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## ***The Pledge Of Allegiance***

*'I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands,  
one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all'*

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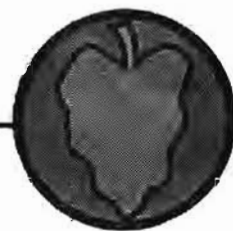
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# 24th Infantry Division Association



## The Prez Sez

August 2002

Fellow Taro Leafers,

We have had a great and rewarding year. This letter is my last chance to speak to all of you before we meet in Kansas City for our annual reunion. I want to thank everyone for the kind words and support you have given me through the year. It is indeed an honor to be the President of the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association. During the year I have had the privilege of understanding just what being a member of the 24<sup>th</sup> IDA really means. I have talked with and corresponded with warriors from our past to our future. As I told one of our members, I was still running around barefoot in the cotton fields when some of you were soldiers, and I was retired from the Army before a few of you learned to tie your shoes... Before WWII, there was Ben Wahle, 34<sup>th</sup>, Alex Bronsberg 3<sup>rd</sup> Eng., and Herbert R. Eiswich 21<sup>st</sup>, and the Newcomers, the after December 7, 1941 soldiers who left their homes and enlisted in the military services in response to the bombing of Pearl Harbor. There is Paul J. Cain, 34<sup>th</sup>, John Ragland, 21<sup>st</sup>, and from his station in Japan, Theodore F. Adair of the 19<sup>th</sup> Inf. From the Korean War came Harry Wittman, 21<sup>st</sup>, Bud Collette, 5<sup>th</sup> RCT and Shorty Estabrook who served with the 19<sup>th</sup>. Each a hero, each doing whatever was necessary to maintain the security of our country. Those soldiers who served in Germany, Charlie Atkinson, Harrison Baldwin and Joseph M. Caci, were all doing their part to keep us free. Next came the men and women of Desert Storm, new member Joyce M. Horan, 24<sup>th</sup> Sig., Dennis R. George 4/41 FA, and James Watkins 416<sup>th</sup> Tran. Kenneth Bransford, 7<sup>th</sup> Inf., Fort Stewart and Fort Riley soldiers, Tena Barletta, Div. HQ, Edward Bradsford, 19<sup>th</sup> Inf., Ian Larson, ADC and our 24<sup>th</sup> ID Commanding General, Major General Thomas F. Metz. From the beginning days of the 24<sup>th</sup> ID, to the present, our entire roster of members, are Warriors All.

If being in the 24<sup>th</sup> IDA or in the room with, rubbing elbows with the great members of the 24<sup>th</sup> doesn't make you proud and humble, nothing could. That's enough reason to come to a reunion, just to associate with a part the 2,900 plus wonderful men and women of the 24<sup>th</sup> IDA. No, you will not meet them all at one reunion, however; each reunion brings someone you haven't met before, or in some wonderful circumstances, a Buddie from the past.

Speaking of Warriors: To all Korean War Veterans who have not received the 50<sup>th</sup> Korean War Anniversary Medal, pictured in the spring issue of TL (page 32). If you wish to receive your medal, send me a COPY of your DD214. I am in contact with Mr. Eugene Chin Yu. He has said he will help us to get the medals for all of our qualified veterans who have not received one. Mr. Chin Yu plans to make a personal presentation to all those who are in KC for the 2002 reunion. I need to know the soonest... how many veterans we have who have not received the medal,...and how many will be in KC. Mr. Chin needs to know how many medals to bring with him. ACT NOW: Send a COPY of your DD214 ASAP.

**Tom Cochran** is arranging for a presentation in Clarksville, TN for members near that city. Tom's contact information is in Hear Ye.

We give our humble **Thanks** that Dutch Nelsen, Corky Peters and Harry Wittman came through their very serious surgeries, and are doing well.

### Can you top this?

The 24<sup>th</sup> Recon is on the move. SGM (Ret) John Baglama, life member 1398 has signed up ten (10) new members. His wife Eleanor is now a member, 2 daughters Julie Baglama and Jean Murray, 4 granddaughters Shauna and Kiley Baglama, Jennifer Mills and Tyler Baglama, 1 grandson Father Sean Murray, Church of the Sacred Heart, and 2 great-grandsons, Gavin and Nathan Batker.

Welcome to the **John Baglama** Family.

Is this a great Association? You bet it is!

Now come on out to KC and let's have some fun. Johnny says he is ready for us.

Billy Johnson  
President  
2001-2002



WAIT!

WAIT!

Just wait!

For about nine out of ten of life's tangles are best solved by waiting.

The greatest healer in the world is time.

Time is the eternal mother, who knits and darns and weaves away forever fixing up her children's patches.

It is time that covers the gnarled tree with lichens, and the old wall with ivy; brings the green grass and daisies to flourish above the graves; closes the wounds, hides deformities, veils all ugliness with beauty, settles all quarrels, ends all wars, and hides at last all scars with mothering love.

Are you distressed over your boy? Give him time. He will grow out of those conditions that alarm you.

Don't worry over the girl! There are certain fool stages every child must pass through. Sit tight and wait!

There are many evils you cannot cure now; they are stubborn and defy every medicine; but if you let them alone they will disappear.

Very often when you are worried because you do not know what to do, the best thing to do is - nothing. Wait! Keep calm! Keep your head and your heart! Bring up your reserves! Time is busy meanwhile. And time is the wisest of all doctors. You want success. You have done, are doing, your best. You do not understand why your efforts do not avail. You become impatient. Perhaps bitter. Wait! Realize that your exertions are only one part of your success; the other part is time.

Don't fret! Your own is waiting for you somewhere. Your own will come to you. If you have the courage, not only to labor, but to wait.

The great loom of the universe is working, preparing your fabric of triumph. The days and years are your allies. You cannot hasten destiny.

The only thing you can get in a hurry is trouble. One rash act can precipitate sorrow and remorse. But your goal of happiness can be reached by no sudden dash. Only hell can be accelerated, not heaven.

So do the best you can, and leave the results with time.

For another name for God, the cosmic process, destiny, that power not of ourselves that eventually has its way with us and with all men.

In all your plans do not forget time!

Wait!

Just wait!

## Chaplin's Corner

### Follow me

I thought about this Follow Me as I looked in the Bible. Matthew 16:24, then Jesus said to his disciples, "*If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up the cross and follow Me.*" You know it is better to follow Jesus, but it is hard to carry the cross. Sometimes the burden is heavy, but as it says, Onward Christian Soldiers going on to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before. So, as soldiers in the military, we have to have discipline. As Christian Soldiers we have to follow Jesus, whatever the burden is from carrying the cross, we have to maintain discipline. So the soldiers help each other get through the rough spots and listen to their leaders. We have to do the same as Christians, we have to help each other with our burdens, and listen to God.

God bless the 24<sup>th</sup> Association.

God bless our Active military.

If you need anything, give me a call.

Chaplin Glen Carpenter

■ Look for orange juice sales to rise. A new study in Finland indicates that drinking half-a-glass of OJ every day might shrink chances of stroke to near zero. Vitamin C gets the credit. If you don't care for orange juice, half-a-bowl of strawberries reportedly has the same benefits.



"Voice Of Victory"  
24th Signal  
Battalion

God is talking to one of his angels. He says, "Boy, I just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness on Earth."

The angel says, "What are you going to do now?"

God says, "Call it a day."

Charlie Johnson sent this to us.

## Secretary/Treasurer's Page(s)

(All data as of 1 August 2002)

### Financial:

Checking Account: \$29,151.62

Savings (CD): \$58,254.49

Major items paid:

Last Taro Leaf: \$8,801.51

No major pending financial obligations.

### Membership:

Total number of members: 2,835

(up 10 from last report).

1,346 Annual (paying dues)

62 Associate Annual (paying dues)

48 Comp

1,322 Life (Paid Up)

46 Life (Paying)

8 Associate Life (Paying)

3 Honorary (Petrick, Mullins, Harp)

#### By Area/Time of Service:

WWII, 834                      Ft. Stewart, 34

Korea, 1450                      Ft. Riley, 9

Japan, 940                      Pearl Harbor, 55

Germany, 172                      TF Smith, 37

Desert Storm, 21                      POW, 27

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

Also, some men do not report when and where they served.)

#### By Unit:

This continues to be our weakest area. Just had one come in maked "Regt'l Hq." Many show no unit at all. We have 62 units reported. The 10 largest continue to be, in order: 19th, 21st, 34th, 5th RCT. 3rd Eng, 11th FA, 24th Sig, 13th FA, 52nd FA, 63rd FA.

#### By State:

We have men in all fifty states and some foreign countries. California has the most and Montana has the least. The 10 largest, in order, continue to be: CA, FL, OH, IL, MI, PA, NJ, MA, GA, MO.



*The Prince and the Pauper.*

***It is better to remain silent  
and be thought a fool, than to open your mouth and remove all doubt.***

## New Members

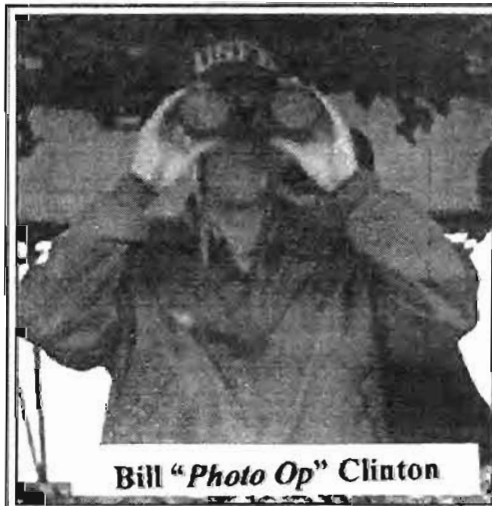
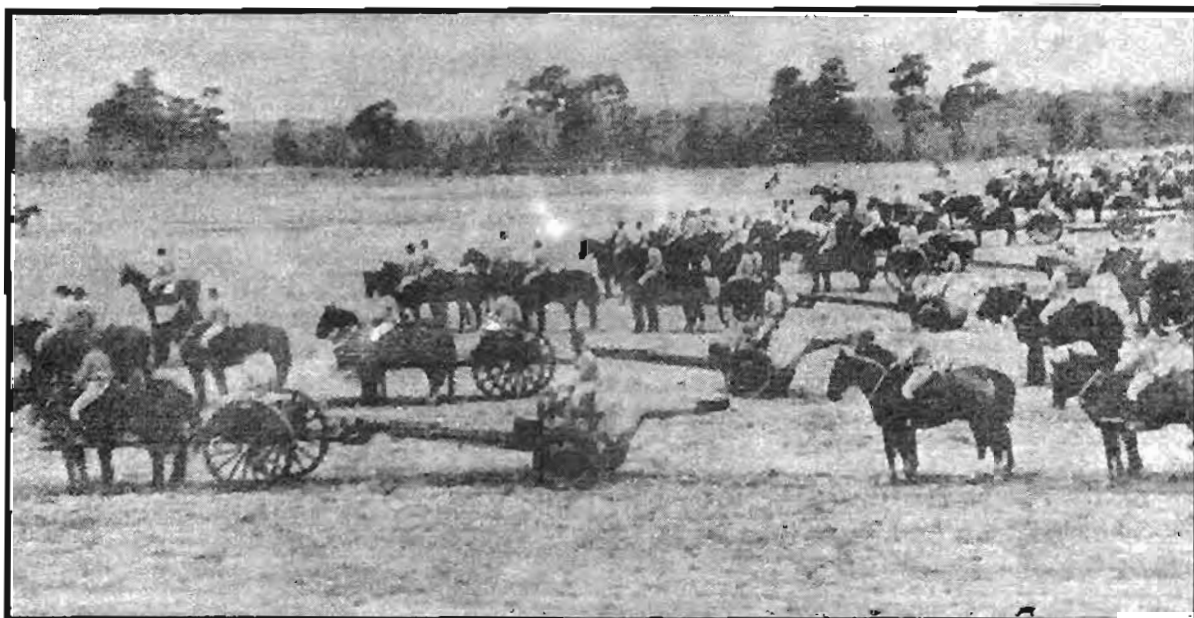
Anaya	Henry G.	5th RCT	138 Appleton St	Grass Valley	CA	95945-6203	530-274-7139	
Baglama	Eleanor M.	24 Recon	369 Dubya Ct	Glen Burnie	MD	21061-4636	301-761-0789	Assoc Member
Baglama	Julie	24th Recon	6409 Bridge Road #204	Madison	WI	53713		Assoc Member
Baglama	Kiley	24th Recon	6901 W. Dornany Road	Plant City	FL	33565		Assoc Member
Baglama	Shauna	24th Recon	15 Oak Canyon Trail	Coto De Caza	CA	92679		Assoc Member
Baglama	Tyler	24th Recon	15 Oak Canyon Trail	Coto De Caza	CA	92679		Assoc Member
Batker	Gavin	24th Recon	1919 Borchert Road	Verona	WI	53593		Assoc Member
Batker	Nathan	24th Recon	1919 Borchert Road	Verona	WI	53583		Assoc Member
Brownell	Ralph H.	34th, 19th	PO Box 502	Watersmeet	MI	49969-0502	906-258-4758	
Bulgheroni	Peter A	24th Admin	107 Palmer Bridge St	#7 Torrington	CT	6790	868-482-5952	
Chapman	Anthony J.	19th	PO Box 62380	Boulder City	NV	89006	702-293-5657	Assoc; Uncle KIA, Leyte, "B" 19th
Costello	SSgt Melvin J.	3rd Eng	7054 Shasta Forest Dr	Shingletown	CA	96088-9617	530-474-1532	Life Member
Cullen	Leo	19th	27 Brookview Drive	West Peterson	NJ	07424-2703	973-345-5447	Life Member
DeWit	Richard	187 Tank	12778 Cypress Ave	Chino	CA	91710	909-627-1957	
Duffy	Donald	34th	404 Concord Lane	Lafayette Hill	PA	19444-2204	610-828-8432	
Edens	Richard D	24th Med	W4885 County Rd D	Westboro	WI	54490	715-427-5880	
Edwards	George F.	21st	PO Box 643	Waynesboro	A	22980-0643	540-942-5670	Life Member
Estes	Judy	11th	12317 Navy St	Los Angeles	CA	90068-1048	310-398-8635	Husband, Noel, is sponsor.
Fletcher	John P.	34th	2148 Chilean Ave	Casa Grande	AZ	85222-1313	520-836-0936	Also: 19th
Ghormley	Richard	19th	4533 High Rock Terrace	Marletta	GA	30088-1607	770-494-0532	Service in Germany
Gleeson	Clarence	21st	3622 E Thunderhill Pl	Phoenix	AZ	85044-8648	480-706-5796	Life Member
Gumm	Richard A.	Div Hq	PO Box 555	Reno	OH	45773-0555	740-374-8189	Service in Germany.
Herbert	BG James A.	8th Ranger Co	4836 Tara Drive	Fairfax	VA	22032-2035	703-323-0089	Served with 6th Tank Bn
Jones	Carlton W.	21st	3193 Spawn Road	Schenectady	NY	12303	518-356-1230	Svc in Germany
Laird	John R.	34th, 21st	8600 E. Broadway #88	Mesa	AZ	85208-2287	480-380-3624	
Lindsay	Mark S.	24th MP Co	130 E. Clement St	Baltimore	MD	21230-4511	410-837-9979	
Matlock	Clyde M.	3rd Eng	6511 Macks Hill	Imperial	MO	63052-2621	636-464-2261	Life Member
Meyers	Steven H	24th Sig	11743 E. Limberlost Rd	Tucson	AZ	85749	520-403-8316	
Mills	Jennifer	24th Recon	781 Co "A" #203	Wisconsin Dells	WI	53965		Assoc Member
Mullen	Charles J.	34th	2527 Raymond Ave	Latrobe	PA	15650-3351	724-537-3454	WWII, Japan
Murray	Father Sean	24th Recon	212 Main St	Massena	NY	13662		Assoc Member
Murray	Jean	24th Recon	1229 Faichney Dr #4	Watertown	NY	13601		Assoc Member
Robinson	Bernard W	Hq	8986 Henry Ruff Road	Livonia	MI	48150-3908	734-261-4802	
Rollins	Henry C	21st	1425 Kimmerling Rd #A	Gardnerville	NV	89410		
Saccante	Angelo	3rd Eng	1787 McFarlane Ave	Deltona	FL	32738-4486	386-532-5065	
Sale	CSM Joe J.	6th Tank	115 Platt St	Fayetteville	WV	25840-1421	304-574-0163	Reinstated
Salreno	Donald	19th	1205 Old Furnace Road	Youngstown	OH	44511-1340	330-792-2271	
Schenck	Lesley L.	19th	555 Leverett Ave	Staten Island	NY	10313-2054	718-967-8958	Father, John W. Schenck, Korea
Shortt, Jr	Eslin	21st	6122A Hale Gap Road	Pound	VA	24278	276-796-7136	
Slattery	John J.	2nd BG	7924 SE Double Tree Dr	Hobe Sound	FL	33455-8123	?	Also sgd with 87th
Smith, Sr	Robert W	Regtl Hq	160 Holsapple Road #52	Dover	NY	12522-9692	845-877-3285	
Sowards	Emil M.	34th	304 Prince St	Salisbury	MD	21804	410-742-7876	Also 5th RCT
Sowers	Laurence H.	19th	614 Garfield	Hastings	NE	68901-5850	402-462-4858	Brother, Ken Sowers, KIA, Korea
Torres	Samuel	G, 19th	14325 McNab Ave #1	Bellflower	CA	90706	562-804-3108	
Upham	Jack J.	19th	1209 Munson Drive	College Station	TX	77840-2522	979-693-4681	Also Div Hq
Wilkerson	Vester H	24th Sig	484 Hwy 504	Natchitoches	LA	71457-7714	318-352-6864	
Wojtkiewicz	Bernard R	19th	98 E. Montana Ave	Glendale Heights	IL	60139	630-665-6736	

# *A Page For Red Legs*

*(Infantry, Cavalry, etc need not read)*

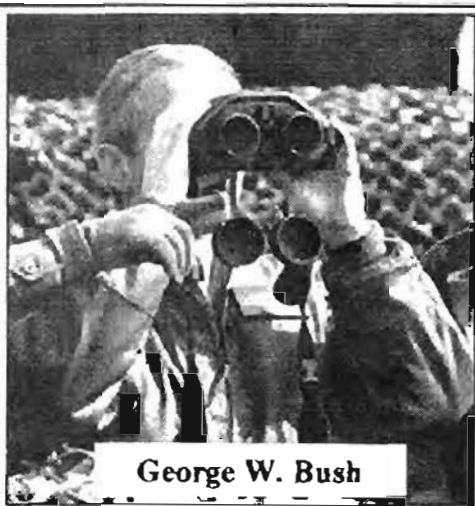
***"The damndest picture I have ever seen!"***

When everyone was on foot keeping up with the Infantry was never really a problem. In fact, a bit of the reverse was true since horses and mules tend to walk about two miles an hour faster than men. But through time as the pace of warfare increased this changed, and how to get everyone in the Battery mounted was, indeed, a problem. You have all seen guns circa World War One with seats, footrests and "holding on bars" welded to the front shields -- which must have been one hell of a ride. But the absolute epitome of where to mount Cannoneers is in this US Army photo identified as "83rd Field Artillery, Fort Bragg, 1940" showing Cannoneers on American 75's sitting astride the recoil mechanisms. I'll send a quart of lanyard oil to any of you Old-Timers who can shed any light on this.



Bill "Photo Op" Clinton

1993



George W. Bush

2002

Who's the Rhodes Scholar???

## **Donations:**

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who died in Taejon going after T-34  
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KIA in Taejon, 20 July 1950.  
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\$10, Edward H. Sharpe, 24th Med



# Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

**For your info if you hadn't heard—Vanguard Airlines, based in Kansas City declared bankruptcy earlier this week and canceled all flight operations. Other airlines have refused to accept Vanguard**

The Korean American Association will once again be in the Clarksville, Fort Campbell area to present the 50<sup>th</sup> Korean Anniversary Medal. They are hoping for a large turn out. For all who are in the commuting distance of the area, and are interested in receiving this medal, contact me and I will get the dates, times and place for the presentation. Tom Cochran, Phone: 931-647-4793, Email: [cochran24thdiv@cs.com](mailto:cochran24thdiv@cs.com)

**Memories of H. Co.** Sorry to be late with my dues. Will see that it doesn't happen again, you can be sure of that! Sending along my best to one and all, especially those from the 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment. I still have memories of a short time spent in Japan at Camp Schimmelpfannig, and those maneuvers at Cjo-Johara. Korea was no fun, guarding prisoners on Ko-Je-Do Island, then the rest of my time spent at Chunchon, just below the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel. As a member of Co. H, I spent my time in the company supply room. I got that job just because I knew how to type! Even though the job called for an SFC, and I never got beyond Cpl., but that's the Army for you! We once finished second in a Regimental inspection and only missed out on the top prize because we hadn't painted the tips of our shovels with silver paint. One thing I do remember was the shortage of new boots! Does anyone else remember this big problem? It was still going on after I was shipped home. Everyone has a nickname and we were no exception, names like "Hard Hitting Hog", or "Hog Battery", I think you know what I mean? Even after fifty years, the memories remain. Guess it is the same with all of us, isn't it? My best to one and all. Cordially, LeRoy E. Atkins

RE: Taro Leaf, Spring 2002, page 21, Overlook...Note from Raymond K. McGuire. Dear Billy, It is hard for me to comprehend that this picture exists, but seeing is believing. As a lad of barely 18, I spent the afternoon of July 17, 1950 on this ridge firing my M-1 Rifle at the enemy on the far side of the river, without much effect I might add. It is very possible that the men manning the machine gun emplacement depicted, were my Buddies of the 24<sup>th</sup> Recon Co. several of us were assigned positions on this ridge. Our small tanks were positioned on the road in the cut of the ridge to the left of the picture. The ridge to the right extended up much higher and before the end of the day was held by N.K. A company of our infantry tried storming the top with machine gun fire, but to no avail. Regards, Ray

Carl Mason, 3<sup>rd</sup> Engineer, WWII says the donation account to put a 24<sup>th</sup> Plaque on the wall at the Museum of the Pacific War is growing. We have enough for a small plaque; we should go on and get a large one. People need to know we were there. The plaque will have our patch and list all the battles we were in. Make donations for yourself or in the memory of a friend.

Alexander F. Broasberg	3 <sup>rd</sup> Eng.	20.00
Randy Hutson	11 <sup>th</sup> FA	20.00
Leon Miller	11 <sup>th</sup> FA	20.00
Bud Taylor	USS Penn	5.00
W.B. Force	Coast Arty.	5.00
C.B. & Marguerite Mason	3 <sup>rd</sup> Eng.	\$240.00
	Total this quarter:	\$310.00

#### Last Minute Donations:

Roger L. Reid	\$ 5.00
Inez Lemke Reid	5.00
	\$10.00

Total to date: \$ 940.00

We are about half way there, lets see if we can have it all by Kansas City Time. Send donations to: Carl B. Mason 842 Oak Leaf Trail, East Tawakoni TX 75472-7181 phone: 214-447-2664.

**IF** your address, apartment number, area code, zip code, or phone number has changed, please let Dutch know. A lot of money is spent sending the Taro Leaf to old addresses.

Now Hear This: If you have sent photos to the Taro leaf with a return request, and you have not received your photos, let me know. Tell me the photo subject and if it has appeared in the Taro Leaf, give me the issue and page number.

**Raymond Youngblood**, 21<sup>st</sup> Inf. 6-'41 to 12-'44, says his luck at the Casinos ran out last June but he still had enough to send the Association \$200. That brings the total to \$900 that Raymond has donated to our Association. Thanks Raymond, I hope to see you in KC.

**Bob Lakie** 21<sup>st</sup> Inf. identified the photo on page 21, Spring2002 issue, Taro Leaf. Bob is one of the troops unloading in Taejon, July 2, 1950. Bob is the third fellow back, carrying a box of grenades. Nice to hear from you Bob. Our belated condolences to you and your family, we were sad to hear of you wife Jenny J. passing away.

**BIG NOTE:** Our apologies, the Friday and Saturday tours in KC had to be switched. Changes are in this Taro Leaf.

**John J. Baker**, 34<sup>th</sup> and Signal Co. is way in the back of that photo, Spring, page 21. John, I am glad you're here. If you have an old photo of any of the men listed in the Looking for Buddies section, please send a copy to me and I will start a found column. If you see yourself, or if you can identify any of the men in the photos, let me know.

**Dick Hubbard** 19<sup>th</sup> is doing a great job of notifying members that it is time to pay their dues. Dutch has to work overtime keeping up. Thanks Dick, you've kept more than a few members from missing their Taro Leaf.

I need input from **you** concerning the Taro Leaf. What would you like to see in it? What do you like or not like. I hear a lot of "It's a great magazine," *I really like hearing that*, however; I also need to know what you don't like. The Taro Leaf is for all of us, to entertain, yes. Keeping us in touch with one another is the main reason for the T.L.

**Nicholas Matviya**, 11<sup>th</sup> FA, WWII, identified the LST (Spring page 17) as the one that brought the 11<sup>th</sup> FA from Goodenough to New Guinea. He not only identified it, he has contacted the ships Association and they have invited him to their reunion! The sailors said they remembered that trip. That was the largest load of troops, 526 soldiers that ever boarded LST 17. The Navy guys complained about having to share their rations and the Army. The soldiers told the sailors, "You Navy guys eat like kings." Fred, one of the sailors Nicholas contacted said he never got over that. Small World.

**Al Matthews** B/52 FA was in Hawaii this past December for the Pearl Harbor 60<sup>th</sup> reunion. He was also in Hawaii, at Schofield Barracks, October 1, 1941 when the division was formed.

**Kent Pharaoh**, Div. HQ, Germany, has brother is running for US Congress. Maybe we will have a friend in high places, or is that low places? I can't keep that song straight.

**Lawrence R. Plaatje**, L. Co. 34<sup>th</sup> wrote, "Here are my dues for life, can't do without the Taro Leaf." He also sent in a menu from Christmas 1949. It will be in the Fall issue.

**Johnny** tells us the VA Hospital is only 15 minutes from our hotel, also if you want any information on church services, contact Johnny and he will help you.

**ANOTHER BIG NOTE:** When you send a copy of your photos, it is best if you make the copy on photo paper or take it to a copy shop, local print shop, etc. The photo paper gives a better reproduction in the Taro Leaf.

**Basil Steed** 24<sup>th</sup> Recon has an extensive file of photos of the Japanese Occupation in '49-50. He has access to New Zealand photos of Yamaguchi prior to our arrival. It will cost about a hundred bucks to get the photos from the NZ Government. Basil sent me a photo of Japan for the Taro Leaf.

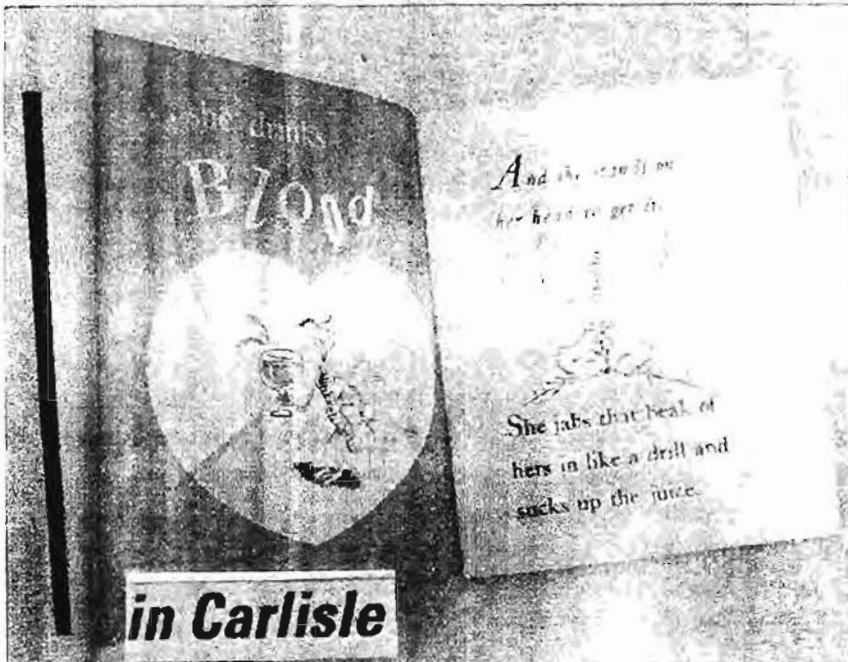
**ATTENTION:** **Joe DeLuca** has recruited **Joyce M. Horan**. Joyce served with the 24<sup>th</sup> Signal Bn. in Desert Storm. Way to go Joe, welcome Joyce.

**NOTE:** **Ben Wahle**, 21<sup>st</sup>, has identified the Spring issue photo, page 17, as the 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> deploying in Tanahhanerah Bay in New Guinea. Nice work Ben.

**Jesse A Murga** <sup>21<sup>st</sup> Inf</sup> sent in a donation saying he enjoys the Taro Leaf.

"If you get to thinking you're a person of some influence, try ordering somebody else's dog around."

## Seuss' skeeter book preserved



Here are two pages from Theodor Geisel's booklet, entitled "This is Ann," distributed to troops during World War II. The booklet describes how to avoid malaria-bearing mosquitoes.

Everyone knows Dr. Seuss' Yertle the Turtle, Horton the Elephant and Sam I Am's Green Eggs and Ham. We know how the good Doctor knew all about Green Eggs. He overheard a couple Taro Leafers talking!  
Who does not remember those "k" rations

What's a Military Family Worth?  
by Rush Limbaugh, [www.RushLimbaugh.com](http://www.RushLimbaugh.com),  
March 11, 2002

I think the vast differences in compensation between the victims of the September 11th casualty, and those who die serving the country in uniform, are profound.  
No one is really talking about it either because you just don't criticize anything having to do with September 11th. Well, I just can't let the numbers pass by because it says something really disturbing about the entitlement mentality of this country.

If you lost a family member in the September 11th attack, you're going to get an average of \$1,185,000. The range is a minimum guarantee of \$250,000, all the way up to \$4.7 million.

If you are a surviving family member of an American soldier killed in action, the first check you get is a \$6,000 direct death benefit, half of which is taxable. Next, you get \$1,750 for burial costs. If you are the surviving spouse, you get \$833 a month until you remarry. And there's a payment of \$211 per month for each child under 18. When the child hits 18, those payments come to a screeching halt.

Keep in mind that some of the people that are getting an average of \$1.185 million up to \$4.7 million are complaining that it's not enough. We also learned over the weekend that some of the victims from the Oklahoma City bombing have started an organization asking for the same deal that the September 11th families are getting. In addition to that, some of the families of those bombed in the embassies are now asking for compensation as well. You see where this is going, don't you?

Folks, this is part and parcel of over fifty years of entitlement politics in this country. It's just really sad.

## New Life Members

Richard L. Quatier, Assoc. 19th  
Frederick H. Gayton, 24th Sig  
Leo Cullen, 19th  
Clarence Gleeson, 21st  
Edward L. Bradford, 19th  
Junior L. Spahr, 24th Sig  
Jack W. Upham, 19th  
George F. Edwards, 21st  
Lawrence R. Plaatje, 34th  
James F. Norton, Jr, 34th  
Dominic Digiovanni, 24th  
Clyde M. Matlock, 3rd Eng  
John K. Baird, 34th  
Kevin M. Woods, Avn Bde  
Melvin L. Frederick, 19th  
Melvin J. Costello, 3rd Eng

"Never kick a cow chip on a hot day."



## **Pledge with Sen. John McCain**

From a speech made by Capt. John S. McCain, US Senator (Ret), from AZ.

As you may know, I spent five and one half years as a prisoner of war during the Vietnam War. In the early years of our imprisonment, the NVA kept us in solitary confinement, or two or three to a cell. In 1971 the NVA moved us from these conditions of isolation into large rooms with as many as 30 to 40 men to a room. This was, as you can imagine, a wonderful change and was a direct result of the efforts of millions of Americans on behalf of a few hundred POWs.

One of the men who moved into my room was a young man named Mike Christian. Mike came from a small town near Selma, Alabama. He didn't wear a pair of shoes until he was 13 years old. At 17, he enlisted in the US Navy. He later earned a commission by going to Officer Training School. Then he became a Naval Flight Officer and was shot down and captured in 1967. Mike had a keen and deep appreciation of the opportunities this country and our military provide for people who want to work and want to succeed.

As part of the change in treatment, the Vietnamese allowed some prisoners to receive packages from home. In some of these packages were handkerchiefs, scarves and other items of clothing. Mike got himself a bamboo needle. Over a period of a couple of months, he created an American flag and sewed on the inside of his shirt. Every afternoon, before we had a bowl of soup, we would hang Mike's shirt on the wall of the cell and say the Pledge of Allegiance. I know the Pledge of Allegiance may not seem the most important part of our day now, but I can assure you that in that stark cell it was indeed the most important and meaningful event.

One day the Vietnamese searched our cell, as they did periodically, and discovered Mike's shirt with the flag sewn inside, and removed it. That evening they returned, opened the door of the cell, and for the benefit of all of us, beat Mike Christian severely for the next couple of hours. Then, they opened the door of the cell and threw him in. We cleaned him up as well as we could.

The cell in which we lived had a concrete slab in the middle on which we slept. Four naked light bulbs hung in each corner of the room. As I said, we tried to clean up Mike as well as we could. After the excitement died down, I looked in the corner of the room, and sitting there beneath that dim light bulb with a piece of red cloth, another shirt and his bamboo needle, was my friend, Mike Christian. He was sitting there with his eyes almost shut from the beating he had received, making another American flag.

He was not making the flag because it made Mike Christian feel better. He was making that flag because he knew how important it was to us to be able to Pledge our allegiance to our flag and country.

So the next time you say the Pledge of Allegiance, you must never forget the sacrifice and courage that thousands of Americans have made to build our nation and promote freedom around the world. You must remember our duty, our honor, and our country.

***"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America  
and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God,  
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."***

PASS THIS ON... and on... and on!!!!!! (Email from Charlie Johnson)



52nd Field Artillery  
Battalion

"There are three kinds of men:

1. The ones that learn by reading.
2. The few who learn by observation.
3. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence for themselves."



### **Reunion**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Combat Engineers

September 11-15 -2002

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Yakima WA 98903

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Email: [dotandon@nwinfo.ne](mailto:dotandon@nwinfo.ne)



## The Warriors Of Yesteryear

Where have all the World War II warriors gone? Many have crossed the Rubicon, all have aged, some now in Veteran's Homes, others in Nursing Homes, some living normal lives, but all are just plain forgotten. What heroes they were. Young and handsome in their uniforms. Boys all, but soon, too soon, they would transform into men. Could not wait to 'get over there'. What proud men they were. Tough, but sensitive. Men who eventually fought on Continents to bring freedom to millions. A different breed that would never be seen again. To have known them was itself a privilege. Warriors all. They fought in the skies, on the land, and on the seas. They witnessed tragedies never before seen by humans. Terrible, terrible deeds, committed by men against other men. Deeds so horrible that civilized man didn't think them possible. They experienced Hell itself and returned. Death was so common place that they stored away the memory of it. Sometimes it stayed stored away, and sometimes, mostly in the middle of the night, it comes out of them like the demons involved in all wars. Haunting them, never leaving, a penalty to the youth they sent to a man's war. Now they are no longer young. No longer gallant or brave. No longer tall and straight. They are now just old men, who, one by one are crossing over the Rubicon. Oh we still remember them. Veterans Day is one day a year that we set aside. But let us remember them always. Each time we see a gray haired old man, he most likely was a warrior of yesteryear. He my friend, is they reason we are a free nation. He my friend, is the man who saved mankind.

J.A. Langone

401 B-21st Div  
2-25th Div

26th AAA (AW)  
Battalion (SP)



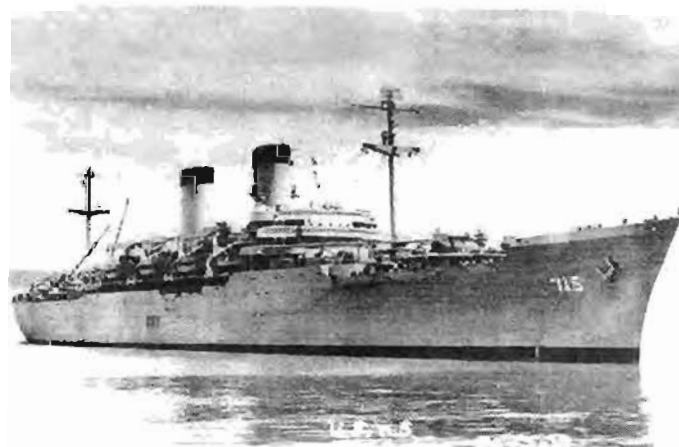
Frederick E. Baker, 26<sup>th</sup> AAA Bn. sent these photo's of his unit and it's history.



This group looks like a bunch of Hillbillies to me, I should know! NOTE: Some have no boots.



This Quad 50 halftrack of the 26<sup>th</sup> AAA has seen better days. It was hit up on the line.



Remember the cruise ship the Division used (Feb. issue, p. 29). Those WWII guys knew how to go to war. This is what we poor "Police Action" troops had to use. A U.S. Navy ship, the U.S. Gen. Randall, had 4,777 veterans going to SF. Dec '51



**EAGLE BASE**, Bosnia and Herzegovina (Army News Service, May 22, 2002) -- It was raining "cats and dogs" and I was late for physical training.

Traffic was backed up at Fort Campbell, Ky., and was moving way too slowly. I was probably going to be late and I was growing more and more impatient.

The pace slowed almost to a standstill as I passed Memorial Grove, the site built to honor the soldiers who died in the Gander airplane crash, the worst redeployment accident in the history of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

Because it was close to Memorial Day, a small American flag had been placed in the ground next to each soldier's memorial plaque.

My concern at the time, however, was getting past the bottleneck, getting out of the rain and getting to PT on time.

All of a sudden, infuriatingly, just as the traffic was getting started again, the car in front of me stopped.

A soldier, a private of course, jumped out in the pouring rain and ran over toward the grove.

I couldn't believe it! This knucklehead was holding up everyone for who knows what kind of prank. Horns were honking.

I waited to see the butt-chewing that I wanted him to get for making me late.

He was getting soaked to the skin. His BDU's were plastered to his frame. I watched-as he ran up to one of the memorial plaques, picked up the small American flag that had fallen to the ground in the wind and the rain, and set it upright again.

Then, slowly, he came to attention, saluted, ran back to his car, and drove off.

I'll never forget that incident. That soldier, whose name I will never know, taught me more about duty, honor, and respect than a hundred books or a thousand lectures.

That simple salute -- that single act of honoring his fallen brother and his flag -- encapsulated all the Army values in one gesture for me. It said, "I will never forget. I will keep the faith. I will finish the mission. I am an American soldier."

I thank God for examples like that.

And on this Memorial Day, I will remember all those who paid the ultimate price for my freedom, and one private, soaked to the skin, who honored them.

Capt. John Rasmussen is now a Chaplain with Multinational Division North in Bosnia.  
Thanks to John McKeon for this article

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**For immediate release. Request the following notice be place in the Military or Letters to the Editor section of your local newspaper at the earliest possible date.**

**On 18 - 22 September, 2002, the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association (First to Fight Division) will hold its annual reunion honoring the Veterans of World War II, Korean War, Korean DMZ, Germany, Desert Storm, Grenada and Lebanon and all those who served with the Division during peacetime. All former and current members of the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division or members of any unit that has been assigned or attached to the Division at any time are welcome. The reunion will be held at the Adams Mark Hotel, 9103 East 39<sup>th</sup> Street (I-70 at Truman Sports Complex) Kansas City, MO 64113. For further information contact: Wes Morrison, Reunion Coordinator, 452 Gloria Circle, Marina, CA 93933, Tele #831-384-0139, E-mail: wesm8@aol.com , FAX: 831/883/2156 or Johnny Rodriquez, Site Chairman, Rosendale PO Box 3464, Kansas City, MO 66103, Tele #913-262-7972.**

Three elderly ladies are excited about their first Yankees baseball game. They smuggled a bottle of Jack Daniel's into the game. The game is real exciting and they are immensely enjoying themselves drinking Jack Daniel's mixed with soft drinks. Soon they realize that the bottle of Jack Daniel's is almost gone and the game has a lot of innings to go. Based on the given information, what inning are they playing, and what is the present status of the game?

> > > Think!

> > >

> > > Think some more!

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> > > You're gonna' love it.

> > > Answer: Bottom of page \_\_\_\_\_.



24th Quartermaster  
Company

Below is a sample letter to sent to your State Senators, both Republican and Democrat

Date

Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
403 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_:

The US Government Agencies, FBI, Border Patrol, Customs, Civil Service Workers, Senators and Members of Congress all get full retirement pay plus full veterans disability pay. Only the Government employees called Military are denied their full retirement pension and full disability benefits for disabilities received from Military duties.

Yes, we chose to stay in the Military Service. Yes, we chose to put ourselves in harms way for the love of our country. Sir, my ribbons, which I wore proudly during my thirty years service, were earned from service in WWII, Korea and Viet Nam. I have two Combat Infantry Badges and three Purple Hearts among the many service medals.

I do think that War Veterans should receive full compensation for both time in service and service related disabilities.

I am aware that it may cost too much for any back pay to be considered. If such a Bill is ever passed, compensation could start at that time.

Senator, I also know that I, and most of my friends, will not receive much or any of this pay as we are now in our seventies and eighties. Even so, the Bill needs to be passed. Most combat wounded Veterans choose to stay in the military service, they like the work, (Not the war). Being prepared to defend our country is a way of life for us, just as being a Senator from our proud State of \_\_\_\_\_ is your way of helping to keep this country strong.

Respectfully,

Your Name  
Address  
City, State Zip



Jack A. Rains sent this photo taken in front of their MBP. It brings back memories of the Rice Paddy Times we had in Korea. The NK were about 25 miles over the mountain.

It's the bottom of the fifth and the bags are loaded!

# 24th Infantry Division Association



To: My Fellow Warriors  
From: Ben Wahle, "G", 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry

Just finished reading Dave Mann's newly published book entitled "Avenging Bataan." It is must reading for anyone who was there and most interesting for anyone in the 24<sup>th</sup> Division who was in the South Pacific.

Dave did an outstanding job in his research, this coupled with his personal visits to the battle sites and the enemy who fought against us makes the book a masterpiece. I have never read a war story with so much meticulous detail.

The book may be purchased from:

Ivy House Publishing Group.

5122 Bur Oak Circle

Raleigh, NC 27612

Phone: 919-782-0281

Facsimile: 919-781-9042

www.ivyhousebooks.com

The cost of David Mann's book is \$26.95 each. Postage and handling is \$4.95 for one copy, \$1.00 for each additional copy. NC residents please add 6.5% sales tax.

P.S. In more detail the book deals with the battle of Zig-Zag Pass in which the 34<sup>th</sup> fought for their very lives.

Sincerely, *Ben Wahle*

The United States suffered its most devastating military defeat when the Filipino/American Army on Bataan surrendered to the Japanese in April 1942. Outrage over the surrender was kindled to an even higher pitch when the Bataan Death March and the brutal treatment of American POWs became public knowledge in January 1944.

*Avenging Bataan: The Battle of ZigZag Pass* relates the February 1945 struggle by the 38<sup>th</sup> Division, composed of Indiana and Kentucky National Guardsmen, the "Avengers of Bataan," and the 34<sup>th</sup> Regimental Combat Team to open Highway 7 through ZigZag Pass. Possession of this, the only road between Subic Bay and Manila, was necessary to liberate Bataan. Featuring coverage of both the American and Japanese forces, this account provides insight into the day-by-day life and death saga of battle. The story is told through interviews, letters, and reports by the men who fought the battle.

Complete with the historical background of events leading up to the battle, along with photographs, maps, appendices, bibliography, and index, the author's research includes strategic information enriched with personal accounts. A gripping portrayal of both the Americans and Japanese at war, *Avenging Bataan* helps preserve the legacy of World War II for future generations.

**About the Author:** Born and raised in Bluefield, West Virginia, David Mann graduated from Maury High in Norfolk, Virginia. After World War II service, he received degrees from the Virginia Military Institute in history and from Georgetown University in Foreign Service. Following an initial career in business and industry, he served for 30 years as a development officer in five private colleges in Virginia. During World War II, he was a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant platoon leader in the Philippines in the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment 24<sup>th</sup> Division. He saw combat action on Luzon at ZigZag Pass, Mindoro, and the 75-day Eastern Mindanao campaign, followed by occupation duty in Japan. As a reserve officer, Mann was recalled to active duty in 1950 and served in Korea as Assistant S-3 (Plans and Operations) of the 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry 3<sup>rd</sup> Division. He is married with two children and three grandchildren and resides in Richmond, Virginia.

Thanks to Joe Sweeney who sent this update on Veterans Affairs



# VA's news release covering the increase in Burial Benefits.

Note the three effective dates for the different benefits.

Service-connected burials increased September 11, 2001

Plot allowances increased on December 1, 2001

New provisions for markers become effective on December 27, 2001

"Strength In Service"  
724th Ordnance  
Baltalon

A comment on the markers; three materials, bronze, marble, and granite. Bronze will look good but will turn green over time, marble will last longer, however; granite will outlast the other materials by far.'

## Highlights of 2001 Improved Benefits for Veterans

- Veteran's Montgomery GI Bill benefits have been increased and now have added flexibility.
- Veteran's co-pay for primary outpatient care has been reduced from \$50 to \$15, and has been completely eliminated for basic health care services like flu shots.
- Co-payments for inpatient hospital care have been reduced for lower income veterans living in high cost-of-living areas. This reduces the inpatient co-payments by 80 percent.
- VA Burial benefits have increased for service connected deaths of veterans from \$1,500 to \$2,000, and
- VA now has the authority to furnish a bronze marker to permanently commemorate the service of a veteran buried in an already marked grave in a private cemetery.
- Vietnam veterans are now eligible to receive benefits for respiratory cancers related to Agent Orange exposures diagnosed more than 30 years after their Vietnam service.
- Remove barriers to benefits for Gulf War veterans disabled by chronic multi-symptoms illness like chronic fatigue. VA's authority to provide health care for Gulf War veterans was extended until December 31, 2002.
- VA home loan guaranty has been increased from \$50,750 to \$60,000. This is the first time this loan guaranty has been increased since 1994.

Below is a list of the names Joe has added to the Honor Roll because they had been overlooked before. All were on the DOD casualty list but had not been identified with the 24<sup>th</sup> ID. The date given is the date that DOD considers being the date of death.

	FIRST	LAST	UNIT	DATE	RANK	ASN	Residence	Kor	KIA	T	POW	MIA	WWII	DOW
9	Walter	Brown, Jr.	—	1950/07/10	Pfc	RA 14315294	Jefferson Co, AL	*					0	*
14	Paul J.	Charlier	—	1950/07/12	Pvt	RA 13312797	Allegheny Co, PA	*	*				0	
18	John M.	Cook	19th: 1st Bn (XO)	1950/07/16	Maj	O 034264	Muscogee, GA	*	*				0	
19	Bernie	Dingess	19th: 1st Bn Hq	1950/07/16	Pfc	RA 15272033	Logan, WV	*	*				0	
24	Peter F.	Flaime	19th: 1st Bn HQ Co	1950/07/16	Pfc	RA 21697127	Cumberland, NJ	*	*				0	
28	Don E.	Gibson	19th: K Co	1950/09/08	Pvt	RA 19387129	Yakima, WA	*	*				0	
29	Bradley J.	Griffey	21st: A Co	1950/07/10	Pvt	RA 16381548	Hopkins Co, KY	*	*				0	
34	Sam	Heard	19th: C Co POW	1950/11/28	Pvt	RA 18350254	Ouachita, LA	*	*				0	
37	Edward, JR.	Heynoski	19th: 1st Bn Hq Co	1950/07/16	Cpl	RA 13219095	Erie, PA	*	*				0	
40	John J.	Holden	19th: 1st Bn HQ	1950/07/16	Pfc	RA 13282733	Bucks PA	*	*				0	
41	Gilbert E.	Holmes	—	1950/07/08	Pvt	RA 12324977	Bronx, NY	*	*				0	
42	Robert E.	Hoover	19th: 1st Bn Hq	1950/07/16	Cpl	RA 13166256	Greenbrier, WV	*	*				0	
44	Elijah G.	Johnson	—	1950/07/10	Cpl	RA 17013124	Ashley Co, AR	*	*				0	
47	Daniel W.	Kirkland	—	1950/07/12	Pvt	RA 16321549	Waukegan Co, WI	*	*				0	
50	Armando R.	Marcias	19th: H, 2d Bn Hq Co	1951/07/31	Pfc	US 68003118	San Joaquin, CA	*	*				0	
52	Robert L.	McGraw	21st: I Co	1950/07/12	Cpl	RA 13285787	Crawford Co, PA	*	*				0	
57	James F.	Passell	19th: A Co	1951/04/22	Pfc	RA 16248733	—	*	*				0	*
58	Ernest K.	Peeler	—	1950/07/10	Cpl	RA 06546096	San Bernardino Co, CA	*	*				0	
64	Cecil D.	Riffle	21st: Med Co; NBC, LD-Yes	1951/08/07	Pfc	RA 16014391	—	*	*				0	
65	Raymond E.	Rozyka	19th: 1st Bn Hq co	1950/07/16	M/Sgt	RA 13158202	King, WA	*	*				0	
68	William D.	Smlth	21st: A Co; MIA	1950/07/10	Pvt	RA 13319138	Norfolk, VA	*	*				0	
69	Richard	Stafford	19th: E Co	1950/11/05	Pfc	RA 15277747	Marion, IN	*	*				0	
70	Bernard J.	Tillman	—	1950/07/07	Pvt	RA 17272596	Ramsay Co, MN	*	*				0	
73	Casimir F.	Walczak	6th: B Co; MIA	1950/08/17	Pvt	RA 16 316451	Cook, IL	*	*			*	0	

### Law Increases Veterans' Burial Benefits

WASHINGTON—Under a new law, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will increase reimbursement for funeral expenses and cemetery plots for service-disabled veterans and provide government markers for veterans' graves even if families already have installed private markers.

"The modest increases in payments to veterans' families, and the additional monuments to our heroes' service, are steps toward better acknowledging this nation's appreciation of its veterans," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi.

The Veterans Education and Benefits Expansion Act of 2001 increases the burial and funeral expense allowance for veterans who die as a result of a service-connected disability from \$1,500 to \$2,000 and the cemetery plot allowance, for certain other disabled veterans, from \$150 to \$300.

The law also directs VA to honor requests for government markers for veterans buried in private cemeteries even if their graves have headstones or markers furnished at private expense. Previous law prevented VA from providing markers in that situation. These increases are among many provisions of Public Law 107-103 that expand other veterans' benefits.

About 9,800 families receive funeral expense reimbursement for service-connected deaths each year. The \$500 increase in the funeral reimbursement, the first since 1988, is expected to increase the government's cost by about \$5 million a year. This change applies to deaths on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

About 90,000 families become eligible for the plot allowance annually. The cost of increasing the amount, which had been \$150 since 1973, will be about \$13 million a year. The higher allowance will be paid for deaths on or after Dec. 1, 2001.

The plot allowance is paid when a veteran is buried in a non-government cemetery. Also, the veteran must meet one of the following three criteria: The veteran was eligible to receive VA disability compensation or a VA pension, was discharged from military service due to disability or died in a VA hospital.

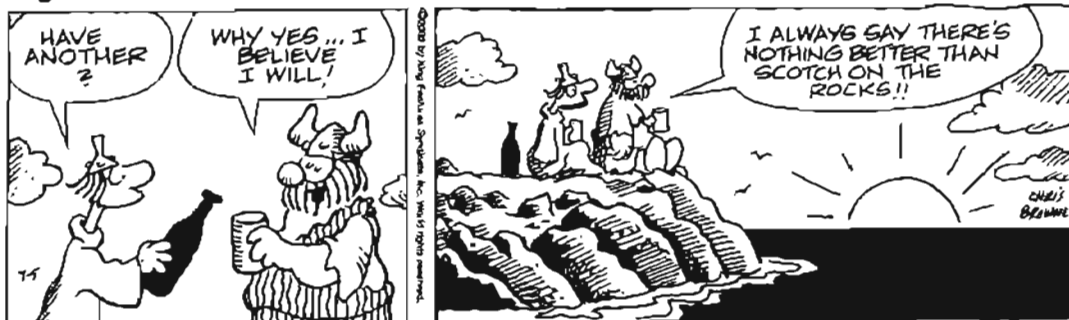
In the past, people who submitted VA applications to receive a government marker had to certify that the veteran's grave was unmarked. Some families complained of unfairness because they could not obtain the government's free marker to commemorate the veteran's service if they had purchased a marker.

Under the new law, the applicant must certify that the marker will be placed only in a cemetery. VA will send the marker only to a designated cemetery.

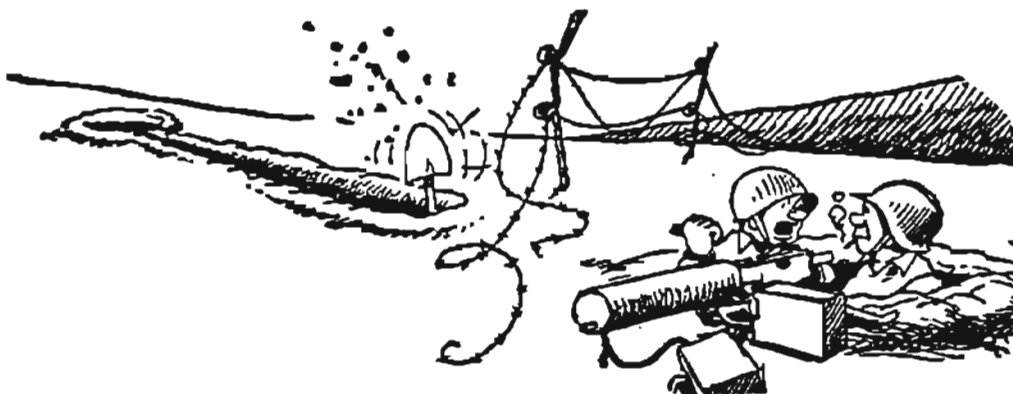
The new provision for markers applies to veterans' deaths on or after Dec. 27, 2001. By Feb. 1, 2006, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs will report to Congress on how much this benefit is being used and recommend whether or not to continue it.

Hagar

By Dik Browne



3rd Engineer  
(Combat) Battalion



*"Here comes Hagood to butt in on th' conversation."*



## To Late to Classify

### **WHAT TO DO IF YOU GET A TRAFFIC TICKET:**

This system has been tried and it works in every state. If you get a speeding ticket or went through a red light or whatever the case may be, and you're going to get points on your license. This is a method to ensure that you DO NOT get the points. When you get your fine, send in a check to pay for it. If the fine is \$79.00 make the check out for \$82.00 or some small amount over the fine. The system will then have to send you back a check for the difference, however here is the trick. DO NOT CASH THE REFUND CHECK Throw it away! Points are not assessed to your license until all financial transactions are complete. If you do not cash the check, then the transactions are NOT complete. The system has received its money and is satisfied and will no longer bother you. This information comes from an unmentionable computer company that sets up the standard databases used by every state. Send this to everyone you know.

You never know when they may need a break. COMMISH WC

I have been in the process of compiling a history of Charlie Company 19<sup>th</sup> Inf. Reg. 24<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div. complete with name, rank, serial # of all members from the date of arrival in Korea until the division was replaced. I want all the information I can get to honor the men. If any of the members of the company have any thing they would care to donate, such as a picture of yourself, of friends or any other photos, letters or articles concerning Charlie Company, make a copy if you want to keep the originals, and send them to me. When my time comes, I will leave instructions to have the history sent to the 24 ID or a military museum. If you are interested please contact William Allen, 421 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., North Tierra Verde FL 33715.

### Anyone there from FOX Co. 34<sup>th</sup> Inf. Regt. 24<sup>th</sup> ID September '53 to May '54

Fox Co. served as guard at the American Stockade, KBS, Pusan Korea, from September 1, 1953 to December 1953. We went up North in January 1954 to guard the tungsten mines. The camp burned down and we took the tungsten to the railhead and put it on a Korean train to be shipped to the USA. We left there in May '54 and went to a camp, I think near Inchon, Korea. A Filipino battalion close to our camp had a soldier lost when a land mine exploded. This was between May and September 1954. If anyone has any information contact Joseph Wilson, 7418 Sunview Drive, Columbia, SC 29209, or phone 803-776-6046 or Email AKM\_7@yahoo.com.

I am trying to find some information about a friend's grandfather who served with the 24<sup>th</sup> during WWII. Elser "Shorty" Pope served with 21<sup>st</sup> Inf. Regt., Co. A. He is still alive and needs to find some old friends who were in the war with him. He was in Pearl Harbor, the Philippines and Japan. I would be grateful if you could help him or at least point me in the right direction. Thank you, Heather. E-mail jimnheather@catskill.net

W. Somerset Maugham (1874-1965) had this to say. "It's a funny thing about life: If you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it."

This following announcement is from: Tom Louderback, 1623 Deerwood Ave., Louisville, KY 40205. Tom is a Felhoelter In-law and US Navy Veteran. Phone: 502-454-7797

The Kentucky Historical Society has recently authorized a state historical marker in the remembrance of **Chaplin Herman Felhoelter** (1923-1950) for his heroism in the Korean War. Chaplin Felhoelter served with the 19<sup>th</sup> Inf. Regt. 24<sup>th</sup> ID. The marker will be placed in the Louisville, KY neighborhood where he was born and raised. Presently funds are being raised for the marker's installation, with the expectation that it will be dedicated in November 2002. Any assistance you could render would be appreciated very much.

### **Sacrifice in Korea**

During the Korean War battle for Taejon, H. Felhoelter volunteered to stay behind with the wounded of the 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry. These men were soon overcome and killed by the enemy, July 16, 1950. Felhoelter was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and honored by National Chaplains Memorial in Arlington. Father Felhoelter is buried in Louisville, KY at the St Michael Cemetery. \*Presented by St. Martin of Tours Church

After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along shot him... The moral: When you are full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

# 24th Infantry Division Association



March 15, 2002

Dear 24<sup>th</sup> IDA Member

It's time for the annual drawing of the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association. Once again this year we are having a drawing for some fantastic cash prizes. Ten (10) lucky people will win \$500 each. Wouldn't this be a great prize to win?

Enclosed you will find six (6) drawing tickets to give you the first opportunity to win \$500 cash. A \$5 donation for each ticket would be greatly appreciated. Each \$5 donation you send in with a ticket helps support the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association. You can win more than once. Last year one member had his name drawn twice, and he won \$1,000!

The drawing will take place at the annual reunion, Saturday, September 21, 2002, in Kansas City Missouri, immediately following the business meeting.

Make all checks or money orders payable to the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association. If you would like more tickets for family members, friends, or yourself, you can mail your request along with your check or money order with the completed ticket stubs in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, or you can call Harold "Corky" Peters at 763-428-4158. He will be more than happy to mail more out to you.

Thank you for your support, and best of luck in bringing home a cash prize!

Sincerely,

*Billy Johnson*

Billy Johnson  
President  
24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association

(Enclosure)

All members should have received a copy of this letter with six drawing tickets enclosed. If you did not, or if you wish to purchase additional tickets, send a note to Harold "Corky" Peters, 13791 Dorothy Drive, Rogers MN 55374 (or) Phone 763-428-4158.



Have a Question? You will find your answer below

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Everything.**

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that is much easier to maintain  
than it is to repair.

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*Joe DeLuca, 34th, WWII, sponsored Joyce M. Horan for membership. She served with the 24th Signal Battalion in Desert Storm. Joyce is an American Legion Assistant Department Service Officer. Aside from her offer of help, her letter is so refreshing I thought I'd share it with you.*



Dear Dutch (May I call you Dutch?):

WIN this plaque! Be sure to get your drawing tickets.

I want to thank you so much for the personal note that you included with my first issue of The Taro Leaf. I also wanted to let you know that I do understand that you "Old Timers" admire us new guys greatly. That does not seem nearly as important as letting you know that the efforts of those who came before are what makes us want to do a good job today. Just before I was assigned to the 24th ID I was in Korea. It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for me and it would not have been so without the efforts of countless others who helped pave the way.

I am not sure if I can make the convention, but I would love to have some personal contact with you and anyone you feel that I might be able to help.

The E-Mail address I am using (amlvbevi@vba.va.gov) belongs to my boss, who is the American Legion Department Service Officer for New Jersey. I am the Assistant Department Service Officer. I do have a computer at home, but as of yet I am not on-line. My office phone number is 973-623-6298. The office FAX is 973-504-8709. home telephone number is: 973-412-8103, and I do have voice-mail.



I look forward to hearing from you, and once again, you have my thanks for your service to our country and to the 24th Infantry Division.

Affectionately,

Joyce M. Horan  
AMERICAN LEGION  
Ass't Department Service Officer



555th Field Artillery  
Battalion



"It's amazing how fast I went from feeling my oats to eating them."

"Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in."

Billy,

5-8-02

Bill Roseboro sent me this topographical of the hill where F. Co. 19<sup>th</sup> was on January 3, 1951.

This is the hill where Herb Thompson was taken POW on that day.

Arnold Morgan and I were on the outpost on top of the hill. Morgan was KIA by mortar fire, he was the BAR man. We were in the same foxhole. I was using his BAR when I got hit.

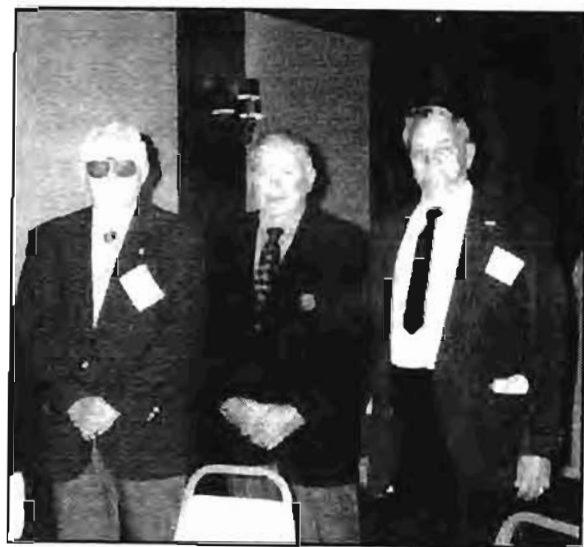
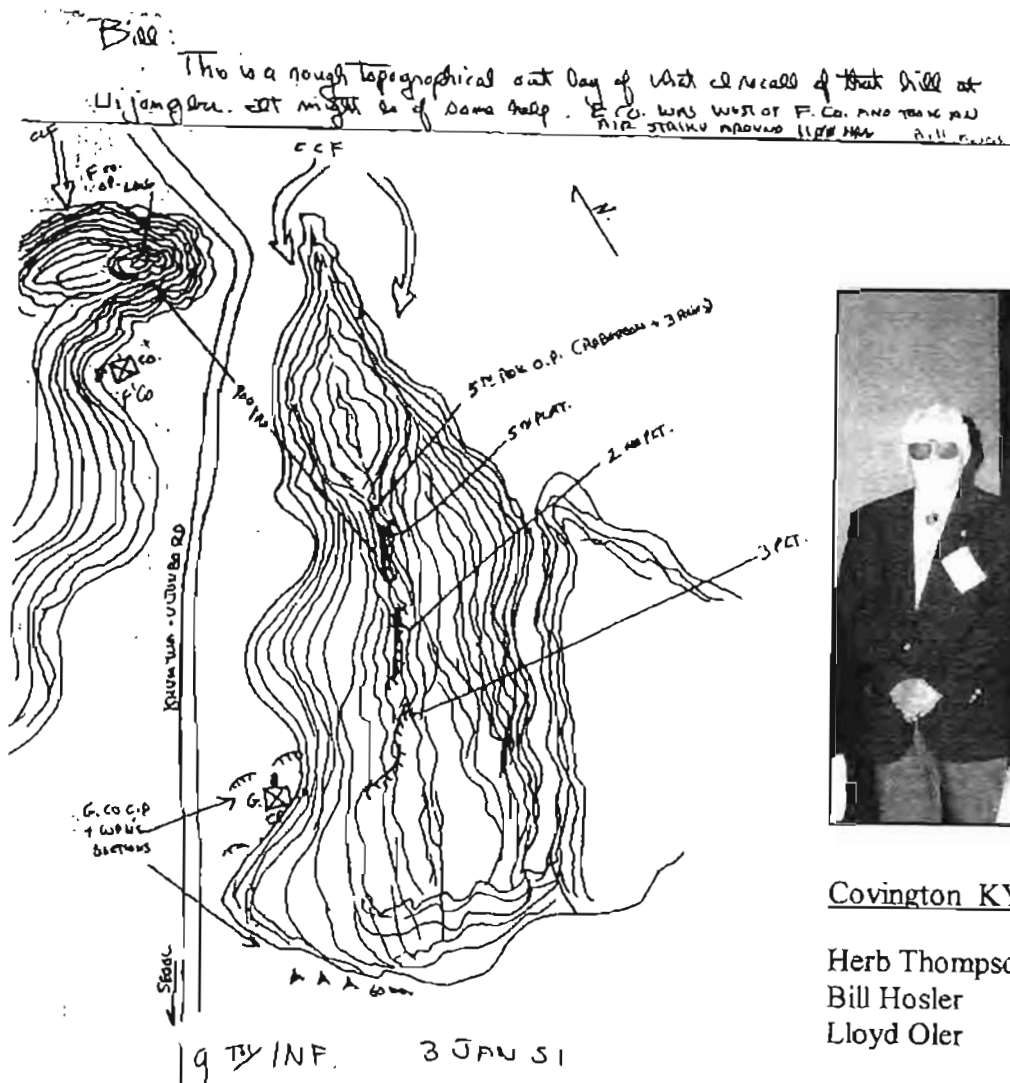
About 10 to 15 Chinese came up to us from the rear of Co. CP Area and wanted us to surrender. They started back down to the rear when mortar fire dropped on us. Why they did not attempt to shoot us, I will never know.

Hub told me that when taken POW they were kept for about thirty days and then released to return to friendly lines.

This hill is about four miles south of where Camp Red Cloud is located. On revisit in 2000, we drove right by this hill.

HERB WAS A FINE MAN

Bill Hosler



Covington KY 2000

Herb Thompson	F. Co. 19 <sup>th</sup> POW 1-3-1951
Bill Hosler	F. Co. 19 <sup>th</sup> WIA 1-3-1951
Lloyd Oler	F. Co. 19 <sup>th</sup>

I WAS ON F CO OUTPOST ON TOP OF HILL ON JAN 3, 1951  
my position was on outpost in position  
this place. This day was 1-3-1951.  
1 Co. 19th INF. Regt. 1st Div.





The US 24th Infantry Division held the right flank of the IX Corps sector, with its 19th Regiment on the left and the 21st Regiment on the right flank. The 5th RCT was in division reserve. Next eastward beyond the 21st Infantry and the IX Corps boundary, the ROK 2nd Division of the ROK II Corps was on line. On 3 January the Chinese 196th Division of the CCF 66th Army overran two of its regiments. This Chinese attack tore a great hole in the area on the east flank of the US IX Corps. Kapyong, a road center on the Pukhan River, fell to the enemy in this action. The 24th Division was now entirely exposed on its right flank. Threatening at this point was the Chinese 126th Division of the 42nd Army, which was moving up for attack.<sup>7</sup>

The 21st Infantry was also under attack the morning of 3 January when the ROK 2nd Division on its right was being destroyed. Its 2nd Battalion outpost line, where each company had a platoon stationed, was driven in. From E Company's OPLR the E Company platoon withdrew to the MLR, but in the process they saw seven men in the G Company OPLR taken prisoner. The battalion did not fire on the G Company OPLR for fear of hitting some of their own men. In the action in the 21st Infantry sector during the morning, friendly aerial attacks strafed A and B companies of the 1st Battalion and G Company of the 2nd Battalion. At 1 p.m. General Church, the division commander, ordered Col. Richard Stephens to withdraw the 21st Regiment to Line D, south of the Han River. The regiment began this move at 5:25 p.m.<sup>8</sup>

Earlier in the morning, at 10 a.m., IX Corps had ordered the 24th Division to withdraw, but it could not disengage immediately from enemy contact for the move. Withdrawal order within the division was the 21st Infantry first, then the 19th Infantry, and lastly the 5th RCT. The 7th Cavalry Regiment and the British 27th Brigade were to follow the 24th Division.<sup>9</sup>

In the morning's attack by an enemy battalion on A Company of the 21st Infantry, near Uijongbu, Cpl. Billy Mosier of the Medical Company went out under enemy mortar and small-arms fire to assist some wounded. While treating one man, he heard a call for help from another some distance away. He went to that man and gave him first aid, with small-arms fire falling all around him. It made it impossible for him to evacuate this wounded man. Mosier picked up the wounded man's rifle and moved to the crest of a nearby knoll, from which he had good observation into the enemy position. He began to fire on the enemy and killed several, before he himself was killed by an enemy sniper.<sup>10</sup>

The 19th Infantry Regiment, on the left flank of the 24th Division, adjacent to the main road running north from Seoul, took the main blow of the large enemy force from the CCF 38th Army that now resumed the drive on Seoul. The attacks began before dawn on the third and continued all morning, forcing the 2nd Battalion to withdraw. The Chinese overran F and G companies four miles southeast of Uijongbu, and E Company was then moved to block behind F Company. During all these enemy thrusts artillery and air strikes were directed on them, with heavy enemy casualties reported, some strikes and artillery barrages reportedly inflicting 90 percent casualties on units. The 2nd Battalion estimated the Chinese suffered 700 casualties during the morning and saw them recovering many of their dead and wounded from the ground. Before noon, the 3rd Battalion, 19th Infantry, counterattacked the Chinese in the 2nd Battalion positions and restored part of the line. Enemy in large numbers were observed moving



positions. Late in the morning, the 24th Division reported the main road covered with enemy soldiers marching south. Artillery and air strikes were placed on them. During the morning of 3 January, the advance units of the Chinese 38th Army moved four or five miles southeast of Uijongbu and reached points only eight to ten miles from Seoul.<sup>11</sup>

Men of the 19th Infantry had numerous hand-to-hand encounters with Chinese soldiers in the almost-continuous combat on the morning of 3 January in the Uijongbu area. At 5 A.M. in the morning there was noise out on the road. A ROK soldier ran up to Lt. John W. Fahy, leader of the 3rd Platoon, F Company, 19th Infantry, and said Chinese had arrived on nearby high ground. The platoon withdrew. Even earlier, enemy approach was reported to 1st Lt. Edward L. Shea, commanding F Company. As he left his CP, he saw 10 people coming toward him. When he challenged them, they answered, "GI." Shea then realized they were enemy and fired three rounds from his M-1 at them before the rifle jammed. He got to the CP security force of about 20 men, and he started with them to climb up to the outpost position. There was snow on the ground, and it was cold. Shea was in the lead as they came to a huge boulder, as big "as two wall tents," he said. He went around its left side smack into a group of Chinese coming down the hill. Shea hit the first one over the head with his jammed rifle. His sergeant right behind him shot two more with his carbine. Shea fought with five Chinese who jumped on him. They got him to the ground and sat on him—one on his feet, another on his chest, and two others on his arms. Shea was a big, powerful man, 6 feet, 4 inches tall, 185 pounds. The Chinese stripped him of all his possessions and kept him on the ground. Three of the five Chinese then went away. One of the remaining two was unarmed, and the other covered Shea with a rifle. When the latter pointed his rifle at Shea's head, Shea kicked him in the groin, jumped up, knocked the unarmed Chinese to the ground, and started to run away. He got only 15 to 20 yards when a shot was fired and he fell unconscious.

Shea awoke some hours later, about 8 A.M. He saw nothing but heard Chinese talking. He lay there for a time, his head aching. He thought he had a chance to escape and began working his way downhill to a creek bed and then to the road. No enemy was in sight, and he walked along the road toward where he thought his battalion was located. He reached battalion lines at 9 A.M. He had a grazing bullet wound on the back of his head and pistol gashes on his head, where one of the five Chinese had pounded him with his pistol. Shea learned later that F Company had 63 casualties that morning.<sup>12</sup>

By noon of 3 January the 24th Division, east of the Uijongbu road, was increasingly under enemy pressure.

This account was copied from the book "Ridgeway Duels for Korea" by Lt. Col. Roy E. Appleman, AUS (Ret.)

When I returned from the hospital in May, Edward L. Shea was a captain and was CO of "G" Company.

*LT Shea was my Company Commander  
Those 10 Chinese may have been  
the same ones that was  
at my position  
Bill Hosler*

Blairsville PA  
May 31, 2002

Hello Dutch,

I had a little correspondence with you a year or so ago. Nicholas (Mickey) Matviya, Btry. A, 11th FA from May 28th 1942 until Aug.8th 1945.

I'm One of the old timers that can help identify the picture on page 17, with the aid of a magnifying glass. The number LST171 is the one that carried the 11th FA Bn. from Goodenough to New Guinea.

In the VFW magazine of April 1989, I spied an ad of the reunion of the LST 171 at Pittsburgh PA, 40 miles from my home. Sent a letter stating I was on board their ship from Goodenough to New Guinea. Enclosed is a copy of the letter I got in response, sure is interesting.

Upon landing, Major Stvanosky of HQ, Lt. Ellinghausen and I proceeded inland to establish an area for our unit. About 200 yards in was a vast swamp area which we crossed to higher ground. After selecting a site, the officers told me they were going back to the ship and for me to direct the guns in and make trips to the beach. On one of my trips across the muddy swamp, a ruddy, red haired Major from the Engineer intercepted me saying, "Hey soldier pick up those logs and palm fronds" along with his men. I tried to explain I was with the Artillery, he gave out some cuss words and said, "That's an order." I sneaked around him from then on. Imagine some thing as futile as throwing palm fronds in a swamp to make a roadway.

Late in the afternoon the officers came back to the selected area and we proceeded to dig in for the night. Major Svanosky said in case he had to be addressed, just call him "SAV."

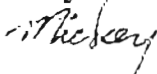
It was a good thing the Japs didn't defend the landing zone or we would have been slaughtered, everything was jammed on the beach, the swamps were nearly impassable.

There was a problem with our food rations, our kitchen set up, and in the chow line all we got was 1/2 slice of bread and a handful of peanuts. Captain Waters of Service Battery complained straight to the top, didn't go through channels and was threatened to be disciplined. His accusers backed down when it was pointed out the news media and correspondents were looking for a story. We got Australian "C" rations for the next several weeks. This was revealed to me in my correspondence with Capt. Ellinghausen, promoted to Capt. on Mindoro. We then went on to Hollandia airdrome. I kept a log of dates and ships and locations.

This is written with the hunt and peck method.

So long for now, from an old Artilleryman.

Mickey



Nicholas Matviya



Col Nelsen

I was in Korea 1953-1954, 34<sup>th</sup> Reg., 24<sup>th</sup> Div. HQ & HQ Co.  
Joe Sowders and I joined together. Joe got his lifetime, I just paid dues. We are still good friends, stay in touch even today.  
I appreciate you, your letter and your taking the job.  
Thanks for everything you do.

Alvin J. Tucker

"If you're riding ahead of the herd, take a look back  
every now and then to make sure it's still there."

Words of wisdom from our daughter Sue. ( Billy)

I am not religious. I do not attend Church on a regular or sporadic basis. I am not an atheist. I am not an agnostic. However, I do have an objection to removing "Under God". Removing these words removes the sense that they impart - that we Americans have a faith in something - be it religious or secular - that some providence/thing has lead to the creation of our country against immense odds, against internal differences of opinion that lead to a Civil War, against attacks by individuals and organizations that just hate us for what we are and for no other reason. "Under God" says to me that regardless of internal and external differences, we are here and our country is still the choice for the world's disadvantaged.

Sue Gaston



This photo was taken on Leyte (Carigari) in 1944. As I recall, we were preparing for a Christmas Dance. I am on the right. I don't recall the names of the others. The two men were in Division HQ, probably the AG Section. Can anyone identify them for me? Jack Jorgensen, (formerly Div. AG Section) 1481 S. Danube Way #104 Aurora, CO 80017-6394



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Tony Mavrick donated this clock to our drawing. Can't make it to the reunion, visit Tony on line, order by mail. Tony has about a million crests, patches, etc. Bet he has yours.

THREE MEN ARE SITTING ON A BENCH. ONE'S A TEXAN WEARING A STETSON, ONE'S A MUSLIM WEARING A TURBAN, AND THE LAST AN APACHE WITH AN EAGLE FEATHER WOVEN IN HIS HAIR.

THE INDIAN IS RATHER GLUM AND SAYS "ONCE MY PEOPLE WERE MANY, BUT NOW WE ARE FEW."

THE MUSLIM PUFFS UP AND SAYS "ONCE MY PEOPLE WERE FEW, BUT NOW WE ARE MANY MILLIONS."

THE TEXAN ADJUSTS HIS HAT, FINISHES ROLLING A SMOKE, LEANS BACK IN HIS CHAIR AND DRAWLS, "THAT'S CAUSE WE AIN'T PLAYED COWBOYS AND MUSLIMS YET."

Bill Hartmann's story of Corregidor was sent in by his friend Paul Cain.

Corregidor: By Bill Hartmann

Due to the fact that there are several versions of the actions that happened in Corregidor on February 16, 1945, I thought I would clarify the story. I am William E. Hartman. At that time I was Staff Sergeant "Bill" Hartman, Platoon SGT, 3rd PLT. Cannon Co., #34 INF. REG. My platoon was with the 3rd Battalion, 34th for this operation. My platoon had 3 M7 105 MM Self Propelled Howitzers.

Jan Valtin told the story in "Children of Yesterday", Belote and Belote in their book "Corregidor". The Silver Star Medal Citation (told it) another slightly different way. All were true but not complete. General Flanagan told it a different way and the Static Line (a paratrooper paper) another. Here are the facts:

We were sent from Subic Bay to Mariveles where I lost one M7 due to motor troubles and the next day, landed on Corregidor with two M7's. During the landing, we lost another M7 on a mine which tore a track off and flipped it onto it's right side. Luckily, everyone was able to walk away from it. The second one (in which I was riding) got through the mine field but was held within the beach perimeter due to other visible mines and objects until they could be cleared. Also, to await orders. My platoon was assigned the northeast area of the perimeter, next to Malinta Hill. From this point, we could stop anyone coming out of the north end of Malinta Tunnel from going north or west; also, (we) could fire at anyone coming from the north dock area. At the end of the first day, the only vehicles operable on the beach were one jeep and one M7.

On the morning of February 17th, my platoon leader told me that the paratroopers need blood plasma, medical supplies and water, topside. He asked if I would send two men in the M7 to do the job. I said that I would go and since Mike Nolan was the driver of this M7, he volunteered to go. We were told that the road was probably mined and that we didn't control all of it as yet. We dismantled the breech block of the 105 Howitzer so that if the Japs captured it, they could not use it. We also took the 50 caliber machine gun and left it on the beach for the same reason. We loaded the medicine, plasma, and as much water as we could in the M7 and with two gutsy paratroopers who had missed the drop zone, checking for mines ahead of us, started out. A Lt. and another paratrooper climbed onto the back deck. As soon as we rounded the hill north of the beach, we came under intense 31 and 51 machine gun fire. The paratrooper out front (not being stupid) sought shelter behind the M7. As we proceeded, the machine gun fire was tearing rotating bands off the 105 shells (which on this early model of the M7, protruded above the armor plate) and wounded the Lt. in the face: only a slight wound but the situation was pretty scary. We took a turn to the south and were out of the hail of fire. The Lt. and the other man got off and our two front men resumed their road check. Now we had a driver, with an M1 carbine, myself with an M1 Garand, two men out front with an Carbine each and a box of grenades in the M7: (Gambling?)

World War II  
(Pacific)



"Toujours In Evant"  
34th Infantry  
Regiment



Silver Star

Turning toward Middleside Barracks, we see a bombed bridge ahead. It's a little askew and narrow but I decide to chance it. ~~A~~ groans but holds the 25 tons with the track hanging over both sides about 4 to 6 inches. We went on past Middleside Barracks until we came to a point directly north and downhill from the topside barracks. There we see two 500 pound parachute bombs lying in the road. They hadn't landed on their noses and were probably live. We edge slowly around them on the uphill side with about six or eight inches to spare. Past this point, we do a hairpin curve left and are at our destination, the temporary hospital in the bombed out barracks. We unload and are told by the officer in charge that he needs more of the same plus all the clean water we could haul. We load two badly wounded men on stretchers, on board and head back down the road. This time it's just Mike and me. Down the road and edge around the bombs, on the middleside, on over the bridge and around the corner to where we got our first heavy fire on the way up. Nothing! No fire! We go on the beach to unload our wounded who are checked and sent out to an L.S.T. (which was a hospital ship) offshore. I talk to my platoon leader as we load up again; this time with a tank trailer of water hooked on the rear. Again we go up around the corner and here comes a hail of machine gun fire. This time I spot where it's coming from. (The old ice house and position west and above there.) Around the corner again and (we're) out of it; across the bridge with it's 30 foot drop, if it doesn't hold and on to middleside where we find some paratroopers. I tell them where the machine gun's are and they tell me that there had been Japs at Middleside when we went up. Evidently, the Japs hadn't wanted to take on a 105 so they hadn't fired at us. We go to topside and unload again. It's late evening now so I decide to stay there overnight. We bed down against the wall just inside the building and also next to the M7. About 2:00 a.m., there is an attack on the northwest side of the perimeter and a number of stray bullets ricochet through the shattered building. It only lasted a few minutes and no one (was) hit. The next morning, we load two more stretcher cases on board and head back down for an easy trip to the beach. No fire at all. We unload our wounded and start the motor again. It runs about 30 seconds and locks up. A broken oil line; and we've thrown a rod. I'm sure glad it happened here and not up on the hill under fire! Now we have no 105's so we are just another infantry platoon until we get another M7. I've often wondered what happened to the four wounded we brought down and also to the 2 gutsy men who checked the road for mines. Mike counted 200 bullet marks from the front end of the M7 about three feet and gave up counting.

I've played a little poker but never will beat the bluff we pulled there. Four men- four rifles, two men-two rifles and a 105 that couldn't be fired against an unknown adversary and an unknown situation.

William E. Hartman  
(U.S.A.S.N. 6911080)





# 24th Infantry Division Association



## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

2002-2003

Nomination and election of the Association Officers for the term 2002-03 will be conducted at the Annual Membership Meeting held at the annual reunion in Kansas City on 21 September 2002.

The Constitution of the Association designates three positions as elected offices. They are:

President

Vice President

Secretary/Treasurer/Editor

(Interpretation of the Constitution allows the Secretary/Treasurer to name an individual as Editor of the TARO LEAF.)

The Nominating Committee for 2002 is:

James F. Hill, 19th Infantry, Chairman


Ben H. Wable, 34th Infantry

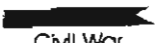
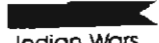

Rodney F. Stock, Jr., 34th Infantry

Harold Peters, 21st Infantry

Any Active Member of the Association that desires to nominate an individual for the above listed offices is requested to provide the name of the individual, his or her qualification for the position and concurrence of the individual to Jim Hill at 770 998-3749 or email [jimandsuehill@aol.com](mailto:jimandsuehill@aol.com)

It is desirable for the nomination(s) to be made prior to 6 September 2002.

  
**JAMES F. HILL**  
CHAIRMAN

  
Civil War  
  
Indian Wars  
  
Spanish American War

June 16, 2002

~~World War I~~  
World War I

Dear Col. Nelsen,

Please accept my final payment for my Life membership in the 24<sup>th</sup> IDA.

My dad, SFC Dave Grass, Jr.' A Co, 19<sup>th</sup> Regt. was KIA on April 20, 1951, in the Kalmal Myon area with the Place of Death listed on the QMC Form as 1042 Unchon-ni. (Unchon-ni, 38<sup>th</sup> degree 05, North – 127 degree 17'E) 3 miles S/W of Kalmal Myon.

Thank you for your last words to me last year when you indicated that you were in the area or close on April 20, 1951.

Obviously I am still looking for any UN or US personnel who may have been in the area who may have served with my dad. I am writing you this letter on Fathers Day, (Not trying to be dramatic!) but, it always hits home for, we, war orphans on these kinds of days. I'm sure you understand.

I hope you, Joe Sweeney, and Harry Wittman are not uncomfortable with some of us looking on you as father figures, (Hell, I'm 55 years old!), but you are all we have left from our fathers who fought in the Korean War, or experienced anything that our fathers experienced.

I have been helped "Big Time" by Joe in getting VA help for my mother, (Joe doesn't know it yet!), and enjoyed great conversation with Cpl. Wittman, our great Quartermaster 24<sup>th</sup> IDA.

Although you won't get this today, I hope you had a great Father's Day a few days ago, *and stay with us, because we need you!*

Kindest Regards,

Ken

Ken is a professor, Director of Bands, School of Music, at the University of Tulsa, Tulsa OK

If you have any information for Ken concerning his dad, you can reach him at the following address.

2601 E. Dallas Street, Broken Arrow, OK 74014-2312

MEMOIRS of a "COMBAT INFANTRYMAN by an Enemy Alien" has been published and is available from 1stbooks.com, the publisher's website. I generated the book primarily to let my children and grandchildren know and hopefully appreciate what it took the WWII veterans to preserve our freedom. The Enemy Alien part of the title came about because, at age 17, I volunteered for the Navy, was turned down for lack of citizenship, drafted into the Army, where Enemy Alien was officially stamped on all records. I served 18 continuous months as a machine gunner in New Guinea and the Philippines, survived with medals including Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and malaria. I was sworn in as a U.S. citizen a day before being discharged. That was the proudest moment in my life.

The book is available from [www.1stbooks.com](http://www.1stbooks.com) for \$11.50. Amazon's cost will be \$14.50. Eric Diller



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SCHEDULE. THIS ARRAINGEMENT WAS MADE EITH MR.,  
DENNIS BOYER.

### West Perry PA

Ladies and Gentlemen, I am proud to introduce to you, from left to right, Trista Fite, Erin Howard, Amber Arnold, Nicole Sweger, Denise Mellinger and Bethany Pate. These six teenagers represent a great new generation of students, more than thirty of which took part in an awe-inspiring project to honor the Veterans of the Korean War. The West Perry High School History Club and Senate Club combined efforts for several years, designing and earning funds to create this memorial to our veterans who did not return home from the war. The bronze sculpture was dedicated May 24, 2002, on the campus of the West Perry High School. The students raised \$3,700 from car washes, bake sales, other projects, and donations. These students even provided lunch for the veterans who attended the dedication! Three of our own, 24th ID men are listed on the monument. Pvt.



John A. Auman, Co. E 19th Infantry, Pvt. James M. Boughter, 5th RCT, M/Sgt Clark L. Holman, 24th ID. I do not think there is another school in the United States with a monument to both WWII and Korean War casualties, both designed and financed by students. West Perry County and the State of Pennsylvania should be very proud of these young Americans and their Teacher Advisers, Jeff Popchock, History Club and Jeff Zeiders, Student Senate Adviser. We salute these young people. Our country is passing to a great new generation.

### NEWS FLASH ....REPORTERS NEEDED

We need a section of the *Taro Leaf* dedicated to each unit. I know some units have a newsletter, and that is great, others do not, and would enjoy knowing what is happening with their unit. Talk it over at the Saturday Breakfast in KC and choose one of you to collect and forward your units news to me to be published in the *Taro Leaf*. Mail it to me and we are off and running. Think about it, we'll talk about it in KC. Billy, TL Editor



Bill Hosler, F.Co. 19th, sent this photo of a Monument to the KIA of the Korean War. The West Perry PA High School students raised the money and designed the monument. Three of our own are listed on the monument: Pvt. John A. Aumon, E.Co. 19th; Pvt. James M. Boughter, 5th RCT; M/Sgt. Clark L. Holman, 24th ID; From 7th Division, Pfc. Gene A. Metz.

Our thanks to the students of West Perry High School. I think kids are great. These kids really are fantastic!



Ruthetta Wilt, sister of John Aumon. Anyone who knew John may write to her at: R.D. 1, Box 2-A, Blain, PA 17006.





Vincent Krepps & Bill Hosler F. Co. 19th



After half a century, the past has returned, along with the pride that goes with it. Through the work of his wife Betty (46 years), the 71 year old has had sent to him, by the US Military officials, the eight medals that were owed to him upon his discharge in 1952. As a member of the 24th ID, Charlie spent time in Japan in Ord. Co. When it was time to be discharged in 1950, Charlie was talked into signing on for another tour. This time things would get tougher. "The government called it a 'Police action' but that is not how I saw it," he said of his time in Korea. The Korean conflict as it was called, involved American troops fighting in a foreign land, battling the evils of communism much like the Viet Nam War that followed a decade later.

*You're looking good in that uniform Charlie!*

Every now and then it takes a true military mind to come up with a classic quote!

In a recent interview, General Norman Schwartzkof was asked if he thought there was room for forgiveness toward the people who have harboured and abetted the terrorists who perpetrated the 9/11 attacks on America.

His answer:

**"I believe that forgiving them is God's function. Our job is simply to arrange the meeting"**



Photo and collection by: Nicholas (Mickey) Matviya, Co A 11th FA, 5-28-1942 to 8-8-1945

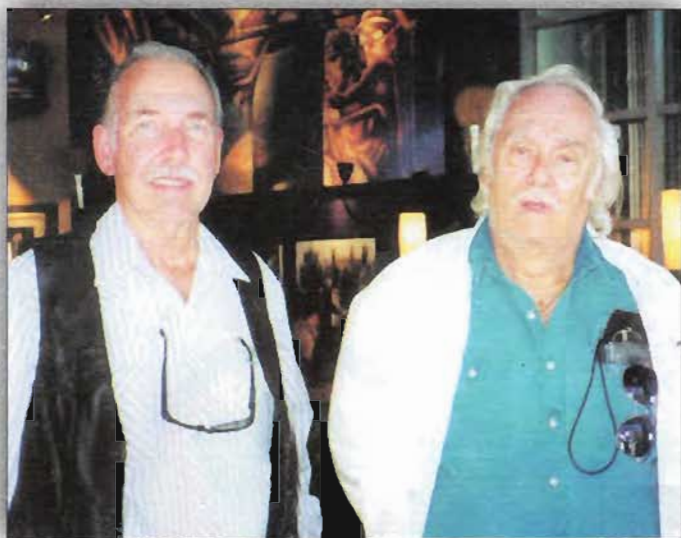


Paper money is displayed between two plates of glass, so that back and front of bills can be seen. Collected in the Pacific theatre by Mickey during the WWII era.

Top L: One U.S. dollar bill with "Hawaii" stamped on back and front, Australian 1 pound note and 10 Shillings note, Dutch New Guinea 5 Guilder, 1 guilder and 50 cent bill.

2nd Column: Philippine pre-war 1 Peso note, 5 Peso "Victory" bill, 2 Peso "Victory" bill, 1 Peso "Victory" bill, 2 peso note, (Mindanao Emergency Currency Board) Chinese 1 Yuan note, (red color) taken from a Japanese pack on Leyete, proof that the 1st Imperial Division, veterans of action in China, were in Leyete. Also in the photo is a variety of Japanese invasion money and two leaflets directing the Filipinos. In a Japanese pack Mickey found a flag, post cards and personal items.





Dutch:

This is a picture of me and John W. Sonley. I'm on the left and John on the right.

I was in the Commo Platoon, Hq. Co. and John, was in M Co. we are both in the 3rd. Btn., 5th. R.C.T.-24th Inf. Div. in Korea.

We live about 100 miles away from each other. John and I had lunch together last Feb. 2002.

Yours,

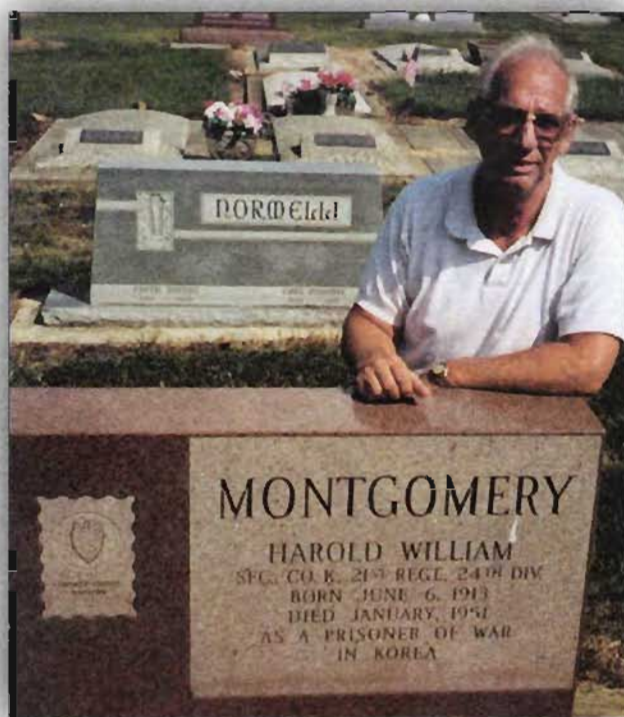
Bud Collette

*Bud*



Harry and Frances Wittman traveled to Florida and while there, visited with Keith and Betty Van Nest and Carol Hawk.

L.toR.: Harry Wittman, Keith and Betty and Carol.



The tombstone of SFC Harold Montgomery, Co. K 21st Regiment, 24th Infantry Division is pictured here with Harold's nephew, John. SFC Montgomery died as a POW in Korea, 3 Jan. 1951. His body has never been recovered. His wife (now deceased), not wanting him to be forgotten, had this tombstone engraved with a Taro Leaf and placed in a cemetery in Chanute, KS. Harold's name appears on "Johnson's List" as being from Madera CA.

Sometime ago, while visiting my parent's grave, I noticed the Taro Leaf on this tombstone, this drew me to investigate, and to learn that Harold, was a member of the Montgomery family I had known while growing up in Chanute. John put me in touch with Sandy Ditto, who told me she has learned her father starved to death as a result of sharing his meager rations with younger prisoners. Harold Montgomery's name appears on Johnson's List, as being from Madera CA. A Hero No Doubt, SFC. Montgomery will not be forgotten by any who wear the Taro Leaf.

I felt this photo and story would help to continue his wife's wishes.

Scott L. Defebaugh  
24th Med Bn. 24th Inf. Div.  
13 Aug. '51-3 Mar. '53

24th Life Member #1521  
President: Dutch Nelsen Chapter KWVA  
Colorado Springs, CO



*"There's two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither one works."*



*Passing in review on Pennsylvania Avenue.*  
July 27, 1995. Billy Johnson, wearing a hat and black shirt, marches down Pennsylvania Avenue with a group of men from the 24th IDA and his grandson James Edward Johnson.



Billy and Minie Johnson with their Grandson James, were working to sign up new members for the 24th IDA and 45th IDA.

This photo was taken July 27, 1995 in one of the huge tents which was a part of the Tent City erected on the Mall in DC during the Celebration for the Dedication of the Korean War Memorial. If you got one of the VIP passes to see President Clinton and to hear his Dedication Speech, *you got it here!*

24th Division  
Veterans  
waiting to  
march down  
Pennsylvania  
Ave.,  
July 27, 1995.







Cecil, nice display of your medals.



Cecil G. Upchurch 34/19, sent this photo. (L.toR.) Shirley Carrither, Smoky Stover and himself while on R&R in Japan, 1951.



Jack Baird (34th) sent this photo. (L.toR.) Koske, Carrier and Hughes. Spring of '53 in Japan. They had just received the new 4.2's before returning to Korea in June. NOTE: Their CO was Captain James Vaught. Nice hole Jack!

*"Just a few good men" is all they want, say the U.S. Marines. Mighty good men, historically. They'd rejected Audie Murphy before he became the most decorated soldier in the U.S. Army.*



Lavern Penn, 11th FA sent this photo, along with the information that Calvin James passed away in February 2002. (Spring 2002 TL TAPS.) Lavern said, "Calvin was a legend in Kansas politics, was known as Mr. Republican, but most of all, Calvin was a good soldier, family man and friend." Calvin will be missed by all of us who knew him.

Laverne, Charles Nunnally and Calvin stayed in contact with each other all these years. They were together last in Covington KY and had plans to be in KC for the 2002 Reunion.

Photo: Lavern's Squad, Ascom City, Korea, Fall of 1951. Front row: (L.toR.) Lavern Penn, AK - Kenneth Wagner, NB; Calvin James, KA. Second row: (L.toR.) Sgt. Chun Ki Hyon, my interpreter, he was an English Professor at University of Seoul before the war. Richard Turner, TX; Charles Nunnally, AL. Third row: (L.toR.) Arthur Gibbons, WI; Steve Karoly, PA.





Stand - Demoss - Apetecan - Barclay - Diller - Rakert - Finney - Garp - Murray - Bro  
 Sitting - Rives - Zappe - Eustacy - Fwyer - Nepote - Gonzalez - Rubio - Wale



Bill Allen pictured with the two winners, Samantha Mack, above and Marla DeVicente, right.



# 24th Infantry Div. West Coast Reunion 10th Anniversary



Approximately fifty-five to sixty-five members and Significant Others showed up and truly a wonderful time was had by all. Don Barrett, as usual, did an excellent job in providing room accommodations, food, drink, tours and generally organizing the affair in good order. He is the first to admit that he couldn't have done it without the help of Hank Gomez. Among other things, Hank provided a large, beautiful 24th Division banner for the Hotel Lobby, and nineteen permanent sign-in folders for all the 24th Div. associated units. He was truly Don's Point Man. Three tours, included an Antique Automotive Museum, a cruise in the San Francisco Bay on F.D.R.'s reconditioned Yacht Potomac, and a Winery Tour, were available and taken advantage of by many.

Phillis Wicinski honored us with her presence, in memory of her husband Joe, who suddenly and sadly, departed us at the end of last year's reunion. Joan Barrett, Phillis, and Bev Rickert helped, as usual, to make our reunion another success by taking care of many details to ensure that everything ran smoothly. I apologize to any volunteers I left out. Many offered to help.

At our General Meeting we endorsed Don Barrett again to carry on as the West Coast reunion coordinator. Del Mar, CA and Ventura, CA are being considered for next year. Since most of us were not able to attend the Hampton, VA National reunion, mostly due to the 9/11 tragedy, Wes Morrison filled us in as to what transpired, and answered many questions in the process. Between that and the Taro Leaf I would think that our 24th I.D.A. is still in good shape.

A nearby Army Base provided us with a Color Guard, which was headed by a very competent female Colonel. The Colors were presented and retired in proper manner.

Finally, a group picture of all the men was taken. The Ladies declined the offer to become famous. Eric Diller

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



## Third & Fourth Old Box of Memories Scholarship

For the second year Bill Allen, Korean Ex-Prisoner of War, and his wife Helen, attended the awards ceremony at St. Petersburg High School. Bill had such a good response from the sales of his book "My Old Box of Memories" he was able to give two \$1,000 scholarships this school year. The winners were determined by submitting the best essay, which the subject was.....

*How did September 11, 2001 change your life?*

The winners were Samantha Mack, and Marla DeVicente, both honor students at St. Petersburg High School. Selecting the winners was a difficult task. All the essays were outstanding. We received a very rewarding and indebted understanding how the young people look upon their life now and in their future.

The scholarships will be given for one more year. This is because of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War. When the books I have now are sold I will not have any more printed. That's the way I want it. Anyone that has a copy did not buy it off a counter. They got it personally from me. I want to thank everyone who supported me in this project. I feel that each and everyone of you gave something back to the younger generations. Plus, the fact that everyone helped get the word out about "The Forgotten War." Only forgotten by those who didn't fight it.

*Kahlil Gibran said it best in his book, "The Prophet";  
"... stand together yet not too near together: For the  
pillars of the temple stand apart, and the oak tree and  
the cypress grow not in each other's shadow."*

*Arkansas had a lot of beavers. It reintroduced alligators.  
It doesn't have all that many beavers anymore. Alligators  
like the flavor of beaver.*





Bill McClure 21st sent in these photos of a reunion in WV, held by 1st Bn. 34th and 2nd Bn. 21st. These guys really know how to take a river cruise. I don't know why the ladies didn't go?



*Clyde and Geneve Neal*

*Harold and Diane Peters*



*Harry & Frances Wittman*



*Charlie Cole and Grandson Mark*

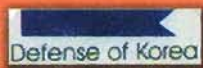




*Ann & Warren Avery*



*Wes & Shirley Morrison*



*You get a good marriage when the power  
of love overcomes the love of power.*



*Velma & Arnold Riddle*

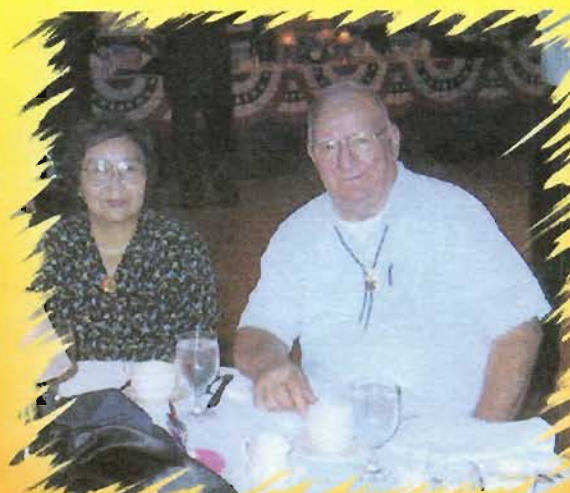


*Charles & Martha Andrews*





*Jr. & Barbara Weber*



*Jean & Bob Lawhon*



*Paul & Ada Reed*



*Milly & Norman Wolak*

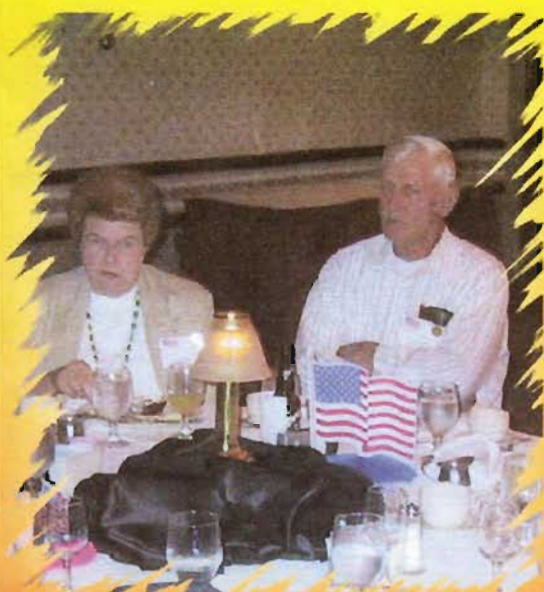


*Roger & Margaret Eisenbacker*



*Bill & Sue McClure*





*Laura & Hershel Dick*



*Clifford, Christian, Robert, Romyame  
The Yarnell, they run the Hospitality Room*



*Hans & Evelyn Manz*



*Trinia & Pete Gomez*



*Lacey & Alyce Barnett*



*Bob Slaney, Louie Repko*



21 June 2002

Taro Leaf Editor,

Ref: William Hartman, veteran member of the 34th Inf. Regt., Cannon Company. As well as a faithful member of the 24th Inf. Div. Assoc. Bill was mentioned in the Dec. 2000 issue and again his obit appeared on page 16 of #3 issue Dec. 2001 *Taro Leaf*. I am enclosing a picture of Bill with myself and 3 other guys who were together on Corregidor in Feb. 1945. Time and place of picture on back. Also Dan Valles, Jim Sullivan, Paul Cain, as well as Bill Hartman all received the Silver Star for action they were a part of. I am also enclosing an article written by Bill, on action he participated in on Corregidor. This article is true, no BS, I was there and a partial witness.

Also enclosing a picture of Rennie Vermont. Dan Valles was talking to Rennie at the Minneapolis reunion in 1996. Rennie was telling him how his C.O. Was killed on Mindanao, Dan advised him his old commander was here and got us together and took this picture. Rennie was in the hospital while we were on Corregidor, later joining us on Mindanao.



Paul J. Cain  
I & K Co. 34th Inf.  
Oaha to Mindanao



**ALOHA DINNER • SEPTEMBER 2001  
COVINGTON, KY**

Bill Hartman, Paul Crain, Don Valles, Hilda Nest, Jim Sullivan and Phil Nast. All were on Malinta Hill except Hilda...she was too young and too beautiful!



**Paul Cain and Renne Vermont - September 1986**

Renee thought that his CO, Lt. Cain, had been KIA. Over 40 years later he was found to be very much alive and well in Minneapolis, MN.

*Your folks want you*

## HOME and SAFE

That's where you should be, and can be. We know you were ordered here —you didn't chose to come.

We sent some captured men back to your lines.  
Why did MacArthur stop them from talking?

They would have told you that men who have put down their arms and come over to the Chinese people's volunteers are receiving good treatment and will get home—all in one piece.

### *That's the Road for You*

We are ordinary Chinese people who have volunteered to save our homes. You are ordinary American or British people. We have no reason to hate you. But we Chinese, like the Koreans, cannot stop fighting while you are here carrying out orders to invade our lands.

## YOU HAVE ONLY ONE WAY BACK HOME

Get wise to yourself. The people who got you in this mess are making plenty on this deal. Do you want to die for their dividends?

← HERE'S WHAT TO DO →

..... (use this as a safe conduct pass) .....

When you see a Chinese soldier: Put down your weapon and say

投 TOW SHONG 降  
(surrender)  
Tow rhymes with show Shong rhymes with long

DO YOUR FOLKS AT HOME A GOOD TURN—THEY NEED YOU

We guarantee you safe conduct and  
your return home as soon as possible.

The Chinese People's Volunteer Forces

## SAFE CONDUCT PASS

We guarantee:

If you put down your weapon and say

TOW SHONG

(surrender)

TOW rhymes with SHOW  
SHONG rhymes with LONG

投

降

You will be escorted to the rear—to safety. You will get medical treatment if you need it. You will be well treated and, in the end, you'll get home in one piece.

THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEER FORCES

## WHY ARE YOU HERE?

No one believes this bunk about a "United Nations" war. How many British, French and other troops are here? Just enough to make propaganda about. It's an American show and you are the sacrifice.

THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEER FORCES

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CARL MYDANS LIFE COMBAT PHOTOGRAPHER

24 INF DIV.

25 JULY 1952

Photo sent in by John J. Baker, 34

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If guaranteed with major credit card, please furnish following information:

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OTHER\_\_\_\_\_

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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

(1) My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't!

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

**ALOHA BANQUET**

**STARTERS:**

*Garden Green Salad*

**CHOICE NO. 1:**

*Medallions of Smoked Pork  
Roasted 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 A la Mode*

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

**MEMORIAL BANQUET**

**STARTERS:**

*Garden Green Salad*

**CHOICE NO. 1:**

*Midwest Pot Roast  
Garlic Mashed 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**



**24<sup>th</sup> 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)

**Transportation and lunch**  
**\$ 20.00 per. person**

**Friday, September 20, 2002**

**Independence, the Truman Library and Lunch**  
(9:00 AM to 2:00 PM)   
**\$ 40.00 per. person**

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**Aloha Banquet**  
(6:30 PM to \_\_\_\_\_)  
**\$ 29.00 per. person**

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**Saturday, September 21, 2002**

**Men's Breakfast**  
(8:00 AM)  
**\$15.00 per. person**

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**Ladies Breakfast**  
(9:00 AM)  
**\$15.00 per. Person**

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**24<sup>th</sup> IDA Business Meeting**  
(Active Members)  
(10:00 AM)

**Kansas City Sights Tour**  
(11:30 AM to 3:30 PM)  
**\$ 40.00 per. person** 

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**Memorial Dinner**  
(6:30 to \_\_\_\_\_)  
**29.00 per. person**

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**Total Charges**

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

**Make checks payable to: 24<sup>th</sup> IDA**

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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

Tuesday AM PM

Wednesday AM PM

Thursday AM PM

Friday AM PM

Saturday AM PM

OPTIONS: Anytime Forget me, maybe next year!

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

## 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**

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

Harold Peters  
13791 Dorothy Drive  
Rogers, MN 55374-8899  
763-428-4158

**\*Make checks payable to:**  
**Harold Peters**

#### **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**

**VISIT TO FORT RILEY**  
**Thursday, September 19, 2002**  
**7:00 AM – 6:00 PM**

Today guests will travel to the historic frontier fort, now the home of the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. Fort Riley was one of several forts established on the plains in the 1850's. Originally called Camp Center, it became Fort Riley named in honor of Major General Bennett C. Riley who had led a military escort on the Santa Fe Trail in 1829.

Following the Civil War, the fort became a key fort in the Indian Wars and is noted for the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry led by General George A. Custer. In 1884, General Philip Sheridan recommended that the fort be made the Cavalry Headquarters of the Army.

The famous "Buffalo Soldiers" of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry were stationed at Fort Riley several times during their history. These troops became the cadre for the Cavalry School during the 1920's and 1930's.

During W.W. I Fort Riley was one of sixteen training sites across the country and this was repeated during W.W. II. In 1946 the Cavalry School was replaced by the Ground General School which trained newly commissioned officers in basic military subjects.

Over the years the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, the 1<sup>st</sup> Armor Division, the 937<sup>th</sup> Engineer Group and the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division have made their home at Fort Riley. In addition the Army Reserve Components that work and train on Fort Riley are an integral piece to the U.S. Total Force.

### Activities for 24ID Tour of Fort Riley

View Command Video

Welcome by Member of the Command Group

Windshield Tour of Historic Main Post

\*Tour of Fort Riley Museum Complex

Lunch in a Dining Facility

Windshield Tour of Custer Hill Housing Area and Troop Billets

\*Visit to Motor Pool – Display of Weapon Systems and Crews

\*Tour and Demonstrations of the Battle Simulations Center (BSC) and Close Combat Tactical Trainer (CCTT)

Some events indicated by asterisk (\*) may be conducted as a round robin, depending on the number of veterans who attend.

I have asked that we be allowed a visit to the Post Exchange if time permits. I do not have the answer on the PX trip at this time.

**COST OF THE DAY LONG TOUR    \$ 20.00    PER PERSON**

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

**Friday, September 20, 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.**



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

**Saturday, September 21, 2002  
11:30 AM to 3:30 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.

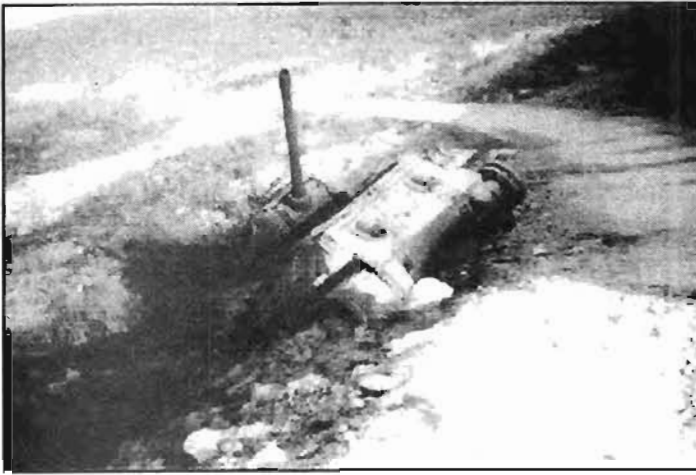
### **MENU**

**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**

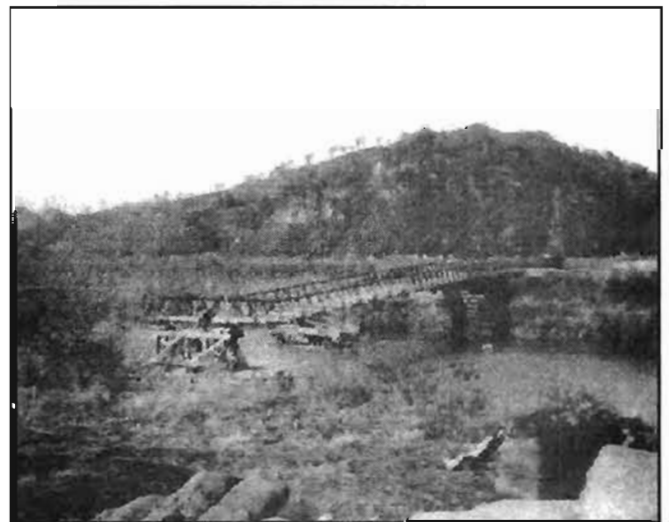
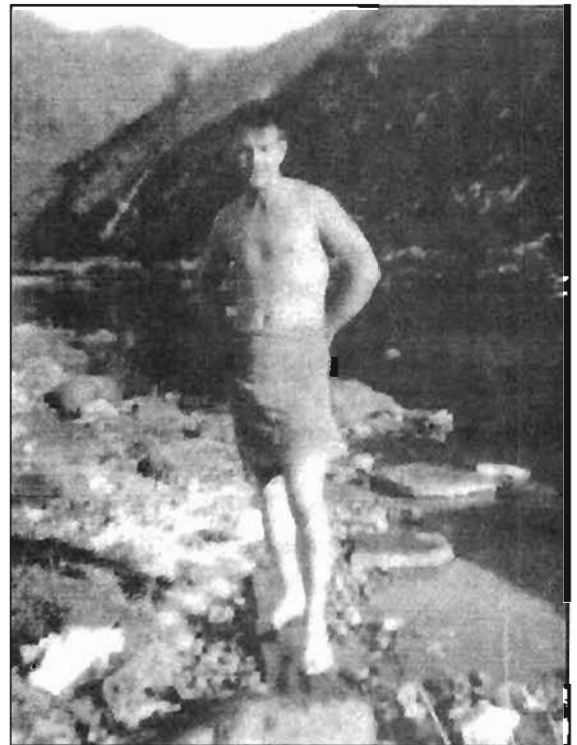
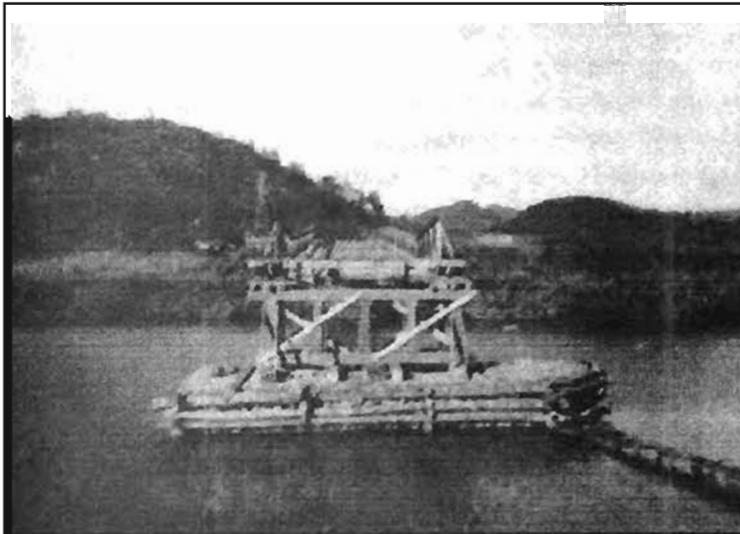
**COST OF THIS 5 HOUR TOUR IS \$40.00 PER PERSON  
Based on a minimum of 30 participants per motorcoach**



This is the road we took going out of Taejon, July 20, 1950. Photo taken as we reentered in Sept. (18th) 1950.

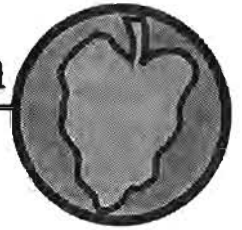


Leo Lang, 24 MP. July, 1950.



These photos of the 3rd Eng's at play were sent in by Walter Marszalek. While Co.A built the pier, Co.D laid the Bailey Bridge. The bridge was named after Richard Ramsler who died on October 14, 1951 while clearing a mine field. The young fellow in the towel is Walter, feeling great after his monthly bath.

# 24th Infantry Division Association



Wallace F. Kuhner  
1637 Falmouth Street,  
Charleston, SC 29407-3926

Dear Fellow Taro Leafer;

A few mornings back as I was having my second cup of coffee I picked up a back issue of our great magazine, The Taro Leaf, and as I read and re-read each page I thought to myself, what a great publication!

As I read I find some things very few like magazines have in common with ours. Here I find a former soldier looking for a buddy from Operation Desert Storm. There I notice that the VA has an 800 telephone number making it easier for veterans and their families to inquire about benefits and how to apply for them. On another page there is a great picture, in living color, of a bunch of guys from Battery A, 11th FA together with their guidon.

Reading on I can't help but marvel at the excellent photography and the professional layouts. Then as I turn each page I find personal letters from some of the guys and I say to myself, "I wonder if you have noticed them".

Finally, I reach the page none of us wants to face and read, the obituaries. Are any of my old buddies there? Then I say a silent prayer for all who made the supreme sacrifice.

As I read each name I find myself looking back to maybe Pork Chop Hill, Tacloban, Seoul, Chosin Reservoir, Pearl Harbor, Schofield Harbor wherever you served back then. Maybe in Germany.

My few brief moments reading are broken by the ringing of the doorbell and it is the guy (gal sometimes) with today's mail. The first thing I see is a letter from "HQ". I open it immediately. What do I find? It is a letter from "HQ" with a list of guys, gals too, who are slightly behind in their annual dues together with a request that I make a personal contact by letter to remind them. Now I am sure it is just an oversight or maybe a letter from "HQ" got lost in the mail. Anyway, I would miss my quarterly issue of the TARO LEAF for all of the above reasons as I am sure you are right now.

Our annual dues are still a modest \$15.00 which of course includes your own personal copy of the TARO LEAF. A LIFE MEMBERSHIP remains at \$150.00 payable in FIVE EQUAL ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS OF: \$30.00 each. Upon completion you will receive a handsome brass membership card with your name embossed thereon and a TARO LEAF LOGO in full color.

So how about a RE-UP or better yet starting a LIFE MEMBERSHIP. Make your check/money order payable to: 24th Inf. Div. Assn. Do not mail cash.

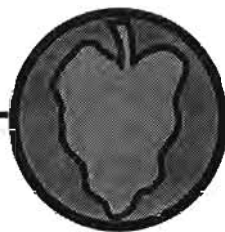
Mail your remittance to me at the above address. If you have remitted your dues since this letter many thanks and Aloha.

Very respectfully,

Wallace F. Kuhner,  
Membership Chairman.

--- AND THIS IS HOW  
we/I DO IT.  
V/R

# 24th Infantry Division Association



**BE A MEMBER      MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION      RECRUIT A MEMBER**

I desire to be enrolled or reinstated as a member of the 24<sup>th</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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SERVED IN THE 24<sup>th</sup> or was ATTACHED TO THE 24<sup>th</sup>

UNIT \_\_\_\_\_ FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT \_\_\_\_\_ FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

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Dues:

\_\_\_\_ Annual - \$15.00  
1 Year From Date of  
Enlisting in Association

\_\_\_\_ Lifetime - \$150.00  
Payable in lump sum of \$150.00  
or in 5 yearly payments of \$30.00

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

Recommended By: \_\_\_\_\_

**A SOLDIER IS NOT A CIVILIAN AND SHOULD TAKE PRIDE IN THAT FACT.**

# TAPS

*Day is done, gone the sun  
From the lake, from the hill  
From the sky.  
All is well, safely rest, God is night.*

*Thanks and praise for our days  
'neath the sun, 'neath the stars,  
'neath the sky.  
As we go this we know. God is nigh*

## **5<sup>th</sup> RCT**

Robert Ronning  
Frederick Strong

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Engineers**

Michael Madich  
Carl S. Wagenfuehrer  
Vincent C. Travis

## **6<sup>th</sup> Tank**

Robert Kaisen  
Gale C. Curry

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

Alfred I. Byrd  
William H. Manning

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

Roland R. Floyd  
Fred A. Foster  
James N. Handley  
William Maegele  
Clyde Peacock  
Louis Rockwork  
John O. "Jack" Rooney  
John Seck  
John H. Stygles  
Eugene H. Wells  
William H. Young

## **21<sup>st</sup> HQ Co.**

Albert Henry Braden

## **24<sup>th</sup> HQ**

John W. Percy

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

William R. Hull  
Charles W. Holtsclaw  
Anthony F. Maruka  
Edmund R. Shulman

## **24<sup>th</sup> Recon**

Robert Cadena

## **24<sup>th</sup> Signal**

Robert Paraska  
Edward J. Shirley

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

Donald B. Cameron  
Joseph DeLuca  
Nate McCall  
Hanford F. Rants  
James L. Shirak

## **26<sup>th</sup> AAA**

Justin E. Martin

## **63<sup>rd</sup> FA**

James D. Nelson



## **TARO LEAF TAPS**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Engineers**

#### **Michael Madich**

Michael passed away February 14, 2001.

#### **Carl S. Wagenfuehrer**

Carl passed away June 14, 2002.

Cards may be sent to: 1717 Park Avenue, Baltimore MD 21217

### **5th RCT**

#### **Robert R. Ronning**

No information available.

Cards may be sent to: PO Box 426, Menahga, MN 56464-0426

#### **Frederick Strong**

Fred died January 21, 2002.

Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Joyce Strong, 58 Tauton Street #3, Plainville, MA 02762-2131

#### **Vincent C. Travis**

Deborah Smith wrote to tell us her father passed away November 2001.

Cards may be sent to: 2612 Alabama Court, Joplin MO 64804-3120

### **6<sup>th</sup> Tank**

#### **Gale C. Curry**

Mr. Curry died on June 6, 2002 after a long battle with cancer. He was laid to rest in Tray TN.

Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Dorothy Curry, PO Box 757, Joshua TX 76058-0757

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

#### **Alfred I. Byrd**

Alfred Byrd has passed away.

Cards may be sent to: Mrs. A.I. Byrd, RR1, Box 416, Milton PA 17847-9741

#### **William H. Manning**

William passed away July 3, 2001

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

#### **Roland Floyd R.**

Roland was a veteran of the Korean War. He fought on the front lines and received the Purple Heart, Korean Service Medal and a Bronze Star, UN Service Badge and CIB. He left this earth and entered into eternal rest at age 71, December 14, 2001. Roland is survived by his wife Sandra, his mother and two sons.

Cards may be sent to: 305 Woodcliff Dr., Baton Rouge LA 70815

#### **Fred A. Foster**

Fred passed away September 29, 2001



**ROLAND FLOYD**

19<sup>th</sup> ID



**James N. Handley**

Alan Handley sent us notice of the death of his Uncle James. James served in the Philippines and New Guinea. His ashes were buried at sea by the Coast Guard.

Cards may be sent to: 405 Morton Avenue, Ridley park PA 19078

**William Maegele**

Bill Maegele of Albuquerque NM passed away February 2002. Bill was a Platoon leader with C. CO.

**Clyde Peacock**

Clyde passed away May 2000.

**Louis Rockwork**

Captain Rockwork CO. C Co. passed away May 21, 2002. Louis was a POW from November 1950 to September 1953. Cards may be sent to: 831 SW 70<sup>th</sup> Way, N., Fort Lauderdale, FL

**John O. "Jack" Rooney**

Jack passed away May 9, 2002. A funeral Mass was said at St. Thomas More Church, 81<sup>st</sup> Street and CA Avenue. Jack received a Purple Heart for service in Korea.

Cards may be sent to: Betty Rooney, 120 Arcadia Dr, Terre Haute, IN 47803

**John Seck**

John passed away 12,9,2001.

Cards may be sent to: 3633 Lakewood Shores Drive, Howell MI

**John H. Stygles**

CSM Stygles died suddenly on May 15, 2002. He had served our country for 32 years, retiring in 1972. John was a member of the Americal Div. at Guadalcanal, Fiji, Bougananville and the Philippines. He later served in Korea and had 2 tours of Viet Nam. Military Honors provided by members of the VFW Post 3282, Port Orange, FL.

Cards may be sent to: Joanne Stygles, 177 Deskin Dr., S Daytona FL 32219-4433

**Eugene H. Wells**

Eugene entered eternal life on Friday, June 14, 2002. He served our country in WWII in the Philippines.

Cards may be sent to: 9251 Stonestreet Rd. #108, Louisville, KY 40272-2858

**William H. Young**

William died June 1, 2002 in Tucson, AZ

Cards may be sent to: 5583 East Lee Street. Tucson, AZ 86712-4205

**21<sup>st</sup> INF****Albert H. Braden**

Dr. Braden passed away on October 21,2000 of natural causes. As First Lieutenant, Dr. Braden served the 21<sup>st</sup> as Bn. Surgeon, the 34<sup>th</sup> as Regimental Surgeon and the 24<sup>th</sup> MED. As Battalion Commander. August 1941 to 1945. He was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star Medal and many others.

Cards may be sent to: Mary Braden, 11202 Tyne Court, Houston, TX 77024

**William Hull**

Mr. Hull passed away in his sleep April 7, 2002. He was an Army Medic for twenty years and was employed at Rock Island Arsenal for twenty years.

Cards may be sent to: Maxine Hull, 1000 Blythewood Pl Apt. E-91, Davenport, IA 52804-3468

**Charles W. Holtzclaw**

Charles, a former member of HQ Co. 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn., died on May 24, 2002. Charles is survived by his wife Evelyn and daughter Peggy. Cards may be sent to: 50640 Dover Ridge Road, Powhatan Point OH 43942.



**Anthony F. Maruca**  
Mr. Maruca passed away December 12, 1998.

**Edmond R Shulman**  
Edmond Shulman is deceased.

#### 24<sup>th</sup> HQ

**John W. Percy**  
John passed away December 31, 2000

#### 24<sup>th</sup> Recon.

**Robert Cadena**  
Robert passed away on March 4, 2002.  
Cards may be sent to: Josie Cadena, 9206 Oxted,  
San Antonio, TX 78245

#### 24<sup>th</sup> Signal

**Robert J. Paraska**  
Robert passed away January 30, 2002.

**Edward J. Shirley**  
Edward passed away October 15, 1998.

#### 26<sup>th</sup> AAA

**Justin E. Martin**  
Justin volunteered for service when WWII started. He served with the 215 Coast Artillery in Alaska, France, Germany, Japan and Korea. He and Mrs. Martin married while he was on R&R in Japan, September 27, 1951. Fifteen days later he was wounded in Korea and hospitalized 2 ½ years to save his leg.  
Cards may be sent to: Irene Martin, 8332 McFall, El Paso TX 79925.

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

**Donald B. Cameron**  
Dr. Cameron passed away March 29, 2002.  
Cards may be sent to: 451 Rosburg Court, Cleveland OH 44124-3621

**Joseph DeLuca**  
Joseph passed away May 1, 2002. He was with D Co. in Korea. From his daughter's letter, "Then I say a silent prayer for all who made the supreme sacrifice."  
Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Margaret Deluca, 39 Memphis Av., Belleville NJ 07109.

**Nathan F. McCall**  
Nathan passed away on May 13, 2002 at the age of 71.  
Cards may be sent to: RR1 Box 1412, New Castle, PA 16101-9002

**Hanford F. Rants**  
Dr. Rants passed away on January 28, 2002. He served three years with the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry in WWII, thirty months of which was overseas. He earned the Purple Heart, Silver Star, and Bronze Star while serving in the Pacific.  
Cards may be sent to: 9330 Parrot Ave., Downey, CA 90246-2749.

## IN MEMORY

### MAJOR (Ret) JUSTIN E. MARTIN

November 11, 1917 - May 29, 2001  
United States Army, Twenty-Five years active service

#### KOREA

24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division  
26 Anti-aircraft Artillery  
**SILVER STAR**  
**PURPLE HEART**

#### GERMANY

538 Field Artillery  
**FORT BLISS, TEXAS**  
Air Defense School  
Electronic Instructor

*... with Those we abide  
when we take that first ride  
as the Boissons go rolling along.*

26 AAA



#### DAV

Lifetime member  
Borderland Chapter No. 10  
El Paso, Texas



**James L. Shirah**

James died February 6, 2002.

Cards may be sent to: 616 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus, GA 31904

**James D. Nelson**

James Nelson has passed away.

Cards may be sent to: 2805 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Slayton, MN 56172-1404



*19th ID*  
**Eugene H. Wells, 86**



**HANFORD FRANKLIN RANTS** *34 ID*



**Jim Handley** *19th*

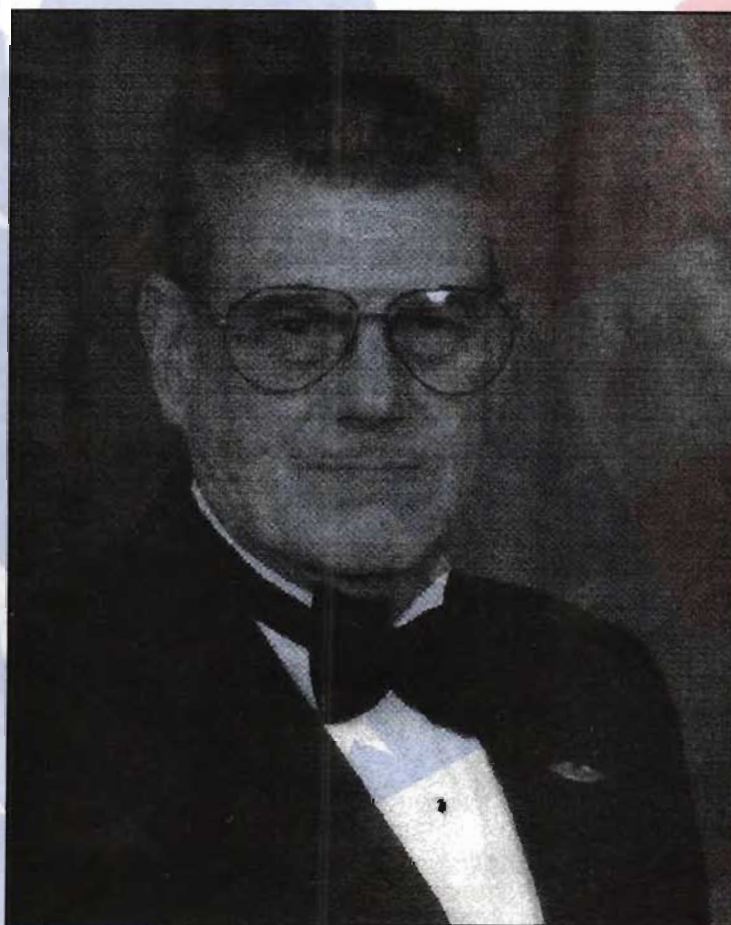


*James*  
**Mr. Hull**  
*21st ID* **early photo**



**Mr. Hull**





**Donald L. Barrett**

28 July 2002

We have just received word that Don Barrett, our former Vice President and Reunion Coordinator died on Sunday, July 28th. As was his desire, his body was cremated and a Military Memorial Service will be held at the National Cemetery in Riverside, California later this month.

A Life Member of The Association Don served as Vice President, and for many years was the Reunion Coordinator. Many of our most successful reunions can be credited directly to Don's hard work and planning. He was a tireless worker and passed on his enthusiasm and zest for life to all who worked with him.

He was on Occupation Duty in Japan with the 19th Infantry, and when the Korean War broke out he was among the first United Nations troops to go into combat. Of all his military decorations the one that was the most prized by him was The Purple Heart.

Don leaves behind his loving wife, Joan, his daughter Katherine, grandson Carson, his brother Robert and his sister Patricia.



## Looking for: Family Members, Buddies and Friends

I am looking for anyone who may have known my father, **Donald (Don) Bell**, from Wellman, IA. He was in the 24th Infantry Division, **Battery A, 63<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery Btn. in Oahu** from May-Aug '43, then to Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia to Feb '44, then Good Enough Island, Dutch New Guinea to Aug '44, then Hollandia to Sept '44. Leyte, Philippines to Jan/Feb '45, Mindanao Island to March. Minora Island to May where he was wounded, then back to Leyte at the base hospital until Aug, then to the States where he was in hospitals for another 6 months before going home. He earned a Bronze Star and clusters, Purple Heart, some others, and was awarded the Unit Presidential Citation. Can anyone tell me what the Unit Citation was for? I would be delighted to correspond with anyone who was there. Dad didn't talk about it and died in 1972. My mom would really like to know the story of the Bronze Star and we 5 kids would like to know too. He was a radio operator and forward observer. I got most of this info from a two pages letter I found a couple years ago that he had written for a family reunion in the '60s. Email: [mjarn@Hotmail.com](mailto:mjarn@Hotmail.com)

I am Matute A. Peli, Jr., a Filipino, from Davao City, Philippines. Please help me find any record of my father, **Matute H. Peli**, (deceased) a Filipino, who had served as intelligence personnel of the **Q5 Counter Intelligence Corps**, under Lt. Gambric, Jr. (can not recall the first name) of the US Army 24 Inf. Div. during 1944-45 in Davao City, Mindanao, Philippines. We had sent a letter to National Archives and Records Administration regarding this and are waiting for their reply. While waiting their reply, we appreciate if you could help us find any record of my father or find me any other US personnel, aside from Lt. Gambric, Jr., who have served the above mentioned group assigned in Davao City, Philippines, during WWII. The purpose of this request is to determine eligibility of benefits due to my father since he had served for the interest of the US Federal Government.

Thank You and God Bless You All. Respectfully yours, Matute A. Peli, Jr. Lot 22 Jacana St., Belisario Heights Subdivision, Lanang Davao City 8000 Philippines Tel. (63)(083) 233-15-81 email: [jonijun@philwebinc.com](mailto:jonijun@philwebinc.com)

I was wondering if you could help me find some information on my uncle **Hayden Davenport** who **died July 20, 1950 in Korea**. I am his niece and I hoping to find out how he died and if anyone has a picture of him. Thanks for any help. Email: [Nicole\\_davenport@hotmail.com](mailto:Nicole_davenport@hotmail.com)

My name is Dee Kilpatrick. I have a very good friend in Ft. Worth, TX. His name is Ed Heitt, **1<sup>st</sup> Lt Ed Hewitt**. He was wounded in Korea. He was **WIA Nov-13-51**. His e-mail address is [edah@flash.com](mailto:edah@flash.com). If anyone out there remembers him, please drop him a line. He was with this unit, C Co. Thanks. [dkilpatrick@satx.rr.com](mailto:dkilpatrick@satx.rr.com)

I am looking for any information about **Leo T Buehler. Could be known as Lee**. He was in **B Co, 19th INF 24 INF DIV Army Date of Loss 1951-04-23 CPL - E4 Service Number RA13284123 MOS: 4745, North Korea Hostile, Died (KIA) Key No: Key No: 3745**. Any information would be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much, God Bless, Kristine Email: [Kristnills@aol.com](mailto:Kristnills@aol.com)

I'm trying to find out information on a American, who was based in Rockhampton Queensland **Australia** in ww11 (late 1943 early 1944).His name was **Cyrus Smith**. I belive he could of been with either the 41st division, army air force or the 24th infantry.I have an old letter saying lost contact with cyrus between early 1944 and july 1944.I'm hoping you might be able to tell me if there was a Cyrus Smith in the 24th infantry that was in Australia at this time. Do hope you are able to help me or know someone who can. Regards Leisa Lees, Australia Email : [outbackart@yahoo.com](mailto:outbackart@yahoo.com)

Below are parts of three Emails from GDAIms . I did answer each of them, but still have very little information. If you remember **Robert Joseph Alms** please let them hear from you. My husband was in Japan with 24th 19th in 1946 & 47. He was wondering if you have the names of the men who were there then? He has been looking for a certain person. Robert doesn't have too much info on any of the men from his group. He remembers a Lacy Wheymer from Seattle . He is not sure how to spell his name. Robert came from DeKalb, IL. Robert was in Japan at Hiroshima soon after they dropped the bomb. He does remember Sgt Clark. Thank you. Email: GDAIms@aol.com

**William Young** of Tucson, AZ passed away last week. He was a medic in the **19th Infantry Regiment** (Korea and Japan). Barbara Crawford (family) is hoping that someone might recall serving with or around William Young in Korea or Japan and that you might share a few memories of that concern him. Please send to Billy Johnson (Taro Leaf) and Barb Crawford. E-mail: [riversedge@theriver.com](mailto:riversedge@theriver.com).

If you were in **H Co 19th at the time of Pearl Harbor**, and if you remember **William Oliver** who was in the company from 1939 to 1943, write to him at: 2474 N. 17th Street, Springfield OR 97477.

My name is Dave Winsor. I am the son of **Sgt. John Winsor**, Korea 51-53. My Father served on **Heartbreak Ridge**. I am interested in finding information about the unit and where he may have served, and if there is anyone in your group who served with him. Any help would be appreciated. Thank you, David C. Winsor. [HAMMERHEADER30GR@aol.com](mailto:HAMMERHEADER30GR@aol.com)

I am looking for information on my uncle **Jack Brooks**. He was Private First Class of **Company D, 19th Infantry Regiment**, 24th Infantry Division. He was wounded in South Korea in August of 1950 and then again on September 19, 1950. He died from his wounds in Japan on October 1, 1950. Karen Brooks, 114 Hills Street, Chittenango, NY 13037

I am looking for information on **Frank S. Gress, 21st Infantry Reg.** 24th Infantry Div. I do not know the Co. he was in. He was **KIA on April 5th 1951**. Where? We do not know. His family is mostly all gone so there is very little info available. He was born and raised in Hardin Montana About 100 miles from where I live. He was a vet of WWII, having served in the battle of the Bulge. I know that upon his entry into the Korean War he was living in Alpine Ca. The information I have, I obtained from the Korean War Project Web site. At the time of his death, Frank was a PFC. Can you help this old Navy vet of WW2 and Korea? Thank you and God Bless.  
Pete Bertram PO Box 303 Absarokee, Montana 59001. PH 1-406-328-4487.

I am trying to locate **1st Lt. William Patch**. He was with **Regimental HQ**, I think he was in the S-3 Section. William was wounded in Korea Jan 1, 1951.  
Ralph H. Brownell, PO Box 502 Watersmeet MI 49969 Phone: 906-358-7458

**James E. Galey** , Transportation NCO, with the 19th at the time he left the Army in 1945, would like to hear from anyone who served with him during his military years, November 1942 to October 1945. Jim had his basic in Hawaii, went to Australia, British and Dutch New Guinea and the Philippines, earning too many medals to list here. If you were with Jim, you had a busy three years. Jim turned 80 years old on July 10, 2002. Contact him through his good friend Bill Andrews. Email: [Igoldpan@aol.com](mailto:Igoldpan@aol.com) or through the Taro Leaf Email, [BJ24SF45@aol.com](mailto:BJ24SF45@aol.com)

## Some Comments from The Sec/Tres

1. **ZIP Codes:** What is it going to take to get you to use the full, nine-digit, ZIP Code???? You have learned that you cannot dial long distance without an Area Code. Why, then, this continued opposition to the full ZIP Code? "I live in a small town, everybody knows which is my house." That's not even looking beyond the tip of your own nose. The Taro Leaf is mailed out on a bulk-mailing permit, and this *requires* a nine-digit ZIP Code. If I cannot furnish it to the mailing house then they will look it up -- but we pay extra for that. A needless expense, and all because some of you are too bull-headed to change.

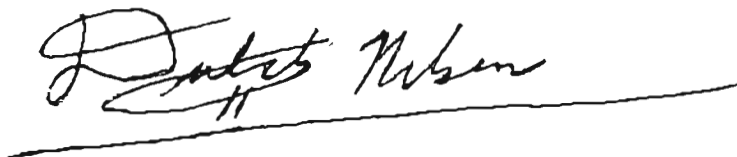
2. **Address Changes:** Tired of paying Postage Due nearly every day to the Mailman (for returned Taro Leafs), so I opened a "Postage Due" account with my serving Post Office. So far 38 billings against it. But I'm not upset -- I am resigned to defeat. If you won't even use the correct ZIP Code how can I expect you to report your change of address????

3. At least half of all the dues payments have some sort of words of thanks or encouragement for Margo's and my efforts. Believe me these are sincerely appreciated; probably a great deal more than you think. Simply reinforces my belief that we have the best Veterans organization in the country.

4. Thanks to Dick Hubbard our "dues reminder" program is working great. Dues are coming in by the barrel. Only one problem so far -- from time to time his, yours, and my letters cross in the mail and you get a notice when you have already paid. If that happens its not Mt. Vesuvius exploding -- don't go to pieces over it. Do one of two things; (1) ignore it, or (2) call me at 719-475-7499 and we'll work it out. You can even call me "collect" if you like.

5. Reunion coming up, and that means Election Day. I had planned to run for Sec/Tres for one more year, but been back in the hospital yet again. Maybe it is time I realize that even old War Horses need to go to pasture sometime -- and maybe for me that "sometime" has arrived. Only problem is that I enjoy the hell out doing the job. Just love to get a ton of mail each day from all my friends. But, maybe it is time. Well, things like this tend to have a way of working out in the long run. So we'll just have to see what happens.

6. And finally a word of Thanks to that remarkable woman -- Margo. Without her I simply could not have made it this far.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert Haskins", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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Nancy, daughter of Colonel George D. Haskins has written to let us know that her father passed away on March 3, 2002. Col. Haskins was with Div. FA. Cards may be sent to: 1526 River Bend Place SE, Decatur, GA 35601-6755 Mrs. Eleanor Haskins sent in \$15 for her Associate Membership Dues. Thank you Eleanor

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter to you to share a story of how I finally met a friend who knew my deceased uncle, Pvt. **Warren E. Helm**, from the Korean War. I began a computer search in June 2000 for somebody who might have known my uncle when he was **taken a POW after the Kum River battle** on July 16, 1950. My main purpose was to help my mother find some sort of closure over her brother's death 50 years prior.

I searched Korean War sites commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the start of the war for soldiers serving with the 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division at that time; and then corresponded through e-mail, sending an old newspaper article showing my uncle as he looked in the service. Shortly after sending out my first few contacts, I heard from Jack Goodwin in Texas. He told me that indeed my uncle was part of a group known as Tiger Survivors on the Death March in late October 1950. He remembered the day that my uncle along with many other soldiers had been shot along the way for not being able to keep up. However, he did not know my uncle personally and put me in touch with Shorty Estabrook and the Tiger Survivors.

Shorty was moved by my story and sent a list of survivors from the 19th Infantry. I immediately sent letters to each of the names on the list and included the newspaper article with my uncle's picture. Many of those who responded to my letters said that they did not know my uncle from that time as a POW. Discouraged, but still intent on finding someone who knew my uncle, I continued searching computer sites for new names and addresses. Then, one day, I received a letter from Bill Borer telling me to contact a man by the name of John Barnabi in Beaver Falls, PA. I again sat down and wrote a letter to Mr. Barnabi sending it along with a copy the newspaper article that had gone along with many other letters. I explained to him that I had received his name and address from Mr. Borer and asked if he might have known my uncle. I will never forget the night the telephone rang and this wonderful man with a southern drawl told me he was John Barnabi, and that he had been a close friend with my uncle, Pvt. Warren E. Helm, when he came to the 19th Infantry in Japan before the start of the war. I will never forget my excitement as I began to realize that this man could tell my mother things she had been longing to hear about her brother. After Talking with John and thanking him for his caring enough to contact me, I put him in touch with my mother. Although John was not a POW with my Uncle Warren, he was able to share stories with my mother about her younger brother and his time with the 19th before his capture.

Both my mother and myself have since had the opportunity to meet John Barnabi and his family. He is a wonderful man and I can see why my uncle would have chosen John as a friend. John helped to give my mother the peace of mind that my she had long sought.


I receive the Taro Leaf and have read many stories from veterans of the Korean War. This story is one that is close to my heart and I wanted to share it with your many readers who also may be searching for information about a loved one killed in action so long ago.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sue Klokis

832 Scott St. Kulpmont, PA 17834-1812

(Niece of Pvt. Warren E. Helm, 19th Infantry, 24th Division)  
(19 April 2002)

  
Kuwait Lib. Medal  
(Saudi Arabia)

Only in America.....

- Could there be fish-flavored bottled water for cats.
- Could violin great Isaac Stern work for years and years to renovate Carnegie Hall.
- Could Arnold Schwarzenegger become the highest-paid male actor, earning \$30 million a picture.

Great American Pastimes

- Running under the sprinkler.
- Cruising Main Street in a lowrider.
- Scraping the filling from the middle of Oreo cookies.



Private Warren Helm



## AMERICAN!! You Are Or You Ain't! This Say's It All

Broken Arrow, Oklahoma School officials remove "God Bless America" signs from schools in fear that someone might be offended.

Channel 12 News in Long Island, New York, orders flags removed from the newsroom and red, white, and blue ribbons removed from the lapels of reporters. Why? Management did not want to appear biased and felt that our Nations flag might give the appearance that "They lean one way or another."

Berkeley, California bans U.S. Flags from being displayed on city fire trucks because they didn't want to offend anyone in the community.

In an "Act of tolerance" the head of the public library at Florida Gulf Coast University ordered all "Proud to be an American" signs removed so as to not offend international students

I, for one, am quite disturbed by these actions of so-called American citizens; and I am tired of this nation worrying about whether or not we are offending some individual or their culture. Since the terrorist attacks on September 11, we have experienced a surge in patriotism by the majority of Americans. However, the dust from the attacks had barely settled in New York and Washington, D. C. when the "Politically Correct" crowd began complaining about the possibility that our patriotism was offending others.

I am not against immigration, nor do I hold a grudge against anyone who is seeking a better life by coming to America. In fact, our country's population is almost entirely comprised of descendants of immigrants; however, there are a few things that those who have recently come to our country, and apparently some Native Americans, need to understand.

First of all, it is not our responsibility to continually try not to offend you in any way. This idea of America being a multi-cultural community has served only to dilute our sovereignty and our national identity. As Americans, we have our own culture, our own society, our own language, and our own lifestyle. This culture, called the "American Way" has been developed over centuries of struggles, trials and victories by millions of men and women who have sought freedom. Our forefathers fought, bled, and died at places such as Bunker Hill, Antietam, San Juan, Iwo Jima, Normandy, Korea, and Vietnam.

We speak English, not Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, or any other language. Therefore, if you wish to become part of our society - learn our language!

"In God We Trust" is our National Motto. This is not some off-the-wall, Christian, Right Wing, political slogan - it is our National Motto. It is engraved in stone in the House of Representatives in our Capitol and it is printed on our currency. We adopted this motto because Christian men and women, on Christian principles, founded this nation; and this is clearly documented throughout our history. If it is appropriate for our motto to be inscribed in the halls of our, highest level of Government, then it is certainly appropriate to display it. God is in our pledge, our National Anthem, nearly every patriotic song, and in our founding documents. We turn to Him in prayer in times of crisis. If God offends you, then I suggest you consider another part of the world as your new home, because God is part of our culture and we are proud to have Him.

We are proud of our heritage and those who have so honorably defended our freedoms. We celebrate Independence Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Flag Day. We have parades, picnics, and barbecues where we proudly wave our flag. As an American I have the right to wave my flag, sing my national anthem, quote my national motto, and recite my pledge whenever and wherever I choose. If the Stars and Stripes offend you, or you don't like Uncle Sam, then you should seriously consider a move to another part of this planet.

The American culture is our way of life, our heritage, and we are proud of it. We are happy with our culture and have no desire to change, and we really don't care how you did things where you came from. We are Americans, like it or not, this is our country, our land, and our life style.

Our First Amendment gives every citizen the right to express his opinion about our government, culture, or society, and we will allow you every opportunity to do so. But once you are done complaining, whining, and griping about our flag, our pledge, our national motto, or our way of life, I highly encourage you take advantage of one other great American freedom, the right to leave.

Sent to the 'I am Leaf by John Trinka

### Great Things About America

- Kansas City has more fountains than Paris.
- The Vietnam Memorial was designed by a college student.
- The Alaskan flag was designed by a school child.
- Everyone in the world wants to vacation in Hawaii.
- A survey of international travel writers says America has the best toilets in the world.
- We always had the best sneakers in the world -- and always will.
- Coca-Cola makes a great rust remover.

**So this isn't Home Sweet Home  
ADJUST!**



### NOTABLES

*Cpl Don Mirandette - player / mgr - 1<sup>st</sup> Row Far Left*  
*Lt Lawrence G. Ruge - team officer - " " Far Right*  
*Cpl Ray Janota - writer - 2<sup>nd</sup> " Far Left*

### The Camp Haugen Rockers

By: Ron Janota

In late January 1952, the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division was pulled out of Korea and sent to Japan where the units were scattered over the main Island. The 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment called Camp Haugen, located in north central Honshu, home.

Shortly after arriving from Korea in the spring of 1952, a camp basketball team was formed. This team went on to win the Far East Command Championship~ quite an accomplishment for the newly arrived 19<sup>th</sup> Regiment Korean vets. (Ref. Article in the Feb 1999 Taro Leaf.) A few months later, during the summer of 1952, the 19<sup>th</sup> put together a winning baseball team, calling ourselves The Camp Haugen Rockers. We played at Brittin Field, which was named in honor Medal of Honor Awardee, Sgt. Nelson V. Brittin of the 19<sup>th</sup> Regiment.

The Camp Haugen Rockers were leading the XVI Corp Baseball League in Japan when, with two weeks left in the season, six members of the team, including myself, rotated home.

Regardless of how the season ended, and I never found out, I felt we brought "Home" a little closer, not only to the players, but also to the many 24<sup>th</sup> ID soldiers we entertained with weekend games.

If any teammates see this article, I just want to say, "Hi, you ain't forgotten!"

Write to Ron at: 277 W. Seaview Drive, Duck Key, FL 33050-3831

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5	24th Window Sticker	2" X 3"	\$2.00
6	24 I.D. Decal 4"	Each	\$3.00
7	Bolo Tie W/TL Gold	W/Gold or Black Chain	\$15.00
8	Bolo Tie W/TL Silver	Silver W/Black Chain	\$16.00
9	Belt Buckle W/TL	Gold or Silver Belt Buckle	\$15.00
10	29th Inf. Cloth Patch (Color)	Cloth Patch	\$5.00
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14	34th Inf Crest	Current Issue \$10 Pr	\$5.00
15	11th FA Crest	\$10 Pr	\$5.00
16	13th FA Crest	\$10 Pr	\$5.00
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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 License Plate(NEW) W/TL	1st TO Flight-VICTORY	\$6.00
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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<b>Campaign</b>	<b>KIA</b>	<b>WIA</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b><u>World War II</u></b>			
Pearl Harbor	3	8	11
Hollandia	76	528	604
Biak	19	83	102
Leyte*	558	1,784	2,342
Mindoro	18	81	99
Luzon			
ZigZag Pass	66	268	334
Corregidor	38	153	191
Nasugbu			
Visayas			
Verde	0	6	6
Lubang	10	20	30
Simara	10	20	30
Romblon	15	35	50
Mindanao**	540	1,885	2,425
<b>Total World War II</b>	<b>1,353</b>	<b>4,871</b>	<b>6,224</b>
<b><u>Korea***</u></b>			
All Campaigns	3,735	8,154	11,889
Korea (POWs Dead)	496		496
<b>Total Korea</b>	<b>4,231</b>	<b>8,154</b>	<b>12,385</b>
<b><u>Lebanon</u></b>			
Intervention	1		1
<b><u>Desert Storm</u></b>			
All Campaigns	16	36	52

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