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The Editor of this publication is a full time worker in a steel plant, working 40 to 80 hours per week. I have volunteered to be the editor in order to have a continuously printed magazine that we can be proud of in both content and the magazine as a whole.

The Editor is the only one who works to assemble the Taro Leaf and do the best that I can under the very extreme circumstances that do exist at times. I cannot check out the validity of each and every article as received. (Example - Robert Lursen). I will attempt to verify some of the articles with other members of the executive board for their input. If an article is missed in the current issue, it will be published in a subsequent issue.

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From the President

As I write this piece of correspondence our annual reunion at Minneapolis is only a few months away. I hope that many of you will take advantage of this opportunity to attend and see old comrades again. Corky Peters has planned a great reunion for us and I am looking forward to meeting again with you, members of one of the Army's greatest divisions! Our Secretary/



Treasurer Rudy Mullins informs me that several 24th Infantry Division organizations have planned "mini" reunions in conjunction with the Association's reunion. A special welcome is extended to members of the 11 Field Artillery Battalion (On Time) and the 52th Field Artillery Battalion (Habile et Pret) and members of B Company, 19th Infantry who have planned special get togethers at Minneapolis. It was gratifying to receive a letter from Jack A. Measley (I/21st, 1951-52) saying he and Mrs. Measley were planning to attend one of our reunions for the first time. Jack, we need more folks like you!

A special 24th Infantry Division Association congratulations is extended to General Barry R. McCaffrey (Life Member, Div Hqrs, Fort Stewart) for being named by the President as Director of the National Drug Control Agency (the Drug Czar). General McCaffrey has always been a strong supporter of our Association and we all wish him the best in his new career.

For your information your Executive Board is coordinating with a manufacturer of military neck ties to design a tie for the 24th Infantry Division. The president of the company has assured me that he will have several designs for us to display at Minneapolis so that we can take a member vote on which design we would like to represent our division.

The TARO LEAF is continuing to have growing pains. I know all of you are pleased with the new format and a special thanks go to Bob Lawhon and Rudy Mullins for their personal involvement in putting out each issue. Now if could just get the post office to cooperate and get it to you on time!

Recently all members of the Association received a flyer from Turner Publishing Company concerning purchase of the 24th Division History Book. This has caused some concern among members who have paid in the past for a copy of a division history book that was never published. Be At Ease, the money that was paid has been held in escrow by the Secretary/Treasurer and once the history is published Turner Publishing will be informed which members have previously paid and their copy will be mailed to them with no further effort on their part required.

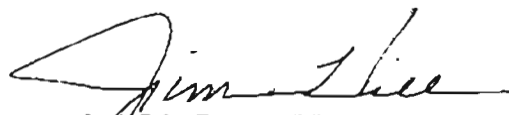
In short, if you have previously paid for a history book of the 24th Division you will receive a copy of the book that is presently being written. The flyer you received from the Battery Press in Nashville concerning "Children of Yesterday" and other books and videos about the 24th Division is a private endeavor and is separate from the activities of Turner Publishing.

As you can see included in this issue is a copy of the letters I sent naming selected members of the Association to nominating committees to select individuals for the elected positions on the Executive Board for 1996-97 and to consider an individual for the award of the Verbeck Bowl, the Association's most prestigious award. If you desire to express your opinion or have any suggestions it is requested that you contact the Chairman of the Committee, Vince Gagliardo for the Nominating Committee and Joe Hofrichter for the Verbeck Bowl Selection Committee.

By now all who ordered the Album and/or the Video from our Nashville Reunion should have received the items. I find the album most useful in "putting a face with a name". I find that the video brings back the pleasant memories of our Nashville get together and years from now will be a cherished part of my 24th Division memories.

Of special interest is that as of 4 March of this year our membership roles consisted of 3,023 names. Many of you know comrades who are not members of the Association. I would hope that you would make a special effort to enlist those individuals in the Association. As the years go by I would like to see more and more of ex-24ers become part of our organization.

Remember--Minneapolis 4-7 September 1996!


JAMES F. HILL
19th Infantry
(1949-51)
President

FORMER PFC LLOYD F. CROSS
2D PLT CO. "C" 21ST INF REGT
(JUN 1949-JUN 1950)
IS LOOKING FOR AND WOULD LIKE
TO HEAR FROM ANYONE FROM HIS OLD
UNIT. WRITE TO LLOYD AT:
BOX 884
OAKVILLE, IA 52646

24th Infantry Division Association



5 March 1996

Mr. Kenwood Ross
120 Maple Street
Springfield, Massachusetts 01103

Dear Ken,

It is indeed an honor for me, on behalf of the members of the 24th Infantry Division Association, to invite you to be the guest speaker at the Memorial Dinner to be held on 6 September 1996 at our Association reunion in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

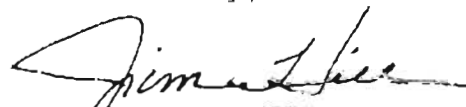
As you are aware, the site of this year's reunion is the Radisson Hotel South, 7800 Normandale Blvd, Minneapolis.

Our Memorial Banquet will take place on the above mentioned date and will commence o/a 0630 pm. As the honored speaker it is suggested that a 20-30 minute address would be appropriate, the subject as selected by you. The proposed sequence for this year's banquet will commence with the opening and welcome remarks by the Master of Ceremonies, the posting of the Colors, the Pledge of Allegiance, our Memorial Service for the comrades that are no longer with us, the Toasts and serving of the dinner. After the dinner will be the presentation by the Key Note speaker (you), followed by the introduction of the new President and Officers of the Association. Other events at the dinner may be programmed by the Reunion Chairman. The formal part of the banquet will terminate with the retiring of the Colors and the Benediction by the Association's Chaplain.

Ken, if you accept our invitation the Association will provide your room for the period of the reunion that you attend as well as for the Memorial Dinner and our Friday night Aloha dinner.

It would indeed be an honor to have you be our guest speaker at this special time for members of the 24th Infantry Division Association.

Sincerely,


JAMES F. HILL
President

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Joe Hofrichter
Rudy Mullins
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March 13, 1996

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Jim:

I am impressed by yours of March 5th.

This is the way it should have been done -
and you did it.*

I accept the honor - God willing.

You know of my medical problems.

I missed Nashville therebecause. I hope and pray
I shall make Minneapolis.

Cordially,

KENWOOD ROSS

KR:bmc
cc Dutch Nelsen
Joe Hofrichter
Rudy Mullins
Corky Peters
Bob Lawhon

* Not intended as a snide remark against you.
It's just that so many of our people
today simply have no regard or respect
for the amenities.

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A Note from the President--

With the 49th Reunion of the 24th Infantry Division Association scheduled for Minneapolis on 4-7 September of this year several members have contacted me wondering where previous reunions were held. It was most interesting to research the locations and to see how our Association has met throughout the United States as well as overseas so that, at one time or another, every member would have had a reunion near his abode. Starting with our first reunion in Baltimore, Maryland in 1948 listed below are the locations where we have met. (Numbers in parenthesis indicate the times that the particular location has served as the host site.)

Atlantic City, New Jersey
Boston, Massachusetts
Chicago, Illinois (6)
Clearwater, Florida
Columbus, Ohio
Fort Worth, Texas
Lexington, Kentucky
Los Angeles, California
Nashville, Tennessee
New York City (3)
Peoria, Illinois
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
San Francisco, California (2)
Savannah, Georgia (4)
West Point, New York

Baltimore, Maryland (2)
Buffalo, New York
Cincinnati, Ohio
Colorado Springs, Colorado
Detroit, Michigan
Irving, California
Louisville, Kentucky
Myrtle Beach, SC (2)
New Orleans, Louisiana
Norfolk, Virginia
Philadelphia Pennsylvania
Schaumburg, Illinois
St. Louis, Missouri (3)
Washington, DC

Outside the continental United States we have met in Garmish, Germany, Hawaii and Nassau.

As you can see by the above we have covered the United States in past reunions. For 1997 we have selected Colorado Springs for the second time. If you would like to serve as a Reunion Chairman in your city in a future year please contact our Association Reunion Coordinator, Mr. Donald Barrett.

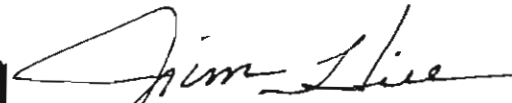
"How long did it take your wife to learn to drive?"
Husband: "About 2½ cars."

Wife: Before we were married we didn't sit this far apart in the car. Husband: Well, dear, I didn't move.

A wife is the only person who can look into the top drawer of a dresser and find a man's socks that aren't there.

Nobody can cook like my wife, Joan, but they came pretty close to it when I was in the Army.

First Husband: Last night my wife dreamed she was married to a millionaire. Second Husband: You're lucky. My wife thinks that in the daytime.


JAMES F. HILL
President

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

W. Tyler Moyer, Cannon Co. 19th Inf. Regt. is looking for anyone who served in his Unit. Can anyone help? Let Tyler know. W. Tyler Moyer, 6216 Brookfield Rd., Richmond, VA 23227.

Gale C. Curry from P.O. Box 757, Joshua, TX 76058-0757, (D. 6th Med TK BN. ('49-'51) is looking for Clifton Christian, Jack Fowler and Dale E. Black. He would like to hear from them.

MEMBERSHIP: I have a large listing of USA Army Veterans 'Associations for anyone wishing to contact friends in other associations.

Carlos Pena, Co. H. 21st Inf. ('44-'46) from 780 S. Fannin, San Benito, TX 78586, writes to say he regrets the passing of Bob Ender and that Bob was his CO through the Leyte, Mindoro and Mindanao Campaign. States he was a good man and great CO and will be missed.

From Frank R. Lopez, 1000 E. Birch St., Independence, KS 67301, Co. D Med Bn. Dec. '412 - Mar. '45). Would like to hear from anyone who was a member of the Unit during dates indicated.

From Richard Muir, 2527 Mt. Vista Rd., Centralia, WA 98531. B-34 from Nov. '41 - Dec. '44 would love to hear from anyone from the best there was. Says he hopes to see us in Minneapolis.

From William E. "Bill" Lodge, 45448 Puma Dr., Hammond, LA 70401-7080 (24th Med Bn. '62-'64). "I was a Radio Teletype Operator with the 24th Medical Battalion, 24th Infantry Division from August 1962 to January 1964. I was stationed at Infantry Kaserne, Augsburg, Germany. I would be interested in hearing from anyone who was with the 24th in the Augsburg-Munich area during that time. Perhaps we share some of the same fond memories of those long ago days."

From James O. Marshall, 1185 Sarasota Rd., Roswell, GA 30075-3850. Co. M. 19th Inf. Regt. ('44-'46). Looking for anyone that was in 3rd BN. Co. M. 81MM Motors during '44-'45. Get in touch with Jim at above address.

From Burt Lawson, 13119 Manor, Detroit, MI 48238. "I" 21st Inf. Regt. ('51-'52). Burt writes the following: "The Taro Leaf news letter keeps me informed with whats going on and remembrance of the division and some of the men in it. The last months issue I found a new comer to the association by the name of Gary Waterkamp. We were in I Co. together. I wrote him a letter and he answered it with some of the events and men from the company. So you can see the little \$15.00 per year. one news letter is worth that. Gary also mentioned about meeting some of the men in Washington at the Memorial. How I let that slip by me I don't know. I hope to be in Minnesota in September."

From Bob Shoup (CWD-Y Ret) 1045 Haverford Street, Johnstown, PA 15905; Ph 814-255-1400. Co. F. 21st Inf. Regt. (1934-1937). "Enclosed find check to re-enlist me in the 24th Div. I enlisted in 1934 and took basic at Schofield, assigned to "F" Co. 21st Inf. Next door to "KG" Co. Which "From Here To Eternity" was made. Made outstanding soldier at guard mount and the Sgt Major asked me if I wished to work there as he was trying to type a letter via hand picking. Well I wound up there as Chief Clerk and his assistant. Was promoted to PFC 3rd Class specialist and I thought I was a millionaire. Gen H.A. Drum came over and sent all the homesteaders who had been in the Islands, home. At this time it was a Territory. I typed the letter and our Brigade Commander personally signed it asking for an exception for our Supply Sgt, it came back rejected with his 2" signature."

From: Edwin H. Maiers, Box 118, New Vienna, IA 52065. H. 19th Inf. Regt. ('45-'46). Would like to hear from anyone from Co. H. 19th Inf. who was with him in Kochi Japan in 1945-1946.

From J.D. Henley, 12321 Swanson, Marana, AZ 85653. Ph. 152-0682-3614. B. 19th Inf. (6/44 ' 12/45). J. D. writes that he enjoyed seeing his picture in the last T.L. says he took 1st Scout, George H. Carter to N.O. in 1994 and Claude and Carlitte Peters to Nashville, good long time buddies of his. Says he will be in Minneapolis.

From: John Hamilton, 249 Southview Dr., Delran, NJ 08075-1532, Hq & Hq 19th Inf. ('48-'51). "O.K. you got me. Enclosed is my \$15.00 so I can Re-Up. Your letter to delinquents was a good idea because frankly I did not remember just when dues were due. The newsletter carries warnings from time to time saying "pay up now" or words to that effect but most people don't think it pertains to them. Note the check is for \$20.00. Please throw the extra five into the stamp kitty for me as sort of a penalty. I note you were in Med. Co. of the 19th, '49 - '51. I was in H&H Co. I & R Platoon during the same years at old Camp Chickamauga. By any chance do you remember a Cpl. by the name of George Stokes, that was in Medical Co during the early part of 1950. I had several occasions to swap beers with him and a couple of guys by the names of Swift and Meeks. I lost trace of Stokes when we went to Korea, Meeks I believe was killed and Swift is retired in up state Pennsylvania. Should you ever run into any brown shoe soldiers from the I&R please give them my name. I would be pleased to hear from them. Hope to make the next reunion....keep up the good work."

From: Weldon B. Hester, 5101 Powhatan Av., Norfolk, VA 23508. ARC Field Director 34th Inf. Regt. (1944-1945) Weldon holds the Medal of Freedom, Highest Award given to a civilian presented to him by President Harry S. Truman.

From: Nicholas "Mickey" Matviya, RR 4 Box 285, Blairsville, PA 15717-8919. 11th F.A. Bn. ('42-'45) Mickey writes, "In the latest issue of "Taro Leaf" Page 7, the article about Ward Larson. I notice in his listing of battles and campaigns, that his participation on Leyte was omitted. On my discharge, Leyte is also omitted, the 11th F.A. Bn was in the vicinity of Limon during this battle. I was discharged at Camp Atterbury, IN Sept. 15, 1945, and like most of us, never reviewed my discharge for correctness or even knew what we were entitled to receive in the way of awards. Thank you. I read every word in the Taro Leaf."

From: Thomas Zeleny, 3830 S. Clinton Av., Berwyn, IL 60402. Hq Co. 24th Med Bn (51-52). Tom is a new life member and wishes to say, "Hello to Scott Defebaugh."

I wish to thank all of you out there for your help in signing up new members. To name a few, Gene Lewis, Jack Rooney, Phil Burke and, of course, our Membership Chairman, Wally Kuhner.

A big thank you goes out to Louis P. Hehl for his information on how to obtain the book "Children of Yesterday". See information and order form.

If you're looking for the 1" decal write me. To all of you: We would like to have stories of the 24th from their Germany assignment during the 60's. For that matter send us your story from any era and we'll print it.

ADDRESS CORRECTIONS: Whenever a member changes his/her address without notifying the Association Secretary and the mailing of the Taro Leaf Occurs, the Post Office charges the Association \$.50 per undeliverable Taro Leaf. There are approximately 50 Taro Leafs undelivered after each mailing with four mailings per year, that equals 200 returned at \$.50 each ($200 \times \$.50 = \50.00). Whenever the correct address is obtained, the Taro Leaf is mailed 1st class at a cost of \$1.24 each ($\$1.24 \times 200 = \248.00) $\$248.00 + \$50.00 = \$298.00$. It takes 20 of our members dues to pay this amount. **PLEASE** Contact your Secretary with your address change.

MAIL RETURN: From BG Frank F. Henderson 904 Rattlesnake Rd., Harker Heights, TX 76546. Life Member #907. Letter marked NO SUCH ADDRESS. Can anyone help??

WILLIAM C McCLURE FROM BEAVER DAM, KY SENT IN THIS PICTURE ALONG WITH A NEW APPLICATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP. BILL IS LIFE MEMBER #1548. LOOKS LIKE A DIFFERENT WAY TO GREASE A VEHICLE.

A NOTE TO CLYDE LAFITTE, WHY NOT JOIN UP FOR LIFE, YOU WILL PROBABLY LIVE ANOTHER 25-30 YEARS AND LOOK AT THE MONEY YOU WILL BE SAVING. CLYDE IS FROM MONTEREY, CA. AND SERVED WITH THE 11TH F.A.

MEMBER DENNIS J. FOLEY, NEPHEW OF EVERETT J. PAULSON WHO SERVED WITH B.CO. 21ST INF REGT AND WHO WAS WOUNDED ON MINDANAO AND PASSED AWAY IN 1957, NEVER SERVED IN THE 24TH BUT ENJOYS KEEPING UP WITH WHATS GOING ON IN THE ASSOCIATION.

MEMBER GEORGE D. FRAZIER WROTE THAT HE WAS MEDICALLY DISCHARGED IN 1942 BUT RETURNED TO THE ARMY AND WAS SENT BACK TO PEARL HARBOR IN THE NAVY YARD? HE SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME TRYING TO RETURN TO THE 63RD F.A. AND BY THE TIME HE GOT RELIEVED FROM THE "YARD" THE DIVISION LEFT. I JOINED THE C.B.S. AND IN 1946 HE RETURNED TO THE 63RD F.A. GEORGE STATES THAT HE WAS IN THE 13TH F.A. FROM 41-42 AND IN HQ&HQ 63RD F.A. FROM 46-48.



A REMINDER TO MEMBERS WHO ARE MAKING INSTALLMENT PAYMENT FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP. IF YOU STARTED PAYING FOR YOUR LIFE MEMBERSHIP UNDER THE \$100.00 PLAN YOU MUST MAKE FIVE(5) YEARLY PAYMENTS OF \$20.00 EACH. THOSE MEMBERS WHO ARE UNDER THE \$150.00 PAYMENT PLAN MUST MAKE FIVE (5) YEARLY PAYMENT OF \$30.00 EACH. IF YOU DON'T REMEMBER WHEN YOUR PAYMENTS ARE DUE PLEASE LET ME KNOW, I'LL BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE YOU WITH YOUR PAYMENT DATE. YOUR PERMANENT METAL MEMBERSHIP CARD CANNOT BE PROVIDED UNTIL YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS PAID IN FULL.

TO ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 1996 MEMBERSHIP DUES THEY ARE PAST DUE AND THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST TARO LEAF. SO, TO AVOID NOT GETTING YOUR LINK TO YOUR FRIENDS AND COMRADES PAY YOUR 1996 DUES NOW !

THE WAY TO GO. LIFE MEMBERSHIP OFFERS THE CHOICE OF OVER 1550 MEMBERS. FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES? THIS WONT HAPPEN TO YOU IF YOU CHOOSE LIFE MEMBERSHIP. AVOID THE UNINTERRUPTED DELIVERY OF YOUR TARO LEAF. THE TARO LEAF KEEPS YOU INFORMED OF ALL HAPPENINGS OF THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION AND THE ACTIVE DIVISION. CHOOSE LIFE MEMBERSHIP WHEN ITS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR DO IT NOW

WILLIAM R. MEGIBBEN DIV HQS JAG SECTION AND SVC CO & I CO 19TH INF RETIRED FROM THE U.S.A.F. AS A CAPTAIN. HOW DID THIS COME ABOUT BILL?

MEMBER HARRY A VELICK CO I 34TH INF REGT (44-46) IS TRYING TO LOCATE A BUDDY HE MET IN THE PHILIPPINES IN 1945. NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL IS GEORGE W. STOKES, HOME ADDRESS IN 1945 WAS 6185 MAURITANIA AVE., OAKLAND, CA. GEORGE JOINED THE 34TH END OF APR 45. HE WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BY A GRENADE IN THE LEFT ARM AND WAS EVACUATED TO LEYTE AND THEN SENT HOME. LAST COMMUNICATION FROM GEORGE WAS FROM BUSHNELL GENERAL HOSPITAL, BRIGHAM CITY, UTAH. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT GEORGE W. STOKES CONT HARRY AT 24591 ONEIDA BLVD. OAK PARK, MI. 48237 OR CALL 810 542 4591.

JAMES P NOLAN FROM BRIGHTON, MI. CALLED ME REQUESTING ANOTHER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION SAID HIS DOG ATE THE ONE HE WAS WORKING ON.

24th Infantry Division Association



March 31, 1996

«First Name» «Last Name»
«Street»
«City» «State» «Zip»

Dear «Salutation:»

In the past, you have donated money toward the 24th Infantry Division History, please be advised that the money you donated has been placed in escrow for that purpose.

At the 1995 reunion in Nashville, the Executive Committee approved and signed a contract with Turner Publishing Company in Paducah, KY to research, write and publish the history. At that time, Turner Publishing Company estimated that it would take approximately 18 months before the history would be ready for publishing.

Recently a promotional pamphlet was mailed to members of the 24th Infantry Association offering the book for sale.

You are one of the many who have donated money for the history and I encourage you not to order the book at this time. Forget about the deadline. At the appropriate time, I will furnish Turner Publishing Company a list of those who have paid for the history and will make appropriate payment for you from the money in escrow for that purpose.

The amount you have donated toward the history book is «History Book». Now, for those who have not paid enough to cover the cost of the history, I encourage you to send me the balance to cover the purchase price.

Cost of the book is \$39.95; shipping and handling \$5.00; total \$44.95. If you wish to have it personalized by having your name embossed on it, add an extra \$5.00 which brings the amount to \$49.95. If you desire, add an additional \$2.75 for the protective plastic cover for a total of \$52.70. Please use the Turner Publishing Co., order form and forward to me.

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Copy: B. David Mann
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HISTORY BOOK PROGRESS

Six months after the Executive Committee selected a publisher for the Division history, 70 percent of the book has been written. The publisher--Turner Publishing Company of Paducah, Kentucky--has submitted the first draft covering most of World War II and part of the Korean War. The six-member history committee is reviewing the first draft.

Initial response to the order form for the book has been good. Many Taro Leafers have already made partial payments for the book, and some have paid the order price in its entirety. Some members have generously sent photos, clippings, and reminiscences of their experiences for possible inclusion in the book.

Former Secretary of the Association, Kenwood Ross, has generously provided his voluminous collection of books, photos, and memorabilia for the history. Ken had already written several segments of the division's combat actions in World War II. All members owe Ken a debt of gratitude for his valuable contributions toward the writing of the history.

David Mann, Chairman

24th Division

History Committee

24th Infantry Division Association

2 March 1996

TO: Joseph P. Hofrichter, Chairman
Joseph J. McKeon
Kenwood Ross
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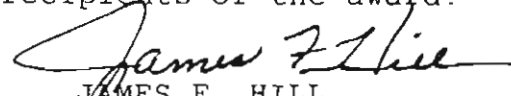
SUBJECT: Verbeck Bowl Award Selection Committee

The five individuals listed above, and with their concurrence, have been selected as the Verbeck Bowl Selection Committee for 1996. Mr. Joseph P. Hofrichter has been selected as Chairman of the Committee and he, or his designated representative, will be responsible for providing the name of the individual selected at the 1996 24th Division Association Meeting at Minneapolis in September 1996.

GUIDANCE:

Major General William Jordan Verbeck served during World War II as the Commander of the 21st Infantry Regiment and onetime Chief of Staff of the 24th Infantry Division. He served as President of the 24th Infantry Division Association during the term of 1963-64. He passed away on 4 November 1965 and was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. In 1966, in honor of General Verbeck, an award (a silver bowl) was established by the Association in his memory. The award was intended, and is, the highest recognition that the Association can bestow upon a fellow member. The award is to "given sparingly" and only to a member who has distinguished himself by service to the Association "above and beyond" the call of normal participation in Association affairs. The award is intended to exemplify the ideals and devotion shown by General Verbeck in his service to our Nation and to the Association. The award has been given on an annual basis except for several years when it was not given or was on display at the 24th Infantry Division Museum at Fort Stewart, Georgia.

The Committee, therefore, is tasked to determine if the award is to be presented in 1996 and if so, to select a nominee and present that individual's name to the Association's Executive Board at the Executive Board Business Meeting at Minneapolis in September of this year. If an individual is selected by the Committee it is intended to present the award at the Memorial Dinner of the Association during the reunion. The receiver of the 1995 award, Joe Hofrichter, is also tasked to bring the bowl to Minneapolis for display and, if appropriate, for presentation to the 1996 awardee. It is to be noted that all committee members selected are past recipients of the award.


JAMES F. HILL
President

24th Infantry Division Association



1 March 1996

To: Vincent Gagliardo, Chairman Info: Joseph P. Hofrichter
Ben H. Wahle, Jr. Elsworth Nelsen
Rodolph Mullins
Albert J. McAdoo
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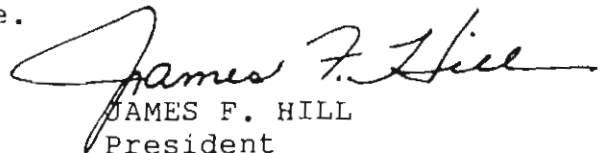
SUBJECT: 24th Infantry Division Association Nominating Committee

The five individuals listed above have been selected as the Nominating Committee for selecting the nominees for officers of the 24th Infantry Division Association for the 1996-97 term of office. Mr. Vince Gagliardo has been selected as Chairman of the committee and he, or his designated representative, will be responsible for presenting the names of the committee's nominees to the general membership at the business meeting of the Association in Minneapolis in September of 1996.

GUIDANCE:

The current Constitution of the Association refers to election of officers of the Association in ARTICLE IV, Section 1. It states "The Officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the membership in its Annual Members Meeting during the annual Association Convention and shall take office immediately after election." The Constitution identifies the Associations's elected officers as the President, the Vice-President and a Secretary Treasurer. At some point in the past a 2nd Vice President's position was added but was never added to the Constitution or By-Laws. In the past, by tradition, each elected officer was nominated for the next higher position at the Association Membership meeting; ie, the 1st VP was nominated for President, the 2d VP was nominated for 1st VP and the nominating committee selected an individual from the current membership as the nominee for 2nd VP. Although the Secretary/Treasurer is an elected position that position, in the past, has been considered a quasi-permanent position and should be considered such as that at the present time. Although the nominating committee has the privilege of selecting any member for any position I consider it appropriate to continue the nominating process as it has been conducted in the past.

The Nominating Committee, therefore, is tasked to select nominees for President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer and to present those names to the general membership at the 1996 Minneapolis General Membership Meeting. This process does not preclude nominating of individuals from the floor but will represent the selection of the appointed Association's Nominating Committee.


JAMES F. HILL
President

ATTENTION

34TH INFANTRY

Because of unforeseen circumstances, the 34th Infantry meeting that was planned for the Midwest in the fall of 1996 has been cancelled.

I would urge all members who were planning to attend to go to the 24th Division meeting to be held in Minneapolis in September.

Dick Fisher
4240 Canela St.
Cocoa, Fl. 32927
(407) 631-9778



'42-'45

First Eschelon of the 24th Signal Co. Hollandia
New Guinea. I am in the extreme left beside Ed
Shirly Pete F. Gazzo 7751 Pershing Rd.
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15235

MEMBERS OF THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION:

WE THE FAMILY OF C.G. HANLIN WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR THE FLOWERS, CARDS, PHONE CALLS AND VISITS WE RECEIVED DURING THE PASSING OF OUR FATHER.

DAD WAS A WONDERFUL PERSON WHOM WE WILL ALL MISS. HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO ATTENDING THE REUNION THIS YEAR AND COMING WITH SPIKE.

HE HAD A LONG BATTLE WITH CANCER, AND IT FINALLY TOOK HIM. I KNOW I HAVE NEVER MET A STRONGER MORE LOVING MAN THAN HE WAS.

DURING THE LAST SIX MONTHS OF HIS LIFE WE WERE LUCKY TO HAVE HIM SHARE OUR HOME. MANY DAYS HE FELT TERRIBLE, BUT NOT ONCE DID HE COMPLAIN. HE ALWAYS ASKED HOW WE FELT, NO MATTER HOW BAD HE FELT.

WHEN HE PASSED AWAY, HE DID SO PEACEFULLY. ALTHOUGH WE REALLY MISS HIM AND WOULD HAVE LOVED TO HAVE HAD MORE TIME, WE KNOW HE IS IN A BETTER PLACE, WHERE HE HAS NO PAIN AND WILL SUFFER NO MORE.

AGAIN, THANKS TO ALL OF YOU.

JOHN, VICKIE, NATALIE, BRYAN, AND AMANDA ELDER

August 12, 1995

Dear Bob:

Wanted to let you know I received your list of Paul Baders and sincerely thank you.

Would you believe the third one I called was the Paul Bader I have been looking for. Paul lives at 1874 Auburn Ave, Holt, Mi. 48842. We had quite a visit on the phone last evening. He too has wondered what had happen to me all these years. His health is failing a bit, so we are going to the Chicago area September 2nd for a wedding and plan to go on up to Holt and visit Paul and his wife

Again, many thanks to you for all your efforts.

Most sincerely,

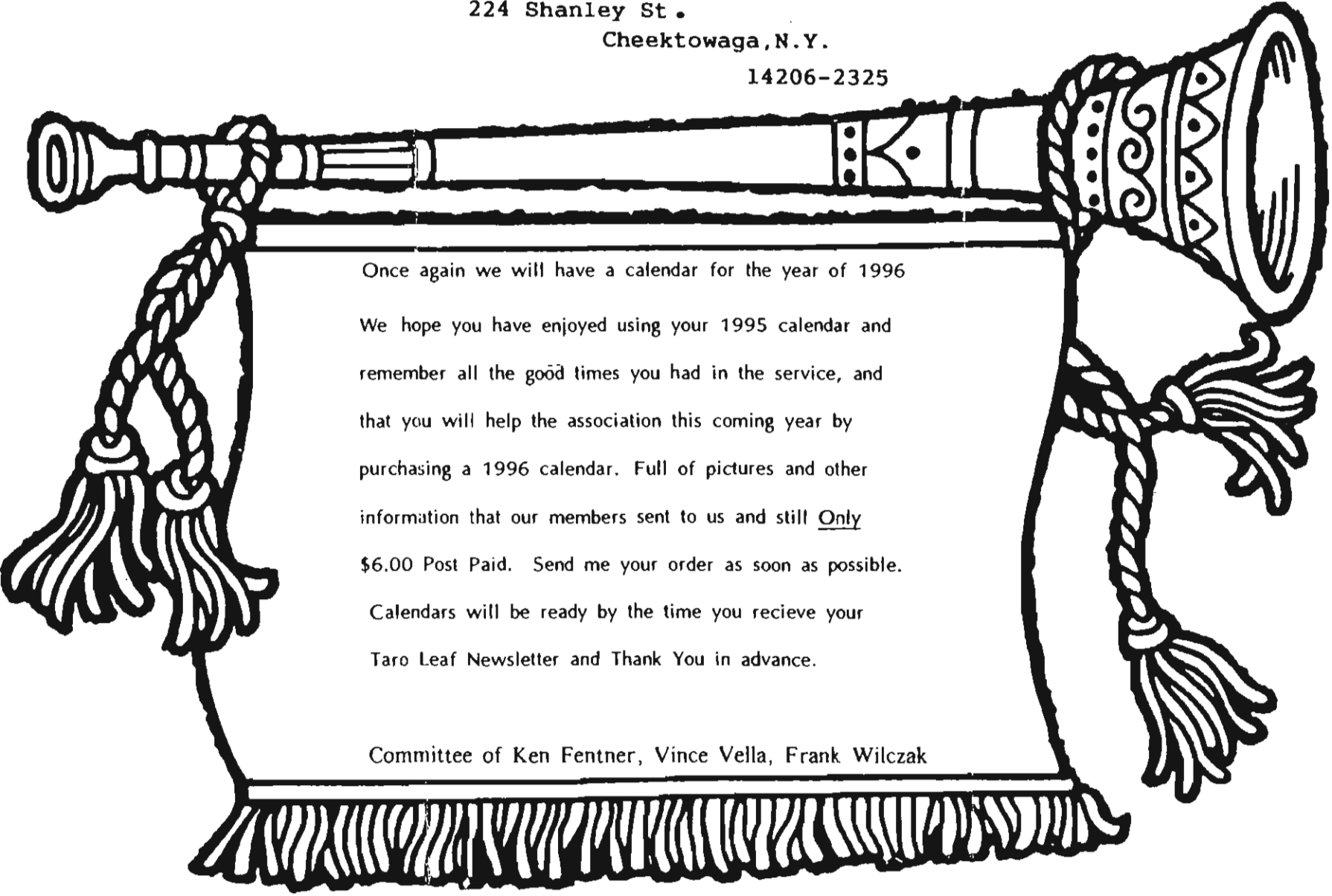
Benny Denthine

'Look in this issue'

A.H. "Benny" Denthine

Send Checks to 24th Inf.Div.Assoc.
Frank Wilczak
224 Shanley St.
Cheektowaga, N.Y.

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Once again we will have a calendar for the year of 1996
We hope you have enjoyed using your 1995 calendar and
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Committee of Ken Fentner, Vince Vella, Frank Wilczak

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ATTN: AF2P-PO2

25 March 1996

Mr. James F. Hill
260 Shellie Lane
Roswell, GA 30075

Dear Mr. Hill:

Please excuse this tardy response to your 22 February inquiry concerning a complete listing of the 24th Division's lineage and campaign participation credits and decorations. As you are aware we are in the midst of dealing with this reflagging issue and things are in an uproar. Since your request dealt with aspects of the Division's history, it eventually made its way to us. I'm afraid we have procrastinated to the point that we were unable to get this to you with enough time for you to include it in the April issue of the TARO LEAF.

I am enclosing a copy of the lineage and honors for the 24th Division headquarters company, which is valid for the Division as well. This does not include the Division's campaign credit for the Southwest Asia operations (Desert Shield / Desert Storm) for which they were credited following the conclusion of that operation, so be sure to include that.

Hope this is what you need. Once again, I'm sorry that things got lost in the shuffle and this information wasn't more timely in getting to you.

As regards the reflagging, the anticipated reflagging ceremony date is 31 May, not 31 March. It is supposed to happen while MG DeFrancisco is in command, so this date could be moved up if he leaves earlier than June. We have shared your disappointment at seeing the grand old Victory Division fold its colors, but rest assured, the memory of the 24th will remain alive and well here at Fort Stewart, as well as within our museum. We will continue to maintain the collection and archival holdings of the 24th Infantry Division.

Please feel free to contact me directly if I can be of further assistance to you or the association.

Sincerely,



ROGER S. DURHAM
Director
Fort Stewart Museum

*m/r
5 Apr 96
New reflag date
25 April 1996
JH*

As indicated in the note above, the reflag date has been moved from 31 May '96 to 25 Apr. '96. We realize this information will reach you too late to attend but it will keep you from showing up on 31 May.

EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA

Any member attending the reunion who would like to play a few rounds of golf while in Minneapolis, contact John R. Bechtel at: Phone: 612 888 3190.

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LAST CHANCE ON SELECTED 24TH DIVISION MATERIAL SPECIAL SURVEY ON WWII AND KOREAN HISTORIES

In 1989 The Battery Press reprinted **Children of Yesterday**, author Jan Valtin's account of the Taro Division in World War II. Unfortunately, our supply of this excellent history is now very limited. The purpose of this notice is to WWII veterans of the division a final opportunity to acquire this book before all copies are gone. In case you are unfamiliar with this title, it was originally published in the late 1940s and provides an excellent journalist account of the battles in the Philippines from October 1944 to the end of the war. It has 429 pages and retails for \$32.50 plus \$2.50. It can be ordered on the form below. We also have a number of other books and videos on the division in WWII and Korea which are available for purchase. These are listed on the back of this sheet.

When we reprinted **Children of Yesterday**, a number of 24th Division veterans asked about a new printing for **The Twenty-fourth Infantry Division, A Brief History** which was originally printed in Kyoto, Japan in 1947. If there is sufficient interest to cost justify a new edition, we will combine this smaller history (it has 103 pages) with the **Occupation History of the 24th Infantry Division in Japan**, also printed in 1947. The occupation book has 29 pages which would result in a total of 132 pages. If you would be interested in more WWII/occupation material, check the space provided on the order form below. We will notify you if this special book can be done.

It has also been suggested that we reprint **A Pictorial History of the Victory Division in Korea** which was produced by the division staff under the editorship of Saul Stadtmaure. This is a major project. The Korean history has 386 pages, 842 photos and 9 maps in a oversized 9" by 12" format. There are chapters on the movement from Japan to Korea, the fighting around Pusan and Taejon, the breakthrough north towards Seoul, the drive to the Yalu, the Chinese counteroffensive and the hill fighting which dominated the latter stages of the war. The 24th Division pictorial history is one of the most important photographic records of the war. We would need to have several hundred potential customers to justify the high production costs associated with a book of this type. The anticipated cost would be around \$50 *but send no money now*. If you would be interested in this title, check the space on the order form below. We will contact you later if there is enough interest to proceed. It is a wonderful account of the division in the "forgotten war" and we urge to respond to the survey if you need the book for your library.

BOOKS AND VIDEOS OF INTEREST TO 24TH DIVISION VETERANS

World War II

1. **Children of Yesterday, The Twenty-Fourth Infantry Division in World War II** by Jan Valtin 429 pages, 5 1/2" by 8 1/2," \$32.50
2. **From Down Under to Nippon, The Story of the Sixth Army in World War II**, by General Walter Krueger. 393 pages, 51 photos, 6" by 9," \$32.50 The 24th Division served under the Sixth Army for much of its time in the Philippines. This is the perfect companion to the division history. Very limited supply!
3. **The 24th Division in WWII Video Program.** This is a custom tape we sell to men who served with the 24th Division in World War II. It has three films. The first is *The Victory Division*, a 19 minute film history for WWII. The second is *Battle for Leyte and Luzon*, a 33 minute account of the largely unknown battles in the Philippines. The third film is *Payoff in the Pacific*, a 58 minute general documentary on the Pacific War. The price for this custom VHS program is normally \$29.95. It is available to 24th Division veterans for \$24.95 plus \$2.50 shipping until April 1, 1996.
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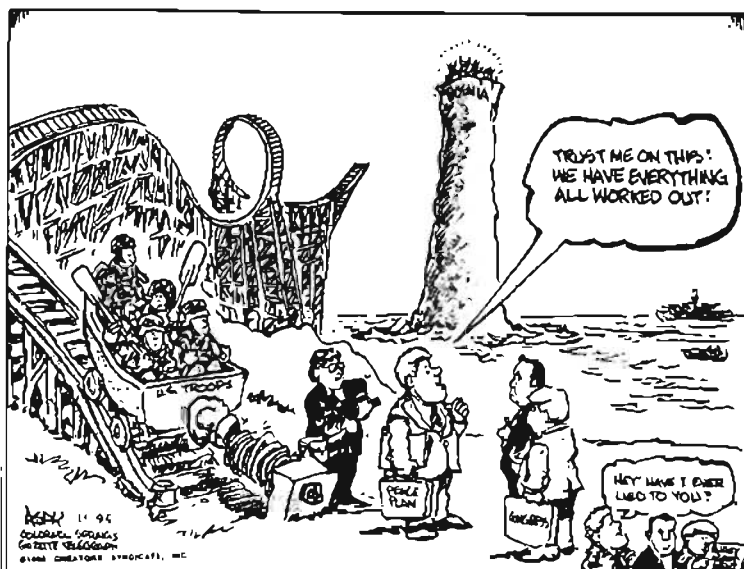
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THE SECOND (INDIAN HEAD) DIVISION ASSOCIATION IS SEARCHING FOR ANYONE WHO EVER SERVED IN THE 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION AT ANY TIME. FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR ASSOCIATION AND OUR FORTH COMING REUNION, PLEASE CONTACT: BILL CREECH - P.O. BOX 460 - BUDA TX 78610.



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Korean War Veterans Armistice Day Becomes Law

Caught up in the excitement of the dedication of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in the Nation's Capital at 3:00 PM, Thursday, July 27, the White House announced the signing of Public Law 104-19, the FY 1995 Rescissions Act, which includes, in Section 2005:

July 27 of each year until the year 2003 is designated as "National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities, and to urge the departments and agencies of the United States and interested organizations, groups, and individuals to fly the American flag at half staff on July 27 of each year until the year 2003 in honor of the Americans who died as a result of their service in Korea.

Korean War veterans' service and sacrifice all the way from the Mall in Washington, DC, to the flag pole of the local Post Office. We can only hope that Korean War Veterans all over the country will take advantage of this law to commemorate those who served in the Korean War, especially the dead and the missing."

The Korean War Veterans of the State Of Colorado are erecting a memorial "To Those Who Fought In The Korean War." It is made from black marble and is 8½ feet high. On it will be the map of Korea, the dates of the war and the US casualty figures. It will be erected in the Colorado Springs Memorial Park, and the dedication will be July 27th, this year.

When the foundation is laid a Time Capsule will be buried that will include memorabilia from that war and a list of all persons and companies that have donated money to the monument. If you care to "throw a nickel on the drum" the address is:

Charlie Snow
Korean War Veterans Memorial
2439 East St. Vrain
Colorado Springs, CO 80909



The main gate to the home of the 21st Infantry Regiment in Kumamoto, Japan, in 1949. Sent in by Ed Wilson of Rockford, IL, who served with the "Gimlets" then.

General Urges Drug Problem To Be Treated Like a Cancer

By CHRISTOPHER S. WREN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 — Playing down the timeworn image of a war on drugs, a four-star Army general nominated by President Clinton to head the Administration's campaign against illegal narcotics said today that so complex a problem must be solved with prevention, treatment and education programs as well as law enforcement.

Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, a decorated combat veteran of the Vietnam and Persian Gulf wars, chose words more appropriate to a hospital than a battlefield in outlining his views to members of the Senate Judiciary Committee who are considering his confirmation as the newest director of the Office on National Drug Control Policy, a White House agency.

"The metaphor 'war on drugs' is inadequate to describe this terrible menace facing the American people," General McCaffrey said in a prepared statement. "Dealing with the problem of illegal drug abuse is more akin to dealing with cancer."

In emphasizing the importance of reducing the domestic demand for drugs as well as the foreign supply, he acknowledged that the struggle would be long and difficult. But he also said he would bring to the job his optimism along with 31 years of service in the Army, which overcame a drug abuse problem in its ranks in the 1970's. "I don't believe this is a hopeless cause," he said.

His acknowledgment of the complexity of the drug problem is bound to reassure drug experts and law-enforcement officials who contend that the notion of a war on drugs is misleading because it fails to address the core of an intractable problem: persuading Americans not to use illegal drugs and providing treatment to those already addicted.

Mr. Clinton has been criticized by Republicans for emphasizing the treatment of hard-core addicts at the expense of drug interdiction programs that have been cut back because of a lack of money. But General McCaffrey appeared today in full dress uniform, with eight rows of campaign ribbons on his chest, to lend his support to the importance of treatment.

"One of my early intentions, if confirmed, will be to examine the evidence on what works and what doesn't in drug treatment programs," he said. "We owe our Congress and the American people a full accounting of the costs and payoffs of all components of our drug strategy."



Paul Hosefros/The New York Times

Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, named as the new drug czar, at his confirmation hearing yesterday before the Senate Judiciary panel.

He told the committee that "law enforcement is critical" in reducing the burden that drugs impose on the American people. But he also identified as a priority the reduction of drug consumption among the three million hard-core users who consume three-fourths of the total tonnage of illegal drugs.

General McCaffrey received a respectful welcome from the senators. Most recently he led the Army's Southern Command in Panama, which has provided logistical support for drug interdiction and eradication efforts in Colombia and other Latin American countries.

The general said he planned to reorganize the Office of National Drug Policy into "a more effective mechanism" for coordinating the anti-drug efforts of an array of Federal departments and agencies. In the last few years critics have accused the office of being ineffectual. Its office staff has been chopped to 25 people from 147 and its budget cut sharply.

The senators took turns in urging General McCaffrey to be bolder than his predecessors and promised to find him the financial resources. "We're going to get some teeth for you so you can lead this country" in the campaign against drugs, said Senator Orrin G. Hatch, the Utah Republican who is chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

Indicating that he planned no radical changes, General McCaffrey said the current national drug policy was basically sound and had produced many successful programs. But he asserted that "treatment, prevention, education, enforcement and interdiction must all be synergistic components of that policy."

The general told the committee that 75 percent of heroin and cocaine addicts were in the criminal justice system. To curb violent crime, he said, "We've got to provide treatment for these convicted criminals" before they were released. As a father of three grown children, he also said that young people must be taught the dangers of casual drug use.

Pictured below is Louis S Cambra as he appeared way back in Oct 1941. Louis says he is one of the few 24th Div members that are still left the original members. He is a Pearl Harbor Survivor and he calls attention to the 3rd Eng crest on his cap. He lives at 23701 S. Western Ave SP13 Torrance, CA 90501. Louis is 80 years old.





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ATTN: Editor Taro Leaf

RE: Medals Article/David Baillie 34th Inf. Regt.

Dear Friends,

Please pass on to all the powers to be that I thank them for at last getting my article in. And to also tell them that issue was by far one of the best yet.

Have another one in mind, information on 24thID History is what caught my attention. The term "Congressional Medal of Honor" and "winners" is what struck a nerve. Better change both before it goes to print. The term is VERY improper. Yes I know it's been called that for years and written in books etc. But the FACT remains it is NOT the congressional anything. It's the "MEDAL OF HONOR" and one does not "win" it they are awarded it. It's not a contest, it's not a prize, nor a application one fills out and get's. The Pres. of the USA awards it in person or through field commander, NOT congress. You put that in print that way and better head for deep fox holes, the guys with the "blue ribbon and white stars" will be after you, and I sure wouldn't want that bunch on my butt.

Now back to my article on "Medals." I have been receiving about two letters a day for the past week or more, in response to it. Don't know what if any you have gotten. It, this tells me and the above found "goof" about MOH that there is a high interest about and concerning the "medal" issue and related matter and questions. It also suggests that it may be a thought to start a "column" in the Taro Leaf to pose and help find answers to these questions. Although I am far from an expert on these matters I have done some research on them all and have some, doz. or so books and articles on same. I would be open to, Oh! No I'm about to say that bad word; Volunteer. To host or help write such a column say every three months or so. If this sounds like a worth while thought give me feedback ASAP.

Yours in the 24thIDA

David Baillie

CC Wallace F. Kuher
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19TH INF. REGT. Continued advance in zone against scattered enemy resistance and secured all objectives by close of period. An estimated 400 PW's were taken during the day.

21ST INF. REGT. Conducted three combat patrols to the front with no fire contact reported. However, 30 PW's were taken during the period.

CP'S STAND FAST

During the period 26 May through 27 May, the 24th Division was kept on its toes combating the enemy, both in the front line and CP areas. Large enemy groups were encountered in friendly rear areas, and elements of the Division captured or wounded a staggering total of 4,411 CCF forces during the period.

The battered remnants of the 180th Division of the 60th CCF Army who attempted to escape from the veritable ring of cold steel in the hands of our forces were beaten at every turn. The CP of the 21st Infantry was engaged at 0200 hours with an unestimated number of enemy who first attacked the Medical Unit with pistols, grenades and PPsH guns.

Utilizing their comparatively meager armed strength, the Medical Unit extracted a large toll of enemy casualties until the overwhelming numbers penetrated to the CP area of the Regimental Headquarters, action continuing until about 0600 hours. An estimated 4,000 enemy attacked again at 0630 hours, but were repulsed at approximately 1000 hours by efforts of combined friendly forces.

The determination of Cooks, Clerks, Administration NCO's, I & R, Security, Communication, and Medical personnel met the enemy with a wall of small arms fire that littered the CP area with enemy dead. Utilizing every means available including bayonets, rifle butts, and hand-to-hand combat, the Headquarters personnel maintained their hasty positions until the 2nd Battalion of the 5th Infantry, in a swift, smashing, maneuver attacked the enemy from the flanks and rear and cut a path through the enemy force to abolish the last resistance of the minced CCF force.

Earlier in the night, this Battalion had been engaged with an estimated enemy company in their own positions and having repulsed this, moved to the aid of the 21st Infantry CP group. Throughout the day, the Battalion continued aggressive patrols that netted approximately 1,200 PW's, an outstanding accomplishment on their part and reflecting great credit on themselves and their unit.



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March 5, 1996

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Jan. 3rd '57 Men of the 3rd Battalion, 19th work their way over the snowy mountains,
about 10 miles north of Seoul. US Army photo.



Pfc. George Updike of #4 Lebanon, In, holds a Japanese Battle Flag, which he found wrapped around the waist of a dead Japanese Soldier near Digos, Mindanao, P.I. as members of his division surrounds him. All are with the 2nd Bn. 34th Inf., 24th Div.



Summer of 1951

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"Give 'em war stories", our reviewer said to us. He didn't have to hit us over the head with a shovel. Here's one - a letter to the editor of Army - as written by good friend RALPH BALESTRIERI:

Chinese Tactics in Korea

■ While reading the February 1993 issue, I came across a book review of *Miracle in Korea. The Evacuation of X Corps from the Hungnam Beachhead*, by Bevin Alexander.

The review is a rather normal piece of writing until it gets to the point where the reviewer throws in some comments, not altogether true, but, I suppose, politically correct in some circles.

As a top-notch artillery officer, assigned as a forward observer during the two wars I fought, permit me to review the review:

The author states the Chinese had only 300,000 men. Considering the number of Chinese prisoners taken, let alone the KIA and WIA, this is a very improbable figure. Having been in and around some rather big battles in Europe I can estimate reasonably well the number of enemy.

In the long months I was with rifle companies of the 3rd Battalion, 19th Infantry (1950-51), I was involved in only one sophisticated attack by the Chinese, on 22 April 1951. It was also a human wave attack against King Company.

It was so well planned that I think it would have been successful even if our artillery battalion commanding officer and our fire direction did not totally mess things up.

The Chinese had a radio on my frequency. About five days earlier we had fired on their supply dump because they gave the coordinates in the clear, never thinking we might be able to read them.

Immediately they went into radio silence after one brief excited transmission. It doesn't take much reasoning to figure out they listened to my firing on their buildup the next five days every time I got bored.

Since we fired on the OT (observation post-target) line, and since I was the only one in the area who seemed worried about the buildup, it did not take a genius to plot a back azimuth on my compass command each time I fired and more than triangulate my position.

We were warned at 1400 that this attack would occur at 1900, normal time for the Chinese. By 1900, King Company was totally surrounded by at least a regiment in all four directions. The normal barrage battery was, of all things, moving.

Fire direction center got so busy trying to find another battery it couldn't handle requests for fire on other concentrations and would not tell us why any fire was not forthcoming.

Finally a corps artillery 155-mm howitzer battery fired from the map. They were reasonably accurate but the concentration was too close for the larger shells, and their short rounds were too short, driving out the platoon defending that approach.

In a couple of minutes there were only about 20 of us left. Everyone else was headed south, so we headed north down a gully while a column of the enemy climbed up the ridge over our heads. We got out.

Someone asked me why the enemy only came after King Company. They were not after King, they were after the forward observer who directed so much fire on them.

There was only one other occasion where we suffered a human wave attack. I reported a battalion attack to fire direction initially, but had to keep upgrading it as they upgraded the number of batteries firing.

I never counted the number of times I ordered "repeat fire for effect," but a good guess would be approximately 15 times. This was at 1700. The next morning, we counted 450 dead enemy left out there after we listened to them remove all they could during the night.

Taking that as a minimum, and adding the usual number of wounded per KIA by infantry and artillery fire, I would say at least two regiments hit us. We had two understrength companies. I would say the enemy had numerical superiority.

By contrast, on New Year's Eve, 1950, into the next morning, Love Company was not even weakly attacked and did not fire a single shot.

One horn and one whistle blew in front of us, quickly answered by artillery defensive fire.

When we finally received orders to pull back we met a small number of enemy, perhaps a company, who were not at all anxious to engage us in a scrap.

Most of the battles I saw were when we were on the attack. The odds were generally even.

This would indicate the Chinese had a goodly number of men to be able to hold all along the front with as many men as we could put in an attacking force and still maintain reserves, which they did.

The Chinese rarely had a sophisticated system of attack, unless you call running along the ridgelines trying to, and occasionally succeeding in, getting behind us. Their tactics were generally crude but often effective.

The Chinese planned to destroy all the UN forces. What stopped them was the number of casualties they were taking, and from what they knew to be weak and ill-equipped mostly U.S. forces.

What if we sent more good men, like the recalled reserves with World War II experience? You better believe the Chinese were beginning to perspire.

About the silliest thing I ever heard is that we lost the war in Korea. First, it was a UN war. Second, it was not lost. We accomplished our mission, much as the regular army in NATO hates to admit it.

South Korea is still free. North Korea has never had the guts to attack again. The Chinese Red Army, which walked so nicely over the Japanese, was destroyed as an effective fighting force. Taiwan is still free and unattacked. The Chinese could not even mount a good fight against the Vietnamese when they tried.

It is generally acknowledged that Korea was the beginning of the end for communist governments.

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Dear Ken:

Well, here is another try. This is a picture that Priscilla Bevins, my wife, took in color. We got the photo place to convert it to a black and white and remove the arm of a street light that appeared to be growing out of General MacArthur's rear.

So if you give photo credits, give them to Priscilla.

I am sorry that this whole thing has taken so long. I do hope that you now have something that you can use in the IARQ LEAF.

With all best wishes,

Bob

Robert J. Bevins



To Die For

The brave men at Gettysburg, Argonne and Iwo Jima fought for their country, their way of life, their sense of God. But as we face the next century, what is worth dying for now?

Robert E. Connely

In my mind's eye, I hide in the woods overlooking a distant grassy field that awaits the spill-blood of Maj. Gen. George Pickett's charge at Gettysburg. As I look down the muzzles of the half-mile line of enemy cannons, my thoughts hurry on my last day on Earth. I hug deeper into the Argonne trench as a net of bullets whistles over my head — three or four feet above the ground. The unit commander screams, "Charge!"

On a beach called Iwo Jima, I hide behind the only thing I can find: the flattened corpse of another GI. I know that a great portion of my body is still exposed to enemy fire blasting down from Mount

Mt. Suribachi, but I do not care.

I stand up and brush the sand from my fatigues, which slowly transform into my familiar Dockers. I walk away from my desk and my dreams. Another thought dogs my soul: I would not be a willing participant in any of these scenes given today's climate.

I am not an anti-patriot. At 63, I well remember a silver star in my front window in 1944, representing a family member wounded in the service. After yet, I tearfully remember the gold star in my neighbor's, which meant a family member had died in service.

I tell my children of my regret that they will never know the pervasive thrill of patriotism that cupped us behind the fighting men in World War I. Every gum wrapper saved was important to the "fort."

I am not a coward. At several times in my life I've faced things that left little question in my mind about my own resolve. So, what is the difference. I wonder as I return to my desk.

I think those brave men at Gettysburg, Argonne and Iwo Jima felt they had good reason to be there: their country, their way of life, their sense of God. Whatever the reason, it placed them above the fundamental law of self-preservation. In other words, they died for something other than dying for as they were killed down the bore of enemy guns and with their inevitable deaths. This something-

worth-dying-for compelled them to stand and fight rather than cut and run.

As we face the next century, what is worth dying for? Is it the politician who steals from us through S&Ls while he distracts us with the emotional sops of abortion, gays in the military and school prayer? Is it the other politician who shakes our right hand for a vote while his left hand reaches behind and takes in a toll from a PAC group? Is it the politician who cannot keep his hands off women?

Can we find reason in our sports figures? Should we die for millionaire players who fight billionaire owners to play a sport? Should we look up to the people who hit home runs or score touchdowns while doing drugs and gambling on the outcome? And should we build bronze statues to those who rape females?

At least we can find solace in our religious leaders. They will show us the way. Should we go to the one who relates everything from Genesis to Revelations and makes it say, "Bring money"? Or should we go to the one in New Orleans who does weird things with women?

In my mind's eye, I see the few ragged, blood-stained survivors of Pickett's charge crowd around their Bobby Lee and yell, "Come on, General, regroup us! We'll hit 'em again and this time we'll take 'em!"

I desperately try to superimpose the faces of my leaders and heroes in 1995, and none of them fit atop Ol' Traveler.

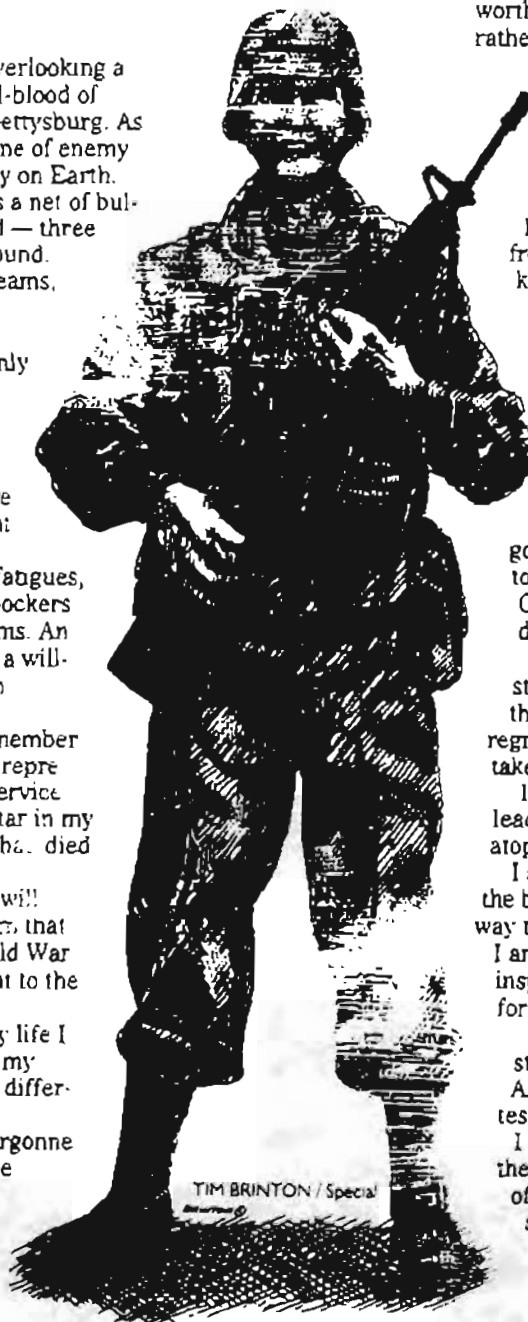
I am ashamed. It's not from the fear that I felt in the battle, and it's not the fact that I would find some way to extricate myself from any of the above scenes.

I am ashamed of my leaders who are supposed to inspire me so much that I would lay down my life for them — as did my ancestors.

Many cultures measure their worth by the strength of their leaders in battle. The native Americans wanted strong enemies because it tested their chief's mettle.

I sadly walk away from the woods, the trench and the beach. My leaders have collectively robbed me of a reason to die, and I suppose — in the greater sense — they have robbed from me a good reason to live.

Maybe, just maybe, this is what is wrong with our streets today.



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Dr. Robert E. Connely is a Decatur chiropractor.

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REMEMBER: THE CUT-OFF DATE IS AUGUST 13, 1996

THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS AFTER THAT DATE!!

Dear Dutch,

I think the Taro Leaf was much improved from the last issue. Glad to see Mr. Lawhon is getting into it. I did not mean to be offensive in my letter to Mr. Hill, in regard to my complaint several weeks ago. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the phone call you made to me. It shows the membership that someone upstairs cares and we are very grateful for your concern. I would like to mention at this time that the computer that Mr. McKeon has is a big help. I think he is able to look up anyone that has been a member of the 24th, the last known address. The person may not be at the old address but at least it would be a starting place. I am sure there is a fee for this service but it would be well worth the price.

Second, it is my understanding that Chattanooga, TN is not favorable as a reunion site by the 24th. Please remember that the 19th became famous just seven miles from Chattanooga at a place called Chickamauga. There are more battle sights there and monuments than most places. I believe James Hill could fill you in on this as he lives in Georgia, near Chickamauga. I have visited the Chickamauga National Military Park and there is much to see and do in the Chattanooga area. Hope you don't mind me mentioning these two subjects. I am not complaining but thought I would throw this out to you while I have your attention.

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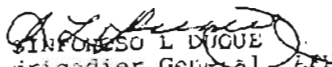
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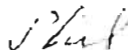
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Nov. 1, 1995

Dear Editor Robert,

Here is a general order, reduced in size a little, a group of us veterans received in Manila in 1984. Our group was led by Joe and Charlotte Hofrichter.

The award is for the 24th Infantry Division. It comes from General Fabian C. Ver, Chief Of Staff under President Ferdinand Marcos.



Ex-Soviet soldier tells of American POWs in '51

By Vladimir Isachenkov
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW — A former Soviet soldier's testimony that he met four American POWs in 1951 may be the first evidence that Korean War-era servicemen were held in the Soviet Union, investigators said yesterday.

Members of a 3-year-old Russian-US commission searching for traces of Soviet-era POWs said at a news conference that the former soldier's testimony could be a breakthrough.

Long ago, the panel dismissed any hopes that American POWs could still be alive in the former Soviet Union, and the announcement did not change that. Instead, the commission is searching for the remains of servicemen and trying to clarify the circumstances of their deaths.

The commission's Russian co-chairman, the historian Dmitry Volkogonov, said at a news conference that the former soldier, Vladimir Trotsenko, reported having met the US servicemen in a military hospital near Arsenyev, in the Russian Far East.

Trotsenko also said he had seen the grave of a fifth American in the hospital cemetery.

Volkogonov said the testimony had been confirmed by other evidence and seemed highly trustworthy. He said the captured Americans could be the crew of a US bomber downed by the Soviets on Nov. 6, 1951, near Vladivostok.

"If these really were Americans, it's unclear what happened to them afterwards," he said.

Malcolm Toon, the commission's American cochairman, praised Trotsenko's "honesty and . . . excellent memory."

"Both sides of the commission agree that the grave identified by Mr. Trotsenko possibly holds the remains of an American flyer," Toon said, adding that the grave would be exhumed.

"I believe this plenary session may be a turning point in the search for an answer to one of our most vexing questions: Namely, were Korean War or Cold War-era US servicemen taken to the territory of the Soviet Union?" said Toon, a former US ambassador to the Soviet Union.

The commission has confirmed that American POWs were interrogated by Soviet troops in North Korea and China during the Korean War. But it has no proof that any Americans were brought to the Soviet Union from Korea or Vietnam.



DMITRY VOLKOGONOV
Says testimony had been confirmed

Toon urged Russians to continue scouring Soviet archives for information on 10 cases in which US reconnaissance planes probing Soviet radar defenses during the Cold War were shot down.

The US commission members plan to travel to the former Soviet republic of Moldova today to ask for help getting information on missing Americans.

Toon said commission members plan to visit all 15 of the former Soviet republics.

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Dear Sir,

I wish to take this opportunity to salute your efforts in putting together this magazine. As each issue arrives, I'm like a kid in a candy store. I simply cannot put it down until I have devoured every word. The articles relating to the Korean war are of particular interest to me. As a former rifleman in Company A of the 34th Infantry Regiment, I must have walked, run, or crawled over a lot of Korean real estate.

At the beginning of hostilities we lost 19 men in our first action. We faced a column of tanks and overwhelming numbers of enemy infantry. The order to withdraw was welcome news to me. It turned out to be somewhat unorganized, however. Actually, it was worse than that. Were it not for our seasoned officers and NCO's, we might all have been lost. Captain Leroy Osburn gave us leadership that helped calm our panic. As a scared kid of 19, I trusted and respected his judgement. Last year, I got to tell him that in person, when I visited his home in Kentucky.

I would love to hear from anyone who served with us in Korea or back in Sasebo, Japan. For nearly two years we played army games in Camp Mower and in the mountains surrounding there. It came as a complete surprise to us when war broke out, however. On maneuvers in the mountains, we were awakened abruptly in the middle of the night of June 25, 1950. We struck tents in the rain and boarded trucks for the ride back to the barracks. As we rode into the night, no one spoke. We were all lost in thought.

Innermost feelings come to the forefront in times of impending danger, and they certainly overwhelmed me that night. I wasn't sure how I would measure up in the eyes of my buddies when the shooting started. I wrote a letter but then couldn't mail it. Later I sent a watered down version, indicating all was fine.

Hill after hill, we delayed their advance but couldn't stop the onslaught of tanks and troops. Suffering from stomach cramps and lack of sleep, our ranks were thinning as casualties mounted. Then came Taejon. Downtown at the field hospital, I was there for treatment of a foot infection when the tanks broke through into the city. All of us that were able helped load wounded men on any vehicle we could find for evacuation. Only a handful of vehicles escaped. The sights and sounds of that event still haunt me to this day. I was lucky to survive and I'm grateful

for that, but guilt feelings still persist. When I think of all the carnage as helpless wounded men were burned alive, I wonder how others deal with similar problems.

I read the article submitted by Lee Dennis refering to Taejon and immediately wrote him a letter. He called and we talked for quite awhile. Then last Saturday, he stopped here to visit. He was on his way to New York and decided to come through Cincinnati. He brought a box of materials on Korea including books and pictures. We could have talked all day but cut it short after three hours. We promised to keep in touch then he was on his way. I wish him well.

I would like to visit the Korean War Memorial in Washington and I want to attend the reunion in Minneapolis. However, I'm not sure I can do both this year.

Again, I enjoy this magazine very much and if you want to print this letter in the next issue, I would feel honored. Drop me a line if you can. Mail Call still excites me as much as it did many years ago in the land of the Morning Calm. That name did not apply during the war years, however.

The 34th still lives in the hearts of those who served.

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The Dispatch Thursday
Moline - Illinois.
February 22, 1996.
Leslie Ingelsson
Innocence always casualty of war

By Ronald Hanavan

War is Hell. Not really. Hell is unimaginably worse, but war gives a valid indication of how terrible life apart from God can be.

The state of war grows from that unjust root of greed and malice that a neighbor, tribe, country, etc., harbors toward another. Such was the case of Japanese aggression against America which came to a brutal end 50 years ago with the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Who is there to argue that America should have taken pains to make peace at virtually any cost with the juggernaut of Japanese imperialism instead of resisting and eventually joining in conflict after Japan massacred over 3,500 of America's finest at Pearl Harbor? Neville Chamberlain of England attempted such naïvete with Nazi Germany - and at what cost? — only the carnage of Czechoslovakia, Poland and a carte blanche invitation to rape, murder, and pillage as much of Europe as the Third Reich's blood thirsty appetite would allow.

It is true that nuclear weapons should not have been deployed in August, 1945. But before that, it is true that Japan should not have preemptively assaulted America. And before that, to go to the beginning, it is true the Cain should not have risen up and murdered his brother, Able.

No wars should be fought. Peace should never be violated. Reason should always prevail. But man is fallen, and left to himself his propensity is toward evil and violence. Therefore, higher calls of peace, toleration, and reason fail to

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restrain his madness.

The missing ingredient to man's ever deteriorating societal state remains his waywardness in respect to the design of his Maker. Apart from a solid conversion of faith and obedience in God's Son, man, individually and collectively, will strive in vain to correct his fallen state — thus wars and rumors of war will persist until the end. Regrettably, a subsequent axiom of living in a fallen world is that the best self defense is founded upon vigilance, readiness and possession of an equal or greater force with which to rebel evil.

History clearly reveals that war is not always the result of mutually competitive forces disputing over land or other natural resources. It is oftentimes perpetrated by lustful aggressors whose contention with their victims is that they happen to be in the way of their unilateral conquest. This was the case with Japan's warring not only with the United States but more so with the entire South Pacific as well as the mainland entities of China and Indochina.

As with Germany and Italy, Japan had to be stopped. To defeat evil aggressors, quickly, decisively, and with the least loss of life to those defending liberty is the moral

objective of just war.

War is reprehensible. Yet, in this case there was no mistaking the elementary truth: the Allies were fighting in the name of justice and freedom while the Axis powers were warring in the name of oppression and slavery. Good against evil.

So it was inevitable that America would bring force to bear for victory's sake. One can be sure that had Germany or Japan first developed an atomic bomb, they would have not hesitated to be the first to de-

War is Hell. Not really. Hell is unimaginably worse, but war gives a valid indication of how terrible life apart from God can be.

ploy it.

If war could indeed be ordered by any rules, most would agree to exempt innocent civilians and merely allow the warring factions to battle it out. But war has only one rule - victory. And horrifically, innocence is always a casualty of war. W.W.II was no exception. Many point the Allied forces as wanton executioners of civilians. They point out not only the civilian deaths of Hiroshima and Nagasaki but those of Dresden and other cities. They failed to articulate that Germany bombed London nightly for more than eight consecutive

months! And that Japan bombed civilians in Shanghai in 1937. Beyond this, documentation of Axis war atrocities are too numerous to list.

Furthermore, it is not the deaths from nuclear holocaust (Hiroshima 140,000, Nagasaki - 70,000) that somehow mark Japan's defeat as immoral. Over 500,000 Japanese were killed by conventional bombing and yet these deaths are deemed "acceptable" because no atonement was split in the process thereof.

America had lost 50,000 soldiers battling for the small island of Okinawa. General MacArthur estimated over 100,000 Americans deaths to occur from invading Kyushu, one of the main islands of Japan (set for Nov. 1, 1945) and more than double that when invading the Tokyo Plain (set for March 1, 1946). America was planning to deploy 1.8 million soldiers against some 2 million Japanese homeland troops plus additional civilians without number. Japan was mobilizing to defend her "honor" to the end. While military strategy had been reduced to fighting to the death by means of kamikaze aircraft and human torpedoes, Japanese Vice Admiral Onishi, founder of the kamikazes, talked of sacrificing 20 million in order to prevail.

Japan was not going to surrender without inflicting astronomical casualties in hopes of gaining leverage to negotiate a more acceptable peace.

Ronald Hanavan of Moline is employed in "corporate middle management" in the food service industry.

A few years ago Kenwood Ross donated 300(+) books from his personal library to the museum at Ft. Stewart. Each of these books involve the 24th Division in some way, mostly its history and exploits.

With the impending redesignation Ken wrote and asked what was the status of these books. He was told they were boxed and "in storage." He wrote a letter asking that they be returned to him. This letter was not answered. On October 5th of last year I wrote a second letter asking for their return. The following was received (six months later) in response to my letter.

Dutch Nelsen



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Public Affairs Office

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION (MECHANIZED) AND FORT STEWART
FORT STEWART, GEORGIA 31314-5000

March 8, 1996



Mr. Dutch Nelson
812 Orion Drive
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906

Dear Mr. Nelson:

As you are aware the Victory Division will reflag to the 3d Infantry Division (Mechanized). The reflagging ceremony is currently scheduled to take place on May 31, 1996.

I would like to address your concerns about the library of books the Association gave to the museum. The books are now officially Army property. We plan to keep them here at the museum as a reference source. They are used quite frequently by the museum's staff and history students and we are grateful for such a valuable resource. It has enhanced our ability to accurately tell the Victory Division story.

Please inform the members of the 24th Infantry Division Association that the museum will continue to serve those who served with the 24th Infantry Division. The museum will be redesigned to incorporate the 3d Infantry Division history but in no way will this erase the Victory Division from our museum.

Please feel free to contact Major Susan Oliver, Public Affairs Officer, at (912) 767-5457 if we can be of any further assistance to you or the members of the Association. Thank you for your continued support of the Victory Division.

Sincerely, "Victory"

Raymond D. Barrett, Jr.
Raymond D. Barrett, Jr.
Colonel, U.S. Army
Chief of Staff

Enclosure

Copy Furnished:

Mr. Kenwood Ross



YA SURE! YOU BETCHA!!

MINNEAPOLIS IS THE PLACE TO BE!

SO PACK YOUR BAGS ... AND HANG ONTO YOUR HATS

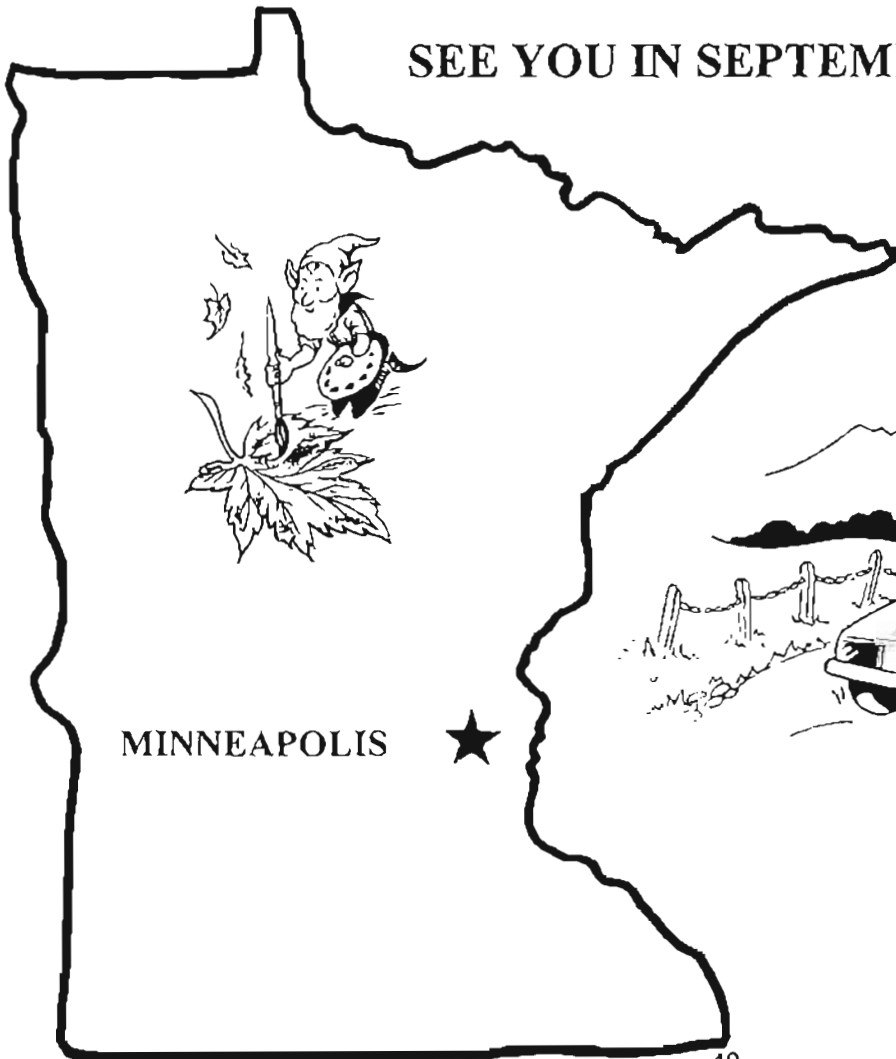
THE GANG IS GOING TO

THE LAND OF TEN THOUSAND LAKES AND ...

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THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE!!

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!!



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24th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
Annual Reunion
4 - 7 September 1996
Radisson South Hotel, Minneapolis, MN

MAIL TO: Harold Peters
14030 Xanthus Lane
Rogers, MN 55374

Make check payable to:
24th Infantry Division Assn.
First Timer? (yes - no)

NAME _____
Please PRINT Legibly Nickname for Badge _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ - _____ - _____
Area Code Checks Payable:
24th I. D. Assn.

24th DIV OUTFITS #1 _____ Dates Served _____
(Please Give Co., Bn, Regt. etc)

#2 _____ Dates Served _____

Name of Wife/Guests Attending _____

Please List Food Allergies and/or special diets required.

	Per Person	No. Attending	Amount
REQUIRED REGISTRATION FEE (guests excluded)			\$15.00
Fri. Aloha Night Dinner	\$25.00 ea.	_____	\$_____
Sat. Memorial Banquet	\$28.00 ea.	_____	\$_____
*NOTE: Door Prices 10% Higher			TOTAL AMOUNT: \$_____

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Date _____
Recd _____ Cntrl# _____ FRI. Table# _____ SAT. Table _____

PLEASE NOTE: -----CUT-OFF DATE AUGUST 13, 1996. _____

NEW MEMBERS

New Life Member #1522 Robert L. Phillips (24 Med.BN)(49-51)

Received a Battlefield Commission as 2nd Lt in May '51. Bob resides at 205 Payne Av., Pocomoke City, MD 21851.

John W. Houser, (339th Eng. Bn.) (44-45) 701 Carolina Av., Gastonia, NC 28052.

New Life Member Maj. Lewis Carreras Life #1359 (A Co Hq. Command) (78-80)

208 W. Gen. Stewart Way, Hinesville, GA 31313. Lewis is a logistics Manager, Dept. of the Army Civilian.

George E. Lyon, (Hq Btry 13th F.A. Bn) (51-52) 201 W. Duncan Av., Florence, AL 35630.

William J. Reilly, (339th Eng. Bn.) (44-45) 470 Halstead Av., Apt. 25, Harrison, NY 10528.

Donald Prindle, (34th Inf Regt (51-52) 49 N. Winter Park Dr., Casselberry, FL 32707.

James W. Ryan, (Hq Co. 24th Med. Bn.) (51-52) 634 Parkway 1 C.; Gallinburg, TN 32738, sponsored by Tom Zeleny and Harry Zimmer.

Domenic T. De Milo, (Co. K. 21st Inf. Regt) (46-48) 20 W. Columbus St.; Roseto, PA 18013.

Wesley H. Oleson, (34th Inf. Regt) (51-53) 45611 183rd St., Hurley, S.D. 57036.

New Life Edward V. Jackson #1470. (1st Battle Group 21st Inf.) (60-62) 237 Crescent Ct., Houma, LA 70360.

New Life LCol Everett R. Rehm #1563. (34th Inf. Regt Chaplain) (52-54). E. 10206 20th Av., Spokane, WA 99206-6420. Chap. Rehm recently celebrated his 91st birthday.

Ernest B. Partida (Co. B. 19th Inf. Regt) (Oct. '47-July '49) (Co. G. 19th Inf) (July '49-Feb. - '50) 116 S. Sante Fe #10, Florence, CO 81226.

Carlton G. Grode, (Co. C. - Collecting) (Nov. '42- June '45). 253 5th St., Neenah, WI 54956.

Elvin Merk, (Btry C 11th F.A. Bn) ('51-'52) 3904 S. Holbrook, Sioux Falls, SD 57106.

Louis Pacheco, Life #1564. (Co. A. 21st Inf. Regt) ('67 - '68) 12 Belinda Court, Smithtown, NY 11787.

Joseph B. Rollwitz, (339th Eng BN ('44- '45) 1200 S. Sunset, Roswell, NM 88201.

24th Infantry Division Registration form (Tours)

 Name () _____
 Telephone #

 Address City State Zip

Event Time Cost #Persons Amount

Thursday, September 5, 1996

#1 Mall of America 10:00 am - 3:00 pm \$15.00 x _____ = \$_____

#2 Mississippi Riverboat Cruise 5:00 pm - 9:30 pm \$40.00 x _____ = \$_____

Friday, September 6, 1996

#3 Twin Cities Highlights Tour 9:00 am - 12:00 noon \$16.00 x _____ = \$_____

#4 Mystic Lake Casino 10:00 am - 3:00 pm \$17.00 x _____ = \$_____

Saturday, September 7, 1996

#5 Twin Cities Highlights Tour 12 noon - 3:00 pm \$16.00 x _____ = \$_____

#6 Historic Fort Snelling Tour 12 noon - 3:00 pm \$16.00 x _____ = \$_____

Total Enclosed \$_____

Make checks payable to: 24th Infantry Division Assoc.

Mail checks to: Harold Peters
 Reunion Chairman
 14030 Xanthus Lane
 Rogers, MN 55374

612-427-2433

Deadline: August 29, 1996

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24th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

TOUR OPTIONS

Thursday, September 5, 1996

#1

Mall of America
(10:00 am - 3:00 pm)

The Mall of America is the nation's premier shopping and entertainment destination. Mall of America is a must-see attraction as well as the largest mall in the nation. You'll find Bloomingdale's, Macy's, Nordstrom and Sears. There are restaurants, bistros and cafes galore, with food to suit every palate and budget. In addition to restaurants, the entertainment district features nightclubs, sports bars and a cinema complex with 14 screens.

And, of course, there are over 400 retail outlets, including not only many of the most prestigious stores in the world, but some of the most unique specialty shops as well. To make your shopping experience easy, fun and very accessible, Mall of America has four distinctively different streets surrounding a central park -- with just about everything you can imagine (and quite a few things you can't).

There's Knott's Camp Snoopy, for example, the largest enclosed amusement park in the nation and the center of Mall of America. Mall of America is so different and so extraordinary a place, it has to be seen to be truly appreciated.

A Metro Connections tour guide will greet your group with a coupon book, special guest welcome sticker and retail directory (entitling you discounts at several stores), Mall of America shopping bag, Mall directory and Knott's Camp Snoopy program. Returns departures from the Mall at 1:30 pm and 2:30 pm.

24th Infantry Price \$15.00 per person, 30 person minimum

Includes: Deluxe motorcoach transportation, Metro Connections on-site coordination, welcome at the Mall, coupon book, special guest discount sticker, shopping bag, Mall directory and Snoopy program.

#2

Mississippi Riverboat Cruise
(5:00 pm - 9:30 pm)

We'll depart the hotel via deluxe motorcoaches for Harriet Island in St. Paul.

We'll board the Jonathan Padelford for a three hour riverboat dinner cruise. Recapture the thrill of a ride on a sternwheeler - the pride of the 19th century. The swish of the paddlewheel and blast of the whistle will delight your group as you they enjoy the sights along the Mississippi River.

The dinner menu will include:

Boneless Breast of Chicken
Parsley Buttered Potatoes
Buttered Whole Kernel Corn
Tossed Garden Salad
Rolls and Butter
Coffee and Iced Tea
Dessert

A strolling Dixieland band will be performing throughout the cruise.

24th Infantry Price \$40.00, 75 person minimum

Includes: Round trip transportation, on-site staff, cruise, complete dinner, Dixieland band, all applicable taxes and gratuities.

Friday, September 6, 1996

#3

Twin Cities Highlights
(9:00 am - 12:00 noon)

Fantastic is a word that's often misused and frequently abused, but there's really no other term that even comes close to describing the Greater Twin Cities Metro Area.

Our fantastic diversity catches first-time visitors by surprise. We're a comfortable blend of old and new -- magnificent Art Deco and Victorian reminders of the past nestled next to gleaming skyscrapers. We're urban and rural -- contemporary skylines just minutes from pastoral settings and scenic riverways. We're major league sports co-existing comfortably with world-class performing arts. And we're cleaner, closer, safer, more affordable, friendlier and less crowded than most other metropolitan settings!

Today we'll experience a sampling of just what it is that makes the Twin Cities so "fantastic." Our 3-hour tour of the area includes both downtowns of St. Paul and Minneapolis. While in Minneapolis, we'll experience the famous Nicollet Mall, skyway network of downtown Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden.

We'll continue our journey and make our way through the Kenwood residential area to see the television home of Mary Tyler Moore, and around sparkling lakes and lagoons on our way to the legendary Minnehaha Falls, where we'll make a short stop. We'll follow the Mississippi River past Fort Snelling. While in St. Paul, our guide will provide commentary on Rice Park, the Ordway Music Hall, the World Trade Center and Landmark Center. We'll drive along stately Summit Avenue (the longest stretch of restored Victorian homes in the country!) to see the home and haunts of F. Scott Fitzgerald and many mansions once owned by wealthy lumber and railroad barons.

Also included in the tour is the University of Minnesota and St. Anthony Falls area -- the birthplace of Minneapolis.

24th Infantry Price: \$16.00 per person, 30 person minimum

Includes: Deluxe motorcoach transportation, Metro Connections tour guide, narrated tour of the Twin Cities.

Mystic Lake Casino
Friday, September 6, 1996
(10:00 am - 3:00 pm)

#4

Mystic Lake Casino is one of the country's newest, largest and most spectacular gaming and entertainment facilities. The palatial 340,000 square-foot interior is decorated with such lavish accents as a 22 foot chandelier, marble columns and a bronze fountain!

You may want to start your day off with a few sessions of high stakes bingo (prizes of up to \$1,000,000 daily!). Next you can choose from 2,300 loose, coin-drop slot machines; and top off your day with a visit to one of the 125 blackjack tables.

A lavish luncheon buffet is included in your package. Whether you're looking for a day of fun and entertainment or just an unforgettable gambling experience, "odds are" you'll find it at Mystic Lake Casino!

24th Infantry Price: \$17.00 per person, 30 person minimum

Includes: Deluxe motorcoach transportation, Metro connections advance staff, buffet lunch, all applicable taxes and gratuities.

#6 Historic Fort Snelling Tour
September 7, 1996, Saturday
(12:00 Noon - 3:00 pm)

We'll take a step back in time, built over 150 years ago Fort Snelling was the center of government policy and administration and a haven for travelers and others who sought protection and society within its limestone walls during the 19th century. Fort Snelling is a stone fortress on a bluff above the Mississippi River and today is restored to its original appearance. Costumed guides recreate the activities and ceremonies of everyday army life during the 1820's. Visitors are encouraged to participate in the everyday life of Fort Snelling.

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Includes: Round trip transportation

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THE COMMITTEE IS HAVING A RAFFLE BUT DUE TO CURRENT POSTAL REGULATIONS WE ARE UNABLE TO MAIL RAFFLE TICKETS THROUGH THE MAIL.

THE LAW READS AS FOLLOWS:

Federal law makes it a crime to mail letters or circulars containing lottery material.... including tickets or forms claiming to represent tickets, chances, shares, or interest in lotteries. Exception: State owned and operated lotteries may mail to addresses within their own states when authorized by state law.

THE COMMITTEE WILL HAVE RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE AT THE REGISTRATION DESK. YOU MAY ALSO PURCHASE THEM FROM ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER. THE PRIZES WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN THE HOSPITALITY ROOM.

Korean War Veterans Group
To Be Eligible You Had To Serve With One Of The Following Groups 1st Bn 34th, The 19th Infantry Regiments, Men Who Served With The 24th Infantry Division In The Korean War June 25, 1950 until July 27, 1953.

At this time I Charles W Shoe am the Commander in Chief Editor and my wife Linda is Secretary

Annual Mini Reunion

When: May 1st 2nd 3rd & 4th Where: Ramada Inn Nashville Tn. If you are interested in this great event let me know

Mr Bob Lawhon
Rt.2, Box 711
Proctorville, W. Va. 45669

OK

Sir I hope this the man you are looking for.

Best Of luck

Charles W Shoe
3924 Harrisburg Dr.
Harrisburg Pa 20875
P-H-704-455-2937

ATTENTION: ALL 19TH INFANTRY REGIMENT (CHICKS) PERSONNEL

The Annual 19th Infantry Regiment (Chicks) "John Morgan Memorial Breakfast" will be held Saturday, September 7, 1996 from 8:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. at the Radison Hotel, site of the 24th Infantry Division Association Reunion. The room where the breakfast will be served will be announced in the June issue of the Taro Leaf in addition it will be provided when acknowledgement is sent.

The cost for the breakfast is \$10.00 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 conduct our business, eat our breakfast and adjourn to the Association Meeting at 10:00 A.M.

Breakfast Menu:

Freshly Squeezed Orange or
Grapefruit juice
Scrambled Eggs with
Cream Cheese
Bacon or Sausage
Breakfast Potatoes
Assorted Breakfast Basket
Butter, Jams and Marmalades
Freshly Ground and
Brewed Coffee
Select Herbal and Premium Teas

Make check payable to: 19th Infantry Regiment Funds

Mail check along with form below to: Rodolph (Rudy) Mullins
HCR 3 Box 191
Rocky Mount MO 65072-9014

My phone # 573-365-1007

19TH INFANTRY (CHICKS) "JOHN MORGAN MEMORIAL BREAKFAST"

NAME _____
STREET _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
Name of Wife if Attending _____

19th Inf. Units 1. _____ Dates Served _____
 2. _____ Dates Served _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Cost of Breakfast \$10.00 each

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

NOTICE TO ALL KOREAN WAR VETERANS

ITS REUNION TIME

15 - 20 OCTOBER 1996 — VA. BEACH, VA.

WELCOME TO ALL OUR MISSING BUDDIES

**REUNION IS TO HONOR ALL MEN & WOMEN WHO
WERE ON ACTIVE DUTY - ALL SERVICES 1950 - 1955**

WE FOUGHT FOR PEACE

TUESDAY - 15 OCT.

**COMPLETE CHECK-IN DAY. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES
TUESDAY EVENING AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS.**

WEDNESDAY - 16 OCT.

**REUNION BREAKFAST BUFFET- 8AM. TOURS,
SHOPPING, MILITARY BASES, DISPLAYS, DO
WHATEVER YOU DESIRE.**

THURSDAY - 17 OCT.

**EQUIPMENT USED IN THE WAR ON DISPLAY,
TOURS, WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS
OF UNITS AS DESIRED.**

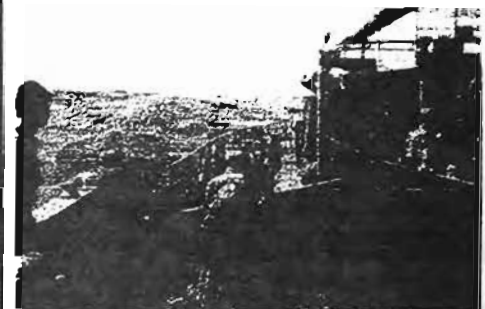
FRIDAY - 18 OCT.

**TOURS, THURSDAY ACTIVITIES, UNIT ACTIVITIES
MEETINGS, ENTERTAINMENT
DINNER DANCE, AWARDS & ENTERTAINMENT.**

SATURDAY - 19 OCT.

**OUR WELCOME HOME PARADE, OUR MEMORIAL
SERVICES, REENACTMENT OF THE LAST HOUR
OF THE LAST DAY OF THE WAR, FIREWORKS IF
FUNDING AVAILABLE.**

**MANY GOOD HAPPENINGS ARE
BEING WORKED ON NOW FOR US**



WE'RE GOING WHERE?



TO DO WHAT?

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO
FIND A BUDDIE FROM THE
50'S? "YOUR DRAFT BOARD"
WANTS EVERY VETERANS:
NAME - ADDRESS - UNIT.**

KOREAN WAR VETERANS FAMILY REUNION

1996

REGISTRATION FORM

1996

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UNIT(S) SERVED _____ DATE SERVED _____

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COMMENTS _____

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NAMES OF SPOUSE/GUESTS _____

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REUNION BREAKFAST BUFFET - WED. 8 AM 16 OCTOBER _____ \$15.00 EACH

DINNER/DANCE - ENTERTAINMENT AND AWARDS FRIDAY 18 OCT. _____ \$40.00 EACH

REGISTRATION _____ # BUFFET _____ # DINNER DANCE _____ TOTAL \$ _____

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MAIL TO: KOREAN WAR VETERANS FAMILY REUNION

P.O. BOX 8946 VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. 23450

PHONE # LOCAL 804 467-1233

PHONE # LONG DIST. 1 800 523-4715



JOHNNY LONGO
58TH FA BN 3RD INF DIV.

WHERE ARE THEY?
BEEN LOOKING FOR
THEM FOR 40+ YRS
"HAVEN'T ALL OF US"

WITH HELP FROM ALL WE WILL
FIND MORE MISSING BUDDIES.

ANYONE KNOW WHERE THEY ARE?



WILL HEATON
DIV ARTY HQS 3RD INF DIV

OUR DRAFT BOARD NEEDS NAMES, ADDRESSES & PHONE NUMBERS OF KOREAN WAR VETS.

**RESERVE YOUR LODGING NOW & NOTIFY US OF ITS NAME & PHONE #
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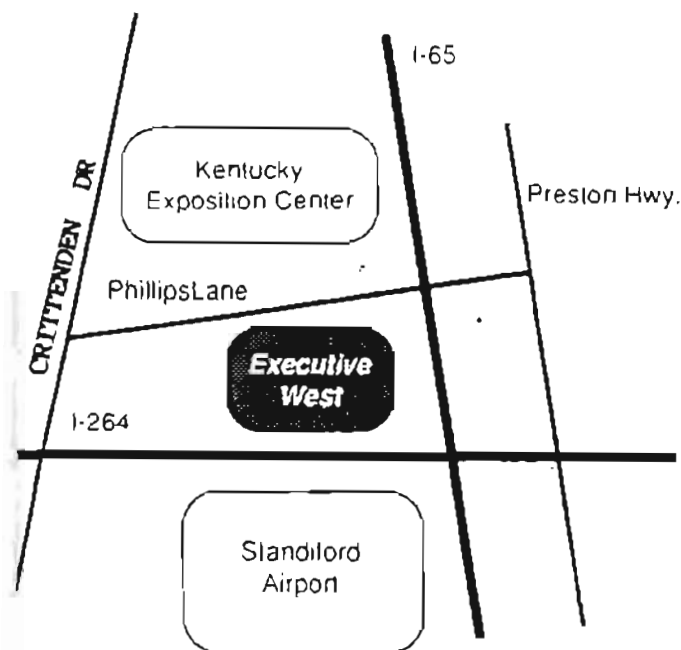
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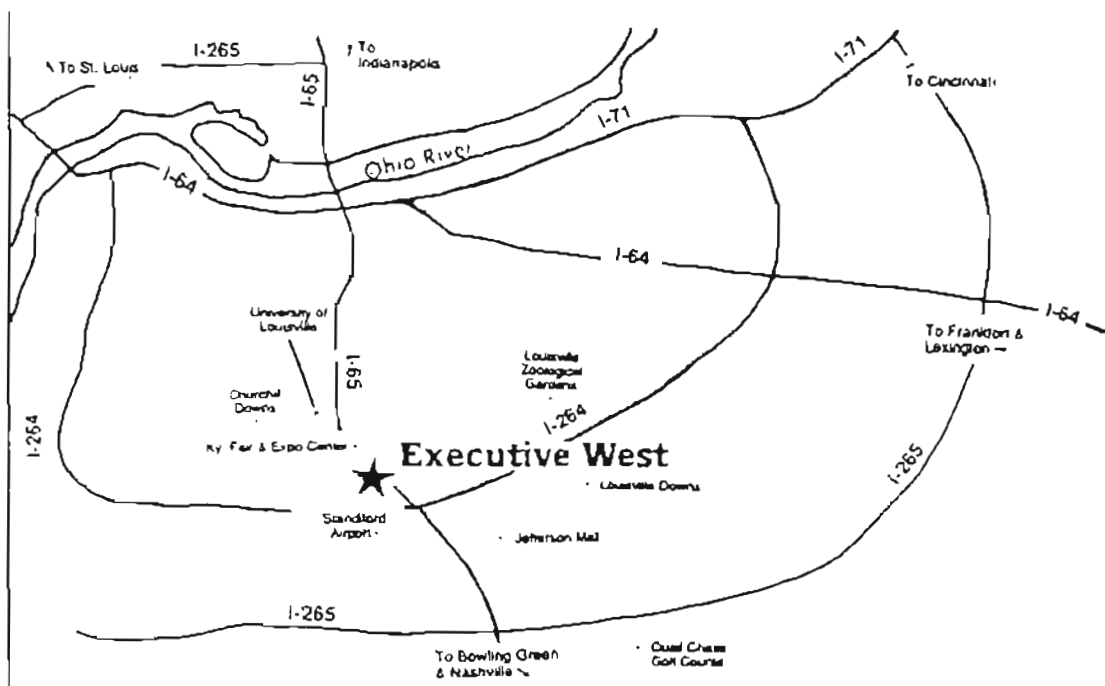
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Dutch,

Just a note to bring you up-to-date on my most recent journey to Japan. I was on my way to Kokura but decided I would spend a few days in Tokyo before making the trip to Kokura. That was a big mistake! I started to have such a great time that I spent the entire time in Tokyo. I filled up on lots of Japanese soul food and plenty of ice-cold "Kirin".

To make a long story short, I was about to board the shuttle bus to the airport when a beautiful Japanese lady pointed to the Taro Leaf on my jacket. "Were you with the 24th", she asked. I smiled and nodded "yes". "Leo, Leo", she called, then introduced her husband to me. A fine looking, erect, man, with a great crew cut--**Leo Seitelbach**, a longtime member of the 34th. Leo went to Korea from Camp Mower in Sasebo, returned, met his wonderful Japanese wife, and retired after many years of service. Clearly a member of the Association, Leo also wore the "Taro Leaf".

We spent sometime talking about the Camps in Kyushu. Leo has visited almost all of those places. It was really great. I'll get to Kokura---next time.

Bill Spicer

Still awaiting a response from anyone knowing MELVIN A NATION (F 19th 4/40-2/45) He hailed from Iowa. A nephew, LeRoy Gresgo down at 2420 Douglas, Irving TX is anxious to hear from anyone knowing Mel.



The Soldier

from The Editor !

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I just heard of a man who met his wife at travel bureau. She was looking for a vacation and he was the last resort.

Nothing annoys a woman more than to have company drop in unexpectedly and find the house looking like it usually does.

Now they have a new service for atheists, a dial-a-prayer. You call the number and nobody answers.

I was that which others did not want to be.

I went where others feared to go, and did what others failed to do.

I asked nothing from those who gave nothing, and reluctantly accepted the thought of eternal loneliness--- should I fail.

I have seen the face of terror and felt the stinging cold of fear.

I have cried, pained and hoped.

I have lived times others would say were best forgotten.

But when all is done I can be proud of what I was---- a soldier.

George L. Skypeck

TAPS

For those who gave the ultimate so that others may enjoy our way of life.

MAX Y. FOWLER (21st WW II) died 12/15/95. A Pearl Harbour Survivor Lif member #646. as reported by Mrs Dorothy M. Fowler, His wife you can card her at 4351 Budziak Dr. Apt 48, Oscoda, Mi. 48750

Mrs Rose Trinka died Feb. 21, 1996 at 95 years
She was the mother of John Trinka (21st WWI & Japan)
2042 W. Augusta Blvd, Chicago, Ill.

Vernon H. Grosshuesch (52 FA Bn 44-44) died 9/2/95.

Laura Dennis

Laura J. Dennis, Leavenworth, a retired nurses aide, died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1996, at her home. She was 63.

She was born April 23, 1932, in Hannibal, Mo., the daughter of Charles and Elora Thompson Gross.

Mrs. Dennis was employed for 17 years as a nurses aide at the Eisenhower VA Medical Center. She retired on Nov. 30, 1994.



Laura Dennis

She was a member of the First Christian Church.

She married Lee R. Dennis on Nov. 1, 1952, in Franklin, Ind. He survives at the home.

Other survivors include two daughters, Elizabeth Bostic, Alderson, W. Va., and Teresa Theel, Shawnee Mission; three sons, Philip Dennis and John Dennis, both of Leavenworth, and Patrick Dennis, Webster, N.Y.; and 12 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Sheryl Lynn.

Friends may call after 2 p.m. Friday at the Belden-Sexton-Sumpter Funeral Chapel. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Christian Church. The Rev. William Nowlan and the Rev. Jack Divine will both officiate. Burial will be Tuesday at the Leavenworth National Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the First Christian Church or the American Cancer Society.

FLETCHER HOLDERMAN (L-21st 42-45) Gravel Switch, Ky. 40328 passed away 2/18/96.

Send cards to his wife June G. Holderman
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TAPS

Lloyd Oler, RR 5 Box 556, Richland Center, WI 53581 "F" 19th (50-51) reports that **Buford E. Goff's wife (Sue) died last November.** Buford served with "F" 19th from 48-51 and resides at 212 West Circle Drive, Russellville, AR 72801
William R. Young, 610 Washington Av., Barberton, OH, 21st Inf. Regt. (1947).

Alexander S. Juszkievicz. Hq Co. 2nd BN 34th Inf. Regt. (43-45) died on 11/5/95. He resided at 100 Remsen St., Apt. 2K, Brooklyn, NY 11201.

Edward H. Stockwell. Co. G. 19th (50-52) 1348 S.E. Court #117, Roseburg, OR 97470 died June 1995.

Thomas E. Murphy. 51 South Shore Rd., Holbrook, MA 02343. 3rd Eng. Bn (C) (41-45) Life Member #672. Also Life member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Assoc., VFW Braintree, MD, Post 1702 and DAV Braintree, MA Post 29; died at West Rosbury Medical Center January 19, 1996 after a long illness.

Harry H. Hubbard. 3038 Franklin St., Highland, IN 46322 (I 21st '41-'44) died October 1994. Harry had 2 children, Michael and Ann and wife Audrey "Chris" who survives him.

Sam Garofola. P.O. Box 858 Vernon, FL 32462 (Co. E 19th '41-'43) died 17 February 1996. Survived by his wife, Helen. Sam worked for D.D.T. State of NJ prior to retiring.

Charles A. Clark. 45 Washington St., Plainville, MA (Co. E 5th RCT '51-'52) died 20 December 1994. Survived by wife Hildegard and children Charles, Carol, Constance and Catherine.

Herbert C. Carlson. Co. B 19th Inf. Regt (48-50) P.O. Box 66, Pittsburg, New Hampshire died on 8 April 1996 at the U.S. Veterans Hospital located at White River Junction, VT. Herb served as President of the 24th Infantry Division Association during the 1991-1992 term of office. He became life member #203 in 1977. **Obituary will follow in the August issue of the T.L.**

Victor Hungerford

Over the years we have often heard the comment, "He's a soldier". I know I have heard it many times, but only on a few occasions have I really believed it. Oh, the person in question probably did his duty and had been in the right place at the right time, but for one who was truly a real soldier you would have to search far and wide.

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A couple of years ago we all met in Colorado Springs for our annual reunion and just prior to my departure from Los Angeles, I took a chance, contacted Vic Hungerford, who was living in Colton, California at the time, and asked him if he would like a ride to Colorado. He agreed, I picked him up and we spent a day and a half on the road. I hadn't seen Vic in years, 40 or more, but we took up just like we left off back in Korea. Even though I had often heard of Vic's escapades in his early army years, I was happy to hear them again. Now his life was spiced with things that had happened since last we met. Some I had heard of, but some were new and just as fascinating. We didn't spend much time talking about Korea, because that had left a bad taste in our mouths.

We arrived in Colorado Springs and Vic was the life of the party. He knew everybody, or they knew him and those he didn't know received a hearty greeting. I remember the young specialist from Fort Stewart was interviewing some of the old dogs for some words of wisdom for the young troops and I was amused by the expression of wonderment on her face as Vic regaled her with all sorts of tales from the old army.

Unfortunately after we returned from the reunion, Vic seemed to slip away again. I heard he was up in Tacoma, but learned that he was still living in Colton, where he was probably the best customer at the nearby Veteran's Hospital. One time he started telling me about all the things that were wrong with him and I wondered to myself how he was managing to stay alive. But that was the way Vic was - a tough old bird.

Now I have heard that Vic died and it passed un-noticed. When we were gathering in Nashville on last 7 September, Vic passed away. I suppose that some would say it was a blessing in a way, but I would rather think that the world lost a real soldier, as many people from Company G, 19th Infantry in the Japan-Korea days will gladly attest. I know I am not ashamed to say he was a better man than I.

KUWAITI MEDAL: The Pentagon has approved an offer by Kuwait of a "Kuwaiti Liberation Medal" to all personnel who served there during the Gulf War.

MINE REMOVAL: Since a US soldier was wounded and another died by a land mine in Bosnia, there has been some effort by the warring factions to remove mines from major roads. However, the mines are being placed in storage, not destroyed.

QUADDAFI: Libya's Col. Muammar Qaddafi has publicly stated "Clinton is not our enemy like (former President Reagan)."

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UNIT HISTORIES

A brief history of the Units of the 24th Infantry Division will be published in the next four (4) issues of the Taro Leaf. We are in need of a brief history of the Units assigned or attached to the Division i.e. the 6th Tank Bn., 5th R.C.T. and the 555th F.A. Bn.

The following is the schedule for publication of Unit histories. We would appreciate getting the histories of Units not listed in the publication schedule.

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19th Inf. Regt. 13th F.A. Bn. Div. Arty 24th Med. Bn. 24th Avn. Bn.

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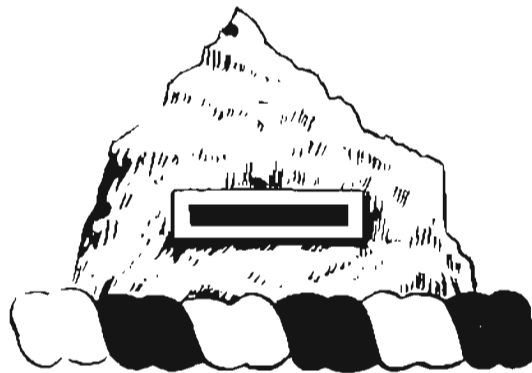
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Issue #1 February 1977

*5th R.C.T. *555th F.A. Bn. 24th QM Bn. 24th M.P. Co.

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“The Rock Of Chicamauga”

19th Infantry Regiment

A shield of blue, upon which is a golden bugle encircling the numerals "19", first insignia of the Regiment, and three stars which stand for the three major wars in which the 19th has participated. (The Regiment's accepted insignia now carries four stars. After the end of World War II, application was made for inclusion of this fourth star to depict the Regiment's participation in that war, but such application has not been approved. Also, there is pending a request for still another star to cover the 19th's actions in the Korean conflict. Approval of both of these requests will authorize the unit to place five stars on their insignia.) At the top of the shield, on a wreath of the colors, stands a roc, upon which is super-imposed the shoulder strap of a Second Lieutenant.

The rock symbolizes the power to withstand shock, and the shoulder strap is in memory of the gallant men who fell during the battle of Chickamauga, during which the casualties were so great that for a time the Regiment was commanded by a Second Lieutenant.

The motto of the Regiment, "Rock of Chickamauga", commemorates the bravery and courage of the men who fought in this battle of the Civil War.

The 19th Infantry Regiment was organized under President Lincoln's proclamation of 4 May 1861, which authorized an increase in the Regular Army.

The Regiment moved with the Army of Ohio during the Civil War to reinforce General Grant's at Shiloh. Here the 19th received its baptism of fire and proved to be one of the decisive factors in driving the Confederates from the field. Of its work on the second day at Shiloh, General Sherman said, "It moved in splendid order, steadily to the front, sweeping everything before it." The Regiment was commended for this action in brigade orders.

From Shiloh the 19th Regiment of Infantry returned to West Tennessee as a part of the 4th Army Corps in the New Army of the Cumberland. At the Battle of Stone's River, near Murfreesborough, Tennessee, on New Year's Day of 1862, the Regiment again performed valiantly. Posted at a critical point in the battle line, it was reported that: "The shock of battle fell heaviest on these regulars. Over one third of the Regiment fell killed or wounded. Steadily, as if in drill, the trained ranks fired by file, mowing down the advancing Confederates."

It was on the field of Chickamauga, Georgia, that the 19th Infantry won its deathless name and reputation. The firmness of the 14th Corps on this disastrous battlefield was all that saved a Union Army defeat from turning into a hopeless rout. Stationed on the left of the line, the 19th again bore the fiercest of assaults. From early morning until late afternoon the shock and carnage was frightful. With ammunition exhausted, the men of the 19th were told to hold the ground with bayonets. Hold they did until the last Confederate charge was broken and the Union Army had withdrawn. Seventy five percent of the Regiment fell killed or wounded on that day. It was for this valiant stand that the 19th Regiment received its name, "The Rock of Chickamauga."

After Chickamauga the Regiment moved to Atlanta, where it participated with distinction in the Atlanta Campaign.

In 1866, while stationed in Arkansas, the 19th was twice ordered to New Orleans to quell

election riots and, from 1875 to 1879, it was engaged in fighting Indians in Kansas and Nebraska.

During the 1890's the Regiment was engaged in frontier police work from its station on the Rio Grande River in Texas. The next decade was spent at various installations along the Great Lakes.

At the outbreak of the Spanish-American War in 1898, President William McKinley sent Captain A.S. Rowan, an officer of the 19th Regiment, to Cuba with a message for Garcia, the Cuban chieftan. Captain Rowan's valor and daring in reaching Garcia has been immortalized by Elbert Hubbard in his well-known eulogy, "A Message to Garcia."

During the war with Spain, the 19th was sent to Puerto Rico and from there was ordered to the Philippines, where it served two tours of duty from 1899 to 1902 and from 1905 to 1914. Following these tours, the Regiment was sent to occupation duty in Vera Cruz, Mexico.

In World War I, the 19th became a part of the 18th Infantry Division and was awaiting overseas orders when the Armistice ended the fighting.

In 1922 the Regiment was sent to Hawaii where it was stationed at Scholfield Barracks as part of the 21st Infantry Brigade.

With the organization of the 24th Infantry Division in Hawaii on 1 October 1941, the Regiment became an organic part of the Division to which it is still assigned.

Throughout World War II, the 19th played a major role in the many battles the 24th Division won in the Pacific.

On 7 December 1941, it felt the fury of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and, used as an assault element in the New Guinea operation, the 19th was instrumental in capturing the Japanese airbase at Hollandia.

On 29 October 1944, the Regiment landed with the 24th Division on Leyte. Here, in one of the bitterest battles of the war, the 19th Infantry again proved itself by continually pressing forward against extremely heavy enemy resistance. For a 13 day stand at a vital roadblock, in which the enemy constantly attacked in overwhelming numbers, the 2nd Battalion received the Distinguished Unit Citation.

On the southern Philippine island of Mindanao, the 19th again showed its mettle, leading the invasion and the advance to the center of the island.

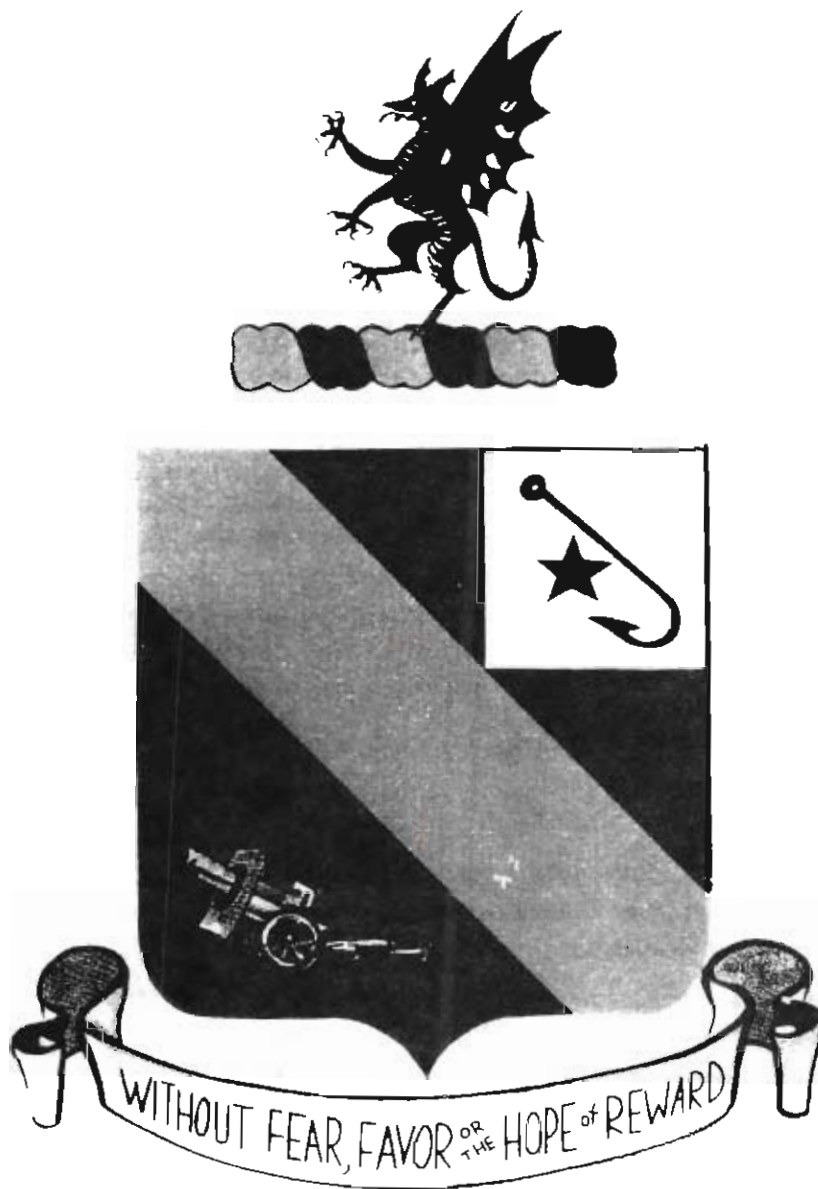
With the cessation of hostilities, the 19th became a major factor in the occupation of Japan. On 25 June 1950, when the Korean conflict opened, the Regiment was stationed at Camp Chickamauga in Beppu on the island of Kyushu.

In Korea the 19th Infantry was many times the spearhead element of the 24th Division and of the entire United Nations forces. It distinguished itself in battles at Chinju, the Pusan Perimeter, in the advance to the Yalu, and along the stabilized battle line for the period July-December, 1951.

After the 24th Division returned to Japan, the 19th Infantry made its headquarters at Camp Haugen, near Hachinohe, in the extreme northern portion of the island of Honshu.

Returning to Korea with the 24th Division in July of 1953, the 19th took over the responsibility of guarding and repatriating thousands of Chinese anti-Communist prisoners of war.

In March of 1954, the 19th moved north of the 38 parallel when the 24th Division took over the positions of the Stateside-bound 45th Division. It is in this location now that the 19th is undergoing a strenuous training program aimed at maintaining the combat readiness that has made the "Rock of Chickamauga" a great regiment in the history of warfare.



13th Field Artillery Battalion

The shield is devised into three bands, two of scarlet and one of gold. The scarlet represents the Artillery color and the orange represents olive drab (the closest color used for such shields), which was the color of the World War I uniform.

The fish hook in the upper right corner indicates the shape of the battle line held by the Federal Army at the Battle of Gettysburg, where the 5th Field Artillery Regiment, parent of the 13th, took a gallant part. The star represents the badge of the 12th Corps of the Army of the Potomac in the Civil War, to which the 4th Field belonged.

The broken howitzer in the lower left denotes the damage done to C Battery during the action at Veisle River, World War I.

The dragon crest over the shield signifies the achievements of the 5th Regiment during

the Muese-Argonne offensive. The Regiment there fought over shell-torn and destroyed roads and through enemy fire from position to position in support of the 4th Division. The rampant dragon is thus typical of the action of the Regiment progressing in the manner of a mythical monster, riding over all human opposition.

Motto of the Battalion is "Without Fear, Favor, or the Hope of Reward."

The 13th Field Artillery Battalion is the off-spring of the 13th Field Artillery Regiment, which was activated shortly after the United States entered World War I. The Battalion became the Regiment's direct successor with the activation of the 24th Infantry Division in Hawaii on 1 October 1941.

The 13th Regiment was organized at El Paso, Texas on 1 June 1917 and left for France in May of 1918. In July of that year it moved into the battle zone at Chateau Thierry and had its first taste of action against the Germans.

Saint Mihiel followed and, on the first day of this great offensive, the Regiment delivered continuous fire into enemy positions from 0100 until 0900, paving the way for successful infantry attacks.

The Regiment felt the full fury of war many times in the European conflict and participated in the final offensive of that war at Meuse-Argonne.

Occupation duties followed the close of the war and the Regiment moved to the Rhineland. After nine months as part of the Army of the Occupation the Regiment returned to the States in July, 1919.

Departing for Hawaii in October of 1920, the Regiment served there until activation of the 24th Infantry Division from elements of the old Hawaiian Division in 1941. The 8th, 11th, 52nd and 63rd Battalions formed Division Artillery at activation, but the 13th was substituted for the 8th shortly thereafter.

Late in 1943 the 13th went with the 24th Division to Australia. Together with the other battalions of Division Artillery, the 13th was stationed at Camp Caves, where it continued a strenuous training program.

The Battalion was also used for close support for the 19th Infantry in the action through Leyte. It was at the landing on Leyte that the 13th lost two officers and two enlisted men killed before they reached the beach. They fell in the terrible shelling that enemy shore positions rained on landing craft.

The Mindanao campaign was the last of the war for the 13th Field. It was here that this battalion engaged in point-blank artillery duels with Japanese forces.

The 13th went with the 24th Division to Japan for its second tour of occupation duty and was stationed on Kyushu when the Korean conflict began on 25 June 1950.

In Korea the 13th distinguished itself throughout its tour of duty on the peninsula. Firing generally in support of the 19th Infantry, but often for other elements of the Division, the 13th Field battled barrel to barrel with enemy armor along the Kum River and at Chinju.

Returning to Japan with the 24th Division, the 13th became stationed at Camp Haugen, near Hachinohe. During the year and a half the Battalion spent in Japan it fired practice missions on ranges in several portions of Honshu.

The 13th Field arrived in Korea for its second tour of duty on 16 July 1953. Initially the Battalion was displaced in a fairly wide area with headquarters at Yongwol. In October the Battalion moved to Camp Walker, near Taegu. Two training firing problems at Livingston Range were held in December and January.

In February 1954, the 13th Field Artillery Battalion joined its parent unit, the 24th Infantry Division, in a move to new positions above the 38th parallel.

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