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Reunion 2002

September 18-21
Adam's Mark Hotel
9103 East 39th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64133
Tel. 1-800-444-ADAM
Tel. 816-737-0200
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Airport, KC International

The Prez Sez:

To each of you, thanks for your vote. I am honored by your confidence in me. Now I need your support. I want each of you to pass along ideas you have concerning the Association and Taro Leaf. Complaints and compliments are equally welcome; I will make every effort to satisfy the first while earning the second. Vonnie Mullins, who has done such a great job for us since the loss of Rudy, has found it necessary to give up her position as Editor of the Taro Leaf. She will be missed. The Taro Leaf will continue. With the invaluable help of Dutch Nelsen, our Staff and Membership, we will get the job done. I want to encourage each of you to send articles and photos to me and we will print all that space allows. You know by now that there was no Taro Leaf published since June 2001. We started from scratch putting this issue together. I think it is a very good first issue and the next will be and even better and easier to set up. Your response to my call for help was great. All of us together are what made this Division and this Association so great. I am proud to be your president.

It's time again for the Holidays, I wish everyone good health and joy. This year was great and we will have an even better year in 2002.

Thirteen changes to the Constitution were voted on at the Membership business meeting. 7 No and 6 Yes. You will get more information inside this issue. Our Executive Board voted to donate \$1000 to the Red Cross Relief Fund to be used in support of the families who lost loved ones in the World Trade Center/Pentagon murders. Our country will not be divided by this act of terrorism committed against us. America will be strengthened, just as those attempting to change our way of life strengthened our military units under attack. We will prevail, we will not be trampled, and we will protect this most blessed of all countries, our United States of America.

It is with pleasure that I thank each member who contributes time and effort to this association. Your support is appreciated. Bill Kane (5thRTC) is our new Vice President. Welcome Bill. Our Secretary/Treasurer, Dutch Nelsen (13th/19thFA) will again be keeping Association records and finances in order. Congratulations to Harry Whittman, (21st INF), our Quartermaster. Harry was chosen to receive the Verbeck Award for the year 2000-2001. He and Frances are a great team. A great choice Warren! Warren Avery (21stINF) heads the Verbick Award Committee. Thanks to Wes Morrison, (21stINF) Reunion Coordinator, for all the hours spent finding great places for us to meet. Thanks to Membership Chairman Wallace Kuhner (24thREC), Chaplin Glen Carpenter. (21stINF) Our Historian Joe Sweeney (19thINF) and Henry Gosztyla. (34thINF) Henry is always on hand to light our Saturday evening Memorial Candles. Our WebMaster, Norman Tredway is doing an excellent job, Thanks Norman. (Note to John Ragland) Thanks for the nomination speech; it was so good I voted for myself. We appreciate everyone who pitched in to help with the reunion in Hampton Virginia when Bill Garry became ill. I know all of you will join me in wishing Bill Garry good health. We had 325 members and guests at the Hampton Virginia Memorial Dinner. A very patriotic group came together for a wonderful evening. We missed all who could not get there because of travel restrictions and ill health. We hope to see you next year. Our 2002 Reunion will be held in Kansas City, Missouri from September 18th to the 21st. We will meet at the Adams Mark Hotel. Again, I thank you all. I will give it my best.

Billy
Billy Johnson
President
2001-2002

Billy Johnson, wife Minnie, and daughter Linda made this issue of
The Taro Leaf. A job well done!

(A word of encouragement would be in order. Dutch)

Chaplain's Corner

Boy, this summer is really going by. I spent Memorial Day weekend with my son at Fort Campbell. Went up north and did some fishing. Isn't God's world great! We did Vacation Bible School at our church, and it was great. I remember one moment talking to the kids about Jesus, the looks on their faces, some of them hearing the first time about Jesus. That is my thought today. We are all the children of God. I heard the other day that God doesn't have grandchildren, they are all his children. So let all of us embrace God every day in our lives. We are all His children. Romans 8-16. The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

In Christ.

Chaplain Glen



The Real American

What is a real American?

He is a Patriot, not a Partisan.

He votes.

He pays his Taxes honestly.

He keeps informed on Public Questions.

He is clean of Race Prejudice, and wants the Black man or the Yellow man to have equal privilege and opportunity with himself.

He hates Militarism, but is ready to serve In army or navy when his country is at war.

His heart beats a little faster when he sees The Stars and Stripes.

He is made up of three spiritual ingredients; Washington, Franklin, Lincoln.

He respects Women, any Woman,

He looks you straight in the eye, and says plainly what he thinks.

He honors those who Work, and has a wholesome contempt for Idlers.

He speaks slowly, and means little more than he says.

He is tolerant of anything except Intolerance.

He does not care what your Religious Belief is, so long as you are Decent.

He has a humor of his own, but laughs with his eyes more than with his mouth.

He is a Good Loser.

Once in four years he goes on a political debauch, yielding himself up to the most primitive and narrow party spirit; but when it is over he is once more an American, forgets his late passions, and is for the man who was elected, no matter which party was successful.

He is an essential Democrat; that is, his creed is not "I am as good as anybody," but is "Anybody is as good as I."

He likes to make money, but likes to see everybody around him making money also. He does not enjoy Riches in the midst of Poverty.

He wants a Family of his own, a Business of his own, a House of his own, and an opinion of his own.

His is not a stock, or a race, or a breed; it is a Spirit. His parents may be French, Italian, Czech, Polish, or German; but he has caught another Spirit: he has been born again, he is an American.

He is a reformer, not a Revolutionist.

He hates Class.

When Laws do not suit him he does not Break them, he changes them.

His is the newest Nation; his is Youth of Humanity.

He is Loyal to his Family, to his Friend, and to his Country.

But his Loyalty does not imply Lying and Spying. Cruelty and Inhumanity.

He wants nothing for his own Country he would not be willing for other Countries to have for themselves.

He does not want the United States to Rule the world, but to be the Big Brother to the world.

From: 01Four Minute Essays
By Dr. Frank Crane
Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen

Secretary/Treasurer's Page

(All data as of 17 October 2001)

Membership

Thanks to 68 new members our total membership remains steady at 2,924. We continue the process of dropping members who are over one year past due. We have:

1,799 Annual, including 48 Associate; all pay dues.
1,387 Life (1,333 paid; 54 paying)
16 Associate Life.
20 Complimentary
2 Honorary (Petrick & Vonnie Mullins)

By Area/Time of Service: (Many served in more than one)

WWII, 891	Ft Stewart, 32
Korea, 1,474	Ft Riley, 12
Japan, 895	Pearl Harbor, 54
Germany, 161	TF Smith, 33
Des. Storm, 23	POW, 27



"So I told the guys that they'd just have to find a Sec/Tres the best way they could."

Units w/ Largest Number of Members: (We have men in 62 units. Many men report no unit at all, or something like, "1st Platoon, Charlie Company.")

19th 671	13th FA 60
21st 659	52nd FA 58
34th 386	724th Ord 48
5th 206	63rd FA 47
3 Eng 103	24 Med 46
11 FA 77	6 Tank 44
24 Sig 61	24 Recon 27

States with most members:

CA 253	GA 86
FL 211	MO 74
TX 139	IN 72
OH 136	NY 70
IL 116	NC 64
MI 100	WI 64
PA 100	CO 58
NJ 93	IA 57
MA 90	KS 55

(We have men in all 50 states;
Montana has 2.)

For 185 of you – This Is Your Last Issue:

It is hard to understand why Soldiers like you can't do a simple thing like looking at the address label on the front of your Taro Leaf and see that you are nearly two years behind in your dues.

It's simply not fair to all our guys who pay their dues faithfully, and regularly, every year to keep sending The Taro Leaf to those who do not. Also, The Constitution requires that members one year past due must be dropped, thus as Sec/Tres I have no choice in the matter. (Those two years past due have already been dropped.)

So please, please look at the Address Label on the front of this Taro Leaf and "Get With The Program, Soldier!"

Dutch

Financial

With the exceptions of The Reunion, Quartermaster and Drawing (while in progress), all funds are in the hands of the Sec/Tres. Funds are in The Bank Of Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. As of 17 October 2001 we have:

Checking Account: \$35,833.79

CD: \$57,038.76

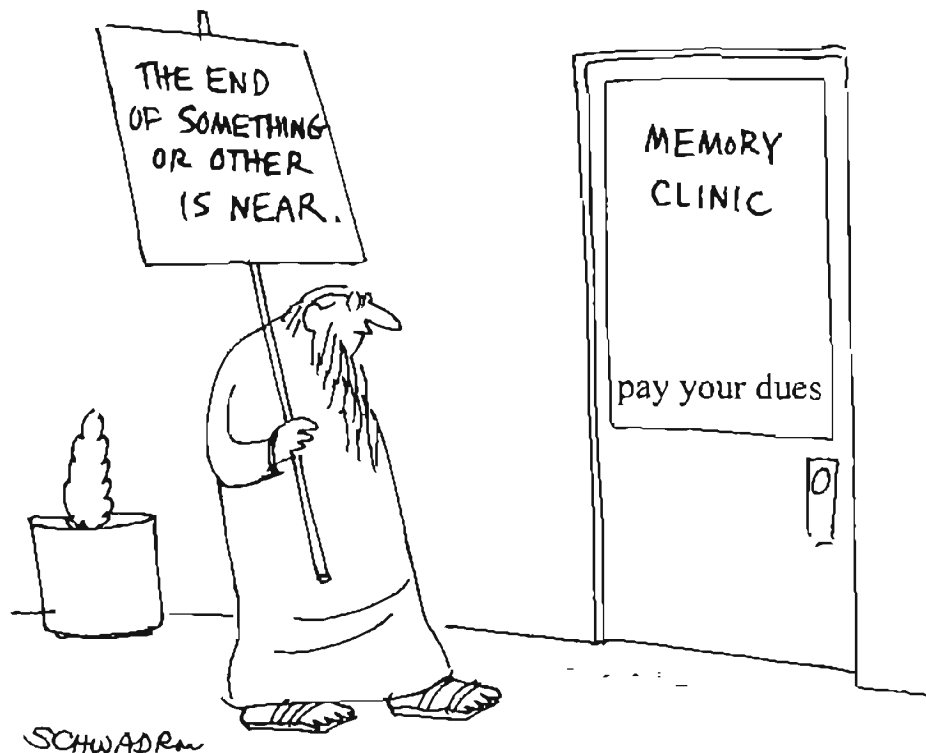
There are no outstanding debts. Physical assets are one four-drawer filing cabinet and a 1998 model copier.

Drawing

Past President Corky Peters (with a ton of help from Dianne) ran this year's Drawing, and it was the most successful one we have ever had. In the above financial figures \$21,920.53 is from that drawing. But the best news of all is that Corky has volunteered to run it again next year. Our sincere "Thanks" to both Corky and all you folks who participated. This year's winners are:

Robert L. Childers, 11th
Paul R. Walters, Div Arty
Orville, D. Poland, 34th
Orville, D. Poland, 34th
Edward L. Pugh, 3rd Eng

Dan Cretaro, 34th
Orville A. Hase, 19th
Carl Hatmaker, 34th
Ruben A. Engle, 34th
William H. Lambert, 19th



CONTRIBUTIONS

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>first name</u>	<u>Unit 1</u>	<u>Donation</u>	<u>For</u>
Acker	Jeraldine	21st	\$25.00	in memory of Wilford Acker, 21st, WWII.
Ayers Jr	Noble I	19th	\$5.00	
Bach	Raymond D	21st	\$100.00	for Sam Ippolito, Cannon Co, 21st WWII.
Barrick Jr	Claude E	11th	\$10.00	men of the 11th Field.
Becker	Robert O.	24th AG	\$10.00	
Birch	Peter L.	34th	\$15.00	
Bissett	Charles W.	3/26 FA MLF	\$12.00	
Bruno	Howard J.	34th	\$5.00	
Campbell	Patricia L.	52nd	\$50.00	in memory of Bill, 52nd, WWII
Cauble	Jakie A	Admin Co	\$5.00	
Caulfield	Vincent J	21st	\$10.00	
Clark	William E	19th	\$10.00	
Clark III	Sheffield	63rd	\$100.00	memory of 63rd FA, 15 July 1950
Davidson	Bennie D	21st	\$5.00	
Davis	Robert E	21st	\$30.00	
Dente MD	Gino A	24th Med	\$5.00	
Dishman	Edward E	24th Sig	\$5.00	
Estes	Noel	11th	\$25.00	
Evarts	Robert L	19th	\$5.00	
Evins	Robert O	21st	\$5.00	
Farmer	Edward S	21st	\$50.00	
Feather	Howard H	11th	\$10.00	
Fecko	John J.	3rd Eng	\$25.00	in honor of 3rd Eng Bn, WWII.
Foster	Charles W	19th	\$25.00	
Frey	John W	21st	\$30.00	
Gay	Walter L.	19th	\$10.00	
Genova	Louis J	13th	\$10.00	
Gibson	Calvin N	19th	\$5.00	
Gilbert	John T	21st	\$5.00	
Glenn	Richard R	24th Recon	\$10.00	
Gomez	Perfetto (Pete)	34th	\$50.00	men in Taejon, 20 July 1950.
Groves	Jerry	92nd FA Bn	\$10.00	
Harband	Myron J	34th	\$5.00	
Hargreaves	John H	11th	\$10.00	
Harrison	Edward F	11th	\$10.00	
Hatmaker	Carl E	34th	\$50.00	in memory of Mary (Patton) Hatmaker.
Hearn	Thomas A	34th	\$5.00	
Heiles	James R	24th	\$25.00	
Heins	Robert H	21st	\$15.00	
Irvine	Orrin R	24th Sig	\$10.00	
Jackson	Shelby L	19th	\$10.00	
Johnson	Charles W	34th	\$10.00	
Johnson	Donald H	13th	\$10.00	
Jordison	Donald	34th	\$5.00	
Kemper	Paul R	19th	\$10.00	
Klein	Matthew J	21st	\$5.00	
Krejci	Jerome	21st	\$20.00	
Kuti	George	21st	\$5.00	
Lake	Charles E	21st	\$10.00	
Le Blanc	Reginald A	19th	\$5.00	
Lender	James W	19th	\$10.00	
Livingston	William T	34th	\$35.00	
Massey	Edward B.	34th	\$5.00	
Mayhew	Floyd N	21st	\$35.00	
McAndrews	Richard	34th	\$10.00	

Time to pay your dues

Contributions Since July, 2000

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>first name</u>	<u>Unit 1</u>	<u>Donation</u>	<u>For</u>
McDevitt	Paul E	19th	\$5.00	
McNabb	Kenneth J	34th	\$5.00	
Millard	Charles	11th	\$20.00	
Minnella	Thomas	34th	\$5.00	
Moritz	Robert J	Div Arty	\$10.00	
Mosbey	Manuel J	21st	\$10.00	
Mullins	Yvonne	19th	\$150.00	in memory of Rudy.
Musselman	William R	24th Repl	\$5.00	
Nelson Jr	William B.	19th	\$5.00	
O'Connell	Joseph P	19th	\$20.00	
Oklaire	Earlwin C	21st	\$5.00	for the MIA's
Olson	Robert A	34th	\$10.00	
Owens	Jim	34th	\$10.00	
Owens	Roderick	26th AAA	\$10.00	memory of James Cerqua
Pamer	Andy G.	52nd	\$10.00	
Pedigo	Clarence L.	34th	\$50.00	
Peer	Theodore F	24th Admin	\$10.00	
Peters	William	13th	\$25.00	
Petersen	James W	5th RCT	\$10.00	
Phillips	Lee R.	34th	\$5.00	
Plaatje Jr	Lawrence R	34th	\$5.00	
Quinlan	Hugh F.	63rd	\$10.00	
Reese	Charles H	724th Ord	\$10.00	
Rodecape	Harry	34th	\$5.00	
Russello	Nicholas A	34th	\$5.00	
Sandgren	Van Buren	3rd Eng	\$5.00	
Schlarb	Beryle E	34th	\$10.00	
Silverstein	Albert J	21st	\$35.00	memory of Lt O.D. Conner, Osan, 7/5/50.
Slaney	Maurice R	24th Sig	\$50.00	bazooka team in Teajon, 20 July 1950.
Sloat	Ronald S	34th	\$10.00	
Starr	John G	3rd Eng	\$15.00	in honor of men of 3rd Eng Bn, Oct 1941.
Stiner	Billy C	19th	\$10.00	
Stratton	Robert J	19th	\$15.00	
Subsak Sr	Joseph L	34th	\$10.00	
Sund	Edward B	21st	\$10.00	
Thomas	Ralph W	19th	\$10.00	
Todd	Vann G	63rd	\$20.00	
Tomlin	Gerald R	19th	\$10.00	
Ver Helst	Donald R	21st	\$5.00	
Vincent	Gerald G	11th	\$5.00	
Vogl	William F	6th Tank	\$15.00	
Wahle Jr	Ben H	34th	\$25.00	
Walker	Chester B	34th	\$30.00	
Wallace	Zane Gray	24th Recon	\$10.00	
Weber	Rudolph	21st	\$15.00	
Wetterau-Blankenburg	Joan	19th	\$10.00	memory of Maj John A. Wetterau, 19th.
Wheaton	Jon F.	24th Med	\$25.00	
Wheeler	Thomas A	52nd	\$5.00	
Williams	Robert L	21st	\$5.00	
Wyand Jr	Walter S	34th	\$5.00	

TOTAL Donation:

\$1,772.00

LET'S HAVE THE REUNION IN YOUR CITY

New Members June - September, 2000

Last Name	First Name	City	State	Zip	Phone	Unit 1	
							1647 Goddard
Anderson	Bill	Lincoln Park	MI	48146-4031	313-383-1379	24th Admin	1647 Goddard
Archambault	George D.	Somers	CT	06071	860-749-8249	21st	148 George Wood Rd.
Barrera	Johnny L.	Goliad	TX	77963-3455	361-645-2352	34th	614 Lassman Road
Becker	Robert O.	Canistota	SD	57012	605-296-3520	24th AG	530 W. Pine St
Bissett	Charles W.	Fort Eustis	VA	237604	757-888-9686	3/26 FA M	345 26th St. Apt A
Brockmann	Lawrence H.	Elroy	WI	53929-9407	608-462-8639	34th	N.2349 Overgaard Road
Brown	Verlyn J.	Rockford	IL	61108-1941	815-399-6685	19th	3520 Oak Grove Ave
Bryan	David C.	West Columbia	SC	29717-6306	803-622-4859	19th	PO Box 6306
Burgess	John M.	Dania	FL	33004	954-923-0358	13th	240 S.E. 7th St.
Butler	Charles D.	Oyster Bay Cove	NY	11771-1704	516-922-6347	13th	50 Cove Woods Road
Campbell	Robert J.	Valparaiso	IN	46383-5053	219-464-8300	24th MP	903 E. Chicago St.
Carpenter	Everette C.	Wheatland	WY	82201		34th	1700 North 11th St, #135
Charvat	Robert C.	Toledo	OH	43613-2956	419-475-5179	21st	1803 Christian Dr. #106
Christiansen	Oliver G.	Pleasant Prairie	WI	53158	262-694-3497	34th	9109 River Road
Cretaro	Daniel A.	San Antonio	TX	78239-1409	210-653-2251	34th	5823 Archwood Dr.
De La Porte	Richard	Massena	NY	13662-1735	315-764-0036	24th Sig	20 Ransom Ave
Defenbaugh	Gerald H.	Tucson	AZ	85749-8565	520-749-5579	63rd	4360 N. Drake Place
Dick	Hershel O.	Powhatan	VA	23139-7718	804-598-2711	21st	1011 Schroeder Road
Doiron	Gerald W.	Port Arthur	TX	77642-4430	409-928-3575	24th Med	3848 8th Ave
Du Jardin	Bertrand	Waukesha	WI	53186-6618	262-547-7039	724th	1301 Garfield Ave.
Ellington	Richard C.	Enon	OH	45323	937-864-2183	9th Cav	6738 Sterling Dr.
Ezell	Barry C.	Virginia Beach	VA	23456-4817	757-467-1695	3rd BDF	1504 Sloane Ct.
Foley	Harold H.	Ocean Isle Beach	NC	28469-7519	910-579-6705	19th	61 West 2nd St
Francis	Bruce	Waynsboro	PA	17268-9206	717-752-7664	11th	9365 Meadowbrook Dr.
Frederick	Melvin L.	Owantonna	MN	55060	507-455-1639	19th	950 W. Barney
Fryer, Jr.	Charles H.	Ridgeley	WV	26753	304-738-8679	21st	PO Box 26
Gayton	Frederick H.	Dunnellon	FL	34431	352-465-5141	24th Sig	4477 SW Carnation Ct
Gozick	Richard T.	East Brunswick	NJ	08816-4161	732-257-5507	24th Airbo	16 Snowden Road
Green	Alex	Ft Wainwright	AK	99703	907-356-5477	724th	1095 Hooks Ave
Hamilton	Robert J.	Federal Way	WA	98003	253-815-1938	24th Med	224 S. 346th Lane #O-54
Hutton	Howard C.	Waynesboro	PA	17268	717-762-5107	13th	314 Walnut St
Jenkyns	Leonard M.	Denver	CO	80210-2017	303-722-2793	469th AAA	1160 South Fillmore St.
Jones	John N.	La Mesa	CA	91941-4453	619-465-8165	21st	4797 Beaumont Dr
Kotler	Israel	Boynton Beach	FL	33436	561-738-9603	19th	8845B Andy Court
Kowalewski	Paul P.	Churchville	PA	18966-1624	215-322-5681	19th	54 Shady Lawn Drive
Landes	Robert E.	Upland	CA	91784-1429	909-982-1031	24th Med	2054 N. Palm Ave
Massey	Edward B.	Stillwell	OK	74960	918-458-1573	34th	PO Box 1448
Mayton	John E.	Memphis	TN	38117	901-683-1744	63rd	977 Fairmeadows Road
McMillen	Harvey E.	Canton	OH	44706-3033	330-484-4229	34th	207 Donald Place SW
Meyer	William J.	Maplewood	MN	55119-6750	651-735-4640	34th	487 Crestview Forest Dr.
Monahan	Gerald E.	La Canada Flintridge	CA	91011	818-790-3549	21st	1012 Ridgecliff Lane

Let's have the Reunion in your city

New Members June - September, 2000

Last Name	First Name	City	State	Zip	Phone	Unit 1	
Nell	Ray A.	Stuart	FL	34997-6957	561-288-7397	21st	4659 S.E. Glenridge Tr.
O'Neill	Carl R.	Hot Springs	AR	71909-4433	501-922-6405	34th	4659 S.E. Glenridge Tr.
Payne	John F.	Spring Hill	FL		727-857-0327	21st	12 Amazon Way
Perkins	Paul	Oblong	IL	62449-1223	618-592-4019	13th	16537 Saguaro Lane
Pickering	Thomas	Mulkeytown	IL	62865-2709	618-724-4087	21st	208 South Jackson, #62
Queen	Dallas L.	Charleston	WV	25313	304-776-1212	19th	2314 State Hwy 14
Scharf	John J.	Las Vegas	NV	89117	702-341-5693	63rd	4871 Washington St. W.
Schnacke, Sr.	Ronald L.	Evansville	IN	47714-4437	812-471-3996	3rd Eng	3332 Pond Run Circle
Schulte	Edwin C.	Oscelola	WI	54020-8045	715-294-4077	3rd Eng	2419 Pollack Ave.
Semmens, Ret	Col E. Paul	Colorado Springs	CO	80906	719-540-2812	5/52 ADA	610 Summit St.
Sharps	James D.	Himrod	NY	14842-9751	607-243-5113	24th QM	5710 Daltry Lane
Shepley	Gene	Lititz	PA	17543-8310	717-626-2977	19th	3649 Shingle Point Rd
Shimodoi	Soichi	Honolulu	HI	96817-4779	808-521-7644	19th	61A Pennwick Drive
Slater	Francis	Philadelphia	PA	19120-1942	215-549-6627	19th	155 N. Beretania St
Spahr	Junior L.	York	PA	17402	717-845-2378	Sig Co	139 W. Rosemar St
St Vincent	Francis	Warren	RI	02885-2016	401-245-6182	19th	141 Haybrook Dr.
Stancil, Sr.	Charles R.	Concord	NC	28025-9203	704-786-7778	34th	20 Libby Lane #96
Stanley	David L.	La Jolla	CA	92037-7607	858-456-3960	19th	415 Arlee Court
Strellner	Dean R.	Van Horn	IA	52346-0145	319-228-8188	3rd Eng	520 Chelsa Ave.
Walker, Jr.	Earl W.	Norfolk	VA	23503	757-588-8105	3rd Eng	304 2nd Ave, Box 145
Warner	John	St. Maries	ID	83861	208-245-5299	21st	9647 Wells Parkway
Wells	Rex D.	Beltsville	MD	20705	301-595-7944	24th MP	HC 4 Box 128
West	Bill J.	Chino Hills	CA	91709	909-597-7954	35th	11311 Broken Bow Ct.
Wheaton	Jon F.	Moscow	IA	83843	208-882-2655	24th Med	15699 Palomino Dr
Williams	Charles E.	Shenandoah	IA	51601	712-246-4493	21st	PO Box 9031
Wright, Sr.	Wayne F.	Woodbridge	NJ	07095-3415	732-636-7156	3rd Eng	304 E. Calrinda Ave
Young, Ret	Col John A.	Biloxi	MS	39532	228-396-5979	11th	525 Olive Place
							12413 John Lee Road
Total Count	68						

LET'S HAVE THE REUNION IN YOUR CITY

Sixty-eight new members is great news. If every member in the Association would send a note to their newspaper about our Association and Reunion, using your local phone number, I believe we would pick up even more members, so please give it a try. Send your newspaper copy to me and I will put it in the Taro Leaf. Thanks, Billy

A suggestion:
24th INFANTRY DIVISION REUNION SEPTEMBER 18-21 IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, at
The ADAMS MARK HOTEL. ALL UNITS AND ATTACHED UNITS, from WWII, JAPAN, KOREA,
GERMANY, DESERT STORM, FORT STEWART, FORT RILEY, KANSAS. Please call (Your area
code and phone number) for more information.

In addition to the annual dues enclosed. I've enclosed a check from my self and Pete Gomez.

We wish to honor the memory of 3 of the 4-man bazooka team [REDACTED] in Taejon on 20th July 1950 who died trying to destroy the Russian supplied T-34's on that day. With outdated equipment and inadequate 2.36 bazooka's they did their best.

In Memory of PFC Billy J. Graham, 34th Infantry;
PFC Lee L. Grife, 34th Infantry
PFC Ralph Stephens, 34th Infantry

WE STILL REMEMBER!

Sincerely yours;

Bob Slaney
Bob Slaney, 34th Infantry



"B" Btry., 11th FA- September 1950.

Firing in support of our break out from the Pusan Perimeter
Sent in by Charles P. Bissett.

Charles P. has recruited his son Charles W. as a member of our Association. Charles W. was attached to the 24th during Desert Storm. Charles W. and his wife are SSG's at Fort Eustis, VA

The Taro Leaf 50 Years Ago

It was eight pages, B & W, printed on one side only. Cost was \$3, but free to Members.

Costs to print the TL were: July, \$325.00 and \$195 for the August issue.

Officer of the Association were:

President: James "Spike" O'Donnel

Secretary: Joseph I. Peyton

Treasurer: William V. Davidson

Chaplain: Chris J. Berio

Historian: Richard H. Lawson

The reunion was held in Detroit. At the banquet General Meloy gave an inspired talk about how the 34th Infantry and the 63rd Field had been so badly decimated in Korea that they were taken off the rolls of active army units and their Colors retired. The entire speech was in this issue.

At the reunion the cost of the dinner was \$5.

There was a write-up on MG Blackshear M. Bryan who was commanding the 24th in Korea, and also a story on Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud, 19th, and his Medal Of Honor.

There are many short articles about men who had stayed in the Army at the end of WWII, and their graduations from The Finance School, The Command & General Staff College, etc. Also articles about what civilian jobs members now had.

I have not found out how many members there were in The Association at time, but it must have been far less than now. Reason: a notice that Jim Gay, 24th Signal, had sent in his dues.

Dutch

"I'm an excellent Housekeep. Every time I get rid of a man I keep his house."

Zsa Zsa Gabor

Our sincerest "Thanks" to Ed Farmer for this fine picture taken at Schofield in 1937. Over the years Ed has supplied us with outstanding items and photos from those old days. Ed, 21st, shows his service with the 24th beginning in 1936 and going to 1957. He is Life Member #378.

*Picture taken at Schofield
Camp at Schofield Barracks N.Y. H.
1937 by Ed Farmer*



*Honorary Colonel 21st Inf Regt
Retreat Parade for
Whitby Temple*

"There are no bad Regiments, just bad Commanders."

Napoleon

Louis J. Tacchi
6832 Bradley Ave.
Saint Louis, MO 63130-7237

The Taro Leaf

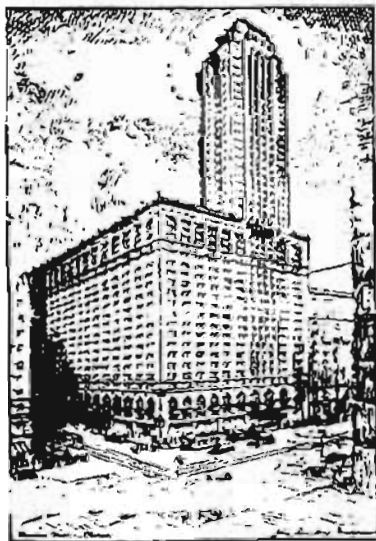
24th Infantry (Victory) Division Veterans' Association

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NUMBER

**LARGE CROWDS
EXPECTED TO
GATHER SOON
at the Morrison**



in Chicago
at Madison & Clark Sts.
Aug. 11, 12, 13, 1950

As the time for the Convention draws nearer no doubt you are wondering what to expect and who you will see. There has been more enthusiasm in the last two months than ever before. Letters of inquiries have been rolling into this Hqs. at the rate of fifteen to twenty a day. Therefore, a large turnout is expected. Inquiries are being answered as fast as possible, but this issue should clear up a few of your questions.

At the moment we do not know definitely who our Guest Speaker is going to be, since we are waiting for an acceptance to our institution. The main thing however is to get to Chicago and meet with old buddies.

Major General Kenneth F. Cravner will be Master-of-Ceremonies, and we all know that with the General at the wheel a very interesting program will be awaiting us.

(Continued on page 5)

CONVENTION COMMITTEE HAVE PLANS WELL UNDERWAY FOR AUG

**Chicago Committee at Work and Making Plans For 1
Biggest and Best 24th Reunion Ever!!**

The Convention Committee, headed by "Spike" O'Donnell, has been hard at work for the past several months. Arthur "Tiny" Maybaum was designated as the Chairman for the Chicago Convention Committee, and the Committee has been growing with each meeting. The Chicago Committee hold regular meetings on the second Friday of each month. At these meetings they discuss the progress made during the month that has passed, and they make plans for the future.

Hotel arrangements have been completed. Dinner reservations, which can not be determined until the reservation cards have been mailed in. These cards are attached to this issue. **PLEASE MAIL THEM AT ONCE!** In addition to these cards, please drop a post card to "Tiny" Maybaum at 1015 West 65th Street, Chicago 21, Illinois, in order that the Chicago Committee will know who to expect.

The Committee is planning some entertainment and will arrange to have tickets to various broadcasts and perhaps theatres. We will know more in June and this in-

formation will be published in the issue of the "Taro Leaf". (Note: We plan to get the next issue out in early July. We are very sorry that this issue is so late but we have been holding out for last minute information about the guest speakers.)

The Convention Committee requests you all bring trophies as it is desired to set up a really fine Trophy Room this year. Your trophies will be well guarded. I hope your General Woodman won all out by you. We will have another group of trophies, more this year than we had in New York.

Spike O'Donnell asks that all Regt. Chairmen really get out and boost the Convention and get as many men from their respective areas as possible interested in attending. In a recent communication Neil Young, we could read between the lines and tell that he and the boys in his Regt. are really boosting this Headquarters. The Convention Committee. Any one needing any further information is asked to call a line to this Hqs., to Spike O'Donnell or Arthur Maybaum.

W-I-L-L S-E-E Y-O-U I-N C-H-I-C-A-G-O

MENU ??

TURN TO PAGE 4.

COL. 2.

The following were recently promoted to full Colonel:

James Puccell, Division Signal Officer.

Donald Farmer, Division Finance Officer.

Max N. Cron, Division Adjutant General.

Harold Liehe, Division Artillery.

HAWAII AUSTRALIA NEW GUINEA PHILIPPINES JAPAN CHICAGO 1950

Louis J. Tacchi
6832 Bradley Ave.
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1st
Reunion

A Resolution Addressed To Congress By The 24th Infantry Division Association

We have noted with extreme interest during the last few months that the shades of Montezuma and Tripoli are once more at large. Voices echo on the floor of Congress with remarkable uniformity of expression. These voices have provoked a flood of bills, also of remarkable uniformity — " Only the Marine Corps can provide an economical and efficient fighting force; therefore, there must be no fewer than 400,000 Marines with their Commandant seated on the Joint Chiefs of Staff."

We marvel that these voices should accept so blindly the information given to them. Yet we relies that the Marines are jealous of the record and we can look on with some tolerance.

We do wish, however, to bestow our official recognition upon the distinguished record of the United States Marine Corps and upon the individual spirit and gallantry of it's members. They are comrades - in -arms. Their performance on the battlefields is of the highest order which can speak for itself without extravagant propaganda .

Accordingly we address ourselves, on a few matters of official record, to the many voices claiming to speak for the Marines.

During World War II we participated in six Major amphibious operations. This was not equaled by any of the six Marine divisions.

We were overseas during actual hostilities from the beginning to the end; In fact, we've never been "home" No Marine division exceeded this record.

In regard to the days of actual combat, the numbers of enemy taken prisoner, and the miles of territory covered in the course of our campaigns, we so far out distanced the Marines in aggregate that it would only be embarrassing to them to cite the figures here.

Those of us whom Hollandia, Leyte, Mindoro, Battan also Corregidor and Mindanao are more than geographical locations, need no testimony that the foregoing was accomplished by hard and bitter fighting every day and every mile. To any who might still suffer the delusion of one member of Congress who wrote that the Marines have traditionally done "the most difficult chores in war time," we simply direct their attention to the fact that the foregoing well-known battles are but a few of those participated in by the 24th Infantry Division — and we haven't even mentioned the Korean War. The record of the 24th in Korea does not call for any recitation herein.

WE therefore urge the Congress of the United States, in the interest of constituting an economical and efficient fighting force, to provide that the 24th Infantry Division be raised to a strength of not less than 600,000 men and that their Commander be seated as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The Back Cover:

The Battle of Taejon, 18, 19, 20 July 1950, was the heaviest single battle of the Korean War. Our 24th Division suffered 1,500 men killed, wounded or missing, including our CG, MG Dean. When we retook the city on 20 September 1950 we found that the North Koreans had tied up and systematically executed 7,000 civilians. Was this all for naught? See the back cover and judge for yourself.

New Life Members

Johnny L. Barrera, 34th
 Jon F. Wheaton, 24th Med
 John M. Ventimiglia, 3rd Eng
 Melvin Pasta, 52nd
 Caleb M. Steinberg, 24th MP
 Wilson T. Dreger, 21st
 Patricia L. Campbell, Assoc. 52nd
 Margo Nelsen, Assoc, 13th
 Frank Brafman, 19th
 Bernard Eck, 21st
 Kenneth G. Grass, 19th
 Harry A. Velick, 34th
 Thomas Pickering, 21st
 T. J. Nicholas, 21st
 Seymour Lehman, 63rd
 James J. Hird, 26th AAA
 Howard B. Vain, 13th
 Alex Green, 724th Ord
 Lawrence H. Brockman, 34th
 Robert J. Campbell, 24th MP
 Bertrand Du Jardin, 724th Ord
 Ronald S. Sloat, 34th
 Charles R. Stancil, 34th
 Kenneth R. Creigmile, 34th
 George D. Archambault Jr, 21st
 Margo Nelsen, Assoc, 13th
 Elminie Johnson, Assoc. 3rd Eng
 Lyle E. Cook, 3rd Eng
 Richard T. Iseri, 24th Sig



On top of Signal Mountain in the main impact area at Fort Sill there are two landmark "reference points" known to every Artillery Officer. Sitting in a protected "no fire zone," they are "The Blockhouse On Signal Mountain" and "Simpson Gun." But since they are in the impact area few have ever seen either up close. Here is a picture of Simpson Gun which had been brought down for repairs. (Why did The Simpson Gun need repairs? Don't ask.)

Why show "Unit" for Associate Members?

Because if a Unit has a newsletter, or plans something like a reunion, they'd most certainly want to know the names and addresses of their outfit's widows, sons and daughters. Right?

Pursue & Planes
U.S. Army Air Corp
1937
Wheeler Field
Sheffield Barracks
G. H.



Secretary/Treasurer's Last Minute Up-Date

New Members:

Allard	Gene	13th	781 Lagoon Drive	Oviedo	FL	32765	407-359-9950	
Allendorf	Lawrence	21st	74 Chadd's Point	Acworth	GA	30101	770-975-5952	
Breedlove	Alvin E.	19th	3504 16th St. NW	Washington	DC	20010-3004	202-518-2561	
Cook	Lyle E.	3rd Eng	Box 53R	Coopers Plains	NY	14827-0253	807-982-6718	Life
Cortese	Nick S.	3rd Eng	2409 Totem Pole Ct	Las Vegas	NV	89134-8303	702-228-2550	
Fallat, Sr	Paul	21st	632 Radway Ave	La Puente	CA	91744-2538	626-917-2525	
Helseth	Stan	19th	15013 Sky Hawk Drive	Sun City	AZ	85375-5959	632-214-9728	
Johnson	Elminie	3rd Eng	2416 Kimberly Drive	Fayetteville	NC	28306-2345	910-424-3840	Assoc Life
Leach	Joseph >	19th	214 Port Royal Drive	Toms River	NJ	8757	732-473-0759	
Mimbs	George E.	3rd Eng	9811 42nd St. East	Parrish	FL	34219	941-776-1687	
Moura-Stoll	Rafael	5th RCT	HC-04 Box 45559	Mayaguez	PR	00680-9419	787-831-3724	
Sexton	Roy	19th	4866 Ida Lawn Drive	Unionville	IN	47468-8970	812-988-6892	
Williams	George E.	21st	Box 85	Brookdale	NY	14817	807-539-7325	

Add To Donations:

\$20, Paul Cain, 34th
 \$284, Joseph Sellmeyer, 13th
 \$10, Michael Cap, 24th Recon
 \$15, Sam Irwin, 19th
 \$5, Donald F. Williams, 21st

Up-Grade To Life:

Robert M. Raub, 19th
 Larry A. Mongan, 19th

Deceased:

Stanley E. Grundon, 78th Tank
 Crossville, Tn
 Died of Cancer, 18 Feb 2000



William 'Ed' Hartman



WASHINGTON — William Edwin "Ed" Hartman, 83, of 204 Mary St. died at 6:57 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, 2001, at his residence.

Born Oct. 24, 1918, in Fairbury, Neb., to William H. and Minnie L. Icenogle Hartman, he married Mary Kathleen McCallister on Oct. 11, 1945, in Peoria. She survives.



William Hartman
1992

Also surviving are three sons, Robert (and Ann) of Griffin, Ga., Lawrence (and Sandra) of Princeville and Daniel (and Vicky) of Farmington; one daughter, Maureen (and Randy) Grimes of Cuba; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

Four brothers and one infant sister preceded him in death.

A World War II Army veteran from 1938 to 1945, he served with the 6th Division, the 5th Division and the 24th Infantry Division. He was a technical platoon sergeant in Cannon Company 34 Infantry Regiment during World War II in the South Pacific. He fought at Hollandia and Blak Island in New Guinea and at Leyte, Luzon, Corregidor and Mindanao in the Philippines. He was awarded the Silver Star for actions at Corregidor and the Bronze Star.

A carpenter and millwright for over 40 years, working throughout central Illinois, he was a member of Carpenter's Local 183.

He retired from Pabst Brewing Co. in 1981.

During his retirement he did programs on his wartime experiences entitled "Freedom Is Not Free" at many local grade schools and at the Washington Library.

He was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9018 and the 24th Infantry Division Association.

He was a member and former deacon of Sunnyland Christian Church.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Deiters Funeral Home. The Rev. Michael McCoskey will officiate. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Hillcrest Memory Garden in Morton.

Memorials may be made to Washington Library.

Last verse of:
"The Caissons Go Rolling Along."

But if fate me should call, and in
 action I should fall,
 Keep those caissons a-rolling along.

Then in peace I'll abide when I take
 my final ride,
 on a caisson that's rolling along.

1368 Highland Ave.
Glendale, CA 91202-2047
24 July 2001

Dear Mr. Nelsen _ _

Enclosing my annual dues plus \$10.00 _ _ like doing this in memory of my father _ John A. Wetterau, M/Sgt, 19th INF Regiment, Service Co. _ _ he was with the 19th 1933-1942 when General DeWitt ordered him stateside. He retired a Maj. _ Army Intelligence in 1947

I'll be attending the 60th Memorial Recognition of the 7 Dec. 1941 this year _ _ always wonderful getting back to Schofield even though the 19th isn't there any more (will see again, the company buildings _ _ but whatever happened to the "ROCK"? (Rock of Chicomagqua) _ _ We were living in quarters in the Carter Gate area overlooking Wheeler Field (now Air Base) _ _ so witnessed all the action from the Japs _ Our house had shrapnel and machine gun bullet holes all through it. That whole day is ever present with me and as awful today, still, as it was then. (I was in Jr. High at the old Post School.)

Anyway, I know you'll all have a grand time in September for the Reunion.

Thanks for letting me bend your ear a little _ _

ALOHA _ _
Joan Wetterau-Blankenburg

(Our school magazine at that time was named the "Taro Leaflet"

Interesting!)

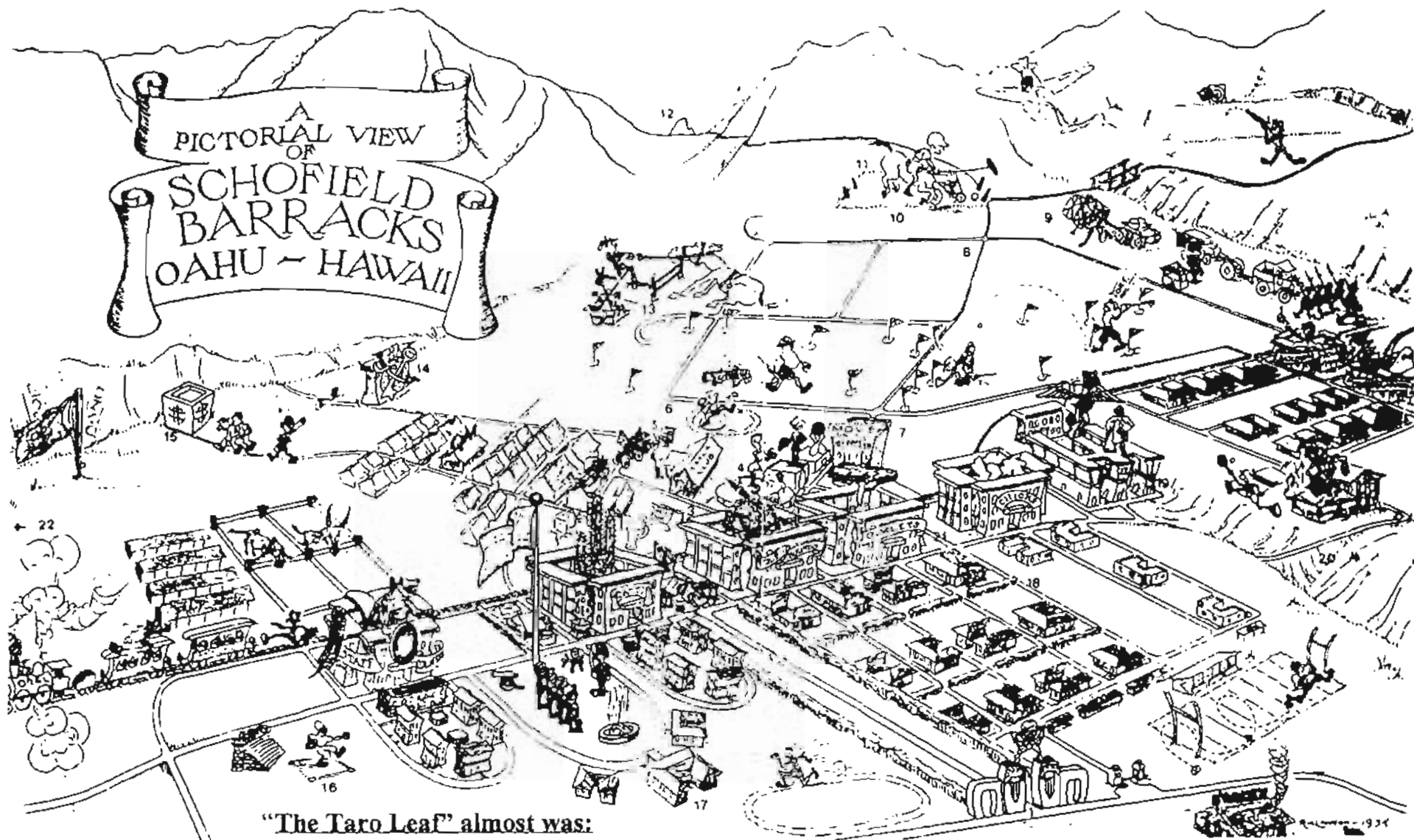
The above letter was beautifully written. We attempted to reproduce it but the lovely, almost fragile writing did not copy well. Thank you Joan Wetterau-Blakenbaum for caring about us.
The men of the 24th IDA

Voting By Mail

The recently passed Constitutional amendments allow, for the first time, voting by mail. Notice that I said "allows." It is not mandatory, and in fact cannot be used for some matters -- such as election of officers. Election of Officers requires nominations from the floor. And a good thing, because for the last several years the Nominating Committees were not able to gather full slates. It was the nominations from the floor that carried us through. But for things such as Constitutional Amendments it will be ideal. Amendments must be voted on exactly as they were printed -- thus amendments from the floor are not permissible. We can print the Amendments in one issue and the ballots in the next. Then every member in The Association that wants to can vote.

Several men have asked, "Who will count the ballots," implying there may be some sort of hanky-panky. An insulting question -- we are all Comrades In Arms and men of integrity. The Sec/Tres can count the ballots, or we can appoint a committee. A minor issue.

John A. Wetterau SEC/TRES



"The Taro Leaf" almost was:

When our Association was formed in 1947 suggested names for the newsletter were: The Poi Leaf, The Taro Leaflet, The Alang-Alang, Clarion, Hoi-Poi, V-Mail, Veescrpts, Oahu Wahoo, Tarogram and the Tarograph. There were also some a bit too *ribald* to print.

This is the Menu from the 1941 Thanksgiving Day Dinner experienced by the men of B-34th Regiment on that holiday. Interest might exist, encouraging those who may recall some of these fine men, to renew some old contacts.

Those that I personally knew well and vividly recall include:

Louis Brown.....Listed under corporals, and still an active Taro Leafer.

Harold Fritz Hollandia-Leyte period

Arvel Webb A Sgt. on Leyte

Martin Crowe Another Leyte Sgt. and a past very active Taro Leafer

Danny Cuomo Same deal as Marty Crowe above.

**Paul Joseph Platoon Sgt. on Leyte, later Field Comm. 2nd Lt...
Was awarded the Silver Star the same day as I was
awarded the Bronze Star Medal for action on Leyte.**



Vincent Montes.Hollandia/Leyte campaigns

Joseph Skiba.....Platoon Sgt.during Leyte campaign

Some that I knew less well but do recall them from the Leyte days:

John Feragola Henry Jolley Henry Kalpinski and James Taylor.

The ratings of the men reflect the impact of the regular army vs. the draftees, something of a challenge to generating the desired and required ultimate mutual respect and teamwork factors which were the norm in combat.

Charlie

The “Executive Committee”

(What they do and what they do not do.)

A few pages further on you will find a listing of the current Executive Committee. Half of all the “ills” of our Association are blamed on this group of members, and improperly so. Examples:

1. *“The Executive Committee will never allow a reunion in California.”* The Committee does not select the locations for our reunions -- the Members do at the Annual Business Meeting. The Committee culls through all proposed sites and eliminates any that are clearly “out of line.” The viable sites are submitted to the Members with a recommendation -- which is often ignored. Two years ago Arlington, Texas and Kansas City were presented to the members with a recommendation for Texas -- the members voted for Kansas City.

2. *“They stacked the Committee.”* Impossible!!! The composition of The Committee is set by our Constitution and there is no way anyone can be added to it.

3. *“All the Brass on the Committee.”* Of the current Committee only three were Officers.

Suggestion: instead of griping why don’t you hold office -- all the men on “The Committee” did.

D. Atz

THANKSGIVING

November 1941



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THIRTY-FOURTH INFANTRY
Fort Jackson, South Carolina

ROSTER

COMPANY "B" THIRTY-FOURTH INFANTRY
Fort Jackson, South Carolina

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	Theodore Newman	

PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

Tony Bagnaro	Seymour J. Friedman	Thomas D. O'Reilly
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May Fiere	Paul Natch	Valentine G. Zibarski

PRIVATES (REGULAR ARMY)

Moys M. Belger	Jean J. Marcum	Bruce Mincey
Clarence L. Gossett		John Owens

PRIVATES (SELECTEES)

Thomas Adorna	Victor G. Kalistinsky	Thomas Adorna
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Nicholas J. Chango	John F. Kelly, Jr.	Nicholas J. Chango
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William A. Gourlay	Charles E. Morris	William A. Gourlay
Norman H. Gould	Louis Nicotia	Norman H. Gould
George Grace	John J. Ochaz	George Grace
Henry D. Jollie	John M. Paul	Henry D. Jollie
Leopold B. Jordan	Mack R. Perry	Leopold B. Jordan
Paul R. Joseph, Jr.	Anthony Perro	
	Herman Popkin	

*Does not include Camp Wolters
replacements
But we got stuffed!*



Charlie Card (34th) sent this Thanksgiving Menu to reflect on.

Kurt Franz, son of Lorenz Franz is looking for men pictured below who served with his father in the Philippines. Kurt's address is: 2030 N. Adams St., Apt. 206, Arlington, VA 22201-3737. Picture 1 – Mindanao, Philippines. My Dad is Lorenz Franz and is second from left kneeling in front of Japanese naval flag. He has glasses on and looks about the thinnest and darkest tanned.



Picture 2. My Dad is standing at far right with glasses, no hat and rifle. Standing, left to right, Charlie Rodenbeck, from Indiana originally; Willy Eubanks from Mississippi; my Dad, kneeling, Roy Ingersol, Minnesota; Junior Crilley, Maryland (deceased); Paul V. Ukena, originally from Denver, CO. Taken in Mindanao, Philippines just after the war ended.



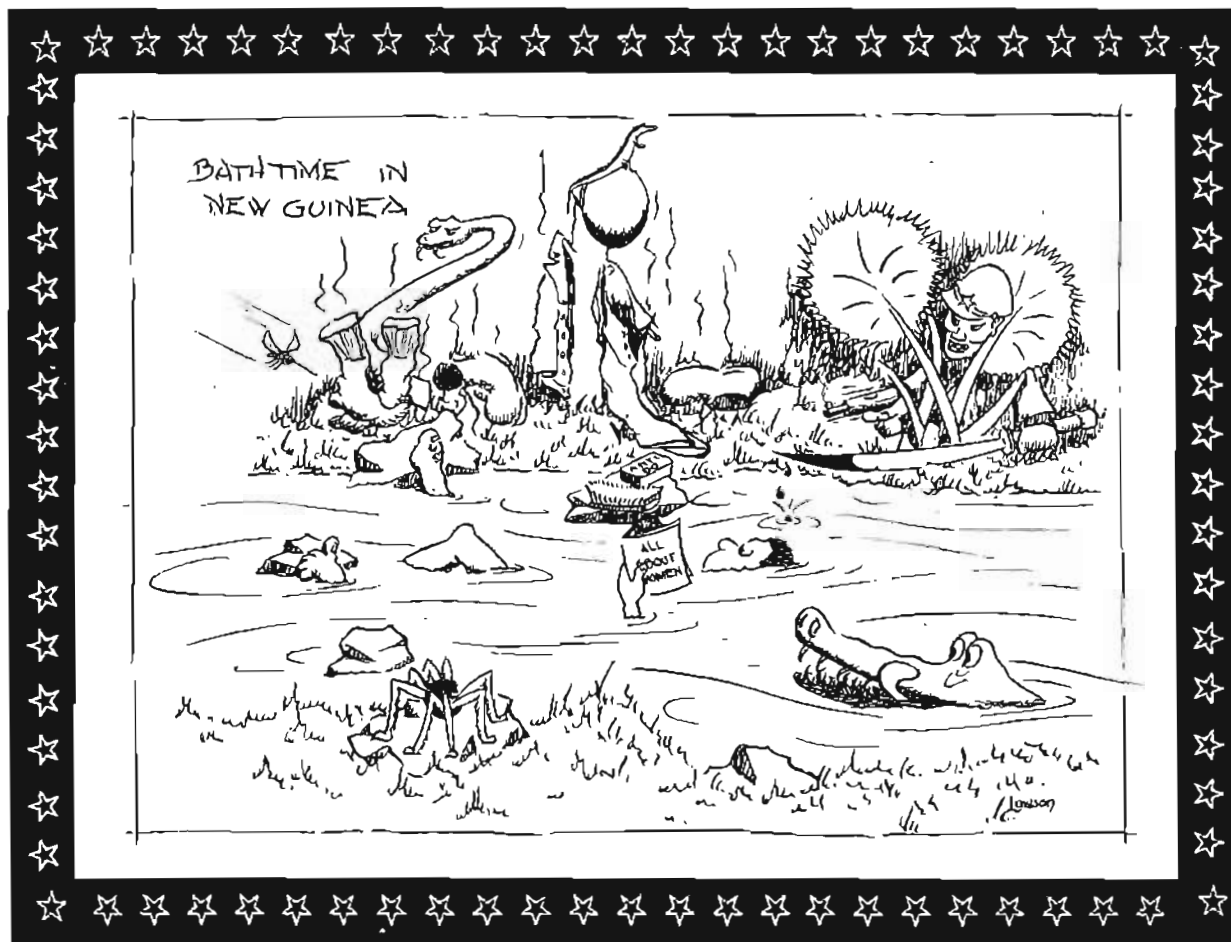
PEARL HARBOR 1941



James F. Conway, Div. HQ sent this photo, taken on Goodenough Island. Father Newer, The Div. Chaplain is in the center. CID Agent James F. Conway is to his left, hat in hand. Photo was taken just before the move to Hollandia.



The Division Chapel on Goodenough Island. The Chaplain's Command car is to the left, to the back right is his quarters.



Officer: "Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?"

Soldier: "Sure, buddy."

Officer: "That's no way to address an officer! Let's try it again. Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?"

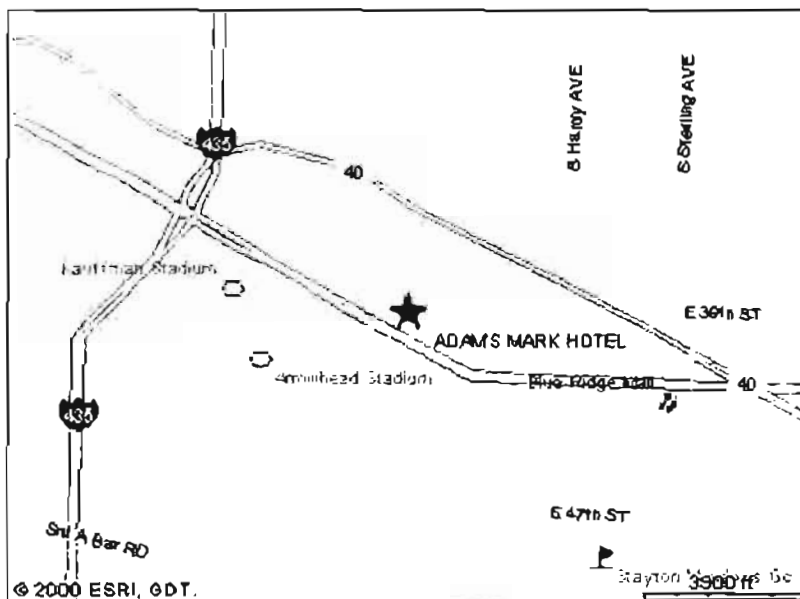
Soldier: "No, sir!"

ADAM'S MARK HOTEL

9103 EAST 39 STREET
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64133
UNITED STATES

Next Reunion: 18 - 21 September 2002

All the details in the next issue of The Taro Leaf.



Johnny Rodriguez, 21st, WWII, is "Head Honcho In Charge." How about all you guys who live in or near Kansas City giving Johnny a call and offer to lend a helping hand. This is a big, big job. (913-262-7972)



"Caisson" is from the French, and means, "Little Box."

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Current Past Presidents
24th Infantry Division Association
4-Nov-01

Lets have the Reunion in your city

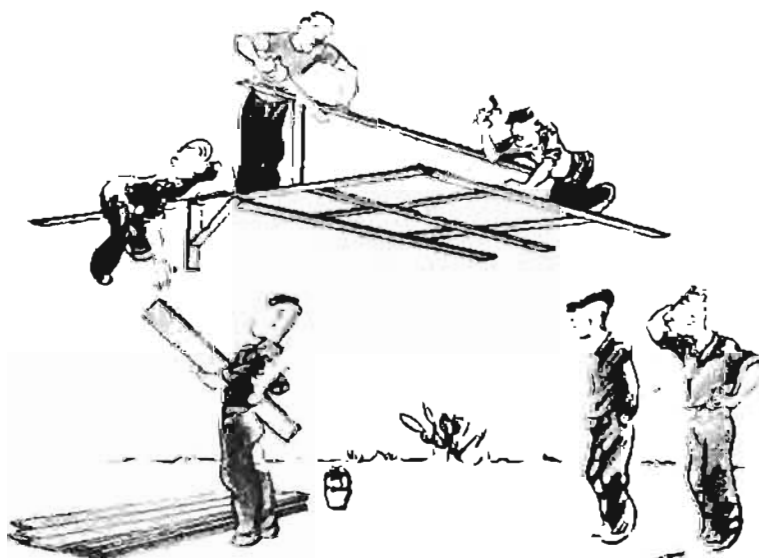
William Sanderson	1967-68	19th	401-884-7128	FL
Donald C. Williams	1968-69	34th	810-566-4627	MI
William C. Muldoon	1970-71	19th	603-882-7148	NH
Paul F. Wisecap	1971-72	34th	813-936-6103	FL
John C. Klump	1977-78	34th	812-375-6184	IN
John R. Shay	1983-84	21st	708-724-5133	IL
Richard C. Watson	1985-86	19th	317-378-3721	IN
Warren C Avery	1986-87	21st	203-239-3406	CT
Donald E. Rosenblum	1987-88	HQ	912-233-6717	GA
Albert McAdoo	1991-92	5thRCT		FL
Wallace C. Kuhner	1992-93	24thREC.	843-766-8890	SC
Vincent Gagliardo	1993-94	5th RCT	415-467-2316	CA
Vincent Vella	1994-95	21st	716-873-7129	NY
James F. Hill	1995-96	19th	770-998-3749	GA
Ellsworth Nelsen	1996-97	13FA-19th	719-475-7499	CO
Thomas Cochran	1997-98	34th	931-647-4793	TN
Harold Peters	1998-00	21st	612-427-2433	MN
James F. Hill	2000-01	19th	770-998-3749	GA

Current President

Billy Johnson

3rd"C"Eng 910-424-3140 NC

The Executive Committee is composed of the Current President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer/Editor, and Past Presidents.



"AIRBORNE ENGINEERS OR NOT, I STILL DON'T SEE HOW THEY DO IT."
- Sgt. M. Bauman



"You know what I love most about you, Grandpa
You don't act like a grown-up."



I & R Section 3rd Bn. 19th INF
 Tell me, would you let your
 daughter go out with one of
 these guys?

Left to right (F)

Gene Voglesong
 Bob Beam
 Richard Woodland
 Oscar Welton

Left to Right (B)

John Heeter
 Bud Botomiller
 Lee Piccinin
 Bill Newby
 Joe Goss
 Delmar Johnson

Happy days are here!
 Packing for Japan
 Hq 3rd Bn. 19th
 3/52

Photo's sent in by Richard Woodland
 I & R Section-3rd Bn. 19th



Don't you miss these
 Good ole days?



Garner, Goss, Johnson &
 Woodland 12/51



Romanian Newspaper Article Re: Sept. 11

This article was written by Mr. Cornel Nistorescu and published under the title "Cintarea Americii" on September 24 in the Romanian newspaper Evenimentul zilei ("The Daily Event" or "News of the Day").

Why are Americans so united? They don't resemble one another even if you paint them! They speak all the languages of the world and form an astonishing mixture of civilizations. Some of them are nearly extinct, others are incompatible with one another, and in matters of religious beliefs, not even God can count how many they are. Still, the American tragedy turned three hundred million people into a hand put on the heart. Nobody rushed to accuse the White House, the army, the secret services that they are only a bunch of losers. Nobody rushed to empty their bank accounts. Nobody rushed on the streets nearby to gape about. The Americans volunteered to donate blood and to give a helping hand. After the first moments of panic, they raised the flag on the smoking ruins, putting on T-shirts, caps and ties in the colours of the national flag. They placed flags on buildings and cars as if in every place and on every car a minister or the president was passing. On every occasion they started singing their traditional song: "God Bless America!".

Silent as a rock, I watched the charity concert broadcast on Saturday once, twice, three times, on different tv channels. There were Clint Eastwood, Willie Nelson, Robert de Niro, Julia Roberts, Cassius Clay, Jack Nicholson, Bruce Springsteen, Sylvester Stalone, James Wood, and many others whom no film or producers could ever bring together. The American's solidarity spirit turned them into a choir. Actually, choir is not the word. What you could hear was the heavy artillery of the American soul. What neither George W. Bush, nor Bill Clinton, nor Colin Powell could say without facing the risk of stumbling over words and sounds, was being heard in a great and unmistakable way in this charity concert. I don't know how it happened that all this obsessive singing of America didn't sound croaky, nationalist, or ostentatious! It made you green with envy because you weren't able to sing for your country without running the risk of being considered chauvinist, ridiculous, or suspected of who-knows-what mean interests. I watched the live broadcast and the rerun of its rerun for hours listening to the story of the guy who went down one hundred floors with a woman in a wheelchair without knowing who she was, or of the Californian hockey player, who fought with the terrorists and prevented the plane from hitting a target that would have killed other hundreds of thousands of people. How on earth were they able to bow before a fellow human? Imperceptibly, with every word and musical note, the memory of some turned into a modern myth of tragic heroes. And with every phone call, millions and millions of dollars were put in a collection aimed at rewarding not a man or a family, but a spirit which nothing can buy.

What on earth can unite the Americans in such a way? Their land? Their galloping history? Their economic power? Money? I tried for hours to find an answer, humming songs and murmuring phrases which risk of sounding like commonplaces. I thought things over, but I reached only one conclusion.

Only freedom can work such miracles!

Associated Press reported about the author, Mr. Nistorescu:

Nistorescu, managing director of the daily newspaper *Evenimentul Zilei* -- News of the Day -- published his editorial Sept 24, two days after watching a celebrity telethon in New York for victims of the attacks . . .

Like his other columns, "Ode to America" was meant for domestic consumption. No one knows when -- or how -- the article first reached the other side of the Atlantic. But Nistorescu figures it began when someone pulled it off the English-language version of his daily's Web page and sent it to a friend.

Since then, thousands of Americans at home and expats around the world have e-mailed it to friends, saying it captured their nation's spirit. It has been read out to U.S. soldiers and on radio talk shows and posted on U.S. Web sites.

Nistorescu says he had no idea his "Ode to America" would resonate so far away . . .

Nistorescu remains surprised and touched by the success of the piece, one of thousands he has penned in a more than 20-year career.

"It is all about the American spirit and how freedom cannot be crushed," he says.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

HEADQUARTERS, 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION (MECHANIZED) AND FORT RILEY
FORT RILEY, KANSAS 66442-5000

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

29 May 2001

Office of the Commanding General

James F. Hill
President, 24th Infantry Division Association
260 Shelli Lane
Roswell, GA 30075

Dear Mr. Hill:

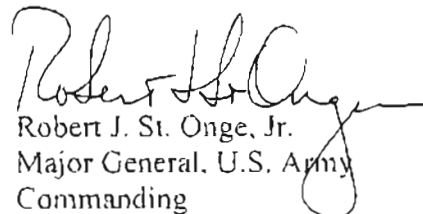
I wanted to thank you for sending me a copy of 24th FORWARD. What a powerful and poignant collection of photos and events, documenting the sacrifices and heroic struggles this great division endured. Never have I seen a more thorough compilation of any unit's experience in a war. I am extremely proud to be the commander of a division with such a distinguished combat history, and it makes me even prouder when I flip through the pages of such a fine record of your actions in Korea.

I have decided to donate the book to the Museum Division. They have a reference library, which is frequented by those interested in our history and those conducting research for various projects. Additionally, Mr. Van Meter, the Chief of the Museum Division, often receives many requests for information about the 24th Infantry Division; this book will greatly assist him in his efforts of preserving our history. I believe this location offers the best way for us to share this history with all soldiers.

On a separate note, I also want to commend you on how professional your members looked and acted during the 42d Annual Armed Forces Day Parade in Torrance, CA. They did an outstanding job, and it added a special touch for me to see fellow Taro-leafers marching that day.

Thank you again for such a marvelous pictorial history of the Victory Division.

Sincerely,


Robert J. St. Onge, Jr.
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding

May 18, 2001

CG to lead national parade

May Gen. Robert J. St. Onge, Jr., commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, has been selected as this year's grand marshal for the 42nd annual Armed Forces Day Parade in Torrance, Calif., May 19.

The parade is scheduled to include military marching units, military vehicles, veteran's groups, the LAPD Motorcycle Drill Team, high school bands and drill teams and much more. A helicopter flyover and precision parachute jump are also scheduled.

TARO LEAF NOTES

BY

JIM HILL

19TH INFANTRY



Winter 2001

The 53rd Annual Reunion of the 24th Infantry Division Association was held as scheduled 19-22 September 2001 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center, Hampton, Virginia. In that the tragic events that happened to our country 11 September put a somber pall on the different scheduled events of the reunion there was still a large turnout of 24th Infantry Division veterans, many that had brought their spouses, relatives and friends with them.

Based on the extra security precautions placed on the military installations in the Hampton Roads area several of the scheduled tours had to be revised in that there were restrictions placed on admittance to the military bases. Thanks to the tour director most of the tours did continue as scheduled with alternate locations being substituted for locations that were inaccessible due to the security restrictions.

The Convention hotel was well suited for a reunion the size of ours. The Hospitality Room and all the Meeting Rooms were in one location in the hotel which allowed the attendees to have a central meeting location for all of the scheduled events. The Hospitality Room was utilized by all members and was always fully occupied during the hours it was open. Refreshments and snacks were always available thanks to the hotel and its staff. A special "thank you" to Mrs. Emogene Carter, wife of former Association Member, Harvey G. Carter (19th Infantry), for her assistance in assisting with the registration and the operation of the Hospitality Room.

The Friday night Aloha Dinner was well attended with 292 members and their guests attending. The floor show performed by THE SAWYER SISTERS was well received. They were a singing group that included in their program many of the songs of the 1940s and 50s which helped in taking away the sorrow that all felt because of the events of the previous week.

The Saturday night Memorial Dinner filled the ball room with 325 attendees. As in past reunions a photographer was present to make formal photographs for our Reunion Book. Our guest speaker was General J. H. Binford Peay, III, US Army Retired, former Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Army, who gave a most inspiring speech relating to the current events of the day, the role of the United States Army and the strong relationship and leadership that we veterans have in the affairs of our country today.

Drawings for the ten winners of \$500 each was held prior to the beginning of the Memorial Dinner and the Secretary/Treasurer provided checks has provided checks to the lucky individuals.

The Association's most prestigious award, The Verbeck Award, named in honor of Major General William Jordon Verbeck, former Chief of Staff of our Division, was awarded for 2001 to our dedicated and most conscientious Quartermaster, Harry Wittman (21st Infantry).

The Military TATTOO that was scheduled for Sunday afternoon in which the 24th Division members were to be honored guests was canceled due to the closure of Fort Monroe to other than military traffic.

The General membership Meeting was held on Saturday morning after the Unit Breakfasts. Each Breakfast had a good turn out as follows:

19th infantry 36	21st Infantry 37	34th Infantry 30
Artillery 25	Other Division Units 11	Ladies Breakfast 115

The General Membership Meeting consisted of reports from the staff members of the Association as related to their area of responsibility. Voting on the proposed Amendments to the Association's Constitution as was published in the June 2001 issue of the TARO LEAF was held. Amendments were approved that provides for any relative of a active or deceased member of the 24th Infantry Division to join the Association as an Associate Member; authorized the Executive Committee of the Association to establish the dues for Life Membership in the Association and changes the election of Association Officers in future elections to be held by mail ballot thus allowing all members the privilege of voting for Association officers. Other proposed amendments were not approved. It was announced that the Association will contribute \$1000 for disaster relief to a national organization.

Election for the Association officials for 2001-02 was held. The following individuals were elected for positions as indicated:

President--Billy Johnson (3rd Engineers, Japan and Korea)

Vice-President--William R. Kane (5th RCT, Korea)

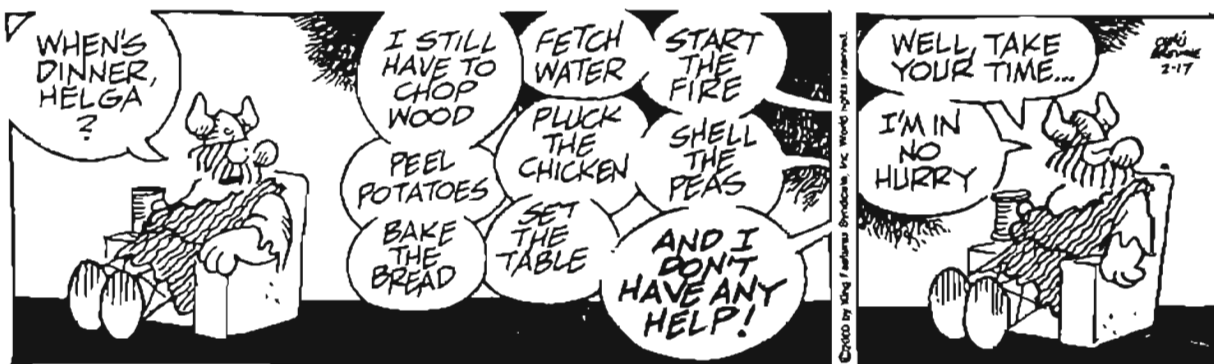
Secretary/Treasurer--Ellsworth Dutch Nelsen (13th FAB, 19th, Japan, Korea and Germany)

Editor--The President declared the position unfilled with an individual to be appointed at a later date. (The Constitution of the Association identifies the Sec/Treasure as also the Editor of the TARO LEAF.)

It was announced at the meeting that the 2002 Reunion will be held at the Adams Mark Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri during the period 18-21 September. For 2003 plans are being made to hold the reunion in the Western United States,

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

By Dik Brown



LOOKING FOR OUR BUDDIES

(AND INFORMATION OF FAMILY MEMBERS WHO SERVED IN THE MILITARY)

My Grandfather, CPT William A. Corner was from Quincy, MA. He was a Rifle Company Commander in Korea. I think he got there around October 1950. He was a WWII Vet with the 75th INF. He served in the Battle of the Bulge and then occupied Germany in 1945. He was recalled to active duty for the Korean War. He died in 1980. He was WIA early in the war and went to Japan to recover from his wounds. I would appreciate hearing from anyone who knew him in Korea.
CPT Richard W. Corner II, FA
6701 NW Maple Drive, Apt. 715
Lawton, OK 73505
Phone: (580) 510-0433
Email: RWC1975@aol.com

I am searching for information on Harry Phillips, my brother who was killed in Korea. He was in the 21st Inf. Rgt-24th ID. His last letter stated he was a radio man. On July 9, 1950 they entered the battle, on July 12, 1950 he was listed as MIA. On December 31, 1953 he was declared KIA.
Helyn (Phillips) Kent
Email: helynkessprhillf@webtv.net

I am seeking information on my uncle 04745 Bradley J. Griffey who was MIA/KIA on 10 July 1950. His MOS was 04745. He was assigned to the 8 CAV RGT (INF) 1 CAV. DIV but may have been transferred to the 24 ID at the start of the war.
Email: russellballard@ameritech.net

I'm trying help my dad, Lorenz Franz, nickname "Prof, of Co. H., 2nd Btn., 21st Inf. Reg., 24th ID get in touch with anyone who served with him at Goodenough Island; Tanahmerah Bay; Hollandia; New Guinea; Mindenao; Philippines and Japan from 1943 to 11 Nov. 1945.
Kurt Franz
Email: balcon46@yahoo.com

I hope to find someone who may have known my Great Uncle Charlie, Charles D. Thompson, He was KIA on July 16, 1950. He was 19 years old. He was in the 19th INF. Co. G, 24th IDA. I have read all his letters and even named my son after him. If you can help me I will really appreciate it.

Victoria Thompson-Berkowitz
442 Tiller Lane
Redwood City, CA 94065
Email: vberkowitz@home.com

This request sent in by Shorty Estabrook. If you knew Robert Lenz, C Co., 19th Inf., 24th ID please contact his brother. Robert was captured on 16 July 1950 during the Kum River fighting and died on Christmas day 1950 at Hanjang-ni North Korea. He was with the Tiger Survivors
Richard Lenz
2472 Bootmaker Drive
Beloit, WI 53511
Phone: (608) 364-4065
Email: jdajllenz@inwave.com

Bill Needs Your Help

Bill Harbin is looking for an Engineer, or anyone, who remembers him from Korea. He needs to prove that he was in Co. B, 2nd Platoon, 2nd Squad, January 1950 to April, 1952

If anyone remembers Gilmer W. Wilson from Sandy Ridge, NC who was KIA in September 1950. Please contact me. He served with the 19th Reg. 24th ID
Thanks,
Ken Brown
PO Box 45
Sandy Ridge, NC 27046
Email: kmbrown@vnet.net

Looking for an Ambulance driver: I am looking for an ambulance driver or personnel from the Korean War. I would like to correspond with the driver about their experienced in Korea. I am working on a writing project for a company that produces die-cast models of Korean War era vehicles. Any help would be greatly appreciated.
Tim Davison
Email: presto1000@juno.com

Looking for then-**CPT Norman Linnear (or Lin-car)**. He was my Ft. Benning OCS Tac Officer in 1968. He is a Benning OCS graduate, maybe a medic prior to OCS. Last saw him in 1969 when I was with the 24th.

Chuck Buchana
24th INF 1968-69
REFORGER 1969
Email: ctbuchana@buchana.com

"B" Btry 13th Field: Brother of **Sgt David J. White**, our FDC Sergeant is looking for anyone who was with the Battery on **6 Aug. 1950 when we were overrun and Sgt. White was killed**. Please contact:

Chuck White Note: "I talked to
Chuck for about an hour on the
14 Norwyn Road phone, but it
would be good if others could
Hayboro, PA 19040-2018 also talk to
him." Dutch Nelsen
Phone: (215) 675-1862

Co. A 21st Weapons Platoon-Clifton Mathis is looking for information about his brother **William F. Mathis**. William was reported KIA 7 November 1944 on Leyta.

Clifton Mathis
PO Box 1275
Vienna, IL 62995

William R. Hutchinson is looking for **Henry DeJony**, the best friend of William's brother. **Charles Patrick Hutchinson** or anyone who knew him. Charles arrived on Leyte on 1 February 1945 or Mindoro 18 February. He left October 12 to ship to Japan, arrived November 6 at Kochi, Shikoku Island. Charles died in a barracks fire at Kure, Japan. If you have any information about Charles, Henry or anyone who may have been with them, please contact William at his home

William Hutchinson
18056 41st Road North
Loxahatchee, FL
Phone: 1-800-972-0684 ext 60
Email: hutchbill@earthlink.net
or hutchbill@bigfoot.com

I have been trying to find information about my uncle, **Charles V Bailey**. He was a Cpl-E4 with the **21st INF, 24th ID**. He was reported missing 7/11/50 and died as a POW 01/22/51. I would appreciate

any information you can give me.

Mary Ann Shopp (Baily)
Mammadukes57@yahoo.com

PV2 Eric R. Zimmer (newly promoted) is trying to locate old friends of his father, **Harry E. Zimmer**. Harry was an E-4 when he got out in the early 60's. He was assigned to the 19th INF in Germany. You can contact Harry at his home.

Harry E. Zimmerman
4052 Elbern Ave.
Whitehall, OH 43213
Email: Veracruz1870@aol.com

My uncle, **Cpl. Leo Thomas Buehler, of Philadelphia, PA, never returned home**. He was in **B Co. 19th Regiment, 24th ID**, from late 1949 until his death on April 23, 1951. His family was told that he was MIA. We have letters from him saying he was in a hospital only days before because of frostbite on his feet. We have nothing from him after that. All letter to him were returned unopened and then his Mother received she telegram that he was KIA. It was exactly 50 years on April 23, 2001 since his death. We are hoping someone there could help us fill in the gaps as to actually what happened to him.

Thank you for your help.
Email: Claxton76@yahoo.com

Last minute request:

Steve Olsson wrote:

"Hello, JJ McKeon has referred you to me concerning my grandfather **George Olsson**, who served in the **21st Regt, 2nd BN in E Co**. I am trying to find persons who have served with him and may know a little about his war days in the Pacific and Korea. If you could be of any help it would be greatly appreciated." EMail: molsson@yahoo.com



Kilroy Was Here

Cpl. Leo Thomas
Buehler

30 August 2001

Mr. Cleon Eckler
Townsend, Delaware

Dear Cleon,

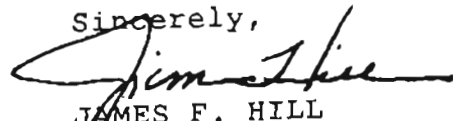
Our Association Secretary, Dutch Nelsen, recently sent me the letter you wrote him about your participation in the Korean War National Memorial event in Washington on 27 July of this year.

Cleon, it makes very proud to be part of an organization that has members like you, Howard Camp and Richard Lewis that take the personal time and effort to represent our famous 24th Infantry Division at historic events such as the one you all attended. All of you are to be commended for your involvement in this annual project. Please pass along to Howard and Richard my personal thanks. I am also sending Harry Whittman a copy of this correspondence. I know Harry was very disappointed that he could not participate this year. I know that Daddy Neal was also disappointed that he could not attend this year's Memorial.

Dutch said that he sent a photo of you all to the Editor of the Taro Leaf to be printed in the next issue so that all of our members will be made aware that many of we Korean War vets still remember and honor the men of our Division that served in that famous conflict.

Thanks for your dedication to the memory of all of us who proudly can say, "I served with the Victory Division " in Korea.

Sincerely,


JAMES F. HILL
19th Infantry
President



I received the letter below in an envelope of Taro Leaf materials sent to me by Vonnice. I wrote a thank you note on behalf of our Membership. Billy.

Time to Pay Your Dues

On behalf of the members of District Branch of the British Korean War Veterans Association, I would like to express our shared horror at the outrage in New York and Washington and at the same time our admiration of the courage of the New York Fire Department and Police. Our sympathies go to any "Taro Leafer" and indeed to all Americans who Have suffered as a consequence of these dreadful events.

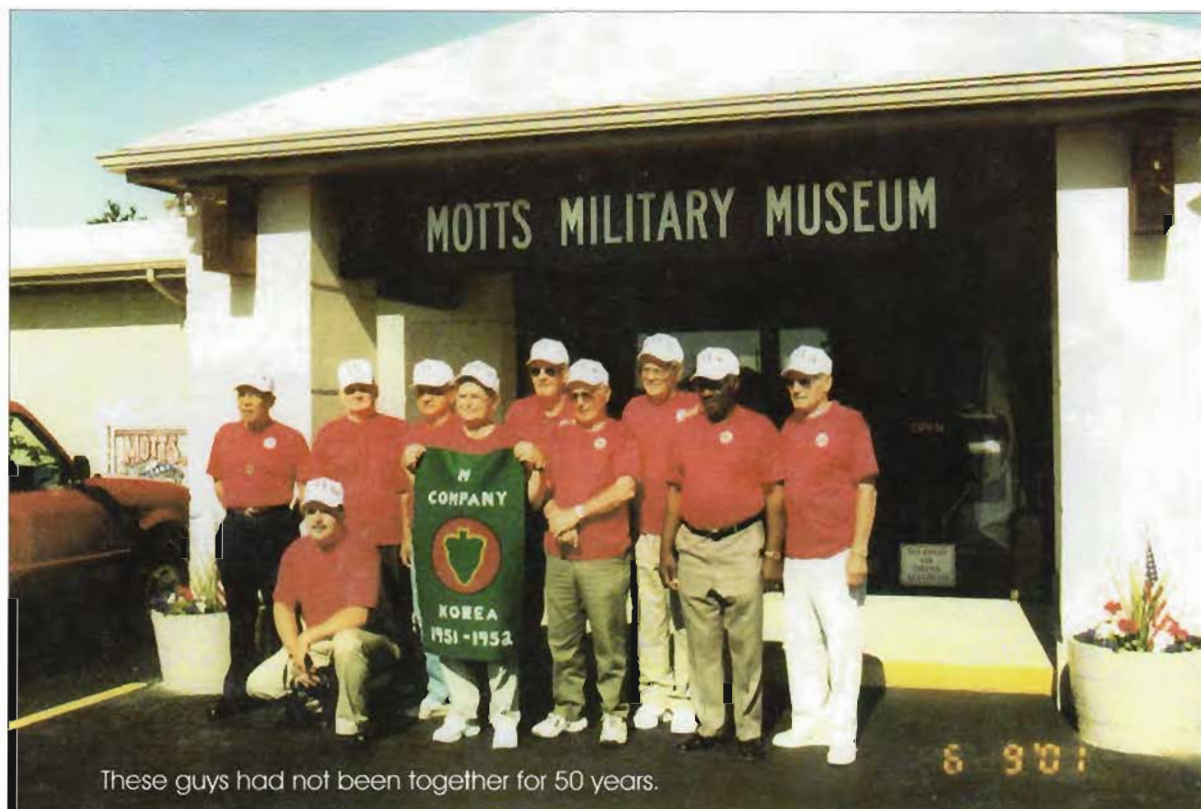
We share the pain.

Regards,

Ron Larby
178 Braemar Avenue
NW10 ODS UK

Note from **Ron Larby**, United Kingdom
Ron writes: "Last Taro Leaf arrived safely, look forward to the next one. What will your members think of the film "Pearl Harbor"?"

Members: Please give your comments.



These guys had not been together for 50 years.

Oscar, you need to recruit these guys for the 24th IDA
24th ID 19th Reg., Co M, 3rd Bn

These guys served together in Korea from May '51 to Feb. '52
Sam Tribble, CA; Joe Barto, OH; Bruce Wilber, WI; Milton Bridges, TN
John Graham, OK; Paul Peterson, MD; Joe Magrum, FL;
Harry Reed II, (Son) OH (kneeling) Ken "Joe" Thomas, IN (with Flag)
Oscar Neumeyer, MI, sent the photo to the TL



Major General Thomas F. Metz
Receiving the Colors of the 24th from
Major General St. Onge



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Christie Vanover, Deputy Media Relations Officer

Rel. No. 11-10-2001
November 7, 2001

PRAIRIE POST CHANGES COMMAND

Cannon thunder and hoofbeats roared across Cavalry Parade Field Nov. 7, marking the hail of a new leader and serving as a fond fare-the-well for the post's outgoing commanding general.

If it weren't for the modern weapons and uniforms of today's soldiers spread across the field, it may have been a scene from the prairie post's historic past.

Fort Riley, the 'Cradle of the Cavalry' and home of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech.) turned out on Cavalry Parade Field to welcome Maj. Gen. Thomas F. Metz, who accepted command of the 24th Inf. Div. and Fort Riley from Maj. Gen. Robert St. Onge Jr.

Hamilton's Own salute battery provided the rumbling cannon fire to start off the ceremony. These soldiers, dressed in period clothes from the Revolutionary War, are members of Battery D, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, the oldest continuous Field Artillery Regiment in the Army.

In true Cavalry style, a tradition based on the post's former mission of training mounted Cavalry troops, the Fort Riley Honor Guard performed a crowd favorite — the Cavalry Charge.

Lt. Gen. B.B. Bell, commanding general, III Corps and Fort Hood, Texas, presided over the ceremony as the senior reviewing officer.

Metz, whose most recent assignment was vice director for Force Structure, Resources, and Assessment, J8, the Joint Staff, has served at Fort Riley before.

From July 1992 to July 1994, he commanded the 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division and then served as the division and Fort Riley chief of staff until June 1995.

At a press conference before the change of command, Metz said, "I look forward to getting reacquainted with the wonderful community that surrounds Fort Riley, to get back on the Army's best training installation as a trainer, getting back to business and just being back with soldiers after three years at the Pentagon."

TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES

Metz was born in North Carolina, where he lived until enlisting in the Army in June 1966. In August, after BCT at Fort Gordon, Ga., he entered the United States Military Academy Preparatory School.

Metz received a regular Army appointment to the United States Military Academy and entered in July 1967.

Upon graduation from West Point in June 1971, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry.

Metz's military schools include the Infantry Basic and Advanced courses, the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Good Conduct Medal, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Senior Parachutist Badge and designation as a Belgium Brevet "A" Commando.

Fort Riley's outgoing commander, St. Onge, will continue work he has done here in leading and training an integrated force as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness, Training and Mobilization, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.

He arrived at Fort Riley and took charge of the 24th Infantry Division Aug. 4, 2000.

St. Onge was commissioned upon graduation from the U.S. Military Academy in 1969.

Before he took the reins here, St. Onge served as the 65th Commandant of Cadets at West Point and then as the Deputy and later the Director of Strategy, Plans and Policy, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operation and Plans, Headquarters, Department of the Army.

"This is a very strong installation, units here are tremendous, I think we have sustained that strength and made it better. Units here truly are some of the best in the Army. This is a wonderful installation, I'll miss it," said St. Onge.

**"ONE OF THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS
IN PLANNING AGAINST AMERICAN
DOCTRINE IS THAT THE AMERICANS
DO NOT READ THEIR MANUALS NOR
DO THEY FEEL ANY OBLIGATIONS
TO FOLLOW THEIR DOCTRINE"**

FROM A RUSSIAN DOCUMENT

On May 28, a plaque honoring the Tiger Survivors was dedicated at the Andersonville National Historic Site in Andersonville, GA (See web site at <http://www.nps.gov/ande/>) Joe Gomez, L/34/24, a Tiger Survivor, was in charge of the dedication.

Tiger Survivors is a group of men and women who were held prisoners of war during the Korean War. Most of the American soldiers were from the 24th INF that was rushed to Korea at the beginning of the war and were prisoners for 38 months.

There were 79 multinational civilians with the group. Some of them were not released until April 2, 1953. A young Japanese civilian, Kiyohito (Mike) Tsutsui was employed as a KP for an artillery unit of the 24th and was asked to go to Korea with the unit. Mike was captured along with other members of the unit. He was awarded the "United States Medal of Freedom With Palm" for his heroics as an interpreter. The oldest of the civilian group was 83, and the youngest was less than a year. One gave birth to a son in camp. The Tiger Survivors lost 66 percent in captivity. Many were shot or died from various diseases and starvation.

There were many attendees at this event, including Nita Biffle whose brother Ralph McKinley, died in North Korea while a prisoner of war, and Gary and Greg, sons of Edward McClain who died after release in 1953. Bill Norwood represented The Korean War EX-POW Association.

Fred Boyle, Superintendent of Andersonville National Historic Site gave a welcoming speech. Mr. Boyle was most helpful in all phases of this plaque.

Story by: Shorty Estabrook, B/19/24, Tiger Survivors.



Darrell Krenz, L/34/24;
Hale Vannoy, A/21/24;
Joe Gomez, L/34/24;
George Bingham, M/21/24;
George Rogers, C/19/24;
French Kennedy, L/34/24;
Chuck Brantley, Hq3/21/24
To: Shorty Estabrook
Thanks for the photo and story.



American Flag: \$25
 Gasoline: \$2
 Cigarette Lighter: \$2.50

Catching yourself on fire
 because you are a terrorist
PRICELESS



The Hampton Reunion

(A very brief "Thumbnail" Report)

The tragic events of September 11th in New York had a heavy effect on our 2001 Reunion. There were many members who had flights cancelled or otherwise could not attend. In Hampton many of the guided tours were also cancelled. None the less 292 of our folks attended the Aloha Nite, and 325 were at the Banquet. In the Hospitality Room we were able to consume 45 gallons of coffee and gobble down 27 dozen rolls.

The Executive Committee set the policy that full refunds will be made to any of our folks who were unable to attend -- in part or in whole -- or had tours cancelled that had been paid for. Simply contact Dutch Nelsen, our Sec/Tres and your money will be returned to you.

The reunion site for next year is Kansas City, Missouri in September with Johnny Rodriguez running the show, and its Tucson for the year 2003 -- also in September.

Unfortunately Vonnie Mullins, our Editor found it necessary to resign. She has done outstanding work for us and will be "a hard act to follow." But -- we need a new Editor. Who among you will step forward?

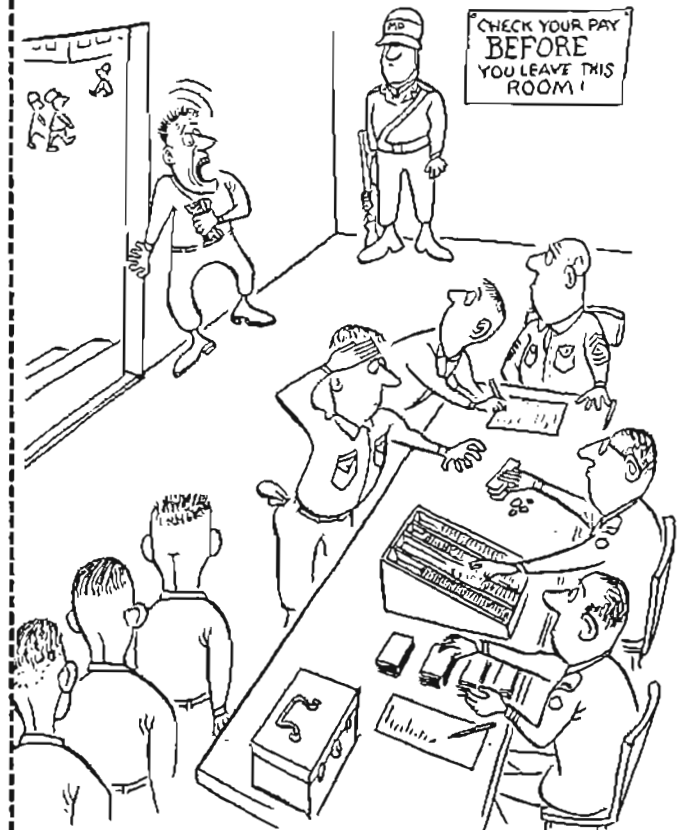
Billy Johnson was elected President, Bill Kane is the new VP and Dutch Nelsen remains as the Sec/Tres, and all other positions remain the same.

Dutch

THE WIZARD OF ID By Parker and Hart



"I CAN'T GO OUT THERE UNARMED WITH THIS FORTUNE IN CASH!"



In 1950 the Annual Dues for Association Membership was \$2.00 -- but an item in The Taro Leaf cited a need for more money.

Reuni



Harry Wittman (QM)
Receiving the Verbeck Bowl
from Warren Avery,
Chairman of the Verbeck
Bowl Committee. Harry is a
dedicated worker,
keeping us up on our
24th ID supplies.

Geneva and Clyde Neal St.



Clyde Neal - Joe Sweeny - Glen Carpenter
Looking like they are ready for the food!



"The sandtraps are bad here."

on 2001



The Prez, Jim Hill and Sue get ready for a tour



Eleanor and Wally "Living it up" at Aloha Night



Sue Hill, Margo and Dutch Nelsen, Eleanor Kuhner at Aloha Night in Hampton



Time To Pay Your Dues

Our new President, Billy Johnson, presenting a gift of appreciation to outgoing President Jim Hill for his outstanding leadership this past year.



Joe Sweeney, our Historian, looking happy.



Frances Wittman, QM, receiving her gift of appreciation. Frances is always at the QM table with a ready smile and a helping hand. Sharing dinner with her is Geneva Neal.



Sue and Bill McClure, Happy diners



Minie Johnson presents a gift of appreciation, a crystal photo frame, to Sue Hill. Billy and Jim in their supporting roles!

L-R Bob Stratoon-Bluffton, OH. Served with Co. M,
19th Inf in Korea
Ray Collon - Somers, CT. Served with Co. M,
19th Inf in Korea
John Cameron - Dayton, OH. Served with Co. D,
34th Inf and Co. M, 19th Inf in Korea
Don Cretaro - San Antonio, TX. Served with Co. D,
34th Inf and Co. M, 19th Inf in Korea

We had a great time at the reunion and looking
forward to Kansas City, MO. Wish you the best in
the coming year. - Don



Our latest recipients of the Verbeck
Award, Harry and Frances Wittman. It
doesn't get any better than this.

Hey, these guys look like they just attended an Aloha
Night After Party. George Frazier, (63rd) FA sent the
photos. George is on the right, center, Alexander
Horanzy (19th) Ralph Carter (19th) is on the left.

TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES



I was looking through some old records and found this speech from our past. I don't know who gets the credit, there was no name attached. I do know it is worth repeating. Billy

The William Jordan Verbeck Award What it is.... and Why

It is an award, represented by a silver bowl, first to honor the memory of one of the Division's most loved and respected soldiers, and second to recognize the dedication of an Association member who most closely resembles Bill Verbeck and his love for our Division and it's Association.

The Verbeck we knew in Division was Regimental Commander of the 21st on Leyte, Mindoro and Mindanao and served as Division Chief of Staff before returning to the States following Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

We respected him, admired him, loved him – and such was his magic that men were proud even to have been his adversary. One story bears out the point that he was respected by the foe. We would repeat here what we have said several times standing behind a convention rostrum. We repeat it, if you will permit us, because it says so much about Bill.

It went:

“My mind harkens back tonight to the many times I heard General Jimmy Lester tell this story I beg to share with you. It was the story of his one and only conversation with General Yamashita, the ‘Butcher of the Philippines’. Between sessions of Yamashita’s trial in Manila, of which Lester was a court member, our Jimmy found an opportune moment to speak to the Butcher and ask of him a pregnant question: When did Japan lose the war?” And Yamashita’s answer: “The war of Japan was lost in the Campaign of the Philippines, and the Campaign of the Philippines was lost in the Battle of Leyte, and the Battle of Leyte was lost in a skirmish on Breakneck Ridge, and the skirmish on Breakneck Ridge was lost to your Colonel Verbeck.”

And that is part of the reason why we from time –to–time, award to one of our number the Verbeck Award – our highest honor.



WORLD WAR II 1941-1945

WITTMAN HONORED WITH VERBECK AWARD

Harry Wittman Jr. of 1385 Terri St., Keyser, WV. was awarded the William J. Verbeck Bowl award at the annual 24th Infantry Division Reunion held in Hampton Va.

William Jordan Verbeck, Major General in the 24th Infantry Division, U.S. Army from 1904-1965 was considered, "Bravest of the Brave".

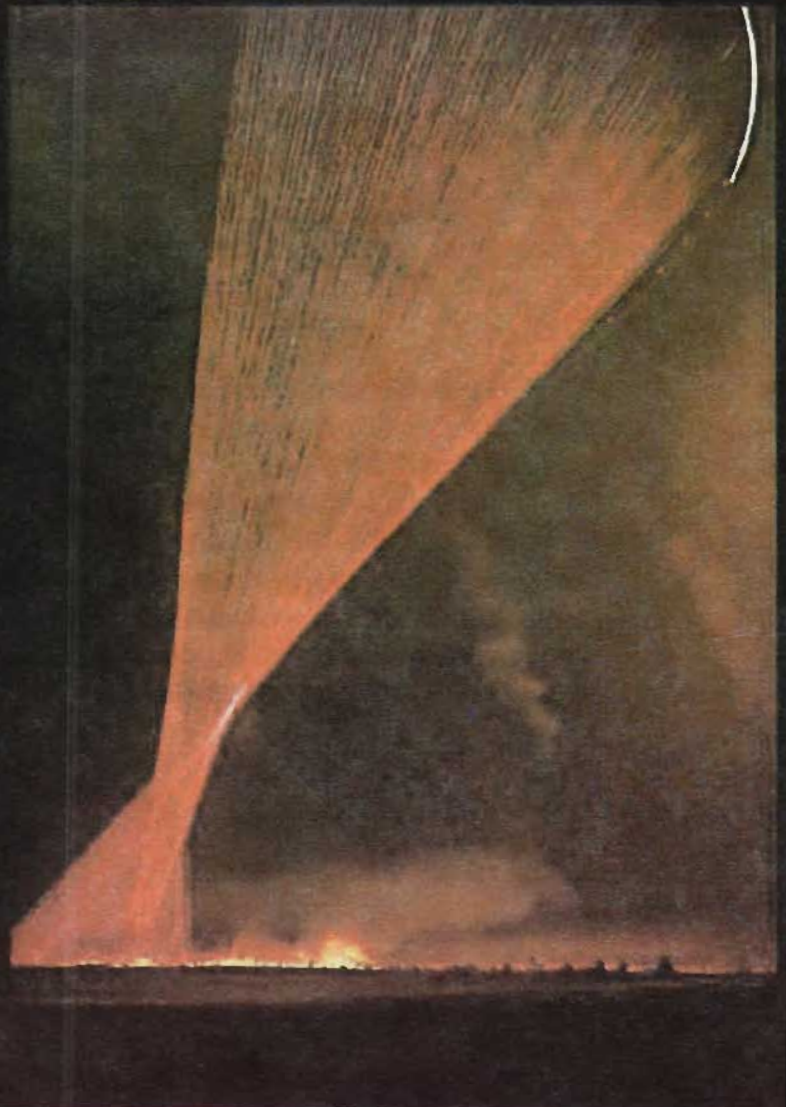
This annual award is awarded to a member of the 24th Infantry Division Association who is dedicated and works hard for the association.

Harry has been a member of the 24th Infantry Division Association since 1952 when he returned from service in Korea.



Afghani Tornado

The Vietnam era had the "Puff the Magic Dragon" Gun ships. The latest version of this weapon is the AC-130 with its 105 mm cannons and Gattling guns. Computer controls allow for concentrated targeting while the aircraft lumbers in circles. This time lapse photo shows the accuracy, as every fifth shell is a tracer! Guaranteed to scare the shit out of anyone within 10 miles.



Afghani Tornado

Awesome photo of a SPECTRE firing its weapons. Ground view - there are no known cases of a photo from the incoming perspective - nothing ever survived.

- * Two maybe three 20MM Gatling Gun firing 3,500 rounds per minute.
- * One 105MM Soft recoil Howitzer, with pin-point direct fire accuracy.
- * A 40MM Gun capable of firing 120 rounds per minute.
- * All controlled by a futuristic array of state-of-the-art Night vision devices and computers.

When the bad guys are coming at you, this is the most beautiful, non-feminine sight a soldier can ever see!.

Effects of an AC-130 with a slow motion shutter speed. A sheet of lead, with every fifth round a tracer.

TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES (OR) I WILL SEND PUFF THE MAGIC DRAGON AFTER YOU



On 14 July 1950, the 63rd Field Artillery Battalion of the 24th Infantry Division was in a desperate battle with the North Korean invaders. On that day, in a muddy ditch, Corporal Philip Merth, Hqs Battery, was shot in the back and fighting for his life. In that ditch with Merth was PFC Edward Sheffield. Soon, they were captured and their hands were bound behind their backs.

Merth died of his wounds the next day. Sheffield, who was a witness to Merth's death, survived nearly 38 months of brutal captivity and always had it in his mind to contact Merth's next-of-kin to tell them the circumstances of his death. But he could never bring himself to do that, thinking it would only bring more heartache. For all these years, it laid heavy on Sheffield's mind and heart.

Story by Shorty Estabrook
8/19/24
POW-Korea

Recently, Scott Hendriks, Philip Merth's nephew, found the Tiger Survivors Web Site and information about his uncle. He, in turn, told his mother, Jan Hendriks, a sister to Philip Merth, and she made contact with Sheffield who lives in Florida.

The two will meet for the first time in Louisville, KY during the annual reunion of The Korean War Ex-POW Association which includes veterans and families of the Korean War and the Tiger Survivors group. Other next-of-kin of Philip Merth also may attend.

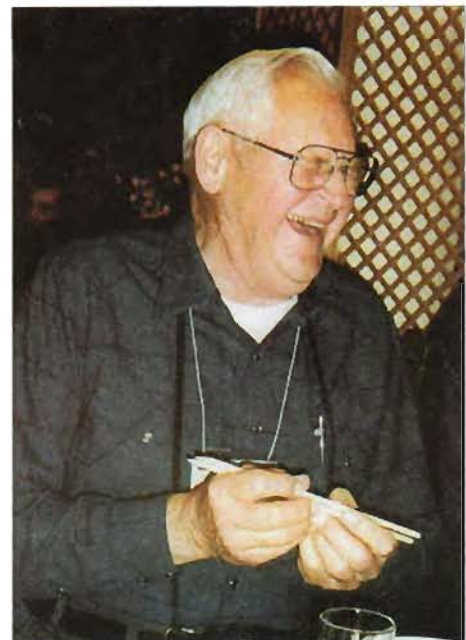
The Merth family and Sheffield will have closure and healing at long last.



Pointing out Blue Beach where I first set foot in Korea 1951



Beware: Mine Field



Playing Chop Sticks



The notorious Soviet-built T-34 Tank

**Thanks to Norm Dixon
for the photos of
his trip to Korea.**



**If there hadn't been a Pearl Harbor
there
wouldn't have been a Hiroshima.**

TARO LEAF TAPS

JUST A COMMON SOLDIER

Sent in by John Ragland

He was getting old and paunchy, and his hair was falling fast, And he sat around the Legion
telling stories of his past.
Of a war that he had fought in and the deeds that he had done. In his exploits with his buddies – they
were heroes, everyone.

And though sometimes to his neighbors, his tales became a joke. All his Legion buddies
listened, for they knew whereof he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer, for old Bill has passed away. And the world's a little poorer, for
a soldier died today. 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 others often start.

If we cannot give 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 a simple notice in a paper that would say,
"Our Country is in mourning,
'Cause a Soldier passed away."

19^a

Col. Michael Baracz
William W. Braswell
Everett R. Rehm
Frank Hicks
Vitautas Kersulis
Robert Redmond
Milton Turbeville
Raymond Weldon

21^a

Clarence Burton
Oliver Cline
Patrick H. Clinton
LtC. Earl C. Downey Sr.
George Falso
Col. Dennis Hanrick
Keith Hirsch
1-Sgt Dorwin Packard
1-Sgt John R. Porter

34^a

Lt. Jack Brown
Allen T. Johnson
Everette R. Rehm

HQ

Russell H. Jones
MG James H. Skeldon

13^a FA Bn

Louis A. Fodor
Leonard E. Hansen

11^a Ord

John F. Belkoski

24^a Recon

Charles Bennett

24^a MP

CH "Bronko" Atkinson

52^a FA

Manuel "Ted" Henley

5^a RCT

Glen Mayo
James Nading

63^a FA

John B. Freeland

3^a ENG

Robert (Toxon) Frohling

24^a QM

Lafayette "Lafy" Cochran

19th INF

Barszcz, Michael G.

Col. Barszcz died peacefully in his sleep on 14 April 2001. Col. Barszcz was 79. He is buried at Camp Butler Military Cemetery in Springfield IL. Col. Barszcz took G Company from Japan to Korea in 1950. A veteran of WW11, the Pacific, Korea and Viet Nam, he won the Silver Star and 3 Purple Hearts. Cards may be sent to: 802 Rustic, Robinson, IL 62454-3322.

Braswell, William W.

William was a veteran of WW11 and Korea. He died 25 February 2000 in Jacksonville, FL. Cards may be sent to: 5200 Eulace Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32210-7949

Hicks, Frank

Frank was with Hv. Mtr. Coin 1949 and 1950. He passed away 26 July 2001 in Dallas TX. Ed Gryrier sent in the announcement with "His friends, Ed, Bub, Dom, John." Cards may be sent to: 2351 S. Ridgewood Ave., Edgewater, FL 32141-4223

Vytautas, Kersulis

Passed away on 26 June 1999 in El Paso, TX.
No address available.

Redmond, Robert W. Jr.

Robert passed away in Tobyhanna PA on 21 May 2001. He was with the 19th from 1946 to 1948. Cards may be sent to: 8352 Coyote Drive, Tobyhanna, PA 18466-3326

Turbeville, Milton

Milton, 73, from Jacksonville FL passed away 3 May 2001. He served with E. Co in Japan. Cards may be sent to: 2468 Pine Lea Drive, Jackson, MS 39209
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Weldon, Raymond

Raymond was with the 19th from 46-48 died on 21 May 2001 in Tobyhanna PA. Cards may be sent to: 604 E. South Street, Corry, PA 16407

Michael Barszcz

Col. Michael Barszcz, Ret., 79, Robinson, died at his home of apparent heart attack Saturday, April 14, 2001.

Born Oct. 18, 1921, in Mosinee, Wis., he was the son of Michael Barszcz and Helen Wojcik Barszcz. He began his Army career in 1940 as an enlisted man. Two years later, he received a



**Michael
Barszcz**

2nd Lieutenant's commission upon graduation from Office Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Ga. During World War II he served in the Pacific where he participated in campaigns from Guadalcanal to the Philippines. He was a veteran of combat in Korea and Vietnam, with tours in Europe and Japan. Among the medals he has earned in his career is the Silver Star for action in Korea, the Purple Heart for wounds received in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. He also received the Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit among other medals and citations. He retired from the U. S. Army on April 30, 1970, after 30 years of service, where upon he moved to Robinson.

He was a member of the Robinson Elks Lodge #1188, Robinson American Legion Post #69, Robinson V.F.W. Post #4549, and Robinson Moose Lodge #1369.

On Jan. 10, 1942, he married Annette Reizer, who survives. Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Michele and Don Nash, Robinson, and Susan and Scott Stitt, Springfield,; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael Jr. and Patricia Barszcz, East Amherst, N.Y.; five grandchildren, Michael, Douglas, and Katie Barszcz, Robert and Quinn Stitt; and a brother and sister-in-law, Ed and Olga Barszcz, Mosinee, Wis.

He was preceded in death by his parents and nine brothers and sisters.

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21st INF

Burton, Clarence E.

Ramona, OK, died 3 November 2000. He was with L. Company in Korea.
Cards may be sent to: 31510 N. 3950 Road, Ramona, Ok 74061

Cline, Oliver

Promoted to Glory on 2 June 2001. He was a member of Medical Company, 21st. He went to Korea with Task Force Smith and was captured on 5 July 1950, released 23 August 1953. Oliver was a Tiger Survivor
Cards may be sent to: RR1 Box 71, Quincy, IL 62301

Clinton, Patrick H.

Patrick, 83, a survivor of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and the invasion of Guadalcanal, died 22 October 2001 in Tulsa OK. When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, Schofield Barracks was strafed, and nearby Hickam Field and Wheeler Field were bombed and strafed. Clinton and others carried guns to the barracks rooftop and fired at the attacking planes. In 1942 he took part in the invasion of Guadalcanal and spent six months on that island. He then moved to the first Ranger Battalion and helped train 42nd Rainbow Division at Camp Gruber. He later transferred to the 91st INF and was sent to Italy. Clinton returned to the United States in September 1945 and married Bernice Albert in April 1952. Patrick is survived by his wife Bernice Clinton, daughter Carol Bryan, a sister, Nell Fine, a brother, George Clinton, a granddaughter, Cicely, all of Tulsa.
Cards may be sent to: 5826 W.8th Street, Tulsa, OK 74127-7203

Downy, Earl Courtney

Lt. Col Downy, a resident of Carlsbad, Ca since 1974, passed away 14 April 2001. He served for 25 years and was a veteran of WWII and Korea, receiving several decorations for his service, including 3 Bronze Stars with "V". He also served in the Solomon Islands in Guadalcanal with the 37th IFD. He was with the 21st in Kumamoto, Japan and went to Korea with Task Force Smith. He is survived by his brother Dennis, Sister Sharon Phillips, and by his children Barbara, Jim and Joe.
Cards may be sent to: 10333 Bonnie Lane, La Mesa, CA 91941-4303

Falso, George E. Passed away 27 February 2000. George was 70 years old. He spent his last years in NY in the summer and Florida in the winter. His real pleasure was hearing news of his Korean comrades.
Cards may be sent to: 2901 Thatch Palm Court, Ellenton, FL 34222-4333

Hanrick, Dennis M.

Hope Mills, NC, died 3 July 2001 in Cape Fear Hospital in Fayetteville, NC. Lt. Col Hanrick spent twenty-four of his 72 years in the Army. He received several awards including 2 Purple Hearts, 2 Bronze medals with "V" National Defense Service Medals and 2 CIB. Col. Hanrick, a Master Parachutist, was a WWII, Korea and Viet Nam Veteran. Dennis is survived by his wife Alice, nine daughters, two sons, twenty-three grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.
Cards may be sent to: 509 Meadowland Court, Hope Mills, NC 28348-1617

Hirsch, Keith A.

Mr. Hirsh passed away on 6 October 2000.
Cards may be sent to: 11004 High Street, Blue Mounds, WI 53517-0008

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Packard, Dorwin C.

81 years of age, died in Albany, NY on 19 August 2001. He served as company clerk and reconnaissance Sergeant and later as 1st SGT for Company H, a heavy weapons company. He saw action in New Guinea and in the Philippines. Mr. Packard is survived by his wife Zella Mae, two daughters, two brothers, one sister and many nieces and nephews.
No address available.

Porter, John R.

Claude, TX JR died 2 June 2001 at age 82. He served as 1st SGT in the 24th INF HQ during WWII and received a Purple Heart, earned in Korea. Survivors include his wife, a daughter and son-in-law, a sister and three grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to: PO Box 342, Claude, TX 79019-0342

Dennis M. Hanrick

HOPE MILLS — Retired Army Lt. Col. Dennis M. Hanrick, 72, of 509 Meadowland Court, died Tuesday in Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville.

Mr. Hanrick was in the Army for 24 years. During his military career, he received several medals and awards including two Purple Hearts, two Bronze Stars with V devices, two National Defense Service Medals, two Combat Infantry Badges and the Master Parachutist Badge. He was a veteran of World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

Mr. Hanrick worked for Allstate Insurance Co. He was a member of Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Moose Lodge and the Special Forces Association.

The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. today in JFK Center Chapel on Fort Bragg by Father Edward J. Kita. Burial with military honors will be in Lafayette Memorial Park in Fayetteville. Arrangements are being handled by Jernigan-Warren Funeral of Fayetteville.

Mr. Hanrick is survived by his wife, Alice M. Hanrick of Fayetteville; nine daughters, Gail F. Pomeroy of Painesville, Ohio, Brenda A. Foos of Logan, Ill., Karen M. Mintz, Ellen L. Radachovsky, Margaret A. Walters, Kathleen R. Tew, Jennifer L. Fritz and Maureen J. Weiland, all of Fayetteville, and Jeanine L. Alexander of Fort Sam Houston, Texas; two sons, Dennis P. Hanrick of Burlington and Gregory M. Hanrick of Hope Mills; 23 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Catholic Church building fund, 116 Oak St., Hope Mills, NC 28348.

Dorwin C. Packard

Aug. 31, 1919 — Aug. 19, 2001

Dorwin C. Packard, 81, of Albany died Sunday at his Albany home.

Born in Kenaston, Saskatchewan, to Clarie and Jessie (Carson) Packard, he spent most of his life in Albany. He attended Albany schools and graduated from high school in 1938.

He worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad until he was drafted into the Army in 1942. He married Zella Mae Barrett five days before shipping out to serve in World War II in the Pacific Theater.

Mr. Packard was a company clerk and communications and reconnaissance sergeant and later was first sergeant for Company H, a heavy weapons company in the 21st Infantry Regiment of the 24th Infantry Division. He saw action in New Guinea and the Philippines and was wounded.

After his discharge in 1945, he worked for the railroad until 1959 and then for Pacific Motor Trucking until his 1980 retirement.

Mr. Packard played saxophone in several mid-valley bands and helped start the Albany Swing Band. He enjoyed fixing things.


Surviving are wife Zella Mae; daughters Janice O'Dell and Jane Keppinger, both of Albany; brothers Eugene of Stayton and Julian of Albany; sister Fern Pratt of Albany; and many nieces and nephews.

Son John Ricke Packard died in August of 1995. Brothers Harland and Leslie and sister Anna Wood died earlier, as well.



Dorwin Packard

JOHN RUEL PORTER

 **CLAUDE** — John Ruel Porter 82, died Saturday, June 2 2001, in Houston.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Claude United Methodist Church with the Rev. Gene Weinetti officiating. Burial will be in Claude Cemetery by Schooler Funeral Home Armstrong Chapel of Claude.

Mr. Porter was born in Silverton. He graduated from Claude High School.

He married Catherine Terrell in Chandler on Dec. 9, 1945. They were married for more than 56 years.

Mr. Porter worked with Armstrong County Museum and the Claude Cemetery board. He also worked with the Masons, the Shriners and the American Legion.

He served as a first sergeant in the Army during World War II and received the Purple Heart. He was a member of Claude United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Cynthia Gordon of Tyler; a son-in-law, Joseph Gordon; a sister, Bonnie Haddock of Lovington, N.M.; and two grandchildren, John Benjamin Gordon and his wife, Ainsley, of Dallas and Holly Ellen Gordon of Washington, D.C.

The family suggests memorials be to Claude United Methodist Church or the Armstrong County Museum.

Amarillo Globe-News, June 5, 2001

TAPS

34th INF

Brown, Jack

Word from Lou Tacchi that Jack Brown passed away in 2000. Jack was in E Company and was transferred to F Company and Service Company while on Ohau. in '43. No date of death or residence is available at this time.

Johnson, Allen T.

Allen passed away 22 February 2001 in Johnston, SC. He was a WWII veteran. Cards may be sent to: 704 Woodside Drive, Johnston, SC 29832

Rehm, Everett R.

Passed away 23 April 2000 in Spokane, Washington. He served with the 34th in Japan and Korea. Cards may be sent to: 10206 East 20th Avenue, Spokane, WA 99206-6420

HQ

Jones, Russell H.

Died 6 September 2001 in Syracuse, NY. He was a Pearl Harbor survivor and a life member of the 24th Association. He had retired as the Business manager for Averill Park School District, NY. Cards may be sent to: 4896 Lynnbrook Circle, Syracuse, NY 13215-1022

Skeldon, James H.

San Francisco: MG Skeldon was a battalion commander in the Korean War, and served as chief of the Army Advisory Group, died in his home 3 June, 2001. He was 86. MG Skeldon served nine months in combat duty in Korea. As a Battalion Commander with the 2nd Infantry Division he won 2 Distinguished Service Crosses, a Silver Star, and a Purple Heart. While assigned to the 24th in Augsburg, Germany, he was appointed BG. No address available.



Skeldon: His last assignment was chief of staff of the Sixth U.S. Army at the Presidio.

After graduating in 1937 from West Point, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He quickly rose through the ranks, advancing from captain to major in 1942. As major, he was an executive officer attached to a headquarters company in the Panama Canal. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in 1943, assigned to the army motor transport section. He served in the European Theater in World War II, receiving the Bronze Star medal and Army Commendation Ribbon. Mr. Skeldon served nine months of combat duty in the Korean War. He was wounded in the arm in 1950. As a battalion commander with the 2nd Infantry Division, he won two Distinguished Service Crosses, the Silver Star, and Purple Heart. He was promoted to full colonel in 1951. While assigned to the 24th Infantry Division in Augsburg, Germany, he was appointed to

brigadier general in 1961.

Mr. Skeldon was named senior member of the United Nations Command delegation to the Military Armistice Commission in Panmunjong, Korea, in 1970. He headed a UNC delegation that oversaw the keeping of the terms of the 1953 Korean armistice.

Mr. Skeldon often visited his family in Toledo. He was in Toledo in 1996 for Philip and Bernadine Skeldon's 50th wedding anniversary and again in July, 1998, for the dedication of Skeldon Plaza at the Toledo Zoo.

Surviving are his wife, Elaine; daughters, Judith James, Joyce Rychener, and Jennifer Attenhoff; sister, Mary Skeldon; brother, Philip Skeldon, and three grandchildren.

Services are pending in the chapel of St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco.

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13th FA

Fodor, Louis A.

Louis died 21 September 2001 at his home in Weirton, WV. He was with the 13th FA Bn. and served all through the war. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the VFW, and The American Legion. Born in Hungary, he was a member of the Hungarian Culture Club.

Cards may be sent to: 328 N. 10th Street, Weirton, WV 26062-2463

Hansen, Leonard E.

Leonard passed away 3 April 2001 in Gainesboro, TN. He is buried in his uniform at the Veterans Cemetery in Nashville.

Cards may be sent to; 206 Johnson Lane, Gainesboro, TN, 38562-9126

11th ORD

Belkuski, John F.

John passed away 24 September 2000. in Alexandria, VA. John was a WW11 veteran.

Cards may be sent to: 28 E. Taylor Run Pkwy., Alexandria, VA 22314-4941

24th Recon

Bennett, Charles D.

Charles was a WW11 and in Japan. Died 26 September 2001. He served with the 24th from March 1944 to January 1946. In addition to our Association, Charles was also a member of the VFW.

Cards may be sent to: 17400 S. Kedzie Avenue, Hazel Crest, IL 60429-1600

24th MP

Atkinson, C.H. "Bronko"

Las Vegas, NV. Bronko passed away 16 March, 2001. He was a WW11 veteran.

Cards may be sent to: 2716 Beaver Creek Road, Las Vegas, NV 89117-1710

52nd FA

Henley, Manuel "Ted"

Stockton, MA. 31 March 2001. Ted was in A. Company from 1941-44. He is survived by his wife.

Cards may be sent to: 1516 Sylvan Way #501, Lodi, CA 96242-4305

TAPS

5th RCT

Mayo, Glenn M.

Glen died 21 September 2001. He made his home in Brookfield, IL.
Cards may be sent to: 9020 27th Street, Brookfield, IL 60513-1012

Nading, James

Died 3 April of this year in Bartlesville, OK
Cards may be sent to: 512 Carol Road, Bartlesville, OK 74003

63rd FA

Freeland, John B.

John died 22 May 2001 at age 83. He was a WW11 veteran.
Cards may be sent to: 5592 Lafayette, Avenue, Newark, CA 94560-1926

3rd Eng.

Frohling, Robert "Toxon"

Robert made his home in Crescent City IL.
He passed away 12 April 2001.
He was with D Co.
No other information available at this time

24th QM

Cochran, Lafayette "Lafy"

Lafy died 9 June 2001 in Farmington, ME.
He was a member of the 24th QM Truck Co.
He was stationed at Pearl Harbor when it was Bombed and later went to New Guinea.
Cards may be sent to: 784 Farmington Road, Farmington ME, 04938-9665

Lafayette A. 'Lafy' Cochran, 82

Enjoyed reminiscing about Pearl Harbor and teaching others



He was a veteran, having served in the United States Army during World War II. He was stationed at Pearl Harbor when it was bombed and later went to New Guinea and was in the 24th Infantry Division.

Prior to the war, he was employed at the Wilton Woolen Mill and for a brief time was a Police Officer for the Town of Wilton. He later purchased a grocery store in Livermore and expanded his business to include automobile sales.

He became a Supervisor Clerk for the United States Postal Service in Boston and Needham Heights.

He was dedicated to his many fraternal organizations and took great pride in having served as the Post Commander for 16 years of the Hosmer-Edwards American Legion Post in Wilton. He was the commander in 1950, the year of the groundbreaking ceremony for the hall.

He was a member of the Postal Workers Union and was Past President of the union at the Woolen Mill.

He was a member of the Wilton Masonic Lodge, No. 156, the Kora Temple Shrine, Order of Eastern Star, the Williamson Lodge IOOF, Rebekahs, the American Legion, AMVETS Post No. 33, and the VFW Post No. 3335, the Weld Grange, as well as both the State and National Granges.

He was a Grand Guardian of the Grand Lodge of Maine and was a District Deputy Grand Master.

He enjoyed reminiscing about Pearl Harbor and teaching generations that followed about that time in history. In a 1999 article in *Discover Maine*, he recalled to reporter Greg Davis that on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, he "heard machine gun fire and said: 'What's that noise on a Sunday? My buddy said: 'The Army practices, Sunday or no Sunday.' But I looked outside and saw the 'Rising Sun' on a plane. The pilots were flying so low, we could see them laughing at us!'" He was the founder of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association in Maine and later in Massachusetts and was a life-member of each organization.

He is survived by his wife, Natalie, of Farmington; a sister, Orilla Page, of Etna, several step-children, step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

This is an e-mail from a young ensign aboard USS Winston Churchill (DDG-81) to his parents. (Churchill is an Arleigh Burke class AEGIS guided missile destroyer, commissioned March 10, 2001, and is the only active US Navy warship named after a foreign national.)

Forwarded email from Sarajevo, sent by our son, Billy.

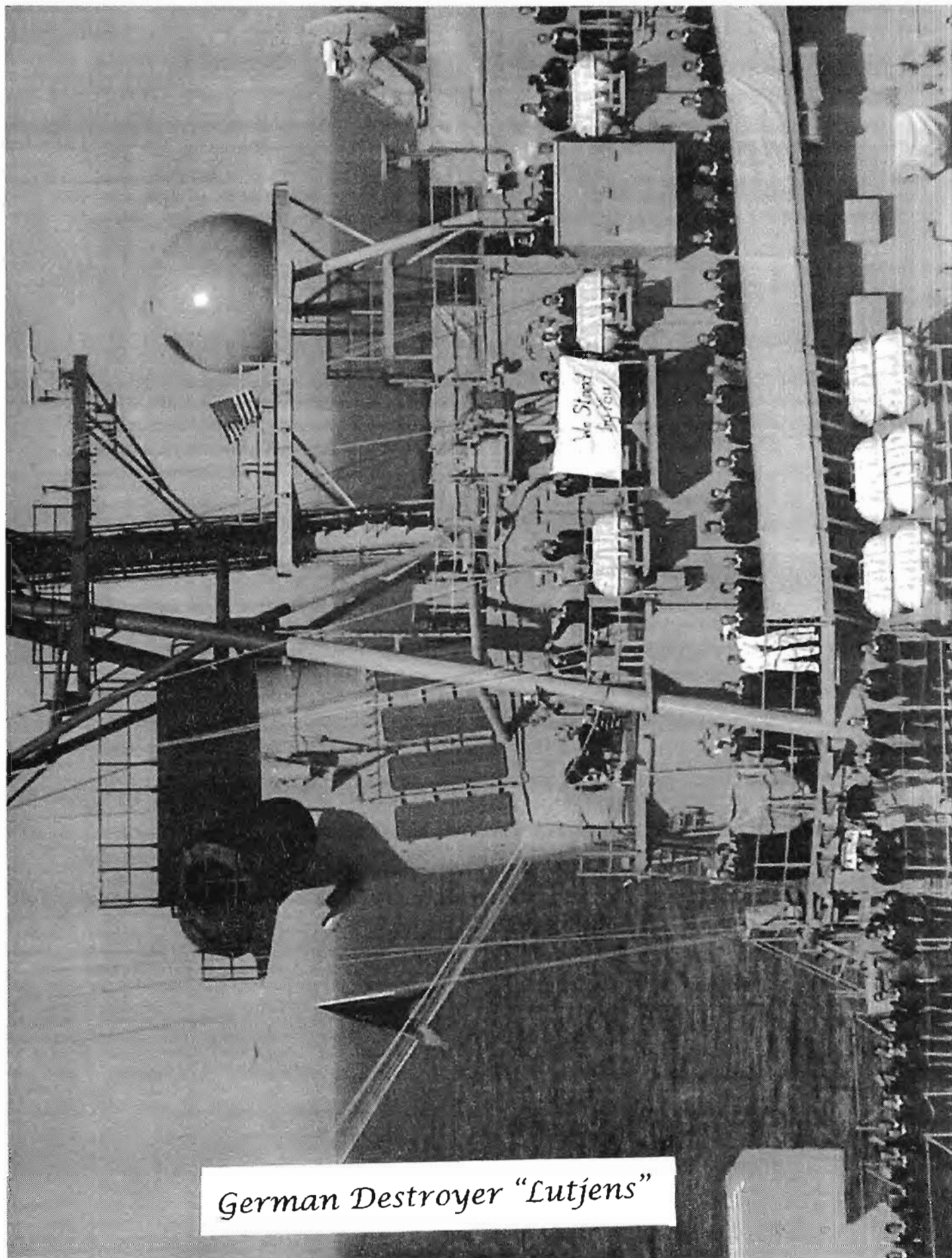
Dear Dad,

We are still at sea. The remainder of our port visits have all been cancelled. We have spent every day since the attacks going back and forth within imaginary boxes drawn in the ocean, standing high-security watches, and trying to make the best of it. We have seen the articles and the photographs, and they are sickening. Being isolated, I don't think we appreciate the full scope of what is happening back home, but we are definitely feeling the effects. About two hours ago, we were hailed by a German Navy destroyer, Lutjens, requesting permission to pass close by our port side. Strange, since we're in the middle of an empty ocean, but the captain acquiesced and we prepared to render them honors from our bridge wing. As they were making their approach, our conning officer used binoculars and announced that Lutjens was flying not the German, but the American flag. As she came alongside us, we saw the American flag flying half-mast and her entire crew topside standing at silent, rigid attention in their dress uniforms. They had made a sign that was displayed on her side that read "We Stand By You." There was not a dry eye on the bridge as they stayed alongside us for a few minutes and saluted. It was the most powerful thing I have seen in my life. The German Navy did an incredible thing for this crew, and it has truly been the highest point in the days since the attacks. It's amazing to think that only half-century ago things were quite different. After Lutjens pulled away, the Officer of the Deck, who had been planning to get out later this year, turned to me and said, "I'm staying Navy." I'll write you when I know more about when I'll be home, but this is it for now. Love you guys.



"I don't care if he does say 'sho nuff,' 'right smart,' and 'you all,' I still think he's a North Korean."





German Destroyer "Lutjens"

The White House released the following.

NATIONAL KOREAN WAR VETERANS ARMISTICE DAY 2001
By: THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION:

The sounds of war thundered as a furious struggle took place 51 years ago in a country unknown to many Americans. The battleground that was Korea in the years 1950-1953 tested the resolve, courage, and commitment of an America barely 5 years beyond the tremendous sacrifices of WW11. Undaunted, America again marshaled her forces to defend a population facing tyranny and aggression.

Freedom for the Republic of Korea was purchased with deed sacrifice and with honor. In 38 months of intense fighting, 33,665 Americans gave their lives in battle. Our Nation's highest military award, the Medal of Honor, was awarded to 131 members of the U.S. Armed Forces, more than 90 of them posthumously. Yet the challenge of Korea was not just a formidable adversary, but also a harsh and forbidding climate. The 1.8 million service men and women who served there suffered bitter winters that would claim casualties approaching those inflicted by guns, shrapnel, and bayonets. When the Military Armistice Agreement, effective 48 years ago, silenced the guns on the Korean peninsula, it marked the end of the world's first determined stand against Communist aggression. It signaled the beginning of the Cold War and foreshadowed the eventual dismantling of global Communism.

Today, the liberties defended there half a century ago are the inheritance of 47 million citizens of a prosperous, and progressive Republic of Korea. The young Americans who fought and died there kept faith with a just cause, and in doing so, kept faith with the principals and ideals on which our Nation was founded. They immeasurably blessed the Republic of Korea and brought great honor to our Nation as defenders of freedom. Because of these truths we recognize the Korean War for what it is—not a “forgotten war” but a remembered victory.

The Congress, by passing Public Law 104-19 (36 U.S.C.127) has designated July 27, 2001, as “National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day” and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim July 27, 2001 as National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day. I call upon all Americans to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities that honor and give thanks to our distinguished Korean War veterans. I also ask all Federal departments and agencies and interested groups, organizations and individuals to fly the flag of the United States at half-staff on July 27, 2001, in memory of the Americans who died as a result of their service in Korea.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fifth day of July, in the year of our Lord, two thousand one, and of the independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-sixth.

LET'S HAVE THE REUNION IN YOUR CITY

Miscellaneous Matters Of Mighty Magnitude

All the benefits, none of the politics

Notice to: **Wives, Widows and Family Members**

You are invited to become an Associate Member of the 24th IDA.

Many of you come to our reunions, and indeed, without you, the reunions would not be as wonderful as they are. At the last General Membership meeting it was decided to open Associate Membership to family members. The Active Member, (anyone who has served with or has been attached to the unit) will need to send a request for Associate Membership and registration information to Dutch Nelson, our Secretary/ Treasurer.

Widows may write or email directly to the Secretary/Treasurer. Associate members will have all membership privileges, except a vote on IDA business matters. An associate can be appointed by an Officer of the Association to assist with duties that the Executive Board deems appropriate. Dues will be the same for all memberships.

Sec/Tres Has A "First"

In the daily stack of mail there was an envelope I had sent to one of our guys that was returned with a big, red stamp, "**Refused.**" In my entire life I have never seen this before, so I called him. Explanation: "You spelled my name wrong, therefore that isn't me." (I had one "L" instead of two.) I was also told in no uncertain terms that one of my responsibilities as the Sec/Tres is to know how to spell member's names correctly.

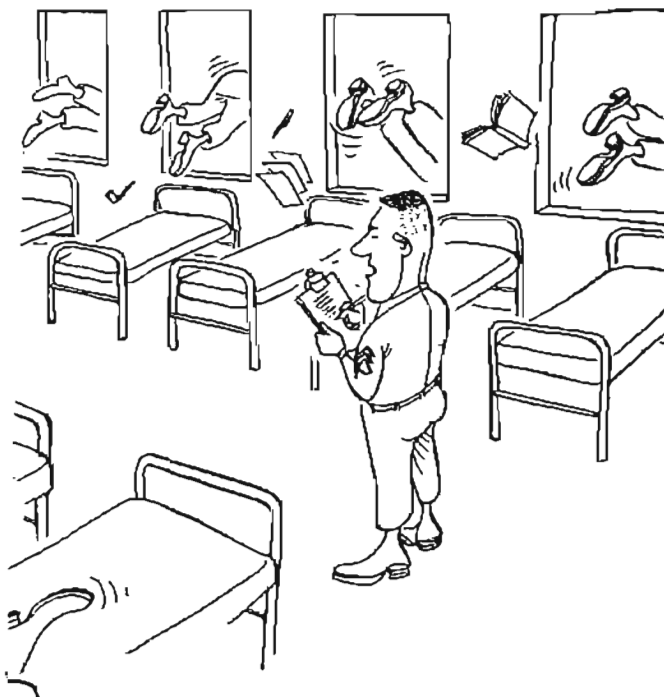
(And I volunteered for this job.)

Quartermaster Scores Big

Harry Wittman reports sales of \$2,800.00 at the Hampton reunion, and sends in a big, fat check for our treasury -- the second one since I have been Sec/Tres. Harry and Frances must certainly be doing things right! Harry is also our #1 top recruiter of new members.

Donation To Red Cross

Our 24th Infantry Division Association donated \$1000.00 to the American Red Cross to help in their relief work in New York city. Donation was made right after the Hampton Reunion.



"Listen up

We need volunteers for on site
Reunion Chairmen and help with
The Taro Leaf.
Report to the President for..."

Today My Brother Was Laid To Rest

A long time ago in a land unknown
My brother took the hand of God and
Began his Journey home.
He gave his all in the day and the night
For a cause many believed wasn't right
We were unpopular, he and I
But why did God choose him to die?

What was his fortune—what was his race?
Do his loved ones still remember his face?
He died for us – for you and for me
He gave his life so that we could be free
Today he is home as he is buried there
In our Nation's Capitol-in a place so fair

His flag and his medal are contained in a room
At that splendid place Arlington Tomb
Among pomp and ceremony he was placed
In a place of honor-his place to rest
The cannons roared and the rifles cracked
In that final salute that brought him back.

My tears flowed freely-yet I am not ashamed
For all the wrongs for which we were blamed
Today my brother was laid to rest
He took his place as one of our best
He lays unknown to you and to me
In a place of honor for all to see.

Past the wall in their memory
His casket paused – momentarily
His name is there among the rest
Fifty-eight thousand of America's best
Taken away from their Mothers Breast
Today my brother was laid to rest

Jerry Federspiel

My friend, Jerry Federspiel was an Honor Guard duty at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier the day the Viet-Nam Soldier was buried there. This is his poem

See Me to Line



ARMY.
BE ALL YOU CAN BE.



Military funeral honors

Military funeral honors became a statutory benefit to all veterans with the signing of the National Defense Authorization Act 2000 Jan. 1. The minimum requirements for veteran funeral honors is a two-servicemember team who will perform the ceremonial folding and presentation of the interment flag and playing of taps. The next of kin or his or her authorization representative (in most cases the funeral director) must initiate the request by calling a 24-hour, toll free number (1-877-MIL-HONR or 1-877-645-4667). For more information, visit the web site <http://www.militaryfuneralhonor.osd.mil>



SECOND SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

On the morning of May 24, 2001 Bill & Helen Allen went to the Awards Ceremony at St. Petersburg High School, St. Petersburg, Florida to present the award to the winner of the essay contest.

What Has A Veteran Done For You?

This scholarship was made possible through the support that the members of the 24th Infantry Division Association gave me by purchasing the book. Without your help it would have been impossible to raise the funds. But my mission is not finished, because there is still two more years before the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War comes to a close. So I will continue to talk to those who show interest in knowing what so few did for so many fifty years ago.

The winner received a check for the amount of \$1000.00 from the proceeds of the sale and donations of the book "My Old Box of Memories, Thoughts of the Korean War."

The high school forwarded to me eight of what they considered the best essays to pick the winner. I just wish I had raised enough money to give each student some financial aid but this was impossible. After careful deliberation from others that helped me, I made the final selection. The winner was Nick Bevilacqua.

This young man impressed me with his essay because it dealt with his family. The deep respect that he had for his father who was a veteran of the Viet Nam War. Teaching Nick and his brothers, what the men and women, throughout the history of this great nation did and sacrificed to make our way of living the envy of almost every nation on earth.

Again allow my wife and I to personally thank you, the members of the association, for your support in this project.

With Deepest Respect

Bill & Helen Allen
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Nick Bevilacqua, Recipient of Scholarship Award and Bill Allen, Author of Book.

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24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
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64133

Phone: (816) 737-0200 FAX: (816) 737-4712

Regional Veterans Service Organization Liaison Staff Decision Paper

During my confirmation hearing, I pledged my commitment to strengthen the VA's partnerships with veterans service organizations. To that end, I have established a Regional Veterans Service Organization (VSO) Liaison Staff to address the needs and concerns of veterans service organizations at the State and local levels nationwide. To ensure quick implementation of this office, I have designated the team comprising representatives from each of the three administrations, the Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs, the Offices of Human Resources and Administration, the Office of Management and the Department's National VSO Liaison Officer to ensure the organizational structure, funding resources and mission objectives are in compliance with federal laws and regulations, as well as the overall mission of the Department. The essential elements of this new organization are as follows.

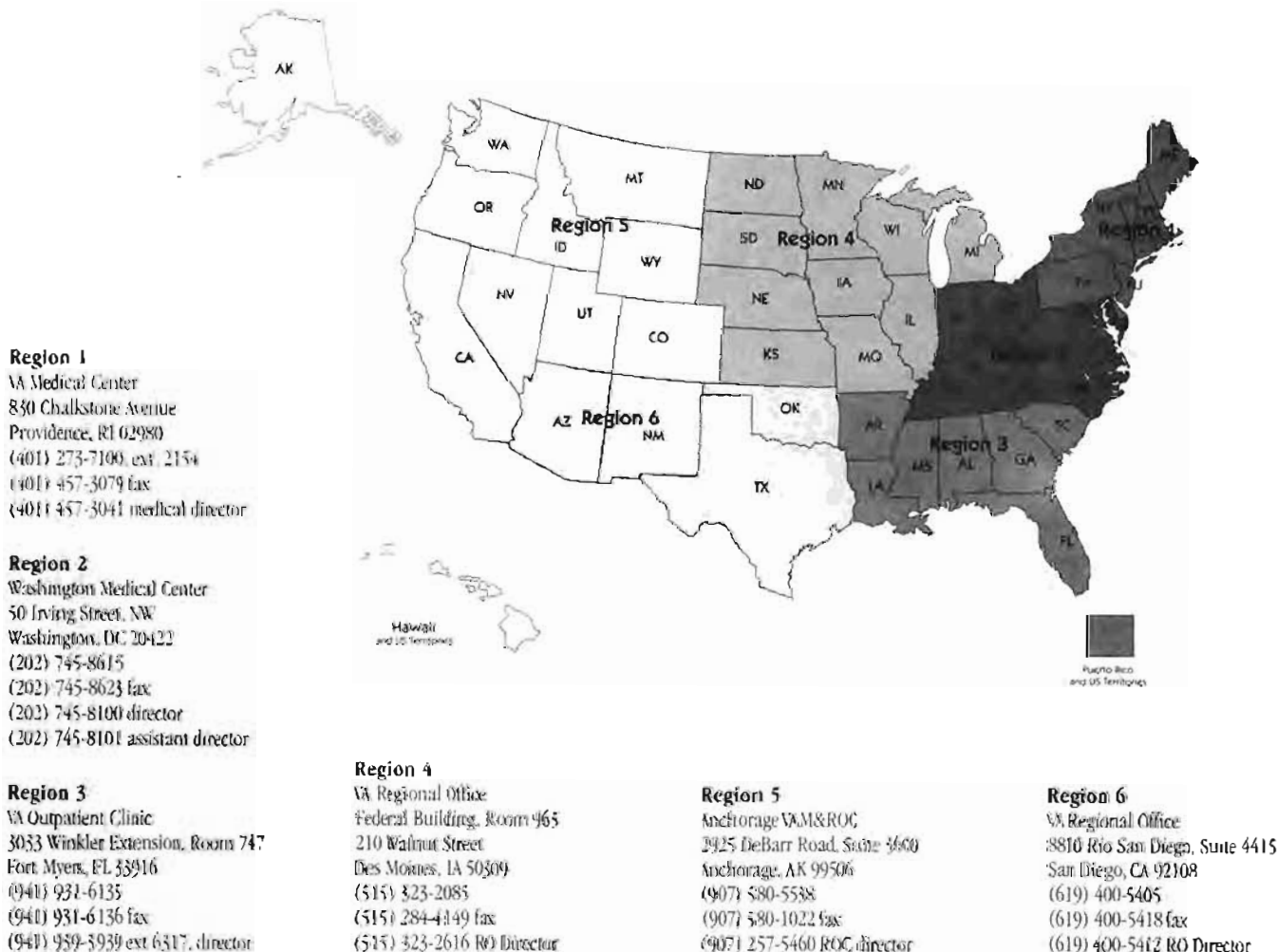
- a. The Regional VSO Liaison Staff will be organizationally located in the Office Intergovernmental Affairs, a component of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs. The staff will consist of a regional VSO liaison coordinator, six regional liaisons and one program support assistant. The liaisons will be stationed throughout the Nation according to veteran population and geographical areas and will report directly to the coordinator located in VA central office. The coordinator, in concert with the Deputy Assistant Secretary and the Assistant Secretary, will work closely with representatives from the Administrations, the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs and the National VSO Liaison Officer concerning the activities, issues and accomplishments of the regional liaisons.
- b. The regional VSO liaisons will be housed in VA facilities strategically located within their assigned regions. They will develop and enhance partnerships

with the State and local veterans service organizations, as well as State Directors of Veterans Affairs, throughout the regions, attending conventions, meetings and other functions in order to provide an effective communication channel for the Department within these groups. The liaisons will also be responsible for developing and facilitating outreach activities to inform the veteran population and the general public in their regions of the various programs, initiatives and goals of VA.

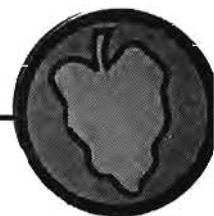
This new structure and process will bring VA closer to the pulse of the veteran community. Implementation will begin immediately, with such operational adjustments authorized as may be necessary in order to accomplish the goals of the plan as effective as possible.

Anthony J. Principi
Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Regional Veterans Service Liaison Offices



24th Infantry Division Association



LET'S HAVE THE REUNION IN YOUR CITY

To: Members of the 24th Infantry Association
From: Ben Wahle, Member

Our great association cannot continue to exist in the climate that we experienced this last year. It is not right to accuse a member of something which may or may not be true. This type of situation usually compounds itself into useless confusion. It has been said that the so called California delegation calls the shots and tells this and that person what to do or say. I have been quite active on the West coast for some twenty-five years and this simply is not true. I would be willing to listen if the person making such accusations would be more specific. California, I believe has more active members than any state in the union and we have always been quite active in affairs of the association.

Constructive criticism is always welcome but smear tactics accomplish nothing and should not be tolerated.

In view of what happened on Sept. 11 wouldn't it be wonderful if we could have peace in our association. Please, fellow members, let's support our officers. If you believe something should be corrected, respond with a solution to the individual you believe to be responsible.

If you believe our President can do it alone, try it sometimes and you will be in for a big surprise,



Past President Jim Hill preparing to cook Poi. The apron is a gift from Margo Nelsen

Matthew W. Slowik of 3150 N Melvina Ave., Chicago, IL 60634-4039 writes: I celebrated my 80th birthday on August 12, 2001 with Richard Gojny, John Trinca and Frank Gorski of the 24th IDA. A good time by all. (Picture below and Matt says that STO LAT is a Polish saying "Live 100 years". We all agree with you, Matt, and wish you the same.



Constitution of the 24th Infantry Division Association

Preamble: Under the provisions of ARTICLE VIII of the Constitution of the 24th Infantry Division Association, dated 20 August 1983, as amended, the General Membership of the Association, in a vote at the Annual General Membership Meeting held at Hampton, Virginia on 22 September 2001, approved certain amendments to the Constitution to be effective as of that date. This document is, therefore, the official Constitution of the 24th Infantry Division Association.

ARTICLE I

Section 1. The name of this Association shall be the 24th Infantry Division Association and shall hereinafter in the his instrument be referred to as the "Association."

Section 2. The objectives of the Association shall be to preserve in patriotic reverence the memory of the fame and glory of the 24th Infantry Division, to maintain and strengthen the bonds of comradeship which distinguished the men of that division, to provide for the gather and dissemination of information concerning those men and for their periodic assemble in local and national reunions.

The Association shall:

- a: electrify and unify the invisible currently of fellowship moulded in the throes of war and preserve the comradeship common to the veterans of the 24th Infantry Division;
- b: promote the interests and welfare of the members of the Association;
- c: honor and perpetuate the memory of the men who distinguished themselves by their services and sacrifices while with the 24th Infantry Division;
- d: memorialized the valiant acts and patriotic deeds of the 24th Infantry Division
- e: encourage and aid historical research in relation to the activities of an acquire and preserve records of the 24th Infantry Division and the personnel thereof;
- f: mark scenes of the activities of the 24th Infantry Division with appropriate memorials;
- g: celebrate with appropriate ceremonies the anniversaries of events in the history of the 24th Infantry Division;
- h: promote the National Defense and help to maintain and extend the institution of American Freedom;
- i: defend and uphold the Constitution of the United State of America.

Section 3. The Association shall not engage in any political or profit-making activities and no profits nor earnings shall accrue to the benefit of any member.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer-Editor.

Section 2. The Association shall be governed by the Executive Committee which shall consist of the President, the Vice-President, all living Past Presidents, and the Secretary-Treasurer-Editor, each of whom shall have one vote.

Section 3. The term of office of the President, of the Vice-President and of the Secretary-Treasurer-Editor shall be one year or until their successors have been elected and have taken office.

Section 4. Each President, upon the expiration of his term of office, shall serve as a Past President.

Section 5. No officer shall receive any compensation for his services.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. An Annual association Convention shall be held at a time and place designated by the membership.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall convene in an annual meeting during the Annual association convention and as such other times as the President may direct.

Section 3. The legislative body of the Association shall be the Association convention. Such convention shall be held annually during period from April 1st to October 31st.

Section 4. A quorum of an Association convention shall exist whenever the lesser of seventy-five (75) or ten (10) per cent or more of the total active members are present.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. The Officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the membership in its annual Members Meeting during the Annual association Convention and shall take office immediately after election.

Section 2. Election shall be decided by a majority vote of the qualified active members.

Section 3. In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, the Vice-President shall succeed to that office for the unexpired portion of the term of office.

Section 4. A vacancy in the office of the Vice-President shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term of office by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. Members shall be divided into five classes; (a) Active, (b) Associate, (c) Honorary, (d) Affiliate, and (e) Life.

Section 2. Active membership: All persons who have served as members of the 24th Infantry Division, or of a unit which has at any time been attached to the Division, shall be eligible for active membership.

Section 3. Associate Membership: Any person who is related to a person who has/had served with the Division shall be eligible for Associate membership. (Amended 22 September 2001)

Section 4. Honorary Membership: any person who by act or deed has indicated a special devotion to the 24th Infantry Division and who has been approved by the Executive committee shall be eligible for Honorary Membership.

Section 5. Affiliate Membership: any employee of the American Red Cross or other agencies officially recognized by the Department of the Army who has been assigned or attached at any time to the 24th Infantry Division shall be eligible for Affiliate Membership.

Section 6. Life Membership: any Active or Associate member who upon proper payment of a sum established by the Executive committee shall be given a Life Membership in the Association. (Amended 22 September 2001)

Section 7. Members whose annual dues become more than one (1) year in arrears shall forfeit all membership privileges.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. The Association Fund shall consist of all funds derived from dues, contributions, interest on deposits and from other appropriate sources as may be approved by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on August 1 and end on the following July 31.

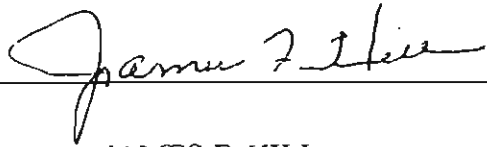
ARTICLE VII
(Corrected to read Article VII 22 September 2001)

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by a mail-in ballot vote of the majority of the Active Members in good standing as of the last day of the month the proposal is published in the official publication of the Association. (Amended 22 September 2001)

Section 2. No proposal for amending the Constitution shall be considered unless the text of the proposed amendment has been published in the official publication of the association not less than ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Members Meeting held during the Annual Association Convention.

ATTEST:

THIS IS THE ORIGINAL COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE 24TH
INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION THAT WAS APPROVED IN HAMPTON,
VIRGINIA ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2001.

/s/ 

JAMES F. HILL

PRESIDENT

*I swore to and subscribed
before me this 7th day of
November, 2001.*

Joann M. Bond

JOANN M. BOND
NOTARY PUBLIC, CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY 20, 2002

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**BY-LAWS OF THE 24TH INFANTRY
DIVISION ASSOCIATION**

ARTICLE I

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall govern the Association, determine its policies, approve appointments of Honorary Members, and decide all disputes over election, eligibility, conduct, expulsion, or reinstatement of any officer or member or over any other matter which may affect the welfare of the Association.

Section 2. Twelve (12) of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting.

Section 3. The order of seniority among the members of the Executive Committee shall be: the President, Vice President, and all living Past Presidents in order of service as President, each of whom shall have one (1) vote.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. The President shall preside at the Association Convention and at meetings of the Executive Committee and shall supervise all activities of the Association. In an emergency, he may direct immediate action in any matter of policy or finance, reporting the matter immediately thereafter to the Executive Committee.

Section 2. In the event of the absence or incapacity of the President, the Vice President or next senior member of the Executive Committee present shall perform his duties.

Section 3. a. The Secretary-Treasurer-Editor shall administer the affairs of the Association, implement the policies of the policies of the Executive Committee, and be responsible for the development and maintenance of membership.

- b. He shall organize and operate the Association offices and be responsible for all correspondence, records, and other matters of administrative routine and office procedure.
- c. He shall be the custodian of the Association Fund and be responsible for the collection and receipt of dues and other income and the disbursement of and accounting for funds.
- d. He shall prepare an annual financial report and distribute it to the members of the Executive Committee.
- e. He shall arrange for an annual audit of the Association Fund, submit the report of audit to the Executive Committee, and make it available to the membership.
- f. He shall be responsible for the acquisition of and accounting for all Association property.
- g. He shall be bonded in favor of the Association by a surety company Approved for acceptance of bonds by the United States Treasury.
- h. He shall cause to be edited and published an official Association periodical for distribution to the membership, currently designated the "Taro Leaf".
- i. He shall keep, record and preserve the minutes of all meetings.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. Active Members in good standing may attend and vote at the Association Convention and hold office in the Association.

Section 2. Other Members in good standing may attend the Association Convention but may not vote nor hold office.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. The annual dues for Active and Associate Members shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended upon written approval of two thirds (2/3rds) of the quorum of the Executive Committee; provided, that notice of any proposed amendment with a copy of the text thereof be given in writing to each member of the Executive Committee at least six (6) weeks before voting on the amendment.

ARTICLE VI

In case the Association is ever dissolved, its remaining assets shall be used to pay all outstanding liabilities of the association exclusively for the purpose of the association in such a manner or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for activities of Veterans Organizations as shall at the time qualify as a tax exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 © (19) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law) as the Association may determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in a County in Massachusetts exclusively for such purpose or to such organization or organizations, as the Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

THE KOREAN WAR

24 RESPONSES FROM 1 NOTICE IN VFW MAGAZINE

Five(*) have joined as of October 15 2001, I expect more. You must use the official VFW form, filling in who is having the reunion. 19th, 24th MP, ect., along with your name and local phone number.

Korea

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626-917-2525
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828-884-6654
Company D 52-54

Goble, Don
604 E. 18th Street
Laport, ID 46350
219-326-8162
Company C/3pl 49-51

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6753 Westwood Dr.Box 110
Millington, MI 48746
989-823-8596
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Johnson, Donald
599 Johnson Road
Chillicothe, OH 45601
740-772-2015
Company Hq. 53-54

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785-325-2666
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732-636-7156
BJ'sSquad 50-51

Germany

Cortose, Nick
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AZ 89134
702-873-1396
Company A 50-51

FL Stewart

Tucker, Lynwood
Route 1 Box 1775
Newton, GA 31770
229-734-5747
Company D 58-60

Desert Storm

Nance, Raymond
281 Tripoe Road
Wilksboro, NC 28697

Requests for Service Records and Awards

Joe Sweeney

Some 24th IDA members, and relatives of the men, who have served with the 24 Infantry Division, are trying to obtain the military records and awards that the Veterans earned during their military service. These records are not kept by the Officers of the 24th IDA, but are held by the National Archives Personnel Records Center in St. Louis Missouri. I am writing this letter to help those interested in obtaining their records and awards so that they can follow the proper procedures and get faster results.

All requests should be submitted on Standard Form 180 (Rev. 3-99), **Request Pertaining to Military Records**. Copies of SF-180 can be obtained from the Veterans Administration, their Vet Centers, Service Organizations, and some Public Libraries. Submit the completed form to:

**National Personnel Records Center,
Military Personnel Records,
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100**

You should expect a delay of several weeks for a reply.

Requests for individual personnel records will most likely turn up negative because of a fire in 1973 that destroyed most of those records for WW-II and Korea Veterans. Therefore, you should enclose with form SF-180 a copy of the service member's DD-214 or equivalent if you have it. At the least you should send the full name and service number of the person whose records are being requested. Enclose the approximate times of service.

For those who can not find a DD-214 or Discharge, try the County Court House. Veterans were encouraged to have their Discharge recorded when they returned home, and many did so. The VA also recommends that you check with the Veteran's home state's Dept. of Veterans Affairs Department. because many maintain files of veterans who served from the particular state.

Veterans may help reconstruct their personnel files at the NPRC by submitting copies of their DD-214, Discharge, military training records, special orders, or any other records that pertain to their service, directly to the NPRC. Do not send originals. Send the records to the above address and attach a note that states the records are for your personnel file. Make sure to include your full name and service number. All Veterans are encouraged to help reconstruct their files in order to assure their place in Military History will be secure.

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Books About the 24th

Wednesday, February 27, 1991

XVIII AIRBORNE CORPS

ON WEDNESDAY THE (24TH) DIVISION WOULD HAVE THAT RARE AND HEADY EXPERIENCE OF BEING AN ARMORED FORCE STAMPEDING IN THE ENEMY'S REAR. (GEN.) McCaffrey and the 24TH (DIVISION) WOULD JOIN A SELECT CLUB – ROMMEL AND HIS GHOST DIVISION IN FRANCE IN 1940, GUDERIAN AND HIS PANZER CORPS IN RUSSIA IN 1941; AND PATTON AND HIS THIRD ARMY IN FRANCE IN 1944. AT 0400 HOURS THE BRIGADES OF THE 24TH MECHANIZED WERE MOVING IN THREE DIRECTIONS ALONG THE EUPHRATES RIVER. 1ST BRIGADE MOVED EASTWARD DOWN HIGHWAY 8, DEFEATING THE ETERNALLY SURPRISED IRAQIS; THE 19TH MECHANIZED BRIGADE HEADED WESTWARD TO OVERRUN TALILIL AIRBASE; AND 2ND BRIGADE ATTACKED SOUTHWARD TOWARD JALIBAH AIR BASE. PRECEDED BY AN ARTILLERY BARRAGE. 2ND BRIGADE'S TANKS RACED ACROSS THE RUNWAY AT JALIBAH AT DAWN, DESTROYING TEN MIG JET FIGHTERS, AND A DOZEN HELICOPTERS. FORTY MILES TO THE WEST ALONG HIGHWAY 8, NEAR THE ANCIENT SUMERIAN RUINS OF UR, THE 19TH BRIGADE DEMOLISHED THE AIR BASE AT TALIL. NEXT TO THE ZIGGURAT OF UR, ONE OF THE GREAT ARCHEOLOGICAL TREASURES OF THE WORLD, THE IRAQIS HAD TRIED TO HIDE SOME OF THEIR JETS FROM THE COALITION AIR COMMAND. THE 1ST BRIGADE ROARED A HUNDRED KILOMETERS DOWN HIGHWAY 8 TOWARD BASRA, RUNNING OVER RETREATING IRAQI COLUMNS. SCORES OF BLAZING, TWISTED VEHICLES WERE LEFT BURNING ALONG THE HIGHWAY. LATER THAT DAY THE 24TH MECHANIZED ENGAGED THE HUMMURABI TANK DIVISION ABOUT 20 MILES FROM BASRA. BEFORE THE HUMMURABI BROKE AND FLED BACK TO BASRA. IT HAD LOST SIX BATTALIONS.

Charles F. Suggs of CLR Co. 24th Med. Bn. sent in this report of 24th IDM. Military Lessons of the Gulf War can be found at books A million and other bookstores.

Purple Heart in the Pacific

Combat Chronicle of Co. "C", 21st INF written by Gary J. Pray, son of Wilbert Pray (C-21st. Wilbert was severely wounded on Mindanao, Philippines. Copies available from:

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Books by Members

David Baillie, (34th Inf., 24th ID, Korea) has two books out. Line Kansas is now sold through Amazon.com and Borders Books. David's next book, Dry Tears, should be available by the time we go to press. Dry Tears may be ordered through his website for \$10 + \$2 shipping and handling. <http://home.earthlink.net/~scottiel6/index.html>. Email is: scottiel6@earthlink.net.



"It's not the heat, it's the humidity."

Veterans of Korea - The Forgotten War

Charles W. Johnson



World War II was over and our troops had come home. It was 1947 and approaching the holidays. I was not yet 17, but with a falsified birth certificate, I was able to fulfill a lifelong dream and enlist in the army. I signed up on Pearl Harbor Day 1947 and was sworn in on 8 January, 1948. After basic training in Ft. Jackson, SC, I was sent to Ft Lawton, Washington.

Departed Seattle on the USS David Shanks and arrived in Yokohama, Japan in August. My first assignment was at GHQ in Tokyo, where I served in MacArthur's Honor Guard until I was transferred to the 34th Infantry Regiment in the spring of 1949. We went to Korea as one of the first units to enter that "Police Action." Wounded on 22 July 1950, I recuperated in Japan at Kobe base.

Arrived home in November, 1951. Reassigned to Camp Crowder, MO in January 1952. Worked at the Induction Center there, administering a battery of tests to new recruits. The base closed in late 1953 and I came to Camp Atterbury, Indiana. Received my discharge from there on March 6, 1954. The glamour was gone from the military! Korea had seen to that!

C W Johnson

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



LET'S HAVE THE REUNION IN YOUR CITY

From Company A, 34th Infantry

"COVERED BY THE CLOUD"

BY: Spencer January

(Sent in by Charles W. Johnson)

It was a morning in early March, 1945, a clear and sunny day. I was 24 years old and a member of the US Army's 35th Infantry Division, 137th Infantry Company I.

Along with several other companies of American troops, we were making our way through dense woods, towards the Rhine River in the German Rhineland. Our objective was to reach and take the town of Ossenberg, where a factory was producing gunpowder and other products for use in the war.

For hours we had pressed through an unrelenting thicket. Shortly after midday word was passed that there was a clearing ahead. At last, we thought, the going would be easier. But then we approached a large stone house, behind which huddled a handful of wounded, bleeding soldiers who had tried to cross the clearing and failed.

Before us stretched at least 200 yards of open ground, bordered on the far side by more thick woods. As the first of us appeared on the edge of the clearing there was an angry rat-tat-tat and a ferocious volley of bullets sent soil spinning as far as we could see. Three nests of German machine guns, spaced 50 yards apart and protected by the crest of a small hill to the left, were firing across the field. As we got our bearings it was determined that the machine guns were so well placed that our weapons couldn't reach them.

To cross that field meant suicide. Yet, we had no choice. The Germans had blockaded every other route into the town. In order to move on and secure a victory, we had to move forward.

I slumped against a tree, appalled at the grim situation. I thought of home, of my wife and my 5-month old son. I had kissed him good-bye just after he was born. I thought that I might never see my family again, and the possibility was overwhelming.

I dropped to my knees, "God," I pleaded desperately, "You've got to do something. Please do something." Moments later the order was given to advance. Grasping my M-1 rifle, I got to my feet and started forward. After reaching the edge of the clearing I took a deep breath. But just before I stepped out from cover, I glanced to the left.

I stopped and stared in amazement. A white cloud — along fluffy white cloud — had appeared out of nowhere. It dropped from over the trees and covered the area. The Germans' line of fire was obscured by the thick foggy mist.

All of us bolted into the clearing and raced for our lives. The only sounds were of combat boots thudding against the soft earth as men dashed into the clearing, scrambling to reach the safety of the other side before the mist lifted. With each step the woods opposite

came closer and closer.

I was almost across! My pulse pounding in my ears, I lunged into the thicket and threw myself behind a tree.

I turned and watched as other soldiers following me dove frantically into the woods, some carrying and dragging the wounded. This has to be God's doing, I thought. The instant the last man reached safety, the cloud vanished! The day was again bright and clear.

The enemy, apparently thinking we were still pinned down behind the stone house on the other side, must have radioed their artillery. Minutes later the building was blown to bits but our company was safe and we quickly moved on.

We reached Ossenberg and went on to secure more areas for the Allies. But the image of that cloud was never far from my mind. I had seen the sort of smoke screens that were sometimes set off to obscure troop activity in such situations. That cloud had been different. It had appeared out of nowhere and saved our lives.

Two weeks later, as we bivouacked in eastern Germany, a letter arrived from my mother back in Dallas. I tore open the envelope eagerly. The letter contained words that sent a shiver down my spine. "You remember Mrs. Tankersly from our church?" my mother wrote. Who could forget her? I smiled. Everybody called Mrs. Tankersly the prayer warrior.

"Well, continued Mom, "Mrs. Tankersly telephoned me one morning from the defense plant where she works. She said the Lord had awakened her the night before at one o'clock and told her, 'Spencer January is in terrible trouble. Get up now and pray for him!' My mother went on to explain that Mrs. Tankersly had interceded for me in prayer until six o'clock the next morning, when she had to go to her job. "She told me the last thing she prayed before getting off her knees was this? — "Lord, whatever danger Spencer is in, just cover him with a cloud!"

I sat there for a long time holding the letter in my trembling hand. My mind raced, quickly calculating. Yes, the hours Mrs. Tankersly was praying would indeed have corresponded to the time we were approaching the clearing. With a seven-hour time difference, her prayer for a cloud would have been uttered at one o'clock, the exact time Company I was getting ready to cross the clearing.

From that moment on, I intensified my prayer life. For the past 52 years I have gotten up early every morning to pray for others. I am convinced there is no substitute for the power of prayer and its ability to comfort and sustain others, even those facing the valley of the shadow of death.

Spencer January

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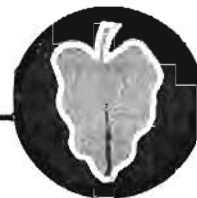


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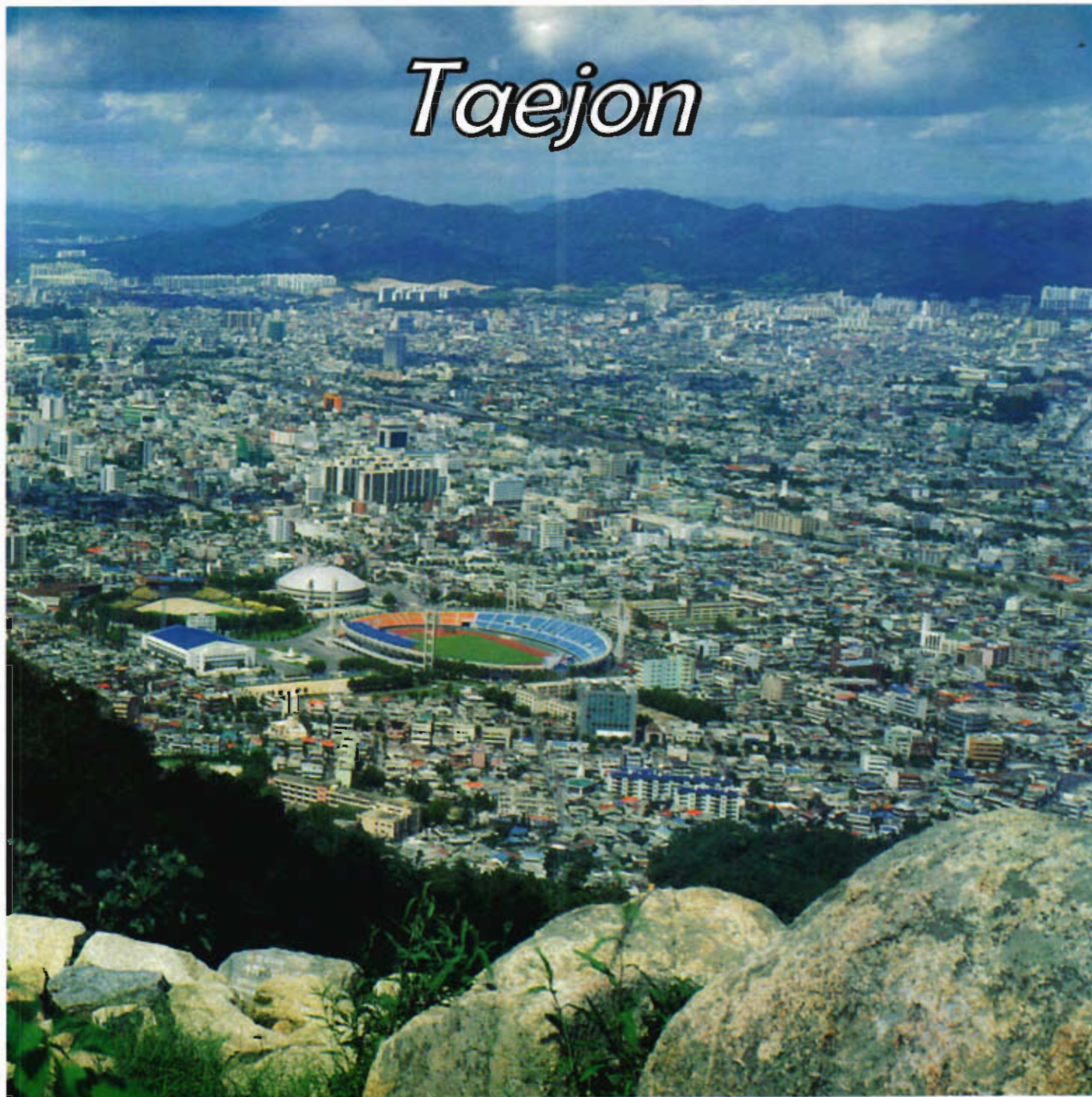
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