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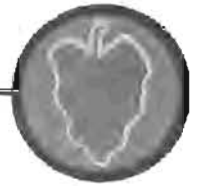
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you for your unanimous vote electing me President of the 24th Infantry Division Association. I want to thank each member for all the support given to me while serving as Reunion Coordinator and Vice President. I will still serve as your Reunion Coordinator as well as the President of the 24th IDA.

I want to thank the forty-four FIRST TIMERS who attended this year's reunion. Although I couldn't get to talk to each one of you personally, I want to extend a great thank you for coming and hope to see you in Albuquerque for the next reunion.

Thank you Norm Dixon, Howard Bruno, John Shank, Larry Gay and the entire Dixon family for the wonderful Reunion they put on in Tucson, AZ. Your Team really did an outstanding job. To me, it was one of the most relaxing reunions we have had in a very long time. The Hotel was a very reunion friendly hotel. The Banquet and Unit Breakfast meals were delicious and for us older members, the portions were just right. Although I did not go on all the tours, I understand they were really good. I did go to the Hidden Valley Dinner & Show and had a wonderful time enjoying the outstanding show of Frank Sumatra & Dean Martin with Johnny Cash. There was an opening magic show and I'm still trying to figure out where all those bottles of wine came from.

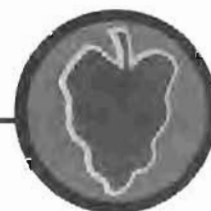
Your newly elected officers, myself as President, Don Lloyd of Yakima, WA, as Vice President and Norm Dixon of Surprise (Phoenix Area) as Secretary/Treasurer, agree to work within the Constitution & By Laws for the benefit of the membership.

I want to thank Billy Johnson and Ellsworth "Dutch" Nelsen for all the contributions they have given during their two year stint as President and Secretary/Treasurer/Editor respectively. They both have done an outstanding job for the Association. However; their expertise will still be available, as they will continue to serve on the Executive Committee. Billy has elected to stay on as the Taro Leaf Editor, which has been separated from the Secretary/Treasure position by a vote of the membership.

Thank you John Tabor, a First Timer, who gave us a generous contribution of \$500.00 to the Association and I particularly want to thank Corky & Diane Peters, our Donation Committee, for the outstanding job they did this year in raising more than \$28,000.00 (after expenses) in donations. From this, 10 \$500.00 prizes were awarded leaving a balance in excess of \$23,000.00. This really helps in maintaining the excellence and high standards, of the TARO LEAF, as set in past years by Rudy and Yvonne Mullins, and for the last two years by Billy Johnson, his wife Minie and their daughter Linda.

Wes Morrison
President
2003-2004

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Secretary/Treasurer's Report

All data as of 3 August 2003

Financial

Checking Account: 19,277.92
CD: 59,369.60
Total: 78,647.52

Accounts Payable: Last issue of The Taro Leaf, about \$13,500.00
This issue of The Taro Leaf, about \$13,500.00
Accounts Receivable: Drawing at Reunion usually brings in about \$20,000.00
(Thanks to Corky Peters!)

In addition to the above I have just received 112 dues payment **to post**.
With Life Payments and donations will be about \$2,000+
(Thanks to Dick Hubbard)

Membership

Total number of members: 2,933, which **is** up 27 since the last Taro Leaf. Most of the new members are younger men with recent service.

1,441 Annual, 67 Associate (all paying dues)
52 Comp.
3 Honorary (Petric, Mullins, Harp)
1,311 Life Paid Up
15 Associate Life Paid
44 Life Paying

By Area/Time of Service

WWII, 826	Pearl Harbor 59
Korea, 1,531	POW 28
Japan, 1,051	Ft. Riley 12
Germany, 191	Ft Stewart 38
Desert St. 23	Task Force Smith 37

Digging as hard as I can this is still the weakest **part of our records**. Many men report such things as "B Company" or "24th" or nothing.

By Unit & By State

No change here **at all**. We have men from 62 different units with the **largest** still being: 19th, 21st, 34th, 5th RCT, 3rd Eng, 11th FA, 24th Sig, 13th FA, 52nd FA, 63rd FA. We still have men from all 50 States with the **largest** being: CA, FL, OH, IL, MI, PA, NJ, MA, GA, MO.

Be All That You Can Be

The first day of school our professor introduced himself and challenged us to get to know someone we didn't already know. I stood up to look around when a gentle hand touched my shoulder. I turned around to find a wrinkled, little old lady beaming up at me with a smile that lit up her entire being. She said, "Hi handsome. My name is Rose. I'm eighty-seven years old. Can I give you a hug?" I laughed and enthusiastically responded, "Of course you may!" and she gave me a giant squeeze. "Why are you in college at such a young innocent age?" I asked. She jokingly replied, "I'm here to meet a rich husband, get married, have a couple of kids." "No seriously," I asked. I was curious what may have motivated her to be taking on this challenge at her age. "I always dreamed of having a college education and now I'm getting one!" she told me.

After class we walked to the student union building and shared a chocolate milkshake. We became instant friends. Every day for the next three months, we would leave class together and talk nonstop. I was always mesmerized listening to this "time machine" as she shared her wisdom and experience with me. Over the course of the year, Rose became a campus icon and she easily made friends wherever she went. She loved to dress up and she reveled in the attention bestowed upon her from the other students. She was living it up.

At the end of the semester we invited Rose to speak at our football banquet. I'll never forget what she taught us. She was introduced and stepped up to the podium. As she began to deliver her prepared speech, she dropped her three by five cards on the floor. Frustrated and a little embarrassed she leaned into the microphone and simply said, "I'm sorry I'm so jittery. I gave up beer for Lent and this whiskey is killing me! I'll never get my speech back in order so let me just tell you what I know."

As we laughed she cleared her throat and began, "We do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing. There are only four secrets to staying young, being happy, and achieving success. You have to laugh and find humor every day. You've got to have a dream. When you lose your dreams, you die. We have so many people walking around who are dead and don't even know it! There is a huge difference between growing older and growing up. If you are nineteen years old and lie in bed for one full year and don't do one productive thing, you will turn twenty years old. If I am eighty-seven years old and stay in bed for a year and never do anything I will turn eighty-eight. Anybody can grow older. That doesn't take any talent or ability.

The idea is to grow up by always finding the opportunity in change. Have no regrets. The elderly usually don't have regrets for what we did, but rather for things we did not do. The only people who fear death are those with regrets."

She concluded her speech by courageously singing "The Rose." She challenged each of us to study the lyrics and live them out in our daily lives. At the year's end Rose finished the college degree she had begun all those years ago. One week after graduation Rose died peacefully in her sleep. Over two thousand college students attended her funeral in tribute to the wonderful woman who taught by example that *it's never too late to be all you can possibly be.*

The Mind Is an Amazing Thing

According to a research at Cambridge University, it doesn't matter what order the letters in a word are in; the only important thing is that the first and last letter be at the right place. The rest can be a total mess and you can still read it without problem. This is because the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but the word as a whole.

Marriage Seminar

While attending a marriage seminar on communication, Tom and his wife Peg listened to the Minister declare, "It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other."

The Minister addressed the man first, "Can you describe your wife's favorite flower?"

Tom leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered, "Pillsbury All-Purpose, isn't it?"

The rest of the story isn't pleasant.



Lets have the Reunion in your city

New Members

Bauer	William P	724th	9305 Wild Horse Ct	Sun City	AZ	85373-2235	623-977-1703	Japan
Breed	Morris M	29th	48355 Murwood Drive	Soldotna	AK	AK	907-260-7865	Korea
Carr	Winford M. "Buddy"	21st, Japan	Rt 6, Box 189A	Fairmont	WV	26554	304-363-7739	
Clemons	Cecil E.	29th	RR 4, Box 3578	Lake Butler	FL	32054-9319	386-496-3816	Okinawa, Korea
Clevenger	J D.	21st	12424 N.E. 7th Ave	Gainesville	FL	32641	352-375-0225	Korea
Daugherty	Walter H	13th, 26th	2142 Sebring Ave	Simi Valley	CA	93065-2742	805-527-1097	WWII, Japan, Korea
Dawson	Charles L	29th	7503 119th Ave N	Largo	FL	33773-3144	727-538-9504	Korea
East	Robert	3rd Eng	PO Box 90795	White Mountain	AZ	85912-0795	928-537-9790	Pear Harbor, WWII
Feltner	Laura Ruth	19th, Korea	922 N. 9th	Osage City	KS	66523-1700	785-528-3028	Wife of C. Feltner, Deceased
Fernandez	Raymond	28th Inf	5210 Hanley Lane	Crown Point	IN	46307-1512	219-769-1964	2nd BG, 28th Inf, Germany
Fischer	James C	19th	10318 W. Lake Road	Rice	MN	56367-8659	320-393-4422	Korea, Japan
Foster	Herb	24th Sig, 34th	PO Box 1316	Edgertown	MA	02539-1316	508-627-2456	Was Finklestein in Svc, Japan
Freeman	Col Darold R	29th	2213 Labrador St	Concord	CA	94520-1547	925-685-3143	Korea
Gamble	Harold L.	29th	445 7th Ave	Pleasant Grove	AL	35127-1365	205-744-0159	Korea
Green	Ralph G.	6th Tank	20 Links Lane	Ocean Pines	MD	21811	410-208-0758	Japan
Guglielmelli, Jr	Emilio	21st	580 N.E. Rose St	College Place	WA	99324	509-525-9057	Cannon Co, WWII
Hartman	Harold D	21st	18232 N 1050th St	Shumway	IL	62461-2219	217-868-2612	WWII, Japan
Haverkamp	Harry	63rd	1585 Guess Road	Morven	GA	31638	229-775-3242	Japan; also 1st Cav
Henricks	Clifford B	19th	2021 Canal St	Auburn	CA	95603-2826	530-823-5603	Korea
Holmes, Ret	Col Garth H.	34th Armor	1534 Colonial CT SW	Olympia	WA	98512-5519	360-943-3843	Germany
James	Ralph B.	29th	3165 S. 700 West	Nibley	UT	84321-6350	435-752-1190	Korea
Johnson	Linda J	3rd Eng	2416 Kimberly Drive	Fayetteville	NC	28306-2345	910-425-2963	Korea
Johnson	Thomas H	19th	66 Glenwood St	Winston Salem	NC	27106-4952	336-768-0905	WWII, Japan
Keller	William J	21st	8032 East Hayne	Tucson	AZ	85710-4213	520-886-8004	Germany
Kingsolver	Willis	19th, 21st	2904 N. Verde River Dr	Camp Verde	AZ	86322	928-567-6872	Japan, Korea, Germany, Life
Kunes	Jack K	3rd Eng	5711 E. Dodge	Mesa	AZ	85205	480-924-8565	Pearl Harbor, WWII
Lambert	Bill B	24th QM	4917 Ravenswood Dr #1100	San Antonio	TX	78227		
Lorenz	Anthony H.	52nd	1642 N 29th St	Sheboygan	WI	53081	920-458-1639	Japan
Lynch	Linard P	19th	PO Box 1208	Crystal River	FL	34423-1208	352-795-0216	Korea, POW
Madryga	Robert E	19th	5033 Washburn So.	Minneapolis	MN	55410-2225	612-922-3595	Japan
Magana	Peter N	459 AAA	1233 Langford St	Oceanside	CA	92054	760-757-6276	Korea
Moore	Harry T	29th	5135 Big A Road	Douglasville	GA	30135-5305	770-942-9497	Korea
Murphy	James B	29th	6318 Mt Ridge Road	Baltimore	MD	21228-2319	-	29th, Korea
Naber	John O.	Div Band	151 Ashcome SE	Cedar Rapids	IA	52403	319-362-4332	WWII, Japan
Newdick	James E	Div G-2	1042 Norway Drive	Columbus	OH	43221	614-486-6320	Korea
Nichols	William	19th	724 Ashby Drive	Waynesboro	VA	22980-3461	540-949-6989	Korea
Quintero	Robert	19th	22608 Poplar Court	Hazel Part	MI	48030-1928	248-546-0038	Also Div Honor Gd, Japan
Rettela	Gerald	34th	1764 Keith St	Corona	CA	92881	909-287-1978	Korea, Japan, Life Member

New Members (Continued)

Richardson	Donald A.	21st	12 Davis Street	Jamestown	RI	02835-1544	401-423-0220	Japan
Rickenback	Charles G.	34th, 19th	309 Springs Drive E, #1	Shillington	PA	19607	610-796-9673	Joined at KC Reunion, 2002
Smith	Dr. Nat E.	6th Tank	2900 Country Club Road	Winston Salem	NC	27104-3016	336-765-4774	Korea; also 187th RCT
Spangrud	Don M.	19th	P O. Box 506	Oxford	NE	68967-0506	308-824-3530	Korea
Staffo	Gary T.	21st	6226 Garden Road	Springfield	VA	22152-1504	703-866-2023	Assoc. Life
Staffo	Nicholas J.	21st	79 Flint Avenue	Little Falls	NY	13365-1908	315-823-2412	WWII, Son Assoc. Life Mem.
Steinke	Lawrence A.	29th	Route 1, Box 27	Cisne	IL	62823	618-673-2799	Korea
Strittmatter	Donald J.	34th	243 Bridge Street	Hastings	PA	16646-5514	814-247-8244	Korea
Synesael	Arnold E.	29th	1004 N. Main Street.	Newark	NY	14513-1032	315-331-3507	Korea, Europe in WWII
Taylor	Charles P., Jr.	35th	11 Oakdale Court	Sterling	VA	20165-5642	703-450-9525	Munich, Germany 64-65
Taylor	Roger L.	19th	9161 E. Placita Amapola	tucson	AZ	85749-9450	520-749-0074	Germany
Tidwell	John M.	21st	P.O. Box 188	Widkes	AR	71973	870-385-2563	WWII, Japan
Tomlinson	Audie B.	34th	2900 CR 101	Lampasas	TX	96550	512-556-6082	WWII, Japan
Walters	John A.	1st BDE "A"	12358 NW 54th Court	Coral Spings	FL	33076-3410	954-914-3807	Riley, Stewart
Weiman	John R.	34th	800 Boonville Road	Jefferson City	MO	65109	573-636-8895	Korea
Wilke	Ed	21st	505 Leydecker Road	W. Seneca	NY	14224	716-675-0338	WWII
Worill	Frederick W.	29th	121 Duncan Drive	Crawfordville	FL	32327-8014	850-926-7147	Korea

New Life Members

Frank C. Dula, 21st
 Robert E. Nolde, 3/15th
 Lila H. Hartley, Assoc. 19th
 William H. Thornton, 21st, 19th
 Gerald Rettela, 34th
 Robert Quintero, 19th
 John A. Griffin, 19th
 Garth H. Holmes, 34th Armor
 Willis D. Kingsolver, 19th, 21st
 Frank J. Wuscher, 19th
 Jerry Groves, 92nd
 Linda J. Johnson, Assoc. 3rd Eng

Donations

\$5. Gerald Vincent, 11th
 \$10. Bill J. Smith, 26 AAA
 \$5. Don F. Drake, 5th RCT
 \$25. John F. Fecko, in memory
 of men of 3rd Eng.
 \$5. Bennie D. Davidson, 21st
 \$5. Frank J. Plata, 19th
 \$5. Nicholas Russello, 34th
 \$15. John G. Starr, 3rd Eng

It's Cider Time

With cooler weather on us, here's a recipe for
 a hot toddy from Michael Jordan's 23 restaurant
 in Chapel Hill.

It's mulled cider guaranteed to keep you warm
 on frosty evenings.

Ingredients:

2 quarts apple cider
 6 cinnamon sticks
 12 whole cloves
 1 vanilla bean (split)
 2 star anise
 4 ounces spiced rum

Place all ingredients in a saucepan and over
 medium heat bring to a simmer, being careful not
 to boil. Turn heat to low and simmer for five
 minutes.

Strain mixture into mugs and enjoy.

Serves 6

Thoughts From The Sec/Tres

1. What is to be done about getting our men to use the FULL Zip Code??? *That is nine numbers*. The five digits will work OK for 1st Class Mail, although it requires one more "handling" in the Post Office. But any, and all, bulk mail needs the full nine numbers. And that includes The Taro Leaf. This last issue of the TL cost \$2.44 to mail 1st Class. So, Soldier, please "Get With The Program."

2. The "Dues Renewal Notification Program" headed by Dick Hubbard is working fine. In fact it is working Great. As my time is spent *working* on the material for this issue of The Taro Leaf I have accumulated a whole shoe box of mail to be processed. There does occur a "glitch" here and there, but if Dick makes too many mistakes we **can** always cut his pay in half.

3. Many, many calls as to where is the next issue of the Taro Leaf. Flooded out, that's where. As **big** a mess as the flood caused it is good to learn how important The Taro Leaf is to our guys. A common vexation for radio folks is the question: "Is anybody out there listening **to me**?" Same with us -- "Is anybody out there **reading** this?"

4. This is my last issue as Sec/Tres. The reunion in Tucson will be my "Swan Song." Sec/Tres is a great deal of work, but with Margo's help we have been able to keep up with **things**. And it has been an enjoyable tour of duty. Letters and phone calls bitching at me are rare. And in those few cases that do occur "The Bitcher" is usually right and I have been wrong. But for every "Nasty-Gram" that comes in there are a dozen notes thanking me for the work I am doing, and that is a great off-set. **And** those wee notes make Margo and I feel good for the whole day.

To sum it up, you are a great bunch of guys to work with.

Donations:

\$25, David E. Wahl Sr, 19th
\$5, Richard H. Miller, 724th
\$1000, William Livingston, 34th
Willed in his estate.
\$10, Beryle E. Schlarb, 34th
\$10, Lowell J. Neifert, 34th
\$10, Richard L. Yarborough, 21st
\$10, Francis M. McIntyre, 19th
\$5, Donald Jordison, 34th
\$10, Wilbur Federwitz, 21st
\$5, Gerald R. Tomlin, 19th
\$10, Robert A. Olson, 34th
\$50, Edward L. Kerkhoff, 19th
\$10, Calvin N. Gibson, 19th
\$15, Walter L. Gay, 19th
\$10, William Clark, 19th
\$24, Paul R. McArdle, 24 Sig
\$10, Zane Gray Wallace, 24th Recon
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of SMI Bobby J. Hunt.
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\$10, John Hargreaves, 11th, in honor
6147 Tac Control Squadron.
\$10, Charles H. Reese, 724th Ord
\$10, James W. Lender, 19th
\$10, Joseph K. Costello, 19th
\$12.96, Clarence Mehlhaff, 13th
\$10, Ray A. Nell, 21st
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\$10, Ernest R. Brandon, 63rd
\$100, Francis H. Welch, 21st
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\$5, Robert S. Parker, 24th QM
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\$10, Charles Lake, 21st
\$10, Joseph Subsak, Sr, 34th
\$10, Roger L. Reid, 34th
\$5, Dewey L. Coles, 13th
\$5, Charles Johnson, 34th
\$10, Lloyd Potterton, 19th
\$10, Sal Nicoletta, 21st
\$5, Chester Jordan, 34th
\$10, Lawrence Frank 3rd Eng

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Past Prez Wrap Up

Thanks to all of you for the support you gave to me as President and Editor of the 24th IDA. My two years, 2001-2003, were the greatest!

A special thanks to Wes Morrison, Joe Sweeney, Wallace Kuhner, Glen Carpenter, Harry and Frances Wittman, and especially to Dutch and Margo Nelsen. As all of you know, Dutch has been a workhorse for our Association. Dutch gave me a good advice and help with understanding my jobs as President and Editor. Without him, I would have been in deep water. Dutch, I am indebted to you. In my opinion, Dutch and Kenwood Ross have given more of their time to the Association than anyone else. Again, thanks to all of you Volunteers. Service is what makes this a great outfit.

What a reunion we had in Tucson! There were three hundred Members and guests, and not a gripe among them! Norm Dixon did an outstanding job setting up this reunion for us. He had his whole family involved, his wife Dodie worked along side Norm from the beginning. Their son John, the tall dark haired man who was taking photos every day and evening of the reunion. John got some great photos, which will be showing up in the Taro Leaf along with others that were sent by many of you. Dodie had outstanding help from daughter Penny. They were both very busy all weekend. Howard Bruno, Norm's Vice Chairman gave Norm great support. Other primary volunteers were Stan Helseth, Historian, Larry Gay and Frank Geraci. Norm had a great squad and ran a most efficient Reunion. He and his team need to be applauded by everyone.

Corky and Diane Peters did a fantastic job with our Drawing again this year, posting an increase of \$4,874.09 above 2002. The full report is in this Taro Leaf. I agree with Corky that we should keep this Drawing going, and I hope that he and Diane will keep the job every year. There were 10 winners of \$500 each. Not a one present at the Reunion! There were four from the 19th, two from the 21st, one each from 3rd "C" Eng., 11th FA and Div. HQ. The tenth winner was an Associate Member. Six were Life Members. Maybe we all need to be 19th and/or Life. Luck was with them this year.

Hope to see everyone in Albuquerque for the 2004 Reunion.

Billy

Smile With Me Not At Me

Smile With, not At me.

It makes all the difference in the world. When you smile With me, we are companions in joy, we go hand in hand to the music of laughter, equals, comrades.

When you smile At me, you are above me, on some throne of superiority, and I am beneath you, humiliated.

When you smile With me our gladness is wholesome, cheering as cool waters, tonic as bright as blue sky.

When you smile At me you alone have pleasure, a poison pleasure.

No bargain or contract is honest unless both parties profit, no game is good where one side always wins. When you smile At me you only are tickled; I am stung. It is a bad bargain and a poor game.

We smile At - fools, numbskulls, weaklings, animals, people who fall, stumble, or are awkward or stupid.

We smile With - clever actors, charming speakers, interesting writers, friends, sweethearts, and all those who command our respect or whose fellowship we want to enter into.

To smile With is Democratic. To smile At is Autocratic.

Duchesses and Kings, Head waiters and Older Brothers smile At you. The fellows you play ball with, or go fishing with, and load with smile With you.

Also, the Girl you're sparking with, the Soldier you're fighting beside, the Fellow Workman you're digging or building with smile With you.

The Common People, the kind you meet on trains and in the street, smile With you. The Snobs and Snobberines and all the little nasty Knowing Ones smile At you.

When we Eat and Drink together we smile With. When we give a tramp a sandwich we smile At.

The French smile With you, God bless 'em, so full of the very juice of Democracy!

The Prussian smiles At you.

The Teacher who smile At us we hate; the one who smiles With us we adore.

People in Automobiles smile At the footers on the sidewalk. (And the Chauffeur smiles At his boss and party.)

To smile At me is ill-bred; to smile With me is Human.

To smile At is the subtlest form of insult.

To smiles With means Liberty, Equality, Fraternity.

~Dr. Frank Crane - Four Minute Essays - 1919

A Page For Artillerymen

(“Horse Calvary” & “Ord-a-nance” need not read)

Maybe it never occurred to you, but why is a cannon barrel called a “*barrel*?” It most certainly does not look like a barrel. Of course to us Professionals it’s proper name is the “*tube*.” But not so to the layman. To him it is a “*barrel*.” The answer to the question lies in history. The picture below is of a small *Bombard* from about 1330 or so. It is made from square iron rods held together by iron hoops. The bands were heated red-hot, slipped over the rods, and hammered into place. When they cooled and shrank the iron bars were held firmly in place. (Same idea as steel workers today heating their rivets.) It was faster and cheaper than trying to cast and bore tubes.



It should be remembered that in those times Artillerymen were not an organic part of a King’s armed forces -- they were private “*Guildsmen*” who built their own cannons, made their own gun powder, and crafted the cannon balls and shot. They would demonstrate what they had and what they could do. A contract would be worked out and away to the wars they went. They were universally despised by the regular soldiers who considered them Sorcerers “in league with the devil.” (*Which, come to think of it, is about the way most of our comrades still think of us today.*)

Two kinds of balls were used -- iron and stone -- and each had its purpose. Stone would go three times as far as iron, and often would fragment upon hitting the ground -- great against people and horses. But stone did little to knock down a castle’s towers and turrets, for this iron was the thing to use. Using wedges each ball had to be positioned dead center in the tube, and completely “packed” with wet rags or straw. The gun powder for each shot was mixed on-site. For the larger bombards the rate of fire was two rounds per day at best.

Notice in the picture above there is no carriage. The tube would be set up on a mound of dirt and aimed. There would be a roll of the drums and the Chief Of Section would command, “*Take Cover.*” At this point all the cannoneers would run to the rear and find something to hide behind. The gun would be fired and the Chief would face about and command, “*Advance,*” whereupon the gunners would return to the piece and start working on another round. The document from which I researched this information had a footnote, as follows: “However, if the gun should blow, the Chief faces about but does not command “*Advance,*” he faces about and commands, “*Do not advance, the gun has blown.*” This might be a little bit hard to do with his guts hanging out and both legs gone -- but such is the stuff we Artillerymen are made of.

Dutch Nelsen

Thoughts for Today

I have to exercise early in the morning before my brain figures out what I’m doing.

I joined a health club last year: spend about \$400. Haven’t lost a pound. Apparently, you have to show up.

It is well documented that for every minute you exercise, you add one minute to your life. This enables you, at 85 years old, to spend an

additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$5000 per month.

If you’re going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

I don’t exercise because it makes the ice jump out of my glass.

Did you ever notice: When you put the two words “The” and “IRS” together it spells “THEIRS”?

24th Infantry Division Plaque With Taro Leaf

Carl B. Mason, 3rd "C" Engineers, was with the Division during WWII, and with the Air Force during the Korean War. CB worked with the P51 that gave us support along the perimeter. He is heading up this effort to have a 24th ID plaque placed in The Admiral Nimitz Museum and the National Museum of the Pacific War. The proposed plaque design can be seen in the Spring 2003 Taro Leaf, page 17. **Please take a look and let us know if we have missed a battle site that should be listed.** A description of the plaque is also in the Spring Taro Leaf.

CB has sent me the information on the bank account he set up for the plaque. He has raised \$1968 of the \$2500 needed, and hopes to raise the other \$592 by December 10, 2003. He has said that if you can't see the way to send a donation, any amount will help and be appreciated. CB feels that if our WWII Soldiers are going to see the plaque we need to put it in place now.

Come on fellows, 10 or 20 bucks is not that much. I will send him another \$20 myself. You can send your checks to CB Mason, 842 Oak Leaf Trail, East Tawakoni, TX 75472-7178. Make your check payable to The 24th Infantry Division Association. If there is any money remaining after the plaque is in place, CB will send it to our new Secretary Treasurer Norm Dixon, to be added the Association Treasury.

~ Billy

Donations to Date

CB Mason	3rd "C" Eng.	<u>\$500</u>
John Ventimiglia	UK	20
Jack Hughes	34th Inf.	25
Charles R. Lowry	21st Inf.	20
Marguerite Mason	3rd "C" Eng	35
Randy Hudson	11th FA	20
Alex Bronzberg	3rd "C" Eng	20
Billy Johnson	3rd "C" Eng	20
CB Mason	3rd "C" Eng	70
Marguerite Mason	3rd "C" Eng	170
Bud Taylor	USS Penn.	5
W.B. Fore	Coast Guard	5
Leon Mills	11FA	20
Roger and Inez Reid	34th Inf. Div	10
Raymond Youngblood	21st Inf.	\$200
Earsel E. Bonds	21st Inf.	25

Jim and Pat Lemon	21st Inf.	25
Alex & Eleanor Bronzberg	3rd "C" Eng	40
J. Smith and Rosalie Baldwin	3rd "C" Eng	100
SGM & Mrs. John Baglama	24 Recon.	30
Donald and Nora Darke	5th RCT	10
Robert East	3rd "C" Eng	20
Walter Marszalek	3rd "C" Eng	20
CB Mason	3rd "C" Eng	200
Roger Reid	34th Inf.	10
CB Mason	3rd "C" Eng	134
Marguerite Mason	3rd "C" Eng	134
Billy Johnson	3rd "C" Eng	20

Donations to Date	\$1,908
Balance Needed	592
COST OF PLAQUE	\$2,500

**Tell the kids I love them.
~God**

Proudly showing off his new apartment to a couple of his friends late one night, the drunk led the way to his bedroom where there was a big brass gong.

"What's that big brass gong for?" one of the guests asked.

"It's not a gong. It's a talking clock," the drunk replied.

"A talking clock? Seriously?" asked his astonished friend.

"Yup," replied the drunk.

"How's it work?" the second guest asked, squinting at it.

"Watch," the man said. He picked up a hammer, gave it an ear shattering bash and stepped back.

The three stood silently for a moment, when a voice from the other side of the wall screamed, "HEY, YOU IDIOT! IT'S THREE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING!"

**C'mon over and bring the kids.
~God**

VERBECK AWARD & COMMITTEE

MG William Jordan Verbeck, onetime Regimental commander of the 21st Infantry and Division Chief of Staff demonstrated in myriad ways and consistently from his Division days of 44 and 45 to the day of his death on November 4, 1965 an unparalleled love for and devotion to the Division and our Association.

The William Jordan Verbeck Award had its genesis in the mind of the late Edmund Henry, one of the Associations founders. He presented his concept to the Executive Committee in 1966 and agreed to furnish the silver bowl, which was to serve as indicia for the Award. The Executive Committee established the guidelines with respect to the standards upon which presentation was to be based. It was to be presented, not annually, but from time-to-time as justification indicates. It was to be presented to that Association member who best displayed the ideals of Bill Verbeck, an unabashed love for Division and its Association. It was to be awarded to the member best showing real effort in furthering the best interests of the Association and the Division. It was not intended to reward mere popularity and the like. It was intended to reward sleeves-rolled-up hard work in helping to make the Association into a successfully organization.

As President of the Association, I am honored and privileged to name the following Association members to the Committee to review nominees for the award and, if appropriate, selection of the most qualified nominee who best represents the criteria established by the Executive Committee.

CHAIRMAN

Harold Corky Peters

Verbeck Award Winner - 2002

MEMBERS

John E. Klump 1985 Verbeck Award Winner

Warren G. Avery 1989 Verbeck Award Winner

Wallace F. Kuhner 1996 Verbeck Award Winner

Harry L. Wirtman, Jr 2001 Verbeck Award Winner

Eric Diller Life Member #1185

Edward S. Farmer Life Member #378

Nominations are to be received NOT LATER THAN 1 AUGUST 2004.

Mail nominations to:

Harold "Corky" Peters, Chairman

13791 Dorothy Dr.

Rogers, MN 55374-8899

COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION HISTORICAL MATERIAL

When Kenwood Ross passed away, he left many, many boxes of material belonging to the Association. Dutch Nelsen our Past Secretary/Treasurer and Past President has had these boxes stored in his garage for the past couple of years. He gradually went through some of the boxes but do to the many boxes could not go through all of them. There are many boxes of material of historical value remaining.

Therefore, I have formed a committee for the "Preservation of Association Historical Material" composed of the New Historian Stan Helseth, Larry Gay and Norm Dixon our new Secretary/Treasurer. These three individuals all live within the same area and can meet on a regularly scheduled basis to review this material. I have asked them to review all the material and to catalog those items of historical value for future reference.

Anyone who has material they feel is of historical value and wish to donate the material to the Association, send it to the Historian Stan Helseth. His address may be found listed on page two with other officers of the Association.

Another item. In the past, the "Roll of Honor" was maintained by the Historian. This is the roster of all former members of the Division who have past away. I have designated the Chaplain to maintain the Honor Roll and keep it up to dated.

Request all future obituary notices be sent to the Chaplin.

Wes Morrison

President

ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2004-2005

Nomination and election of the Association Officers for the term 2004-2005 will be conducted at the Annual Membership Meeting held at the Association Reunion in Albuquerque, NM on Saturday, September 25, 2004 at 10:00 AM. Only an Active Member as defined by our Constitution and Bylaws may be nominated. There are three (3) positions open for election each year. They are:

President
Vice President
Secretary/Treasurer

All nominations for the elected offices will be made to the Nomination Committee for consideration. Any nomination made from the floor will be referred to the Committee for consideration and if found qualified will be referred to the membership for vote. Nominations should be made on the basis of the individual's contribution to the welfare of the Association, his participation in Association activities, his ability to communicate with the membership and his ability to perform the duties for which nominated. All nomination including those from the floor will be in writing and will be accompanied by a biographical sketch of the nominee and their acceptance of the nomination. Any Active Member may make a nomination and any Associate Member may make a suggestion; but only Active Members may vote on any nomination.

All nomination should be sent to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee not later than 1 August 2004. Your committee is the following:

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Fernley, NV 89408-9050
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21st Inf/Korea

Wes

One to quack you up

Did you hear the about the three golfing partners who died and went to heaven?

A beautiful course awaits, but St. Peter warns them that there is one rule: Don't hit the ducks.

He explains that there are millions of ducks and, if one is hit, it triggers an uproar that destroys heaven's tranquility.

Fifteen minutes after they started their first round, one of the men's shorts hits a duck, touching off a deafening episode of squawking.

St. Peter walks up, accompanied by a very homely woman and asks, "Who hit the duck?"

The guilty golfer confessed and St. Peter handcuffed him to the woman for eternity.

The other two men were very cautious not to hit any ducks, but a couple of weeks later, one of them accidentally did.

St. Peter showed up with and even uglier woman in tow. He handcuffed her to the offending golfer for eternity.

The third man was extremely careful. After three months, he still hadn't hit a duck. One day St. Peter walked up to him, escorted by the most beautiful woman the golfer had ever seen. Click. St. Peter handcuffed her to the stunned golfer.

The man, knowing that he would be chained for eternity, smiled thankfully and wondered aloud what he had done to deserve it.

The woman responded, "I don't know about you, but I hit a duck."

LOOKING FOR BUDDIES

Billy Johnson. I was with 24th Inf. Div, 19th Inf. Regt. in Korea from early 1950 to 1951. We were stationed in Beppu, Kyushu, Japan home of the 19th Inf. Regt, since early 1949. May be you can help me in getting in touch with some old Army buddies from my Regt. or let me know how to go about it. I will be very thankful.

J.L.M. from Texas.

This is all the information I have on this man. If you know who he is, please contact me. Billy

Sir, I been wanted to get in touch with you since I can't get Joe Sweeny in regards to me being alive all this years. I was reported K.I.A. on July 16th, 1950 at the Kun River. I understand the 24th ID Association has me as K.I.A. My name is **Jose Luis Munoz** from Laredo, TX and I was in Co. H, 19th Inf. Regt. 24th Inf. Div. and stationed at Camp Chickamangua since early 1949. Got to Korea July 4th, 1950. I was at the Kun River, Taejon and many more battles. Yes I was left for dead on that day of July 16th 1950 at the Kum River. I was the only Jose L Munoz in Co H of the 19th. I was from the Pusan perimeter all the way to the Yalu and back to the 38th. It is a long story, but I just want to let you guys know that I been alive for 53 years. Hope you get this message and please pass it on. I will be very proud to here from somebody of the 19th and 24th Div.

Lucky@sc2000.net

Dear Sir,

I have had numerous difficulties in requesting my grandfather's awards from the govt. He was a member of **Company E of the 21st** (also in **Co. E of 19th** for a short time). I have a copy of an order from the commander of the 8th Army saying that the entire 21st Regt. was to receive the P.U.C. I included the order with my request but the Army says that only the Cannon Company was awarded the P.U.C. and have refused to award it, yet Victor Gloe (former member of Co. E of 21st and 24 I.D.A. member) mailed the same order with his request for awards and received it. Also, my grandfather served in the occupation of Japan for 33 days (I believe the requirement is 30 days) before he returned to the Philippines with some officers to search for a missing man and then left the A. P.

Theater in late Feb. '46, yet they will not award him the Occupation Medal. They say that the 21st never served any occupation duty, yet Mr. Vic Gloe was awarded an Occupation Medal for his services in Co. E of the 21st. Mr. Gloe has been more than helpful in providing his testimony and I am wondering if there might be anyone else from the 21st who received these awards who could help me out with those damned idiots at the awards center. If you can find anyone who may be helpful in my quest, please have them contact me at the following address.

Cody McMillian, Stephen F. Austin State University, Box 5291, Nacogdoches, TX 75962

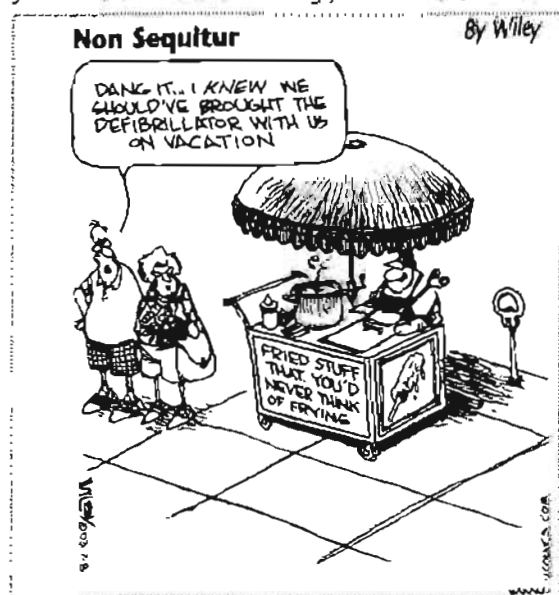
After 50 some years I am trying to locate members of the 6th Tank Bn, Co. B. I was in Korea early May to late November 1951. As a corporal, I earned 2 battle Stars. Our CO was LT Steve Clayton from Breckenridge, MN. Our tank driver was Daniel Greiner from Fairfield or Ortomawa, Iowa where he was farming before he came into the army. All of our tanks were named with a "B."

Clayton Karrigan, PO Box 73, Benson MN 56215-0073

Judy Duer is looking for information from soldiers who served with her father, **Ned Brundage**. I know he kept in touch with some of his army buddies, however; I do not have names or any specific information on where he served. If anyone has pictures, stories any information they would like to share, I would greatly appreciate it.

My Dad passed away in March. He was with the 34th Inf. Regt.

Judy Duer, 67 Norman Way, Salinas, CA 93906



24th Infantry Division Association



24th IDA- Drawing Tickets – 2003

Chairman: Corky and Diane Peters

Income

Seed Money - \$ 3,000.00
Deposits - \$27,042.30
Interest & Misc. - \$ 56.78
Total - \$30,099.08

Expenses: \$2,050.28

Income Less Expenses - \$28,048.80
24th IDA \$24,650.00
Balance \$ 3,398.80

Prizes - \$ 5,000.00 - (10 people won \$500.00 each)
Profit - \$23,048.80

- 2003 24th IDA \$24,650.00
- Sold at Reunion - \$ 680.00
- 2003 Total \$25,330.00
- 2002 24th IDA - \$20,655.91
- Increase from 2002 \$ 4,674.09

*Will the road you're on
get you to my place?
~God*

- A savings account was kept at the First National Bank of Elk River. We kept \$3,398.80 in the account as seed money for next year.
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- Tickets, envelopes and letters were printed by Print Plus.
- Tickets and letters were assembled by volunteers - each member received 6 drawing tickets, cover letter, and a self addressed return envelope. We supplied lunch for the volunteers.
- All members were mailed 8 tickets each. Each ticket asked for a \$5.00 donation.
- Members did not have to mail in any money to participate...this information was stated on each ticket. Very few members returned the tickets without any money.
- Some members included money for dues with their drawing tickets...that money was forwarded to the Secretary Treasurer.
- The drawing was held Saturday, September 21, 2003 in Tucson Arizona, immediately following the membership meeting.
- The winners were:

<u>Elmer O. Rodes, Jr.</u>	<u>Richard T. LaFlame</u>	<u>Laurence V. Frank</u>	<u>Carl Doran</u>
<u>John T. Corran</u>	<u>John T. Gilbert</u>	<u>Darrel W. Miller</u>	<u>Evap T. Evans</u>
<u>Richard Quartier</u>	<u>George P. Morris</u>		

**Submitted by Corky & Diane Peters*

24th Infantry Division Association



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

I desire to be enrolled (or) reinstated as a Member (or) Associate Member of the
24th Infantry Division Association,
and thereby be affiliated with the
Greatest Combat Division the United States Army
has ever known.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

OCCUPATION _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____ CHILDREN & AGES _____

SPONSOR'S NAME _____

(Relation to sponsor if the Application is for Associate Membership) _____

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

UNIT.....SQUAD _____ PLATOON _____ COMPANY _____ BN. _____ REGT. _____ HQ _____ FROM _____ TO _____

UNIT.....SQUAD _____ PLATOON _____ COMPANY _____ BN. _____ REGT. _____ HQ _____ FROM _____ TO _____

REMARKS _____

Dues:

_____ Annual - \$15.00	_____ Lifetime - \$150.00
1 Year From Date of	Payable in lump sum of \$150.00
Enlisting in Association	or in 5 yearly payments of \$30.00

Please make checks payable to:
"24th Infantry Division Association"
Mail with this completed application to:
Norm Dixon
Secretary/Treasurer
24th Infantry Division Association
16849 W. Villagio Dr
Surprise, AZ 85387-7565

*Let's meet! at my house Sunday
before the game.
~God*

Recommended By: _____

Standing
 McRice Harold-Lionel Daniels-Emory Whitney-
 Charles Reese-Ralph Taylor-John Morris...
 Kneeling
 Swoldie-Charles Bolinger-Yamaguchi-
 Ralph Pfenheimer-Frances Crossman...

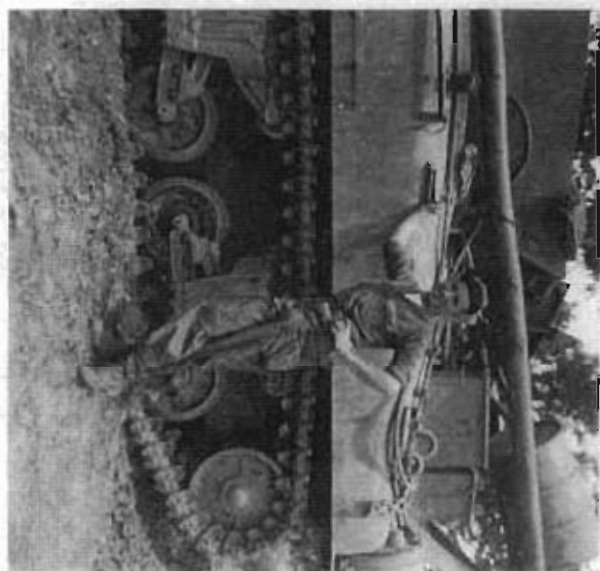


316-486-2299

Submitted By



Charlie Reese
 100 E 205th St
 Euclid, OH 44123



Pay Day Left To Right
 Swiderski-Swope-Harold-
 Reese-PlutaChuck
 E. M. Club
 KOKURA



26 AAA (AW) Battalion (SP)

Pete Magna



26th AAA (AW)
Battalion (SP)



"What's up, Hideki? This is the fifth class in hara-kiri we've had this week!"

A little work to occupy the mind;
A little suffering to sanctify
My spirit; and, deal Lord, if thou canst find
Some little good that I may do for thee,
I shall be glad, for that will comfort me.
Mind, spirit, hand – I lift them all to thee.

~Anonymous

LET'S HAVE THE REUNION IN YOUR CITY!

Good Photo of the 26 AAA



24th Infantry Division Association



Dear 24th Members,

If you were there, you will recall that I was the recipient of the coveted "Verbeck Award." at the banquet in Tucson on September 20, 2003

To be given this award from the association is one of the highlights of my life. Whatever I did was with pleasure and I hope the good of the association who deemed me worthy to receive the award.

My fellow warriors, I believe we have reached the crossroads in the future of our group of survivors. As the number of WWII veterans diminishes, I hope the younger group will pick up the flag and carry on. The key is in the continuation of the "Taro Leaf" and the election of capable officers who should be given 100% support once they are in office. Without this it may be difficult to continue.

Again my heartfelt thanks.

Ben H. Wahle Jr
132 Killarney Lane
Burlingame, CA 94010-3349
34th Infantry Division Regiment Co's E, G -- 9/43--4/45



BEN WAHLE ~ A MOST DESERVING WARRIOR

BEN MAKING HIS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH AFTER RECEIVING THE
VERBECK BOWL AWARD



Korean War Honor Roll

Rock island Co., IL
and Scott Co., IA.

A ceremony honoring **heroes** from the two counties who were lost in the Korean War was held in Davenport, Iowa on September 13, 2003. John Bontje, 19th, represented the 24th. We had eleven soldiers from that area who were honored at the Ceremony

Charles Abbott	3rd "C" Eng.	9/6/1953
Charles L. Cave	5th RCT	10/9/1951
Gerald A. Faber	29th RCT	9/5/1950
Warren F. Haskins	21st Inf.	7/12/1950
Richard E. Hoffman	5th RCT	9/3/1950
Arthur C. Lundy	5th RCT	8/12/1950
James E. Marler	3rd "C" Eng.	7/20/1950
William T McCracken	29th Inf.	7/27/1950
William E. Olsen	21st Inf.	9/21/1951
Robert N. Wheeler	5th RCT	8/15/1950
Raymond E. Yeargle	5th RCT	7/12/1951

William T. McCracken, 29th Infantry Regiment was honored, along with twenty-eight others who were lost during the War.



GOD BLESS AMERICA

"God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it."

~Daniel Webster



This rock is in rural Iowa

Email photo from: COMMISH WC

Attention all you "Old Soldiers"

Have heard lots of gripping that no one could pass the test for Artillerymen in the last issue. OK, so this will be easy – Let's hear you recite the **General Orders**; all eleven of them. In case you get stuck, they are reproduced further back in this issue: and photographed from FM 21-100, 23 July 1941. (Fair warning – I am Officer Of The Guard tonight.)

~Dutch

THE KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL JULY 27, 2003



1. Two brothers find each other
2. Close up of the right side.
3. Close up of the left side.
4. Newest addition to the Korean dedicated July 27, 2003

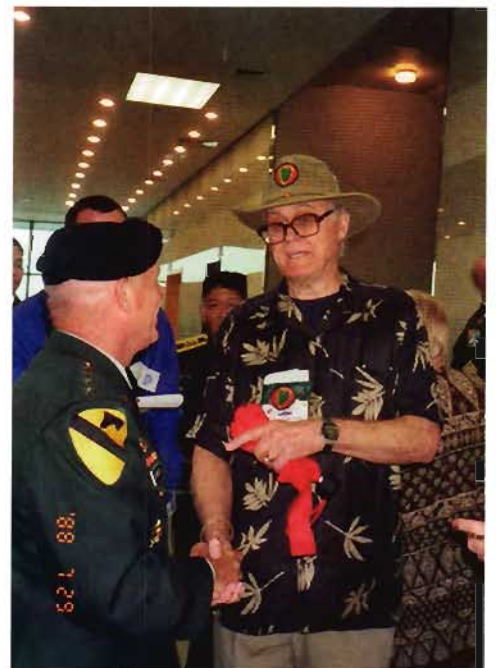


General Leon J. LaPorte, Commander of the United Nations Forces in Korea, and our host for the dedication, meets with Billy, President 2001-2003, and Taro Leaf Editor, at the dedication.

General LaPorte's speech is on page 26, Vol. 57, #3 of the Taro Leaf.

Billy was trying to recruit the General for our 24th IDA. General LaPorte has served with the 24th ID.

NOTE: Sir, there is a Membership Application in each issue of Taro Leaf. ~Billy



Each year Bob, Harry and Frances, visit the National Cemetery in Grafton WV and hold a graveside service for **Billy Jarrells Graham**, KIA July 20, 1950. This year they placed a wreath, played the Star Spangled Banner and TAPS In his honor.



Harry Wittman, 21st Inf.



Bob Slaney 24th Signal

■ 190. While you are off duty do not remove your clothing or equipment or leave the immediate vicinity of the guardhouse without permission of the commander of the guard. An emergency may occur when you will be needed at once.

■ 191. When you are not posted as a sentinel or on other duty which requires you to carry your rifle, keep it in the arms rack in the guardhouse or in a stack.

■ 192. Orders for sentinels are of two classes: general orders and special orders. General orders apply to all sentinels. Special orders apply to particular posts and duties. You must know and be able to recite the general orders before you go on guard duty. As soon as you are assigned to a relief and a particular post you must also learn and be able to recite the special orders for that post. Whenever the officer of the day or the commander of the guard considers that a sentinel does not have sufficient instruction or is otherwise unfit for guard duty, he relieves him, sends him back to his organization, and notifies his organization commander.

■ 193. The following are the general orders all sentinels are required to memorize. Learn them as soon as you can.

My general orders are—

1. To take charge of this post and all Government property in view.
2. To walk my post in a military manner, keeping always on the alert and observing everything that takes place within sight or hearing.
3. To report all violations of orders I am instructed to enforce.
4. To repeat all calls from posts more distant from the guardhouse than my own.
5. To quit my post only when properly relieved.
6. To receive, obey, and pass on to the sentinel who relieves me all orders from the commanding officer, officer of the day, and officers and noncommissioned officers of the guard only.
7. To talk to no one except in line of duty.
8. To give the alarm in case of fire or disorder.
9. To call the corporal of the guard in any case not covered by instructions.

10. To salute all officers and all colors and standards not cased.

11. To be especially watchful at night and, during the time for challenging, to challenge all persons on or near my post, and to allow no one to pass without proper authority.

■ 194. Guard duty is one of your most important duties. Remember that when you are posted as a sentinel you represent the commanding officer whose orders you are required to enforce, on and in the vicinity of your post. Upon the manner in which you perform your duties depends not only the enforcement of military law and orders, but also the security of persons and property under your charge. In time of war your responsibility as a member of the guard is greater than ever, for then the safety of your organization depends upon the manner in which you watch while your comrades rest. This is so important that sleeping on post by a sentinel or other improper performances of duty is punishable by a very severe court-martial sentence.

Taken from the section on "Marches"

b. *Foot troops.*—If you become sick or unable to continue the march, do not fall out until you receive permission from an officer. Then wait beside the road for the medical detachment, which marches at the rear of the column. If you fall out without permission, you are subject to arrest by a police detachment, which follows the column. Your organization will take great pride in the fact that no one has had to fall out. If you have made the proper preparations with respect to your shoes and socks, and do not eat or drink too much you will have no difficulties with the average march.

c. *Mounted troops.*—(1) Do not slouch in the saddle or ride with the weight on one buttock. The proper position in the saddle will not only be less tiring to you but will probably prevent your horse from having a sore back.

Soldier's Handbook

FM 21-100 - July 23, 1941

Answers for:
**Standing
General Orders
for Guard
Duty.**
Thanks "Dutch"

Shopping District of Itaewon, Korea, just outside the Yongsan Military Compound



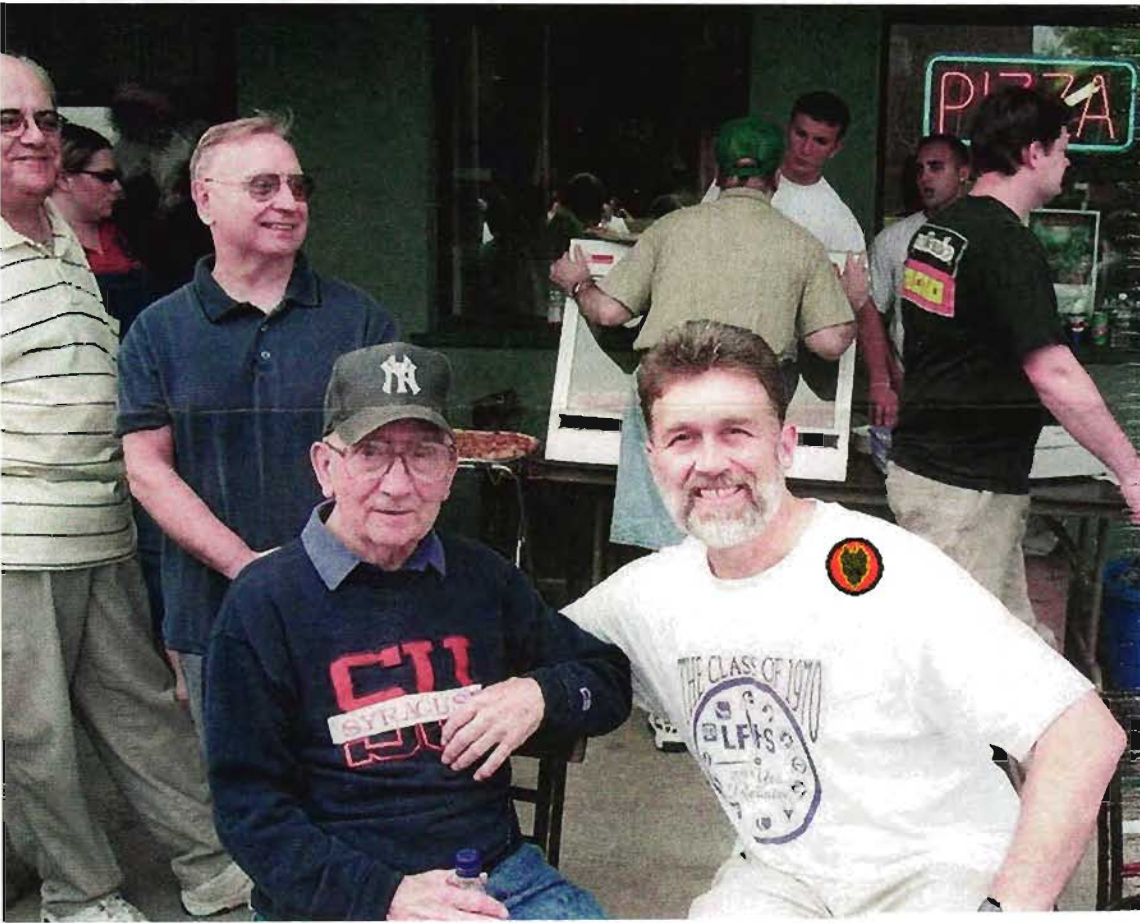
This Flea Market in Seoul is the oldest in Korea. The people say it is over six hundred years old, and has changed very little in that time. The Market is about ten acres.

I was quite happy there, standing right in the middle of History! ~Billy

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21st Infantry Memories

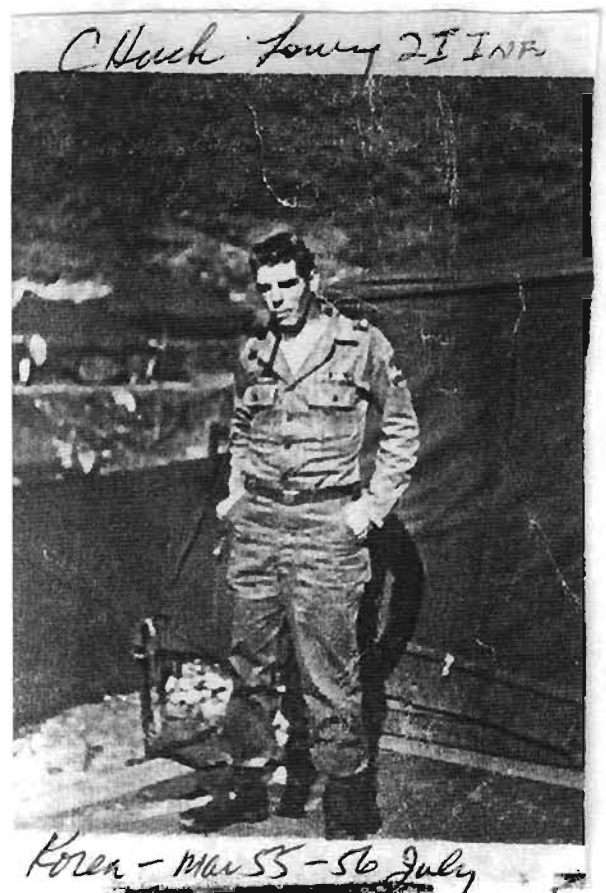


Nicholas J. Staffo,
Cannon Company, 21st
Infantry Regiment,
1944-1945, with his son
Associate Life Member
Gary Staffo, 6226
Garden Rd, Springfield,
VA 22152-1504
12-8-2003
gary.staffo@ee.doe.gov

Charles Lowry 21st
Sent a donation for
the Museum Plaque
along with this photo
of himself just before
Guard Duty. 1955



There are wars, and there are wars!





Tucson Tour



Tucson Tour



3rd Engineers at Division Dinner



"WHAT HAVE WE GOT TODAY - CEMENT OR LAUNDRY?"
Sgt. Ozzie St. George





LtG James Vaught (34th) & Ben Wahle (34th)



Sue, Cat, Margo & Jim enjoying Aloha Night



Having fun at Aloha Night



Lester & Margie Johnson (19th)



Gene and Billy Westfall



Dinner at Aloha Night



Good times at Aloha Night



The Lloyds & The Finneys

Quartermaster Table



Around the hotel in Tucson



Four of our outstanding volunteers!



Quartermaster Table manned by Bill McLure



Jim says it's this big and Wes says it's not in the book



Tony Apolaca & Wife



Phill around the Hotel



Mille & Norm Walok, Marina & Leonard Ortiz, Shirley Morrison



John Tabor & Dutch Nelsen - John is a 1st timer

Out and about in Tucson



Bill & Lorraine Boyden cooling off



Clyde & Moria Lafitte w/waterfall



Phil & Shirley at the book table

Men's Saturday Morning Meeting



Wes tell us about our 2005 Reunion in Philadelphia



Tucson Saturday Morning Business Meeting



"I THOUGHT I HEARD A RATTLE SOMEWHERE."

Cpl Joe Cunningham

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Four Generations of an old Taro Leafer. 92-yr-old 1st LT **Zenon Rybel** who served with Div. HQ, Co., G2 in the Pacific and in Japan with the 724th Ord. under Kenwood Ross. Zenon's oldest Son, Vince Rybel, Granddaughter Kim (Rybel) Koenig and Great Grandson, Nathaniel Koenig.



Mrs. Loretta Paveski with "Frank Sinatra. Loretta, 85 always enjoys her evenings out with Frank.



Massachusetts has a new Pearl Harbor Survivor license plate. I happened to apply at just the right time. No, I did not pull any political string.
Joe Mielezsko, C. 13th FA 1940-44



Griffin James DeJaco, Grandson of Billy Johnson was lucky enough to meet "President Harry S. Truman" at our 2002 Reunion in KC, MO



The 24th ID "First to Fight- Victory Division" license tag is available through our Quartermaster, Harry Wittman. **Staff car not included!**

TARO LEAF TAPS

Emblem of Glory Our Flag

Stand up. Stand up America, as our flag goes passing by. Stand up America; it's a beautiful sight that will make you cry.
Ain't she a thing of beauty, this Emblem of Glory, the Red, the White and the Blue? And it waves for all Americans, so brave and true.
She has flown over many a battlefield, and at the graves of the fallen too, this Emblem of Glory, the Red, the White and the Blue.

So stand up America, for we cherish this flag that waves for me and you.

So stand up America as the flag goes passing by.

Oh, look! Wasn't that person wiping a tear from their eye?

Oh! Say does that star spangled banner yet wave, o'er the land of the free and home of the brave?

Oh! Tell me it's still true about this Emblem of Glory, the Red, the White and the Blue.

These words were written by a 21st Infantry Regiment Soldier

"I composed this poem as a Korean War Veteran who fought for this flag, and I truly love and honor it."

Clint Roberts

19th Infantry Regiment

Henry F. Grzegorzewski
Eugene "Gene" White

21st Infantry Regiment

Paul J. Conrad
Donald E. Dame
Marvin C. Hanson

34th Infantry Regiment

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63rd Field Artillery Battalion

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24th Reconnaissance Company

Richard R. Glenn
Gilbert A. Archer

3rd Engineers "Combat" Bn.

Harry Shock Jr.

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Hyman S. Baras



BOB HOPE 1903-2003

19th Infantry Regiment

Henry F. Grzegorzewski

19th Infantry-WWII, Japan, Korea, died 12 June 2003 at his home in Stow, OH. He was interred at his original home in Erie, PA

Eugene H. "Gene" White

Gene passed away August 4, 2003, at the age of 78. During WWII Gene served with the 19th, E. Co. as a Scout and was a part of numerous combat operations in the Pacific Theater. He went to the 24th along with Bill Smith in late August of 1944. The two remained friends. Surviving Gene are two sons, two daughters, 11 grandchildren and one great-grandson

21st Infantry Regiment

Paul J. Conrad

Paul, a Life Member of the 24th IDA, and a member of Task Force Smith has passed away. He is survived by his wife Joyce, one son and two daughters.

Cards may be sent to: The Conrad Family, 8215 Rooster Church Road. NE
New Salisbury, IN 47161-8006

Donald E. Dame

Donald passed away on May 18, 2003. Don was in "K" Co. in the Philippines. Surviving Don are his wife Phyllis, their four children, five grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Phyllis Dane, 18 Thornwood Dr. Garrett, IN 46738-9804.

Marvin C. Hanson

Marvin is deceased.

Cards may be sent to: 307 East Street N., Underwood, MN 56586-7113

34th Infantry Regiment

Ned C. Brundage

Ned's daughter Judy has notified us that Ned passed away March 3, 2003. Judy very much wants to hear from anyone who served with her father.

Cards may be sent to: Judy Duer, 67 Norman Way, Salinas, CA 93906-1346

Robert T. Hamilton

Robert, born April 4, 1921, passed away July 10, 2003. He entered the Army in October 1942. Robert saw combat with the 83rd Infantry Division during WWII. He was with HQ and HQ Co. in Korea, at Taejon, from June 27 to August 5, 1950. Robert earned the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, CIB with second star and other awards for his service. Cards may be sent to: 730 Babcock Rd #3102, San Antonio, TX 78201-2695

Chester A. Pulst

Chester passed away June 13, 2003. He served with HQ Co. from 1944 to 1946. His wife Thelma survives him.

Cards may be sent to: 2216 Martin Rd., Dover, FL 33527-6339

Walter Wyand

Walter passed away in the Spring of 2003

Cards may be sent to: The Wyland Family, 479 Millbrook Cir. Bradenton, FL 34212-2644

5th Regimental Combat Team

Joseph E Patton

Joseph passed away June 23, 2003. He served in Korea with 5th RCT in 1950 during the beginning of "The Forgotten War." Joseph was a life member of the Association

11th Field Artillery

LTC Irwin Feinberg

LTC Feinberg died 22 April 2003 while in the VA Hospital in Palo Alto, CA. Irwin received full military honors at his funeral service. An OCS Graduate, he served with the 11th FA in Japan before going to Korea, from November 1948 to January 1951, earning a Silver Star and Bronze Star. Irwin served in Europe during WWII. Shirley, his wife of fifty years, survives him.

Cards may be sent to: 585 Fort Laramie Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94087-4431 (Phone 408-245-411)

63rd Field Artillery

Frederick Kepke

Mrs. Kepke has notified us that her husband Frederick passed away February 9, 2003

Cards may be sent to: 39669 Makin Ave., Palmdale, CA 93551-2986

24th Reconnaissance Company

Richard R. Glenn

Richard passed away early this past winter. The 24th was represented by R.F. "Rod" Stock at the Memorial Service. Thank you Rod. Cards may be sent to: 1585 Moon Lane, Reno, NV 89511-8457

Gilbert A. Archer

Gilbert died on April 12, 2003.

Cards may be sent to: 5366 B Elsinore Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628-3307

3rd "C" Engineers

Harry Shock Jr.

Harry passed away 26 September 2002.

114 Photo Interpretation Team

Hyman S. Baras

Hyman died mid- February 2003. He joined the 24th October 24, 1944. Hyman's Team was assigned to the G-2 Section of Division HQ. He served in Leyte, Mindoro, Mindano and Japan.



Robert Taylor Hamilton



Walter Wyland

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Re: Marion J. Morgan's book "Telling The Folks back Home" about his experiences as a POW in Korea for 32 months. Marion was in C Company, 19th, 24th Division. The notice appeared in the Taro Leaf but there was no address where it could be ordered. It would be very much appreciated if you would put the ordering information in the next Taro Leaf. The book is selling for \$15.00 including postage and handling. We have had a lot of nice comments from people who have read the book. It's not a fun book but it tells of life in a POW camp. He was in camps 5 and 3. Thanks very much for you help.

Sincerely, **Marion J. Morgan** 84 North Dogwood Dr. Mayflower, Arkansas 72106 Telephone # 501 470-1825 e-mail address dmorgan@cyberback.com.

There is something that has been on my mind, so the easiest way is to just lay it out on the line. When I first got in the 24th ID that was in July 1942. At that time I was in the 24th Quartermaster Co. Later on, in about two months there was a change in the table of organization and the Ordinance took over the automotive section. That's when I ended up in the 724th Ord. Co.

As I recall. When I got in the 24th ID we had three Infantry Regiments. One was the 19th, another the 21st and the other was the 298th Hawaiian National Guard Division. The 298th was moved to the States and later became a part of the 10th Mountain Division. Which later made a big name for itself in Italy. When the 298th left the 34th Inf. Regt. moved in as the third unit in the 24th ID.

The reason the 298th was taken out of the 24th is the personnel looked too Oriental, which would have been a problem for the Islanders.

Eric Webber-724th Ord. Co.

NOTE: To CHARLEY COLE

Please let us know when your book is published so that we may mention it in the Taro Leaf. Billy Johnson, 24th IDA Editor

Enclosed are my dues for 2003-2004. The Taro Leaf has been outstanding this year. Congratulations to all.
Best,

Jerry Deegan

Just a short note to say that I would like to be out there in Tucson with you guys, but I am stuck here in SC with two bad knees. I can just make it to the table to eat. But next year with two new knees, I'll dance a jig for all the guys. I send a small donation, Wish it could be more. This is for the guys that gave their all on the Kum River. I remain true to the Division and my last thought will be of those men and what we did with so little. Take care.

James W. Bolt- 63rd FA

Enclosed are my dues. I thank you and all the others who lead the 24th. Enclosed are pictures of my jacket I had made up for less than \$200. If you notice my right knee, it's my million dollar wound.

Thanks again,

Harry Wadding, B/1st Bn/ 19th

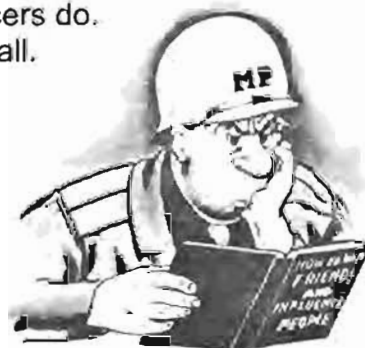


HARRY WADDING - B-1st Bn

The reminders are great. I did not forget this year but I can see it happening sooner or later. Enclosed are my dues and an extra \$10 to apply as needed. I appreciate all the work you and all the officers do.

Thanks to you all.

Rod



Never Ban a Man In

Dear Col. Nelsen,
 Received my copy of Taro Leaf, thanks to you and Charley Cole of Baytown, Texas.
 Strange things do happen. My son-in-law had posted a message on Email shortly after Allen passed away for anyone knowing him while he was in service. Shortly thereafter, his computer service went down and was changed. It took almost *five years* for the message to get back to us from Mr. Cole. Allen and Mr. Cole had been in Japan and Korea together. Do not know the details as of yet. He is writing a book, will publish soon. Had a call from Jean Rasmussen also after the piece in the Taro Leaf. Rasmussen was the name he spoke of most.
 We had never heard of the Taro Leaf until I spoke with you last fall. Allen would have been so happy to know where his old Buddies were, had been through a lot with them while still so young.
 Keep up the good work. Maybe more families like ours can piece together the lives of their loved ones.
 Thanks again.
Mrs. Allen Morris

I'm sorry I'm late, things just aren't like they used to be.
 We sure enjoy the magazine of the 24th. I served with Heavy Mortar Co. 1st Bn. from August 1948 to September 1951 in downtown Kumato, Japan.
 Was in Osan in July 1950. Aren't many left out of our Company anymore. I'm seventy-five years old. Thanks for reminder.
 Claude C. (Bud)

The American Battle Monuments Commission has introduced an online registry for American World War II veterans. The registry will be included in the National World War II Memorial that is under construction in Washington, DC and will be completed in 2004. One can access the registry via the Memorial's Web site, www.wwiimemorial.com, or by calling (800) 639-4WW2 (4992). Any American who served in the armed forces or supported the war effort at home is eligible to be listed.

It was 1952 and Hoogendoorn was married and just beginning to farm. Then by springtime, like many young men, his quiet life was interrupted by a call to duty. It was an abrupt about face. After basic training at Fort Riley, Kansas he was by December heading for Japan and Korea. He was assigned to the 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Company I, 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division.

Hoogendoorn recounts his many experiences and the impressions he returned home with. Not least was the suffering of the people caught up in war.

One heart warming experience involved a little Korean orphan boy. They named him Schoshe (little one) and they had a tailor make a uniform for him, complete with the 24th division patch. Schoshe lived with the men. "One night" recalls Hoogendoorn, "he looked up pleading and asked if I could take him home to the U.S."

It's in the book, "About Face, a Korean Veteran's Dialogue." Copies may be ordered, 39 pages, from Gib Hoogendoorn, 5419 West Dardanelle #230, Sioux Falls, SD, 57106. Price \$9.54, tax included, and \$1 for mailing.

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This is my donation to our 24th Association. Received my new Membership Card today. I was saddened to hear that this may be your last year in office. If that is so, I want my donation to arrive while I still consider you my CO.
 Best of everything to you.
 In Camaraderie,
Sgt. Walter Snyder

A "Special Thank You" goes out to **Kayla Clement**, niece of Life Member # 924 John J Tabor. Kayla made New Orleans Pecan Pralines for Minie and me to say thanks for helping her **Uncle John J. Tabor** with his travel plans to Tucson. John Tabor 19th Machine Gunner, Life Member and a Card Carrying Cajun, thought the reunion was great. It was John's first reunion with us. John, see you in Albuquerque in 2004. Billy

NOTE: Associate Memberships are open to all family members of soldiers who are serving or served with or were attached to the 24th ID. A Membership Application is in each issue of Taro Leaf.

The summer issue of the Taro Leaf arrived this past week. We thoroughly enjoyed it. I am re-submitting these photos for you to consider publishing. Charles remembered their names. Would enjoy making contact with any one of them. Mailed photos the first part of this year. It sounds like we got lost in the Fayetteville flood.

Today we have heavy rains from Storm Isabelle. We live on Lake Erie and it is *roaring*. The news tells us that you all have lots of storm damage. We wish you all well. Hope to see you next year in NM. Thank you, **Betty and Charles Reese**, 100 East 205th Street, Euclid, Ohio 44123-1004

Hi Dutch,

I received your dues paid confirmation letter, which I always look forward to, and read it with mixed emotions. First of all, I think the renewal notices are great, since I no longer have to blame my failing memory for being late with my dues. I think **Dick Hubbard** deserves a gold star, a couple of "attaboys" and a sincere thank you. (Not surprised he's from the 19th) Also, it is gratifying to hear our Association is flourishing, we do need new and young blood to continue at our current high quality level --- Super!

I am sincerely sorry to hear you are considering stepping aside (not down), and hopefully after a little R&R. you'll return, because whoever tries to replace will need lots of help.

Although I never had the pleasure of meeting you personally Dutch, through your candid notes and letters I feel I do know you. You're a credit to the Association and the 19th, and like the "Rock", (Major General George Thomas at Chickamauga), you stand tall. Thanks and good luck. **Roy Janota**

PS: Hope this makes up for some of those "Nasty Grams."

My brother John (Jack) C. Morris, Jr., III, was captured July 30, 1950, and KIA October 10, 1950. With all the research and support and information from people like yourself, I've been able to place his remains in one of three places. (1) Separate burial at the Bunch Bowl (2) Pusan Cemetery in Pusan, North Korea, or (3) 43 miles south of Pyongyang, North Korea, near Sanwoa. He was one of many that were "trained" north and stopped over at various villages going north. I've given my DNA sample to the Army, and they recently acknowledged receiving it, but indicated that it would take a year or better for the results. I will be writing a letter to our two Senators here in Arizona and see what they can do or find out for me.
Gary Morris

The 2004 Reunion

**Hyatt Regency Albuquerque Hotel,
330 Tijeras NW
Albuquerque, NM 87102
22 - 25 September 2004.**

The Onsite Chairman

**Walter Newlin, 19th Inf.
28 Canyon Road,
Sandia Park, NM 87047-9334**

Billy, Dutch, Wes: On behalf of the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO), SFC Gary Grisdale, and myself, I would like to thank you for allowing us to be a small part of your great reunion last week. It was an honor for Gary and I to meet so many Victory Division veterans. Moreover, we were able to interview many men who provided valuable information regarding the unaccounted for soldiers we still seek. We are looking forward to Albuquerque. Hopefully, DPMO will also attend one or more of your smaller unit reunions next year.

I really enjoyed reading the back issues of *Taro Leaf*. I would like to get the DPMO message out to the widest audience and, hopefully, make contact with other 24th Infantry Division veterans. I have asked my chain of command if we could place a recurring ad in the *Taro Leaf* and they were supportive of the idea. Again, thank you. It was a real pleasure to be a part of your reunion last week. **Herb Artola**

DPMO/RA/NEA (703) 602-2202, ext 228
george.artola@osd.mil

"Young men think old men are fools; but old men know young men are fools"

~George Chapman

3rd Engineer Combat Battalion

THE 3RD ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION MET IN TUSCON, AZ
SEPTEMBER 20 THRU 23. THE WEATHER WAS GREAT, TOURS
WONDERFUL AND THE COMPANY EXCEPTIONAL!

WE HAD A GREAT TURNOUT THIS YEAR WITH 34 MEN AND
WOMEN. 9 MEN WERE FIRST TIMERS AND WE HAD ONE,
ROBERT "CHIC" KODAMA WHO CAME LAODED WITH PICTURS
OF MANY DIFFERENT MEN HOPING TO FIND AN OLD BUDDY
FROM KOREA. HE WAS VERY LUCKY AND HAPPY THAT HIS
WISH CAME TRUE, AS IT TURNED OUT TO BE BILLY JOHNSON,
NOW EDITOR OF THE TARO LEAF! IT WAS SIGHT TO BEHOLD!!
THEY HAD A GREAT REUNION AND TALKED A LOT!! WE'RE
HOPING THAT OTHERS WILL JOIN US IN THE FUTURE AND
MAYBE YOU WILL BE LUCKY ALSO!!

WE HAVE A ROSTER OF 3RD COMBAT
ENGINEERS THAT IS CURRENT OF THE
NAMES WE KNOW AS OF AUGUST 31. IF
YOU HAVE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF
OTHERS, PLEASE LET DON AND
DOROTHY LLOYE D KNOW SO WE CAN
ADD THEM TO THE LIST. THE COST IS
\$5.00 IF YOU WISH TO HAVE A ROSTER.
IF YOU HAVE NAME AND ADDRESS
BUT NOT SURE IT'S CURRENT, LET US
KNOW AND WE'LL DO OUT BEST TO
CHECK IT OUT.

WE CAN BE CONTACTED AT
dotanddon@nwinfo.net, 6904 Occidental,
Yakima, WA 98903, or 509 965-3231.



BEFORE WE WERE WARRIORS

Courtney KIA



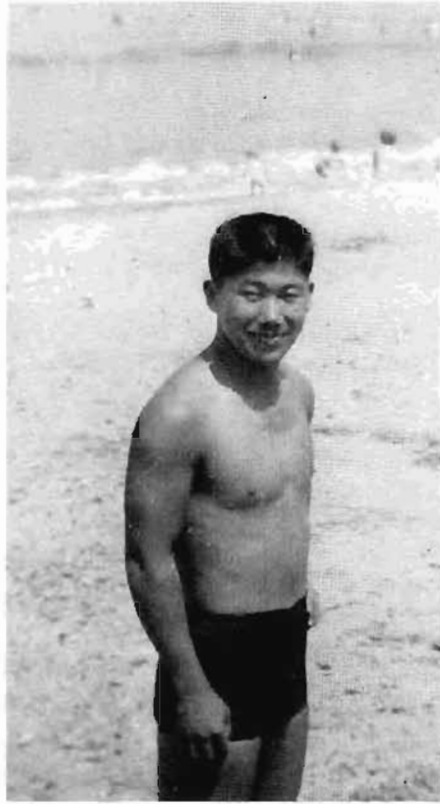
Day & MacKeary



He had these photos of some of us who were in Japan with him and he gave them to me for the Taro Leaf. Chic was the main man in our Motor Pool. He didn't get credit for it. It was great seeing you again Chic. ~Billy

Kitagata, Japan 1948 or '49

Kumaji Matsuda KIA



Billy Johnson



Chic & Billy – Tucson 20023



Fifty-three years later, up came Robert "Chic" Kodema at the 3rd Eng. gathering in Tucson. I had not seen Chic since we unloaded in Pusan. When I returned from the hospital, he had moved up to HQ.

Read the instructions!

"Aim towards the Enemy." -- Instruction printed on U.S. Army Rocket Launcher

"When the pin is pulled, Mr. Grenade is not our friend. -- U.S.M.C. Training Bulletin

"Cluster bombing from B-52s is very, very accurate. The bombs are guaranteed to always hit the ground." -- U.S.A.F. literature

"If the enemy is in range, so are you." -- Infantryman's Journal

"A slipping trigger gear could let your M203 grenade launcher fire when you least expect it. That would make you quite unpopular in what's left of your unit." -- Army's Magazine of Preventive Maintenance.

"It is generally inadvisable to eject directly over the area m myou just bombed." -- U.S. Air Force Manual

"Try to look unimportant; they may be low on ammo." -- Infantryman's Journal

"Tracers work both ways." -- U.S. Army Ordnance Manual

"Five-second fuses only last three seconds." -- Infantryman's Journal

"Bravery is being the only one who knows you're afraid." -- David Hackworth

"If your attack is going too well, you're walking into an ambush." -- Infantryman's Journal

"No combat-ready unit has ever passed inspection."

"Any ship can be a minesweeper... once." -- Anon Naval brass

"Never tell the Platoon Sergeant you have nothing to do." -- Unknown Marine Recruit

"Don't draw fire; it irritates the people around you." -- Your Buddies

"If you see a bomb technician running, try to keep up with him." -- Unknown.

You can thank **Jim Hill** for these gems.

Dear Dutch and Margo,

Just a note to thank you for the many hours, days, months, years you have spent cleaning up a mess and restoring our finances. I've been in this organization for many, many years, (since 1949 # 968) and I don't know of anyone more devoted to the 24th.

Wish I knew a better way to express my appreciation for all that you have done.

Again, I thank you and hope our organization will always be in such capable hands.

God bless you both.

Frank Gorski

Email Address Errors:

While attempting to learn the new AOL 9.0 I accidentally blocked some Email addresses. If you have sent an Email, and it was returned, please accept my apology. If you will contact me, I will reenter your name so that Email may be received from your address. **This error does not concern the Taro Leaf mailing list** that is kept updated by the Secretary/Treasurer and sent to the mailer about a week before each issue of Taro Leaf is sent to members.

A man appears before St. Peter at the pearly gates. "Have you ever done anything of particular merit?" asks St. Peter. "Well, I can think of one thing," the man offers. "Once, on a trip to the Black Hills, out in South Dakota, I came upon a gang of high-testosterone bikers who were threatening a young woman. I directed them to leave her alone, but they wouldn't listen. So I approached the largest and most heavily tattooed biker. I smacked him on the head, kicked his bike over, ripped out his nose ring and threw it on the ground, and told him, "Leave her alone now or you'll answer to me!" St. Peter was impressed. "When did this happen?" he asked. "Just a couple of minutes ago"

Country Truisms

Don't name a pig you plan to eat --- Life is not about how fast you run, or how high you climb, but how well you bounce --- Life is simpler when you plow around the stumps --- Don't skinny dip with snapping turtles --- Words that soak into your bones are whispered, not yelled --- Meanness don't happen overnight --- Never lay an angry hand on a kid or an animal, it just ain't helpful -- - Forgive your enemies, it messes with their heads --- Don't sell your mule to buy a plow --- Don't corner something meaner than you --- You can catch more flies with honey than vinegar, assuming you want to catch flies --- It doesn't take a very big person to carry a grudge --- You can't unsay a cruel thing --- Every path has some puddles --- When you wallow with pigs or goats, expect to get dirty and smell like them --- Most of the stuff people worry about never happens.

Let's have the Reunion in your city!

19th Infantry Regimer



19TH INFANTRY BREAKFAST

The 19th Infantry held its annual Breakfast in the conjunction with the 24th Infantry Division Association at Tucson on 20 September 2003. A total of 36 "Rock" vets registered for the even with actual attendance being 29. A list of the individuals that registered is on the following page.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Richard Draus, a member of the 19th in Korea. After the meal had been served and the attendees had finished eating Jim Hill gave a short history of the 19th. He brought out that the history of the 19th does not consist only of the time the 19th was part of the 24th Infantry Division but included participation in most of the battles of the Western Theater during the Civil War and that the motto of the Regiment "The Rock of Chickamauga" was earned at the Battle of Chickamauga (Georgia) when the regiment was one of the units that defended part of the battle field so that the Union forces could withdraw to the safety of Chattanooga, Tennessee. It was also brought out that the regiment had been most active in the Indian Wars and earned a Campaign Streamer entitled "Utes: for its battles with that tribe in Utah and Colorado. It was also brought out that the Regiment had been stationed in Puerto Rico during the Spanish – American War in 1898, the Phillppines during the Philippine Insurrection in the early 1900's and several Army post in the United States before becoming part of the Hawaiian Division in Hawaii.

Adolph "Cac" Fossum, who now resides in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, was the guest speaker for the occasion. Cac and Jim Hill were next door neighbors in Beppu, Japan before the regiment deployed to Korea. Cac commanded D Company 19th during the battle of the Kum River in Korea in July 1950. He related his personal experiences of the fight and of his other experiences as the 1st Battalion Executive Officer and Commanding Officer during the early days of the regiment in Korea.

Dr. Phill Hostetter, a battalion Surgeon for the 19th in the Philippines during World War II read from a diary of the 19th Surgeon during the Civil War. It was quite interesting to learn that after the Civil War the doctor had practiced medicine in Manhattan, Kansas; the same city that Dr. Hostetter practiced after his return from World War II service.

Next year in Albuquerque we look forward to having former members of the 29th Infantry Regiment and the 13th Field Artillery Battalion being part of our group.

Jim Hill
Breakfast Coordinator

Did you know that a duck's quack does not echo, and no one knows why?

Did you know that Elephants are the only animals that cannot jump?

Did you know that "TYPEWRITER" is the longest word that can be made using letters only on one row of the keyboard?

Did you know that "GO" is the shonest complete sentence in the English language?

Did you know those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end?

19th INFANTRY BREAKFAST
20 September 2003

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Words of Encouragement

Never be afraid to try something new. Remember: Amateurs built the Ark; professionals built the Titanic.
In just two days, tomorrow will be yesterday.

From the Mouths of babes:

God Bless America—Stand beside her, guide her thru the night with a light from a bulb...'
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the whole East Coast...'
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him creatures. HERE we go.. '

19th Infantry Regiment April 1951

H. Company

In your spring Issue of Taro Leaf, (v.57:2) there was a photo on page 50 of an ambush site. In April 1951 I took some pictures of H. Co. 19th, when it was over run. It seems to be the same picture.

I would like to nominate my squad leader Cpl. Arturo Menchaca from Beaver, TX as an honorary member of the Taro Leaf. He was KIA in North Korea on July 13, 1951



Donald E. Worcess

Cpl. Arturo Menchaca

NOTE: Donald, the Taro Leaf is the Official Magazine of the 24th Infantry Division Association, and is a benefit of belonging to the 24th IDA. Our Historian 24th Honor Roll. You can contact him to be sure Arturo's name is listed. Billy Johnson Editor

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Hagar

By Dik Browne



HOW MANY OUT THERE REMEMBER HEARING THE WORDS OF THE SONG
 "MOVING ON" BY HANK SNOW, KOREAN STYLE OR MIGHT EVEN HAD SANG IT?

TUNE TO "MOVING ON"

Out front sits a Russian tank,
 A million Chinese running over our flank
 We're moving on, We're moving on
 It really doesn't matter as the burp guns chatter,
 We're moving on

Do you hear the pitter patter of all the feet ?
 The whole 2nd Batt. In full retreat
 We're moving on, We're moving on
 The bullets are flying high for this little old guy'
 and I am moving on.

Ron

A saying that I'll never forget....

We did not retreat....

Ronald Gilloby, 105 E. Washington
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.....Just advanced in the opposite direction

Mayor Ron Gilloby
 Mount Cory Ohio



"WE'VE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT YOU BELONG IN THE
 ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT."

-Pic. Anthony Delatri



Jim Hill at 19th INF Breakfast

Have you paid your dues yet?



Reunions

I was telling a guy one day that I just returned from a reunion with a bunch of old Army buddies. He asked, "What do you guys do?, sit around and tell war stories? I never could tell why old soldiers go all the way across the country just to see someone either order then they, or just to shoot the bull. Me, I would use that money and go to Vegas". "You ever been in the military?", I asked. "Are you nuts?, put up with all that spit and polish and take a bunch of crap from some damn Sergeant". "You know what friend", I said, "soldiering is more then that", I continued, "When you make friends with a soldier, it will last for a life time". "Oh I have heard that crap before", he remarked, "I have friends that never were in the military, and we have been buddies since High School". "Were you ever ready to die for those friends?, did you ever almost freeze to death together?, did you ever attack a hill under murderous machine gun and mortar fire?, did you ever go with little food, a bath, or a cold drink for weeks at a time?, Did you ever lose one of your friends to where there was nothing to pick up except maybe a hand?". I paused for a moment to get his reaction. "Well no, nothing like that ever happened to me". The strength in his voice weakening. I continued, "The night before you attack, you and your buddies sit quietly trying your damndest to rest. You know that this time tomorrow night, some of you are not going to be here. You even find time to pray with these tough combat soldiers, none will laugh or walk away. Even on the coldest night sweat will be oozing from your body. Death of a combat soldier is very lonely, as more often then not, they'll die alone. From all of this comes a bonding. When we old soldiers go to reunions, this is the reason why we go. We are actually 'dead men walking' for no one should ever be able to walk away from hard combat. When a battle is won, you look for your friends. When you spot each other, you punch, laugh, and just plain hug. Only those old soldiers who fought in battle together know the true meaning of a reunion. Sharing months in combat with a fellow soldier is the foundation of a friendship that will last as long as the soldiers have breath". "We don't see old men at a reunion, we see young guys, laughing like hell!!".

Dedicated to you old soldiers who only attend a reunion to be with one another one more time.

Joe Langone
"B" Co. 1st Bn. 21st., 24th
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29th INFANTRY REGIMENT

FACT SHEET

The 3rd Battalion, 29th Infantry at the Battle of Hadong Pass, Korea, 27 July 1950

- **29th Infantry Regiment stationed on Occupation Duty in Okinawa
- **Only two battalions (1st and 3rd) assigned to the Regiment
- **Line troops were mostly young draftees
- **Many Officers and NCOs were World War II veterans
- **1st and 3rd Battalions deployed to Korea 21 July 1950-
- **3rd Battalion strength in Okinawa, July 1950--922
Korea, August 1950-427 (46% loss)
- **3rd Battalion attached to 19th Infantry, 24th Infantry Division, July 1950
- **3rd Battalion commanded by Lt. Col. Harold W. Mott
- **Ordered to Hadong on 25 July 1950 with mission of seizing city and block North Korean advance towards Chinju
- **Battle of Hadong Pass fought 27 July 1950 between 3rd Battalion 29th Infantry and the 6th North Korean Regular Army division
- **First report received by 19th after battle--2 KIA, 52 WIA, 349 MIA
- **Later North Korean POW reported over 100 Americans captured
- **28 July 3rd Battalion, 29th Infantry was reorganized with all remaining personnel being grouped in K and L Companies.
- **29 July 1950-K Company attached to 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry L Company attached to 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry
- **In September 1950 when American forces retook Hadong 313 bodies were found in area of Hadong Pass (all American soldiers from the 3rd Bn., 29th Regiment)

FINAL DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY COUNT

Captured to Killed	29
Capture to Return to Duty	52
Killed in Action (KIA)	17
Missing to declared dead	64
Injured in Action	13
Missing to Returned to Duty	4
Captured, died Non-battle	2
Captured, died of wounds	2
Missing to Killed in Action (KIA)	194
Wounded in Action (WIA)	136
Total (3rd Bn., 29th Infantry, Hadong Pass).....	513

October 15, 1943

"Dearly Beloved"

"Please Think of Me" because "I Had the Craziest Dream Last Night" that "Somebody is Taking My Place" and "It's the Talk Of The Town". "I Don't Want To Walk Without You Baby" and as "Time Goes By" "I'll Build A Stairway To The Stars", Until the Real Thing Comes Along".

"When I go Walking" "By the Light Of The Silvery Moon" "I Get The Blues In the Night" "Thinking Of You". "It's A Sin To Tell A Lie" but you are "Sweet And Lovely" and I'd like you "In My Arms" Some of these days, "When The Lights Go On Again" we'll think it's "Black Magic" and we will know that "Happy Days Are Here Again". "I'm Walking The Floor Over You" but I know that "We'll Meet Again" and until then "You Are always In My Heart" and "I Miss You" because "You Are My Sunshine". "I Don't Get Around Much Anymore" because "You're The Apple Of My Eye". "I'm Getting Tired So I can Go To Sleep" and "I just Kissed Your Picture Goodnight", so "Until Tomorrow."

"Good Night My Love"

Eric

("Deep in the Heart of Texas")

My wife Dorothy recently found this letter I had written to her almost sixty years ago. I was nineteen years old, taking Basic Infantry Training in Texas. I composed the letter, using thirty- two popular song titles of that era. Dotty and I just celebrated our fifty-fifth Wedding Anniversary.

Eric Diller (34th Infantry Regiment-WW!!)

34th Inf. Regt. Breakfast

As usual, a good time and camaraderie seemed to be enjoyed by all 34 participants. The Master of Ceremony again was Ben Wahle. Bill McKenna put forth the necessary effort to bring our annual get together to fruition. Unfortunately, due to family illness he was not able to attend. The highlight, by far, of our event, was our speaker, LTG James Vaught. He is an inspirational speaker who keeps you on the edge of your seat. I doubt that anyone ever dozed off while hearing him speak. He is still active in high government circles and calls a spade a spade. He deserves our nation's thanks for his continuing efforts to keep our country strong. Jim, we thank you from the bottom of our heart.

At our Memorial dinner, next day, Ben Wahle was honored with the presentation of the Verbeck Bowl. It was well deserved for his many years of varied service to our 24th Association.

Eric Diller



"-AND HE'S ONLY HAD THE BOOK A WEEK"

Quartermaster 24 IDA

Supply Price List

Control #	Item	Description	Price Ea	Control #	Item	Description	Price Ea
1	24 ID Colored Patch		\$3.00	41	19 th Lapel Pin		\$5.00
2	24 ID Colored Patch		5.00	42	24 ID License Plate (new) w/TL		6.00
3	24 ID Black Cap w/Patch		10.00	43	Desert Storm Cap - Black		12.00
4	24 ID White Cap w/Patch	First to Fight	10.00	44	Desert Storm Hat Pin		3.00
5	24 ID Window Sticker	2" x 3"	2.00	45	WWII Veteran's Cap	Black w/CIB	12.00
6	24 ID Decal	4"	3.00	46	Korean War Veteran's Cap	Black w/CIB	12.00
7	Bolo Tie w/TL Gold		15.00	47	Bumper Sticker-CIB		3.00
	W/Gold or Black Chain			48	Bumper Sticker -		3.00
8	Bolo Tie w/TL Silver		16.00	49	Proudly Served w/TL		
	Silver w/TL Silver			50	6 th Tank BN Cloth Patch	Cloth Patch	5.00
9	Belt Buckle w/TL		15.00	51	Purple Heart Medal	HP-754	3.00
	Gold or Silver Belt Buckle			51	Bronze Star Medal	HP-926	3.00
10	29 th INF Cloth Patch (Color)		5.00	52	Good Conduct Medal	HP-927	3.00
11	24 Sig BN Unit Crest		5.00	53	Korean Service Medal	HP-929	3.00
12	19 th Ing Crest		5.00	54	Natl Defense Service Medal	HP-957	3.00
	Current Issue \$10 Pr			55	Victory Medal	HP-958	3.00
13	21 st Inf Crest		5.00	56	Silver Star Medal	HP-959	3.00
	Current Issue \$10 Pr			57	ETO Campaign Medal	HP-962	3.00
14	34 th Inf Crest		5.00	58	DFC	HP-965	3.00
	Current Issue \$10 Pr			59	Korean 8000 Missing	HP-115	3.00
15	11 th FA Crest	\$10 pr	5.00	60	CMB 1 st Award	HP-569	3.00
16	13 th FA Crest	\$10 pr	5.00	61	US Flag Clutch Back	HP (V-37)	3.00
17	19 th Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	62	24 th Medical Bn Crest		10.00
18	21 st Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	63	Pacific Campaign Medal	HP-963	3.00
19	34 th Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	64	American Campaign Medal	HP-964	3.00
20	11 th FA Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	65	Army of Occupation Medal	HP-051	3.00
21	13 th FA Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	66	Meritorious Service Medal	HP-056	3.00
22	24 ID Crest		5.00	67	UN Service Medal	HP-059	3.00
23	21 st Inf Lapel Pin		5.00	68	Philippine Liberation	HP-361	3.00
24	34 th Inf Lapel Pin		5.00	69	Korean Service Ribbon	HP-099	3.00
25	CIB (1 st Award) 1-1346 (Mini)		5.00	70	Air Medal	HP-925	3.00
	Mini DRESS MESS			71	DSC Hatpin	HP-308	3.00
26	CIB (2 nd Award) 1-1347 (Mini)		6.50	72	Bring Em Home/Back	HP-214	3.00
	Mini DRESS MESS			73	American Defense Medal	HP	3.00
27	CIB Lapel Pin		5.00	74	Vietnam Service Medal	HP	3.00
28	19 th Cap Dark Blue/Crest		10.00	75	24 ID Hatpin		3.00
29	21 st Cap White/Embroid/Crest		12.00	76	24 ID Tie-Regular		20.00
30	21 st Cap Dar Blue /Embroidered Crest		12.00	77	24 ID Flag, 3x5 Screen Print	Outdoor Flag	55.00
31	34 th Cap Dark Blue w/Crest		10.00	78	63 rd Field Artillery	Cloth Patch	5.00
32	24 IDA Cap Dark Blue w/Patch		10.00	79	Army Commendation Medal	HP	3.00
33	Cap w/TL, Red or White GERMANY		12.00	80	Soldiers Medal	HP	3.00
34	24 IDA Red or White Caps		10.00	81	POW Medal	HP	3.00
35	24 ID Green Cap (Patch)		10.00	82	Armed Forces Reserve Medal	HP	3.00
36	24 ID White Mesh Cap		10.00	83	1 st Decal 24 ID		1.00
37	3 rd Engr Crest		5.00		Sell 12 for \$1.00		
38	14 th Engr Crest		5.00	84	24 th Christmas Cards	10 ea. Packet	8.00
39	5 th RCT Pocket Patch		5.00	85	World War II Tapes (starts Australia)		15.00
40	5 th RCT Cap, Red		10.00	86	24 ID Neck Wallets		4.00

Quartermaster, 24th IDA

Harry L. Wittman, Jr.

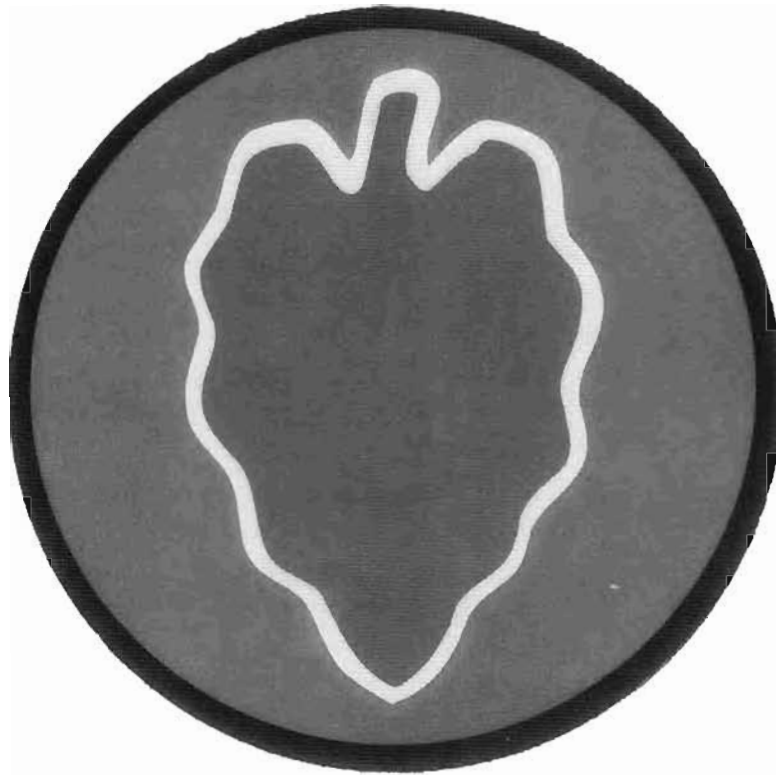
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CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS

of the

24th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

AS AMENDED SEPTEMBER 20, 2003

CONSTITUTION OF THE 24th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE: Under the provisions of ARTICLE VII of the Constitution of the 24th Infantry Division Association dated 20 August 1983, as amended 22 September, 2001, the General Membership of the Association, in a vote by ballot and floor at the Annual General Membership Meeting held at Tucson, Arizona on 20 September 2003, approved certain amendments to the Constitution to be effective as of that date. This document is, therefore, the official Constitution of the 24th Infantry Division Association.

ARTICLE I

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

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

The Association shall:

a. electrify and unify the invisible current of fellowship moulded in the throes of war and preserve the comradeship common to the veterans of the 24th Infantry Division;

b. promote the interests and welfare of the members of the Association;

c. honor and perpetuate the memory of the men who distinguished themselves by their services and sacrifices while with the 24th Infantry Division;

d. memorialize the valiant acts and patriotic deeds of the 24th Infantry Division;

e. encourage and aid historical research in relation to the activities of and acquire and preserve records of the 24th Infantry Division and the personnel thereof;

f. mark scenes of the activities of the 24th Infantry Division with appropriate memorials;

g. celebrate with appropriate ceremonies the anniversaries of events in the history of the 24th Infantry Division;

h. promote the National Defense and help maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom;

i. defend and uphold the Constitution of the United States of America.

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

ARTICLE II

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer. (Amended 20 September 2003)

Section 2. The Association shall be governed by the Executive Committee, which shall consist of the President, the Vice-president, all living Past Presidents, and the Secretary-Treasurer, each of whom shall have one vote. (Amended 20 September 2003)

Section 3. The term of office of the President, Vice President and the Secretary-Treasurer shall be one year or until their successors have been elected and have taken office. (Amended 20 September 2003)

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

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

Section 6. (Is added 20 September, 2003) The Executive Committee will appoint the Editor.

ARTICLE III

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

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall convene in an Annual Meeting during the Annual Association Convention and at such other times as the President may direct.

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

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

ARTICLE IV

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE V

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE VI

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

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

ARTICLE VII

(Corrected to read Article VII 22 September 2001)


Section 1. No proposal for amending the Constitution shall be considered unless the text of the proposed amendment has been published in the official publication

of the Association not less than ninety (90) days prior the Annual Members Meeting held during the Annual Association Convention.

Section 2. This Constitution may be amended by a mail-in ballot vote of the majority of the Active Members in good standing as of the last day of the month the proposal is published in the official publication of the Association. (Amended 22 September 2001)

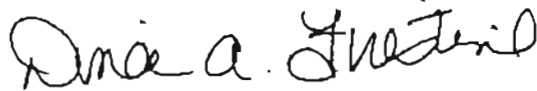
ATTEST:

**THIS IS THE ORIGINAL COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION APPROVED 20
AUGUST 1983 AS AMENDED 22 SEPTEMBER 2001, 20 SEPTEMBER
2003 WITH SOME MINOR CLERICAL CHANGES.**


**WESLEY R. (WES) MORRISON
PRESIDENT**

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of October 2003.





BYLAWS OF THE 24TH INFANTRY
DIVISION ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

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

Section 2. Six (6) of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any official meeting. Amended 20 September 2003)

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

ARTICLE II

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

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

Section 3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall: a. administers the affairs of the Association, implement the policies of the Executive Committee, and be responsible for the development and maintenance of membership. (Amended 20 September 2003)

b. organize and operate the Association offices and be responsible for all correspondence records, and other matters of administrative routine and office procedure responsible for all correspondence, records, and other matters of administrative routine and office procedure.

c. be the custodian of the Association Fund and be responsible for the collection and receipt of dues and other income and the disbursement of and accounting for fund.

d. prepare an annual financial report and distribute it to the Executive Committee.

e. arrange for an annual audit of the Association Fund, submit the report of audit to the Executive Committee, and make it available to the membership.

f. be responsible for the acquisition of and accounting for all Association property.

g. be bonded in favor of the Association by a surety company approved for acceptance of bonds by the United States Treasury.

h. keep, record and preserve the minutes of all meetings. (Amended 20 September, 2003)

ARTICLE III

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

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

ARTICLE IV

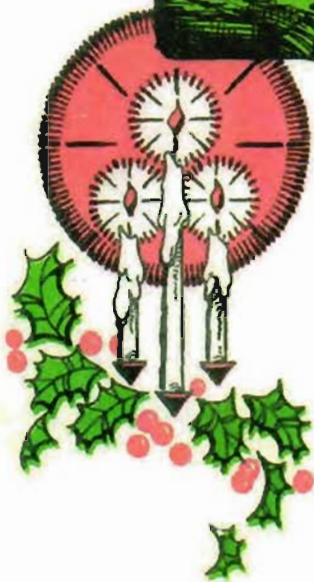
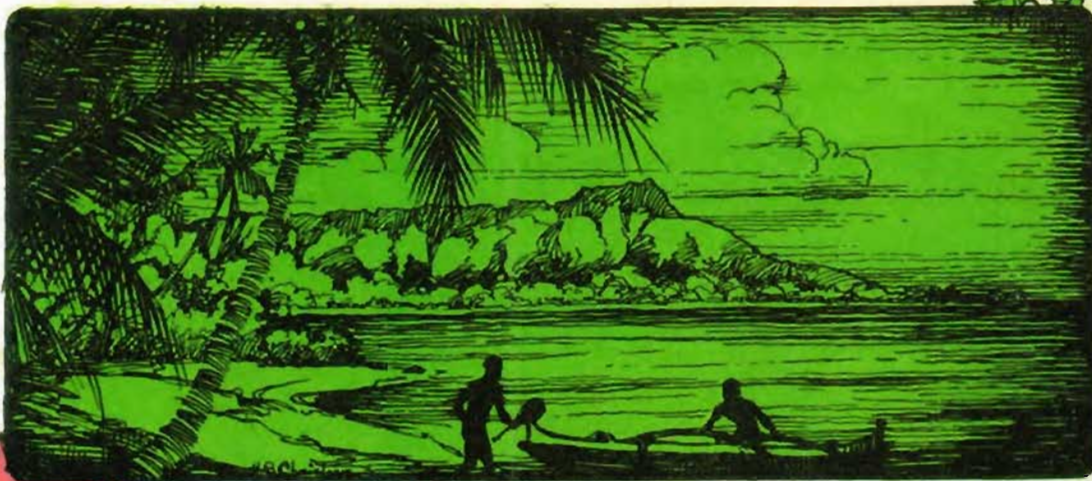
Section 1. The annual dues for Active and Associate Members shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V

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

ARTICLE VI

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



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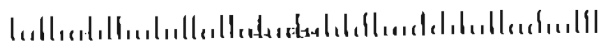
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