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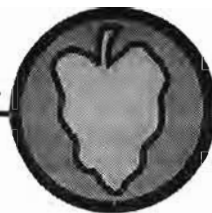


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## **FROM THE EDITOR!**

Due to unforeseen circumstances this issue of the Taro Leaf is reduced in size to accommodate the timely delivery to our membership before the reunion in Little Rock. The November 1998 issue will resume to the normal size. There were many letters, articles that were unable to be published at this time, however, as time and space permits they will be included in future issues.

## **Articles Submissions**

To improve speed and accuracy and readability in editing, manuscripts and articles should be originals or clear copies, with either typed or printed out double-spaced in near letter quality printer mode. Articles are to be received by the Editor not later than the deadline established by the President, Secretary/Editor and as published in the Taro Leaf. Any article received after the established deadline and not in the format described above will be put in at the discretion of the Editor. To be considered for publication, articles should not exceed 300 words and should be of general interest and in good taste. Political endorsements and thank you notes will not be used. Biographies or personal stories of interest to the general membership, not exceeding three pages, will be accepted for publication but must conform to policy as outlined above.

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**The VICTORY  
DIVISION NEWS**

# 24th Infantry Division Association



Ladies and Gentlemen,

I come to you one last time during my tenure as President, and as in all the previous newsletters with sadness. Not this time because of the death of a prominent member but because of the choice of our very proficient Secretary/Treasurer/Editor, Yvonne Mullins to leave us and do something with her life. Yvonne has given me her resignation effective with the conclusion of reunion 1998, but has agreed to remain on as Editor of the TL.

If one has never done what Yvonne or anyone in a similar position does, they don't know the commitment one must give in that position. I have been there for six years for a smaller association, and I realize the work involved, it is time-consuming and requires daily work. This work has confined Yvonne to her Computer Room, her Office, her home doing work for the 24th IDA, and therefore, limiting her time to lead a life of her own.

Yvonne did us a great service in 1997 when she agreed to continue the work that she and Rudy had done for us for 4-years by accepting the position she is in. And, each of you have to agree that she has done a magnificent job in that position. Each edition of the Taro Leaf has been outstanding, a result of Yvonne's hard work. We all owe Yvonne a debt of gratitude for her deliverance of perfection this past year in her position as Secretary/Treasurer/Editor of the 24th Infantry Division Association, the "First to Fight" VICTORY Division.

Yvonne, with much sadness I, as the President of this great association have no alternative but to accept your resignation. You have served us well, you have exceeded in all your duties, and contrary to what you cited in your resignation letter, "no one is indispensable in the 24th IDA, it will continue," that may be, but it will take two to replace you.

When Rudy and Yvonne took over the position of Secretary/Treasurer/Editor following the 1994 reunion in New Orleans and concurrently designated Reunion Chairman for Nashville in 1995, I was recruited by Bob Ender to be the Co-Chairman because of my location, living in the area. Through this, Rudy, Yvonne and I became friends and worked together for the next four years on association matters. It will be hard for me to lose such a friend, hard for me to know that Yvonne is not there, giving advice and helping out when help is needed, but since this concludes my presidency, it will be Corky Peters who will be missing that lady of knowledge, that lady that has given so much, and not for the rewards, there were none, but for the love that she and her late husband Rudy had and have for this great association.

Corky has found a member, a young man who served in Desert Storm with the 24th ID who will accept the position of Secretary/Treasurer. He is William Schumaker. William has talked with Yvonne relative the position and will visit her 12 July to learn more of the requirements and details of the position. Hopefully, we will have a nominee for the Secretary/Treasurer position vice Yvonne. This man then, is the only nominee we have for Secretary/Treasurer. If anyone else is interested, please submit the name to Robert Lawhon, Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

We all have to be proud of what Yvonne Mullins has done for us 1997-1998, as Secretary/Treasurer/Editor. Yvonne is a lady of distinction, knowledgeable of all the duties and affairs of the 24th Infantry Division Association but will now still be there as the Editor and available to offer advice to whomever our replacement Secretary/Treasurer may be.

**Now to reunion 1998. Gentlemen, there are so many things for the Executive Committee to discuss, consider and resolve. I must inform you we need to do this on Friday, 25 September at 0800.** With the Regimental Breakfasts on Saturday and the general membership meeting at 1000 A.M., we simply will not have adequate time to have the Executive Committee Meeting and resolve all that needs to be resolved. I sincerely hope this will not conflict with some of the tours you are to take, but it must be done. And, I expect maximum participation from all eligibles at this meeting. If you are a Past President and present at reunion, then certainly you ought to be at the meeting. This meeting is designed for you, it is your opportunity to participate, to accept changes being proposed or to reject those changes. Your open opportunity to submit your own ideas, have them voted upon and keep this a viable association.

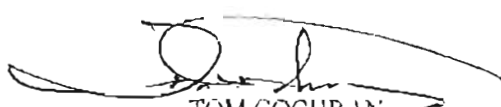
I take this opportunity to thank all you who have written me, FAXed me and called me throughout the year with words of encouragement and thanks for my service. I cannot do this by naming those of you who have done so for that would come close to naming all reunion attendees of 1997, so accept my thanks gentlemen for your doing as I asked at reunion in 1997, "Do not walk behind me, for I may not lead, Do not walk in front of me, for I may not follow, but Do walk beside me and should one of us fall, pick him up and let us continue." You have done that gentlemen, and thanks!

I am nearing 50-years in Federal Service, 24-years in the military and 26 in Civil Service with the military, the 101st Airborne Division, ~~the~~ the Power Projection Platform division for the 21st century. I have received accolades from Presidents Nixon and Carter, Governors of Tennessee, McWhorter and Sundquist that attest to my loyalty and service to country. From the numerous Commanders at Fort Campbell for 20 plus years I have received Commanders Awards for Civilian Service, from the AUSA Certificates of Excellence and Goodwill Ambassadors Awards from the governors of Tennessee. But the award I shall cherish most is you allowing me to be your President for the year 1997-1998. My Commanders at Fort Campbell are also appreciative of the fact, that one of their own achieved the goal of being the President of the greatest association of military associations in existence, the "First to Fight" VICTORY Division. This has been a year I'll never forget and I hope that during my tenure I gave something to the association.

Now, a little on things to come. Norm Riegler and Cleon Eckler have volunteered to represent the division in Washington, DC on 27 July to observe the end to the fighting in Korea. We owe them thanks! The Turner Publishing Company wants to do a 2d edition of the 24th history, allowing for those who did not contribute personal biographies and pictures to do so now. I have invited Dave Turner to come to Little Rock and explain in detail this 2d edition. Dave Mann will be in charge of the project and did an excellent job in the original history. Don Knoll, one of our own who owns "T" Shirts of America in Flint, Michigan is looking at the possibility of making the T-Shirts with Rudy and Ken's pictures on them for the "River Walk" wrote about previously which was the idea of Vince Gagliardo.

This is the way I am spending my Fathers Day, so I extend to you a belated "Happy Fathers Day". Half way through this letter a storm knocked out the electricity and I lost everything I had input so you can guess the amount of time I had to exert to put all back in.

Until I see you in Little Rock, I am,

  
TOM COCHRAN

*VICTORY!*

**LOOKING FOR:** Colonel Fariss Hardin. Believed to live in Arizona. (I have checked the US Phone Directory on CD Rom and find no listing of him in the US), so apparently his number is unlisted. Colonel Hardin was the Chief of Staff to, now retired LTC Edward L. Rowny, Commanding General of the 24th Infantry Division while in Germany in the 1960's. If anyone knows the whereabouts of Colonel Hardin, please contact me. General Rowny would appreciate it. Too, check with you VTW's, American Legions, etc., it is just possible we can locate him. Thanks!

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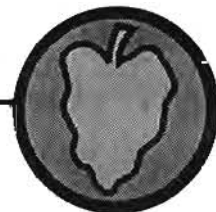
Note from your Editor:

**CORRECTION MAY 1998 TARO LEAF ON PAGE 43 (Letter from Col. Urban L. Throm II)**

Paragraph 3, 2nd sentence is corrected to read: We engaged, we parlayed, agreed and disagreed.



# 24th Infantry Division Association



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR July 1, 1998

In October 1997, as I began my fourth year working for the association, it became increasingly difficult to continue all of my duties without Rudy. I am resigning from the Secretary/Treasurer position as of September 1998. I will, however, be available as a nominee for the sole position of Editor.

I would like to mention that as Secretary/Treasurer this past year I have enjoyed corresponding with you and that all of you have helped in so many ways. The News Releases that you have sent to your local newspapers has increased our membership tremendously. Thank you for your energy and dedication in recruiting new members to our great association. For paying your dues on time, for all of your many contributions, for notifying me of your change of addresses, all of this makes the job so much easier. For your support in the raffle, what a wonderful response.

In working as Editor, I have appreciated the many letters, articles that you have sent me and only regret that there is not enough space for everything that I have received. I have enjoyed e-mail and fax communications from many of you. We are living in an exciting time. I'm looking forward to seeing you in Little Rock.

I was informed by the chairman of the nominating committee, Bob Lawbon that the following are the nominees for the positions of various offices for 1998 - 1999.

President: Harold (Corky) Peters, 21st Inf Regt  
(Current Vice President)

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Vice President (In order of nomination)

Donald Barrett (Our Reunion Co-Ordinator)  
Eugene F. Hawk, 21st Inf Regt  
Rodney F. Stock, Jr., 34th Inf Regt

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Secretary/Treasurer: William J. (Will) Schumaker  
2/7th Inf - Desert Storm

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Editor of the Taro Leaf: Yvonne (Vonnie) Mullins

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# 24th Infantry Division Association

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July 1, 1998

To: Members of the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association

From: Harold "Corky" Peters  
Vice President & 98 Reunion Chairman

SUBJECT: Nominee for the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the Association

It is with great sadness that I inform you that Vonnie Mullins is intending to resign the secretary/treasurer position effective at the conclusion of the 1998 reunion in Little Rock. We are going to miss Vonnie as secretary/treasurer, but she has agreed to continue on as the editor of the Taro Leaf. We should all be grateful that Vonnie stepped forward in 1997 to fulfill the position when it became vacant. She is very efficient and has been a joy to work with. Vonnie is a true friend of the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.

Tom Cochran called me when he heard of Vonnie's intentions and we both agreed that we should look for a person who could serve as secretary/treasurer for a number of years and one who has the energy and desire to do the job.

Tom and I both agree that we are all getting up in years and this position takes a lot of time. Much more than most of us have.

I had been talking to William Schumaker from Springfield Missouri about the association. He served with the 24<sup>th</sup> Division with E Company of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, from 1988 to 1992. During that time he served with the division in Desert Storm. He is a current member of the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association. I asked him if he would be interested in the secretary/treasurer position, and he said he would think about it. William and his wife went to Rocky Mount and visited with Vonnie and she explained what the position entailed. After he returned home he called me and said, if he was nominated and elected he would accept the position. William lives very close to Vonnie and is familiar with the computer software she uses. I believe that will help make the transition go a lot smoother.

I informed Tom Cochran of William's desire to serve as secretary/treasurer and Tom was pleased that we had someone to fill the position.

Realizing that the nominee must be approved by the executive committee and the general membership I will be placing William Schumaker's name in nomination for the position of secretary/treasurer at the reunion in Little Rock.



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June 16, 1998

Thomas Cochran, President  
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Dear President Cochran:

Mr. David Mann suggested I write to you relative to Turner Publishing Company publishing a second edition book on the 24th Infantry Division. As you know, in 1997 Turner Publishing Company published a history of the 24th Division. We have since sold out.

Turner Publishing Company's proposal for the second edition book is as follows:

1. Turner will make corrections to the present history book per Mr. David Mann's direction.
2. Turner will send a flier to all 24th Division veterans requesting their biography and pictures. We feel there are approximately five hundred veterans who would like to be included in the updated book.
3. Turner Publishing will pre-sale the book for \$39.95 as we did for the initial publication. However, we will need to charge \$5.00 for those who wish to submit new biographies.
4. Turner Publishing Company will do all the work and Mr. Mann will have time to proof all the material to keep down the number of errors.

The end result of the second edition will be a more accurate history, better maps, pinpoint photography, and hopefully a much thicker book with hundreds of new veterans biographies.

Please let us know when we can get started on promoting the new and better publication. Turner Publishing Company would also request to be invited to your reunion in Little Rock to display and talk about the new improved 24th Division History Book.

Sincerely,

Dave Turner  
President

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## **Fort Hood soldier's letter gets nationwide readership**

by Kap Kim

FORT HOOD, Texas. (Army News Service, April 7, 1998) -- The new Army is one of teleconferences, surfing the Internet, and the cluttering of electronic mail messages on personal computers. They're all part of new ways to use electronic communications to reach a lot of people quickly -- and they work.

Just look at the heartfelt letter addressed to the American people by 1st Lt. Daniel Ashley, a member of Fort Hood's 230th Finance Battalion, thanking the American public for support he received while escorting the body of a deceased soldier recently.

Ashley, commander of Headquarters Detachment, 230th Finance Battalion, was a logistics officer with 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry, 4th Infantry Division, in January when Sgt. Donald W. Slover died in a training exercise at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La.

Ashley and Sgt. 1st Class James Rankin were selected to serve as the escorts for Slover's remains from Fort Polk to his hometown of Williamsburg, Ky., with stops at Houston and Atlanta.

The events that transpired from their travels led Ashley to write a heartfelt letter to the people of America for their concern and courtesy for the military.

He wrote the letter upon his return from Slover's funeral service. It took Ashley almost eight hours to write the letter in the way he felt would best suit his message.

He wrote it with the intent of sending a copy to the "Letters to the Editor" columns in both Time and Newsweek magazines, but to date they have not been published.

Yet, what unraveled was a complete fluke to Ashley. He unknowingly left a rough copy of the letter inside the adjutant's computer. The adjutant then showed a copy to Lt. Col. Joseph Moore, commander of the 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry.

At Ashley's change-of-command ceremony on Feb. 27, Moore approached him and asked for an electronic copy of the letter.

Moore sent the copy of the letter to his various troop commanders and his own commander to be used as a "pick-me-up."

"I sent it to people I knew were involved with the accident. I knew it would make them proud to be in the Army -- it sure did me. It really hit me in the pit of my stomach," Moore said.

According to Moore, he e-mailed a copy of the letter to Col. Stephen Ferrell, commander of the 4th Aviation Brigade within the 4th Infantry Division. From there, it went to Lt. Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz, commander of III Corps and Fort Hood. Yet, even going to the top of the chain of command at Fort Hood was only the beginning for this letter.



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People in and out of the Army have gotten hold of Ashley's letter, and have been distributing it in chain-mail fashion.

From the personnel working in the Pentagon, to a sister of a service member in Illinois, people have received an e-mailed letter addressed: "Dear America."

The letter has been around the world. There have been sightings in Korea, in Europe, and all over the United States -- and it's only taken a few days to do so.

Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, Chief of Staff of the Army, has read it. It has been sent to different branches of the military, even to different members of the press.

All the publicity received from the letter has left Ashley red in the face. There's talk that he is to meet with top brass in Washington, D.C., and even participate on some national television shows.

Moore said that the fact that the letter didn't make it to its original addressee, but has been seen by almost everyone in the military, proves just how powerful e-mail is.

Ashley said he comes into work and receives e-mail messages from people he doesn't even know and he doesn't know how they received his address.

However, Moore does his part to funnel the messages he receives concerning the letter back to Ashley.

But knowing how they received his address isn't as important as the message Ashley attempted to send out to Americans in general and to those who showed their support, letting them know how much soldiers appreciate them.

"We do our jobs everyday in support of them, and that was the thanks. Despite all the recent negative headlines, they respect and care about what we do," Ashley said.

"Hundreds of people die in the military each year, and it goes unmentioned -- people in the military are generally good people, and the American people never hear about it. Sergeant Slover was that ideal soldier," he added.

Ashley, who served briefly as Slover's tank platoon leader, remembered his character to be one that was quiet and reserved. He also knew his dedication to be present in everything he did.

"He did everything right, and I never saw him get angry. He was just an exemplary soldier," Ashley said.

Ashley hopes the message people receive from his letter is that what service men and women do is really important.

The people he met, and events which took place during his duties as an escort officer made him realize that his service to the country is, as he puts it, "worth it."

Ashley said, "I felt like I was giving something to my country that not everyone is willing to do. It's great to know you're loved."

If you would like to e-mail 1st Lt. Daniel Ashley, you can reach him at [AshleyD@hood-emh3.army.mil](mailto:AshleyD@hood-emh3.army.mil).

(Editor's note: Kim is a writer with the 13th Public Affairs Detachment, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. A copy of Daniel Ashley's letter "To America" is attached).

Dear America:

I am writing this letter to extend thanks to all the American people who still, despite the recent headlines undermining the ethics and morality of the military, understand that our jobs and way of life are necessary to preserve the "American" way of life. I once thought that "America" viewed us as most media portrays us; immoral, unethical, and uncivilized. My recent travels led me to conclude that the opposite is true. You, the American people, that honor and respect what we do, deserve a public "thank you."

Just a few weeks ago, a tragedy embedded itself in the tall evergreen forests at the Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, La. As a tank slowly slalomed through the trees after sunset on January 14, 1998, the tank commander fell victim to the inherent danger of the military. Sgt. Donald Wayne Slover passed away that night as he was guiding his tank through the thickest of trees, fog, and rain. The tank's edge clipped and uprooted a tree, which sent it crashing to the ground. The medics, arriving on site only minutes later, felt Slover's last pulse.

As one of two military escorts, I was required to accompany the remains from the training area to the burial site, ensuring the proper and unimpaired delivery to the next of kin. The obligation required a two-day journey from Fort Hood, Texas, to Williamsburg, Ky., via Fort Polk, La. Loading, unloading, and transportation of the remains required our physical presence. This particular trip entailed a three-hour van ride, a connecting flight in Atlanta in route to Knoxville, and a one-hour drive to Williamsburg, Ky.

Upon boarding our initial flight out of Houston we informed the flight attendant of our duties. After explaining that it was necessary for us to depart the plane first upon landing (so as not to delay the cargo personnel unloading the casket), two gentlemen offered their seats in the first row of the plane for our last row seats. This gesture left me speechless. I'm not so sure they even knew our purpose for having to be first off the plane, but with no questions immediately sacrificed their front row seats.

After arriving in Atlanta, we were escorted by airport personnel off the plane and down to the tarmac. Standing in our dress green uniforms, we watched as the airline employees carefully unloaded the casket onto the cargo truck. The truck drove off to the departing gate and we made our way back inside the terminal. We met the cargo truck at the departure gate and again were escorted down to the tarmac to supervise the loading of our final flight. Following the loading, we turned and headed back to the terminal. As we made that walk, I noticed that the crowd awaiting the outbound flight was watching us. Not thinking much about it at the time, I scurried out of the cold and awaited the boarding call.

We boarded the plane and again informed the flight attendant of our duties and departure requirements. The flight was booked, every seat filled, and she told us that she would make an announcement upon landing that we were to exit the plane first. Having been on full flights before, I was for certain that this announcement would be ignored. Passengers are normally elbow deep in the overhead compartments as soon as the wheels touch the ground. I was 100 percent positive I would be the last person off that flight. But I took my seat in the back of the plane, my partner 10 rows in front, and with all of my military skills tried to devise a plan that could project me to the front of that plane upon landing. I concluded that even generals would have a rough time planning such an operation.

As the plane touched down in Knoxville, the flight attendant gave the standard "keep your seat-belts fastened until the captain turns off the seat-belt sign" announcement. She then led into the fact that two military escorts were on-board and that everyone must remain in their seats until we departed the plane. The plane parked and to my astonishment, not a soul moved. I'd never witnessed such absolute silence in my life. Many of the passengers turned their heads to the rear of the plane but not a sound was made as myself and the other escort donned our jackets, grabbed our bags, and headed down the aisle. I realized then that all eyes were on us. As we neared the exit an older gentleman

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leaned toward us and broke the silence with something I will never forget, "God bless you both," he said.

I am, sir, most truly blessed. I have been afforded the opportunity to work alongside some of the greatest sons and daughters of our nation. We know and understand that each day presents the possibility of injury and/or death and we take all precautions to prevent them. But we sacrifice that possibility because you depend on us. We train through the roughest of conditions, with minimum sleep and limited resources, anywhere at anytime, to ensure we are always ready.

We, sir, are most honored that you entrust us to defend your country.

So I'm writing this letter to say thanks. Thank you Delta Airlines; thank you gentlemen for your seats; thank you sir for your blessings; and thank you America for your support. You see...we as soldiers don't expect you to understand the ways in which we live, train, and fight; we just ask for a thank you from time to time. A little appreciation from the people we're defending weighs more than a chest full of awards and medals.

Slover gave his life training to defend the very code of morality and ethics he exemplified and believed in. Slover believed in the Army and his country. I worked alongside Slover for over a year. He was good at his job and he loved it. He never complained and always did what was asked of him. Slover always maintained the courage of his convictions. I hope he lied to rest knowing he was appreciated. If not, we failed as a nation and we owe it to him.

Sgt. Slover...thank you! You will be missed!

Daniel Ashley

1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry

"READY AND FORWARD"



### NOTICE

WHEN YOU RECEIVE THIS ISSUE OF THE TARO LEAF AND YOU HAVE A FRIEND WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED THEIR ISSUE, PLEASE REMIND YOUR FRIEND TO CHECK AND SEE IF THEIR DUES ARE CURRENT.

Beetle Bailey



# SPECIAL - ANNOUNCEMENT!!

## A COLOR PHOTO MEMORY BOOK IS GOING TO BE CREATED FOR THIS YEAR'S 24th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOC. REUNION

Your Reunion Committee has chosen CLASSIC REUNIONS to take individual and couple portraits at your banquet on **SEPTEMBER 26, STARTING AT 4:30 p.m.** These portraits, along with candid photos of your reunion activities will be used to create a Reunion Portrait Book. *There is no charge or obligation for having your portrait taken by our photographer. Make sure you are in the book. Have your picture taken.*



### FOR THOSE MEMBERS ATTENDING

If you are attending the reunion, please fill out the information below and bring it with you to the camera so you will not have to take time to do it then. You will have an opportunity to purchase a book for \$22.00 (includes postage & handling) when you receive your proof order form.

### FOR THOSE MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING

If you cannot attend, you can still enjoy the Reunion with a copy of the COLOR Reunion Book. Just enclose your check for \$22.00 (includes postage & handling). If you would like your picture included in the book enclose a 2x3 vertical color photo of yourself/family. (NO Polaroid photos are allowed). The picture will not be returned. Print your name on the back of the photo in soft black pencil or on a sticky label. Make your check payable to CLASSIC REUNIONS and mail to:

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People in picture: **Front row** (l to r) Terry Croy, Luke Campbell, Joyce Campbell, Larry Boatright, Rachel Boatright, Lisa Elliott, Lisa Haile, Melissa Siegel. **Back row** (l to r) Trent Edgar, Dennis Mefford, Wally Boatright, Susie Edgar, Linda Hamilton, Deb Benton, Lisa Riddell, Dan Daulton. Employees not pictured: Carolyn Dieckman and Susan Burke

B-W Graphics is a full line job printing shop located in Versailles, MO that has seen many changes in recent years. Larry and Rachel Boatright opened the printing shop in the back of a newspaper building in Stover in 1969 and moved to present location in Versailles, where the first building was built in 1975.

The Boatrights' son Wally Boatright and Son-In-Law, Terry Croy joined the operation while still housed in the original building. In 1992 the first expansion allowed space for new services to be added and they entered the computer age with graphic designs that can be printed directly to a full color copy machine or printed in larger quantities on press. Many services that you might not expect to find in a rural area are now available at their location, 101 Westview, Versailles, MO. They offer anything that you would ever need in the printing field. The "unusual" requests may take some research but the sources are vast and the service you will receive will be personal. The fifteen full time and 2 part time employees make a very strong team that will make you feel welcome as they help you with your printing projects.

In 1997, they had outgrown their new space and another building was added that doubled their

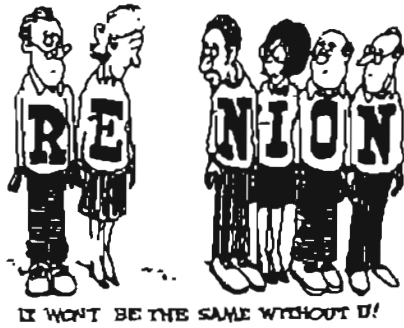
total space. The new building houses all the presses and bindery equipment while the front building, which faces Westview is used for computer stations and a promotional products showroom. Anything that can be imprinted is available from their location, including a very complete line of wearables for screen printing or embroidery.

In 1996 Rudy and Yvonne Mullins were the editors and living at Rocky Mount, Missouri, which is about 30 miles from Versailles and looking for a printer. The yellow pages sent them to B-W Graphics for a quote and May of 1996 the first publication of the "Victory Division News" rolled off the presses. Color pictures and some new touches have been added in the hopes of dressing up the "news". The publication is taken to the printer practically camera ready and pictures are scanned and borders and other small touches are added before the printing process begins. The publication is then collated, folded, stitched and labeled to hit the "mail stream". The bar coding that has been added to the address labels has helped to shave cost of postage and speed delivery.

Your comments and suggestions are welcomed, especially your "compliments". The purpose of **YOUR** "Victory Division News" is to draw the Association closer and to share memories.

*Your Editor - Yvonne Mullins*





## Come On Down!



Little Rock is the center of continental United States and is uniquely accessible by air, rail, or interstate.

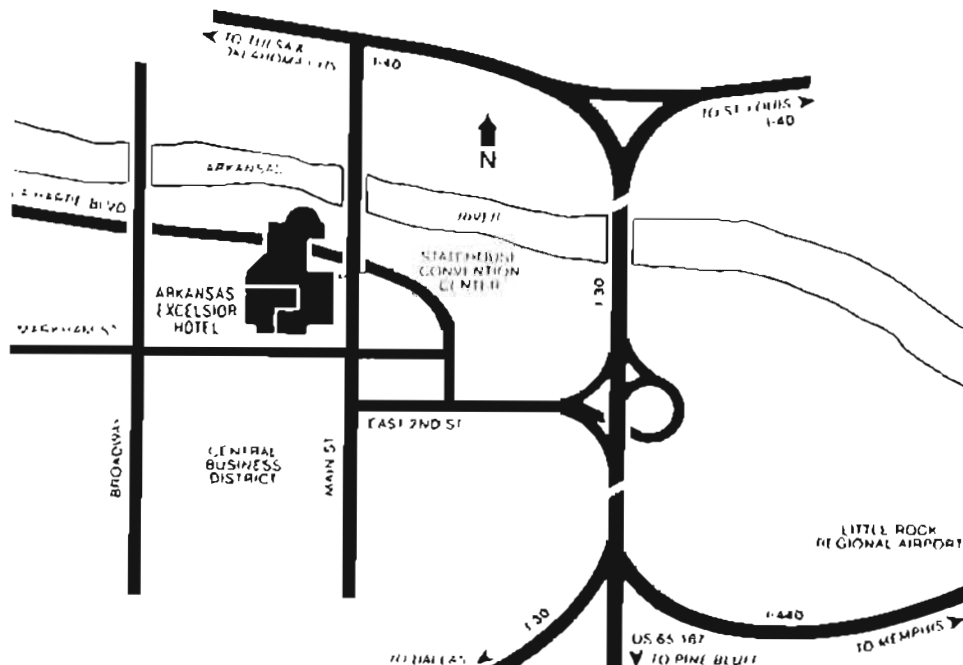
In 1998 the 24th Division Association Reunion will be held at the Arkansas Excelsior Hotel in Little Rock. This is a 5 Star Hotel. The Excelsior Hotel is conveniently located next to the Old State House on the banks of the Arkansas River, only 10 minutes from the airport. It is situated atop the magnificent Statehouse Convention Center and has free parking for guests and complimentary airport limousine service. The rooms are spacious and clean. They offer four restaurants and two lounges for your dining and enjoyment.

This is a great place to renew old acquaintances and meet and make new friends.

If you are driving to Little Rock and you need more information on sites to visit you may contact the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism.

The hotel will go to any length to make your stay pleasant.

The staff said come on down...we'll help you enjoy it!



# **LITTLE ROCK CAMPING INFORMATION**

## **Arkansas River - Maumelle**



Phone: (501) 329-2986

88 sites: Water, boat ramp, hookups, dump station, showers, restrooms, five pavilions, and playground. Three miles off State Highway 10 on Old Penal Farm Road.

## **Burns Park**

Phone: (501) 753-0086

Off I-40 North Little Rock. 37 sites: Boat ramp, hookups, dump station, showers, restrooms and playground. Park gates locked at midnight.

## **Benton RV Park**

Phone: (501) 778-1244

19 miles west on I-30 at Benton. 105 sites: Propane, game room, groceries, swimming, playground.

## **KOA Kampgrounds**

Phone: (501) 758-4598

I-40 west at exit 148, North Little Rock. 100 sites, Propane, recreation room, groceries, showers, swimming.

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## **IMPORTANT !**

### **PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS**

It has been brought to my attention that some members are not mailing their registrations to the proper place.

**\*You must mail your checks along with your registrations to the following:**

**\*Hotel Reservations**

**Mail to the Arkansas Excelsior Hotel!**

**\*Unit Breakfasts**

**Mail to the chairman of your unit breakfast only!**

**\*Registration, meals, tours, ladies breakfast**

**Mail to the Little Rock Convention Bureau only!**

## **ATTENTION: 19th, 21st, 34th, 339th, 3rd Engineers & all Artillery Units**

Your annual breakfast will be held Saturday, September 26, 1998, 7:30 A.M. at the Arkansas Excelsior Hotel. The rooms where each breakfast will be served will be announced in the June issue of the Taro Leaf. The cost for each breakfast is \$12.00 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:**

*Roasted Breakfast Potatoes, Chilled Orange Juice, Softly Scrambled Eggs, Grilled Ham, Assorted Danish & Muffins, Butter, Jams and Preserves, Freshly Brewed Coffee.*

### **Please mail your registration with your check to the correct chairperson of your Unit**

#### **19th Infantry - Mail Registration To:**

Gene Spicer  
8937 W. 750 N.  
Commiskey, IN 47227  
(812) 873-6548

***\*Make checks payable to:***

**19th Infantry Breakfast**

#### **339th Engineers - Mail Registration To:**

Joseph Hofrichter  
134 Tocopilla Street  
Port Charlotte, FL 33983-4261  
(941) 764-9458

***\*Make checks payable to:***

**339th Engineers Breakfast**

#### **21st Infantry - Mail Registration To:**

Harry Wittman  
1385 Terri Street  
Keyser, WV 26726  
(304) 788-0465

***\*Make checks payable to:***

**21st Infantry Breakfast**

#### **All Division Artillery Units - Mail Registration To:**

Robert Smith  
7720 Deer Lane  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494  
(715) 325-5057

***\*Make checks payable to:***

**24th Division Artillery Breakfast**

#### **34th Infantry - Mail Registration To:**

Hurdis Wise  
724 W. Saline Circle  
Benton, AR 72015-2531  
(501) 778-8673

***\*Make checks payable to:***

**34th Infantry Breakfast**

#### **3rd Engineers - Mail Registration To:**

Billy Johnson  
2416 Kimberly Drive  
Fayetteville, NC 28306-2345  
(910) 424-3840

***\*Make checks payable to:***

**3rd Engineers**

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### **UNIT MEMORIAL BREAKFAST REGISTRATION FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of breakfast \$12.00 each

## ***Introducing Our Key-Note Speaker***

Nick D. Bacon was appointed as Director of the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs by Governor Tucker on April 5, 1993. Mr. Nick Bacon is a resident of Rosebud, Arkansas. He was born in Caraway Arkansas. His military career includes 21 years of Active Military Service with the U.S. Army. Nick served two tours in Vietnam and retired in the Rank of First Sergeant.

Following his retirement in 1984 he served 18 months with the VA Regional Office in Phoenix, Arizona, two years as Med-Vet Coordinator (A medical program he helped create and staff). Three years as City Manager of a small city in Arizona and for the past four years with the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs, serving the veterans of the State of Arkansas.

His military decorations include the Congressional Medal of Honor, The Distinguished Service Cross, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, Army Commendation Medal, three awards and many other service awards.

Staff Sergeant *Bacon* distinguished himself while serving as a squad leader with the 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon, Company B, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry, 11<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, Americal Division, during an operation 26 August 1968, west of Tam Ky, Republic of Vietnam. When Company B came under fire from an enemy bunker line to the front, Staff Sergeant *Bacon* quickly organized his men and led them forward in an assault. He advanced on a hostile bunker and destroyed it with grenades. As he did so, several fellow soldiers including the 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon leader, were struck by machine-gun fire and fell wounded in an exposed position forward of the rest of the platoon. Staff Sergeant *Bacon* immediately assumed command of the platoon and assaulted the hostile gun position, finally killing the enemy guncrew in a single-handed effort. When the 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon moved to Staff Sergeant *Bacon*'s location, its leader was also wounded. Without hesitation Staff Sergeant *Bacon* took charge of the additional platoon and continued the fight. In the ensuing action he personally killed four more enemy soldiers and silenced an antitank weapon. Under his leadership and example, the members of both platoons accepted his authority without question. Continuing to ignore the intense hostile fire, he climbed up on the exposed deck of a tank and directed fire into the enemy position while several wounded men were evacuated. As a result of Staff Sergeant *Bacon*'s extraordinary efforts, his company was able to move forward, eliminate the enemy positions, and rescue the men trapped to the front. Staff Sergeant *Bacon*'s bravery at the risk of his life was in the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army. For this reason he was presented the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Nick is a life member of the American Legion, The Military Order of the Purple Heart, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars (with appointments as National Aid De-Camp), and other military service organizations.

He has always committed himself to serving those who have served, their widows and orphans. He and another Vietnam veteran created and established a medical program that provides short term acute care services for veterans, their spouses and widows/widowers on Medicare in the State of Arizona.

His motto is, "To serve those who have served."

His message is clear, we shall remember that we are all Americans and enjoy freedom unlimited in the greatest country in the world thanks to our veterans, and our veterans will not be forgotten.



# *Ladies Breakfast*

***Saturday, September 26, 1998  
9:00AM***

Be sure to sign up for the Ladies Breakfast, it is something you won't want to miss. The program is planned at the same time the 24th Infantry Division Association Business Meeting is taking place.

***Our guest is Joanie Tiefel, she's a motivational humorist and her presentation is a light-hearted look at the world around us and the impact that other people have on our lives. Her topic, "Lighten Up Your Life With Laughter," will tickle your funny bone. She begins a diet every Monday and wants to be a size 3 by Friday!***

***The menu consists of :  
Creamy Scrambled Eggs with Three Cheeses; Roasted Breakfast Potatoes  
Chilled Orange Juice; Grilled Ham  
Assorted Mini Danish Muffins; Butter, Jams and Preserves  
Milk, Tea or Freshly Brewed Coffee (regular and decaf)***

We have an action packed morning planned for you. A scrumptious breakfast, good friends, and an all around very enjoyable morning for only \$12.00.

**\*Send your reservations early! This is one "Ladies Breakfast" you won't want to miss!**

**\*Make checks payable to: 24th Infantry Division Association**

**\*Mail checks to: Little Rock Convention Bureau  
P.O. Box 207  
Little Rock, AR 72203**

**Ladies Breakfast**



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$12.00 each      #Attending \_\_\_\_\_      Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_





24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL REUNION

September 23 - 27, 1998

Arkansas Excelsior Hotel, Little Rock, Arkansas



**MAIL TO:**

Little Rock Convention Bureau  
P.O. Box 207  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

24th Infantry Division Association

FIRST TIMER? (yes - no) \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Please **PRINT** legibly Nickname for Badge \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code

24TH DIVISION OUTFITS #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Served \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Give Assigned Unit)

#2 \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Served \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Wife/Guests Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Please List Food Allergies and/or special diets required. \_\_\_\_\_

	Per Person	No. Attending	Amount
<b>*REQUIRED REGISTRATION FEE.....</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>		<b>\$15.00</b>
(Guests & Spouse Excluded)			
<b>Fri Aloha Night Dinner.....</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	_____	\$ _____
<b>Sat. Memorial Banquet.....</b>	<b>\$26.00</b>	_____	\$ _____
<b>*Note: Door Prices 10% Higher</b>		<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>





## **REUNION BANQUET SEATING**

If you have a group of friends who wish to be seated together,  
**GET TOGETHER AND PAY TOGETHER**  
send your Registration Forms in one packet (envelope). Tables are arranged for ten (10) persons per table. Reserve one table, two tables or as many as needed to accommodate your group. Designate one person (or couple) and send in your registration forms along with the appropriate amount of money, by check or money order, to whoever is designated. That person (or couple) will put it all together in one envelope and forward it on to the convention bureau who will then complete the paperwork and notify each person or couple of receipt. A packet in your name will be waiting for you at the pre-registration desk at the Arkansas Excelsior Hotel. Tables will be assigned in order of receipt. So start your planning early and get your reservation and registrations in as early as possible.

**Once tables are assigned they will not be rearranged.**

**\*Remember door prices are 10% higher so be an early bird and register early!**

**THE CUT-OFF DATE IS - SEPTEMBER 11, 1998**

**THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS AFTER THAT  
DATE!**

**WELCOME TO THE ARKANSAS EXCELSIOR HOTEL  
HOTEL RESERVATION FORM**

**24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION**

September 23 to September 27, 1998



PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING ACCOMMODATIONS:

Room Type Request                      Rate

Standard Single.....\$65.00

Standard Double.....\$65.00

SPECIAL REQUESTS: Smoking\_\_\_ Non-Smoking\_\_\_ Connecting Room\_\_\_  
Disabled Room\_\_\_ Hearing Impaired Room\_\_\_

\*All special requests will be noted but cannot be guaranteed, due to the overall hotel availability.

**CUT OFF DATE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 1, 1998**

The discounted room rate will be extended 3 days prior and 3 days after your reunion.  
(After this date, rooms will be on space and rate availability only)

Date of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Nights \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Departure \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ TEL.NO. (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Sharing Room With \_\_\_\_\_

If guaranteed to a major credit card please give the following information:

\_\_\_ AMEX \_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_ MC \_\_\_ CARTE BLANCHE \_\_\_ DISCOVER \_\_\_ DINERS CLUB

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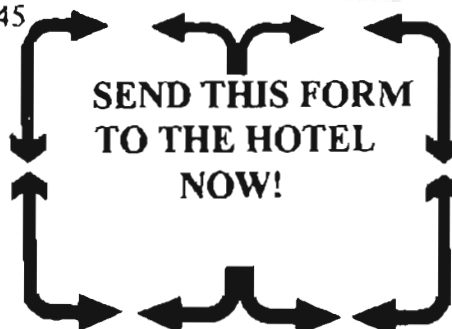
For additional Hotel information call 1-(800) 527-1745

**MAIL TO: 1998 Reunion**

Arkansas Excelsior Hotel

Three Statehouse Plaza

Little Rock, Arkansas 72201





## Countryside Tour

Wednesday, September 23, 1998

Noon-4:30pm

Seat of government, financial center, focus of arts and entertainment, Little Rock is a cosmopolitan capitol city at the heart of Arkansas.

Two of the city's historic neighborhoods with beautifully preserved older homes are included in this tour: The Historic Quapaw Area developed around the site of the old Little Rock Arsenal. The birthplace of General Douglas MacArthur, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Only one building remains today and it is the home of the Arkansas Museum of Science and History.

Adjacent to the Museum is The Arkansas Arts Center. Nearby is one of Little Rock's most beautiful antebellum houses, the restored Pike-Fletcher-Terry mansion, is now home of the Arts Center's Decorative Arts Museum.

In The Governor's Mansion Area are many fine examples of restored Victorian homes. One notable example is the Villa Marre.

Little Rock is home to three capitols: the Arkansas Territorial Restoration which serve as the seat of the first governmental body in the Arkansas Territory prior to statehood in 1836; The Old State House, Arkansas' first State Capitol; and the present State Capitol building, a replica of our nation's capitol in Washington, D.C.

Just outside the city is some of the South's finest farm land. Depending on the season of the year, you will view cotton, rice, soy beans and catfish farming.

Marlsgate Plantation is an example of the opulence which existed during the plantation life of the 1800's in the south. This 28 room southern mansion has been meticulously restored and features fine English and American antiques throughout.

**Tour includes:** Drive by city tour including the Historic Quapaw Area, the Governor's Mansion, the Arkansas State Capitol and Central High School. Narrated tour of Arkansas Territorial Restoration, four restored houses dating back to the early 19th Century, and the Hinderliter Grog Shop (the oldest structure remaining in the city), preserved from the days when Little Rock was a boisterous town in Arkansas Territory. View of the rich farming area, guided tour of Marlsgate Plantation, where you will be served an English Style High Tea. This 28-room Southern mansion reflects the plantation life of the 1800's.

## Hot Springs Tour

Wednesday, September 23, 1998

Thursday, September 24, 1998

10:30am-4:30pm



Hot Springs is located an hour and a half southwest of Little Rock. The hot springs here have drawn visitors since the days of the Indians, when, legend has it, the valley in which they flowed was a sanctuary where rivalries were forgotten so all could enjoy the spring's restorative power. That tradition continued into the early part of this century, when the spa that grew up around the springs was popular not only with the social elite of America but with such gangsters as Al Capone and Owney Madden; all found the warm water relaxing, the surrounding scenery beautiful.

Today, Hot Springs is a sizable city inside a national park. Only one spring still flows free; the others are channeled into a common, government-regulated source that supplies hot water to bathhouses and hotels.

Although thermal baths were the initial drawing card for Hot Springs, another traditional form of entertainment has also been bringing visitors there for over 75 years: thoroughbred racing. Three lakes make Hot Springs tops for water sports in summer.

**Tour includes:** Narrated city tour of Hot Springs, featuring Fordyce Bath House, Mountain Valley Water Building, vintage homes along the historic Quapaw Avenue. Cruise on Lake Hamilton aboard "The Ducks" (amphibious vehicle) and lunch at Buffy's Buffet.







## **Historic Little Rock Tour**

**Thursday, September 24, 1998**

**Saturday, September 26, 1998**

**1:00 pm-4:30pm**

Seat of government, financial center, focus of arts and entertainment, Little Rock is a cosmopolitan capital city at the heart of Arkansas.

Little Rock is home to three capitols: the Arkansas Territorial Restoration which served as the seat of the first governmental body in the Arkansas Territory prior to statehood in 1836; The Old State House, Arkansas' first State Capitol; and the present State Capitol building, a replica of our nation's capitol in Washington, D.C.

Two of the city's historic neighborhoods with beautifully preserved older homes are included in this tour. The Historic Quapaw Area developed around the site of the old Little Rock Arsenal. The birth place of General Douglas MacArthur, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Only one building remains today and it is the home of the Arkansas Museum of Science and History.

Adjacent to the Museum is The Arkansas Arts Center. Nearby is one of Little Rock's most beautiful antebellum houses, the restored Pike-Fletcher-Terry mansion. The restoration is now home to the Arts Center's Decorative Arts Museum.

In the Governor's Mansion Area are many fine examples of restored Victorian homes. One notable example is the Villa Marre. Nearby is Little Rock Central High School which became the focus of world attention during the Integration Crisis of 1957 and 1958. This marvelous structure is one of the premier high schools of the nation.

**Tour includes:** Narrated tour of Little Rock's Quapaw Area, including the Old State House, Arkansas' first state capitol. Narrated tour of the Villa Marre, a Victorian house-museum combining design features of both the Italianate and Second Empire styles of architecture, featured in the opening scenes of *"Designing Women"*. Narrated tour of the Arkansas Territorial Restoration, four restored houses dating back to the early 19th century, and the Hinderliter Grog Shop (the oldest structure remaining in the city), preserved from the days when Little Rock was a boisterous town in Arkansas Territory. Guided tour of The Arkansas State Capitol, which is a down-scale replica of our Nation's Capitol in Washington, D.C. The legislature of 1911 met in the new building as has each session since that time. Exhibits in the public areas are changed frequently. We will have tea at the Governor's Mansion.

# **Little Rock Air Force Base**

**Friday, September 25, 1998**



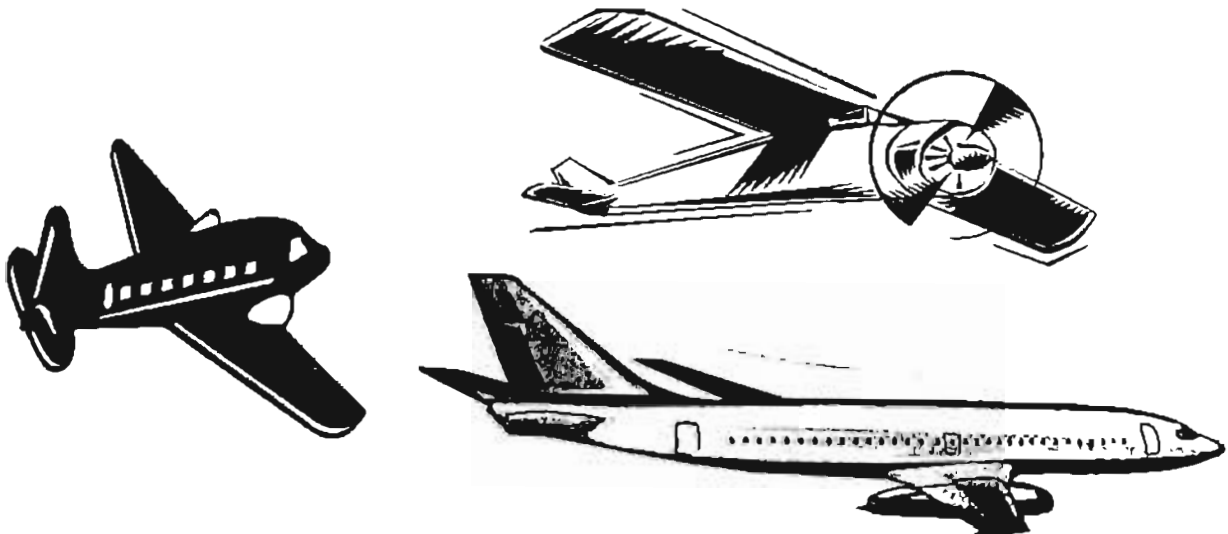
**9am-3pm**

The Little Rock Air Force Base, "The Rock," is the largest C-130 base in the world. The 314th Airlift Wing operates 44 C-130s to train, provide, and support forces for theater combat delivery to uphold U.S. interests worldwide. As the only Department of Defense C-130 formal training school, they train approximately 2,300 students from the Air Force, sister military services, the Coast Guard and many allied nations. Students are trained in all five C-130 crew positions: pilot, copilot, navigator, flight engineer and loadmaster.

The 463rd Airlift Group, our operational tenant unit, is a key component in developing, operating and sustaining airlift forces in support of U.S. interests worldwide. This group of highly-trained military professionals make sure these missions are carried out by maintaining a vital state of readiness.

**Tour includes:** The Little Rock Air Force Base will send tour escorts at 8:30am to the Arkansas Excelsior Hotel for a action packed full day of demonstrations. You will view tactical capabilities demonstrations of the C-130 aircraft. You will also view static displays of the C-130's. From there we will go the Officers Club for a noon luncheon. After lunch we will have a mission briefing. From there we will go to the Army & Air Force Exchange Service where you will be allowed to shop for approximately 1 hour.

**\*We have been informed that the the "Blue Angels" may be performing an air show at the Little Rock Air Force Base Saturday and Sunday. While we are touring on Friday they will be practicing their show. If so we will be allowed to watch and observe their intricate flying patterns. We will have a confirmation in the next Taro Leaf.**



# 24th Infantry Division Tour Registration Form

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address City State Zip

Event Time Cost # Persons Amount

## Wednesday, September 23, 1998

#1 Hot Springs Tour 10:30am-4:30pm \$45 X \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#2 Countryside Tour Noon-4:30pm \$42 X \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Thursday, September 24, 1998

#3 Little Rock Historical Tour 1:00pm-4:30pm \$32 X \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#4 Hot Springs Tour 10:30am-4:30pm \$45 X \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Friday, September 25, 1998

#5 Little Rock Air Force Base 9:00am-3:00pm \$20 X \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Saturday, September 26, 1998

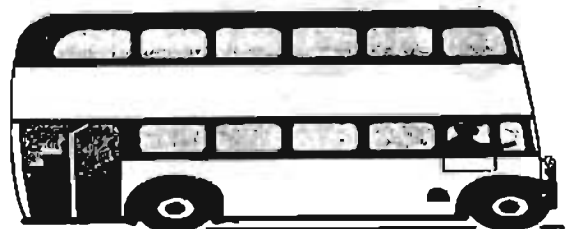
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TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable To: 24th Infantry Division Association

Mail Checks To: Little Rock Convention Bureau  
P.O. Box 207  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

**Registration Deadline:** September 11, 1998



TO: Dragon Red, White and Blue

SUBJECT: 34th Infantry Breakfast Little Rock AR

FROM: Ben Wahle, E-G 34th '42 - '45



On Saturday September 26, 1998 at 7:30 A.M. we will celebrate our inaugural Red Newman breakfast in memory of our former Regimental Commander Major General Aubrey S. Newman.

I personally invite the following members of the 34th to this affair. I know I may have missed a few members but it is unintentional and ask each of you to call another member and invite him to this memorable event.

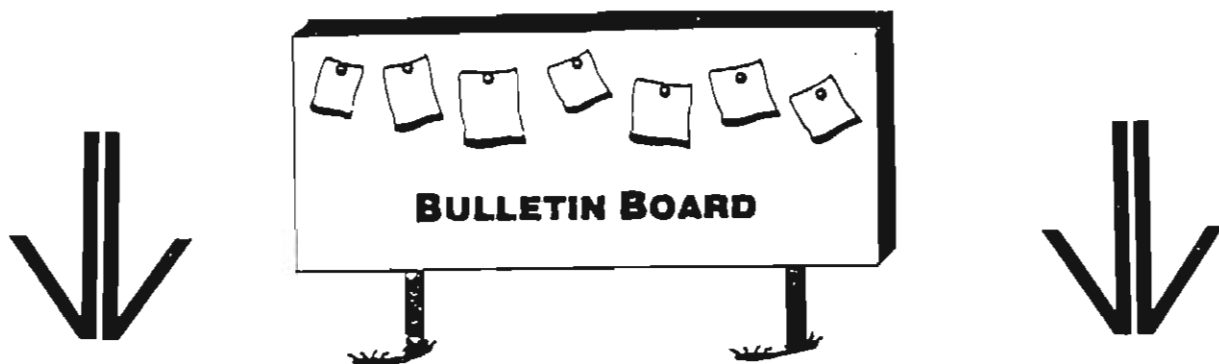
Tony Alicknovic	Joe Hofrichter
Tony Apodaca	Jack Kirk
Paul Austin	Lawrence Lockhart
Jack Baird	Dave Mann
R.S. Bowen	Nick Marasco
Paul Cain	Elwyn Miller
Doc Cameron	M.G. Montaglione
Tom Cochran	Bob Olson
Cecil Cox	George Scott
Otto Daems	Ed Shields
Chris Deghi	Rod Stock
Rudy Di Giacomo	Clink Stubbs
Eric Diller	Jim Sullivan
Hank Dyer	Lou Tacchi
Ken Foldoe	Gordon Vaksdal
Sal Frederick	Dan Valles
Lee Freeman	LGen Jim Vaught
Max Garland	Dana Wallace
Tom Garrison	Jim Wingard

Send your check to: Hurdis Wise, 724 W. Saline Circle, Benton, AR 72015-2531.  
Phone: 501-778-8673. Make check payable to: 34th Infantry Breakfast.

Lets make this the biggest 34th breakfast ever. Ken, wherever you may be you are invited and remember I owe you ten bucks. I missed the last one but will see you there.

Hollandia - June 1944. Wahle & Austin  
CO's "G" and "F"





### REUNION STEINS

There are a limited number of steins left from the reunion. These are crystal and etched with our Taro Leaf Patch. They are offered for \$10, includes postage. Send money to: 24th Inf Div Assoc  
PO Box 6066  
Colorado Springs CO  
80934-6066

### Korea P.O.W.

**A Thousand Days of Torment**  
by William H. Funchess  
107 Brookwood Dr  
Clemson, SC 29631, Phone: 864-654-4617  
Send payment of \$15.00 plus \$3.00 shipping to Bill at the above address.

### BULLETS AND BAYONETS

By Paul Austin  
Send check for \$18.00 to Paul  
at: 3945 Misty Meadows Dr  
Fort Worth TX 76133  
Phone: 817-263-4030  
Fax: 817-294-2432  
e-mail paustin@flash.net  
**Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery**

### PRIVATE by Lester Atwell

\$25 plus \$5 shipping and Handling  
add'l books \$1.50 S&H  
Send to: A&A Publishing  
c/o M. Atwell  
314 Wayne Ave.,  
Lansdowne, PA 19050

### MEMOIRS OF A COMBAT

**INFANTRYMAN by an Enemy Alien,**  
is available for \$10.00 + \$2.00 shipping.

To: Eric Diller  
504 Via La Selva  
Redondo Beach, CA 90277  
Phone: 310-375-2024

**Allow 1-2 weeks for delivery**

Note: Lester Atwell went into the Army in June 1943 and served until November '45. Private, originally published in 1958. Now, a small edition of Private has been reprinted.



### ATTENTION!

**26th AAA (AW) SP BN**  
**A Battery - Japan-Korea Reunion**  
September 10-13, 1998  
San Antonio, TX

Contact: Bill Earley  
25 Kelly Road  
Hamden, CT 06518  
Phone: 203-248-6834

To all former members  
of the Amphibious Tank and  
Tractor Battalion. A Reunion  
is being planned in Franklin, TN  
in October. For more details contact:  
Donald Storer at  
1-606-491-6159



**Sixth  
Armored  
Division  
Association**



Post Office Box 5011  
Louisville, Kentucky 40255-0011

Edward F. Reed  
Secretary-Treasurer

June 4, 1998

Mrs. Yvonne Mullins  
Secretary & Editor  
24th Infantry Division Association  
31150 See View Drive  
Rocky Mount, MO 65072-2903

Dear Yvonne:

Sincere congratulations on that magnificent May issue of your Victory Division News, and the well-deserved tributes to Ken Ross. We had been exchanging issues of our publications for years, but more recently our Super Sixers had been going to Robert Lawhon in Proctorville, Ohio. I have made the change in our computer mailing list.

I have been Secretary-Treasurer and Editor of our Association 45 years - since 1953. My predecessor had the job five years, 1948 to 1953, and sweet-talked me into taking it over

Over the years Ken Ross and I had exchanged letters and some phone calls. I always got a kick out of his selection of cartoons and sketches.

Your May issue is something every 24th member will treasure forever. I receive about 30 different newsletters from the armored, infantry and airborne associations and usually pass them around to our local 6th Armored members. But your May issue is one I'm going to keep for myself.

Best wishes for a successful reunion in Little Rock. Our 51st will be in Colorado Springs, Sept. 15-20th, but at a different hotel from where you were last year.

Congratulations again on a splendid, professional and most inspirational tribute to Ken "Mr. 24th" Ross.

Sincerely,

Edward F. Reed

## ABOUT NEW YORK

by: Douglas Martin

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### A Colonel, then a businessman, and now, at 83, an explorer of the Feminine Mystique.

Thomas F. Upton, age 83, graduated from college last month, realizing his grandest ambition. He forthwith set his next goal: "A Ph.D or 100 whichever comes first."

Mr. Upton, Fordham University '91, was an Army Colonel, then a businessman. But he never thought conventionally, even as he played conventional roles in a life that originated in Manhattan and found a winding way to his present home in Forest Hills, Queens.

Despite his lack of a high school education, Mr. Upton learned to go nowhere without a good book and came to believe that "you always remain a 10 or 11 year old kid."

But it was only after four score years of life that he learned one of his most important life lessons: that there is more to womanhood than he ever knew.

"It was a total eye-opener to me", he said of his impulsive decision to take a women's literature course - a move that would alter his worldview at the ripe age of 83.

This is a man of surprises. He introduced himself as "Mr. Telephone Booth," and quickly demonstrated why. Mr. Upton purposefully led us to the island on 43rd Street that bisects Broadway and Seventh Avenue and pointed to a row of 10 phones. He said he designed them with New York City in mind. First, a sheet of sloping metal makes it impossible to urinate without getting one's shoes wet. Second, "there is no possible way of living in

them."

They are, he assured, as spiffy as when they were installed a quarter century ago. His other booth achievements - as a designer for a company that sells such to phone companies - include those ubiquitous phone pedestals, the fitting of phones into subway 1-beams and phone carousels for airports.

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Awaiting tripe in a French restaurant, Mr. Upton displayed some photographs. Two were of his daughters - one a Roman Catholic nun, the other a concert pianist.

The next showed a woman in a very tailored suit and fishnet veil. This was Anitra Upton, his beloved wife, dead for three years. At the time of this dramatic picture, she was dancing in "Louisiana Purchase" on Broadway.

The pictures launched Mr. Upton's memory on a slow cruise directly to nowhere in particular. This son of a bookbinder forsook high school, instead attending a business school, where he grimly learned mediocre shorthand. College was his impossible dream. So he went to work as a telegraph operator, then as a stockbroker. On Feb. 14, 1941, he was drafted into the United States Army. He was inducted at (where else?) the now-defunct Camp Upton on Long Island.

There was fighting in the Pacific, jungle rot and promotions at the pace of a stripe a month. But his clearest vision is of the reunion with his Anitra, who had been dancing with a U.S.O. troupe called the Foxhole Ballet in Italy. Married for almost 15 years, they had been separated for over four.

The site was a hotel room. "We studied each other so completely in that first instant," he recalled. Finally, she spoke, "There's a space between your teeth," she said. Mr. Upton emerged from was with an obvious need for dental work, the rank of colonel and enough interest in the military to stay in the reserves for nearly

## Continued(About New York)

two decades. More recently, he served as president of the 24th Infantry Division Association. His war stories have a decidedly literary twist. Did you know, for example, that "War and Peace" and "Brothers Karamazov" are superb companions on a 28 day troop ship ride?

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Books, Mr. Upton says, "were my opening into life." But he always assumed that his lack of a high school education precluded college. Then he heard about a Fordham program allowing adults to become degree candidates just by taking a specified number of courses. He graduated cum laude, a B-plus short of magna.

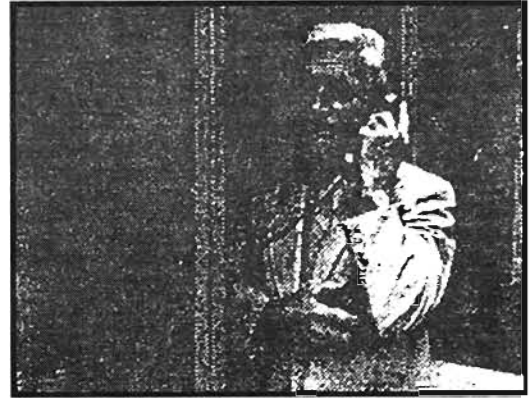
Honors never mattered. Understanding did. Thomas F. Upton late in life learned to violate the Army man's dictum of never asking questions to which one doesn't know the answers. "The military mind is a calculating mind," he said. "With feminine literature, I was given different coordinates."

He was particularly touched by a course titled "The Woman in the Text." He read such feminist critics as Luce Irigaray and Elaine C. Showalter and glimpsed startling new vistas. Female sexuality was more elegant than he'd imagined. He longs to read more about it.

"Here I'd gotten to the 83d year of life, the 59th year of marriage, fatherhood of two daughters and I was constantly amazed at how little I knew about women," he said.

On June 6, he visited Anita's grave to honor their wedding anniversary. "I might have made it more wonderful for her," he thought, perhaps with a tear in his lucid blue eyes.

"I guess we're put on this earth to acquire not knowledge, but wisdom," Mr. Telephone Booth summarized. "That becomes your contribution to the universe."



Chester Higgins Jr./The New York Times

Thomas F. Upton at a bank of telephone booths he designed with New York City in mind.

Thomas F. Upton was born June 7, 1908 in New York City - Entered eternal life on April 21, 1998.

(Eulogies in the Taps Section) Mr. Upton was President of the 24th Infantry Division 1989 - 90.



Tom Upton with lifelong friend Tom Broderick.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM 3/31/98 THROUGH 7/3/98



<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Unit 1</u>	<u>Co.</u>	<u>Donation</u>	<u>In Memory</u>
Paul E	Bader	34th	(G)	\$10.00	
Jack E	Brown	34th	(E&F)	\$10.00	
John A	Brown	21st		\$100.00	Rudy and Ken
Ralph F	Carter	19th	(C)	\$10.00	
Thomas	Cochran	34th	(HQ)	\$193.00	
Andrew Jackson	Davis	3rd Eng	(C Bn)	\$5.00	
James P	Dever	19th	(D)	\$5.00	
Eric	Diller	34th	(H)	\$110.00	
William H	Dodson	34th		\$5.00	
John J	Fecko	3rd Eng		\$15.00	
Charles J	Flanagan	34th	(AT)	\$5.00	
Howard W	Fogelberg	24th Inf Div		\$7.00	
James B	Ford	304th Sig		\$10.00	
Jesse B	Frank	21st	(E)	\$5.00	
William A	Franke	24th Sig		\$10.00	
Paul A	Fraser	52nd		\$50.00	
Walter	Gay	19th	(HQ)	\$10.00	
Robert O	Gray	19th		\$10.00	
John W	Haist	21st	(D)	\$15.00	
Robert T	Hamilton	34th	(HQ)	\$25.00	Dan Cavanaugh
JD	Henley	19th	(B)	\$15.00	Perry Vawter-R Thompson
Donald	Jordison	34th	(G)	\$5.00	
Paul R	Kemper	19th	(HQ)	\$10.00	
Peter	Knapp	19th		\$10.00	
Henry V	Marshall Jr	21st	(A)	\$10.00	
Robert M	Martin	19th	(E)	\$5.00	
Floyd N	Mayhew	21st	(G)	\$15.00	
Frank M	McIntyre	19th	(G)	\$10.00	
Daniel	Mecca	13th		\$10.00	
Walter	Morrison Jr	24th MP		\$5.00	
Robert W	Moser	19th	(B)	\$50.00	3rd PL B CO 34th Inf Regt
Richard J	Muir	34th	(B)	\$15.00	
Jack	Nooney	Div Art	(Btry B)	\$10.00	
Thomas	O'Meara	34th	(I)	\$10.00	Bobby Wolfe (34th)
Robert A	Olson	34th	(M)	\$10.00	
Col Max L	Pitney	63rd		\$50.00	Ken Ross
John	Ragland	21st	(D)	\$5.00	
Gordon A	Raitz	19th		\$5.00	
Charles H	Reese	724th Ord		\$10.00	
Wheeler H	Reynolds	19th	(E)	\$5.00	
Louis W	Rochon	5th RCT		\$5.00	
John R	Sanders	6th Tank		\$10.00	
Beryle E	Schlarb	34th	(I)	\$10.00	
Rudolph	Sillato	34th	(G)	\$5.00	
Sadie	Slanga			\$20.00	
Evans L	Snyder	26th AAA		\$5.00	
William P	Stebens	21st	(G)	\$5.00	

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Ernest P	Terrell	11th		\$75.00
W H	Van Kirk	3rd Eng		\$5.00
Edward M	Wilson	21st	(M)	\$25.00
Raymond M	Youngblood	21st	(B)	\$100.00 Honor of 21st Inf.Gimlets
<b>TOTAL Donation:</b>				\$1,140.00



NEW MEMBERS JANUARY 12-13,1998 (PLEASE ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR DELAY IN LISTING)

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip</u>	<u>Unit 1</u>	<u>Recruited by</u>
Robert D	Bailey JR	Birdsboro	PA	19508	19th	
Ken	Benesh	Austin	MN	55912-9409	21st	John L. Johnsrud
Donald H	Dunn	New Matamoras	OH	45767		
John D	Forman	Oneonta	NY	13820	19th	
Robert A	Gatto	Richmond	CA	94804-1929	21st	John A Brown
Wayne J	Hicks,	Elizabethton	TN	37643	19th	J L Collins
John N	Karwoski	Winfield	IL	60190-1423	19th	Moose Hoffman
Herschel E	Nichols	Garland	TX	75044-5864	21st	VFW Ad
William L	Nichols	Lansing	MI	48910	19th	J P LeMieux
Dick	Seltz	Austin	MN	55912	19th	
Charles F	Sugg DC	Gastonia	NC	28052	24th Med	
Willard P	Willis	Beaufort	NC	28516	19th	
Keith C	Winchenbach	Panama City	FL	32411	21st	VFW Ad

**Total Count** 13

**NEW MEMBERS OF THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION (3/31/98 THROUGH 7/3/98)**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>	<b>Unit 1</b>	<b>Recruited by</b>
Kenneth D	Ackers	Columbus	OH	43220	Div HQ	JD Henley
Robert J	Allen	Patchogue	NY	11772	19th	Harry L. Wittman Jr
John	Arcuri	Charleston	WV	25302-1812	21st	Paper Ad
James C	Bell	Section	AL	35771	21st	Bill Traylor
Charles J	Bianco	Bradenton	FL	34205	34th	Don Clark
Maynard A	Birkholz	Omro	WI	54963-1628	24th Reco	Newspaper Ad
Eugene	Buckley	N Mankato	MN	56003	19th	John L Kirby
Carlos C	Carbon	Marina	CA	93933	34th	Wesley R. Harrison
Joseph R	Cintron	North Las Vegas	NV	89031-6216	21st	
Thomas	Combs	Valparaiso	IN	46383		James W. Flynn, Jr
Ramon F	Cooper	Lake Como	FL	32157	26AAA	Wally Kuhner
Dayton H	Davis	Kalamazoo	MI	49019	34th	
H A	Delameter	Princeton	MO	64673	34th	William H. Bland
Wilbur L	Federwitz	Hewitt	WI	54441	21st	Harry L Wittman, Jr
A P	Fite, Jr	Fayetteville	TN	37334	24th	
Jeffrey J	Garrett	Fountain Inn	SC	29644	24th Ord	Harry L. Wittman, Jr
John F	Gleason	Middleburg Center	PA	16935	21st	M A Mandac
Herman H	Hall SR	Jacksonville	FL	32210-6518	24th Reco	Donald Lennon
John R	Harding	Boca Raton	FL	33432	24th MP	Herb Dareff
Francis E	Haugh	Waynesboro	PA	17268	21st	Paper
James R	Heiles	Pittsburgh	PA	15237-4235	24th	Harry Wittman
James G	Holder	Nashville	TN	37204	21st	VFW Ad
Robert M	Hubbell	Manchester	NH	03103	34th	Newspaper
Paul M	Hurd	Charlotte	NC	28212	19th	Harry L Wittman Jr
Randle	Hutson	Onalaska	TX	77360-4300	11th	C.B. Mason
Robert L	Jacobs	Covington	Ky	41015	3rd Eng	William E. Kerns
Calvin	James	Jewell	KS	66949	11th	Lavern Penn
Ronald M	Jones	Greenville	OH	45331	34th	
Howard J	Koning	Portage	MI	49002	19th	Gary Waterkamp
Pasco	Lancianese	Bradley	WV	25818-0315	19th	Harold Peters
Harold J	Larew	Oxford	IA	52322	34th	Paper
Theodore N	LaRue	Jamestown	TN	38556	34th	T Cochran & H Peters
Al	Marrale	Brooklyn	NY	11214	21st	
Everett	McIlvoy	Delaplaine	AR	72425	19th	James D. Nugent
Albert J	Miller	Newport	PA	17074	19th	
George A	Mlyczek	Seaford	DE	19973-9634	13th	
Jack	Nooney	Jacksonville	FL	32207	Div Art	
Domenick J	Pantalone	Wilmington	DE	19808-2214	19th	Cleon C. Eckler
Jerome L	Pawlak	South Milwaukee	WI	53172	19th	JD Henley
Larry W	Pilgrim	Aldrich	MN	56434	24th Sig	Harold Peters
Jack R	Rains	Clinton	TN	37716-4009	21st	Harold D. Walker
Robert E	Ray	Lees Summit	MO	64064	13th	
Joseph	Rizzo	Bayonne	NJ	07002	34th	Donald G Clark
Albert	Robbat	Somerville	MA	02144	24th Sig	Harry Wittman Jr
Leland H	Runde	Cuba City	WI	53807	19th	
Gary R	Sherman	Chestnut Hill	MA	12467	5th RCT	Paper
Nunzio	Silicato	Mount Kisco	NY	10549	19th	
Clint H	Slinker	Attica	IN	47918	11th	Howard Snider
Lawrence J	Smith	Buzzards Bay	MA	02532	19th	M Sacchitella
Richard	Solat	Babylon, L.I.	NY	11702-1820	26th AAA	Vonnie Mullins

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Francisco	Talavera	Anasco	Porto Rico		34th	T Cochran & H Peters
Samuel David	Taylor	Dunedin	FL	34698	70th Arm	Jim Turpin
Sanford W	Thatcher	Fort Pierce	FL	34982-6314	21st	
Alton A	Urban	Seymour	CT	06483	19th	Ken Ross
Harold D	Walker	Maryville	TN	37803	Div HQ	Paper
Billy M	Walls	Woodland	MS	39776	19th	Vernon Fortner
James	Watkins	Clarks Summit	PA	18411	416 Trans	
Jerry E	Westfall	Clarksburg	WV	26301	34th	Harold Peters
Donald R	Weygandt	Chagrin Falls	OK	44022	21st	T Cochran & H Peters
Olin	Williams	The Colony	TX	75056-1334	34th	Joseph Wicinski
Jerry	Wolfe	Elwood	IN	46036	35th FA	Gerald G. Vincent
Thomas N	Younger	Huntsville	AL	35810-1214	19th	Paper

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**NEW LIFE MEMBERS OF THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 3/31/98 THROUGH 7/3/98**

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Robert W	Allen	21235 W 181st St	Olathe	KS	21st	Life xx
Howard W	Camp	430 South Stadium Dr	Xenia	OH	19th	Life xx
James C	Fine	7608 N 127th East Ave	Owasso	OK	21st	Life xx
A P	Fite, Jr	700 Swanson Blvd	Fayetteville	TN	24th	Life xx
Eugene	Hawk	900 Edgewater Dr	Eustis	FL	21st	Life xx
Jason A	House	77 Arrowhead Dr	Waterloo	NY	19th	Life xx
James M	Jackson	2230 SE 37th St	Topeka	KS	52nd	Life x
Franklin R	Lyon Jr	1312 Harvey LN	Rolla	MO	24th Sig	Life xx
Robert E	Osborn	3929 66th St	Des Moines	IA	34th	Life xx
Nunzio	Silicato	10 West St	Mount Kisco	NY	19th	Life xx
James N	Smith	49 Country Club Cir	Searcy	AR	5th RCT	Life xx
Billy M	Walls	1728 Hwy 15 South	Woodland	MS	19th	Life xx

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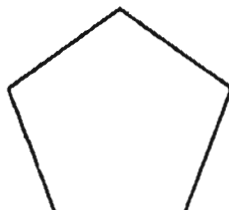


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Richard E	Brookhaus	615 9th Ave	Coralville	IA	5th RCT		6/15/98
Robert W	Moser	5835 Randolph Blvd	San Antonio	TX	19th	(B)	5/15/98
William J	Romz	77 Lake Hinsdale Dr Apt 211	Willowbrook	IL	5th RCT	(D)	6/30/98



## 24th Infantry Division 5th Regimental Combat Team Association



*"I'll Try Sir"*

We of the 5th R.C.T. Association would like to welcome anyone from the 24th Infantry Division Association to join us at our mini reunion Florida November 11 - 15, 1998.

Howard Johnson Resort Hotel  
300 Ala Beach Boulevard  
St. Augustine Beach, Florida 32084  
1-800-752-4037

The room rate is \$58.86 inclusive of tax.  
Guests will be making their own reservations.  
Free continental breakfast Monday thru Friday.

Guest should mention that they are attending this reunion in order to obtain convention rates.

Reservations need to be made by October 10, 1998.

**BUSINESS MEETING**  
Saturday, November 14th  
10:00 a.m.

**BANQUET**  
Saturday, November 14th  
6:30 p.m.

**MENU**  
Tossed Garden Salad,  
Prime Rib, Starch,  
Vegetable, Coffee, Iced Tea,  
Rolls, Cheesecake, Ceasar  
Parmesan Dressing on the  
Tossed Salad.

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### SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

*(Please detach and mail with payment)*

Number of Persons \_\_\_\_\_ at \$23.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send check or money order and make them payable to:  
Bill Kane, 5023 Andrea Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32807  
(407) 275-7450

Payment must be received no later than October 10, 1998





TARO LEAF NOTES  
BY  
JIM HILL  
19th INFANTRY, 1949-51

A final word on the Bronze Star award for Meritorious Service (BSM) as requested by General Church in November 1950. As explained in the TARO LEAF the award was a one time occurrence and was directed by General Church to award those individuals that had been with division since July 1950 and were still present for duty with a division unit in November 1950. His directive was a division directive and was never a Department of the Army order. DA has informed the Association that if the individual did not receive the award at that time based on General Church's directive DA does has not authority to change the military records of individuals to award the medal.

Working with an Association member who deployed with the division from Japan to Korea in July 1950 and was still with the division in November 1950 but did not receive the award the request for the award was submitted through the individual's Congressional Office. That office submitted the request through proper political and military channels to the DA Board for Correction of Military Records. After review the Board responded that General Church's division message "did not direct award of the BSM; it only suggested that soldiers be considered and recommended for the award as appropriate. In view of the foregoing, there is no basis for granting the applicant's request."

Based on the DA review I consider that, finally, we can put this issue to rest. For those individuals who were eligible and did not receive the award at that time I hope they understand the complete circumstances involving the issue of the award.

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Long Time Member B. J. Hunt (19th, Korea), Payson, Arizona recently sent me a photo from Arizona Highways magazine showing the 19th Infantry in formation at Camp Travis, San Antonio, Texas circa 1918. The magazine identifies the 19th as part of the 18th "Cactus" Division and further states that the unit was demobilized in February 1919 following the end of World War I the previous year. I wonder if BJ was a member of the 19th back then! I have documentation showing the 19th as being stationed at Fort Douglas, Arizona in 1920. Maybe they all reenlisted and moved to Arizona!

Official histories document that the 19th Regiment was organized on 4 May 1861 under a proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln to increase the size of the Regular Army during the Civil War. In 1866 records show that the 19th Infantry was stationed in Arkansas and twice was ordered to New Orleans to quell election riots. From 1875 to 1879 the regiment was engaged in fighting



Indians in Kansas and Nebraska. During the 1880s the unit was engaged in frontier police work along the Rio Grande River in Texas. In the 1890s the regiment was stationed at various military post along the Great Lakes. During the war with Spain in 1898 the unit was in Cuba and in 1899 was stationed in Puerto Rica and from there was sent to the Philippines where it served two tours from 1899 to 1902 and from 1905 to 1914 from where it was sent to Vera Cruz, Mexico to occupy that city. In World War I the regiment was assigned to the 18th Division in Texas and was awaiting overseas shipment to Europe when the Armistice was signed. In 1922 the regiment was sent to Hawaii where it was assigned to the 21st Infantry Brigade. On 1 October 1941 the 19th Infantry became a part of the newly formed 24th Infantry Division to which it remained assigned until the reorganization of the US Army eliminated the regimental organization as an integral part of an Infantry Division.

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Had a short visit not too long ago with Bill Ballard (C/3rd Combat Engineers), Japan and Korea. Bill was passing through Georgia on his way to Florida and went out of the way to "drop by". Bill was with C/3rd Engineers in Taejon and recounted his experiences there as a participant in the fight for that city. Bill remembers quite well seeing General Dean and his Bazooka squad when the General went "tank hunting" for a North Korean T-34 tank. Bill is still working for the government in a civilian capacity and vividly recalls those early days of July 1950 when our division was so instrumental in stopping the advance of the North Korean Army at the Kum River, Taejon and other places. Bill ended up with three Purple Hearts from his duty there. Can anyone top that?.

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I was most happy to assist Charles Garrett (19th, Japan and Korea) Rorschach, Switzerland, in finding a copy of Clay Blair's book THE FORGOTTEN WAR. The book is out of print now but is highly recommended for reading by any Korean vet who served there during the conflict. Charles is retired from the United Nations and lives in Switzerland. I remember Charles as a Warrant Officer in Service Company, 19th Infantry at Beppu, Japan in 1950. Vonnice tells me she has also procured a copy for our Association archives.

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Received a letter from Ariston Rafael Acebedo, Tacloban City, Leyte, Philippines asking if I was the Captain James Hill who assisted many residents of Tacloban City and Palo in their land registration problems in 1944. Sorry, Ariston, before my time! Can any of you Leyte vets help in finding another James Hill that was there?

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This humble soldier would like to give a big "THANK YOU" to Ben Wahle (34th Infantry, WWII) Burlingame, California, Dave Mann (34th Infantry, WW II) and the others who were instrumental in publishing the 24th Infantry Division History Book. A great



job fellows. I know that Bob Ender and Ken Ross are looking down and smiling on you all for all your efforts in finalizing the publication of it.

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Received a short note from Vincent Ramon, Springfield, Pennsylvania concerning the history of his uncle, Lewis Pucillo (H/19th, WWII) who recently passed away. Lewis was part of "the Missing Battalion in Mindanao" (2nd Bn./19th) in 1945 and after being discharged from the Army went on to public service as a firefighter for the Philadelphia Fire Department for 25 years.

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Looking forward to seeing everyone in Little Rock in September. I have stayed a few times in the Excelsior Hotel and take my word for it, it is a great, friendly convention hotel!



Page C-2 - HERALD-CITIZEN, Cookeville, Tenn., Sunday, April 5, 1998

## ***Hills celebrate golden anniversary with family***

Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. James Foutch Hill celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, March 21, with a luncheon for family and friends at the Founder's Club in Roswell, Ga.

Colonel Hill, originally from Cookeville, and the former Sue Taylor Warren from Greenbrier were married on March 20, 1948, at the home of Mr. Hill's parents in Rossville, Ga. At the time the couple were students at Tennessee Tech University.

The affair was hosted by their two sons, James Randolph Hill of Memphis and children, James Larkin, Shannon and Morgan, and Commander and Mrs. David Brian Hill, United States Coast Guard, Cape May, N.J. and children, James and Daniel. Also in attendance were Mrs. Hill's sister and brother-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Denny and family of Nashville.

The Hills presently reside in Roswell since his retirement from the Army and later from the State of Georgia where he served as director of planning for a major state agency.



*Sue and James Hill*

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A VISIT WITH THE CHAPLAIN

Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened  
and I will give you rest. Matthew 12:28

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How do we transcend our trials in life? In the pursuit of happiness, we often come up against events that cause us heart break, suffering, pain and even, despair. Our lives are changed forever.

These life-changing events may be external, such as suffering from our own illness, grieving the loss of a loved one, caring for a sick or dying family member, watching our children go through a divorce or dealing with the tragedy of a fire or flood.

At other times, we suffer the secret struggle of worry, depression, or addiction. Even our spirit groans and struggles. These are times when God seems to have abandoned us and we find no consolation in prayer.

Our human experience has taught us that "life is not a bowl of cherries". Trials are an integral part of life. In fact, the Book of Revelation refers to this time on earth as, "the period of trials".

In our dark moments, we may not have the answer to the riddle of trials and suffering. But we can surrender ourselves and our problems into the hands of One who faithfully will walk with us through our dark valleys.

Colonel James used to have this bit of wisdom for those who seemed overly concerned with suffering or what the future held. "What will be, will be -- even if it doesn't happen."

St. Francis de Sales said it a little differently. "Do not fear what may happen tomorrow. The same loving Father who cares for you today, will care for you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you the unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all anxious thoughts, vain dreads and imaginings."

As humans, we will never make total sense out of suffering. But we can cope most sensibly by participating as actively as we can in the healing process and by entrusting ourselves and our problems to the supreme source of love and wisdom.

Peace,

Joseph P. Hofrichter  
Chaplain



Dear Vonnie,

Just chanced to notice the final entry of the "Taps" roster - James M. O'Donnell.

Our Association has lost another of its Past Presidents, one of the most memorable characters. Known to all as "Spike", he was one of a kind. Outspoken and "up and at em" Spike made sure he was heard from and he had a devoted following.

He was an endearing fellow. He overcame a type of cancer that few escape from. In recent years severe arthritis slowed him down, but never stopped him from greeting his many friends at each reunion. He was truly a dedicated fixture. I shall personally miss this 24th Old soldier and dear friend. We have lost another of our most memorable and beloved true characters. Rest in Peace, Spike.

*Jim Moore*



Dear Vonnie,

Compliments on the May '98 edition of the Taro Leaf in memory of Kenwood Ross. This is certainly one to be saved.

"It never rains, but that it pours". Now we must face the loss of another one of our "greats", Thomas F. Upton, another former Association President.

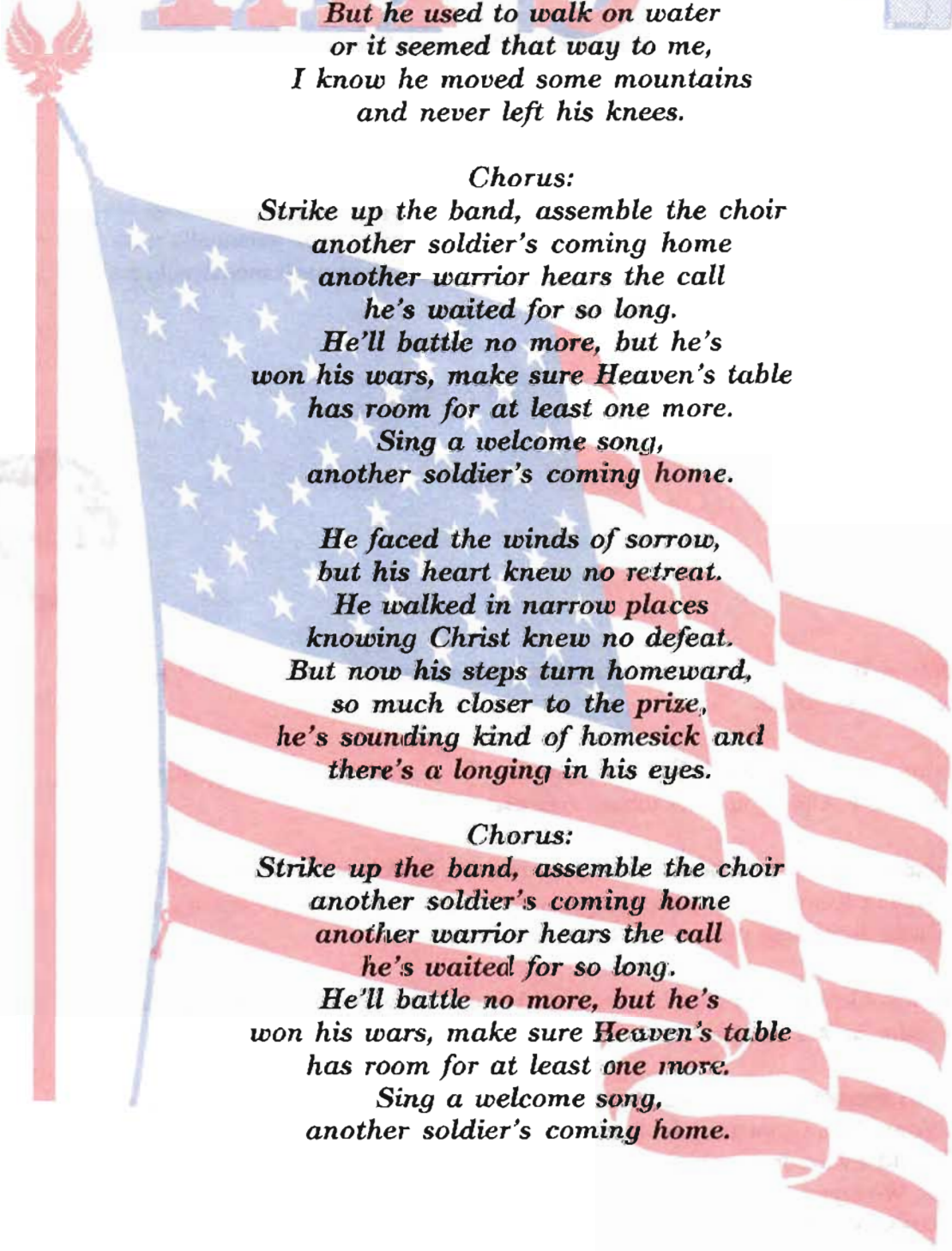
Tom was unable because of illness to attend the reunion in Colorado Springs. Then we read his eulogy of Kenwood Ross and that gave hope that we might see Tom in Little Rock. Now also, he too has passed to his eternal reward.

Tom Upton was liked and admired by all of us. A friendly and wonderful gentleman. A great story teller, with a zest for conversation, well told.

And now, still another of our regulars has passed on, Howard Lumsden, 21st Infantry. As I recall, Howard did a yeoman's job of recruiting for the Division Association a few years back. We could always look forward to seeing Howard and his gracious wife, Gladys at the reunions. We regret Howard's passing. It is to be hoped that Gladys will continue to grace our reunions with her presence.

*Alan L. Moore*

# **"Another Soldier's Coming Home"**



*His back is bent and weary  
His voice is tired and low  
His sword is worn from battle  
and his steps have gotten slow,  
But he used to walk on water  
or it seemed that way to me,  
I know he moved some mountains  
and never left his knees.*

*Chorus:*

*Strike up the band, assemble the choir  
another soldier's coming home  
another warrior hears the call  
he's waited for so long.  
He'll battle no more, but he's  
won his wars, make sure Heaven's table  
has room for at least one more.  
Sing a welcome song,  
another soldier's coming home.*

*He faced the winds of sorrow,  
but his heart knew no retreat.  
He walked in narrow places  
knowing Christ knew no defeat.  
But now his steps turn homeward,  
so much closer to the prize,  
he's sounding kind of homesick and  
there's a longing in his eyes.*

*Chorus:*

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another soldier's coming home  
another warrior hears the call  
he's waited for so long.  
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Deceased: 6/97  
Max Adams  
3rd Eng 7/50-12/51  
403 South Main  
Marble Rock IA 50653

Deceased: 2/98  
Robert Anding  
24th Recon '52-'53  
1045 Highway 35 S  
Sandy Hook MS 39478-9312

Deceased: 1/92  
James Bias  
19th '49-'51

Deceased: 4/98  
Clare W Boak  
63rd 4/45-12/45  
13174 Southwind Ln  
Dewitt MI 48820-9229

Deceased: 1/96  
Jack E Bolin  
21st '40-'44  
313 N McClellan St  
Sullivan IL 61951-1377

Deceased: 4/98  
Myrl E Brown  
34th 11/44-2/45  
1200 E Wells St  
Prairie du Chien WI 53821

Deceased: Date Unknown  
Rolando Cabanas  
24th 6/58-60  
PO Box 991  
Utuaado PR

Deceased: 7/97  
Dr Joseph F Cantalupo  
19th '47-'49  
180 Maple Ave  
Westbury NY 11590-3117

Deceased: 9/97  
Gene Childers  
34th '40-'45  
3225 Mist Lake Ct  
Lexington KY 40515-1063

Deceased: 6/98  
Ralph H Dyer  
34th '44-'44  
798 S Willow Ave  
Cookeville TN 38501-3840

Deceased: Unknown  
Richard D Emerson  
13th 5/43-1/46  
15 Lane 102 Crooked LK  
Angola IN 46703-9149

Deceased: 12/97  
Edwin E Gibbs  
19th '49-'52  
810 Alabama St  
Lawrence KS 66044-3942

Deceased: 4/98  
William R Hanks  
19th 7/42-2/45  
16770-G1 Heritage Bay Rd  
Rogers AR 72756-8256

Deceased: 4/98  
Horace Hoggatt  
339th 4/43-1/45  
220 SW 19th St  
Richmond IN 47374-3841

Deceased: 4/98  
Charles W Hogue  
19th '43-'45  
21 Halleck Ave  
Edwardsville IL 62025-1874

Deceased: 4/98  
James N Jack  
19th 5/48-6/51  
306 Cambridge Dr  
Fairborn OH 45324-2720

Deceased: 4/98  
John A Keppel  
34th 6/45-8/46  
1643 Henrici St  
Ambridge PA 15003-2245

Deceased: 1/97  
Billy Don Loden  
19th '50-'51  
Killeen TX

Deceased: 4/98  
Howard R Lumsden  
21st '50-'51  
167 Hickory St  
Wood River IL 62095

Deceased: Date unknown  
Maj Gen Henry Mohr  
11th '41-'42  
20 Grand Circle Dr  
St Ann MO 63074-3205

Deceased: 9/97  
William V Neely  
Div Arty 8/45-2/48  
3108 Circle Hill Rd  
Alexandria VA 22305-1606

Deceased: 3/98  
Steve Nwtrasky  
3rd Eng  
PO Box 390159  
Anza CA 92539-0159

Deceased: Not Known  
Sterling R Oyster  
24th MP 10/44-12/45  
PO Box 470  
Sunbury PA 17801-0470

Deceased: 3/98  
Maj Joseph A Patti  
21st '44-'45  
5165 Brainard Rd  
Solon OH 44139-1103



Deceased: 4/98  
James L Postma  
21st 3/43-1/45  
720 Louisiana St  
Lawrence KS 66044-2338

Deceased: 4/98  
Louis Pucillo  
19th '43-'46  
2209 S Croskey St  
Philadelphia PA 19145-3308

Deceased: 4/98  
John H Quinnin  
52nd '50-'51  
725 Pleasant St Apt 112  
New Bedford MA 02740-612

Deceased: Not given  
Lloyd Rondo  
19th  
9846 Kewaunee Rd  
Saint Helen MI 48656-9522

Deceased: 4/98  
Edward K Rupp  
Non-Mbr  
Philadelphia PA

Deceased: 1/98  
Elwin John Schmidt  
Non-Mbr  
Grass Valley NV

Deceased: 4/98  
Thomas F Upton  
Div Hq 12/42-8/44  
4 Dartmouth St  
Forest Hills, Queens NY 113

Deceased: 10/97  
Phillip L White  
Div Arty '49-'51  
723 Ford St  
Ypsilanti MI 48198-5720

Dear Editor

Enclosed is a WW II poem I composed during an assault landing by the 24th in the South Pacific. This was composed during a lull in the action, but not written until I was home.

My friend and I had spent over a month on a destroyer training for this mission and had become very good friends. He had told me about the son he had never seen and how anxious he was to be rotated home.

We were both on detached service and I had no way of getting his home address after he was killed.

I had intended to send this to his wife in hopes she would find some comfort in knowing her husband's last thoughts were of wife and home.

Many hours were spent trying to find his wife, but was never able to contact her.

Sincerely Yours

*Paul A. Fraser*  
Paul Fraser- 52<sup>nd</sup> FA 40-45

## SOLDIER

We stood together through the night, my friend and I, in a muddy foxhole hardly big enough for two. Near dawn it started— thundering cannons, exploding shells, whistling bullets, and hammering guns — in thirty minutes or so, we'd beaten back their charge and it was almost quiet.

The wounded moaned and cried for help, but here and there some were very still. My friend, who'd fallen early, tugged at me and said, "When the war is won I'll go home and see my wife and son." He died then, not alone, but miles and miles from home. My thought turned to how he'd go — a final ride through the cemetery gate and past a thousand stones, to rest at last on an open grave — they'd say some words and fire some guns, fold the flag and hand it to his weeping wife and son, then, as the sad notes of taps sounded, they'd know for him, his war was never won.

By Paul Fraser  
Bend, Oregon

PS Enclosed is the poem and a contribution.





St. Mary of the Angels Convent  
600 Convent Road  
Syosset, NY 11791  
uptonj@stjohns.edu

May 3, 1998

Dear Friends,

I hope the return address label didn't give you a start. I always said Dad had enough of those unsolicited labels to last a lifetime. Now we know I underestimated their number by quite a bit. The address, however, is still "ours." Jeremy will be living in the apartment while he finishes at St. John's.

Heidi and I are grateful for all of the support family and friends have been giving us during Dad's illness and at his death. We thought you might want to have the enclosed assortment in memory of Dad.

Julie prepared the brief biography at the request of Fr. Michael Perry, who celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial for Dad. Although Michael knew Dad well, he thought that everyone in the congregation should know some of the more unusual aspects of Dad's life, so Michael read the biography before launching into the homily he had prepared for the occasion.

Then we have the eulogy that Heidi delivered at the conclusion of the Funeral Mass.

Also enclosed you will find a "tribute" prepared by Jerry Conboy, one of Dad's neighbors, upon returning home from the funeral. It says a lot about how the people at Tennis View Apartments regarded our dear father.

\* Finally, there is the article from the New York Times of which Dad was so proud.

We hope that all the enclosures will help you to remember Dad fondly, and to take for yourself some of the wisdom he lived and breathed.

*Indy.*  
*Julie*

\* Please see the story of Tom Upton in the centerfold of this magazine.



## A Biography of Sorts

Tom Upton was born in New York City on June 7, 1908—"06-07-08," he would proudly say.

He was the second of three surviving sons and one daughter of Jenny Tivers and James Upton, whose families had immigrated to New York from Ireland.

Tom grew up on the streets of the lower West Side and made the city his home from top to bottom, as well you know if you have ever taken one of his twenty-five cent city tours.

After completing the commercial program at LaSalle Academy, Tom went to work as a Teletype operator, eventually working at the Stock Exchange in Chicago where he met and married his lovely Anitra.

When the war came, although he was over age, he volunteered for the draft and was inducted into the army on Valentine's Day in 1941—an appropriate to begin a life-long love affair with the Military.

Sent to Hawaii, he was proud of turning the Makawao Elementary School into a 250-bed military hospital. He served proudly with the 24<sup>th</sup> Division and always treasured the friendships that were forged in those years.

Tom made his career as a product designer, most known for his work with telephones—designing and marketing everything from directory holder covers to acoustical booths.

In retirement, though, Tom was finally able to concentrate on his real vocation as life-long learner. He received the Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Fordham University in 1991, and then began writing books—the chronicles of his careers then poured forth, volume by volume.

## Eulogy

Summing up is an unwieldy business, it turns out, with a man like Dad. There are so many parts to him – it's hard to say goodbye, things keep slipping by, and then hitting you when you least expect.

Army man, raconteur, occasional clock, tick-tock, beach lover, able to gaze for hours through binoculars, at what I never knew, inventor of strange sliding things in the kitchen that apparently were of use to the general public, painter of watercolors, creator of Christmas cards, fixer of tom music, peeler of grapefruit par excellence, reader, lover of words, chauffeur—for cousin Spotty, and the rest of us, knower of all, friend in need, the best grandfather in the world, a brilliant example of how not to stop growing, a walker, he must have walked thousands of miles.

He felt so deeply about things—Watergate, Kennedy's death, his mother's death he mourned for years, and then there was Mom, how he adored her, steadfastly, always. Who will answer my questions now about how things used to be, about what the right thing to do is, about life and truth? He takes with him all that knowledge, all that wisdom. My dancing partner precedes me. He has shown us all how it's supposed to be done.

Perhaps we don't have to say goodbye, Dad. You do live on in us, in our precious memories. Why? Because, in the words of Prince Charming of long ago, "You have been here, and now that we have found you, we will never let you go."

Above Eulogy delivered by Tom Upton's daughter, Heidi at the conclusion of the Funeral Mass.



## TAPS (continued)

Excerpts from a letter received from Tom Upton's daughter, Julie: "You should know that even in his last weeks, Dad was making plans for being with you all in Little Rock. He had asked his grandson, Jeremy, to travel with him so he could be with you just one last time. After surviving his first bout with pneumonia in January, Dad came back stronger than ever. Don't get me wrong, though, he still needed twenty-four hour homecare and was unable to walk very far. However, his mind was sharper than ever and he was gobbling up books as fast as they were being published. It was in those wonderful weeks that we made telephone calls to close family and friends for treasured last visits. He knew they were last visits—a last hurrah, I guess—but the recipients thought the "old Tom" was back. Dad spent most of his last month hospitalized. He was released twice—once for one day; the other time for two days—but uncontrollable bleeding, pneumonia and congestive heart failure sent him back. Although a hospital is not where I would want to spend my last days, Dad seemed to feel safer there. And then it seemed perfectly appropriate that he who prided himself on having "built" the 22nd Station Hospital on Maui would want to spend his last days in one too.

I hope you will extend to the 24th Division members how much your organization meant to Dad and our family. He was even buried wearing his Taro Leaf patch and 24th Division tie. I hope the enclosed picture is reproducible for you. It is inconceivable for me to

think of Dad and the 24th Division without also including his life-long pal, Tom Broderick. Similarly, you can't think of Dad in any other posture than that of story teller. I hope they were ready in heaven for the stories stories stories!"

Sincerely,

Julie Upton, RSM

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**The following tribute was prepared by Jerry Conboy, one of Tom Upton's neighbors, upon returning home from the funeral. It says a lot about how the people at Tennis View Apartments regarded our dear father:**

Tribute to Tom Upton

by Jerry Conboy

In most cases, it's very difficult to like a saint. They are so perfect they make you sick. They smile a lot. They don't complain much. They make you like them. Worse, they like you.

Tom was like that. He was a practicing Irish Catholic who didn't care a wit what anyone else's religion was. His friends came in all sizes, shapes, religions, and races. He did like you to be interesting, but the miracle was, around Tom you did become more interesting.

You would see that wonderfully well dressed man (he probable ironed his pajamas — and his sheets), see that wonderful smile, and you felt won-

derful yourself. Tom could talk to you about anything but, unlike most know-it-alls, he actually listened, too. If he disagreed, he would discuss it with you (he would never "argue"). Sometimes — rarely — he would change his mind. But if he couldn't change your mind, it was all right. You were still his friend.

Tom was born in 1908. The story I heard is that he wandered down Dartmouth Street in 1916 when they began work on Tennis View, liked what he saw, and moved in. If that's not true, it should be. For this was truly his home. His children grew up here; he had many happy years here; he made hundreds of friends here. He died here.

At his funeral, Julie gave a lovely tribute to her father, thanking all the right people, including those who took care of Tom over his last months. (They, of course, loved Tom as much as people who had known him a lifetime. The rest of us get crankier with age; Tom got sweeter. I hate him.) The priest gave a very moving memoir of Tom I held up very well through all this. Then Heidi had to spoil it all by giving the most beautiful speech I only heard part of. In the middle of it, she started sobbing. (I was a good five minutes ahead of her) What I could hear, though, was wonderful, just the right combination of love, affection, and humor. And humor is important when you talk about Tom for there was nothing sad about Tom's death. The best most Catholics can hope for when they die is to make it to Purgatory. Not a nice place, but a whole lot better than the alternative. I have



## TAPS (Continued)

it on very good authority that they circulated a petition to have Tom admitted directly to Heaven. Everybody in Heaven signed it. Anitra's signature was the first and God's was the last. They threw a party for him and, again, if my informant is right, it will go on for a long, long time — for eternity, in fact. So Tom may have missed his funeral. And that's a pity, for it was a beaut. (Do they have re-runs in Heaven?) He would have been appalled at the amount of Kleenex used, but he would have been touched by the display of affection.

A wonderful Irish poet, William Shakespeare, was surely thinking of Tom when he wrote "When he shall die,

Take him and cut him  
out in little stars,

And he will make the  
face of heaven so fine

That all the world will be  
in love with night,

And pay no worship to  
the garish sun."

Another Irish poet (though he may have been a Druid), Sophocles, said that we must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been. Now Tom's evening is here — and wasn't it a splendid day?

Thank you, Tom, for letting us share it with you.

The following letter was received from Mary P. Egley:

"This is to inform you that my brother, Joseph A. Patti, who was a member of your organization, passed away on March 13, 1998. My brother served over 20 years in the U.S. Army, in World War II, in Europe as a liaison officer after the war, as well as in Korea. He lived in Florida after retiring. His address, for your purposes of identification, was P.O. Box 206, DeLand, FL.



Joseph A. Patti, 21st Inf Regt.

Letter received from Calvin M. Inman:

"Will you please include in the TAPS section of the next Taro Leaf a notice of the death of Richard D. Emerson. He and I first met in basic training at Fort Sill in 1943. We went overseas together and landed in Brisbane, Australia where we joined Battery B, 13th Field Artillery, 24th

Division. From there we went to Goodenough Island; Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea; made the invasions of Leyte, Mindoro and Mindanao in the Philippines; and were with the occupation forces in Japan.

Dick made his home in Indiana.

He is survived by his widow, Mary, who resides at 15 Lane 102 Crooked Lake, Angola, IN and by two daughters.

We had a reunion with another 24th Division buddy here in San Antonio last spring, and you published our picture on page 41 of the October 1997 Taro Leaf. We were together at the New Orleans and Nashville Reunions, and had been looking forward to another get-together with other friends from the 13th FA in Little Rock in September, but Dick won't be there. He will be missed."

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E-mail received from Rice A. McNutt: This to notify you of the passing of James Noel Jack, April 1998. "He was not a life member and I think his health was the contributing factor to that decision, however, I note in several editions of the Taro Leaf that he had made contributions to the Association. I think it is ironic that he made a donation just prior to his passing." James N. Jack joined the service on Feb 14, 1948, served with HQ & HQ Co 19th Inf Regt. Dates served June 1948 to June 1951.





## TAPS

(Continued)

Gladys M. Brown writes: I am enclosing my husband's obituary. He was a lifetime member of the 24th Infantry Division. He was so very proud of that.

**CPL Myrl E. (Buster) Brown** 3-8-43 to 12-12-45 served with Co M Machine Gun, 34th Infantry Regt.. Participated in Buna, Leyte, Bataan & Corregidor. He was wounded on Bataan on January 30th and on Corregidor on February 17, 1945.

**Myrl "Buster" Brown**, 73, of Prairie du Chien died unexpectedly Saturday, April 4, 1998, at his home. He was born in Lancaster to Amos and Blanche Yager Brown. He married Gladys Toberman, June 20, 1945. Buster worked for General Telephone, Valley Homes and Furniture and the Crawford County Sheriff's Department, retiring as a sergeant in 1985. He served for a number of years as a volunteer on the Prairie du Chien Fire Department. He was an avid riverman and used his knowledge of the river in rescue work, assisting in transporting people during the various floods. He assisted during the closure of the Marquette Joliet Memorial Bridge. He shared his enjoyment of the river and area with many. He also collected and refurbished a model railroading layout in his home. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II with the 24th Infantry in the South Pacific. He was the recipient of two purple hearts. Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Gladys, sons Gary and Julie Brown of Brooklyn Center, MN., Rick and Bev of Winnebago, IL., a daughter Barb and Gary Baxter of

Spring Green and a daughter-in-law Monica Brown of Rockton, IL., and eight grandchildren. Funeral services were held in the United Methodist Church in Prairie du Chien. Visitation was held in the Garrity Funeral Home in Prairie du Chien.

**Max Clayton Adams** was born January 25, 1928 in Marble Rock a son of Gerald Edwin and Ena Louise (Ackley) Adams and died Saturday evening, June 28, 1997, at his home in Marble Rock following a lengthy battle with cancer. He received his education in the Marble Rock Public Schools graduating in 1945 and attended Iowa State University where he studied Civil Engineering. He was then engaged in the Merchant Marines- Army Transport Company in New York. On February 27, 1947, he enlisted in the United States Army where he served as Company Clerk for the 114th Signal Service Company in Germany. He was discharged on June 29, 1948. He re-enlisted on January 27, 1949, serving with the Headquarter Company of the 937th Combat Engineering Group serving in Korea during that conflict. Following his discharge on August 4, 1952, he was united in marriage to Lois W. Shultz. To this union was born four children: Debra, Amber, Reid and Darla. Max received his Journeyman Electricians Card and worked for various companies in electrical construction. In 1960 he and his family returned to marble Rock and two years later he began working for the Oliver Tractor

Works, later White Farm Equipment until his retirement in 1990. He served on the U.A.W. Executive Board, Trustee, Skill Trades Chairman, and served on the Bargaining and Grievance Committee. For 23 years Max lived in Rockford. He was united in marriage to Marlys (Clapp) North in November 1972. To this union was born one daughter: Emily Adams. Marlys died August 25, 1984. In 1994 Max returned to Marble Rock making his home at Friendship Acres. Max was an avid reader of historical and fiction books and enjoyed going fishing. He was a life member of the V.F.W. in Charles City and the American Legion in Marble Rock. Living family members include four daughters and their spouses; Debra and Otto Warren of Augusta, KS. Amber and Randy Bushbaum of Rockwell, Darla and Philip Parker of Rockford, and Emily Adams of Charles City; one son Reid and his wife Jackie Adams of Marble Rock; four step children: Ricky North of Arkansas, Lisa Powell of Washington, Andrea Moore of Rudd, and Robin Fischer of Rockford; 13 grandchildren, 8 step grandchildren; four sisters and their spouses: Shirley Sellon of Mason City, Faith and Louis Flaschenreim of Belle Plaine, MN, Ruth and Don Newton of Apache Junction, AZ, and Judi and Darryl Rabideau of Scottsdale, AZ; four brothers and their spouses; Owen and Florence Adams of Bishopville, SC, Lee and Eva Adams of Union, MO, Larry and Mary Lou Adams of El Cajon, CA and Dr. Jerry and Julie Adams of San Diego, CA.



## TAPS (Continued)

Horace Spencer Hoggatt, 86, 220 S.W. 19th St., died Wednesday, April 8, 1998 at home.

Born December 22, 1911, in Richmond, IN he was the son of William N. and Eva Spencer Hoggatt and had lived in Richmond most of his life. The WWII U.S. Army veteran retired from Belden in 1976. He was a member of the American Legion Harry Ray Post 65 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Survivors include his wife, Meliza Hoggatt; a twin sister, Helen Hoggatt of Richmond; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Eugene Hoggatt. Services were Saturday 10 a.m. at Jones-Klute-Lamb Funeral Home, Richmond, with the Rev. Kevin Morris officiating, burial at Earlham Cemetery.



Received word from Gladys Lumsden, Howard died April 22, 1998. Howard was President of our Association 1976-77.

God hath not promised  
skies always blue,  
Flower-strewn pathways  
all our lives through;  
God hath not promised  
sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow,  
peace without pain.  
But God hath promised  
strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor,  
light for the way,  
Grace for the trials,  
help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy,  
undying love...

### Howard Lumsden

WOOD RIVER — Howard R. Lumsden, 78, died at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, 1998, at Wood River Township Hospital.

He was born May 19, 1919, in Bedford, Va., a son of the late Joel and Lillie (Hartman) Lumsden.

He was a captain in the U.S. Army for 21 years, retiring in 1961. He was personnel manager for the U.S. Army Reserve for 17 years, retiring in 1978. He was a member of the Alton VFW Post 1308, East Alton American Legion Post 794, National Rifle Association, Retired Officer Association, and Military Order of World Wars.

He married the former Gladys M. Bolton Oct. 4, 1952, in Breckenridge, Ky. She survives.

Also surviving are a brother, Harry Lumsden of Roanoke, Va.; two sisters, Gladys Wiley and Catherine Nininger, both of Roanoke; four grandchildren, Roy W. Kessler of St. Louis, Jesse Kessler, Rona Pearce and Kevin Kessler, both of Hartford; seven great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

He was preceded in death by four brothers; two sisters; and a daughter, Donna Kessler.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday with funeral services at 10 a.m. Monday, all at Paynic Home For Funerals in Rosewood Heights with the Rev. Kenneth Spires officiating.

Burial will be at Jefferson Barracks.

Memorials may be made to the Whitelaw Avenue Southern Baptist Church.



## TAPS (continued)

### Charles Hogue

Charles W. Hogue Sr., 74, of Edwardsville, died at 2:25 a.m. Tuesday, April 7, 1998, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

He was born April 9, 1923, in Edwardsville, a son of the late Robert and Blanche Shaffer Hogue.

He married Maxine Koch on May 18, 1948, in Highland. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Dr. Charles Hogue and wife, Barbara, of Clayton, Mo.; four daughters, Diane Jacober and husband, Thomas, of Edwardsville, Kathryn Bosomworth of Edwardsville, Carol McLearn and husband, John, of Tulsa, Okla. and Tamarah Hogue of Edwardsville; two brothers, Robert Hogue II of Wood River and Harold Hogue of Pontoon Beach; and nine grandchildren.

Mr. Hogue was a Department Supervisor for Archer Daniels Midland in Granite City until 1982. He then worked for Walt Schlemer Realty in Edwardsville until 1994. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, 24th Division, serving in the Pacific during World War II. He was a member of Edwardsville VFW Post 1299, Edwardsville American Legion Post 199, and the Disabled Veterans of America. He was also a member of the Edwardsville Knights of Columbus Council 1143, 4th degree Assembly 0225, and was on the Fred Mills Board of the Edwardsville Knights of Columbus. He was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Edwardsville.

Visitation was from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, at Pletcher Funeral Home in Edwardsville.

Funeral Mass was at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Edwardsville with the Rev. John Corredato, CSV, officiating.

Burial will be in St. Boniface Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to the Oncology Center at Washington University or to St. Boniface Catholic Church.



### WHITE

Joseph E. White died in the loving arms of his family at Brooks Army Medical Center on January 22, 1998. With song and prayer, his family celebrated his life and released his soul to God. His impressive career included being a devoted and loving husband to Jennie Arbuckle White for 63 years; loving father and hero to his sons, William and Michael White and daughter, Jennifer Hales Marlin; friend to his daughters-in-law, Trish White and Nancy White; much loved brother to his sister, Hazel McGrothe; proud grandfather to Gary, Jeanie and Joshua White, Christine White Henderson, Michael White, and Kelly Hales; doting great-grandfather to Denitra and Markiah Henderson and Alec White. He was a respected commander and mentor to countless soldiers throughout his Army career. After 84 years of faithful service, Joe resigned his earthly duties and has now gone to be with his Supreme Commander. Visitation will be 1-9 P.M., Sunday, January 25, 1998, at Zizik-Keams-Riebe-Saunders Funeral Home. The Funeral Services are scheduled for 1:15 P.M., Monday, January 26, 1998 at The Post Chapel, Fort Sam Houston, TX with Burial and Full Military Honors at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Flowers are appreciated by the family or contributions may be made to The Endowment Fund of Central Christian Church, 720 N. Main, San Antonio, TX 78205.

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### BOAK, CLARE W.

#### DeWitt

Age 73, passed away at home April 18, 1998, surrounded by his family. Born October 31, 1925 to William and Lula Boak, he loved to celebrate Halloween and will also be remembered for his sense of humor, good nature, and ability to befriend all. He served in the United States Army in World War II and Korea, and retired from a 27 year career with the Michigan Department of Transportation. He was a former Cub Master and Boy Scout leader, a past president of the Capital Area Brain Injury Alliance, a lifetime member of the VFW Post #671 and its Honor Guard. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Charlie and Cecil. A devoted family man, he is survived by his wife of 44 years, Mary Catharine "Kate"; 3 children, Kevin, John and Kathleen (Brian) Kinkel; 2 grandchildren, Jeff and Christine; brothers, Carl (Alma) and Calvin (Gladys); sister, Bernita (Vern) Benjamin; sisters-in-law, Edna and Lucille; and dear friend Jerry Cohen. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated Wednesday, April 22, 1 p.m. at the Catholic Community of St. Jude, 801 N. Bridge Street, DeWitt, with the Rev. Bernard L. Reilly, Pastor, officiating. The Rite of Committal will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Pewamo, at 2 p.m. Military graveside services and Honor Guard provided by the Edwin J. Leyanna VFW Post #671. Casket bearers will be his god children, Brian Angwin, Pat Cook, Dwight Boak, Tim Boak, Brian Benjamin and Don Kill. Friends may call at the Gorsline-Runciman Co. DeWitt Chapel, 111 S. Franklin, DeWitt, beginning Monday 7 p.m. where the family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. and Tuesday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. and the Scripture Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Those desiring may make contributions to Clinton County Home Care and Hospice, 850 South Oakland, St. Johns 48879 or the Edwin J. Leyanna VFW Post #671, Honor Guard, 12550 S. U.S. 27, DeWitt 48820. Special thanks to angels on earth, Agnes Cairns, Nathan, Jessica, J.C., Diane B., Jackie, Mary Farley, and Peter Apostle with Clinton County Home Care and Hospice; and Andy and Theresa Angwin.





## TAPS (Continued)



*A letter from Richard C. Goiny:  
I regret to have to inform you of  
the passing of still another promi-  
nent member of our association.  
James M. "Spike" O'Donnell was  
a Charter member of our organi-  
zation. A Past President, A Paid-  
up for Life Member, an organizer  
of the Chicago Chapter of the  
24th Division Association, A Past  
President of the Chicago Chapter.  
A very versatile member of the  
24th Infantry Division Associa-  
tion, he was well known by all of  
our members and above all this,  
he was the Fox-Hole buddy of  
Junior Harris of "G" Company,  
21st Infantry Regiment. Attached  
is the obituary for "Spike" as pre-  
sented by the members of Clear-  
ing Post 600, the American Le-  
gion on Sunday evening April  
5th, at his wake.*

**JAMES M. "SPIKE"  
O'DONNELL**

Members of Clearing Post 600, the American Legion are gathered here in the Ahern Funeral Chapel this evening to pay our last respects to our good comrade and friend James M. O'Donnell. James M. "Spike" O'Donnell was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on April 26th, 1912, he entered the service of his country on January 6th, 1943 and served in "G" Company 21st Infantry of the 24th Division. Spike served with honor and distinction until he was honorably discharged on January 19th, 1946 at Camp Grant, IL. Our comrade James M. O'Donnell joined Clearing Post 600 and the American Legion on April 2nd, 1965 and has been an active and participating member in good standing for the past 34 years. Comrade James

M. O'Donnell was called by the Commander of us all, suddenly on Thursday April 3rd. Services for James will begin here in the Ahern Chapel at 9:15 A.M. on Monday April 6th and will proceed to the Ascension Catholic Church where a Mass of Christian burial will be said for "Spike" at 10:00 A.M. Interment will be in the Mt. Carmel Cemetery immediately after the Services. Comrade James M. Spike O'Donnell we commend you to Post Everlasting. "So His Record Ends."

Our deepest sympathy and that of all the officers and members of Clearing Post 600, The American Legion is extended to all the members of his family and to his many friends.

Letter from Vincent P. Ramoni, 339 Orchard Rd., Springfield, PA 19064. I would like for the obituary of my uncle, Lewis Pucillo who died April 1, 1998, to appear in their Association's magazine. I am very proud to be the nephew of such a fine man. My uncle served his country in WWII, most notably in the "Missing Battalion in Mindanao", then he went on to public service as a firefighter for the Philadelphia Fire Department for 25 years. His Bio information is as follows: **Lewis Pucillo WWII 24th Infantry Division H CO 19th Regt.** Survived by 6 sisters, 18 nieces/nephews.

## OBITUARIES

### William R. Hanks

ROGERS — William R. (Bill) Hanks, 76, of Rogers died April 6, 1998, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rogers. He was born June 9, 1921, in Escabosa, N.M., to Robert Dixie and Ora M. Catron Hanks. He was a graduate of New Mexico State University and of George Washington University. He was a platoon leader and rifle-company commander while serving in the Army in New Guinea and the Philippine Islands. After World War II, he served in Germany and Korea and with the joint staff in Washington, before retiring from the Army as a colonel in 1972. He was in the construction business and raised cattle in the Wheeler community and was a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Springdale and was instrumental in organizing the Wheeler Fire Department and the Wheeler Water Association.

Survivors include his wife, Nannie Ray (Nan) Edwards, to whom he was married March 30, 1945; three sons, Charles E. Hanks of Fayetteville, Stephen R. Hanks of Goshen and Morris R. Hanks of the Wheeler community; one daughter, Nancy Hyslip of Fayetteville; one brother, Charles E. Hanks of Knightson, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Springdale under the direction of Moore's Chapel in Fayetteville.

Burial will be in Fayetteville National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 2898 S. 48th St., Springdale, 72762 or Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 650 W. 160th St., New York, N.Y. 10032-9982.





## TAPS (continued)

### JAMES POSTMA

Services for James L. Postma, 82, Lawrence, will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Plymouth Congregational Church. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lawrence.

Mr. Postma died Saturday, April 18, 1998, at Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

He was born Feb. 2, 1916, in Osage City, the son of Virgil and Esther Searle Postma.

He moved to Lawrence in 1934 from Rexford. He served in the 24th Infantry Division of the Army in the Philippines and New Guinea in World War II.

Mr. Postma was an attorney. He was of counsel to the Riling, Burkhead & Nitcher chartered law firm.

He graduated from Kansas University in 1939 with a bachelor's degree in economics. He graduated from KU's school of law in 1941.

He was a member of the American, Kansas and Douglas County bar associations. He was a former president of the Douglas County Bar Assn.

He was the first president of the Old West Lawrence Neighborhood Assn. and had served on the last Lawrence city council before the present city manager/commission form of government was adopted in the 1950s.

During the 1950s, he served as an adjunct professor in KU's law and business schools.

He was a founding member of the Judge Hugh Means American Inns of Court. He helped establish the Douglas County Legal Aid Society and served as a member of the Seventh Judicial District Nominating Committee.

He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church and formerly served as head usher, moderator and historian of the church.

He was a member of the Douglas County Historical Society and had volunteered legal services to help establish the Lawrence Humane Society and Hospice Care of Douglas County.

He married Sally Fitzpatrick on Dec. 27, 1954, in Lawrence. She survives of the home.

Other survivors include a daughter, Rosalea Carttar, Lawrence; two brothers, Robert Postma and Virgil Postma, both of Washington state; and two granddaughters.

The family suggests memorials in his name to the church or to the Douglas County Historical Society. Memorials may be sent in care of Warren-McElwain Mortuary, which is handling arrangements.

# Lawyer, activist dies at age 82

BY MICHAEL DEKKER  
JOURNAL-WORLD WRITER

A longtime Lawrence attorney who helped create the local humane and legal aid societies was remembered as a good lawyer "who always put the client first," friends said.

James L. Postma died Saturday at Lawrence Memorial Hospital at age 82.

"I think that when he approached a legal problem, he always remembered

that there was a human aspect of it," said John Nitcher, a legal partner of Postma's who had known him since 1970. "He served justice, but he also looked to serve the client in the process."

Postma was the first president of the Old West Lawrence Neighborhood Assn. and served on the last Lawrence City Council before the present city manager/commission form of government was adopted in the 1950s.



Postma

He served as an adjunct professor in Kansas University's law and business schools in the 1950s.

"I think one of his most important contributions was that he helped establish the Douglas County Legal Aid Society," Nitcher said.

He also served on a committee that selected several outstanding judges for the county, Nitcher said.

Postma also was a member of the Douglas County Historical Society and had volunteered legal services to help establish the Lawrence Humane Society and Hospice Care of Douglas County.

"He was a great friend to a lot of people," Nitcher said.

Another of Postma's partners, Eugene Riling, said he was always prepared for legal cases, and he was well-respected at KU.

"We're going to miss him," Riling said.



# The University of Kansas

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June 12, 1998

Mrs. Sally F. Postma  
720 Louisiana  
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Dear Sally,

I have the copy of *24th Infantry Division: The Victory Division*, which you have given to the KU Libraries to honor Jim, and want to thank you for thinking of KU as a place in which an important part of his life can be recorded.

The volume will be cataloged for the Watson Library collections and a bookplate affixed to it, with the following:

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May generations of KU students and scholars come to know something of Jim's efforts to secure the freedoms we enjoy thanks to his deeds and those of so many other brave men of his generation.

With gratitude for this and all that you, Jim, Rosalea and Peter have done for KU, I am

Yours respectfully,

William J. Crowe  
Vice Chancellor for Information Services  
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# TAPS (continued)



James L. Postma



James L. Postma 1945 Camp  
Carson, Colorado Springs, Co



One on the right: James L.  
Postma, Hollandia New Guinea  
April 27, 1944



Lt. James L. Postma, New Guinea  
October 1944 (Other two not  
identified)



Hawaii 1943: Lt. James L.  
Postma Co. K 21st Inf Regt. c/o  
Postmaster San Francisco, Calif.

## JUST A SIMPLE SOLDIER

(Submitted by SSG Mark A. Larson)



### TAPS (continued)

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast  
And he sat around the Legion telling stories of the past,  
Of a war that he had fought in and the deeds that he had done  
In his exploits with his buddies; they were the heroes, everyone.  
And "tho sometimes to his neighbors, his tales became a joke,  
All his buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke.  
But we'll hear his tales no longer, for old Bob has passed away  
And the world's a little poorer, for a soldier died today.  
No he won't be mourned by many, just his children and his wife,  
For he lived an ordinary very quiet sort of life,  
He held a job and raised a family, quietly going on his way,  
And the world won't note his passing; 'tho a soldier died today.  
When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state,  
While thousands note their passing and proclaim that they were great,  
Papers tell of their life stories from the time that they were young,  
But the passing of a soldier goes unnoticed and unsung.  
Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land  
Some jerk who breaks his promise and cons his fellow man?  
Or the ordinary fellow who in times of war and strife  
Goes off to serve his Country and offers up his life?  
The politician's stipend and the style in which he lives  
Are sometimes disproportionate to the services he gives,  
While the ordinary soldier, who offered up his all,  
Is paid off with a medal, and perhaps a pension small.  
It's so easy to forget them, for it was so long ago  
That our Bob's and Jim's and Johnny's went to battle, but we know  
It was not the politicians, with their compromise and ploys.  
Who won for us the freedom that our country now enjoys.  
Should you find yourself in danger with your enemies at hand,  
Would you really want some cop-out with his ever waffling stand?  
Or would you want a soldier who has sworn to defend  
His home, his kin, and country, and would fight until the end?  
He was just a common soldier and his ranks are growing thin  
But his presence should remind us, we may need his like again.  
For when countries are in conflict, then we find the soldier's part  
Is to clean up all the troubles that the politicians start.  
If we cannot do him honor while he's here to hear the praise,  
Then at least let's give him homage at the ending of his days.  
Perhaps just a simple headline in the paper that might say:

E-mail received from Shorty Estabrook: "I t is with great sadness that I report the passing of Edward K. Rupp. Pop turned his life over to a higher authority on 4 April '98 at Philadelphia PA. He had been ill for several years and now he is at rest. No more pills, no more tests. Despite his illness, he made it. Pop was a close buddy of mine in Camp and he always lent a hand to those who needed it. He was a friend to all. We always called him Pop because he was one of the older soldiers. He was a member of A Battery, 11th Field Artillery BN of the 24th Victory Division.

Hubert S. Hotchkiss writes of the passing of his friend Schmitt, who he had known for 46 years. Elwin John Schmidt died January 29, 1998 at Sierra Nevada Hospital in Grss Valley. Mr. Schmidt was a WWII veteran, serving in the U.S. Army from October 1943 to January 1946 in the 19th Inf Regt. He fought in New Guinea and the Philippine Islands. He was part of the United States occupation force in Japan after that country's defeat. He was honorably discharged at the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was a member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Survivors include his wife, Helan and sons, Thomas D. and Larry R. all of Grass Valley.

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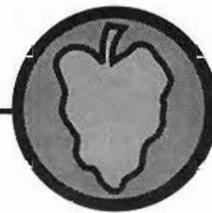
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