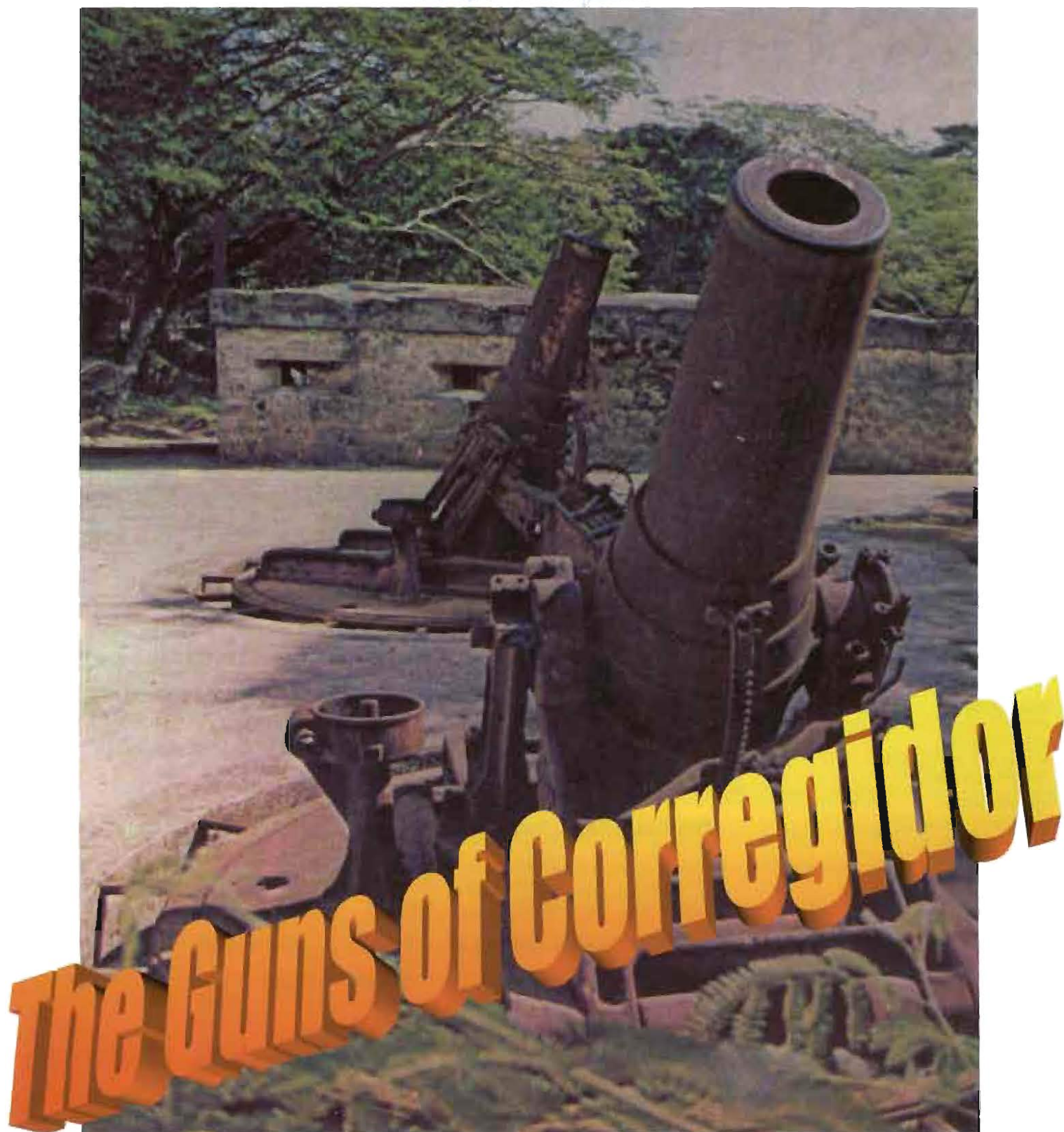


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# 24th Infantry Division Association



## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Another New Year has come upon us and I hope everyone had a very nice holiday period and I wish you the best in the coming year.

With this issue I would like to talk about the Active Membership. Those individuals who have served with the Division or an attached unit during any period the Division was active. Each reunion we hear from individuals who come because they either saw the banner up on the hotel or they saw a notice in a veterans magazine or local newspaper and the first comment made was they didn't know there was an Association. Our current membership is getting older every year and we need to infuse the Association with those members who came after the WWII & Korean War Veterans. We need the Desert Shield/Storm, Lebanon, Somalia, Germany, and Ft. Riley veterans. We need the National Guard Veterans of the Current Division concept; they served representing the Division in Bosnia. We are all Veterans of the Division whether in peace or war. Our WWII & Korean War Veterans membership is shrinking and for the Association to survive, we need new members. Recently, Rod Stock sent me some old issues of the TARO LEAF and the first one I look at was Vol. XXXII No. 2 - 1978-1979. In this volume was a roster of Association members. There were 1,028 members listed compare that to our roster of 3 August 2003 which listed 2,707 Active members. Sadly to say of the 1,028 members, 67.5% are no longer members of the Association. Most of those missing from the roster are WWII veterans. Of our current Active membership, 737 are WWII and 1,418 are Korean War era for 2,155 members in their 70's, 80's and 90's, leaving only 552 Active members from later years. Yes, we are picking up new members each month but we still need to pick up the younger members. Look at the last TARO LEAF (Fall 2003), we added 52 new members and 2 Associate member. All the Active members were from Pearl Harbor, WWII, Korea, Japan, Okinawa or Germany, but none from Desert Shield/Storm, Somalia, Lebanon or Granada or Fort Riley. We also cannot forget those who serve with the 30th Hvy Sep Bde of the North Carolina National Guard, the 48" Sep Inf Bde of the Georgia National Guard or the 218" Hvy Sep Bde of the South Carolina National Guard. Let's all get together and recruit new members from these era's and the National Guard Units to form a good young healthy base to carry on the Association.

Wes Morrison President

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To the Membership, Soon I will be going out with the 2006 lead to Convention and Visitor Bureaus looking for sites for the year's reunion. I would like all members to keep in mind that to have a reunion in any city, there must be an On-site Chairman available to handle the local matters in regards to the reunion. If we can't get volunteers to participate in the reunions as Onsite Chairman or assistants, we may have to start using one of those reunion outfits like Armed Forces Reunion or Reunion Brat where we lose control of the reunion. So please keep in mind that if there are good proposals in or near where you live you may be call on to be the Onsite Chairman. Also, if you feel you would want to hold a reunion in your home locality, let me know and I will see what can done. Of course you would be expected to be the Onsite Chairman. I would like any potential On-site Chairman to know that there is plenty of expertise help available to you and that there will be no expenses out of your pocket. As the Reunion Coordinator, the Executive Committee has authorized me to make a trip or trips to help you accomplish your goal for a successful reunion.

Wes Morrison Reunion Coordinator

# 24th Infantry Division Association



## Secretary/Treasurer's Report As of 6 Feb, 2004

### Financial:

CD (current available figures)	\$59,500
Checking Account	<u>\$18,191</u>
Total	\$77,691

As of the moment, there are no accounts payable.

Cary Printing has been paid \$8707.52

Sumner & Toner, our policy holder for liability insurance, was paid \$1131.52

Our tax year is now going to be based on a calendar year.

### Membership:

The Association has a total of 2,839 members. This slight drop is due not only to deceased members but, also, due to a few being dropped from the roster due to change of status or non-payment of dues. However, new members continue to come in and I intend to list them, as well as Life Members in the next Taro Leaf issue.

History Committee: President Morrison created a committee to compile and index our documents, etc in one place where activities of our Division and Association may be found. The committee is formed up of three of us: Stan Helseth, Larry Gay, and I. Stan, the chairman this year, is compiling the administrative documents in loose-leaf binders.

Larry is creating a Division Database, which can be used to look up Division veterans for descendants and friends. He is also gathering historical information concerning activities, maps, and documents of the Division. These members are very interested and aggressive in their approach to our history. All documents will, eventually be stored in my house.

**Submitted by Norm Dixon**

# 24th Infantry Division Association



Chaplin's corner here it is another year gone by. I know we have all gone through different things this year. You know with the grace of God we can handle things. If you put the joy of the lord in your heart even the bad things get easier. I really enjoyed the reunion in Tucson, I really felt a spirit of unity; met some special new friends. In Oct 03 our son went to Iraq with the 101st airborne. He is a sergeant and doing well. I am praying for everybody's needs and well being. If any body out there has any thing that might help Chaplin corner send it to me or Billy Johnson. The lord really blessed us through Christmas. We adopted a family last summer and helped them through Christmas. It feels good when we can help each other. Keep in touch wit your friends. Psalm 30:1 *I will exalt you o lord for you lifted me out of the depths...*

Your brother in Jesus,  
Christ Glen Carpenter.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

*Our Chaplain Glenn Carpenter has informed me that this will be his last year as Chaplain of our Association. I want to thank Glen for the fine years he has put in as Chaplain and his contribution to the Association.*

*The Association needs a member to carry on the duties of the Chaplain some of which are the benedictions at the meetings and the Memorial Banquet Ceremony. It would be great if the person has a computer and knowledge of it's use to maintain the Honor Roll. Anyone interested please, contact me.*

*Wes Morrison  
President*



## Our Mighty Chiefs –

Left to Right -

President - Wes Morrison

Secretary/Treasurer – Norm Dixon

Vice-President – Dan Lloyd

## **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.*



**Let's have the Reunion in your city**

## **WELCOME TO ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 2004 REUNION SITE**

Albuquerque is set in the splendor of the Sandia Mountains, which were named by the Spanish Conquistadores for the watermelon splash of color during sunsets. Founded in 1706 as a Spanish Settlement by Fernandez de la Cueva, the 10<sup>th</sup> Duke of Albuquerque, the city now has a population of over 750,000 and is New Mexico's largest city.

Recognized as one of the most culturally diverse cities in the United States, Albuquerque has much to offer any visitor. A boundless variety of interests and sites to visit include the Isleta and Sandia Indian Pueblos, Historic Old Town, Historic Route 66, the

Rio Grande Zoo and Botanical Gardens, the Albuquerque Aquarium, the Turquoise Museum, the Rattlesnake Museum, the University of New Mexico, Kirtland Air Force Base and the Sandia National Laboratories. The city is also home to the world's largest aerial tramway on the Sandia Peak, as well as the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, the National Hispanic Cultural Center and the New Mexico Museum of Natural History, which includes the Lodestar Astronomy Center.

For nature lovers, both the Sandia and Manzano Wilderness offer over 70,000 acres of high elevations and 170 miles of forested hiking trails. The Petroglyph National Monument on the city's west side, stretches 17 miles with over 20,000 prehistoric Native American petroglyphs.

Mild or firey, there's nothing like New Mexican cuisine! Albuquerque offers a variety of dining options from the quaint and casual atmosphere to the elegant ambiance of one of our finer restaurants. Add some spice into your life and order your chile "Christmas" and you'll get both red and green chile on your plate!

Enjoy Albuquerque – a delightful and artful blend of historic rich cultures, natural beauty, spectacular climate and progressive technology! Although the weather should be comfortable, bring a light jacket or sweater as the nights can become chilly.

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### *SPECIAL NOTICE*

America West Airlines has again offered their Special Event Travel Discount to the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association Reunion in Albuquerque this September. For this special discount, all ticketing must be done by America West Airlines, [americawest.com](http://americawest.com) or any ARC/BSP/IATA approved agency. When placing a reservation for ticketing, use CAMS Discount Code: 4371.

#### **DISCOUNTS/FARES:**

5% off lowest applicable published fare (as permitted by fare rules)

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Home Phone (       )                      E-mail Address

Names of Wife/Guest Attending

Please list any food allergies/or special diets required. Please be specific!

### INFORMATION FOR YOUR IDENTIFICATION BADGE

Nickname	First Timer	Yes	No
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Company/Battery	Unit	Period	Location
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## REMEMBER

If you have a group of friends and wish to be seated together, **get together** and **pay together**. Only 10 people at each table. If you want to be seated with your friends at the Banquets, you must mail your registration forms in together in one envelope. **If** your forms are not mailed in together along with your

# WELCOME TO HYATT REGENCY ALBUQUERQUE

## HOTEL RESERVATION FORM 24<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION REUNION September 22 – 26, 2004

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Queen Size Single Bed _____	\$85.00	_____
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\*Note: Current room tax is 10.8125% and is subject to change.

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Smoking \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Smoking \_\_\_\_\_ Connecting Room \_\_\_\_\_ ADA Room \_\_\_\_\_ Hearing Impaired \_\_\_\_\_

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

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2004 TO ENSURE ROOM AVAILABILITY. (After this date, reservations will be based on availability at prevailing rates.)

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

Date of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Nights \_\_\_\_\_  
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# 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

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**Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004      Reminisce on Route 66      1PM – 5PM      \$15**

**Price includes: Tour guide & tax.**

THIS IS A WALKING TOUR. Historic Route 66 is located 2 blocks south of your hotel. Join our informative tour guide for a stroll into the past. We'll see artwork, hear the history and visit historic landmarks during our walk. This tour includes a stop at an original Route 66 trading post that sells Indian crafts. Total walking distance is about a mile done at a leisurely, enjoyable pace.

**Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004      Intro to Albuquerque      10AM – 4PM      \$38**

(Route 66, downtown, Bio Park, Old Town)

**Price includes: Transportation, tour guide, admission, Old Town map & tax.**

This afternoon we'll enjoy a narrated tour of some of the city's highlights including Route 66 and the revitalized downtown area. The main attraction on this tour is the Albuquerque Biological Park. The visit will include the aquarium, botanic gardens, and our favorite – the butterfly pavilion. Afterwards we'll visit the past at Albuquerque's Old Town Plaza. Established along the banks of the Rio Grande in 1706 Albuquerque has experienced many phases of history from early settlements and Indian raids, to Spanish government, US Military command posts, the coming of the railroad in 1880, the historic Route 66 era to modern times. (There will be a short amount of time on your own to experience the Plaza with your own interests in mind.)

**Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004      Acoma Indian Pueblo      10AM – 4PM      \$48**

**Price includes: Transportation, tour guide, admission, lunch & tax.**

About a dozen Acoma families live on the 70-acre mesa without electricity or modern plumbing as their ancestors did. Here we follow our Acoma Indian guide as we walk through the earthen streets, past adobe homes. This village is the only living World Heritage Sight. We will be able to enter their old adobe church and there will be opportunities to purchase handcrafted items and home baked goods on the mesa top. **Wear comfortable walking shoes, the mesa top tour is roughly one-hour, slow pace, almost ¾ mile, and is uneven rock and sand and may be difficult walking for some. Bring a hat for shade. Photography is limited; camera permits are \$10 additional at the Pueblo, no video, certain digital cameras allowed.**

**Friday, Sept. 24, 2004      This is Albuquerque!      10AM – 4PM      \$42**

(Veteran's Memorial & National Atomic Museum)

**Price includes: Transportation, tour guide, admission, lunch, tax.**

Our first stop is at the New Mexico Veteran's Memorial – a timeless memorial, not dedicated to one specific era and also serves for future members of the armed forces. This relatively new project has made tremendous progress in a short time and has wonderful plans. This afternoon we'll visit the National Atomic Museum. This museum, run by the US Department of Energy and features a comprehensive look at the development of nuclear weaponry. They have a mini-theater which shows the documentary "10 Seconds That Shook The World" and, of course, they have a gift shop! The New Mexico Museum of Natural History is located across the street from the Atomic Museum and those interested are welcome to purchase admission if time and energy level permits. Lunch is included today at a buffet that serves New Mexican foods and a wide variety of American favorites.

**Friday, Sept. 24, 2004      Experience Santa Fe!      10AM – 4PM      \$38**

**Price includes: Transportation, tour guide, admission, Santa Fe Plaza map & tax.**

A trip to New Mexico is not complete without a trip to our historic, photogenic, capital city - Santa Fe. Known for its bright clear skies and high desert climate, the Santa Fe tour is a treasured memory for all visitors. Our knowledgeable guide will entertain as well as inform during the one hour ride. Once at the Santa Fe Plaza there will be an orientation tour of the immediate Plaza area, pointing out historic churches, shops, museums and restaurants. Loretto Chapel Museum is included in the tour (famous for its "miraculous staircase"). Many restaurants will be recommended and there will be approx. 3 hours of free time.

NOTE: The average elevation of Santa Fe is 7,000' above sea level.

**Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004      Sandia Indian Casino (with optional Tram Ride)      12:30PM – 4:30PM      \$30**

**Price includes: Transportation, tour guide, lunch buffet & tax.**

The beautiful Sandia Indian Pueblo Casino is New Mexico's finest. It features abundant natural light, a non smoking area that really is smoke free, a large patio with bronze artwork, a large lounge (alcoholic beverages available on a cash basis) and Las Vegas-style gaming including penny slots. **OPTIONAL TRAM RIDE \$13** Sandia Mountain dominates the east-side of Albuquerque with its 5,000' vertical rise. The 15-minute tram ride carries 55 passengers through 4 biological life zones and reveals deep canyons and an awe-inspiring view not soon to be forgotten. **Note: Due to the elevation at the upper tram terminal, 10,378', individuals with heart conditions or respiratory problems should consult their doctor. Please add \$13 if you would like to ride the tram after lunch at the casino.**

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# 24<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION REUNION MEALS – 2004

## FRIDAY NIGHT PLATED DINNERS

Garden Salad  
Mixed Greens with Julienne  
Zucchini, Yellow Squash, Carrots and Cherry Tomatos  
Served with Honey Mustard Dressing

Garlic Roasted Pork Loin  
Served with Sauce Perigourdine  
and Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables  
Freshly Baked Rolls and Butter  
Iced Tea, Freshly Brewed Starbucks  
Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee,  
and International Hot Teas

**\$29.00 inclusive of Tax & Gratuity**

Blackened Norwegian Salmon Fillet  
with a Peach, Jicama and Chipotle Salsa  
and Rice Pilaf

Fresh Seasonal Vegetables  
Freshly Baked Rolls and Butter  
Iced Tea, Freshly Brewed Starbucks  
Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee,  
and International Hot Teas

**\$35.00 Inclusive of Tax & Gratuity**

Turtle Cheesecake With a Fudge Swirl and Caramel Topping

## SATURDAY MORNING TRADITIONAL PLATED BREAKFAST

Fresh Orange Juice  
Fluffy Scrambled Eggs  
Served with Crisp Bacon Strips,  
Breakfast Potatoes, and Choice of Red or Green Chile Salsa (both served on the side)  
Bakery Basket served with Fresh Fruit Preserves, Honey and Butter  
Freshly Brewed Starbucks Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and International Hot Teas  
**\$18.00 Inclusive of Tax & Gratuity**

## SATURDAY NIGHT PLATED DINNERS

Regency Salad  
Seasonal Greens Topped with  
Mandarin Oranges and Almonds  
Served with Cabernet Vinaigrette Dressing

Chicken Roma  
With Artichoke Hearts, Pine Nuts  
and Mediterranean Seasonings  
With Wild Rice  
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables  
Freshly Baked Rolls and Butter  
Iced Tea, Freshly Brewed Starbucks  
Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee,  
and International Hot Teas  
**\$31.00 Inclusive of Tax & Gratuity**

Classic Filet Mignon  
Seared with Crushed Black Pepper  
served with a Creamy Peppercorn Sauce  
with Twice Baked Potato  
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables  
Freshly Baked Rolls and Butter  
Iced Tea, Freshly Brewed Starbucks  
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Chocolate Raspberry Rumble  
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With Crunchy Chocolate Crust,  
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## IMPORTANT!

**\*YOU MUST MAIL YOUR CHECKS ALONG WITH YOUR REGISTRATION TO THE FOLLOWING:**

\*Hotel Reservation                      Mail to Hyatt Regency Albuquerque  
\*Registration, Meal & Tour Form    Mail to Reunion Chairperson

## REUNION BANQUET SEATING

**IF YOU HAVE A GROUP OF FRIENDS WHO WISH TO BE SEATED TOGETHER,  
GET TOGETHER AND PAY TOGETHER**

Send your Registration Forms in one packet (envelope). Only 10 people can be seated at each table. Reserve one table, two tables or as many as needed to accommodate your group. Designate one person and send in your registration forms along with the appropriate amount of money, by check or money order to whoever is designated. That person will put it all together in one envelope and forward it on to the Reunion Chairman who will then complete the paperwork and notify each person by receipt. A packet in your name will be waiting for you at the pre-registration desk at the reunion. Tables will be assigned in order of receipt so start your planning early and get your reservation and registrations in as early as possible.

\*Any table seating arrangements received after September 7, 2004 will not be guaranteed seating assignments. **ONCE TABLES ARE ASSIGNED THEY WILL NOT BE REARRANGED.**

**THE CUT-OFF DATE IS SEPTEMBER 7, 2004.**

There will be no refunds or seating changes after that date except in cases of emergencies.

**NOTICE:**

Taro Leafers;

Below is a press release pertaining to our reunion in Albuquerque, NM. Regardless of whether or not you plan to attend, please cut this out and mail to your local newspaper for publication in either their military section or "Letters to the Editor" section. I would be nice if we can blanket the country with this announcement and let all former 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division members know there is an active association in existence. Your initiative in this matter is appreciated.

For immediate release.

On September 20 -25 2004, the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association will hold its annual reunion honoring the Veterans of the Division. All former and current members of the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division or members of any unit that has been assigned or attached to the Division at any time are welcome. The reunion will be held at the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque Hotel, 330 Tijeras NW, Albuquerque, NM. For further information contact: Association President & Reunion Coordinator Wes Morrison, Telephone # 831-883-2156, Email: wesm8@aol.com, or Reunion Chairman Walter J. Newlin, Telephone # 505-281-5149, E-mail Address: pnewlin@aaahawk.com

## TOUR AND MEAL REGISTRATION

<u>Activity &amp; Date</u>	<u>Per Person</u>	<u># Attending</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b><u>Wednesday, Sep 22</u></b>			
1. Reminisce on Rte 66	\$15.00	X	= \$ _____
<b><u>Thursday, Sep 23</u></b>			
1. Intro to Abq-10 AM – 4 PM	\$38.00	X	= \$ _____
2. Acoma Pueblo-10 AM – 4 PM	\$48.00	X	= \$ _____
<b><u>Friday, Sep 24</u></b>			
1. This is Abq 10 AM – 4 PM	\$42.00	X	= \$ _____
2. Exp Santa Fe 10 AM – 4 PM	\$38.00	X	= \$ _____
Social Hour 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM			
Aloha Banquet 6:30 PM – 11 PM			
Garlic Roasted Pork Loin @	\$29.00	X	= \$ _____
Blacken salmon Fillet @	\$35.00	X	= \$ _____
<b><u>Saturday, Sep 25</u></b>			
Ladies Breakfast 9 AM – 12 AM	\$18.00	X	= \$ _____
Unit Memorial Breakfast 8 AM – 10 AM	\$18.00	X	= \$ _____
1. Sandia Casino 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM	\$30.00	X	= \$ _____
Social Hour 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM			
Memorial Banquet 6:30 PM – 11 PM			
Chicken Roma @	\$31.00	X	= \$ _____
Classic Filet Mignon @	\$39.00	X	= \$ _____
 *Registration Fee			 \$15.00
TOTAL:			\$ _____

**\*Spouse and Guest do not pay a registration fee. All Association members, former and current Division Members must pay.**

### Remember those who pay together stay together

*Make checks payable to: 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association*

*Mail checks to: Walter C. Newlin, 28 Canyon Road, Sandia Park, NM 87047-9334*

**ATTENTION**  
**ALL UNITS**

There is a change in the procedure for the Unit Memorial Breakfast. Starting with this reunion and all future reunions, the Memorial Breakfast will be treated as another Association event. Your annual breakfast will be held Saturday, September 25, 2004, 8:00 AM at the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque, Albuquerque, NM. The Unit Mess Hall location for each unit will be posted at the registration table. The cost for each breakfast is \$18.00. Since the Association's Annual Meeting follows at 10:00 AM, it is requested that attendees at the Memorial Breakfasts be punctual so we may conduct our business, eat our breakfast and adjourn to the Association Meeting at 10:00 AM.

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**UNIT MEMORIAL BREAKFAST REGISTRATION FORM**

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

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

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

UNIT BREAKFAST TO ATTEND \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Mess Hall	Headcount
3 <sup>rd</sup> Engineer Battalion	Dan Rickert
19 <sup>th</sup> Infantry/29 Infantry	James F. Hill
21 <sup>st</sup> Infantry	Norman Wolak
34 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	William J. McKenna
All Artillery Units	Ellsworth "Dutch" Nelsen

Members of units not listed above may, if they desire, sign up for a breakfast with whatever unit they feel comfortable with.

No one, NO ONE, will be allowed into the Mess Hall with out the proper identification showing they had paid for the Breakfast. Headcounts may at their discretion, accept payment at the door but must list each payee for accountability.

**Send this form along with your Association Registration Meal & Tour form.**

## LADIES BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2004 AT 9 AM

BE SURE TO SIGN UP FOR THE LADIES BREAKFAST – YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT. IT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE SAME TIME THE UNIT BREAKFASTS AND THE 24<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING TAKES PLACE.

### TRADITIONAL PLATED BREAKFAST

Fresh Orange Juice  
Fluffy Scrambled Eggs  
Served with Crisp Bacon Strips  
Breakfast Potatoes, and Choice of Red or Green Chile Salsa  
(both served on the side)  
Bakery Basket served with  
Fresh Fruit Preserves, Honey and Butter  
Freshly Brewed Starbucks Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee  
And International Hot Teas

Make checks payable to: 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association

Mail checks to: Walter C. Newlin, 28 Canyon Road, Sandia Park, NM 87047-9334

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## LADIES BREAKFAST

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY AND ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

COST: \$18.00    NUMBER ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form along with your Association Registration Meal & Tour Form



**This is a True Story – Verified by Miss Ann Margaret herself.**

Richard, (my husband), never really talked a lot about his time in Viet Nam other than he had been shot by a sniper. However, he had a rather grainy, 8 x 10 black & white photo he had taken at a USO show of Ann Margaret with Bob Hope in the background that was one of his treasures.

A few years ago, Ann Margaret was doing a book signing at a local bookstore. Richard wanted to see if he could get her to sign the treasured photo so he arrived at the bookstore at 12 o'clock for the 7:30 signing. When I got there after work, the line went all the way around the bookstore, circled the parking lot, and disappeared behind a parking garage.

Before her appearance, bookstore employees announced that she would sign only her book and no memorabilia would be permitted. Richard was disappointed, but wanted to show her the photo and let her know how much those shows meant to lonely GI's so far from home.

Ann Margaret came out looking as beautiful as ever and, as 2nd in line, it was soon Richard's turn. He presented the book for her signature and then took out the photo. When he did, there were many shouts from the employees that she would not sign it. Richard said, "I understand. I just wanted her to see it".

She took one look at the photo, tears welled up in her eyes and she said, "This is one of my gentlemen from Viet Nam and I most certainly will sign his photo. I know what these men did for their country and I always have time for "my gentlemen". With that, she pulled Richard across the table and planted a big kiss on him.

She then made quite a to do about the bravery of the young men she met over the years, how much she admired them, and how much she appreciated them. There weren't too many dry eyes among those close enough to hear. She then posed for pictures and acted as if he was the only one there.

Later at dinner, Richard was very quiet. When I asked if he'd like to talk about it, my big strong husband broke down in tears. "That's the first time anyone ever thanked me for my time in the Army", he said.

Richard, like many others, came home to people who spit on him and shouted ugly things at him. That night was a turning point for him. He walked a little straighter and, for the first time in years, was proud to have been a Vet.

I'll never forget Ann Margaret for her graciousness and how much that small act of kindness meant to my husband. I now make it a point to say Thank You to every person I come across who served in our Armed Forces.

Freedom does not come cheap and I am grateful for all those who have served their country.

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"Geezers" (slang for an old man) are easy to spot:

At sporting events, during the playing of the National Anthem, Old Geezers hold their caps over their hearts and sing without embarrassment. They know the words and believe in them. Old Geezers remember World War I, the Depression, World War II, Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Normandy and Hitler. They remember the Atomic Age, the Korean War, The Cold War, the Jet Age and the Moon Landing, not to mention Vietnam.

If you bump into an Old Geezer on the sidewalk, he will apologize. If you pass an Old Geezer on the street, he will nod or tip his cap to a lady. Old Geezers trust strangers and are courtly to women. Old Geezers hold the door for the next person and always, when walking, make certain the lady is on the inside for protection.

Old Geezers get embarrassed if someone curses in front of women and children and they don't like any filth on TV or in movies. Old Geezers have moral courage. They seldom brag unless it's about their grandchildren.

It's the Old Geezers who know our great country is protected, not by politicians or police, but by the young men and women in the military serving their country.

This country needs Old Geezers with their decent values. We need them now more than ever.

Thank God for Old Geezers!

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*Let's have the reunion in your city!*

## LOOKING FOR BUDDIES

Hello and Happy New Year,

You were suggested by a JJ McKeon of the 24th IDA as the contact for a search I'm doing.

I'm searching for a veteran who served with my dad in WWII and also served in Korea.

He is:

**ZWANCK ARNOLD L**

Rank=SGT Serial Number=RA39195269 Branch=Infantry

Military Occupation Specialty=02745

Year of Birth= Race=Caucasian

State of Residence=WA

County of Residence=King

Unit=34th Inf Regt Division=24th Inf Div

Type of Unit=Inf Regt

Place of Casualty=South Korea

Date of Casualty (yyinmdd)=50 08 14

Type of Casualty=Evacuated

Detail of Casualty=SWA/Seriously wounded in action by missile

Group of Casualty=Separated from Army

Evacuation Disposition=SFD/Separated for Disability

I'd appreciate any assistance you can provide.

Thank you,

Lay Puckett

75th Division Dad@aol.com

Janice Hutchens is looking for members who served with her father during WWII. Her father is Junior O'Neil Mitchell and he served as a Pfc with 2d Squad, 3d Platoon, Company D, 34th Infantry Regiment during WWII. I have already talked to the two members on the roster as having been with Company D, but neither remembers him. Like they said, in combat you only remember those immediately in your surroundings. Since they live in Albuquerque, I will send them information about the reunion and invite them to attend.

Wes

We, the family, are searching for information on this soldier: how he was killed, why he was killed, and the men serving with him. We want to know if you can help us. We have figured out this much so far: Wright was in K company 19th when he was KIA on 10 March 1951. We are requesting that you send any information at all to this email address.

Thank you very much,

Randall Fritts.

Tf61600@aol.com

**Let's have the Reunion in YOUR city!**

My Name is Lee E. Ely, I got your e-mail address from JJ McKeon. I had a Uncle who was KIA in the Korean War. His name was PFC. John C. Curtis, from Michigan. He was 20 years old and he was a Corpsman in Co. B in 19 INF. RGT. 24 INF. DIV. He died on Oct. 20 1951, his birthday on Oct. 28 1931. I'm trying to find out all I can about him, what he did, where he was, how he died, who his friends were. His service number is RA16364556 MOS:04745 Key:6681 Thanks for your time, Here and back then, as you are all hero's to me Thanks again

Lee E. Ely

paley@tc3net.com

I am looking for anyone that might of known my uncle Stanley Krukowski. He was captured in Jan. 1951 and died a POW in June 1951.

He was in the 19th Unit, 24th Division.

Thank you,

Ron Halverson

jrwh@hotmail.com

Wade E. Clockman 11FA Sv Battery is looking for a friend named Phillip or others he served with in Spring 1953.

George Sawyer is looking for members of "B" Co. 3<sup>rd</sup> ENG from 1948-1957.

George can be reached at: 165 Peter Salem Road, Leicester, MA 01524 (508) 892-3189

Dear Sir, I am interested in joining your association. My father, Rudolf G. Able, was in the 24th Signal Corp. 24ID in 1945-1946. He arrived from Luzon, P.I. with the 331D in early Sept. 1945, then when the 33rd ID was deactivated he was assigned to the 24th ID. I would like to see if I can reach some of his Army buddies through your newsletter. Dad passed away in March 2001 and our family knows little of his time in the Army. Thank you, Timothy M. Abel 144 Lindbergh Blvd. Bloomfield, NJ 07003, abelprops@aol.com



"In my old, I lived about my age."

## LOOKNG FOR BUDDIES (Cont.)

As you can see I have been much delayed in getting back on this item. My Dad, Nicholas J. Staffo who was 90 on February 3, 2003 was a member of the 24th Infantry Division, HQ Cannon Company during WWII and served from 1941 - May 31, 1945 when he was Honorably Discharged. He was a Platoon Sergeant with a group of M-8 self propelled howitzers in the Philippines and other campaigns and was awarded the Silver Star and several Bronze Stars. I am very anxious for him to become a member of the 24th Infantry Division Association and receive your newsletter. Please contact me as soon as possible with the information I need to submit along with the amount of the check. Do you by any chance have a Life membership rate so that I might be able to avoid worrying about paying annually? I also would be interested in knowing if there is a WWII history of the 24th Infantry Division published as a book with photos and details of all the campaigns.

Thank you, for your consideration in this matter and I look forward to your prompt reply.

Respectfully,

Gary T. Staffo, e-mail: GStaffo@gis.net  
6226 Garden Road, Springfield, VA 22152-1504  
(202)-586-9577

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24<sup>th</sup> DIV Time

MED Co. 34<sup>th</sup> March 1949 – Sept 1950

MED Co. 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 1950 – July 1951

Anyone with any memories please contact me. I would like to verify my own.

~Walter M. Matson, Jr. – Life Member #1717

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Hagar

THIS YEAR I RESOLVE TO  
CONTROL MY EGO AND  
BECOME A NICER PERSON...

WHICH  
WILL BE  
TOUGH  
TO DO...

... BECAUSE I'M  
SUCH A NICE  
PERSON TO  
BEGIN WITH

By Dick Bruns

## **34th REGIMENT ON CORREGIDOR--WWII**

Were you part of the 34th regiment that took part in the recapture of Corregidor in February 1945? Paul Whitman is an historian, living in Australia, who is compiling a history of Corregidor, and its recapture in 1945. He has a website with extensive information on the role of the 503rd Parachute Bn, but very little on the actions of the 3rd Battalion and A Company from the 34th. He would like to hear from all of you who participated in this operation.

Check out his website: [corregidor.org](http://corregidor.org)

Whitman's e-mail address is:

[paul@whitman.com.au](mailto:paul@whitman.com.au)

You may contact me for more information.

Bill McKenna 3 4th WWII

(510) 525-7902

[billjomac@aol.com](mailto:billjomac@aol.com)

970 Neilson St.

Albany, CA 94706-2 141  
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Bacil B. Steed has been looking for members of the 78<sup>th</sup> Tank Bn in Japan. Bacil did find one. However, Robert Eissell had just passed away.  
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I was very happy to talk to you recently. I hope the information I gave to you enabled you to locate long lost comrades. When I realized would meet my long lost buddy of 50 years ago my whole world lit up. Both of our appearances changed but when eye contact was made at a designated spot (local diner) I immediately knew it was Sid LaForge of the 45<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Div. However, we will forever keep in touch with our families. Now, I enclose the photo taken 50 years ago in North Korea – I will continue searching for Joe LaFountaine, Buckley, Chapman, Roach, etc. If I get lucky I'll let you know. God Bless you and your families and all of our boys left behind North of the 38° parallel.

Your New Found Buddy,

G.R. Bartlett

12 Tag-Churchtown Road,

Craryville, NY 12521-5230  
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## LOOKING FOR BUDDIES (cont.)

My father John VanRoekel served in the 24th Division, 34th Infantry Regiment, Company L from January 1945 until December 1946. He was in the Philippines and then was shipped to Japan as part of the occupation forces. I would like to learn more about what role Company L played in the Philippines and most of all make contact with anyone who may have served with Dad.

Thank you!

Larry VanRoekel  
13513 Kvanbeck Trail  
Verstrand, MN 55053  
507-279-9660

Larry & Melodi VanRoekel  
[mvanr@earthlink.net](mailto:mvanr@earthlink.net)

My name is Victor Jacketti. I was stationed with HQ 24th Med Bn, with Company C, 24th Med Bn Kokura Kyushu Japan, from June 1947 to June 1949. I have never seen anything in the Taro Leaf about anyone who was with either outfit. Maybe you can send me some names if you know of any who were there at the same time.

Here is a picture of our station hospital in Kokura. If you would like any other information, please let me know. I still have all the names of everyone who was here at the time. My EMAIL address is [Vargevic@aol.com](mailto:Vargevic@aol.com)

Thank you very much, stay well.....take care.....

Sincerely,  
Victor Jacketti  
1255 Maple Street  
Pottstown, PA 19464-5821



Don't you envy confident people? Or at least admire them? Likewise. Still, maybe they're not all that self assured. A most common phobia is fear of speaking to groups. It suggest many lack confidence. That's all right. I, for one, am inclined to think extraordinarily confident people don't really understand the situation.



**And you thought you had a bad MOS!**

### **TOO TRUE ~**

1. I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose-fitting clothing. If I HAD any loose-fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up in the first place!
2. When I was young we used to go "skinny dipping," now I just "chunky dunk."
3. The early bird still has to eat worms.
4. The worst thing about accidents in the kitchen is eating them.
5. Don't argue with an idiot; people watching may not be able to tell the difference.
6. Wouldn't it be nice if whenever we messed up our life we could simply press 'Ctrl Alt Delete' and start all over?
7. Stress is when you wake up screaming and then you realize you haven't fallen asleep yet.
8. My husband says I never listen to him. At least I think that's what he said.
9. Just remember...if the world didn't suck, we'd all fall off.
10. Why is it that our children can't read a Bible in school, but they can in prison?
11. If raising children was going to be easy, it never would have started with something called labor!
12. Brain cells come and brain cells go, but fat cells live forever.
13. Why do I have to swear on the Bible in court when the Ten Commandments cannot be displayed in a federal building?

# Memories of Taejon



The Fall of Taejon 18-20 July 1950  
The old MSR National Highway 1. bridge over the Kapchon River, 34 & 19 Inf - 24<sup>th</sup> Div took up positions on the South side of the Kapchon River. The Hill to the right of the bridge is where "A" & "C" companies of the 34<sup>th</sup> took up positions. Down stream at the 2<sup>nd</sup> bridge road coming out of Nomsdn is where 2<sup>nd</sup> Bat, 19<sup>th</sup> Reg "E" & "F" companies were at.



Fall of Taejon 18 - 20 July 1950

A superhighway replacing the Old Nonsdn Road. The Ridge line is where the 2<sup>nd</sup> battery of the 19<sup>th</sup> INF held positions on 19 July 1950.

18  
Fall of Taejon 18 - 20 July 1950  
Old Taejon - This street is where the 34<sup>th</sup> drew through around 1600-1700 20 July 1950 & Nangwol-ni.

Units of the 34<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> withdrew from the Kapochon River. 21 July 1950 to Muju. The 21<sup>st</sup> withdrew 21 July 1950 to Yondog. Remnants of remaining 34<sup>th</sup> ended up at Hy-pch on 23 July 1950.



War Memorial - Kids allowed to play



Photos & Information Submitted By  
Thomas W. Hardy 19th



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*Moheo Dinner AZ 08*



A Veteran's Day parade and memorial ceremony attracted a large crowd of attendees and dignitaries. The parade down Union Avenue featured a number of eye-catching entrants, including those pictured here. At the Home of Heroes Plaza at the Pueblo Convention Center, a touching and patriotic gathering was highlighted by the address of Retired Army Lt. Col. Ellsworth "Dutch" Nelson of Colorado Springs (left center.)

Submitted By ~ Dutch Nelson - 19<sup>th</sup>

## A Page For Artillerymen

(Artillerymen Only -- too teckniekle for ordinary troops)



### The Coast Artillery Corps

1902 - 1950

The need for seacoast defense became obvious in 1812 when the British burned the White House. The concept was that seacoast batteries had to "Out-Gun" anything a ship could carry, so to do its work a ship would have to sail into the range of the seacoast defenses. An old Navy adage said, "A ship's a fool to fight a fort."

In the Civil War heavy Rodman Guns were mounted on Barbett carriages behind parapets. These were capable of firing 15 inch, 450 pound iron balls. (Alcatraz was originally built as a seacoast defense with 111 Rodmans.) As ship armaments steadily improved so, too, did the coastal implacements. In 1880 the 12 inch Mortar and "Disappearing Carriage" guns (in five sizes up to 16 inch) became standard.



10" Rodman on Barbett Carriage



10" Gun on disappearing carriage; in firing position. Recoil will carry the gun back and down. Raising a huge weight in a pit under the gun (up to 150 tons) is what actually absorbs the energy of recoil and assists in getting the gun back into battery.

It became obvious that sixteen inch guns -- and horses pulling cannons at a gallop -- were two distinctly different things. So in 1902 The Artillery Corps was split into two branches -- "Field" and "Coast." The insignias were the same except "Coast" had a shell in the middle, and "Field" had a wheel. Fort Monroe became the Coast Artillery School. WWI saw no Coast Artillery action on our shores, but all our Railroad Guns in Europe (mostly 17") were manned by either Coast Artillerymen or Sailors. (More about these later.)

WWII saw no Coast Artillery action on our shores, and Airplanes had progressed to where they could carry heavy bombs to almost limitless ranges. First Coast Artillery evolved in AntiAircraft Artillery, and in 1950 the Coast Artillery Corps was disbanded. BUT let us not forget the brave defenders of Corregidor and Bataan. For five months they held out against the full fury of the entire Japanese Navy, to include all its aircraft. Nearly all of the Coast Artillery guns were hit and disabled. In May, 1942 50,000 Japanese soldiers landed. Out of food, ammunition and medical supplies the Garrison surrendered. It is to these brave men and women that this issue of The Taro Leaf, and its cover, is dedicated.

*Dutch*

# Memorable Moments

Submitted By - Alex Poland - 34th



A 24th get-together at Ft. Devens MA when BILL VERBECK was CG there - circa 1963 - about a year before he died.

Seated: (in wheelchair) FRANK FULTON  
BILL VERBECK - ex President  
ED HENRY - ex President  
BILL MULDOON

Standing l. to right:

LAFAYETTE "Lafe" COCHRAN  
WILFRED O'COIN  
VIC BACKER - ex President  
Fr. CHRIS BERLO  
PAT CIANGI - ex President  
BILL KEYES  
KEN ROSS - ex President  
ERNEST VIENNEAU  
C.G. HANLIN - ex President  
JAMES "Spike" O'DONNELL - ex President  
BILL SANDERSON - ex President  
WALTER BENNETT

Verbeck & The Bowl



## A True Warrior

Ben H. Wahle, Jr. - 34th INF  
Verbeck Bowl recipient in Tucson, AZ 2003



# 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  
**24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association,**  
 and thereby be affiliated with the  
 Greatest Combat Division the United States Army  
 has ever known.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
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 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
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 OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_  
 SPOUSE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CHILDREN & AGES \_\_\_\_\_  
 SPONSOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

|                |         |         |    |      |    |      |    |
|----------------|---------|---------|----|------|----|------|----|
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| 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,  
 "24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association"  
 Mail with this completed application to:  
 Norm Dixon  
 Secretary/Treasurer  
 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association  
 16849 W. Village Dr  
 Surprise, AZ 85387-7565

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

## 52-year wait:

### Azle man gets medals from WWII, Korea

It's been 52 years since Azle graduate, businessman and former school trustee Ed Hiatt was in the Army. But just last Monday, he finally got his "just rewards" - 10 medals and a heartfelt "thank you" from the office of U.S. Senator John Cornyn.

That war ended with very little fanfare for Hiatt, on August 15, 1945, so he continued on with his life under the impression that he "got out of the Army."

That impression proved wrong. Within a few years Hiatt was called back to active duty to fight in Korea. He was there only a few months when on Oct. 13, 1951, while leading a platoon of men up a hill, he was shot in the spine by a sniper at Yong Dong Po.

The next stop for Hiatt was a "tent hospital" in Korea. But most of his memories are of being bound to a "Striker Frame" in Japan Tokyo General Hospital.

Pinned to the frame beside him were a couple of combat medals. But apparently they were stolen before Hiatt recovered enough to really pay attention, so he doesn't even know what they were for.

Eventually Hiatt was released from a military hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

He was 21 years old and a paraplegic.

But his friend Dee Kilpatrick sure thought a few changes needed to be made after hearing about the incident at Tokyo General.

When they met Hiatt happened to mention the theft of his medals back in Tokyo and Kilpatrick set out to "do what he could to correct the injustice."

He contacted the office of United States Senator John Cornyn of San Antonio.

"We are finally righting a wrong," exclaimed Kilpatrick. Beginning with Hiatt's Honorable Service Lapel Pin for WW II, Watts read off the name of each medal as McGee passed them to Hiatt.

Upon delivery of the Expert Badge with Rifle and Carbine Bar and the Combat Infantry Badge (CIB), Kilpatrick explained that, "The CIB is the only thing worn above the Medal of Honor."

"It's very rare to find a man with both the Combat and Expert Infantry Badges," Kilpatrick said.

Before it was all over Hiatt was also handed a WW II Victory Medal, European African Mideast Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, Army Commendation and finally the Purple Heart.



U.S. Senator John Cornyn (L) & Ed Hiatt (Seated) - 19<sup>th</sup> JNF C Co

Last night as I lay sleeping, I died or so it seemed  
Then I went to heaven, but only in my dream  
Up there St Peter met me standing at the pearly gates  
He said, "I must check your record, please stand here and wait."  
He turned and said, "Your record is covered with terrible flaws  
On earth I see you rallied for every losing cause.  
I see that you drank alcohol and smoked and used drugs too.  
Fact is you've done everything a good person should never do.

We can't have people like you up here, your life was full of sin."  
Then he read the last of my record, took my hand and said,  
"Come in."  
He lead me up to the Big Boss and said, "Take him in and treat him well.  
He's a 24th Infantry Soldier, he's done his time in Hell.  
~Author Unknown

February 9, 2004

DOD Announces:

### Korean Defense Service Medal

The Defense Department announced today the creation of the Korean Defense Service Medal (KDSM). The KDSM is a service medal to give special recognition for the sacrifices and contributions made by members of the U.S. armed forces who have served or are serving in the Republic of Korea.

Public Law 107-314 legislated the creation of a new medal to recognize military service in the Republic of Korea and the surrounding waters.

Members of the Armed Forces authorized the KDSM must have served in support of the defense of the Republic of Korea. The area of eligibility encompasses all land area of the Republic of Korea, and the contiguous water out to 12 nautical miles, and all air spaces above the land and water areas.

The KDSM period of eligibility is July 28, 1954, to a future date to be determined by the Secretary of Defense. Service members must have been assigned, attached, or mobilized to units operating in the area of eligibility and have been physically deployed in the area of eligibility for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days or meet one of the following criteria:

- Be engaged in actual combat during an armed engagement, regardless of the time in the area of eligibility.
- Is wounded or injured in the line of duty and requires medical evacuation from the area of eligibility.
- While participating as a regularly assigned air crewmember flying sorties into, out of, within, or over the area of eligibility in support of military operations. Each day that one or more sorties are flown in accordance with these criteria shall count as one day toward the 30 or 60-day requirement.
- Personnel who serve in operations and exercises conducted in the area of eligibility are considered eligible for the award as long as the basic time

criteria is met.

Due to the extensive time period for KDSM eligibility, the nonconsecutive service period for eligibility remains cumulative throughout the entire period. The KDSM may be awarded posthumously, and only one award of the KDSM is authorized for any individual. Each military department will prescribe appropriate regulations for administrative processing, awarding and wearing of the KDSM and ribbon for their service members, to include application procedures for veterans, retirees, and next-of-kin. More than 40,000 members of the U.S. Armed Forces have served in the Republic of Korea or the waters adjacent there to each year since the signing of the cease-fire agreement in July 1953, which established the Demilitarized Zone. For more than 50 years, U.S. Armed Forces' efforts to deter and defend the Korean Peninsula have helped maintain democracy and preserve the indomitable spirit of freedom.

John B. Hughes,

Congressional Relations Officer

HQs, FORSCOM

Telephone (404) 464-5328

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*Submitted by ~ 1st Lt. SunYi Gaston*

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#### *Some Late Night Saddam Hussein Quips ~*

"We have captured Saddam Hussein. President Bush said those two words that strike fear in the heart of every Californian -- fair trial."

- Craig Kilborn

"Saddam was found cowering in his little hole in the ground. Supposedly his goal was to remain in hiding until all the shooting stopped. Well,..... hey, it worked for the French."

- Jay Leno

"I guess by now, you all saw that hole in the ground that Saddam was hiding in. Here's my question: Why did we take him out of it? Why not just fill it in?"

- Jay Leno

They say that Saddam is acting like a jerk and that he still believes he's president. It's just like Al Gore."

-David Letterman

"At the time of the capture he had \$750,000 in cash on him. They think he was trying to buy three gallons of gas from Halliburton .. \$750,000 -- you know what that means? He is now eligible for the Bush tax cut!"

- Jay Leno

## TARO LEAF TAPS

### MISS ME - BUT LET ME GO

*When I come to the end of the road And the sun has set on me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room Why cry for a soul set free.*

*MISS ME a little - but not too long And not with your head bowed low  
Remember the love we once shared, MISS ME - but let me go.*

*For this is a journey we all must take And each must go alone,  
It's all apart of the Master's plan A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick of heart Go to the friends we know,  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds*

*MISS ME - BUT LET ME GO.*

~from the Memorial of Marvin "Monnie" C. Hanson 21st INF

#### 11th Field Artillery

Juni, Elmer "Jeep"  
Lewis, Richard F.

#### 19th Infantry Regiment

Bailey, Preston "PJ" J.  
Gassert, Carl L.  
Higbee, Dale  
Sanderson, William

#### 21st Infantry Regiment

Burlingame, Earnest R.  
Hanson, Marvin "Monnie" C.  
Honadel Sr., John W.  
Rhodes, Clarence

#### 24th Reconnaissance Company

Kuhner, Wallace

#### 24th Signal Company

Northrop, Lt. Col. LeRoy M.

#### 26th AAA

Commings, Clarence

#### 3rd Engineers "Combat" Bn.

Kunes, Jack K.

#### 34th Infantry Regiment

Armayer, Arthur V.  
Cothran, John McElmurray  
Minietta, Charles

#### 35th Infantry Regiment

Wallace, Dana  
West, Bill

#### 52nd Field Artillery

King, Edward  
Lopez, Frank

#### 78th Heavy Tank

Cissell, Robert S.

#### Unknown

Haskins, Sherwood C.

## 11<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery

**Juni, Elmer "Jeep"** – Passed away Feb 11, 2003. Elmer served with the 11th FA of the 24th Infantry Division. His daughter writes Elmer, "...cared so much for the few "buddies" he had left from WWII. Until getting ill several years ago he would attend reunions. He was at Pearl Harbor Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, then all over the Pacific (Leyte, Mindanao, Philippines, etc.)..." Condolences can be expressed to Mrs. Lynda (Juni) Keith 5105 W. Avenue 14, Lancaster, CA 93536 (Photo on Left)



**Lewis, Richard F.** – "B" Btry, 11th FA Bn and Hqs & B Btrys 555th FA Bn, passed away 21 October 2003. He was 81 and died at the VA Hospital in Martinsburg WV. He had many of the ailments that come with age and although he spoke of going home, his heart finally gave out. His next of kin is his daughter is Marion Lewis P.O. Box 1629, Shepherdstown WV 25443

## 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment

**Bailey, Preston "PJ" J.** – Passed away on November 6, 2003 from pneumonia. Born on 5 July 1911 to Estelle Cullop Bailey and Frank G. Bailey. He married Irene E. Feely, then served in WWII for four years in the Southwest Pacific with the 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry of the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.

**Gassert, Carl L.** – Age 80 – Passed away on December 10, 2003. Carl was with the 19<sup>th</sup> INF, Hdq's CO, WWII in the Philippines and Japan. He was a driver for the Regimental Surgeon Capt. Albert Fergosi. (Photo on Left)



**Higbee, Dale** – Served with 19<sup>th</sup> F Co. in WWII

**Sanderson, William** – Husband of 59 years to Alice G. (Essex) Sanderson, passed away December 15, 2003 at the age of 24th Infantry Division, 19th Infantry Regiment and was a survivor of the Pearl Harbor attack. Bill served as National President of the 24th Infantry Division Association in 1967-1968 and was a recipient of the honorable Verbeck Award in 1979. Cards may be sent to Mrs. Alice Sanderson, 5915 Majestic Way, Palmetto, FL 34221

## 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment

**Burlingame, Earnest R.** – Passes away on December 07, 2003. Ernest served with the 21st Infantry in Japan and Korea. 725 99 AVE N., NAPLES, FL 33963,

**Hanson, Marvin "Monnie" C.** – Passed away August 26, 2003. Marvin was with "G" Co., 21st Infantry Regiment of the 24th ID in Japan and Korea. He served on the Underwood Fire Department for 21 years and served as it's Chief for 19 years. He was also a life member of the American Legion, VFW Post 612, and the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association. "He enjoyed the reunions that he could attend. He was a great guy." ~ His Wife, Leona Hanson. Cards may be sent to 208 Cleveland Avenue, Underwood, NH 56586 (Photo on Left)



**Honadel Sr., John W.** – 13513 Wilken Way Louisville Ky. 40272. Served in the 24th ID 21st Reg. in the Philippines and Japan in 1945. He was a rifleman and PFC in rank. He passed away Sept. 24 2003. He was a member of the 24th IDA. After the war he came back to Louisville Ky. and served on the Louisville Fire Department for 30 years.

**Rhodes, Clarence** – Served with 21<sup>st</sup> A Co. in Japan & Korea & TF Smith

## 24th Reconnaissance Company

**Kuhner, Wallace** – Passed away December 30 2003. Wally Kuhner retired as Director, Technical Division Charleston Naval Shipyard in 1981 after completing 37 years of Military/Federal Service. He was Past President of the 24th Infantry Division Association and was serving the Association as National Membership Chairman and as a member of the Association Executive Board. He served his country as a combat soldier and participated in action in the South Pacific Theater during World War II with the 24th Recon. His Decorations include: The Combat Infantryman's Badge, Bronze Star with V Device, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Medal with Bronze Arrowhead, WWII Freedom Medal and the Philippine Liberation Medal with two Bronze stars. Cards may be sent to Mrs. Eleanor Kuhner, 1637 Falmouth, S Charleston, SC 29407-3926.

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

**Northrop, Lt. Col. LeRoy M.** – Passed away September 9 2003, Greenville, TN. LeRoy served with 24<sup>th</sup> Sig. in Korea

## 26th AAA

**Cummings, Clarence** – Served with 26th AAA in Korea

## 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment

**Armayer, Arthur V.** – Died in Midland, TX on June 2, 2003. Mr. Armayer was a drill sergeant before volunteering to go overseas. Arthur was assigned to the 24th Infantry Division, HQ's Co. 34th Infantry Regiment, in the Pacific theater during World War II. He joined the Division just after the battles for Buna on the island of New Guinea. Because he was in the first echelons to come ashore on Red Beach, Arthur personally witnessed General McArthur's return to Leyte in October of 1944. He took part in the Bataan Peninsula campaign for Luzon in 1945, as well as in the campaign for Mindanao later that year. When the war ended, Armayer had been promoted to the rank of First Sergeant. He won the Bronze Star Medal for bravery, as well as the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with three bronze service stars for combat in the Philippines.

**Cothran, John McElmurray** – Passed away in August 2003. John served with the 34th in WWII. *"Daddy was always so proud of his military service and the friendships he made during that time."* ~Sincerely Julia Cothran Bernath.

**Minietta, Charles** – Headquarters 34th Infantry Regiment of the 24th Division and Tiger Survivors officer, 1 Jan 2004 at age 86. *"A fine soldier and a true friend."* ~Shorty the Tiger. Cards to his widow, Mary, at: 17514 147th Ave S.E. Renton WA 98058, Phone: 425-255-9492

## 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment

**Wallace, Dana** – Passed away in December 2003. He served with 35th "F" Co. in WWII earning a Purple Heart when wounded at Leyte. *"A good soldier"* ~ Ben Wahle. Cards can be sent to Mrs. Nellgene Wallace, 3172 Heather Glynn Drive. Mulberry, FL 33860-8688

**West, Bill** – Dorothy West sent notice of her husband Bill's passing away on 4 September 2003. He suffered with cancer. Bill served with the 35th of the 24th Infantry Division.

## 3rd Engineers "Combat" Bn.

**Kunes, Jack K.** – Passed away October 30, 2003. He served during Pearl Harbor and WWII with the 3rd Engineers of the 24th Infantry Division.

## 52<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery

**King, Edward** – Headquarters Battery, 52nd field Artillery Battalion, 24th Infantry Division and Task Force Smith, was promoted to Glory on New Years Eve 2003. He was 86 years old. God speed ED, we will miss you. Cards to his widow: Helen King, 900 Airport Road, Chattanooga TN 37421, Phone: 1-615-892-6123

**Lopez, Frank** – Passed away in May 2003. Frank served with the 52nd FA in WWII. *"We miss Dad very much. He was always so proud to have been in the Army."* ~ Frances Lickter

## 78<sup>th</sup> Heavy Tank

**Cissell, Robert S.** – Of Louisville, KY passed away November 13, 2003. He served with the 78<sup>th</sup> Heavy Tank Bn. in Japan and Korea.

## Unknown Unit

**Haskins, Sherwood C.** – Passed away December 23, 2003. He was the husband of Marjorie (Connell) Haskins. Sherwood served as a Staff Sergeant in the US Army's 24th Infantry Division during WWII, having been stationed in the Pacific Theater.

**MEMORIAL FUND for our POW's** (Flowers, Cards, etc) Some time ago the Tullio's suggested such a fund be set up and now Colonel John and Mary Dunn have suggested the same thing and have sent in a \$100.00 check to start the ball rolling. Their donation is in memory of Chuck Minietta. I will set up a fund book for all to see and will report all donations in the POW NEWSLETTER. -- Love, Peace and Freedom, Shorty the Tiger

Individuals may send funds to: Wilbert R. Estabrook, 23816 Matador Way, Murrieta, CA92562

# The Warriors Of Yesteryear

Where have all the World War II warriors gone? Many have crossed the Rubicon, all have aged, some now in Veteran's Homes, others in Nursing Homes, some living normal lives, but all are just plain forgotten. What heroes they were. Young and handsome in their uniforms. Boys all, but soon, too soon, they would transform into men. Could not wait to 'get over there'. What proud men they were. Tough, but sensitive.

Men who eventually fought on Continents to bring freedom to millions. A different breed that would never be seen again. To have known them was itself a privilege. Warriors all. They fought in the skies, on the land, and on the seas. They witnessed tragedies never before seen by humans. Terrible, terrible deeds, committed by men against other men. Deeds so horrible that civilized man didn't think them possible.

They experienced Hell itself and returned. Death was so common place that they stored away the memory of it. Sometimes it stayed stored away, and sometimes, mostly in the middle of the night, it comes out of them like the demons involved in all wars. Haunting them, never leaving, a penalty to the youth they sent to a man's war.

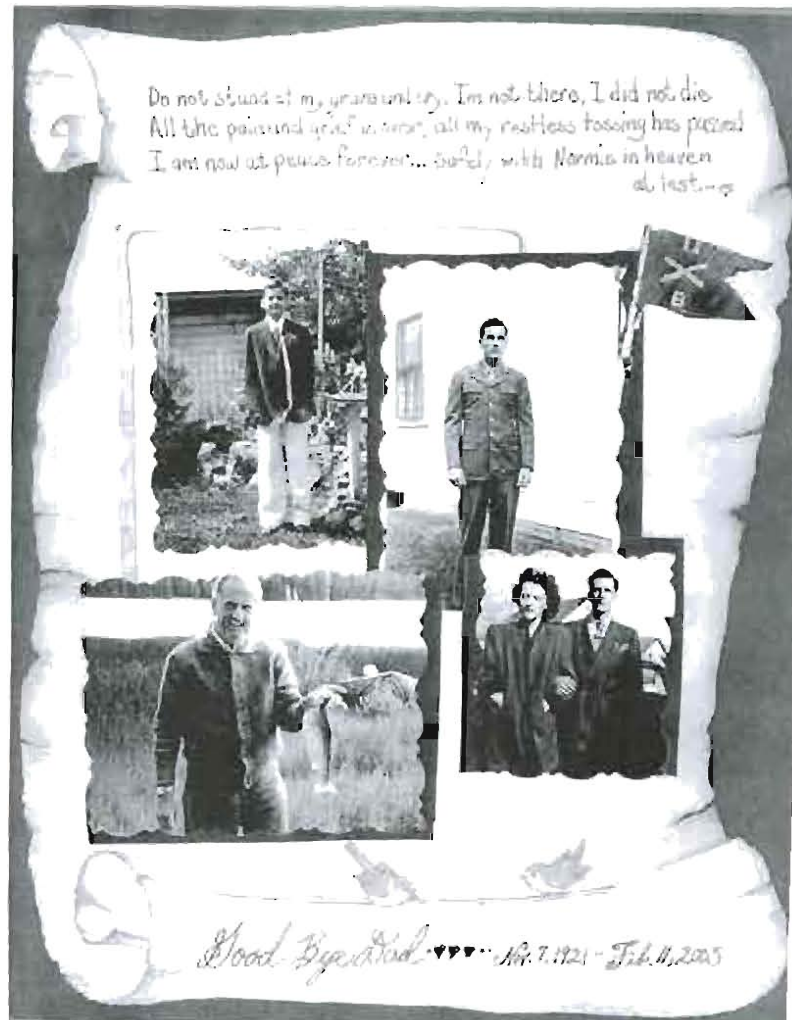
Now they are no longer young. No longer gallant or brave. No longer tall and straight. They are now just old men, who, one by one are crossing over the Rubicon. Oh we still remember them. Veterans Day is one day a year that we set aside. But let us remember them always. Each time we see a gray haired old man, he most likely was a warrior of yesteryear. He my friend, is they reason we are a free nation. He my friend, is the man who saved mankind.

~ J.A. Langone  
Co. B 21st Inf.  
24th Inf. Div.

## Safely Home

I am home in heaven, dear ones;  
Oh, so happy and so bright!  
There is perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.  
All the pain and grief is over,  
Every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever,  
Safely home in heaven at last.  
There is work still waiting for you.  
So you must not idly stand;  
Do it now, while life remaineth –  
You shall rest in God's own land.  
When that work is all completed,  
He will gently call you Home;  
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,  
Oh, the joy to see you home!

~from the Memorial of Carl L. Gassert – 19th INF



Memorial Parchment Submitted By ~ Mrs. Lynda (Juni) Keit  
In Memory of Elmer "Jeep" Jur

## Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

**WWII MEMORIAL DEDICATION** - Do to having over 900 WWII members, a criteria was established to have 2 of our members represent the Association at the dedication. The base for this criteria was having been a member of the Division in Hawaii. Therefore, I sent letters to all those who were on the roster as having been with the Division in Hawaii requesting additional information for which to base a decision. At the last Executive Meeting, based on all information obtained, Members Ed Farmer and Ben H. Wahle Jr., selected. However, I would appreciate any other members who are planning to attend the dedication please let me know so appropriate recognition can be provided.

Wes Morrison  
President

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Edwin Ryan 19<sup>th</sup> INF up in Mass sends warm wished to all.

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I was a rookie PVT in Jan 1946 after Basic Training at Camp Polk, LA - We were sent to Japan, down to Oita, Kyushu we kids were in-bred so to speak - and a short time later were told we were to "full field pack" for a hike to a new home up in Bepou - Which was the New Camp of Chickamauga. The hike I recall passing Monkey Mountain, etc enroute. To try summarize from that early era? Just let me mention that I am still in contact with my 1st Co. Commander, "Lt Bill Wood - West Point '45 (Ret Col)" Who is presently Co. Maj Gen of the 2<sup>nd</sup> INF DIV in Korea. My 2<sup>nd</sup> Co. Comm. 1/Lt Ted Adair, who's son is a 2 Star - Artillery Comm. and my platoon Sgt - M/Sgt Conert who is living in Maine amongst family.

Well, I could go on but won't. I retired in 1988, after 42 years active En & Comm. 8 years.

Best Regards  
Herb Kenz - 19th

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As easy as word is, it's a wonder I don't use it more often!

Enclose some articles as to how the rest of the world views Bush & in some cases-America.

Had my second tour in Korea as a Red Cross Field Director to the 2nd B/G 4th Cavalry in 1957-58 at Munsan-ni before I was sent to Misawa Air Base in Northern Honshu with the USAir Force.

As you probably know I served for a time with the 78th Hvy Tk Bn prior to the 24th Rcn Co. Also had a turn at Post Hq Camp Crouch, Yamaguchi.

Arrived for duty south of there at an old Jap Air Base at Camp Feister. Know it?

Trust you'll enjoy the enclosures.

Keep in touch.

Cordially,

Basil Steed CANBERRA Australia

## **NOTICE: West Coast Mini-Reunion**

To be held at the Ramada Express in Laughlin, NV 89028. Sunday 4/18/04 to 4/20/04. Rooms \$16.00. When registering at the Hotel be sure to give them the contract #9121. For reservations call 1-800-243-6846. Dinner Choices are 1) Chicken, 2) Beef - \$35.00 Please send to: Dan Rickert

P.O. Box 720418  
Pinon Hills, CA92372

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Just received my copy of the TARO Leaf and was shocked at the amount of postage required to send it and also surprised at the transit time. It was postmarked 23 October and delivered here on 29 Oct. and that is good time as it usually takes 3-5 weeks for normal mail.

To help out with the postage I enclose my check for \$25 with my Thanks.

I have lost track of my friends in the 19th Inf and the 724 Ord Co. except for one from the latter. Bill Kearney stops off to see us when he visits his son and family now stationed in Germany. We always have a good visit with one or maybe 2 beers. The beer helps us remember old friends and stories.

Already WINTER is here. Our first snow came on 24 Oct. and still covers the ground and roofs although it is not so cold, 25-30 and with some sunshine too. So long as the sun shines I don't mind so much the cold unless I have to go out. Weather lady says more is on the way.

I watch the News on CNN and several European stations and am not sure that we are on the right path to peace in the ME. The Malaysian PM had it about right and that made Bush a bit angry. It was not pretty that the PM told Bush, it was the naked truth. I spent a few years in the MF with the UN after I retired from the Army and still am in touch with good friends there. They tell me that my thoughts are about the same as theirs. There has to be a better way to settle things than the ones in use today by Israel and the USA.

Now it is time for lunch in our neighborhood Rest. just up the street. A good Italian meal with a glass or 2 of wine always helps.

Your old friends

Charles E. Garrett

Normenadenstr. 13, CH 9400 Rorschach, Switzerland

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**TRIP TO KOREA** - Frank R Orloski - 3rd ENG is looking for some of our Members to make a trip to Korea and visit some of the area; Taejon, Pusan, Uijongbu, Chunchon, Whachon, The Yanggu Valley and other sites.

I believe a tour can be arranged by the USO or the Special Services in Seoul saving money and each one can make his arrangements for air travel. The Korean Airline is the cheapest. Write or call Frank at:

508 Blackman Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702  
ph: (570) 208-5763

## Hear Ye! Hear Ye! (Cont)

### NOTICE: 11<sup>th</sup> FA REUNION

11th. Field Artillery Service Battery, 24 Inf. Div.

Korean Conflict May 1952-May 1954

Reunion will be held at the Lodge of the Ozarks in  
Branson, MO 65616 on April 14 to 18th, 2004

Contact: Howard Buckles

P.O. Box 267

Keosauqua, IA. 52565

Phone 319-293-3012 for more information.

Thank you all for the great job on the Taro Leaf. It mean's a  
Great Deal to all of the Members.

All the best,

Chuck Flanagan

24<sup>th</sup> Div - 34<sup>th</sup> Rec A.T. Co 1944-1946

The article on the right tells a story in itself. You might  
find it amusing. Taro Leaf 1993 Vol XLVII - No. 4. We  
called the Taro Leaf our "alumni" magazine. I have been  
a member from at least 1950.

The article on the left is for TAPS, same man. We had  
many years of golf on Kauai. Never met a finer  
gentleman.

He made the trip from Schofield 1943 to Australia and  
the trail back. There may be a few "old vets" that knew  
him.

Thank you for a great job on the "alumni" magazine. It  
is truly appreciated.

H. Gordon Behrel

19<sup>th</sup> ING 1<sup>st</sup> BN. HQ Co.

March 1944 - Dec 1945

*Hear Rich -  
So nice to hear from you!  
Joe is struggling with dementia.  
He is walking much better now since  
Wishing you a beautiful holiday season  
a total knee replacement was done 10/30 - 11/5/03  
Dementia was cause for long hospital stay.  
Still has therapist coming to house. He remembers  
you well & enjoys those memories! I too  
enjoyed being with you at reunions.  
Please stay in touch & enjoy your holidays.  
Love - Joe & Loretta.*

Joe Payne served with the 21st INF in WWII. Even if you don't know  
Joe, send a card and it will mean something to Joe & his wife.

Joe E. & Loretta Payne

1078 Cross Country Drive

Columbus, OH 43235

~Billy

I belong a Home Town group of men 30 - 50 of us. We do  
Funerals, Para Des, & speak to children in schools. I am in  
need of a winter uniform Eisenhower Jacket (size 44) or  
Blouse, Pants (42" waist / 32" long) and Hat. Could this be  
put in the Taro Leaf? I've been making due with a summer  
uniform. While doing a wintertime funeral, some of these  
hilltop gravesites are very windy & cold. We have been  
invited to attend the World War II Memorial Dedication on  
Memorial Day 2004 in Washington, DC. What an honor that  
occasion will be.

Mr. Charles Reese

100 E. 205<sup>th</sup> Street

Euclid, OH 44123-1044

(216) 423-2299

Written the night of the birth of my fifteenth grandchild, Troy  
Adam Pollock to my parents, Ada and Jacob Rabinovitz

### To the giant paintings on my wall.

You are great grandparents again tonight. A tiny boy actually  
seven pounds and as many ounces has determinedly and with  
considerate haste pursued his appointed course from the  
unbelievable comfort of his mother's body to face the uncertain  
breezes of the world: to hear more clearly than ever before the  
voices which will lead him through his childhood, to lie swaddled  
close to his mother's warmth and be held aloft by his father's  
pride. As yet unnamed, his time came today, the day of veteran's  
remembrance of what the bravest of us endured. Some came to  
meet salutes and to tell how it was done. Of course others,  
thronged of others will never come except in memory.

What do you name a boy who came to us on such an  
auspicious day? The task is hard. What do we hope for him - that  
is easier: that he know only the parades, never the battles: that his  
days of glory come to him in pictures perused with pride and  
understanding: that those who marched in their formations closed  
rank so there would never be a place for this new child, no march  
to war, no shoulder weary with the weight of death's design to be  
pitted against any other child born small, dependent purposeful  
and strong as he was this night.

Mother, Father, look down from your favored place on my  
wall, tell me his way will be paved with profound lessons, that he  
may grow in a war weary world, a leader where the battles, wiser  
battles, are waged on sickness and the social indignities of  
poverty and the lack of education which provides the tools of  
progress.

If you can from your place around me (I have always felt you  
near, omnipotent, protective wise), give him your gifts as you  
tried to give them to me. Give him awareness, wisdom strength  
and compassion. We, your child, your grandchildren and the vast  
number of your great grandchildren worship who you were and  
what you have done in your lives.

I greet you now, knowing you are here to welcome this new  
child of your dynasty, your fifteenth great grandchild.

And I rejoice with you. My heart is filled with thoughts of you  
as it ever is. God bless your hand at my back - for I know it is  
never far, nor is the whisper in my ear, nor the sense that I have  
never been alone.

Your daughter, Janice, on a special night. November 11, 2002

# 3rd Engineer's Dinner - AZ - 03

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Engineers (Men)

left to right---

**Short Back Row:** Billy Johnson, David Murray, and Dan Rickert

**Second Row:** Hugh Lee Carpenter, Paul Balchitis, JT Monscvitz, Chuck Neverovich, Don Finney, Gene Greenwalt, Don Roth, Eli Hosteller and Charles Costa

**Front Row:** LTX Retired Hubert Carpenter, Enrique Pino, Don Lloyd, Bob Kodama, Art Reddish, Billy Boyden, Sr. and Glen Colegate.



## Ladies of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Engineers

left to right---

**Back Row:** Dorothy Lloyd, Lorraine Boyden, Darlene Balchitis, Dee Finney, Helen Greenwalt, Beverly Rickert, Aurora Pino, Clara Monscvitz, Rosalie Murray and Mary Roth

**Front:** Minie Johnson, Evelyn Seebo, Wilma Hunt, Carolyn Reddish, and Bernice Colegate.



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## News of The Weird

Expert victimologist estimate that 91.2 percent of people in North America and Europe now qualify as victims, at least in their own minds. This is because hurt feelings keep spreading and "society" keeps grinding us down. As the everyone's-a-victim movement continues to gain momentum, here are some notable victims of 2003.

Male witches have been marginalized by society, according to the book "Male Witches in Early Modern Europe." Though witchcraft is commonly viewed as a female activity, males accounted for more than a quarter of the 60,000 people executed for witchcraft in Europe, according to authors Lara Apps and Andrew Gov.

Two student groups wanted to sponsor a pig roast at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in North Adams. School authorities said no because the event might offend vegetarians, The Berkshire Eagle reported.

Andrew Burnett got so angry at a female driver who tapped the bumper of his car in heavy traffic that he reached into her car, picked up her small dog and hurled it into traffic. The dog died, and Burnett was convicted of cruel killing of an animal. On appeal, Burnett argued that the death was really the dog's fault, since the animal had safely reached the other side of the road and should have stayed there.

Instead, the dog tried to make it back to its owner and was run over. Burnett's conviction was upheld.

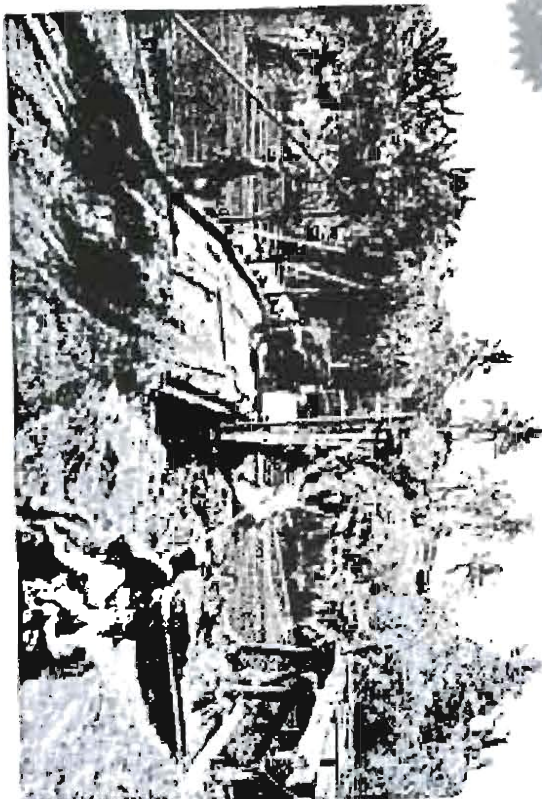
People with tattoos are often unfairly stereotyped, making it hard for them to get ahead at work, said Rep. Lois Capps, a California Democrat. She was trying to wheedle \$50,000 in federal funds for the Liberty Tattoo Removal Program of San Luis Obispo County. She got the money.

To avoid victimizing American Indians, costumes were forbidden at a school Thanksgiving pageant in Skokie, Ill., because the cardboard headdresses to be worn by children portraying Indians contributed to a stereotype. So the celebration of Pilgrims meeting Indians was conducted in whatever clothes the students were wearing that day.

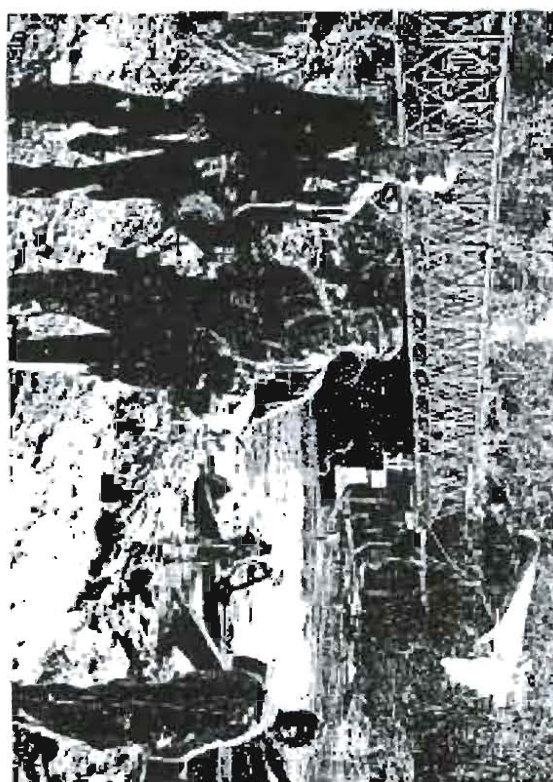
A high school student in Trento, Italy, faced with the prospect of having to repeat junior year because she failed math, hired a lawyer who argued that she was suffering from "irreversible psychological pathology," or math phobia. A regional court ruled that the condition made it impossible for her to study or master math and allowed the school to move her directly into senior year.

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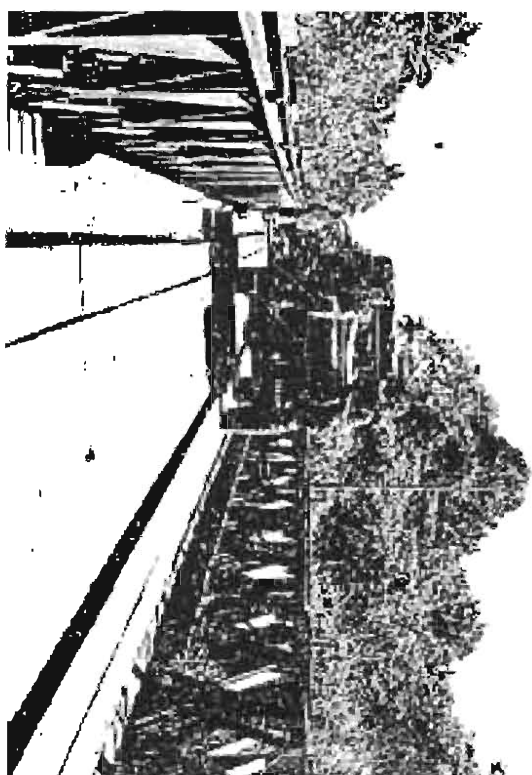
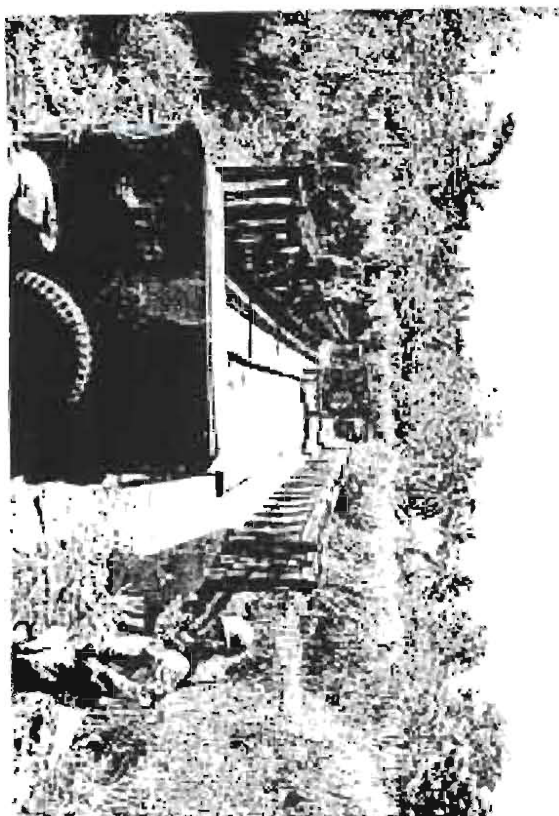
## Have you paid your dues?



Ponton Bridge built by 3rd ENG



Bartow Tomblin - G-2 Section  
Captain Stewart OB Team



114th PI Team

Photos Submitted by: Vince Rybel – From the collection of James Mims, Midland TX. He was with the 114 Photo Interpretation Team that was part of G2 in DIV HQ. – These were taken during the Mindanao campaign.

The following is from the November 2003 edition of "The California Veteran" issued by the California Department of the VFW:

## Facts About The Fire At The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC)

The July 12, 1973 fire at the NPRC destroyed about 80% of the records for the Army personnel discharged between November 1, 1912 and January 1, 1960, and about 75% of the records for Air Force personnel with surnames from "Hubbard" through "Z" that were discharged between September 25, 1947 and January 1, 1964.

A listing of all the records lost in the fire cannot be completed. When a record is not in NPRC's files at the present time and it would have been in the area that suffered the most damage in the fire, center employees often cannot determine for certain whether or not a record was burned because there were no indices to the blocks of records involved. The records were only filed in alphabetical order in three major blocks and millions of records (especially medical records) had been withdrawn from all three blocks and lent to the Veteran's Administration prior to the fire.

The three major blocks are:

- 1) World War I - November 1, 1912 through September 7, 1939
- 2) World War II - September 8, 1939 through December 31, 1946
- 3) Post World War II - (Army) January 1, 1947 through December 31, 1959 and (Air Force) September 25, 1947 through December 31, 1963.

If a veteran who inquires about his/her record is advised that it was probably lost in the fire, he/she may send the Center photocopies of any documents that he/she may have in his/her possession, particularly separation documents. Any records sent to the Center will be added to the computerized index and filed for permanent retention.

In the event the veteran has no records in his/her possession, the essential military service data is available from a number of alternative sources. The Veterans Administration, for example, maintains records on veterans whose military records were affected by the fire if the veteran or his/her family filed a claim prior to July 1973. Other sources of service information include various kinds of "organizational" records such as morning reports, payrolls, and military orders at this Center. There is also a great deal of information available in the records of State Adjutants General and other state "veterans service" offices. By using the alternate sources of information which are available at this Center, NPRC employees can often reconstruct the veteran's beginning and ending dates of active service, the character of service, rank while in service, time lost while on active duty, and periods of hospitalization. Usually this Center is able to issue NA Form 13038, Certification of Military Service, which is considered the equivalent of a DD Form 214, Report of Separation from Active Duty, for the purpose of establishing eligibility for veteran's benefits.

Of Course the key to reconstructing military data is to get enough specific information from the veteran to allow our Center personnel to search the available alternate sources. The information normally required is 1) full name used during service, 2) branch of service, 3) approximate date of service, 4) service number, 5) place of discharge, 6) last unit of assignment, and 7) place of entry into service.

For more information you can call the NPRC at 314-801-0800 or email them at [MPR.Center@nara.gov](mailto:MPR.Center@nara.gov). Please note that the email address can only be used to obtain information on the proper method of submitting written requests, you cannot gain access to information from military personnel records just by emailing.

That's it. I would stress this last sentence. I understand there is another way of getting information by Email through ARCHIVES, but I do not have the address.

*Submitted By ~ JJ McKeon*

### DID YOU SERVE IN THE MILITARY WHILE UNDERAGE?

The Veteran of Underage Military Service (VUMS), founded in 1991, is seeking members. If you served in the Armed Forces of the United States before your 17<sup>th</sup> birthday, or in the World War II Merchant Marines before your 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, please contact Robert G. Thorpe, 6616 Buss Road, Clinton, WI 53525, 1-608-676-4925 or call toll-free 1-888-653-8867. Information is also available on the VUMS web site [www.oldvums.com](http://www.oldvums.com).



## VA seeks former POWs for benefits

Thursday, September 25, 2003 <sup>THE</sup> FRONTLINE 13A

VA Press Release

Special to The Frontline

WASHINGTON - The Department of Veterans Affairs is asking former prisoners of war not currently using VA benefits to contact VA to find out if they may be eligible for disability compensation and other services.

More than 23,000 former prisoners of war already receive compensation from VA.

This year, the department mailed information about benefits to another 4,700 known ex-POWs not on its rolls.

However, VA estimates there could be as many as 11,000 more POWs for whom it does not have an address.

Today, on National POW-MIA Recognition Day, VA is asking former POWs not receiving benefits who did not receive a VA letter recently to call the department at 1800-827-1000.

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi said VA has expanded policies to cover increasing numbers of former POWs as new illnesses have been found related to captivity.

The administration currently is pressing to get even more compensation and medical care benefits for former POWs.

"These veterans sacrificed for their country in time of war, and it's the nation's turn to serve them, to help them determine if they are entitled to compensation, health care or other services," Principi said.

Nine out of ten former POWs are veterans of World War II, and their service predates the use of Social Security numbers as a military "service number."

That, coupled with the decades that have elapsed since their service, makes it difficult for - VA to track down those who have not opened a file with VA in recent years.

"On this POW-MIA Recognition Day, VA is asking veterans and all Americans who know of a former POW to help spread the word that benefits and services may be just a phone call away," Principi said.

The most recent expansion of VA benefits for former POWs was a July regulation that added cirrhosis of the liver to the list of diseases to which entitlement to disability compensation is presumed in former POWs.

Similar policies making it easier for former POWs to obtain compensation have been enacted for POWs detained for 30 days or more who develop specific illnesses.

Former POWs have a special eligibility for enrollment in VA medical care and are exempt from making co-payments for inpatient and outpatient medical care.

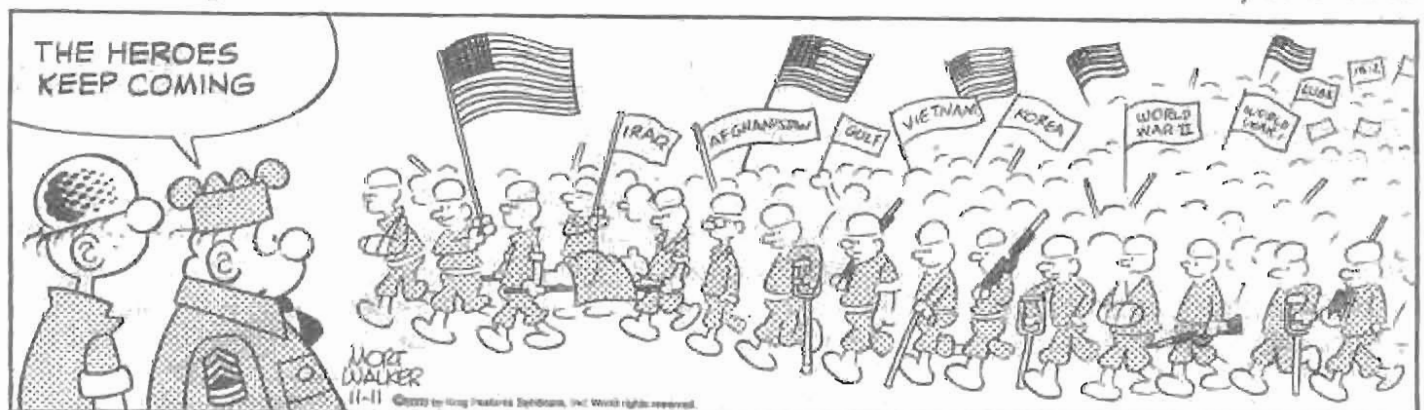
They have the same co-pay rules as other veterans for medications and for extended care.

Free dental treatment for any dental condition is available to former POWs held for more than 90 days.

More information about VA services for former POWs is available at [www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Benefits/POW](http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Benefits/POW).

### Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



# 19th Infantry Regiment



19th Infantry  
Regiment

*The following is a brief article as written by "Shorty" Estabrook, as pertains to his memories of Occupation Duty in Japan and the first few days of Korea. "Shorty" is Wilbert R. Estabrook and at the time the 19th Infantry deployment from Japan to Korea he was serving as a Corporal in B Company. He was captured on 16 July 1950 in the vicinity of the Kum River and remained a POW in North Korea until 29 August 1953. The "Jim" he refers to in this article is James F. Hill, at the time a Lieutenant in the 1st Battalion Headquarters of the 19th, and a Past President of the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association.*

Oh that was so long ago.....I am Shorty Estabrook formerly of B Company 19th Infantry Regiment of the 24th Infantry Division stationed at Beppu Japan.

I arrived in B Company in June 1948 and was still assigned there when I was captured on 16 July 1950 near the Kum River in South Korea. Jim was there as well except he didn't get captured.

I worked with the automatic weapons, repair etc. I was called the arms artisifer and also worked in the supply room and I knew Jim. We didn't run together but I did know him.

Japan, in those days, was a very easy way of life...if you get my meaning. We did very little training and Beppu was ideal. It was a resort with sulphur springs and hot mineral water baths everywhere. Every home that I ever went into had continuous hot water from the nearby mountain. It was semi tropical and just beautiful. There was a mountain called Monkey Mountain just covered with monkeys. Not many of us wanted to leave this paradise and many had reenlisted to stay there.

Then the Korean War came up and away we went, ill prepared and equipt to fight. The North Koreans that attack us were combat seasoned men from the Second World War and the fighting in China. We immediately had a problem with the ammo and had nothing to stop the Russian T-34 tanks. It became a slaughter.

I was detailed to Battalion HQs as security guard and was away from B Company when the North Koreans hit us. If I had been with the company I would not have been captured. At Battalion no one knew what to do and soon we were running down the road toward the South.

I remember that D Company who had 30 caliber machine guns mounted on jeeps started firing across the river and they were shooting at B Company. I yelled up a storm. Anyway B Company was on the far side of the river and did much better than those of us on the other side. We were chopped up like hamburger and I got hit in the left leg. I started going in the direction of B Company as I wanted to be with people I knew. Anyway I didn't make it.

38 months later I was freed and now live in California. I had a hard time adjusting and by all accounts I should already be dead but life has by and large been good to me. No complaints. Each day I see the sun I am thankful for one more bonus day.

Best Regards and I am sorry I don't have more to share with you.

Love, Peace and Freedom

Shorty the Tiger

## MAY I CUT IN?

H. GORDON BEHREL writes from 843 Maple, Downers Grove IL:  
"Overheard at Chickamauga in 1865. What's the difference between a fort and a fortress?

Answer - One has breastwork!

"You may have heard this story before. Five years ago, while playing golf on the Island of Kauai - 90 miles NW of Schofield - we were paired up with a couple. I asked the gentleman when was the first time he was in Hawaii. He said '1943-Shofield.' I asked what Division? '24th Reg. 19th Bn. 2nd.' I said, Where were you Oct. 20th 1944? He looked at me quizzically as though I was daft and then after a pause - he said 'Red Beach - Leyte.' You and I were just yards apart. I was Hq.Co. 1st Bn.19th. We have been playing golf on Kauai every year since. He is PRESTON J. BAILEY and lovely wife, Irene, of 8024 Winchester Way, Wilsonville OR 97070. I am not sure if the enclosed photo is a bivouac or just getting out of a sand trap. Bailey on the right.



By ROBERT BENNYHOFF  
WITH THE 24th DIV. (UP)

-Lt. Gen. Walton H. Walker, commanding general Eighth Army declared Thursday "our days of purgatory here have ended and we will pass-to the offensive in the near future."

He declined to elaborate on what he meant by "near future" but said that he meant that day was "???? future."

HE MADE the statement in an address to 24th Division troops only 24 hours after giving similar assurances to the 1st Cavalry and 25th Division soldiers.

I asked him what he thought of the Reds' present position around the United Nations perimeter.

"They are softening without a doubt," Walker said. "If they were not afraid of something, they still have enough to make it damned uncomfortable for us."

Walker again declined to elaborate.

HE PRAISED men of the 24th Division highly and said "they have been through more hell than anyone over here."

Walker said when the time comes for the Americans to take the offensive he hopes the 24th Division will be the first outfit to reenter Seoul.

THE 24TH WAS the first American division to reach Korea when war broke out less than three months ago, and took the brunt of the fighting alone until help, arrived two weeks later.

Its officers and men have always hoped, for this reason, that when the United Nations offensive finally begins they would enjoy the pleasure of being the first Americans to travel back over roads they - sold so dearly, to the Communist army.

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**BREAK FROM THE BATTLE** - GIs take a break from front line fighting prior to their unit's being relieved near Yongsan-Myon, Korea. They are (left to right): Cpl. Clifton Burnside, Princeton, TX; PFC Alonzo Romans, Refugio, TX; PFC William Quigley, Mapleville, R.I.; PFC Luis Menoz, Laredo, TX and PFC William R. English, Wallace, NC (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. Guyette)

*Note: All items on the page Submitted By ~ Luis Menoz 19th INF. The text in the article above is from an unknown newspaper, the title lost to time.*

## LIFE Pays Tribute to 19th Regt

*Editor's Note: The editors of LIFE magazine have consented to this reprint from the magazine's editorial page of Feb. 5, 1951. The article appeared under the headline (A Card From Korea")*



The card was from Korea and it was late in arriving. On the outside was the regimental shield and identification pictured above. A simple legend inside conveyed "best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year-From the Officers and Men of the Nineteenth Infantry." In reply we cannot very well wish the officers and men of the 19th Regiment a happy 1951, for we know they are not going to have a happy year. Not a happy start of the year, anyhow. They are going to have more fighting and killing and dying for their country. And they are going to have it without much thanks from their country or notice in the press. Theirs is the kind of Regular Army outfit which gets the mean jobs, and little else besides. Just a so-so outfit with a Homespun sort of fellow (Colonel Bred Moore of Guthrie Center, Iowa) for a commander. The 19th has been getting mean jobs since the first week of the war, and not many of the men and officers who first went into battle are left now. No, there isn't much to say about or to the Regiment. Except this from the heart - "Thanks."



*Pictures Submitted By ~ Chester Bator*

Chester served with the 19th INF Medical Detachment in Beppu, Kyushu Japan 1946 – 1947.

Chester writes...Sure would like to hear from any of them that have served with me in Japan.

Sincerely,

Chester Bator

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Chester Bator

ROCK



#### RED BEACH – LEYTE – 20 October 1944

This Signal Corps photo shows a dramatic incident in the history of the 24th ID – The assault on Leyte in which men of the Division played such a bloody and vital role. The men depicted are definitely identified as of the 19th INF.

(Photo and text from 1st Taro Leaf – Submitted by ~ Eric Deller)

**WHIRLY-BIRD MANEUVERS-**  
Nearly 500 24th Div. Soldiers protected an airstrip one mile south of the Demilitarized Zone in Korea from guerilla activity in a simulated night maneuver. Troops and weapons were carried to the "battle" area by helicopters in the largest movement of infantry troops by helicopters in the history of night warfare. The movement was accomplished in 80 minutes.

(S&S Drawing by T/Sgt Doug LaBar)



### Copters Airlift 407 Infantrymen in Biggest Night Defense Maneuver

By PFC Bob Myers

HQ U.S. 24TH DIV., Korea,

Apr. 15 (S&S)-American soldiers last night threw up a perimeter defense around a forward airfield after participating in history's largest night movement of infantry troops by helicopters.

Four hundred and seven battle-equipped Yanks from two reinforced companies of the 1st Bn., 19th Inf. Regt., fanned out from the 'airstrip' after they were dropped into the "besieged" area by H-19 choppers.

Designed to test effectiveness of transporting troops by helicopter the exercise was staged under simulated combat conditions. Every man carried the authorized battle allotment of weapons and ammunition. Two 75 mm recoilless rifles and two 30-caliber light machine guns supplemented each company's weapon strength.

The operation security maneuver was based on the theory that an enemy force had crossed the Demilitarized Zone one mile north of the airfield and was harassing the strip with guerrilla activity. The two companies were dispatched to the area by helicopter because transportation by truck was "too risky."

The soldiers bounded from the choppers regrouped and marched down a road running along side the airstrip to a road junction where they set up a defense. Then they moved out to an assembly area west of the airfield where they were picked up by trucks and driven to their companies.

The entire movement of the troops from the 24th Div. CP accomplished in one hour and twenty minutes. Twenty-five copters of the 45th Trans. Helicopter En. flew 83 sorties in transporting the ground forces to the scene of the "battle." The first flight left the CP at 9 p.m. and the last man was dropped at the strip at 10:20.

#### 1200 Pound Packets

The troops were broken into 1200 pound packets for the flight to the airstrip. Each packet included six riflemen and their equipment or a recoilless rifle or machine gun and its crew. At the 1200 pound a load standard, the choppers transported some 98,400 pounds of men and equipment during the exercise.

"The way the helicopters were landing and taking off, it looked like a gigantic merry-go-round," one observer at the landing field said. The ground maneuver, was under the direction of Lt. Col. John J. Short, commander of the 1st Bn.

Submitted by ~ J. Lemanczyk – 19th

Avagen 3

26261 Angelholm Sweden

My Great-Uncle Marshal Sageser, 1st Lt. And the XO of Baker Company participated in this operation. It is from him I got these clippings.

Thanks, Jim Lemanczyk – 19th

Late in WWII, General Douglas MacArthur visited the 24 ID on Mindanao after the very successful campaign there. These photos were taken by my Dad's CO, Captain John Miller, Division G2, Headquarters Company, Photo Interpretation Team 114.

# Memories of WWII



MacArthur and his team walk across a pier after a Navy landing craft drops them off. Notice the official photographers recording the event. MacArthur appears to be far left leading the group.



General MacArthur & his team walking inland past waiting 24 ID troops. Notice soldier standing on hood of truck with binoculars for a closer look. The General appears to be second from the right.



MacArthur getting into a jeep for transport to 24 ID HQ.

*Photo's & Commentary submitted by – Vince Rybel  
Vince would be interested in hearing from  
anyone who remembers this event.*

# 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment



Date: June/July, 1945

Place: Davao River, Mindanao, P.I.

Situation: platoon of "L" Company, 21st Regt. preparing for river crossing and over-night reconnaissance

"Duty"

21st Infantry Regiment

About ten minutes after these pictures were taken, the Japanese opened fire from the high cliffs on the other bank, killing five and wounding five, including Capt. Nelson, CO of Company "L". That was Nelson, the man kneeling and facing the camera, and whose first name I cannot recall. I would like so very much to learn his full name so I can search and locate him, furnishing him this picture.

Left to Right: An unidentified member of "L" Company; Art Stimson, (S-2 Q S-3, 3d. Bn.); "Willie" (?) (Communication Officer, 3d Bn); Francis Dice, &U, 3d Bn.); Nelson, (CO, "L" Co.); (weapons platoon leader, "L" Co.); unidentified

Firing rifle grenade without pulling its pin, just using it to lead and lobe a field telephone wire/line across so that then a Manila hemp rope could be attached and strung across to help steady those to ford the river.

Left to Right: Lt. \_\_\_\_\_ Platoon Leader "L" Co., 21st Reg.; Maj. Francis R. Dice, C.O. 3rd BN, 21st.; Unidentified "L" Co. men.

*Photos (Above & Right) with Comments:  
Submitted By ~ Art Stimson, 21st*



HEADQUARTERS 21ST INFANTRY  
Office of the Regimental Commander

APO # 24  
29 June 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Officers and Enlisted Men of the 21st Infantry.

On the 19th June 1945, the 21st Infantry was withdrawn from combat and moved to a reserve area. The 18th June 1945 marked the sixty third (63) day of continuous combat against a stubborn and well trained enemy.

During practically the entire period this regiment was attacking. Fighting in terrain which favored the enemy in defense and in hemp and cogan grass where the heat of day was radiated to an unbearable degree, you never once failed to take an assigned objective.

The 21st Infantry counted 2133 Japanese dead and captured 11 prisoners. The total for the 24th Division was 5149 enemy casualties. This regiment, therefore, accounted for 42% of the division total.

It is difficult for me to find words to express to you the admiration and respect in which I hold you. You and your dead comrades, and those of you who were wounded in action, have kindled in me an intense pride in commanding such an organization.

W. J. VERBECK  
Colonel, 21st Infantry,  
Commanding.

This letter may be mailed after 20 July 1945.



*Letter of Commendation Submitted By ~  
Cody McMilliam - Grandson of our Jessie  
Loyd McMilliam of WWII*

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH ARMY  
United States Army  
Office of the Commanding General  
APO 343

GENERAL ORDER 5  
NUMBER 41

27 April 1946

Unit Citation

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9396 (See I, Bulletin 22, WD, 1943), superseding Executive Order No. 9075 (See III, Bulletin 11, WD, 1942), and Section IV, Circular No. 333, War Department, 1943, the following unit is cited by the Commanding General, Eighth Army:

The 21ST INFANTRY REGIMENT is cited for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy from 6 to 16 November 1944, and from 1 May to 19 June 1945, on Leyte and Mindanao Islands. On 6 November 1944, the Regiment launched the first of a relentless series of attacks against Breakneck Ridge, key to the enemy defense system at the head of the Ormoc Corridor. Despite almost constant rain, the enemy's thorough exploitation of nearly perfect defensive terrain, meagre and uncertain supply, and dwindling reserves of manpower as compared with the enemy's constant reinforcement, the 21ST INFANTRY took the offensive and held it against a veteran enemy force. By frontal attack and envelopment, the 21ST maintained such pressure against a numerically superior enemy, that in twelve days it advanced 2000 yards and seized complete control of the dominating high ground. The Regiment counted a total of 1,779 enemy dead, an irreparable blow to one of the Japanese Empire's finest divisions. This bitter and sustained struggle broke the enemy hold on the northern end of the Ormoc Valley and paved the way for the subsequent capture of Lison and the ultimate neutralization of the entire island. So severe had been the fighting that every third front-line soldier was either killed or wounded. Seven rifle company commanders fell. The Regiment then aided, after a short rest, in the annihilation of the enemy on Mindoro, Marinduque, Lubang, and Luzon. It struck Mindanao on 17 April as an assault unit of the 24th Division, seized the Malabang Airstrip and the key river port of Cotabato, and took part in the Division's lightning drive across the island. On 1 May, commencing at Bago, 140 miles from its starting point, the Regiment attacked a force estimated to be 4,500 Japanese troops concentrated in the zone of action of the Regiment west of Davao River. For fifty-one heat-ridden days, with thick abaca fields channelizing its attacks, but permitting strong infiltration against its flanks and rear, the 21ST continued the relentless assault. After fourteen days, due to heavy battle casualties and a large number of heat prostrations, it was able to commit only 54% of its original strength, but it never relaxed pressure.

GO No. 41 Hq Eighth Army, 27 April 1946. (Cont'd)

Without losing momentum, it absorbed 685 replacements. By 18 June the Regiment had advanced twelve miles, taken the finest airfield on Davao Gulf, and counted 2,133 enemy dead in its zone of action, disorganizing and scattering the remainder and destroying or capturing all of their organic equipment. In addition to its 972 battle casualties, the attrition of severe heat and difficult had forced hospitalization of 1,411 other officers and men. During the grueling period every assigned objective was taken. The fierce fighting spirit of the Regiment communicated itself to every man, old and new alike, and morale remained extremely high. These actions of the 21ST INFANTRY REGIMENT reflect the finest traditions of the United States Army and will stand as a bright page in the nation's military history.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL RICHARD BIRCHALL:

OFFICIAL:

CLOVIS E. BYRFS  
Major General, GSC  
Chief of Staff

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Colonel, AGO  
Adjutant General

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Unit Citation Submitted By ~ Cody McMillian,

Grandson of Jessie Loyd McMillian of WWII

More Late Night Saddam Hussein Quips ~

"When they caught Saddam Hussein, he had more than \$750,000 dollars. When he heard this, President Bush immediately invited Saddam to a fundraising dinner"

- Conan O'Brien

"Saddam's daughter defended him, saying the US must have drugged or gassed him. Otherwise, he never would have surrendered. Let me tell you something, the guy was living on hot dogs, Spam and Mars bars, and living in a tiny hole. I think he gassed himself."

- Jay Leno

"When they found Saddam he had 750,000 in cash, a pistol and two AK-47's. They now believe he was trying to start a new career as a rap star."

- Jay Leno

Let's have the Reunion in YOUR city!

# 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment



## RECOLLECTIONS OF BUNA BEACH

CHARLIE CARD, JUNE 30, 2003

It was early June of 1944. I was awaiting assignment at a replacement depot near Buna, New Guinea. When "off-duty" time permitted, we would "play native", just like those pictures of natives who would swim out to meet incoming ships, then dive for the goodies tossed in the sea by the ship's passengers.

Having access to a stretch of that made famous "BUNA BEACH", from which the first pictures of dead G.I.s of WW2 were featured in LIFE MAGAZINE, we would search for those wooden telephone pole sized cargo stabilizers. Then paddling astride them, much like riding a huge railroad tie, we would head for newly arrived troop transport ships which were lying at anchor in the bay.

We would yell to the fresh-from-the-states men aboard those ships to toss us fresh fruit, such as oranges and apples, which they usually had, or other goodies. Then we would stand on our floating wood and, like the natives, dive into the sea and recover the "prize". We would gather our "catch", put it on the huge beam, then paddle back to shore for our feast.

Fortunately, we never encountered sharks nor experienced any negative effects of any kind during these excursions, but enjoyed the swim and the goodies. Also, along the beach, we would gather beautiful "Cat-Eye" shells and other highly polished colorful shells. We would create necklaces, bracelets and other jewelry items from the shells and trade them for cigarettes and other goodies from those same newly arrived troops.

As noted above, Buna Beach was the site of the bloodiest of beach landings, just a few months prior to our being there. There were still sunken landing craft, armored vehicles and other beachhead military debris throughout the beach and beyond. The contrast from that invasion day to the time of our adventures was thought provoking for us. First, an island paradise beach, then to a crashing, crushing, cursing collision of men, machines and madness as deafening shells burst apart bodies and silenced the lives and minds of so many young men...and then to a warm, tropical breeze swept..

SILENT MEMORIAL...to those who made the pages of LIFE by their sacrificing of life....So that we could dive for oranges...

Remembering Buna Beach this Independence Day 2003...

CHARLIE CARD, CO. B 34TH  
NEW GUINEA/PHILIPPINES, '44 AND '45



CHARLIE CARD  
MINDINAO SPRING '45  
TEMPORARY REST FROM  
COMBAT AFTER REACHING  
EAST COAST NEAR DAVAO

## REMEMBERING FRANK FALBO

DURING A RECENT VISIT WITH JANE FALBO, FRANK'S WIDOW, WE REVIEWED THE FOLLOWING, CONCERNING THIS WINNER OF TWO SILVER STAR MEDALS, TWO PURPLE HEARTS AND A PRESIDENTIAL CITATION. FRANK PASSED AWAY AUGUST 29, 2002.

FRANK FALBO WAS THRUST INTO A LEADERSHIP ROLE WHICH WAS AS DEMANDING AND CRITICAL AS ANY IN THE 24TH'S HISTORY...AND AT AN AGE WHEN HE COULD HAVE BEEN ENJOYING THE LESS STRESSFUL "BECOMING YEARS" JUST BEYOND TEENAGE. AS HIS TWO SONS, HIS FIVE GRANDCHILDREN AND HIS GREAT GRANDCHILDREN MIGHT REFLECT ON THEIR OWN LIVES IN THOSE LATE TEENS AND EARLY TWENTIES, IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO EXPERIENCE THE CHALLENGES AND DANGERS WHICH FRANK VERY SUCCESSFULLY MET.

I CAN SEE FRANK'S GLISTENING FACE...PERSPIRATION FROM HEAT AND EMOTION OR FROM THE EVER-PRESENT RAIN...DRIPPING FROM HIS FACE TO HIS MUD COVERED WET CLOTHES...BARKING OUT THE PRECISE PLACEMENT FOR THOSE WATER-COOLED 30 CALIBER HEAVY MACHINE GUNS, JUST AS IF IT WAS YESTERDAY...HE WOULD SURVEY THE "FIELD OF FIRE", TO BE CERTAIN TO AVOID THE DENSEST OF JUNGLE GROWTH AND YET COVER AS COMPLETELY AS POSSIBLE THE MOST LIKELY PATH THE JAPS WOULD USE TO APPROACH US...WE DUG FOXHOLES IN A LARGE CIRCLE...THE MOST PROBABLE POINT OF ENEMY ATTACK WAS CHOSEN TO LOCATE FRANK'S "HEAVIES"...AND HOW THE RESPECT AND HIGH REGARD FOR FRANK EMANATED FROM THE GUYS FOR WHOSE LIVES FRANK WAS RESPONSIBLE.

WHILE THE PHYSICAL BURDEN WAS FAR BEYOND THE LEVEL MOST OF US WOULD HAVE EXPERIENCED WITHOUT THE WAR...THE MISSION'S TAXATION OF OUR PSYCHOLOGICAL/EMOTIONAL RESOURCES WERE BEYOND REASON...YET FRANK AND HIS MEN WOULD SHOULDER THOSE AWKWARD TO HANDLE HEAVY PIECES PLUS REALLY HEAVY AMMO...AND FACE THE DANGER, THE EXTREME STRESSES OF COMBAT...AND MORE THAN SURVIVE...WOULD ADVANCE OUR NATION'S ROAD TO VICTORY. WE LIVED DAY-TO-DAY IN OUR LITTLE WORLD...NOT KNOWING THE DESTINY SOME REAR ECHELON PLANNER WAS DEFINING FOR US...NOT KNOWING WHAT WAS FIVE MINUTES AHEAD OF US...AND DID THIS FAR FROM OUR HOMES AND LOVED ONES FOR OVER THREE YEARS...FRANK'S DESCENDANTS MUST ALWAYS THINK UPON FRANK'S SUCCESSES, AND BE THANKFUL THAT FRANK'S INSISTENCE ON DOING "THE RIGHT THINGS RIGHT"...RESULTED IN THEIR BIRTH AND BEING.

REMEMBERING FRANK FALBO, A GREAT AND BRAVE HUMAN BEING AND SOLDIER...CHARLIE CARD...B-34TH-24TH DIVISION.10/21/03



"But, Frank, how can I see  
some things in the distance?  
Unless I am looking from  
at length?"



*Sesebo, Japan*

*Photo & Commentary Submitted by ~ Rodney Johnson – 34th REG.*

Don't know when this was taken. My guess is during the early 40's wartime. I acquired the picture in 1947. The center arrow—U.S. Navy Base & Still is. Upper Right – That Huge building crane was still there in 2000. Lower Right Arrow – “Service Company” & 3 story building. I've forgotten which company barracks burned on Easter. I remember the men were all out on maneuvers. ~ Rod Johnson 34th REG.

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Taken about May 1947 – Camp Mower  
Notice the Dike and Parade field beyond the buildings.  
Notice the concrete pens – Lower Corner.  
~Rodney Johnson – 34th REG.

Alex Poland – 34th REG  
Taken Way Back When



Alex Back Row 2<sup>nd</sup> from Left



Alex on Right



*Photos Submitted By – Alex Poland – 34th REG*

HEADQUARTERS SIXTH ARMY  
Office of the Commanding General  
APO 442

AG 201.22

10 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 34th Infantry Regiment, APO 321.

THRU : Commanding General, XI Corps, APO 471.

1. Upon the release of the 34th Infantry Regiment from the Sixth Army, I desire to express to you and to the officers and men of the regiment my personal appreciation and official commendation for the very effective manner in which the regiment carried out its assignments in the Luzon campaign.

2. Fighting with skill, courage and great gallantry over the difficult terrain of historic Bataan, Zanbales and in Corregidor, the 34th Infantry Regiment has added greatly to its already fine combat record and contributed materially to the success of the operations of Sixth Army. As the regiment leaves my command, I wish to each of its members Godspeed and good luck.

/s/ Walter Krueger  
/t/ WALTER KRUEGER  
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army,  
Commanding.

AG 201.2 (10 Mar 45) C

1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS XI CORPS, APO 471, 16 March 1945.

To: Commanding Officer, 34th Infantry Regiment, APO 321.

1. It is with sincere pleasure that I transmit this commendation.

2. I concur in all the very commendation has said and add thereto my own appreciation and praise to you and every member of your command, for the accomplishment in a superior manner, of a most difficult mission.

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

A TRUE COPY:

*Harry P. Grubb*  
HARRY P. GRUBB  
1st Lt, 34th Infantry,  
Adjutant.

AG 330.13 (D) (9 Mar 45) 1st Ind.  
HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH ARMY, APO 343, 16 March 1945.

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

It is a pleasure to add my gratification and appreciation to this recognition of the excellent performance of duty by the personnel of the 34th Regimental Combat Team.

/s/ Robt Eichelberger  
/t/ R. L. EICHELBERGER,  
Lieutenant General, United States Army,  
Commanding.

AG 201.22

2d Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION, APO 24, 25 March 1945.

To: Commanding Officer, 34th Infantry Regiment, APO 24.

1. I forward this commendation on your excellent performance of duty with a feeling of deep personal pride.

2. Desire that you inform all officers and men of your organization of this commendation.

/s/ R. B. Woodruff  
/t/ R. B. WOODRUFF,  
Major General, U. S. Army,  
Commanding.

3d Ind.

HEADQUARTERS 34TH INFANTRY, APO #24, 28 March 1945.

TO: All Members, 34th Infantry Regimental Combat Team.

1. This commendation by the Commanding General, XI Corps, makes me feel a greater pride than ever in our combat team.

2. It is certain that there has never been a regimental combat team in which the spirit of cooperation of the various units was better than that which exists in ours.

3. I want to take this opportunity of expressing to the officers and enlisted men of all units of the 34th Infantry Combat Team my pride in your accomplishments. Your loyalty, your devotion to duty and your determination to carry out completely and successfully any mission assigned to the combat team are well known to all.

4. Be sure that I appreciate most sincerely the fact that this splendid commendation is entirely due to the great contributions which each of you has made to the combat team.

*Colonel J. E. Jackson*  
Colonel, 34th Infantry,  
Commanding.

"...I'm sending you these true copies of commendations given to the members of the 34R.C.T. in 1945. I had them copied from the ones in my scrap book..." Submitted By ~ Wilfred T. Jackson 'Bill' ~ 34th REG, 526 W. B. St., Shelton, WA 98584-4145

# 5th Infantry Regiment

## Chaplain Waldie's Memorial Address

### MEN OF THE FIFTH INFANTRY REGIMENT:

We are gathered here today in order to honor the valiant men of the Fifth Regiment who, during the past four and a half months, have given their lives in the defense of their country. (104 KIA During the period).

These valiant men join the noble band of the Fifth's heroes. The story of all these men is the history of the Regiment in Korea. From the hour that the Fifth landed in Korea in order to spearhead the breakout from the precarious allied perimeter around Pusan in the grim days of August 1950, the valor of the men of the Fifth has been demonstrated; from Masan to Wogwan to Uijongbu in the victorious march to the Yalu River in November; in the disheartening withdrawal, back, mile after mile, down below the 38th parallel, down below the Han River in the bleak winter of 1950; then, undaunted and unwavering, up again across the Han, across the 38th to within sight of Kumhwa and the Iron Triangle; in the courageous stand against the enemy spring offensive despite the collapse of units on our flank, and the consequent encirclement of two infantry battalions and our supporting sure-fire SSS Field Artillery Battalion; undismayed, the Fifth sought out the enemy and when the second wave of the enemy offensive rolled forward, it crashed in vain upon the Fifth and was completely absorbed and contained, and yielded in one glorious day 1,268 frustrated prisoners of war. The men of the Fifth were outstanding in their advance, in the fall of 1951, to the limits of Kumsong, and in their active defense through the bitter winter months of this northernmost sector of the central front. In the past five months, in the "Punch Bowl" sector of the line, most of you, and these men whom we specially honor today, in a different kind of way, have demonstrated again the abiding valor of the Fifth; it's resourcefulness, it's calm, it's long suffering patience to endure without wavering, 138 continuous days in the face of the enemy.

Today we honor specially, the men who, during these last months, have sealed their valor with their lives.

The history of the Fifth in Korea is a glorious story. Glory enough, there is, to make everyone of us swell with justifiable pride at being members of the Combat Team. But, these men whom we honor, and all the heroes of the Fifth, and every one of you men of the Infantry, know the roots from which the victory grew and which made the glory deserved. They and you know the anxiety, the anguish, the agony, the weariness, the exhaustion, the bitter cold, the driving rain, the sleepless nights, the mile after mile of weary tramping over ridge after ridge, feeling out the enemy in his fortified positions, stalking his patrols in the black of night, enduring his untimely barrages. Who knows better than you who were with them, what those men have suffered in order that we might be safe.

Some of these men have been decorated for their valor. Many have not been. In a situation where heroic incidents are commonplace, it is inevitable that many a heroic deed go unobserved. You know these men. You know their courage, their willingness to take their share and do their share in times of danger.

From these men who have given their lives, from the experience of each one, you learn what patriotism is. Patriotism is not a matter of mere emotion. Patriotism is not always an easy thing; sometimes it takes all we have, even our lives. But Patriotism is a must, a duty, an honorable duty, a glorious duty, but glory arising from blood and sweat and tears. From these men who have been dutiful unto death let us learn. We are patriotic, not for power, or position, or promotion, or money or medals - - - but for love.

Today we honor these men. Today, tomorrow and everyday, in war and in peace, we must so live as to be worthy of these men who have given their lives.

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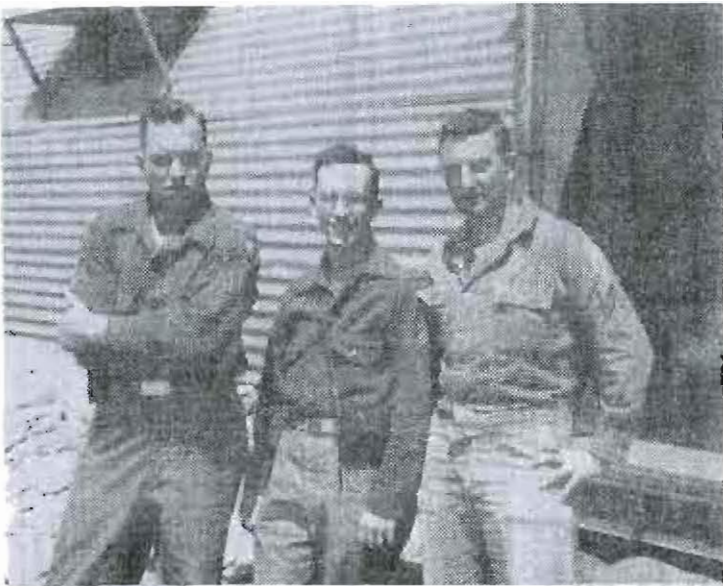
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Bob Otte (Soft Cap) & John Harvey (Helmet) with wounded GI (stomach wounds) being sent down the tram for helicopter evac. October 12-13, 1951.  
Otte: Strapping Copter to tram.  
Harvey: Checking wound tag.  
Tram operated by Co. "D", 3rd ENGR'S in support 5th R.C.T.

Father Tom Waldie Chaplin – 5th R.C.T. in front with the protestant Chaplin behind him. They were near top of tram and were going over to the next hill to meet wounded as they were returned to the M.L.R. from overrun outpost. October 12-13, 1951.  
5th R.C.T. hill 1073 overlooking Kumson Valley "Tram to the Stars" built & operated by Co. "D" 3rd COMB ENGR'S





**REUNION IN KOREA**—Three servicemen, all from Chelsea, got together for a reunion "somewhere in Korea" the week-end of April 25 and had the above picture taken. From left are Jack Wellnitz, Duane Hall and Jeromie Burg. Sgt. Burg, stationed at Chong Pyong, had a four-day pass and decided to look up Jack Wellnitz. He hitch-hiked 75 miles and eventually found Wellnitz on Saturday, April 24. They then telephoned Duane Hall, stationed 10 miles farther north, and he joined them for Sunday. Cpl. Wellnitz, whose wife and the 17-month-old son he has never seen, are staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott, has been overseas 18 months. He is chief switchboard operator for the 24th Division's 19th Infantry Regiment. He is expecting to sail for the U. S. early in June and is due for discharge in July. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wellnitz. Cpl. Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Hall, has been overseas one year. He is now a clerk in Battery B of the 26th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion. Before entering the service he was employed at Chelsea Drug. Sgt. Burg, also overseas since May, 1953, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Burg. Employed at Chelsea Drug before entering the service, he is now serving as pharmacist in the 542nd Medical Company.

Article with Photo – Submitted By ~ Duane Hall – 26th AAA  
Photo's on Right – Submitted By ~ Duane Hall – 26th AAA



"These pictures taken Winter 1953 at Tungsten Mine at Sangung Korea where Battery B 26th AAA was stationed to guard the Tungsten Mine. The rail cars were used to take the Tungsten from the mine."

~Duane L. Hall – 26th AAA

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Editor Taro Leaf.

Another photo for your collection and some tidbits of information. The photo was taken at Fort Bragg in the fall of 1946. My high school class of 72 students in Two Harbors, Minnesota had the nine of us enlisting that fall. Three of us in early September and 6 more a week later. We all met in training and had the photo taken. Three of us, Coson, Bislow and I stayed together for leave time, the other six joined us for a couple of days home and the three of us went to Stoneman, they joined us there for a couple of days, we three took the same ship to Japan, Repple Depple and all and onto the 24<sup>th</sup>. Two of us in headquarters and the third, Coson to the 19<sup>th</sup>. A week or so later the other six showed up at Beppu, also in the 19<sup>th</sup>. Nine of us from the same town and class, and together

Top line of the photo, left to right,

Robert Bislow, Burt Lamo, Phil Larson, Arnie Larson

Walter Coson, Neil Edstrom, Robert Nyquist, Donald "Tom" Anderson, David Norman Elander

All discharged at about the same time and home for Christmas of 47. Nyquist, Arnie Larson and myself, Anderson are the only three still alive. Thought I would get this out to you before there are none. Thanks for your time

Donald Thomas Anderson, 724<sup>th</sup> Ord "M" Company, Kokura, Japan back then

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*Tom Anderson*

## The Crew of the Half-Track Z-George 1951



Dec 20 2003

Mr. Ramon F. Cooper  
P.O. Box 548  
Lake Wales, FL 32157-0548

H: Billy,

JUST A WGC NOTE TO SAY HI & LET YOU KNOW JUST HOW MUCH I ENJOYED THE TWO PAGE SPREAD ON THE ZUS<sup>th</sup> AAA IN THE LAST ISSUE! I WAS WITH THE UNIT IN KOREA & JAPAN... 1951-52-53 & HAVE ATTENDED Z REUNIONS IN BRANSON MO. WITH SOME OF MY OLD PLATOON.

I STILL REMEMBER THANKSGIVING DAY, 1951, AS THE COLDEST DAY OF MY LIFE. WE STAYED IN POSITIONS ON LINE FOR 3 DAYS WITH NOTHING BUT SNOW & C RATIONS, & NOTHING WE COULD KEEB OUR GUAN SOI FROM FREEZING. BUT THAT WAS THEN, & THIS IS NOW.

ENCLOSING CIRCULAR FOR DONATION TO THE TROOP LINE FROM ZUS AAA

SAV HI TO "DON", A REAL GUNS GUY! WGC WISHES

*Donny T. Cowi*



**Cold - Cold - COLD!!**

## 6 May 1992

1. The fol OIC and FM, Btry D, 36th AAA AW Bn (CD), APO 24, MP o/a  
 2 May 52 from Camp Yoshimura, Japan to Katsuki AA Firing Range, Katsuki,  
 Chiba Prefecture, Honshu, Japan on TTY for approx ten (10) days in connection  
 with military activities (AA Practice Firing). Upon completion of TTY, CFC  
 and FM will return to proper station. TCM, TENGAA or Tvi by AM auth. 2 per  
 diem. (Auth: TCM, XVI Corps, per G-2 Matsun, G-1.)

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2. Col HM, Para 3, 16th AAA Av Bn (SP), APO 94, TP o/s 8 May 57 from Camp Yoshitani, Japan to Katakai AA Firing Range, Katakai, Shiga Prefecture, Honshu, Japan on TDY for approx ten (10) days in connection with military activities (AA Practice Firing). Upon completion of TDY, SP will return to proper station. TPN. TNGAA or Tel by RM such. No top view. (Auth: WOO). XLT Corps, per Col TNGAA, R-3.)

GRADE, NAME, SEX

CPL CURTIS H MURGESS, RAIP#06107  
CPL WILLIAM D DANCHEWY, RAIP#06107

4. So much of par 11, SO 56, this order, as, as pertaining to "C" - (E-X) JOHN J. JOHNSON, is deleted.

4. FIVE-2 (5-2) JOHN C JOHNSON, MATROL01192, MOS 1601, 04-1 (Gen), Comm  
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BY ONE OF THE LATEST V. VIMMERBEE

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Mark Newberry  
JAMES P. NEWBERRY  
1937 AFD  
Capt. Adjutant

BY TRIWITTON:  
A. J. E.



Photo & Orders for the 26th AAA – Submitted By ~ Williams Burns – 26th AAA

firing up the country side 1451

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

### Quartermaster, 24th IDA

Harry L. Wittman, Jr.

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Post a copy of this or any of our ads at your local Vets Clubhouse. Others may be interested in some of these items

Our Quartermaster, Harry Wittman -21st Inf., has been diagnosed with terminal liver cancer. Please send a card to him and Frances, or give them a phone call. To know someone cares means a lot.

-Billy

Harry and Frances Wittman Jr.

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## EXIT LAUGHING (or Crying)

Dear Abby:

My husband is a liar and a cheat. He has cheated on me from the beginning, and when I confront him, he denies everything. What's worse, everyone knows he cheats on me? It is so humiliating.

Also since he lost his job two years ago he hasn't even looked for a new one. All he does is sit around the living room in his underwear and watch TV, while I work to pay the bills.

Since our daughter went away to college he doesn't even pretend to like me. He keeps calling me a lesbian.

What should I do?

Signed. Clueless in New York

Dear Clueless:

Grow up and dump him. You're a United States Senator from New York. You've had your book published. You don't need him anymore!

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"If you can read this, thank a teacher..

Since you are reading it in English, thank a veteran"



### Something Fishy

Did you hear the one about the Cajun who was stopped by a game warden in Southern Louisiana? The Cajun had two ice chests of fish and was leaving a bayou well known for its fishing. The game warden asked to see a license.

"Naw, ma fren, I ain't got none of dem, no," the Cajun replied.

"Dese here are my pet fish."

"Pet fish?" the officer asked.

"Ya, dat's right," the Cajun said. He explained that every night he took his pet fish to the bayou and let them swim. Then, when he whistled, the fish would return and jump into the ice chest for the trip home.

The officer nearly split his sides laughing at the preposterous story.

"It's de truth," the Cajun protested. "I'll show you it really works."

The officer called the bluff. "Show me," he said.

The Cajun poured the fish into the bayou and stood and waited. After several minutes, the game warden turned to him and said, "Well?"

"Well, what?" said the Cajun.

"When are you going to call them back?" the officer snapped.

"Call who back?"

"The FISH, dummy."

"What fish?"



A blonde is sick of hearing all those blonde jokes, so she decides to dye her hair brown. To see if it works, she goes to a farm.

She asks the farmer, "If I can guess how many sheep you have, can I take one home?"

The farmer chuckles to himself, and then replies, "Sure, why not?"

The blonde pulls out a calculator and does a whole bunch of calculus and trig equations and comes up with a number. She says to the farmer, "There are 314 sheep out there."

The farmer looks at her with a shocked expression and says, "You're right! Go take your pick". The blonde takes a few minutes to pick a sheep, waves to the farmer, and leaves.

She's sitting at home the next day when she hears a knock on her front door.

She opens it and finds the farmer standing there, holding his hat. He says to her, "If I can guess your real hair color, can I have my dog back?"

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"In backwards countries children still obey their parents."



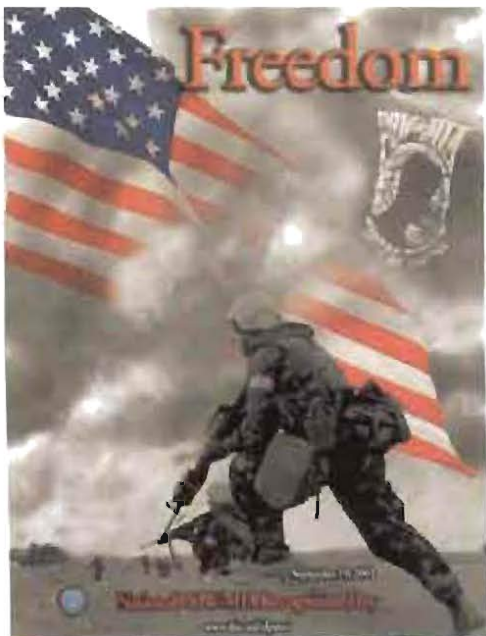
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