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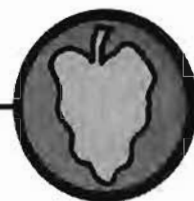
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The Prez Sez:

The New Year is off to a great start. We have an increase in membership and a lot of old lost souls have returned to the Taro Leaf. Dutch's note, to members who were in arrears with their dues, worked wonders. He and Margo had to work overtime to keep up with the renewals. Great work. Thanks to both of you.

The December 2001 issue went to the printer 26 November and was put in the mail to all of us on 17 December. Some were delivered quickly, while others took until January to arrive at your door. The Taro Leaf is mailed from Stover, MO, central to all of us. If either of you did not get your December 2001 Taro Leaf, please let me know.

Johnny Rodriguez is getting Kansas City ready for us for September 18-21, 2002 to meet at the Adams Mark. Johnny has a couple of tours lined up and also plans for great food. We will have the tours and menus in the May edition of the Taro Leaf.

We are working with Fort Riley, and are asking to tour the post. We hope to have displays of modern equipment and weapons, a trip to the PX, and lunch in the Mess Hall, I mean "*Dining Facility*."

I was filled with pride after being elected as your President last September, and I am still. I should have introduced myself to all 24th members in the December issue. I will attempt that now. I joined Co. C 3rd "C" Engineers in 1948 as a Squad Leader, departed Korea July 1951, returned to Korea in 1952 and served with G Co. 180th Infantry, 45th Division. I returned to Fort Bragg, NC and was with the 82nd Airborne Division until 1954. I transferred to the newly formed 77th Special Forces Group and continued to visit *exotic* places until I retired in 1976. I am a life member of the 24 IDA, #198

I have told others that I love this Division. It is like my hometown, when I go to the reunions, I feel at home. I feel close to every one of you, from Ed Farmer who is probably the oldest, (seven and a half years with the 21st) to our newest members from Germany and Fort Riley. We have done all that was/is expected of us, and more. Now we have the honor of belonging to the Great 24th IDA, and the pleasure of going to our reunions, enjoying each other's company and to remember, it is only by the Grace of God that we are together.

Billy
Billy Johnson
President
2001-2002

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER:

Need to make a New Year's resolution? Here's one to ponder on. God inspired James the leader of the early Christian Church in Jerusalem (Acts 12:17 and Gal 1:19) to record in James 3 something that all of us are guilty of at times. This is what James wrote in James 3 starting in verse 9 thru 12. "With the tongue we praise the Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. Can fresh water and salt (bitter) water flow from the same spring? My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt (bitter) spring product fresh water." God also inspired Paul to record in Ephesians 4:29: "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouth, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs (not ours), that it may benefit those who listen."

None of us is perfect and we all succumb at times to make ourselves look good at someone else's expense -- bad mouthing someone. As James said "...this should not be." Let's all try to refrain from this common practice and make it uncommon in 2002. May your new year be richly fulfilling and blessed in whatever your endeavors are ... and remember to say something nice about someone. Someone will listen. HE wanted me to remind you.

A large group of Taliban soldiers are moving down a road when they hear an American voice call from behind a sand-dune:

"One American soldier is better than ten Taliban."

The Taliban commander quickly sends 10 of his best soldiers over the dune whereupon a gun-battle breaks out and continues for a few minutes, then silence. The voice behind the sand dune then calls out, "One American soldier is better than one hundred Taliban."

Furious, the Taliban commander sends his next best 100 troops over the dune and instantly a huge gunfight commences. After 10 minutes of battle, again silence.

The American voice calls out again

"One American soldier is better than one thousand Taliban."

The enraged Taliban Commander musters one thousand fighters and sends them across the dune. Cannon, rocket and machine gun fire ring out as a huge battle is fought. Then silence.

Eventually one wounded Taliban fighter crawls back over the dune and with his dying words tells his commander, "Don't send any more men, its a trap.

"They're special forces, and there's two of them."

Little David comes home from first grade and tells his father that they learned about the history of Valentine's Day. "Since Valentine's Day is for a Christian saint and we're Jewish," he asks, "will God get mad at me for giving someone a valentine?"

David's father thinks a bit, then says "No, I don't think God would get mad. Who do you want to give a valentine to?"

"Osama Bin Laden" David says.

"Why Osama Bin Laden?" his father asks in shock.

"Well," David says, "I thought that if a little American Jewish boy could have enough love to give Osama a valentine, he might start to think that maybe we're not all bad, and maybe start loving people a little bit. And if other kids saw what I did and sent valentines to Osama, he'd love everyone a lot. And then he'd start going all over the

place to tell everyone how much he loved them and how he didn't hate anyone anymore."

His father's heart swells and he looks at his boy with newfound pride. "David, that's the most wonderful thing I've ever heard."

"I know," David says, "and once that gets him out in the open, the Special Forces could blow the --- out of him"

Secretary/Treasurer's Page(s)

(All data as of 22 January 2002)

Financial

Checking Account: \$29,276.97

Savings (CD): \$57,038.76

Major items paid:

Last Taro Leaf: \$11,117.07

(printing & mailing).

"Seed Money" for next Drawing: \$2,500.00

No outstanding financial obligations.

Membership

Total number of members: 2,950

(an increase of 26 since last Taro Leaf).

1,494 Annual

51 Associate (paying dues)

1,257 Life (paid)

61 Life (paying)

85 Comp

2 Honorary

By Area/Time of Service:

WWII, 893 Ft. Stewart, 34

Korea, 1493 Ft. Riley, 13

Japan, 922 Pearl Harbor, 55

Germany, 169 TF Smith, 34

Des. Storm, 21 POW, 27

(Many served in several areas; WWII and Japan, Japan and Korea, etc)

By Unit:

We have 62 units reported. Many men do not report their unit. Largest remain, in order; 19th, 21st, 34th, 5th, 3rd Eng, 11th FA, 24 Sig, 13th FA, 52nd FA.

By State:

We have men in all 50 States. Largest, in order: CA, FL, OH, IL, MI, PA, NJ, MA, GA, MO, IN, NY, NC, WI, CO, IA, KS. (Montana has 2)

Increase in Associate Memberships: Since the Constitution now allows *Kin Folk* to become Associate Members we have had an influx in new Associates. The Champ among these is **Delwyn F. Dunkin**, F, 19th, who has signed up his Daughter, 2 Sons and 3 Grandsons. *Delwyn, we salute you:*



"He's already gittin' drunk wit' power."

Some Random Ruminations:



1. Why don't we send out Renewal Notices?

As we are organized now we simply cannot get it done. It would mean that in addition to everything else the Sec/Tres does he would also have to prepare and mail out roughly 1,800+ notices a year.

Of course we could try to find a Volunteer to do it. But for the last several elections our Nominating Committees were unable to find men willing to hold office, and the positions had to be filled via nominations from the floor. So fat chance we have of finding someone to undertake this job. But if you are willing to do it I will send you a floppy of the Data Base every month and you can go to work. I'll even send you an advance of money so you can buy the 1,800+ stamps your going to need. Really -- if you want the job, speak up, you got it.

2. Why can't the Sec/Tres keep track of the "Snow Birds?"

It is a simple matter for "Newsweek" to keep track of summer and winter addresses so why can't we do it too? Namely because I Ain't "Newsweek". What I am is a 76 year old man with a PC in a bedroom converted to an office. Until we get someone younger and smarter than I am it's up to you Snow Bunnies to report your changes of address.

3. How fast is our Association going downhill?

It ain't going downhill at all. In fact we are holding our own pretty darn well. Membership and financial numbers are hard to find in the old files, but I can tell you that when I took over Sec/Tres from Kenwood Ross in 1997 (and put the whole system on computer), we had 2,827 members. We now have 2,950.

The "Treasurer's Report" from the 1992 reunion shows funds available from the Checking Account and two CD's to be, \$37,028.87; we now have the Checking Account and one CD for a combined total of, \$86,315.73 which ain't bad! Of course we missed putting out one issue of The Taro Leaf which would have cost about \$12,000.00; *but it still ain't bad.*

4. Why did we miss putting out that issue of The Taro Leaf?

The answer to that is very simple -- I don't know. Former Editor Vonnie says that she was told not to print it in order to save money. Neither Jim Hill nor I ever said such a thing. So what happened? I don't really know, but I do know that it is not the end of the world one way or the other. Without question Vonnie Mullins has been the best Editor this outfit ever had. If there was a "missed-communication" somewhere in the system lets not go to pieces over it. We are back on track now and that's what matters.

Will Rogers said: "If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing you ought to do is stop digging."

He also said: "It's a heck of lot easier to let the cat out of the bag than it is to put him back in."

Raymond M. Youngblood,
B, 21st, WWII.

Sends us a \$300 Contribution.
Excellent. Gimlet, Excellent!

Donations:

\$5, Oliver C. Simmers. 21st
\$10, Andrew J. Davis, 3rd Eng
\$50. Otis Solo. 21st
\$10, Jack G. McCourt
\$5. Louis Sacchitela. 21st
\$5, Gus Spurgetis, 5th RCT
\$10, Dewey Coles. 13th
\$10, Herbert F. Ryan, 19th
\$25. Wendell H. Touhy. 509th
\$5, Frank R. Horvat, 63rd
\$10. Thomas Alanza. 5th RCT
For buddies lost in the Iron Triangle.
\$50. John T. Szeszowicki, 13th
For 26th AAA man who died saving us.
\$5. Herbert Kingsbury. 34th
\$10, Cletus P. Hockman, 21st
\$10. Dana G. Wallace. 34th
\$20, Joe Baglama, 24th Recon
In honor of Parker H. Pratt &
Raymond J. Raszkowski.
\$20, Francis M. Mc Intyre. 19th
\$25, Edward L. Pugh, 3rd Eng
\$5 Allen Brooks, 34th
\$30, James F. Conway, G-2, CIC
\$10, William L Eddy. 19th
\$10, David E. Wahl, Sr, 21st
For men of G. Co. 21st.
\$20. Evert L. Harmon. 11th

\$100, Francis Welch, 21st
In honor of men of L Co, 21st, WWII
\$10, Chester A. Pulst, 34th
\$10, William E. Brown, Div Hq
\$5, Myron J. Harband, 34th
\$15, Wilfred W. O'Coin, 21st
\$5, Thomas J. McCaffrey, 19th
\$10, John Barnabi, 19th
For Samuel Ward & Warren Heim
killed on Kum River, 16 July 1950.
\$10, W. H. Van Kirk, 19th
Memory of 11 Sept in New York.
\$10, Robert E. Davis, 21st
Memory of Mack A. Jorcan, 21st,
CMH.
\$25, Carmello F. Geraci, 24th Recon
In appreciation of this Assoc.
\$5, Charles J. Flanagan, 34th
\$5, Claude C. Crist, Jr, 21st
\$10, Edward H. Sharpe, 24th Med
\$5, James P. Lemanczyk, 19th, Assoc.
\$10, Arnold Palmer, 34th
\$10, Leon Silver, 1277 ASU
\$300, Raymond M. Youngblood, 21st
\$10, Eugene A. Poynter, 34th
\$10, Eric Weber, 724th Ord
\$5, Richard L. Nelson, 21st

New Life Members

Willis R. Parker. Jr, Farmingdale. NJ. 21st
Donald F. Kincaid, Hebron, KY, 21st
Bernard C. Witherspoon, Omaha, NE. 19th
Gary J. Pray, Assoc, Kankakee, IL, 21st
Douglas E. Reed. Riverside, CA. 34th
Herbert F. Ryan, Brooklyn, NY, 19th
John T. Szeszowicki, Spanway, WA, 13th
Eugene J. Bieniek, Spara, WI, 24th Repl
William A. Harbin, Millington, MI, 3rd Eng
Andrew T. Jackson, 26th AAA
MG Thomas F. Metz. CG. Ft Riley



"I hate to run on a flat. It tears hell outta th' tires."

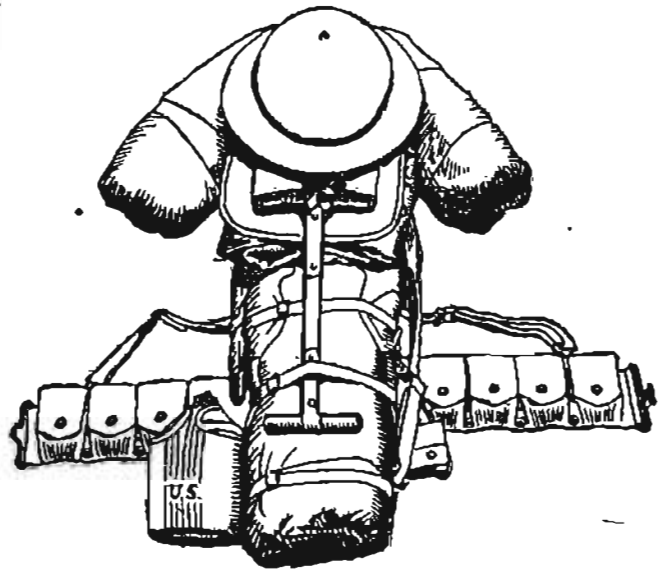
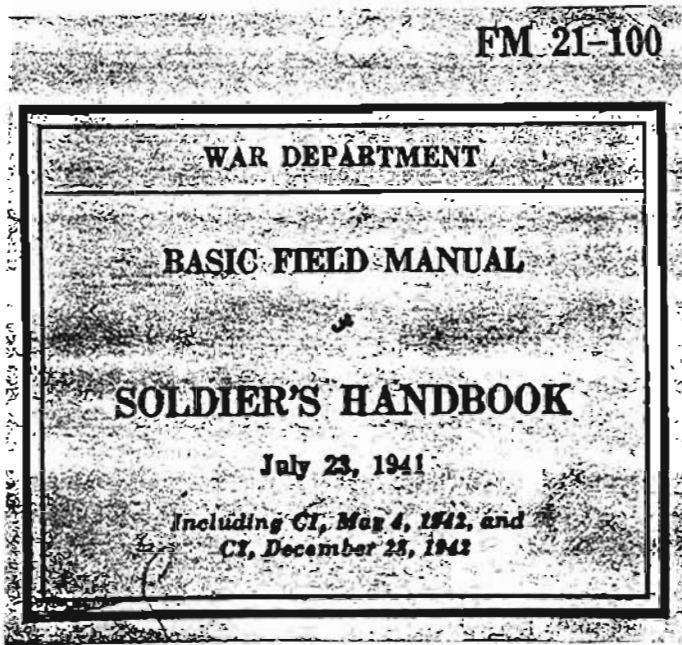


FIGURE 24.—Full equipment with overcoat and raincoat.

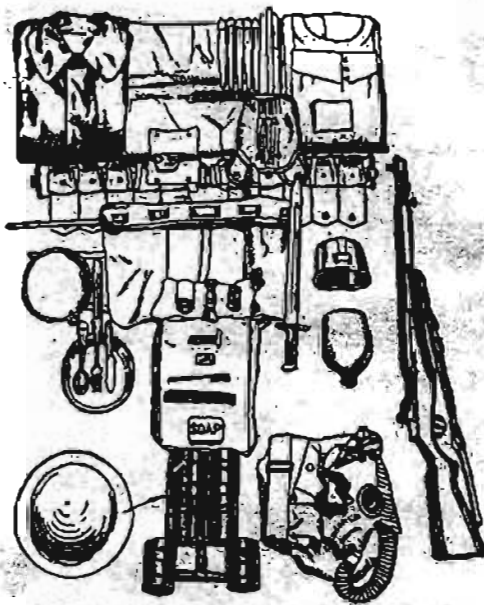


FIGURE 28.—Display of equipment, dismantled.



① Left-rear view.

"Old Soldier Quiz"

Paragraph 92, FM 21-100, "All steps and marchings that are executed from the halt, except right step, begin with the left foot."

"1, Right Step, 2, March. At the command MARCH you move your right foot 12 inches to the right and plant it. You then move the left foot and place it beside the right, left knee straight."

Add To Donations:

\$20, Mary F. Tuten, Div Hq
\$5, Glen J. Carpenter, 21st
\$5, Measley, Jack A., 21st
\$10, Ronald R. Simmons, 21st
\$40, Angelo Montaglione, 34th
\$10, Irwin Feinberg, 11th

In Memory of men of 11th FA Bn

\$70, James E. McElhannon, 3rd Eng
\$20, Raymond Youngblood, 21st
\$5, Charles E. Brault, 21st

\$100, Frank Moyer, 19th
\$10, Linda M. White, 34th
In Memory of Rodney A. White
\$10, Preston J. Bailey, 19th
\$5, Richard H. Miller, 724th Ord
\$10, Donald H. Johnson, 13th
\$10, Louis Genova, 13th
\$25, Nancy S. Busy, 6th Tank
\$10, Raymond V. Clark, 3rd Eng

*There are two theories to arguing
with women, and neither of them
works.*

New Members

Bouzan	Edward G.	19th	20 Pinecrest Ave	Pembroke	MA	02359-2406	781-294-1794	
Breier	Daniel D.	21st	50 Mann Place	Oceanside	NY	11572	516-536-4265	
Cable	Linda	Assoc, 19th	2144 North Diamond	Orange	CA	92867		Daughter of Delwyn Dunkin
Condit	Allan	13th	102 Verna St	Holcomb	KS	67851-9708	620-277-0517	Grandson of Dutch Nelsen
Dickson	Delmar E.	21st	1687 Poles Road	Baltimore	MD	21221-2914	410-687-8064	
Dunkin	Larry	Assoc, 19th	2915 North Texas, #117	Fairfield	CA	94533		Son of Delwyn Dunkin
Dunkin	Les	Assoc, 19th	PO Box 1288	Barstow	CA	92312		Son of Delwyn Dunkin
Harbin	William A.	3rd Eng	6753 Westwood Dr. #110	Millington	MI	48746	989-823-8596	Life Member
Horton	Charles L.	Signal Co	2507 S. Early Dawn Ln	Veradale	WA	99037	509-926-5554	
Ingalls	George C.	5th RCT	125 Shenandoah Drive	Cataula	GA	31804-4212	706-327-8865	
Lang	CSM Louis	724th Ord	120 Candlewick Road	Altamonte	FL	32714-2074	407-862-5881	First CSM of 724th
Lemanczyk	James P.	19th	W271 N2575 Peartree Ln	Pewaukee	WI	53072	262-695-0634	Associate Member
Manion	Richard A.	13th	4565 Lake Waterford Way #7	Melbourne	FL	32901-8587	321-409-6044	
Metz	MG Thomas F.	24th Div CG	1 Barry Ave	Fort Riley	KS	66442	785-239-3516	CG, 24th; Life Member
Nelsen	Chris E.	13th	PO Box 462	Hermatige	TN	37076-0462	615-871-7250	Son of Dutch Nelsen
Newman	Albert	724th Ord	304 E. Marshall St. #930	West Chester	PA	19380-2488		Ft. Stewart
Nunnally	Charles E.	11th FA Bn	5155 Nunnally Trail	Gainesville	GA	30506-8789	770-887-8109	
Pemberton	Bruce G.	4/64 Armor	PO Box 263	Palouse	WA	99161-0263	509-878-2386	
Redden	Richard E.	19th	26 Stovall St.	Fort Oglethorpe	GA	30742	706-866-6730	
Steckel	Vincent J.	11th FA Bn	18962 Balltown Road	Sherrill	IA	52073	563-552-1511	
Upchurch	Cecil G.	34th, 19th	7322 Evanston Ave	Lanesville	IN	47136	812-952-1100	
Van Zlike	James	Div Hq	506 Skyline Drive	Junction City	KS	66441	785-238-7657	Div IG
Wilson	Joseph A.	34th	7418 Sunview Dr.	Columbia	CS	29209-2710	803-776-6046	
Winden	Gilbert D.	3rd Eng	4263 Nonpareil Road	Sutherlin	OR	97479	541-459-9275	
Wright	Harold L.	21st	227 N. Madison St	Carthage	IL	62321	217-357-3236	
Cappazolli	Luciano	3/19th	4811 E. 119th St	Grandview	MO	64030	816-322-5268	
Ericson	Russell L.	21st	5650 Barrett Road	Colorado Springs	CO	80926-9523	719-540-8591	
Haun	Jack	19th	46153 County Rd 352	Decatur	MI	49045-9006	616-423-7446	
Johnston	Edward E.	19th	135 Riverside Drive	Oshawa, Ont	Canada	L1H601	905-576-4284	
Unglaub	Lester T.	3rd Eng	201 Park Plaza	Quincy	IL	62301-3748	217-222-5191	
Williams	Curtis M.	21st	Route One, Box 329	Red Level	AL	36474-9779	334-469-5656	

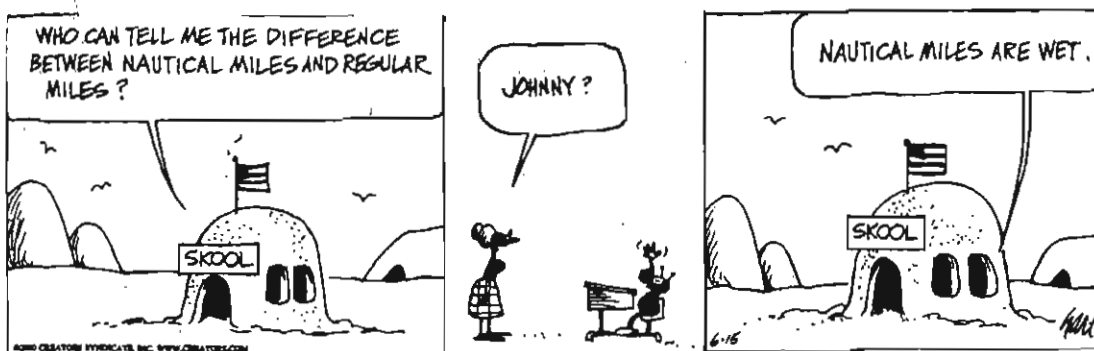
Add To New Life Members

SFC Melvin R. Arnold, 21st
 Msgt James D. McElhannon
 George E. Seebart, 19th

"Old Soldier Quiz"

In the "Old Army" there was only one command which would cause the Soldiers to step off with the right foot instead of the left.
 What was that command? (Answer on next page)

B.C.



Strong Gains for Veterans in 2001.

House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committee leaders capped a strong year of legislative activity on behalf of veterans' with passage of H.R. 1291, the Veterans' Education and Benefits Expansion Act; H.R. 2540, Veterans' Compensation Rate Amendments of 2001; and H.R. 2716, the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Assistance Act.

House Committee Chairman Chris Smith (R-NJ) originally introduced H.R. 1291 to increase Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) education benefits over a three-year period. The final version of the bill also includes other veterans benefits sought by Senate Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman John D. Rockefeller IV (D-WVA). Among many other provisions, the final version of H.R. 1291:

- *Boosts educational benefits under the MGIB over the next three years. The maximum monthly rate increases to \$985 on 1 Oct 2001, a 46% hike over current benefits;

- *Increases the VA home loan guaranty from \$50,700 to \$60,000 and extends the VA home loan authority for Selected Reservists to year 2011.

- *Adds Adult Onset Diabetes Type II to the list of service-connected conditions for Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange; and

Stanley M. Wright, 6th Tank,
1-'54 to 12-'55, sent dues. Stan said he was
in Camp McGill with the 56th Amphibious
Tanks. (Editor: I didn't know tanks floated.)

AN UPDATE TO THE ARMED FORCES VACATION CLUB

<http://www.offdutytravel.com>

Retirees are eligible to use the AFVC Space "A" rental program coordinated by the Morale, Welfare and Recreation services of the various military branches. Their agreement with Cendant Corporation allows retirees to stay seven nights at a condominium resort for \$234 worldwide; normally resort condos rent for up to \$1500 a week. The AFVC accesses inventory at privately owned resorts and makes condos available to the military community at this discounted flat rate when owners aren't using them. While most resorts are time-share properties, there is no obligation for AFVC users to attend a timeshare sales presentation. There are no membership fees or dues. Since owners use their resort less frequently during off-season, that is when most availability occurs, especially in areas that may be overbuilt like the Canary Islands, Isla de Margarita, Hungary and parts of Mexico. You can search by country, state or city to review thousands of vacation opportunities. Reservation instructions are available online or you may call the reservation center at 1-800-724-9988. First time callers should give account number 7033-00000 and a vacation counselor will assign you an individual account number and help you find a vacation opportunity. To make a reservation, you must have a credit card and pay at that time. You will receive written confirmation in the mail. MWR earns a rebate of \$22 on each reservation used to supplement MWR activities.

Army veterans find buddy injured during Korean War

By Matt Gouras

Associated Press



BISMARCK, N.D. — For almost five years, three Korean War veterans searched for a fellow soldier who, despite a wound that left his scalp ripped open, dragged an injured comrade off a hillside under machine-gun fire.

Harold Smith, 67, often came up in conversation when the Army's 24th Infantry Division's 19th Infantry Regiment gathered for fall reunions. The soldiers wondered what had happened to the quiet private from Benson County who had received an undesirable discharge.

"We really liked this guy," said Joseph O'Connell, a veteran from the 24th Infantry. "He was wounded pretty badly. All four of us were machine gunners in this unit and we were concerned, really, if he was OK after being released from the Army."

Army records from the 1950s were destroyed in a 1973 warehouse fire, and the men did not know where to begin searching for someone with such a common last name. They even thought Smith might be dead.

But a letter to a state legislator in whose district Smith had enlisted resulted in a newspaper story that was seen by Smith's sister. And now, nearly 50 years after a soldier's courageous actions in battle, his buddies are looking forward to a reunion Saturday and hoping to correct what they see as a grave injustice.

It began in October 1951.

The 24th Infantry Division was coming under heavy fire from North Korean forces. A tank that had pulled alongside their bunker was a target for enemy artillery.

"All hell broke loose that day, quite frankly," said O'Connell, a retired banker in Warminster, Pa. "We had quite a few casualties."

A mortar shell landed between Smith and O.D. Shambley, injuring both and killing two others. Shambley's leg was pierced, leaving him unable to walk. Smith could barely see after shrapnel ripped through his helmet and tore back part of his scalp.

"That was a most horrible scene that I shall never forget," squad leader Billy McMullin, of Paducah, Ky., recalled in the letter. "His scalp was peeled from the back of his head and hanging over his bloody face and chest."

Still, Smith managed to help pull Shambley, of Mount Ida, Ark., back down the hill to safety.

'He gave it all for our country, and he gave it all for me.'

— O.D. Shambley,
veteran from the 24th Infantry

"I wouldn't have made it by myself, without him," Shambley said. "I owe him a lot."

After his injury, Smith became a depressed man. At times, he would lock himself in his locker, then kick and boiler until someone let him out, his buddies said.

The Army eventually gave him an undesirable discharge for unruly behavior. Shambley and McMullin said they plan to discuss how to appeal the discharge during the reunion in Rolla, Mo.

Martha Rudd, an Army spokeswoman, said the Army Board for the Correction of Military Records conducts thorough investigations before changing military records.

Shambley said Smith deserves an honorable discharge and probably a medal.

"He gave it all for our country, and he gave it all for me," Shambley said, choking back tears. "And I think he should have been treated better when he got out."

O'Connell said Smith was a good soldier before he was hurt, "and those wounds were probably the indirect cause of whatever happened."

"The poor guy should have gotten treatment, instead of coming back to the unit for more fighting," O'Connell said. "He was just never quite right after that. He just changed completely after he came back (from an Army hospital)."

"December of 1952 was the last time anyone saw him, and that was in Japan," O'Connell said. "What happened from that point on, we didn't know."

About five years ago, McMullin, Shambley and O'Connell began searching in earnest for Smith. Regiment records showed Smith enlisted in Benson County, so McMullin sent the letter to Rep. Arlo Schmidt, who forwarded it to the weekly Benson County Farmers Press. Shambley and O'Connell also wrote letters to Schmidt.



LOOKING FOR OUR BUDDIES (and information of family members who served in the military)



I was pleased to read the piece by Charles W. Johnson and his mention of being in Gen. MacArthur's Honor Guard. Immediately after reading this I got out my Honor Guard Directory of all who served between 1945 and 1951 and sure enough there was CW's name with the notation that he was never located. The Gen. MacArthur Honor Guard Association originated about 1980 and identified about 1800 who had served in the unit, of those about 1500 were located. Today we still have about 500 active members. I hope you can give me some contact info for CW so I can tell him about our association.

I am chairman of the GMHGA for the next two years and have initiated more and better communications with members. We are now issuing quarterly newsletters and have a telephone networking system in the works whereby each member will be spoken to by another member at least once per quarter. We are planning our next bi-annual reunion for 2003 in Las Vegas at the Riviera Hotel.

I was with the 19th from July, 1950 until April 1951 when I was selected for Gen. Mac's Honor Guard - what a fantastic break for me!

I found out about the 24th IDA about a year ago and joined then. I have enjoyed the Taro Leaf publications and keep them for reference.

I wish you continued success with the organization.

David J. Valley, Chairman
GMHGA
Post Office Box 501005
San Diego, CA 92150

More Buddies

I would appreciate hearing from anyone in Easy Co. from August 1951 to February 1952. I am in contact Sgt. Frank Ponsi, (3rd Pl, 3rd Sq) 715-865-2171 and Steve Gabor 617-648-1347. Phone Jim and Phyllis Dickens at 505-466-3943 or email Dickens2@cnsnp.net

REUNIONS

11th Field Artillery, Service Battery, 24th Inf. Division
Korean Conflict -- May 1952 to May 1954
Reunion will be held at the Lodge of the Ozarks Hotel in Branson, MO 65616
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Contact: Howard Buckles, PO Box 267, Kesoauqua, IA 52565
Phone: 319-293-3012 for more information.

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Branson, MO. April 24-27-2002
Contact: Bill Weatherly, 1204 Hillside, Gainesville, FL 76240-2922
Ph: 940-665-2540

I'm writing on behalf of my father, Charles E. McMichael. He's a Life Member of the 24th Infantry Association. He'd like to send a get well card to "Big Bill" Broome, who missed the last reunion for medical reasons. However, my dad doesn't have Bill's address in the Detroit area. It occurred to me that the Taro Leaf probably does. If it wouldn't be too much trouble, could you look up that address for me?

Thanks in advance,
Charles McMichael, Jr.

We sent Bill's address to Charles,
Thought someone else may need it.

William L. Broome
35240 Highview Court # 22101
Farmington Hills, MI 48335-2540
313-476-6818



LOOKING FOR OUR BUDDIES
(and information of family members who served in the military)



Allen V. Hess, 34th '44-'46 is looking for **Leon P. Boger**. Leon was in the old Hawaii Division. He joined the army in 1938 and was stationed in Hawaii with the HQ's, later with the 24th ID, 34th Regt from Dec. 1, 1944 to Jan. 1946. He may have enlisted in Las Cruces, NM.

Jacob Perryman is looking for **CPL. John Venesia**, 724th Ord. (M) Co. John was with the 5th RCT in the ambush at Death Valley in Korea on the 25th of April, 1951. Jacob has some information that "John may want." You may contact Jacob at 6637 Baldwin Court, Riverdale, GA 30274. Phone-770-991-1573 or email to - BAMA5th@aol.com

Jim Lemantzyk, Wisconsin phone 262-695-0643 is seeking information about his uncle, **1Lt. Marshall Sageser**, XO B/19th, 1951-52. Jim was also Asst. S-3/19th in 1952

Howard Vaine needs to locate **John Wahl** who was in B Battery, 13th FA in Korea. He was originally from Rhode Island, his wife worked at the phone company. Please contact Howard at 3331 Valley Road, Apt. D, Boynton Beach, FL 33453. Phone 561-540-2622 or email to Dorishondavt@aol.com

I was stationed in Augsburg, Germany with the 2nd Bn., 19th from 1964-66. I was with C Co. when they deactivated in April, 1966. At that time I was with HHC, 2/19. Anyone out there have information on the 19th? Contact: **Ellis L. Marples**, 973-835-4517, email: Ellis@EllisMarples.com

John P. (Jack) Jorgensen is curious to know if there is anyone out there who served with Div. HQ at the time he was there. Jack served from August 1944 to January 1946. He was a T/Sgt in the AG Section. Jack Jorgensen, 1481-104 S, Danube Way, Aurora, CO. 80017, email: JORGECJ@prodigy.net

Larry W. Gay was with the 19th during the Korean war. He wants to contact **Charles W. Foster**, **Jerome Krejci**, and **Paul E. McDevitt**. You guys can reach Larry by email: lngay@worldnet.com or at his home, 15335 W. Echo Canyon Drive, Surprise, AZ 85347-2081

Richard Redden is looking for: **Orville W. Sergeant**, **Ernest G. Keaton**, **Donald Adamczyk**, **Edward J. Harrington**, and **James Hayes**. These guys were together in Co. B, 19th, Augsburg Germany 1962. Contact Richard at: 26 Stoval Street, Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30762, or phone/FAX him at 1-706-866-6730, email: REDDEN1234@aol.com

I am looking for anyone who may have served with **Leo "Muscle" Shoals**, in the Pacific in WWII. Please contact: **George Stone**, 4792 Island Road, Bristol, TN 37620 Ph.423-986-7062

Looking for Motor Pool Employees: **Arvel Riddle** went to Korea in Oct. or Nov. 1952. He landed in Tokyo, went to Mt. Fuji and on to Pusan. He left Korea June 6, 1954. Arvel wants to reach his motor officer, **Captain Cantrell**, and Captain Ravelly, his Battery Commander. Write to Arvel at: riddle77Aotelco.net

Leland (Buck) Runde changed email addresses and lost all correspondence and addresses from the 24th. Buck was in Korea from October 1951 to Jan. '52. He was with Love Co. 19th, and went to Japan with the same outfit. He would enjoy hearing from old buddies. Email to: salandbuck@aol.com

Send in a copy of your favorite old photos and we will set up a page to help you find your old buddies. We know of three that were found from photos in the Dec. 2001. Taro Leaf. Be sure to include name, unit, location and current contact numbers.

THE OLD AGE DISEASE.

Boston, said the funny man, is not a locality; Boston is a state of mind. To those who have experienced Boston this is a truth that needs not be proved.

With equal accuracy it may be said that Old Age is not a number of years, it is a state of mind.

It has been observed that a woman is as old as she looks, and a man is as old as he feels; as matter of fact, both are as old as they think.

There is no need of anybody growing old. For age is entirely a disease of the soul, a condition of ill health, which with reasonable caution may be avoided. It is no more necessary than measles, which the world once thought every one ought to have; now we know better.

The human being begins existence as a vigorous animal, whose body naturally weakens with time and finally perishes. The body runs its course, "ripes and ripens, and rots and rots," like an apple or any other organized growth of matter. Hence of course there is a decrepitude of one's frame.

But this is not at all true of the mind. All things in nature, from mushrooms to oaks, from insects to elephants, and even mountains and suns and systems, have their periods of growth, maturity and decay. The mind, however, has no such law. It is the "one exception" as Mark Hopkins called it.

And the mind is the real man. And the mind can be as young at ninety as it is at twenty-one.

Asking ourselves what it is that makes youthfulness, we discover the answer to be that it consists of three things:

Work, Growth, and Faith. So long as life functions in these three ways it is young. When any or more of these elements fall off we are old.

By work is meant an active participation in the interest of human kind. Notice how the boy cannot be idle, he wants to be at something, he burns to play the game.

Idleness or aloofness is the essence of growing old. The businessman who "retires" and devotes himself to doing nothing is committing suicide.

John Biglow recently died at the age of ninety-five, and up to the last retained his interest in affairs.

It is work that keeps the men young, more than play. No man should give up selling dry goods if that is his life business, unless he has found some other business equally congenial and interesting.

I know a woman of eighty, mother of eleven grown children, who is as young as any of them, for she declines to be shelved.

The way to stay young is to keep in the game.

Second, growth. That is to say, mind growth. Let the mind always be learning, alert for new truth, eager for new accomplishments.

It is when one's intellect closes, ceases to learn and becomes an onlooker that old age sets in. How many old people impress you as beyond teachableness! They have settled everything, religion, politics, philosophy.

You can't teach an old dog new tricks, but because he will not learn new tricks is exactly the reason the dog is old.

It is when one takes up the study of Greek at seventy, or at eighty begins to investigate psychology, that his mind breathes Spring air.

As long as the mind is teachable, open and inquiring, it is young.

There ought to be special schools for people of sixty and over. Who goes to school keeps young.

Lastly, faith, not intellectual assent to any statement (which operation is no more to do with faith than sole leather), but a general belief that in men and things; confidence; settled, abiding courage and cheer.

Faith in one's self, in one's destiny, in mankind, in the universe and in Him who manages it, this is youth's peculiar liquor.

Doubt is the very juice of senility. Cynicism, pessimism, and despair are the dust that blows from a dried-up soul.

And faith is not something over which you have no control, it is a cultivated thing, it is a habit.

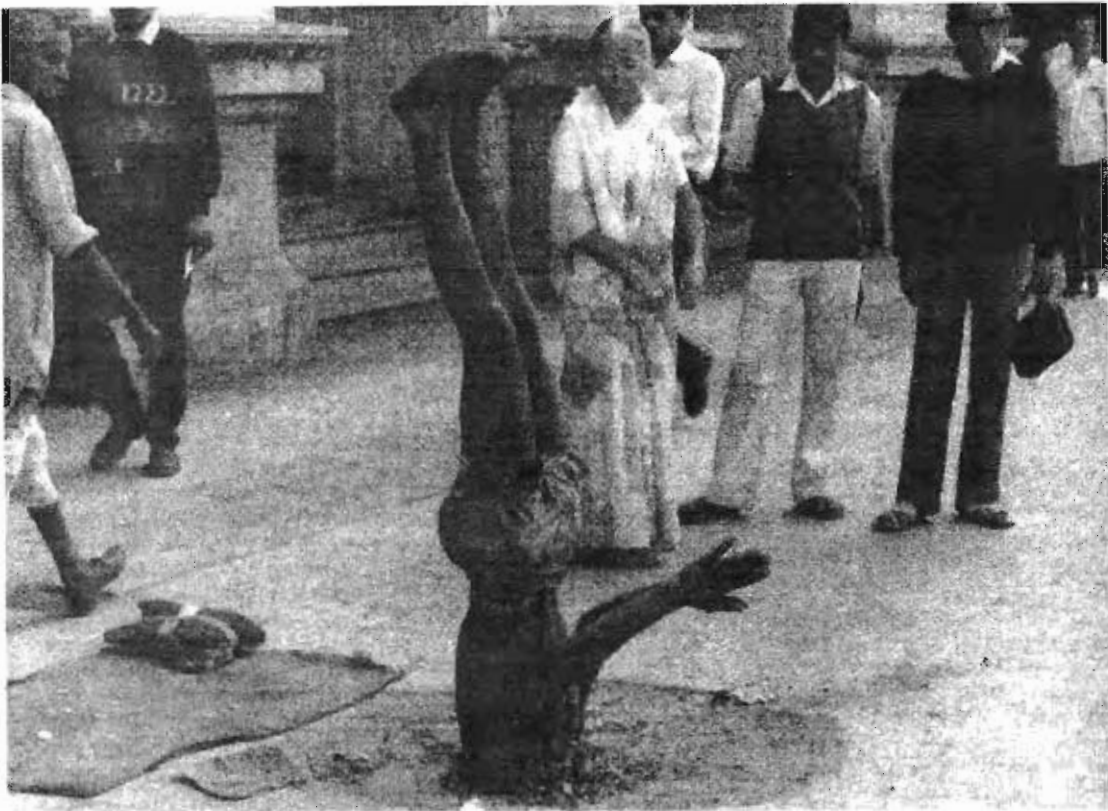
So long as one keeps at work, continues to learn, and has faith he is young.

Whoever does not work, does not learn, and has no faith, is old even at thirty.

Old age is a state of mind.

Dr. Frank Crane 1917

First Taliban Missile



Tonight a man by the name of Joe Wilson of Columbia SC contacted me about an unusual period in the history of the 34th Infantry and the 13th FA BN. Joe's phone number is 803-776-6046. I have his mailing address. He does not have direct access to a computer but has a link through his grandson with whom I will be in contact.

I was the Battery Commander as a 1st LT of B Btry, 13th FA Bn stationed at Camp Haugen, Japan. In April the 19th Infantry was alerted and moved back to Korea - the idea being to increase US strength in Korea before the armistice was to be signed. The 19th went by air and a month later the 13th FA BN - the DS Bn for the 19th - deployed by sea by LST from Japan to Pusan and by rail to Wonju and then to take up security for a tungsten mine near and east of Wonju. The 34th Infantry was assigned in Jan to help with that security.

The tungsten mine had been established by the Utah Mining Company after WWII - I think an American Company. The site was unique - consisted of a power plant, a coal mine and the tungsten mine. Tungsten was an important strategic metal was being mined by Korean labor. Our job was to provide security at each of the sites.

My battery was assigned to the tungsten mine for security. I had been to Korea before - from Dec 51 to Sept 52 and had taken an inter-theatre transfer to bring my family to Japan - brought the family over and stayed in Japan with the 13th until our deployment in May 53. In December, those of us who had previous tours in Korea and who had families back in Japan were permitted to leave the 24th and go to "rear" detachments that were still in Japan and like others was reassigned to another unit at Camp Haugen until rotating to CONUS in the spring of 54.

Joe Wilson was a Cpl in F Co, 34th Infantry and he arrived at the tungsten mine after I left - he arrived in Jan and stayed there until April when he says his unit moved to guard a stockade near Pusan.

The bottom line is that Joe would like to get in touch with someone who was at the tungsten mines between Jan and April 54 with the 34th. I would also like to refresh my memory of that very unusual assignment for an FA Bn and an infantry company. He is particularly interested in a fire that took place near the tungsten mine while he was there.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to address this letter to the American heroes of World War II. I am a Dutch lawyer, 63 years old, and retired. At the time of that terrible war I was a little boy between 4 and 8 years old.

We lived in Balikpapan (Borneo, Indonesia,) until the day that women and children had to quickly leave by plane for Java, trying to escape the onrushing Japanese army. My mother, sister and I arrived in Java with nothing but the clothes and shoes we were wearing.

My father, whom I loved dearly, had to stay behind with the other employees of the Shell group in order to destroy the oil installations and plants so they couldn't be used by the Japanese. I never saw my father again. After the war, I learned he and the other men had died in a concentration camp. My mother, sister and I were also in a concentration camp for four years. It's a miracle I survived.

I owe my life to the American soldiers who served at that time in the Pacific and Europe. Because of them, the war ended

much sooner. I want to thank them all for giving everything they had and lived for, to serve America and to rescue so many nations in distress and agony. I am always happy to see when others are too afraid, the Americans step into the breach for a world in trouble.

I want to acknowledge the brave efforts of the American military who fought gallantly in World War II, in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. I want to thank them with my whole heart for giving their youth, their limbs and sometimes their lives in order to save the lives of defenseless children

and adults. It was a heroic fight against satanic dictators and tyrants.

I realize words may be inadequate to express my deep gratitude. But I want them to know they have not been forgotten, and my life and the lives of so many others were saved by their heroic sacrifices.

God bless the American veterans! — ERIK P. BOERS, HOLLAND

↑
Sent In By: George Frazier 13 & 67
55 Woodland DR.,
Warminster, PA 18974-4445



Check out this Gimlet!
Marion was in Schofield
3-1-1940 to 12-7-1941.
Of course the photo was
taken later.

Killroy Was Here

Thomas Szesztowick, son of John Szesztowick (13th FA) did not follow his Dad into the Army, but he did follow the path of excellence that his father set for him.

Award

TSgt. Thomas Szesztowicki, Videographer, and SSgt. David Barlow, Videographer, members of the 1st Combat Camera Squadron, U.S. Air Force, stationed at Charleston Air Force Base in Charleston, SC, were part of a Combat Camera Crisis Response Team alerted to deploy from Charleston to the Pentagon within 15 minutes of the September, 11th disaster. Despite extremely hazardous conditions, Szesztowicki was the first of the DoD videographers to acquire aerial video imagery of the crash site and surrounding area, while Barlow acquired the first video footage of the smoldering interior area of the building. Both won awards for their work. The footage shot by Szesztowicki and Barlow aired on most major news outlets on the day following the attack. Their Squadron Commander, and other members of their unit were present at the Awards Ceremony.



Bacil Steed, 24th Recon. Sent this photo of an Australian tank set out for their 1945-1995 "Australia Remembers" Celebration. Also a photo of 1st Lt. Norman Hammonds, 24th Recon. at Camp Crouch. Bacil is wondering if anyone remembers him. He has lots of photos of the 1949-50 Occupation. He will be sending more and we will use as many as possible in the Taro leaf.



Hagar

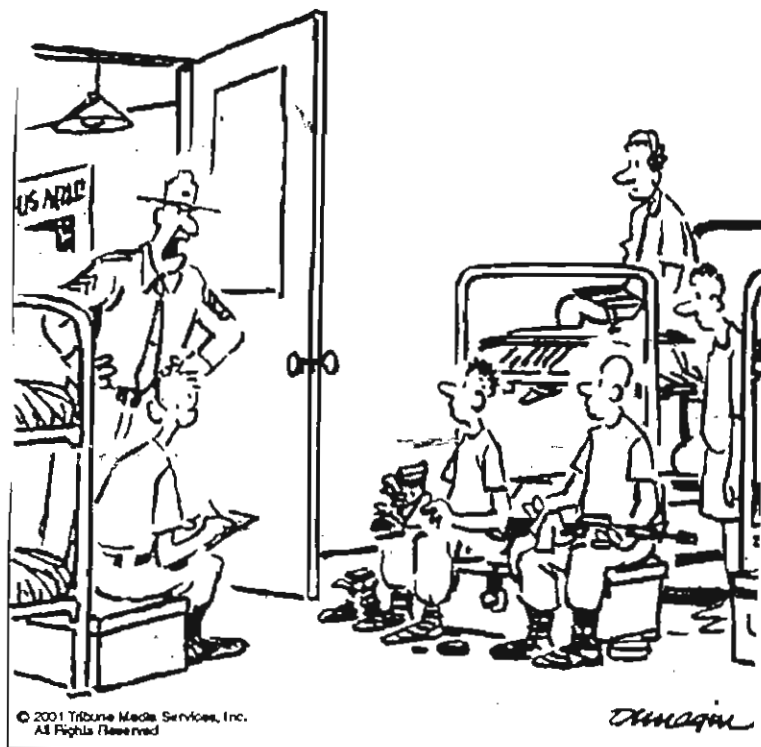
By Dik Browne



David E. Wahl Sr., WWII, G. Co. 21st
 Sent in \$40 for dues and a donation in
 memory of G. Co. David has written a
 story of his movement through the Pacific
 titled "First Confirmed Kill." It is too long
 for printing in the Taro Leaf, but if anyone
 is interested, I'll make copies for mailing.
 I think it gives a good insight to the
 Citizen Soldier.



The tall fellow is Dan Rickert,
 3rd Eng. "C". Sorry to tell you guys,
 but Dan did not turn in his service hat
 when he got discharged. The QM is
 going to get you Dan.



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HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

NEW SECTION: Just for your voice and random thoughts. Either tell it like it is, or how you want it to be. If you have a gripe, or just don't understand something, put it here by letter, phone or email. Praises also appreciated.

Got a change of address from John Kelly. 11th FA. A Btry, he said he was at the Kurn River, the Airport and Taejon. It seems a lot of us passed that way.

NOTE: from Joe Sweeney. Check your History Channel May 27, 8PM EST for the "Johnson List". It is a story about a POW in Korea and the list he kept of all the POW'S he met. He was awarded the Silver Star for this action.

The forms in the back of our Taro Leaf have been requested by several members, so I thought others may have an interest.

When you hear of one of our own passing, let Dutch or me know the soonest. Send a copy of the obituary and photo if possible.

YOU'RE MOVING! ---YOU'RE MOVING! ---OK, Tell us about it. ASAP

Please send a change of address to our Secretary/Treasurer, Dutch Nelsen. There is a charge of sixty cents (\$.60) to the Association for every Taro Leaf that is forwarded and \$3.96 each for the ones that are returned as undeliverable. Folk's it does cost a lot of money for each issue because your buddy did not send a change of address.

BIG NEWS! If you want a Reunion in your city, we will need a hotel that will hold from 350 to 500 members. Let us know, and we will ask the Reunion Coordinator to talk with you about other things needed.

THE TARO LEAF is about us. We are the reason for the Taro Leaf. So, please dig down in that stack of old photos, reunion photos, military ceremony memories, etc. or short stories that you think will be of interest to our membership. Send them to me and I will use as many as possible. We want to see you in the Taro Leaf. Some photos do not copy well, but let us be the judge of that. If you send originals and want them back, be sure to let us know. An excellent way to mark pictures is with a post-it note or small paper taped to the back of the photo. Writing on the back with a pen is not a good idea.

SMALL WORLD: Was talking with Henry Oppenborn, A-34th and learned that Henry was in the 504th and the 325th Airborne Inf. So was I, but at a different time.

HEY! ALL YOU TEXANS: Carl Mason, 3rd Eng. from E. Tawakoni would like all of you Texans to get together and put a plaque in The Admiral Nimitz National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas. Carl says he will put up the first five hundred dollars (\$500). A 20" by 20" plaque will cost twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500). The Taro Leaf Patch and words chosen by the Texas Members is included in the cost. I am not a Texan, but I've been called a cowboy a few times, so I'll donate to the cause if y'all want to give it a go. Donate what you will, if each of us donates just twenty dollars (\$20), it would cover the cost. If you want to be a part of this, send your checks to Carl Mason, 842 Oak Leaf Trail, East Tawakoni, TX 75472. Be sure to write on the bottom left of the check that it is a donation to the "Admiral Nimitz Foundation" for the 24th ID Plaque. This makes it a tax deduction. Carl will send me a list of contributors to be published in the TL. Maybe we can get a group photo when you Texans put the plaque up in the museum at Fredericksburg. This is not a Texas only project, I do believe it is a worthwhile one.

Taro Leaf 10 Years Ago

It was 36 pages, black & white only.

Association Officers were:

President: Albert J. McAdoo

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Chaplain: Joe Hofrichter

Reunion Coord: Bob Ender

Dues were going to go from \$10 per year to \$15 year, (which they still are). But Life Membership was \$100. It is now \$150. The annual dues were based on the Assn's Fiscal Year which ends in July. Thus all dues became due at the same time. A *hump* was created that we still have to deal with every summer.

Reunion was to be in Savannah, GA in the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Dinner costs: Aloha, \$25.00 and Banquet, \$28.00 -- *pretty much same as now*. "Registration Fee" was \$15 -- *currently \$20*. No Regimental Breakfasts, Ladies Breakfast or Tours are listed. Hotel room was \$62.

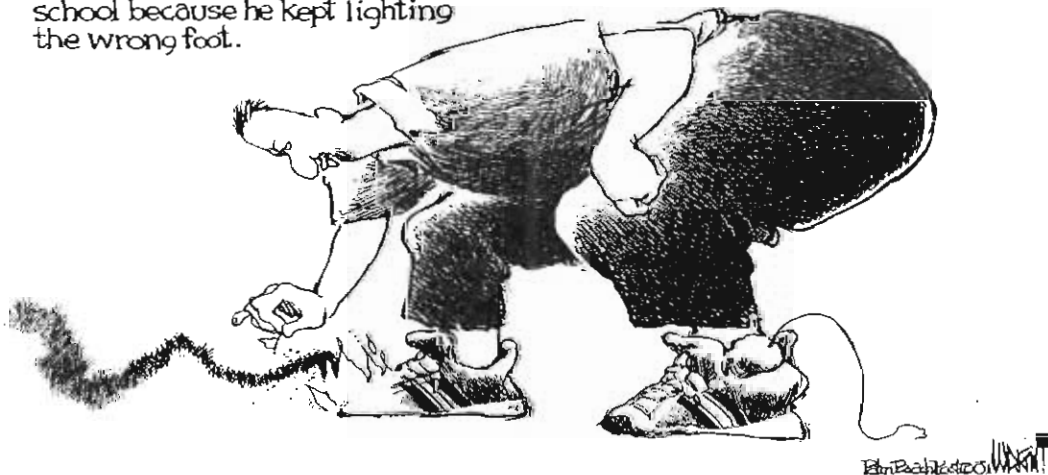
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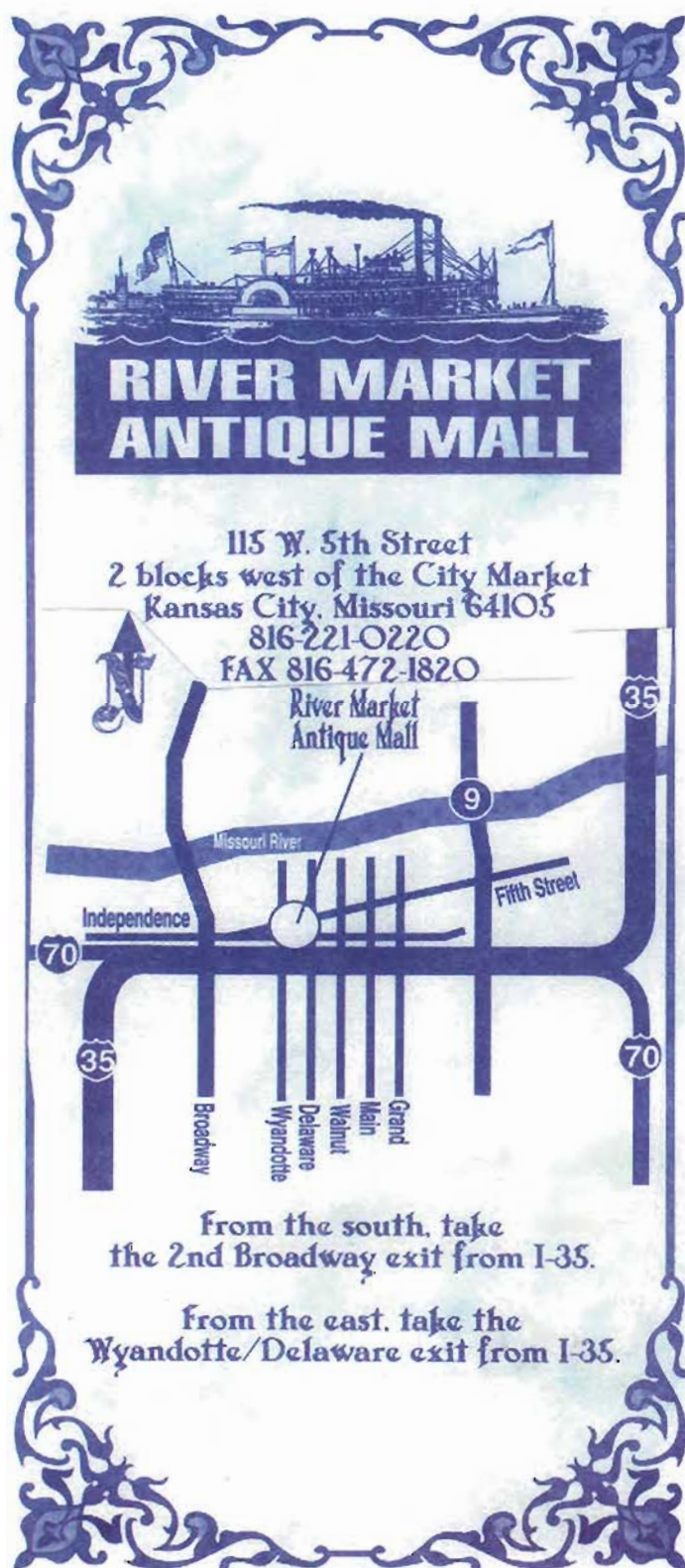
"You'll get over it, Joe. Once I was gonna write a book exposin' the Army after th' war myself."

**So if you have not paid
your dues, please do so
immediately.
And while you're at it,
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One of the sad signs of our times is that we have demonized those who produce, subsidized those who refuse to produce, and canonized those who complain.

Clyde "Daddy" Neal looking good in his uniform.





Strongest mammal on earth - when you measure strength by endurance, the ability to survive the greatest number of years - is woman.

Bill Boyden and his lovely wife

Fifty-one years later the reunion in Hampton brought together Battery B, 13th FA Bn Executive Officer and Battery Clerk. Dutch Nelsen and Frank Martin.



Henry J. Gosztyla, Warren Avery, Linda and Julie Lynn Johnson



Q. Wasn't Chief Pontiac the head of the Auto tribe?

A. The Ottawa? That he was.

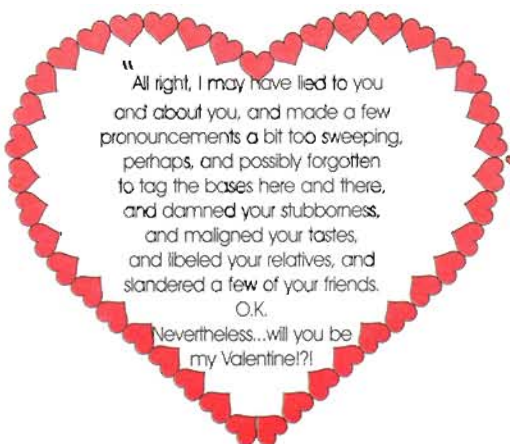
Margo and Dutch Nelsen



Bill and Sue McClure



Wes Morrison and Jim Hill
Drawing a Winner





William and Rose Hensley



*Uwe Hartmann, from Germany
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James E. Johnson*



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METZ SHARES ARMY'S BEST KEPT SECRET

By Jeremy Heckler
19th Public Affairs Detachment

FORT RILEY, Kansas---Sharing "the Army's best-kept secret" was a key message from Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, at a press conference with local media Jan. 3.

Metz addressed a wide-range of topics from the post's role as a power-projection platform and freedom's guardians to its relationship with the community and the future of the post.

Metz said that the post is a superb power projection platform with connections to road, air and rail access that need only minimal improvements.

"Probably the thing that we should improve is the ramp space and the capabilities at the Manhattan Airport," he said. Metz added that Fort Riley and local congressmen are looking into the possibility of expanding the airport to handle more military aircraft.

The commanding general said that he bears the responsibility to insure that the soldiers on Fort Riley have the fundamentals in order to fight in today's wars.

"I was at the Pentagon the day of the terrorist attacks, and it dawned on me that I will not deploy from Fort Riley in command of soldiers individually or in units. So, I bear the responsibility that when soldiers or units deploy from Fort Riley, they will be ready," he said.

He explained that readiness takes the form of being physically fit, the ability to perform common skills individually or as a group, as well as work as a combined arms team.

"Our units are heavy mechanized units and that warfare is very complex warfare. So, I have to have leaders who are consistently stating their profession in heavy maneuver combat," said Metz.

Soldiers on Fort Riley have had the ability to show what they have learned both here and abroad.

"We maintain a very fast, very tough pace here with one brigade cued up for the National Training Center and another brigade helping them and we just picked up the Operation Desert Spring effort with the Task Force that just came back from Kuwait," said Metz. That pace has gained the additional duties of a quick reaction force as well as post security operations.

"I think we are doing the prudent thing of controlling post access," said Metz. "The installation is not closed. We just thoroughly check who comes on and the public is welcome on Fort Riley."

Metz said that it is up to the young soldiers to set the example in the community as well as on the battlefield.

"I will work very hard to instill the Army values in soldiers and work with my leaders so they are taught from day one, upon their arrival at Fort Riley, to be that good example to the community," said Metz. He said that each soldier is taught the core values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage in basic training. The goal is to maintain the positive relationship Fort Riley has with the surrounding communities.

"There is not a better relationship of an installation and a local community than here on Fort Riley," said Metz.

One way Fort Riley gives back to the community is through the Kids 2000 program in which units on Fort Riley adopt local schools and provide mentors for students.

Metz said that in the coming months, he hopes to continue the tradition of Fort Riley and keep it one of America's finest.

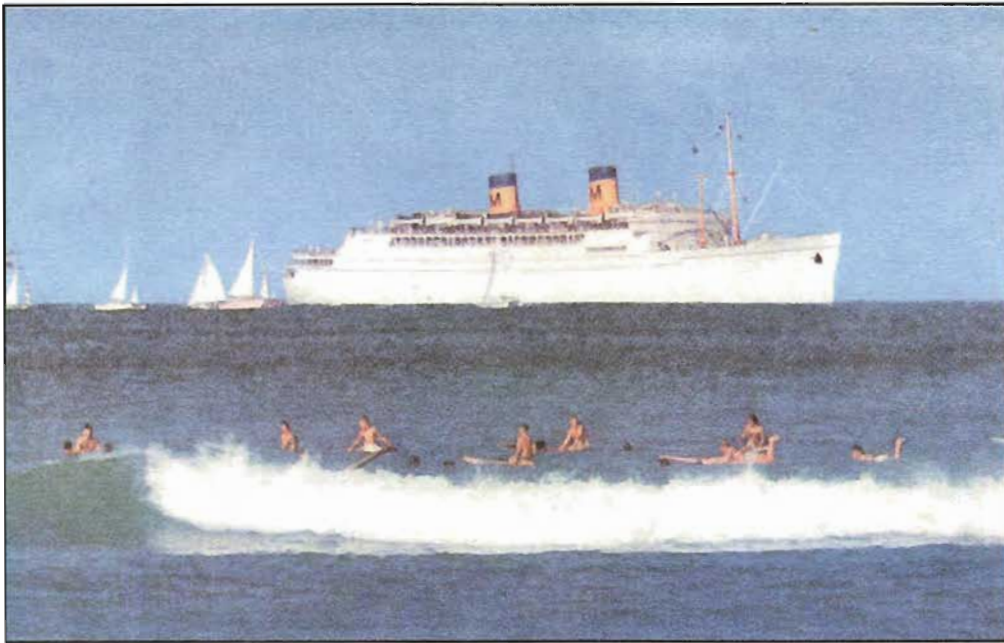
"Fort Riley is the best place in the United States Army in the world to soldier," said Metz. "I can't make it the very best location for EVERY soldier to be, because some soldiers would like to have Mall of Americas outside the gate and I can't make the cold weather go away, but I can make it the very best place to soldier."

Metz said that he is thinking not only of the present but also future soldiers and their families.

"We enlist single soldiers in the Army, but we reenlist the families and so when you get a new set of quarters or a new commissary built, you're helping to reenlist the family in the Army of the future," said Metz. He said that readiness is not just about the training of soldiers but their overall quality of life.

Metz hopes that both the community and the post can come together and show what is special about Fort Riley.

"Let's quit holding Fort Riley a secret," said Metz. "You hear all the time from people who serve at Fort Riley that it's the best kept secret in the Army, and I think we ought to let it (the secret) out."



James Herring. WWII, 24th QM Truck, 11th FA sent in this photo of one of the troop ships used to take them to War. Oh! The things the Army does for us.

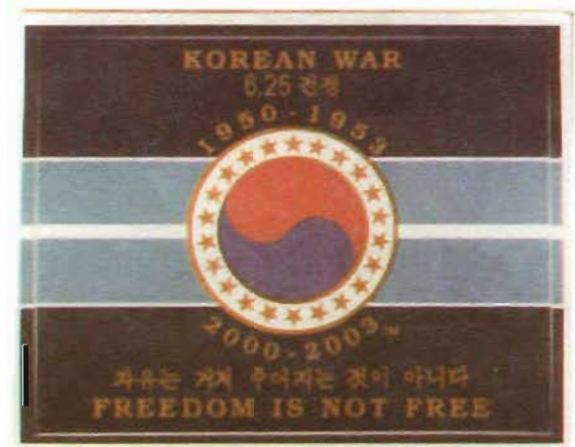
The guys in front were practicing Beach Landings

SS Lurline - Maston Lines Luxury Liner

Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders all wore tailor-made Brooks Brothers suits. Should say uniforms. Teddy paid for them out of his own pocket.



*No man stands so tall as
When he stoops to help a child.*



The Colorado Springs Chapter of "The Young Marines" had 22 "Graduate" from their one year of "Boot Camp." Ages were from 8 to 14, and both boys and girls. Dutch Nelsen was asked to be the Speaker and award the Certificates. Dutch was almost moved to tears at how hard these fine, young folks were trying to do everything exactly right, and be the best they could possibly be.



Taejon, 20 July 1950

This is the only photograph I have ever seen of our exit from Taejon. This photo appeared in *Time* magazine. It is late in the afternoon July 20th, and shows the Detail Section of "B" Battery, 13th Field receiving random sniper fire while we waited for General Dean and others to figure out which street/road to take in trying to get out. Standing in the shadow at the right edge of the photo (in the cover of the boarded-up window) is 2nd Lt. Dutch Nelsen.

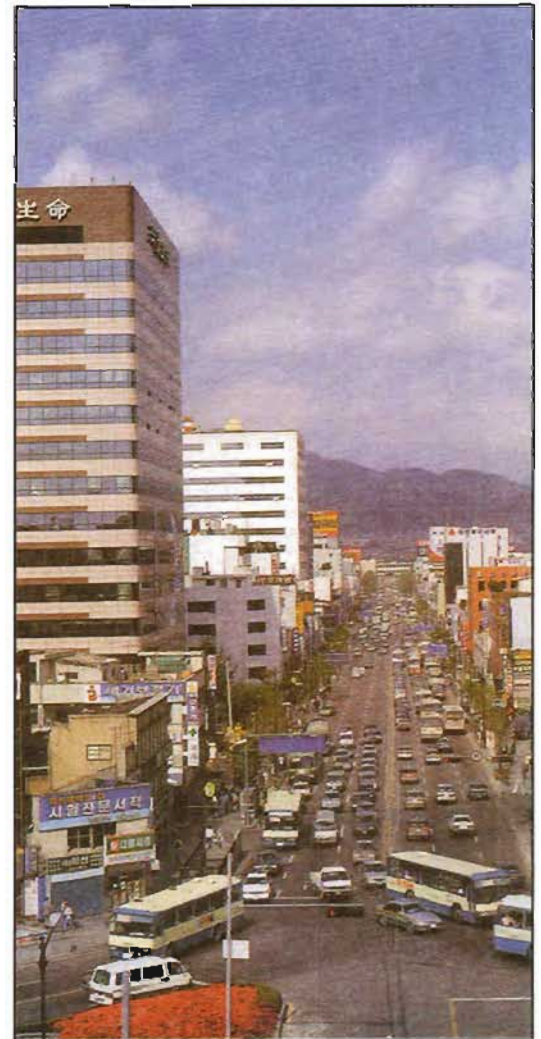
LAND OF THE MORNING CALM

Oh gentle, loving people of the land of morning calm,
Hold sacred your new freedom, and listen to my psalm.
The seed of many nations came from far across the sea,
And paid a price on your behalf, for freedom isn't free.

The gripping fear, the stench of death, no longer fill your mind,
The horrors of the battlefield have all been left behind.
Your children, dreaming peaceful dreams, safe in your arms each night,
Wake with a smile of innocence, to face the morning light.

Your homes, secure, on quiet streets, bring comfort to the soul.
From verdant hillside terraces to valleys down below.
Your mountain streams, now running clear, without a trace of red,
No sound you hear, no crying from the dying and the dead.

So when good fortune smiles on you and fills your heart with cheer,
Remember those who fought and died and left their futures here.
Give thanks to them and make a special place within your heart,
That you and they, forever friends, shall never drift apart.



Downtown of Taejon

50 Years Does Make A Difference
Main Street in Taejon has changed a little since we passed that way.



This picture of Taejon was taken sometime before 1950. If you look at the ridge line and compare it to the photo on the back cover of the December 2001 issue of the *Taro Leaf*, you will see that they are the same.

This photo was sent in by David Baillie

Granite Falls to honor local war hero

By **DAVE CRUZ**
News-Topic Staff Writer

GRANITE FALLS - Thanks to the memories of several men who served under him in combat during the Korean War and historical research conducted by them, the town of Granite Falls is holding a reception next week to honor the memory of a native son who served his country heroically and paid the ultimate sacrifice in doing so.

Although the town's centennial history book, "Etched in Granite" notes the service and death of First Lt. Joseph Stearl Smith, a full account of his hero's

death was not contained in the book.

But Smith's leadership style and heroism remained alive in the memories of the men who served under him, including Delbert Henson of Missouri - a sergeant in Smith's infantry division.

Although he only served with Smith from September 1950 to February 1951 when he (Henson) was captured by the Chinese, Smith made a strong impression on the sergeant.

"He was a dynamic sort of a man. He was a combat leader. He was out in front leading his men," Henson said of Smith. "He deserves to be remembered with

great appreciation.

Henson was still a prisoner of the Chinese when Smith was killed in action on April 28, 1951, the day after his 31st birthday. But a fellow sergeant, Joe Sweeney of West Virginia, was there fighting alongside the lieutenant. Sweeney became the 24th Infantry Division's historian after the war.



Smith

"I only served 14 days with First Lt. Smith, but it seemed longer, and I recognized for myself what the others had known. First Lt. Joseph Stearl Smith was an exceptional leader. He served in the great tradition of the officers and men of the 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division and gave his life with honor for his country. First Lt. Joseph Stearl Smith was a real hero! I am proud and honored to have served with him," exclaimed Sweeney.

"On April 24, 1951, while he was leading Item Company in the attack to clear

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HERO

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the enemy from behind the lines and restore the main line of resistance in the 24th Division's sector, First Lt. Smith was wounded. He refused to be evacuated until his company had succeeded in its mission. By then he could not be saved and died of his wounds on April 28, 1951," Sweeney stated, adding that he also researched division records to gather the information for his account of Smith's final days.

Henson successfully campaigned to have Smith honored as a hero by his hometown in

Missouri and later created a plaque in memorial to Smith that he wanted to present to members of the Smith family in Granite Falls.

Henson said he contacted officials in Caldwell County and Granite Falls to learn more about getting in touch with the Smith family. Henson's inquiries soon caught the attention of Granite Falls Town Clerk Judy Mackie. The information Mackie passed along to Mayor Barry Hayes and the Granite Town Council led them to officially declare July 6, 2001 as First Lt. Joseph Stearl

Smith Day.

The Smith family will be honored by the town Friday at a reception held at the First Baptist Church's Family Life Center in Granite Falls from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. At 7 p.m., the N.C. 440th National Guard Band will present a concert at the park in Town Square. The public is invited to attend both events.

Joseph Stearl Smith was born April 25, 1920 to Burke County and was the son of the late Joseph S. and Cordie Dynart Smith. He moved to Granite Falls with his parents at the age of 8. His father,

an Army veteran of World War I, supported his family as a textile worker at Shuford Mills.

Lt. Smith along with his brothers, John Lee and Joseph William, also served in World War II. John Lee Smith was killed in action in France at the age of 21 on Aug. 10, 1945.

According to Mackie, Lt. Smith's sister, Gladys Smith, resides in Granite Falls. His widow, Irma Smith Stinson, resides in Metter, Ga. Son Gene Smith makes his home in Fort Mill, S.C. and son Robert A. Smith resides in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Sent By:
Virgil Lee Anderson
75 Lakeside Avenue
Granite Falls, NC 28630-1752
L Co 21st - 48-57

"Whole-hearted appreciation is expressed to the officers and enlisted men of

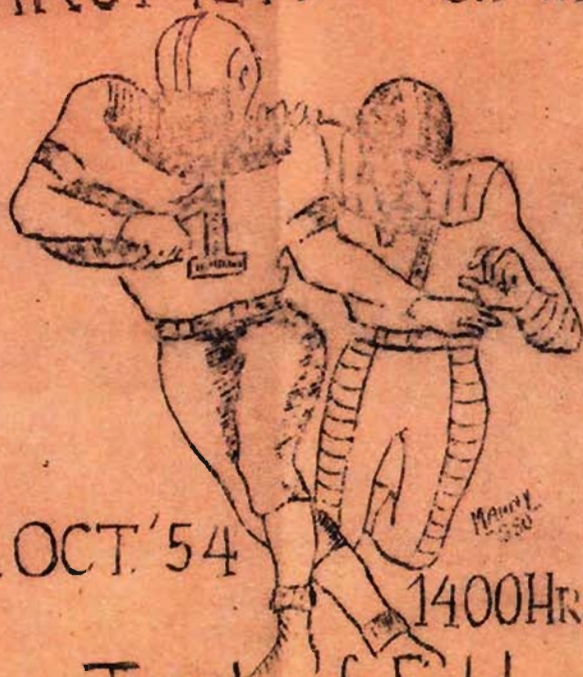
3RD ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT)

Without their untiring efforts and enthusiasm the conversion of Taro Leaf Field into a fine football stadium would not have been possible."

My apologies to the 3rd Engineer who sent this photo to me. I have misplaced my note with your name. Please tell me who you are. Billy



FOOTBALL GAME TAROMEN vs S.M.P



1 OCT '54

1400 HRS

Taro Leaf Field

TAROMEN

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	HOMETOWN
10	Jack Aguilar	T	5'11"	160	Pasadena, California
11	Bill Hensley	T	6'1"	170	Kearney, Oklahoma
12	Don Gustafson	T	6'0"	180	Norwich, Connecticut
13	James Manning	T	6'1"	185	Van Nuys, California
14	Raymond Woodson	T	5'7"	185	Los Angeles, New Mexico
20	Spencer Breda	T	5'9"	160	Sioux Falls, South Dakota
21	John Cavileer	B	5'11"	175	Austin, Texas
22	Harold McIntosh	B	5'3"	180	River Edge, New Jersey
30	Eugene Fields	F	5'9"	185	Detroit, Michigan
31	Anthony Kanowicz	F	6'0"	195	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
32	Fred DeAngelo	F	5'11"	190	Long Island, New York
40	Donald Nason	B	5'11"	175	Bristow, Oklahoma
41	William Tedder	B	5'7"	175	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
42	Donald Kaminski	B	6'0"	180	Toledo, Ohio
50	Thomas Terrell	C	5'11"	185	Yakima, Washington
51	Edward Schoeffler	C	6'2"	200	Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
52	Thomas Pianowski	C	5'11"	200	Schenectady, New York
60	Kenneth Ernsart	G	5'11"	185	Bakersfield, California
61	James Koberle	G	6'0"	250	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
62	John Cobb	G	6'0"	190	Greenville, South Carolina
63	Roland Deaver	G	5'10"	200	Clovis, California
64	Thomas Nisioecio	G	5'10"	185	Bellefonte, New Jersey
65	Jack Bringley	G	5'11"	190	Tampa, Florida
70	Don Larson	T	5'5"	210	Eugene, Oregon
71	Jim Hardeman	T	6'0"	200	Burbank, California
72	Frank Succola	T	5'11"	195	Los Angeles, California
73	John Dunn	T	6'4"	205	Bryant, Texas
74	William O'Neill	T	6'2"	210	Bonita, California
75	William Macy	T	5'11"	200	Oxnard, California
80	Mitchell Salmonson	B	6'1"	175	Wilmette, California
81	David Staronek	B	6'0"	185	Portland, Oregon
82	William Casey	B	6'1"	195	Charlevoix, Michigan
83	George Bostie	B	6'2"	195	Jacksonville, Florida
84	Orland Johnson	B	6'1"	190	Minneapolis, Minnesota
85	Rufus Sims	B	5'10"	185	Joliet, Illinois

COACHES: Lt James Langford Lt Frank Fischer

Lt John Brock

Lt Norman Jackson

S.M.P. FCST

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	HOMETOWN
60	Grant, Willie	E	5'11"	177	Evansville, Illinois
62	Stoken, Edward	E	6'1"	200	Albipos, Pennsylvania
64	Heinrich, Dennis	E	6'2"	190	Tacoma, Washington
42	Gore, Willie	T	6'0"	210	Madison, West Virginia
47	Holley, Henry	T	6'2"	220	Buffalo, New York
49	Weather, Clifford	T	6'4"	210	Oakdale, Washington
50	Prather, Larry	G	5'11"	200	Wichita, Kansas
53	Plaska, Robert	G	5'9"	185	Redwood City, California
52	Klueck, Al	C	6'2"	200	Haw Traile, Michigan
57	Santa, Philbert	C	5'11"	185	Greensburg, Pennsylvania
56	Chisholm, Wm	G	5'10"	180	Charlotte, North Carolina
59	Parrino, Joseph	G	6'0"	190	Cleveland, Ohio
43	Sartin, Harley	T	6'4"	240	Smith, California
48	Davis, Terry	T	5'11"	222	Jackson, Mississippi
61	Hamilton, Bill	E	6'1"	195	Star City, Arkansas
68	Hendricks, John	E	6'2"	210	Burlington, Colorado
69	Van Horn, Tom	E	6'1"	195	Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
11	And, Jerry	T	6'1"	210	Hemingway, South Carolina
17	Dentch, Arthur	T	6'0"	190	Brooklyn, New York
19	De Giori, Sal	T	5'11"	190	Washington, D. C.
70	Trusky, Francis	H	5'9"	175	San Diego, Pennsylvania
71	Bicy, Sherman	E	5'8"	172	Jackson, Michigan
16	Copolla, Joe	F	5'11"	200	Hillside, New Jersey
12	Langhoff, Dave	F	6'1"	225	San Jose, California
32	Hinson, Tommy	H	5'9"	187	Stafford, Texas
31	Hosley, Wendel	H	5'11"	182	Houston, Texas
45	Black, George	E	5'9"	165	Le Mars, Iowa
18	Valestin, James	F	5'11"	185	Evansville, Indiana
55	Young, James	G	6'0"	190	Hemling, Pennsylvania
54	Chapman, Robert	T	6'3"	205	Pocahontas, Utah
60	Hairston, Carl	H	5'10"	176	Gary, West Virginia
67	Guill, Richard	H	5'11"	180	Sparto, Georgia

TRIBUTE TO THE UNITED STATES

This, from a Canadian newspaper, no less, is worth sharing.

America: The Good Neighbor.

Widespread but only partial news coverage was given recently to a remarkable editorial broadcast from Toronto by Gordon Sinclair, a Canadian television commentator. What follows is the full text of his trenchant remarks as printed today in the Congressional Record:

"This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on all the earth.

Germany, Japan and, to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts. None of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States.

When France was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris. I was there. I saw it.

When earthquakes hit distant cities, it is the United States that hurries in to help. This spring, 59 American communities were flattened by tornadoes. Nobody helped.

The Marshall Plan and the Truman Policy pumped billions of dollars into discouraged countries. Now newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent, warmongering Americans.

I'd like to see just one of those countries that is gloating over the erosion of the United States dollar build its own airplane. Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet, the Lockheed Tri-Star, or the Douglas DC10? If so, why don't they fly them? Why do all the International lines except Russia fly American Planes?

Why does no other land on earth even consider putting a man or woman on the moon? You talk about Japanese technocracy, and you get radios. You talk about German technocracy, and you get automobiles. You talk about American technocracy, and you find men on the moon - not once, but several times and safely home again.

You talk about scandals, and the Americans put theirs right in the store window for everybody to look at. Even their draft-dodgers are not pursued and hounded. They are here on our streets, and most of them, unless they are breaking Canadian laws, are getting American dollars from ma and pa at home to spend here.

When the railways of France, Germany and India were breaking down through age, it was the Americans who rebuilt them. When the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New York Central went broke, nobody loaned them an old caboose. Both are still broke.

I can name you 5000 times when the Americans raced to the help of other people in trouble. Can you name me even one time when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble? I don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake.

Our neighbors have faced it alone, and I'm one Canadian who is damned tired of hearing them get kicked around. They will come out of this thing with their flag high. And when they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at the lands that are gloating over their present troubles. I hope Canada is not one of those."

Stand proud, America!

^ ^ Even if you are on the right track,
^ ^ you'll get run over if you just sit there.
^ ^

■ It took Sept. 11 to get some people to remember Dec. 7. An earlier study showed that most students at big-name universities like Harvard and Stanford did not know the date of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"Shaquille O'Neal on whether he had visited the Parthenon during his visit to Greece: "I can't really remember the names of the clubs we went to."

Not only has A Tribute to the United States been read into the Congressional Record, it has been read in more than 23 times. The first time was June 27, 1973 and was read in response to some rude things being said about the United States involvement in Viet Nam. It was first read by The Honorable Henry P. Smith III of the state of New York on June 27, 1973. Reference page 21909-21910. It was last read in October 2001

TARO LEAF TAPS

Then it's Tommy this, an' Tommy that,
An' "Tommy, ow's yer soul?"
But it's "Thin red lines of 'eros" when
The drums begin to roll,
The drums begin to roll, my boys, the
drums begin to roll,
O it's "Thin red lines of 'eros" when the
drums begin to roll.

Rudyard Kipling

19th INF

Ralph F. Donaldson

21st INF

Leopold (Leo) Fierro

Lindsey P. Henderson

34th INF

Louis A. Brown

Alfred Lev

Miguel (TaTa) Morales

Hanaford Rants

6th Tank

Matthew W. Busey

19th

Ralph F. Donaldson

Ralph passed away suddenly on Sunday, December 16, 2001, in Bay City, MI. at the age of 69. He was a veteran of the Korean war, and retired from Saginaw Steering Gear. Ralph is survived by his wife Norma.

Cards may be sent to: 23131 Salzburg Road, Bay City, MI 48706

21st

Leopold (Leo) Fierro

Jim Dickens sent in word that his old Fox Hole Buddy, Leo, 2nd Bn. E Co. has died in Los Angeles, CA. Leo is not on the 24th roster and we have no further information.

Lindsey P. Henderson

Col. Hendeson, (Life member 145) passed away in Columbia, NC on September 12, 2001. A veteran of WWII and Korea, Lindsey was a highly decorated soldier who was retired from the Army and the Georgia NG. He also served with Central Intelligence, Special Operations units, and the 513th MI in Berlin. Lindsey is survived by his wife, Eva.

Cards may be sent to: 111 East 49th Street, Savannah, GA 31405-2133

34th

Louis A. Brown

Earline sent a card to the Association to let us know that Louis passed away on January 4, 2002.

She writes that Louis was a life member and very proud of the 24th ID.

Cards may be sent to : 836 Fairview Street, Fulton, KY 42041-1317

Alfred Lev

Alfred passed away no August 27, 2001. Alfred was 82, and served in the Pacific during WWII.

Alfred was a life member of the 24th Association.

Cards may be sent to: 2855 W. Commercial Blvd, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309-2973

Miguel Baca (TaTa) Morales

Mike passed away on Sunday, December 2, 2001. He was born on May 5, 1924, enlisted in the Army on May 8, 1944, wounded May 5, 1945, discharged on April 4, 1946. Mike was a highly decorated soldier. He was with L. Co. at Mindanao.

Cards may be sent to: 2016 Farrel Avenue, Renando Beach, CA 90278-1817

TARO LEAF TAPS

34th

Hanford Rants

Hanford's wife Shirley has sent the message that Hanford passed away on 1-28-2002. No other information is available at this time.

Cards may be sent to: 9339 Parrot Avenue, Downey, CA 90240-2749

6th Tank

Matthew Wales Busey III passed away in San Raphael, CA on February 21, 2000. Services were held in the San Francisco National Cemetery, The Presidio of SF, CA. Matt was with the 6th MedTank Bn.759 He served in WWII, Korea and Viet Nam

Cards may be sent to: 759 Deer Valley Road, San Raphael, CA 94903

Retired Col. **Lindsey Patterson Henderson, Jr.**, 79, a decorated veteran who fought in World War II and the Korean conflict, died Sept. 12 at St. Luke's Hospital in Columbia, N.C.

The native of Savannah retired from the Army and the Georgia Army National Guard after a 27-year career. Over 20 years was spent with the Army and Central Intelligence.

He was initially called to service in 1941 while attending Armstrong Junior College. In the Pacific, he received a battlefield appointment as a second lieutenant and was wounded in battle.

Disabled out of service, he attended the University of Virginia. Just prior to graduation, he passed a physical, received a commission and was called to active duty in the Pentagon in 1949.

When the Korean War broke out, Henderson volunteered and was transferred to the 21st Inf. Reg. 24th Infantry Division. He was wounded in battle and evacuated back to the United States.

After recovering, he was assigned to a Special Operations unit. He later trained infantry, transportation and medical units at a base in his hometown of Savannah; recruited, organized and trained a USAR Special Forces Detachment and moved to Berlin to command the 513th Military Intelligence Unit.

Donaldson, Ralph F., Bay City, Michigan.



Mr. Donaldson passed away suddenly Sunday evening December 16, 2001 at Saint Mary's hospital. Age 69 years. He was born July 24, 1932 in Bay County, Michigan and had resided here all of his life. He was a former member of Faith Lutheran Church, a member of American Legion Post #18, retired from Saginaw Steering Gear as a supervisor in 1986, served with the U.S Army during the Korean Conflict as a PVT E-3.



Matthew Wales Busey III



Nancy has joined us, and is now an Associate Member of the 24th IDA. Welcome Nancy.

Matthew and Nancy Busey
22 SEPTEMBER 1997
135 SEA CLIFF AVE.
SAN FRANCISCO, CA



Howard Vaine and John Wahl-Aug. 6, 1950
Howard, 13th FA, is looking for John Wahl,
and others who were with him August 6, 1950.
Lockhart, Monsieur and Howard were wounded,
Sgt. White was KIA



"A" Battery, 21st AW.B.N.S.P. Korea, 10-31-1951
(L to R) Front Row: Racklind, Rathbun
Back Row: Jordan, Truman, Solmon, Baker, Lewis
Photo sent in by: Fred Baker
Fred's message to these guys and other buddies,
"Call me anytime." 603-838-5511

Time to pay your dues

The Senility Prayer

God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones that I do like, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Now that I am older, here's what I've discovered.

I started out with nothing and I still have most of it.

My wild oats have turned into prunes and All Bran.

I finally got my head together, now my body is falling apart.

Funny I don't remember being absent minded.

All reports are in, life is now officially unfair.

If all is not lost, where is it?

It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.

Some days your the dog, others your the hydrant.

I wish the buck stopped here, I sure could use a few!

Kids in the back seat cause accidents.

It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.

Only time the world beats a path to your door is when you are in the bathroom.

It's not hard to meet expenses...they're everywhere!

Stanley M. Wright, 6th Tank,
1-'54 to 12-'55, sent dues. Stan said he was
in Camp McGill with the 56th Amphibious
Tanks. (Editor: I didn't know tanks floated.)

Dear Mr. Nelsen

I am one of those who forgot to pay my dues and I never want to miss the "Taro Leaf". I have read some of the older ones over and over as they had a lot of articles about WWII and some of them tell stories of which I am familiar.

Dallas Dick was my Company commander from the time we landed on Leyte and I really did appreciate him very much and was sorry when he died; he was a very brave man I saw the rifle shot out of his hand on hill 522. At the time I was lying just below him on the hill.

I write poetry and have had some published in the "Taro Leaf" I just wrote one to send this time about those little yellow pills we took to keep Malaria down. After taking them for a while we did turn a funny yellow color.

Thanks for reminding me of dues.

Roy H. Welch

Jan 11 '02

Dear Dutch;

Since I ran died 18 mos ago I've had a lot of adjustments to make - keeping track of all of the things he kept in his memory. Some times escape me. When I didn't receive the June issue of the "Leaf", I practically looked thru my check-book and "gives what." I was afraid I'd been dropped and later surprised to see an issue arrive. So, in the game of catch-up, I'm enclosing the the forgotten dues - and I thank the Association for not forgetting me!

I'm finding fewer & fewer familiar names in there but still read/s can it cover to cover.

I didn't hear from Paul & Lynn Austin this year. I hope they are well.

I ran & I felt terrible about having to give up going to the reunions. Well was the best we got to. And sorry we didn't get into the Assoc. earlier. But when you're busy raising 7 kids -
Best to all
Marge L.

THOSE LITTLE YELLOW PILLS

We sped across the ocean at
Twenty knots or more,
We saw some soldiers waiting
Along the sandy shore.

They looked a little funny;
They were yellow in the face.
They stood at full attention
Each man was in his place.

Were all these men Americans
Or were they all from Mars
I looked again to check it out
And I saw the Silver bars.

But still I had to wonder
What made that yellow tint;
Had all of them been painted,
Where had they all been sent?

I looked at all the things I had
From Master Sgt. Bill,
Then I knew what made them yellow
When I saw that yellow pill.

Poems By; Roy
Roy H. Welch

Jan 7, 2002

Dear Dutch.

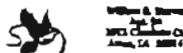
I recently received my Taro Leaf fundae & noted that my dues were due 2/01. Sending along a check for \$25.00 to cover dues till 2/02 + \$10.00 for expenses etc.

David and I live in Ames, IA the home of Iowa State University and we run into a Korean Student every so often and without exception they tell us how grateful they are that the Americans were there. I was involved in one of the recognition ceremonies that the Korean Students are doing in the United States and it was impressive.

I was in Division Special Services in 1951-1952 and recently found our old Sgt. Ray Egashira on the internet and as near as I can tell we are the only two left.

Thanks for a wonderful Association.

Bill Brown



READ THIS. LET IT REALLY SINK IN. THEN CHOSE HOW TO START YOUR DAY

Michael is the kind of guy you love to hate. He is always in a good mood and always has something positive to say.

When someone would ask him how he was doing, would reply, "If I were any better, I would be twins!" He was a natural motivator.

If an employee was having a bad day, Michael was there telling the employee how to look on the positive side of the situation.

Seeing this style really made me curious, so one day I went up to Michael and asked him, "I don't get it! You can't be a positive person all of the time. How do you do it?"

Michael replied, "Each morning I wake up and say to myself, you have two choices today. You can choose to be in a good mood or you can choose to be in a bad mood. *I choose to be in a good mood.*

Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim or I can choose to learn from it. *I choose to learn from it.*

Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining or I can point out the positive side of life. *I choose the positive side of life.*

"Yeah, right, it's not that easy," I protested. "Yes, it is," Michael said. "Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice.

You choose how you react to situations. You choose how people affect your mood. You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood. The bottom line: *It's your choice how you live your life.*"

I reflected on what Michael said. Soon hereafter, I left the Tower Industry to start my own business. We lost touch, but I often thought about him when I made a choice about life instead of reacting to it.

Several years later, I heard that Michael was involved in a serious accident, falling some 60 feet from a communications tower. After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of intensive care, Michael was released from the hospital with rods placed in his back.

I saw Michael about six months after the accident. When I asked him how he was, he replied. "If I were any better, I'd be twins. Wanna see my scars?"

I declined to see his wounds, but I did ask him what had gone through his mind as the accident took place.

"The first thing that went through my mind was the well-being of my family, Michael replied. "Then, as I lay on the ground, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live or I could choose to die. *I chose to live.*"

"Weren't you scared? Did you lose consciousness?" I asked. Michael continued, "...the paramedics were great. They kept telling me I was going to be fine. But when they wheeled me into the ER and I saw the expressions on the faces of the doctors and nurses, I got really scared. In their eyes, I read, 'He's a dead man. I knew I needed to take action.' "What did you do?" I asked.

"Well, there was a big burly nurse shouting questions at me," said Michael. "She asked if I was allergic to anything. "Yes, I replied." The doctors and nurses stopped working as they waited for my reply. I took a deep breath and yelled, "Gravity."

Over their laughter, I told them, "I am choosing to live. Operate on me as if I am alive, not dead."

Michael lived, thanks to the skill of his doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude. I learned from him that every day we have the choice to live fully. *Attitude, after all, is everything.*

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. "Each day has enough trouble of its own. After all, today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday. You have two choices.

1. *Try life Michael's way* 2. Or not

Joe Sweeney
P.O. Box 506
Dellslow, WV 26531-0506

Wednesday, December 26, 2001

Billy,

Thanks for sending me the latest "Taps List"; all have been entered on the Honor Roll. The number of names is now approaching 8,000. I'm enclosing a copy of the letter from Granite Falls for your information.

As you are aware the town of Granite Falls honored the Victory Division's own 1LT Joseph Stearl Smith, I-19th, DOW 4/26/51, with a day and ceremony last July. This was made possible by the efforts of Association member Delbert Henson who made the initial contact with Judy Mackie the Town Clerk. The event was especially gratifying to me because we were able to furnish information about Lt. Smith's service and actions in Korea to the family, as well as the town. I believe that we should encourage the members of our Association to do the same and initiate actions that will help other unsung heroes to be honored by their home towns. With the country's feeling of patriotism now at a high, many communities should be willing to honor their heroes!

Judy's last paragraph illustrates the efforts that Granite Falls has put into honoring the veterans of Korea. My part was to supply the applications that I had picked up at the USNS Brittin's christening and suggest that the town apply. Knowing that the town applied and were accepted is "icing on the cake"!

The *Taro Leaf* is important for publication of these events because it brings out information from members that otherwise would not have known of the honors, but knowledge of the event allows valuable input from members about the man and his actions. Such was the case with Lt. Smith by Gerald Brown and Cecil Upchurch. Gerald related how Lt. Smith was wounded, and Cecil was the medic who accompanied him to the aid station where he left him alive and conscious. Battlefield reports said that he died before reaching the aid station.

Billy, this has been a long-winded explanation of the letter from Judy Mackie and I'm ending it. I'll keep you advised of the important happenings that come to me.



Joe Sweeney

cc: Jim Hill

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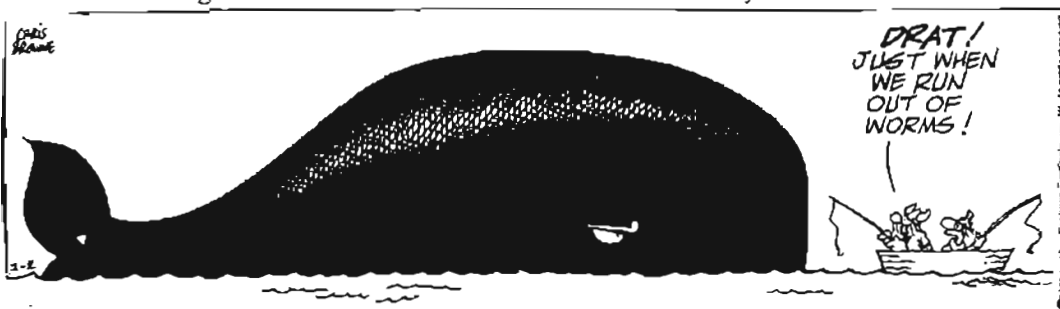
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The Dollar Bill

Take out a one dollar bill, and look at it. The one dollar bill you're looking at first came off the presses in 1957 in its present design. This so-called paper money is in fact a cotton and linen blend, with red and blue minute silk fibers running through it. It is actually material. We've all washed it without it falling apart. A special blend of ink is used, the contents we will never know. It is overprinted with symbols and then it is starched to make it water resistant and pressed to give it that nice crisp look. If you look on the front of the bill, you will see the United States Treasury Seal. On the top you will see the scales for a balanced budget. In the center you have a carpenter's square, a tool used for an even cut. Underneath is the Key to the United States Treasury. That's all pretty easy to figure out, but what is on the back of that dollar bill is something we should all know. If you turn the bill over, you will see two circles. Both circles, together, comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved. If you look at the left-hand circle, you will see a Pyramid. Notice the face is lighted, and the western side is dark. This country was just beginning. We had not begun to explore the West or decided what we could do for Western Civilization. The Pyramid is uncapped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished. Inside the capstone you have the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything. "IN GOD WE TRUST" is on this currency. The Latin above the pyramid, ANNUIT COEPTIS, means, "God has favored our undertaking." The Latin below the pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means, "a new order has begun." At the base of the pyramid is the Roman Numeral for 1776. If you look at the right-hand circle, and check it carefully, you will learn that it is on every National Cemetery in the United States. It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery, and is the centerpiece of most hero monuments. Slightly modified, it is the seal of the President of the United States, and it is always visible whenever he speaks, yet very few people know what the symbols mean. The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons: First, he is not afraid of a storm; he is strong, and he is smart enough to soar above it. Secondly, he wears no material crown. We had just broken from the King of England. Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on it's own. At the top of that shield you have a white bar signifying congress, a unifying factor. We were coming together as one nation. In the Eagle's beak you will read, "E PLURIBUS UNUM," meaning, "One nation from many people." Above the Eagle, you have thirteen stars, representing the thirteen original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. Again, we were coming together as one. Notice what the Eagle holds in his talons. He holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace. The Eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows. They say that the number 13 is an unlucky number. This is almost a worldwide belief. You will usually never see a room numbered 13, or any hotels or motels with a 13th floor. But think about this: 13 original colonies, 13 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 13 stripes on our flag, 13 steps on the Pyramid, 13 letters in the Latin above, 13 letters in "E Pluribus Unum," 13 stars above the Eagle, 13 bars on that shield, 13 leaves on the olive branch, 13 fruits, and if you look closely, 13 arrows. And, for minorities: the 13th Amendment. I always ask people, "Why don't you know this?" Your children don't know this, and their history teachers don't know this. Too many veterans have given up too much to ever let the meaning fade. Many veterans remember coming home to an America that didn't care. *Too many veterans never came home at all.*



I believe Hagar has
Taro Leaf Blood
He seizes the
moment

Dear Members of the 24th Infantry Division Association:

On February 13, 2001, I donated all the research material I used in writing *Fighting on the Brink: Defense of the Pusan Perimeter* to the US Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, PA. The collection includes the individual files I made on the 400 Soldier and 100 Marine veterans of the Perimeter who contributed their recollections/experiences, numerous official military records (Op orders, special orders, historical reports and summaries, etc.), sixty-one 1:50,000 scale maps of Korean War era Korea, copies of some of the maps and pictures used in the book, a copy of the first and third booklets of the 5th RCT in Korea, and a host of other material. It includes a transcript of an interview of MG James A. Johnson made by the US Corps of Engineers in 1993. General Johnson was a platoon leader in the 72d Engineers during the Perimeter. The collection also includes the transcript of an interview I had with BG Eugene M. Lynch, who was the personal pilot of Generals Walker and Ridgway in Korea.

"No man sees far; the
most see no farther than
their noses."

There are files of some 120 veterans of the 24th Infantry Division in the collection. This is the largest number of veterans from a single division, outstripping the 25th Infantry Division by about 40. One man from the 24th, however, contributed the most to my effort. That was Lacy Barnett, from the 34th Infantry. Lacy had already spent many years in his own research. He unselfishly provided me with copies of almost everything that he had found, plus copies of his extensive correspondence and writings. His contribution to my work and the book was truly outstanding. Everything I he gave me is now part of the Military History Institute collection I gave to them.

I am eternally grateful to all these men for unselfishly sharing their recollections and experiences. Now, their stories are not only available to historians and other interested persons in *Fighting on the Brink*, but also in the Army Military History Institute. The volume of recollections/experiences they contributed contains far more material of historical significance to Korean War historians than I could use in the book.

Incidentally, autographed copies of *Fighting on the Brink* are still available for individuals, or for donation to libraries. Interested persons may contact me. Incidentally, I was in a rifle platoon of the 27th Infantry in Japan and Korea.

Sincerely,

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About the Book

Charlie Burns - A Black and Blue Life has everything the reader could possibly wish for - passion, love, sex, gore, war, and much more.

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Charlie Burns with his Black and Blue life is unforgettable.



S/Sgt. Arvel Riddle, 13th FA
Motor Pool-Japan-Korea '54
See: Looking for Buddies
for contact information.

About the Author

Ned Brundage was born in Pasadena, California on March 10, 1919. His first musical instrument was the violin at age six and he has been in music and entertainment part-time or full-time for most of his life. He has been employed in everything one can imagine during his many years.

When asked how he came to write the Charlie Burns book, he replies, "Some strange something in me insisted that the thing HAD to be written. Ned puts himself in agreement with Studs Terkel who said, "I happen to be agnostic, which, by definition is a cowardly atheist."

Tour Information for KC
James Herring, 11th FA has written to tell us he has a son who works at the Federal Reserve Bank in KC. He will arrange a tour if our members are interested.
Sorry. No samples.
tedjim@ptd.net

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To the Editor,

The American Legion of Pella has donated two new interesting books to the Pella Public Library. It was given in memory of Bob Menning; who was an Army Airforce officer of a bomber crew. Bob had the misfortune of being shot down over Africa and became a POW by the German's for several long months.

This unusual book's title is: "We Were Each-Other's Prisoners", by Lewis H. Carlson. This book contains the oral history of WWII Americans 24 prisoners and of 15 German POWs. The essay of each POW is about 4 or 5 pages long. This book will show how the different countries treated their captives. Bob died at the age of 78 in 1998. Suggest you read this book and note how the two countries treated those who had the misfortune of being captured by their enemy; followed what happened in their respective POW camps.

Dick DeWeerd

American Legion Chaplain

Dutch

I am sending in this money
For which to pay my dues
If there is some left over
Do with it as you choose

I'm glad to be a member
And wish you all good cheer
If we ever get together
We might could have a beer.

H co. 19th reg. 24th div (45-46)

William L. Eddy



Dan Rickert, D/3rd Eng. Korea

Dan sent this photo of when he was Top Gun in Co. F 20th Inf. 6th Div. at Fort Ord, CA in 1951. Dan was top shooter for the company.

Dan still competes in matches out to 1000 yd. *Not a misprint, 1000 yd.*

(Editor: "I am not sure I see that far, much less aim at a target at that distance.") Beside Dan is Kenneth Shriver, a student at a Sniper school.. Kenneth is holding a 50 Cal. Sniper rifle that can shoot up to 1 and 1/2 miles. (Editor: You know what? If they keep improving weapons they are going to make war dangerous.)

The roots of taro are in ancient times

By Charles Perry

Los Angeles Times

People always seem surprised to find that taro, the root vegetable from which the gluey Hawaiian porridge poi is made, isn't only Polynesian. In ancient times it was cultivated throughout the Old World from China, where it's called yu, to the Mediterranean, where the Greeks and Romans knew it as colocasia. In fact, taro is still a regular part of the diet in much of Asia and the Caribbean, though the potato has muscled in on its territory pretty heavily in the last 500 years.

It just seems hard to imagine why this unimpressive lump — think of a doughy, insipid, sweetish potato with flaky, bark-like skin and roots sticking out of it — could be so popular. Well, for one thing, it's quite at home in the tropics, while the potato

isn't, but maybe the main reason is that it just had a head start on other vegetables. Some botanists think taro might have been the first vegetable ever intentionally cultivated and that rice was originally just a weed that grew in taro patches.

Certainly, it doesn't hurt that just about every part of the plant is edible. The leaves are actually more flavorful than the corms, but they have to be boiled twice to get rid of their bitterness. Sometimes cultivators grow taro plants in the dark in order to produce the delicacy of blanched taro leaves.

You might have seen a taro plant without realizing it, because some species of taro are grown as ornamentals. Each of their yard-long stalks bears a big, broad leaf that gives taro its popular or garden-variety name, elephant's ear.

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14	34th Inf Crest	Current Issue \$10 Pr	\$5.00
15	11th FA Crest	\$10 Pr	\$5.00
16	13th FA Crest	\$10 Pr	\$5.00
17	19th Pocket Patch(Color)		\$5.00
18	21st Pocket Patch(Color)		\$5.00
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20	11th FA Pocket Patch(Color)		\$5.00
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28	19th Cap Dark Blue/Crest		\$10.00
29	21st Cap White/Embroid/Crest		\$12.00
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32	24 IDA Cap DarkBlue w/Patch	On front, Poplin Twill	\$10.00
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37	3rd Engr Crest		\$5.00
38	14th Engr Crest		\$5.00
39	5th RCT Pocket Patch		\$5.00
40	5th RCT Cap, Red	W/ Patch	\$10.00
41	19th Lapel Pin		\$5.00
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DATE OF DEATH:

Please be advised that I will be responsible for any costs incurred over the allowed limits.

Signed

NAME OF REQUESTOR

ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE

AREA CODE/TELEPHONE NUMBER

REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS

To ensure the best possible service, please thoroughly review the instructions at the bottom before filling out this form. Please print clearly or type. If you need more space, use plain paper.

SECTION I - INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much as possible.)

1. NAME USED DURING SERVICE (Last, first, middle)	2. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.	3. DATE OF BIRTH	4. PLACE OF BIRTH
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BRANCH OF SERVICE	DATES OF SERVICE		CHECK ONE
	DATE ENTERED	DATE RELEASED	OFFICER ENLISTED
a. ACTIVE SERVICE			
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6. IS THIS PERSON DECEASED? (If "YES" enter the date of death.)		7. IS (WAS) THIS PERSON RETIRED FROM MILITARY SERVICE?	
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SECTION II - INFORMATION AND/OR DOCUMENTS REQUESTED

1. **REPORT OF SEPARATION** (DD Form 214 or equivalent). This contains information normally needed to verify military service. A copy may be sent to the veteran, the deceased veteran's next of kin, or other persons or organizations if authorized in Section III, below. NOTE: If more than one period of service was performed, even in the same branch, there may be more than one Report of Separation. Be sure to show EACH year that a Report of Separation was issued, for which you need a copy.

☐ An UNDELETED Report of Separation is requested for the year(s)

This normally will be a copy of the full separation document including such sensitive items as the character of separation, authority for separation, reason for separation, reenlistment eligibility code, separation (SPD/SPN) code, and dates of time lost. An undeleted version is ordinarily required to determine eligibility for benefits.

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SECTION III - RETURN ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE

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☐ Military service member or veteran identified in Section I, above

☐ Legal guardian (must submit copy of court appointment)

☐ Next of kin of deceased veteran (relation)

☐ Other (specify)

2. **SEND INFORMATION/DOCUMENTS TO**
(Please print or type. See instruction 3, below.)

3. **AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURE REQUIRED** (See instruction 2, below.)

I declare (or verify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the information in this Section III is true and correct.

Name _____
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Signature of requester (Please do not print.) _____
Date of this request _____ Daytime phone () _____
E-mail address _____

This form is available at <http://www.nara.gov/regional/mprsf180.html> on the National Archives and Records Administration Web Site

INSTRUCTIONS

Please detach this portion before submitting request.

1. **Information needed to locate records.** Certain identifying information is necessary to determine the location of an individual's record of military service. Please try to answer each item on this form. If you do not have and cannot obtain the information for an item, show "N/A," meaning the information is "not available." Include as much of the requested information as you can.

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3. **Where reply may be sent.** The reply may be sent to the member or any other address designated by the member or other authorized requester.

4. **Charges for service.** There is no charge for most services provided to members or their surviving next of kin. A nominal fee is charged for certain types of service. In most instances service fees cannot be determined in advance. If your request involves a service fee, you will be notified as soon as that determination is made.

SEE REVERSE FOR PRIVACY ACT AND PUBLIC BURDEN STATEMENTS

LOCATION OF MILITARY RECORDS

The various categories of military service records are described in the chart below. For each category there is a code number which indicates the address at the bottom of the page to which this request should be sent.

- Health and personnel records.** In most cases involving individuals no longer on active duty, the personnel record, the health record, or both can be obtained from the same location, as shown on the chart. However, some health records are available from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Records Management Center (Code 11). A request for a copy of the health record should be sent to Code 11 if the person was discharged, retired, or released from active duty (separated) on or after the following dates: ARMY--October 18, 1992; NAVY--January 31, 1994; AIR FORCE and MARINE CORPS--May 1, 1994; COAST GUARD--April 1, 1998. Health records of persons on active duty are generally kept at the local servicing clinic, and usually are available from Code 11 a week or two after the last day of active duty.
- Records at the National Personnel Records Center.** Note that it takes at least three months, and often six or seven, for the file to reach the National Personnel Records Center (Code 14) in St. Louis after the military obligation has ended (such as by discharge). If only a short time has passed, please send the inquiry to the address shown for active or current reserve members. Also, if the person has only been released from active duty but is still in a reserve status, the personnel record will stay at the location specified for reservists. A person can retain a reserve obligation for several years, even without attending meetings or receiving annual training.
- Definitions and abbreviations.** DISCHARGED--the individual has no current military status; HEALTH--Records of physical examinations, dental treatment, and outpatient medical treatment received while in a duty status (does not include records of treatment while hospitalized); TDRL--Temporary Disability Retired List.
- Service completed before World War I.** The oldest records pertaining to military service veterans are at the National Archives, for service that was completed before the following dates: ARMY--enlisted, 11/1/1912, officer, 7/1/1917; NAVY--enlisted, 1/1/1886, officer, 1/1/1903; MARINE CORPS--1/1/1905; COAST GUARD--1/1/1898. National Archives Trust Fund (NATF) forms must be used to request these records. Obtain the forms by e-mail from inquiries@nara.gov or write to the Code 6 address.

BRANCH	CURRENT STATUS OF SERVICE MEMBER	WHERE TO WRITE ADDRESS CODE
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	Active (including National Guard on active duty in the Air Force), TDRL, or general officers retired with pay	1
	Reserve, retired reserve in nonpay status, current National Guard officers not on active duty in the Air Force, or National Guard released from active duty in the Air Force	2
	Current National Guard enlisted not on active duty in the Air Force	13
COAST GUARD	Discharged, deceased, or retired (See paragraph 1, above, if requesting health record.)	14
	Active, reserve, or TDRL	3
MARINE CORPS	Discharged, deceased, or retired (See paragraph 1, above, if requesting health record.)	14
	Individual Ready Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve	5
	Active, Selected Marine Corps Reserve, or TDRL	4
ARMY	Discharged, deceased, or retired (See paragraph 1, above, if requesting health record.)	14
	Reserve, or active duty records of current National Guard members who performed service in the U.S. Army before 7/1/72	7
	Active enlisted (including National Guard on active duty in the U.S. Army) or TDRL enlisted	9
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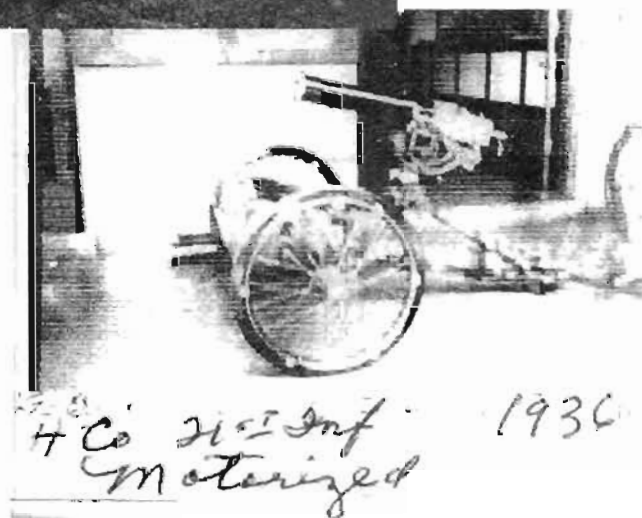
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