

TARO LEAF TAPS

MISS ME - BUT LET ME GO

*When I come to the end of the road And the sun has set or me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room Why cry for a soul set free.
MISS ME a little - but not too long And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love we once shared, MISS ME - but let me go.
For this is a journey we all must take And each must go alone,
It's all apart of the Master's plan A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick of heart Go to the friends we know,
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds
MISS ME - BUT LET ME GO.*

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

11th Field Artillery

Juni, Elmer "Jeep"
Lewis, Richard F.

19th Infantry Regiment

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

21st Infantry Regiment

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

24th Reconnaissance Company

Kuhner, Wallace

24th Signal Company

Northrop, Lt. Col. LeRoy M.

26th AAA

Commings, Clarence

3rd Engineers "Combat" Bn.

Kunes, Jack K.

34th Infantry Regiment

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

35th Infantry Regiment

Wallace, Dana
West, Bill

52nd Field Artillery

King, Edward
Lopez, Frank

78th Heavy Tank

Cissell, Robert S.

Unknown

Haskins, Sherwood C.

11th Field Artillery

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



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

19th Infantry Regiment

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

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



Higbee, Dale – Served with 19th F Co. in WWII

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

21st Infantry Regiment

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

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



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

Rhodes, Clarence – Served with 21st A Co. in Japan & Korea & TF Smith

24th Reconnaissance Company

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

24th Signal Company

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

26th AAA

Cummings, Clarence – Served with 26th AAA in Korea

34th Infantry Regiment

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

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

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

35th Infantry Regiment

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

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

3rd Engineers "Combat" Bn.

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

52nd Field Artillery

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

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

78th Heavy Tank

Cissell, Robert S. – Of Louisville, KY passed away November 13, 2003. He served with the 78th Heavy Tank Bn. In Japan and Korea.

Unknown Unit

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

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

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

TARO LEAF TAPS

The Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

Oh divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console,

To be understood as to understand,

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life.

5th RCT

Charles M. Campos
Olin Williams

11th Field Artillery

Richard F. Lewis

19th Infantry Regiment

James Geygan
John E. Regula

21st Infantry Regiment

Hugh A. Brown
James A. Land
Harry Whitman

24th HQ

Marvin L. Pfleiderer

24th Signal Company

Edward E. (Gene) Dishman

26th AAA

Charles Cummings

34th Infantry Regiment

LTC George Wilxoc

78th Heavy Tank

Robert S. Cissell

Unknown

Mearl Dean Roos

5th RCT

Charles M. Campos passes away in February 2004. Charles served with HQ 2nd BN, 5th RCT in Korea from 1951-1952.

Olin Williams passed away 11 March 2004. Olin served with the HQ 2nd BN, 5th RCT in Korea from 1951-1952.

The preceding received from Paul R. Garland. Even though they were not members of the 24th IDA; Olin & Charles were members of the 24th Infantry Division in and Korea.

11th Field Artillery

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

19th Infantry Regiment

James Geygan passed away on 5 April 2004 in Hebron, OH. James served with Co. H, 19th INF Div. His nephew Mickel Geygan (361) 633-1926 currently serves in the Navy in Rock Port TX.

John E. Regula, of Lafayette, Ohio passed away Feb. 7, 2004 at the age of 80. During WW II John served with 19th Regiment, Co. F, 2nd Bat from December 1944 thru January 1947. He was in the Philippines and Japan. John attended the 24th Reunion in 1992 at Savannah, Ga. and 1998 at Little Rock, Ark. He enjoyed these two reunions and always wanted to attend. Surviving John are his wife Dorothy, one daughter, one son and 4 grandchildren. Dorothy L. Regula 524 N. Oak St, West Lafayette, Ohio 43845 – 1033.

21st Infantry Regiment

Hugh A. Brown passed away 9 March 2004. He was 77. Hugh was a native of Coos Bay, Oregon. Hugh served with "E" Troop of the 124th Horse Cavalry Regiment in Burma during WWII. During the Korean War, Hugh, fought with "L" Company of the 21st INF Reg. In recognition of his service, he was awarded two Silver Stars, three Bronze Stars and three Purple Hearts. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Betty Jo Reid Brown and children.

James A. Land passed away 11 October 2003. James served with "K" Co. 21st INF Reg. in Korea. This information was received from his daughter Belinda Skeen in March 04.

Harry L. Whitman, Jr. passed away 1 March 2004. He served with "G" Co. 21st INF Reg. in Korea. Harry was not only a Life Member; he was our Quartermaster. Harry is survived by his wife, Frances Whitman and children.

24th HQ

Marvin L. Pfeleiderer, of St. Joseph, MO. passed away 9 February 2004. Marvin was a Life Member. Condolences can be sent to Julia Bryson, 4803 Valley Lane, Saint Joseph, M) 64503-1815.

24th Signal Company

With apologies to Mrs. Edward Dishman: **Edward E. (Gene) Dishman** passed away 29 April 2003. Gene served with the 24th Signal Company in the South Pacific 1942 – 1945.

26th AAA

Charles Cummings, "C" Co, 26th AAA Platoon. Charles served in Korea from September 1951 – 1952. He also served in WWII as an Infantryman. Charles was awarded three Silver Stars, three Bronze Stars & three Purple Hearts.

34th Infantry Regiment

LTC George Wilcox died a couple of days ago where he was wintering in Palm Springs, CA. George was a LT, Platoon Leader, Company D, 34th Regiment in Japan and in Korea. On 1 Sep 1950, he was reassigned to Company M, 19th Regiment. His last assignment, prior to retirement in the 1970's, was ROTC duty in the San Francisco Bay Area. He had frequent contact with General Dean during that period. However, George informed me that General Dean would not discuss Korea. George was a Coxswain in the Navy during WW II. George was buried 5 March 2004 with full military honors.

The preceding received from Lacy Barnett. Even though he was not a member of the 24th IDA; George was a member of the 24th Infantry Division in Japan and Korea.

78th Heavy Tank

Robert S. Cissell, of Louisville, KY, passed away 13 November 2003. Robert, 24th IDA Life Member, served with the 78th Hvy Tk. Bn. in Japan and Korea.

The preceding received from Bacil B. Steed.

Unknown

Mearl Dean Roos, 72, passed away 12 March 2004 at his home. Mearl served with the 24th Infantry Division in Korea from 1950 – 1952 as a wire chief installing communication lines. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Doris L. (Arebaugh) Roos & children.

The preceding received from Bill Woodard.

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We, are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you, from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who, die
We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow in Flanders fields.*

~John McCrae

Poppies have been the traditional flowers of remembrance for fallen soldiers since World War I.

3rd "C" Engineers

Frank Barnes
Arnie Berge
Glen Colegate
Joseph "Shorty" Conoyer Jr.
Owen Lewis
W.W. Shortsleeve
Dean Strellner
Wayne F. Wright Sr.

19th Infantry Regiment

Homer E. Daily
Carl L. Doran
Richard L. (Dick) Hubbard
William H. Lambert
Gus Orr
Wayne E. Smith

21st Infantry Regiment

Philip S. Day
Cleon C. Eckler
Edward D Fitzgerald
Floyd Samuel "Gib" Gibson
Walter E. O'Neill
Ron Pyle
Leon Selonke
Smith, BG Charles B.

24th Div HQ

Marvin L. Pfleiderer
Zenon Rybel
Eric Weber

34th Infantry Regiment

O'Connell Patrick D.
Robert S. Pere
Dana G. Wallace

52nd Field Artillery

Paul Fraser

24th Signal

Glenn E. Behrends
Edward E. Dishman
Leroy M. Northrop

24th Medical

Frank Lopez

5th Regimental Combat Team

Colonel James T. Root
Edward Stanik

13th Field Artillery

"Honest" John Finley Jr.
Charles L. Hamer Jr.

11th Field Artillery

John H. Hargreaves

3rd "C" Engineers

Frank Bames died on June 20, 1999

Arnie Berge died on September 26, 2000

Glen Colegate passed away October 7, 2003. Glen was with "B" Co from 1945 – 1946 and was a S/Sgt.

Joseph "Shorty" Conoyer Jr. (82) WWII died on June 7, 2004.

Cards may be sent to: 912 N Main St., O'Fallon, MO 63366-1746

Owen Lewis passed away January 25, 1998

W.W. Shortsleeve died on January 15, 1989

Dean Strellner passed away December 13, 2003

Wayne F. Wright Sr. passed away February 19, 2004

Cards may be sent to: 525 Olive Place, Woodbridge, NJ 07095-3415

5th Regimental Combat Team

Colonel James T. Root died on May 7, 2004 at age 80. He was a West Point graduate, class of '45. He was an infantry combat veteran of the Korean War (5th RCT) and the Vietnam War (1st Cav Div., Air Assault). Col. Root was awarded 2 CIB's, the Silver Star, # Legions of Merit, the Bronze Star, 8 Air Medals, the Purple Heart, 2 Army Commendation Medals, the Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and 3 Presidential Unit Citations from the Presidents of The United States, Korea and Vietnam.

Edward Stanik passed away September 5, 2003



11th Field Artillery

John H. Hargreaves passed away March 20, 2004

13th Field Artillery

"Honest" John Finley Jr. died on April 17, 2004

Cards may be sent to: 9422 Sea Brighy Avenue, Elberta, AL 36530-5014

Charles L. Hamer Jr. passed away February 19, 2003

19th Infantry Regiment

Homer E. Daily died on May 14, 2003

Carl L. Doran died on October 5 2003. Carl was a POW from 11/4/50 to 8/12/53

Cards may be sent to: 34518 99th Avenue Court S., Roy, WA 98580-9287

Richard L. (Dick) Hubbard passed away June 3, 2004

Dick was Membership Chairman for the 24th IDA and contributed many hours to this important office. Dick will be missed by all of our members

Cards may be sent to: 5524 Chateau Lane W., Bradenton, FL 34207-3706

William H. Lambert, WWII, died on June 5, 2004

Cards may be sent to: 270 S W 3rd Street, Boca Raton, FL 33432

19th Infantry Regiment (Cont.)

Gus Orr was buried at Fort Sam Houston cemetery May 3, 2004. A 1948 graduate of Texas A&M, he came to the 24th ID in Beppu, Japan as a 2nd LT. Gus went to Korea with the 19th on July 16, 1950, where he earned a Silver Star and a Purple Heart. He retired as a LTC. Gus was a loyal association member who will surely be missed at our annual reunions.

Cards may be sent to: 410 S. 11th, Carrizo Springs, TX 78834

Wayne E. Smith

21st Infantry Regiment

Philip S. Day died on December 6, 2003

Cards may be sent to: 327 Cascade Road, Columbus, GA 31904-2811

Cleon C. Eckler passed away in March 2004. Note from Keith Hagen. *"He walked point numerous times for 'I' Co. 1st platoon and was one of the six men I met at our reunion that I had served with in Korea."*

Cards may be sent to: 570 Blackbird Landing Rd., Townsend, DE 19734-9138

Edward D Fitzgerald passed away January 19, 2004

Cards: 523 Osceola Avenue, Deer Park, NY 11729-2413

Floyd Samuel "Gib" Gibson died on April 29, 2004

Col. Gibson, a Veteran of WWII, was one of the few who survived the Battle of the Bulge. He was CO of "I" Co. during the Korean War and a military adviser in the Vietnam War.

James A. Land passed away October 11 2003

Walter E. O'Neill died on June 17, 2004

Cards may be sent to: 3905 Cutting Horse Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89030

Ron Pyle passed away June 25, 2004

Cards may be sent to; P.O. Box 849, Altaville, CA 95221-0849

Leon Selonke passed away June 1, 2003. Leon died in the house where he was born almost 74 years ago, and where he lived with his wife Florence. June 11th would have been their 49th Wedding Anniversary.

Cards may be sent to: W1869 Hwy. 8, Hawkins, WI 54530-9704

BG Charles B. Smith died on May 23, 2004

General Smith headed the first American ground forces to fight to delay the attacking North Koreans in June 1950. This group was later known as **Task Force Smith**

No other information is available at this time.

Cards may be sent to: 8354 E. Via De Los Libros, Scottsdale, AZ 85258-3202

24th Div HQ

Marvin L. Pfleiderer passed away February 9, 2004

Zenon Rybel died on June 13, 2004 in Corvallis, OR at the age of 92. Zenon entered basic in '42, followed by Coast Guard OCS and duty with an AAA/AW unit. When the unit was deploying to England, Zenon received classified orders for MI training at Camp Ritchie, MD. He left there as part of Photo Interpretation Team 114 to join the 24th ID HQ in New Guinea in the summer of '44, participating in campaigns on Leyte, Mindanao, and Mindanao. Zenon served with the 324th in the postwar occupation of Japan under the direct command of Col. Kenwood Ross.

Cards may be sent to: 23541 Greasy Creek Rd, Philomath, OR 97370-9591

Eric Weber died on March 21, 2004

Cards may be sent to: 1119 31st Avenue, Bellwood, IL 60104-2449

24th Medical

Frank Lopez passed away May 25, 2003

24th Signal

Glenn E. Behrends passed away February 3, 2003

Cards may be sent to: 306 E 5th Street #3, Monticello, IA 52310-1237

Edward E. Dishman died on April 29, 2003

Leroy M. Northrop

34th Infantry Regiment

O'Connell Patrick D. Passed away June 25, 2004

Cards may be sent to: 7127 N 79th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85258-4135

Robert S. Pere died at 85 years on April 2004. He was a WWII Veteran

Cards may be sent to: 4228 Thyme Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89110-4535

Dana G. Wallace passed away Oct 27, 2003

52nd Field Artillery

Paul Fraser

It Is The Veteran...

It is the VETERAN, not the preacher,
Who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the VETERAN, not the reporter,
Who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the VETERAN, not the poet,
Who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer,
Who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer,
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the VETERAN, not the politician,
Who has given us the right to vote.

It is the VETERAN,
Who salutes the Flag,

It is the veteran,
Who serves under the Flag,

ETERNAL REST GRANT THEM O LORD,
AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

~ Author Unknown

"It is the VETERAN" was submitted by Jim & Sue Hill

"THERE IS NO DEATH"

Stanzas 11, 12, 13

John Luckey McCreery

THEY ARE NOT DEAD! THEY HAVE BUT PASSED BEYOND THE MISTS THAT BLIND US HERE.
INTO THE NEW AND LARGER LIFE OF THAT SERENE SPHERE.

THEY HAVE BUT DROPPED THEIR ROBE OF CLAY TO PUT THEIR SHINING RAIMENT ON;
THEY HAVE NOT WANDERED FAR AWAY—THEY ARE NOT "LOST" OR "GONE."

AND SOMETIMES, WHEN OUR HEARTS GROW FAINT AMID TEMPTATIONS FIERCE AND DEEP,
OR ON WILDLY RAGING WAVES OF GRIEF OR PASSIONS SWEEP,

WE FEEL UPON OUR FEVERED BROW THEIR GENTLE TOUCH, THEIR BREATH OF BALM;
THEIR ARMS ENFOLD US, AND OUR HEARTS GROW COMFORTED AND CALM.

11th Field Artillery

Merle Hamilton

13th Field Artillery

Sam H. Davis

19th Infantry Regiment

Louis Dammeyer
Paul A. Diers
Phillip H. Hostetter
Frank Hellman
Norman W. Pallay
Edward H. Wiegman

21st Infantry Regiment

Willis Fed Lowrey
John A. Brown
William L. Broome
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Clyde M. Matlock

34th Infantry Regiment

James C. Thomas
Leo Seitelbach

5th Regimental Combat Team

James E. Gardner

Heavy Mortar

John E. Miller

Unknown Unit

Gray I. Clawson
Donald Printer

11th Field Artillery

Merle Hamilton

Florence Hamilton has let us know that her husband Merle passed away August 2004.
15 Maplewood Drive, South Burlington VT 05403-5927

13th Field Artillery

Sam H. Davis

Sam passed early in August 2004
427 Woodhaven Court, Sheboygan, WI 53081-8227

19th Infantry Regiment

Louis Dammeyer

I received notice from Dale Dickie that Louis Dammeyer, of St. Marys Ohio, passed away on 25 September 2004, after a lengthy illness. Louis served in G Co, 19th Infantry in 1951-52, as did Dale.

For more information Dale at daled@defnet.com

OUR RANKS GET THINNER.

Regards,
Bill Roseboro

Paul A.Diers

Eunice Diers writes that her husband Paul passed away 10 June 2003.

Philip H. Hostetter MD

I am sorry to report that Phil died at 12:00 AM, 29 September 2004. We will all miss him. It was hard to imagine him not taking pictures at this last reunion. Cards may be sent to: 2045 Jay Ct., Manhattan, KS 66502-3640. His brothers and son are there. ~ Wes Morrison

Frank Hellman,

Frank, 78, died August 7, 2004. He served in the Luzon campaign during the liberation of the Philippines and also served in Japan before coming home in '46. Frank is survived by Dorothy, his wife of 56 years, three daughters, four sons his brother Pete and eight grandchildren.

Norman William Pallay

8-14 1912- 3-2 2004

Norman was in the Philippine Campaign with HQ Co. Norman's brother Don was in New Guinea at the same time. Don said Norman was in the worst part of the war, called Norman a hero, but Norman said "All of the American soldiers on these Islands were heroes. Norman was in awe of being lucky enough to live through WWII.

Edward H. Wiegmann

Edward has passed away.

8300 Maysville Rd, Room 212, Ft. Wayne IN 44815-6619

21st Infantry Regiment

Willis Freed Lowery



LTC Lowery died July 17, 2004 in Fayetteville, NC. He was 93 years of age. His military career began when he joined the Mississippi National Guard in 1928. In 1956, he was transferred to USA Europe where he served as Chief, Soviet Order of Battle Section, (G2, Intelligence). In 1957 he was assigned as Deputy Commander, then Commander of the 2nd Battle Group 502nd Airborne Infantry, 11th Airborne Division, which was re-designated in 1958 as 1st Battle Group, 21st Inf., 24th ID. Condolences may be sent to his family % his nephew, Nash Lindsey-238 Pine Crest Dr.- Fayetteville, NC 28305, or telephone 910-484-1698.

**America has lost another Soldier.
"Hero of the Greatest Generation"**

John Allen Brown 1929-2004

Jeanne Brown sent a letter that her husband John passed from this life, at his home in Kingman AZ on May 25, 2004
403 Box 6217, Kingman, AZ 86402-0217

"Truthful"

**He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly...
He will dwell in the heights.**

Isaiah 33: 15-16



Jack

William L. Broome

William's son David has let us know that his dad died April 1, 2002. He served in WWII.
973 Manderly Dr., Milford MI 48381-1313 telephone 313-476-6818

Harold L. Wright

Harold died Sept 13, 2003

34th Infantry Regiment 24th Med.

James C. Thomas

James, 73, formerly of Boothbay Harbor, died Dec. 22, 1930-Aug. 25, 2004. Jim was attending the University of Pennsylvania when drafted into the Army. He served as a medic during the Korean War, from 1952 to 1954. He received his Masters degree at Rutgers University and was a Marine Biologist for the Department of Fish & Game in New Jersey, Department of Fish & Game in California and lastly at the Department of Marine Resources in Boothbay Harbor. He was the senior scientist who directed the Lobster Research Project at Department of Marine Resources. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Frieda K. Thomas, daughter Dawn her husband Francis Lorello, two granddaughters who were the joy of his life, four nieces and four nephews.

Contributions may be made to: The American Cancer Society, 1 Main Street, Suite 300, Topsham, ME 04086 or Hydrocephalus Association, 870 Market St., Suite 705, San Francisco, CA 94102

Note: We met the first week in basic training and stayed together throughout the entire time, in states, Japan & Korea. Our families and we remained close friends for all these years. Respectfully, Walt Snyder

Leo Seitelbach

Leo (86) passed away on September 28, 2004. He was a member of the 34th while serving in Japan and went to Korea. Condolences can be sent to his wife Akiko at 493A Somerset Lane, Monroe TWP, N J 08831-1819.

Hans Manz sent the notice to us.

3rd "Combat" Engineers Bn.

Clyde M. Matlock

Clyde Matlock of Imperial, MO has passed away.

YOB: 1932

Date of death: 27 August 2004.

5th Regimental Combat Team

James Elkins Gardner

James (9-25-28/2-18-03) has passed away. James is survived by his wife Jeanette. Condolences can be sent to: 145 Kelly Lane, Homer, LA 71040

Heavy Mortar

John E. Miller

Unit Unknown

Col. Gray I Clawson

Col. Clawson has passed away.

Donald Printer

Donald's nephew, Donald F. Printer reports his Uncle died Aug 3, 2004. He had been in a Nursing Home for the past 9 1/2 years.

TARO LEAF TAPS

I gathered up the poppy blooms, I stirred fond memory's ember
I went down to the soldiers' graves, I wanted to remember.
But someone had preceded me, though it was early day,
Where should have lain my precious wreath, another token lay.

21st Infantry Regiment
Harvey J LeBoeuf
C.V. Spencer
Richard Syndor

And then I saw him as He passed, between each sacred spot,
His fingers softly touched each stone as though He cared a lot,
And on each grave I'm sure I saw as I drew slowly near,
Beside each poppy that He lay, there fell a silent tear.

3rd Engineers "Combat" Bn.
Clyde M. Matlock

I wondered as I followed round, what could be His intent,
Perhaps a lonely comrade of a well loved regiment.
But as I read I found their homes were scattered far and wide,
As too their bones and only stones to tell why each had died..

24th Division HQ
Leroy V. Schrumpf

Here a Welshman, there a Scot, here a local lad,
Here and there a brother, and all too oft a Dad.
A scroll of honour blazoned for posterity to see,
I gazed around, and then I saw the Stranger look at me.

24th Medical Bn.
Matthew F. Simaga

He must have read the question lying troubled in my eyes,
For suddenly He spread His arms and then to my surprise,
He spoke with voice as soft as poppy petals fall,
He turned His head and simply said, "I knew and loved them all".

34th Infantry Regiment
Daniel Valles

And then the early morning breeze helped me to understand,
It stirred His coat until I saw the nail print in each hand,
I tried in vain as I stood there my own guilt to dismember,
I knew my world had failed Him, and forgotten to remember.

52nd Field Artillery
Isadore O. Peppee

19th Infantry Regiment
Lloyd T. Potterson

Remembrance by Jim Ireland

21st Infantry Regiment

Harvey J. LeBoeuf

A phone call from Sam Irwin tells me that LTC **Harvey J. LeBoeuf** died and has been buried in Arlington. He was a Life Member who served with the 21st. Cards may be sent to: 377 Club Manor Dr, Sun City Center, FL 33573-5868.

~ Dutch

C.V. Spencer, M.Sgt (Ret.)

C.V. was laid to rest with full military honors on November 30th, 2004, at the age of 81. Of all his honors and accomplishments throughout his life, he was most proud of serving with the 24th during three years of intense combat in the Pacific during WWII. He seldom spoke about his war experiences, except for the Bronze Star he received for action during the Battle of Breakneck Ridge. Although he often could not remember what day it was or where he lived during his final years, until his dying day, he remembered the name of every man in his platoon, and most of the men of the company, and many in the rest of the division, especially the officers of Captain and above. He thought very highly of Capt. Reed and Col. Verbeck in particular. Over the years, I tried to get him to join your association and attend reunions, but he was always too busy with his farming and raising a family. Anyway, I thought someone connected to the 24th should know of his passing. He had great affection for the division, and followed it in the news throughout his years. ~ Rev. Steve Spencer

Richard Sydnor

Sadly I report the Promotion to Glory of **Tiger (West By) Sydnor**, K/21/24, on December 29, 2004 at age 73 of lung cancer. He was captured on July 11, 1950. Cards can be sent to his wife, Martha and children at PO Box 583, Oak Hills, WV 25901. West By was one of the few who always made everyone else laugh. He was a great morale builder.

A great American and a true friend, now in Glory. ~ Shorty Estabrook - tigersurvivors@comcast.net

24th Medical Bn.

Matthew F. Simaga

Mary Simaga wrote to tell us that her husband Matthew passed away November 20, 2004: Suddenly. Matthew served in WWII 1942-1945 in the Pacific, with D Co. He enjoyed reunions and loved to dance. Card may be sent to: Mrs. Matthew Simaga, 2062 Appaloosa Ct. Wheaton, IL 60187.

34th Infantry Regiment

Daniel Valles

Daniel (82) passed away on September 2, 2004 at his home in Hesperia, CA. Paul Cain writes:

I was a Platoon leader on the landing on Leyte, Dan was a PFC rifleman in my Platoon. Our BAR man got wounded on the landing. Dan picked up the BAR and *carried on*. He later became Platoon Sergeant, 1st Plt., Co. K. He earned the CIB, Silver Star and Bronze Star. *Dan was an outstanding soldier in combat*. He is survived by his wife Frances, sons Daniel and Tim and eight grandchildren. Cards may be sent to: 8788 3rd Avenue, Hesperia CA 92345-3609



Dan Valles

3rd Engineers "Combat" Bn.

Clyde M. Matlock

Clyde passed away 27 August 2004. His home was in Imperial, MO

Cards may be sent to: 6511 Macks Hill, Imperial MO 63052-2621

52nd Field Artillery

Isadore O. Peppee

Sadly I report the Promotion to Glory of Isadore O. Peppe, age 78, on the morning of 7 January 2005. He was a 2nd Lt when captured on 5 July 1950. He was a member of Headquarters Battery 52nd Field Artillery Battalion of the 24th Infantry Division. He was also a member of Task Force Smith. He was repatriated on August 30, 1953. Peppe attained the rank of and retired as a Colonel from the Army. Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Okee Peppe, 83rd St SW, Lakewood, WA 98499-4062. Love to all, Shorty the Tiger

24th Division HQ

Leroy V. Schrumpf

Leroy's wife Ann sent us a letter with news of Leroy's death, June 12, 2004. He served during WWII with the 24th. He served with Division Headquarters. He and Ann were "Married 53 years, all most memorable." They had two sons, one daughter and six grandchildren. "He was a most honorable man." Cards may be sent to: 86 College Place, Ridgely Park, NJ 07660

19th Infantry Regiment

Lloyd T. Potterson

Lloyd He was 86 years old when he passed away on September 11, 2003 at the Shell Lake Hospital. He went into the Army in May 1943 and served with the 24th ID in the South-West Pacific during the invasion of Leyte. He is survived by Neoma, his loving wife of 63 years, a daughter, a son, 4 Grandchildren and 3 Great Grandchildren.

Memorials preferred to: The Lloyd Potterson Scholarship Fund, 222 Balsam Street, Spooner, WI 54801



Lloyd T. Potterson

TARO LEAF TAPS

3rd Engineers "Combat" Bn.

James V. Dalev

13th Field Artillery

Edward Clark Smith

Bury Me Amongst The Soldiers

Bury me amongst the Soldiers
On that land where Crosses stand in line
And perpetual care will be
given me until the very end
of time
Bury me amongst the soldiers
Where on Resurrection Day I
will be with my friends
Put all of us war soldiers
together and into Heaven let
us ascend

Bury me amongst the soldiers
for with them I died before
Let my grave be a peaceful
place away from the guns of war

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11th Field Artillery

Joseph Harper Hodges
James J. Snyder

5th RCT

Perry Lawson
Arthur Schremser

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Avery C. Vogt

714th Ordnance
Raymon A. Dende

24th Medical Bn.

Joshua W. Weiner, MD

24th Division HQ

Richard E. Reinke

24th Band

Gilbert Willman

Unknown Unit

Bobby E. Parrish

Dear Tigers, Next of Kin, Honorary Tigers and Friends:

Larry Zellers informed me today of the Promotion to Glory of Father Philip Crosbie (Bing) in his native Australia on Tuesday 22nd of March 2005 at age 89.

Father Crosbie was with the group of Civilian Internees that were held with the Tiger Survivors in Korea. He was arrested on 6 July 1950 and was interrogated by the Tiger a few days later in a local jail.

Father Crosbie was held under house arrest by the Japanese Army when the Second World War began and was soon deported to Australia. He returned to Korea and his parish soon after the war.

Father Crosbie wrote a book that came out in three different titles. *March Till They Die*, *Three Winters Cold* and *Pencilling Prisoner*. It is a most accurate account of what happened to our group.

Even with the cold climate in Korea and the many many years that he served there Father Crosbie had a long life and was a dear friend to us all. He had a quick wit about him and suffered long and hard as a Civilian Internee Tiger Survivor.

So we think of you now Father Crosbie, Catholics and Protestant and Muslim alike. We miss you so very much.

Love to All,

Shorty Estabrook

Founder of the Tiger Survivors

11th Field Artillery

Joseph Harper Hodges *(Photo on Right)*

Col. Hodges, 91, died 29 January 2005. He graduated from the US Military Academy in 1937. He was stationed on Oahu, HI during the attack on Pearl Harbor. He served in the Southeast Pacific through WWII. He earned Silver and Bronze Stars, Legion of Merit, Air Medal and seven Campaign Medals. He was Commander of the 11th FA. He is survived by Barbara, his wife of 53 years, a daughter and two sons. The Hodges Family, 75 Myrtle Bank Rd, Hilton Head Is. SC 29926-1870. George King of "B" Battery said, "Joe was a Gentleman and a damn fine Commander."

Joseph Harper Hodges



James J. Snyder

James, 83, passed away on May 17, 2004. Jim served in both WWII and Korea. He was in Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941 and was a member of the 24th ID and the Pearl Harbor Associations. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Rochelle, three children and two grandchildren. Cards may be sent to the family at 9430 E. Desert Lakes Drive, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248.

13th Field Artillery

Edward Clark Smith

Clark Smith, 73, 1106 Ousleydale Rd., Hartsville, SC, Service Battery, 13th Field Artillery Battalion, Korea August - October 54, died 26 March 2005 as reported by his daughter Karla Tompkins. He served during Desert Storm.

3rd "C" Engineers

James V. Daley

James wife Ellen wants the group to know that he passed away 18 December 2004. He was with the 3rd Eng. in Korea. Family address: 10 Meadow Road, Poughkeepsie NY. 12603-2512

5th RCT

Perry Lawson

Died October 2000

Arthur Schremser

Arthur's daughter, Jeanette Kilyanck, has told us that her father died 22 April 2005.

19th Infantry Regiment

Noble I. Ayers Jr.

Died 16 August 2003. Notice sent by his son David Ayers.

Joseph S. Barto

Died 18 Mar 2005. Joe served in Korea and Japan 1951 and 1952. Co. M 19th Inf

Alfred Freeman

Alfred passed away 25 May 2005

Donald Hahn *(Photo on Right)*

Received the information that Donald Hahn, 73, Life Member, D/34th-19th Inf died Monday Morning, February 21, 2005, while hospitalized in Cincinnati. "A lot of people could win medals, and their characters weren't the best," said Jesse Gonzalez, who served in Korea with Hahn. "But Hahn was a guy you could always count on. He had character." Cards can be sent to the family of Donald Hahn, 8520 County Trwnk, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494. (Wcs)

Levon H. Marshall

Levon passed away 20 August 2003



Donald Hahn

19th Infantry Regiment (Cont.)

Gerald James McHugh

James, 74, lived in Carson City NV for 33 years before his death on 28 July 2004. He was an SFC with HQ Co Platoons "R" and "I".

Leo J. Puffer (Photo on Right)

Leo was 87 when he passed away 23 July 2004. He joined the army in January 1942, June '42 found him on his way to the Philippines, then to Australia. He was in the 19th Inf, which was already overseas, when the war began. This was under General MacArthur's command. Next, New Guinea, and he took part in the Leyte landing. He spent 39 months of his 42 months in the army on overseas duty



Leo J. Puffer

William A. Savell

With sad hearts we write to inform you of the passing of another lifetime member. William A. (Al) Savell went to be with his Lord on March 23rd. He served the 24th with the 19th infantry in the South-West Pacific during WW11. His wife Irene, of 42 yrs, 6 children, 16 grandchildren and 1 great grand daughter, survives him.

He loved God, family and country and the 24th was always close to his heart. During his decline he enjoyed receiving the Taro Leaf so much. Cards may be sent to 12651 Seminold Blvd. #12N, Largo FL 33778.

Henry H. Wintczak

Henry H. Wintczak, 2106 Atchison Avenue, Whiting, IN, HQ, 3rd Bn, 19th Inf, 23 August 50 - 8 August 51, died 12 April 2005, as reported by his wife Agnes.

21st Infantry Regiment

Robert G. Charvat

Have just received word another Association member has passed away. Robert G. Charvat passed away on December 12, 2004, in Toledo, OH. Cards can be sent to his widow Nancy J. Charvat at 5535 Douglas Rd, Apt #1, Toledo, OH 43613-2053

Harold J. Dethlefsen

Harold died 7 January 2005

Hervey J. LeBoeuf

Lee, 87, passed away 8 January 2005. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1942. He rose to the rank of LTC early in his military career, serving with the 24th ID in the 21st Inf. Regt. and the US Army Corps of Engineers, in both the Pacific and European Theater in WWII and in Korea.

James O. Keagy

Sorry to report the passing of James O. Keagy, 21st Infantry, WWII on March 19, 2005. I have entered him on the Honor Roll. Cards may be sent to his widow Florence Keagy, 153 S. Spencer Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46219-6321.

Douglas L. Stokes Sr.

Douglas died 23 February 2005

Avery C. Vogt

Avery Vogt, 80, died 29 May 2004 at Saint Angelo TX. He had served from 9 March 1944 to 25 January 1946. He served as a Staff Sergeant with the 24th during the occupation of Japan.

24th Band

Gilbert Willman

Gilbert A. Willman, 1111 Washington Avenue, Seymour, IN, 24th Band, Korea April 50-July 50, died 28 March 2005 as reported by his wife Mary.

24th Medical Battalion

Joshua H. Weiner MD

Joshua died 10 March 2005

24th Division Headquarters

Richard E. Reinke

Col Reinke passed away 7 March 2005. He was 97 years old.

34th Infantry Regiment

Modester B. Duncan

M/Sgt Duncan, K. 34th died 19 August 2004. Paul J. Cain, Sgt. Duncan's Plt. Leader on Leyte, PI received this information from Sgt. Duncan's daughter.

John Rounds

John Sergeant Rounds, 73, passed away January 8, 2005. After his High School graduation, John entered the US Army. Joining the 34th, he went to Japan during the Occupation and went to Korea with the 24th IDA.

Hurdis Earl Wise (Photo on Right)

Hurdis died on 7 March at the age of 79. He served in WWII in the Philippines as a foot soldier, rifleman, scout and platoon leader, earning two purple hearts and a bronze star. He documented his wartime experiences in his book, *Think Man, Think!* Survivors include his wife, Virginia and three children.



Hurdis Earl Wise

Raymond A. Dende (Photo on Right)

Ray passed away 27 April 2005 at his home. Helen, his wife of 55 years, and two daughters survive him. Ray was a Staff Sgt. with the 24th during WWII.



Raymond A. Dende

Unknown Unit

Bobby E Parrish

Bobby was 73 when he passed away on 27 April 2004. His wife, Dorothy, son Mark and daughter Laura survive him.

Bobby served with the 24th ID in Germany

Dutch

I enjoy reading your articles in the Taro Leaf. I spent a few months in Fort Rosecrans at San Diego in 1947 just before they turned it over to the newly formed Air Force. It was artillery; they had four gun battery's on Point Loma. Two sixteen inchers and two eight inchers plus one eight incher down at Imperial Beach that rolled out on a railroad track from it's camouflaged cover. They were all guns that had previous service on battle ships. All power plants and facilities were underground. I think the Air Force replaced the guns with guided missiles. But you probably already know about that.

The little booklet is a sort of a condensed bio of my long uneventful life.

~ Bill Eddy, 19th Inf.

De Donder

He'd just been on patrol
Greetings with a smile
Just going around the bend to eat
I'll see you in a little while

I heard a loud explosion
I looked up in the air
Rifle with front band guard gone
Is what I saw up there

I guess it was a land mine
And I could almost cry
When I heard somebody say
It was the tall blond guy

Lost both legs plus his left hand
He lived about a week
I got a lump down in my throat
I couldn't even speak

When I heard poor Jimmy died
I didn't take it very well
I already learned to handle death
But loosing a friend is hell

~ Bill Eddy

Concord Hymn

By Ralph Waldo Emerson

*By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled;
Here once the embattled farmers stood;
And fired the shot heard round the world.*

*The foe long since in silence slept;
Alike the conqueror silent sleeps,
And Time the ruined bridge has swept
Down the dark stream that seaward creeps.*

*On this green bank, by this soft stream,
We place with joy a votive stone,
That memory may their deeds redeem,
When, like our sires, our sons are gone.*

*O Thou who made those heroes dare
To die, and leave their children free, —
Bid Time and Nature gently spare
The shaft we raised to them and Thee.*

Sung at the Completion of the Battle Monument, April 19, 1836

19th Infantry Regiment

Richard L. Gaskin
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11th Field Artillery

James J. Snyder

James' wife Rochelle has reported that James, 11th FA C Co. WWII, died in 2004. She did not the date of his death. Cards may be sent to: 9430 E Desert Lake Drive, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248-7422, Phone: (480) 802-7396

19th Infantry Regiment

Richard L. Gaskin

We have lost another one. ~ Bill Hostler

Life Member Richard L. Gaskin, Lebanon, Pennsylvania, died 30 June 2005. Dick was a member of B Company, 19th Infantry in Beppu and Korea. He was a regular attendee of our reunions and had already registered for Philadelphia. Cards may be sent to his family, 110 E. Kline St., Lebanon, PA 17046-3032.

Harry H. Heiland

Harry H. Heiland, died March 29, 2002.

Cards may be sent to: 1685A Devers Rd., York, PA 17404-1949

Roy L. Hill

Roy L. Hill died May 7, 2005. Roy served in Korea. Jean, his wife, writes, "*We both love to read the Taro Leaf. The things he talked about most was the time he spent in Korea and Japan.*" Cards may be sent to Jean Hill at 4581 Herman Circle, Port Charlotte, FL 33948-9635, Ph: (813) 625-3751



Charles C. Polacek

In the "Taps" section of the July/August issue of the Uniform Services Journal (published by the National Association for Uniformed Services), there is a listing for MSG Charles C. Polacek, USA (Ret). Charles was a member of G Co. 19th Infantry Regiment in 1950-51. My rosters for 31 July 1950 and 31 Jan 1951 list him as being present on those dates. In July he was a SGT and in Jan a SFC. Regards, Bill Roseboro, G Co, 19th Inf, 1950-51

George L. Powers

George passed away 2 March 2005. He served with the 19th INF/AT.

Cards may be sent to George's wife Philomine. 13333 Powers Lane, Crivitz, WI 54114-9042, Ph: (715) 757-3137

Robert Reising

Bob's wife Dorothy sent a note to tell us of his passing on 9 June 2005. Bob was a member of Task Force Smith. He entered the Army in February 1948 and served with K. Co. He received a Purple Heart for injuries received in September 1951 while with the 19th in Korea. "*He loved the reunions.*"

Cards may be sent to: 2460 Persian Drive, Apt. 54, Clearwater, FL 33753

Joseph Sagami

Joe Sagami's daughter, Barbara, called to inform us her dad passed away 14 July 2005. Condolences/memorials may be sent to Allison Sagami, 1026 Castilian Court, Apt 103, Glenview IL, 60025. ~ Merry Helm

21st Infantry Regiment

Charles F (Fred) Dickerson

Fred, a Platoon Leader and Company Commander of Fox & George Companies, 21st Infantry Regiment, passed away Saturday, June 25th, 2005. Cards may be sent to his wife Virginia, 1528 S Jamaica St, Aurora, CO 80012-5020

David E. Ramsey

David E. Ramsey, WWII. Co. M, died March 29, 2005. Cards may be sent to: 512 Morrison Street, McMinnville, TN 37110-3056

John Warner

John's wife Carol has notified us that John died 27 Mar 2005. Cards may be sent to 70843 Hwy 3 South, St. Maries, ID 83861-8189 or phone (208) 245-5299

24th Division Headquarters

Vic Holloway

Vic was with 24th Division Headquarters, 1951-52, he passed away May 31, 2005. He had a love for his Division. Vic was a Life Member, he never failed to let others know of our history in the Pacific. Cards may be sent to Betty Holloway, 1656 Rowland Drive, Santa Maria, California 93454 ~ Sent in By ~ Jim Dever

Donald P. Frie

Donald's wife Rosalie has written to let us know that Don died 8 December 2004. Cards may be sent to Rosalie Frie, 205 Meadowlark Lane # 1, Melrose, MN 56352-1506.

24th Medical Battalion

Walter R. Parrish

Mrs. Parrish writes: Walter, my husband of 64 years, passed away on 24 April 2005. He would have been 87 years old on 24 May. Walter got his basic training in Hawaii, and went on to Japan where he served with A. Company from 22 October 1942 until 5 December 1945. Cards may be sent to: Frances E. Parrish, 91 Ruel Ave., Hanover PA 17331-3424

24th Signal Company

Joseph C. Kopic

Joe died 9 October 2004. Cards may be sent to his wife Irene: 13327 Drayton Drive, Spring Hill. FL 34609-4440.

29th Infantry Regiment

Ronald H. Hanson

He was in the hospital and was supposed to stay another day, but insisted on going home that morning. Ron walked on his own from the car to his bedroom, where he sat on his bed and waited for his wife Bernita to come into the house. She sat next to him on the bed where they embraced. *"Dad passed with mom there beside him."* Memorials can be sent to: Hospice, 212 Main Ave. N., Bagley Mn. 56621, the address for Ron's wife Bertina, P.O. Box 34, Bagley, MN 56621. Ron's Web Site: <http://home.comcast.net/~cwff1/wsb/html/view.cgi-home.html-.html> Please stop by and sign the guest book..

34th Infantry Regiment

Samuel G. DeBellis

One of our most participating members has passed away. Our ranks grow thinner every day.

I'm sorry to report the passing of my father, Sam DeBellis on June 10th. He would have been 75 years old on July 20th. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Joyce DeBellis. Two sons, Sam DeBellis, Jr. and Frank DeBellis. Dad dearly loved my wife Julie and his three grandchildren: Lindsey DeBellis, Matthew DeBellis, and Tyree Johnson. He was stationed in Japan with the occupation army in 1946. Sincerely, Sam DeBellis Jr: Cell: (541) 912-7104
Email: Sam_DeBellis@quadrachemicals.com

Charlie Card

Charlie passed away on Wednesday, July 6, 2005. He served with Company B. from 6/44 to 1/46...in the New Guinea...Philippines...campaigns and in Japan and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal W/OLC, for heroism on Kilay Ridge, Leyte, in 1944. In the early fifties through the sixties, Charlie was quite active in the Association, privileged to work closely with, and to be among the closest friends with one of the Association's founding fathers and long time Secretary Treasurer, Kenwood Ross. Surviving are Charlie's wife of 59 years, Martha Card, 2115 Crystal Hills Dr., Houston, TX 77077, his son Bill, Viet Nam Vet, two Granddaughters and four Great Grandchildren.

Jack S. Phillips

Jack passed away June 2001. A Life Member, Jack served with the 34 during WWII. Last available address: 1334 Brookedge Dr. Hamlin, NY 14464-9360, Phone: (716) 663-3044

5th RCT

Carl Medlin

A message from Carl's wife Ruth tells us that Carl died 4 February 2005.

Cards may be sent to: 14199 Apple Creek Dr, Victorville, CA 92392-4652, Phone: (760) 952-2254

52nd FA

Frank Zukowsky

Frank Zukowsky, 85, passed away Saturday, June 4, 2005 at Wishing Well Manor in Fairmont. He was born April 1, 1920. He served the U.S. Army from 1939 – 1945, serving in WWII in the 'A' Battery, 52nd Field Artillery. He was present at Schofield Barracks at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor. In 1944 he was sent to the China – Burma – India Theater where he traveled on foot through the Burmese jungle and through India and China. He earned the Bronze Star for a job well done in combat.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria Zukowsky. As well as three sons, Frank Jr., Phil and John, a daughter, Christine Kisner, and nine grandchildren.

63rd FA

Marvin R. Schulz

Marvin served with the Service Co. 63rd FA & 13th FA. His wife Lenore reports that he died 25 April 2005. Cards may be sent to 4591 W. Rutland Road, Brooklyn, WI 53521-9424, Phone: (608) 455-2535

Edward L. Wilson

Edward died 25 Feb 2005. He served with the 63rd FA in Korea.

Cards may be sent to his wife: Joan, 16 True Lane, Seabrook, NH 03874

MOMENTS IN LIFE

There are moments in life when you miss someone so much that you just want to pick them from your dreams and hug them for real!

When the door of happiness closes, another opens; but often times we look so long at the closed door that we don't see the one, which has been opened for us.

Don't go for looks; they can deceive. Don't go for wealth; even that fades away. Go for someone who makes you smile, because it takes only a smile to make a dark day seem bright. Find the one that makes your heart smile.

Dream what you want to dream; go where you want to go; be what you want to be, because you have only one life and one chance to do all the things you want to do.

May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human and enough hope to make you happy.

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of every thing that comes their way

The brightest future will always be based on a forgotten past; you can't go forward in life until you let go of your past failures and heartaches.

When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so at the end, you're the one who is smiling and everyone around you is crying.

"WE ARE ONLY PASSING THROUGH THIS WORLD TO GET TO A BETTER PLACE. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO HELP SOMEONE ALONG THE WAY"

Taro Leaf Taps

The Veteran

The veteran with the smile and the tear.
His smile...greeting to friends
His tear...regret, pain...ill past behind current presents.

If his wife flashes into present, he'd give her all the smiles as she could hold. He'd create present moments, two beautiful people understanding the "why" of the past.

In his answers to friends, he leaves out for others what they don't realize that they don't want to know. Sometimes no answer is the most compassionate answer. He realizes that more will create less. He has wisdom that enables his compassion to choose.

A veteran has given selfless sacrifice--his soul and self to the cause of his country, and afterward, he's left with his challenged soul and likely a bruise to the self.

The veteran appreciates the freedom that was fought for, and he's in a world where smiles and tears live together.

Let's wish his loss of ill past, a muting of tears.

Let's wish him finding of new presents, in which smiles prevail.

Let's wish him peace, contentment and the best life may have to offer.

Written by Dr. Julie Ann Weitzen - Inspired by Alfred J. Freeman of VFW Post 509, Stroudsburg, PA
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William E. Conger
Bernard Skaudis

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William F. Foley
Robert Munch
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Melvin G. Pegorch
Leo F. Prusenowski
Michael R. Tongel
Wendel Wyngarden

24th Recon

Zane Gray Wallace

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Kenny Anderson, 5th RCT-Korea Died August 16, 2002

Cards may be sent to: 3651 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron, Ohio 44314-411

William E. Conger, Korea, died February 2000. Cards may be sent to: PO box 381535, Birmingham, AL 35238-1535

Bernard Skaudis, SFC, I Co. 1951-52, passed away September 28, 2005. His wife Christine survives him. Cards may be sent to: 7 South Grant Street, Shenandoah, PA 17976-2310

11th Field Artillery

Lee E. McGill Passed away 20 September 2005. Ca

13th FA

Bob Ode that former Division Soldier died earlier this week and was buried yesterday in Hamburg, NY. Bob served in Korea with Btry B, 13th FA Bn from 1951-1952. Condolences may be sent to wife Bonnie at 328 Prospect Ave. Hamburg, NY 14075. Paul Garland

William H. Stensgaard, A. Btry. died in February 2005. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth. Cards may be sent to: 1719 NW 23RD Avenue #1-B, Gainesville, FL 32605-3005.

52nd Field Artillery

Donald P. Vanderheyden, Btry. B., 1951-53 died 22 July 2005 in Huntsville, AL No address available.

63rd FA

Joe R. (J. R.) Duran of Trinidad, CO died Oct 1, 05. Joe was a member of the 63rd FA Bn. in Japan and Korea from 1949-1952. During his service, J.R. received the Bronze Star for bravery and Purple Heart.

Clarence Mehlhaff died May 30, 2005. His wife Carolyn survives him. Cards may be sent to: 154 Doray Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523-2951.

555th FA

Thomas K. Richardson, died 16 September 2005 His wife Gertrude survives him. Cards may be sent to: 1280 Medicine Bow, Fountain CO 80817-1322

19th Infantry Regiment

Charles R. Fisher, B/19th Inf. (Japan) died January 2004, Charles was buried with full Military Honors in Arlington Cemetery. He enjoyed being a member of the 24th IDA. Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Patricia Fisher, 12543 Harnery Road Taneytown, MD 21787-1030

William F. Foley, 19th Inf. & 24th Sig. WWII, died 2 June 2003. Cards may be sent to: 15205 Ravinia Ave., Orland Park, IL 60462-4513

Dr. Robert Munch, Mary Munch has reported the death of her husband, on 22 July 05. He was with the 19th in New Guinea and the Philippines. Cards may be sent to: 204 West 21st Street, Grand Island, NE 68801-2373

Joseph G. Nicksich, D/19th - Korea, died 1 April 2005. Cards may be sent to: 1116 Mass St., Pueblo, CO 81001-2117

19th Infantry Regiment (Cont.)

Melvin G. Pegorch Sr., M/19th WWII, died 4 March 2005. Cards may be sent to: 12810 Airport Ave., Swanton, OK 43558.

Leo F. Prusenowski, B/19th WWII, died 15 July, 2003. Cards may be sent to: 440 Hillview Rd., King of Prussia, PA 19406-2313

Michael R. Tongel, passed away on 13 September 2005. He was 83 years old. His son Michael reports that his father served from 15 April 1941 to 13 July 1945 with K. Co. Michael SR. was in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. He also served in the Central Pacific in the Philippines and New Guinea and Australia. He earned the ADS Medal w/ Bronze Star Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal. Olga, his wife of 60 years, a daughter, two sons and four grandchildren, survives him. Cards may be sent to: 62 Linshaw Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Wendel Wyngarden, Co. E, 1947, died on 9 July 2005. No address available.

21st Infantry Regiment

C. Rucker Ford, Co. E & F. has passed away. His wife Jane survives him. Cards may be sent to: 2344 Sunderland Rd. Maitland, FL 32751-3609

Jesse B. Frank, 21st ID E. Co. died on 21 November 2003, as reported by his wife Dorothy. Cards may be sent to: 845 Deer Lane Ext., Rochester, PA 15074-1008

Harold W. (Hoppy) Guinn, F/21st Inf., Korea 1951, was a 24th IDA Life Member. Past President Tom Cochran reports that Hoppy passed away on 13 October 2005. Cards may be sent to: 1010 Island Ford Road, Brevard, NC 28712-8701

Donald G. Knapton, died March 18, 2004. Cards may be sent to: 63 Mariposa Dr., Rochester, NY 14624-2521.

Henry V. Marshall Jr. passed away 10 April 2005. Cards may be sent to: 4100 Pepperton Drive, Raleigh, NC 7606-1734

Ronald E. McGill has passed away. No Unit or address available.

Raymond B. Mellin Med. Co., 1949-53. **POW, TFS**, died 12 January 2005 at Cornwell on the Hudson, NY. No address available.

Elwin H. (Chink) Miller, 21st and 34th Inf., Korea, passed away 22 July 2005 in South Corning, NY. Chink was a Life Member of our Association. Cards may be sent to: 5 River Road, #1, Corning, NY 14830-9304.

Charles R. Painter, I Co., 21st, Korea, died April 30, 2005. Cards may be sent to: 3318 Sullivan Dr., Plattsmouth, NE 68048-7620.

Page Quinn, 78, of Queen City, Texas, died Monday, March 7, 2005, in Bossier City, LA. A World War II veteran, he served in the Pacific Theater and was a member of the 24th Infantry Division, H/21st. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Maxine Quinn, one daughter, 3 granddaughters; and two great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society. Cards may be sent to: 404 Doris Street, Queens City, TX 75572-9528

21st Infantry Regiment (CMB)

Winford A. Shilling, K Co. died 21 March 2005. Cards may be sent to his wife Lucille, 7275 Spruce Street, Venton, VA 24179-3536.

John Veleto, Hvy. Mtr. Co. 1953-54, passed away on 13 April 2005 in Parsippany, NJ. Cards may be sent to: Marti Veleto, 16 Meadow Trail, Parsippany, NJ 07054

Paul S. Warner, Medical Co. died 4 February 2005. He is survived by his wife Vivian. Cards may be sent to: 4021 Skyline Drive, Kingsland TX 78639-3718

Youngblood, Raymond M. Co. B has passed away. Ray was a true supporter of the 24th IDA and one of his pleasures was to share his Casino winnings with us. Thank's again Ray! Cards may be sent to: 15 North 10th Street, APT. 212, Kansas City, KS 66102-5334.

24th Recon

Zane Gray Wallace died 17 January 2005. His wife Virginia Wallace survives him. Cards may be sent to: RR#1 Box 23, Hearne, TX 77859-9714

24th Signal Company

Edward M. Nowak, Edward's son Michael reports that Edward, Korea 1951-52, died 28 May 2005

34th Infantry Regiment

Paul E. Bader, passed away in October 2005. Cards may be sent to: 5346 Marsh Road #CA, Hoslett, MI 48840-8632.

Walter D. Helton, Dorothy Helton reported her husband Walter died 8 November 2005. The VFW & American Legion gave him a wonderful military funeral. He enjoyed the Taro Leaf... Walter had a lot of service medals and was proud of them. Cards may be sent to: 312 Church Street, Mt. Orab, OH 45154-8920

Donald J. Pickett, Died 2 November, 2005. He served in Korea in 1953-54. His wife Marie survives him. Cards may be sent to: 82 Custer Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702-6508

Benjamin H. Wahle, Ben died peacefully at home with his family at his side on September 15, 2005, Ben was 87. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1941, and stationed at Schofield Barracks before joining forces in the South Pacific. Ben became Captain of the 24th Division of Company G. In two years, he had participated in the invasion of Biak, Hollandia and Schouten Islands. He was in the second wave to invade Leyte Beach in the Philippines on October 21, 1944, fifty minutes after H-Hour on D Day. At one time, he endured 28 days of virtual isolation while his Company maintained position on an important supply route of the enemy. Ben is survived by his adoring wife of 63 years, Marguerite Wahle, sons Dr. Brian Wahle of Napa, California and Ben Wahle of Fort Worth, Texas, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Ben was very pleased that progress was being made towards our Hawaiian 24th ID Memorial and was always an active supporter of our 24th IDA. Cards may be sent to: 1132 Killarney Lane, Burlingame, CA 94010

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to The National Downs Syndrome Congress, 1370 Center Drive, Ste., 102, Atlanta, GA., 30338 or Hospice, 110 North Dutton, Santa Rosa, CA 95401.

3rd Engineers "Combat" Bn.

Donald M. Andring, 3rd Eng. HQ Co. died 24 July 2005. He is survived by his wife Joanne. Cards may be sent to: 300 10th Street, Pawnee, IL 62558-9406

3rd Engineers "Combat" Bn. (Cont.)

Jerry H. Megee, 3rd Eng.- WWII has died. Cards may be sent to: 475 E. 162 St., South Holland, IL 60463-2259

24th Division HQ

Wilfred J. Bohmer, died 2 November 2004 as reported by his nephew Nick Smith in October 2005. Cards may be sent to: PO Box 61, Avon, MN 56310-0061

Howard A. Warren, 24th Div HQ is deceased. He is survived by his wife Vivian. Cards may be sent to: 457 North 19th Street, Grand junction, CO 81501-7901

HQ Battery

Robert H. Ghyers, Gone from us now at age 74, Robert leaves his wife Darla and son Randal.

Hq. Btry, 24th Infantry Division was promoted to glory on 5 October 2005. He was a Corporal when captured on 14 July 1950 and released on 12 August 1953. He was in camps 7, 5, and 12. Ghyers left Andong with Major **Ambrose Nugent** in the summer of 1951. Both of them went to Camp 12, from 12 Ghyers was sent to Camp 5. Cards can be sent to his family at 2025 Brown Road, Anderson SC 29625-6709.

Unknown Unit

Raymond J. Boulds, Poplar, MT passed away 5 March 2005

Lonnie G. Butler, 75, died 3 October 2005. Lonnie served his country during the Korean War with the 24 Infantry Division in Korea as a photographer, receiving many medals for his extraordinary service to his country including two Bronze Stars, one for valor, and a Purple Heart. There may be men that knew him, possibly in Signal Company, since he was a photographer. A number of survivors were listed, including his wife, Maxine. Cards for the family may be sent to: 19 Wheeler Ave., Cortland, NY 13045. Regards, Bill Roseboro

NOTE: Bill, I have been including members, and those who were not members of the 24th IDA, in our TAPS pages since I became Editor four years ago. All that is needed is for someone to tell us that a Taro Leafer has passed away. Billy

Max Gaines of Phillipsburg, KA passed away 2002

Richard T. Othmer passed away 23 July 2005 in Mahopac, NY. Richard was wounded in the battle of Leyte. Cards may be sent to: Patricia H. Othmer, 1 Overhill Road, Mohopac, NY 10541



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11th Field Artillery



Evert L. "Ed" Harmon passed away on 12 December 2005 in Visalia, CA. Ed served with the 11 FA Bn, Hq in Korea July 1950 to September 1951. Cards may be sent to his wife Rene at: 1840 S. University St, Visalia, CA 93277-4136

13th Field Artillery

Ellsworth "Dutch" Nelsen Born Omaha Neb. Sep 6, 1925 died Hendersonville Tenn. Dec. 20, 2005. Preceded in death by his parents Walter Nelsen & Mabel Christoffersen, and a brother Kenneth Nelsen. Married to the former Marga Ilmstadt for 51 years who survives along with a son Chris Nelsen



of Hendersonville Tenn., a daughter Kann Nelsen of Colorado Springs and a daughter Susan Nelsen Condit of Garden City Kansas. He served in the United States Army from 1946-1971, going from Private to Lt. Colonel. Serving in six combat campaigns in Korea, and four in Vietnam (including the TET) campaign. He was awarded the Army of Occupation Medal (Japan); Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster & "V" device. Purple Heart, Korean Service Medal with 6 stars. Distinguished Unit Emblem: ROK Presidential Unit Citation: United Nations Service Medal: National Defense Service Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster: Army of Occupation Medal (Germany) Armed Forces Reserve 24-Medal with 10 year Device: Army Commendation Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster: Vietnam Service Medal with 4 Stars: Republic Of Vietnam Campaign Medal w/60 Device" Legion of Merit. His last military assignment was Chief Of Staff at Ft. Carson. He was a life member of The

Disabled Veterans Association, the Retired Officers Association, The Military Order Of the Purple Heart, member and former President of The 24th Infantry Division Association.. The National Rifle Association where he was a certified Rifle and Pistol Instructor. Past President of the Pike's Peak Chapter of the Model 'A' Club. Founder of the first chapter of the Colorado Korean War "Dutch" Nelsen Veterans Association, which was later named by the members: The Dutch Nelsen Chapter. A resident of Colorado Springs since 1968, he, along with his wife Margo, operated several businesses. A celebration of the life of Dutch Nelsen was held at the Shrine of Remembrance on Monday January 2nd at 11:00 a.m. Followed by a reception in the Olympian Plaza Reception and Event Center 957 S. Union Blvd. Internment, Shrine of Remembrance. Veterans Honor Court Columbarium Those wishing to memorialize Dutch's life may do so by contributing to the: Dutch Nelsen Chapter Korean War Veterans Association Memorial Fund % Walt Walko. 213616 Paradise Villas Grove, Colorado Springs, CO 80921.

Richard O. Biering, Jr., A notice in the TAPS section in "The Blue Badge" reports that died on April 25, 2000 in Rio Frio, TX. Richard was a member of the 19th Infantry during WWII.

Joe Curl, Sr., G Co, 19th Inf. Regt. 1951-52, Died 1998

Raymond Grech, Lt., G Co, 19th Inf. Regt., 1951-52, Died 25 Feb 2005



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Kenneth R. Knowles, G Co, 19th Infantry Regt., Died shortly after dedication of the War Memorial.

Paul C. Meehan, Died 19 November 2005. He was a WWII Veteran. Cards may be sent to wife Anne 10211 Regent Circle, Naples, FL 34109-1595



Donald J. Pickett, Donald passed away 2 November 2004. He proudly served in Korea in 1953-54 with the 19th Inf., Co. A. His wife of 49 years, Marie, two sons and a daughter survive him. Cards may be sent to: 82 Custer Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

Charles R Stevens, G Co, 19th Inf. Regt., 1950-51, died about 6 years ago.

Clarence Rustemeyer, (Twin of Cletus who is now in nursing home) Loose Creek Mo died May 2004, H Co. 19th in 1951/53 in Japan and Korea. Joe O'Connell

James B Sharp, died 2005 Harrodsburg KY, H Co. 19th in 1951/53 in Japan and Korea. Joe O'Connell

William Skiles, Rolla Mo died early 1980's, H Co. 19th in 1951/53 in Japan and Korea. Joe O'Connell

Louis Skiles, (William's brother) Rolla Mo died July 2005, H Co. 19th in 1951/53 in Japan and Korea. Joe O'Connell

21st Infantry Regiment

Moody S. Crowe, 10001 John Adams Road, Charlotte, NC 28262-2457, 21st Inf. WW II. No spouse listed

Ernest W. Hicks, 2351 S Ridgewood Ave., #5, Edgewater, FL 32141-4223 Died 6 Jan 06 21st Infantry Regiment WWII Cards may be sent to his Wife Alberta at the above address

Francis Keenan, HI 21st ml. Korea, passed away on January 20, 2006 in Sutton, NE. A Rosary will be held a 7 PM on Monday night and funeral services will on Tuesday, January 24 at 10:30 AM at the Catholic Church in Grafton, NE. Cards may be sent to his wife Delores at: PO Box 582, Sutton, NE 68979-0582 James Moses Morris, Co. H, 21st Inf., WWII (40-42) passed away in July 05 in Anniston, AL Graveside services were held at Anniston Memorial Gardens.

James Moses Morris, Co. H, 21st Inf. WWII (40-42) passed away July 2005, in Anniston, AL. Graveside services were held at Anniston Memorial Gardens.



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Arthur Henry Rinto, Staff Sergeant Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment died in Ashtabula, OH, 14 September 1995.

Winford A. Shilling, On March 21, 2005, Winlord Shilling passed away. He was a member of K. Co. from May 1949 to June 1951. A letter from his widow, Lucifie Shilling appears in this issue of Hear Ye. Cards may be sent to: 727 Spruce St, Vinton, VA, 24 179-3536

5thRCT

Richard Buchholz, 5th RCT Korea, passed away on July 23, 2005. Cards may be sent to: 1031 North Laventure Rd., Mt. Vernon, WA 98273

29th Infantry

Edward F. Balbi, Shortly after midnight 1 January 2006, CSM Ed Balbi, passed away. He was a great advocate of the benefits for the serviceman and took great pride in his military service. Cards may be sent to his wife Alice at PO Box 807, Plains MT 59859-0807.

34th Infantry Regiment

Dwight Dippel, passed away 21 March 2004. Formally a member of the mortar section, weapons platoon, I. Co. 34th Regiment from Australia, WWII, Dwight went to the Philippine Islands until the surrender of Japan August 1945.

Leo Lange passed away 2 Jun 05. He served during WWII for two years in the Philippines with the 34th MP Co. Leo reenlisted in 1947 and went to Kokura, Japan as a member of the 24th HQ. MP Co. The Korean War broke out and Leo was sent to Korea on 2 July 1950 and was in the Battle for Taejon on 20 July 1950. He earned the Bronze Star Medal and three Bronze Stars, plus numerous other awards. Leo is survived by his wife Delores, two sons, two daughters and four grandchildren. Cards may be sent to 3116 Twin Oaks Drive. Joliet, IL 60435.

Charles S. Noto, 34th Inf., \WWII is deceased. Charles died on 21 December, 2005 in Rochester, NY. He is survived by his wife Sylvia G. Noto and numerous children and grandchildren. Family requested that contributions be made to a charity of choice in his name. Cards may be sent to his wife at: 233 Greystone Lane, #18, Rochester, NY 14618-5 125

Jay Rye, K Company, 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, now in the encampment of Glory, (5 January 2006.) SGT Rye was 85 years old. I am searching for the words to describe this remarkable individual. He was a Bataan Death March survivor from WWII and also a Tiger Survivor. He was a great soldier who survived some bad times. In WW II he was captured by the Japanese and was on the infamous Bataan Death March in the Philippines. He liked being a POW so much he was captured again during the first few days of the Korean War! His beloved wife, Lorraine, preceded him to Glory. We will send flowers on behalf of all Tiger Survivors and other POWs who knew him. Cards can be sent to his son at the following address: Jimmy Rye, 740 West Oakmont, Porterville CA 93257 -Shorty Estabrook, The Tiger



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24th Signal Bn.



Gordon Wayne Riter was born October 29, 1921 on a farm in Willow Lake, SD. He died in his sleep October 14, 2005. He spent three years in the South Pacific during WWII with the 24th Signal Corp; he was with the initial landing on Leyte, Philippines. After his service he returned to South Dakota State and received his degree in Engineering in 1948. He loved spending time with his wife of 53 years, Margaret, and being a father to his children. He was a founding member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus, Sons of the American Revolution and prior to poor health he worked with Habitat for Humanity.

6th Tank

Stanley M. Wright passed away on 27 Nov 2005. He served with the 6th Tank Bn. in Korea. Stanley is survived his wife Helen, two daughters, Diane and Anita, his son John and five Grandchildren. Cards and condolences may be sent to: 10885 State Rd #177, College Corner, OH 45003-9269

339th Engineers Bn.

Bernard "Bernie" H. Medinger (WWH) died~ 4 Dec 2005, as reported by his daughter Nancy. His wife, Clara, preceded him in death. Cards may be sent to: 1007 Whispering Winds Pt N, Onalaska, WI 54650-2378. When WWII broke out, Bernie enlisted in the US Army. He served with the 24th and 32nd Divisions. Bernie was a past commander and life member of Roy L. Vingers American Legion Post 52, LaCrosse WI. Bernie was a kind a generous father. He enjoyed the company of his family, friends and comrades. He will be greatly missed by his loving daughter.



555th Field Artillery Bn.

Thomas K. Richardson passed away 16 September 2005, at the Pikes Peak Hospice & Palliative Care. He served with 555th FA Bn and with Division Artillery in Korea from October 1951 to September 1952. A Memorial Service was held at Ft. Logan Military Cemetery and on 7 February 2006. A Memorial Service for Tom will be held at the Pikes Peak Hospice. The family requests any donations to be made in his name to the Pikes Peak Hospice. Condolence cards may be sent to his wife Gertrude at 7280 Medicine Bow Ave., Fountain, CO 80817

HQ Company

Lt Col George Hafeman Sr. a fine soldier and true warrior of St. Helens, OR. passed away. George served in the US Army between 1939 and 1959. During WW II, he served with the 6th Infantry Division in New Guinea and the Philippines. After the war, he commanded the Headquarters Company of the 24th Infantry Division in Japan. He was among the first troops to Korea. As a Captain during heavy fighting near the Naktong River, in August of 1950, he led Task Force Hafeman, a hastily assembled collection of 135 soldiers from 6 different units that performed heroically. His wartime awards included 3 Purple Hearts, the Silver Star, 6 Bronze Stars, the Army Commendation Medal and



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two Combat Infantry Badges. Cards or letters may be sent to ~e George Hafeman Jr. at Windermere Real Estate, 519 South Highway, St Helens OR 97051 or to halemang@windermere.com

Unknown Unit

George Milton Langellier Sr was a Staff Sergeant during WWJI and earned the CIB, and the Purple Heart. George passed away on Dec 21, 2005. George is survived by his wife Norma. No further information is available.

James J. Jones passed away on 4 March 2002. Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Eileen M. Jones, 2300 Rice Planters Road, Charlotte, NC 28273.



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11th Field Artillery



C. David Tom

David passed away June 4, 2006 in Sandusky OH. After graduating from Ohio State University he was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. and sent to Korea. He initially served as forward observer for the 24th ID. He was later promoted and commanded C. Bty. 13th Field Artillery Battalion. Following his discharge he served several years with Ohio National Guard. He was predeceased by his parents and his first wife Kikuko. Merilyn, his wife of 24 years, survives David. No address is available at this time.

19th Infantry Regiment

Charles J. Corcoran

Charles passed away on March 20, 2006. He was a member of Service. Co. during WWII. Cards may be sent to his widow Shirley at 5 Edgewood Lane, Mansfield Center, CT 06250-1209

Hank Gomez, Life Member # 1419 of the 19th, Korea died in 2002.

Fred L. Hess

Fred Hess, Company L, 19th Infantry Regiment, WWII passed away on May 6, 2006. He served on Leyte where he was wounded, and on Luzon and Mindoro, obtaining the rank of Sergeant. His decorations included the Purple Heart, CIB, and Bronze Star w/V device. Surviving him are his wife Virginia, son Peter, daughters Kristina and Vickie, their spouses, and many grandchildren. A celebration of his life and legacy was held on May 26, the date of his 82d birthday. In lieu of flowers, family asks those interested in honoring the life of Fred Hess make contribution or donations to the following projects or nonprofit organizations: Wright State University Libraries, 3640 Colonel Glen Hwy, Dayton, OH 45435. Donation should be designate for Special Collections and Archives in the memory of Fred L. Hess; The City of Centerville, c/o Veterans Memorial, 100 West Spring Valley Re., Centerville, OH 45458 or The Children's Medical Center of Dayton, Development Department, One Children's Plaza, Dayton, OH 45404-1815. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 2300 Wall Street, Suite H, Cincinnati, OH 45212 Indicate your donation is being made in memory of Fred L. Hess and include your name and address. Cards may be sent to the family at: 1451 Courtyard Pl, Dayton, OH 45458-3975.

Robert J. LeBlanc

Robert, of Windsor Locks, CT, passed away on September 3, 2005. Robert was a Sgt. with the 4th Platoon, Company K, 19th, 1951, in Korea. Cards may be sent to his daughter, Ms. Debbie Sperry, 80 S. Loomis Street, Southwick, MA 01077-9301.

Charles V. McGuire

Charles died on April 17, 2006. He served in Korea with Company E, from June 1950 to August 1951. Cards may be sent to Mrs. Roberta McGuire at 3302 Drumond Rd., El Paso, TX 79925-2917

Glen A. Rohr

Glen passed away 17 Feb 2006. He was in Co, K, Korea 1951-1952. Cards may be sent to Donna M. Rohr at 3400 S. Sumter Blvd., North Port, FL 34237-2969.

Kenneth Sitzman

Kenneth passed away on 20 March 06. He served with the 19th in Korea during 1951-52. Cards may be sent to his widow Georgene at 305 Pawnee Dr., McCook, NE 69001-2251



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21st Infantry Regiment



Frank Buckner Jr.

Frank passed way on December 24, 2005. He was a member of G Company, served with Co. G Japan and Korea 1953 – 1954 Cards may be sent to his wife Juanita at 99716 Strawberry Plains Pike, Strawberry Plains, TN 37871-1103

Vincent Caulfield,

Vince served with F/21st Infantry, Korea 50-51. Condolences may be sent to his Widow Evelyn at 51 Greenview Ct., Oakdale, NY 11769-1398

Victor Habeeb

Victor passed away on April 4, 2006 at the age of 90 years. Victor served in Co G in the Southwest Pacific during WWII. Cards may be sent to Kamley Habeeb, 7543 E. Rancho Vista Drive, Scottsdale AZ 85251-1560. In August the address changes to: 278 Ward Street, Watertown NY 13601.

George Leonard Jester

George passed away 23 March 2006. He was a great soldier and loved the 24th Infantry Division. During his service in Korea George received two Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star, and four Good Conduct medals. George is survived by his wife Helen Jester of Willis Point Texas and numerous Grandchildren. Cards may be sent to his wife at PO Box 715, Edgewood, TX 75115

Edward Loomis

Edward, age 74, 21st Infantry, Company I, Japan & Korea passed away on 7 June 2006. Cards maybe sent to his widow Barbara at 2152 Old Russellville Pike, Clarksville, TN 37043-5821

Nicholas "Chick" Staffo

Chick died on March 16, 2005. He was a member of Cannon Company. While detached to the 11th Airborne Division on Luzon, Chick was awarded the Silver Star for Gallantry in Action on February 17, 1945. In a letter home he indicates he was also a participant in the liberation of over 2200 American and International Internees at the Los Banos Prison Camp on February 23, 1944. Condolences may be sent to his son Gary T. Staffo, 6226 Garden Road, Springfield, VA 22152-1504.



Charles E. Williams

Charles passed away unexpectedly on 22 March 06. He entered the U.S. Army on Oct. 7, 1943 and served in WWII 1943-44, with Company B. While in the army he was in charge of the Hispanic Squad. He was awarded the Purple Heart, two Bronze Stars plus other medals and citations. His wife Mary is currently in a nursing home. Cards may be sent to the family at the home of his daughter Lory. 23 SW 51st St., Lawton, OK 73505-6832.



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24th Medical Battalion



Raymond E. "Bodie" Adams

Bodie, a retired colonel who fought three wars, passed away in his sleep on 10 May 2006 at his home in Augusta GA. He enlisted in the army in 194, served in the pacific with the Medical Service Corps and in Korea he participated in the Pusan Perimeter and Yula River Campaigns, earning two Purple Hearts, a Silver Star and a Bronze Star. Bodie also served in Viet Nam. We have no family contact information at this time.

29th RCT

Harry T. Moore

Harry Moore, 29th RCT, Korea 50, passed away on 14 November 2004. Condolences may be sent to his widow Diane at PO Box 3332, Gulfport, MS 30135

34th Infantry Regiment

Peter L. Birch

Peter Birch has passed away, no date is available. Peter served with "K" Co. 34th Inf. in Japan and Korea from Jan 46 - Jul 52. Peter was Life Member # 1738 Cards may be sent to Mrs. Rose Marie, 2131 South Beretania, #310, Honolulu, HI 96826-1490

James Cannioto

James Cannioto was a medic in the U.S. Army's 24th Division, is immortalized in a famous Pulitzer Prize nominated photo in which a soldier comforts another after the death of a friend on Aug. 28,1950. James passed away December 6, 2006. His photo can be seen on the 34th Regiment page.

Daniel DeMarco

Daniel passed away on 17 November 1977. He served with Company E, from 17 August 1944 - 5 May 46



Gennaro A. (Gerry) Fischetti. Esq.

Gennaro A. (Gerry) Fischetti. , 81 of Silver Lake, beloved husband of Luise (nee Nicholais), loving father of Nancy Bhupathi, Mary Parelli and Elizabeth Collins, cherished grandfather of Priya, Mark and Tara Bhupathi, Katelyn and Megan Collins, passed away on 3 May 2006. He was buried on Staten Island, NY on May 6th. Gerry was a WWII veteran, attorney, author and a retired commissioner of the state Crime Victims Board. He was a long time member of the 24th IDA. Gerry joined the 34th RCT as soon as he finished High School. As a PFC he saw action in Biak Island and Hollandia, New Guinea, and at Leyte, Luzon, Mindanao, Mindoro and Bataan in the Philippines. He was wounded during a volunteer mission at Zig Zag Pass near Olongano. He was awarded the Bronze Star. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Mount Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, 239 Fingerboard Rd., SI, NY 10305 would be appreciated. Cards may be sent to Luise Fischetti at 42 Rose Court, Staten Island, NY 10301-3417



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34th Infantry Regiment (Cont)

Jay B. Hurlin Jay Hurlin, 34th INF, Korea, died 7 Nov 05. Cards may be sent to PO Box 107, Rowley, MA 01969-0207

Leonard Taylor Kjelstrom

"Kelly" Kjelstrom passed away May 26, 2006. He was born August 2, 1924. Kelly joined the Infantry during World War II and fought in the Pacific Theater. He received many medals, including the bronze star, and received a medical honorable discharge. Kelly is survived by his wife Patricia, four loving children, Cary Kjelstrom, Sondra (Neal) Davis, Marla Link and Kit (Françoise) Kjelstrom, three loving step-children, Debbie Tran, Victor Lee (Donna) Brown and Oni Burkholder and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Cards may be sent to: 1067 E. 500 S., Salt Lake City UT 84102

3rd Engineers "Combat" Bn.

Herbert D Clifton

Herbert passed away on August 26, 2005 at the age of 82. He joined the Army in May 1941 and was present at Pearl Harbor during the attack. He served with the 3rd in the Pacific Theater throughout the war and received many ribbons and medals, including the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, American Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, a Good Conduct Ribbon and the Purple Heart. He worked for 31 years at the USPS in Dover and for the Dover Police Department for 25. Herbert was a life member of the Association. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Reba Mae Sawyer Clifton and two sons. In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to the Cheswold Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 186, Cheswold DE. Cards may be sent to the family at Box 84, Dover DE 19903-0084

Jack Travis Hall.

Lt Col (Ret) Jack Hall served with the 3d Engineer Battalion in Korea, died May 18th, 2006. Military services were held at the Fort Sam Houston Military Cemetery. You may sign the guest book @ www.porterloring.com

Donald James Lloyd

Don was born August 5, 1931 in Denver CO. He passed away February 5, 2006. On September 2, 1948 he joined the army, finishing his 12th grade education. He was a U.S. Veteran for his service in the



Korean Conflict and was in the first group of soldiers sent to Korea from Japan in July of 1950. He received A Bronze Star, Presidential Unit Citation; Army of Occupation Medal with Japan clasp; National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with one bronze service star and one silver service star, United Nations Service Medal and ROC presidential Unit Citation. Don was a life member of the VFW and the 24th IDA. After his discharge he moved to Cathlamet WA where met and married Dorothy A. (Hosley) Lloyd. He worked as a Captain on a crab boat out of Alaska and one of his most memorable experiences was piloting it all the way back to Cathlamet. Don and Dorothy started going to military reunions eleven years ago and eight years ago he and Dorothy began organizing reunions for all who had ever served with the 3rd "Combat" Engineers. He was Vice President of the 24th IDA last year and declined the President's position this year due to his health. Survivors include his wife Dorothy, his son Stuart and two daughters Cynthia (Randy) and Colleen. Condolences maybe sent to: 6804 Occidental, Yakima, WA 98903



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5th RCT

Benjamin W. Strickland

Benjamin W. Strickland passed away on August 26, 2005. He was with M Co, 3rd Battalion in Korea in 1950 and 1951. Ben was wounded while serving with the 5th. He also served in the Vietnam War in 1964 and 1965, earning the Bronze Star. His family is continuing his quest to obtain his Purple Heart. Benjamin spent 27 years serving his country with honor and pride. He loved his family and friends. On his birthday a street in Miami, Florida was dedicated to him for service to his country and community. Cards may be sent to his family at 13472 S.W. 66 Terrace Miami, Florida 33183.

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John Salomon Ylinen

Lt Col (Ret) US Army, aged 85, passed away on Thursday, April 13, 2006. He had lived in El Paso, Texas for 46 years. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on May 9, 1942, attended Officers Candidate School at Fort Davis, NC, and was commissioned February 11, 1943. He served in the Aleutian Islands, Japan, the Korean War, and Germany, retiring at Fort Sill, OK, on May 31, 1962. His military decorations included the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star, the Air Medal w/5 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Parachute Badge, the Presidential Unit Citation, and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation. John was a Life Member of the 24th Infantry Division Assn and a member of the El Paso EPMUG.. He was predeceased this month by his wife, MAJ (Ret) Lydia Romersa Ylinen. He is survived by his son LTC (Ret) Frank A. Ylinen and wife Debbie of Pasadena, MD, son LTC (Ret) John A. Ylinen and wife Sandra of Centreville, VA, and daughter Carol Sykora of Waco, TX. Condolences may be sent to the family at 1517 Meadowview Dr. El Paso TX 79925-2517.



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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. TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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 TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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. TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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 TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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 TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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 TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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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 TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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 TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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 TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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 985868-3237 "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 TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

James M. Swindler - James died 7 June 2006. He was in 19th Inf. Co. A WWII from March 1940 – October 1943. TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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 TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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. [Bill was in 4th platoon, Co. E, 19th Infantry regiment – Tom Thiel, *Taro Leaf* Editor] TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

Julian H. Williams - MSG Williams passed away on October 16, 1998 and was buried at Centuries Memorial Park, 8801 Mansfield Rd., Shreveport, LA 71108 TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006 [Julian served in Co E, 19th Infantry Regiment, Korea, 1951-52 – Tom Thiel]

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

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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 TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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. TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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. TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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. TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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. TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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 may be sent to the family at: 194 Paddon Place, Marina, CA 93933-2903 TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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 TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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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 TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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 TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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 TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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 TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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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. TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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. TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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. TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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

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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 TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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 TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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 TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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 TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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

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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. TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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. TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

Herbert F. Spencer. Sr. - Herbert passed away on August 13, 2006, in Taunton, MA. He served with the 24th Infantry Division in Korea. TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006

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. TARO LEAF VOL 60, NOS 3&4, SUMMER-FALL 2006



Harold W. "Corky" Peters



Past Association President, Harold W. "Corky" Peters, age 76, of Rogers, MN, passed away on March 25, 2007, from complications with surgery. He is survived by wife and soul mate of 28 years, Dianna; children, Robert Michael (Susan), Vicki Marie Peters, Julie Anne Eull (Greg), and Randy, Joe (Barb) and Rick (Ellen) McArthur; 12 grandchildren; and his beloved puppy, Harley.

Corky served as 1st Sgt of "G" Company, 21st Infantry Regiment during the Korean War (50-51), and was our Association President from Sept. 1998 through Sept. 2000. He hosted the 24th IDA reunions in Minneapolis, MN, in 1996, Little Rock, AR, in 1998, Tulsa, OK, in 1999 and Covington, KY, in 2000.

Corky will be greatly missed by all his many friends and comrades in the Association, as well as those who had served with him in Korea and civilian life. He was truly a great person and gentleman.

Condolences can be sent to the family at 13791 Dorothy Dr., Rogers, MN, 55374-8899. The family requests any donation be sent to the 24th IDA Association, c/o Don Maggio, Secretary/Treasurer, 631 Concord Rd. Fletcher, NC 28732-9736.

3rd Engineer Battalion

Clifton, Herbert D, Life Member, passed away on Aug 26, 2005. Herbert served with the 3rd Engineer Battalion during WWII. No information on any surviving relatives.

Frank, Laurence V "Larry", Company A, 3rd Engineer Battalion, WWII, Oct 1942 - Oct 1945, passed away on Aug 24, 2006. Cards may be sent to spouse Frances and family at: 1295 S. Cawston Ave., Sp #41, Hemet, CA 92545-9161.

Frazer, Charles, Company C, 3rd Engr Bn, Japan & Korea, passed away on 10 Feb 2007. He was a POW from 20 July, 1950 until his release on 23 August 1953 and was a member of the "Tiger Survivors." Cards may be sent to his family at: 3152 Iroquois Drive, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86404-5271.

Fredmonski, John, 3rd Engineer Battalion, WWII and Japan passed away on Dec 18, 2006. John served in the Commo Section. Cards maybe sent to his wife, Genevieve and family, 42 Montgomery St., Piscataway, NJ 08854-2538.

Sawyer, George K., 3rd Engr, Japan & Korea died on 4 Apr 2007. George was a Life Member of the Association. Cards can be sent to this wife Marion at 165 Peter Salem Rd., Leicester, MA 01524-1245



5th Regimental Combat Team

Anderson, Edward S., of Northwest Indiana passed away Mar 8, 2007. Ed was a member of the 5th Regimental Combat Team in Korea. No address available.

Follis, Wendell D., Company H, 5th Regimental Combat Team, Korea 51-52 passed away on 21 Dec 2006. Cards may be sent to the family at: PO Box 1483, Ozark, MO 65721-1483.

Pangle, Robert L., Tank Company, 5th RCT. Robert served with the 5th RCT form 1949 - 1951. Cards may be sent to the family at: 3011 Park Drive, Columbia, TN 38401-5201

Valvo, Frank A. (Tony), Company H, 5th RCT, 1949-1950. Date of Death is unknown. Frank was the holder of a Purple Heart and Silver Star. Cards may be sent to his wife Gloria, 46 Massachusetts Ave., Buffalo, NY 14213-2132

6th Tank Battalion

Karrigan, Clayton, Company B, 6th Tank Battalion, Korea May 51 - Nov 51 passed away on 11 Apr 2007. Cards may be sent to the family at: 465 30th St NW, Benson MN 56215-1011.

11th Field Artillery

Samples, Ernest L., Battery A, 11th FA Bn 49-51 died on 16 Oct 2006. Last know address was 7250 National TPKE #111, Louisville, KY 40214-6071. Records do not indicate a surviving spouse but the information came from his daughter.

Smith, Robert H. "Bob", 11th FA passed away in his sleep during the night of Jan 1-2, 2007. Cards may be sent to his wife Alice and family at: 7721 Deer Ln, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494-9119. Bob was not only a friend and fellow Taro Leafer but was a wonderful person and was a devoted family man, outdoors man and dedicated to the 24th Infantry Division Association.

13th Field Artillery

Peters, William J., passed away on 12 Apr 2007. William served with Battery A, 13th FA Battalion during WWII and Japan from 1943-1948. Cards may be sent to Ruth at 648 NE Muskrat Run, Port St. Lucie, FL 34983-3524.

Mullins, Lois, Associate Member, and wife of Member William Mullins, 13th FA/C, WWII passed away on 6 Oct 2006. Cards may be sent to the family at 3412 Logan View Dr., Baltimore, MD 21222-5948.

19th Infantry Regiment

Brown, Verlyn, Hq, 19th Infantry, Korea 8/50-9/51 had passed away on 10 March 2006. No information on survivors.

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Carter, Jack W., 1SG, US Army (Retired) passed away on 8 July 2007. Jack served with Medical Company, 19th Infantry Regiment from August 1950 - November 1951. He was a Life Member of the Association, and attended as many reunions as he possibly could. He always wore his Dress Blues at the Memorial Banquets. Cards may be sent to his wife Alyce at 19 Circle Drive, Brush, CO 80723-2201

Crowe, Harold R., Passed away on Jan 8, 2007. Harold served with Company D, 19th Infantry Regiment in Korea from Oct. 50 – Nov. 51. Cards may be sent to his wife Helen and family at 2813 W. Armour Terrace, Minneapolis, MN 55418-2480

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Graham, Jerome "Jerry," M & Hq Companies, 19th Infantry Regiment passed away in Apr 2006. Jerry served with the Division in Japan 46-47. Cards may be sent to his Wife, Mary and family, at: 5800 Old Providence Road, #3215, Charlotte, NC 28226-6899.

Hoffman, Major Evert E. "Moose", passed away on 4 Jan 2007 in Batavia, NY. Pearl Harbor Survivor, he was stationed with the 19th Infantry Regiment in Beppu, Japan and deployed to Korea with the Regiment in Jul 1950, where he received a Battle Field Commission. Moose is survived by his wife "Boots." Cards maybe sent to: Mrs. Everete Hoffman 1210 Apple Hollow Lane Haman, NY 14464

Johnson, Thomas H., Headquarters, 19th Infantry WWII & Japan passed away on 18 July 2007 per phone call from his wife Faye. Thomas served with the 219th from February 1943 - November 1945. Cards may be sent to his wife Faye at 66 Glenwood St., Winston Salem, NC 27106-4952

Kemper, Paul R., 19th Infantry WWII & Japan died on May 30, 2007. Condolences may be sent to his wife Vivian and family at: 815 Iroquois Ave., Louisville, KY 40214-1230.

Kadrlik, Robert (Bob) passed away on May 14, 2007, at 6:00 AM, the result of an auto accident and other complications. Bob served with the 19th Inf Regt, 24th Div in Korea in 1951, condolences can be sent to Darlene Kadrlik, 612 4th Ave So, South St Paul, MN 55075. Addendum: August 2007. Received from Bob's friend, Mel Behnen, "Sadly, Bob's wife Darlene passed away in August 2007."

Logan, Colonel Edward O., died on Nov 27, 2006 from congestive heart failure. Colonel Logan served with the 19th Infantry Regiment from 1949 - Jul 1950 in Japan and in Korea from July 1950 - 1951. Ms. Logan passed away in Jul 2006.

Porter, Donald R., 19th Inf. and 21st Inf. Japan and Korea died Aug 3, 2006. Condolences may be sent to his wife Rosalie Porter at 12339 Porsche Ln #111, Weeki Wachee, FL 34614-2647

Rogers, George P., Tiger Survivor of Camps 3 & 7, died Nov 3, 2006. He served with G. Co, 19th Inf. He was a POW from Jul 16, 1950 to his release on Aug 25, 1953. He is survived by his wife and daughters. Cards to 112 Jean Ellen Ave., Houma, LA 70363,

Saunders, William F., 19th Inf, Co's B & E, 46-47, 77, of Marlborough died Nov. 30, 2006), at Youville Hospital and Rehab Center in Cambridge after an illness. He leaves his wife of 36 years Ellen L.

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(Kiernan) Saunders. Burial in the VA National Cemetery in Bourne. Memorial donations may be made to: Our Danny Cancer Fund, P.O. Box 2795, Worcester, MA 01613.

Stoner, Daniel C., passed away on May 13, 2007. He served in the 19th Infantry Regiment, Korea. The Stoner family was making plans for his attendance at the Indianapolis reunion, but he fell sick and couldn't attend. Cards may be sent to his wife Mary and family c/o his daughter, Kimberly Stoner Short, 501 West Wenger Rd., Englewood, OH 45322-2002.

Vail, Patricia, Wife of Don Vail, Co. H, 19th Inf and Life member. Patricia J. Willard Vail 73, McCordsville, IN. died July 7, 2007. Celebration Of Life: Thurs. July 12 at McCordsville United Methodist Church with burial in McCordsville Cemetery. Don Vail, 6459 W. 800 N, McCordsville, IN, 46055-9767.

Wild, George, passed away on 15 Sep 2006. George served with Company D, 19th Infantry in Japan and Korea from 1948 - 1951. Cards may be sent to the family at 1913 Nearview Ave., Columbia, SC 29223-3729.

Wright, Leonard, passed away on Oct 14, 2006. He served in L Co, 19th Inf with Howard Camp & Danny Stoner in Korea during 1951-52. Cards may be sent to his Widow Cynthia Wright 2615 Embury Pk Rd., Dayton, OH 45414-5101

Wojklewicz, Bernard, Glendale Heights, IL. He served with the 19th Infantry Regiment during WWII. Cards may be sent to the family to the only address we have which is 770 Pearson St., #809, Des Plaines, IL 60016-9219 Chicago Tribune on 1/19/07.

21st Infantry Regiment

Addesso, Harry J., Tiger Survivor of Camps 3 & 7, died Oct 28, 2006. He served with M Co., 21st Inf. He was a POW from Jul 12, 1950 until his release on Aug 26, 1953. He is survived by his wife Carole and son Lawrence, Cards to 43252 Corte Astorga, Temecula, CA 92592-3846

Albert, Michael, Life Member #592, Company H, 21st Infantry WWII passed away on 26 February 2005. Michael was a Pearl Harbor Survivor and was selected to attend the opening of the WWII Memorial in Washington, DC but due to his health was unable to attend. He is survived by his wife Eileen and cards may be sent to 4529 Montclair Ave, SE, Lacey WA 98503-3542

Ales, Benedict J. (Bennie), Life Member, passed away May 12, 2007. Bennie served with the 34th Infantry, Company M in Japan & Korea and then the 21st Infantry, Company H in Korea from 1949-1951. Cards may be sent to the family at 16155 Blue Springs Lane, Clinton Township, MI 48035-5519

Buckner, Frank, Jr., G Company, 21st Infantry, Korea 1953-1954, passed way on Dec 24, 2005. Cards may be sent to his wife Juanita at 99716 Strawberry Plains Pike, Strawberry Plains, TN 37871-1103

Cress, Pat, Company C, 21st Infantry, Task Forces Smith and former POW, passed away on 2 Feb 2007. Cards may be sent to the family at: 8137 Sun Vista Way, Orlando, FL 32822-7537

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Elswick, Dan, M., Co., 34th Infantry, H/21st Infantry, Korea 50-51, passed away on Feb 7, 2007. Condolences may be sent to his widow Willa (Willy) Dean Elswick, 102 Harvestwood Dr., Grovetown, GA 30813-2150

Goldpaugh, John J., M Company, 21st Infantry, WWII 6/42-11/45, passed away on 16 Jan 2007. John is survived by his wife Kathryn and Daughter Kathleen. Cards may be sent to the family at 140 Ter Huen Dr., Apr #214, Plymouth, MA 02540-2598.

Grogan, John J., Life Member, passed away on 6 Feb 2007. John served with the 21st Infantry in Japan and Korea. Cards may be sent to the Family at: 129 Brentwood Road, Newington, CT 06111-2512

Jinkerson, Ralph, 21st Infantry Regiment, Medical, Korea, passed away on 23 Feb 2007. Cards may be sent to his spouse, Kolita Jinkerson, at 659 Camelot Manor, Portage, IN 46368-5331

Kachikis, Donald P., 21st Infantry Regiment, Company C, Korea, passed away on Jan 31, 2007. Cards may be sent to his family at 504 Carolyn Court, Eden, NC 27288-6466

Peters, Harold W. "Corky", age 76, of Rogers, MN, passed away on March 25, 2007, from complications with surgery. See detailed article at beginning of this section.

Sliger, Elbert W., Company M, 21st Infantry passed away on 2 Feb 2007 in Citra, FL. Cards may be sent to his sister Treva Fritzen, 4459 Camden Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32303-7223

Winstead, Emerson L. "Duke", passed away on 7 Mar 2006. Duke served with Company B, 21st Infantry Regiment in Korea, 1950-51. Cards may be sent to the family at 144 Benjamin Place, Mt. Washington, KY 40047-6008.

Wyrick, Colonel William E. "Bill", passed away Dec 17, 2006. Bill served with Company C, 21st Infantry Regiment as a member of Task Force Smith during the Korean War. Cards may be sent to the family at: 1321 Wildewood Downs Circle, Columbia, SC 29223-4432

34th Infantry Regiment

Carroll, Dr. Murray Lee, 82, of Anacortes, WA died Mar 4, 2007, at the Island Hospital. Dr. Carroll served in the Pacific Theater during WWII and was separated from the Service and obtained a BA degree in Psychology in 1948. He then reenlisted as a career officer in the Transportation Corps and retired as a Lt Col in 1967.

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Lt Col Carroll was detail Infantry and served with the 34th Infantry from 2 Jul 1950 until 31 Aug 1950 after which he was returned to his basic branch and assigned to a TC unit in Pusan on 1 Sep 1950. No contact information.

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Hess, Allen V., 86, Lebanon, PA, passed away Jul 17, 2006. Allen , served with Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry during WWII. He was born January 21, 1920, in Lebanon, was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and recipient of the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. Burial at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. From the Lebanon Daily News on 7/19/2006. Cards may be sent to the family at: 590 S. 5th Ave, Lebanon, PA 17042-9196

Manz, Lt. Col. Hans J., (R) (D101) - 34th & 21st Inf, Korea 50-51, Age 84 passed away May 21, 2007 in Myrtle Beach SC. Born in Germany, he immigrated to the United States at the age of 7. He was a veteran of WWII serving in the U. S. Army Air Corps, served as a company commander of the 24th Infantry Division in Korea and assigned to the Special Operations Group in Vietnam. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Valor, two Purple Hearts, the Presidential Unit Citation, three campaign ribbons, and other awards during his career.

Reis, Joseph, M company 34th Infantry & H Company 21st Infantry, Feb 11, 2007. Cards may be sent to his wife Mary and family at 602A Ft. Crook Rd., Bellevue, NE 68005-2963.

Whitman, Bruce, Company A, 34th Infantry, Japan & Korea passed away on 9 Feb 2007. Cards may be sent to his wife Rachel, 11930 SW 31st Terrace, Webster, FL 33597-7703.

52nd Field Artillery

Botzen, Robert R., Hq, 52d FA Bn 49-51 passed away on Nov 18, 2006, at the age of 74. He is survived by his wife Elaine, Daughters Lynette, Nicole, sons Bill, Jim, Guy, 12 Grandchildren and 1 Great-granddaughter. Cards may be sent to the family at 37915 Sheffield St., Mt. Clemens, MI 48036

Gaupp, Alvin G., passed away on Aug 10, 2006. Alvin had served with C Battery, 52d Field Artillery Battalion, WWII and was Pearl Harbor Survivor. He served with the Division from Oct 1941 - Jun 1944. Cards may be sent to his wife, Rose, and family at PO Box 121, West Creek, NJ 08092-012.

63rd Field Artillery

Jenkins, Spencer S., passed away on Jan 4, 2007. Spencer served during WWII and in Japan with Headquarters, 63rd FA Bn. Condolences may be sent to the family at: 1620 Fezzell Rd., Decatur, TN 37322-3274

Poirier, Alfred N., of Monterey, CA, 63rd FA, WWII, passed away on Apr 16, 2007. After being discharged in May 1945, Alfred realized how much he missed the military and reenlisted in 1949. He retired from the Army as a Master Sergeant in 1966 at Fort Ord, CA. Alfred is survived by his wife of 47 year Waltraud "Walli" and a son Michael plus a brother and sister. Card may be sent to: 234 Lerwick Dr., Monterey, CA 93940-54



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Moore, Colonel Carl G., Headquarters 24th ID, JAG Section, passed away on 22 Aug 2006. Colonel Moore served with the Division from Sep 1949 - Nov 1950 in Japan and Korea. Cards maybe sent to his family at: 177 S. Homewood Dr., Athens, CA 30606-1703

Rasch, MD, Dr George C., passed away on Mar 3, 2007 in Hilton Head, SC. Dr Rasch served with the Medical Corps, 24th Infantry Division from 1954-1956 in Korea. Memorial Contributions may be made to Hospice of the Calumet Area, 521 Otis Bowen Dr., Munster, IN 46321. No address available to send condolences.

Sarpola, Roderick A., Hq & Hq Btry, Division Artillery passed away on Jun 24, 2006. Roderick entered service on Feb 12th, 1942, and served with the Division throughout WWII in campaigns against the Japanese in Hollandia, all the way to the Philippine landing on Luzon. Cards may be sent to his widow Alma at: 101 Forest Dr., Apt #246, Seaside, OR 97138-1604

Unit Unknown

Higdon, Doris, wife of 55 years of Jack Higdon II. Doris passed away on Apr 13, 2007, Fort Meyers, FL. Family requests any donations be made in her name to the Hope Hospice House, 9470 Healthpark Circle, Ft. Meyers, FL 33908-3600.

Irwin, Clyde C., 84, died Jul 19, 2006. He served in the Army as an infantry officer in the European Theatre, and was recalled to active duty in 1950 and served as infantry commander with the 24th Division in Korea where he received the Bronze Star. Survivors include two daughters, Linda Goode, Tampa, and Janie Richey, Alpharetta, Ga.

Slowik, Matthew W., age 85, 24th Division, First Lieutenant - 1942-1946, three years Pacific Theater, 1950-1952, called to Active Duty during Korean War and served from Oct 1950 to Jun 1952. He is a recipient of four Battle Stars as a result of duty in New Guinea, Leyte, Luzon and Manila Campaigns. Information: Skaja Terrace Funeral Home, 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com

Weygandt, Margery, wife of Donald Weygandt, Korea, 50-51, died in a tragic accident 14 May 2007. Margery attempted to light the kitchen stove and her clothing caught fire. Don attempted to extinguish the flames but could not before they completely engulfed her. Don suffered burns to both hands but is OK. Cards may be sent to Don at: 264 North Street, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-2506.

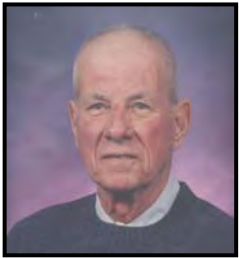
Zarubi, Roy H., of Sparks, NV died on 1 Jan 2007. Only information available was that he participated in the invasion and taking of the Philippines with the 24th Infantry Division. Information on his unit needed for listing on the 24th Infantry Division Association Honor Roll.

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Correction

TAPS, Vol. 61, No. 1 & 2, incorrectly included **Bernard Wojtkiewicz** of Glendale Heights, IL, in its listings. I was most pleased to receive Mr. Wojtkiewicz's telephone call advising me of our error. Your editor confused Bernard with Matthew W. Slowik, who is listed again this time properly with his 19th Regiment comrades.

5th Regimental Combat Team



Gottshall, Arthur C., (left) 78, Life #896, 2246 Nelson Ct., Milton, WV 25541-1027, went home to be with his Lord Thursday, February 22, 2007 in Sun-bridge Care & Rehab for Putnam. He served his country in the United States Army during World War II and Korean Conflict. He is survived by his loving wife, Velma E. "Jean" Cruce Gottshall and family. Cards may be sent to Mrs. Velma Gottshall, 2246 Nelson Court, Milton, WV 25541-1027

Raines, James D., passed away 4 October 2007. James served with the 5th Regimental Combat Team from 1949-1951 in Hawaii and Korea. Cards may be sent to his wife Dorothy at 5705 Helmsdale Lane, Alexandria, VA 22315-4136.

Rickert, Beverly, passed away August 26th. Beverly, wife of Life Member Dan Rickert, was very active in the Association, West Coast Reunions and the 3rd Engineer Reunion prior to her becoming ill. She will be missed. Beverly was the Grandmother of Danielle Rickert, designer of the Memorial Monument recently dedicated at the National Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Hawaii. Cards may be sent to Dan and his Family at 28099 Calle Valdes, Mission Viejo, CA 92692-1551.



Vargo, Joel S. Sr., Association Life Member who served in the 5th Regimental Combat Team from 1953-54, passed away September 23, 2007, at St. Charles Mercy Hospital, Oregon, Ohio. Joel resided in Curtis, Jerusalem Township, OH, and enjoyed spending winters in Palmetto, Florida, with his wife, Frances. Joe was a proud Korean War Veteran, serving in the U.S. Army's 5th Regimental Combat Team, 24th Infantry Division, Tank Company. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Mrs. Frances Vargo, 10550 Jerusalem Road, Curtis, OH 43412.

11th Field Artillery

Jenkins, G.W., Battery A, 11th FA Bn passed away on 24 September 2007. GW was a POW from July 20, 1950, until his release August 26, 1953. He had suffered for a long period from cancer and Parkinson Disease. No information on a surviving spouse address. From Shorty Estrabrook.

Kidder, Arthur R. Battery A, 11th Field Artillery Battalion had passed away on January 2, 1989 in Christiansburg, OH. Arthur served with the Battalion in Japan and was a member of Task Force Smith. No other information is available.



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13th Field Artillery

Lennon, Patrick J., passed away 4 July 2006. Patrick served with the Headquarters, 13th Field Artillery Battalion in Germany from December 1961 - July 1964. Cards may be sent to his wife Mary at 18 Florian Way, Boston, MA 02131-2108.

19th Infantry Regiment

Carter, Jack W., 1st SG, US Army (Retired) passed away on 8 July 2007. Jack served with Medical Company, 19th Infantry Regiment from August 1950 - November 1951. Cards may be sent to his wife Alyce at 19 Circle Drive, Brush, CO 80723-2201. Jack and Murl Ring served together as Navy Medics with the Marines during WWII. Both enlisted in the US Army and joined the 3rd Bn, 19th Infantry Aid Station in September 1950. Ring was seriously wounded on February 4, 1951 and Jack literally carried him out on his back saving Ring's life. Lacy Barnett who was also with the 19th as a Medic believes Jack was awarded the Silver Star. Ring died 12 June 1995 in Arkansas. (Barnett, Major, US Army Retired).

Dosch, Robert A., Association Life member, passed away on 21 May 2006. Robert served with the 19th Infantry Regiment in Korea. Cards may be sent to the family at 178 N. Main St., Pearl River, NY 10965-1805

Graham, John J., Company M, 19th Infantry Regiment from March 1951-December 1952, passed away on 28 February 2007. Cards may be sent to his wife, Hazel, at 1036 SW 53rd St., Oklahoma City, OK 73109-4404.

Hartman, Herman C., Life #2136, passed away on 17 April 2006 at the Countryside Christian Community Home, 520 N. State Rte. 934, Annville, PA 17003-9039. Herman served with the 19th Infantry from August 1944 through September 1946 during WWII, and in Japan. Notice published in the Lebanon Daily News on 8 April 2006, no listed Spouse or other relative. Punch Bowl letter returned to Dan in August marked "Deceased," no further information. by S/T Don Maggio



Hitzeman, Eugene Edwin (left), 83, 19th Infantry Regiment, and Life member, of San Mateo, CA., died Jan. 23, 2006, in Palo Alto, CA., after a battle with pancreatic cancer. He was drafted in 1942, serving in the newly formed 24th Inf. Div. until 1945, in Australia, New Guinea, and the Philippines. He deactivated many Japanese mines and booby-traps for his unit, and rose to the rank of staff sergeant. "Gene attended his first 24th IDA Reunion in 1991; this lead him to talk more about his war experiences. He was proud to serve his country. You will have honored Gene's wish by putting his obituary in the *TARO LEAF*." Miriam Hitzeman, Oct. 10, 2007. Cards may be sent to Ms. Miriam M. Hitzeman, 600 W. 39th Ave., San Mateo, CA, 94403.

Hassenboehle, Roland E., Company I, 19th Infantry in 1945 and was a WWII veteran, passed away on May 30, 2007. Cards may be sent to Mrs. Olga Hassenboehle, 400 Rue St. Ann, #111, Metairie, LA 7005-4631.



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Irwin, Clyde C., 84, died Jul 19, 2006. His passing was reported on page 20 of Vol. 61, Nos. 1&2, *TARO LEAF TAPS*. Survivors include two daughters, Linda Goode, Tampa, and Janie Richey, Alpharetta, Ga. [Recently, I got a letter regarding Captain Irwin from Tom Evans, which said in part: "Captain Erwin was with 'E' 19th in Korea, and at Camp Haugen, Japan, when the 24th was reassigned there. Captain Irwin was our Company Commander, and I was Plat. Sgt. of 2nd Platoon." (See full text of Mr. Evans' remarks in Letters to Editor later on in this publication.) Evan T. "Tom" Evans, 2121 Loop Road, Keeling, VA 24566.

Kushina, William J., passed away on 16 November 2006. William served with the 19th Infantry Regiment during WWII. Cards may be sent to his wife Jane at 777 W 3rd St., Runnemede, NJ 08078-1206.

Munoz, Jose L., passed away 21 October 2007. Jose served with Company H, 19th Infantry Regiment in Japan and Korea from 1949-1951. Cards may be sent to his wife Carmen at 9011 Lady Di Loop, Laredo, TX 78045-8043

Santo, Ciro, Company C, 19th Infantry. Ciro served in Korea and was a Prisoner of War from 4 November 1950 to 24 August 1953. Cards may be sent to his surviving family at 65 Putman Avenue, Ormond Beach, FL 32174-5329. Received from Bill Allen.

Shoe, Charles W., see listing under 34th Regiment

Slowik, Matthew W., Des Plaines, IL, age 85, 19th Regiment, First Lieutenant - 1942-1946, three years Pacific Theater, 1950-1952, called to Active Duty during Korean War and served from Oct 1950 to Jun 1952. He is a recipient of four Battle Stars as a result of duty in New Guinea, Leyte, Luzon and Manila Campaigns. Cards may be sent to the family to the only address we have which is 770 Pearson St., #809, Des Plaines, IL 60016-9219 Chicago Tribune on 1/19/07.

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Carr, Winford M., passed away on September 3, 2007. Winford served with Company H, 21st Infantry Regiment during WWII, and with the Military Police in Komumoto, Japan, from 1945 to 1947. Cards may be sent to the family at Rt 6, Box 189A, Fairmont, WV 26554-9116. E-mail from Diane Wagner.

Crosson, Jr., Hugh S., passed away on 18 October 2007 in Jacksonville, FL. Hugh was a Major, and was CO of H Company, 21st Infantry Regiment during WWII, where he served for four years. Hugh is survived by his wife of 60 years, Doris, two daughters, Patty and Fran, four grandchildren. Condolences may be sent to his wife Doris and family at 1424 Avondale Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32205-7821. 904-388-1633 (Jane Ford and Ed Farmer)

Denton, Leo, Company M, 21st Infantry Regiment, passed away on 27 August 2007. He was 77. Leo was with Task Force Smith, and was one of the first captured by the North Koreans on 5 July 1950. He was a Tiger Survivor having endured the Tiger Death March. Leo was finally released on August 23, 1953. Cards may be sent to his widow Mrs. Leo Denton, 37 LAW 243, Powhatan, AR 72458-8517. (Reported by Shorty Estabrook).

Fortes, Melvin D., (See listing under 34th Regiment listings.)



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Giannini, Gerald J., passed away on April 5, 2007. Gerald served with Company A, 21st Infantry Regiment during WWII. His wife had predeceased him. Last address available was 81-D Whimthrop Road, Monroe Township, NJ 08831-6693.



Gorski, Frank, (photo at left) died April 15, 2007, of cancer. He served with the Medics of the 21st Inf. Regt., was wounded in Hollandia, and spent sixteen months in Army Hospitals. "Ski" was a proud Life Member of the 24th Inf. Div. Assn. for 58 years, attending almost every reunion and enjoying the camaraderie of all of his buddies. Condolences may be sent to Ms. Irene Gorski, 2228 Terry Lane W., Broadview, IL 60155. (Sent by Richard F. Draus.)



Harvey, William V., (photo left) 21st Infantry Regiment, HQ 3rd 50-51, died on 6 Nov 07. Mr. Harvey was a veteran of World War II and the Korean. After being honorably discharged from the military, in the early 1960's he started his own construction company called CCI Custom Craft Incorporated, where he was a successful entrepreneur specializing as a home builder in Georgia and a condominium developer in North Florida. No family contact information available; last known address is: 410 River Shores Ct. NW, Atlanta, GA 30328-3701. (Submitted by Phyllis Burke, 21st RCT Assoc.)



Kirkman, Maurice, (photo at left) Company M, 21st Infantry, Korea, passed away at 6:30 AM, 28 August 2007, at Community North Hospital in Indianapolis, IN. He retired as a First Sergeant after 22 years of service with the U.S. Army. Cards may be sent to the Donna Kirkman & family, 5823 Jacksontown Rd., Lot #39, Newark, OH 43056-9391

Murphy, James F., Captain, 21st Infantry Regiment during WWII, Life Member #441, passed away on 25 Aug 2007. Participated in campaigns in New Guinea, Leyte, Luzon, and the Southern Philippines. He received Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. Cards may be sent to his wife Ara Neil Murphy, 720 Latta Road, Apr. 246, Rochester, NY 14612-4166. Reported to Sec./Treas.

Ragland, Helen, wife of John Ragland, Company D, 21st Infantry Regiment, WWII, passed away on Wednesday Evening, September 5, 2007. Helen was regular attendee at our reunions until her illness took over. No further information available. Cards may be sent to John and his family at 6321 Gonzales Ct., Groves, TX 77619-5245. (received from John and Fran Frey)

34th Infantry Regiment



Fortes, Melvin D., 97, Master Sergeant, US Army passed away on November 7, 2007, at the Community Hospital of Monterey, CA. MSG Fortes joined the 1st Filipino Infantry Regiment. Sgt. Fortes was later with Company L, 34th Infantry Regiment, and subsequently transferred to Company G, 21st Infantry Regiment on 1 Sept. 1950. He was predeceased in death by his wife of 54 years, Paz Fortes. Cards may be sent to his son, Mel Fortes, PO Box 51907, Pacific Grove, CA 93950



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Griffin, Wenzel B., Company C, 34th Infantry Regiment passed away on January 31, 2004. Wenzel served as an Infantry Rifleman for 18 months obtaining the rank of Staff Sergeant and 4 months Antitank Gun Crewman from 14 December 1944 until 26 May 1946. He received a Purple Heart for injuries sustained in combat participation in Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 21 June 1945. He also participated in the Southern Philippines and Luzon Campaigns. He was separated from Active Service on 5 June 1946 at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. No spousal information is available.



Johnson, Charles William, S/Sgt., 76, of 3103 Trent Road, New Bern, North Carolina, died August 30, 2007 Of Lymphoma. He served in the Korean War in Company A, 34 Infantry Regiment, BAR Squad Leader, CIB, Bronze Star, Purple Heart with an oak leaf cluster, Good Conduct, Korean Campaign, with one bronze star device, Occupation Medal with 'Japan' clasp. Korean Service Medal with 'rosette device', Presidential unit citation USA, ROK Presidential unit citation. He also served in General MacArthur's Honor Guard. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Irene, and five children. Cards may be sent to: 3103 Trent Road, New Bern, NC 28560-5736 (David Baillie Life member 24th IDA 34th Inf Regt)

O'Sullivan, John L., passed away 7 September 2007. John served with both Companies A & K, 34th Infantry Regiment in Korea and Japan during 1952-1953, and was a life member of the Association. Cards may be sent to his wife Bess at 334 3rd St., Downers Grove, IL 60515-5265.

Shoe, Charles W., passed away October 26, 2007. Charles was with the 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment in Japan and went to Korea at the beginning of the hostilities. When the Regiment was zeroed out on paper and sent back to Japan he was transferred to the 3rd Battalion, 19th Infantry. Cards may be sent to his family at 3924 Harrisburg Dr., Harrisburg, NC 28075-8406 (Lou Repko and Tom Cochran)



Szurley, Chester, passed away August 21, 2007, in The Medical Center, Beaver, PA, following a brief illness. Mr. Szurley was with "M" Co, 34th Infantry Regiment in Korea, and was later assigned to "H" Co, 21st Infantry Regiment. Chester, a Purple Heart recipient, had retired as an elections and registration director at the Beaver County Court House, where he had worked for 27 years. Cards may be sent to his wife Melanie and family at 31 C Street, Beaver, PA 15009-1502 (reported by Charles & Martha Andrews (3/34th & 2/21st)).

52nd Field Artillery

Opfer, Theodore, passed away 14 July 2006. Theodore served with the 52nd Field Artillery Battalion during WWII, and was a life member of the Association. Cards may be sent to the family at 31 Pumpkin Center Road, Finleyville, PA 15332-3106.



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187th Infantry, 24th Airborne Brigade

Gozick, Richard, passed away July 5, 2007. Richard served in Company D, 1st Airborne Battle Group, 187th Infantry, 24th Airborne Brigade, 24th Infantry Division, in Germany and Lebanon in 1958. He is survived by his wife Connie and their 3 sons. Cards may be sent to 16 Snowden Rd., East Brunswick, NJ 08816-4161

Division

Sharpe, Edward Howell "Hal", Headquarters Company, 24th Medical Battalion, died Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at Scotland Memorial Hospital, Maxton, NC. He served with the Japan Occupation Forces at Kokura, Kyushu, during 1946-1947. He was commissioned after graduating from college and served as a Captain in Europe during the 1950's. Cards may be sent to his widow, Marjorie, at 307 North Florence Street, Maxton, NC 28364.

Unknown Unit

Ames, Bert L, Veteran of WWII passed away on 17 Dec 2006. Cards may be sent to his wife Vi at PO Box 418, Loomis, CA 95650-0418.

Dumas, Joseph, "Laid to rest with honor;" 24th IDA Member, **Joe O'Connell**, never knew Joseph Dumas, but on Thursday he helped put the fellow Korean War veteran to rest. O'Connell and other veterans from Warminster township (PA) 's VFW Post 6493 helped to bury Dumas, who died with no family present, in a donated grave. "He served his time honorably," said O'Connell, "You do not allow a veteran to become ashes and essentially thrown out." Dumas died on Sept. 14 at Briarleaf Nursing & Convalescent Home in Doylestown, PA.



Morales, Victorino S., (photo left) age 88, passed away on October 15, 2007 at the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. Victorino was a retired Sergeant First Class who served in the US Army during WWII and was a POW of the Japanese in the Philippines. He served with the 24th Infantry Division during the Korean War. Funeral services were held on October 19, 2007 at the St. Jude's Catholic Church in Marina, CA. Cards may be sent to the family c/o Mission Memorial Park, 1915 Ord Grove Avenue, Seaside, CA 93955. Monterey Peninsula Herald

Sommerhof, Earl T., Died in Japan of wounds received in Vietnam. Earl served with the 24th Infantry Division in Korea 53-54. Spouse surviving but only have Mrs. Earl Sommerhof.



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3rd Engineers



Johnson, Billy, Retired Army Command Sgt. Maj. Billy Johnson, 77, of 2416 Kimberly Drive, Fayetteville, NC, died Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2007, in Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. Funeral Services were Sunday, Jan. 13, in Jernigan-Warren Funeral Home chapel in Fayetteville, NC. Burial was Thursday, Jan. 17, in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. Survived by: Wife, Elminie; daughters, Julie and Linda; son, James; sisters, JoAnn Oldland and Georgie Williams; and two grandsons. Cards may be sent to: Ms. Minie Johnson, 2416 Kimberly Dr., Fayetteville, NC 28306-2345. (See also *TARO LEAF*, Vol 61, Nos 3&4.)

5th Regimental Combat Team

Miller, Marjorie Ilene, 85, wife of **Archibald Miller**, Co. H, 5th RCT, Korea, 1950-51, CO passed away on Dec. 5, 2007. Mr. Miller preceded her in death. Cards may be sent to their daughter, Lani Miller Aker, 4629 Baytree Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76137-1515. (Paul R. Garland).

11th Field Artillery

Sampson, Marion. Life Member # 1199, who was with the 11th FA in WWII, passed away about 18 months ago. Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Marion Sampson, 1032 Huffman Ave, Dayton, OH 45403-2906.

19th Infantry Regiment

Albright, Bobby L., 81 of Waterloo, Indiana, died February 20, 2007. He was a proud Life Member #112 of the 24th Division Association, and was a member of the 19th Infantry, "C" Company in New Guinea, The Philippines, Leyte, and the Japanese mainland. He received a Bronze Star for helping save the lives of his comrades during the invasion of Leyte. When their boat was shelled and began to sink, he took off his life jacket and placed it on an injured man, and also helped two others to safety. He was the recipient of the Victory Medal, and a Purple Heart. Bob always looked forward to the *TARO LEAF*, and we enjoyed going to the reunions. He is survived by his wife, Vereda, five children and five grandchildren. Send cards to: Vereda M. Albright, Box 39, Waterloo, IN 46793-0039

Clark, Neil M., 19th Infantry Regiment passed away on 19 February 2006. There is no indication of a surviving spouse, but cards may be sent to the family at: 553 Lane De Chantel, Port Townsend, WA 98368. (Mark Clark).

Goetting, Walter F., Hq Co., 19th Infantry (46-47) and Association Life Member passed away on 10 October 2002. (Michael Goetting).



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Long, Gilbert N., Staff Sgt, 87, died Oct 12, 2007 in Midland, Texas of cancer. Gilbert served in Company E, 19th Infantry during WW II. He participated in campaigns in Luzon, Leyte, New Guinea and the Southern Philippines. He was awarded the Purple Heart, and three Bronze Stars. Cards may be sent to his daughter, Judy Dixon at 3901 Edgebrook Ct., Midland, TX 79707.



Young, Ronald Gene, 75, died of natural causes Dec. 17, 2007, in Reading Hospital, Reading, PA. Ron was a member of "C" Company, 19th Infantry Regiment during the Korean conflict, and was a life member of the 24th Infantry Division Association. He was the husband of Beverly M. (Jones) Young, who survives, along with daughters, Vicki M. (Young) Missimer, Sinking Spring, and Lisa A. (Young) Hughes, Shillington; and two sons, Gary M., Oakland, Md., and Chris A., Shillington. Cards may be sent to: Beverly M. Young, 304 Third St., Wernersville, PA 19565. (See article this issue.)

21st Infantry Regiment



Bray, John A. "Jack," of Ephrata, PA, formerly Arlington, VA and San Antonio, TX died at age 77 on Sunday the 21st of May, 2006, at Ephrata Hospital after a brief battle with cancer. Jack was a member of the 21st Infantry Regiment and served in Camp Wood as a S/Sgt in "D" Company as an Administrative NCO 502 in the Officer Personnel Records Section. He joined the Association in 1999. He is survived by wife Rosita A. Bray, 424 Holly Dr, Ephrata, Pa 17522 (717) 733-2918. (John M. Bray, Jr.)

Williams, George E., Companies E & G, 21st Infantry Regiment, passed away on 20 November 2007, of colon cancer. He was a veteran of WWII and served in Korea from August 1950 into July 1951 as a Platoon Leader & Company Commander. George was predeceased by his loving wife, Patricia. Condolences may be sent to the family at: George E. Williams, Jr., 353 Spenser Rd., Can-dor, NY 13743-1324. (Joe Mahon).

34th Infantry Regiment

Cain, Florence, Wife for 65 years of Paul J. Cain, Life Member #186, of Company I, 34th Infantry Regiment, WWII, passed away 27 Nov. 07 at home in Urbana, IL. Memorials may be made to Carle Hospice, 206A W. Anthony Drive, Champaign, IL 61821; or St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Cards may be sent to Paul at: 3109 B Chatham Drive, Urbana, IL, 61802-7044.

Montaglione, Angelo, Company G, 34th Infantry Regiment during WWII from 1943 - 1945 in New Guinea and the Philippine Island, passed away on January 3, 2008, in Waterloo, NY. Angelo was severely wounded while fighting on the Island of Leyte. Cards may be sent to his wife Betty and family at 1321 W. River Rd., Waterloo, NY 13165-9735. (Eric Diller).



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52nd Field Artillery

Holton, Dale M., passed away on December 23, 2007. He served with the 52nd FA. Condolences may be sent to the family at 1020 Courtland Drive, Sykesville, MD 21784-8413. (Byrd Schrock)

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Eustachy, Roger L., 85, passed away on 22 Dec 2007. Roger was with the 24th Med , Co. "A", 42-45, throughout the Pacific Campaign. He was Life Member #966. He is survived by his wife, Yvonne, at 4216 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland, CA 94602-2520.

Non-Members

Dreyer, Victor A., Svc. Co. **5th RCT**, 1952-53, passed away 5 Jan 08. Husband of the late Nancy E. member of the association 7123-1419. Funeral services was 08 Jan 08, in Buffalo, NY. (P. Garland and Herb Forbach).

Lynch, Don, CWO, **34th Infantry** Regiment, either Company C or A, Korea 54-56, passed away in September 2007. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Barbara Lynch, 616 E North St., Ithaca, MI, 48847-1340 (John Schuiling).

Makin, Edward, Battery C, **52d FA** Battalion, 24th Infantry Division, passed away on November 11, 2000, in Hempstead, NY. Edward served with the Battery C from 1941 through 1945 and was a survivor of Pearl Harbor. (Kevin Makin Jr.)

McMullin, Bill, Co H, 19th Infantry Korea, passed away January 25, 2008, at home in Walnut Ridgem AR, after a long battle with cancer. Burial at the Pocohontas, AR cemetery. Bill grew up and went to school in Pocohontus and also entered Army from there. Condolences and cards may be sent to his widow Patsy at: 514 SW 2nd Street, Walnut Ridge, AR 72476. (Bill was my good friend, and my old comrade and squad leader; we served together for 2 years in Korea and Japan - Joe O'Connell.)

Merson, Samuel E., passed away on 15 November 2007. Samuel was a member of Company F, **5th RCT** in Korea from August 1951 - June 1952, obtaining the rank of Sergeant. Condolences may be sent to his Wife, Esther and family at 5771 Old Landing Road, Elkridge, MD 21075-5741 (Frank Marcan, Jr.).

Muckala, Richard, I & R Platoon, **34th Infantry** Regiment on Leyte, Mindanao, Luzon and Occupation of Japan (44-45), passed away in February 1995 in Bagley, MN.

Phillips, George, who served during WWII, and was at Pear Harbor at the time of the attack, passed away on January 3, 2008. George was the husband of Julie M. (Borella) Phillips, 38 Elm St, Taunton, MA 02780 (508) 822-9792. (Ed Hall).



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3rd Engineers



Eli J. Hostetler, Headquarters, 3rd Engineer Battalion, Korea 1950-51, passed away on March 5, 2008, in Canton, OH. He was a member of American Legion Post 44, VFW #3747, DAV Chapter 6, and the Korean Conflict Veterans of America. Eli faithfully volunteered at the Canton VA Clinic. He was a member of the Stark County Sheriff's Dept. Auxiliary, and was active with the children's DARE tours. He was preceded in death by his wife Betty Mae. Condolences may be sent to Eli's daughter: Debbie Graber, 3639 Swamp NE, Hartville, OH 44632

5th Regimental Combat Team

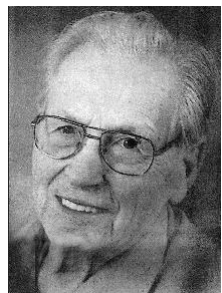
Dennis E. Finn, Life - #691 5th RCT Japan & Korea. Deceased per USPS returned *Taro Leaf* Vol 62, No. 1.

19th Infantry Regiment

Jasper D. Blow, Jr., Life Member - #2011, "C" Company, 19th Infantry, Korea, July 1950 to April 1951, of Scottsboro, AL, died on July 22, 2007. His wife, Sharon, died in 2003. (Earl Blow)

Kenneth C. Getter, Life #399, 19th Infantry, Japan and Korea. Died January 8, 2008. Cards may be mailed to: Mrs. Kenneth Getter, 216 Circle Dr., Viroqua, WI 54665-2203 (Mrs. Getter)

William L. McDonough, Life # 576, 19th Infantry, WWII, died December 30, 2007. He was buried with military honors at Alleghany West Cemetery, Bridgeville PA near Pittsburgh. Our last Association Reunion was in Buffalo, NY, and he was not too well then. Our son said at his memorial at the Veterans Hospital in Aspinwall, PA, "He was our hero." He had been seriously injured in the Philippines yet worked and raised a family. With respect and love. Mrs. Wm. McDonough (Dorothy), 93 Martera Pl., Pittsburgh, PA 15205-3428 (Mrs. McDonough)



Jacob "Jake" Meier, 91, of Monroe, WA, passed away on February 3, 2008, after having been in a nursing home for over two years following major surgery. Jake served as a surgical technician for the 81mm Mortar Platoon of the 3rd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division of the United States Army. Many lives were saved as he traveled with them through New Guinea, the Central Pacific, Southern Philippines, Leyte, and Luzon. His many commendations include the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and Philippine Liberation Medal. He had a military funeral with an honor guard from Ft. Lewis, WA. Cards may be sent to Mrs. Matilda Meier, 15476 166th Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272-2652 (Mrs. Meier)



Calvin M. Inman, Battery "B", 13th WWII in Australia; Hollandia, New Guinea; Leyte, Mindoro, and Davao, the Philippines, and Matsuyama, Japan, Association Life Member #2168, passed away in January 2007 in San Antonio, TX. Memorial services were held in San Antonio and in Hot Springs, SD. Cards may be sent to: Mary Inman, 3114 Clearfield Dr., San Antonio, TX, 78230-3414, ph: 210-699-5544, email: marycaltx@aol.com (Mary Inman)



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Lloyd E. Oler, Sr., Life Member #1216, Company F, 19th Infantry Regiment, died December 27, 2007. Lloyd served with the Division and Regiment in Japan prior to the Korean War and in Korea from July 1950 - Jan 1951. Condolences may be sent to the family c/o Roger Oler, P.O. Box 75032, Colorado Springs, Co 80970-5032 (Roger Oler)

21st Infantry Regiment

Carl F. Bernard USA, 81; a decorated veteran of WWII, Korea, Laos, and Vietnam, and Life Member #294, passed away at his Fort Belvoir, VA, home March 4, 2008. From 1944 to 1946, Bernard served in the Pacific and China as an enlisted US Marine. He enlisted in the US Army in 1947, and was commissioned as an infantry officer in 1949. He was assigned as a platoon leader with **L Co. 21st Infantry** in Japan. July 1950 found Bernard with "Task Force Smith" at Osan when it was overrun by the North Koreans. Lt. Bernard led a group of survivors back to American positions a week later where he was reunited with L Co. But several days later his unit was again overrun at Chochiwan, where Lt. Bernard was awarded the DSC for his actions during a close combat with NK tanks. His unit had been deployed to Korea with weapons tagged "Combat Unserviceable," and despite their heroic efforts, the N. Koreans drove them to Pusan. This experience led Col. Bernard to become a tireless advocate for military readiness. Condolences may be sent to his wife Edith and family at 9100 Belvoir Woods Parkway #123, Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060-2713 (see tribute pages 30-31)

Michael A. Mandac, Life Member #1078, Company L, 34th Infantry/Company G, 21st Infantry (see entry under 34th Infantry Regiment).

Sanford W. Thatcher, Company D, 21st Infantry Regiment, Korea from August 1950 - August 1951, passed away March 16, 2007. Cards may be sent to his wife Shirley Thatcher, 1987 Springtown Hill Rd., Hellertown, PA 18055-2942. (Daughter Diane Becker)



Clifford "Cliff" Gene Thurber, Sr., (left) 78, of Nacimiento Lake, CA, Life Member #2029, died on Saturday, January 5, 2008, in a Templeton hospital. Cliff was born in Aurora, Ill. and lived in Lakewood from 1960 to 1987 before moving to Nacimiento Shores. He served with "B" Company, 21st Regiment in the Korean War from 1950 to 1951, and was in the U.S. Army from 1948 to 1952. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Carolyn; four sons and seven grandchildren. Cards may be sent to Carolyn Thurber, 2718 Bee Rock Rd, Bradley, CA 93426-9657.

Betty Jo Waterkamp, 75, passed away on March 9, 2008. She was the wife of Gary Waterkamp, "I" company, 21st Infantry Regiment, Life Member #1664, of the Association. She was in the U.S. Army (WAC) during the Korean War and served as a dental technician at Brooke Army Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, TX and later at 4th Army Headquarters where she met her husband, who was also assigned to 4th Army Headquarters at the time. She was buried with full military honors at Fort Custer National Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to: Gary Waterkamp, 70932 Sherman Rd., Edwardsburg, MI, 49112-9122, Ph: 616-663-8611



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34th Infantry Regiment

Kenneth Scott Bonovich of Pasadena, MD, Life Member #1258, died January 2, 2008, at Baltimore Washington Medical Center after a brief illness. He was 82. Mr. Bonovich served in the Army during World War II; and with an Ordinance Company of the 34th Regiment in the Korean War. He received the Bronze Star for conveying munitions from Japan to Korea at the outset of the Korean War. He was interred in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Crownsville, MD. Condolences may be sent to: Mrs. Leah Bonovich, 3502 Kingsley Court Apt. E, Pasadena, MD, 21122-6635 (Mrs. Bonovich)



Joseph Gordon, 90, passed away on February 1, 2008, at home in Summit, N.J. He served with the Company M, 34th Infantry Regiment, starting on July 15, 1941, and was overseas for 40 months - in the Pacific Theater. He was a warrant officer assistant regimental communications officer in Hollandia and Biak in Dutch New Guinea, and in Leyte in the Philippines. He landed with the third wave of the Invasion of Red Beach Leyte and engaged there for 79 straight days. He was awarded the Bronze Star. Mr. Gordon received many honors for his services as a New Jersey attorney. Condolences may be sent to Ms. Joan Gordon, 10 Canoe Brook Place, Ste.

200, Summit, NJ 07901-1441. (Ms. Gordon)



Hugh William Hightower, Newport, TN, Staff Sergeant, 34th Infantry Regiment, Company C, passed away April 26, 1980. He served from 1944 to February 1949, on Luzon and Mindanao. He enlisted in the National Guard in 1949 and was discharged Nov. 1, 1952. Surviving is his wife Arlene and son Hugh William Hightower Jr. Publication in the *Leaf Taro TAPS* was requested by member William Guthrie Howard, who made a donation in Mr. Hightower's memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at: 353 Jefferson Ave, Newport, TN 37821 (423) 623-7283

Michael A. Mandac, Life Member #1078, Company L, 34th Infantry, Company G, and 21st Infantry passed away on June 26, 2007 in Waianae, HI. Michael served with the 34th Infantry in Sa-sebo, Japan and moved with the Regiment to Korea in July 1950. Condolences may be sent to his wife Adeline and family at 87-201 Mikana Street, Waianae, HI 96792-3731 (Tom Cochran).

Jim E. Mathis, Life Member #1036, Headquarters 34th Infantry in WWII, passed away on August 26, 2007, at his home in Parker, AZ. Condolences may be sent to Jackie Mathis, 9069 Lakeview Dr., Parker, AZ 85344-8063 (Jackie Mathis).

63rd Field Artillery

Frederick L. Kepke, Life member # 1264, of Palmdale, CA, died in February 2003, per letter from his wife received in January 2008. Frederick served in the 63rd FA in Japan and Korea. Last known address was: 39669 Makin Ave., Palmdale, CA, 93551-2986.

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Eileen Jay, Associate 24th IDA Member, passed away on October 29, 2007. Eileen was the wife of H. Douglas Jay, 8007th AFRS (Division Headquarters) in Japan and Korea who preceded her in death on July 23, 2006. Cards may be sent to the family at: 2225 Greenstone Rd., Wilmington, DE 19810-2303. (Son Brad Jay).



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Robert A. Wilson, 92, Life Member #516, died Saturday, March 15, 2008, after a short illness. Robert enlisted in the U.S. Army as a conscientious objector and served as an Army Medic seeing action in New Guinea and the Philippines with the 24th Medical Battalion, "A" Co from 1942 to 1945. His distinguished career as a U.S. Army officer included service in Korea and Vietnam, and being awarded the Bronze Star. He is survived by his widow, Virginia C. Wilson, 6225 Mineral Point Rd, Madison, WI 53705-4562. (Charles T. Bauer)

Association Non-Members

Richard "Dick" Joseph Czernik, 79, Easthampton, MA died March 11, 2008, U S Army 24th Division, **34th Regiment**, WWII, occupation in Sasebo, Japan, no further information. (Joseph A. Mieleszko, Life Member 862)

Frank C. Durant, Hq Co, 2d Bn, **19th Infantry Regiment** passed away February 22, 2008. Frank served with the unit in Beppu and went to Korea in July 50 and was taken prisoner during the first week of fighting. Cards may be sent to Socorro Durant, 333 McCarthy, El Paso, TX 79915-3817 or email his daughter at duranthuggabear@hotmail.com (Shorty Estabrook).

Joseph F. Firth, Jr., 13th FA, WWII, died on January 18, 2008.

Raymond F. Goodburlet, Co I, **5th RCT**, date Unknown; no additional information (TAPS Section of Korean War Ex-POW Association new letter).

Jimmie Lipps, Medical Company, **34th Infantry Regiment** passed away on March 11, 2008 in Fountain City, IN. Jimmie was wounded in action on 20 July 1950 during the battle of Taejon; he had suffered a head wound, in addition to other wounds. (Lacy Barnett)

William E. Stoker, "I" **19th Infantry**, died on March 28, 2008. He was a member for many years, but allowed his membership to lapse after the passing of his wife, Doris in late 2005. He was a machine-gunner in an emplacement in Ala Mannu Crater, at Pearl Harbor, on December 7, 1941. Condolences may be sent to his daughter, Karol W. Stoker, 945 Pasque Drive, Longmont, CO 80501

Lloyd Vaughn, L Company, **21st Infantry Regiment** passed away on February 12, 2007. Lloyd was captured on July 11, 1950 and released on August 23, 1953. His life mate, Beatrice passed away on September 19th, 2007. Both are interned in Arlington National Cemetery. (Shorty Estabrook)

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## 5th Regimental Combat Team

Carl Richard Carpenter, 77, died at 7:35 p.m. Sunday, April 13, 2008, at Alton, IL, Memorial Hospital. Carl, Association life member #627, spent 21 years in the military with 13 months in Korea, where he fought with Company "C", 5th Regimental Combat team, 1950-51. After retiring from the army, he worked as a security guard at Olin. He is survived by his wife and companion of 27 years, Clara, who wrote: "He loved reading the *Taro Leaf*. It meant a lot to him." Visitation was Thursday, April 17, with a memorial service at 7 p.m., with military rites. Condolences may be sent to: Clara Carpenter, 2918 Hillcrest Ave., Alton, IL 62002-2979 (Clara Carpenter, Alton Telegraph.com)

## 6th Tank Battalion



Philip T. De Riggi, 70, resident of Berry Creek, Georgetown, Texas passed away on Thursday, April 24, 2008 at home after a long courageous battle with lung cancer. Association Life Member number 1096, Philip served with 1st Platoon, Dog Company, 6th Tank Battalion in Korea in 1955-56. He is survived by his wife, Marianne, and two sons, Joseph and Philip. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, May 3, 2008, at St. Helen Catholic Church with interment in Our Lady of the Rosary Cemetery. An Army detail from Fort Hood presented the Flag. Condolences may be sent to: Mrs. Marianne De Riggi, 30007 Oakland Hills Dr., Georgetown, TX, 78628-1011. (Joe DeRiggi)

## 19th Infantry Regiment

Edgar N. Bradford, Life Member #166, died February 16, 2007. Edgar was in 19th Infantry Regiment, but neither service dates nor theaters were listed in our records. Cards may be sent to his daughter, Luanne Sims, at 59667 M40, Jones, MI 49061-9734.

Louis L. Castner died April 28, 2008; he was 85. Louis served in WWII with the 19th Regiment, Company C. He worked for the Forest Service for 46 years as a surveyor, and was Smokey Bear for school functions, parades and other events. Mr. Castner was preceded in death by his wife, Maxie Alleen Castner, in 1995. Louis and his son James enjoyed attending the 24th Reunion in Tucson, AZ in 2003. "God bless the men of the 24th Division." James N. Castner, 411 C ST S, Glen Ullin, ND 58631 (James Castner)



Philip A. Eckroth, 78 Jamestown, ND, passed away on Friday December 14, 2007, at MeritCare Hospital in Fargo N.D. Philip entered the army in February of 1951, and served in Korea and Japan until Jan. 11, 1953. He transferred into the army inactive reserve on the 23rd of January and was discharged on August 24, 1956. He served in K Co, 19th Regiment, in Korea, and was wounded on October 14, 1951 during Operation Nomad, and returned to duty November 30, 1951. He is survived by his wife Irene, and three daughters. Cards may be sent to: Irene M. Eckroth, 1118 3rd Avenue NE, Jamestown, ND, 58401-3219. (Merry Helm)





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Charles W. Foster, Life Member #1445, passed away on May 8, 2008 in Manteca, Ca. from natural causes. Charles joined the U.S. Army in 1951. He proudly served as Corporal in "K" Company, 3rd Battalion, 19th Regiment. He served in the Korean War where he sustained significant injury October 13, 1951 for which he was awarded the Purple Heart medal. He held several other medals including the Combat Infantry Badge, UN Service Medal, National Service Medal and the Korean Service Medal w/Bronze Star. He was proud of the service he had done and stood up for it and this country every day of his life. Cards may be sent to his wife, Elizabeth, 25652 Dodds Rd, Escalon, CA 95320-9580. (Bob Taylor).



Leon Junior Gilley, 80, of Grand Ridge, FL, passed away on Friday, April 25, 2008, at his residence. Mr. Gilley, Life Member #2027, served with HQ of 19th Infantry in Korea 1950-52. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 55 years, Beatrice "Tot" Gilley in 2007. His daughter reported that he really enjoyed reading the *Taro Leaf*, and was very proud of his service. He had many stories about his service days even when he had forgotten most other memories. Interment was in the Salem Wesleyan Church Cemetery, Grand Ridge, FL, with full military honors. Send cards: Carole Edenfield, 1200 Highway 69, Grand Ridge, FL 32442-3410 (Ms. Edenfield, [www.jcfloridian.com](http://www.jcfloridian.com))



Harold W. Hill passed away the weekend of April 12-13, 2008, in Marina, CA. Harold was an Association Life Member (#2045), having served with Company G, 19th Infantry from 1949 - 1951 in Japan & Korea, and later served in Vietnam. He was predeceased by Doris, his wife of 51 years. A Celebration of Life was held April 18, 2008 at the VFW Chapter, 1313 Crescent Ave., Marina, CA. Condolences may be sent to his family at 3023 Eddy St., Marina, CA 93933-4020 (Wes Morrison and the Monterey County (CA) *Herald*.)



Stanley J. Poczatek, 92, passed away on March 24, 2008, at his home in Remsen, New York, after a fifteen-year battle with Alzheimer's Disease. His wife of 62 years, Fay June, was at his side. Life member #883, Stanley enlisted in the Army in 1934, was a Pearl Harbor survivor, and served with the 19th Infantry Regiment in WWII. There was a funeral Mass at St. John the Baptist Church, Newport, NY, on March 27; interment with military honors was in Prospect Cemetery. Cards may be sent to: Ms. Fay J. Poczatek, 959 State Route 365, Remsen, NY 13438-5505 (Ms. Poczatek)

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

James E. Pierce, Life Member - #2162, 21st Inf, HHQ, Japan & Korea, died May 26, 2008. Cards may be sent to his wife, Eunice L. Pierce, 12705 E. Bowen St., Independence, MO 64055-2409. (Don Maggio)

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Frank A. Smith, 86, of Bentleyville, PA, died Friday, May 9, 2008, in the Mon Valley Hospital following a brief illness. He served in WWII as a staff sergeant, machine gunner and squad leader in Australia, Guam and New Guinea. He was a Pearl Harbor survivor. His wife, Florence E. Blackwood Smith, preceded him in death Sept. 6, 1996. Internment was in Beallsville Cemetery with full military rites. Condolences may be sent c/o: Larry E Smith, 104 Mary St, Bentleyville, Pa 15314 (Don Maggio, Meadville, PA *Tribune*)

## 34th Infantry Regiment

Richard R. Fisher, Life Member 1479, Headquarters, 34th Infantry Regiment, WWII from Aug. 1943-Nov. 1945, passed away on Feb. 27, 2007. Condolences may be sent to his wife Betty and family at 1007 28th St., Vienna, WV 26105-1461 (Wes Morrison)

Wilbur L. Holland, of King City, Missouri, passed away on January 10, 2008, at a St. Joseph Health Care Center. Wilbur was a member of "C" Company, 34th Infantry Regiment, 1944-46 in the South Pacific. His wife, Viola M. (Cook) Holland, preceded him in death in 2007. Burial, with military rites was in King City Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family c/o: Kenneth W Holland, 3104 Joyce Ln, Saint Joseph, Mo 64503 (Don Maggio, St. Joseph, MO, *News*)



Orville Don Poland, Brooksville, FL, Life Member 1130, Purple Heart recipient in Korea with Company D, 34th Infantry, died March 5, 2008 in Brooksville. He is survived by his wife, Carol, who wrote: "He was one proud American Veteran and I miss him so much. I am letting you know so you can stop our magazine after the taps one where his name is in. Thank you all for being his friends and making him feel like he wasn't the forgotten Vet." Condolences may be sent to: Mrs. Carol Poland, 7045 Pine Needle Ln., Brooksville, FL 34601-6872. (Mrs. Poland, Cincinnati Enquirer)

Dorothy Wisecup, wife of Paul Wisecup, Association President 1971-72, passed away at the Rosewood Nursing Center in Orlando, Florida on April 30, 2008. Mrs. Wisecup was a U. S. Marine Veteran of World War II. Arrangements were by the Turner Funeral Home in Hillsboro, OH, with burial at the Masonic Cemetery in Lynchburg, OH, with military honors being presented by the Highland, OH, County Honor Guard. For health reasons, Paul was unable to attend the funeral; condolences may be sent c/o his son Curt Wisecup, 2168 Majestic Woods Blvd, Apopka, FL 32712-3200. (John Klump)

## Division

Paul E. Chapman, Div HQ, Japan, died June 24, 2008 and was buried June 28 per phone call from his daughter-in-law, Amy Chapman. Cards may be sent to his wife, Cena Chapman, 6270 E. 1100 N, Morristown, IN 46161-9741. (Don Maggio)

## Association Non-Members

Earle G. Byers, 76 of Winter Park, FL, passed away Thursday, June 5, 2008 in Altamonte Springs, FL. He saw combat in Korea with the 5th RCT. He chartered the First Florida Chapter of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association, and served as its first President, and as treasurer. Earle is survived by his wife, Evelyn, 2232 Smiley Ave, Winter Park, Fl 32792, (407) 644-2014. (Bob Peters, Orlando Sentinel)





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Daniel L. Hayes, Sr., 24th QM, died on May, 20 2008. Mr. Hayes was a Volunteer Firefighter in Amelia, OH. Funeral arrangements were by E. C. Nurre Funeral Home, Amelia, OH. (William E. Kerns, Don Maggio)

Albert Laffredo, Sr., Providence, RI, Date of death unknown. Served in M Company, 19th Infantry, in Papua, New Guinea, Dutch New Guinea and Philippine Islands. Wounded on Luzon. Submitted by George Losio, who said "I served with Al but lost contact with him in New Gineea. I would appreciate your listing him in TAPS." (George Losio)

Harry Earl Nagle, 80, passed away at home in Des Moines, IA on Thursday, July 3, 2008 of coronary artery disease. Harry was a BAR man until being wounded on May 21, 1951; upon return, he was named 1st platoon radioman with G Co, 19th Regiment, again being wounded on October 15, 1951, in Operation Nomad. A memorial service was held on Saturday, July 19, 2008, at Fort Des Moines Presbyterian Church with burial and military honors at Sunset Memorial Gardens. (Merry Helm).

Glacel E. Perry, Headquarters Company, 34th Infantry Regiment, passed away June 9, 2007, of service connected Lou Gehrig's disease at age 76. He was captured July 19, 1950, and repatriated on August 26 1953. His DD 214 lists a wound received on July 21, 1950, which was probably reported by a member of his company a few days after the fact. It is odd that no Purple Heart was ever awarded; he could have easily received one. He leaves his wife, Mary Lou Perry, 13380 Tenny Road Lot 34, Mt. Sterling, OH 40143-9543. (Shorty Estabook)

Stephen Warren Rieger, died unexpectedly at the young age of forty-one on May 17, 2008 in Hendersonville, NC. Stephen proudly served multiple overseas tours in the US Army that included Korea, an attachment to NATO in Greece, where he met his Scottish wife, Linda, and a combat tour with the 24th Infantry Division during the first Gulf War, Desert Storm. Condolences may be sent to the family at: 112 Shannon Rd. Hendersonville, NC 28791 (Don Maggio)

Timothy J. Smith, wounded in the invasion of Kuwait in Desert Storm while with the 24th Infantry Division, was killed, along with two of his six children, by a drunk driver in 1996. After recovery from his Desert Storm wounds and being discharged, he had become a cross-country truck driver in Crocket, TX. Reported by Timothy's father-in-law, Life Member, Sean Harper, 1671 Kildare Road, Ponca City, OK, 74604-6938, (580) 401-3249, who also was a member of the 24th ID in Germany. (Sean Harper)

Robert A. Yoder, Charlotte, NC, passed away on June 7, 2008. He was a WWII member of the Division. He is survived by his wife Marian, no address given. (Charlie Sugg)

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## Vincent A. (Jim) Vella, Association Past President 1995-96



Association President 1995-96 and Life member 320, Vincent A. (Jim) VELLA, passed away on August 24, 2008, at age 88, in Buffalo, NY. Jim served with Company K, 21st Infantry in WWII. He was the beloved husband of 64 years to Frances E. (nee Croglia) Vella; loving father of Barbara S., Gerald J. and Cynthia C.; and cherished grandfather and great-grand-father. Jim owned Velson Tool Works for 36 years. Photo shows Jim receiving Buffalo, NY, Ambassador Award for his efforts to bring the 1990 24th IDA Reunion to Buffalo. Condolences may be sent to Frances E. Vella, 107 Homer Ave., Buffalo, NY 14216-2367. (Paul Garland and Wes Morrison)

## 3rd Engineers

Parker Sykes, passed away on April 5, 2008. LTC Sykes served with the 3rd Engineer Battalion in Korea from July 1950 - August 1951. Condolences may be sent to: Carol Sykes, 115 Kaywood Dr., Sanford, FL 32771-8838. 407-323-2233 (Don Maggio)

## 5th RCT

Clarence Kiichler, passed away on May 2, 2008 at Osmond General Hospital, Osmond, NE. Life Member #1443, Clarence served with the 5th RCT from Nov 15, 1951 to Aug 14, 1953 in Korea. Condolences can be sent to his wife, Shirley and family at 815 N Logan St., Osmond, NE 68765-5530.

Melvin John Moser, 79, CASPER, WY, life



member #734, died Saturday, May 5, 2007. He served in Korea as an SFC. He was a wire line specialist for 28 years. Burial was May 10, 2007 in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Condolences

may be addressed to: Mrs. Anna Marie Moser, 541 Thelma Drive, Casper, WY 82609. (Mrs. Moser, photo courtesy of New Comer-Cannon Funeral Home)

Francis E. Patenaude, Life Member #637 of Dorchester, MA, passed away on May 1, 2008. Francis served during the Korean war receiving the Purple Heart. He was preceded in death by his wife, the late Vivian B. (Purdy) Patenaude. Interment was at the Massachusetts National Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family c/o Frances Eremita, 72 Westglow St., Dorchester, MA 02122-2527. (Don Maggio and Wes Morrison)

Jack B. Shaner, Life Member #608, passed away on Nov. 8, 2004. Jack was a member of Company A, 5th RCT, from 1948 to 1951, with service in Korea. Jack's last known address was: 801 Tom Tim Drive, Paulding, OH 45879-9244. ("A friend, Ann F.")

## 13th Field Artillery

Walter H. Daugherty, WWII & Korean Veteran (also 26th AAA Bn) passed away on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 in Simi Valley Hospital, Simi Val-





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ley, CA. Walter became ill at the Springfield, MO Reunion, on Saturday, September 20 and was hospitalized in the intensive care unit until the doctors gave approval for him to fly back to CA, via a Medvac plane. He entered the Simi Valley Hospital on Oc-

tober 1. A private funeral was held October 11, for family and a few close friends. Condolences may be sent to: Mrs. Atsuko Daugherty, 2142 Sebring Ave., Simi Valley, CA 93065-2742. (Wes Morrison)

**Harold V. Heffner**, 86 of Dillsbury, PA passed away on July 15, 2008 at the age of 86. Life Member #1310, he was buried on July 21 with full Military Rites. He was a WWII veteran and a Pearl Harbor survivor and served in the South Pacific, New Guinea and the Philippines with the 13th FA and the 52nd FA. He received two Bronze stars. Condolences may be sent to his daughter: Ms. Patricia Stetler, 27 Furman Road, Dillsburg, PA 17019. (Ms. Stetler)

## 19th Infantry Regiment

**Bobbie R. Bickford** of Noble, OK, passed away on January 6, 2007, per January 2008 letter from Mrs. Bickford to Chaplain Carpenter. Life member #2048, Mr. Bickford served with the 26th AAA and "E" Company, 19th July 1949 to March 1951. Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Norma R. Bickford, 4701 E. Maguire Rd., Noble, OK, 73068-8478.

**James W. Chrismond**, of Baltimore, MD, passed away in April 2006, per message from Mrs. Chrismond to Chaplain Carpenter. Mr. Chrismond, Life member #1191, served in the 19th Infantry Regiment in Japan. Messages may be sent to: Mrs. Joan Chrismond, 1531 Weyburn Rd., Baltimore, MD, 21237-1522.

**Charles E. Garrett**, 19th Infantry & 724th Ordinance, Japan & Korea passed away July 2008. Charles was working for the United Nations in Switzerland at the time of his passing. His ashes were interred in Arlington National Cemetery on Sept. 3, 2008 (also see page 42). Margrith Garrett, Promenadenstrasse 13, CH-9400 Rorschach, Switzerland. (Don Maggio)

**Judy Rae Goulet**, wife of Jerry Goulet, Company C, 19th Infantry, Korea-1950, passed away on September 16, 2008 after a two-year battle with cancer. Condolences may be sent to Jerry at: 7271 Katella, Sp #22, Stanton, CA 90680-4308

**Carl R. Juntilla**, of Lake Linden, MI, passed away July 6, 2007, per message from Mrs. Juntilla to Chaplain Carpenter. Mr. Juntilla served with "E" Company, 19th Regiment from 1946-48. Messages may be sent to his wife: Mrs. Angeline Juntilla, 52480 Mink Farm Rd, Lake Linden, MI, 49945-9618.

**James W. Lender** of West Newton, PA, passed away on January 29, 2008, per note from his wife Mary Anne to Chaplain Carpenter. Mr. Lender served with the 19th Infantry Regiment from October 1944 to January 1946. Cards may be sent to Mrs. Mary Anne Lender, 365 Vernon Dr., West Newton, PA, 15089-2701.

**Allan C. McGill**, 90, passed away July 17, 2008 at Anne Arundel Medical Center, Annapolis, Md. He saw 31 months of combat in the South Pacific with the 19th Infantry Regiment in assaults at Hollandia, New Guinea, and Leyte, Mindoro, Romblon and Mindanao. Interment with honors was at Arlington National Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Jennie Louise McGill,



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and two sons. Condolences may be sent to: Jennie L. McGill, 2608 Chapel Lake Dr. Apt. 405, Gambrills, MD 21054 (Ms. McGill)

Bobbie J. Regnier, "D" Company, 19th Infantry Regiment, Korea, Life Member No. 1403. Letter returned "Deceased Dec. 2008." No further information. Last known address: 8494 Surrey Cir., Bloomington, IL, 61704-6865 (Tom Thiel)

Frank Jay Robinson, 86, of Kailua-Kona, Hawaii died May 14, 2008, at the Life Care Center of Kona. Life member #775, Frank joined the 19th Reg. in Aug. 1941, and was there on Dec. 7. He was a graduate of the Univ. of Pittsburgh, a psychotherapist for Kaiser Permanente in California, and a professor at the University of N. Colorado and at Pepperdine University. Interment at the West Hawaii Veterans Cemetery. He is survived by wife, Vera, two daughters and one son. Condolences may be sent to: Dr. Vera M. Robinson, 75-181 Hualalai Road A212, Kailua, HI 96740-1797. (Ms. Robinson)



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

Charles E. Kaefer, of Bennington, NY; passed away on August 24, 2008. Association Life member #498, Charles was a Pearl Harbor survivor, and saw action in the South Pacific. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Rena (Cotton) Kaefer. Private interment at Cowlesville Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to: Mrs. Rena Kaefer, 177 Clinton St., #24, Cowlesville, NY 14037-9714. (Ken Fentner and Wes Morrison, Charles Meyer Funeral Home Inc.)

## 34th Infantry Regiment

John Thomas Feightner, 74, of Howard,



OH, passed away on Monday August 25, 2008 at his home. John served during the Korean War in 1955-56 as a member of the 34th Regiment Tank BN. He held a Masters Degree from Xavier University, and worked for General Motors and as a professor at North Carolina State University.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rev. Dr. Connie Feightner, and is survived by a daughter, Kathleen, and son, John W. Burial with military honors in Mound View Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to: Mrs. Kathleen Feightner, 453 Floralwood Dr., Howard, OH 43028-9142. (Kathleen Feightner and Wes Morrison, photo Snyder Funeral Home )

## 52nd Field Artillery

Harold V. Heffner, please see 13th FA.

John S. Roussel of Baton Rouge, LA, passed away on October 30, 2006, per message sent in January 2008 by his daughter to Chaplain Carpenter. Mr. Roussel was Life Member #904 and served with the 52nd Field Artillery in WWII from 1943-1945. Mr. Roussel's wife, Grace, passed away on September 22, 2007. Messages may be sent to his daughter: Gwendolyn R. Emick, 1657 Patrick Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70810.

## 63rd Field Artillery

Stanley T. Fairbrothers, of Ligonier, PA, died Sept. 26, 2003. Stanley, life member #271, was a Tech 4 with the 63rd Field Artillery in WWII, serving in the Southern Philippines, Luzon and New Guinea. He was preceded in death in





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July 2002 by his wife Cornelia “Jerry.” Condolences may be sent to his daughter: Barbara F. Smith, P.O. Box 215, Laughlintown, PA 15655, (Ms. Barbara Smith)

## Division

### 24th Signal Battalion, Augsburg, Germany

Edward M. Manderville, 65, Life Member #1078, 24th Signal Battalion in Augsburg, Germany from 1961 to 1964, passed away October 27, 2006, at Marliere Care Center, New Port Richey, FL. He is survived by his wife Marcia, and sons Christopher and Jason. Condolences may be sent to: Mrs. Marcia Manderville, 8843 York Dr., Hudson, FL 34667-6578. (727) 697-3184 (Don Maggio)

## Assoc. Non-Members

Jean Elizabeth Adams died at her home in Corvallis, OR on Aug. 14, 2008. She was the wife of Col. Stanley T. Adams, Medal of Honor recipient for action with “A” Company, 19th Infantry Regiment, 2 Aug. 1951, near Sesim-ni, Korea. Memorial contributions may be made to Schools of Sinkunia, c/o 2625 S.W. Whiteside Drive, Corvallis, OR 97333.

Salvatore (Sam) Ernest Bonomo, died Sept. 15, 2008, in Bridgeport, CT. Sam was member of Cannon Company, 21st Infantry during WWII, and received several medals including Bronze Star. Condolences may be sent to his wife Carmello Millie Bonomo, 129 Pleasantview Ave., Bridgeport, CT 06606-3767. (Wes Morrison)

Claude H. DeBord, 89, died on July 7, 2008 in St. Petersburg, FL. He served in WWII with the 19th Regiment with five invasions and five Bronze Stars awarded. He was a Pearl Harbor survivor. He is survived by his wife Betty (no address). (Donald Lennon)

Vincent Di Gironimo, West Newton, MA, died on August 20 2008; he was a member of H/S Co, 3rd Engineer, “C” BN, May 1949 to Aug 1951, serving in Japan and Korea. Condolences may be sent to: Mary Di Gironimo, 115 Adams Ave. West Newton, MA 02465-1045. (Bill Boyden)

Valdor W. John, Company B, 21st Infantry Regiment, Korea, died on August 19, 2008, in Green Bay, WI. Valdor was taken prisoner on July 20, 1950 and returned on October 21, 1953; his story appears in *The Sunchon Tunnel Massacre Survivors* by Pat McGrath Avery and Joyce Faulkner. Condolences may be sent to his family at: 1050 Pleasant Lane, Green Bay, WI 54313-5200. (John Kirby)

Albert Loffredo, Sr. CORRECTION—previously reported incorrectly in *Taro Leaf*TAPS Vol 62(3) Summer 2008, page 11, as Laffredo. Albert, of Providence, RI, passed away on March 21, 1993. He served With M Company, 19th Infantry, in Papua, New Guinea, Dutch New Guinea and Philippine Islands and was wounded on Luzon.

Abner Skinner, 13th Field Artillery, Korea, 1950-51, passed away July 19, 2008. Condolences may be sent to the family at: 4512 Tipton Court, Fort Worth, TX 76135-2342. (Charlie Andrews and Wes Morrison)

Ambrose J. Thompson, 85 passed away on September 8, 2008, at his home in St. Michael, ND. He served in WWII on New Caledonia and Espirito Santos Islands, and with Company B, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment in the Korean War, where he received the Silver Star for action near Chupra-ri, Korea. Calls of condolence may be made to his son Calvin Thompson (701-766-1889). (Harold A. Smith)

Donald Mu Chung Wong passed away on April 16, 2008. He was with the 3rd Engineers during WWII. (Eugenia C. Wong and Don Maggio)

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## 5th RCT

**William B. Conley** of Pittsburg, PA, passed away on November 5, 2008. Life Member 1430 and member of Heavy Mortar Company in Korea 1950 - 51, William also served in Viet Nam 1968 - 69, and retired from the Army as a Major. Burial was at the National Cemetery in Cecil, PA. Mrs. Debra Conley, 4442 Mulberry Ct., Pittsburg, PA, 15227.

## 11th Field Artillery

**Noel J. Estes**, "A" Bat, 11th FA, in Korea and Japan, 1950-52 passed away May 1, 2003 in Santa Monica, CA. Noel and his brother Neil, served together in the above unit in Korea in 1951-52.

**Donald P. Sletten**, Life Member # 642, Batt. A, 11th Field Artillery Battalion, June 1941 to May 1945, passed away on Dec. 1, 2008, at the Denver VA Care Center. He is survived by wife Eloise, son Darwin, and daughters Connie and Terry. Interred at Ft. Logan National Cemetery. Ms. Eloise Sletten, 9241 Russell Way, Thornton, CO 80229-7632.

## 13th Field Artillery

**Richard D. (Don) Hand**, Headquarters Battery in Japan and Korea, passed away Sept. 6, 2008, in San Antonio, TX. He was wounded on Nov. 4, 1950, when he became a prisoner of the Chinese; and was recovered on Nov. 7. He spent months in a hospital in Japan before returning to his unit. Don did not receive the Bronze Star because he was not on a Division morning report. He spent many months recovering in Army hospitals. Don graduated from Penn State University and spent a career in steel sales. He retired in San Antonio. Sandra Diane Hand, 6951 Congressional Blvd, San Antonio, TX, 78244-1590.

**Allen R. (Ray) Sharp**, Headquarters Battery, passed away in Longview, TX November 2006. He served in Japan and Korea where he was wounded on Aug. 16, 1950 on the Kum River north of Taejon. Ray also served with the Wolfhound Division (107th) in the ETO during WWII. Last known address: 103 Crowder Ln., Longview, TX, 75603-9528.

## 19th Infantry Regiment

**Robert L. Heise**, George Co, 19th Infantry,



Korea 1951-53, passed away November 13, 2008 in Melbourne, FL. Originally from Hartland, WI, and more recently from Melbourne, FL, he is survived by his wife Jean, two children and one grandchild. Burial was in Hartland, WI.

Jean A. Heise, 1311 Harry Sutton Rd., Melbourne, FL 32901-2846.

**Walter P. Roduner**, Life Member # 1487 who



served with the 19th Infantry Regiment during WWII passed away on May 26, 2008. He had planned on going to Springfield Reunion, but unfortunately, passed away before then. Maribelle Roduner, 770 W. 15th St, Apt. 7, Merced,

CA 95340-5968, 209-722-5847.

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

**William E. Kerns**, 78, of Independence, KY,



died Oct 18, 2008. Mr. Kerns served with companies M and D of the 21st Infantry in Japan and Korea from 1949 to 1951. He was a retired police officer for the cities of Dayton and Bellevue, KY.

Burial was in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North in Williamstown. Joyce Siple Kerns, 12397 Bowman Rd., Independence, KY 41051.





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**Mattie V. Shank**, wife of John K. Shank, 21st



Shank

Infantry Tank, peacefully passed away in Tucson, AZ, on October 3, 2008. She is survived by her husband, four children and six grandchildren. John K. Shank, PO Box 36051, Tucson, AZ 85740.

## 34th Infantry Regiment

**George H. Graham**, 89, passed away Oct. 10,



Graham

2008, in Akron, OH. George served in the 34th Infantry Regiment from 1944 until 1946. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elsie, and is survived by son, Gary, and grandchildren, Andrew, Lindsey (Jaskolka), and Lt. Mindy Graham.

Entombment with military honors was on October 21 at Greenlawn Memorial Park. Gary H. Graham, 115 Merle Blvd, Munroe Falls, OH 44262-1641.

**Kenneth J. McNabb** 79, of Hardinville, IL,



McNabb

passed away Oct. 31, 2008 in Good Samaritan Hospital, Vincennes, IN. Jack served with Company L, 34th Infantry, 1946-48. He was a pipefitter, an Indianapolis policeman, a U.S. Deputy Marshall and owned McNabb's

Lock and Key. He is survived by his wife of 39 years Connie. Burial was on Nov 15 with military honors in the Hardinville, IL Cemetery. Mrs. Constance McNabb, 6312 E. 450th Avenue, Oblong, IL 62449-4021.

**Roger C. Mitten**, 75, of Paradise Valley, Ariz.,



Mitten

Association Vice President 2006-07, Life Member #2275, Korea 1955-57, passed away in San Diego, CA, on Oct. 16, 2008 of prostate cancer. He graduated from the Northwestern University School of Law, and prac-

ticed law in Chicago, and had his own law firm in Phoenix. Roger is survived by his wife Barbara, sons Roger and Fred, daughter Jane Mitten, and granddaughters Emily and Annie. Memorial contributions may be made to the Valley of the Sun School, 1142 West Hatcher, Phoenix, AZ. 85021, or the Prostate Cancer Research Institute (PCRI), 5777 West Century Blvd., Suite 800, Los Angeles, CA 90045. Barbara Mitten, 6204 Hogahn Circle, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253-3920.

**Emil M. Sowards** of Salisbury, MD, passed



Sowards

away September 10, 2008. Mr. Sowards served with Company D, 34th Infantry Regiment, and the 1st Battalion n of the 5th RCT in Japan and Korea 1949-50. His daughter, Katherine S. Baber, said: "Daddy cherished his involvement with this

group (24th IDA) and certainly served his country proudly through active and retired years." Katherine S. Baber, 624 Amphill Road, Cartersville, VA 23027-9607.

## Assoc. Non-Members

**Harold Black**, 1st Bn, 5th RCT in 1952, passed away on February 18, 2008 in Annandale, VA. Dotty Black, 3600 Tristan Count, Annandale, VA 22003-1364.

**John R. Checketts**, Company D, 5th RC 1953-54 passed away on September 2, 2008 in Salt Lake City, UT. 3005 East 2965 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84109-2134.

**Cast Corpuz**, Company G, 5th RCT 1950-51, passed away on August 21, 2008 in Waipahu, HI. 94-102 Wall Place, Apt 101, Waipahu, HI 96797-4057.

**Louis I. Desantis** "M" 34th Infantry Regiment, passed away on October 14, 2008. He also served in "H" 21st Infantry Regiment. Ruth Desantis, 46 Fairview Rd., Broomall, PA 19008-1403.



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**James (Jimmy) D. Griffin**, Company D, 5th RCT, Korea 1953, passed away on May 25, 2008. Jimmy was a former Mayor of Buffalo, NY. Margaret, 420 Dorrance Ave., Buffalo, NY 14218-1838.

**James W. Law**, Company E, 5th RCT, Korea 1952, passed away on May 15, 2008 in Beaufort, SC. Nancy Law, 5 Burchmyer Dr., Beaufort, SC 29902-1709.

**John A. Loughran**, Hq, 5th RCT, Korea 1952-53 passed away on May 10, 2008 in Fayetteville, NC. Virginia Loughran, 511 Crooked Creek Ct., Fayetteville, NC 28301-3801.

**John E. Massari**, 76, Hq & Hq, 21st infantry 1949-51, of Turlock, CA passed away in March 2008. Private internment was at Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno. Frances Massari, 177 W. Springer Dr., Turlock, CA 95482.

**Berwyn E. McCaskey**, George Company, 19th Infantry Regiment, Korea, 1951, died on March 21, 2007. Last known address: 3718 Calhoun Ave., Ames, IA 50010, 515-232-4593.

**Robert Burton Nett**, Company Commander A, 19th Infantry Regiment 1946-1947, at Camp Chickamauga, Beppu, Japan, passed away in Columbus, GA, on October 19, 2008. Nett received the Medal of Honor for action as a Company Commander near Cognon, Leyte, Philippines in 1944. Frances K. Nett, 5417 Kessington Dr., Columbus, GA 31907-1830.

**General Bernard W. Rogers**, 87, died Oct. 27 in McLean, Virginia after a heart attack. In 1960-61, Rogers commanded the 1st Battle Group, 19th Infantry, 24th Infantry Division in Europe.

**William O. "Buckshot" Smith**, Company H, 19th Infantry Regiment, Korea 1951-52, passed away on December 12, 2008. Barbara Smith, 24,695 Hickory

St., Bevier, MO 63532-1904.

**Arthur L. Vierkant**, Medical Company, 5th RCT in 1951 passed away on June 8, 2008 in Wadena, MN. 1233 First Street S. W., Wadena, MN 56482-2008.

**Donald Wodarski**, Company L, 21st Infantry, Korea 1950-51, passed away on November 15, 2008.

**Bartel Zandstra**, 5th RCT, Korea passed away on June 8, 2008 in Highland, IN. Beatrice (Babs) Zandstra, 3028 Lakeside Dr., Highland, IN 46322-3470.

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Chaplain's Corner

December 24, 2008, Shelbyville, KY: I am at my son's house thinking about the Chaplain's Corner for the *Taro Leaf*. I thought about what this time of year means; it's when family and friends come together. If only we would think to help those in need this year. We also should remember to thank our soldiers all over the world.

I came up with the following: "*1 Thessalonians 5-12-18; Now we ask you, brother to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. 13. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. 14. And we urge you brother, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong with wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else. 16. Be joyful always. 17. Pray continually. 18. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*" **Chaplain Glen Carpenter**



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Paul Franklin Wisecup, Association

President 1971-72, of Apopka, Fla., died March 18, 2009 at his residence; he was 87. Life Member #61, Mr. Wisecup served with the 34th Infantry Regiment in WWII. His wife Dorothy Wilson Wisecup, died on April 20, 2008. He is survived by his son, Curt Wisecup of Apopka, Fla.; three grandchildren, Joshua, Amy and Jacob Wisecup; and one brother, Don Wisecup of Bangs, Texas. Graveside services, with military honors presented by the Highland County Ohio Honor Guard, were held March 31 at the Lynchburg, Ohio, Masonic Cemetery. Curt Wisecup, 2168 Majestic Woods Blvd, Apopka, FL, 32712-3200.

2nd Infantry

David G. Seay, of St. Charles, MO, passed away Feb. 25, 2009. David served with "A" Company, 2nd Infantry, at Gablingen Kaserne, Augsburg, Germany 1959-60. He is survived by his wife Louise and children. David and Louise were strong supporters of the biannual "A" Company reunions in Branson, MO. Mrs. Louise Seay, 2925 Thrush Drive, St. Charles, Mo 63301-1280.

3rd Engineers

William A. Harbin, of Davison, MI, age 77, passed away Monday, May 21, 2007 at his residence. Life member 2118, Mr. Harbin served with Company "B" 3rd Eng, Korea 1950-52. Last known address: 8174 Kensington Blvd. #797, Davison, MI 48423-3170, 810-654-9951.

Charles Joseph Leaf, 78, of Vanport, PA passed away January 24, 2009. Charles served with Company "A," 1948-1951 in Japan and Korea. Full military honors were provided by the Beaver County, PA Special Unit. Frances Meredith Leaf, 52 A Street, Beaver, PA 15009-1547.

11th Field Artillery

David "Dave" Post Ammons died on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009, at his home in Ventura, CA from complications consequent to lymphoma. He was with HQ Battery 11th FA in Japan from June 1953-June 1954. Mrs. Victoria Ammons, 58 Loyola Ave, Ventura, CA 93003-2314.

19th Infantry Regiment

Marvin R. Johnson, Life member 1578, who served in Korea with "B" 19th Infantry passed away December 2, 1998, per note from his wife, Mrs. Mary Ann Johnson.

Vincent A. Suilman, 91, passed away February



20, 2009 in Wabasha, MN. He was Life Member #308 and a SFC serving in New Guinea and the Philippines. He received the Bronze Star. Mrs. Bernice Suilman, 1226 River Dr, Wabasha, MN 55981-1700.

Grant Earl Wilson, 87, of Helmetta, NJ, died Friday, January 23, 2009 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge, NJ. Mr. Wilson, Life Member 207, was a Pearl Harbor Survivor and WWII veteran. Mrs. Emily Wilson, 2000 State Road 18, Apt 412, Old Bridge, NJ 08857-1111.

21st Infantry Regiment

Anthony (Tony) Corio, companies C and E, 21st Infantry in Korea, passed away on February 15, 2009, in New Port, MI. Condolence may be sent to his wife, Ms. Katherine Corio, 8751 Ashlyn Dr., New Port, MI 48166-8849.

Thomas E. "Tot" Grady, 91, of Hartford, CT, passed away December 12, 2008. Life member 126, he served with Company H, 21st Infantry from 1942-45 as a Staff Sergeant in the South Pacific. His



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wife Helen and also his daughter predeceased him. Funeral Services were held December 16, in Hartford, CT. Burial followed at Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, 1 Cottage Grove Rd, Bloomfield, IN.

Leon Heatherly, 77, Monmouth, IL, died Oct. 13, 2008 at St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. He served with "M" Company, 21st Infantry, with Task Force Smith. Heatherly married Louise Lucille Thornton on June 18, 1953 in Monmouth; she preceded him on Nov. 14, 2004. Condolences may be sent to his daughters, Ms. Linda Hawk, 815 West 3RD Ave, Monmouth, IL 61462, and Ms. Lu Anne Grant, 31 Pecan Lane; Nauvoo, IL 62354-2011, (who would love to meet someone from her Dad's 24th division.)



Eugene E. Hitzeman of San Mateo, CA passed away January 23, 2006. Association life member 1299, Mr. Hitzeman served with the 21st Infantry Regiment during WWII. Mrs. Miriam M. Hitzeman, 600 W. 39th Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403-4105.

Richard A. Humphreys passed away on November 15, 2008. He was with Company "M" in Japan and Korea from February 1951 through March 1952. Mrs. Elizabeth J. Humphreys, 115 Mar-Kauf Dr., New Holland, PA 17557-9348.

Walter August Kramer, 90, "G" 21st Inf Jan. 1945 - May 1946, and in Japan, passed away in Hotchkiss, Colorado on March 16, 2009. Walt worked in electronics, and served with Civil Air Patrol's Search and Rescue. He is survived by his wife, Helen, who wrote: "Another 'Buddy' gone. Walt was very proud of his service; and enjoyed the *Taro Leaf*. Thank you." Mrs. Helen Kramer, 14493 2900 Rd., Hotchkiss, CO 81419-7511.



John W. "Jack" Tait, 1st Battalion October 1944-December 1945 lost his battle with Cancer in Gulf Breeze, FL, March 7, 2006. Services were at the United Methodist Church of Gulf Breeze with interment at the Barrancas National Cemetery Pensacola, FL. Mrs. Ruth Tait, 1373 Green Vista Ln., Gulf Breeze, FL 32563-3488.

24th Recon

Donald E. Lennon of Safety Harbor, FL, died on February 10, 2009. Life Member 1811, Mr. Lennon served with the 24th Recon from April 1950 - August 1951 in Japan and Korea. A full military honors funeral was held Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at Memorial Park Cemetery, 4900 54th Ave N, St. Petersburg, FL. Ms. Jean Lennon, 3044 Egret Ter., Safety Harbor, FL 34695-5309.

34th Infantry Regiment

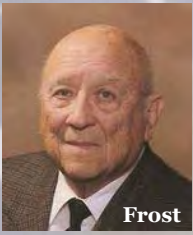
Willie P. Ellett, 86, died July 21, 2008 in Burkeville, VA. He served from Oct 1942-Jan 1946 with Hq Co, 1st Bn, 34th in New Guinea, the Southern Philippines, and Luzon. At discharge from the Ashford General Hospital in 1946 he returned to Burkeville, became a farmer and raised his family. He only recently began talking about his wartime service, and looked forward to the *Taro Leaf* and passing it on to us. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Blanche Saxtan Ellett. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Blanche S. Ellett, 2987 Lone Pine Road, Burkeville, VA 23922-2320.



Rueben A. Engle, Life Member 682, of Aurora, CO passed away on September 24, 2005. Rueben served with the 34th Infantry Regiment during WWII and in Japan.

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Roy L. Frost Sr., 85, died September 16, 2006, in Hutchinson, Kansas. Life member 315, Mr. Frost served with the 34th Infantry Regiment in WWII. He was wounded on Leyte Island, Philippines, and received the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. Anyone wishing to may contact his daughter, Ms. Jane Horn, 110 Countryside Dr., Hutchinson, KS 67502-4456. Photo courtesy of www.elliottmortuary.com



Harold M. Hammond, 77, of Belvidere, IL and formerly of Mountain View, Mo., died Saturday evening, Feb. 21, 2009. Life Member 2006, Harold was a veteran of the Korean War serving with "A" company 34th, and then with "I" Company 19th Regiments. He was a former POW. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Patricia Hammond, 1320 Maryland Ct., Belvidere, IL 61008-2422.

James "Jim" Owens, 83, died January 28, 2009 at his home in Lake City, Iowa, following a long fight with cancer. He enlisted in 1946 and attained the rank of Sergeant with the 34th Regiment. Mrs. Katie Owens, 3911 Jennings Ave., Lake City, IA, 51449-7620.

Walter B. Westmoreland, Life member 1672, with service in Japan with HQ 34th Infantry August 1946 to October 1947. Date unknown. Last known address: 8106 Highwood Dr., Apt Y331, Bloomington, MN, 55438-3049, PH:612-921-0310.

William L. Wilhelm, Sr. passed away in South Bend, IN on August 21, 2008. He was in HHC, 34th Infantry Regiment from September 1945 to June 1946. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Florence M. Wilhelm, 729 S 32nd St, South Bend, IN 46615-2313.

Division

Leslie A. Ingelson, 99, Moline, Illinois, died February 10, 2009. Life member 1041, Les served as a surgical technician with Company D, 24th Medical Battalion in the Philippines and New Guinea. He received two bronze battle stars, and a bronze arrowhead for being in the first wave to land in the Philippines in 1943. Burial with military honors was in Moline. His wife Verna Evelyn passed away in 1987. He is survived by a daughter, Jeannine E. Ingelson, 5610 34th Ave. Apt. 4D, Moline, IL 61265-5706.



James Ellwood Newdick, age 79, Division's G2 Section May-November 1953, passed away on December 15, 2008, in Columbus, OH. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Patricia Tittel and also his second wife, Janet Troyer. He is survived by daughters, Karen Schneider, Kristin Tweed, and Karla Mlachak, addresses unknown. Jim and member Rod Stock, played on the same Ohio high school football team.



Association Non-Members

George M. Bingham, "M", 21st Infantry Regiment, of Lima, OH, died December 07, 2008. He was a POW from Jul 12, 1950 to Aug 1953 in Camps 3 & 7. He is survived by his wife, Martha Bingham, 1495 Fetter Rd., Lima, OH 45801.

John Norman Carter passed away in 1964 in Old Washington, OH. John served with "L" Co, 19th Infantry Regiment in Korea, June 1951 until January 31, 1952, receiving two Purple Hearts and the CIB.

Richard Chavez, Company M, 21st Infantry Regiment in Korea, passed away on August 28, 2008.

Clarence M. Coster, A and C Batteries, 555th FA passed away on October 13, 2008 in McLean, VA.

Donald B. Cunningham, of Stratton, OH, died



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March 24, 2007. He served with K Co **21st Infantry Regiment**, and was a POW from Feb 6, 1951 to Sep 1953 in Camps 1 & 4. He is survived by his wife, Mary Cunningham, PO Box 74, 204 2nd St., Stratton, OH 43961.

David A. Dawson, of Newport, TN died February 21, 2009. He served with D Co **5 Regimental Combat Team** and was a POW in Camp 1. He is survived by his wife, Wanda Dawson, 237 Chilton Rd, Newport, TN 37821.

Harold Eugene Dill, Lt. Col. U.S. Army (Ret.) of Summerville, SC died February 24, 2008 at Trident Medical Center. He served with the **21st Infantry Regiment**.

James T. Evans, 84, of Upland, PA died Friday, August 5, 1994, in Wallingford, Nether Providence. Mr. Evans was a staff sergeant in the **13th Field Artillery Battalion** serving in the Pacific Theater of Operations. He is survived by a brother, Gilbert Evans and a sister, Hannah Bell Fraker both of Upland.

Joel L. Grantham, Company E, **5th RCT**, Korea 1053-54, passed away on October 13, 2008 in Opelika, AL. Condolences may be sent to his wife: Mrs. Beatrice Grantham, 269 Lee Road 632, Opelika, AL 36804.

Gerald R. Heichel age 74 of Metamora, MI, passed away on March 18, 2009. Beloved husband of 52 years to the late Bonnie Heichel, Gerald served in the Army during the Korean War in the **24th Inf. Division**. Interment Ridgelawn Cemetery, Oxford, MI.

Benjamin O. Hurley, Sr, Company A, **5th RCT** passed away on February 5, 2009 in Hawaii. He served in Korea 1950-51.

Raymond W. Korn, Company E, **5th RCT** in Korea 1951-53 passed away on June 20, 2008 in Cashton, WI.

Thomas Joseph Patrick McKenna Jr., 75, of

Milton, NH, died at his home on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009. Mr. McKenna served in the **Division** during the Korean War. 34 Heron Circle, Milton, NH 03851.

John Muscatello, passed away on June 11, 2003, in Wynantskill, NY. John served with "D" Company, **21st Infantry Regiment** from 1949- 1951. He was a member of the undefeated 1949 regiment football team. He leaves his wife Gerri, 1-518-283 1888.

William Woodrow "Woody" Nunley passed away January 21, 2009, from prostate cancer, according to a letter sent by his daughter, Betty Ann White, to Life Member Bill Stokes, Lady Lake, FL who served as supply clerk with SGT Nunley in HQ. Co, 1BN, **34th Infantry Regt**, Sasebo, Japan, in 1947. Contact: Mrs. Geraldine Nunley, 17375 Highway 64, Anderson, AL 35610, or daughter, Betty Ann White, 387 CR 519, Anderson, AL 35610.

Daniel E. O'Connor, "L" Co, **21st Infantry Regiment**, 1950-1951, 78, of Palmetto, FL, passed away January 13, 2009. He is survived by his wife Eunice O'Connor, 4108 13th ST CT West, Palmetto, FL 3422 1-5701.

Felix John Puciarelli, of Brooklyn, NY died December 26, 2008. He served with K Co **19th Infantry Regiment** and was a POW from Apr 23, 1951 - Aug 53 in Camps 2 & 3. He is survived by wife Sandra Puciarelli, 8714 21st Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11228.

Euel L. Roberts, of Elizabeth, WV passed away on February 25, 2009. After serving in Germany, he was recalled October 1, 1950, and served until July 1951, in the **24th Infantry Division** in Korea. He lived in east central Florida from 1961 to March 1982, when he moved to Elizabeth. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Jo Roberts, 272 Wells Lock Rd, Elizabeth, WV 26143.

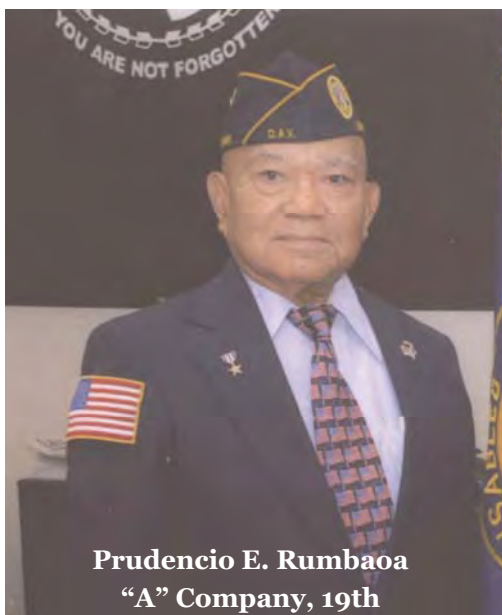
Bernard J. Rothwell of Vero Beach, Fla., formerly of Weston, MA, died Thursday, December 18, 2003, at his home. He was 81. Mr. Rothwell was a second lieutenant in World War II in the **24th Infantry Divi-**

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groups, often men who had been at a particular battle, summoning their past through the haze of half a century of memories.

“In the words of Dick Raybould, an artillery forward observer in the Ninth Regiment of the Second Division, ‘You go to the reunions and you find yourself trying to remember what you’ve spent the last fifty years trying to forget.’

“Gradually some of them began to go back to visit South Korea. At first it was something of a trickle, and then more of them went and came back and they talked about it, and they went on organized tours with other veterans. They visited places where they had fought during the Naktong battles and certain battlefields like Chip-yongni. They did not visit the area around and above Kunuri and The Gauntlet, where the terrible defeat



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“A” Company, 19th

had first been inflicted on them, that was the other side of the parallel and could not be visited.

But they, many of whom had hated the country when they first served there, were impressed, first by the success of the country itself, its remarkable modernization, *but also the sense of gratitude that they felt on the part of the local people—far greater than*

anything bestowed on them in their native land. (emphasis added)

“And they took pride in one additional thing that if it had not been a victory in the Classic sense, in some way what they had done had worked because it was the crossing of an existing border in the Cold War and because they had made their stand, it had not happened again.”

Mr. Rumbaoa says: “I found these statements very eloquent in expressing my innermost thoughts and (they) probably reflect the feelings of other veterans, who have served in the Korean War. I have been profoundly absorbed in reading the book.”

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Torrence, CA 90502-1725
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tion. The Boston Herald, December 24th, 2003.

Melvin B. Salber, Company I, **5th RCT** in Korea in 1953, passed away on December 9, 2008 in Elgin, NE.

Clifford A. Simmons, “D” Co. **19th Infantry** passed away January 17, 2009, in Bristol, TN. He served in Korea from 1948 to 1950, and was a **POW in Camp 5**, from November 4, 1950 to September 1953. He received the Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars. Provided by Bill Borer, who said: “Cliff was a member of my squad until we were captured; he was a fine soldier.” Ms. Lena Simmons, 728 Taylor Street, Bristol, TN. 37620.

Joseph K. Vrabel, with the **5th RCT** in Korea in

1953, passed away on January 26, 2009 in Poland, OH.

Alfred Austin Wetmore, 82, of Andover, NJ, died on January 9, 2009. He was a member of “C” Co **21st Infantry Regiment**, receiving the Purple Heart. He is survived by his wife of 19 years Carol (Papps) of Andover, as well as his ex-wife, Yuriko (Tsutsumi) of Whiting, NJ. Arlington National Cemetery.

Floyd David Williams, Commander of the **52nd Field Artillery Battalion** in Korea and Japan for 33 months during the Korean War, passed away on April 3, 2003, in Utah. Burial Bluffdale, Utah.

Joseph C. Yanek, **5th RCT** in Hawaii and Korea in 1950, passed away December 30, 2008 in Tucson, AZ.

“Requiescat in pace”



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Otto Clyde Bailey, Major, retired, 79, of Sewanee, TN died May 5, 2009 after a lengthy illness. Life Member 2301, Otto served with "K" **21st Infantry Regiment** from August 1950 to June 1951 in Korea. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Helen Bailey, 409 Kentucky Ave, Sewanee, TN, 31375-2102.

Dr. Andrew Wesley Baird, 79, of Starkville, MS, died April 13, 2009, at Oktibbeha County Hospital. Dr. Baird served with the **21st Infantry Regiment** in Japan and Korea in 1952 and 1953. He earned degrees from Mississippi State and Louisiana State Universities, and retired in 1992 as professor of sociology and research sociologist at Mississippi State. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Maxine Baird, 204 Mangrove Palm, Starkville, MS, 39759-2750.



Robert F. Brabham, Life Member 113 of Charlotte, NC, passed away on October 21, 2007. Robert served with **Division Headquarters** during WWII; last residence 901 Maple St., Georgetown, SC 29440.

Richard C. Brielh, Life Member 579, **21st Infantry Regiment**, Korea, passed away in 2007 per his sister, Ms. Patricia A Lauffenburger, 4317 Cobblestone PL NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109-2909.

Victor W. Buzzinotti, Life Member 337 passed away April 1, 1997 in Kittanning, PA. Victor served with the **19th Infantry Regiment** during WWII. Last known address: 2216 Chaplin Ave., Ford City, PA 16266-1609.

Ralph B. Cunningham, Life Member 630, Headquarters Company, **34th Infantry Regiment** from October 1942 to December 1944 in the

South Pacific Theatre passed away in South Bend, IN on March 8, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Joan R. Cunningham, 19871 Lucinda St., South Bend, IN, 46614-5658.

Kenneth M. Ellis, Life Member 866, passed away on March 30, 2005. Kenneth was assigned to Battery C, **555th FA Battalion** from 1948-1951. Last known address: RR 2, Box 297, Walnut Grove, MS, 39189-9572.

Joseph T. Fischetti, Company C, **5th RCT** in Korea 1950-1951 passed away on January 18, 2009, in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marjorie Fischetti, 4088 Old Oak Drive, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410-6392.

Edward J. Hagan, Life Member 974 of Albion, MI, passed away on October 27, 2005. He served with the **34th Infantry & 24th Recon**. Last known address: 210 S Monroe St, Apt 2, Albion, MI, 49224-1760.

Dallas T. Heston, 78, Youngstown, OH, passed away on April 17, 2009. Dallas served with H & S Company, **3rd Engineer Combat Battalion** in Japan and Korea from 1949 to 1951. He successfully recruited many of his fellow 3rd Engineer Battalion to the Association. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Shirley Heston, 239 N. Cadillac Dr., Youngstown, OH 44572-3319.



Jack L. Higgons, MG, Life Member 1346, **304th Signal Battalion**, WWII and Korea, passed away December 17, 2008, in Las Vegas, NV. BG Higgons, Nevada National Guard Reserve, of Las Vegas, Nev., received a battlefield commission from chief warrant officer to second lieutenant; from February 1951 until June 1952 in Korea, he



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served as first lieutenant with **987th Armed FA Battalion**, Battery C, 105 Self-Propelled Artillery. No known family.

Harold Harvey Holbrook, 79, Life Member 1519, of Batavia, IL died June 23, 2009. He served in the Illinois National Guard and in 1952-53 he served in Japan and Korea with the **13th Field Artillery Battalion**. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marjorie "Marj" Holbrook, 214 S Prairie St, Batavia, IL 60510-2770.



Joseph W. Holloway, Life Member 1349, of Grand Island, FL, passed away at Waterman Hospital, Eustis, FL, on February 2, 2003. Joe served with the **34th Infantry Regiment** from Dec. 1944 to April 1946 in the Southern Philippines, and the Japanese occupation forces. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Holloway, 13041 Lemon Ave., Grand Island, FL, 32735-9221.



William F. Hunt Jr., 76, of Cranford, NJ and Naples, Fla., died on Friday, March 28, 2008. He served with both **infantry** and **artillery** units in Korea and Japan with the **24th Infantry Division**. Mr. Hunt is survived by his wife, Jean Hunt, 25081 Peacock Ln, Naples, FL 34114-9709, also 325 Dorchester Ave, Cranford, NJ 07016-2801.

Robert K. Makaiwi, 87, Life Member 1133 passed away on June 15, 2009 in Marina, CA. He served 30 years with the U. S. Army serving in WWII, the Korean War with the **5th RCT**, and in Vietnam. He was preceded in death by his wife Eva, and 4 sons, and is survived by two daughters and two sons. He is survived by his wife, Ms. Luita Makaiwi, 3247 Fitzgerald Cir, Marina, CA 93933-2606.

Charles M. McBryde, Life Member 638 of Sanford, NC passed away November 12, 1998. Charles served with the **19th Infantry Regiment** during WWII; he was a Pearl Harbor survivor. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lois McBryde, 633 Spring Ln, Sanford, NC 27330-3432.

James L. McReynolds, Life Member 396, passed away on January 7, 2000, in Birmingham, AL. He served in Korea with the **19th Infantry Regiment**, and also served in WWII. Last known address was: 2831 Highland Ave. #605, Birmingham, AL 35205.

James C. Merritt, "E" **19th Infantry**, Korea, 1951-52, passed away May 1, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margie Merritt, P.O. Box 1075, Anacortes, WA 98221-1075.

James C. Monje, Life Member 614, passed away April 10, 2004 in El Monte, CA. He served with the **34th Infantry Regiment** during WWII and in Japan. Last known address 1235 W. Fir Ave., Oxnard, CA 93033-3053.

Joe E. Payne, Life Member 1696 died December 28, 2008. Joe served with "E" **21st Infantry Regiment** July 1944 to December 1945. Burial in Arlington National Cemetery April 7, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Louetta Payne, 1078 Cross Country Dr, Columbus, OH 43235-5138.

Donald Lee Peniston, 80, passed away Thursday, March 5, 2009, in Kansas City, MO. Donald served with "B" Co. **21st Infantry** and the **24th Medical** in Japan 1946 to 1947. He is survived by his wife: Mrs. Diane L. Peniston, 10106 Raytown Rd, Kansas City, MO 64134-2244.

Frank J. Pesko, Life Member 659, served in WWII with the **34th Infantry**. Last known address: 3967 Katherine, Dearborn, MI, 48125-2613.

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From internet: Death Date: Mar 9, 1995 , Residence: Westland, Wayne, Michigan, Place of Death: Garden City, Wayne, Michigan.

Joseph M. Petrausks Life Member 569 passed away October 23, 2004, in the Fairview Nursing Home, Hudson, NH. He served with the **21st Infantry Regiment** during WWII. Last known address: 203 Lowell Rd., Hudson, NH, 03051-4909.

Alex Poland, Company L, **34th Infantry Regiment**, March 1941 to October 1945 during WWII, passed away on March 12, 2006 in New York, NY. Last known address: 160 W 71st St, Apt 14P, New York, NY 10023-3901.

Edward L. Pugh, died in November 2008 per notice from Melissa Jeffress. He served with **3rd Engineers** in WWII, March 1945 to November 1945. Last known address: 4260 Brussels Dr., Jackson, MS 39211-6105. Melissa M Jeffress, 169 Cotton Wood Dr, Madison, MS 39110-4737.

Edward F. Robinson Life Member 447 passed away on October 28, 2005, in Hyde Park, MA. He served with the **19th Infantry Regiment** during WWII. Last known address: 605 Truman Hwy. Apt. B1, Hyde Park, MA, 02136.

Fred N. Shroyer, Life Member 1481 of Statesboro, GA passed away January 30, 2009. MAJ Shroyer served with the **34th Infantry Regiment** in Japan. Contact: Steven Shroyer, PO Box 586, Brooklet, GA 30415-0586.



Ernest Pierce Terrell Jr., Col. (Ret.), of Norman, OK, Life Member 1192, passed away on June 11, 2009. Col. Terrell served the **11th Field Artillery** during the Korean War from 1950-51, earning the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star and the

Distinguished Service Cross. Services were held at the New Post Chapel, Fort Sill, OK on June 15, 2009, with burial at nearby Fort Sill National Cemetery. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Allene White Terrell, 313 Lone Oak Drive, Norman, OK 73071-2486.

Edward C. Thompson, Life Member 297, Company A, **21st Infantry Regiment** in WWII passed away on March 20, 2009. Edward served from July 1940 to July 1945, and was a Pearl Harbor Survivor. He is survived by his brother, Frederick E. Thompson, 395 Gracie Ave N #194, Frostproof, FL 33843-8341.

Enos E. Torsch, 91, of Lachine, MI passed away September 17, 2008. Life Member 464, Mr. Torsch served with the **34th Infantry Regiment** in New Guinea, Leyte and in the liberation of Corregidor. Enos is survived by one brother, and three sisters. Contact: Marvin G Torsch, 525 River St, Apt 229, Alpena, MI 49707-2449.



Bill Traylor, Life Member 1719 died April 7, 2008. He served with the **3rd Engineers** April 1950 to July 1951 in Korea. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Traylor, 102 Willowchase Dr., Scottsboro, AL 35769-6234.

George M. Trendell, Life Member 2293 died November 11, 2008; he served with the **5th FA Heavy Mortar and 19th Infantry "B" Co.** in Korea and Germany. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Martha Trendell, 28 Diamond Rd, Hartselle, AL 35640-5512.

Edward S. Trexler, Life Member 568, with the **26th AAA Battalion** in Korea passed away December 8, 2004, in Philadelphia, PA. Last known



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address: 6200 Ardleigh St #414, Philadelphia, PA, 19138-1521.

Van B. Truelove, Life Member 2000, passed away on October 7, 2004 in Fort Worth, TX. Van served with the **13th FA** in Korea. No additional information.

Walter F. Winton, Jr, Brigadier General, Life Member 528, passed away on May 19, 2007. He served with **Headquarters, 24th ID**, in both WWII and Korea. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alice Winton, 235 Walker St., #134, Lenox, MA 01240-2746.

Anthony J. "Papa Tony" Wojtas, 85, of Oneida, NY, died on May 23, 2009. Life Member 1074, Tony served in the Pacific Theatre with the **21st Infantry Regiment** during World War II. Papa Tony was the owner and founder of Pepi's Pizza, in Oneida. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Audrey Wojtas, 228 Genesee St., Oneida, NY, 13421-2709.



Arnold Rikio Yoshizawa, Life Member 1469 died June 22, 2008. Last known address 24616 Marbella Ave., Carson, CA 90745-6411.

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Vincent Aguilera, Headquarters, 2nd Battalion, **5th RCT** in Korea passed away on February 7, 2009 in Ft Worth, TX. Vincent was a POW in Camp 1. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lucy Aguilera, 2313 Ross Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76164-8175.

Arthur G. Angell, 5th RCT, Tank Company 1950 to 1951 in Korea, passed away on February 13,

2009 in Jackson, MI. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Lou Angell, 404 O'Brien Rd., Jackson, MI 49201-8981.

Duane Charles Balts, age 79 of Eau Claire, WI, who served in the **21st Regiment** in Japan, died on December 19, 2007 at Sacred Heart Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Marian P Balts, 4105 Rudolph Rd, Eau Claire, WI 54701-7911.

Alfred D. Baumann, 75, of Stanley, NY passed away March 4, 2009 at his home. He served as a Platoon Sergeant with the **24th Infantry Division** in Korea. He is survived by Joanne Perry Baumann, 2487 State Route 245, Stanley, NY 14561.

Kenneth L. Benesh, 21st Infantry Regiment, Korea 1950 to 52 passed away March 19, 2008.

Romeo Bourque, 5th RCT, Korea passed away February 20, 2009 of cancer in Augusta, ME. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Carmelita Bourque, 124 Mount Vernon Ave, No. 3, Augusta, ME 04330-7538.

Theodore R. "Ted" Boudinot, 78, of Glendale, AZ., passed away December 9, 2008. He served with the **24th Infantry Division** in the Korean War, and is survived by his wife: Genevieve R Boudinot, 5908 W Myrtle Ave, Glendale, AZ 85301-1851.

Raymond "Old Ray" Boulds, age 86, of Poplar, MT passed away March 5, 2005. He served in the Pacific Theater in the **24th Infantry Division** until Aug. 1945, receiving the bronze star. He is survived by his wife Jeanne of Wolfe Point, MT.

Peter O. "Pete" Brinkman, 76, died on August 26, 2007, in Oscoda, MI after a battle with cancer. He served for two years with the **79th Engineers Battalion**, 24th Infantry Division in Korea. He is survived by his wife, Barbara A Brinkman, 114 N Lake St, Oscoda, MI 48750-1735.

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John George “Jack” Bryant, 77, of Proctor, MN died October 1, 2005. He served in the **24th Infantry Division** in Korea. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Joanne, 4004 London Rd, Apt 1319, Duluth, MN 55804-2577.

Robert H. Burns, Medical Company, **21st Infantry Regiment** 1950-51 passed away on January 4, 2008 in San Antonio, TX. Last known address: 426 Castle Ranch Dr., San Antonio, TX 78245.

Ralph Butler, 81, of Wood River, IL, died May 9, 2009 at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis. Butler served in the **Company E, 21st Infantry**; he was captured on April 27, 1951, in Uhucn-Ni, South Korea, and held as a POW. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lorene Butler, 524 Monroe St., East Alton, IL 62024.

Andrew P. “Babe” Catalano, 67, of Largo, FL, died April 10, 2003. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War and served with the **24th Infantry Division**.

George A. Clark Jr., 84, died April 30, 2005 in North Springfield, VA. Major Clark served on an Army transport ship in World War II and attached to the **24th Medical Battalion** in the Korean War. He is survived by his wife, Adele D. Clark, 5617 Queensberry Ave, Springfield, VA 22151-2711.

Robert Colesberry Jr., 57, a veteran film producer, co-creator of the HBO drama “The Wire” and an occasional actor, died Monday, February 9, 2004 in New York of complications from heart surgery. Colesberry entered the Army in 1965, where he became a first lieutenant and battery commander in the **24th Infantry Division**.

Martin “Ed” Conlon, 76, of Whitman, MA passed away on February 20, 2009. He served with the **24th Infantry Division** during the Korean War, and is survived by his wife, Dorothy A. Conlon, 199 Plymouth St, Whitman, MA, 02382.

Anterio Da Costa of Newark, NJ passed away on May 1, 2009. He served in the **24th Infantry Division** during the Korean War and is survived by his wife Rosina, 89 Barbara St, Apt 1, Newark, NJ 07105-3401.

Ralph Edward Denton, 85, of Amarillo, TX died Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007. Ralph served in the **24th Infantry Division** as a medical technician in the South Pacific in WWII. His wife preceded Ralph in death; he is survived by sons; Gary and Roger Denton.

Bill Drumheller, age 83, of Beckley, WV and Flagler Beach, Fla., passed away on May 5, 2009, at the Beckley VA Medical Center. He served in Korea with Co. L, **21st Infantry Regiment**. Bill is survived by his wife, Jean Drumheller, 118 Wildwood Ave, Beckley, WV 25801-5640.

John J. Dunn, 97, Retired Colonel of Huntsville, AL passed away Thursday, June 11, 2009. (See separate article page 24 by Shorty Estabrook .) He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Frances Dunn, 5617 Woodridge Street SW, Huntsville AL 35802-1615.

Robert “Bob” Andrew Dyrdaahl, 81, died May 16, 2009, at the Marcus Daly Hospice Center in Hamilton, MT. He served with the **24th Infantry Division** in the Far East. Bob is survived by his wife, Donna Dyrdaahl, 101 Dogwood Ct, Hamilton, MT 59840-3121.

Robert L. Evarts, Hvy Mtr Company, **19th Infantry Regiment**, Japan and Korea, 1954-55 died on June 9, 2009. Last known address: 19 Bank St., Mystic, CT 06355.

John D. Frazier, 94, passed away March 2, 2006, in Quincy, CA. John was wounded in action while serving with the **24th Infantry Division** from 1942-1945 in the South Pacific. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Frazier, 304 S Mill Creek Rd, Quincy, CA 95971-9400.



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Alfred L. Fortini, 79, of West Carthage, NY, died April 17, 2009, in Watertown. Mr Fortini served from October 1945 to January 1956, in Austria, Germany, Japan and Korea with the **24th Infantry Division**. He is survived by his wife, June R. Fortini, 113 Bridge St, Carthage, NY 13619-9583.

Ray Martin "Doc" Graybill, 72, of Strasburg, PA died October 14, 2004 at the Lebanon VA Medical Center. He served in Korea with the US Army Corps of Engineers, **24th Infantry Division**, and is survived by his wife Pauline A. "Polly" Graybill, 49 Lancaster Est, Mount Joy, PA 17552-1704.

Vaughn T. Hall, H&S Co, **6th Med Tank Battalion** in Korea passed away on March 26, 2009 in Spartanburg, SC. Vaughn was a POW in Camp 1. He is survived by his wife: Mrs. Blanche Hall, 62 Airport Rd., Spartanburg, SC 29306.

Roy D. Haynes, 90, died June 22, 2009 in Omaha, NE Interment with military honors by the **24th Infantry Division (Mech)**, Ft. Riley, KS. He is survived by wife, Esther M. Haynes, 6791 Emmet St, Omaha, NE 68104-3127.

Fred L. Hess passed away May 6, 2006 in Dayton, OH. Fred served with Lima Company, **19 Infantry Regiment** in Luzon, Mindoro, and was wounded in combat at Leyte. Hess was a sports writer in Dayton. He is survived by his wife: Mrs. Virginia K Hess, 1451 Courtyard Pl, Dayton, OH 45458-3975.

Arne L. Hovdesven, Battery A, **555th FA Bn**, Korea 1950–1951, passed away March 12, 2009 in Wilmington, NC. He received the Bronze Star for meritorious Service, and is survived by his wife. Mrs. Helen Hovdesven, 1425 Regatta Drive, Wilmington, NC 28405-4271.

Richard A. Humphreys, Company M, **21st Infantry Regiment**, Japan and Korea, 1948 to 52 passed away on November 15, 2008.

Marion Itza of Battle Mountain, NV passed away on May 28, 2009. Marion served the **Division** during WWII in the Philippines. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Jeanette Itza, 205 3rd St., Battle Mountain, NV 89820-1944.

Kevin Francis Jamieson, 62, of Jeffersonville, NY, died October 28, 2003. He served with the **24th Infantry Division in Germany** during the Berlin Crisis, and is survived by his wife, Virginia Jamieson, at 53 County Road 164, Jeffersonville, NY 12748-5801.

MG Leo Bond (Buck) Jones, Retired, 88, of Ocean Springs, MS., died on Monday, March 5, 2007. In 1954, he was assigned to the 24th Infantry Division in Korea as **11th Field Artillery Battalion** Commander. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Dees Jones of Ocean Springs, MS.

Raymond Whitard Jordan, 94, passed away May 8, 2009 in Columbia, SC. He was an officer in the **24th Infantry Division** in the Southwest Pacific and the Philippine Islands, earning a Bronze Star. He is survived by his wife, Wren Scott Jordan, 4837 Carter Hill Dr, Columbia, SC 29206-4607.

Paul E. Kaempfer, age 86 of Warren, IL, died on August 3, 2007, at Monroe Hospital. Paul served with the **24th Infantry Division** in the South Pacific during World War II. He is survived by his wife, Rita Kaempfer, 304 W Hyde St, Warren, IL 61087-9469.

William J. "Bill" Kilkenny III, 38, died February 18, 2006, in Wilmington, DE. One of Princeton's most outstanding Army ROTC graduates, Bill served with the **24th Infantry Division** in Operation Desert Storm. Bill leaves behind two young children, daughter Ali and son Jack, who live in Georgia with their mother, Becky Kilkenny, 3880 Mountain View Rd NW, Kennesaw, GA 30152-2387.

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Irving Langell, Item Company, **21st Infantry Regiment**, passed away on June 4, 2009. Irv served in Korea where he was captured on July 12, 1950, and repatriated on August 26, 1953. He was a Tiger Survivor. He is survived by his wife, Gloria Langell, 11441 Claggett Avenue, Port Charlotte FL 33981-6702.

Hal William Leech, **5th RCT** in Korea passed away on March 1, 2009 in Modesto, CA. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emo Leech, 1709 Irene Ave, Modesto, CA 95355-4316.

Clifford G. Livangood, 81, of Watertown, WI, passed away February 12, 2009. He served in the **6th Tank Corps** in Korea from Sept. 1950 to July 1952. He is survived by his wife, Marie Livangood, 1612 Nee-nah St, Watertown, WI 53094-6903.

Edwin C. Lundquist, Company L, **5th RCT** in Korea passed away on January 16, 2009 in Hickory, NC. Edwin was a POW in Camp 5. His family may be reached at: 407 25th St, Hickory, NC 28601

John Martinez, 81, died June 13, 2009, in Hutchinson, KS. He served with the **24th Infantry Division** in Sasebo, Japan, during World War II, and in Nagasaki. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Antonia Martinez, 412 E Avenue F, Hutchinson, KS 67501-7731.

Laughlin McEnroe, Company K, **5th RCT** in Hawaii and Korea from 1949 to 1951 passed away February 14, 2009 in Marina, CA. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Josephine McEnroe, 3009 Concord Court, Marina, CA 93933-4003.

Michael McGraw, passed away on May 28, 2009 in Bakersfield, CA. Michael served as in Korea from 1951 to 1954 with Headquarters Company: **24th Medical Battalion**. He is survived by his wife: Mrs. Virginia McGraw, 721 Charlana Dr, Bakersfield, CA 93308-2333

John F. McNulty Jr., Lt. Col., retired, 87, of Ocean City, MD., the former Dean of students at John-

son & Wales University, died Monday, June 21, 2004. He served as Deputy Commander of the **24th Infantry Division, 21st Infantry Battle Group** in Munich, Germany, from 1960 to 1963. He is survived by Mary Jane (Peters) McNulty, 162 Old Landing Rd, Ocean City, MD 21842-4810.

Paul Anthony Merola, Lt. Col. Ret. died May 15, 2009 in Austin, TX. He entered the Army during the Korean War and graduated from West Point in 1956. He went to Augsburg, Germany with the 11th Airborne Division, which became the **24th Infantry Division**. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nancy Merola, 5505 Merrywing Cir, Austin, TX 78730-1447

Charles F. Milburn of Brownwood, TX, 89, passed away June 4, 2009. Charles served in the **19th Infantry Regiment** in the Central Pacific Theater during WW II. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Billie Milburn, 140 Azalea Dr, Brownwood, TX 76801-7939.

Leon Minahan, Headquarters, 2nd Battalion, **21st Infantry Regiment**, Korea 1950 to 51 passed away on January 2, 2008.



David A Mitts ~ Sergeant United States Army, Age 24, died December 4, 2004 in Mosul, Iraq, 3rd Battalion, **21st Infantry Regiment**, Stryker Brigade

Donald Mosness, **5th RCT** Heavy Mortar Company in Korea 1951-1953, passed away February 14, 2009 in Livingston, MT. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Adeline Mosness, 320 East Lewis St., Livingston, MT 59047-5117.

Larry Reginald Myrick passed away February 18, 2009 in Stanton, TX. He served the **24th Infantry Division** 2nd Brigade in the 1960's in Germany. He is survived by his wife Mary F. Myrick, 2951 E Fm 1212, Stanton, TX 79782-5054.



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Robert L. Nash, Company K, **19th Infantry Regiment** in Korea passed away on July 3, 2008 in Rogersville, AL. Robert was a POW from January 1951 to February 1951. He is survived by his wife: Mrs. Elizabeth Nash, PO Box 132, Rogersville, AL 35652.

Dr. Bennett Olshaker, 82, a retired child psychiatrist in Washington, DC, and an author, educator and consultant, died of cancer March 8, 2004, at Sibley Memorial Hospital. Dr. Olshaker served with the **Army Medical Corps**, 24th Infantry Division in Kyushu, Japan, during the Allied occupation. He is survived by his wife, Thelma A. Olshaker of Bethesda, MD.

Lynn A. Overdorff, Jr., HHC, **21st Infantry Regiment**, Korean War died October 3, 2007 in Williamsport, PA. Jackie W Overdorff, 2341 Linwood Ave, Williamsport, PA 17701-1320

Roscoe P. "Hoss," Owen, 79, of Louisville, KY passed away Tuesday, May 12, 2009. Hoss served in the Weapons Platoon of Company "E" **19th Infantry Regiment** from the outset of the Korean War to the fall of 1951. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Doris "Dotsy" Owen, 8414 Michael Ray Dr, Louisville, KY 40219-5221.



Major General William A. Patch, retired, 77, died Aug. 1, 2004 in Rockville, MD. He served as a company commander in the **24th Infantry Division** during the Korean War, when he was wounded in combat. Gen. Patch is survived by his wife, Helena Fletcher Patch, 7707 Hidden Meadow Ter, Potomac, MD 20854-1789.

James Paul Palmer, Sr., 77, of Wheeling, WV, died on February 11, 2008. He served with the **24th Infantry Division**, and was among the first to engage the North Koreans in July 1950 receiving the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He is survived by his

wife, Mrs. Mary Alice Matthews Palmer, 2368 Overbrook Ave, Wheeling, WV 26003-5376.

James B. Pardue, Company I, **5th RCT** in Korea passed away December 8, 2008 in Winston-Salem, NC. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Helen Pardue, 1028 Willowlake Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27106-4423.

Burt A. Pendergrass, 61, of Sheridan, WY, died on July 19, 2008 of natural causes while camping in the Big Horn Mountains. He served four tours of duty in Vietnam where he received the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. He served as an Operations Sergeant with the **24th Infantry Division**. He is survived by his wife Kathleen of Sheridan, WY.

Vat (Walter) Pjetraj, 76, passed away March 1, 2008, in Fayetteville, NC. He was born Albania, and spent his early life in Communist work camps. He joined the U.S. Army in 1957 in Frankfurt, and served in the 101st Airborne Division, the 11th Airborne Division and **24th Infantry Division**. His wife, Maria, preceded him in death; he is survived by: Lt. Col. Walt Pjetraj of Chapin, SC, Donika Murray of River Forest, IL, and Michael Pjetraj of Raleigh, NC.

Rufus Harold Pruitt, Colonel Retired, 80, of Athens, Ga., died May 14, 2009. Col. Pruitt served as an enlisted man during World War II, and as Company Commander of the **6th Tank Battalion** in Korea. Col. Pruitt is survived by his wife, Mrs. June Pruitt, 100 Turkey Creek Rd, Athens, GA 30606.

Dr. Raoul Constantine Psaki, a retired Army Colonel, passed away on April 29 2009. Dr. Psaki was a medical officer with the **24th Infantry Division** in the Philippines during World War II. His wife, Mary Agnes Psaki preceded him in death in 1987. He is survived by sons James and Michael Psaki.

Charles E. Rambo, 80, died July 28, 2003, in Brooksville, FL. He served in the Korean War with the

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24th Infantry Division and is survived by his wife, Alma Rambo, 8023 Morelli Ave, Brooksville, FL 34613-5757.

Ronald Roesner, 60, of Aurora, IL, died of pancreatic cancer on October 30, 2008. He was drafted in 1968 and completed his tour of duty with the **24th Infantry Division** in Augsburg, Germany. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Lee Roesner, 1945 Swarthmore Dr, Aurora, IL 60506-5749.

David H. Sanchez Sr., died December 22, 2008 in Stayton, OR. He lived in Las Vegas for the past 33 years. David served from 1967-1973 and served two tours in the Vietnam War. He served with the 34th and **24th Infantry Divisions**.

David P. Schlossman, 36, formerly of Lititz, PA passed away in Homestead, FL January 4, 2009. He served in Desert Shield and Desert Storm in 1991, and was a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne and a communication specialist with the **24th Infantry Division**. He is survived by two sons: David P. Schlossman II and Zachary S. Schlossman.

Carl "Rocky" W. Surratt, 72, of Leavenworth, KS passed away Nov. 3, 2003. Carl served in the Korean War with the **24th Infantry Division**. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie M. Surratt, 820 Ottawa St, Leavenworth, KS 66048-1827.

Johnny Vernon Tabor, CSM Retired, Co. G, **19th Infantry**, 24th Infantry Division, Fort Benning, GA, passed away March 5, 2009, in Portland, OR. Originally from Chattanooga, Tennessee, he is survived by his wife Ollie Ailene Tabor, 4411 SE 136th Ave, Portland, OR 97236-3803.

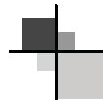
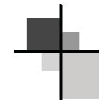
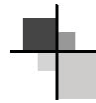
Bill R. Tate, 67, of Lake Leon, TX died Tuesday, August 2, 2005 at in Abilene, TX. He served in the U.S. Army between 1957 and 1960 in Augsburg, Germany with the 11th Airborne Division and the **24th Infantry Division**. He is survived by his wife, Imogene of Eastland, TX.

Carl Stanley "Stan" Wahlberg, age 89, passed away at Grand Junction, CO on June 1, 2009. Stan served with the **24th Infantry Division** in the South Pacific in WWII. He is survived by sons Jon of Richmond, VA and Steven of Denver, CO.

Calvin A. H. Waller, Lieutenant General, United States Army, 58, died on May 9, 1996 of a heart attack in Washington, D.C. Waller's 32- year career in the Army included being Chief of Staff, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) Fort Stewart, Georgia. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery after a mass at the Fort Myer Memorial Chapel. He is survived by his wife Marion.



John F. Ward, 5th RCT in Korea passed away on March 20, 2009 in Syracuse, NY. He was predeceased by wife Constance, and son Douglas.



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Ralph R. Atherton, 77, died on March 21, 2009 in Lakeland, FL. Life Member #1467, Ralph served with K Company, **19th Infantry Regiment** in 1950-51, and was awarded 3 Purple Hearts. Ralph and his wife Dorothy owned and operated Atherton Trucking in Illinois. In addition to his wife, Ralph is survived by his daughter Karen, and sons Roger and Ron Atherton. Interment at the Bushnell, Florida Military Cemetery. The Association has been asked to not send cards.

Thomas Woodhouse Bakewell, 89, Life Member #102, passed away on May 9, 2009 in Hancock, NH. Thomas served in WWII from 1943-45 in the South Pacific with the **724th Ordinance**. He is survived by his wife, Polly, four daughters and ten grandchildren. Mrs. Polly O. Bakewell, 23 Spring Hill Road, Hancock, NH 03449-5600.

Alfred George Brown, Life Member #427, passed away July 13, 2009 in Abbottstown, PA. Mr. Brown served with the **19th Infantry Regiment** in Korea; he was a POW. Notice sent by his nephew, Duane Hahn, 372 Brough Road, Abbottstown, PA 17301, 717-465-6926.

Phillip A. Burkhardt, 75, of Southampton PA, passed away from a brain aneurism in a Pittsburgh, PA, hospital while travelling from a reunion of the 1st Airborne Battle Group, **187th Infantry Combat Team**, 24th Infantry Division. Phil served from 1956-58, and served with 299th Independent Engineer Battalion, which was attached to the 187th in Lebanon. He joined the Association only earlier this year, and is survived by son Phillip Burkhardt Jr, 720 E Street Rd, Warminster, PA 18974-3313.

R. Gerald Choate, 90, Carterville, IL - died Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009, in Herrin Hospital. A 50-



Choate

year member of the Association, Gerald served in **H Company, 21st Infantry Regiment**, from 1943 to 1946 in the southwest Pacific and in Japan. His first wife, Elwanda, passed away in May, 1944. He is survived by his second wife: Mrs. Louise Choate, 908 W. Grand Ave., Carterville, IL, 62918-2101.

Norman G. Dobrick, aged 79, of West Seneca, NY, passed away on August 7, 2009, in Buffalo. Mr. Dobrick served from 1948-52, in Korea with the **5th RCT Heavy Mortars** unit where he received the Purple Heart. He is survived by his wife, Rita Dobrick, four sons, and 11 grandchildren, all in the Buffalo area. Contact his son, Alan, at adobrick@roadrunner.com.

Jesse L. Foster, Life Member #488, passed away June 11, 2009, in Annapolis, MD. Mr. Foster was a member of Co. E, **19th Infantry Regiment** in WWII; he was at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. He was interred at Arlington National Cemetery on Thursday, July 2, 2009. Jesse is survived by his wife: Mrs. Daisy Foster, 937 Mastline Dr, Annapolis, MD 21401-6881.

Ronald A. French, passed away on December 11, 2006 in Harwinton, CT. Life Member #1030, Ronald served was the **34th Infantry Regiment** in WWII. He is survived by his wife Jean French, 225 Wyoming Ave, Torrington, CT 06791-6043.

Richard C. Goiny, age 90, of Chicago, IL passed away September 23, 2009. Life member #57, Mr. Goiny served with the **21st Infantry Regiment** in WWII. No known descendents. His last known address was: 3619 W. 64th St., Chicago, IL, 60629-4028, Ph: 773-735-2536.

Hipolito Gonzales, Company B, **21st Infantry Regiment**, Korea 1950-51 passed away on



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June 28, 2009 in Corpus Christi, TX. Life Member #832, Hipolito was a member of Task Force Smith. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Irma Gonzales, 5317 Ponderosa Ln, Corpus Christi, TX 78415-3126.

William P. Healy Jr., age 76, New Lenox, IL, passed away July 10, 2009 at Joliet Area Community Hospice Home after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Life Member #1551, Bill served with Company D, **34th Infantry Regiment** in Korea from 1953-54. Interment July 14, 2009 St. Mary's Cemetery, Mokena. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Healy, 390 E. Circle Dr., New Lenox, IL, 60451-9761.

Edward E. Kerkhoff, age 81, died August 25, 2009, in Indianapolis, IN. Life Member #356, Edward served in Korea with HQ **19th Infantry Regiment** from June 1951 to November 1952. He received the BS Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University. Mr. Kerkhoff is survived by two sons, David B. of Knoxville, TN and Edward F. of Zionsville, IN, and by daughter, Cynthia Edwards of Sullivan, IN. His last address was: 2315 Hanover Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46227-4305.



Richard J. Lowe, Service Company, **34th Infantry Regiment**, 1953-1954, in Japan and Korea passed away May 29, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Patricia Lowe, PO Box 311, Baileyville, ME 04694-0311.

Gerald A. Markel, 76, fought his last battle on Sept. 12, 2008. He served with Company B, **21st Infantry Regiment**, in Korea 1952-1953. He is survived by his seven children and his wife Beverly Markel, 1595 Academy Road, Mountain Rest, S.C. 29664-9358.

Harold J. Metz, Life Member #997 died Feb 7,

2008 in Macungie, PA. He served with the **34th Infantry and the 21st Infantry** in Japan and Korea. He is survived by his daughter Janice Clymer, 1786 Chapel Ave, Allentown, PA 18103-5085.

Robert J. Milie, 82, of Mt. Lebanon, PA, died Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009, after complications from a stroke. Mr. Milie served with HQ Company **19th Infantry Regiment** in 1945-46 in WWII and Japan where he saw duty in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. A long-time Association member, Bob was active in the field of athletics at Duquesne and Carnegie Mellon Universities; and was a trainer with the Pittsburgh Steelers. He is survived by his wife Maureen Milie, 291 Dixon Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15216-1207.



Darrel W. Miller, passed away on May 26, 2006 in Letts, IA. Life Member #83, Darrel was with Company E, **19th Infantry Regiment** in Korea from August 1950 to October 1951. His only surviving relative is Linda Gist in Dallas, TX.

Peter Nepote, Life Member #214, who served with the **3rd Engineers** in Korea, passed away December 30, 2007. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Mary Nepote, 17470 E. Cedar Ave, Ripon, CA 95366-9721.

Margaret Howard O'Meara, age 76, of Clifton Forge, VA died Friday, May 29, 2009. She is survived by her husband of 56 years Thomas G. "Tom" O'Meara of Clifton Forge. Thomas served with the I Company, **34th Infantry** and E Company, **21st Infantry** in Japan and Korea. Thomas O'Meara, 313 Alleghany St., Clifton Forge, VA 24422-1207.

Hillman Paul "Hack" Rabalais, 80, passed away August 07, 2009 in Marksville, LA. Hillman was in the Army from 1948 to 1953, and



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served in Korea with K Company, **19th Infantry Regiment**, where he was wounded three times and was a prisoner of war for 28 months. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Irma Guillot Rabalais, 340 Michael Dr., Moreauville, LA 71355-3076.

Elmer Shaw, of Tilden, IL, passed away August 16th 2009. Life Member #254, Elmer served with the **21st Infantry Regiment** in Korea. Address: 25 Coachlight Dr., Tilden, IL 61832-8240.

Madeleine Slarskey, 83, of Tampa, FL passed away September 02, 2009. She is survived by her loving husband of 51 years and best friend **Leon Slarskey, 21st Infantry Regiment**, Japan, 1946-47. Leon R. Slarskey, 14667 Village Glen Circle, Tampa, FL 33618-2733, 813-962-8242, landms1@verizon.net

Rodney W. Sohn, 80, passed away on April 16, 2009, in San Jose, CA. He was with H & S Co, **3rd Engineers** in Korea, August 1951 to November 1952. Burial San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery. Mrs. Carol A. Sohn, 2526 Klein Rd, San Jose, CA 95148-2254.

Albert A. Spangenberg, Life Member #1749, **19th Infantry Regiment**, Medical, passed away Oct. 27, 2006 in Toms River, NJ. He loved reading *Taro Leaf*. Willie Spangenberg, 2 Windsor Ct, Toms River, NJ 08753-5803.

Glen R. "Jim" Spence, 78, passed away Wednesday, April 22, 2009, in Chenoa, IL. Life Member # 1339, Glen served with C Company, **6th Tank**, in Korea from May 1949 until August 1952. His wife Bonita passed away on Feb. 20, 2007. Survivors include two sons, Cliff and Carl Spence, and three daughters, Lisa Krones, Joyce Ashcraft, and Sheri Moser. Ms. Lisa Krones, 209 E Sixth St, Gridley, IL 61744-7726.

James Patrick Sullivan passed away in Sun City, AZ on August 13, 2009. Life Member #872, he was born in Manhattan, New York. Jim was with the **34th Infantry Regiment**, company K, during WWII. He was awarded the Silver Star during combat on Mindoro, a Bronze Star for service in Luzon, and a Purple Heart for wounds received on Biak Dutch New Guinea. Among his family survivors is his brother: Thomas J. Sullivan, 10011 N 103rd Dr, Sun City, AZ 85351-4414.



Norman E. Treadway, Life Member #1412, passed away on October 8, 2009, at the Somerset Medical Center in Somerville, NJ. He served with the **24th Military Police Company** in Korea. For several years he maintained his "24th Infantry Division" website, which served as the official website for the Association. Norm is survived by his wife, Mrs. Patricia Treadway, 422 Lincoln Ave., Dunellen, NJ 08812-1127.

Wendell H. Tuohy, passed away on August 14, 2004 in Chicago, IL Life Member #355, he served in the **509th Military Intelligence Platoon** in Korea in 1953-54. He was buried in Mount Hope Cemetery Assoc., Chicago, IL 60655.

Dr. Carl Arthur Weitz, D.D.S., 81, passed away on Friday, August 7, 2009 in Pittsburgh, PA. Life Member #2059, he served with the **19th Infantry Regiment** in the South Pacific and in Japan. He and his wife, Dr. Elaine Stewart Weitz practiced dentistry in Ben Avon, PA. He wrote an historical novel based on his army experiences. Dr. Elaine Stewart Weitz, 301 Forest Ave., Pittsburgh, PA, 15202-1813.

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Donald G. Chapple, Company B, **5th Regimental Combat Team**, 1951-52 passed away on May 29, 2007 in Englewood, FL. He is survived by his wife Mary Chapple, 124 Mount Vernon Ave., #2, Augusta, ME 04330-7538

John F. Christ, Company K, **5th Regimental Combat Team**, 52-53 passed away on 20 November 2008 in Long Neck, DE. He is survived by his wife Margaret Christ, 25742 Country Side Drive, Long Neck, DE 19966-6079

Stanley B. Conklin, Headquarters Company, **5th Regimental Combat Team**, 1952-53 passed away on October 28, 2007 in Suffern, NY. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Barbara Conklin, 15 Utopian Place, Suffern, NY 10901-7714.

Thomas B. Daniel, 80, passed away August 11, 2009, in Baton Rouge, LA. He served with the **24th Infantry Division** during the occupation of Japan. He was preceded in death by his wife Lou Ellen Daniel, and is survived by daughters, Cynthia Daniel, Dallas, and Ashlye Daniel, Washington, D.C., and sons, Tom of Baton Rouge and Todd, Dallas.

Stanley Everidge, Company B, **5th Regimental Combat Team**, 1951-52 passed away on December 16, 2008 in Pine Top, KY. No known relatives.

Robert B. Fahs, Lt. Col. (Ret.) 85, of Burnsville, MN, died May 19, 2008. He served in the 2nd Battalion, **21st Infantry Regiment**. Interment was at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, MN.

Herbert J. Glesener, Tank Company, **5th Regimental Combat Team**, 1950-51 passed away on May 1, 2008 in Colorado Springs, CO. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Agnes Glesener, 1685 South 21st St.,

James C. Harrison, Company L, **5th Regimental Combat Team**, 49-51, passed away November 3, 2008 in Mount Laurel, NJ. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Joyce Harrison, 15 Falmouth Dr., Mount Laurel, NJ 08054-3077.

Edward G. Hays, M Company, **21st Infantry Regiment** passed away August 21, 2009, in Mountain Home, AR. Ed was with the Tiger Survivors and received a Purple Heart; he was captured on July 7, 1950 and was repatriated on August 26, 1953. Mrs. Doni Hays, 1185 Windance Circle, Mountain Home, AR 72653-9080.

Richard W. Herman, Company I, **5th Regimental Combat Team**, 1953-54 passed away on September 26, 2007 in Naples, FL. Write his son, R. Herman at 105 Penny Lane #7, Naples, FL.



Nainoa Hoe, First Lieutenant ~ United States Army. Age 27, Died January 27, 2005 in Mosul, Iraq, 3rd Battalion, **21st Infantry Regiment**, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry.

Robert L. Hysell passed away on January 30, 2009 in Parkersburg, WV. Robert served with Company A, **34th Infantry Regiment** and with Company G, **21st Infantry Regiment**.

Lodus N. Johnson, 2nd BN Med, **5th Regimental Combat Team**, 1949-51 passed away on July 26, 2008 in Spring Hill, TN. Mrs. Vicky Johnson, 3604 Rutherford Dr., Spring Hill, TN 37174-2173.

Reuben Kimball passed away in June 2006 in Texas. He was a POW with the Tiger Survivor Group and was captured on July 24, 1950 and released on August 28, 1953. He was a member of the **24th Div Medical Detachment** (8054th Evac Hosp-3rd Sta Hospital).



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Carl E. Kasemeier, Company C, **5th Regimental Combat Team**, in 1951 passed away on March 5, 2009 in Hot Springs, AR. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Francis Kasemeier, 111 Bayshore Cove, Hot Springs, AR 71901-9250.

Douglas K. McQuillin, **5th RCT**, died November 20, 2003. Anyone who knew him is asked to please get in touch with his daughter, Holly D. McQuillin, 6223 E. Sahara Ave. Spc.18, Las Vegas, NV 89142.

Mark M. McCullough, Jr., 82, Lewisburg, PA, died September 9, 2008, at Woods River Nursing Home, Lewisburg. He entered the Army in 1943 and saw action with the "Century Division" in France. He then entered theological school and rejoined the Army in 1961 and among other assignments served with the **24th Infantry Division in Augsburg, Germany**. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Patricia McCullough of Lewisburg, PA. (By Gary Erwin).

William C. Nunley, Company E, **5th Regimental Combat Team**, 1949-51 passed away on October 4, 2008 in Louisville, KY. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Barbara Nunley, 149 Toppfield Rd., Louisville, KY 40229-4462.

John Francis O'Meara, 74, of West Hartford, CT passed away August 24, 2009. John served in the U.S. Army's **24th Infantry Division in Munich**, Germany from 1957-1959, and is survived by his wife, Gloria O'Meara, 23 Hilltop Dr, West Hartford, CT 06107-1434.

Delbert F. Tolen, Company A, **5th Regimental Combat Team**, 53 passed away on 25 June 2004 in Grand Junction, CO. No known survivors.

Norward T. Swift, passed away on July 10, 1994 in Medford, OR. He served with Headquarters & Headquarters Company, **19th Infantry Regiment** in Japan and Korea. He is interned in Eagle Point National Cemetery, OR.

Paul E. Wagner, 79, of Longview, TX died August

23, 2009, in Bossier City, Louisiana. Mr. Wagner was a 20 year Army veteran; he served with the **34th Regiment**, and the 2nd BN **21st Infantry Regiment**. He is survived by his wife, Pansy Wagner, 2900 Lois Dr, Longview, TX 75605-6132.

John P. "Jack" Watkins Sr., 82, passed away August 30, 2009 in Naples, FL. Jack was a WWII Veteran, serving in the **24th Infantry Division**. In 1946 he was a member of the Division's touch football team in the 1946 Pacific Olympics. He leaves behind his wife, Florence R. Watkins, 7865 Founders Ln, Naples, FL 34104-5308.

Billy Westbrook passed away July 3, 2009 in Clinton, NC. He served with the **34th and 21st Infantry Regiments**. Mrs. Dorothy Westbrook, 111 Columbus Lane, Clinton, NC 29328-7713.

Jack Wilson Winn, 83, passed away on August 6, 2009 in Bowie, TX. Jack served in the Headquarters Company 3rd battalion **24th Infantry Division** during World War II, serving in New Guinea, the Biak Islands and the Philippine Islands, and in Japan. Jack is preceded in death by his wife Velta Faye Winn, in October 1999. Survivors include two sons, Tim Winn and Ted Winn of Bowie.

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Jasper D. Blow, Jr., CORRECTION In The *Taro Leaf*, Vol. 62(2) incorrectly reported that Jasper D. Blow, Jr., Life Member - #2011, "C" Company, **19th Infantry**, had passed away. I am pleased to report that on Nov. 28, 2009, I spoke to Mr. and Mrs. Blow and they are very much alive and well. If you should wish to welcome Jasper and Maryellen back they can be reached at: 1550 Gant Rd., Scottsboro, AL 35769-3507, 256-259-6873, jblow1550@charter.net. The *Taro Leaf* sincerely regrets this significant error. TJT ED.

Richard H. Chatley, 81, passed away in Nunda, NY. Richard served in the **21st Infantry Regiment** in Korea. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Janet Chatley, 8360 Short Tract Rd., Nunda, NY, 14517-9771.

Pomas B. Fasules, Life# 108, **3rd Engineer** WWII died in 1988. Lucy Fasules, 426 Margaret Dr., Fairborn, OH 45324.

Victor Martin Gloe, 87, of Hermann, MO, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009 at Frene Valley Health Center, Hermann, MO. Association Life Member 371, Victor served with the **21st Infantry Regiment** in the Philippines and Japan, and was the recipient of the Bronze Star. He is survived by Lillian Gloe, and four children. Burial at St. Martin's Cemetery, Starkenburg, MO, with full military honors. Mrs. Lillian Gloe, 1034 Jefferson St., Hermann, MO, 65041-1260.

William D. Ladany, of Silver Spring, formerly of Rockville, MD, passed away on Friday, Dec. 11, 2009. Bill was a S/SGT assigned to Headquarters, **3rd Combat Engineer Battalion**,



Ladany

Medical Detachment in Korea during 1951 -1952. Interment at Arlington National Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ethelene Ladany, 15311 Beaverbrook Ct. Apt 1F, Silver Spring, MD 20906-1310.

Lloyd Robert McCandlish, 82, of Bremen, OH passed away Dec. 13,



2009 in his home. Life Member 604, Lloyd served with the 21st Infantry Regiment in Korea and was a member of Task Force Smith. Interment Dec. 17, 2009 in McCandlish Grandview Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary McCandlish, 112 S. Broad St., Bremen, OH 43107-9712.

Orland E. Moncrief, 19th Infantry WWII, died Oct. 22, 2009. He is survived by his daughter, Linda M. Pitts, 9505 Blom Blvd., Shreveport, LA 71118.

Niels Eldon Mortensen, age 83, of Roosevelt, UT, died Apr. 30, 2009 at the Uintah Basin Medical Center in Roosevelt. Life member #1187, Niels served in WWII and Japan with the **19th Infantry Regiment**. His last known address was: 268 S. State #38 Apt 15, Roosevelt, UT 84066-2915.

Carl H. Oeder, Life # 1362, 724th Ord WWII died Sep. 11, 2001. Survived by his son, Richard C. Oeder, 2236 E. Armand St., Lake Charles, LA 70611.

Glenn L. Osborn, 96, of Portland, OR, passed away Jan. 8, 2010. Glenn was born in

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Cando, N.D., and served in the **34th Regiment**, 24th Infantry Division stationed in Australia and the Philippines in WWII. Glenn was preceded in death by his wife, Win Osborn.

William Harold Oslin, 86, of Muskogee, OK, died Sep. 28, 2009 at Solara Hospital Muskogee. Life Member# 1151, Mr. Oslin served with Cannon Company, **19th Infantry Regiment**, in the Pacific, Philippines and Okinawa from Oct. 1944 to Jan. 1946. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Billye Jean Oslin, 1013 N. Edmond St., Muskogee, OK, 74403-3212.



Oslin

Jerome Elton Rasmussen, age 79, of Sartell, MN, formerly of Howard Lake, passed away Oct. 21, 2009 at the VA Med. Ctr. of St. Cloud. Life Member # 1728, he served with Battery A, **11th Field Artillery** in Japan and Korea 1949-1950, when he was wounded by mortar fire. Interment in Howard Lake Cemetery. Jerome is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jean Rasmussen, 2401 Utah Rd., Sartell, MN, 56377.

Bertie Rose, wife of Perry W. Rose, passed away Jul. 22, 2009. Contact Mr. Rose at 605 Broadway, Monticello Park #255, Longview, WA 98632.

Charles E. Rosengrant, 78, of Fort Pierce, FL, passed away Nov. 9, 2009 at his home. Life Member 2291, Charles served from 1949-1952 with the **21st Infantry Regiment**, Company B and was with Task Force Smith. Charles received numerous medals, including a Bronze Star that he never received, and a Purple Heart that he refused to accept. He is survived by two brothers, a sister,

and (5) children. Ms. Myra Rosengrant, 880 Belle Road, Red Lion, PA 17356-9046.

Richard Solat, 81, of Babylon L.I., NY, died Nov. 4, 2009 of lung cancer. Association life member 1760, Richard served with the Division in Korea and Japan with the 26th AAA from Jul. 1951 to Nov. 1952, and was a member of the swim team that won the Division's 1952 swim meet. Richard taught art at North Babylon, NY High School, from 1955-88, and is survived by his wife Arline, and daughters Nancy and Sally. Mrs. Arline Solat, 112 Washington St., Babylon, L.I., NY, 11702-1820.



Solat

Harley Franklin Welsh, 77, of Paces Creek Road, Trenton, SC, died Oct. 29, 2009 in Edgefield. Mr. Welsh served with the **19th Infantry Regiment**, Companies C and B from Jul. 1950 to Aug. 1951. Private burial at the Fort Jackson National Cemetery. He is survived by Mrs. Betty Louise Welsh, 167 Paces Creek Rd., Trenton, SC 29847-2037.



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Clifford Ray Barth, Colonel, Colorado Springs, CO, died on Dec. 1, 2009. He was in the **19th Infantry Regiment** in the Philippines and Japan; awarded the Bronze Star. His first wife Edmee Boddeker died Jan. 1967; in 1976, he moved to Leadville, CO where he married. Mrs. Louise Barth, Colorado Springs, CO.

Maynard A. Birkholz, 87, of Omro, WI died Dec. 9, 2009. He served during World War II with the **24th Infantry Division RCN**, Recognizance Troop in the South Pacific. Mrs. Lois Birkholz, 1701 Springbrook Rd, Omro, WI 54963-1810.

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James D. "Bill" Cofer Sr., Holdenville, OK, passed away Oct. 28. Bill was with L Company, **34th Infantry Regiment**, when he was captured Jul. 20, 1950 at Taejon. He was a Tiger Survivor, being repatriated on August 29, 1953. He is survived by his wife, Sarah Pauline Cofer, 3503 N. 372d Road, Holdenville, OK 74845.

Edward Joseph Ehrhardt, of Sulphur Springs, TX, passed away Nov. 3, 2009. He joined the **21st Infantry Regiment** on Dec. 26, 1942, and saw active duty in New Guinea and the Philippines. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Norma Himrod Ehrhardt.

Andrew R. Garcia, passed away Oct. 20th 2009 in Kinston AL. He was a member of I Company, **21st Infantry Regiment** when captured on Jul. 12, 1950; he was a Tiger Survivor. His wife Kathleen preceded him to Glory. Cards may be sent to Sandy Reichardt, PO Box 482, Allenspark, CO 80510-0482.

Forrest Melvin Good, 87 passed away Dec. 13, 2009, in North English, IA. He was a Sergeant in the **24th Infantry Division** where he was in the first assault wave in the Philippines and rec'd a Purple Heart. He also served in Japan. Mrs. Maxine Good. 221 N Highland St, North English, IA 52316-9600.

Ira Harris Green, Sr., passed away Nov. 23, 2009, in Houston. He served sixteen months in Korea where he served in the **24th Infantry Division** and later in the 1st Cavalry Division. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Margaret Kathryn Green.

Glen R. Horn Sr., 85, of Shippensburg, PA, died Dec. 6, 2009, at Chambersburg Hospital. He served with the **24th Infantry Division** from Feb. 22, 1946 to Feb. 21, 1949. Mr. Horn is survived by his wife, Janet and four children.

Marshall Farmer, 80, of Greenville, SC, died on Dec. 2, 2009. A 1950 graduate of Clemson University, Mr. Farmer was a First Lieutenant Infantry Platoon leader with the **21st Infantry Regiment** in the Korean War. He is survived by his wife, Jackie, a son and three daughters.

Alex French IV, Staff Sgt., 1st Battalion, **21st Infantry Regiment**, was killed in action in Afghanistan on Sept. 30, 2009. (see page 42)

Walter Paul Habash, 77, of Lino Lakes, MN, died Jan. 4, 2010. Walter was born in Steubenville, Ohio, and was preceded in death by his wife Mary Ann. He earned a Purple Heart and Bronze Star for his service with the **24th Infantry Division** in Korea.

Lloyd Preston Johnson, 80, of Somerset Kentucky, passed away Apr. 25th, 2009 in Somerset. He served in Japan from 1947-1950, and Korea Jul. 5, 1950 to Jun. 1951, with E Company, **19th Regiment**. He was preceded in death by his wife and is survived by one daughter, one son and one brother.

Gordon Keller, 82, known to many simply as the "Piano Man," died Oct. 25, 2009 in Alexandria, VA. He was stationed in Japan, serving supply for the **24th Infantry Division** and playing string bass in an Army jazz band. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Mary Alice Keller.

Sammy B. Lawing, CO A, **19th Infantry Regiment**, passed away Dec. 4, 2009. He was wounded two times and was POW in Korea for 32 months. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Montez Lawing, 1580 Eddy St, Merritt Island, FL 32952-5733.

Carl E. Lindberg, 93, Worcester, MA, passed away Jan. 6, 2010, at St. Mary Healthcare Center. Carl was a Sergeant in the **34th Infantry Regiment**. He leaves his wife of 70 years, Elvira E. (Johnson) Lindberg.

Arthur H. Marthens, 84, of Annapolis, MD died on Nov. 19, 2009 in Washington D.C. He served during World War II in the **19th Infantry Regiment**, Head-



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quarters Company in New Guinea and the Philippines, including the Battle of Leyte Gulf. Mrs. Marla J. Marthens, 751 Bon Haven Dr, Annapolis, MD 21401-7107.

Nicholas "Mickey" Matviya, 92, passed away Nov. 7, 2009 in Latrobe, Pa. He served for more than 3 years with the **11th Field Artillery** in the South Pacific, including Luzon, the Philippines, and New Guinea. He is survived by his wife Mildred, a son, Thomas, a daughter Patricia.

Robert "Bud," "Bob," McGee, of Levittown, PA died Nov. 30, 2009, at his home. A veteran of the U.S. Army's **24th Infantry Division**, Bob was a member of the Victory Sport Parachute Team stationed in Europe. Bob is survived by his wife Claire, and three children.

Ernest A "Ernie" Morfin died Jan. 3, 2010 in Battle Mountain, NV. He served in the **34th Regiment** from Feb. 1945 to May 1946 and received the Purple Heart. Mrs. Mary Morfin, 74 W 4th St, Battle Mountain, NV, 89820-1973.

Fred Morse died on Sept. 23, 2003 in Flint MI. He was with the **34th Regiment**, at Camp Mower in Sa-sebo, Japan, Jan. 1950, and in Korea; after the ambush in Taejon he was placed with the **19th Regiment**. John Tucker, johntucker1@yahoo.com.

Edward L. Phillips, Col. Ret., Virginia Beach, VA passed away Dec. 30, 2009. He was the Discom Commander of the **24th Infantry Division**. His wife, Patricia Ann, and son, Edward L., predeceased him, and he is survived by four daughters. Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery Apr. 5, 2010.

Harry A. Putnam, 81, Bordentown, NJ died on Dec. 11, 2009, in Mt. Holly, NJ. He was in the **24th Infantry Division** in Japan in 1950, and in Korea 1950 to 1951. Mrs. Anne S. Putnam of Bordentown, NJ.

Wade E. Sanders, Santa Maria, CA, passed away on Jul. 11, 2009. Lew Howell says he is sure Wade was a **24th Division veteran** from Korea. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Doris Sanders. Santa Maria, CA.

Aaron Stewart, 94, of Oklahoma City, OK, passed away Jan. 9, 2010. He served in the Army Air Corps with the **24th Infantry Division** during WWII in the Philippines. Mrs. Ruth Stewart, 1601 SW 119th St, Oklahoma City, OK 73170-4902.

John R. Szarpa, Company C, **5th RCT** (53-54), a survivor of the battle for Outpost Harry died Nov. 8, 2009 in Buffalo, NY. Services at the Barron-Miller Funeral Home, 3025 William St., Cheektowaga, NY.

Royal V Tiner died Sep. 3, 2009 in Lumberton TX. Royal served in **B Battery, 63d Field Artillery Battalion** at Camp Hakata, Japan and entered Korea on July 6, 1950. He was with the battalion on Jul. 14, 1950 on the Kum River. His home address was Royal V. Tiner 6737 Pepper Lane Lumberton Texas 77657.

Herbert W. Wilkes, Jr., Ltc Ret., passed away on Oct. 10, 2009, in Murrells Inlet, SC. He served in the **63rd Field Artillery BN** in Camp Hakata, Japan, and in Korea in July 1950; awd Silver Star. (*Taro Leaf* 60(1) Winter 2006, pg 32.) Mrs. Mary Wilkes, 26 Evergreen Circle, Surfside Beach, SC 29575.

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Frank Alvarez, of Corona, CA, passed away on January 11, 2010, at age 92. Frank served in the Hawaiian 24th Infantry Division, **34th Infantry Regiment**, 3rd Battalion, New Guinea, from 1942–1945. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Mrs. Kay Alvarez, 1721 Greenview Avenue, Corona, CA 92880-1298.



Alvarez

Joseph J Conoyer, O'Fallon, MO, passed away on June 7, 2004 in Wentzville, MO. Life Member 127, Mr. Conoyer served with "C" **3rd Engineers** in WWII. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Conoyer, 1107 Meadow Pointe Dr., O'Fallon, MO, 63366-2356.

Thomas H. Crouch, Tucson, AZ, passed away on Jan. 15, 2010. Association life member 2287, Thomas served in the **34th Infantry Regiment**, Company C, 1952-53 in Korea. The family may be contacted at P.O. Box 32877, Tucson, AZ 85751-2877.

Robert Eugene Gregg, 79, of Hickory, NC passed away on Feb. 16, 2010, at Catawba Valley Medical Center. He served in Company L, **34th Infantry Regiment** in 1950-51 in Japan and Korea. Robert is survived by his wife, Mrs. Betty Gregg, 312 21st St. SW, Hickory, NC 28602-2125.

Robert B. Hardin, passed away July 4, 2009 in Dunlap, TN. Life Member 151, Robert served with the **5th RCT** from 1948–1951. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Alice Harding, 207A Stone Loop Cave, Dunlap, TN 37327-4709

Hubert S. Hotchkiss, passed away on Dec. 9, 2004 in Narvon, PA. Life member 1135, Hubert served in the **29th Infantry Regiment** in Korea .



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John R. Hummer, CSM, 70, passed away on Jan. 31, 2010 in Hinesville, GA. Life member 1274, John served 24 years in the US Army, including a tour in Vietnam, and at Fort Stewart, GA as the

24th Infantry Division's Command Sergeant Major. He is survived by his wife, Ethel, and two daughters. Interment was Feb. 5, 2010, at the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Mrs. Ethel M. Hummer, 303 Quail Run Dr, Hinesville, GA 31313-3412.

Allan L. LaBrun, of Baltimore, MD, passed away Sep. 2, 2009. Life member 855, Allan served with the **19th Infantry Regiment**. A memorial service was held at Salem United Methodist Church, in Baltimore, on Sep. 20, 2009. Address of record: 7241 Bridgewood Dr., Baltimore, MD 21224-1901.

Frank P. Lewis, Hollister, CA passed away Jan. 8, 2010. Association life member 431, Frank served in the **34th Infantry Regiment** in WWII. The family may be contacted at Daniel A Lewis, 7748 N Patriot Ave, Fresno, CA 93722-22322.

John R. Mannering passed away Feb. 6, 2002 in Haddonfield, NJ. Life member 1709, John served with Company A, **21st Infantry Regiment** in Japan from Jan.-July 1947.

Richard A. Parmenter, 76, of Florida, NY died Feb. 4, 2009. Life member 980, Richard served in the **6th Medium Tank Battalion** in Korea from July 1951 to Aug. 1953. After retirement he enjoyed playing TAPS in Orange County, NY area cemeteries. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Gloria Parmenter, 10 New St., Florida NY 10921-1207.

Ernest "Ernie" Powell, age 78 of Brandenburg, KY passed away on Jan. 25, 2010. Life member 1583, SFC Powell served from Jan. 1951 to Jan. 1954 with both the **19th** and **21st Infantry Regiments**; including time in Korea. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Flossie Powell, 1168 High St., Brandenburg, KY 40108-1501.



George F. Ryals, Jr. of Thomaston, GA passed away on Dec. 23, 2009. Life Member 163, George was a

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Tech Sergeant in the **21st Infantry Regiment** during WWII, in the South Pacific. His family can be reached at 293 Harvey Street, Thomaston, GA 30286.

Siegfried Steinberger passed away on Feb. 1, 2010, in Mississippi. Siegfried served during World War II as a Sergeant in "K" **21st Infantry Regiment**, and was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He was preceded in death by his wife, June Wilke Steinberger, and is survived by sons, Karl, Bruce, and Marty. (By Edward Burgess).

Michael J. Szal, 79, of Largo, FL, passed away Feb. 2, 2010. Life Member 736, Michael served with the **5th RCT** as a SFC during the Korean War receiving the CIB and the Purple Heart. He moved to Florida from McKees Rocks, PA, in 1984. Interment at Bay Pines National Cemetery, St. Petersburg, FL with military honors by KWVA Suncoast Chapter. Michael is survived by his wife, Virginia "Jeanie" Szal, 998 Stephen Foster Dr., Largo, FL 33771-1306.

Racy E. Tabor, of Warren, MI, passed away Jan. 14, 2010. Life member #2105, Racy served in Japan and Korea with **Battery B, 52 FA Bn.** Ms. Bonnie Tabor, 32043 Lancaster Dr, Warren, MI 48088-1350.

Keeping in Touch

Some spouses and surviving family members have asked how to keep in touch with friends they have met in the 24th IDA. I tell them that Associate Membership is an option they may wish to explore. It is only \$15.00 a year and with it you get the *Taro Leaf* and all reunion and other announcements. (see page 24)

A Blog or other social networking web site has been suggested but we have no one who has built such a site. Building a means of enabling spouses and surviving family members to connect is an area where one of our Directors could make a major contribution. tjf

Association Non-Members

Army Spc. Jason E. Ames, 21, of Cerulean, KY, died Aug. 31, 2005 serving during Oper. Iraqi Freedom. He was with the 3rd Battalion, **21st Infantry Regiment**, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, WA.

Merle Owen Blew, 77, died Jan. 27, 2010, in Belleville, KS. Staff Sergeant Blew was a heavy machine gunner with M Co. **21st Infantry Regiment**. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jean Blew, 102 S McRoberts St, Mankato, KS 66956-2239.

Tony Brannon, Captain, of Jamestown, TN was killed in a vehicle accident Jan. 31, 2010, in Columbia, SC. Captain Brannon was E Company commander, a Basic Combat Training unit of the **34th Infantry Regiment** at Fort Jackson. He is survived by his wife, Jessica, and three children at 549 Abbeyhill Dr., Columbia, SC 29229-7574.

James Francis Cochran III, Major General (Ret.), 80, of St. Teresa, FL died Feb. 22, 2010 in Columbus, GA. He **commanded the 24th Infantry Division** at Ft. Stewart, GA from 1979 to 1981. His wife Faye predeceased him; he is survived by his son LTC (R) Lewis C. Cochran and daughter Faye Woolf.

Bernard "Curly" Criswell, 65, Grinnell, IA, who served with the **24th Medical BN** in Korea, 1955-57, passed away July 18, 1999. He is survived by his wife Judith N Criswell, 419 High St, Grinnell, IA 50112.

William R. Evers, Battery C, **555th FA Battalion** in Korea during the war passed away on Oct. 14, 2009 in Thornton, IL. He is survived by Mrs. Theresa Evers, 704 Forest Ln, Thornton, IL 60476.

Benjamin P. Ferguson of Haskell, OK died in 2005. He served with Company B, **21st Infantry** and was a POW from 7 July 1950 until his return on 25 August 1953.

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Lonnie E. "Bud" Fawver passed away Dec. 10, 2008 in Millville, CA. Bud served with the 60mm mortars in the 4th Plt, Company B, **5th RCT** during the Korean War.

Donald L. "Don" Fee, 83, of Barry, IL, died Jan. 23, 2010. Don served in the MP Platoon in Matsuyama/Dogo, Japan. His wife Bertha E. Frankenbach died July 27, 2005, and he is survived by one son, Kyle Fee of Wood Dale, IL. (By Russell G. Arnold, Life #104.)

Walter C. Ferrell passed away in Portland, OR on Jan. 16, 2010. Walter served with the **24th Infantry Division** in New Guinea, the Philippines and occupation duty in Japan. His wife Catharine predeceased him on Sept. 10, 2009; he is survived by three sons, Gregg, Steve and Brian.

Charles M. Frost, 78, Company K, **34th Infantry Regiment** passed away Jan. 24, 2010. Charles was a POW from Jul. 21, 1950 to Aug. 26, 1953. Burial in the Radcliff KY Veterans Cemetery. He is survived by his wife Edith Frost, 1827 Preston St., Radcliff, KY 40160.

Eumont Henson, 84, died Jan 12, 2010, in Montrose, CO. Eumont served with the **24th Infantry Division** from Mar. 1945 – Nov. 1946 in Japan. He is survived by his wife, Ms. Norma Henson, 66503 Kinikin Rd, Montrose, CO 81403-7752.

Keith Carlyle Holdren, 78, passed away Feb. 15, 2010, in San Bernardino, CA. Keith served in Korea with the **24th Infantry Division**. He was sent home due to injuries sustained in a bayonet battle. He is survived by his wife, Ruth M. Holdren, PO Box 30045, San Bernardino, CA 92413-0045.

Ronald Izumigawa passed away Sep. 5, 2009 in Wahiawa, HI. Robert served with Company L, **5th RCT**. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marlene Izumigawa, 1129 Neal Ave., Wahiawa, HI 96786-2143.

Jimmy Jiminez of Daleville, AL died Oct. 2009. He

served with Company D, **Medium Tank Battalion** and was a POW in Camp 1 from Apr. 25, 1951 to Aug. 22, 1953. He is survived by his wife Soon Nyn and a son.

Donald Legay of Lancaster, PA died Jan. 15 2010. He served with Company C, **19th Infantry** and was a POW in Camp 5 from Nov. 11, 1950 until Apr. 1953.

Randolph Lehs, passed away on Dec. 4, 1998 in Fayette, IA. Randolph served with Company A, **5th RCT** in Korea from 1952-1953.

Carl E. Lindberg, 93, of Worcester, MA, formerly of Shrewsbury and Tatnuck Park, passed away Jan. 6, 2010. Carl was a Sergeant in the **34th Infantry Regiment** in WWII. He leaves his wife of 70 years, Elvira E. (Johnson) Lindberg.

Sidney Benett Luria, MD, 93 of Highland Beach, FL and Waterbury, CT passed away Feb. 27, 2010. Dr. Luria served as a Medical officer captain with the **24th Infantry Division** in the Pacific receiving a silver star for treating 264 wounded soldiers in five days without one fatality; he also received a bronze star and the Purple Heart. He is survived by his wife, Irene. Burial at the Arlington National Cemetery.

Donald Barry Montgomery, 78, passed away on Feb. 11, 2010, in Greeley, CO. Born in Mingo Junction, OH, Don served in the **21st Infantry Regiment** from 1951-53 in Korea, and received three Bronze Stars. He is survived by his wife, Faye Montgomery, 2634 Meadowbrook Ln, Greeley, CO 80634-7537.

William Paul Mulkins, 83, Louisville, KY passed away Jan. 26, 2010. He served in the Korean War with the **24th Infantry Division**. He was preceded in death by his wife Mary Jo., and is survived by his children, Karen McCloud, Paula Jo Mulkins, Cindy Murray-Vincent and WPM Jr.

Charles Criss Napier, died Feb. 22, 2010 in Huntington, WV. He was a POW in Korea for more than 37 months with the Tiger Survivors. Napier served with



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the **19th Infantry Regiment**. He is survived by his wife Mary Napier, 1025 Madison Ave, Huntington WV 25704-2537.

Raymond J. Noon, 80, of Ashland, PA, formerly of Philadelphia, died on Jan. 14, 2010. His wife Elizabeth preceded him in death; Ray proudly served in Korea with the **24th Infantry Division** and was a recipient of the Purple Heart.

Gilbert Perkins, 78, passed away on Jan. 26, 2010 in Pocatello, ID. He was with **24th Infantry Division** for the first two months of the Korean War. He is survived by his wife, DeLoa Perkins, 925 Belmont St, Pocatello, ID 83204-2134.

Louis Proietti, 84, passed away Jan. 22, 2010, in Lockport, NY. He served with the **6th Tank Battalion** during the Korean War, receiving the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. Surviving is his wife, Mrs. Helen Proietti, 118 Old Niagara Rd, Apt 4, Lockport, NY 14094.

Raymond Anthony Ruther, Jr., Pensacola, FL, died Feb. 3, 2010. He served in the **24th Infantry Division** in Korea. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Sever Ruther, 7 Redwood Cir, Pensacola, FL 32506.

William J. Sahovey, 78, of Georgetown, MA, passed away Mar. 5, 2010 in Danvers after a short illness. William served with the **21st Infantry Regiment** during the Korean War, honored with the Bronze Star. William is survived by his wife, Janice M. Sahovey of Georgetown.

Gilbert Silva, El Paso, TX, passed away Feb. 8, 2010. Gilbert served in the **24th Infantry Division** in Korea where he received the Purple Heart. He is survived by his son Gilbert Silva, Jr. and daughter Rosemary. Gilbert Silva Jr, 412 Valle Suave Dr, El Paso, TX 79927-3891.

Stanley E. Sousa passed away Oct. 26, 2009 in

Bradenton, FL. Stanley served in Hq, 2nd BN, **5th RCT**. The family may be contacted at Peter Sousa, 4153 66th Street Circle West, Bradenton, FL 34209-7604.

Leslie E. Stanford passed away on Feb. 24, 2010. Colonel Stanford served with the **34th Infantry Regiment** in Korea in 1956. In WW II, he commanded Company L, 30th Infantry Division in France, Holland, Belgium, and Germany, receiving the Silver and Bronze Stars, and the Purple Heart. Leslie is survived by his wife, Arna. Burial at Arlington National Cemetery, VA.

Carlos B. "Carl" Stepp, 79, passed away Jan. 23, 2010, Austintown, OH. Carl was a radio operator in the **24th Infantry Division** during the Korean War, receiving the Bronze Star. He is survived by his wife, Ruthellen Mulholland Stepp in Austintown.

Charles H. Tindle passed away Nov. 27, 2009 in Mount Vernon, IL. Reverend Tindle served with Hqs, **5th RCT** in 1953. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mildred Tindle, 12224 East Meadows Dr., Mount Vernon, IL 62864-2622.

Harold W. Tomlinson passed away Aug. 24, 2009 at Campbell's Point, NY. Tommy was a FO in Korea 1952-53 for the **555th FA Battalion**.

William W. "Yogi" Winans, 84, of Belmont, NH died July 22, 2009. He served with the **34th Infantry Regiment** in 1944. He was predeceased by his wife Marilyn Mueller Winans.

Donald R. "Wolfy" Wolf, 78, of East Liverpool, OH, passed away Jan. 26, 2010. He was a Korean War Veteran serving with the **24th Infantry Division**. Don is survived by his wife, Mrs. Betty Baughman Wolf, 829 Louise Ave., East Liverpool, OH 43929.



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Marshall H. Anderson, 80, of Lompoc, CA



Anderson

passed away April 19, 2010. Life member 1024, Marshall served in Korea with the **63rd and 13th Field Artillery Battalions** from Aug. 1950 to Oct. 1951. He returned to Korea as a peacekeeper in 1956, and also served in Iran, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Germany. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Carol Anderson, 1304 E Olive Ave., Lompoc, CA 93436-7416.

Norm Dixon passed away June 25, 2010 in Peoria, AZ. Life Member 2206, Norm served with Company G, **19th Infantry Regiment** from Aug 1951-Jun 1952. He served as the Association Secretary/Treasurer from September 2003 to the spring of 2005, and successfully negotiated IRS rulings against the Association. He is survived by his wife Ms. Dodie Dixon, 13840 N. Desert Harbor Dr, #222, Peoria, AZ 85381-3654.

Mary Jane Draus, wife of Richard F Draus, Life member #582, passed away on April 9, 2010. Richard served with HQ & HQ Co. **19th Infantry Regiment**, Korea and Japan, 1951-1952. The Draus' only missed two reunions since 1992. Condolences to: Richard F. Draus, 16428 Woodlawn East Ave., South Holland, IL 60473.

Wilbur W. Hill, 89, of Richmond, VA, formerly of Baltimore, MD, passed away April 12, 2009. Life member 264, Wilbur served with Company I, **21st Infantry Regiment**. He was at Pearl Harbor, and served at Goodenough, New Guinea, Hollandia, Biak and Leyete. He was awarded two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. Wilbur is survived by his wife Mildred Hill, 2311 New Berne Rd., Richmond, VA 23228-6019.

Sam P. Hooper, of Tenaha, Texas, passed away on March 7, 2010. Life member 2353, Sam served with Company A, **34th Infantry Regiment** in WWII from 1942-45, including making the Leyte landing on Oct. 20, 1944. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Hooper, 3101 US Highway 84E, Tenaha, Texas 75974-4504.

William A. Jaecke, passed away June 16, 2010, in Salt Lake City, UT. Life member 1476, Bill served with C Company, **19th Infantry Regiment** at the Kum River line where he was wounded. He served three tours in Vietnam. Condolences may be sent to 705 S. Redwood Rd., Tr #77, Salt Lake City, UT 84104-3628.



Jaecke

Eugene B. Lew, 91, of Cheektowaga NY passed away Jan. 20, 2010. Life member 376, Eugene was a Pearl Harbor Survivor and served with the **13th Field Artillery** from 1940 to 1945 in Australia, Leyte, New Guinea and the Philippines. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Elizabeth Lew, 78 Victoria Blvd., Cheektowaga, NY, 14225-4015.



Lew

David Lopera, of Merlin, OR passed away per letter received from his nephew Richard. Life Member 415, David was with A Company, **21st Infantry Regiment**, at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, and served as a Heavy Weapons Platoon Sergeant in the Pacific. His wife Isabel is in assisted living. Send condolences to Richard Lopera, 435 April Drive, Merlin, OR 97532.

Earl J. Mason, Gonzales, LA, passed away Jan. 3, 2005, per family-verified record in the online Social Security Death Index. Life member 463, Mr. Mason served with the **21st Infantry Regiment**. *Taro Leaf* returned May 6, 2010; no family information available.

Rice Alexander McNutt, 79, of Blue Ridge, VA passed away April 10, 2010. Life Member 1712, Mr. Rice served with HQ & HQ **19th Infantry Regiment** in Japan and Korea; he retired from the Army as a Master Sergeant. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Molly McNutt, 114 Birch Dr, Blue Ridge, VA 24064-1240. (PO BOX 128, BLUE RIDGE VA 24064-0128).



McNutt

Hoyt Fay Overcash, Concord, NC, died March 26, 2010. Hoyt served with Battery B, **13th Field Artillery Battalion** in WWII from 1942 to 1945 (See



Overcash



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"Hoyt's War" Vol. 63(2) Spring 2009, Page 16). He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Joyce Cowles Overcash, 772 Ideal Dr., SE, Concord, NC 28025-3810.

Miller O. Perry, Brig. Gen. Ret., East Lansing, MI died March 20, 2010 at the age of 102. He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Pauline Moss Perry in 1985. Miller served as Commanding Officer, **52nd Field Artillery**, 24th Infantry Division, with **Task Force Smith**. His awards during his 30 year career included: Distin-



Gen. Perry

guished Service Cross, two Legions of Merit, three Bronze Star Medals, a Purple Heart and numerous others. Interment will be in the United States Military Academy Cemetery, West Point, NY. Ms. Susan M Perry, 120 Gamble St, Saint Charles, MO 63301-1602.

Alvis Leo "Slim" Rock passed away on April 15, 2010 in Stilwell, Oklahoma. Life member 132, Slim served in the **21st Infantry Regiment** and fought in the Philippines, where he received the Bronze Star. He also was a welder and served in Japan. His family may be contacted at Janie Hooper, Rt. 1, Box 170, Bunch, Oklahoma 74931-9708.

Valentine "Val" Schaaf, 87, Hillsboro, OR, died March 28, 2010. Life Member #280, Val served with "H" Company, **21st Infantry Regiment** in WWII, 1941 - 1945. He is survived by his children, Valerie, Teresa, Michael, Alan, Jim, Janna and Cindy. Michael V Schaaf, 435 NW Forest St, Hillsboro, OR 97124-2964.



Schaaf

George F. Seiferth Jr., of Plattsburgh, NY, passed away May 8, 2010. Life member 1085, George served in Korea and Japan with the **6th Tank**, as a platoon leader and aviation liaison officer. Following active duty, he continued as an Army reserve officer and retired in 1982 as an infantry colonel in upstate New York. He is



Seiferth

survived by his wife, Edith Ann Seiferth of 30 Trafalgar Drive, Plattsburgh, NY 12901-1341.

Theodore G. Sharpe, of Clermont, FL passed away June 10, 2008. Life Member 1541, Ted served with the **24th Quartermaster** during WWII. He was with Southern Forces in Naples for NATO as a Captain, and at Clark Air Base in the Philippines at the start of Vietnam War. He retired as a Major in 1963. Ted is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sue Sharpe, 677 East Avenue, Clermont, Florida 34711-2525.

Francis Sam Slater, Hatboro, PA passed away March 29, 2010. Sam served with Company C, **19th Infantry Regiment** in Korea from 1951-53. Send condolences to Kathleen B Slater, 503 S Warminster Rd, Apt H1, Hatboro, PA 19040-4117.

William H. "Pop" Thornton, Henderson, NV, recently of Millington, TN, passed away May 16, 2010 in Henderson. Life member 2193, William served with Co. B, 21st Infantry Regiment with **Task Force Smith** and with Co. A, 19th Infantry Regiment. He also served in WWII and Vietnam. William is survived by his wife Yoshiko Thornton, 1517 Plainsight Avenue, Henderson, NV 89014-0811.

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Bradley Lawrence Alvadji, 49, of Navarre, Fla., passed away April 8, 2010. He was born on March 12, 1961, in Detroit. Brad served in the 24th Infantry Divi-

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sion in **Operation Desert Storm**. He is survived by his wife, Susie.

John Wilson Callaway, 94, of Atlanta, GA, died May 11, 2010. From 1941 to 1944, he served as a company officer and Regimental Adjutant of the **34th Infantry Regiment**. John was predeceased by his wife of 59 years, Madeleine Sohlstrom Callaway.

Ernest James Charles, 82, passed away on March 26, 2010 at Pikeville, KY. On July 5, 1950, Ernest was a member of Medical Company, **21st Infantry Regiment**, and was captured by the North Koreans where he spent over 37 months as a POW and was a Tiger Survivor. Cards may be sent to Mrs. Emma Charles, PO Box 2731, Pikeville KY 41502-2731.

Ruben D. DeLaCruz, 79, Waco, TX was promoted to Glory on April 11, 2010. Ruben was a member of HQ Company, 2nd Battalion, **19th Infantry Regiment**; he was captured on July 16, 1950 near the Kum River and became a Tiger Survivor. He leaves his wife Rosa, to whom cards may be sent at 2525 Colcord Avenue, Waco TX 76707-1910.

Lawrence A. Gardner, Jr. LT. Col. (Ret.), 76, of Shingletown, CA, died May 23, 2010. He served with the **19th Infantry Regiment** in Korea, was a POW, and received the Silver and Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Gardner, 30877 Bambi Dr, Shingletown, CA 96088-9601

Frank F. Hughes Jr., 61, Buffalo, NY, died March 6, 2010. Mr. Hughes served as a combat medic at Fort Lee, VA, served two tours in Korea and, served with the **24th Infantry Division** at Fort Stewart, Ga. He is survived by his mother, Lorraine; three brothers, Richard, Michael and Edward; and a sister, Lynda.

Tyree Jones, 89, died Sunday, March 28, 2010, in Ridgeland, MS. He served in the military from 1942 to 1945 with the 24th Infantry.

Erling A. Julnes, 80, of Olga, WA, died January 16, 2010. He served with HQ. and HQ. Co., 19th Infantry Regiment in Korea.

Joseph P. Lopez, Medic with Company A, **5th Regimental Combat Team** 1950-51, died July 16, 2009. "Many a man owes their life to Joe Lopez", according to Jay B. Dixon, also of Co. A, 5th RCT, 2105 Military Rd., Niagara Falls, NY 14304-1735.

Don Mickey, F Company, **21st Infantry Regiment** in Korea passed away Jan. 7, 2010. Condolences may be sent to Ms. Donna Mickey, 4524 Hazelwood, North Little Rock, AR 72116.

Kenneth Milheiser of Palm Harbor FL on May 30, 2010. Served in Korea 1950-1951 with the Triple Nickel (555th) FA BN, C Battery, **5th Regimental Combat Team**. Ken was a thirteen year member of KWVA Chapter 14; four words sum up Ken's life—for God and country. Last known address: 1479 Brier Ct, Palm Harbor, FL 34683-6367. Submitted by Clarence Dadswell.

Marion Eugene "Gene" Moulton, 81, of Havana, FL, passed away March 12, 2010. Gene served in the **24th Infantry** during the Korean War, his battalion was the first to enter the war on July 4, 1950. He is survived by his daughter, Angela Edele (Scott) of Severance, NY and son, Andrew Moulton of Tallahassee.

Robert Dale Smith, 87, died March 14, 2010 in Duxbury, MA. Robert served in the US Army as a Captain during WWII with the **24th Infantry Division** in the Phillipine Islands. He is survived by his wife Arline Smith of Marshfield, MA.

Robert F Smith passed away March 29, 2009 in Long Beach CA. Bob served with the 24th Infantry Division in Augsburg, Germany in 1965 - 1966 and was assigned to Company D. **724th Maintenance Battalion**. His wife Lou, his son Robert and daughter Jamie and several grandchildren survive.

James William Truluck, Jr., of Florence, SC, died May 21, 2010. Bill served with the 24th Infantry Division in the Pacific; he made six amphibious landings in New Guinea and The Philippines, receiving the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. Bill is survived by his wife, Peggy Taylor Palles Truluck,



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Raymore Douglas "Bud" Walcher died Mar. 6, 2010 in Grand Junction, CO. He was a Sergeant in the Military Police, **24th Infantry Division** including a tour in Japan. He is survived by his wife, Virginia.

Denny B. Young, 77, of Eustis, FL, passed away April 28, 2010. He was a canoneer with the **555th Field Artillery** in Korea where he was captured in 1951 and held Prisoner of War for 28 months. Denny is survived by his wife Mrs. Nelda Young, 610 Briarcliff Rd, Eustis, FL, 32726.

The following served with **21st Infantry Regiment**.

Donald D Burke, 52nd HQ, May 15, 2009.

Herbert Cain, Hvy Mtr, Jan. 10, 2006.

Oliver M. DeVoss, 52nd HQ, May 31, 2009.

Rudolph Giannelli, HQ Co, Dec. 4, 2008.

Paul Godsman, 52nd FA HQ, Nov, 8, 2007.

Leon Heatherly, M Co, Oct. 13 2008.

James G. Holder, I Co, Jan. 9, 2010.

James H. Hopkins, 52nd, Jan 30, 2009.

Jack J. Kron, 52nd HQ, Mar 19, 2005.

Wm. A. Littleghost, F Co, Jul 31. 2009.

Lloyd R. McCandlish, D Co, Dec 13, 2009

Ray Wilhite, M Co, Dec 21, 2007.

End of 21st Infantry Regiment list.

The following served with the **5th RCT**.

Bronald E. Alden, 555th FA Bn, Battery A (52-53) died May 1, 2009, in Galesburg, IL. He is survived by his wife June, 130 Circle Dr., Galesburg, IL 61401-1829

John E. Back, Company A, (50), died December 4, 2009 in Paragould, AR.

Marshall F. Bendixen, Co. H (51-52) died Nov. 2, 2009, in Albert Lea, MN. He is survived by his wife Helen, 1705 Lancaster Lane, Albert Lea, MN 56007.

Clyde Chance, died May 12, 2010, in Nederland, TX. He is survived by his wife Betty.

Charles R. Eichorn, Company L & HHC, 3d Bn (51-53) died December 25, 2009, in Hebron, ME.

Williams S. Edwards, died April 20, 2010, in St Paul, MN. He is survived by his wife Shirley.

James W. Evans, died May 1, 2010, in Williamsburg, VA. James commanded Company A during the battle for OP Harry earning a Silver Star and Purple Heart.

Eugene M. Elmore, HHC died March 16 2010 in Louisville, KY. His wife Francis preceded him in death.

Ken Fujinaga, 555th FA Bn, Battery A (50-51) died June 21, 1998 In Kapaa, HI

Thomas W. Hardy Jr., died March 28, 2010 in Savannah, GA. He was awarded the Bronze Star in Korea. He was preceded in death by his wife Blanche.

Kenneth M. Hatch, 72d Engr, died April 18, 2010 in Newport, OR. During the Korean War he was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Ronald L. Hughes, Co. M, (53-54) died Aug. 11, 2009 in Chesterfield Township; survived by his wife Donna, 30585 Lynn court, Chesterfield Twp, MI 48051.

Harry C. Karns, Company E (52-53) died Aug. 11, 2008 in Bedford, PA.

Theodore Noose, died Apr. 26, 2010 in Chicago, IL.

Albert Paragoso, Hq, 3d Bn (50-51) died in Apr. 1, 2010 in Mililani, HI

Clarence Randle, Company H died Feb. 4, 2010 in Chicago.

Phillip R. Schwalm, Hq Co (52-53) died Jan. 19, 2010 in Santa Fe, TX. He is survived by Marceline, 11903 Old Spanish Trail Santa Fe, TX 77510-6638.

Harry L. Thomas, Jr., Company L (52-53) died Apr. 29 2009. His survived by his wife Leona 2902 Woodlawn Ave., Colonial Heights, VA 23834-1561.

Theodore H. Wolf, Hq Company, died Feb. 8, 2009 in Macungie, PA. He is survived by his wife Betty 2802 Terrwood Drive East, Macungie, PA 18062-8490

End of the 5th Regimental Combat Team list.



Fallen Comrades

CORRECTION: Norm Dixon who was listed in Taps of the past Taro Leaf was a member of the **21st RGT**...not the 19th RGT as stated.

Wilbur W. Hill, 89, of Richmond, VA, formerly of Baltimore, MD, passed away April 12, 2009. Wilbur served with **21st RGT**, Company I. He was at Pearl Harbor, and served at Goodenough, New Guinea, Hollandia, Biak and Leyte. He was awarded two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. Wilbur is survived by his wife Mildred Hill, 2311 New Berne Rd., Richmond, VA 23228-6019. **Life Member 264**

William Allen Jaecke passed away June 15, 2010. He enlisted into the U.S. Army in 1948 at the age of 17, served one tour of duty in Korea, **CO G 19th RGT**, and two tours in Vietnam. He was wounded in July 1950 when half of his unit was killed. He received the Purple Heart, two Bronze Stars, and five Good Conduct Medals. He served from 1948 - 1971 and retired as Sergeant First Class. He was a member of Eagles Arie 67, a life member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the 24th IDA. **Life Member 1476**



Charles M. Freeman passed away June 30, 2010 in Naples. He was born in Albany, NY on March 27, 1921. He attended Syracuse University and graduated in 1943 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Psychology. Following graduation, he entered active service in the US Army. He served with honor as First Lieutenant in the **24th ID** until 1946. **Life Member 2210**



Leroy A. Frankforter, age 85, of Perrysburg, Ohio, passed away July 16, 2010. He was a sergeant in the U.S. Army serving during WWII with the **24th ID**. Leroy was proud of his service in the 24th and when he was buried he wore the division pin on his lapel. He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Dorothy Frankforter, 550 West

6th Street, Perrysburg, OH 42551. **Member**

Billy C. Gaston of Summerfield, FL, passed away July 21, 2010 in Summerfield. Bill served in the **24th MP** from 1951-1952, in Korea and Japan. Interment will be in Florida National Cemetery. Billy is survived by his wife: Mrs. Zillah Gaston, 17738 SE 119th Ave Rd, Summerfield, FL, 34491-8000, ph:352-347-4257. **Life Member 2310**.

Robin L. Booth, died 4/18/10. He served in Korea with **A CO 21st RGT**. Condolences may be sent to Booth Family at N 6597 Anderson Dr., Delevan, WI 53115 **Life Member 462**



Richard "Red" C. Watson, past president of the 24th IDA, died June 6, 2010. He served in the South Pacific during WWII in New Guinea and Leyte and Luzon in the Philippines from October 1942 to November 1945. The 24th ID and Taro Leaf meant a great deal to him. Red was a life member of the American Legion and the VFW, a Shriner, and a Kentucky Colonel.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mrs. Phyllis Watson, 13910 W. Wild Cherry Ln., Daleville, IN 47334-9628. Telephone 765 378-3721 **Life Member 074**



Lawrence R. Plaatje, died 7/15/10. He served with **L CO 34th RGT** in Japan and Korea. My dad was very proud to be a member of the association. Condolences may be sent to his son, Rich Plaatje, 9706 N. 184th Lane, Waddell, AZ 85355 **Life Member 2147**

Major Delbert Taylor Rasmussen (Retired), age 69, died on July 20, 2010 following a courageous battle with Cancer. Major Rasmussen was born in Vernal, Utah. He served in the United States Army from 1958 to 1980 completing assignments with several units including the 24th ID.

Alfred W. Sullivan, 79 died Monday, Aug. 16, 2010, at Milford Regional Medical Center. Sullivan was an Army combat veteran of the Korean War serving in the **24th ID**. He received the Combat Infantry Badge, and the Korean Service Medal with 5 Bronze Service Stars. He is survived by his longtime companion, Ruth Thomas of Mansfield, MA.

H. A. Delameter, died 6/22/10. He served in **A CO 34th RGT** during WWII. Condolences may be sent to his wife Lenora, at 305 N.Washington St., Princeton, MO 64673

Thomas Michael Burns died June 20, 2010. He was born in El Dorado, KS on June 25, 1929. He was commissioned a 1st Lt. in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the United States Army and served at Yangu, Korea with the **24th Infantry Division**.

LeRoy V. Baumgartner, died at his home in Warren, Indiana on May 23, 2010. LeRoy served in **CO D 21st RGT**, a member of Task Force Smith, and prisoner of the North Koreans from 5 July 1950 until his return to military control on 15 August 1953. He is survived by four sons, a daughter, four brothers and four sisters.

Anthony S. (Tony) Fontana, age 77, died on 29 June 2010 in Oklahoma City. OK. Tony served with **CO I 21st RGT**, in Japan and Korea and a member of Task Force Smith. Tony was taken prisoner on 12 July 1950 and returned to military control on 2 September 1953. He is believed to be the youngest of the Tiger Survivors.



Lt. Col. (Ret.) Richard "Mike" Hammer died in El Paso on June 26, 2010, at the age of 92. He is survived by his wife of more than 30 years, Abbie G. Hammer, and family. He joined the U.S. Army in 1940. As a member at Ft. Ord, California, he commanded a motorized infantry unit. When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and World War II began, he was assigned to the 7th Division, serving all through the war in the South Pacific. In the Korean War he served with the **24th**. At the end of the Korean War he earned a BA degree and worked at the U.S. Post Office for 20 years before his retirement.



George J. Provencher, 86, died June 29, 2010. A World War II Army veteran, he served in the 112th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division. He served in Normandy with five campaign stars and was involved in the liberation of Paris and the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded the Bronze Star, the Combat Infantry Badge, and Purple Heart. He also served in the Korean War as Assistant Adjutant of the **21st RGT** of the 24th ID.

He received the CIB with Cluster, and the Korean Service Medal.

W. B. "Jack" Jackson Jr. died on July 2, 2010. He served in G CO **21st RGT** during the Korean War, and fervently desired that America would always be "the land of the free, and the home of the brave." Survivors include his loving and faithful wife of 51 years, Maureen.

Lester Lee Sutton, age 91, died on July 7, 2010. He was a United States Army Veteran and he served with the **24th Infantry Division** in the South Pacific in World War II. Mr. Sutton is survived by his wife Jimmie Youngblood Sutton.



Thomas "Ted" R. Wood, 89, died July 8, 2010. Tom was born May 25, 1921 in Des Moines, Iowa. Ted, a WW II army veteran, was an instructor at the Ft. Benning, GA infantry school before joining the **24th Infantry Division** in the Pacific Theater. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Doris.

Arthur P. Lombardi, COL (Ret.) passed on September, 2010 at age 86. He entered the Army in February, 1943, rose to the rank of 1SGT on New Guinea and received a battlefield commission on Luzon P.I. in 1945. He served in three wars; WW II, Korea and Vietnam. His awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, two Legions of Merit, the Soldiers Medal, three **Bronze Stars**, the **Purple Heart**, the Vietnamese Distinguished Service Order, the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm, and others. He is survived by his wife Dolores Long Lombardi, 533 Georgetown Road, Clarksville, TN 37043, 931 645-3009. **Life Member 1124**



Leo R. Cullen, age 82, of West Paterson, New Jersey passed away August 30, 2010. He bravely served this country as a member of the United States Army in L CO **19th RGT**, 1951-1952, during the Korean War. He was a member the Knights of Columbus, Elks, VFW, and the American Legion. **Life Member 2140**



Melvin "Mike" Butrica, of Milltown, passed away Monday, Aug. 30, 2010. He was 90. Born in Highland Park, he lived in Milltown most of his life. An Army sergeant during World War II, he was a Pearl Harbor survivor, serving with the **24th ID**. All that knew Mike knew he was a tireless worker who fought for what he believed in. He will be sadly missed. Surviving is his wife of 58 years, Roselyn (Calapa) Butrica, 33 E Foch Ave., Milltown, NJ 08850-1716. **Life Member 648**



Bernie L. Rose, 79 of Ona, WV passed away June 25, 2010. Bernie served during the Korea War with I CO **5th RCT** of the 24th Infantry Division from August 1951 to December 1952. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Wilma Rose, 3521 Wire Branch Rd., Ona, WV 25545-9514 **Life Member 1537**

William P. Bauer, died on August 3, 2010 in Sun City, AZ. He served with the **724th Ordinance** in Japan '46-'48. Condolences may be sent to his wife Ruth, at 9305 W. Wild Horses Ct. Sun City, AZ 85373



Henry J. Gosztyla died July 5, 2010. He served in B CO **34th RGT** during WWII. He was a Bronze Star recipient for heroism during the Liberation of the Philippines. For many years at our reunions, Henry lit the candles at our memorial banquet. He is survived by his wife Mary Gosztyla, 27207 Walsh Drive, Warren, MI 48092, 586-751-4720 **Life Member 191**

Ramon F. Cooper, passed away August 27, 2010. He was 83. Raymon served in Korea with Battery D, **26th AAA BN**. He was an Honor Guard in Japan when flags exchanged places after the Treaty. His wife Marilyn said, "He always enjoyed the *Taro Leaf*, and appreciated the hard work that went into its publication, and going to the Leesburg (CF24th) gatherings at the Golden Corral the few times that he was well enough. Thank you all, and God bless!" Marilyn W. Cooper, PO Box 548, Lake Como, FL, 32157-0548, Telephone: 386-649-4889, dobedobedo1@bellsouth.net **Member**

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Raymond Perez passed away on Monday, September 13, 2010, in Fresno at the age of 80. He served in Korea in the **26AAA** from 1951 - 1953. He is preceded in death by his wife Ophelia. He is survived by his children, Carmen Perez, Beatrice Rivas, Frank and Michael Perez.

Guy Banner Sr., died September 10, 2010 with his beloved Nancy of twenty-five years by his side. He served as Sergeant 1st Class in the 24th Infantry Division AAA in Korea where he received a Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars.

Robert J. Moore passed away August 10, 2010. He served in Korea with E CO, **19th RGT** 1951-1952.



Fred A. Erwin, age 92, passed away September 20, 2010 in the company of his loving wife of 64 years, Leila Mae. In WWII he was deployed to the Phillipines as First Sergeant with 2nd BN HQ CO, **21st RGT**. He took part in the invasion of Mindanao and the occupation of Japan.

Dr. William Carter Parker, Jr. died September 18, 2010. He served in **HQ 24th Infantry Division** in Augsburg, Germany.



Fisher Ames, 85, of Herndon, VA, died on Monday, October 4, 2010. He left The Citadel at the age of 18 to enlist for WW II where he served with the **19th RGT** as an Infantry scout, mapping Japanese positions and trails. He was discharged May 1946, after a year recuperating in an Army hospital. **Life Member 1423**

Kenneth Fretty, 81, died November 26, 2008 in Swea City, Iowa. CPL Fretty was awarded the Bronze Star with "V" Device for heroic achievement when serving with C CO, **5th RGT**. He distinguished himself by heroic action near Yongon-ni, Korea, on 19 October 1951. He is survived by his wife Norma of Grand Meadow, MN.

Edwin A. Marmon, 88, of Lake Worth, FL, passed away Sunday, October 10, 2010. At 19 years old, Edwin entered OCS at Fort Sill, OK, where he was later commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant. He began his Army service as a liaison pilot for the field artillery flying Piper Cubs. He was an officer of the 19th RGT combat team. He earned the Purple Heart, the Silver Star, and the Bronze Star for service in the Philippines. He completed his service as a captain in Japan during the early months of the occupation before being discharged in December, 1945.



Frank Fantino, died September 9, 2010 in Apple Valley, CA. He was 85 years old. He served with the **19th RGT** in Hollandia, New Guinea and the Philippines 1943-1946. "My husband of 61 years will be missed by many as he was a fine man who loved his country and served with pride," said his wife, Mary Fantino, 13443 Paoha Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308-3727, 760 247-5916 **Life Member 402**.

CPL Floyd Hooper's remains were buried in November, 2010 in his hometown of Stratton, CO. Defense officials say the 27-year-old Hooper was fighting with the **19th RGT** against Chinese Communist forces in Korea, February 1951. He was captured Feb. 4, 1951, near Yangp'yong. Surviving prisoners of war said Hooper was held in a POW camp in Suan County, North Korea, where he died of malnutrition and dysentery.

Virgle A. Graham passed away on April 19, 2010. Virgle served in Korea with the **19th RGT**, where he received the Purple Heart. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Eula M. Graham, 318 Devin Dr, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464-4500, (931) 762-2166.

John W. Tate died October 20, 2010 in Mt. Washington, KY. He took basic training with the 1st BN, 19th RGT and served with the with 24th ID, 8th Army, and 566th Quartermaster in Kobe, Japan from 1946-1947. He is survived by his son, Kenny Tate, 163 East Laurel River Drive, Shepherdsville, KY 40165 k.tate@insightbb.com.



Fred Retterath was born Feb. 13, 1918 and served in the Army from 1942 to 1945. He was SSG of the Sharp Shooters of the **21st RGT** and was wounded at the Battle of Leyte. He died December 6, 2010, at the Austin Medical Center.

Robert A. "Bob" Newkirk, 21st RGT, (picture on the next page, top left; Bob attended the Buffalo Reunion) Retired Command Sergeant Major died December 6, 2010 at age 89. He enlisted in the Army on January 3, 1941 and served during the attack on Pearl Harbor and throughout the war in the Pacific. Bob was a Life Member of the Association and served as the On-site Chairman for the Association's reunion in Indianapolis in 2006. He is survived by a son Paul Allen Newkirk of Whiteland, IN and a daughter Gloria Jean Cassens of Appleton, WI.

Francois X. Therrien, LTC (Ret.), 21st RGT C CO, age 82, of Winter Springs, passed away November 10, 2010. He was a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy in 1950, he served the country he loved for over 24 years. As a highly decorated US Army infantry officer he fought in many campaigns in Korea and Vietnam. He received the French *Croix de Guerre* with Palm. In addition to numerous other medals, he was awarded the Silver Star and Bronze Star. Surviving Francois is his wife of over 41 years, Yoshiko Therrien.

William H. "Pop" Thornton, Company B, 21st RGT (Task Force Smith) died 16 May 2010 in Henderson, NV. He served with the Division in Japan and departed from there for Korea in July 1950. He served during WWII, Korea and Vietnam earning two stars for the Combat Infantryman Badge. William is survived by his wife Yoshiko who resides at 1517 Plainsight Avenue, Henderson, NV 89014.

William Clyde McClure, 82, died September 8, 2010. He was a corporal in the Korean War serving with the **21st RGT HQ** 2nd BN, '51-'53. He Life member of the 3/34th-2/21st Infantry Reunion Association and 24th IDA **Life Member 1548**.

William Guthrie Howard, 92, passed away December 2, 2010. He lived at 703 West Main Street, Portland, Indiana 47371. He served with the 24th Infantry Division during World War II in the Philippines and Occupied Japan. Surviving are wife Clara, son William, and two daughters, Linda and Phyllis.

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Charles Edward "Chuck" Unsworth, 82, was a member of HQ CO, 1st BN, **19th RGT** and Past-President Jim Hill's driver in Korea during the Korean War (50-51). Had served in Korea on Occupation duty prior to joining the 24th in Japan. Chuck passed away December 22, 2010. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1948, and while serving in the Korean War he received two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. **Life 984.**



Junior Gougisha, passed away January 15, 2011 at the age of 82. Junior served in the Recoilless Section of the Weapons Platoon of E CO, **19th RGT**, 1951-52 in Korea.



Xen Emerson Lemmon, 82, passed away January 18, 2011. After graduation he joined the United States Army serving in the **24th ID**, stationed in Karkora Japan.

Torrence Vernon "Mike" Jones, LTC Ret., age 96, of Columbia, SC died recently. In 1943, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the European Theater where he received a battlefield commission in 1945. He also served in Korea with the **24th ID**. Mike was awarded the Silver Star, the [Bronze Star](#) with Oak Leaf Cluster, and CIB.



Joseph H. Newman, 83, of Gilford, NH passed away January 18, 2011. He joined the US Army in 1946 and spent a year in Japan in the post WWII Occupation as part of the Army Service CO, **19th RGT**. He was discharged in 1950 but was recalled to active duty for the Korean War.

Wallace C. Carson, 84, died December 30, 2010. He joined the Army in 1944 and served in the Philippines and Japan with the **19th RGT**. **Life member 339**

Clifford N. Walter, 84, Eagle Lake, passed on Nov. 13, 2010. He served in the **52nd FA** in Korea, 1950-1951.

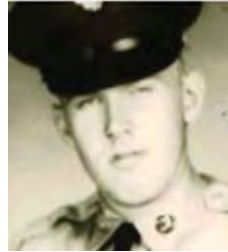


James T. Kane Jr., 90, passed away Jan. 24, 2011. He enlisted in the Army at the beginning of World War II. Trained as an artillery specialist and forward observer, he saw extensive combat action with the 24th ID, **52nd FA** in the Philippines and Dutch New Guinea. **Member**

Jackie Thomas Eazarsky passed away Friday Feb. 4, 2011. He entered the Army in May 1965 received basic training at Fort Dix N.J. and assigned to the **24th ID** in Germany.

W.H. Van Kirk died November 1, 2010. He was a proud Army veteran who enlisted in 1948. He served in Japan and then in Korea, 1950-1951, with G CO, **19th RGT**, also in Germany before being discharged in 1954. He leaves his wife, Vickie, and children. Vickie Van Kirk, 12751 Clay Sta. Road, Herald, CA 95638, tel. 209 748-2416. **Life 2320.**

William E. Kramer passed away on Friday, Feb. 4, 2011. A member of the 24th Association, Mr. Kramer served in G CO, **19th RGT**, from July 1951 to July 1952 in Korea and Japan. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Mrs. Vallaise "Val" Kramer, at**Member**



George Gilman Bigelow Dopp After graduation, he entered the [Army](#) as a Second Lieutenant stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia. After completing infantry officer training, he graduated from the Ranger and Airborne schools. He served in Vietnam earning the [Bronze Star](#). He was reassigned to Munich, Germany, with the **24th ID**.



James Woodrow Flynn, Jr., age 78, died February 10, 2011. He was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1953. He served as an Engineer Supply Specialist in H & S. CO, 3rd ENG Combat BN, 24th ID, in the Republic of Korea in 1953 and 1954, attaining the rank of sergeant. **Member**



Joseph Allen "Jack" Franks, Lt. Col. (Ret) He was in the Occupational Forces in Japan at the close of [WWII](#), and taught ROTC at Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas in the early 1950's. He also served in Korea and with the 24th Infantry Division in Augsburg, Germany, where he was the Division's Inspector General.

Paul Vance, died some months ago, also his wife, Jane passed away this past year. Paul was in his early 90's He was a T-3 with the 114th Photo Interpretation Team, HQ **24th ID**. Paul was with us on Leyte, Mindoro, and Mindanao, and went on to Japan for several months of occupation duty. **Life 1453**



Curtis C Willis, G CO, **21st RGT** passed away on Feb. 15, 2011 with Virginia, his wife of 61 years at his side. He served as a SGT in Leyte, Mindanao, and Mindoro followed by duty in Japan. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Virginia Willis at PO Box 84, Ben Hur, VA 24218. **Life 860**

LTG Robert Jacob Baer, USA (Ret.) He graduating with the Class of 1947 U.S. Military Academy, West Point. General Baer served his Army and nation proudly for 36 years. In 1954 he was a Tank Company Commander in the **24th ID** in Japan.

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Schumacher, Eugene E. "Gene" Age 82. Passed away March 3, 2011. [Korean War Army](#) Veteran, Gene, was a member of the 24th Infantry Division Association, the **5th RCT. Member**



JD Henley, (left) passed away December 19, 2010 in Marana, AZ. He served with the **19th RGT** during WWII in the Philippines. **Life 1710**

Robert Anderson, 24th MED, Served in WWII, Woodruff, SC 29388 **Life # 382**

John S. Baldwin, 3rd ENG, WWII, Died 2/17/11. Front Royal VA

H. Gordon Behrel, 19th IR HQ, WWII, Died 3/22/10. Spouse survivor, Jane, 843 Maple Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515

William M. Cullers, 21st IR E CO, Died 11/2/10. Served in Japan, Oklahoma City OK 73102

Leo R. Davignon, 21st IR G CO, Died 6/21/08, Served in WWII Middleburg Hts., OH 44130 **Life # 975**

Dunkin Delwin A., 19th IR F CO, Died 1/8/11. Served in WWII and Japan. Survived by Lottayne, 701 Montara Rd #142, Barstow, CA 92311 **Life # 1239**

Harold W. Edwards, 19th IR F CO. Died 6/2/10. Served in Korea. Survivor, Margaret, 3140 E. Raynell St. #U, Springfield, MO 65804

James W. Flynn Jr., 3rd Eng H&S, Died 2/10/11. Served in Japan & Korea. Baytown TX 77521

Henry E. Gorgol, 21st IR, Died 3/21/09. Served in WWII. Exeter, NH 03833, **Life #758**

William G. Howard, 4th IR C CO. Died 12/2/10. Served in WWII and Japan. Survived by Clara, 703 W. Main St., Portland, IN 47371.

Donald C. Luedtke, 34th IR, Died 6/10/10. Served in Japan and Korea. Arcadia NE 68815 **Life # 262**

Lowell W. McDaniel, 19th IR HQ. Died 2/17/10. Served in WWII. Survived by Frances, 6409 Duffield Drive, Dallas, TX 75248.

Robert A. Newkirk, Sr., 21st IR H CO. Served in WWII. Died 12/6/10. Franklin, IN 46131 **Life #449**

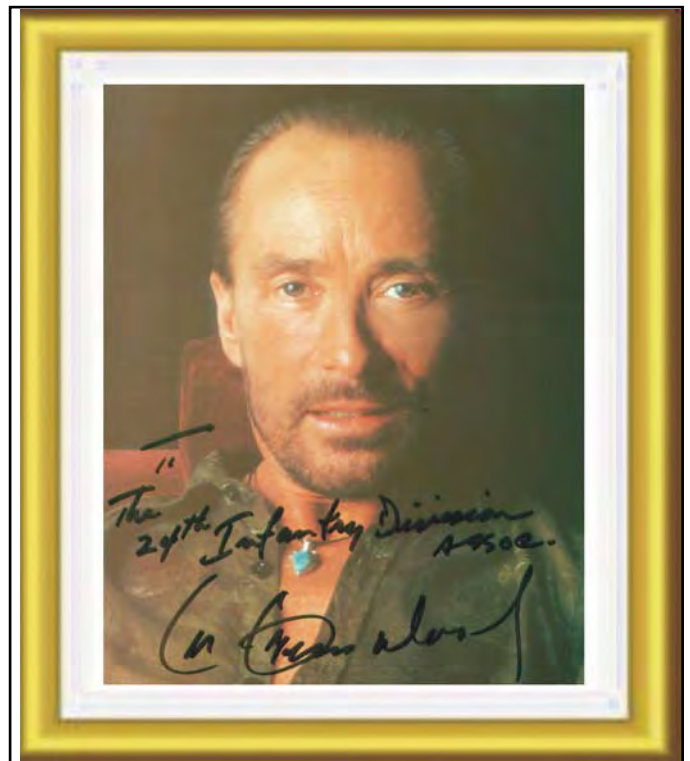
Louis J. Pascal, 21st IR. Died 8/25/95. Served in WWII. Twinsburg, OH 44087. **Life # 839**

Hollis E. Pederson, 19th IR. Died 6/4/10. Served in Korea. Mesa, AZ 85205 **Life # 865**

William G. Pellegrini, 19th IR G CO. Served in Germany. Carver, MA 02330, **Life # 1152**

Max L. Pitney, 63rd FA. He served in WWII and Japan and was a POW. Overland Park, KS 66213. **Life # 697**

Fred Putz, 21st IR. Died 9/30/04. Served in WWII and Japan. Lacona, IA 50139. **Life # 446**



Country Western Fans - Autograph Collectors

The original signed photograph of Lee Greenwood, which was shown on the cover of the Taro Leaf Spring Issue, has been attractively framed and is being put up for auction for the benefit of the 24th ID Association.

We ask for bids in increments of \$10 and we already have a starting bid of \$25. For the latest high bid call David Valley at 858 485-7550.

The winner will be reported in the Summer Taro Leaf

Robert M. Raub, 19th IR I CO. Died 2/21/11. Served in Japan and Korea. Zephyrhills, FL 33541

Arlen S. Russell, 5th RCT K CO. Died 12/22/10. Served in Korea. Pickerington, OH 43147. **Life#1077**

Edwin J. Ryan, 19th IR HQ. Died 11/29/10. Served in Japan and Korea. Walpole, MA 02081

James D. Sharps, 24th QM. Died 2/10. Served in Japan. Himrod, NY 14842

James W. Stark, 19th IRHQ. Served in Korea. Mauston, WI 53948. **Life # 2253**

Louis R. Torres, 21st IR L CO. Died 11/24/10. Served in Japan and Korea. Survived by Sheridan, 1214 Coast Oak Drive, Santa Ynez, CA 93463. **Life # 1605**

Curtis C. Willis, 21st IR. Died 2/15/11. Served in WWII and Japan. Ben Hur, VA 24218 **Life #860**

MAY GOD REST THEIR SOULS

Fallen Comrades

Edward J. Kenney, age 82, of Springfield PA, passed away on March 30, 2011. During WWII, he was a rifleman with the **19th RGT** and was awarded the WWII Victory Medal and the Army of Japan Occupation Medal.

Ralph Carter recently passed away. He was a proud member of **19th RGT**, serving in the Pacific Theater during WWII. **Life Member 495**

Sgt Charles Rechenbacher, who served in Korea with the D CO, **34th RGT**, and H CO, **19th RGT** passed away April 2, 2011. He was ex-POW from the Korean War where he earned the CIB, two Bronze Stars with "V", two Purple Hearts, and several other medals.

Richard Samuel Blose, 84, died Thursday, April 21, 2011. He faithfully and honorably served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War with a rank of Sergeant in the **5th RCT**. He was the recipient of the Purple Heart Medal.

Raymond G. Bowering, 83, died Feb. 2, 2011. He served with the **19th RGT** in Japan, 1946-1949. Surviving is his wife, Doris, 846 Galloping Lane, Powell, TN 37849-3141 **Member**

Barney Bertinussen died December 2, 2010. He served in the **24th ID** during WWII in the Philippines. He is survived by his wife, Debbie, Bethel Center, 1705 3rd Avenue, Apt. 108, Williston, ND 58801 **Life Member 1000**

CORRECTION: Wallace C. Carson should be Wallace C. Carlson with his place of death, Perry, OH



Rt. Rev. Robert Marshall Anderson, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota from 1978 to 1993 died recently. He served in the **24th ID** in Korea from 1955-1956



Vincent M. Jurkiewicz, 88, passed away April 8, 2011. In September of 1941, he enlisted in the Army and served with the **24th ID** in the Pacific Theatre, where he was wounded.

James Conner Gordy, age 81, of Tuscaloosa, died April 9, 2011. He was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps in June 1951, served in Korea and Japan with the **24th ID**.



Larry Paul "L.P." Jones, 66, passed away on Saturday, April 23, 2011. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and had served with the **24th ID** in Germany.

Robert Henry "Bob" Bockweg, 84, died May 3, 2011. He served his country honorably during World War II in the Philippines with the **21st RGT** and was wounded in action and honorably discharged in 1945.

Harry C. (Don) McWade, 87, died Tuesday May 3, 2011. He served in the Army with the **24th ID**. He was a proud survivor of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and he also saw action in New Guinea and served in Australia.

John R. Russell died recently. He served with A CO, **21st RGT**, 1948-1950. **Life Member 706**



A. D. Colwell, 85, died May 6, 2011. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and the Occupation of Japan with the **24th ID** from 1948 to 1952. He was honored with the Bronze Star, Distinguished Military Service Cross, Korean Service Award and the Purple Heart.

Richard F. Edling, Jr., passed on May 11, 2011. He served with the **34th RGT**. **Life Member 1221**

Billy Banner Robinette died December 7, 2010. He served in Korea with the **19th RGT** and retired from the U.S. Army. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star, and two Purple Hearts. **Life Member 1355**.



Joe E. Abernathy, Jr. died April 30th, 2011. He served in Korea with K Co, **19th RGT**. He was platoon SGT of Weapons Platoon during Operation Nomad. Survived by his wife, Martha, 695 Center Point Road, Carrollton, GA 30117 **Member**



Emery "Dwayne" Gentry passed away on May 11, 2011, one month short of 87 years. He served our country honorably in the Philippines and Japan during World War II in the U.S. Army 24th Division, **19th RGT**, 1st BN, CO G, as a 1st Scout.



Walter Ade, 79, died Sunday, May 15, 2011. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in Korea. While there his unit, the **5th RCT**, started an orphanage, the Sam Dong Boys Town in Seoul, South Korea, which he visited several times. He retired from the Illinois National Guard as an LTC. **Member**

Richard T. Wagner, 86, died, May 19, 2011. He served with E CO, **19th RGT**, and also served in Japan. **Member**

Douglas Oliver Wirta died on May 19, 2011. Doug joined the army and was assigned to the **5th RCT**, CO C. He fought in the Korean War - from May 1952 until April 1953, his unit was assigned to the infamous "Punch Bowl" line. Doug rose from rifleman to platoon sergeant during this time, earning the Combat Infantry Badge, Korean Service Medal and two bronze stars.

David H. Landale, 78, died Saturday, May 28, 2011. He was a veteran of the Korean War, having served in the **34th RGT**. While serving he received the Bronze Star for valor in battle and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. He also received the National Defense Service Medal and the United Nations Service Medal.



Dr. Richard Coffman Shrum died April 27, 2011. He joined the Army Medical Corps, United States, with the **24th ID**, in the Philippine Islands as a Battalion Surgeon during the latter stages of World War II and then in Japan during the early part of the occupation. For serving with infantry troops in combat, he was authorized to wear the Combat Medical Badge and awarded a Bronze Star Medal. Dr. Shrum remained in the United States Army Reserve until 1975, when he retired with the rank of Colonel. **Life member 1221.**

Ralph H. Brownell who served in Korea passed away July 12, 2010 at the VA Hospital in Iron Mountain, MI. He was assigned to the **34th RGT**, CO B. He is survived by his wife Gloria Brownell, PO Box 502, Watersmeet, MI 49969. **Member**

Louis Indeck died November 18, 2010 at age eighty-one. He held the Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts for his service in Korea with the **24th ID**. He is survived by his wife Janice. 12611 Classic Dr., Coral Springs, FL 33071, granjan300@bellsouth.net **Life Member 982.**

I feel we are privileged and honored that Louis' wife, Janice, would share her poignant intimate thoughts with us. Editor

Fallen Comrades

Mark Musser, 56, died June 5, 2011. Mark served proudly with the US Army as a Chief Warrant Officer, retiring after 20 years of service. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and the Army Achievement Medal. Mark served in many places including Desert Storm during the Iraqi Gulf War with the **24th ID**.

John D. Burns died January 5, 2011. He was the **34 RGT**, CO A in the Philippines during WWII and in Korea. He also served in Germany with the 24th ID and retired from the Army in 1962. **Life Member 2060**

Neal Barrow died November 19, 2010. He served in Korea with K CO, **19th RGT**, 1951-1952 and participated in Operation NOMAD. He is survived by his wife, Betty

May They Rest in Peace

The Morgue

A tree limb caught in ice, he was, mouth agape, sheeted on a gurney
clasped in my arms, my lust for life grasping him reaching from my soul
suddenly the clock, sterile, white faced posted on the wall clicked.
Its long arm gestured down, beckoned me to leave the marriage I had learned to love.

I took the pictures of his life with me
The bronze star that testified he had been away in strange battles of life given and life taken
In towns and houses others had called home.
This was a time wrapped in a deep drawer he opened when alone,
a drawer that clattered medals and humorous cards from friends who had sometimes laughed
with him when humor was the sole emollient to fear.

I have a flag they wrapped painstakingly and gave to me and shook my hand.
It sits in its triangular box to remind me of the boy he was before he was my man.
The wars of long ago mangled his spirit, and I sometimes thought he carried snakes of vitriol
inside his head, hate and despair he never let me see

But as I've learned we really never know another, I left them there
and was content with how I held his hand in mine
where I hoped we would be safe forever, and prayed it could be so.
He was my second voice, the opinion I waited for though often didn't need.
He was the warmth when I awoke and I, the crutch he reached for when sudden
noises made him shake with memories he never shared.

My world is four counted walls around me now
Without his eyes adoring me, loving me telling me
I was the best gift his life had ever known.
Wretched without him, I live in silence so loud
It crushes me and I feel small.