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This vintage cover first appeared on the Taro Leaf in 1952.



THOUGHTS BY THE PRESIDENT

October 17, 2006

As I start down this road in 2007 with the 24th INF. Assoc. I am thinking of many, many things, how young dumb and green I was in March 1951 when I reached Escom City Korea. At the repel depot 24th div. How in just a year I changed to just young and dumb. As all of you do I look back at year and remember all the good and all the bad. And as always good over comes bad. When my friends were wounded or killed I said but for the grace of god go I. All the hills and valley that were so bare and above all the mix match of soldiers in our company. We were blessed with about every nationality on this earth. And all of them good soldiers. Most were men who were drafted or U.S. and some of us were RA. Those who enlisted oh, the good natured hell we caught from the U.S. draftees. Some names I remember. John Hammer from N.J. Paul Borowski from Pittsburgh Pa. A Mexican American from L.A. named Chico, a Japanese American from San Jose CA named Frank, Gary Cook from PA. Troops from about every state in the Union. All of us with 1, no 2 things on our minds. Number 1 do our job stay alive and get back to our home in the USA. Number 2, all of you know what that was. I returned to Korea 50 years later my how it has changed Seoul now 3rd largest city in the world. Cities with buildings, people with smiles on their faces, and the thousands of cars (new cars) and cell phones. Every kid in Korea must have a cell phone. Those hills now have trees those valleys now have rice patties. All this because of you the American Solider. As I replied on the older more experienced troop who were in Korea before me, to keep me on the straight and narrow. I will rely on those past officers of the 24th Assoc. to do same.

SGT. Maj. Robert Newkirk for a wonderful job of organizing the 2006 program at Indianapolis . He is a great solider and leader. It's hard to imagine that he was at Schofield Barracks on Dec 7th 41.

Humor is good for soul and heart I'll try to find some for each letter I write.

A kindergarten teacher gave her class a "show and tell" assignment. Each student was instructed to bring in an object to share with the class that represented their religion.

The first student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is a Benjamin and I am Jewish and this is a Star of David."

The second student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Mary. I'm Catholic and this is a Rosary".

The third student got up in front of the class and said," My name is Tommy. And I am Methodist, and this is a casserole."

812-873-6548 or gspicer@seidata.com lines are always open give me a call or write me a line and if necessary I'll punch your T.S. card to make you happy again.

Gene Spicer

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Secretary / Treasurer's Report

New Members

Name	Regiment	Company / Battery / Troop	Notes
Ader, Robert P.	34th Inf	G	Recommended by: Ray Peterson
Arenson, Bruce	34th Inf		
Bates, John J.	19th Inf	A	Recommended by Wes Morrison (Germany)
Campbell, Steven L.	18th Inf		Desert Storm
Del Mastro, Douglas	3rd Eng	B	Recommended by Wes Morrison
England, David L.	34th Inf & 19th Inf	B	Started Life Membership
Frank, Frances M.	Assoc		Husband was Laurence 3rd Eng 42 - 45
Harper, Daniel E.	2nd / 9th Cav	A	Started Life Membership
Harper, Sean E.	24th Abn	A	Life Membership & Recommended by Dan Rickert
Hepler, George W.	24th Abn		Recommended by Wes Morrison
Jay, Mrs. Eileen T.	Assoc		Husband Douglas was Life Mbr-#1615
Lane, William D.	34th Inf & 19th Inf	Med & K	
Masarek, Jeffery S.	32nd Arm	A	Recommended by Wes Morrison
Massari, John A.	21st Inf	H & H	Sponsored by Michael Sacchitella
Slough, Donald F.	3rd Eng	C	Recommended by Dorothy A. Lloyd
Spero, John J.	34th Inf	D	Recommended by: Ray Peterson

New Lifetime Members

Name	Unit	Company / Battery / Troop	Life No.	Date
Golnick, Harold W.	13th FA	HQ	2165	1 Feb 07
Magana, Peter N.	26th AAA	D	2033	5 Feb 07
Secondo, Anthony S.	19th Inf	HQ	2174	26 Jan 07
Stanley, David L. MAJ-AUS (Ret)	19th Inf	H&H	2109	9 Jan 07

Donors

Name	Unit	Amount	Notes
Bradford, James F.	21st Inf	\$5.00	
Brice, Trinnie A.	52nd FA	\$10.00	
Clark, Raymond W.	3rd Eng	\$5.00	
Coles, Dewey	13th FA	\$5.00	
Creigsmile, Kenneth R.	34th Inf	\$30.00	
Evarts, Robert L.	19th Inf	\$5.00	Postage
Fields, Rue B.	21st Inf	\$10.00	
Flynn, Jr., James W.	3rd Eng	\$20.00	
Fullerton, Robert L.	3rd Eng	\$5.00	
Garland, Max	34th Inf	\$15.00	
Gilbertson, Stanley W.	34th Inf	\$5.00	
Hockman, Cletus P.	21st Inf	\$10.00	
Huss, Jr., Matthew M.	21st Inf	\$5.00	
Johnson, Donald H.	13th FA	\$10.00	
Kingsbury, Herbert R.	34th Inf	\$10.00	
Luszcz, Bernard A.	Div HQ	\$10.00	In memory of Matthew W. Slowik
Miller, Richard H.	724th Ord	\$10.00	
Nunley, Bobby D.	34th Inf	\$10.00	
Pinnell, Floyd J.	21st Inf	\$10.00	
Plata, Frank J.	19th Inf	\$10.00	Postage
Repko, Jr., Louis	34th Inf	\$5.00	
Rochon, Louis W.	5th RCT	\$5.00	
Tully, R.	Non-Member	\$15.00	
Turner, Ted D.	34th Inf	\$10.00	
Uting, George M.	21st Inf	\$10.00	In memory of Harold "Corky" Peters
Westrich, Herman A.	21st Inf	\$15.00	
White, Mrs. Rodney A., Sr.	Assoc	\$15.00	In memory of her husband
Vlasic, George J.	21st Inf	\$25.00	
Total:		\$300.00	



Letter From The Editor

Dear Taro Leafers,

During the past year I have had a number of health problems, which have prevented me from getting the Taro Leaf out to you. At the time the greeting card was sent I was expecting a speedy recovery and so were my doctors, but it didn't come. While my recovery may be a little slow, it is happening, and for that I am thankful.

I want to thank each of you who sent prayers, cards and letters. To those who have called and spoken either with my family members, or me and to all who have left messages, I thank you. I wish each could have been answered. I simply could not. Please accept my sincere gratitude for all that you have done to help with my recovery. A positive attitude is essential to good health and having everyone sending their support has kept my spirits up.

A special note of thanks to everyone who sent Taro Leaf materials, *even while not getting a Taro Leaf*. That made me know that you had faith in my recovery and in me as the Taro Leaf Editor.

I hope all of you will enjoy this Taro Leaf. My wish is that you will get as much pleasure from reading it as I have gotten from putting it together.

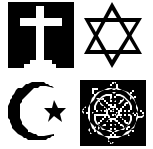
Sincerely,

Billy Johnson
 Editor

2006 Reunion \$500 Prize Winners

Alender, Edward J.	New York	Non-member
Bizzell, Herbert L.	California	Member
Brennan, John R.	New York	Member
Dente, Dr. Gino A., MD	Vermont	Member
Dunn, Jr., Julius H.	Washington	Member
Johnson, Don	Michigan	Member
Petkac, John	Ohio	Member
Sansen, Marilyn	Florida	Non-member
Wetterau-Blankenburg, Joan	Washington	Associate Member
Zabofski, Raymond L.	Pennsylvania	Member

Chaplain's Corner



1000 Marbles – A Good Story

The older I get, the more I enjoy Saturday mornings. Perhaps it's the quiet solitude that comes with being the first to rise, or maybe it's the unbounded joy of not having to be at work. Either way, the first few hours of a Saturday morning are most enjoyable.

A few weeks ago, I was shuffling toward the garage with a steaming cup of coffee in one hand and the morning paper in the other. What began as a typical Saturday morning turned into one of those lessons that life seems to hand you from time to time. Let me tell you about it: I turned the dial up into the phone portion of the band on my ham radio in order to listen to a Saturday morning swap net. Along the way, I came across an older sounding chap, with a tremendous signal and a golden voice. You know the kind; he sounded like he should be in the broadcasting business. He was telling whom-ever he was talking with something about "a thousand marbles." I was intrigued and stopped to listen to what he had to say.

"Well, Tom, it sure sounds like you're busy with your job. I'm sure they pay you well but it's a shame you have to be away from home and your family so much. Hard to believe a young fellow should have to work sixty or seventy hours a week to make ends meet. It's too bad you missed your daughter's "dance recital" he continued. "Let me tell you something that has helped me keep my own priorities." And that's when he began to explain his theory of a "thousand marbles."

"You see, I sat down one day and did a little arithmetic. The average person lives about seventy-five years. I know, some live more and some live less, but on average, folks live about seventy-five years.

"Now then, I multiplied 75 times 52 and I came up with 3900, which is the number of Saturdays that the average person has in their entire lifetime. Now, stick with me, Tom, I'm getting to the important part.

It took me until I was fifty-five years old to think about all this in any detail", he went on, "and by that time I had lived through over twenty-eight hundred Saturdays." "I got to thinking that if I lived to be seventy-five, I only had about a thousand of them left to enjoy. So I went to a toy store and bought every single marble they had. I ended up having to visit three toy stores to round up 1000 marbles. I took them home and put them inside a large, clear plastic container right here in the shack next to my gear."

"Every Saturday since then, I have taken one marble out and thrown it away. I found that by watching the marbles diminish, I focused more on the really important things in life. There is nothing like watching your time here on this earth run out to help get your priorities straight".

"Now let me tell you one last thing before I sign-off with you and take my lovely wife out for breakfast. This morning, I took the very last marble out of the container. I figure that if I make it until next Saturday then I have been given a little extra time. And the one thing we can all use is a little more time."

"It was nice to meet you Tom, I hope you spend more time with your family, and I hope to meet you again here on the band. This is a 75 Year old Man, K9NZQ, clear and going QRT, good morning!"

You could have heard a pin drop on the band when this fellow signed off. I guess he gave us all a lot to think about. I had planned to work on the antenna that morning, and then I was going to meet up with a few hams to work on the next club newsletter. Instead, I went upstairs and woke my wife up with a kiss. "C'mon honey, I'm taking you and the kids to breakfast." "What brought this on?" she asked with a smile. "Oh, nothing special, it's just been a long time since we spent a Saturday together with the kids. And hey, can we stop at a toy store while we're out? I need to buy some marbles."



Election of Officers – 2007 - 2008

Nomination and election of the Association Officers for the term 2007-2008 will be conducted at the Annual Membership Meeting held at the Association Reunion in Columbia, SC on Saturday September 22, 2007 at 10:00 AM. Only an Active Member as defined by our Constitution and Bylaws may be nominated. There are three (3) positions open for election each year. They are:

President
Vice President
Secretary/Treasurer

All nominations should be sent to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee not later than 1 August 2007. Your committee is the following:

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VERBECK NOMINATION/SELECTION COMMITTEE – 2007

The Executive Committee (Now the Board of Governors) established the guidelines with respect to the standards upon which presentation was to be based. It was to be presented, not annually but from time-to-time as justification indicates. It was to be presented to that Association member who best displayed the ideals of Bill Verbeck, an unabashed love for the Division and its Association. It was to be awarded to the member best showing real effort in furthering the best interest of the Association and the Division. It was not intended to reward mere popularity and the like. It was intended to reward sleeves-roll-up hard work in helping to make the Association into a successful organization. As president of the Association I am honored and privileged to name the following Association Members to the Committee to review nominees for the award and, if appropriate, selection of the most qualified nominee who best represents the criteria established by the Executive Committee (Now the Board of Governors).

Chairman

Roger Mitten – Vice President

Committee Members

Wes Morrison – 2006 Receipting (452 Gloria Circle, Marian, CA 93933-4027)
Edward Farmer – 2005 Recipient (905 S. Reese Lane, Spokane Valley, WA 99037-8640)
William Muldoon – 2004 Recipient (2100 Kings Highway #259, Port Charlotte, FL 33980-4230)
Daniel Cretaro – Member (5823 Archwood Dr., San Antonio, TX 78239-1409)
Walter Daugherty – Member (2142 Sebring Ave, Simi Valley, CA 93065-2742)
William Boyden – Member (PO Box 114, Norton, MA 02766-0114)

All nominations must be in writing, contain a brief description of the nominee's accomplishments and received NOT LATER THAN 1 August 2007.

Mail nominations to: Roger Mitten, Vice President
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Books of Interest

The Taro Leaf Books of Interest section is for Members who have written of their experiences with the 24th and others who have written about the Warriors of the 24th ID.



I notice you run info on books in the **Taro Leaf** and I thought this might be of interest to you or your readers. I have been dealing with a book dealer in Connecticut for a number of years now and have found it to be a good thing. The prices are right and he seems to have something for everyone.

Having said that, what I wanted to tell you is about a couple of books on Korea. The author, Knox, interviewed a number of men who served in a number of units and the 24th is well represented. There are two volumes and each sells for \$8.95. There is a handling charge of \$3.50 for all the books ordered. I have ordered 20 books one time and paid the \$3.50 for S&H.

If some of your readers are interested, they can reach him at edwardrhamilton.com, or they can send mail to Edward R. Hamilton, Falls Village, CT, 06031-5000. The books in question are:

5147565 - The Korean War, Vol. I
5147573 - The Korean War, Vol. II

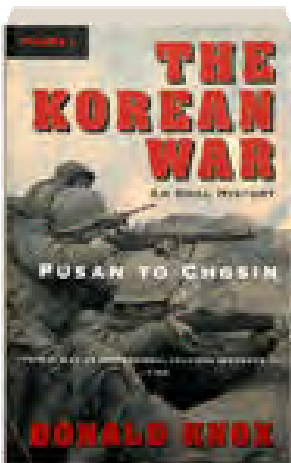
He does not take credit cards, so it is checks or money orders.

You can also contact him to receive his listings. Normally this is a 90-100 page issue with books in just about every category imaginable, but he also sends out a shorter version of books in the 2-4 dollar price range.

Some of the guys quoted in the books are Warren Avery, Lacy Barnett, and Charley Payne. But there are a lot more.

If you do not think this is of interest, just throw it away and no harm is done.

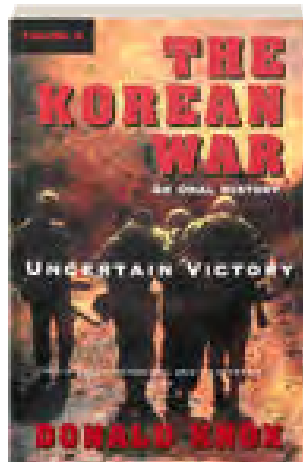
Always on the lookout for a good book. Thanks for bringing these to the attention of the Taro Leaf. ~ Editor



THE KOREAN WAR, VOLUME I: Pusan to Chosin--An Oral History .

By Donald Knox

Vividly recreates the day-to-day conflicts of the first fierce months of battle. Draws on hundreds of interviews along with records, diaries, and ships' logs to offer an on-the-ground view



THE KOREAN WAR, VOLUME II: Uncertain Victory--An Oral History .

By Donald Knox with A. Coppel

Presents an intimate view of the agonizing battles, personal sacrifices, and military triumphs in the last 30 months of battle. Describes the uneasy armistice achieved after three years of war.

TIGER'S SURVIVORS



Greetings all:

As you may know the Purple Heart bill was approved by the House and sent on to the Senate. Senator Barbara Boxer introduced the bill into the Senate and co sponsored by Senator Snowe from Maine.

It is my pleasure to inform all of you that the Purple Heart bill was attached to the Defense Appropriation bill AND IT NOW AWAITS THE SIGNATURE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

It has been a long three years struggle and finally we can pay tribute to those who died while Prisoners of War from December 2, 1942 to the present and beyond. I am so happy now because all my friends who died in that hell hole in North Korea can finally be awarded a Purple Heart Medal.

We still have to wait for implementation instructions etc before the ball will start to roll. I will keep you all informed of this progress.

Should you want the notification from Senator Boxer's office let me know and I will send it on to you.

In Peace and War

Shorty Estabrook
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Tiger Survivor

A POW'S PRAYER

By Henry R. Tavares

God, please grant me
The courage and endurance
To persevere at the hands
Of my enemies.
Please endow me with the presence
Of mind to always remember
Who and what I am.
Gift me with the needed fortitude
To resist all torture and deprivation
Be it mental or physical.
And most of all dear lord
Grant unto me the power and ability
To keep my soul and resolve,
American, to the core.

(Henry Tavares is the husband of Brenda Morgan Tavares, whose uncle, Melvin Morgan, was promoted to Glory while a POW with the Tiger Survivors group in North Korea)

Sent by Shorty Estabrook, Tiger Survivor



PURPLE HEART BILL

Hr 2369, "Honor Our Fallen Prisoners of War Act", would honor with a Purple Heart Medal, all Prisoners of War who died in captivity regardless of cause.

HR 2369 has passed the House and has been included as a provision in the House of Representatives' version of the Defense Authorization Act.

S-2157 was introduced into the US Senate and the Senate chose instead to ask for a presidential study on this issue and that provision is what is included in the Senate's version of the Defense Authorization Act.

Chairman John Warner insisted that the Senate version be adopted. *This means that the Purple Heart issues that many of us worked long and hard for will now go to the President for approval or disapproval.* The president has to transmit to the committee on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representative a report on the advisability of modifying the criteria for the award of the Purple Heart to authorize the award of the purple Heart to those who have died while Prisoner of War. Those who survive captivity as a Prisoner of War, but who die thereafter as a result of disease or disability as a result of disease and condition and treatment incurred during such captivity.

So now we have a March 1 2007 deadline (or sooner). The President must be contacted on a recurring basis asking him to approve awarding a Purple Heart Medal to all who have died while a Prisoner of War since December 1941 to the present. He must "Honor our Fallen Prisoners of War".

Please write boldly that you and your family and friends are behind the award of a posthumous Purple Heart Medal to the Prisoners of War who died in captivity.

Please ask family and friends and members of your organization to get behind this initiative.

The president can be contacted via e-mail at:

comments@whitehouse.gov

Fax: 202-456-2461

*Or Write to: The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States of America
Washington, DC*

We have 36 Veterans Organization have endorsed this measure with a Veterans membership of over 8 million. This number will triple when considering family and friends.

*Shorty Estabrook,
Tiger's Survivors*



From The Outgoing President

As I pass into the Past President category, I want to congratulate the newly elected Officers of the Association, Gene Spicer, 19th Infantry, Korea 51-52 your new President, Roger Mitten, 34th Infantry, Korea 55-57 as Vice President and Don Maggio, 24th Admin Company, German 67-69. They will do an outstanding job for the Association. I also congratulate those members who attended the reunion in Indianapolis and especially those first timers who were so numerous that I couldn't get their names.

I want to thank Bob Newkirk and his staff, Gene & Donnie Spicer, Marion & Rosa Parker and Ed Keerkhoff, for the job they did preparing for the reunion. Even though the attendance was low this year, the reunion was considered a very successful one. The Banquet meals were outstanding and served HOT, so HOT that the servers had to use towels to hold the plates. The service was so outstanding that the entire kitchen staff (Cooks & Servers) were called to the banquet room and thanked by the entire assembly. The food was tremendous and plenty of it. For the Friday night banquet, I selected the stuffed pork Tenderloin and where in the past we only got one fair sized pork chop, the hotel served 2 nice sized pork tenderloin that were delicious and the Memorial Banquet I selected the Steak Diana and received 2 nice size portions again it was tremendous. It was so good that I even ate all of it, red part and all. Thanks to Bob & Jean Lawhon for acting as the Quartermaster at the reunion.

Our newly elected President, Gene Spicer who is a retired Brigadier General of the Indiana National Guard, present the Soldier and NCO awards of the year to two very deserving members of the Indiana National Guard, I'm sorry but I don't have their names. Gene also introduced the Guest Speaker Major General R. Martin Umbarger, The Adjutant General of the Indiana Nation Guard.

The saddest point was the cancellation of member's attendance due to illness. I wish them a very speedy recovery.

Next years reunion will be at the Holiday Inn City Center, Columbia, SC., 19 – 22 September. More on this will be published in a latter issue of the TARO LEAF.

Thank you for letting me serve as your President these past 3 years. I will continue to be active as your Reunion Coordinator and keeper of the Honor Roll, at the pleasure of the President.

Wes Morrison

Far away in the tropical waters of Yamba, two prawns were swimming around in the sea - one called Justin and the other called Christian.

The prawns were constantly being harassed and threatened by sharks that inhabited the area. Finally one day Justin said to Christian, "I'm fed up with being a prawn, I wish I was a shark, then I wouldn't have any worries about being eaten."

A large mysterious cod appeared and said, "Your wish is granted" and lo and behold, Justin turned into a shark. Horrified, Christian immediately swam away, afraid of being eaten by his old mate.

Time passed (as it invariably does) and Justin found life as a shark boring and lonely. All his old mates simply swam away whenever he came close to them. Justin didn't realize that his new menacing appearance was the cause of his sad plight.

While swimming alone one day he saw the mysterious cod again and he thought perhaps the mysterious fish could change him back into a prawn.

He approached the cod and begged to be changed back, and lo and behold, he found himself turned back into a prawn.

With tears of joy in his tiny little eyes Justin swam back to his friends and bought them all a beer.

Looking around the gathering at the reef he realized he couldn't see his old pal. "Where's Christian?" he asked.

"He's at home, still distraught that his best friend changed sides to the enemy and became a shark", came the reply.

Eager to put things right again and end the mutual pain and torture, he set off to Christian's abode. As he opened the coral gate memories came flooding back. He banged on the door and shouted, "It's me, Justin, your old friend, come out and see me again."

Christian replied, "No way man, you'll eat me. You're now a shark, the enemy, and I'll not be tricked into being your dinner."

Justin cried back "No, I'm not. That was the old me. I've changed....I've found Cod. I'm a Prawn again Christian"

Friday, December 8, 2006

House OKs bill mandating tougher punishment for military imposters

By Leo Shane III, Stars and Stripes

Midwest edition, Friday, December 8, 2006

WASHINGTON — A bill mandating tougher punishment for military imposters gained final approval from the House on Wednesday, and will now go to the president to be signed into law.

The legislation, dubbed the “stolen valor act,” calls for up to six months in prison for anyone who falsely claims to have earned a military honor, and up to a year in prison for fraudulently wearing a Purple Heart, Silver Star or other high military honor.

Both crimes would also be classified as felonies, which can carry additional penalties such as limits on gun ownership and disqualification from certain public offices, depending on the state.

Under current law, anyone caught wearing a military medal they did not earn faces a misdemeanor charge and up to six months in prison, but law enforcement can’t do anything to someone simply displaying or claiming to have earned the honor.

House officials on Wednesday said the change closes that critical loophole and helps protect the integrity of the military awards.

“These frauds have diminished the honor of our military heroes,” said Rep. John Salazar, D-Colo., who introduced the original version of the measure. “They use it to gain credibility for themselves, and often go on to commit even worse crimes.”

Along with cases of individuals using the fake medals to gain speaking engagements and community leadership roles, Salazar referenced crimes committed in 2004 by retired Marine Sgt. Gary Lakis, who claimed fake combat experience and nonexistent Silver Stars in order to gain \$66 million in defense contracts to provide training to the service.

The military revoked those contracts once Lakis was found to be lying about much of his military career, but he fled the country before FBI investigators could arrest him and charge him with fraud.

Rep. John Kline, R-Minn., said awards such as the Purple Heart “hold a deeper meaning and value for servicemen that far outweighs their monetary worth,” and called the bill a chance to honor the sacrifice of all troops by preserving the military’s legacy.

The tougher penalties are backed by a number of veterans groups, including the Vietnam Veterans of America and the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

As of late last week, supporters thought the bill likely wouldn’t pass this session because of House Republican leadership’s resistance to moving a measure proposed by Salazar, a first-term Democrat.

The measure approved yesterday was a nearly identical bill sponsored by Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., which was approved by the full Senate in September.

The White House has not released any timetable for when the bill could be signed into law.

Stolen Valor Act of 2005 (Engrossed as Agreed to or Passed by Senate)

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109th CONGRESS ~ 2d Session

S. 1998 ~ AN ACT

To amend title 18, United States Code, to enhance protections relating to the reputation and meaning of the Medal of Honor and other military decorations and awards, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the 'Stolen Valor Act of 2005'.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress makes the following findings:

- (1) Fraudulent claims surrounding the receipt of the Medal of Honor, the distinguished-service cross, the Navy cross, the Air Force cross, the Purple Heart, and other decorations and medals awarded by the President or the Armed Forces of the United States damage the reputation and meaning of such decorations and medals.
- (2) Federal law enforcement officers have limited ability to prosecute fraudulent claims of receipt of military decorations and medals.
- (3) Legislative action is necessary to permit law enforcement officers to protect the reputation and meaning of military decorations and medals.

SEC. 3. ENHANCED PROTECTION OF MEANING OF MILITARY DECORATIONS AND MEDALS.

(a) Expansion of General Criminal Offense- Subsection (a) of section 704 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking 'manufactures, or sells' and inserting 'purchases, attempts to purchase, solicits for purchase, mails, ships, imports, exports, produces blank certificates of receipt for, manufactures, sells, attempts to sell, advertises for sale, trades, barter, or exchanges for anything of value'.

(b) Establishment of Criminal Offense Relating to False Claims About Receipt of Decorations and Medals - Such section 704 is further amended-

- (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c);
- (2) (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

'(b) False Claims About Receipt of Military Decorations or Medals - Whoever falsely represents himself or herself, verbally or in writing, to have been awarded any decoration or medal authorized by Congress for the Armed Forces of the United States, any of the service medals or badges awarded to the members of such forces, the ribbon, button, or rosette of any such badge, decoration, or medal, or any colorable imitation of such item shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than six months, or both.'; and

- (3) in paragraph (1) of subsection (c), as redesignated by paragraph (1) of this subsection, by inserting 'or (b)' after 'subsection (a)'.

(c) Enhanced Penalty for Offenses Involving Certain Other Medals - Such section 704 is further amended by adding at the end the following:

'(d) Enhanced Penalty for Offenses Involving Certain Other Medals - If a decoration or medal involved in an offense described in subsection (a) or (b) is a distinguished-service cross awarded under section 3742 of title 10, a Navy cross awarded under section 6242 of title 10, an Air Force cross awarded under section 8742 of section 10, a silver star awarded under section 3746, 6244, or 8746 of title 10, a Purple Heart awarded under section 1129 of title 10, or any replacement or duplicate medal for such medal as authorized by law, in lieu of the punishment provided in the applicable subsection, the offender shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both.'

(d) Conforming Amendments- Subsection (c) of such section 704, as so redesignated, is further amended--

- (1) by inserting 'Enhanced Penalty for Offenses Involving' before 'Congressional Medal of Honor'; and
- (2) (2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:
'(2) CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR DEFINED- In this subsection, the term 'Congressional Medal of Honor' means--
'(A) a medal of honor awarded under section 3741, 6241, or 8741 of title 10 or section 491 of title 14;
'(B) a duplicate medal of honor issued under section 3754, 6256, or 8754 of title 10 or section 504 of title 14; or
'(C) a replacement of a medal of honor provided under section 3747, 6253, or 8747 of title 10 or section 501 of title 14.'

Passed the Senate September 7 (legislative day, September 6), 2006.

Attest:

Secretary.



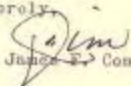
Dear Dan,

Thanks for the dues reminder! I enclose my check for \$ 30.00 to cover two years, and I think that will bring my dues as paid to January, 2007. If that is incorrect let me know.

I value my World War II association with the 24th Division, short as it was. I was assigned to MacArthur's USAFFE HQ, G-2, as a Special Agent of the Counter Intelligence Corps, and we were attached to the 24th Division's HQ as a CIC detachment for the Hollandia operation, and later I was on temporary duty for the Leyte landings.

As each issue of the TARO LEAF arrives in the mail, I immediately sit down and read it cover to cover; it is indeed a great publication, and has been for many years through the several editorial and publication changes.

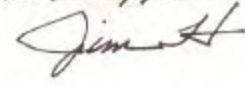
Don, I send you and the other officers of the 24th Infantry Division Association my best wishes, and thanks for doing so much to keep alive the spirit of the 24th.

Sincerely,

 James E. Conway

9 Jun 05

Billy -

Some of the old Taro leaf readers might like to know that everyone gets a combat badge now. However, nothing will ever replace the CIB? Remember after Korea the artillery came up with a Combat Artillery Badge (CAB) that was never approved?



Just a note...

I want to thank all of our friends for thinking and loving my Don as you have.

I don't get on the computer as often as I used to, to answer all mail, but your prayers do help..

We get great help from Hospice, they are wonderful.

So keep him in your thoughts, and thank you again. Sam B is great.

Love, Ro Porter

Wes received this note before Don passed away on 3 August. His passing is listed in this Taro Leaf TAPS ~ Editor

Dear Paul:

Thank you for the info.

I was only about 12 years old when the Korean War began. Too young to suffer what the elders had to endure, and yet old enough to remember all the cruel treatment of the communists because we were in Seoul when they marched in! And we had to live under their regime for Three Long Months!

I saw the American POW's marching bare feet under the hot sun, on the hot gravel roads, running into the corn fields only to be driven out with the enemy's gun shots, and getting beaten up with their gun barrels... too cruel and too scary to watch...No words can describe...

Now I am living in the USA, far from those hard times and communism...

That's why I thank you, and all the Veterans for your sacrifice. You are right: Freedom is Not Free...

It is 10:48 AM on 11th day, 11th month... I will say a prayer for you all... Thank You All for your sacrifice...

God Bless you...

Sincerely with my Prayers for you and for All the other Veterans,

Sunny Chung Lippold

Submitted by: **Paul Garland**

Army designs new Combat Action Badge



The new Combat Action Badge.

Courtesy Army News Service

The Army announced May 27 the design for the new Combat Action Badge (CAB).

The design was approved by Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, Army chief of staff.

The CAB, featuring both a bayonet and grenade, may be awarded to any Soldier performing assigned duties in an area where hostile fire pay or imminent danger pay is authorized, who is personally present and actively engaging or being engaged by the enemy, and performing satisfactorily according to the prescribed rules of engagement, according to its authorizing language. Award is not limited by one's branch or military occupational specialty.

"Warfare is still a human endeavor," Schoomaker said. "Our intent is to recognize Soldiers who demonstrate and live the Warrior Ethos."

"The Global War on Terrorism and its associated operations will be the first era of conflict considered for this award," said Lt. Col. Bill Johnson, Human Resources Command chief of military awards. "Sept. 18, 2001, is the effective date for the new award. That is when President Bush signed Senate Joint Resolution 23, authorizing the use of military force against those responsible for the recent attacks launched against the United States."

The CAB will go into immediate production and should be available by early fall through unit supply and military clothing sales stores.

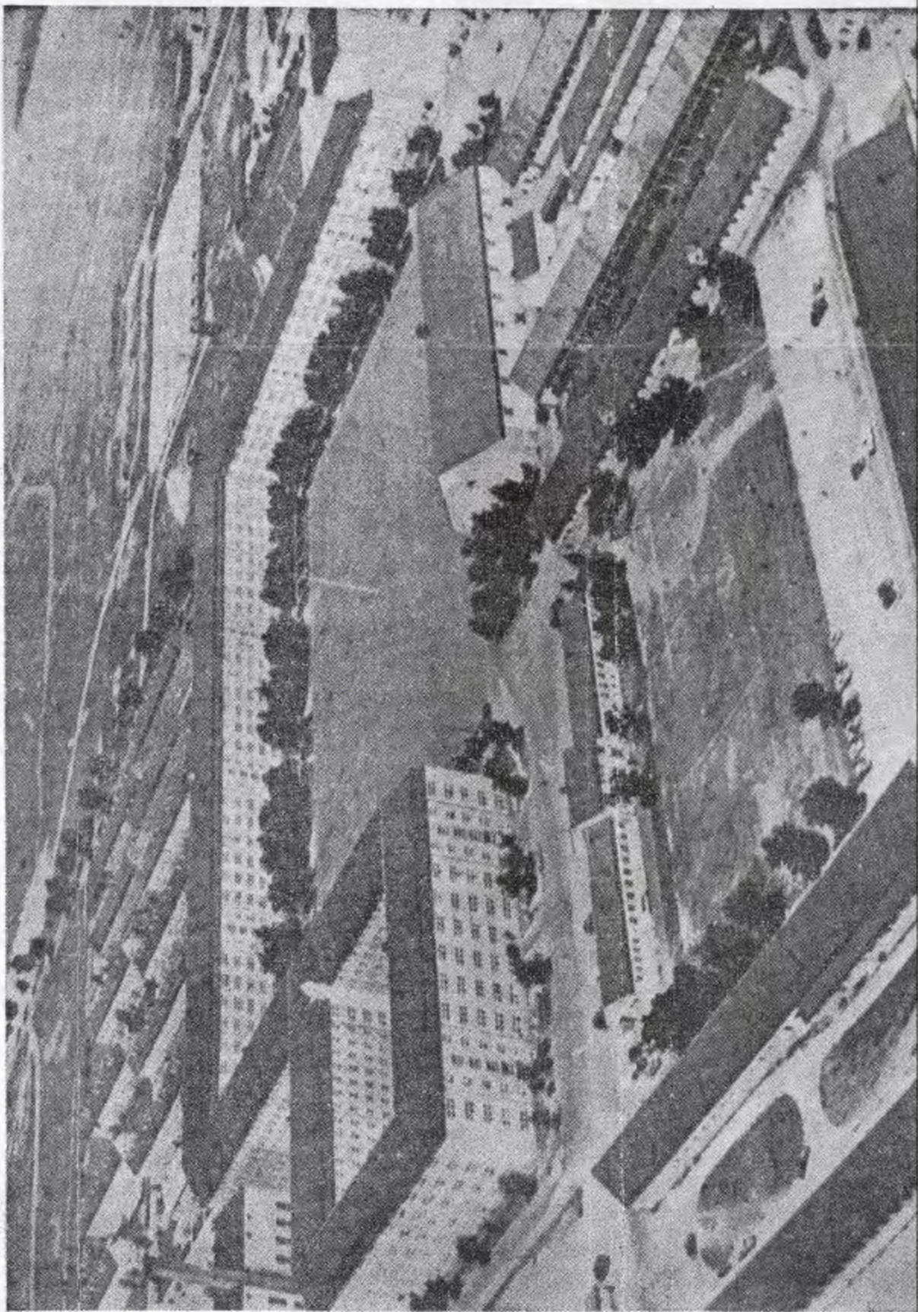
For more information, visit www.tioh.hqda.pentagon.mil/badges/UnitedStatesArmyBadges.htm.

"Since you were asking (to hear) from people that were stationed with the 24th Div in Germany maybe you might be interested in this picture of the Warner Kaserne in Munich. By the way it was remodeled and is called now Ernst von Bergmann Kaserne. It is a German Medical Military Academy." ~ **Leonhard Kuhn**

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Nameless Building Is Army's 2nd Biggest Home

Building 1701 in Munich's Warner Casern has 15.5 acres of rooms and hallways





THIRTY FOURTH INFANTRY REGIMENT ON CORREGIDOR

by Paul J. Cain COMPANY COMMANDER I CO, 34th INF, Regt.

15 February 1945 the 3rd Battalion plus A Company, Cannon Company, and a Company of light tanks of the 34th Infantry Regiment left Olangapo and Subic Bay on three LST's (landing ship tank) and sailed south to Marivales on the south tip of the Bataan Peninsula.

The 34th Infantry troops under the Command of Lt. Col. Edward M. Postlethwait a graduate of West Point class of 1937. Col Postlethwait served three years at Fort McKinley in the Philippines Islands. . In 1940 he returned stateside and joined the 3rd Battalion 34th Infantry Regiment as a Company Commander, later rising to Battalion Commander.

Marivales some 3 years before on 9 April 1942 General King commander of the Fil-American forces had sued for a truce, also at this place and time the Bataan Death March began.

Some 3 weeks prior to our Corregidor landing B-24 aerial bombardment started with some 3,125 tons of bombs dropped on the island. On 7 Feb 200 tons were dropped that day, as well as P-38, P39 & P51 assaulting.

At 8 AM 16 February 1945 3rd Battalion, A Company, 34th Infantry Cannon Company and a platoon of Tanks loaded with troops and equipment on 25 LCM's (landing craft mechanized) for the move of some five miles across north channel of Manila bay to Black Beach on the south bottom side of Corregidor. Each landing craft had a vehicle along with troops which made said craft loaded to capacity.

As the 34th Infantry crossed the channel they saw a flight of B-24 American bombers fly over Corregidor and drop there load of 500 lb. bombs completely covering the island with a cloud of dust and smoke. Following the bombers at 8:30 AM, came the C-47 transport planes dropping the 503rd paratroopers on topside.

The first wave of 34th Infantry troops were scheduled to hit the black beach at 10:30 AM, were 2 minutes early but no one objected, consisting of K Company Commanded by Captain Frank Cenntanni from Cleveland, Ohio, and L Company commanded by Capt Louis Stern from Champaign, IL, with the mission of getting to the top of Malinta Hill and securing same.

The second wave followed, I company commanded by Lt. Paul Cain from Ivesdale, IL.

I Company lost its Jeep & driver PFC Cresenzo to a land mine as it left the landing craft. I company mission on landing was to move across beach to clear and secure north dock area

A Company commanded by Gilbert Heaberlin had one of Cannon company's SPM' S (self propelled mount) on landing craft with them which also hit a land mine on leaving landing craft and ended up laying on its side on beach. Bill McKenna A Company came off landing craft at the same time and was knocked to ground from the blast. A Company mission to clear and secure landing area.

By this time the Jap's were in action and beach as well as third and fourth waves were sprayed with heavy Machine gun fire from caves on both flanks Fortunately the navy had a couple gun boats and a destroyer off shore and were able to quiet the guns for a while.

Lt. William Soboleski from Naticoke, Pennsylvania, a member of Headquarters Company. 3rd Battalion had a mission with his mine detection team to mark and remove all mines from the landing area. Crawling under heavy machine-gun fire he and his crew were able to mark a path through mine field and later remove 216 mines.

PFC Dan Car a rifleman with K Company was killed by a bullet from a Machine Gun as he crossed the landing beach to Malinta hill. Dan Valles called aid man Ray Cash.



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Donald Sletten from Thorton, CO, a member of a dive team to go in ahead and search landing area for underwater mines. When he and one other man surfaced they found the landing boat that brought them in had left without them. They quietly slipped ashore and hid until the Infantry unit beached.

Sgt Personeni spotted a Jap MG setup some 500 yds to our left front, taking shots at the C47's as they passed over after dropping the paratroopers. We called up Dwight Dipple from Ludlow IL with his 60 Mortars after dropping a couple rounds in that area the japs disappeared.

Lt. Phil Nast Platoon leader I Company, from New York was hit 2 hours after landing, with shrapnel from a mortar shell and evacuated on a stretcher to the Hospital ship offshore. Yes he still had his boots on.

I Company had a man killed and two wounded and were pinned down from machinegun fire from the main tunnel. I Company requested a tank, but told beach had not yet been cleared of mines. Some 60 min latter advised tank available and brought up and quieted that Machinegun.

I Company again pinned down by a MG firing from the Icehouse in the north doc area. Again the Tank called on being some 300 yds away. A couple rounds from the tank silenced the Jap MG and set the icehouse a fire.

A radio message from Frank Centani C.o. K Co from top of Malinta hill radioed Bn HQ reporting on looking down at landing beach it looked much like a war zone in the movies. Vehicles blown up by land mines and casualties all over the place. All very quit at that time on top of Malinta.in K & L Co's area.

1st night a jap slipped into service co. area and set off a charge destroying himself and a water treating plant brought in to convert sea water to drinking water. A second jap crawled under a truck loaded with demolition's, fortunately he blew himself up under the front of the truck and only blew off the left front wheel.

17 Feb. 2nd day I Co found area they had cleared day before, Jap's had slipped back in and were hiding in shell holes created by our 500 lb bombs, which leave a good sized hole in that carol rock.

Lt. Coleman and the first Platoon along with Sgt. Orteiz and his machine gun squad move from shell hole to shell and by first tossing in a smoke grenade then followed by a couple of hand grenades then assaulting the position, as a result they killed over 40 of the enemy, captured 2 MG, one knee mortar and numerous individual weapons.

In the meantime Sgt. Personni with his platoon securing road around the north side of Malinta Hill spotted a cave with a large camouflage net hanging over same. John Goodin I Co's flame thrower operator was called and directed to burn away net, revealing a large cave with an 8 In. coastal gun covering the north channel entrance to Manila bay.

K Co on top of Malinta hill had 2 lower areas to there left flank the lower one know as goal post ridge since it had a couple of iron pipes sticking up that looked similar to a goal post as used in football. Dan Valles, Jim Sullivan and 3 other men from Dan's Plt were sent down to secure goal post ridge. about midnight the japs attacked with force. After they had used up all ammo and thrown all grenades, Dan & Jim were able to slip over the side of the hill and worked there way around and at daybreak back up to the Company atop Malinta hill.

Next morning Cpt. Centanni with his messenger Corp Mureau went down to reconnoiter the area not realizing there were still some enemy in that area. Both the Captain and his aid were KIA. K Company's ex officer had been killed in the attack the night before, leaving only a Lt. Fugetti, K Co to this point K Company had taken heavy casualties.

I Company was ordered to move to the top of Malinta Hill and replace K Company. Since it was dark by the time we got in place we did not attempt to occupy goal post hill. The enemy attacked again that night at about midnight until 3 AM. We found the primary weapon of defense was the hand grenade. Harry Velick from Oak Park, Mich. told If you spotted one of the enemy crawling up the hill you just pulled the pin out of a grenade, let



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the handle fly off so he would not have time to toss same back , then toss it to him. If he were on the steep side of the hill he usually rolled back down and sometimes took another Jap with him.

One night I looked for Sam Sniderman, my radio operator and found out he was out gathering grenades for the men on the perimeter.

Next morning I request some sort of illumination during these night attacks. The navy had a shell they fired into the air and would light up a large area for about 45 seconds. They then continued to fire them every 2 to 3 min during an enemy attack. They were a great help.

Next day K Company sent up a detail to pick up casualties on goalpost hill and take them down off the hill. I Company Commander went down with them to reconnoiter the area. Casualties were recovered C>O> Checked out area with no sign of enemy

Two hours later Sgt Owen with the 2nd Platoon was sent down to occupy Goal post hill He found the enemy had moved back in or had been asleep that morning as a tough fire-fight developed with Sgt Owen and one other man KIA and one wounded. As dark came on 2nd Platoon now under Sgt. Shorr was moved back up into Company perimeter for the night

Next morning Sgt. Shorr with his 2nd Ph reinforced with a section of Sgt. Ortez's Lt. MG. Following a barrage of 81MM mortar fire, moved onto goalpost hill with no opposition from the enemy. However the enemy continued to hit them every night.

One morning we started to receive sniper fire from Infantry point a brush covered hill some 150yds to the north east of our position wounding one of Company I men. We tried 81 mortar fire which seemed to have little effect. We next contacted our air liaison officer requesting a napalm drop to burn off the brush. Less than 5 minutes latter he called me back advising they were already loading the planes and would be over target in 15 minutes and could you help direct them in as he was down at Bn, HQ and would take him an hour to get up to our position, so by keeping line open between us and he in touch with the planes we directed the strike which was 100 % succesful. We also saw one of the enemy come running out of the brush and was immediately cut down by rifle fire from Malinta hill. .

Joseph Baron from Chicago, IL a medic with a 4 man litter squad was evacuating a seriously wounded man down off Malinta hill when the enemy opened up spraying them with heavy caliber MG fire killing one of the litter bearers. Wounded man was dropped off litter and rolled down the hill for some distance. Navy setting off shore fired and quieted the Jap MG so medic could pick up wounded man and continue on to aid station.

Lt. Bernie an officer on patrol spotted where this MG which had been spraying the area on any gathering in the landing area. was located in a brush covered cave, on the side of a cliff. Lt. Bernie went out to the Cruiser located just offshore and helped them spot where the entrance to the cave where this gun was located and the naval guns quickly shut down that heavy MG.

Bill McKenna and Joe Froelich (who represented Austria as a downhill skier in the 32 Olympics) A Company settled down for the night in a shell hole.

We were advised by a couple of Naval Officers who had spent time on Corregidor back when it belonged to the US, that if the Japs ever blew the ammunition in the tunnels there would be left only a channel across the island. The tunnels held some 35,000 artillery shells, '10.000 powder charges, 20001bs TNT, 80,000 mortar shells along with hand grenades & land mines.

Sgt. Bill Hartman Ph Sgt Cannon Co 34th Inf with Mike Nolan as driver stripped down a M7 self propelled mount (105MM & 50 Cal MG) and took a load of medical supplies up to the 503rd paratroopers up topside. He had to go up a road which had not yet been cleared of enemy receiving heavy MG fire at one point. On return



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trip carried wounded men. Hartman and Nolan made a second trip this time pulling a water tank along with medical supplies, again MG fire however not as heavy and again brought down casualties.

On the 7th night in the Japs blue the tunnel. Malintal Hill bounced, fire came out of the tunnels and rose up the sides. A portion of the south end broke off burying 6 of A company men under rock and isolating Bill McKenna and his machinegun squad from the remainder of the Platoon. A couple hours later the navy managed to move a destroyer and a PT boat in to the area, and shoot a rope up to Bill McKenna's position and rescue him & his squad one at a time and take them out to the PT boat in a rubber boat.

The remainder of the A Company were rescued at daylight.

Jack Miller and the 2nd Plt. L Com not only were shaken from explosion and flames, observed from above appeared to cover there position. However they had no casualties

The following morning as it got daylight the east side of Malinta hill it seemed it was covered with the enemy crawling up the hill L Company spotted them first and started firing. None of the 300 or so of the enemy ever reached the top of Malinta Hill..

Jack Miller and his Platoon was given the assignment to attack around the north side of Malinta Hill with 2 tanks attached. He positioned one tank in front of the north tunnel entrance where it was stormed by the enemy in bunches of 10 to 20 all armed with sticks and rocks. They took no casualties but killed a great number of the enemy.

24 February the 503 relieved I & L company on the top of Malinta

25 February 3rd Bn. with attached units were picked up on LST and moved back to Subic bay and joined the rest of the 34th Inf,

March 2 Col Postalwait his staff and the Company Commanders with about a dozen EM Returned to Corregidor for the flag raising with Gen McArthur.

503rd Paratrooper Regt. and 3rd Battalion 34th Infantry were awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for the job they did on retaking Corregidor.

Paul J. Cain hometown Ivesdale, IL. Drafted a private 1940. Commissioned 2nd Lt. Inf.

October 1942. Joined K Company 34th Inf. 24th Infantry Division on Oahu Nov 1942 Transferred to I Company 34th Inf as Commanding officer Nov. 1944.

After Japan surrender August 1945 relieved and returned to States November 1945

6 October 2006

Billy Johnson
Taro Leaf Editor
Fayetteville, NC

Dear Billy:

Some 15 years ago I put together a story about our time on Corregidor. With help from several people who were on Corregidor with us at that time, and are now gone.

You have my permission to edit out any part and use same in Taro Leaf.


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Thanks Billy for staying
on with Taro Leaf.
You are doing a great job!



Rare Photos from Pearl Harbor

PEARL HARBOR December 7th, 1941

On Sunday, December 7th, 1941 the Japanese launched a surprise attack against the U.S. Forces stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. By planning his attack on a Sunday, the Japanese commander Admiral Nagumo, hoped to catch the entire fleet in port. As luck would have it, the Aircraft Carriers and one of the Battleships were not in port. (The USS Enterprise was returning from Wake Island, where it had just delivered some aircraft. The USS Lexington was ferrying aircraft to Midway, and the USS Saratoga and USS Colorado were undergoing repairs in the United States.)

In spite of the latest intelligence reports about the missing aircraft carriers (his most important targets), Admiral Nagumo decided to continue the attack with his force of six carriers and 423 aircraft. At a range of 230 miles north of Oahu, he launched the first wave of a two-wave attack. Beginning at 0600 hours his first wave consisted of 183 fighters and torpedo bombers which struck at the fleet in Pearl Harbor and the airfields in Hickam, Kaneohe and Ewa. The second strike, launched at 0715 hours, consisted of 167 aircraft, which again struck at the same targets.

At 0753 hours the first wave consisting of 40 Nakajima B5N2 "Kate" torpedo bombers, 51 Aichi D3A1 "Val" dive bombers, 50 high altitude bombers and 43 Zeros struck airfields and Pearl Harbor.

Within the next hour, the second wave arrived and continued the attack.

When it was over, the U.S. losses were:

Casualties

USA: 218 KIA, 364 WIA.

USN: 2,008 KIA, 710 WIA.

USMC: 109 KIA, 69 WIA.

Civilians: 68 KIA, 35 WIA.

TOTAL: 2,403 KIA, 1,178 WIA.

Battleships

USS Arizona (BB-39) - total loss when a bomb hit her magazine.

USS Oklahoma (BB-37) - Total loss when she capsized and sunk in the harbor.

USS California (BB-44) - Sunk at her berth. Later raised and repaired.

USS West Virginia (BB-48) - Sunk at her berth.

Later raised and repaired.

USS Nevada - (BB-36) Beached to prevent sinking.

Later repaired.

USS Pennsylvania (BB-38) - Light damage.

USS Maryland (BB-46) - Light damage.

USS Tennessee (BB-43) Light damage.

USS Utah (AG-16) - (former battleship used as a target) - Sunk.

Cruisers

USS New Orleans (CA-32) - Light Damage.

USS San Francisco (CA38) - Light Damage.

USS Detroit (CL-8) - Light Damage.

Cruisers *(Cont.)*

USS Raleigh (CL-7) - Heavily damaged but repaired.

USS Helena (CL-50) - Light Damage.

USS Honolulu (CL-48) - Light Damage..

Destroyers

USS Downes (DD-375) - Destroyed. Parts salvaged.

USS Cassin - (DD-372) Destroyed. Parts salvaged.

USS Shaw (DD-373) - Very heavy damage.

USS Helm (DD-388) - Light Damage.

Minelayer

USS Ogala (CM-4) - Sunk but later raised and repaired.

Seaplane Tender

USS Curtiss (AV-4) - Severely damaged but later repaired.

Repair Ship

USS Vestal (AR-4) - Severely damaged but later repaired.

Harbor Tug

USS Sotoyomo (YT-9) - Sunk but later raised and repaired.

Aircraft

188 Aircraft destroyed (92 USN and 92 U.S. Army Air Corps.)

Pearl Harbor

December 7, 1941







December 7, 1941

a date which will live in infamy



Quartermaster 24 IDA

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5	24 ID Window Sticker	2" x 3"	2.00	45	WWII Cap Black	Veteran or CIB	12.00
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	Gold or Silver Belt Buckle			52	Bronze Star Medal	HP-926	3.00
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11	24 Sig BN Unit Crest		5.00	54	Korean Service Medal	HP-929	3.00
12	19 th Inf 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 st 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 th Inf Crest		5.00	59	DFC	HP-965	3.00
	Current Issue \$10 Pr			60	Korean 8000 Missing	HP-115	3.00
15	11 th FA Crest	\$10 pr	5.00	61	CMB 1 st Award	HP-569	3.00
16	13 th FA Crest	\$10 pr	5.00	62	US Flag Clutch Back	HP (V-37)	3.00
17	19 th Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	63	24 th Medical Bn Crest		10.00
18	21 st Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	64	Pacific Campaign Medal	HP-963	3.00
19	34 th Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	65	American Campaign Medal	HP-964	3.00
20	11 th FA Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	66	Army of Occupation Medal	HP-051	3.00
21	13 th 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
			5.00	69	Philippine Liberation	HP-361	3.00
24	34 th Inf Lapel Pin		5.00	70	Korean Service Ribbon	HP-099	3.00
25	CIB (1 st Award) 1-1346 (Mini)		5.00	71	Air Medal	HP-925	3.00
	Mini DRESS MESS			72	DSC Hatpin	HP-308	3.00
26	CIB (2 nd Award) 1-1347 (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 th Cap Dark Blue/Crest		10.00	76	24 ID Hatpin		3.00
29	21 st Cap White/Embroidered Patch		12.00	77	24 ID Tie-Regular		20.00
30	21 st Cap Dark Blue /Embroidered Patch		12.00	78	24 ID Flag, 3x5 Screen Print	Outdoor Flag	55.00
31	34 th Cap Dark Blue w/Crest		10.00	79	63 rd Field Artillery	Cloth Patch	5.00
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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 IDA Green Cap		10.00		Armed Forces Reserve Medal	HP	3.00
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THEODORE O'HARA

The muffled drum's sad roll has beat
The soldier's last tattoo;
No more on life's parade shall meet
That brave and fallen few.
On Fame's eternal camping-ground
Their silent tents are spread,
And Glory guards, with solemn round,
The bivouac of the dead.

No rumor of the foe's advance
Now swells upon the wind;
Nor troubled thought at midnight haunts
Of loved ones left behind;
No vision of the morrow's strife
The warrior's dream alarms;
No braying horn nor screaming fife
At dawn shall call to arms.

Their shriveled swords are red with rust,
Their plumed heads are bowed,
Their haughty banner, trailed in dust,
Is now their martial shroud.
And plenteous funeral tears have washed
The red stains from each brow,
And the proud forms, by battle gashed
Are free from anguish now.

The neighing troop, the flashing blade,
The bugle's stirring blast,
The charge, the dreadful cannonade,
The din and shout, are past;
Nor war's wild note nor glory's peal
Shall thrill with fierce delight
Those breasts that nevermore may feel
The rapture of the fight.

Like the fierce northern hurricane
That sweeps the great plateau,
Flushed with the triumph yet to gain,
Came down the serried foe,
Who heard the thunder of the fray
Break o'er the field beneath,
Knew well the watchword of that day
Was "Victory or death!"

Long had the doubtful conflict raged
O'er all that stricken plain,
For never fiercer fight had waged
The vengeful blood of Spain;
And still the storm of battle blew,
Still swelled the gory tide;
Not long, our stout old chieftain knew,
Such odds his strength could bide.

'Twas in that hour his stern command
Called to a martyr's grave
The flower of his beloved land,
The nation's flag to save.
By rivers of their father's gore
His first-born laurels grew,
And well he deemed the sons would pour
Their lives for glory too.

For many a mother's breath has swept
O'er Angostura's plain --
And long the pitying sky has wept
Above its moldered slain.
The raven's scream, or eagle's flight,
Or shepherd's pensive lay,
Alone awakes each sullen height
That frowned o'er that dread fray.

Sons of the Dark and Bloody Ground
Ye must not slumber there,
Where stranger steps and tongues resound
Along the heedless air.
Your own proud land's heroic soil
Shall be your fitter grave;
She claims from war his richest spoil --
The ashes of her brave.

Thus 'neath their parent turf they rest,
Far from the gory field,
Borne to a Spartan mother's breast
On many a bloody shield;
The sunshine of their native sky
Smiles sadly on them here,
And kindred eyes and hearts watch by
The heroes' sepulcher.

Rest on embalmed and sainted dead!
Dear as the blood ye gave;
No impious footstep shall here tread
The herbage of your grave;
Nor shall your glory be forgot
While fame her records keeps,
Or Honor points the hallowed spot
Where Valor proudly sleeps.

Yon marble minstrel's voiceless stone
In deathless song shall tell,
When many a vanquished ago has flown,
The story how ye fell;
Nor wreck, nor change, nor winter's blight,
Nor Time's remorseless doom,
Shall dim one ray of glory's light
That gilds your deathless tomb.

11th Field Artillery

Alvin R. Arbuckle

Unknown Unit

Clyde C. Irwin

Major General Perez

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Darrell W. Scarbrough, Cpl.

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Rev. Dick L. Van Halsema



11th Field Artillery

Alvin R. Arbuckle 🍷 Alvin was a soldier from Oregon who served with C Battery, 11th FA in Korea. Alvin died Sept 21, 2006 of age related causes. He was 76. Alvin is survived by his wife, Dell, daughter Kathy and son Steven. His youngest son, Charles, died in 1988. His eldest step-brother, Francis, died in 1935. Two older brothers, Hank of Wren, and Ben of Florida, are still living; both are veterans of World War II—Hank served in the Navy and Ben as an Army infantryman.

19th Infantry Regiment

Harry Adesso 🍷 Promoted to Glory at his home in California. He leaves his beloved wife Carole and son Lawrence. Harry was 74 years of age and from Brooklyn. He was a member of M Company 21st Infantry Regiment of the 24th Infantry Division and was captured on July 12, 1950 and was released on August 26, 1953. Carole Adesso, can be reached at 43252 Corte Astorga, Temecula, CA 92592-3846 Phone 951-302-2308. It was Harry's wish to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery and Carole will honor that wish. As a Prisoner of War and recipient of a Bronze Star Medal, which he won before he was captured Harry is authorized to be buried there. *"We called him the Duke and the Duke he will forever be. Gone from us now is the Duke."* ~ Shorty Estabrook

Robert B. Chaney 🍷 Robert passed away on March 31, 2006. He served with Company B, of the 19th Infantry in Japan and Korea, 1949-50. Condolences may be sent to the family at: 4469 Seminole Dr., Acworth, GA 30101-5335.

Ralph Frederick 🍷 Ralph served with F Company, 19th Infantry, Korea, he passed away on November 15, 2006 from heart failure. Ralph was credited with saving the life of James W. Gullett (since passed away) during Operation Nomad. Cards may be sent to: Leland E. Frederick, 3107 4th Street, Emmetsburg, IA 50536-1135

Manuel P. Hernandez 🍷 Manuel died on 15 October 2005. Manuel served with the 19th Infantry Regiment, "A" Co. with service in Japan and Korea. Cards may be sent to his wife Teresa at 12208 Pineville St., El Monte, CA 91732-3827

Joseph H. Marston... Joseph passed away on September 16, 2006. He was with Company G, 19th Infantry. Joe served with the Regiment in Korea from May 51 to Feb 52 and was a life member of the Association. Expressions of sympathy to Mary Francis (Fran) and the family may be sent to them at 184 Marston Road, Leoma, TN 38468. *"Joe was a good friend, and I remember him as a good soldier. He will be missed."* ~ Bill Roseboro

Marvin Meyers 🍷 Marvin from Washington, MO passed away on October 24, 2006. He served with the 19th Infantry, "H" Co. in Japan and Korea. Cards may be sent to his widow Jean at: 7355 State Rd "KK" Washington, MO 63090

Donald R. Porter 🍷 Donald passed away 3 August 2006. He served with the 19th Inf. and 21st Inf. in Japan and Korea. Condolences may be sent to his wife Rosalie Porter at 12339 Porsche Lane #111, Weeki Wachee, FL 34614-2647

Bruce Price Sr. 🍷 Bruce passed away on 19 September 2006. He served with the 19th Infantry Regiment, Companies B & C during WWII. Cards maybe sent to the family at: 214 Bedford Forest Ave., Anderson, SC 29625-2917

George P. Rogers 🍷 George, who was a Tiger Survivor, was promoted to Glory on November 3, 2006. George was 77 years of age. He leaves his widow and daughters. Cards can be sent to: Teresa Rogers 112 Jean Ellen Ave Houma LA 70363 Phone 985-868-3237 *"George was captured on July 16, 1950. The same day I was captured and we were in the same group. He was released on August 25, 1953. George was a member of G Company, 19th Infantry Regiment 24th Infantry Division and was stationed at the same base I was at Beppu Japan. In fact our barracks were side by side. George has been coming to our reunions from the start and even made the one in San Antonio when travel from Louisiana was near impossible because of Katrina. He was always cutting up to make us laugh. Sometimes he would be telling a joke and talk so fast we couldn't understand. And now we say adieu to a great friend and brother. George Rogers gone from us now."* ~ With Love Shorty



19th Infantry Regiment *(Continued)*

James M. Swindler 🍓 James died 7 June 2006. He was in 19th Inf. Co. A WWII from March 1940 – October 1943.

Steve Triantafel 🍓 Steve was a Corporal when he served with Company E, 19th Infantry, Regiment, Korea. He passed away on July 13, 2006 Steve was the recipient of the Purple Heart w/OLC. Last address listed was 60093 Winnetka, Cook, IL

Julian H. Williams 🍓 MSG Williams passed away on October 16, 1998 and was buried at Centuries Memorial Park, 8801 Mansfield Rd., Shreveport, LA 71108

Jack R. Worley 🍓 G. Co, 19th passed away on April 22, 1990, one day short of his 58th birthday. Although he is listed as WIA only once, Jack was severely wounded in the head in one battle, recuperated in Japan, and was returned to duty. His wife Mary Katherine Worley says he was then hit in the back at waist level and was once more treated in Japan. Mary Katherine Worley can be contacted at 510 Intermont Rd., Chattanooga, TN 37415-4823

21st Infantry Regiment

James Moses Morris 🍓 James, 86, of Anniston AL has passed away. James was a native of WV. He traveled extensively with the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Army during WW11 and Pearl Harbor. And was a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors. James received two Silver Stars, three bronze Stars and three Purple Hearts. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine, three daughters, Gayle Jones, Laura Roberts, and Karen Morris, seven Grandchildren and three Great Grandchildren, and his brother George Pate Morris. Both George and Jim served in H Co 21st Inf., 1940, to 1942. Jim also served with the 3rd ID. Condolences may be sent to: George Morris, 518 Cedar Lane, Willard, MO 65781-7268.

Rev. Dick L. Van Halsema 🍓 Thea, his wife, has let us know that he died on 12 Nov 2005. Dick was in the 21st Inf. WWII and Japan in 1944–1945.

Roscoe Collier 🍓 Life Member #741, last known address was Sugar Tree, TX, had his Spring 2006 Taro Leaf returned marked DECEASED. No spouse is listed in records.

E. "Bodie" Adams 🍓 Colonel Adams (Retired) passed away on May 10, 2006 in Augusta, GA. Colonel Adams was the Assistant Battalion CO. of the 1st Battalion, 21 Infantry on 5 July 1950. Interment was at Arlington National Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Augustine Episcopal Church, 3321 Wheeler R., Augusta, GA.

Vic Delacruz 🍓 Command Sergeant Major (Retired) passed away on August 21, 2006. Vic first joined the Army on January 13, 1941, at Fort McKinley, PI where he was assigned to Company K, 57th Infantry and fought in Bataan and survived the infamous Death March. After escaping from the Japanese, he joined the guerillas for the duration of WWII. While serving in Japan with Company B, 21st Infantry Regiment he went to Korea in 1950 where he was wounded 3 times and eventually evacuated to the US. CSM Delacruz retired from the US Army in 1971 at Fort Ord, CA after 32 years of active service. Cards maybe sent to the family at: 194 Paddon Place, Marina, CA 93933-2903

Dr. Edwin L. Overholt 🍓 Battalion Surgeon, 21st Infantry, Korea, passed away at the Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center on Sunday, September 24, 2006. Dr Overholt had a very distinguished medical career and was part of a medical team that treated President Eisenhower, Vice President Nixon, General MacArthur and the Mercury Astronauts. Cards may be sent to his wife Thelma at: N 1965 Hickory Lane, LaCrosse, WI 54601-7164



34th Infantry Regiment

Arnold Plumer 🍷 Arnold passed away on March 27, 2006 in New York, NY. He was a member of F Company, 34th Infantry from 46-47 in Japan. No address available

Renne L. Vermont 🍷 died 18 July 2006, His wife survives him. Condolences may be sent to the home of his niece Yolanda Villarreal Her address is: 11852 Edgewood Lane, Garden Grove, CA 92840-1844



Renne L. Vermont

Edward L. Shields 🍷 Edward was Association Life Member # 1700. He passed away on November 18, 2006. Ed served with Headquarters, 34th Infantry Regiment during WWII. Condolences may be sent to Orlean B. Shields his wife at: 16903 Bald Eagle Drive, Kendall, NY 14476-9607

James L. Shirah 🍷 James, Life Member #206 died in February 2002. James served with the 34th Infantry in Germany

Mike Kokonas 🍷 Mike was called to glory May 18, 2006. Cards may be sent to; Kay Kokonas, 322 West Swain Road # 3, Stockton, CA 95207 *"The last memory I have of Mike (Emanuel) was of him helping a GI out of a landing craft, smashed by Jap artillery on Leyte Beach, October 20, 1944. For this he got a Bronze Star."* ~ Nicholas Marcuso

3rd Engineers "Combat" Bn.

Vivan R. "VR" Chambers 🍷 VR passed away on 19 April 2006. He served with the 3rd Engineers during WWII. Condolences may be sent to his daughter Kim Welker, 2310 Kessler Parkway, Dallas, TX 75208-2944.

5th RCT

Harvey O. Sweeney 🍷 Colonel Sweeney passed away on 14 July 2006. He was Company Commander of Company I, 5th RCT in 1952 during the Korean War. Cards may be sent to his wife Lynette Sweeney, 5906 44th NE, Olympia, WA 98516-2475.

James R. Vielbig 🍷 James, who served with I Company 5th RCT, passed away on October 25, 2006. James and his wife Ethel had been married 57 years. Cards may be sent to Ethel at: 2158 NE Irwin Rd., Weatherby, MO 64497-9164.

52nd Field Artillery

George Rogers Colonel (Retired), 🍷 Colonel Rogers served with the 52d FA Bn, Japan & Korea, passed away on Sunday, August 27, 2006. He was born in Echols County, Georgia on May 20, 1917. He was drafted in 1941 and served 32 years in the U.S. Army as an aviator and artilleryman. He was a Veteran of World War II and the Korean War. His Command assignments included the Philippine Scouts, 1st Battalion 31st Artillery Battalion, and the Aeronautical Office. He earned the Army's Distinguished Service Medal with Cluster, the Distinguished Flying Cross with two Clusters, and the Air Medal with seventeen Clusters. His last position was Deputy Center Commander of the Fort Stewart/Hunter Complex. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Sara Baker Rogers; three daughters and sons -in-law, Pamela and Rev. John Tinsley of Oostburg, WI, Patricia and Dr. Randy Sims of Augusta, GA, and Peggy and Col. Christopher Ross of Arlington, VA and ten grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 320 East Washington Ave, Hinesville, GA 31313 or to the LeConte / Woodmanston Foundation, P.O. Box 179, Midway, GA 31320. A Memorial service was held Tuesday, August 29, at the First Presbyterian Church of Hinesville. Burial in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA will be at a later date. Cards may be sent to: 474 Camellia Rd., Midway, GA 31320-6726

63rd FA

Joseph Tremel 🍷 Joe passed away in August 2005. Joe was a member of the 63rd FA during 1946-1947 and lived in Richfield, MN. Cards can be sent to his widow, Cheryl Tremel at 7215 Morgan Ave So., Richfield, MN 55423-2941



Division HQ

H. Douglas Jay Jr. 🇺🇸 Douglas passed away July 23, 2006. He was a Life Member the 24th IDA. He and served with the 24th Infantry Division in Japan and Korea as 1SG of the 8007th AFRS Detachment in Japan and Korea. Douglas was also a member of "Sons of the American Revolution" and "Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, being a direct descendant of participants in both conflicts. He was extremely proud to be a member of the 24th Infantry Division Association. Douglas is survived by his wife Eileen, two sons, Douglas and Thomas, and one granddaughter Devon Alexis. Card may be mail to: Mrs. Eileen Jay, 2225 Greenstone Rd., Wilmington, DE 19810-2303

Heavy Armor

Gordon W. Anderson LTC 🇺🇸, Gordon Life Member #241 was called to glory on an unknown date. LTC Anderson served with the Division in the 40th Armor in Germany

Unknown Unit

Clyde C. Irwin 🇺🇸 Clyde 84, of St. Petersburg, died July 19, 2006 at Palms of Pasadena Hospital. During World War II he served in the Army as an infantry officer in the European Theatre. He was recalled to active duty in 1950 and served as infantry commander with the 24th Division in Korea and received the Bronze Star. Survivors include two daughters, Linda Goode, Tampa, and Janie Richey, Alpharetta, Ga.; four grandchildren, Beth, Cindy, Doug, and Stephanie; and two great-granddaughters, Reagan and Reese.

Major General Perez 🇺🇸 Major General Perez died on February 3, 1981 and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Section 11 Site 151-1. He was a very fine Officer and a credit to the Officer and the 24th Infantry Division.

Herbert F. Spencer. Sr. 🇺🇸 Herbert passed away on August 13, 2006, in Taunton, MA. He served with the 24th Infantry Division in Korea.

Darrell W. Scarbrough 🇺🇸 Cpl. Scarbrough's name was not found listed on the July 1951 roster, but his name (with a blank in it) is on the 31 January 1952 roster. He also appears on the "Casualty list for G Co" 1 Oct 51 through 1 Feb 52, in which he's shown as evacuated and RTD.

William J. Valletta 🇺🇸 William was 80, when he died Friday, Aug. 12, 2005. He was born June 24, 1925. William was an Army Veteran of the Korean War.

*Dear Billy,
We heard that Dutch Nelsen passed away
just before Christmas. Sent Margo a card
and hope she will stay well herself. So many
good men going down! I wrote this tribute
thinking of Dutch. I thought maybe you
would like to put in into the Taro Leaf.
Yours Sincerely,
George M. Uting
Korean War Veteran
24th Inf Div
21st Regt. H Co.*

Tribute To A Veteran ~ Remember

Remember the days when you feet were wet
and cold.
Remember when you suffered from heat and
had very little water to drink?
Remember the many days that you went with
little or nothing to eat?
Remember the many nights that you sat in
silence and talked to the guy upstairs?
Yes, you remember because you were there.
Now let's remember another veteran who
went down.
A voice rang out, "what was his or her name?"
"Ellsworth 'Dutch' Nelsen," said I.
The voice said, "All rise as he is passing by"

By George M. Uting, a veteran



Leyte Valley ~ Then & Now



Remember When

I remember, very well, the night road march Jim Hill writes about in current Taro Leaf. (May 06 TL ~ Editor) Recall wondering where we were headed and who was leading us, without a map. Also, hoping we ended up where we were supposed to be without being ambushed. I was, then assistant light machine gunner, riding in the truck at or near tail of our convoy. We were rolling at a good clip, lights on(?) blackout(?) conditions, when another unit of 5-8(?) vehicles, driving with lights on, approaching from the west, turned north and began following us. I assumed they were friendly. Will try to phone Col. Jim Hill to learn if he was as lost as I was that night.

When we stopped, half hour/hour later, in a village, Balingit and I dismounted and went into position, in a soybean field, a few yards west of road. Had not yet started to dig our gun position when I heard hollering from the road. Then, there was a short shoot-out on the road near/at our trucks. Lead began flying around and over us. Since I had no dog in that fight, or knew who/why they were shooting, I tried to get down very low between those soybean rows. Later, I learned our lead driver had turned around and found a truck blocking his way south to pick up more of our troops. He hollered something like "Hey, fella get out of the road - I gotta go get more troops." His request was answered with rifle fire, and several weapons were fired for a few minutes. Next morning I saw the abandoned North Korean trucks on the road, where they had stopped behind our convoy. There were about six of them. One was a big heavy-duty 2-3 ton type. Something like an International. Others appeared to related to our 1 1/2 ton Studebaker trucks. The truck had lots of apples, etc. Some pulled small cannons and other equipment. Anyway, G. Company became a mobile rifle company.

Next day we moved north in style - driving/riding our recently acquired transporters. Later, that day, on a very high-one-lane mountain road/trail, the big heavy-duty truck overheated and died. Heard it had a hole in its radiator!! Our troops dismounted and rolled it over the side of the mountain ... to facilitate passing it and continuing on up the hill, aboard our other trucks. Seeing that truck tumble a few hundred yards down that mountain was like Hollywood. Later, stars were painted on the trucks - to avoid strafing by our aircraft. One of the trucks became our mess truck and another went to Supply Sgt. Heard others were appropriated by higher headquarters. Believe we still "owned" those two trucks when I rotated 2 June 51.

A few weeks earlier, when reentering/capturing(?) Taejon we discovered the previous nights B-29 raid had blown a bank vault open. Bundles about the size of 4 square napkin packages, containing new South Korean 100 Hwan notes were found inside. Understand Captain Barszcz (the most outstanding Infantry Commander I ever served with. My surviving Taejon and living to fight another day was because of him) passed word of the find back to higher headquarters. Heard he was told it was undoubtedly North Korean occupation money and Provost Marshall was to take care of it when he arrived. Still, a few bundles ended up on our supply truck. While assuming money was worthless, G. Co., 19th Inf. Regt. was probably the richest infantry rifle company ever in the U.S. Army. We lived "high" on the hog for a while. However, in reality, except for buying a farmers cow, the money was worthless to us. We were issued some of it and went shopping in Seoul. Koreans were selling what they had gotten from us. Since, I did not need any more "things" to carry I bought nothing with it. That currency was in circulation when I returned to Korea in 1957. I believe same was true in 1965-6.

That's my story, as I remember it from 55 year ago.

Jim Cooper

G. Co., 19th Inf. Dec. 49 to June 51



'First to Fight' forgotten no longer

BY JOHN F. BONFATTI

NEWS STAFF REPORTER

Many of its members died in combat in the swamps of the Philippines and the ridges of Korea, their remains interred in Hawaii in a picturesque volcanic crater-turned-cemetery called the Punch-Bowl.

And as one the 24th Infantry Division's survivors, Dan Rickert of San Juan Capistrano, Calif., looked at the 41 monuments that are in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific and wondered why there was none for the one nicknamed the Victory Division.

"There's thousands of our members there in the Punchbowl," said Rickert, chairman of the monument committee. "There was nothing to say we passed there."

That statement will soon be made by a handsome bronze plaque sitting atop a nearly one-ton block of Vermont granite.

Unveiled Wednesday in front of about 40 people at the Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens, the 24th Infantry Monument will eventually take its place on Memorial Walk at the cemetery.

It did not come about easily, said Rickert and two Amherst veterans, Sal Schillaci and Kenneth Fentner, also former members of the 24th Infantry, who were instrumental in making the monument become a reality.

The first thought was to get stone from Korea for the monument, but that couldn't be done.

There also were problems finding sponsors for the monument. "A lot of people turned me down," Schillaci said. "They said, 'We don't have funds to make a contribution.' By a stroke of luck, I contacted Stone Art Memorials."

They found a receptive audience in Thomas Koch, president of Lackawanna-based Stone Art, who contacted his granite supplier, Rock of Ages Quarry in Barre, Vt. Koch and the quarry agreed to split the \$3,500 cost of the granite for the monument.

Rickert's granddaughter, Danielle Rickert, designed the plaque, which featured the division's logo, a taro leaf. Taro is a common plant in Hawaii, where the 24th took shape at the start of World War II.

The leaf, made of beautiful colored glass, is centered on an up-raised banner. Members of the monument committee said a number of bronze casters tried to talk them into flattening the plaque, but they insisted that it remain raised.

"We had a difficult time getting an artist to do the work," Rickert said. "They wanted to make a flat plaque, like you see in a cemetery."

The plaque is dedicated "to those who were First in Fight." That was another moniker for the 24th, earned when it fired back at the Japanese war planes that attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.



Sharon Cantillon/Buffalo News

Kenneth Fentner of Amherst, who served with the 24th Infantry Division in the Korean War, views the monument to his unit.

"The Japanese also attacked Schofield Barracks on Oahu Island, the 24th's home", Rickert said. "You can still see the bullet holes where the Japanese strafed the buildings."

The 24th was "First in Fight" again in America's next military action in Korea. The 24th was part of the occupation force in Japan when the Korean War broke out, and its members were participants in the first battle in that conflict.

At the ceremony, the group also thanked Rep. Thomas J. Reynolds, R-Clarence, and Assemblyman James P. Hayes, R-Amherst, for arranging to ship the monument to Hawaii. For Schillaci, a veteran of the Korean War, the monument provides a measure of comfort

"It's a personal thing: I lost two of my dearest friends in combat," he said. "I've had a great deal of difficulty coming to terms with the loss of my friends. I feel this will help me put some closure on this."

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Kenneth Fentner, Gene Spicer, Dan Rickert & Sal Schillaci



Dan , Gene & Ker



Dan Rickert and Paul Garland



Reporter, Gene Spicer & Dan

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MEMBER OF THE 52ND FIELD
ARTILLERY BATTALION OF THE
24TH INFANTRY DIVISION

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION

THE 21ST INFANTRY REGIMENT IS THE OLDEST REGIMENT OF THE 24TH DIVISION. IT DATES BACK TO THE WAR OF 1812, WHERE IT DISTINGUISHED ITSELF AT THE BATTLE OF LUNDY'S LANE.

THE 19TH REGIMENT WAS ACTIVATED IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CIVIL WAR. IT SAW ACTION AT SHILOH, CHICKAMAUGA, GETTYSBERG, COLD HARBOR AND CHANCELLORSVILLE. THE UNIT TOOK PART IN MANY OTHER BATTLES AND IN 1922 WAS ORDERED TO HAWAII.

THE 34TH REGIMENT DID NOT BECOME PART OF THE 24TH DIVISION UNTIL 1941. THE UNIT FOUGHT WITH DISTINCTION IN WORLD WAR I AS AN ELEMENT OF THE 7TH INFANTRY DIVISION. ON DECEMBER 7TH 1941 THE UNIT, WHICH WAS ON ITS WAY TO THE PHILIPPINES WAS DIVERTED TO HAWAII AND BECAME PART OF THE 24TH.

DURING WORLD WAR II THE 24TH FOUGHT AT LEYTE, LUZON, CORREGIDOR, MINDANAO AND THE PHILIPPINES AMONG OTHERS. THE UNIT WAS SENT TO JAPAN AS AN OCCUPATION FORCE FROM 1945-1950.

IN 1950 NORTH KOREA CROSSED THE 38TH PARALLEL INTO THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH KOREA, THAT CAUSED THE START OF THE KOREAN WAR. THE 24TH DIVISION WITH A COMPLEMENT OF LESS THAN 16,000 MEN, 20 LIGHT TANKS AND INSUFFICIENT SUPPLIES, WAS SENT INTO THE FRAY IN KOREA. IN ITS MANY ENGAGEMENTS THE 24TH LOST 4,231 KILLED AND 8,154 WOUNDED.

THE 24TH WAS ALSO INVOLVED IN DESERT STORM AND OTHER MIDDLE EASTERN CONFLICTS.

THERE IS NOT ENOUGH ROOM HERE TO NAME THE BATTLES THAT THE 24TH FOUGHT OR TO MENTION THE MANY NAMES OF ITS HEROES BUT THE DIVISION ALWAYS FOUGHT WITH VALOR AND PRESENTED ITSELF WITH HONOR.

THE VICTORY DIVISION FIRST TO FIGHT

24th Infantry Division Association



BE A MEMBER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION RECRUIT A MEMBER

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

NAME _____

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SPOUSE'S NAME _____ CHILDREN & AGES _____

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

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

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

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

REMARKS _____

Dues:

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

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

Please make checks payable to:
"24th Infantry Division Association"
Mail with this completed application to:
Donald E. Maggio
Secretary/Treasurer
24th Infantry Division Association
631 Concord Rd
Fletcher, NC 28732-9736

Recommended By: _____



Concrete WH
July 06

Hi Guys

Thought maybe some Old Shell
Shocked Eng may not have seen these
pictures. I copied them from my "24th
Forward" book^x that has been out of
print for years, got this copy for \$130
bucks book store in Mt Vernon.

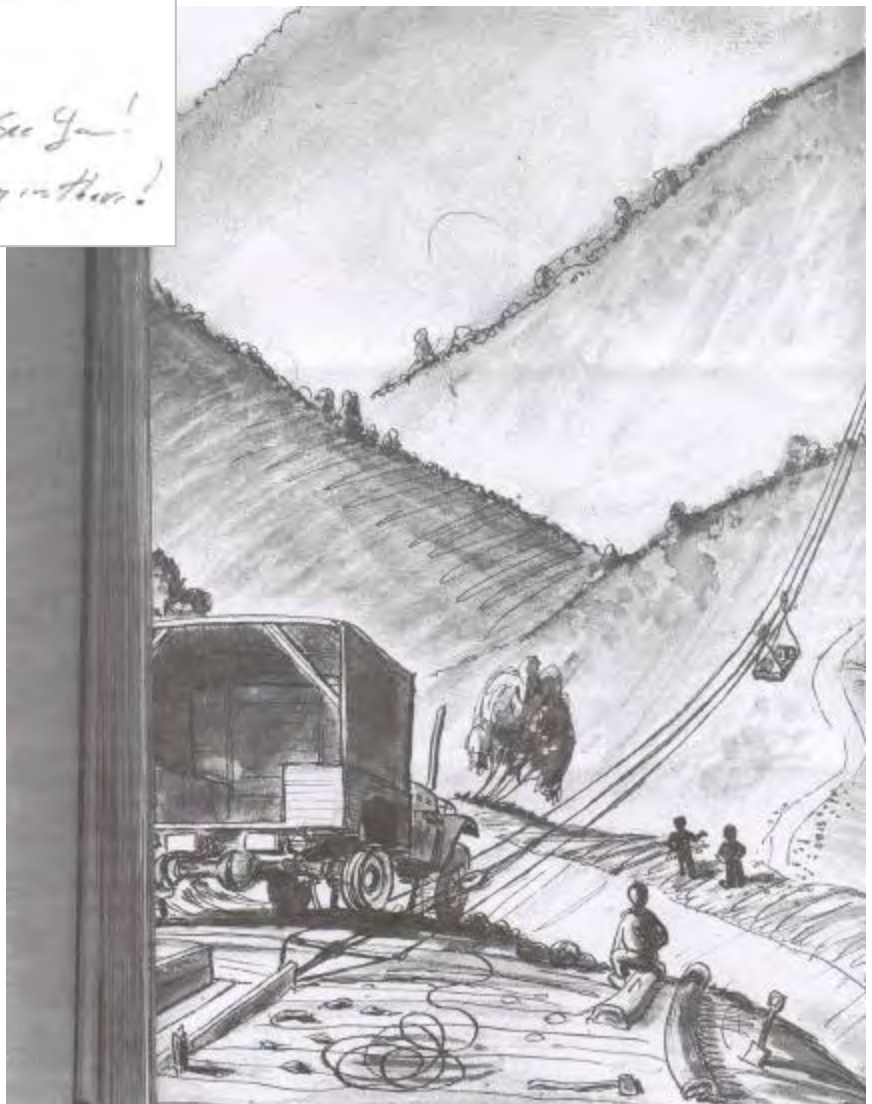
Looks like something a "Red Neck"
logger from this area would dream
up.

Here all is Best of Shape @ the
Rickett house!

See you!
Hang in there!

Sent my 24th Pennk Band
picture to 24th I.D.A

See you!
Hang in there!





AERIAL TRAMWAY



Cable tramways, similar in construction and functions to ski lifts, swung tons of material up near-perpendicular slopes to points that would be impossible to supply by foot. The large carrying baskets could comfortably hold combat casualties on the return trip, thus doing away with needless suffering in transit and saving precious time. Under battle conditions a single tramway, powered by the engine of a jacked-up truck, could give logistical support to two rifle companies, and in static positions, one lift provided for the needs of a battalion. (The aerial tramway on Hill 690 is depicted in Sgt. Hal Ruble's illustration on the facing page.)





Our House Boy, Korea, Sept 1951



Tents, Korea, 1951



Submitted By ~ **Marvin Reed**, 26th AAA



Milton, Korea, Aug 1951



Submitted By ~ **William Bill Burns**, 26th AAA



HEADQUARTERS

26th AAA AW BN (SP)

APO 24

26 December 1952

SUBJECT: Historical Dates of the 26th AAA AW Bn (SP)

TO: Commanding Officer
24th Division Artillery
APO 24
Attn: PIO

In compliance with verbal orders your headquarters, the following information is hereby submitted:

a. The history of the 26th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion dates back to 1898. It was a little less than one-year ago today that the Battalion came into its present status and was made organic to the 24th Infantry Division.

b. Re-designated and activated in Japan March 20, 1949. Battery "A" of the 26th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, was the only Anti-aircraft Battalion to engage the enemy in the early days of the Korean conflict. The lone Battery not only gave Antiaircraft protection to the 24th Division but also contributed greatly in ground support missions.

c. Slowly the Battalion grew in size and strength. Headquarters Battery of the 52d AAA AW Bn (SP) was attached to the 24th Division December 13, 1950. In January 1951 Battery "A" 21st AAA AW Bn (SP) was added, and in the summer of 1951 Batteries "C" and "D" were activated with personnel from the other Batteries filling key positions.

d. The Battalion quickly made a reputation of being a fighting unit. Battery "D" in its first major encounter with the enemy fired nearly one million rounds of caliber .50 ammunition in close ground support to the 19th Infantry Regiment and the 13th Field Artillery Battalion.

e. In its action against enemy aircraft. Battery "A" has three (3) Yak fighter planes to its credit. Members of the Battalion have been up and down the Korean peninsula from the Pusan perimeter to the broad stretches of the Yalu River. They have crossed the 38th parallel no less than four times, going over the battle-scarred roads time and again.

SUBJECT: Historical Dates of the 26th AAA AW Bn (SP) 26 November 52

l. With more replacements and equipment arriving, "C" Battery came into being on 6 June 1951

m. "D" Battery, 26th AAA AV Bn (SP) was activated on 6 July 1951.

n. The battalion, with, its various numerical deal designations, was made organic to the 24th Division and designated as the 26th AAA AV Bn (SPO on 10 November 1951.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

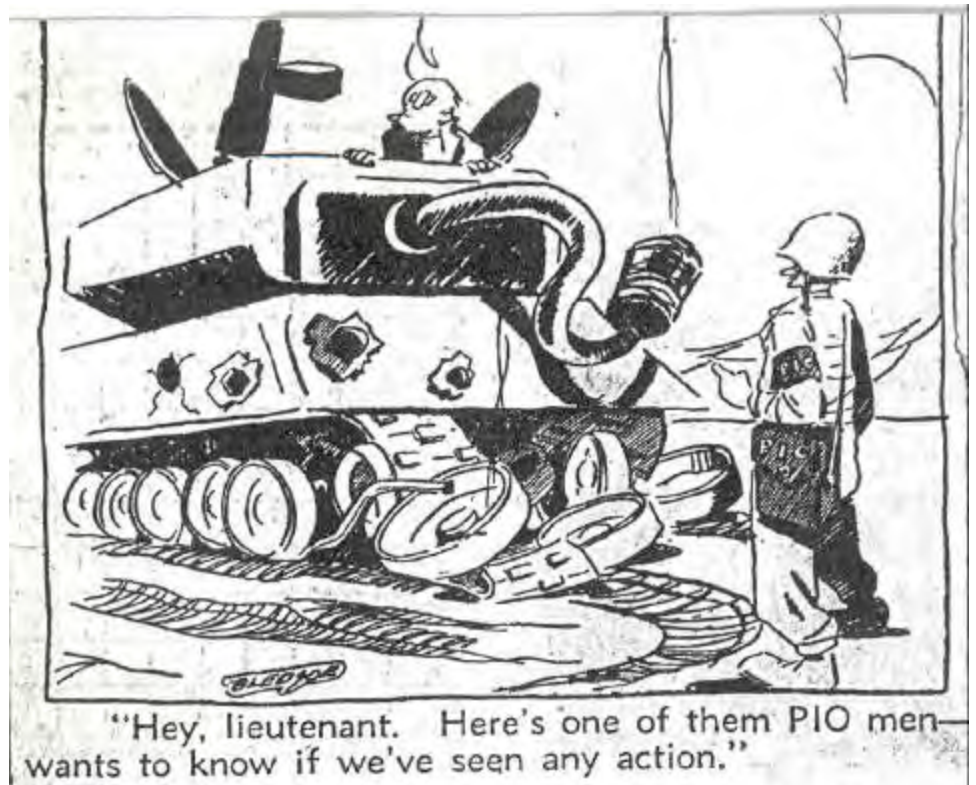
KENNETH A MOSHER
Captain Arty
Adjutant



...an old snapshot of a group of us from Division HQ. AG Section While we were on Talomo Beach in 1945. I don't remember the names of anyone in the photograph except me. I am on the left. ~ Submitted By ~ **Jack Jorgensen**, 24th HQ

Jack is looking for anyone who recognizes the guys in the photograph or is in contact anyone who served with the 24th Division from Hollandia to Toloma.

John P. Jorgensen,
1481 S. Danube Way #104
Aurora, CO 80017-6393
24th IDA Life Member



"Hey, lieutenant. Here's one of them PIO men—wants to know if we've seen any action."

19th Infantry Regime



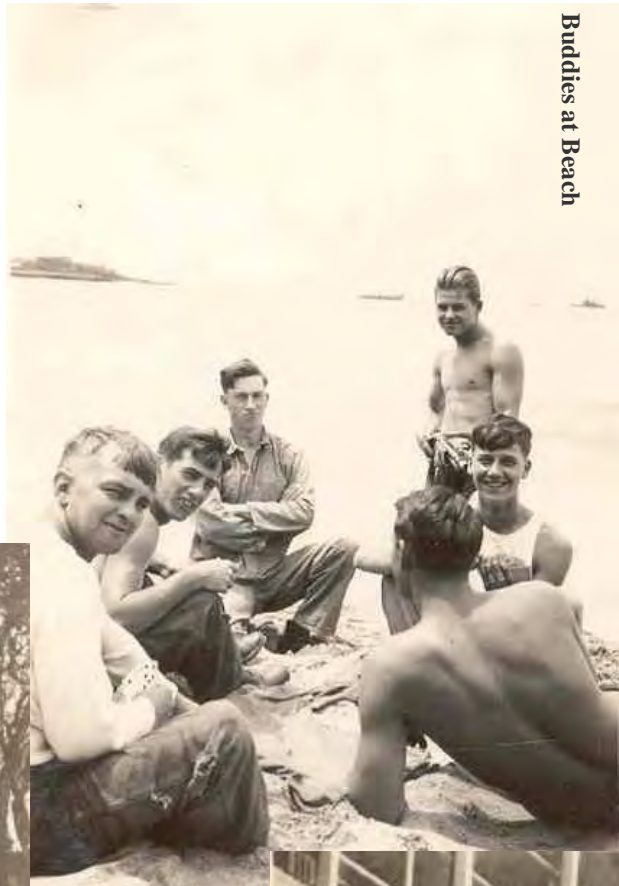
19th Infantry
Regiment

Billie Wassmann reported his wife died in August 2006 after a long illness. You can send your condolences to Billie at: 27 Sullivan Dr. Emerson, NJ 07630-1338 201

1st Sgt Joe Mahar – “G” Co, 19th



Buddies at Beach



Sgt Mullen



Buddies on Grass



Aloha Shirt, Jack Starr, Roy Bulman – 1938

Submitted By ~ **Jack Star**, 19th INF Regt.



Here are some more of Bill English's 'Found on the Editor's Desk' photos. Thanks again, Bill. ~ Editor





Saturday Breakfast with the 19th INF Indi-2006





Dear Friends,

We thank you all for giving our Dad so many hours of enjoyment sharing emails with all of you. We wish you health and happiness.

As Dad always closed... Tally Ho!

Nancy, Mary, Lisa
The Commish's Beloved Daughters

Commish we will miss you.
God bless you
Rest in Peace
AA

About the flag photos:

The Taiwan flag in the picture was given to me (Dick Colman) by one of the released prisoners. It was obviously hand made by the prisoner while in the prison camp and expressed quite well his decision to not be returned to communist China.

One result of the Panmunjom peace talks was that Chinese prisoners of war could select whether upon release they would be returned to the Chinese command or they would go to Taiwan and start a new life. While serving with HQ. and HQ Company of the 34th RCT, I was assigned to serve as a guard on the hospital train which was taking the wounded Taiwan bound Chinese from Panmunjom to Inchon for boarding a ship to their final destination.

My rank was Pfc. HQ. and HQ. Company of the 34th RCT identifies my unit. I served in Korea during the latter half of 1953 and into 1954 for approximately one year. I served with the unit in Pusan and the Yangu valley. Highlights of the time were to travel to Inchon and bring back the vehicles of the 45th Division to Pusan when they pulled out of Korea, maneuvers in the Yangu valley and the participation in the removal of the non-repatriated prisoners.

Dick Colman

(310) 373-1869



Photos and Story Submitted By ~ Dick's son, Barry Colman.

WELCOME TO COLUMBIA, SC

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Columbia, was founded on March 26, 1786 and located just 13 miles from the geographic center of South Carolina and was the first planned capital in America. Today, the Columbia Metropolitan Area is home to over 200 years of history, the University of South Carolina and the Army's largest training base at Fort Jackson. The area is often cited for its high quality of life offerings, with its many cultural amenities, parks and recreational features. Located at the confluence of two major rivers, the Congaree and Santee Rivers it is one of the best destinations in the country for Kayak and canoe enthusiasts.

Columbia airport is located just 6 miles southwest of the city center with the following airlines providing the service; Continental Airlines, Delta, Delta Connection, Independence Air, Northwest, United Express and USAirways. There are 3 major Interstate highways, I-20; I-26 and I-77 running through the city.



WELCOME TO HOLIDAY INN CITY CENTER COLUMBIA, SC HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION REUNION September 19 – 22, 2007

ROOM TYPE REQUESTED	Rate	Number in Party
Run of the House	\$75.00	_____
Double, Smoking or Non-Smoking	\$75.00	_____
King Non-Smoking	\$75.00	_____
Exec, Smoking or Non-Smoking	\$75.00	_____

**Note: Current room tax is 11% and is subject to change.*

SPECIAL REQUESTS:

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.
Hearing impaired devices available at Front Desk.*

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 18, 2007 TO ENSURE ROOM
AVAILABILITY. (After this date, rooms will be on space and rate availability only.)**

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

Date of Arrival_____ Date of Departure_____ Number of Nights _____

Name (Please Print) _____

Address: _____

City:_____ State:_____ ZIP: _____

If guaranteed to a major credit card, please give the following information:

AMEX_____ VISA_____ MC_____ DISCOVERY_____ OTHER_____

Credit Card Number:_____ Expiration Date:_____

Signature: _____

Mail this form to: Holiday Inn City Center USC, 630 Assembly St., Columbia, SC 29201-4029

Telephone Reservation: 1-803-799-7800 Confirmation Number:_____

Important!! Please read and follow all instructions

You must mail your check along with your registration forms to the following:

Hotel Reservation

Holiday Inn City Center USC
Attn: Reservations
630 Assembly Street
Columbia, SC 29201-4029
803-799-7800

(Recommend reservations be made by telephone and get confirmation number)

REUNION REGISTRATION / MEAL & TOUR FORM

The Reunion Brat
50721 State Hwy 410E
Greenwater, WA 98022
360-663-2521

Please mark all correspondences as 24th IDA Reunion

Reunion Banquet Seating – Deadline August 18, 2007

If you have a group of friends and wish to be seated together, get together and pay together

Send your registration forms in one envelope. Only 10 people can be seated at a table. Reserve as many tables as needed to accommodate your group. Designate one person and send you registration forms along with the appropriate payment to that person who will then forward all registration forms and payments to the Reunion Chairman. Once the Reunion Chairman has received all paperwork and money, he will notify the responsible person by confirmation letter. A registration packet for each person will be waiting at the reunion pre-registration desk. All tables will be assigned in order of receipt – so start your planning early and get your reservation and registration in as early as possible. Any Group table seating arrangement received after August 18, 2007 will not be guaranteed. All other registrants not included in a group arrangement will be seated when possible with members of his unit. **Please Note – Once tables are assigned they will not be rearranged. There will be no refunds or seating changes after August 18, 2007 except in cases of emergencies.**



NOTICE TO TARO LEAFERS



Below is a press release pertaining to our reunion in Columbia, SC. Regardless of whether or not you plan to attend, please cut it out and either take it to or mail it to your local newspaper and request it be published in their military, special events or Letters to the Editor section. I would like to see this notice blanket the country to announce our reunion and let all former 24th Division Members know there is an active association in existence. Please, feel free to change the wording to suite your local newspaper.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 19 - September 22, 2007, the 24th Infantry Division Association will hold its Annual Reunion honoring the Veterans of the Division. All former and current members of the 24th Infantry Division or members of any unit that have been assigned or attached to the Division at any time are welcome. The reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn City Center, USC, 630 Assembly St., Columbia, SC 29201-4029. For further information contact: Wes Morrison, Association Past President & Reunion Coordinator at 831-883-2156 or e-mail: wesm8@aol.com.

24th Infantry Division Assn. Reunion

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September 19-23, 2007



Columbia, South Carolina



To be held at the Holiday Inn City Center. Room rates are \$75 per night, plus tax. Parking at the hotel and airport transportation are free. A hospitality room stocked w/.snacks, beverages and cocktails will be provided each day. The following is the reunion itinerary:

Wednesday, September 19th

2 pm Registration and Hospitality Room opens

Thursday, September 20th

9 am - 3 pm Tour of Ft. Jackson Post, lunch at Officer's Club and Relic Room Museum

11 am - 2:45 pm Patriots Lake Lunch Cruise #1

Friday, September 21st

9-11 am EC Meeting

9 am - 4 pm Guided City and Historic Mansions Tour

11 am - 2:45 pm Patriots Lake Lunch Cruise #2

6-10 pm Aloha Banquet Dinner

Saturday, September 22nd

8-10 am Unit Breakfast Meetings

9-11 am Ladies Breakfast

10 am -12 pm General Business Meeting

12:30-4:30 pm Tour Ft. Jackson Museum and Relic Museum

12:30-5:30 Shuttle available to Shopping Mall

6-10 pm Memorial Banquet Dinner and Program

Sunday September 23rd

Departures

Call the Holiday Inn City Center at 803-799-7800 no later than August 18, 2007 to make your hotel reservations.

COME JOIN US AS WE SHARE OLD MEMORIES AND MAKE NEW ONES!!!

For More Information:

Contact: The Reunion BRAT

Phone: 360.663.2512

Email: Info@TheReunionBRAT.com

OR

Contact: Wes Morrison

Phone: 831.883.2156

Email: WesM8@aol.com

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Annual Reunion

September 19 2007 – September 22, 2007

Holiday Inn City Center, Columbia, SC

Name: (please print) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Name of Wife / Guests Attending:

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

Information for your name badge

Nickname _____ Unit _____ Period _____

Location _____ First Timer? YES _____ NO _____

Survey for Reunion Coordinator. Will you be arriving by:

*Air*_____ *Car*_____ *Train* _____ *Bus* _____

REMINDER

If you have a group of friends and wish to be seated together, get together and pay together. Only 10 people at a table, if you wish to be seated with your friends at the Banquets, you must mail all registration forms along with appropriate payments in one envelope otherwise we cannot guarantee that you and your friends will be seated together!

Make Checks Payable to:

The Reunion Brat and Mail no later than 18 August 2007 to:

The Reunion Brat
50721 State Hwy 410 E
Greenwater, WA 98022

Day / Date / Time	Activity	Per Person	# Person	Amount
Reunion Registration (Please Note: Registration Fee now applies to <u>ALL</u> attendees!)				
Thursday, September 20, 2007		\$15.00	X	=
	Fort Jackson Tour	\$34.00	X	=
	Patriots Lake Cruise	\$50.00	X	=
Friday, September 21, 2006				
	Guided City/Historic Mansion Tour	\$32.00	X	=
	Patriots Lake Cruise	\$50.00	X	=
Saturday, September 22, 2006	Aloha Banquet:			
	(Circle One) Grilled Grouper or Pork Tenderloin	\$40.00	X	=
	(New Item!) Vegetarian	\$40.00	X	=
Saturday, September 22, 2006				
	Unit Breakfast	\$15.00	X	=
	Ladies Breakfast	\$15.00	X	=
	Indy Zoo	\$48.00	X	=
	War Memorial	\$46.00	X	=
	Memorial Banquet			
	(Circle One) NY Steak or Chicken Cordon Blue	\$40.00	X	=
	(New Item!) Vegetarian	\$40.00	X	=
Total				
Confirmation of Registration and Itinerary will be sent by September 1, 2007. A \$20 per person cancellation fee will apply to all cancellations received within 30 days of the event. Consideration may be given on individual basis in case of medical emergency.				

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UNIT AND LADIES BREAKFAST

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The Unit Memorial Breakfast is now treated as another Association event. Your annual breakfast will be held Saturday, September 22 2007, 8:00 AM at the Holiday Inn City Center. The Unit Mess Hall location for each unit will be posted at the registration table. The cost for each breakfast is \$15.00. 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.

UNIT MEMORIAL BREAKFAST REGISTRATION FORM

NAME (Please Print): _____

UNIT BREAKFAST TO ATTEND: _____

Unit Mess Hall

3rd Engr/5th RCT/555th FA
19th Inf/29 Inf/13th FA
21st Inf/52d FA/11th FA
34th Inf/63rd FA/26th AAA

Headcount

Bill Boyden
Larry Gay
Wes Morrison
Roger Mitten

Members of units not listed above may sign up for a breakfast with whatever unit they feel comfortable with. **NO ONE**, will be allowed into the Mess Hall with out the proper Breakfast ticket. Headcounts may accept payment at the door but must list each payee for Accountability.

THE LADIES BREAKFAST

Don't miss the Ladies Breakfast! The "Daughters of the American Revolution" will provide entertainment.

\$15.00 Inclusive of Tax & Gratuity

Name (Please Print): _____

Number Attending: _____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____

At the Dentist One Day

A husband and wife entered the dentist's office. The husband said, "I want a tooth pulled. I don't want gas or Novocain because I'm in a terrible hurry. Just pull the tooth as quickly

as possible."

"You're a brave man," said the dentist. "Now, show me which tooth it is."

The husband turns to his wife and says, "Open your mouth and show the dentist which tooth it is, dear."



A married couple is driving along a highway doing a steady 40 miles per hour. The wife is behind the wheel. Her husband suddenly looks across at her and speaks in a clear voice, "I know we've been married for 20 years, but I want a divorce."

The wife says nothing, keeps looking at the road ahead but slowly increases her speed to 45 mph. The husband speaks again. "I don't want you to try and talk me out of it," he says, "because I've been having an affair with your best friend, and she's a far better lover than you ever were."

Again, the wife stays quiet, but grips the steering wheel more tightly and slowly increases the speed to 55. He then decides to push his luck. "I want the house," he says insistently. Speed goes to 60 ... "I want the car, too," he continues, 65 mph now ... "And," he says. "I'll have the bank accounts, all the credit cards and the boat!"

The car slowly starts veering towards a massive concrete bridge. This makes him nervous, so he asks her: "Isn't there anything you want?" The wife at last replies in a quiet and controlled voice. "No, I have everything I need," she says ... "Oh, really," he inquires. "So what have you got?"

Just before they slam into the wall at 65 mph, the wife turns to him, smiles, and say's.. The airbag."

Let's have the
Reunion in Your City!

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

LEAD STORY: Billions of dollars for you, but promise not to tell us what you do with it

To fund a new Iraqi economy and government after the March 2003 invasion, the U.S. Federal Reserve shipped 484 pallets of shrink-wrapped U.S. currency, weighing 363 tons, totaling more than \$4 billion, and, according to a House of Representatives committee staff report in February, most of the cash was either haphazardly disbursed or distributed to proper channels but with little follow-up tracking. By March 2007, The Times of London found bank records revealing, for instance, that two unremarkable Baghdad small-business men (appointed to the defense ministry) eventually deposited over \$1 billion in private accounts in Jordan, and that U.S. efforts to buy state-of-the-art equipment for the Iraqi army were seriously undermined because middlemen purchased only cheap, obsolete Polish munitions and pocketed the savings. [ABC News-Reuters, 2-6-07; The Times (London), 3-11-07]

Cultural Diversity

On Jan. 31, several hundred Japanese husbands recognized the second annual Beloved Wives Day to upgrade Japanese men's notorious, deeply ingrained indifference to their spouses. Among the husbands' vows: be home from work by the unusually early hour of 8 p.m.; actually look into the missus's eyes and say "thank you"; and try to remember to call her by her name (instead of, as many apparently do in substitution, grunting at her). (Divorce in Japan remains relatively rare, but marital estrangement has been rapidly increasing in recent years.) [Taipei Times-AP, 2-1-07]

Several matrilineal cultures exist in the world, but on Orango Island, off the African coast of tiny Guinea-Bissau, women's power to choose marriage partners is nearly absolute, according to a February Associated Press dispatch. By custom, the woman selects a man, then prepares a special dish of fish marinated in palm oil, after which any reluctance on his part is regarded as dishonoring his family. Before the couple can cohabit, though, a family home must be built from driftwood and mud bricks, and fortunately for the man, that, too, is her job. Islanders told the reporter that men are becoming more assertive, but that change has brought with it the unheard-of phenomenon of divorce. [Seattle Times-AP, 2-3-07]

Readers' Choice

In March, officials at the Gaza-Egypt border noticed that a Palestinian woman entering Gaza had a particularly lumpy upper body and searched her to reveal, strapped to her chest, three small crocodiles, which she had intended to sell to a zoo. [Columbus Dispatch-AP, 3-26-07]

Creme de la Weird

In March, police in Trenton, N.J., arrested four men in separate incidents and learned that they fancy themselves as "diplomats" from the Abannaki Indigenous Nation and claim immunity from the laws of the "so-called planet Earth" (and, by the way, of Mars and Venus, as well). One allegedly possessed an unidentified "controlled substance," and the others were driving cars with made-up "diplomat" tags. The four showed no ostensible ties to the Abenaki Indigenous Nation, a tribe that first appeared in North America in the 17th century and which is still present in the northeastern U.S.) [Trentonian, 3-15-07]

Least Competent Criminals

Anthony Perone, 20, pleaded guilty in March in Connecticut in connection with two stalking letters he admitted mailing to a woman he had fallen for in the third grade but who apparently had spurned him. The rambling, incoherent letters explicitly threatened death, and Perone had intended to send them anonymously, in that he wrote no return address on the envelopes. However, he lived with his mother and had given each envelope to her to mail, and, unknown to him, she had thoughtfully added his name and address before posting them. [St. Paul Pioneer Press, 3-19-07]

Chuck Shepherd,
News of the Weird (Weird News@earthlink.net)





The Medal of Honor, the nations highest sward for military Valor is given to those who have acted with supreme courage and to disregard their won safety in the face of most hazardous conditions. It is an award that only a comparative handful of men in the world are entitled to wear. It is bestowed by act of Congress and reflects Democracy's gratitude to those who, in moments of risk, offered everything they had in its defense, including life itself. The medal is but a humble token, a gesture of recognition for sacrifices, which cannot be repaid to its honored holders, their survivors, in worldly goods.

Twelve soldiers of the 24th Infantry Division, between 1944 and 1951, so distinguished themselves with sacrificial and intrepid acts on the battlefield and received this highest decoration. Three recipients are from World War II and the other nine received their awards during the Koran War. Only General Dean, Lieutenant Dodd, And Sergeant Adams lived to receive the Medal personally. Sergeant Duke survived combat but died later in a North Korean POW camp. All others were killed in action, and along with Sgt. Duke received their decorations posthumously.

Corporal **Mitchell Red Cloud, Jr.**, Friendship, Wisconsin
E Company, 19th Infantry Regiment
5 November 1950, near Chonghyon, Korea

From his position, forward of the company command post, he was the first to detect the approach of Chinese Communist forces, and gave the alarm as the enemy charged at him from less than 100 feet away. Jumping up he fired automatic rifle fire into the Chinese, checking their assault and giving his company time to consolidate it's defense. He maintained his position until severely wounded. Refusing assistance, he pulled himself to his feet, wrapped his arm around a tree, and continued to fire until fatally wounded. This action stopped the enemy from overrunning his company's position and gained time to reorganization and the evacuation of the wounded.

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Fletcher, NC 28732-9736
Tel. 828-684-5931

Check your Dues Date below

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