

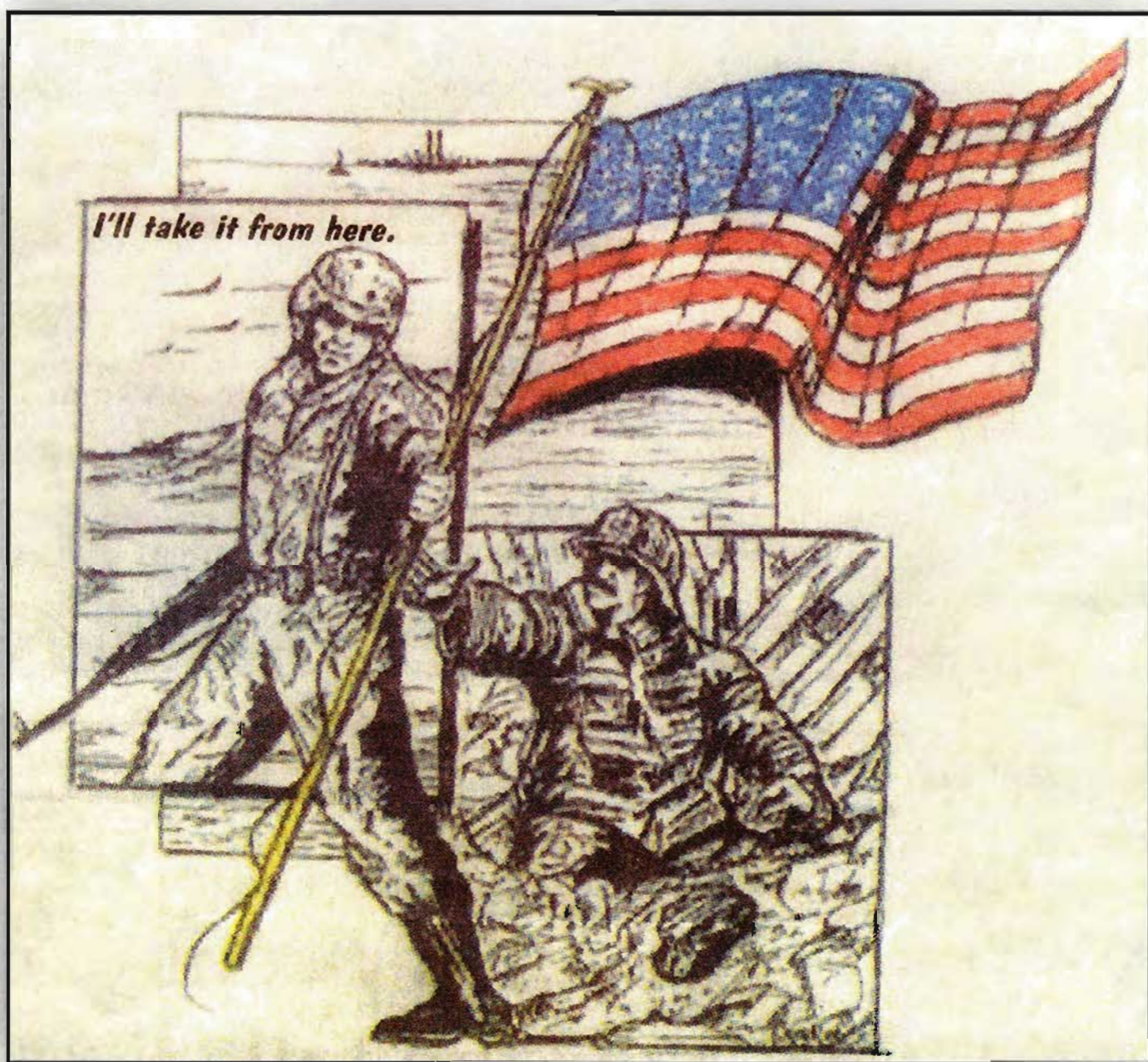


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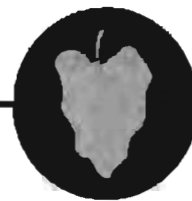
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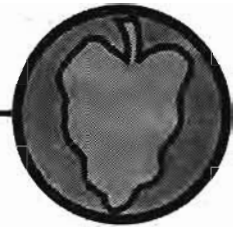
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The Prez Sez:

Spring is coming, and with it comes a growth of the 24th Infantry Division Association. We are getting a few members from Germany. We need more soldiers from Germany, Desert Storm, Fort Stewart, Fort Riley as well as veterans of the 24th Division from all of our years of the cold war. A soldier, who stands ready to go when called, is no less value to our country than the ones who have gone before. Just as the Army needs young soldiers to stay strong, so does the 24th IDA.

Johnny Rodriguez has everything under control in KC. He is planning music and entertainment for the Friday Aloha Night, and for the Memorial Dinner on Saturday evening. General Metz has graciously accepted our request, and will be our Speaker for our Memorial Dinner.

General Metz has instructed Brad A. Carlton, G-3 Operations, to set up a tour of Fort Riley. Your next issue will give you details of this trip. We do know that the tour will be on Thursday, 19 September. Be ready to depart the Adams Mark at 7:00AM, and plan to return to the hotel by 6:00 PM. We are negotiating transportation costs with the bus companies, we do not have that cost yet, but you will pay only for transportation; there will no tour fee, thanks to Gen. Metz. We will be having our lunch in the Mess Hall. Cost for lunch will be \$3.25 each.

I've heard through the *unreliable* grape vine that a few of you are unhappy about some things. When you hear someone complaining, please ask if the member has spoken with the president, to a board member, or taken time to write to the Hear Ye column about his/her concerns. If the talker/writer/email sender is not willing to address their complaint to someone who can help to make things right, they are obviously just spreading rumors. Don't be a part of such a group. Speak out!

John Walls, 5th RCT has donated one of his clocks for our drawing. On another page, you will see a photo of Johnny's clock. Fran Wittman is making an afghan and matching pillow. Thank you Fran and John for getting our donation list off to such a great start.

Johnny Rodriguez has a crew of volunteers ready to help him in KC. Milt Eager, George Allard, Wes Morrison, Dutch Nelsen, Max Pitney, John Trinca, John Ragland, Phil Burke, Michelle Campbell, Alicia Weber, Melanie Rodriguez, and Bob Lawhon. Thanks to each of you. This volunteer spirit is what makes this 24th IDA so strong. I know everyone will be thanking y'all when we see you in KC.

Billy

Billy Johnson
President
2001-2002

Chaplains Corner

Plato said, "We should never attempt to cure the body without curing the soul." God wants us to be well, that is a fact. He wants us to be vital and vigorous all our life long in spite of circumstances.

Proverbs 23-7: For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.

Over a year ago I received a phone call from an individual in Southern California in which he informed me that he had in his possession two foot lockers that he had found in a house that was for sale. One footlocker contained military uniforms and among other items, a General Order awarding Lt. William Moment, Company A, 19th Infantry a Silver Star. Bill was a fellow Lieutenant with me in Beppu and I was near him when he was KIA south of the Kum River on 16 July 1950. The TARO LEAF published a copy of the GO and my letter to the individual in California. His concern was that in the foot locker was a newspaper clipping from a Los Angeles newspaper with a photo showing Mrs. Moment with her two small daughters receiving a Silver Star from a General Officer. In that the daughters would last year be in their 50s or 60s and more than likely married with a different last name it was felt that they could not be found.

Through the efforts of a genealogical society in Orange County, California and the individual involved both daughters were found living in MacArthur, California (not on a Calif. map but up in the mountains a long way from Buena Vista where they grew up. Both daughters had married and had different last names. A few days ago the younger daughter, Lynn, who was born after her Father was killed called me and we had a long conversation about her Father and the things I remembered about him. Bill was listed as MIA until his remains were recovered when we went back through the area in September going north. His body was shipped back to the States and he was buried in a private cemetery in Westminster, California. His daughter told me that because Bill was first listed as MIA Mrs. Moment requested then Governor Nixon to give approval to open the casket. The remains showed where his mouth had been bashed in to get the gold in his teeth but it was determined that it was him based on his civilian dental records.

It gave Lynn a sense of relief to know that her Father was killed instantly and did not suffer any pain or torture. I am sending she and her sister, Diana, some articles I have of the 19th on the Kum River line and the attack by the NK on 15-16 July. Mrs. Moment died four years ago and never really shared with the daughters much about their Father.

Even after fifty-one years there is still closure for some individuals. It gives me a sense of comfort to know that I was able to share some information about Bill and how he died to his family.

Even after all these years it brings a cold chill down my back to recall that horrible time for all of so many of us.

JIM HILL



19th Infantry
Regiment



"Toujours En Avant"
34th Infantry
Regiment

The Rifleman



The rifleman fights without promise of either reward or relief. Behind every river there's another hill— and behind that hill, another river. After weeks or months in the line only a wound can offer him the comfort of safety, shelter, and a bed.

Those who are left to fight, fight on, evading death but knowing that with each day of evasion they have exhausted one more chance for survival. Sooner or later, unless victory comes this chase must end on the litter or in the grave.

General Omar Bradley



"Duty"
21st Infantry
Regiment



51st RCT

Secretary/Treasurer's Page(s)

(All data as of 16 April 2002)

Financial:

Checking Account: \$27,341.99

Savings (CD): \$57,971.78

Major items paid:

Last Taro Leaf: \$7,035.85

Additional seed money for drawing: \$500.00

Start-up funds for Dues Renewal Notification

Program: \$1000.00

No pending financial obligations.

Membership:

Total number of members: 2,825.

(A net loss of 25 since last Taro Leaf.)

1,358 Annual

40 Associate (Paying dues)

1,327 Life (paid up)

7 Life Assoc (Paying dues)

44 Life paying on yearly plan

47 Comp

2 Honorary (Petrick, Mullins)

By Area/Time of Service:

WWII , 850 Ft.Stewart, 33

Korea, 1,433 Ft. Riley, 9

Japan, 917 Pearl Harbor, 56

Germany, 162 TF Smith, 35

Desert Storm, 21 POW, 27

(Many men served in several areas: WWII and Japan; Japan and Korea.)

By Unit:

A weak area in our records. Many men report no unit at all, or something like, "1st Platoon, Charlie Company," or "24th." We have 62 units reported.

The **10 largest**, in order; 19th, 21st, 34th, 5th, 3rd Eng, 11 FA, 24 Sig, 13th, 52nd, 63rd.

By State:

We have men in all fifty states. California has the most, Montana has the least.

The **10 largest**, in order, CA, FL, OH, IL MI, PA, NJ, MA, GA, MO.



More Random Ruminations:



1. Renewal Notices -- OK, you win.

"If you can't beat 'em, join 'em." After years of trying, we bow to defeat. There is no way in this wide, wide world that we are ever going to get the rank and file members to read the address label on The Taro Leaf, and thereby keep posted as to when their dues are coming due -- or became past due. No way. Every month more and more of our guys fall behind, and every month the job facing our Membership Director, Wally Kuhner, becomes bigger and bigger. What to do???

To The Rescue! Two Knights in shining armor ride into view!!! Namely, **Jerry Groves**, 92nd FA Bn, Germany, and **Richard Hubbard**, 19th, Korea. These two stalwart men read my "*Ruminations*" in the last Taro Leaf and have volunteered to set up a program of sending out renewal notices. They plan to use postcards. The project is funded and "On The Way." They will "attack" from the present backward while Wally attacks from the back forward. When they meet in the middle the problem is solved and we can all sit down and have a drink -- or maybe even two.

2. Address Changes. My sincere thanks to all the dozens of you who shot in your new addresses when you moved. But for the five or six dozen of you who did not ---- well. Those Taro Leafs have to be forwarded by the Post Office at a cost of 90¢ each. While this clearly will not bankrupt our outfit it is *unnecessary*, and also a huge pain in the butt. Every day the Postman rings my door and its, "Hello Mr. Nelsen, that will be three dollars and sixty cents postage due, please." Day after day. There is a way I can set up a Postage Due account with the bulk mailing unit. I guess I'm going to have to do it.

3. My Thanks To You. For all the kind words that come along with the dues payments and other letters I get each day. Rarely is there a "Nasty-Gram." And when there is one the unfortunate truth is that more than likely they are right and I am wrong. It must be my age -- I may not look like it, but I am actually 107 years old -- when I came into the Field Artillery we were still loading them from the front with Rammer Staffs.

Dutch

Add to "New Members"

Gero	Genard J.	21st	49 Talcott Ave	Jewett City	CT	6351	860-376-9712
Reichett	Kenneth	19th	1842 Martha St	Munster	IN	46321-3232	219-872-3534
Walls	Johnnie B.	5th RCT	12802 Sandfield Dr	St. Louis	MO	63148	314-878-9995

S. Korea changed spelling of places

A: Remember Peking? The one-time capital of China? Beijing's the capital now. It's the same city, of course. Only the spelling has been changed.

It's the same thing with Pusan — whoops, we mean Busan. Same city, different spelling.

As China did back in 1958, South Korea decided that western translations of its language weren't doing justice to the pronunciation of words from its language, which uses a whole different alphabet.

So, in 2000, South Korea junked the old official system of "Romanizing" the Korean alphabet and adopted a new system.

Lots of words have changed spelling as a result.

Besides Busan, place names that have changed include Incheon (formerly Inchon, as Korean War veterans well know); Daegu (was Taegu); Gwangju (was Kwangju); Daejeon (was Taejon); Cheongju (was Chongju); Gyeongju (was Kyongju); Gimpo Airport (was Kimpo Airport); and so forth.

Existing establishments, such as businesses and schools, weren't required to change the spelling of their names. Thus Hyundai doesn't have to change to Hyeondae, and Samsung doesn't have to be known now as Samseong.

The Pusan International Film Festival has kept its name. It's just held now in the city of Busan.

New Members:

Adams	Thomas K.	5/52nd ADA	PO Box 2591	Spartanburg	SC	29304-2591	864-579-3879	
Ames	Bert	3rd Bn	PO Box 418	Loomis	CA	95650-0418	916-624-2710	
Andring	Donald M.	3rd Eng	300 10th St	Pawnee	IL	62558	217-825-7333	
Arroyo	Kenneth B.	69th AR	1 Greene Ave	Port Jefferson	StNY	11776	631-476-4651	Desert Storm
Arroyo	Pedro A.	19th	625 Georgetown Circle	Fayetteville	NC	28314	910-868-7446	Life Member
Barnes	Dennis W.	34th	911 River Road East	Traverse City	MI	49686-8353	231-948-8673	
Bredges	Milton	19th	102 Marble Ct.	Smyma	TN	37167	615-459-6487	
Delgado	Thomas	21st	4320 4th Ave	Brooklyn	NY	11232	369-2059	
Fleming-Zioel	Paula	34th	8480 E. Vicksburg	Tucson	AZ	85710-2950	732-878-1145	Daughter of Howard Bruno, 34th
Fortier	William P.	US Army	19 Wood Lake Drive	Piscataway	NJ	08854-5110	732-878-1145	
Gardner, Jr	Ray T.	34th	351 Hamburg Tpke	Butler	NJ	7405	973-838-2236	
Horan	Joyce M.	24th Sig	135 Sylvan Ave #3	Newark	NJ	07104-3603	973-412-8103	Joyce M (Snow) Horan
Houlihan	Bernadette	19th	711 Shore Road, #5-0	Long Beach	NY	11581-4798	516-431-3901	Daughter of John Houlihan, E/19
Huff	Harold L.	QMC	1328 Apalache St	Greer	SC	29651-6128	864-877-8884	
Johns	Yvonne	34th	7306 Seventh St.	Rio Linda	CA	95673-1410		Daughter of Howard Bruno, 34th.
Koskela	Arnold	34th	325 King Richard Drive	Moscow Mills	MO	63362	638-358-9030	
Larsh	Norman H.	34th	2496 Westwood North Blvd	Cincinnati	OH	45211-6119	513-662-9651	
Matteson	George H.	469th AAA	2188 Leisure World	Mesa	AZ	85206-5374	480-985-7862	Landed w/24th at Leyte
McGill	Ronald E.	21st	2430 Plantation Road	Hephzabah	GA	30815	706-790-9937	Brother died POW camp, Korea.
Rybel	Zenon	Div Hq, G2	3560 NE Canterbury	Corvallis	OR	97330	541-752-0844	
Scofield	Darrell R.	24th Med	11157 Scofield Road	Big Oak Flat	CA	95305-0069	209-962-7788	Life Member
Shank	John K.	21st	PO Box 36051	Tucson	AZ	85740-6051	520-544-4623	
Slatier	Gary D.	Div Hq	PO Box 123	Waynoka	OK	73880	580-824-7361	Was in Security Platoon.
Stanczak	Frank M.	19th	680 Monastery Ave	Philadelphia	PA	19128-1624	215-483-7348	
Thiel	Thomas J.	19th	19147 Park Place Blvd	Eustis	FL	32736-7262	352-357-3943	
Zappe	Harry K.	19th	109 Summit Road	Bishop	CA	93514	760-387-2618	
Zeiner	Kenneth E.	19th	6 Blue Mt. Village	Sayorsburg	PA	18353-9734	610-381-4368	

24th Infantry Division Association



BE A MEMBER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION RECRUIT A MEMBER

I desire to be enrolled or reinstated as a member of the 24th Infantry Division Association,
and thereby remain affiliated with the greatest combat division the United States Army
has ever known.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

OCCUPATION _____

WIFE'S NAME _____ CHILDREN & AGES _____

SERVED IN THE 24th or was ATTACHED TO THE 24th

UNIT _____ FROM _____ TO _____

UNIT _____ FROM _____ TO _____

REMARKS _____

Dues:

<input type="checkbox"/> Annual - \$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime - \$150.00
1 Year From Date of	Payable in lump sum of \$150.00
Enlisting in Association	or in 5 yearly payments of \$30.00

Please make checks payable to:
"24th Infantry Division Association"
Mail with this completed application to:
Ellsworth (Dutch) Nelsen
Secretary/Treasurer
24th Infantry Division Association
812 Orion Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80906-1152

Recommended By: _____

Donations:

\$5, John K. Shank, 21st
\$10, Dale E. Demaray, 19th
\$10, Duane L. Conway, 21st
\$30, Raymond M. Youngblood, 21st
\$35, Warren H. Mac Neill, 24th Sig
\$500, Frank R. Orloski, 3rd Eng
\$20, Raymond M. Youngblood, 21st
\$5, James A. Kam, 21st
\$5, Michele Guerrero, 21st
\$5, Donald E. Maggio, 24th AG
\$10, Dick Wainwright, Associate
\$10, Alfred H. Bernstein, 21st
\$20, Raymond M. Youngblood, 21st
\$10 Trinnie A. Brice, 52nd
\$5, Howard J. Bruno, 34th
\$25, Frankie F. Dalida, 34th
\$20, Joseph Parisi, 34th, on behalf of
Lester Jones, 34th, Mindanao.
\$10, Joseph J. Marcinko, 21st
\$5, John Ragland, 21st
\$10, Frank J. Plata, 19th
\$400, Raymond M. Youngblood, 21st
\$5, George T. Tominaga, 13th
\$10, William G. Nicholson, 24th MP
\$5, John G. Whisler, 724th Ord
\$5, Norman C. Smith, 19th
\$10, Arthur L. Brannon, 19th
\$10, Lloyd T. Potterton, 19th
\$10, Jack R. Profit, G-1
\$5, Jesse B. Frank, 21st
\$5, Herman A. Westrich, 21st
\$10, Roy P. Nilsson, 21st
\$10, James Doherty, 19th
\$20, Bill Hosler, 19th; in memory
our departed comrades.
\$5, Bobby D. Nunley, 34th
\$5, Phillip J. Taormino, 34th, for
Buddies who didn't come home.
\$10, Clyde H. Chance, 5th RCT
\$5, Dayton H. Davis, 34th
\$10, Robert A. Sharkey, 3rd Eng.
\$20, Raymond M. Youngblood, 21st
\$10, Irwin Feinberg, 11th
\$100, Robert E. Scroggs, 19th; in
honor of 19th men, Anthony Dannucci,
Jack Shay, James Lawrence and
Donald Olsen.

\$5, Edward L. Wilson, 63rd
\$10, Melvin J. Behnen, 3rd Eng
\$10, Robert J. Moore, 19th
\$5, John A. Bontje, 19th
\$10, Thomas J. McCaffrey, 19th
\$10, Gerald R. Tomlin, 19th

New Life Members

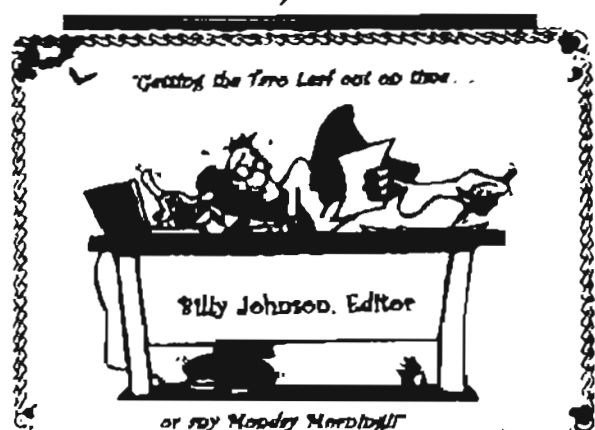
SFC Melvin R. Arnold, 21st
Msgt James D. McElhannon
George E. Seebart, 19th
Pedro Arroyo, 19th
Darrell R. Scofield, 24th Med
Carl L. Doran, 19th
Leroy V. Schruppf, Div Hq
Jimmie Woodall, 19th
Arroyo, Kenneth B, 69th Arm.
Frankie F. Dalida, 34th
Johnnie L. Barrera, 34th

Notable Quote: Make the
most of yourself, for that is all
there is of you. — *Ralph*
Waldo Emerson

Q. I still sometimes say
"I'm going to take it on the
lam" when I mean I'm going
to go, but I don't know where
that phrase came from?

A. From an American
holdup man of the 1920s,
Herman K. Lamm, infamous
in his day as a master of fast
getaways. Fast, but not fast
enough. Police shot him in
1930.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye



Dutch is doing a great job of purging our records of lost souls, i.e., no payment of dues, disconnected phone deceased or requested drops. He is also doing a great job collecting back dues. Thanks Dutch.

Photo Correction: The Taejon photo, page 31. David Baillie sent it to me, Charles Johnson sent it to David.

Adams Mark shuttle service will be available to the hotel on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. Johnny Rodriguez will have service for Friday and Saturday. Call the hotel and ask for Johnny's shuttle.

Folks, if you like to gamble or place a small bet, you will have a chance in KC. Raymond M. Youngblood of the 21st lives in KC, KS. He was recently on a River Boat and won \$900.00. Raymond sent our Association \$400.00 of his winnings. Now that is a dedicated Gimlet. Thanks Raymond, from all of us.

Crafters, we need a few things for the drawing and door prizes for the Ladies Breakfast. If you would like to pitch in, let us know what you will be bringing/sending and we will list your donation in the August Taro Leaf.

I am sure you have noticed that some TAPS are longer than others. We put in most of what we get. Sometimes it is just the Taro Leaf address label with deceased written across it.

Bacil Steed, 24th Recon, who lives way down under in Australia, sent this cartoon in. I guess it is worldwide.



Photo correction: RE: The photo of the luxury liner on page 29, Feb.2002 Taro Leaf. James (Pickles) Herring was listed as 11th FA. Jim arrived in Hawaii in May 1944 and assigned to the 11th QM, D. Co. until the split and made the 24th and 25th. Pickles stayed with the 24th until he rotated home Nov. 1944.

CharlieShoe was not very pleased about being left out of a story. Remember, if you don't send it in, we don't know about it

Hello ex-Gimlets who were in the 21st on or before Dec. 7, as in War. I was on the boxing squad and Cpt. Mercer was the coach. I don't recall what unit he was in, may have been Co. I. I have had thoughts of him many times over the years. If you want to know what part of the war he was in, read Ghost Soldiers by Hampton Siders. The story alone will make you cry. X Gimlet, Marion Williams.

On another page you will find a letter from Joseph Parisi. Joe demonstrates the character and loyalty that makes the 24th a noble division.

Hear Ye Hear Ye

Folks, **Carl Mason**, 3rd Engineer, WW11, has an account open to accept donations to put a plaque on the wall of the Admiral Nimitz Museum of the Pacific War. (The Navy thinks they won the war, but we know better.) People from all over the world go to this museum. They need to see that We Were There. Let's get together and donate a plaque dedicated to our lost members. The plaque will cost twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500) It will have our Taro Leaf and a list of all the battles we were in. Make a donation for yourself or in memory of a friend.

Member donations so far are:

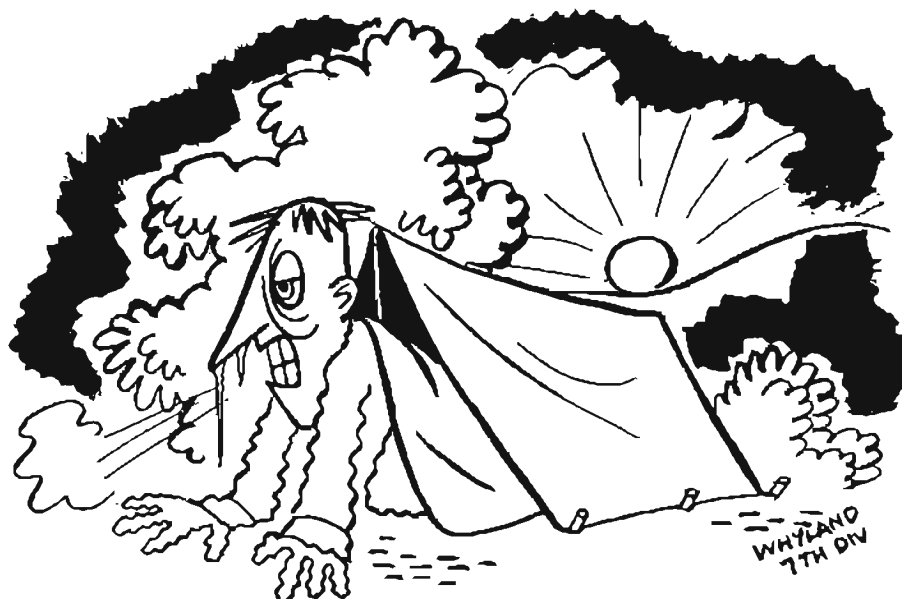
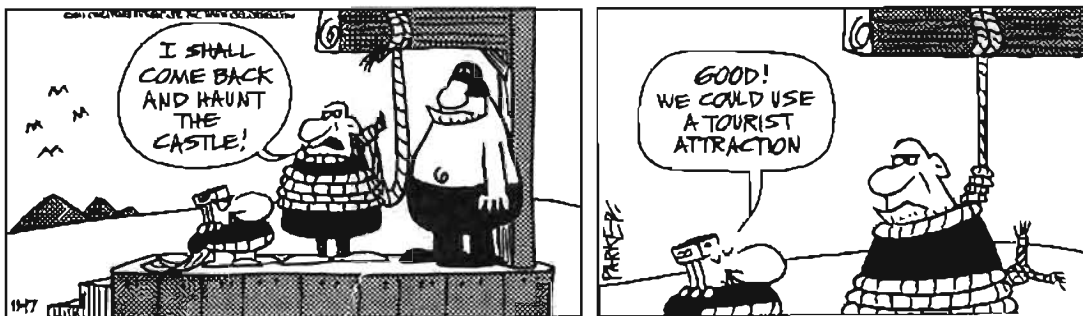
Carl Mason	3 rd Eng.	\$500.00
John Ventimiglia	3 rd Eng.	20.00
Jack Hughes	34 th Inf.	25.00
Charles Lowry	21 st Inf.	20.00
Marguerite Mason		35.00
Billy Johnson	3 rd Eng.	20.00



**21ST INF REGT
(GIMLETS)**

I'm surprised you WW11 Texans haven't jumped on this.

WIZARD OF ID



KOREA-LAND OF THE MORNING CALM!

More -- Hear Ye Hear Ye

The 3rd Eng. "C" Bn. is on a roll. Frank R. Orloski sent Dutch a \$500 check. Frank is a life member and lives up north in Wilkes-Barre PA. Frank, thanks from all of us.

Jan. 26, 2002
1385 Tress St.
Kemper MO 64726
304 788-0465

President Billy Johnson
Greenville, N.C.

Dear Billy:

I want to thank everyone who voted for me for the Herbert Award. I am extremely proud to have my name engraved on the bowl with all the members who have worked hard for the 24th Infantry Division Association.

I joined in 1952, and I have attended most of the reunions since 1976.

Hopefully, I'll be able to continue my work in the 24th Infantry Division Association.

Harry L. Wittman Jr.
Quartermaster, 24th Inf. Div. Assoc.



A special "Thanks" to **Corky and Diane Peters** who are already hard at work on this year's Drawing. Their efforts last year proved to be our largest, single source of income.

Forgotten Men of the Forgotten War

The April 1997 issue of the *Taro Leaf* carried a listing of 43 men who became casualties in Korea during the initial combat during July 1950. The purpose of the publication of the listing was to determine if anyone knew the unit of the 24th Infantry Division that the men were assigned to at the time of incidence. Of the 43 names 34 were added to the *Victory Division's Honor Roll*, while nine were not. Twelve of the 43 were identified to a unit, leaving 31 without a unit of identification.

The nine men's names were left off the Honor Roll because of unknown reasons, but all belong on the Honor Roll since only the 24th Infantry Division was in Korea at that time. All nine names have been added and they are listed below with their units when known.

Brown, Walter Jr., Pfc.,		Jefferson Co., AL,	DOW 07/10/1950.
Charlier, Paul J., Pvt.,		Allegheny Co., PA,	KIA 07/12/1950.
Griffey, Bradley J., Pvt.,	21 st , A Co.,	Hopkins Co., KY,	KIA 07/10/1950.
Holmes, Gilbert E., Pvt.,		Bronx Co., NY,	KIA 07/09/1950.
Johnson, Elijah G., Cpl.,		Ashley Co., AR,	KIA 07/10/1950.
Kirkland, Daniel W., Pvt.,		Milwaukee Co. WI,	KIA 07/12/1950.
McGraw, Robert L., Cpl.,	21 st , I Co.,	Crawford Co., PA,	KIA 07/12/1950.
Peeler, Ernest K., Cpl.		San Bernandino Co., CA,	KIA 07/10/1950.
Tillman, Bernard J., Pvt.,		Ramsey Co., MN,	KIA 07/07/1950.

For information of our members all 34 men's names previously placed on the Honor Roll are listed below with their units when known.

Adams, Lloyd C., Pvt.	Johnson, Harry W. Jr., Pvt., 21 st -Co. I
Amis, Alfredo, Pfc.	Johnson, John E., Sgt., 21 st -Co. B
Anderson, Leonard W., MSG, 21 st	Little, John P., SFC
Anderson, Richard E., Pfc.,	McCord, Robert C., Cpl., 34 th
Andrews, Shirley B., Pfc., 21 st	McElroy, Joseph A., Cpl., 34 th
Bowling, Morris A., Pvt.	McMillian, Arthur, SFC, 21 st -Co. C
Bradford, Edward F., Pvt.	McNary, Walter D., Pvt., 34 th -Co. B
Burkham, Rodney T., Cpl.	Navarro, Julio Q., Pfc.,
Cheff, Louis, Pvt., 34 th -Co. A	Nobles, Wayne O., Pfc.
Clark, Walter B., Cpl.	Nyhan, Dennis J., Pvt., 19 th -Hv M
Comeaux, Rayford J., Pvt., 19 th -Co. D	Rothermel, Donald K., Pfc.
Currie, Owen J. Jr., Pfc.	Sims, Ernest E., Pfc.
Fox, Richard, Pfc.	Smith, Gerald, Pfc., 19 th -Co. C
Gamble, Eldridge M., Pvt.	Snyder, Jackson E., Pvt., 21 st
Hardy, Edgar W., SFC, 21 st -Co. I	Thomas, Howard F., Pfc.,
Harmon, James, Pfc.	Veckov, Joseph S., Pfc.
Jefferson, James N., Pfc.	Wallace, James A., Pvt., 19 th -Co. G

We are working to update the *Victory Division's Honor Roll*, so if anyone remembers any of these men or which unit they were with, please let me know at my address or phone.

Joe Sweeney
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Dellslow, WV 26531-0506
Phone 304 292 7266

Final Honors, or 21 Gun Salute

A reminder to our readers of the difference between the **final honors** ceremony performed during military veteran's funerals and a **21 gun salute** honoring the President of the United States, or visiting heads of foreign governments. This subject was covered in the *Taro Leaf* Volume 51, Issue no. 2, April 1997, in an article written by John Means, a retired Air Force senior master sergeant.

The news media and some members of service organizations continue to be confused between the two ceremonies and our Association members should all know the difference. So without reprinting the entire article by John Means, here is the difference.

A 21-gun salute is reserved only for the President or Heads of other Governments. One smooth bore gun (cannon) fires 21 shots, one round at a time, at precisely measured time intervals. The significance of the number 21 is no longer known, but dates from medieval times. Unless a veteran happens to be the President of the United States, this honor will never be received!

Final honors include the playing of "taps" and presentation of the folded flag at a veteran's funeral. An honor guard of seven members fires three volleys. The significant number is three, not 21. The number of rounds fired may be less than 21 because of misfires, but misfires will not be noticed during a volley and that is one reason for the seven-member honor guard. All veterans who have served their country with honor are entitled to "final honors."

Gold Star Lapel Buttons

Weirton Times July 1948

Public Law 306-80th Congress directed the design, procurement, and distribution of a lapel button (to be known as the "Gold Star Lapel Button") as a suitable means of identification for widows and parents of members of the Armed Forces of the United States who lost their lives in the armed services of the United States-in World War II. The law provides that one Gold Star Lapel Button will be furnished with out cost, to the widow and to each of the parents. The term "widow" includes widower; the term "parents" includes mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, mother through adoption and father through adoption.

The law further provides that Gold Star Lapel Buttons will be furnished, upon the payment of an amount sufficient to cover the cost of manufacture and distribution, to the next of kin of any such deceased person, not hereinbefore designated. The term "next of kin" includes only children, brothers, sisters, half brothers, and half sisters; and the term "children" includes stepchildren and children through adoption.

Once the lapel button has been received it should be carefully safeguarded since the law provides that no Gold Lapel Button will be sold to any person who has been furnished such a lapel button without cost, and not more than one such lapel button will be sold to any one person.

Due to the time involved in searching the records and preparation of the button for mailing, inquiries concerning application should not be submitted before the expiration of 90 days. (From time of initial application).

Joe Sweeney

At that time applications for the Gold Lapel Button could be made through the Veterans Service Office.



North Korea October 7, 1951
M/Gen Bryan, Co. C 24th ID,
 is giving instructions to Capt. ? who ?
 "C" Co., 3rd Eng. had just taken these
 Chinese prisoners



Pack on my back and rifle in my hand.
 "I'm ready." **Anson Beckwith**, Jan. 1952
 "C" Co. 3rd Eng. Bn. 24th ID

**EXPERIENCE
 IS
 SOMETHING
 YOU DON'T
 GET UNTIL
 JUST AFTER
 YOU NEED IT.**

Jan. 1951, North Korea.
"105 MOVING UP"
 A. battery, 11th FA Bn.
 This is MSR #66 which goes
 through Kumbhaw Valley.
 This part of the valley is near
 we were last camped.



On behalf of **Delbert O. Henson**, 19th Inf.,
Charlie Shoe presents a Taro Leaf plaque to
 the brothers of the late **Lt. Joseph S. Smith**
 19th Inf.



Shelton Hollub, living the good life in Masan, Korea. Aug. 1953



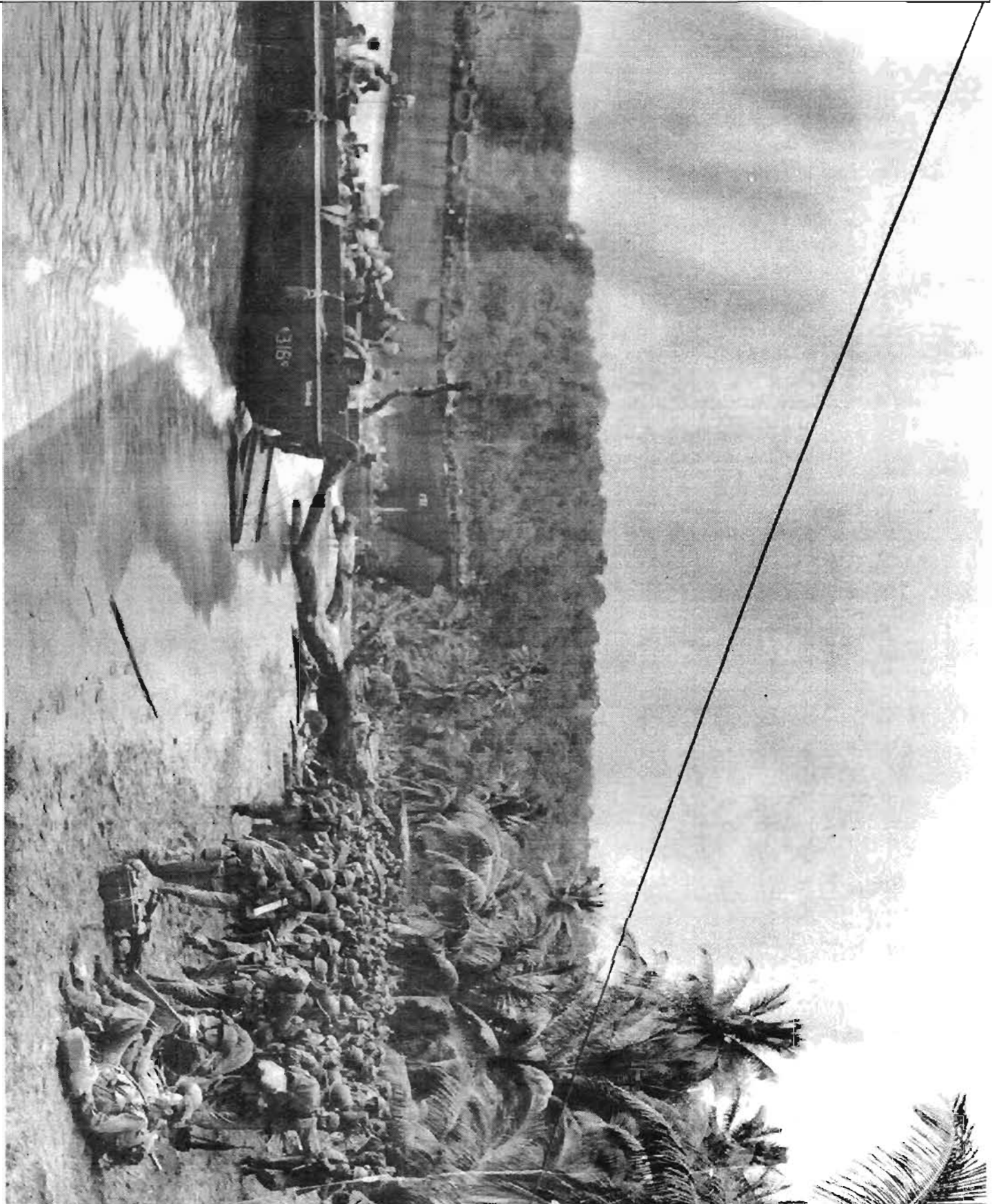
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SUMMER 1941

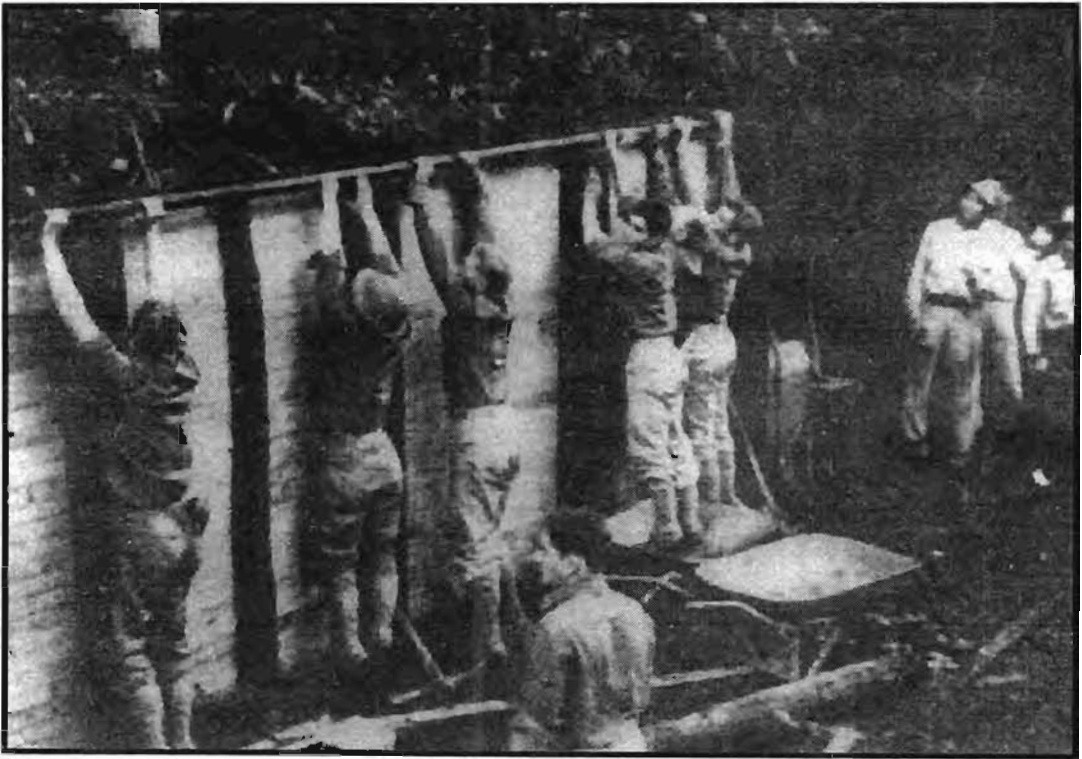
Check this out. The 34th
was with the 8th Ind. Div.



2nd. Platoon "L" Co. 21st Infantry Reg. Machinegun squad
October 1951, before 1st patrol after push NW of Kumhaw.
Back Row: **Roy Paulson**, **Albert Lea-MN**, **Virgil Olson-Canby MN**,
Henry Lowe-Sacramento, CA, **Alfred Bernstein-Blaine, MN**
Front Row: **Young-KY**, **John Van Koll-CA**, **Mahoney-CA**, **Floyd**
Wilson-MI, **Camargo-NM**, **Robert Smith-CA**

This Picture was found in the boxes of items from Kenwood Ross's Office. It is one heck of a good photo, but unfortunately the only information is an Army Photographer's stamp on the back with the date "22 April 1944." I think this would make what we see a part of the movement from Goodenough Island to Dutch New Guinea. Can any of you Old Timers shed any further light on this??? Dutch





CB Mason, the soldier on the left, sent this photo of A. Co. 3rd "C" Engineers building an emergency room for the hospital. This was right after Pearl Harbor. (Hawaii)

Dear Sir:

3/2/52.

I would like to make a donation of \$50.00 to the Reef Club on behalf of the Jones.

On or about Oct of 1945 I arrived on Henderson and have assigned to 7 Co. 2nd Bat. 24th Inf. and since I was absent for 28 days had not been paid, I transferred \$50.00 from the 2nd Bat. 24th Inf. and since I was assigned to 7 Co. 2nd Bat. 24th Inf. and never been paid again. Therefore I would like to make this donation in his name.

Mr. Joseph Parlat
8630 Boca Dr.
Boca Raton, FL 33433-1824

Thank You,
Lgt Joseph Parlat
4th Co. 2nd Bat
34th Inf.



From left to right is: Willie Barnette (La.), Ray Salyers (IL), Sgt. Jeffers (MN?), John Houlihan (NJ) and Thomas Thiel (OH). This squad was a 57 recoilless rifle section, 4th weapons platoon, E company, 19th IR, 24th ID. This picture was taken in December 1951 after their last trip to the hill.



Gerry, here is a photo of our LCT 1099 (Landing Craft Tank), unloading ammo for the 24th Division on Mindanao. The 24th was part of the 10th Corp which we put ashore earlier. Thought you might want this for some of your division magazines. Steve photo sent by Commish WC.



Rifle platoon of 5th RCT, 24th Infantry Division on the Korean Front

57th Recoiless Rifle Section, 4th Weapons Platoon, E.Co, 19th



*Curly Lewis and
Willie Williams*



24th Infantry Division troops of Task Force Smith at Taejon railroad station on July 2, 1950. Photo: U.S. Army.
Source: D.M. Giangreco, War in Korea: 1950-1953 (Presidio Press).

*Anyone you know?
Let me hear from you.*



Machine gun emplacement overlooking the main highway bridge across the Kap-ch'on River on the outskirts of Taejon. Major General William Dean's 24th Division had been unable to maintain the Kum River line and fell back on Taejon by July 17, 1950. Photo: U.S. Army.
Source: Truman Library.



Hello Billy Johnson; Congratulation on being elected president of the 24th Inf .Div. Assoc. After getting the last two issues of the TARO LEAF and reading it the assoc is on it,s way. Hope everyone forgets their differences and work on making the association the best there is. Inclosed are two pictures. The group picture is of my buddies that served with me in the 3rd engr. Med Det from Schofield all the way to Mindanao. Left to right is Floyd Gulbranson, MN. Received Silver Star on Corregdor, Me ,John Fecko Worked in the battalion aid station, I am originally from Chicago, IL. next Harold Duke Kansas, Company Aid man, J. Gonzales, from New York, Next William Plymell from MO, he was the captain,s driver. That guy knew where all the units were situated. After we left the army we lost touch which other. The other photo is of me coming back from maneuvers on Oahu showing all was not fun and sun there, lot,s of rain and mud. Hope you can use them in the Taro Leaf. Maybe some of them are around. Thank You John J. Fecko E4659 Eagle Ct. Lavallo Wi. 53941. Or johnfrie@mwt.net



Walter M. Matson, Med. Co. 34th Inf. 3-'49 to 9-'50, and the 21st Inf. 9-'50 to 7-'51. Walter is looking for anyone who was there at that time.

*it Gets lonlier AS we
Travel down Rd. OF LIFE*

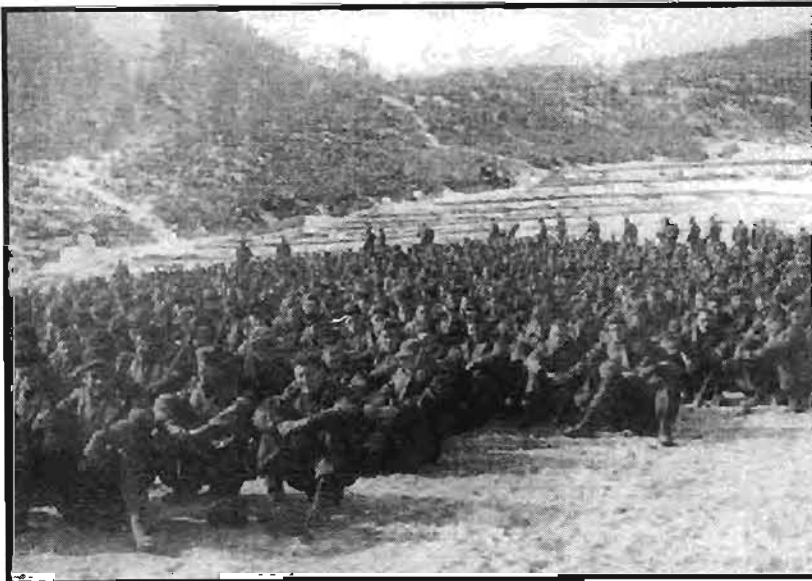
He can be reached from October to April at: 47 Manor Drive, Ft. Pierce FL, ph. 772-597-6751. From May through Sept.: Box 1033, York Harbor ME 03911. Permanent address is 150 Reservoir Dr., Lumberberg, MA ph. 978-582-7889.

This photo was taken in Sasebo in '49 or '50.



The "Gimlet" Boxing Team
 Back Row: L. to R. Torres, Arakawa, Cushing,
 Marshall, Rowbothon, Rodriguez Front Row:
 L. to R. Nazario, Arroyo, William and Choy.
 Photo from Marion William 21st

Richard Woodland 3/19 sent this photo of a Church Service he attended in 12-1951. I wonder if the new Army helmet makes a good seat.



Up Front with Willie & Joe

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"Yer lucky. Yer learning a trade."

Joe Sweeney
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Monday, February 18, 2002

Billy,

Thanks for the clippings, I already had the one from Granite Falls, but had not known of the plight of **Harold Smith** the subject of the other article. **Joseph P. O'Connell** is a life member of our Association and I phoned him to find out which company of the 19th Infantry Harold Smith served with; he said the weapons company, Howe, of the 2d Bn. O'Connell told me that Howe Co. has a reunion, but the other members don't want to join the 24th IDA. He promised to inform us of the outcome of their efforts to have Harold Smith's discharge upgraded to Honorable. We can't help them as of now; they have all they need.

I'm enclosing four articles for the *Taro Leaf*, Gold Star Lapel Buttons and Final Honors, or 21 Gun Salute can be used as "filler material", but the Looking for Buddies item and Forgotten Men of the Forgotten War list you may want to publish in the next issue?

I came across the casualty list while looking up the Final Honors article by John Means in the April 1997 Issue of the *Taro Leaf*. Upon comparing the list with the names on the Honor Roll I found that nine names were not included. Whether it was just an oversight, I don't know, but these men should have been on the Honor Roll. Some of the units I found on copies of 24th Div. special orders assigning the men to companies. One man on the 34-man list, **Sgt. John E. Johnson**, should be listed with "Task Force Smith". Other men may have been with TFS, which included HQ, Service, and A Batteries of the 52d FA; however, the 34th Infantry and 63d FA joined the action on July 7, 1950, so these nine men may have been in any one of the units.

Billy, I included the names of the 34 men who were on the Honor Roll for information, but you may omit them if you like. On the other hand, new members have been added to the Association since 1997 and someone may recall a name and unit.

I don't know where Joe McKeon found these names in 1997, but they are all on the Korean Conflict Casualty File from the DoD.

I have a new address for the American Battle Monuments Commission:

Col. Frederick C. Badger
American Battle Monuments Commission
Courthouse Plaza II, Suite 500
2300 Clarendon Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22201

Till the next time,

SHINSEKI VISITS FORT RILEY: AMERICA'S WARFIGHTING CENTER

By Christie Vanover

FORT RILEY, KAN. (March 22, 2002)—The Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, and Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, announced March 22 that Fort Riley has been named an American warfighting center.

In comments at Kansas congressman Jim Ryun's quarterly luncheon, Shinseki said, "Riley remains America's Warfighting Center ... I think it's a great logo for Fort Riley — America's Warfighting Center, home of the great 24th Infantry Division and those brigades of the 1st Armored and 1st Infantry Divisions."

This summer, Fort Riley's role as a warfighting center will be intensified as it prepares the 30th Enhanced Separate Brigade of the North Carolina National Guard and thousands of reservists from 18 states for the National Training Center.

"We're bringing more than 8,000 reserve component personnel from all over the nation not just North Carolina," said Maj. Kevin West, training officer, 30th Enhanced Separate Brigade.

"Our intent this summer is to replicate the NTC rotation here at Fort Riley, so when they get out to the NTC in 2003, they'll know what to expect, and they will have a feeling like they have already done that before," he said.

"This is an opportunity for Fort Riley to validate the warfighter center concept. We have the maneuver area, we have the support structure, we provide an OPFOR (opposing force) for the units, and we feel we can provide them with the best training experience possible," said West.

In addition to training Fort Riley's active components, Fort Riley is home of one of the Army's two integrated divisions responsible for training and preparing three National Guard Enhanced Separate Brigades. The installation also trains more than 32,000 additional Reserve and National Guard soldiers annually.

"Riley supports about 300 Reserve Component units from the surrounding areas that come here and rely on (Maj.) General Metz's oversight and support to get through their training readiness," he said.

Metz, West and other Fort Riley officials laid out the installation's plans for its summer training to Shinseki during one of his many briefings about the Fort Riley plan to harmonize with Shinseki's vision of transformation.

"Today's visit by the chief was a super day. Any day you get the Chief of Staff to come visit your installation is a very important day, but it was a special day because we were able to articulate to him all the capabilities that make us a warfighting center," said Metz following Shinseki's departure.

"He already knew of our tremendously valuable training ranges, our training areas and our simulations. What we emphasized to him today was our force projection capability," he added.

With the capabilities of Fort Riley's railhead and the Manhattan Regional Airport, Fort Riley can move a loaded brigade in less than two days. "We can move them to the Port of Beaumont (Texas) in 48 hours," said Metz.

In addition to Shinseki's words of appreciation for America's soldiers, Shinseki focused on troop movement during his speech to Manhattan, Junction City and Fort Riley representatives.

"Readiness is about today's responsibilities and today's missions. Transformation is about tomorrow's readiness for the missions we can't even envision today," he said. "The kinds of transformations we look for have some characteristics that are important."

"The Army has to be more responsive than the Army is even is today. It has to be more deployable than it is today. Our light forces can go with lightning speed to lots of places, but if it's a long, protracted fight, we have to get the heavy forces in there. The heavy forces take a while to deploy and we've got to do something about that," he added.

Shinseki's vision of transformation includes three vectors, the Objective Force, the Legacy Force and the Interim Force. The Objective Force is the Army's ultimate goal, with the first brigade scheduled to stand up in 2010. The Legacy Force is today's Army and the Interim Force will begin standing up this year to "fill the gap."

"The luxury of having the time over the next eight years to get that future objective force right lies on the shoulders of the legacy force, the forces we know today," said Shinseki.

"If you fail to change, you may become irrelevant. This nation cannot afford an Army that's not fully relevant, and that's why transformation is important," he said.

The first Interim Brigade Combat Team will stand up at Fort Lewis, Wash., this year. Shinseki explained that Fort Riley was not chosen as a site for an IBCT because its inventory of mechanized heavy equipment is needed for the future Objective Force.

"The brigades of Riley are important to our inventory as heavy brigades, and we're going to keep them that way until they're ready to transform," he said.

"If you take an Interim Brigade Combat Team and compare it to our heavy brigades and you ask me which is a better warfighter, I will tell you it's the heavy brigade. It's the force that will take on anyone else's best," he said.

Metz takes pride in Fort Riley's mechanized warfighting capabilities. "Everyday we prepare two brigade combat teams and an engineer group to go to war," he said.

"Once one of those units leaves Fort Riley, I'm absolutely confident that we will bring one of the reserve component brigades here and will continue with all of the facilities we have getting them ready. Therefore we are America's Warfighting Center."

LITTLE ROCK 1998



James Sullivan sent this photo, taken in Little Rock. All are Veterans of the taking of Corregidor and were sitting on top of Malinta Mountain the night the Japs decided to blow the tunnels. Co. I and K Co.

James P. Sullivan, 1694 West Glendale, #542, Phoenix, AZ 80521. First reunion missed was 2001, due to poor health.

Dan Valles, 8788 3rd Ave., Hesperia, CA 93254. Plt/Sgt. 3rd Plt., 34th Inf.

Paul Cain, 3109B Chatham Dr. Urbana, IL 61802 Co. C, 34th Inf.

Modester B. Duncan, 18542 Possum Ridge Rd. Kennedy, AL 35574 Plt/Sgt 1st Plt. Co. K, 34th Inf.

Ray Cash, Vernon, AL 35592. Aid Man, assigned to Co. K, 3454th Inf. through all of the Philippines Operation. Ray passed away Dec. 2001.



Chuck Manus "Easiest going guy in Korea"

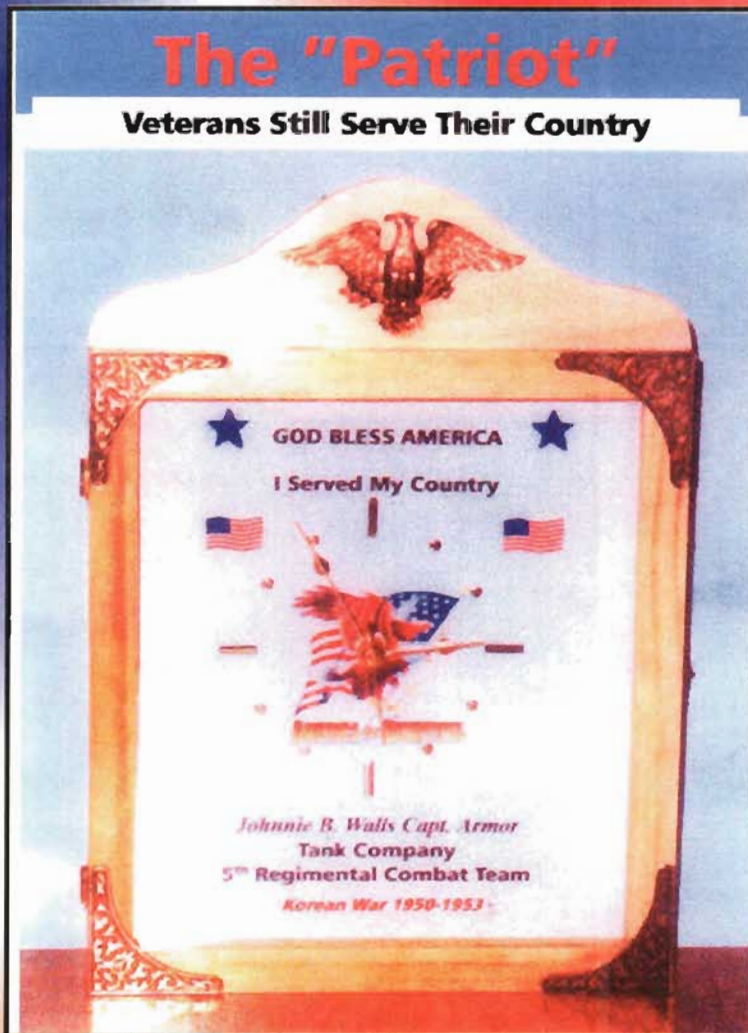
Quote by John Houlihan.



Anson Beckwith, 74 years old, 3rd "C" Eng. Sent this photo of a funeral detachment he works with. The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs has a program called, Military Funeral Honor Program. They have three teams of five members, each located in a different part of the state. They are full time, paid employees of the state. They give every Veteran a Military Funeral. Missouri does this also. I think every state should be a part of this Congress approved program. Write to your Congressman and ask how your state can participate.

The "Patriot"

Veterans Still Serve Their Country



Johnnie Walls, 5th RCT, has donated one of his beautiful clocks to our Drawing. Check it out at the sign-in table and get your ticket(s).
Can't win if you don't play!

**PROUDLY DISPLAY YOUR
MILITARY SERVICE
FOR THE COUNTRY YOU LOVE**

The perfect photograph is born of balance.



NOW! Listen Up! "This is the new Army of One Physical Fitness Test."
Made me think of re-enlisting but Minnie won't let me.



George Frazier, 63rd. FA (right) and Ralph Carter, 19th. These two Pearl Harbor Survivors were attending the 60th Memorial Service of the Attack. The service is held at Willow Grove Naval Station in Willow Grove, PA. Ralph and George are members of the Liberty Bell Chapter in Philadelphia, PA. George, how about a picture of the other four members, you two look great!



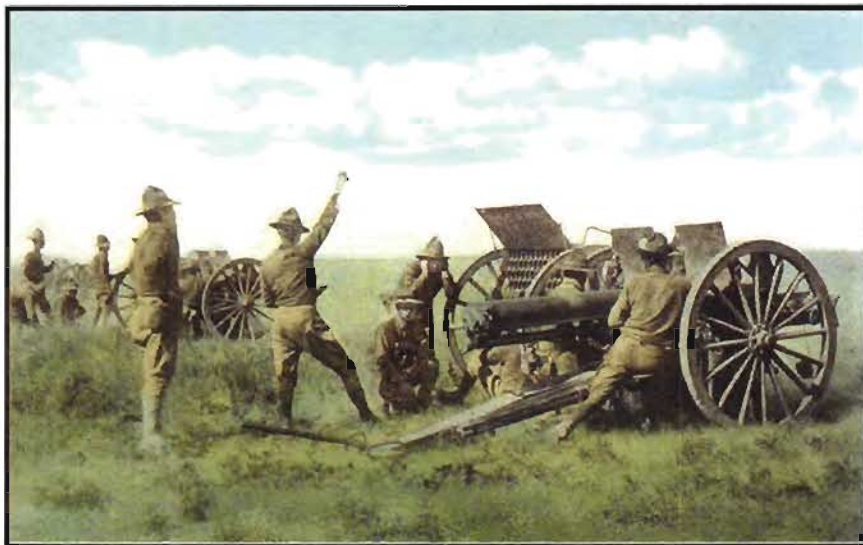
A Page For Red Legs

(Infantry, Cavalry, etc need not read)

By Dutch Nelsen

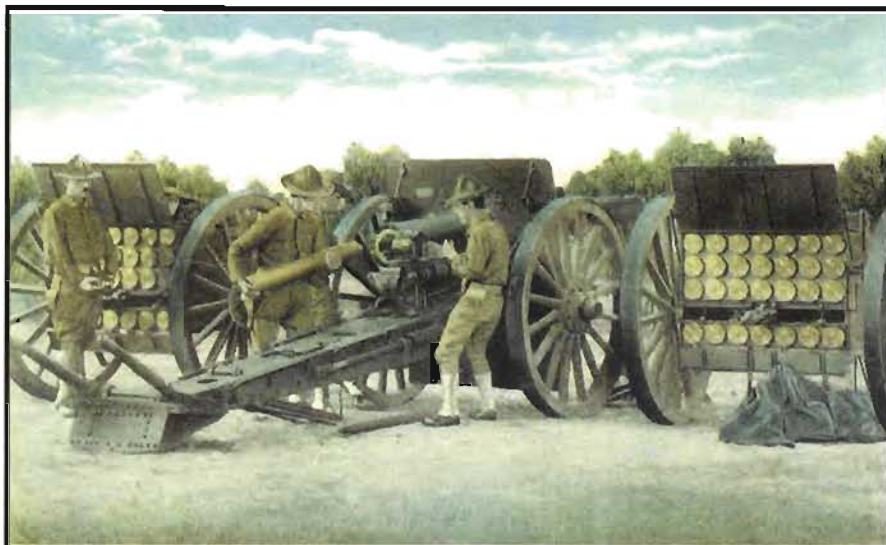
Ever wonder why we fought all of WWI and most of WWII with French cannons; namely the famous 75mm "French 75" and the 155mm "Schneider?" We, the Americans, had cannons superior to both -- the 3 Inch (76mm) and the 4.7 Inch (119mm) Guns. The 3 Incher came into service in 1902 and the 4.7 Incher came into service in 1906 -- both were taken out of service in our Army in 1917 and replaced with the French cannons. Why?

The French went into WWI in 1914 with their "75" and "Schneider." Our 3 Inch and 4.7 Inch Guns were superior to the French cannons in all respects. A competition was held at Fort Still (then called "The School Of Fires") with a 75mm gun and crew from France going against a 3 Inch gun and crew from the US. Our gun and crew proved to be superior in every aspect. Why, then, did we give up our guns and adopt the French cannons.



**US 3 Inch Gun (76mm) in full recoil. Circa 1917.
Note the ammunition caisson on left.**

Because for years the US had been in a peacetime posture, and we had very few of our cannons actually on hand -- the French had a huge supply of their guns on hand and were producing more every day. Also, we were mass-producing ammunition for both French guns and shipping overseas by the boatload. The decision boiled down to whether we should crank up a whole new industry to produce our guns and ammunition, or drop our guns and adopt those of the French. The latter won out.



**US 4.7 Inch Gun (119mm)
Circa 1917
Note the two ammunition
caissons, and the Cannoneer
on the left holding the
fuse-setter.**

Application for the Korean Service Medal

The following is an example of a letter to request the Korean Service Medal.

Your Name
Street
City, State Zip

Date

HQ AFPC/DPPPRK
550 C Street W. Ste. 12
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4714

Please send me a Korean War Service Medal for my service as a member of the United States military during the authorized period of June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953. I have enclosed a copy of a source document with my Social Security Number/Military Service Number/Foreign Service Number, which verifies my service. I understand that the enclosed copy of my source document will not be returned. Additionally, since this is a Foreign Service Award, I understand that this is a one-time issuance.

Please mail my Korean War Service Medal to the following address.

Your name
Street
City, State Zip

Thank you,

Your Signature

NOTE: One of the following documents (Copy Only) must accompany your request:

DD Form 214, Certificate of release/discharge from Active Duty
DD Form 215, Correction to Release/ Discharge from Active Duty
NGB Form 22, Release from Duty

Service must be between June 25, 1950 and July 27, 1953 and within the territorial waters, land mass, or airspace over the Korean Peninsula.

Service must have been performed while on permanent assignment in the area of eligibility, or temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days, or while a member of an aircraft crew, in aerial flight over Korea, participating in actual combat operations, or in support of combat operations.

Hillbilly. Herman James, was drafted by the army.
On the first day as an enlisted man, he was issued a comb.
The second day, the army barber sheared all of his hair off.
On the third day, the army issued him a toothbrush.
On the fourth day, the army dentist yanked several of his teeth out.
On the fifth day, he was issued a jock strap.....
That afternoon, Herman went AWOL.

(From the COMMISH WC)

Fifty Year Anniversary Medal



This is a photo of the Fifty Year Anniversary Medal, given by the Korean American Association, to each Korean War Veterans who attended the presentation ceremony at Fort Bragg. Delegates from the association stopped by Fort Bragg while on a tour of the Southeast. The speaker, Eugene Chin Yu, and his wife were born in Korea, however; he speaks of his two children, born in Augusta Georgia, as "Proud Americans."

The following is a copy of Mr. Chin Yu's speech:

Good evening distinguished and honored guests, ladies and gentlemen. It is with pleasure and great pride that I stand before you this evening to honor the Korean War Veterans who fought for the freedom we enjoy so much today.

My name is Eugene Chin Yu. I trust my belief, which I express to you in words tonight, are shared by all Korean Americans living across the United States today. This year we are Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the start of the Korean War.

The American Armed Forces, along with their U.N. Allies responded by fighting along side the Korean armed forces in air, on the ground as well as at sea. These forces would make many sacrifices before the fighting was over.

Expression of our recognition and gratitude of these American forces, along with our U.N. Allies, is long overdue. The young American men and women fought, were wounded, and died on Korean soil for Korea and especially people they did not even know. They were fighting against communism, protecting democracy and human rights as their nation asked them to do.

Many did not return to their loved ones they left behind, and those who did not return home were never able to enjoy the bounties of peace and freedom in the Nation they had so honorably served.

In my thoughts, I am reminded of men like you in your late teens and early twenties and the lessons on death, fate, futility and pure high-risk adventure that were never to be matched in your other experiences of life.

Special thanks is sometimes difficult to express, but this should not stop us in our efforts to express our feelings for the many who gave their lives, the many who were wounded, and the many who survived the War. We shall not forget the Prisoners of War who endured so much torment and suffering, and to this day, the missing in action who are still unaccounted for.

Once again Korean War Veterans, families, and spouses, it is time for we Koreans who became American citizens to express from our hearts our love to the people who made it possible for us to be here in America. We enjoy the freedom this American flag has brought to we Koreans, and so many others of our generation.

We as Korean Americans clearly understand and know what the red stripe in the American flag symbolizes, the blood shed not only in Korea, but all the wars fought since the beginning of these united states of America for freedom around the world.

While both my wife and I were born in Korea, my two children were born here in augusta, ga and are proud Americans and may they always enjoy the freedom you made possible.

Let me close by saying, people have called the Korean war "the forgotten war", however; I am one person standing before you tonight that will never forget what you American Veterans did for my family and many other Koreans now living in freedom in south Korea and the United States, and not under communism.

As President John F. Kennedy said, and it is as true now: "today as Veterans you serve with equal tenacity, devoting brain and heart to the task of keeping our country strong."

All American veterans share a special common bond of experience forged in sacrifice and danger for the benefit of every citizen in this great country.

Thank you veterans. I am proud to be a part of what being an American stands for, strength of our country's foundation was built brick by brick. It started at Valley Forge and continued through modern technology of warfare in Desert Storm and the current situation of terrorist acts in New York, our war in Afghanistan and we will work to stop these acts.

The great American General, Douglas Mac Arthur, and known by all Koreans as a Korean War Hero, I would like to quote from his speech after taking the Japanese surrender aboard the USS Missouri on September 2, 1945. He condemned war in these terms: "if we will not devise some greater and more equitable system, Armageddon will be at our door. The problem basically is theological and involves a spiritual revival and improvement of human character that will synchronize with our almost matchless advances of the past two thousand years."

In his last address to the United States Congress he said that "old soldiers never die, they just fade away". In the hearts and minds of the Korean people, those young men and women who fought for our cause will never fade away! They will remain forever young, vibrant and brave. As long as the Korean Nation endures, they will always be remembered.

God Bless You and God Bless America. Thank you



Some time ago I put a book about my experiences in Korea in a web site www.battalionsonline.com which was mentioned in the Taro Leaf.

A few days ago I received my February Taro Leaf and in it was some items about the 19th Infantry. I found the enclosed picture that I took when I was with the 6th Tank Bn. Which was before I was assigned to the 19th I thought perhaps some members of the 19th would recognize this scene.

I enjoy getting my Taro Leaf.

**24th Infantry Division Association
Hampton, Virginia • Sept 19-23, 2001**

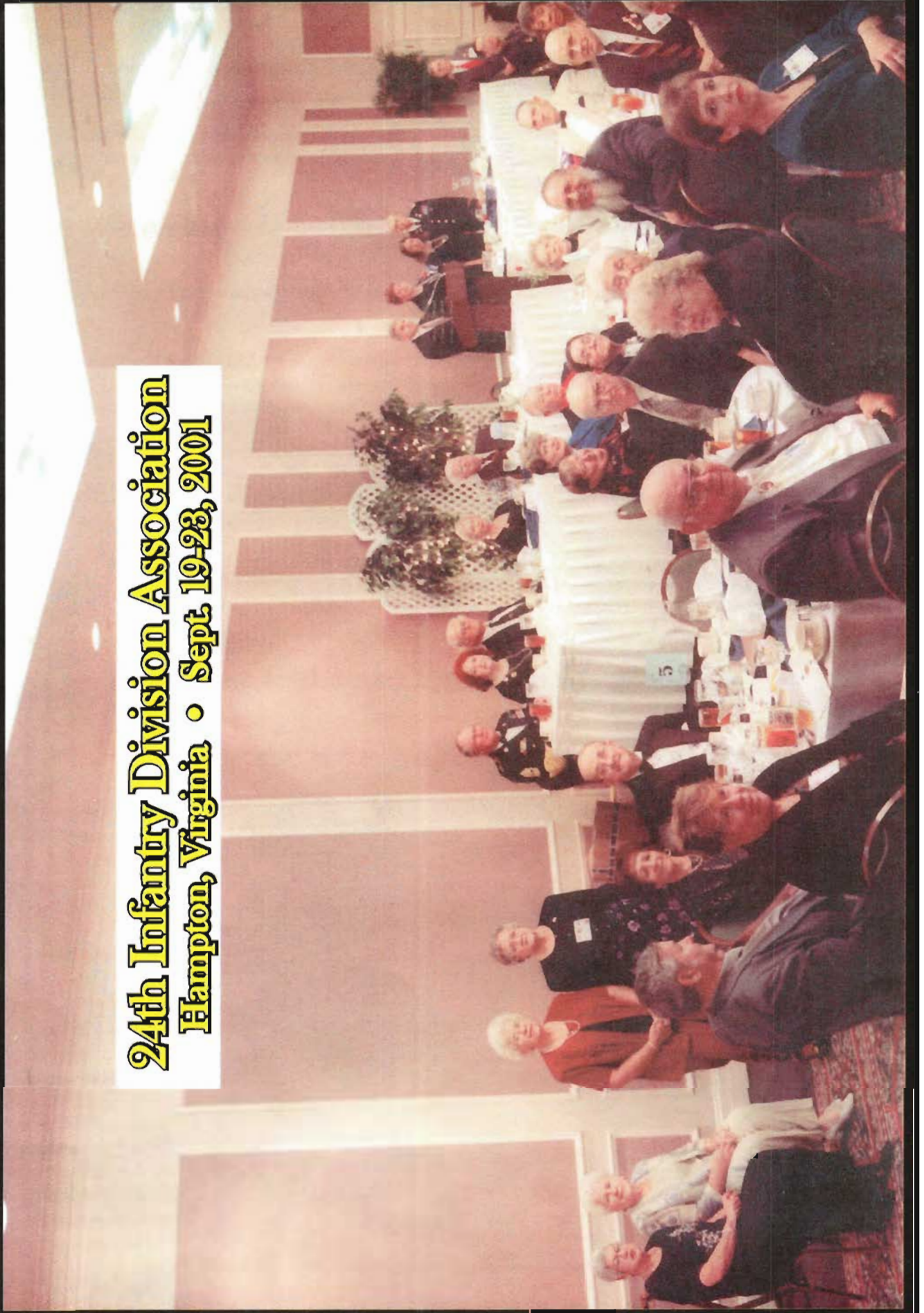






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Having a great time in Hampton!



(R.to L.) Chester Petty and wife, Virginia, Julie Lynn Johnson, Sue Gaston and Sue's mother, Yong Ae. Sue's mom was born in Korea.

KOREAN TOUR

This past fall, three members of the Korean-Wartime 24th Infantry Division – Bob Hartley, of Mystic, Connecticut, Tom Hardy, of Gloucester Point, Virginia and Ralph Cravens of Midvale, Utah– returned to Korea with other Veterans of the 1st Cavalry Division. The trip, organized by the 1st Cavalry Division Association, was carefully planned to examine the terrain of the first months of the War, and it provided our 24ID Vets the opportunity to re-visit several areas where they had been personally involved in the desperate combat of July 1950.

We found the old bridge crossing on the Kum River. The bridge is of course gone but found some of the old foundations left in the river bed. Have pictures taken at the crossing with Bob, Tom and Roy Montgomery standing on the dyke west of the bridge area. Also visited an area on the Nakdong River where the 19th was set up in August & September of '50. The snapshot taken from the Monument erected there for the 24th Div. showing the same picture which is in many books of the blown bridge on the Nakdong from the machine gun position. (Wes Note. Monument dedicated to all units that fought on the Nakdong.) Also visited Task Force Smith Monument at Osan. Some of us climbed the hill and saw the foxholes and gun positions still there. Also found a piece of como wire for field phones and saved a piece as a souvenir. The DMZ area was very impressive. The soldiers stationed there took us on buses and gave us a tour of the area. Took pictures of the North Koreans looking across at us.

Roy Montgomery email us and said he would write up a nice piece for the Taro Leaf and get in touch with you. He has some pictures and video also. You can contact him at "rpm@cptours.com" in case you lost his email.

The weather on the DMZ was in the 20's with heavy frost and most of us all caught colds about the time we left.

We would highly recommend the tour that Roy and Young-Shin has to any of the Korean War Veterans. Roy really knows his history of all that country.

Lila & Bob Hartley



26th AAA (AW)
Battalion (SP)



Sixth Tank Battalion



63rd Field Artillery
Battalion



**George Cravens, 24th
Tom Hardy, 19th Recon.
Peter T. Jong, Ret. ROC Gen.
Bob Hartley**



**24th Reconnaissance
Company**

**Bob Harley, Tom Hardy
At the DMZ and Camp Bonifas**



**North Korean Outpost
On the DMZ**



**24th Aviation
Company**



Photo taken from the 24th
Division Memorial Ara onto
the Nakdong



**Tom Hardy, Bob Hartley
George Ralph Cravens**
50th Anniversary Tour of Korea



Bob Hartley and Tom Hardy
Naktong River, 24th Memorial





Republic of Korea
Presidential Unit Citation

KOREAN BATTLEFIELD TOUR

The 24th Infantry Division Association and the 1st Cavalry Division Association will co-sponsor their second Battlefield Tour to Korea, to be held 18 - 27 October 2002.

The program's itinerary will cover the battlesites for the first months of the Korean War when the 24th Inf. and 1st Cav. Divisions were the only American divisions in Korea (Hundreds of 1st Cav Division members were hastily transferred from the Cav into the 24th Division. We wound up side by side with the 1st Cav, along the Nakdong River. The tour will begin at the TF Smith battlesite, and make our way south stopping at the battlesites of 1950, including Pyongtaek, Chonan, the Kum River Crossings at Kongju and Taepyeong-ni, Taejon and it's railroad tunnels, into Taegu and a full tour of the Nakdong Perimeter.

A tour trip into the northern portion of South Korea, truce village of Panmunjom in the "joint Security Area", Chorwon Valley and a visit to the ROK Army's 28th Infantry Division's battle positions along the De-Militarized Zone, including their "Advance Outpost", located on the peak of Hill 346, better known to the 1st Cavalry Division as "Old Baldy", a major objective of Oct. 1951's bloody "Operation Commando". The tour will be conducted by Mr. Roy Montgomery of California Pacific Tours, South San Francisco, California. California Pacific Tours, a US Corp. is a bonded, Air- lines Reporting Corporation (ARC) approved travel agency.

The cost is \$2,090 per person (double occupancy; single available). Includes round-trip air from San Francisco to Korea, first-class Hotels (nice Western style property), English-speaking guides, deluxe motor-coach, all admissions and tolls. Daily American breakfasts, along with local dinners, are included. The farewell banquet, hosted by the KVA, will include the presentation of the "Ambassador of Peace" medal to 1950-'53 Veterans of the Korean War. For further information, contact California Pacific Tours, toll-free (888) 822-5258 or e-mail at, info@cptours.com. For itinerary and more information check their website, www.cptours.com , or contact Association Reunion Coordinator Wes Morrison at, wesm8@aol.com.



James Lemanczyk, W271 N2575 Peartree Lane, Pewaukee, WI 53072 is seeking information, or anyone who remembers his great-uncle 1LT Marshall Sageser who is believed to have served as a Platoon Leader with B-19th Infantry Regiment in 1951-1952. 1LT Sageser also served as Assistant S-3 for the regiment in 1952.

"Old Soldier" James L. Herring sends in \$50 to Up-Grade his \$100 Life Membership. James served with the 24th QM (Truck Co) and began his service with the Hawaii Division March 3, 1940. Any of you other "Old Soldiers" who want to talk to Jim call: 570-729-8279

Robert E. Gregg, L/34th, 50-51, is looking for buddies from Sasebo and Korea who served with him.
312 21st St SW
Hickory, NC 28602-212
(Phone: 828-327-3428)

Officers-Where Are They Now?

[Not to pick on the Officer Class-just curious!]

Jones, Davis, Belcher, De R Capps, Vitullo, George A. Smith (WIA), Halgren, RA-Gen. Aide, Koch, RA-Coghill, RA Bragg, RA-X-Marine, Kearnes (now deceased), Hammes (Hot Springs, AR) O'Neil (Gave up commission for S/Sgt Stripes as didn't get Competitive Tour.

Riley (USA? Can't recall!)

Capps was RA- rest were USAR.

All except Riley were the FEC.

Belcher had his wife at Crouch. Vitullo & I still keep in contact. Have via e-mail from Koch, and Coghill.

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Anyone out there know any of the above?

BacilBSteed@aol.com

The following are names of men that served with my Dad and if possible I would like to contact them: Willie Valetta, Bob Wilson (Thomas Thiel would also like to speak with Bob), John Dugan, Rudy Espinosa, Frank Stanczak, Roscoe Owens, Gorgeous Myers, Duane Fitch, Curly Lewis, and Chuck Manus. I have loads of pictures of these men and will send them if anyone has an interest. I very much appreciate your help!

Many thanks,
Bernadette Houlihan

Wpnr Post E-1915



LOOKING FOR OUR BUDDIES

(and information of family members who served in the military)



Edward A. Latour Jr. served in Korea in 1952 with Sp. Co. 1st Bn. 5th R.C.T. He was the Supply Sergeant. Edward would appreciate hearing from anyone who knew him and remembers him. You can reach Edward at: 38227 Reimold Street, Harrison Township, MI 48045. Telephone 1-586-463-7471.

Tom Martin is looking for information on CPL Thomas H. McKinley. Thomas was in the 21st INF. His MOS was 04745. Tom went by the nickname TH and was from Cleveland County NC. If you have any information concerning where he was killed, which battle, and any other information it will be deeply appreciated. Contact Tom Martin, 1-248-651-7309 or email TMartin@tcsmailing.com.

Nicole Davenport is looking for anyone who can give her information on her father, Hayden H. Davenport. He was in C Co. 3rd Eng. Bn. MOS 05729. Hayden was KIA on July 20, 1950. Please contact Nicole. Her email is: sungirl188@hotmail.com.

Carl Butzier's daughter Janis is looking for anyone who served with him in Co. K. 34th. Carl was wounded in action May 6, 1945 while serving in the Philippines. Please email Janice at: jb@wcnet.org

Charles Garrett is looking for anyone who served with L. Co. 34th or G. Co. 21st in Korea 1950-'51.

Lloyd T. Potterton, 84, wants to know if there is anyone out there from E. Co. 19th, who was with him when he was wounded on Leyte on October 26, 1944. If you served with Lloyd, or knew him during his year in the hospital please contact him at his home, 222 Balsam Street, Spooner, WI 54801.

Norman Smith would like to hear from anyone of the group that served with E. Co. 19th from summer 1951 'till October 20 of '51. Write to "Smitty" at: 4375 Sweet Owen Rd. Overton KY 40359-8821.

Elizabeth is looking for information about, and for anyone who knew her Great Uncle PVT William (Billy) E. Rowe. Billy was KIA 16 July 1950 while fighting with A. Co. 19th, at the Kum River. Please contact Elizabeth at: ebeths_2000@hotmail.com

BTRY A 26 AAA.AW.BN.SP JAPAN & KOREA. 1949 to 1952
MOUNT, PLEASANT, SC SEPT-23-24-25-26
Contact JIM HIRD, 2002 N-CHIPMAN. RD. OWOSSO. MICH
48867 PH (989-723-2181) E-MAIL (jimndot@chartermi.net)

A correction on Joseph Wilson's address in the Feb. 2002 Taro Leaf.
Joe lives in South Carolina. SC

Geeni





SCRIPT.. STAN HELSETH, LOOKING FOR BUDDIES FROM THE 19TH. I SERVED IN KOREA FROM JULY 1951 TO JANUARY 1952 WHEN TRANSFERRED TO JAPAN WITH THE UNIT. THEN TRANSFERRED BACK TO KOREA IN APRIL OR MAY AND ASSIGNED TO THE 25TH DIVISION. I AM THIRD FROM THE RIGHT IN PHOTO. MY E-MAIL IS: standona@msn.com



On Nov. 11, 2001 Veterans Day ,The Golden Corral Restaurants gave a Free Dinner to all U.S.Veterans of the Northern Kentucky and Grater Cincinnati, Ohio area , On Nov. 21, 2001a group veterans Presented the Manger and Staff Certificate for Outstanding Achievement in Recognize the Veterans on Veterans Day. William (Bill) Kems

Worst Cover-Up

From *Newsday* (New York)

The State Bar of Wisconsin has forced sculptor David Wanner to put a shirt on his statue of a topless woman symbolizing justice. One of the association's committees commissioned Wanner to sculpt the classical figure of "Lady Justice." Even though his topless clay model had been approved, employees complained.

Next on the committee's agenda: Should legal briefs be lengthened?

24th Infantry Division Association
Annual Reunion Registration and Reunion Form
September 18 – 21, 2002

Make checks payable to: Twenty Fourth Infantry Division Association

Mail to:

Johnny M. Rodriguez
Rosendale PO Box 3464
Kansas City MO 66103

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of Sponsor: _____ Guests: _____

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ID Badge Information: Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ First timer? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Served with: Company/Battery \_\_\_\_\_ Reg/Unit \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee: Member Only** **\$15.00**

**Tour Fee: Per Person:**                      Number Attending: ####                      Total amount: **\$\$\$\$**

**Wednesday, September 18, 2002**

**Leavenworth and Weston Tour**

( 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM)

**\$ 41.00 per. person**

**Thursday, September 19, 2002**

**Fort Riley Kansas Tour**

Tour Sponsored by Maj. Gen. T.F. Metz

( 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM)

**\$20.00 Includes Transportation  
and Lunch**

**Friday, September 20, 2002**

**Kansas City Sights Tour**

(9:00 AM to 2:00 PM)

**\$ 40.00 per. person**

**Aloha Banquet**

(6:30 PM to \_\_\_\_\_)

**\$ 29.00 per. person**



**Saturday, September 21, 2002**

**Men's Breakfast**

(8:00 AM)

**Ladies Breakfast**

(9:00 AM)

**\$15.00 per. person**

**Independence/Truman Library**

(9:00 AM to 2:00 PM)

**\$ 42.00 per. person**

**24<sup>th</sup> IDA Business Meeting**

(Active Members)

(10:00 AM)

**Memorial Dinner**

(6:30 to \_\_\_\_\_)

**29.00 per. person**

**Total Charges**

**\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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Johnny Rodriguez is requesting your help. If you have any time that you can volunteer, please fill in the request and send it in with your registration. Thank You.

September 18-21, 2002

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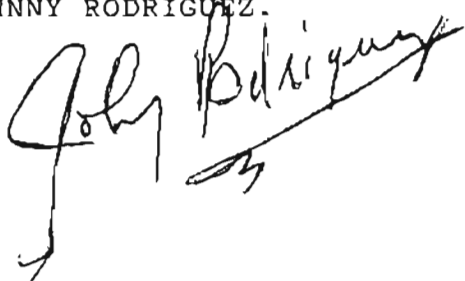
OPTIONS:

Anytime

Forget me,  
maybe next year.

Please circle and send in with your registration.  
Thanking you in advance.

JOHNNY RODRIGUEZ.





**WELCOME TO ADAM'S MARK HOTEL  
KANSAS CITY, MO**

**24<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
18 September to 22 September 2002**

Room Rate Single/Double Occupancy: \$75.00

PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING ACCOMMODATIONS

Single Queen\_\_\_ Double/Double\_\_\_ King\_\_\_ Number of Persons\_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL REQUESTS;**

Smoking \_\_\_ Non-smoking\_\_\_ Connection Room\_\_\_ ADA Room\_\_\_ Hearing Impaired\_\_\_

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

CUTOFF DATE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS AUGUST 19, 2002.

The discounted room rate will be extended 3 days prior and 3 days after your reunion.

Date of Arrival\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Nights\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Departure \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival by:\_\_\_\_\_

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MAIL THIS FORM TO; Adams Mark Hotel, I-70 at the Blue Ridge Cutoff, 9103 E 39<sup>th</sup> St., Kansas City, MO  
64133

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



*Dinner Specialty Prepared  
For  
24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association  
Minimum 350 People*

**ALOHA BANQUET**

**STARTERS:**

*Garden Green Salad*

**CHOICE NO. 1:**

*Midwest Pot Roast  
Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
Seasonal Vegetables  
Dinner Rolls and Butter*

**CHOICE NO. 2:**

*Chicken Roulade  
Rice  
Seasonal Vegetables  
Dinner Rolls and Butter*

**BEVERAGE:**

*Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Tea and Water Service*

**DESSERT:**

*Pie Al a Mode*

*Dinner Specialty Prepared  
For  
24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association  
Minimum 350 People*

**MEMORIAL BANQUET**

**STARTERS:**

*Garden Green Salad*

**CHOICE NO. 1:**

*Medallions of Smoked Pork  
Roasted Potatoes  
Seasonal Vegetables  
Dinner Rolls and Butter*

**CHOICE NO. 2:**

*Trout Almondine  
Wild Rice Pilaf  
Seasonal Vegetables  
Dinner Rolls and Butter*

**BEVERAGE:**

*Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Tea and Water Service*

**DESSERT:**

*Choice of: White or Dark Chocolate Mousse*

**Kansas City, MO**



***Ladies Breakfast***

***Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>  
9:00am***



**Choice of Chilled Juice, Fresh Fruit Cup, Orange or Grapefruit Segments with Toasted Coconut**

**Scrambled Eggs, Bacon or Sausage, and Breakfast Potatoes**



### Ladies Breakfast

Have you ever thought that going to our Saturday morning breakfast would be more inviting if we didn't have to get up an hour early to get dressed? Simple solution, wear your pajamas. Oh, don't want to do your hair? Wear a crazy hat, a fancy hat, an antique hat or a lampshade if it suits your style.

It has been suggested that we have wear pajamas, or maybe an interesting hat. How about a sing along and/or whatever you happen to think will make fun breakfast. I'm laughing now just thinking about the men saying, "You're going to wear what? Right now my mind is on a gray fleece robe that is *at least* 20 years old. Rather dress in silk and lace or maybe a caftan? You'll look great. Now that we are all dressed up, we need to have some fun. Look around your house, there has to be something there that you really want to get rid of. No, no, no not your husband. Bring along something that you can't quite throw away but don't want to keep. We will find your white elephant a new home.

On a serious note, we do need donations for the drawing on Saturday evening and door prizes for our breakfast meeting. If you are crafty, or if you are a great, "Got this for nothing shopper," your donation will be appreciated and enjoyed by the lucky winner. We're off to a good start. Fran Wittman, you've probably met Franie at the Quartermaster sales table, is making an afghan with matching pillow. Franie donates a set nearly every year and I always want to take it home with me, maybe this year. John Walls has sent a Veterans Memories clock. These clocks are hand crafted by John and very well done. You will want to win this one. We will need lots of help. See you in September.

Minie

(Billy's wife)



24th Infantry Division Association  
General Membership Meeting.  
(Parlimenarian Needed)



## ATTENTION

### 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 34<sup>th</sup> INF & 3<sup>rd</sup> ENG & ALL ARTILLERY & MISCELLANEOUS UNITS

Your annual breakfast will be held Saturday, September 21, 2002, 8:00 A.M. at the Adams Mark. The rooms where each breakfast will be served will be posted at the registration tables. The cost for each breakfast is \$15.00. Since the 24th Infantry Division Association Annual Meeting follows at 10:00 a.m., it is requested that attendees at the Memorial Breakfast be punctual so that we may conduct our business, eat our breakfast and adjourn to the Association Meeting at 10:00 A.M.

#### Breakfast Menu

Choice of Orange or Grapefruit Juice, Homemade Biscuits, Butter and Preserves, Fluffy Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Home Fried Potatoes, Coffee, Tea & De-Caf.

Please mail your registration & check to the chairman of your Unit listed below

#### **19<sup>th</sup> Infantry - Mail Registration To:**

Joe Sweeney  
P.O. Box 5067  
Dellslow, WV 26531  
304-292-7266

**\*Make checks payable to:**

**Joe Sweeney**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Engineers - Mail Registration To:**

Daniel J. Rickert  
P.O. Box 720418  
Pinons Hills, CA 92371-0418  
760-868-6634

**\*Make checks payable to:**

**Daniel J. Rickert**

#### **21<sup>st</sup> Infantry - Mail Registration To:**

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

**\*Make checks payable to:**

**Harry Wittman**

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

Max L. Pitney  
17500 West 119th St., Apt. #3113  
Olathe, KS 66061  
913-541-0289

**\*Make checks payable to:**

**Max Pitney**

#### **34<sup>th</sup> Infantry - Mail Registration To:**

William J. McKenna  
970 Neilson Street  
Albany, CA 94706  
510-525-7902

**\*Make checks payable to:**

**William J. McKenna**

#### **Miscellaneous Units - Mail Registration To:**

Robert Lawhon  
49 Township Road 88, #1152  
Proctorville, OH 45669-9067  
740-886-6935

**\*Make checks payable to:**

**Robert Lawhon**

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_

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

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Cost of breakfast \$15.00 each)



## **FT. LEAVENWORTH AND WESTON TOUR**

**Wednesday, September 18, 2002**

**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

Today guests will visit Fort Leavenworth, rich in history and colorful past important in the development of the west. Today, Fort Leavenworth serves as the site of the Command and General Staff College and also is the location of a large disciplinary barracks but it once served as an outpost on the frontier. It's cavalry regiments served as protection for those trading on the Santa Fe Trail and the post supplied many pioneers as they began their journey to the Northwest Territory. Many of the early fort buildings remain and serve as a reminder of the many well-known Army Generals that once were stationed at Fort Leavenworth.

The first stop on today's tour will be the Frontier Army Museum. Here guests will see a large collection of pioneer vehicles as well as military memorabilia. On the driving tour of the old fort guests will see the oldest building in Kansas, the Sutler's Home, the Memorial Chapel the Syracuse Houses and the Buffalo Soldier Monument, just a few of the historic sites that remain.

A short drive from Fort Leavenworth is the lovely town of Weston. Here guests will enjoy a delightful lunch at the Avalon Restaurant housed in a restored 19<sup>th</sup> century home. The Avalon offers a welcoming atmosphere and a delicious meal.

### **MENU**

**Grilled Pork Tenderloin with Dijon Sauce\*Glazed Carrots  
Braised Red Cabbage\*Zucchini Compote\*Sautéed New Potatoes  
Peach Cobbler with Cinnamon Cream\*Rolls\*Coffee/Tea**

Following lunch, tour guests will have the opportunity to explore the many antique stores, collectable and craft stores and specialty gift shops that line the main street of the town. Before departing for home, a short driving tour of this unique town is a must.

### **THIS TOUR INCLUDES:**

- ❖ **MOTORCOACH TRANSPORTATION**
- ❖ **SELF GUIDED TOUR OF THE FRONTIER ARMY MUSEUM**
- ❖ **DRIVING TOUR OF FORT LEAVENWORTH**
- ❖ **LUNCH AT AVALON RESTAURANT**
- ❖ **SHOPPING TIME IN WESTON**
- ❖ **PROFESSIONAL TOUR GUIDE**
- ❖ **VINYARD ARRANGEMENT FEE**

**COST OF THIS 6 HOUR TOUR IS \$41.00 PER PERSON**

**Based on a minimum of 30 participants per motorcoach**



**KANSAS CITY SIGHTS WITH HALLMARK VISITORS CENTER  
AND LUNCH**

**Friday, September 20, 2002  
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

Kansas City is known as the “City of Fountains” and on this tour guests will see fountains of every size and shape as they drive through the city. Visitors will be surprised and delighted at this thriving metropolitan city, the revitalized downtown area with it’s soon to be completed government square, Quality Hill with it’s lovely renovated residential area, the River Market with it’s active market selling everything from apples to watches, the Historic Westport, the outstanding Crown Center area and the lovely Country Club Plaza are just a few of the sights you will see.

The history of this city starts with the 18<sup>th</sup> century Indian traders and continues to the modern day Internet traders. An interesting blend of the old and the new will greet you as you drive along the beautiful boulevards with their landscaped parks and gardens. Kansas City is truly a welcoming place that will convince you that it is really up to date!

The tour of the Hallmark Visitors Center begins in the foyer at the “Four Seasons” mural. Artisans and craftsmen of the Hallmark Company created this mural. Visitors will be guided through the development of the greeting card company and see displays of the many cards produced through the years. You will see several manufacturing processes, distribution methods, advertising and retailing methods used by the company. A short film will be shown detailing how company artists develop their creative skill that produce the products presented by Hallmark Card Company. A truly interesting tour of the largest greeting card company in this country started with a shoebox of postcards in 1910.

Lunch will be at the Union Café located in the recently restored Union Station. This elegantly built structure of the early 1900’s reflects a grand style of construction noted for that time. The Grand Hall is 300 feet in size and the ceiling is 95 feet high. The Station has been carefully and beautifully restored to its original grandeur.

**MENU**

**Chicken Breast with Lemon Garlic Sauce\*German Potato Salad  
Seasonal Fruit Garnish\*Assorted Cookies\*Coffee/Tea**

**THIS TOUR INCLUDES:**

- ❖ **MOTORCOACH TRANSPORTATION**
- ❖ **LUNCH AT THE UNION CAFÉ**
- ❖ **TOUR OF THE HALLMARK VISITORS CENTER**
- ❖ **DRIVING TOUR OF KANSAS CITY**
- ❖ **PROFESSIONAL TOUR GUIDE**
- ❖ **VINYARD ARRANGEMENT FEE**

**COST OF THIS 5 HOUR TOUR IS \$40.00 PER PERSON**

**Based on a minimum of 30 participants per motorcoach**



## **INDEPENDENCE WITH THE TRUMAN LIBRARY AND LUNCH**

**Saturday, September 21, 2002**

**9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

This tour begins with a driving tour of Independence, home of our 33<sup>rd</sup> President, Harry S. Truman. The tour will cover such highlights as the churches associated with the Truman family, the famous Independence Square, the Truman Home and the landmark sites of the Community of Christ formally known as the RLDS.

The first stop will be at the Truman Library and Museum. Here guests will see the impressive Thomas Hart Benton mural, "*Independence and the Opening of the West*", the replica of the Oval Office and exhibits featuring Mr. Truman's work in local government as well as a look at the many accomplishments achieved while President. The newly renovated Library allows guests to experience the many global and domestic decisions made during the nearly eight years Mr. Truman served as the President of the United States.

Lunch will be served at the award-winning Stephenson's Apple Farm Restaurant, a favorite of locals and visitors alike. The restaurant specializes in smoked meats, apple fritters, apple butter and fresh baked apple pie. Stephenson's offers a lunch that is sure to please everyone.

### **MENU**

**Green Salad\*Smoked Chicken\*Green Rice Casserole  
Apple Fritters\*Rolls\*Fresh Apple Pie\*Coffee/Tea**

### **THIS TOUR INCLUDES:**

- ❖ **MOTORCOACH TRANSPORTATION**
- ❖ **TOUR OF THE TRUMAN LIBRARY**
- ❖ **DRIVING TOUR OF INDEPENDENCE**
- ❖ **LUNCH AT STEPHENSON'S APPLE FARM RESTAURANT**
- ❖ **PROFESSIONAL TOUR GUIDE**
- ❖ **VINYARD ARRANGEMENT FEE**

**COST OF THIS 5 HOUR TOUR IS \$42.00 PER PERSON**

**Based on a minimum of 30 participants per motorcoach.**



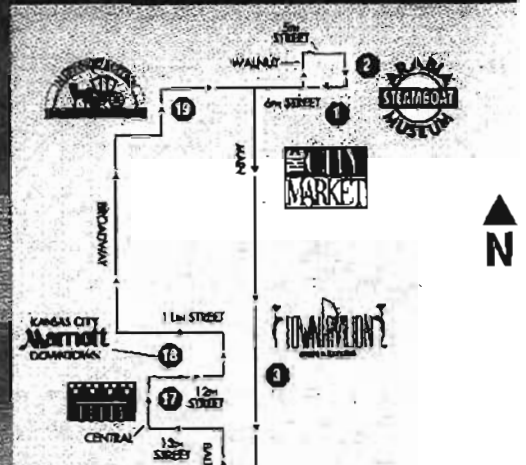
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Tour Length: 2 hours • UNLIMITED DAILY REBOARDING • Adults Fare (13 & up) \$7 • Children's Fare (6-12) \$4 • Children 5 and under ride free. Limit 2 children per paid adult

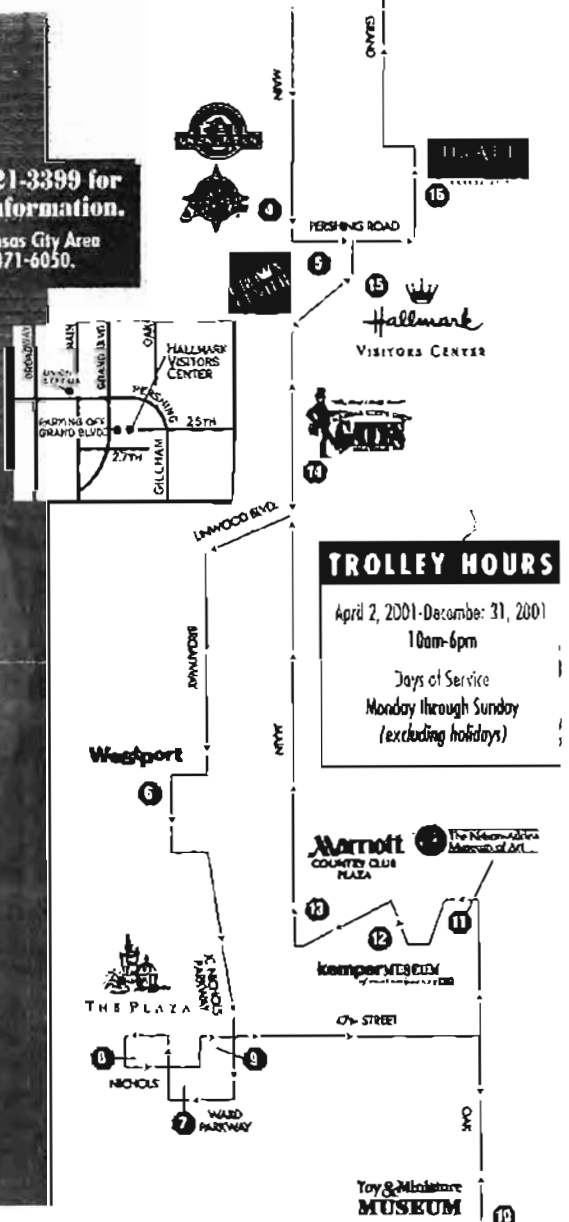
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## The Timely Lesson from Russia

The horror of Russia was as necessary for the world's education as the horror of Germany.

Mankind learns its lessons expensively, with infinite waste.

It could learn the utter wickedness of kaiserism and sultanism only by such a war as this.

It could comprehend the necessity of the United States of the World only by spending millions of lives and billions of dollars. No persuasion of reason, no tutelage of peace, could convince humanity of its essential Oneness. The idea had to be blasted in.

And to get its real lesson in Democracy the human race needed the orgy of Bolshevism quite as much as it needed the madness of Prussianism.

For both have the same truth.

And that truth is that GOVERNMENT BY CLASS IS EVIL AND ONLY EVIL.

Germany's outbreak and its eventual collapse will show the crime in all its hideousness, of government by a so-called upper class.

Russia's red riot, its plunge into tyranny, assassination, famine, and bankruptcy, will show the crime of government by the so-called lower class.

Democracy is as much opposed to one as the other.

Democracy faces both ways.

It opposes tyranny by the Proletariat as firmly as it opposes a tyranny by the Aristocrat.

It stands for government of the people, by the people, for the people.

It has a place for every man; for the scholar, the clerk, the poet, and for the bricklayer, the farmer and the engineer.

To say that the welfare of a nation depends upon those who labor with their hands is as much nonsense as to say it depends on its lords and gentlemen.

It depends upon ALL.

Democracy means unity. It means Cooperation, Organization, Mutual Interdependence.

And lest the world, which likes to go to extremes, should imagine, in winning this war against its autocratic marauders, that Government by Kaisers, Kings, and Sultans is its only enemy, and that we shall have peace forever when they are overthrown, it had to be shown, in the lurid page of Russia, that Government by a tyrannical Proletariat is every whit as dangerous.

The one great everlasting stubborn and diabolical enemy of Democracy is CLASS, in whatever guise.

*Dr. Frank Crane - 1919*



"If Ducks Could Hunt"



## TARO LEAF TAPS

### When I leave don't weep for me

Pass the wine around and remember  
How my laughing pleased you  
Look at one another, smiling,  
And don't forget about touching.  
Sing the songs that I loved best  
And dance one time all together.  
As for me, I'll be off, running  
Somewhere on the beach, and I'll fly  
To the top of the tree I always meant to  
climb,  
When you're ready, I'll be there-  
Waiting for you  
Take your time.

(Verse taken from memorial card of Dr. William S. Weber)

#### **19<sup>th</sup>**

Carl Harmeyer  
JohN P. Houlihan  
Robert B. Schafer  
W. Clarence Sisley  
Herbert O. Thompson

#### **21<sup>st</sup>**

Malcom D. Aitken  
Alexander M. Boysen  
Patrick Clinton  
Lorenz Franz  
Lee S. Henry  
Harry J. Maihafer  
Robert C. Young

#### **34<sup>th</sup>**

Bert Cameron  
Harold Cockrell  
William H Dodson  
Bill Hartman  
Alfred Lev

#### **34<sup>th</sup> Armor**

Clifton Decklar  
Bobby L. Newman  
Oscar Perez-Jimenez

#### **632<sup>nd</sup> Tank**

Michael J. Fojtik

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Med. Bn.**

Ray Cash

#### **HQ**

William S Webber

#### **11<sup>th</sup> FA**

Calvin James

#### **13<sup>th</sup> FA**

Ben M. Lea  
Elmer E. Millsapps

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“Poor is the nation that has no heros,  
but beggard is the nation that has,  
and forgets them.”

(Lincoln)



## **TARO LEAF TAPS**

### **19<sup>th</sup> INF**

#### **Carl H. Harmeyer**

Carl died at his home in Dillsboro, IN on Tuesday, November 20, 2001. He was 81 years old. A veteran of WW11, Carl was twice wounded while serving with the 24<sup>th</sup> on Mindanao, in the Philippines. Military graveside services were conducted by the Northcutt Laaker Post # 292.

Memorials may be sent to: Dillsboro United Methodist Church, DAV Chapter #75 or Hospice of South Eastern Indiana.

#### **John P. Houlihan**

John Houlihan's daughter recently contacted the Taro Leaf looking for military friends of her father. John, a veteran of the Korean War, died on June 17, 1979 from injuries suffered in an auto accident in Evansville, IN. He was 49 years old. John is survived by his wife, three daughters, two grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. John is inurned at Arlington National Cemetery. John's daughter, Bernadette, who has become an Associate member of the 24<sup>th</sup> IDA since her search began, can be reached at: 711 Shore Road, #5-0, Long Beach, NY 11561

#### **Robert B. Shafer**

Robert died November 17, 1999. He was with the 19<sup>th</sup> from 12-46 to 12-47.

Cards may be sent to: 4723 SW 17<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Topeka, KS 66604-3513.

#### **W. Clarence Sisley**

Clarence served in the Pacific as a medic. He was in service from February '41 until August '45.

Clarence passed away January 16, 2000. He was 82 years old.

Cards may be sent to: 2509 West Calle Tonalá, Tucson, AZ 85745-2506.

#### **Herbert O. Thompson**

Herbert died suddenly on Wednesday, February 27, 2002. He served with Fox Co. Taken prisoner in January 1950 Herbert was released the same year. He was Commander of Moundbuilder Chapter American Ex-Prisoners of War, as well as several other military organizations. Herbert is survived by his widow Patricia as one daughter, Karen. Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery, March 24, 2002

Cards may be sent to: 1506 Blue Jay Road, Heath, OH 43056-1771

### **21<sup>st</sup> INF**

#### **Malcom D. Aitken**

We received notice that Malcom, who was a life member, has passed away. We have no other information at this time.

Cards may be sent to: PO Box 13644, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96151-3644

#### **Alexander M. Boysen**

Colonel Boysen, US Army Retired, was promoted to Glory on 25 March 2002. Doctor Boysen, Battalion Surgeon of the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. 21/24 joined the unit on 6 July, 1950. He was captured on 12 July 1950 and released on 5 September 1953. During his long captivity Dr. Boysen (Captain) cared for his men as best he could, including surgery. He operated on one man and removed his appendix without the aid of anesthetic. His only instrument was a pocket knife. Retiring in 1973, he became the Director of Health Services for Bemidji State University in MN. Colonel Boysen was an Eagle Scout. The men, now called the Tiger Survivors owe a debt of gratitude to Doc Boysen. He was greatly responsible for their survival. No address available at this time.



## **TARO LEAF TAPS**

### **Patrick H. Clinton**

A letter from his wife Bernice has let us know that Patrick, a life member, passed away October 1, 2001. He was a faithful member of the Association since 1982. Patrick never missed a reunion until last year when failing health kept him from traveling to Virginia. No other information is available at this time.

Cards may be sent to: 5826 West 8<sup>th</sup> street, Tulsa Ok 74127

### **Lorenz E. "Prof" Franz**

Prof, a veteran of the battles of Goodenough Island, Hollandia, New Guinea, Mindeano, Philippines, Okinawa and Japan passed away on March 10, 2002. He was 93 years old. Words from his son Kurt, *"My dad was fully alert mentally, witty until the end, kidding with everyone and incredibly wise..."*

Cards may be sent to: 53 West State Street, Dolgeville, NY 13329

### **Lee S. Henry**

Lee served with D Company. He passed away on 29 January 2002.

Cards may be sent to: 27 Deerfield Road, Hilton Head SC 29926

### **Harry J. Maihafer**

Harry's advice to his daughter was to have three careers, one for service, one to make a fortune and one for enjoyment. He was a US Army Colonel, who served in Korea, a bank employee and writer of seven books. He graduated from West Point in 1949. Col Maihafer, 72, died in his home in Nashville on 26 January 2002. Col. Maihafer is survived by Jeanne, his wife of 52 years, three daughters and seven grandchildren. No address is available at this time.

### **Robert C. Young**

Robert passed away 1 November 2001 at the age of 79. He was a veteran of WW11.

Cards may be sent to: 19 Carver Road, Plymouth, MA 02360

## **34<sup>th</sup> INF**

### **Donald B. Cameron**

Doctor Cameron has passed away. Ben Wahle writes; I first met Doc. Cameron when I joined the 34<sup>th</sup> at Schofield Barracks in September 1942. A devoted medic, he was well liked by all who knew him. A lot of warriors made it home because of his medical expertise. Many a G.I. learned early that they could not "Ride the sick book" without due cause. We will miss Doc. and his dry humor.

Cards may be sent to: 451 Rosebury Ct., Cleveland, OH 44124-3621

### **Harold B. Cockrell**

Harold died Friday December 14, 2002. He was 87 years old. A veteran of Pearl Harbor, WW11, he spent his last years in Greer, SC. Harold was a member of the Retired Officers Association, 24<sup>th</sup> IDA, Masons, Sojourners, Scottish Rite and Shrine Clubs.

Cards may be sent to: 124 Oxford Street, Greenville, SC 29607

### **William H. Dodson**

Bill's wife sent word that he passed away on 13 September 2001. Bill, a life member served in Korea in the early 50's and later served with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne. His last few years were spent in Florida.

Cards may be sent to: 230 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, FL 33947-2149



## **TARO LEAF TAPS**

### **William E. Hartman**

SSgt. Bill Hartman a former member of the 34 has passed away. While with the 34<sup>th</sup>, Bill volunteered to drive a vehicle loaded with water and blood plasma to Topside, and return the wounded to the beach. No further information is available at this time.

### **Alfred Lev**

Alfred, a life member of the Association passed away 27 August 2001. Alfred served with G Co. Cards may be sent to: 28555 Commercial Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale FL 33309-2900

### **34<sup>th</sup> Armor**

#### **Clifton J. Deckler**

Sgt. Deckler, 22, was killed in a training accident at the National Training Center in California on 29 March 2002. Clifton had been in the army since January 1988. His home was in Shelton, Washington.

#### **Bobby L. Newton**

Spc. Newton came into the Army in November 1997. Bobby, 27, went to Fort Riley in May 2001. He was one of three men killed in a training accident on 29 March 2002. The accident occurred at the National Training Center in California. Bobby was from New Orleans, LA

#### **Oscar Perez-Jimenez**

Oscar had been in the Army since July 2001. He was 19 years old. Oscar was one of three soldiers killed in a training accident at the National Training Center on March 29, 2002.

He was stationed at Fort Riley, KS since January 2002. Oscars home was in West Covina, CA.

### **632 Tank Destroyer**

#### **Michael J. Fotjik**

Michael's sister Margaret wrote to tell us that he passed away 13 January 2002. He served in Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines.

Cards may be sent to: 2007 Arlington Avenue, Racine, WI 53403

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Med. Bn.**

#### **Ray Cash**

Ray served from October 1943 to January 1946. He was with K. Company.

Cards may be sent to: Columbus Avenue West, Vernon, AL, 35592

### **HQ**

#### **William S. Weber**

Dr. Weber 71, of Rice Lake WI died Sunday, February 13, 2002. After his time discharge, he attended medical school and earned a Dr. of Chiropractic Degree.

Cards may be sent to: 134 West Knapp Street, Rice Lake, WI 54868-1605



## TAPS

### 11<sup>th</sup> FA

#### **Calvin James**

Services for Calvin were held 16 February 2002 in Jewell, KS.

Cards may be sent to: 315 Pearl Street or to PO Box 407, Jewell, KS 66949-0407

### 13<sup>th</sup> FA

#### **Ben M. Lea**

Ben, a life member of the Association, has passed away in Eugene, Oregon.

Cards may be sent to: 2065 Tarpon Street, Eugene OR 97401-7241

#### **Elmer E. Millsapps**

Elmer passed away on 4 May 2001.

Cards may be sent to: 2317 Old Whites Mill Road, Maryville TN 37803-4324

## **TARO LEAF TAPS**

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### 19<sup>th</sup> INF

Willis L. Chilcote  
Floyd N. Mayhew  
Donald C. Phillips  
D.O. Shambley  
Dale W. Siebenmark

### 34<sup>th</sup> Armor

Clifton Deckler  
Bobby L. Newman  
Oscar Perez-Jimenez

### 724<sup>th</sup>

Richard C. Lavery

I just received the February issue of Taro Leaf. My father, Capt. Willis L. Chilcote served in the 24th, 11th FA, B battery in the Pacific in WWII. He received several decorations and was loved by his men, and respected by his superiors. I do not know whether he was a life member or annual member of your association. Considering his love and pride for it, and my parents dedication to the 11th's reunions every year, I'm guessing he was a life member.

I would like to let you know that my mother passed away on 9/7/01, and my father passed away on 1/9/02. They were both 82. They lived in St Louis, MO. I miss them dearly. Your publication is currently being sent to my father's Trust. I would greatly appreciate your carrying my parents passing in the "Taro Leaf Taps" in your next issue.

Thank You

Cards may be sent to: 150 N. Meramec Ave., St. Louis MO 63105-3779



*Behind every  
Purple Heart  
is a heart  
of Gold.*



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### SOLDIERS REMEMBERED

A memorial ceremony was held April 2 at Fort Irwin, Calif., and a Memorial Service was held Thursday here for the three soldiers killed in a training accident March 29.

Dead are Sgt. Clifton J. Decklar, Spc. Bobby L. Newton and Pvt.2 Oscar Perez-Jimenez. All were assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor as indirect fire infantrymen. They were deployed from Fort Riley, Kan., to the National Training Center.

Injured in the accident was Pfc. Jamie Weare from Indianapolis, Ind. He also is assigned to HHC, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor. He was treated and released.

The soldiers were killed when a 120mm mortar round exploded during a live-fire exercise while being fired from an M-1064 Mortar Carrier. The soldiers who died were inside the track vehicle when the explosion occurred.

Decklar, 22, entered the Army in January 1998. He had been at Fort Riley since June 1998. He was from Shelton, Wash.

Newton, 27, came into the Army in November 1997. He came to Fort Riley in May 2001. He is from New Orleans, La.

Perez-Jimenez, 19, came into the Army in July 2001. He has been at Fort Riley since January 2002. He is from West Covina, Calif.

The soldiers were taking part in a training exercise with the 1st Brigade based out of Fort Riley. The brigade deployed about 3,500 soldiers to the NTC, located at Fort Irwin, Calif., in February. The brigade will return by mid-April.

The accident is under investigation, officials said. The lead agency in the investigation is the Fort Riley Safety Office. Officials are assisting from the National Training Center Safety Office and the United States Army Safety Center out of Fort Rucker, Ala.



## TARO LEAF TAPS

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### 724<sup>th</sup> Tank

#### Richard C Laverty

Richard was with the 724<sup>th</sup>. We have no further information at this time.  
Cards may be sent to: 10546 Stonebridge Blvd., Boca Raton FL 33498



#### **MAYHEW, FLOYD NELSON-**

Floyd Nelson Mayhew, age 87 of Lawrenceville, died Monday, September 17, 2001. A native of Bedford, Virginia, Mr. Mayhew was a retired U. S. Army Veteran after 30 years of service as First Sergeant/E8, Pearl Harbor Survivor, retired from Mountain Ranger Camp, Dahlonaga in December 1967. Mr. Mayhew was a Mason for 50 years and was of the Baptist faith. He is survived by his wife of 56 years: Ruby Mayhew, Lawrenceville; Son: David Jerry McCoy, Alabama; Sisters: Edna Walker, and Virgie Ayers, Virginia; 7 Grandchildren, 12 Great Grandchildren. There will be no services. Tim Stewart Funeral Home, Lawrenceville Chapel. 770-962-3100.

Cards may be sent to: Box 2656 29 Hwy. S.  
Lawrenceville GA 30044-4428

4-05-02

Enclosed is my check for \$300 for the annual drawing of the 24<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div. Assn. I am sorry to advise you that Dale died in January so you can remove his name from your roster. He enjoyed his membership in your assn. very much and I'm sure he's renewing friendships with his 24<sup>th</sup> buddies in Heaven!

Sincerely,

Geeth Fickenscher

Cards may be sent to: 9874 Community Hall Rd.,  
Union Pier, MI 49129-9304





## TARO LEAF TAPS

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Dear Sirs;

I regret to inform you that Life Member (1142) Donald C. Phillips passed away June 29, 2001 after a six month battle with lung cancer.

As you know he was a member of the 19th Regt, 24th Div.. He served in Korea in the 5th R.C.T (1953-55).

Dad was proud of his membership, so I felt it my duty to inform you.

Best Wishes,  
Brian Phillips  
4900 Springtime  
Muskegon, MI 49442  
(231) 788-6135

**Subject:** TAPS O.D.Shambley

Dutch, Received tel call last night that O.D.Shambley passed away last night (Sunday, April 15th) in Mt. Ida, Arkansas from lung cancer. O.D. and I served as machine gunners in H Co. 19th Infantry from July 1951 to Dec 1952 in Korea and Japan. He was WIA in October '51 near Kumsong. He also was one of the subjects mentioned in the article on page 11 of the Feb 2002 edition of Taro Leaf. I'm happy that I was able to reunite him w/Smith after 50 years and before he died. He is survived by his wife Faye and children. Home address is Shambley Lane, Mt Ida, AR 71957. Joe O'Connell

PS O.D. are not initials as he has no full names. (A good ole boy to the end)



Dear Mrs.

I am in receipt of your letter. I am writing to express my deepest apologies to you. I want to let you know that there was certainly no disrespect meant to you, or to your husband by the brief TAPS notice in the February Taro Leaf. The magazine was ready to go to the printer when an Email came from a member who was very fond of you and your husband.

I had to make the decision whether to use the small amount of information available to me at the time, or to wait. I could let your friends know of your loss, and give you and them the opportunity to share the grief of losing some you all loved. I thought you would need them immediately. I could have waited until the May issue. By this time you would have had three more months to wait for friends to call.

Certainly there are many friends in your immediate circle; I do not mean to imply that you are alone. Still, to those who have not kept in day to day contact, it would have been a long wait for you, and for them.

I trust that you will accept my apology.

Most Sincerely,



Billy Johnson  
President 24<sup>th</sup> IDA  
Editor Taro Leaf

Sent in by Gimlet Goldy Notron  
Goldy wrote this just before we THE BIG SIX  
headed North.

Many's the timee she's saved our necks  
He really plays it cool  
They drove us back from Chochiwon  
But he'll lead us back thru Seoul.

When the going is really getting rough  
He's right up there on the line  
With mortars and shells dropping all around  
He's singing "Sweet Adeline."

His name is Colonel Stephens  
He's a fighting son of a gun  
You'd think that while he's at the front  
He's having a barrel of fun.

He's the leader of theGimlets  
The best in the 24th  
He made his stands while moving south  
But wait till he starts north.

He liked and respected by all his men  
They'd follow him anywhere  
He doesn't look like he's very old  
Though he suffers from lack of hair.

But he sure doesn't suffer from lack of guts  
His courage is "five by five"  
And all the Gimlets rpoudly state  
"He's the best "Old Man" alive!"

I never did  
give anybody hell.  
I just told the truth  
and they thought it was  
hell.

— Harry S. Truman



# **QUARTERMASTER 24TH IDA - SUPPLY PRICE LIST**

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| 13               | 21st Inf Crest                   | Current Issue \$10 Pr      | \$5.00           |
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| 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           |
| 19               | 34th Pocket Patch(Color)         |                            | \$5.00           |
| 20               | 11th FA Pocket Patch(Color)      |                            | \$5.00           |
| 21               | 13th FA Pocket Patch(Color)      |                            | \$5.00           |
| 22               | 24th Inf. Div. Crest             |                            | \$5.00           |
| 23               | 21st Inf Lapel Pin               |                            | \$5.00           |
| 24               | 34th Inf Lapel Pin               |                            | \$5.00           |
| 25               | CIB(1stAward)1-1346(Mini)        | Mini DRESS MESS            | \$5.00           |
| 26               | CIB(2ndAward)1-1347(Mini)        | Mini DRESS MESS            | \$6.50           |
| 27               | CIB Lapel Pin                    |                            | \$5.00           |
| 28               | 19th Cap Dark Blue/Crest         |                            | \$10.00          |
| 29               | 21st Cap White/Embroid/Crest     |                            | \$12.00          |
| 30               | 21st Cap Dark Blue/Embroidered   | Crest                      | \$12.00          |
| 31               | 34th Cap Dark Blue w/Crest       |                            | \$10.00          |
| 32               | 24 IDA Cap DarkBlue w/Patch      | On front, Poplin Twill     | \$10.00          |
| 33               | Cap, W/ TL, Red or White GERMANY |                            | \$12.00          |
| 34               | 24 IDA Red or White Caps         |                            | \$10.00          |
| 35               | 24 IDA Green Caps (Patch)        |                            | \$10.00          |
| 36               | 24th Inf Div White Mesh/Cap      |                            | \$10.00          |
| 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           |
| 42               | 24th Div. License Plate          |                            | \$4.00           |
| 43               | Desert Storm Cap - Black         |                            | \$12.00          |
| 44               | Desert Storm Hat Pin             |                            | \$3.00           |
| 45               | WW I I Veterans Cap              | Black w/CIB                | \$12.00          |
| 46               | Korean Veterans Cap              | Black w/CIB                | \$12.00          |
| 47               | Bumper Sticker-Proudly Served    | W/TL                       | \$3.00           |



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Subject: Services of the 34th RCT in the M-7 Operation.

To : Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, APO 24.

Thru : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343.

1. I desire to make a matter of record the services of the 34th RCT commanded by Colonel William W. Jenna during the M-7 Operation which has just been completed.

2. This organization came under my command just prior to sailing date from Leyte. Its instructions were to load so that it could debark on the beach and move rapidly to an objective a considerable distance away. This order was carried out to the letter and in a very aggressive manner. On the first day it secured Castillejos Pass about fourteen miles from its beachhead. The next day it pushed forward against scattered enemy resistance and secured Olongapo from which point it cleared out enemy detachments in the vicinity, thus enabling elements of the 32nd Division to pass through it toward Zigzag Pass. About three days later, when the 38th Division had run up against extremely stiff enemy resistance in the Zigzag Pass, the 34th RCT was passed through and made a very determined and fine attack which contributed greatly to the later success in securing the pass. After it was relieved from this duty, the regiment, less one battalion, worked well on security measures doing constant patrolling throughout the area assigned to it.

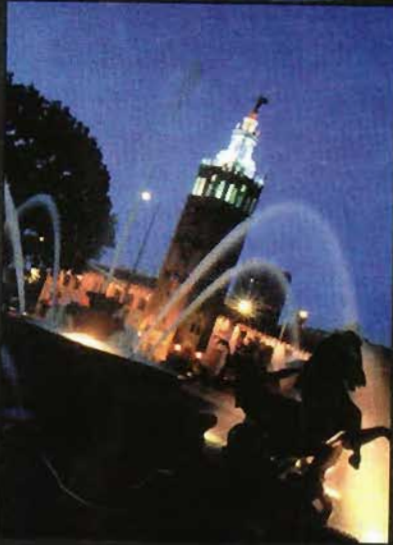
3. The Third Battalion, 34th Infantry, reinforced, made a difficult landing on Corregidor on D Day under most adverse conditions. The fine job which it did is being made the subject of a Presidential Citation, General MacArthur having cited the unit. The final citation must of course await Presidential confirmation.

4. The aggressive spirit and fine cooperation of the RCT throughout left nothing to be desired. The 24th Infantry Division is to be congratulated upon having within it a unit of this type.

/s/ C P Hall  
/t/ C. P. HALL,  
Major General, U S Army,  
Commanding.

Wilfred T. Jackson, 34<sup>th</sup> Inf. sent in this copy of his Commendation.  
The 34<sup>th</sup> has always been a great unit with great men.





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