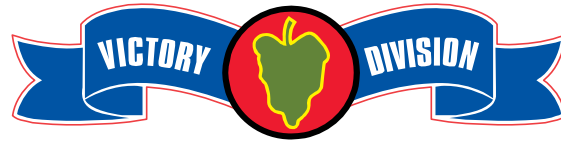


24th Infantry Division Association



FIRST TO FIGHT

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66th Annual Reunion



Holiday Inn, Hurstbourn, Louisville, KY

September 22-25, 2013

24th Infantry Division Association

2013-2014 Officers

Don Maggio, President

Tom Appler, Vice President

John Dunn, Secretary/Treasurer

William "Bill" Tricarico, Director at Large

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Sal Schillaci, Immediate Past President

Dear Fellow Taro Leaffer:

The 24th Infantry Division lives! Well, albeit it lives through its Association!

Fifty-two registrants along with spouses and guests came to a total of 162 who came together in Louisville, KY to ensure that our *First to Fight—Victory* Division lives on, at least in spirit. And that our Association also lives.

We thank everyone who came to Louisville to make our 66th Annual Reunion not only successful but also highly enjoyable. We hope you had a really great time.

This is my second effort at compiling a commemorative reunion booklet, having done similarly for the 2011 reunion at Dayton, OH. But this one was a bit more of a challenge since I was not at Louisville.

I could not have done either without Bill Korhely, "The Photo Guy," from Roadrunner Photo who supplied the Association a DVD with 462 extraordinary photographs! Thank you Bill!

Let me walk you through the book since I did not generally take room in the book for explanations.

Pages 3 and 4 provide you with photos of the business functions of the reunion, the reason we actually come together.

BG Spicer restores Korean War era military vehicles; page 5 is a collection of photos of the vehicles Gene and three of his friends brought for you to view.

Page 6 is a collection of photos from the Banquet, and Page 7 is a collection of photos of the "worker bees" who made this reunion possible.

Pages 8 through 11 contain photos of the tours to downtown Louisville and Churchill Downs, to Frazier and Louisville Slugger Museums, and to Fort Knox. Bill Korhely took well over 200 photos of these tours, but there just was not enough space. I took what I thought best told the stories.

Pages 12 through 21 contains what I viewed perhaps the most important section, photos of all the attendees I could find and identify (as well as some I could not identify).

Page 22 is the list of members who registered at the reunion. I include it so you have their names, addresses, phone and email addresses.

Page 23 is a letter from Sena-

tor Mitch McConnell to Gen. Spicer.

Finally, page 24, the back cover, is all about **The Quilt!**

Judy Thomas, daughter of Carolyn Spicer, made the beautiful quilt that adorned the Banquet head table. Gene Spicer had the original idea for the quilt, and created the design Judy used to make the quilt.

Prominent on the quilt are the Division patch in the center. Campaign Streamers representing particular 24th engagements and achievements are highlighted at the foot of the quilt and Unit Decoration award ribbons at the head of the quilt.

Michael and Candee Doherty won the quilt.

So, there you have the special 66th Annual Reunion photo book.

There were literally tens of dozens of excellent photos that I would have liked to include, but didn't have space. The book does have 117 graphic images. Note that I edited every photo.

I sincerely hope you will find it to your liking, and that it brings back many good memories of the 24th's 66th reunion!

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Carpenter Receives 2013 Verbeck Award



Above: Mel Frederick, left, 2012 Verbeck Recipient, presents the Association's 2013 Verbeck Award to Chaplain Glen Carpenter. The mini-Verbeck bowl in Glen's hand is his to keep.



Left: Glen holding the Verbeck Bowl, The original bowl is on the top that contains the engraved names of early Verbeck recipients, and a special base on which is mounted the names of recent recipients.



Right: Gen. Spicer presents 2012 Verbeck Award (New Orleans) to Mel Frederick.

Board of Directors Meeting



Board of Directors meeting: Clockwise from lower left: John Dunn, Don Maggio, John Burgess, Tom Appler, Gene Spicer, William Tricarico, John Klump, Glen Carpenter, Mel Frederick, and George Vlastic.



Corporate Convention



From left: Bill Tricarico, Don Maggio, John Dunn and Glen Carpenter.



Hospitality



Restored Military Vehicle Collection*



*Vehicles provided by: Spicer, Brown, Scott and Kirsch.







Reunions don't just happen, they take a lot of work. Here are some who made our 66th Annual Reunion happen (from top—left to right): Gene and Carolyn Spicer; Carolyn, Helen and Danielle registering attendees; Jeff and Debbie Spicer; Mark and Helen (Spicer) Bruce; Helen Spicer Bruce and Danelle Spicer (seated) and Heike and Debbie Spicer (standing); Ken and Joanne Fentner; Holiday Inn staff, especially Tammy Risen on right; Gene Spicer with Dell and Fred Courtney—Dell puts together parades for Louisville.







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From top down and left to right: **Tom Appler, Pedro and Maria Arroyo, William and France Borer, George "Brownie" and Mary Brown, and John Burgess.**





From top down and left to right: **Howard Camp, Glen and Mary Carpenter, Paul Cartledge, Andy and Helga Christiansen, and Dan and Mary Cretaro.**





From top down and left to right: **Ronald and Joann Davis, Frank and Charlene Dennis, Michael and Candee Doherty, Tom and Irene Donaghy, Nicholas and Theresa DeRosa, and Ken Dillon.**





From top down and left to right: **Richard Draus and his daughter Richelle Lincoln; John Dunn; Walter and Gerry Dworak; Autrey Dye, Sr. and Barbara Oliver; and James and Maria Edge.**



From top down and left to right:
Frank Elsen (sorry, do not know Ms. Elsen's name, we understand Frank became a new member),
Ken and Joanne Fentner, Bernard and Shirley Fergus, Mel Frederick, and Juan and Barbara Garcia.





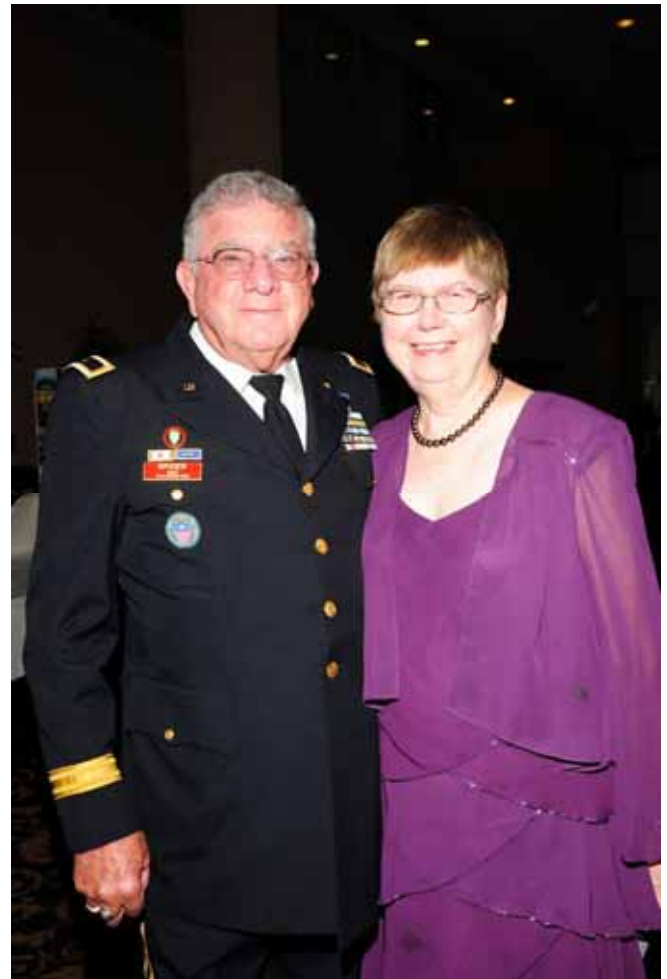
From top down and left to right:
Edward Hall, the John Klump family, William Hosler, Ed and Bonnie Leak, Darryl and Dedie Levitt.





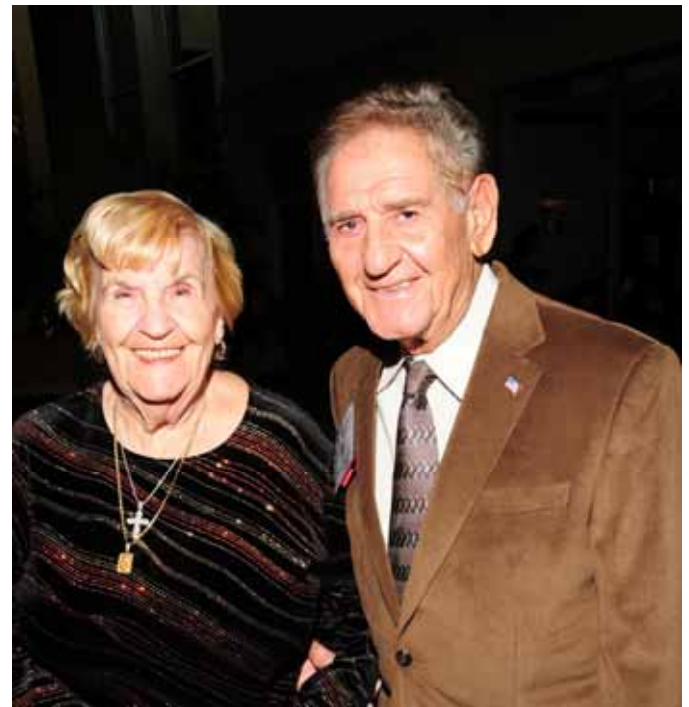
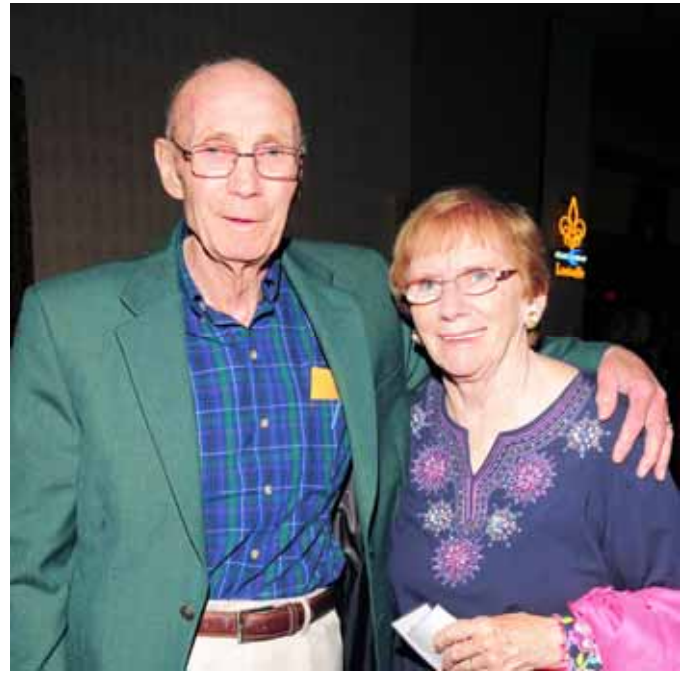
From top down and left to right:
**Don Maggio, Melvin Matter and
daughter Judy Matter, Paul Mil-
ler, Al Perkins, and John and
Ngoc Peterkin.**





From top down and left to right:
**Osmon and Dianne Ramsey, Dan
and Ann Rickert, Rex Rhodes,
John Scarf, Gene and Carolyn
Spicer.**





From top down and left to right: **Bob and Treva Stratton, Edward and Marie Tinney, Leo and Mary Kay Toninato, William and Virginia Tricarico, and Donald and Bonnell Tench.**





From top down and left to right: **Frank and Elizabeth Tricarico, George and Nancy Vlastic, and John Young and Lady D.** This concludes the photos available and that I hope I have correctly identified. The two at right are two that I was not able to identify. Sorry. Some of these photos were edited from group pictures. All photos were edited.



List of Registrants

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

November 1, 2013

Brigadier General Gene Spicer (Ret.)
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Dear General Spicer:

Please let me take this opportunity to express my profound thanks for your military service to our nation. America remains a beacon of freedom and democracy throughout the world today due to the commitment and sacrifices made by members of our armed forces such as yourself.

As I understand it, you organized the 66th annual reunion of the Army's 24th Infantry Division in Louisville, Kentucky this past September. I was pleased to learn that you and fellow members of the "The First to Fight Division" were able to come together, and I appreciate your efforts in coordinating this event. The heroic actions of the 24th Infantry Division at Pearl Harbor and against North Korean forces in Osan, South Korea embody the highest values of our nation. The United States remains deeply indebted to individuals like you who have sacrificed so much to protect our freedoms.

I hope that you will stop by the next time you are in Washington, D.C., and please let me know if my office may ever be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mitch McConnell".

MITCH McCONNELL
UNITED STATES SENATOR

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