantry Division (Light) got word Dec. 6 that it would be deploying for the first time since the Vietnam War. Soldiers from the 25th's 2d and 3d brigades are scheduled to replace deployment-weary troops from the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) in Haiti in early 1995.

The "Tropic Lightning" division will be on the ground during the Haitian elections expected early in 1995. The division will likely become part of the U.N. task force when it assumes control of operations there.

WE HAVE RETURNED

American veterans returned, 180 of us is one estimate. All of us paid our own way. We are not as young or as wealthy as we would like... Every place we went, we were overwhelmed by expressions of gratitude for what our armed forces accomplished, and their admiration of us personally... The American people can be proud of this nation we helped develop beginning almost a hundred years ago. We can be proud we stood up to our moral obligation when they were invaded by an enemy.

By: Philip Hostetter, M.D.

October 20, 1944 General Douglas MacArthur returned to the Philippine Islands as he said he would three years before when he was forced to leave by the invading Japanese. He returned with the greatest sea, land, and air force ever assembled. Allied forces landed first on Leyte Island in the east-central Philippines, on a sandy expanse called Red Beach between the towns of Tacloban and Palo.

Fifty years later the government of

the village. He promised the American government would furnish a teacher from Manila and school books if the village would build a school building. This they were eager to do. For the first time in their history the people enjoyed public education. English was taught and still is as a second language. There are at least 40 distinct languages in the Philippines. The 1200 islands are isolated from each other

friends, and Hitler lost in Europe.

Japanese invaders proved to be terrible administrators and incessantly brutal. "Life under Japanese soldiers was intolerable," Inday Sydiongco, a resident of Tacloban, told me. "Every time we were forced to go into the country to get food the soldiers demanded to know where we had been. They suspected we were working with the

GERALD HOWE, 1601 S. Ranch Rd.,
New Berlin WI 53151-1652, is
looking for anyone who may have
any information on his brother

BERNARD L. HOWE
K 21st mail clerk
KIA 7/11/50.

Pfc. Howe entered the
Army 1/17/49, left for Japan on
4/15/49. He was with the
24th when the fighting first
broke out in Korea and the 24th
Division was the first division
to bear the brunt of the
fighting.

If anyone can give any information on Bernard, kindly notify
Gerald Howe at the above address.
The family will be very grateful.

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Warren and Lucille Coats(24th MP) are proud grandparents of Heather Lyn Cooper graduates from high school in June and will enter West Point June 29, as a Cadet.Good Luck Heather!

"Caisson"

From the French word "caisse" which meant "Little Box."

Murphy's Laws of War

1. A five-second grenade will always go off in three.
2. Never share a foxhole with anyone braver than you are.
3. The enemy diversion that you are ignoring is the main attack.
4. If the enemy is in range, so are you.
5. Anything you do can get you shot -- including nothing.

American soldiers adopting Haitian schools, repairing school buildings

By Spec. Patricia A. Long

Patriot Correspondent

Port-au-Prince, HAITI — The crowd laughed and cheered as American soldiers and Haitian children tripped over the soccer ball in the first of several games to be played by Task Force Strike under the adopt-a-school program.

The school, College Mixte Antoine Theodore, teaches preschool to high school level children, and was identified by the task force, which includes 10th Mountain Division's 3rd Battalion, 14th Infantry; and 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry and 224th Support Battalion from Fort Stewart as one of the poorest schools in the area.

According to Task Force Strike commander Lt. Col. Harry Scott, 3rd Bn., 14th Inf. the school normally enrolls approximately 300 students on a rotating schedule. But the current enrollment is approximately 35 students.

"Most of the parents were working in this area and lost their jobs. The school's headmaster expects enrollment to increase as the parents start working again," he said.

Another factor Scott anticipates will help increase enrollment will be the repair of the school building itself. "We've arranged to have engineers from the 41st Engineer Company

come in and do some preliminary painting and put a new roof on the building," Scott said. The task force also delivered several boxes of food and other items to the school to be distributed to local needy families.

But what seemed to be the most popular items delivered were two soccer balls, which the soldiers used to challenge the students to a game.

"I was very satisfied with the football game and I would like to have a team to play us all the time. I would like to score much better than we did today," said 14-year-old Leon Pierre.

Another student said he hopes the school will be able to have a team to play other schools in the area and maybe they can get better equipment. "With the help of the Americans, maybe we will have the opportunity to have an organized soccer team."

They are definitely one step closer to this goal and many others with the help and support of Task Force Strike.

"I have made arrangements with the school's headmaster to have soldiers come over here every day to play with the children during recess," Scott said. He added the soldiers also intend to continue donating items to the school and local families that live in the area.

AN OLD MAN walked into the bedroom of a female friend at a nursing home and said, "Today's my birthday, guess how old I am."

His friend said, "Take off your clothes Now turn around three times, very slowly Now turn the other way three times Hmmm You're 97."

"Amazing!" cried the old man. "How in the world did you guess?"

"You told me at breakfast," the lady said.

BARTOW D. TOMBLIN (Div.Hq. '44-'45) of 3805 Woodland Dr., Columbus GA 31907 is looking for:

James C. Watson
34th '44-'45

and

Fred W. Waetinger
Div.Hq. '44-'45

19th Infantry Division Association

30 November 1994

Bob-

Appreciate the Thanksgiving message sent via Ham radio. A little bit garbled but I think I got your call letters as KB8P1B. Messed with Ham radio when I spent a tour at the South Pole with my helicopter unit. Everyone we talked to back in the USA was amazed where we were located and really wanted our CQ cards that identified us and our location.

Here is an item for the next TARO LEAF--

Received a phone call from Association member HILLMAN RABAIS a short time ago. HILLMAN was a member of Company K, 19th Infantry in Beppu and Korea from February 1950 until April 1951. He was captured by the Chinese in April 51 after his company was attacked while the regiment was on line in the mountains of South Korea. After evading the Chinese for two days he and a buddy were captured and sent to Camp 1 (later renumbered Camp 3). He stayed a prisoner until August of 53 at which time he was repatriated. HILLMAN has kept up with the members of Company K that were in the POW camp with him but would like to hear from members of Company K that were with him in Beppu and Korea. He tells me he has often wondered about the men that were not captured but he did not know how to contact any of them until he saw on the Association stationery that I had been a member of the 19th during the same time frame that he was a member. He further told me that although he lives close to New Orleans he was unable to attend our last reunion because of major surgery in June and September that restricted him to his home. Anyone wishing to contact him can write or call him at the following:

HILLMAN RABAIS
305 Parish Street
Arabi, LA 70032
(504) 279-0053

Also received a letter from Charles E. Garrett who was a member of Service Company, 19th Regiment in 1950-51. Charles has recently retired from the United Nations and lives at the following address:

Promenadenstr 13
CH-9400 Rorschach, Switzerland

I remember Chuck as a Warrant Officer in our Regimental Motor Pool.

Best of the holidays to you and all of yours.

Jim Hill
JIM HILL

1st Vice-President

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24TH INFANTRY DIVISION HISTORY

The association is just getting under way on this project and a committee of three to five members has to be formed to work with the publisher. Perhaps those members who have already authored books would be competent individuals for such a committee. Those of you who have such talent please contact our Secretary-Treasurer, Dutch Nelsen, to join this group.

This article is being circulated in the TARO LEAF so to alert all members who have previously expressed intense interest in this publication as to what is taking place. Much organizing, planning, and detailing will be necessary, and this briefing is only that, a briefing, to give our membership some facts and basic information.

Previously over 600 members have paid money to the treasurer for a copy of this book. The names and amounts have been accurately recorded by the treasurer; therefore, such individuals will receive proper credit.

The two major publishers of military histories will compete for the contract to produce our history:

Taylor Publishing, Dallas, Tx.
Turner Publishing, Paducah, Ky.

We have proposals from both companies and the project can proceed with minimum risk to our association. Taylor and Turner will, in all probability, be interviewed by the executive committee in Nashville. However, the editor is devoting a page in this issue to a ballot so that all members, regardless of whether or not they will attend the Nashville reunion, can cast a vote regarding the history project. If you are interested in subscribing to this book, fill out the ballot and return it, as instructed, promptly. The price will be in the range of \$40 to \$50, depending upon size, number of pages, etc. Time element is about 12 to 14 months from the time a contract is signed until the project is completed. Do not send money; this will be collected at a later date.

At the Reno reunion we had a dry run on the history publication, and here are some of the findings which may serve as a basis to guide us: (On hand were copies of the histories from other divisions: 25th, 94th, 99th, and 7th Armored).

Of 40 members present, 34 were interested in purchasing this book in the \$40-\$50 price range. 12 have already paid some money in advance.

(Forward)

Specific recommendations:

That fairness and equality be shown throughout the issue, with no particular unit(s) being glamorized at the expense of other units.

Suggested breakdown of space being apportioned at approximately 33% WW II, 33% Korean War, 20% Desert Storm, balance pre-Pearl Harbor, Germany, Lebanon, peace time, deactivation, etc.

Unanimously agreed (one exception!) that the book be complete history, (as in the 99th book) no personal biographies, with the exception of the CMH winners, the consensus being that (a) no one book would be large enough to hold all biographies and (b) personal biographies already on file can be published in future TARO LEAFS.

The biographies of all CMH winners must be included.

If possible, print unit crests of all units, including attached units, on the inside back cover, as in 7th Armored book.

In back of book list names of all subscribers with units and dates served.

Make history available to all attached units, and reach out to all Desert Storm soldiers, as well as active duty troops, via Stewart newsletter, Museum, VFW, Amer. Legion, etc.

Much work to be done. Please be patient and cooperate to the fullest extent.

Watch future TARO LEAFS, and, later, be alert for final subscription forms in publishers direct mail promotion.

24TH INFNTRY DIVISION ASSN. HISTORY QUESTIONNAIRE

(Please Reply Promptly)

I understand that a history of our Division will probably be go to print shortly after the Sept., 1995, reunion and completion will follow approximately 12 to 14 months later. It is further understood that the cost will be in the \$40 to \$50 price range, plus shipping charges.

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1. I am interested in subscribing to this history when complete details are available.

2. I prefer the make-up of this text to be:

☐

- (a) All History; No personal biographies.

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- (b) Part history; Part personal biographies.

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3. (a) I have previously paid some money in advance for this history book.

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- (b) I have not previously paid money in advance for this history book.

It is my understanding that this questionnaire is for estimation purposes only, is not binding, and that details and method of payment will be forthcoming after this project is finalized with the publishers, and that I will be advised accordingly.

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CHARLEY CARD (34th WW II), thoughtfully sends us this column from his hometown Houston Post.

Proposed change of V-J Day an insult to those who served

BY EDWIN D. HUNTER
SPECIAL TO THE HOUSTON POST

Comes now the proposal to change the phrase V-J Day to "End of the War in the Pacific" Day. Although we have celebrated V-J Day for 49 years, this latest pressure to revise history arises because of plans for a gala celebration in Honolulu in September. How ridiculous and politicized can we get?

It seems that some in authority fear the phrase V-J Day might prove embarrassing to the Japanese prime minister and damage his political base back home if he participates in the 50th anniversary ceremonies. The proposed change is not only outrageous, it is insulting to the thousands of American servicemen and women who fought against Japanese aggression in the Pacific. Are we mixed up about who won the war?

The proposed celebration is one for us and our Allies. Sensitivities of Japanese politicians should be the least of our worries. What should concern us are the feelings of the families of those thousands of Americans who died in the war against the Japanese.

Their warlords earned for Japan its reputation as the rapist and bullyboy on the mainland of Asia for decades before Pearl Harbor. Early in the 20th century, after a surprise attack on the Russians similar to the one years later against the United States, the warlords started and won the Russo-Japanese War. In the 1930s and '40s they brutalized eastern Asia, Manchuria, Nanking in China (where 100,000 civilians were killed), Indochina, Malaya, Singapore and Indonesia. They even threatened Australia.

Abundant evidence exists that the Japanese, when victors, were neither kindly nor generous. Those valiant (and lucky) Americans who survived the Bataan Death March and Corregidor in the Philippines certainly can attest to that.

Who can forget the bloody beaches and jungles in our island-hopping campaign across the Pacific — Wake, Midway, Guadalcanal, the Marshalls, the Marianas? The American bloodshed at Okinawa, Iwo Jima and countless other islands or the brutal suffering the Japanese routinely inflicted on the Filipinos?

There were the thousands of Americans — I was one — who mainly had been fighting a war of boredom on those islands, some for as long as three or four years. Victory in Europe must come first, we always were told.

Only as the war in Europe was winding down in the spring of 1945 did these

thousands start getting furloughs to go home briefly before the big push against Japan. Scores of them had not been home since being drafted in the fall of 1941 — four Christmases earlier! Everything — personnel, material, planes — seemed to be shifting westward from Europe across the United States. All signs pointed to the final assault on the beaches of Japan.

We homesick guys in the Marianas in the spring and summer of 1945 looked skyward, and we could hardly believe our eyes. Planes — literally hundreds of them including a growing number of the new B-29s. So much of our military might previously tied down in Europe was now pointing at Japan.

Daily in the early morning darkness on Saipan we'd hear the roar of those huge B-29s warming up. In daylight as we went to breakfast looking north we'd watch a line of single file bombers as far as the eye could see heading for Tokyo and the cities of mainland Japan. By noon or before there would be two lines of bombers in the air. One line was still speeding north, but the other line was coming south toward home bases.

Sometimes a few of the returning planes would be obviously limping, and one or two would be flying with engines ablaze. But there were hundreds of them, and the first planes airborne on the day's mission would be landing while the last planes were still taking off.

For those who had been in the Pacific since 1942 the miracles of wartime industrial production being achieved daily back in the United States were hard to believe. But it was an oddly reassuring sight.

So, after all, it was the massive destruction, climaxed by the dropping of the awesome new atomic bombs by those same B-29s over Japan that brought us victory in the Pacific. It made unnecessary the deaths of thousands on the beaches of Japan that otherwise would have been required to achieve victory.

And it seems somehow appropriate that the war should have ended thus. The difference is that the end came after Japan had been warned this terrible new weapon was about to fall from the skies, when their leadership already knew their dreams of victory had been shattered. V-J Day stands for victory over Japan. That tells it all. It's time for us to stop trying to rewrite history.

Hunter was a first lieutenant in an antiaircraft artillery battalion in the Pacific during the war.

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Are U.S. Forces Ready to Fight?

Republicans in Congress are taking dead aim at the Clinton Administration's defense budget. One target sure to draw their fire is military "readiness." The Republicans believe that the Pentagon has provided too little money to get the troops in combat trim.

Just how ready are the armed forces and how much more needs to be done? As it happens, the answers are not as simple or as bleak as the Republicans would have it.

Representative Floyd Spence of South Carolina, who will chair the House Armed Services Committee, last month accused the Administration of exhibiting "the classic symptoms of denial" when it contended that U.S. forces are readier than they have ever been. The view from the field is "disturbingly different," he said, citing the low readiness ratings of three Army divisions — the 1st Cavalry, the 2d Armored and the 24th Mechanized Infantry.

Defense Secretary William Perry quickly agreed that the Army, at least, was not as ready as it should be. A few days later President Clinton said he would add \$25 billion over six years to his defense budget, much of it earmarked for readiness.

No sooner had he done so, however, than The Times' Eric Schmitt discovered that commanders of the divisions cited by Mr. Spence had painted an overly gloomy view from the field to help the Army claim a larger share of the defense budget.

By most measures, the Pentagon is already spending far more on readiness and the armed forces are readier than they have been in a long time. The operations and maintenance part of the Pentagon budget, which pays for readiness, is currently \$93 billion — twice what it was in 1980 and one-third more than in 1985, at the height of the Reagan buildup. At the same time the armed forces are roughly 25 percent smaller. With fewer troops to train and fewer weapons to maintain, there is much more readiness money to go around.

That money is yielding results. The Pentagon sorts units into five categories from C-1, fully

combat ready, to C-5, in overhaul. According to a Congressional Budget Office study, the readiness of active Air Force and Navy air units equaled the late 1980's highs. Other indicators are at record highs. To describe this as verging on "a hollow force," the study concludes, is "misleading."

That does not mean that every unit is in fighting trim. By the same token, a low rating does not mean a unit is unfit, says Lawrence Korb, who was a Pentagon official during the Reagan years. The 1st Cavalry, for instance, can be classified marginally ready even if it is fully manned and among the world's best equipped but has not been able to train for a month because funds for that purpose have been used for troops in Haiti. Readiness, in short, is only one aspect of what most people mean when they talk about being prepared to wage war.

Categorizing units is a subjective judgment, which can be influenced by the desire for a bigger budget. A similarly subjective judgment is whether every unit should be in top fighting form and whether it is worth paying to assure that.

Take Mr. Spence's three "unready" Army divisions. The 2d Armored and the 24th Infantry are heavy divisions — the sort that were designed to wage tank warfare with the Red Army. Since lighter and more mobile units make better sense today, the Army could shortchange both divisions this year and bring them up to par next year. It turns out, however, that the Army plans to demobilize the 2d Armored and the 1st Cavalry as part of a force reduction to 10 divisions from the current 12. Keeping them at full readiness may be a waste of money.

If the object is to have the armed forces in fighting trim, downsizing them makes sense. U.S. strength is far greater than is required to meet potential threats. Why waste money supporting every Army division, Navy carrier battle group and Air Force wing when reductions would improve the readiness of the remaining forces? In any case readiness requires painstaking attention, not political and budgetary grandstanding, by members of Congress or by military commanders.



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50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR II
COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

**Veteran Service Organizations
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On 6 April 1995, this Committee will host our quarterly briefing on upcoming World War II commemorative events to veterans, unit organizations, and travel companies at the Base Theater on Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C. The presentation will begin at 10:00 AM and will last approximately two hours. We encourage each organization to send a representative, as this meeting will be the best opportunity to relay to your group information on V-E Day, 8-9 May 1995, and End of War in the Pacific (V-J Day) commemorations, 1-3 September 1995 (Labor Day weekend).

The planned briefing schedule is:

10:00	Welcome and Introduction Remarks
10:15-11:15	Overview of Pacific, European, and Stateside Commemorative Events
11:00-12:00	Question and Answer Session

To assist those groups who are unable to send a representative, we have attached informational slides on the events planned for Honolulu. End of War in the Pacific commemorations promise to rival last year's D-Day ceremonies and these will be our National salute to the veterans of the Pacific war. Since there will be important planning notes and ticket information discussed (ground transportation, hotel availability, and veteran participation), attendance is highly recommended.

For us to properly plan events, we need feedback from you on the number of veterans and family members planning to attend events in Honolulu. We also need you to include the veteran's service background (Army, Army Air Force, Marine, Navy, Coast Guard), since at the Veteran's Parade and at the 25th Infantry Division Review, veterans will be invited to march in groups representing their service.

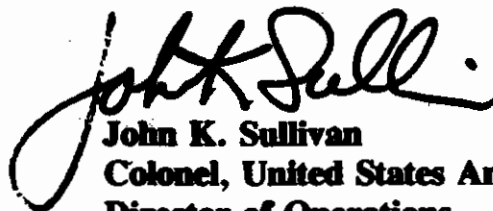
Please pass on this information to your organizations and relay to us your best estimate on the number of veterans planning to attend End of the War in the Pacific events. Unlike Normandy, many veterans will travel on their own to Hawaii and we need an accurate estimate on the number of people to expect. Request you provide this information to us as soon as possible, but no later than mid-May 1995; then update it if necessary as we approach Labor Day weekend.

Veterans and unit organizations should contact Lieutenant Colonel Jim Fisher or Major Tom Rigsbee at (703) 604-0827/0821 if you plan to attend the 6 April briefing or if you have questions on upcoming European and V-E Day commemorations. Travel companies should contact Commander Luanne Smith at (703) 604-0825 to respond. Refer questions on End of the War in the Pacific commemorations to Lieutenant Colonel Allen Green or Lieutenant Commander Deke Kennison at (703) 604-0820. FAX numbers for the Committee are (703) 604-0832/0833.

As always, travel companies are welcome to distribute trip literature to attendees.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you in April and in commemorating with you and your organization the upcoming end of the war events.

Very respectfully,



John K. Sullivan
Colonel, United States Army
Director of Operations

Attachments

Please have a rep. attend!

End of the War in the Pacific

1 September 95

Theme: Remembering the War in the Pacific

Events: Friday Morning

Schofield Barracks - 25ID Division Review

- Open to all Veterans, Family Members, and the Public
- MC highlights names of units who fought in the Pacific
- Address remembering land and air battles in the Pacific
- Each service will be represented with color and honor guards, they will be located at the end of the formation. The color and honor guard will halt, prior to passing the reviewing stand and WWII veterans will be offered the opportunity to join the parade and pass in review.

Events: Friday Afternoon

Waikiki- Parade of Ships Review

- Open to all Veterans, Family Members, and the Public
- MC highlights Pacific Theater battles, emphasizing naval and air battles
- Address to thank veterans emphasizing sea battles

End of the War in the Pacific

2 September 95

Theme: The War Ends, Peace at Last. Remember the losses and the cost of freedom. 50 years since the war...looking to the 21st Century

Events: Saturday Morning

At-Sea Service - Memorial service at-sea or pier-side aboard USN Ship

- Veterans and Family Members aboard (priority to sea service veterans)
- Sea Service and Wreath Laying
- Address to remember the Losses at Sea

National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl Cemetery) -

- Memorial service for Veterans and Family Members
- Key Note Address for weekend

The End of World War II, Peace Achieved. The 50 Years after the War.
The Torch is passing and this generation will work to ensure the 21st Century is a century of Peace, Freedom and Hope for the Children, Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren of those we honor.

- Open to the Public

End of the War in the Pacific

2 September 95

(continued)

Theme: The War Ends, Peace at Last.

Events: Saturday Afternoon

Veterans Parade (Same route as Pearl Harbor 50th Commemoration)

- Parade organized with each service marching as a group; Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard Veterans and Merchant Marines
- Veterans will be asked to March, Ride or Sit in the Reviewing Stand

Events: Saturday Evening

Dinner Dances for vets and family at Major Hotels-Downtown Honolulu Hangar Dances (no cost option for Veterans, Family Members, Dress 1940's)

- Hickam AFB, NAS Barbers Point, Wheeler AFB and MCAS Kaneohe
- Period Music
- For Veterans and Family Members
- Military Bands in WWII era dress

End of the War in the Pacific

3 September 95

Theme: Peace, 50 Years without World War. The 21st Century...a blank canvas; what are we going to do to ensure the next century is a century of peace with freedom, prosperity, and harmony

Events: Sunday Morning
Ecumenical Service at Aloha Stadium
- 1 Hour and 15 minutes

Events: Sunday Afternoon
Musical Honors
- Aloha Stadium, 1400-1600 Local(2000-2200 EST)(Option: 1500-1700 Local)
- Senior ODV Participation

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The 50th Anniversary of World War II flag features the World War II Honorable Service Lapel Button. The badge originally designed by Anthony de Francisci for the War Department, was issued to all veterans honorably discharged between September 8, 1939, and December 31, 1946.

During the commemorative period, the United States will focus on honoring the WWII veterans and the sacrifices made on the home front by the American people, providing the American public with a clearer understanding and appreciation of the enduring lessons of WWII, acquainting Americans with the reasons why we fought--the values which we strove to defend and protect, and highlighting the advances in technology, science and medicine from military research during World War II. For more information, write: HQDA, SACC; Room 3E524, Pentagon; Washington, D.C. 20310-0101.



The United States of America commemorative logo for the 50th Anniversary of World War II features a five-star field symbolic of the five-star military leadership, five theaters of operations, participation of the five services, five commemorative decades and a laurel wreath symbolizing victory and peace.

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Chester Petty (3rd Eng) and his new wife "Virginia" live on their 32-footer "Gemini." We're all sorry for you, Chester. That has to be some tough living!

Many in Japan Oppose Apology to Asians for War

By NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF

TOKYO, March 5 — Half a century after World War II, the Japanese Parliament is considering whether to apologize for invading other Asian countries and killing millions of people. But after thinking about it, many members of Parliament are saying that an apology is not really necessary after all.

Support for the resolution is foundering, as opponents gain ground and suggest that Japan's aim in World War II was simply to liberate Asia from Western colonialism.

"These countries had been colonized and oppressed by whites, so our purpose was to free those nations and stabilize them," said Seisuke Okuno, 81, a former Cabinet minister who leads a group of 161 lawmakers who oppose the resolution. Mr. Okuno hints that if anybody owes someone an apology for World War II conduct, it is the United States.

"Incendiary bombs fell on Japan like rain, and atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki," Mr. Okuno said. "And the Russian Army committed mind-boggling atrocities against Japanese. So we think that there were war crimes more serious than any committed by Japan."

The proposed apology has caused a furor because it goes to the heart of deeply sensitive questions of Japanese history and identity. And the backlash against the proposal is grist for the mill of those who argue that while Germans feel guilty about World War II, the Japanese feel embarrassed.

Already opponents of the resolution have held a demonstration and gathered 4.5 million signatures on a petition against a resolution of apology. Twelve prefectural assemblies have approved resolutions since late last year expressing gratitude to Japan's war dead for their efforts, and more local assemblies are expected to follow suit this year.

Americans sometimes accuse the Japanese of looking at the war as if it began by accident in 1941, and of thus seeing themselves as its victims instead of its perpetrators. But some Japanese do examine the causes of the war, and see the United States as the one to blame.



Fumiyo Asahi for The New York Times

Seisuke Okuno, who leads opponents of a resolution in Japan to apologize for invading other Asian countries during World War II.

Supporters of the resolution say there was an understanding back then that the final language would not just call for reflection, but actually offer an apology.

Yet the nation's dominant political party — the Liberal Democrats, also a member of the coalition — decided

on Thursday to weaken a reference in the party platform to Japanese brutality during World War II. The platform retains a call for "hansai" and a reference to the cruelties of the Japanese Army, but it excised a specific assertion that "our country's invasions and colonization caused unbearable suffering and misery to huge numbers of people."

The New Frontier Party, the main opposition group, is not accusing the Government of backtracking, in part because the opposition itself is avoiding taking a clear position one way or the other.

Opponents of the apology say the tide may have changed, so that Japan can feel more pride in its role during World War II. Mr. Okuno, for example, contends that the United States imposed its own version of history and, during the postwar occupation of Japan, held war crimes trials for which there was little basis.

"Through this process, the Japanese people were brainwashed," he said. "They started to think that Japan had led a war of invasion and did many bad things."

But now, Mr. Okuno said, the trend is changing. "People are starting gradually to understand the facts."

To be sure, others see the trend going in the opposite direction. Two years ago, the Prime Minister at the time, Morihiro Hosokawa, gave the most explicit apology for the war ever offered by a Japanese leader, and more information about the country's army atrocities is becoming available within Japan. In addition, in a poll last year Japanese indicated that they believe 4 to 1 that their Government has not adequately

"I think World War II was one in which Japan was cornered and forced to fight for its self-defense," said Masao Horie, chairman of the Japan Veterans Association, which is vigorously opposing the apology resolution.

The United States froze Japanese financial assets and imposed an oil embargo on Japan in the summer of 1941, in response to Japan's occupation of Vietnam, and Mr. Horie said the sanctions meant that "Japan had no choice but to stand up and fight; otherwise, Japan would have perished."

The resolution's supporters acknowledge that they face a struggle, while opponents express confidence that they can kill the resolution or deflect it by changing its wording. Yet both sides agree on one thing: that the debate over the resolution is a milestone in Japan's efforts to form a consensus on its past.

"We are trying to change views toward the war," said Hirotake Yabe, the executive director of the Japan Veterans Association. "But there's still a strong camp that sees Japan as a villain and believes that Japan conducted a war of aggression. They do this with the help of other countries such as China. So this debate over the resolution is a critical point to determine which view will prevail."

Kosuke Uehara, a senior member of the Parliament and a leading supporter of the resolution of apology, referred to it as "a test of democracy in Japan." He acknowledged the emotional force of the arguments that Japan must not forsake its war dead but added, "We are giving a chance to the Japanese people to think about why this resolution is necessary."

Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama, a Socialist who improbably leads a Government dominated by conservatives, has been a firm supporter of an apology.

When three parties created the coalition that formed the Murayama Government last June, they agreed that they would work in Parliament to adopt a resolution about World War II that would express "hansel" — a word meaning reflection or penitence.



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MARCH 19, 1995

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Carl & Ruth Conner, Atlanta area
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Thanks Carl for the notice of the death of Charles Clark.

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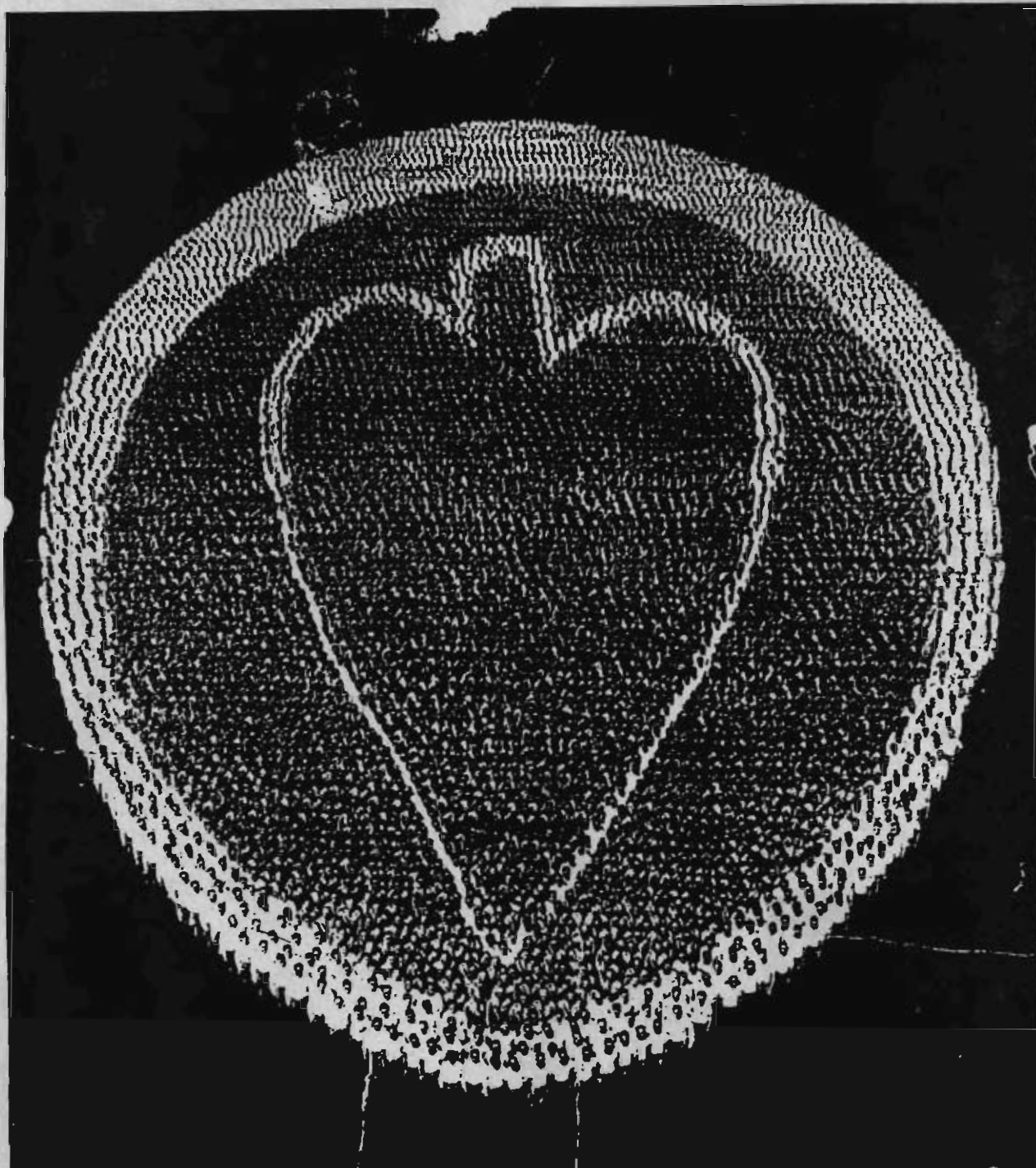
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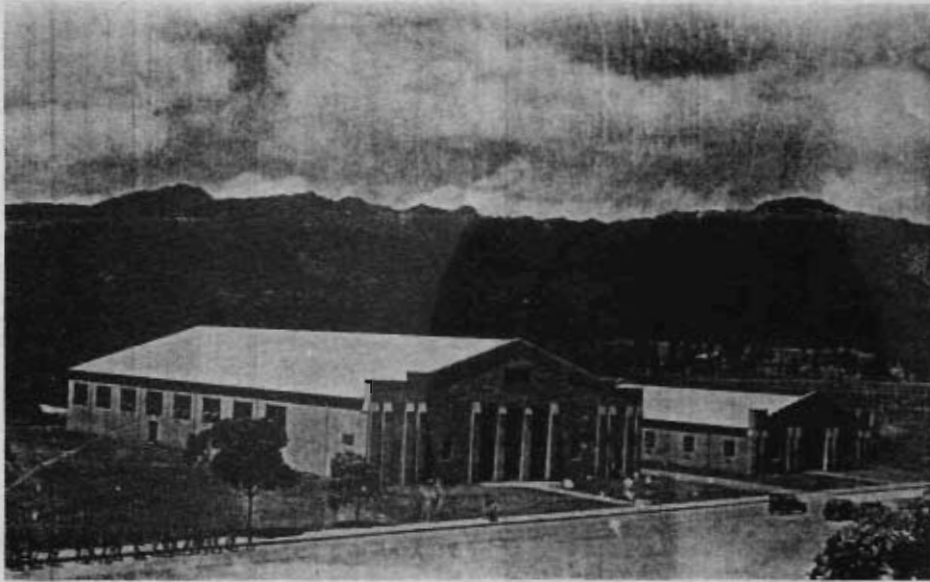


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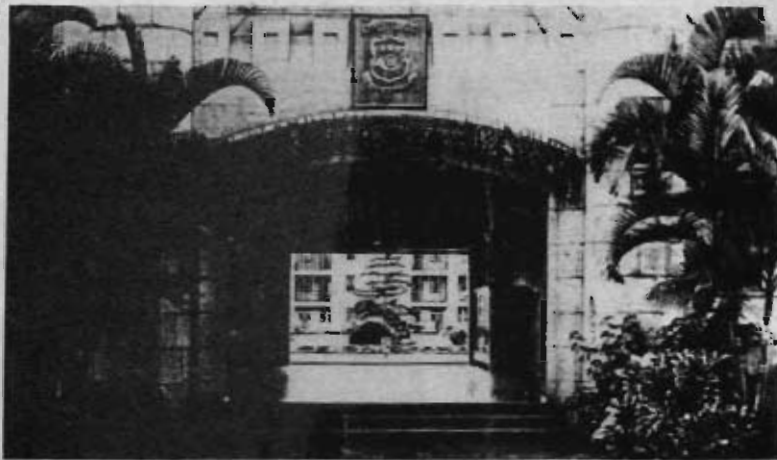
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(Erwin Rommel to the cadets at Wiener Neustadt Academy, 1938)

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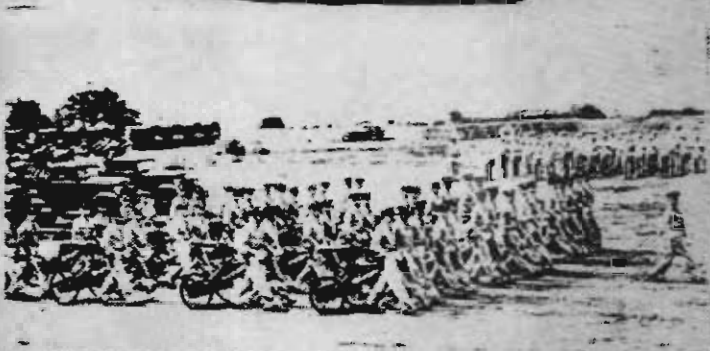
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An employee who laughs at the boss's jokes doesn't necessarily have a sharp sense of humor -- but he certainly has a keen sense of direction.

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THEODORE F. DAVIS ("L" 34th, Japan) joins us as a Life Member. He & Ruth live at: 237 W. Stoney B. Road, Prospect, PA 16052 (412-865-2402)



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27th Infantry



35th Infantry



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8th and 13th
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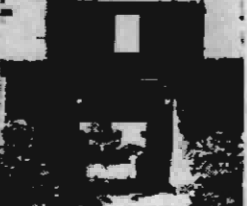
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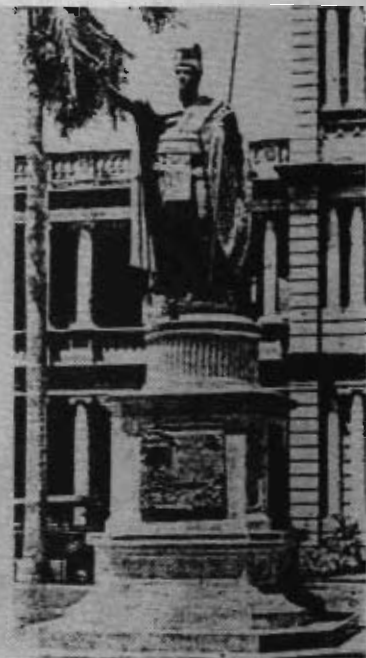
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CHRISTMAS MENU

Stuffed Olives

Sweet Mixed Pickles

Cream of Tomato Soup

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Roast Turkey

Chestnut Dressing

Giblet Gravy

Cranberry Sauce

Snowflake Potatoes

Buttered Asparagus

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Mince Meat Pie

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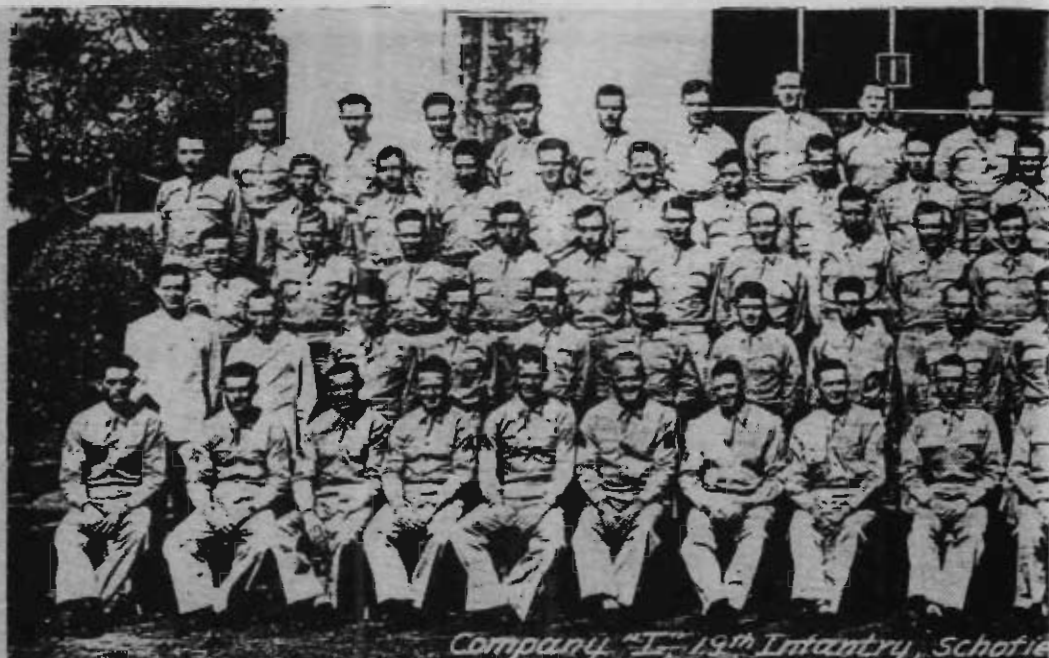
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Schofield Barracks, T. H., December 25, 1940

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HISTORY

Wounds Didn't Stop Top Medal Winner

Story by Bob Hawk
Florida Guard Historian



Braswell at his home; in WWII (insert)

Woodrow Wilson "Woody" Braswell lives quietly in Jacksonville with his wife in a house he built by himself. In the years following the end of World War II. For many, building a home "single-handedly," may seem no great achievement, but Woody Braswell, while earning his nation's second highest award for bravery, the Distinguished Service Cross, left one of his hands on Mindanao, the Philippine Islands.

Woody was born in Jacksonville, is a graduate of Jackson High School, and was working as a draftsman when he joined Company G, 124th Infantry, Florida National Guard in 1938. With them he was mobilized for federal service during the national emergency, November 1940. They had a not unpleasant year or so at Camp Blanding; training, marches, sailboating and swimming in Kingsley Lake until one Sunday, the 7th of December 1941. Woody wasn't sure where Pearl Harbor was, but the Japanese attack there made his life, and the lives of millions of other Americans, infinitely more demanding and difficult.

The 124th became Officer Candidate School

troops at Fort Benning. While stationed there, many Florida Guardsmen left the regiment for other outfits including newly formed airborne regiments and the Army Air Corps. The first Florida Guardsmen to see combat did so in late 1942. Woody would have completed more than four years of active service before he would enter combat in late 1944.

Following duty with the 124th, he was cadred to the 300th Infantry Regiment, also serving as Fort Benning school troops. Eventually, Woody was sent to the West Coast, where he was assigned a wide variety of duties including guarding prisoners of war. After a stint at the battalion headquarters of a California replacement center, he was shipped to the South Pacific. Now a Staff Sergeant, he spent some months in New Guinea awaiting assignment. It finally came; he was sent as a replacement to Company B 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division on Leyte, the Philippine Islands.

Although without previous combat experience, Woody was made platoon sergeant of this veteran combat company of the 19th. Due to the extreme shortage of junior officers in

combat areas, he became platoon commander and so remained for most of his active combat service time.

Sgt. Braswell and his platoon participated in the invasions of Mindoro, Ramblan, Tablas and several other small islands too small to be noted on most maps. In the late spring of 1945, his division was committed to the re-conquest of Mindanao Island. Woody heard that his old outfit, the 31st "Dixie" Division was also fighting on the island but he had no chance to visit them; his new division was heavily engaged in a bitter campaign to clear the Japanese out of Davao and the surrounding jungle-shrouded mountains.

On May 26, 1945, Sgt. Braswell, already the holder of a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart earned in previous combat operations, led his platoon into an area known to be heavily defended by the Japanese. He and two of his men scouted a trail ahead of the platoon; but let the official citation tell the story.

"Sergeant Braswell was leading his patrol along a dense jungle trail near Panacan, Mindanao, when the enemy suddenly opened fire from cleverly concealed pillboxes, and the leader of the advance squad fell forward, seriously wounded. The patrol was completely pinned down and, as the squad leader lay helpless and completely exposed to hostile fire, one of the enemy hurled a grenade which landed on the wounded soldier's back. Without hesitation, and in the face of withering Japanese concentration, Sergeant Braswell dashed forward to the aid of his fellow soldier. He seized the grenade but it exploded before he could dispose of it, tearing off his right hand.

"By his unflinching courage in attempting to save a comrade's life in the face of insurmountable odds, Sgt. Braswell set an inspiring example of courage in keeping with the highest traditions of the service."

It was while in the hospital that Woody learned of the death in combat on Okinawa of his brother, a former Marine Ranger with a Silver Star won on New Georgia Island. On this sad note, Woody began the long process of hospitalization and plastic surgery in preparation for life in a post-war world. He returned to Jacksonville and eventually retired from a civil service job with the Navy in his home city.

As far as is known, Woodrow Wilson Braswell received the highest combat decoration of any Florida Guardsman during World War II. And Woody is back with the Guard, as Honorary Regimental Adjutant of the 124th Infantry Regiment, under the new Army Regimental System. He continues his service to "Florida and Country." You will meet him at the next regimental dinner or reunion of the 124th Infantry. Be sure to introduce yourself to Florida's most highly decorated soldier.

THINGS YOU'D LOVE TO HEAR

There's always something you wish your kids would do, such as not tossing clothes inside out into the hamper. Here's my wish list of phrases I'd like to hear my kids say, not all the time—just once would be nice.

1. "You're so cool, Dad."
2. "Who cares if the tv is broken."
3. "Pass the broccoli please."
4. "What! No kiss."
5. "No thanks. It's too expensive."
6. "It's a hard choice. Everything sounds great."
7. "Bored? How could I be bored?"
8. "I've already made my bed."
9. "It was my fault."
10. "That's okay. None of my friends are allowed to do it either."

Larry Raut in Child

Back in 1944 the 43d Infantry Division left New Zealand for New Guinea and eventually Luzon in the Philippines. The following bit of verse written by Mavis Hills, a young New Zealand lady, probably expresses the sentiments of the majority of the population at that time.

THE AMERICANS

Farewell Uncle Sam they say you're leaving
And on meditation we have found
This will be a different land without you
Sort of grown used to you around.
Every little while we will remember
How you brightened up the passing scene,
All the music and the lights and laughter
That to you will soon be just a dream.
Guess you often found us very different
As we sometimes marvelled at your ways,
But we both knew well, the bond of friendship
Underneath it all, was there to stay.
So farewell Uncle Sam our prayers go with you
Many of you leave your hearts behind,
Upon our altars, in our hearts forever
And upon these shores you'll always find
A welcome to the Stars and Stripes, here's hoping
It won't be very long before you stand
A symbol of peace that will be lasting
And cherished deep in hearts in every land.

Mavis Hills

With advanced apologies to those who's names I forgot to put on this list. Send me a penny post card (Har! Har!) and I'll get you on the next list. Dutch Nelsen

Arthur Smith, 34th, \$10
Joseph Uglade, \$9
Frank Richardson, 3rd Eng, \$3
Lobby Lee Myers, 34th, \$15
Ed Voso, 21st, \$5
Dewey Coles, 13th, \$5
Korean War Veterans Assoc. \$20
H.L. Adkinson, 13th, \$15
John Morrison, 21st, \$25
Ethyn Parks, 19th, \$25
Gerard Dopler, 24th Sig, \$5
Arnold Kass, 19th, \$5
William Thompson, 724th, \$25
Robert Lawhon, 6th Tank, \$5
James Jones, 19th, \$10
Edward Wilson, 19th, \$10
Urban Throm, 24th Med, \$15
\$50 each in memory of Junior Harris:
Kenwood Rose, Div Hq
Spike O'Donnell, 21st
Donald Rosenblum, Div Hq
Mrs Frank Vesely, \$15 in honor of
Frank Vesely
Richard Miller, 724th, \$10
John Klocker, 34th, \$5
Donald Lennon, 24th Recon, \$50
Stanley Victorovich, 21st, \$5
David Horton, 19th, \$50
John Baglama, 24th Recon, \$15
Charley DeGregorio, 21st, \$20
Robert Allen, 63rd, \$10
Bobby Hunt, 19th, \$10
Walter Magiarka, 5th RCT, \$10
Albert Jungblut, Div Arty, \$5
David Spencer, 19th, \$5
Jack Barton, 21st, \$5
Richard Parmerter, 6th Tank, \$15
Rodney Johnson, 34th, \$5
Edward McDermott, 5th RCT, \$5
Paul Fraser, 52nd, \$50
Arthur Gottschall, 5th RCT, \$50

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Mr. Gamel,

Here is the information about my Grandfather you ask for. His name is Larence O. Rafferty Co. K 21st (1940-1945) Deceased Dec. 5 1961. He served at Schofield Barracks During the Japanese Attack on the Island of Oahu Dec. 7 1941; New Guinea; and the Philippine Liberation Campaign. For his service received the American Defence Service Medal and The Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon with three Bronze Stars.

With an article about the Tug Boat HOGA in the Taro Leaf asking members of the Association and or readers to write there Congressman and Senators. Together we can save a piece of History.

Thank You



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Senator John McCain
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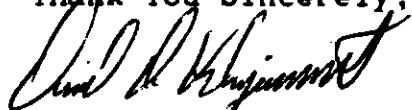
I am writing this letter to ask for your help and the help of the Government. After reading an article in the Arizona Republic Newspaper on 12/06/94 by the Associated Press about the last Navy vessel remaining from the Attack on Pearl Harbor Hawaii. (The Tug Boat HOGA)

My fear, and I am sure many other Historians feel the same way,. Is that with the Nation scaling back its Armed Forces the HOGA might be forgotten and sold for scrap or who knows what. I have seen this kind of thing happen before.!

I would like you to look into the matter and see if you or the Government can have the Tug HOGA moved to Pearl Harbor. She should be saved as a National Historic Treasure and kept on the Navy's list of inactive ships. It is very hard for me to think that three years after the 50th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor Hawaii that are Government would not try to move and save Her.

She served our Nation on a Date That Will Live In Infamy. Now it is time for HOGA to go home to Pearl Harbor Hawaii. So She can FLY OLD GLORY on her deck forever as a National Historic Treasure. With your help I Know it can be done.

Thank You Sincerely,



David D. Klingensmith

1-20-95

Rust tugs at floating survivor of 1941 attack

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The last Navy vessel remaining from the attack on Pearl Harbor is slowly rusting at a dock, neglected by a nation scaling back its armed forces.

The tugboat Hoga might have gotten more attention if it had been larger and more menacing, such as a destroyer or aircraft carrier. Instead, the 100-foot-long boat seems fairly common as it swings on its moorings at Treasure Island, the Navy base in the middle of San Francisco Bay.

But the Hoga had the right stuff when Japanese planes zoomed down on the unsuspecting U.S. fleet on Dec. 7, 1941.

The Hoga — a Sioux word for fish — helped battle fires and rescue wounded sailors from the oil-covered water of Battleship Row.

Its greatest moment came when it helped beach the burning battleship USS Nevada, hit by bombs as it tried vainly to reach the open sea. The Hoga's action thwarted enemy efforts to sink the battlewagon in the channel and block the harbor.

Photographs show the Hoga off the Nevada's port bow, pouring water onto the burning, foundering ship.

It also fought fires on the hull of



Eric Risberg/The Associated Press

The tugboat Hoga doesn't look like much today, but the day Pearl Harbor was bombed, it was a blur of activity, fighting fires and rescuing wounded sailors.

the USS Arizona, which sank and is both a monument to the attack and a grave for the hundreds of sailors and Marines entombed in its hull.

The Hoga, built in 1940 and still kept on the Navy's list of inactive ships, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

There have been all sorts of plans to get it back to Pearl Harbor, said Robert Sullivan, Treasure Island harbor master.

The problem with the Hoga, Sullivan said, comes down to money.

"It would take a lot of money to

get it there on another ship, under tow, or to make it seaworthy enough to return on its own," he said.

Despite some rust, the Hoga is in pretty good shape, Sullivan said.

He said it wouldn't take too much to refurbish the Hoga to look like it did at Pearl Harbor.

The task would involve mostly removing pumps and other gear added after the war when the tug was used by the Oakland Fire Department.

Dan Martinez, historian at the Arizona Memorial Visitors Center in Honolulu, would welcome the Hoga.

TAPS

FOR OUR COMRADES-IN ARMS

WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US.

We regret the passing of Col Thomas P. Trexler, who died of cancer in February. He came to Korea with the 29th Regiment and was reassigned to the 19th. He was captured by the Chinese on New Years Day 1951 and spent 32 months as a POW. He was in the last truckload of men to come out of POW camp. You may send condolences to his widow, "Frances" at:
937 N. Salisbury G.Q. Ave
Salisbury, NC 28146

Long time member LOU DUHAMEL (21st WW II) passed away in his Lowell MA home on April 6, 1995.

FLORENCE BEACH, wife of over 60 years to Gen. Dwight E. Beach, USA Ret. 11350 Jackson Rd. Dexter, Mi. 48130.

MARIE CARBO died Dec. 21, 1994. was wife of Peter A. Carbo Peter was 19th in WWII.

Received word from Ralph Atherton of the passing of William Monsha (K-19th). Ralph says that Bill was one hell of a BAR man, the only man he knew that could shoot a BAR like a pistol.

ROSCOE CLAXON died April 17, 1995 Reported by Kathryn Hortenbery Mucci, 4686 W. Leestown Rd., Midway KY 40347

WILLIAM WELDIN 24th SIGN. he WWII was from Chester, Pa. As reported by John A. Ambrose Jr. via Kenwood Ross.

BROWN - John E., 82, died Feb. 7, 1995. A native of South Carolina, he lived in Jacksonville since 1945. Mr. Brown retired from NARF with 30 years service. He served in the Army during WWII. His memberships include the Pearl Harbor Survivors Assoc., the 24th Infantry Div. Assoc. and the Cedar Hills Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife of 50 yrs., Charlotte Cripe Brown, daughters and sons-in-law, Carole, and Charles Bethune, Johnette and Bruce Hutchison, Joni and Robert Starling, sisters, Beulah Norton, Sarah Ward, Mary Fenster, grandchildren, Jennifer Roewe, Jason Hutchison, Joseph Starling, great-grandchildren, Ricky and Casey Roewe. Graveside services will be held Saturday Feb. 11th at 11:00 AM in Riverside Memorial Park with Dr. Paul Wrenn, officiating. The family will receive friends Friday from 6:30 until 8:30 PM at TOWN AND COUNTRY FUNERAL HOME, 7242 Normandy Blvd.

CECIL W. YOUNGER Sr. (19th '44 '45) 2121 SW 67 Oklahoma City, Ok. 73155. Life Member #985. TL's came back MARKED AS "Deceased".

VOY P. McNAUGHTEN. TL'S came back marked as deceased. was C 3rd Eng. '42-'45. Wfie Hazel is at Rt 2, Box 143, Bronson, Tx. 75930-9539.

BILL MAHONEY (11th FA Korea) Died Feb. 15, 1995. Bill and his wife Geraldine lived at 99 Dartmouth Dr. Larkspur, CA. 94939 Geraldine says that he was proud of his service to his country and delighted to make contact with people from his Unit.

BERNARD COHEN (e-21st '44-'45) 2131 Wallace Ave. Apt 606, Bronx, NY. 10462 Life Member 418. TL'S came back "deceased".

Roscoe C. Claxon

ROSCOE CLAXON (724th Ord. '42-'45) went to his reward on April the 17th. When the operator told us that Stamping Ground, KY was coming in on the line, we sensed trouble as Roscoe had been in failing health for several years, agonized by involvement in a serious automobile accident about a year ago. Our last telephone conversation with him gave cause for worry as Roscoe was far from his happy self.

The electric current of Association affairs, modest though they were, turns even common mold to diamond. Traditions of military honor impart something of their dignity to those who inherit them. As one-time president of our Association, Roscoe's loftiness of soul enabled him to rise to his full height as he presided over our affairs for one solid and meaningful year.

Those of us privileged to be a guest in his Stamping Grounds property will remember the experience forever.

Roscoe represented the ultimate in collegiality. He was never too busy to lend a friendly ear. He always remembered with a grateful note or gift the smallest kindness tendered him. He was a gracious Kentucky gentleman, and above all else, he was a caring and compassionate human being.

Our relationship with Roscoe extended over 51 years. We are richer for having known him and worked with him -- and we give thanks for that privilege.



KENWOOD ROSS

Robert Luhrsen, 79, highly decorated WWII hero, wounded vet, dies

By ERIC STAATS
Staff Writer

Robert Luhrsen will fight no more battles.

The highly decorated Army hero of World War II died Monday at his home in Riviera Golf Estates, feeling betrayed by his country for repeatedly denying him any more than \$83 each month in veterans benefits, said James Flathers, the commander of the Golden Gate Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Doctors say service-related injuries left him blind and in need of continual treatment for burns and a foot condition.

"It is a sad story," Flathers said Tuesday. "The American people owe these kinds of people a lot more than they realize."

Luhrsen's body was sent to Washington, D.C., Tuesday morning for burial at Arlington National Cemetery, Flathers said. He will be buried in his uniform, as was his wish, he said.

There will be no local services, and no one is expected to be at his grave when he is buried,

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It's like MacArthur said, 'Old soldiers never die, they just fade away,'"

— James Flathers, Golden Gate Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars commander

except for a military honor guard.

"It's like MacArthur said, 'Old soldiers never die, they just fade away,'" Flathers said. "That's the way it worked right up to the wire with Mr. Luhrsen."

The leader of the longest sustained march of the war for the Philippines in 1945, Luhrsen earned 23 medals for valor and heroism including four Purple Hearts.

Luhrsen earned a reputation as a one-man army, thanks in part to his leading the 144-mile, 17-day march across the island of Mindanao in the Philippines to capture a Japanese stronghold there.

After the Japanese surrender in 1945, Luhrsen was sent to Japan where he rescued eight men from a burning barracks. While making a final check of the

burning building for other victims, a staircase gave way and he had to jump 30 feet to a concrete walkway.

While recovering from a broken leg, broken ankle, injured back and facial burns that eventually left him blind, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's chief of staff informed him he was being recommended for the Congressional Medal of Honor, Luhrsen said.

He spent a lifetime waiting.

"The man's dead now," Flathers said. "He felt like his country let him down."

Flathers said he is trying to reach the mayor of Luhrsen's home town, Beloit, Wis., to organize a fund-raising campaign to build a monument honoring Luhrsen.

Luhrsen is survived by his wife, Isabelle Luhrsen, and several nieces and nephews. He was 79.

Feb. 8-95

Robert Henry Luhrsen



ROBERT HENRY LUHRSEN

Robert Henry Luhrsen entered eternal life March 6, 1995. Born November 12, 1915 in Beloit, Wis., he graduated from Hononegan High School, Rockton, Ill. in 1933. He graduated from Beloit College in 1937. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. He married Isabelle Klimas in 1937. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on October 8, 1943, Camp Grant, Ill. After basic training he transferred to Camp Blanding, Fla. Duties included training infantry and heavy weapons companies through three basic training cycles. His rank was first sergeant. He departed the U.S. on March

15, 1945, arriving in Leyte, Philippine Island March 19, 1945. His assignment was Company M, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Division, Victory Division, Regular Army, Heavy Weapons, Infantry.

First Sergeant Luhrsen led the longest sustained march during WW II when he led his troops on a 144 mile, 17 day march to capture the Japanese stronghold of Davao on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines. In that march, Luhrsen and his men had to hack through dense jungles and cross 34 rivers and streams while under constant attack by Japanese Imperial Marines. Luhrsen quickly earned a reputation and was referred to as "one man army Luhrsen" by General Douglas MacArthur's staffers. By war's end, Luhrsen had become one of the most decorated war heroes of WW II, earning 23 medals and decorations for heroism and valor including four Purple Hearts.

After the Japanese Surrender, Luhrsen was sent to Japan. On December 7, 1945, during a devastating barracks fire, Luhrsen carried eight men to safety who had been overcome by smoke. While making a final check of the burning structure for any other victims, the staircase burned away and he was forced to jump 30 feet to the concrete walkway, fracturing

his leg, injuring his back and suffering serious facial burns. For his extraordinary efforts, he was awarded the "Soldier's Medal". While recovering in the hospital, he was visited by General Kenneth C. Cramer (General MacArthur's chief of staff), and was informed that he was being recommended for the "Congressional Medal of Honor", an award he has never received.

The name of Robert H. Luhrsen has been entered into the Book of Patriots located in the Rock Island Arsenal Museum, Rock Island, Ill.

Re-entering civilian life in 1946, Luhrsen held several management positions in Wisconsin and Florida. Plagued by the injuries sustained during combat in the Pacific War, he was forced to retire at 62 years of age, settling down in Naples, Fla.

Luhrsen was a life-member of the Golden Gate Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7721, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Blinded Americans Association and the American Legion.

First Sergeant Luhrsen will be interred in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

There will be no local services.

Luhrsen is survived by his wife, Isabelle Luhrsen; and several nieces and nephews.

Feb 7-95

In Loving Memory of
William Albert Hanson

Entered Into Life
December 21, 1923
Nanaimo, Canada

Entered Into Rest
April 10, 1995
Torrance, California

Graveside Service
Riverside National Cemetery
Riverside, California
April 13, 1995 10:15 a.m.

Officiant
The Reverend Pat Watty

Interment
Riverside National Cemetery
Riverside, California

McMillan & McCormick Mortuary

TAPS

Day is done, gone the sun
from the lake, from the hill,
from the sky. All is well,
safely rest. God is nigh.
Thanks and praise for our days
'neath the sun, 'neath the stars,
'neath the sky. As we go,
this we know, God is nigh.

Innocence, wonder, miraculous birth
Love was born in a manger
As heaven touched earth.
A simple man Joseph, and Mary his wife
Joyfully welcomed precious new life.

All hearts should tremble when
God touches earth
With each precious child
and each wondrous birth.
For all life is sacred, no matter how small
Belonging to God, the Author of all.

FOR TARO LEAF, Carl

Dear Carl + Ruth,

MAY JESUS

IN WHOM ALL LIFE AND LOVE BEGINS

BLESS YOU AND YOURS THIS

CHRISTMAS!

I am sorry to tell you that my dad,
Charley Clark, died Sept. 6, 1994 of cancer
Up to that time, he was doing what he
to do most. He worked in his huge, beaut
garden. He was in the VA Hospital 2 wks., bu
the only bad time was 3 days before he died.
The last 3 hrs. were peaceful. He is now w.
Lord + I find great comfort in this.

Sincerely,
Caroline Fisk

3365 Walnut St.
Camp Hill, Pa. 17011
March 19, 1995

Dear Sir:

The "Taro Leaf" reached my home this week addressed to my beloved husband, Cleve D. Mc Intyre. I must tell you the very sad news that Cleve died Oct. 11, 1994 of cancer in the Hospice Unit of the V.A. Hospital in Lebanon, Pa.

I have a beautiful large photograph of the Unit taken in Hawaii in 1941. If you have a collection of artifacts, and would like it for a collection please write or call me.

Sincerely yours
M. Eleanor McIntyre
(Mrs Cleve D.)

CONSTANTINE COVOTSOS
died August 3, 1994
was Div.Hq. 34th
Reported by his sister,
Catherine Gorevan,
2706 Sydelle St.,
Sarasota FL 34237

"Any time you wish to demonstrate something, the number of faults will be directly proportional to the number of viewers."

(Murphy)

AN OPEN LETTER TO 34th INFANTRY WW II VETERANS

To the best of our knowledge, there has never been a reunion of the entire 34th Infantry. We would like to remedy that situation at Cocoa Beach, Florida on October 19th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd, 1995-- the 51st anniversary of our landing at Leyte.

We know that some of the separate companies have been meeting at various locations. How about putting it all together this year ?

We have made arrangements with the Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel at Cocoa Beach and they have offered some very attractive rates:

Tower-Ocean View Rooms - \$ 59.00/day + tax
Courtyard Rooms - \$ 49.00/day + tax

The Cocoa Beach area has much to recommend it. The most obvious are the Kennedy Space Center and the Atlantic beach. There are fine golf courses in the area. There are charter boats and party boats available for deep sea fishing and there is pier fishing at Cocoa Beach Pier. None of the above require a license. Surf fishing is also available, but a license is required.

For shoppers there is Merritt Square Mall, quaint Cocoa Village, and Ron Jon's- the surfer's paradise.

The restaurants are many and diverse and for the most part very good. Although all types of food are available, the seafood is excellent!

Plans are not complete, but you can be assured a trip to Kennedy Space Center will be available for all who wish to go. It will be 20 miles "up the road a piece".

Port Canaveral - about 5 miles - is one of the largest cruise ports in the country. You may wish to polish off your weekend with a Caribbean cruise.

Howard Johnson offers the special rates to 34th Infantry people, not only for the 3 nights of our reunion, but for 3 days prior to and 3 days after the meeting.

If you wish to make reservations, call 1-800-55-BEACH, or 1-800-552-3224.

Please identify yourself as being with the 34th.

For more information, contact:

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(817) 772-7106

Willie Wilson
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Venice, Fl. 34293
(813) 493-1230

Dick Fisher
4240 Canela St.
Cocoa, Fl. 32927
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See you in Cocoa Beach, come October

24 INF DIV ASSOC 4.24.95

BOB,

I WAS WITH HUYNH MTR CO.
34TH AND 19 REGT. JULY 4. 1950 -
WOUNDED 4. NOV 50. TAKEN PRISONER
FOR 33 MONTHS - RELEASED MAY, 1953
ENCLOSED INFO FOR YOU.
PS I AM A MEMBER. THANK YOU



Walter E. Bray
84 Chestnut St.
Lodi, NJ. 07644-2106

Walter Bray

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World War II and Korea Vets Needed for Survey

THE U.S. Army Military History Institute in Carlisle, Pa., is conducting two major surveys to collect source materials on World War II and the Korean War. The institute, which is the Army's official repository for source materials, collects, preserves, and provides military history source materials to scholars and other researchers. The surveys on World War II and the Korean War ask veterans to share their recollections. In addition, the institute is asking veterans to donate any historical records—journals, diaries, camp and unit newspapers, and so forth—that they may have to the collection.

For a copy of the survey, contact the U.S. Army Military History Institute, Attn: Angela Lehr, Historical Services Coordinator, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013-5008; (717)245-3225). □

The Las Vegas Hilton, site of the 1991 Tailhook convention, must pay \$6.7 million in punitive and actual damages to former Navy Lieutenant Paula Coughlin, who was "groped" by drunken aviators. The jury decided security at the hotel was insufficient. It looks as though the Navy took little of the hit; it was the Hilton that takes the real rap. And the irony is that it was the meeting itself that was the problem. You figure.

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KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY DEDICATION JOURNAL

Korean War Veterans of New Jersey, have long awaited the recognition that passing of Resolution AJR 39 in the New Jersey State Assembly provides the Korea War/DMZ Veteran.. This bill now names Route 287 as the Korean War Memorial Highway with additional names to be attached. AJR 39 bill was passed unanimously by the State Assembly on December 5, 1994. This is the first Memorial Highway in the country that Living Testament Persons are added to the highway name.

Interstate Route 287 passes through 5 counties in New Jersey and will be renamed as follows:

Bergen County: "Korean War Memorial Highway / Walter Bray, Ex-POW, U.S. Army

Passaic County: "Korean War Memorial Highway / Clarence "Red" Mosley, U.S. A.F.

Morris County: " Korean War Memorial Highway / Hector A Cafferata, Jr.
Congressional Medal of Honor, U.S. Marines.

Two additional names have yet to be announced for the other two counties - Middlesex and Somerset that Rt. 287 passes through.

Dedication of this Memorial Highway will be on Sunday June 25, 1995. At the Parsippany/Troy Hills Boro Hall parking lot. We would appreciate your donation, to our Memorial Journal, this will help pay the expenses of the dedication and aid in the programs for the sick, and nursing home veterans. The Korean War Veterans of New Jersey Inc. is a non profit organization and is staffed by volunteers. Your help in this dedication donation would be gratefully appreciated.

Please, make your check donations out to:

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On behalf of the 54,246 American Veterans who did not come home from the Korean War and the 8,177 who are still "Missing In Action" we "Thank You" for you concern and kindness.

Lest We Forget, .

Thomas Wm. Jefferys, Jr.

Korean War Veterans of New Jersey, Inc.

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**KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY - Rt. 287
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MEMORIAL DEDICATION JOURNAL

June 25, 1995

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CHUCKLE FOR THE DAY

REMEMBER!THE OLD FOLKS ARE WORTH A FORTUNE,with silver in their hair, gold in their teeth,lead in their feet, and gas in their stomachs.

I have become a little older since I saw you last and a few changes have come into my life since then. Frankly, I have become quite a frivolous old gal. I am seeing five gentlemen every day.

As soon as I wake up Will Power helps me get out of bed. I then go to see John. Then Charlie Horse comes along and when he is here he takes up alot of my time and attention. When he leaves Arthur Ritis shows up and stays for the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day I'm really tired and glad to go to bed with Ben Gay. What a life!

P.S.The preacher called the other day. He said that at my age I should be thinking of the hereafter. I told him.Oh, I do all the time. No matter where I am, in the parlor, upstairs, in the kitchen or down in the basement, Iask myself:what am I here after?##

Thanks to Paul Garland H&Hq 2nd Bn. 1952 Foster Rd.,Hamburg,Ny. 14075 for the above chuckle.

(gleened from the 5th RCT Newsletter 1995.)

John BaGLAMA, 24th Recon, Korea, writes:
"Was going to pay my dues when I realized I am a Life Member. Oh, well, as age takes over what can we do? Here's the fifteen dollars anyway for postage, etc. Good luck. Bag."

Member Robert B. Hurd is looking for info on his father-Judson P. Hurd.He joined the Army 2/3/41 at Fort Slocum, NY.Sent to Hawaii 3/1/41, assigned to Hq.Batry,13th FA He was at Schofield Barracks when Japanese attacked,trans-back to States 2/43.

DONALD L. MENCER,
1722 Tremont St., Dover OH 44622, is looking for current addresses of any of his fellow army buddies that served in L 34th in Japan at Camp Fuji, middle camp '52.

David R. Murphy of the 58th MP Co needs to know if his outfit was ever attached or assigned to the 24th. They provided security on trains carrying supplies to the front in the Pusan area in 1951. Later they were assigned to the Yongdung Po area. Can anyone help him??? Address: PO Box 319 Duxbury, MA 02331-0319

Reminiscence

We climbed the hill in silence
just listening to the sounds of war.
And each in his own way and manner
tried to get ready for what's now in store.

All heartbeats started to quicken,
as we thought of what goes wrong,
when shells and bullets start to sing,
their always deadly song.

And so we heard this song of death,
for many a night and day,
And fortunate indeed were those of us,
who were able to walk away.

But the sights and scenes encountered,
as the days and nights went by,
Live forever in your mind,
and at odd times can make you cry.

"Time will erase all wounds", 'tis said,
but sometimes that's not true.
For when the wounds are deep inside,
They become part of you.

-Donald A. Chase-

Gleaned from the 5th RCT May 1995

The word "duffel" in "Duffel Bag" comes from the Belgian town of Duffel, where the coarse, thick-napped woolen fabric was manufactured.

"Adjutant" is from the French word "adjutare," meaning, "to help."

William F. Buckley, Jr. writes an interesting column on the McNamara debacle:

What if Ho Chi Minh Had Written a Book?

NEW YORK, APRIL 18

It isn't obvious why Robert McNamara wrote his book on Vietnam. Everywhere one sees quoted the reason he gave, which can't however be the real reason because the book hardly fulfills its ostensible mandate. McNamara decided to write because he had "grown sick at heart witnessing the cynicism and even contempt with which so many people view our political institutions." But if your purpose is to restore faith in law and order you don't write a book about the prevalence of crime. Precisely what Mr. McNamara does not do is engender faith in our political institutions.

If these institutions were wholesome and effective, then we'd have got out of Vietnam by the orderly workings of the ballot box. But that wasn't what happened. The last time the American people can be said to have voted on the question was in 1968, and at that time the Democratic wing of U.S. politics overrode the pacifist wing when at the Chicago Convention candidate Hubert Humphrey smashed the resolution associated with Senator George McGovern, to back down on the war. And in November Richard Nixon was elected on a Victory-in-Vietnam platform. What brought on the end of the war included 1) the failure to make critical military progress in Vietnam (correctly recorded by author McNamara), 2) the consolidated resistance of cultural America, and 3) the total distraction of government by Watergate. Nothing in Mr. McNamara's book can bring about a rejuvenation of republican institutions. Far from it: if institutions are humming nicely in overdrive, you don't need a sudden autopsy on a corpse dead 25 years.

McNamara tells us that we should have known the great realities of the Vietnam theater. They were that Ho Chi Minh's armed revolt was not a Communist salient, but was merely an expression of nationalism, perhaps to be compared with Nelson Mandela's association with Communism, which turned out to be

transitory and opportunistic. And why did we misread the signals? If you can stand it, because of Senator Joe McCarthy. McNamara cites as casualties of McCarthyism John Carter Vincent and John Stewart Service, who if they had been around might have trained the State Department's vision on the indigenous quality of Asian Communism, not seriously related to the struggle for the world. But of course the line in the late Forties, adopted by such as Vincent and Owen Lattimore, was that the revolution headed up by Mao Tse-tung was nothing truly more than a democratic flareup led by an agrarian reformer.

McNamara goes so far as to inform us that it was "highly probable" that President Kennedy would have had us out of Vietnam if he had lived. Those who seek an understanding of Kennedy's view of Vietnam can learn from his intervention in Mr. McNamara's Department of Defense. JFK threw out the ghost-written boilerplate designed for those whose loved ones were casualties in Vietnam and himself wrote to the sister of a casualty: "Americans are in Vietnam because we have determined that this country must not fall under Communist domination. It is also apparent that the Communist attempt to take over Vietnam is only part of a larger plan for bringing the entire area of Southeast Asia under their domination. . . . Your brother was in Vietnam because the threat to the Vietnamese people is, in the long run, a threat to the Free World community, and ultimately a threat to us. . . ."

That sounds most awfully alarmist, six comfortable years after the Berlin Wall came down. But between the time JFK wrote those words and the liberation of Eastern Europe, one-third of the people in Cambodia were killed, untold millions of Chinese died on one of the mini-altars of Mao's Communism, and the free world stood nuclear watch day and night until, finally, the Soviet Union imploded.

It is a terrible pity that Mr. McNamara, in his quixotic attempt to restore faith in democratic institutions, should instead rub salt in tender memories. Much more welcome, in A.D. 1995, would be the revelation of a book by Ho Chi Minh, disclosed to the world by a son or grandson, acknowledging that South Vietnamese power, backed by the U.S. military, very nearly toppled the Communist revolution; that if the Christmas bombing in 1972 had been followed by a modestly manned invasion of Hanoi by the South Vietnamese, backed by the U.S. military, Ho's heirs would have had to fly the coop and mend their sores in Peking. Among other things, we'd have been spared McNamara's book. □

NEW SERVICE FOR MEMBERS

The Editor has available a phone # locating service to try to help members to locate former buddies, friends and others that you haven't seen or heard from in some time.

Information needed is :

Name

State as last known.

The city could be included, it will help to narrow it down somewhat.

I will send you a list of all names found with address no, numbers or zip, phone #

The cost of the service is .20 per name. as soon the cost of the program is recovered the balance will be sent to the Association as a donation.

The Editor
Bob Lawhon

WEST COAST REGIONAL REUNION, RENO, NV.

This gathering opened Sunday, April 23, and was "dismissed" on Wednesday, the 26th. A wonderful group of veterans, much camaraderie and chit-chattin plus good food and many activities. Some big hits on the jackpots! Offset by some unlucky losses, which, we hope, were not too great. At least no members were seen hitch hiking their way out of town!

Including wives, total attendance was 68. A rap session was held on Monday morning, an informal business meeting on Tuesday morning, and a very, very informal dinner on Tuesday evening, at which time some very nice prizes were raffled off. Many thanks to the donors! The prime rib dinner was excellent, and the members applauded Rod and Carol Stock and committee for their gallant efforts and hard work in putting this event together. All were saddened by the announcement that our long time member from Reno, Ken Boyd, has been stricken with cancer and unable to attend. Please remember him in your prayers, and/or, with a card. (Kendall R. Boyd, 421-14th St., Sparks, Nv., 89431).

During our Tuesday dinner Bronko Atkinson proposed a toast to Ken Ross and Beverly Corris in appreciation of their many years of work and dedication to our assn. Loud applause followed. Thank you Ken and Bev!

This affair attracted some of our top brass, and it was great to be together to disseminate detailed information about national reunion plans, future TARO LEAF details, and progress of the assn. Included in this category were Editor Bob and Jean Lawhon, Proctorville, Ohio, Wally and Eleanor Kuhner, Charleston, S.C., and Nashville chairman, Rudy and Yvonne Mullins, Rocky Mount, Mo.

The members voted to return to the Reno-Sparks-Minden area for another regional reunion next May with the dates and hotel to be selected by Rod Stock and his committee. Advance announcement to be published in the TARO LEAF.

This project dispelled one myth-----that a good low hotel room rate and very reasonable food prices would increase attendance. Not so!! We had expected to double the attendance from the previous two years because of because of the \$39 Reno room rate compared with the \$79 Shell Beach rate. Guess what? Attendance practically identical. Go figure it!

We had a very interesting and detailed discussion on the 24th Inf. Div. history. The editor is giving a separate page in this issue to the publishing of this all important book and members will be given a chance to express their opinion and vote their convictions. Be sure to look for this and read it through.

All Taro Leafers are cordially invited to the Reno reunion in May, 1996. See you there, God willing!

Bob Ender



The group that attended the West Coast Reunion



**Nashville
Reunion Ch.
Rudy Mullins**

**TL Editor
Bob Lawhon**

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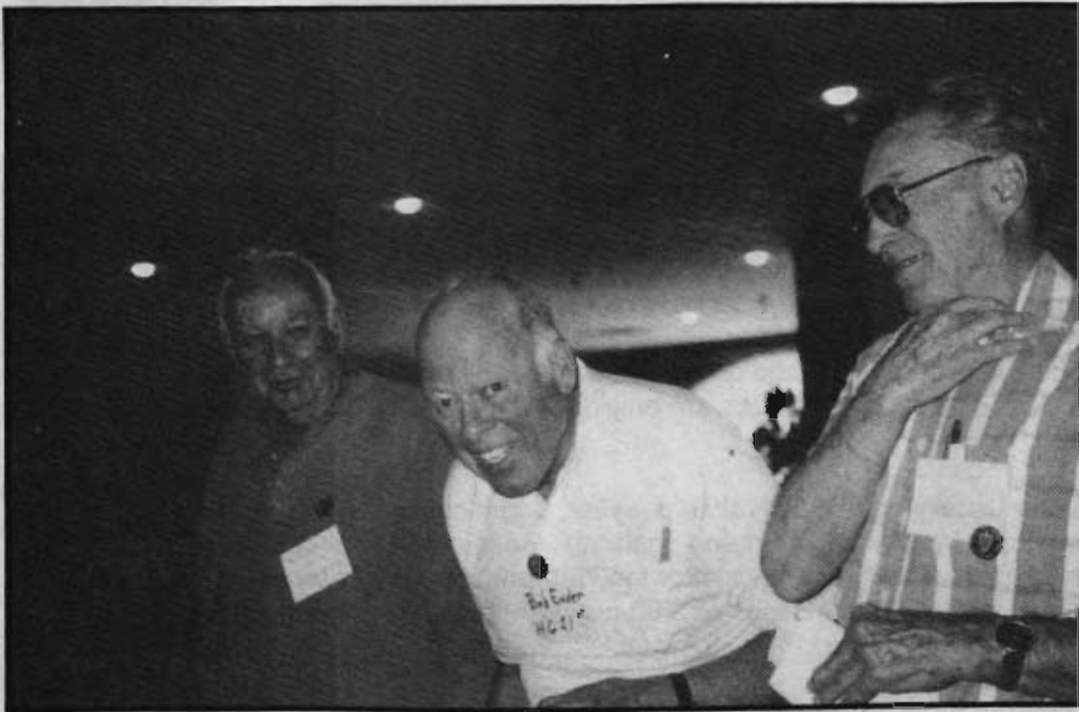


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 Reunion Ch.
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Wally Kunner

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Bob Ender

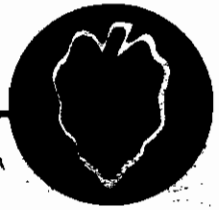


Left-
Bob Ender

Right-
Vince
Gagliardo

Photo's by Hiroko "Jean" Lawhon

24th Infantry Division Association



Jack P. Barton
354 Hill Ave
Aiken, SC 29801

1 April 1995

Dear Jack:

Thank you for your \$5 contribution and the nice letter that came with it. From the dates involved it seems that you and I were in Japan and Korea at the same time.

In your letter you raise a good and valid question, namely why do we need \$15 dues when the 76th Division Association's dues are only \$3.00 per year? I'll see how well I can answer that.

First; our newsletter usually goes out six time per year, and it costs roughly \$1.15 per member per issue (that includes printing and postage). Bear in mind the last issue was 90 pages. I don't know what kind of newsletter the 76th puts out, but I can absolutely assure you they cannot put out six issues of a 90-pager for any \$3 per member per year.

Second; except for the reunion itself neither our Board Of Directors nor the Reunion Site Selection Committee have any sort of meeting or gathering during the year. That means that the running of the Association, the making of decisions, and all the rest must be accomplished by mail, FAX and phone. It is enough to expect these men to devote their time and talent without also expecting them to pay the postage and phone costs too. In my case as the Secretary /Treasurer if I had to pay for all the mailings and calls I make in a week I'd have to flat-out resign.

Third; there are all the normal "office expenses" associated with running an organization of nearly 3,000 members – stationery, big envelopes, little envelopes, computer software, computer data storage disks, xerox copies, address labels, printed forms, membership cards, etc., etc.

Fourth; the Association must operate "in the black." If we don't have enough money to pay the phone bill what do we do – do we send out 3,000 letters and ask each member to send in another couple of bucks?

Fifth; and then, of course, there must be money for all the hard liquor and wild women for the Secretary/Treasurer.

I want to thank you again for the letter and the \$5 contribution. That was thoughtful.

In camaraderie,

E. Nelsen
Sec/Tres

Ten days after his 73rd Birthday, ALFRED A. JORGENSEN left us on Feb.15,1995.An exceptional soldier of the 34th Reg.3rd Bn.Hq.Co.from Hawaii to Japan. We will miss you Al, your buddies of the 34th,Your loving daughter Barbara and her family, your townfolks in Fairmont,Ne. but, united with your spouse Vera,for together you shall be in Heaven.

Reported by Bill Vickers



Alfred a. Jorgenson

Word just received from JESSE FOSTER (E 19th WW II) 937 Mastline Dr., Annapolis MD 21401-6861.

Jesse was operated on 12/16/94 and spent 20 days in the hospital. Had a 4-way by-pass. Had a stroke during operation but is slowly recovering. Says he can't write a very long letter because his writing and thinking has been affected. He is still taking cardiac rehab - 3 days a week - in his 7th week now and doing real well.

This is Jesse's second operation in 12 years. Says he has to be careful now.

Jesse is one of our most loyal members. He misses the group and doesn't travel as much as he used to. Jesse's phone is 410-224-4431.

He would appreciate cards and/or notes from his friends.

Robert B. Hurd, son of **Judson P. Hurd**, would like to find anyone who served with, or knew, his father. Judson was with the 13th FA in the old Hawaiian Division and served with the 24th until February of 43. He was KIA in Korea in 1951 while with the 1st Cav. Contact; Robert B. Hurd, 5340 S. Louisville Ave, Tulsa, OK 74135 (918-747-6825). Robert has joined our Association in remembrance of his father.

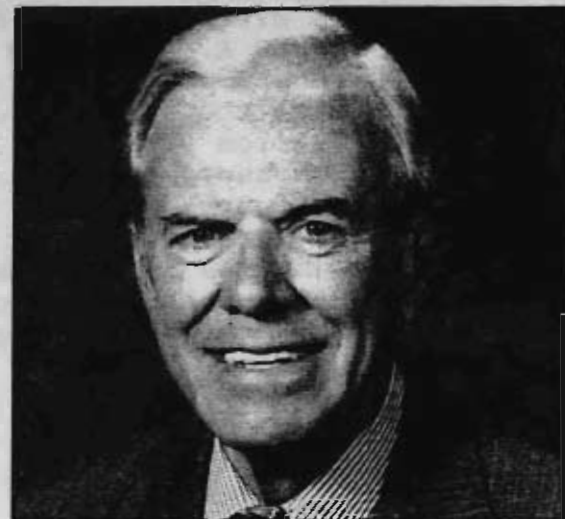
LTC (Ret).Alexander J. Capers, 3/70th Armor, Germany, is looking for anyone who knew his uncle **1st Lt Clyde P. Padgett**, "F" 19th, KIA, Korea, 3 Jan 51. Contact LTC A. J. Capers, 825 Fleming Ct, Penscola, FL, 32514. Alexander is a new member of our Association.

LOOKING FOR:

Ms. Charlotte S. Duncan,
Rt. 1, Box 410, Ivanhoe VA 24350
(Tel. 703-699-6051) and her
friend, WOODROW RASNICK, are
looking for

MELTON TUCKER (B 19th WW II
(formerly of Orlando or
Jacksonville FL)

Ms. Duncan would like to hear
from anyone who can tell her
anything about him. Please
phone or write Ms. Duncan above.



Retired Gen. John R. Galvin served as NATO
commander in Europe from 1987 to 1992.

General next Fletcher School dean

A retired U.S. Army general who was NATO's top military commander in Europe during the last five years of the Cold War has been appointed the sixth dean of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

John R. Galvin, a decorated four-star general who currently is a visiting policy analyst at Ohio State University, will join Fletcher on July 1, 1995.

Galvin played a role in the Gulf War; the Patriot missile defense of Israel; the rescue of 450,000 Kurdish refugees in northern Iraq; East-West negotiations on arms control; U.S. military operations in Zaire; Liberia and other African nations and the crisis in Bosnia, Tufts officials said.

Anyone interested in obtaining a reprint of "24th Forward", the book that so many of you paid for and never received can call "Brent" at Independent Printing, 226 N. Emporia, Wichita KS 67202 (316-263-8282). He still has a few left.
Price: \$50.00.

DAVID E. CHARLESTON

DIED DEC. 1994 (26th AAA '48-'51).
Dave cared enough about us to
reprint "24th Forward" as you'
ll recall.

Ex-Gen. Galvin named dean of Fletcher School

Retired Army Gen. John R. Galvin, a one-time NATO commander, has been appointed dean of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, the university said yesterday.

Galvin, a four-star general, is currently a visiting policy analyst at the Merhson Center at Ohio State University. Prior to that he had been a professor of national security at West Point.

Galvin will take over as head of the Fletcher School on July 1. He said the role of schools of international relations has never been more important.

"The world has become more interconnected. But at the same time, the world is also more complex, more unpredictable, and so many places are potentially unstable," he said. "We need people who can understand a situation; think it through, come up with an acceptable solution and work it out. These are the qualities that Fletcher teaches."

The Fletcher School is the nation's oldest school of international relations. In succeeding Jeswald W. Salacuse, Galvin will become the school's sixth dean.

Galvin was born in Wakefield and attended the Fletcher School on a yearlong fellowship in 1971. Schooled at West Point, he started his tour of duty in Europe in 1973. He completed two tours in Vietnam, was a top commander in Panama, advised on military operations in the Gulf War and served as an ambassador in the Bosnian conflict.

He served as supreme allied commander in Europe and as the commander-in-chief of the US European Command from 1987 to 1992. He is married and has four daughters.

HOLLINGSWORTH

L.H. Hollingsworth, 77, of 37 Edith Ave., Winston-Salem, died Friday, February 24, 1995 at Baptist Hospital. He was born on June 4, 1917 in Greenville, S.C., to Aileen and M.I. Hollingsworth. He graduated from Wake Forest College in 1943 and was awarded the Doctor of Divinity Degree from Wake Forest University in 1959. Dr. Hollingsworth retired from the pastorate of Emerywood Baptist Church in High Point in 1981. Prior to his ministry in High Point, he served as chaplain at Wake

Forest University from 1959-1970. Earlier ministries included the First Baptist Church of Boone and the First Baptist Church of Mebane. During World War II, he was an Army Chaplain with the 24th Infantry Division through the campaigns in the South Pacific. Dr. Hollingsworth served North Carolina Baptist in many capacities including service as a member of the General Board of the Convention and many of its committees. In 1959, he was president of the General Board. Following his retirement, he continued his ministry by serving as interim pastor in a number of churches across the state. He was a member of the Wake Forest Baptist Church. Dr. "Holly" will be remembered by many as a loyal and devoted supporter of Wake Forest University. For 30 years, he prayed before every Wake Forest home football game, and he was equally enthusiastic about the basketball and other sports programs. He was an avid golfer and a member of the Pinebrook Country Club. He is survived by his wife, Bess, and three daughters and their families, Nancy and Jim Amundson of Raleigh and grandchildren, Victor Brown and Deanna Brown; Pat and Jim Holshouser of Southern Pines and their daughter, Ginny, and husband John Mills, and great-granddaughters Holly and Maggie; Linda and Tom Simms of Winston-Salem and grandchildren Jeff Simms and Amy Simms; a sister, Minnie Paris of Greer, S.C.; and brother, Clyde Hollingsworth of Waleska, Ga. A memorial service will be held on Monday, February 27, at 11 a.m. in Wait Chapel at Wake Forest University. After the memorial service, the family will receive friends at the Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Wake Forest University Scholarship Fund.

Reported by Bill Shore

KENWOOD ROSS (your former Secy.-Treas.-Editor) (Div.Hq. (44-47), 120 Maple St., Springfield MA 01103, suffered a heart attack and underwent angioplasty in March, 1995.

PAUL F. WISECUP,
WINTER: 1265 Kasa Masa Ln.,
Ft. Myers FL 33919;
SUMMER: 7148 Eldoranda Cir.,
#28, Hillsboro OH 45133,
had a heart valve replaced
in March, 1995.

Lt.Col. ALEXANDER JAMES "Jim" CAPERS (Germany '69-'70 - 3rd Bn. 70th Armor) called recently from 825 Fleming Ct., Pensacola FL 32514. Wasn't aware of our club - but he is now. Jim joined without hesitation. Seems he had an uncle, Lt. CLYDE PADGETT, F19th who was KIA on Jan. 3, 1951. Jim is anxious to hear from anyone who might remember Clyde Padgett.

Lt.Col. ALEXANDER JAMES CAPERS (3/70 Armor, Augsburg Germany '70) of 825 Fleming Ct., Pensacola FL 32514 is looking for anyone who can give him any information regarding is uncle's service with the 24th. He was 1 Lt. CLYDE P. PADGETT (F 19th) arrived in Korea on July 27, 1950 and was KIA on Jan. 3, 1951.

A Message From The Sec/Tres

You may call this an admission of failure, but I am calling it, "telling it like it is."



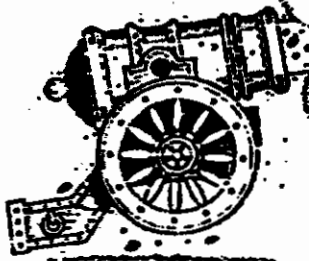
What is "it?" "It" is my trying to keep up with you guys who have summer and winter addresses. I know that Time, Life, Newsweek, Scientific American, DAV, and all the others can do it, but I can't. The reason is, I think, that they have a somewhat bigger operation than I have. I don't know for sure just what they do have, but I know what I have -- and that is the guest bedroom converted into an office where I, alone, try to keep up with the Association's affairs. I deal with 2,877 members and there is no way I can keep straight that from May to October you live in Happy Hills, Florida and from November to April you live in Snowbank, Ohio.

So how are we going to keep it straight? Simple: when you move from one place to another you are going to send me a change of address. I can post a change of address in about ten minutes (both the computer and your 201 file). And once it is posted it is locked in concrete until you send me another.

Of course this requires a little effort on your part, but that's nothing compared to the work I am doing -- I am so busy that I have had to give up wild women and strong drink, and that's one hell of a sacrifice!

Dutch

E. Nelsen
Sec/Tres



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A-19	21st Infantry Lapel Pin		3.00	Ea.PP
A-20	21st Infantry Create \$ 5.00 Each \$ 10.00 Pair PP			
A-21	21st Infantry Pocket Patch		8.00	Ea.PP
A-22	21st Infantry Cap, Dark Blue Embroded		12.00	Ea.**
A-23	21st Infantry Cap, White Embroded		12.00	Ea.**
A-24	21st Infantry Golf Shirt, Collar & Pocket, White Embroided			
	Available in Mens Large, XL & XXL		25.00	Ea.**
A-25	24th Infantry Division Lapel Pin		3.00	Ea.PP
A-26	24th Infantry Division Colored shoulder patch		3.00	Ea.PP
A-27	24th Infantry Division N.C.B.U. Crest Current issue		5.00	Ea.PP
A-28	24th Infantry Division Patch on Mesh Back Cap, Black		10.00	Ea.**
A-29	24th Infantry Division Patch on Mesh Back Cap, Medium Blue		10.00	Ea.**
A-29A	24th Infantry Division Patch on Mesh Back Cap, White		10.00	Ea.PP
A-30	24th Infantry Division Hat Pin, Patch Replica		5.00	Ea.PP
A-31	24th I.D.A. Cap w/patch, poplin White		10.00	Ea.*
A-32	24th I.D.A. Cap w/patch, poplin Dark Blue		10.00	Ea.**
A-33	24th I.D.A. Cap w/patch, poplin Green		10.00	Ea.**
A-34	24th I.D.A. cap w/patch, poplin Red		10.00	Ea.**
A-35	29th Infantry Create \$ 5.00 each	limited supply		
A-36	29th Infantry Pocket Patch		8.00	Ea.PP
A-37	34th Infantry Lapel pin		3.00	Ea.PP
A-38	34th Infantry Create \$ 5.00 Each \$10.00 Pair PP			
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A-40	34th Infantry Cap, Dark Blue painted design		10.00	Ea.**

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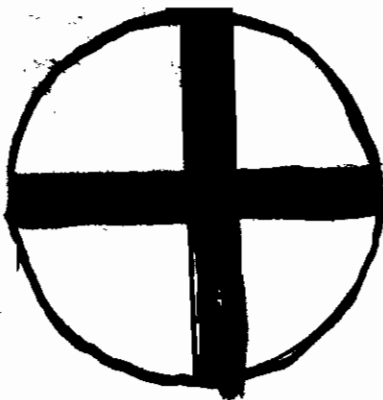
A-41 5th R.C.T. BOLO-TIE Stainless Steel with Patch Replica	\$ 15.00 Ea.PP
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A-43 24th Infantry Division BOLO-TIE S.S. with Patch Replica	15.00 Ea.PP
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(Replica Medals) These are well done and are listed below. Please order by number ONLY. The designs are similar and we want to deliver exactly what you want. These are designed as HAT PINS, but some have used them in displays. Each pin is about 1/2 inch by 3/4 inch in size so are quite small. We cannot ship them one pin at a time. We require a minimum of three pins @ \$3.00 each plus a Dollar Postage and packing if all you want are Hat Pins. Each additional HAT PIN same order are \$3.00 each. We can include Hat Pins with other items. If you have a Cap in your order and include 2.00 Postage no additional postage for hat pins is necessary. We cannot affix stars Etc.

HP-754 Purple Heart Medal	HP-963 Pacific Campaign Medal
HP-828 Bronze Star Medal	HP-964 American Campaign Medal
HP-829 Good Conduct Medal	HP-051 Army of Occupation Medal
HP-829 Korean Service Medal	HP-056 Meritorius Service Medal
HP-807 National Def.Serv.Medal	HP-059 U.N. Service Medal
HP-958 WW-II Victory Medal	HP-234 Prisoner of War Medal
HP-959 Silver Star Medal	HP-361 Phillipine Liberation
HP-960 American Defense Medal	HP-099 Korean Service Ribbon Replica
HP-962 E.T.O. Campaign Medal	HP-925 Air Medal
HP-965 Dis. Flying Cross	HP-308 Dis. Service Cross
HP-115 ROUND KOREA 8,000 Missing	HP-214 Round Bring Em Home/Send us Back
HP-569 COMBAT MEDICS BADGE	HP-570 BASIC PARATROOP BADGE
HP-759 VIETNAM SERVICE	HP-760 VIET CAMPAIGN
HP-054 Armed Forces Exped.	HP-078 Gallantry Cross

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It was possible from the WWII era.