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NEWS FROM TARO GET-TOGETHERS

Co. L "34th Inf. GROUP GATHERS

Past President C.G. Hanlin really covers a lot of ground. In our last issue of TARO your editor, not being gifted with extrasensory news perception, requested news items from readers. On 29 November C.G. made this report:

"Last Sunday, my wife, the kids, and myself went to Ohio. Every year a few of the boys that were in L Co, 34th Inf, get together for Thanksgiving Dinner. We take turns having each other over.

"This year it was at the Griffin home. (See pictures, below)

"Bill and Doty Wisecup, Carrol White, the two Griffins, my family and myself---and of course their families were there too. Sure was nice. Jerry von Mohr had planned to come, but was not able to make it.

"About three weeks ago my wife and kids went with me to Chicago where we were guests of Pat and Lou Ciangi. They had the Chicago boys over, and we had a wonderful time. I might add that Pat has a real Taro plant in his living room with three big leaves on it."

(How about a pic of the plant for our next issue, Pat...lots of the fellows have never seen one. Ed.)

C.G. also reported, "I was down town the other day having coffee, and ran into Don Williams from Detroit, Mich. We had a nice long talk, and it seems there is a possibility we might have a new chapter there." (A good prophesy---see right column of this page).

Thanks a lot, C.G., for the news and pics---how about some news and pics from more readers?



Above: Former members of Co L, 34th Inf (Bill Wisecup, Carrol White, Wenzel Griffin, C.G. Hanlin) and families assemble for Thanksgiving dinner in the Griffin home. Below: The viands vanquished, it's coffee and picture taking time---by photographer C.G.



MICHIGAN CHAPTER FORMED

Fred Wehle, Don Williams, and Ross Pursifull had lunch together at Fred's club in Detroit on 14 November, and discussed the possibility of reactivating a Detroit Chapter. This lead to a convivial "Open House" on 12 January 1962 at Fred's house.

That evening a Michigan Chapter was formed.

A chronological news report was forwarded to the TARO LEAF by Ross Pursifull, which follows:

An "Open House" for former members of the 24th Infantry Division was held on 12 January at the home of Fred Wehle Jr, 208 Yarmouth, Birmingham, Michigan. (About 22 miles north of Detroit)

The weather was crisp (7° F), roads fairly clear, no snow predicted. Intelligence estimate of attendance: 20

First to arrive was C.G. Hanlin, who flew in from Indiana and was met by Fred at the Detroit airport at 2:45 pm.

Ross Pursifull arrived at Fred's house at 4:30 pm.

Around 6:00 pm Don Williams reported in---on crutches and with a hip cast, from a ski accident in Colorado last December. Julius Josz followed him.

With two hours to go before H-hour, a Task Force was formed of C.G., Fred, Don, Julius and Ross to go out and nail up direction signs. The TF then stopped for dinner, and all thanked (continued on page 3)



Above: Michigan members look at birdie: Hiltner, Donovan, Lewis, Stillwell, Williams---Wehle, Horvath, Liput, Watson, Pursifull---Josz. Below: Pat Ciangi (Convention Chairman in Chicago this summer, see page 2) and C.G. Hanlin (Elwood, Indiana) hear Michigan member Josz tell one.





CONVENTION PREVIEW....

OUR COMMITTEE SELECTS....

◀ ◀ ◀ **MORRISON HOTEL**

CONVENTION CHAIRMAN PAT CIANGI HAS REALLY GOT THE REUNION BALL ROLLING IN CHICAGO..

Progress reports, via letters and post-cards from Chairman Pat, showed a most careful search by our committee for the best place to hold this summer's Chicago Convention.

A special summary from him for this issue of TARO gives some solid arrangements...and they sure sound good. Here are salient points:

The New MORRISON HOTEL has been picked as our convention site for these dates: August 9, 10, 11, and 12 for this summer---so mark them down, and start your travel plans!

There will be a LUAU on Friday night...so bring that Aloha shirt...gals their muu muu's.

Guest speaker not yet finalized.

Will run our own bar again, as in Louisville, thus keeping liquor prices reasonable.

Pat says some details are still being worked out---but his long and newsy letter made it clear things are more than under control. Lu (Mrs. Pat) has been in on this with Pat all the way too.

Room rates are: \$8 single, \$12 double, \$4 each dormitory style (3-4 in room)...no charge for children under 12. Suites also available.

TARO will mail reservation cards with the next two issues---early May and early July.

More data in those issues too.

THE BIG THING NOW...start planning to be there 9, 10, 11, 12 August this summer. Bring as many of the family as possible. Every year these reunions become more and more family affairs---the youngsters really get a kick too.

But, especially, plan to bring your Power Behind The Throne with you.



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CONTINUED: NEW MICHIGAN CHAPTER



Jack Watson puts out the dope to Harry Hiltner and Stan Liput

C.G.---who proved the quickest on the billfold draw.

Back at Fred's house again, first arrival was John Horvath---our latest Life Member---followed by Basil Donovan. Incidentally, Basil's son Douglas is now in the Army at Fort Leonard Wood. (Editor's note: They have some nice crisp weather there too.)

Next to arrive were John W. Watson and Harry R. Hiltner. John has been disabled for several years with multiple sclerosis. Harry is the Executive Director for the Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and a new Div. Assn. member through John Watson.

The next doorbell ring announced Stanley Liput, from Taylor, Mich. He was followed by Earl Lewis of Ford Motor Co, then Stuart Stillwell of Lansing, Mich....about 65 miles away.

Fred Wehle now projected some beautiful color slides of Hawaii, Australia, Goodenough Island, and Hollandia---pictures never to be forgotten by those there. Our Veep, Richard T. Ligman, arrived (from Chicago by air to Willow Run Airport, 40 miles from Fred's home) in time to see the last few slides.

Finally Patrick J. Ciangi and Angelo Strada drove in from Chicago---some 500 miles as the wheels turn.

The assembly now being complete, the ball got rolling on the formation of a Michigan Chapter. Doc Ligman, Angelo Strada, Pat Ciangi, and C.G. Hanlin gave comments and suggestions, the Chicago Chapter promised to help the new chapter get going---and Michigan members present voted unanimously for it.

Fred Wehle Jr was elected President, Don C. Williams the Secretary-Treasurer. And Julius Jozs, a Cosmetologist, volunteered to hold the next meeting of the new chapter at his home. That meeting will be with wives.

The Michigan Chapter voted to place Detroit in nomination at Chicago, this summer, as the Convention site for 1963.

The new chapter also went on record with a "Salute" to out-of-staters who had come so far as visitors: Hanlin, Ligman, Ciangi, Strada.

Of the 11 Michigan members there, 5 were Life Members---and of the 15 total attendance 5 were from the 34th Infantry.

Special thanks were extended by all to Mrs. Wehle, and to junior-size bartenders Kent and Jumbo Wehle who kept refreshments coming and provided re-enlistment music. (Hawaiian records).



Quit bitching and turn the page around if you want to see the picture---it fits the space better that way. Old Soldier Ross Pursifull demonstrates a Nambu pistol to Kent Wehle---age 9 years.

ASSEMBLY IN SARASOTA

SECRETARY-TREASURER: VISITS TARO EDITOR IN FLORIDA

Long time "Trister Twenty Fourth Division" Ed Henry visited novice Taro Editor Aubrey S. ("Red") Newman at his waterfront home on Longboat Key, an island town off shore from Sarasota, Florida. Unlike the Michigan meeting, the "crisp" weather had a 0 after the 7.

This was a mixing of business with pleasure, for Ed and Red checked the Secretary's card file of names against the TARO mailing list. As the Pentagon planners say in Washington, they "refined the records."

On one evening there was a small reunion when Irvin Bisnoff and Constantine Covotsos joined them for a drink, informal supper, and swapping memories. Irvin is a former 19th Infantry "Chick" (now retired), and Constantine a former 34th Infantry "Dragon" and member of Div. Hqrs. (also now retired).

During the evening a phone call came in from William V. ("Bill") Davidson from Swedesboro, N.J., who knew Ed was there. So the reunion was enlarged by a bit of long distance visiting---and we got the latest news of Bill's health.

He has had eye trouble, and recently had a delicate corrective eye operation. We were most pleased to learn things are going fine with Bill, as the operation was a marked success. All who know Bill and Lorna will rejoice with us in this good news from one of our Life Members who has for so many years done so much for our Division Association.

Ed brought his polaroid camera with him, and Dorothy (Mrs. Newman) took the picture that appears below. From left to right: Henry, Covotsos, Bisnoff, Newman.



NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THOSE AT MICHIGAN "OPEN HOUSE"

MICHIGAN CHAPTER MEMBERS:

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. Stanley Liput
24142 Wick Road
Taylor, Michigan | Co G, 19th Infantry
(March 1941 - Oct 1944) |
| 2. Stuart Stillwell
320 Cox
Lansing, Michigan | Co L, 34th Infantry
(Oct 1944 - Jan 1946) |
| *3. Basil C. Donovan
835 Squire Lane
Milford, Michigan | Co K, 21st Infantry
(March 1943 - Dec 1945) |
| 4. Julius Jozs
7344 Rockdale
Detroit, Michigan | Co A, 19th Infantry
(Oct 1944 - Dec 1945) |
| *5. Don C. Williams
12130 Kentucky
Detroit 4, Michigan | Service Co, 34th Infantry
(1943 - 1944) |
| *6. John Horvath
6361 Holly St.
Detroit 17, Michigan | 3rd Engineers
(Jan 1942 - Nov 1945) |
| 7. Earl L. Lewis
6709 Archdale
Detroit, Michigan | 1st Bn, 34th Infantry
(Nov 1942 - Nov 1945) |
| 8. Harry R. Hiltner
29835 Rock Creek Drive
Southfield, Michigan | Co K, 19th Infantry
(April 1945 - Sept 1946) |
| 9. John J. Watson
9237 Rosemont
Detroit 28, Michigan | 34th Infantry
(Dec 1944 - Feb 1945) |
| *10. Fred Wehle Jr.
266 Yarmouth
Birmingham, Michigan | 3rd Engineers |
| *11. Ross J. Pursifull
22424 Outer Drive
Dearborn, Michigan | 34th Infantry |

* Indicates Life Member

OUT OF STATE VISITORS:

C.G. Hanlin - Elwood, Indiana
Richard T. Ligman)
Patrick J. Ciangi) Chicago, Illinois
Angelo Strada)

Aloha

....D N'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR HAWAIIAN SHIRT TO CHICAGO

TWO KEY MEN GET KEYS



Major General William Verbeck (war time commander of the 21st Infantry) gets key to the city of Worcester, Mass. Making the presentation is Ralph Bing, representing Mayor James D. O'Brien, is Colonel James L. Gagan, Business Manager of the Department of Public Works in Worcester. L to R: General Verbeck, Colonel Gagan, and Colonel E.M. Kline. (Army photograph)



Our Secretary-Treasurer, Ed Henry, gets key to city of Louisville. On behalf of Mayor Hoblitzell, the presentation is made by Ralph Bing (formerly Div C/S and CO of 34th Inf). Left to right: Colonels Irvin Bisnoff, J.B. Jones, Urban Throm; Ed Henry, Bob Duff, and Colonel Bing. Last man is also from the Mayor's office.



It is the people in any organization that make it worth while to be a member, and above you see two reasons why it is a privilege to be a member of the 24th Division Association. (L to R): Roscoe Claxon and Emil Larson give the chow at Fort Knox some careful thought.



This is a fine picture of Dr. Richard T. Ligman. Dick is our Vice President, lives at 5230 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago 41, Ill. On November 24, 1961, he was made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple in Chicago.

SOME SHORT PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Major General F. R. (Fred) Zierath is now Commanding General of the X United States Army Corps, with headquarters at Fort Lawton, Washington. In a letter to Ed Henry he says, "The X Corps includes the five states of Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, and Utah and includes also the 13 ROTC's at the universities in these states".

Fred also reported the information that Tom Compere's son is in the 32nd Division at Fort Lewis, as a Reservist replacement...which is only about fifty miles from Lawton.

Fred further reported Colonel Peter Brown now commands the 22nd Battle Group in the 4th Division at Fort Lewis, Washington. Colonel Brown was a sergeant in the 21st Infantry in Hawaii, left in the summer of '41 to attend OCS---and served with the 24th Division in Korea.

Ed Henry reports:

Howard W. Richardson (51 S. Main St, Mansfield, Mass.) 724th Ord Co (Australia, New Guinea, Philippines, Japan)---a member of the New England Chapter of our Association---lost his mother in December. She was 80 years old, very well known and highly esteemed in their community.

Russell G. Anderson (Rt 4, Urbana, O.) served with the 24th MPs in Mindanao and Japan, and is now a management analyst for the Air Force in Dayton, Ohio. He and his wife Zelpha have a new young fellow (Scott) to supplement John (4) and Mark (2).

Carlton P. Gay, formerly a sergeant in the 24th QM Co from January '43 to August '45, is a new Association member. He is an auditor, and lives with his wife Helen at 5611 Sanger Avenue, Alexandria, Va.

Floyd L. Ayler, of 234 Strickler Ave, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, is a long time member who recently renewed again. Floyd runs an Atlantic Service Station. He was in Co L, 21st Inf, from 1942 to 1944.

Another renewal came from a Chick who served in Korea from July 1950 to July 1951 (apparently one of General Stan Healy's men). He is Antonio Juarez, of 421 Ohio Ave (PO Box 415) Midland, Penna.

Emma is not the name of one of our members, but is the home town of Vernon Meyer---who was with A1 Co, 34th Inf, from October '42 to '45. He is an agent for the M.F.A Oil Co, and he and his wife LaVerna are both well known in Emma and in Sweet Spring, Mo.

Jord from Earle M. Congleton (509 Wheatley Ave, Beverly, N.J.) to the effect he is interested in the Hawaiian reunion---and said he and his wife spent a month there last year, including a day at Schofield Barracks. Earle invites any 3rd E M G Bn buddies who are riding on the New Jersey Turnpike to stop off at interchange 5. He works there as a toll collector.

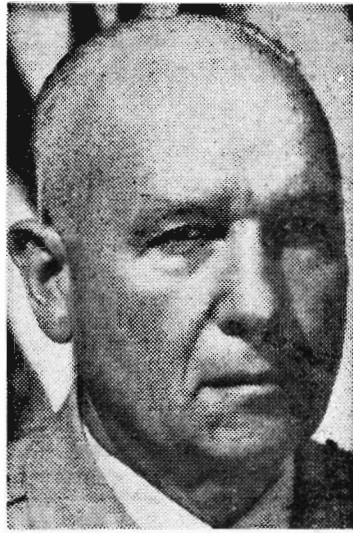
Frank Kawa (66 East Greenwich Ave, West Warwick, R.I.) is a former Gimlet from On Co who is now active in the New England Chapter. He was a war time member ('42-'44) of the 24th Div, and a very active Association member. He and wife Helen have two girls, Caroline (16) and Helen (14).

Robert S. Pere checks in again, by letter (money order enclosed)---a long time member who lives at 1270 Gerard Ave, Bronx 52, New York. He was a member of the 34th Infantry, and is now with the Police Department.

More short personal paragraphs on pages 6 and 7.



MELOY



MAGRUDER

Korea Command Change

GEN. GUY S. MELOY JR. has replaced Gen. Carter B. Magruder as commander-in-chief, United Nations Command, commander U.S. Forces Korea and Eighth Army commanding general. After Magruder relinquished his command to MeLOY, the 61-year-old logistics expert retired from active duty after 43 years service.

FACTS and FRIENDS

The newspaper clipping above shows two illustrious former members of the 24th Infantry Division. General MeLOY commanded the 19th Infantry in the Korean War, and General Magruder is a former Commander of our division. We honor and respect them as great soldiers who have given so much in distinguished service to our country...but Sergeant Harvey W. Hibbard, and many thousands like him who gave their lives for their country, hold a special place in Honored Glory in the hearts of Americans over and above all rank and service considerations.

Each soldier who did not return was an individual with loved ones and friends, and each was a separate tragedy, pride and heartbreak. Personal effects were sent back, as well as the combat situation permitted, and sometimes the circumstances of their service recounted--though there is always much that relatives and friends would like to know that is forever hidden in the fog of war and the haze of passing time.

In Harvey's case the outlines of his service and the circumstances of his death are fairly clear.

He served at Camp Grant, Illinois, and in September 1941 was transferred to Camp Roberts, California, where he volunteered for foreign service. Just after the beginning of World War II, in late December 1941, he arrived at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. From there he sailed with us to Australia, where he was made a Sergeant---and then went with our division in the New Guinea campaign.

The family received word of him from a friend, Kenneth Betts, serving in the Navy in the Southwest Pacific...who reported Harvey was in good health, and would soon enter combat.

Then came the sad news that Harvey had died at Finschhafen. Later information included the fact he had been fatally wounded while dismantling a machine gun on an enemy airplane at Hollandia.

In his personal effects were printed cards showing that he had, like many of us, passed certain tests. One was headed "Domain of Neptune Rex", and certified that Pfc. HARVEY HIBBARD, U.S. Army, crossed the Equator on board a U.S. NAVAL VESSEL bound on a secret mission during the year 1943...and was signed by "Neptune Rex, Ruler of the Raging Main", and by "Davy Jones, His Majesty's Scribe".

In his papers was a list of names on a Signal Corps blank form:

T/4 Theodore Magel, 24th Signal Co.
T/5 Elton J. Evans, 24th Cav. Rcn. Trp.
Pfc August E. Budzisz, 24th Sig. Co.
Pfc Wm. E. Kenny, 24th Med. Bn.
Pfc Michel Naglich, 24th Med. Bn.
Pvt John H. Powell, 24th Cav. Rcn. Trp.
Pvt Henry J. Desimas, 34th Inf.
Pvt Reese, QM 34th Inf.
Pvt Morris W. Dickerson, Hq Co, 3rd Bn, 34th Inf
Pfc Stephen E. Toth, Hq Co, 3rd Bn, 34th Inf.
Pvt Whitney, QM 34th Inf.

If you know the address of any of the above, send a card to the TARO Editor and a copy of this issue will be mailed to them...as we know they would like to have the picture of Harvey you see at upper right.



SERGEANT HARVEY W. HIBBARD

KNOWN SOLDIER

In Arlington National Cemetery there lie, in Honored Glory, our nation's UNKNOWN SOLDIERS who gave their lives for their country in battle. Thousands visit this national shrine, where armed men of our military services stand perpetual guard over their last resting place.

But uncounted thousands of KNOWN SOLDIERS, like Sergeant Harvey W. Hibbard in the picture above, gave their lives too...and lie enshrined in the hearts of their loved ones and friends.

Harvey was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Hibbard of Shepherd, Michigan.

It was through the undying love, pride and grief in his Mother's heart that we obtained the wonderful poem below, and other information in the column at right.

IN MEMORIAM

IN MEMORY of Sgt. Harvey W. Hibbard, who died in Service, one year ago today, May 9, 1944.

Dear God, when the message came that day
The light of our world grew dim.
For he was our precious only son
And our hearts were all centered in him.
Our hearts were crushed with our bitter grief
As we sat weeping alone,
And we quite forgot in our agony
That God is still on his throne.
We could not see he had called our son
From the horror of strife and war,
To a land of peace and happiness
Where God and the angels are.
For all we could see was his vacant chair,
And all we could feel was pain.
We had counted so long on the happy day
When he should return again.
But God sent balm to our tortured souls
In the knowledge that our dear son
Kept faith with his Lord to the journey's end
And received the glad "Well Done".
Oh, he carried a cable when he went through
And fastened it from on high,
And the anchor buried deep in our hearts
Is drawing us to the sky.
We know he is waiting us over there
Free now from all earth's alarms,
And our hearts are set on that City fair
Where we'll fold him once more in our arms.

By his former childhood schoolteacher,
Addie E. Gibbs

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The twentieth anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor was recognized by the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association at their annual reunion at the Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, California, on 7 December 1961.

Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc., is chartered by the state of California. The Association was founded in 1958 by fifteen survivors and today is represented in every state in the union.

There are approximately 12,500 survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack still living.

Purposes of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association include:

Keeping alive the memory of those comrades who died in the attack December 7, 1941, and honoring them by gathering together each December 7, until the last survivor has been called away.

Renewing the friendships of those who survived and worked until the final victory.

Working actively against our nation's enemies within and without.

Keeping attention alive to the dangers of another "Pearl Harbor" and the need for constant preparedness against a recurrence of such a tragedy.

Establishing a welfare fund so that no survivor or his loved ones shall be in dire need.

Keeping faith with our God, Nation, and heroes who were the first to die.

Officers of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association are:

President	: Mark Ferris, (Playa Del Rey, Calif.)
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2nd Vice-President	: Clarence Bonn (Gardena, Calif.)
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The climax of our convention is always Saturday Night Dinner. Above, two Chicago families share a table in Louisville---the Chet Andrezaks on the left, the Lu Ciangis on right (3-6)

CHICAGO NEWS NOTES

The Chicago Chapter is going to celebrate its Fifth Anniversary (on St. Patrick's Day, March 17) by holding an anniversary party on Saturday night, March 10th, at McDuff's Lounge, 4030 W. Fullerton Ave. Any one interested in attending should contact Patrick J. Ciangi, 4746 W. Monroe Street, Chicago 44, Ill. Es. 8 2846.

An Installation of Officers party was held on Sunday, February 18th, at Steve's Restaurant in Wheeling, Ill. Dinner for family and friends.

At the party given by Pat & Lu Ciangi on November 4th for the Hanlins, the roll call was: C.G. Hanlin, Marie, Kathy, Vicky, and Gordy; John and Gloria Giustino; Richard T. Ligman, Bernice and Martha; Chet Andrezak, Gloria, Jack, Gloria and Tommy; Angelo and Florence Strada; John Trinka; Spike O'Donnell; Mike and Loretta Rafter; Bob and Joe Andrea.

Thomas Strozda was married on 4 November.

Spike O'Donnell enlisted a new member, Neil Cronin who lives at 3322 S. Clinton.

Pat Ciangi and family and Spike O'Donnell were the week end guests of the Hanlins last fall.

Tom Compere and Elsie went down to see her folks during the Holidays.

Recently Tom returned from an ice-fishing trip to find his car, drive and garage buried with snow. Oh, my aching back...

Chet Andrezak and family went to Houston, Texas, for the Holidays to see Gloria's folks.

Also C.G. Hanlin and family visited Texas, only they went to Dallas to see Marie's folks.

HOW'S ABOUT IT, you other chapters...send the Editor the dope too.

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One of the best parts of our Association is the way Regional and Unit Chapters are organized within the parent TARO LEAF fraternity. Here are some 21st Infantrymen at Louisville last summer. (2-12)

THE EDITORS CORNER.....

That picture of Ed Henry getting the key to Louisville (see page 4) was made from a color slide taken by John J. Swast (Naj, Ret) of 2716 Terrace Road, SE, Washington 20, D. C.

Pictures help to bring your magazine to life, and the readers can give the Editor pictures no one else can provide. Actually, snapshots are the best because: (1) They are the easiest to take (2) They can be reproduced "as is" as a part of the page---so there is no extra cost for a cut.

Notice that a picture taken "horizontally" fits the format of TARO much easier than those taken "vertically".

Don't take a picture of a lot of background...it is the folks we want to see. And send along the names so we can write a caption---or better yet, you write the caption the way you think it should be...and I'll type it.

Here I am an Editor, and have not written any deathless prose for my captive readership. Think I'll settle for a few quotes I like:

On courage....."None but the brave deserve the fair."

"And courage never to submit or yield."

"The Brotherhood that binds the brave of all the earth."

On friends....."A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of Nature."

"A true friend is forever a friend."

"Friendship! mysterious cement of the soul!"

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FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES

EXPLANATORY NOTE: Executive Order 10631, signed at THE WHITE HOUSE by President Eisenhower on 17 August 1955, prescribed the Code of Conduct for members of the Armed Forces of the United States. It is a statement of principles that grew out of the heroism in the lives of American fighting men. For those of us who once wore our country's uniform---and stand ready to wear it again if duty calls us...it is our Code too. It therefore seems appropriate to print it here for the thoughtful consideration of all members of our Association.

I

I am an American fighting man. I serve in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.

II

I will never surrender of my own free will. If in command I will never surrender my men while they still have the means to resist.

III

If I am captured I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy.

IV

If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners. I will give no information nor take part in any action which might be harmful to my comrades. If I am senior, I will take command. If not, I will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over me and will back them up in every way.

V

When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am bound to give only name, rank, service number, and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause.

VI

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