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MEET YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear Taro Leafers -

What is more beautiful,
in final analysis, than the
simple "Merry Christmas"?

May it be a merry one
for you and yours.

Sincerely,

Don Williams

ROSS, JOHN M., (G 21), of Hammond, Wis. John and Toni are operating the Coachman Supper Club - "Luxurious dining and wining" - in Hammond. Specialties of the house are, reportedly, a dazzling salmagundi of shrimps, avocado and apple pandowdy. We who know Tabasco best salute you, John and Toni. We're reproducing their post card, although it's in color. The original is tinted the particular robin's egg blue reserved for babies' bassinets. We'll do our best.



Have you sent in your dues? If not, DON'T DELAY any longer. Past Due Notices are costly and time consuming.

BUSINESS SESSION WELL ATTENDED

GILNER, SAMUEL, (13th F '42-'45), of 290 N. Middletown, Nanuet, N.Y. Life Member Sam, regretfully without Sue at Myrtle Beach, was called upon to describe the Assoc.'s business meeting; it has to be reported, you know. Writes Sam in his best Nanuetese: "I'll make it brief! 21st annual session of the 24th Inf. Div. Assoc. called to order by President WILLIAM SANDERSON at the Ocean Forest Hotel, Myrtle Beach, S.C. on Saturday, August 10, 1968. Fr. CHRIS BERLO offered a prayer, followed by the reading of the reports of the Sec'y. and Treas., both being approved as read. Miscellaneous items, and then on to next year's reunion with the usual and delightful bickering and name-calling. Finally, the membership voted to go to St. Louis, Mo. in Aug. of '69. Then came the election of officers for the new year, Aug. '68 - Aug. '69. Elected were, as President, DON C. WILLIAMS, as Vice President, PAUL HARRIS, and as Secretary/Treasurer/Editor, KENWOOD ROSS. SANDERSON relinquished the gavel to WILLIAMS, who, on motion passed, ordered the meeting declared adjourned". Shortest such report in our 20 year history and, in our view, the best. Some will possibly spin like a Waring Mixer upon sighting your staccato-like summary, but we'll risk it. Thank you, Sam. Bring Sue with you for the next one - Aug. 14-17, 1969, at St. Louis.

MULDOON, WILLIAM H. (E 19 '44-'44) of 643 Trapelo, Waltham, Mass. Bill and Mary, together with Patricia Ann, Myrtle Beached it and it was a pleasure to see that trio again. Bill was telling us about the two Indians named "Falling Rocks" and "Crazy Horse". It seems they were competing to determine who would be chief of the tribe. They went out into the wilderness on a hunt. Many moons later, Crazy Horse returned with 7 elk. Falling Rocks didn't come back - ever. In fact, to this day, as you drive along the highway, you may see a sign that says "Look out for Falling Rocks".

HAAS, FRANK X. (24 Sig.), of 145 Leverington, Phil., Pa. Word has it that Frank passed away last Aug. 26th.

O'DONNELL, JAMES. We have intercepted a squib out of a recent release in "Tower Ticker", Herb Lyon's column in the Chicago Tribune, which went: "And Sister Ann Michael of the Sisters of Providence (she's the order's west coast assistant regional director) had a reunion with her brother, James (Spike) O'Donnell, a local trucking exec." Life Member "Spike" brought his wonderful daughter, Michell, to the Myrtle Beach carnival.

GAMBALE, MICHAEL, (724 Ord. '42-'45), of 6807 Woodland, Philadelphia, Pa. Mike says that going to Myrtle Beach was worth the effort. In Mike's view, each who went gained a new satisfying sense of being part of a continuum, of a process of birth, death, rebirth. As man's age increases, the sense of being part of the endless human parade through history is an oddly comforting sense. Mike gained the feeling that, if we weren't up to it in the physical sense, as once we were, at least we could meet once again for a few hours and swap friendships and yarns about those days when we were together in a common mission and did, we choose to believe, the job well.

HALEY, RALPH H., JR., (24 Sig. '43-'45), of 4017 Winfield, Charlotte, N.C. Ralph and Jean joined the frolics at Myrtle Beach. They have given us a bunch of 70 names of JIM PURCELL's signalmen which we are working on. Here's one of Ralph, on the right, and DAVID STIDHAM.



Recognize the Matsuyama City Hall in the background? Ralph also sends us this one of ROY GROCE

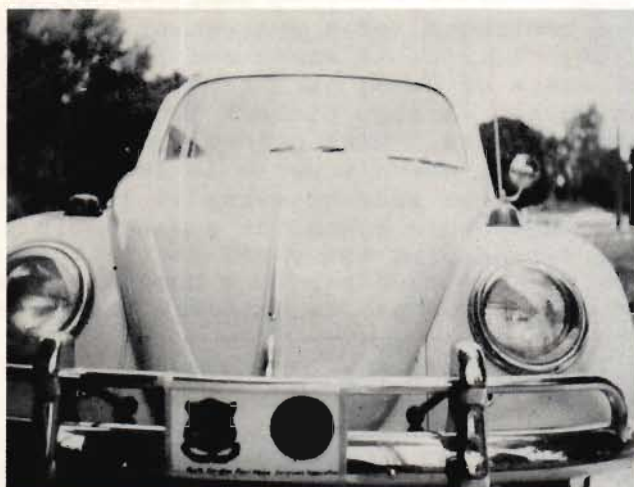
(l.) and CHARLIE CABBELL (r.) taken at Mindanao. Ralph is a plumbing estimator. He and Jean have Linda, 18, Ronnie, 17, and Mike, 5. For 23 year old negatives, they're not back, Ralph. Deep thanks.



McVICKER, JAMES L., (13F 5/43-12/45), of 420 N. Spring, Nevada, Mo. Word is that Jim died last March suffering from a rare paralysis.

WATSON, RICHARD C. of RR1, Box 363, Daleville, Ind. Life Member Dick and Phyllis made our '69 three-ring circus at M.B., Phyl looking as lovely as ever.

ANDERSON, JACK M., (A 19th '40-'44), of 402 E. 18th, Kannapolis, N.C. Jack, in a bit of triple-distilled Schmaltz, sends a photo of his "bug" with Chick and



Division insignia. Jack likes to tell the one about the drunk going up to the cop and asking "Where am I?" "At the corner of Madison and 54th", replied the cop. Answers the drunk: "O.K., buddy boy, skip the details - What town am I in?" By the way, if you want any of those Division decals, write the Editor. 50¢ each.

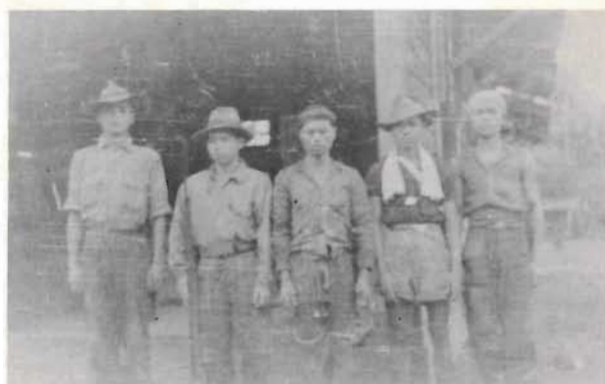
DICKERSON, Brig.Gen. GEORGE, (Div.Hq. 19th & 34th), of 29 Fenwick, Ft. Monroe, Va. George and Lois won the hearts of our conventioners. As guests of honor, they made us proud. George was simply grand as banquet speaker. How happy we are to have these precious folks in our ranks.

HENRY, EDMUND F., (Div.Hq. '42-'45), of 21 Park, Attleboro, Mass. Life Member Ed Myrtle Beach'ed it, taking deserved delight in introducing his wonderful wife, Amanda, to each of her new found friends. Amanda assures us that she and Ed will be back with the gang come Aug. 14-17 in St. Louis.

CUNNINGHAM, WALTER, (Div.Hq. '41-'45), of 2828 Maryland, Baltimore, Md. Walter found the ways and means to sneak away from his busy business pursuits to be with us at Myrtle Beach. Aching he had been to spend a few hours with the lot of we rheumatic oldies to cackle over the pranks they used to play on the First Sergeants or First Lieutenants, as each case may have been. Says Walter, "It's senile dementia, perhaps, but worlds of fun", and because he enjoys it so much he has already started planning to be with us at St. Louis next Aug. 14-17.

SLOWIK, MATTHEW W., (Cn 19th '42-'44), of 3906 Belmont, Chicago, Ill. Mat brought his nieces Claudia, Terry and Mary to Myrtle Beach to show them what a convention is all about.

LAROCCO, VINCENT J., (21st '43-'46), of 208 N. Beech, N. Massapequa, N.Y. Vinnie sends us a set of photos taken at Mintal, P.I.



The first is of a group of guerillas,



the second is of NICK SLOAN sitting on that monument,



and the third is a left to right of officers of 1st Bn. 21st and shows: Lt. AROMINSKI, Capt. AITKEN, Lt. DOYLE, Lt. FARMER, Lt. LYERS, and Capt. McNAMARA. If George Eastman could know of the prowess of our boys when it came to Kodaking as we went, he'd likely turn over in his grave.

LIEBER, GERALD, (Div.Hq. '42-'45), of 6117 Hoffman, St. Louis, Mo. Gerry put down \$100.00 on the barrelhead at Myrtle Beach and became our 79th Life Member.

SCHLATTER, ROBERT J. (G 21st), of West District, Unionville, Conn. Bob chalked up M.B. as one more attended convention.

GOINY, RICHARD C., (E 21st '45), of 3619 W. 64, Chicago, Ill. Life Member Dick, at Myrtle Beach, looked over the annual report of the Assoc. Treas. covering the year, 8/1/67 to 8/1/68, and noted that it read like this:

OUR OPERATING (ACTIVE) ACCOUNT

Bal. on hand, Security Nat.Bk., Spfld.,Mass. on 8/1/67	\$ 768.70
Receipts - dues, contributions, and sales, 8/1/67-8/1/68	<u>\$3173.33</u>
	\$3942.03
Disbursements -8/1/67-8/1/68	
for printing Taro Leaf	\$1319.92
for posting Taro Leaf	328.41
for Verbeck Award bowl	282.66*
for transfer of Life Member- ship fees to Reserve Account	195.00
for membership drive expenses	107.65
for supply of decals	150.10
for bank service charges	6.64
for administrative expenses	43.47
for funeral floral pieces	42.65
for expenses in soliciting dues	<u>70.45</u>
	\$2547.00
Bal. on hand, Security Nat.Bk., Spfld.,Mass. on 8/1/68	\$1395.03

*The cost of "the W.J.Verbeck Award" bowl was first paid for out of Operating Account funds and simultaneously therewith, an equal amount, \$282.66, contributed by a member who prefers anonymity, was deposited in the Operating Account and this amount is included in the above yearly receipts total, \$3,173.33.

OUR RESERVE (INACTIVE) ACCOUNT

On hand, First Federal Savings and Loan Assoc., Attleboro, Mass., on 8/1/67	\$9621.58
Receipts from 8/1/67 to 8/1/68	
Life Memberships	\$375.00
Bank Interest	<u>674.91</u> 1049.91
On hand, First Federal Savings and Loan Assoc., Attleboro, Mass., on 8/1/68	\$10,671.49

Dick adds parenthetically that at no yearly closing have we ever had as impressive a balance (\$1395.03) in our Operating Account, and further that not one single red copper penny of our Reserve Account has ever been spent, save for purposes of investing in, and selling at a profit, shares in two investment trusts. Suffice it to say, Dick is pleased.

MOCHAK, MICHAEL, (D 19th), of 1143 Walnut, Springdale, Pa. Life Member Mike and Alice were around Myrtle Beach telling the story about the 4th grade teacher who asked Johnny to name the Four Seasons. "Mustard, horse-radish, garlic and vinegar" was the reply.

YODER, HUBERT A., (Sv. 21 '43-'45), of 7113 Marley, Charlotte, N.C. Hubie was at M.B. with his own definitions of "Happiness Is". Sez Hubie: "Happiness Is..Learning that your daughter's boyfriend has had his electric guitar repossessed....Having the machine that replaced you decide that the man who bought it should be fired...Being rich enough to ask the clerk to show you something cheaper....Finding your glasses soon enough to remember what it was you wanted them for....Five green traffic lights in a row."

PEYTON, JOSEPH I., (19th '42-'45), of 1405 Belmore, Lutherville, Md. Life Member Joe brought his precious family with him to M.B. Came lovely Maggie and their wonderful young folks, Pat 21, Jimmy 18, and Kathleen 13. Tom, in a seminary, was regretfully absent.

HARRELL, FRANCIS E., (21st), of 7700 Lansdale, Washington, D.C. Frank, at Myrtle Beach, proudly joined up as a Life Member and then proceeded to show an interest concerning the time element in editing this paper. We assure him that our calendar does sit topsy-turvy upon our desk. What we write in summer, you will read, if at all, in autumn. The gestation period goes into months. With the sunshine at our back as thick as country butter on homemade bread and with the butterflies, like flowers, drifting by us in the wind, it is somewhat difficult to think in terms of the rustling of oak leaves, that sure sigh of autumn. Autumn, that lovely season, when November washes with dew, the dusty face of October, when the pumpkins in the field squat around their cornstalk wigwams. One of the nice things about Mother Nature is the way she blushes before disrobing. Which recalls to mind that it takes two kinds of people to make the world - poets to write about the glories of autumn and the rest of us to rake them. Those leaves are turning cartwheels on the lawn right now. As the endless flocks of geese wedging southward, autumn-matically sensing the why of their flight, darken your sky overhead, get out there, Taro Leafers, and pick up those leaves! See what we mean, Frank?

NEWMAN, Maj.Gen. AUBREY S. (19th, 34th & Div.Hq. '41-'45), of Longboat Key, Fla. Life Member "Red" (and by the way, the "father" of the Life Membership idea) and Dorothy thoroughly enjoyed themselves at Myrtle Beach. Red was pushing for our participation in the Benning Infantry Museum. Life Member and Past President VIC BACKER is checking it out for us.

STEVENSON, GERALD. (Div.Hq. '41-'45), of 168 Center, Wheeling, Ill. Life Member and Past Prexy Gerry returned with Belle from the merry making at Myrtle Beach only to be felled by a heart attack. Hospitalized for about a month, Gerry is nicely mending at home. He'll be on the quiet list for the rest of the year. He'd appreciate a note from you to help pass the time away.

LUMSDEN, HOWARD (21st & 19th '50-'51), of 167 Hickory, Wood River, Ill. Life Member Howie and his dazingly lovely Gladys brought with them to Myrtle Beach the enthusiasm and drive for engineering the selection of St.Louis, Mo. as our next (August, 1969) convention site.



SANDERSON, WILLIAM (F 19th '40-'45), of 57 Peck, Attleboro, Mass. Naturally, Bill and Alice were at M.B. Bill was magnificent as presiding officer over the whole affair. You gave us a wonderful year, Bill. We are grateful! When Alice wasn't around Bill was telling the one about the two women who ran into each other on Collins Ave. in Miami Beach. They hadn't seen each other in years and were obviously pleased to meet again.

The younger woman said, "So how are you feeling, dolling?"

"Oy, not so good! I feel terrible! That's why I just flew down to Miami!"

Disturbed, her friend inquired, "Have you been through the menopause yet?"

"The Menopause?....I haven't been through the Fountainbleau yet!"

WAGENFUEHRER, CARL S., (3rd Eng. '42-'45), of 531 Eastern, Baltimore, Md. Carl and Adele found the time in their busy schedule to be with us at our Myrtle Beach carnival.

SANFORD, ROBERT C. of Box 987, Laurinburg, S.C. Bob was at Myrtle Beach telling us about coming across a great new act in show business. "What is it?" we asked him. "It's a girl from the mountains of S. C." replied Bob. "What does she do?" we inquired. "You won't believe me, but her measurements are 63-24-36". "What does she do?", we asked again. Replied Bob: "What does she do? With a little help, she sits up!"

HOGGINS, WILLIAM B. of 105 Park, Dillon, S.C. Bill made Myrtle Beach, we're delighted to report. Bill tips us that BASIL DONOVAN, (K 21 '43-'45), of 24904 Marine, E.Detroit, Mich., along with Bernice, tripped to California this summer. Said Basil: "Hated to miss M.B. but we just had to see our grandson". Bill suggests a check of our members to see who among us were the first grandparents. Good idea, Bill. See you in St. Louis next August, will we?

STOIKES, CHARLES. of 6115 Fairdel, Baltimore, Md. Charley and Nettie had fun at M.B. telling the gang about the two partners in the men's clothing business. They were discussing vacations. Max said, "I'm going to Rome to have an audience with the Pope". When Max returned, Sam asked him, "Well, what kind of a fellow was the Pope?" Answered Max, "A 39 short".

HARRIS, PAUL, (21st '45-'46), of 3817 Yanceyville, Greensboro, N.C. Life Member "Junior", lovely better half Lessie, and Al and Wes, saw success reach brilliant fruition in the managing of their second Myrtle Beach convention. Once again we salute these precious people for their untiring planning efforts. Small wonder that the conventioners, in business session assembled, put the finger on Junior as new Vice-Prexy. Forgiven is the fact that Junior, in the company of Prexy BILL SANDERSON and Past Prexies JAMES "Spike" O'DONNELL and GERRY STEVENSON, went into town one forenoon, tipsy-toeing back into our bivouac hours later.

STRADA, ANGELO, (C 21 '44-'46), of 5012 S. LaVergne, Chicago, Ill. Life Member Angelo came to our rescue at Myrtle Beach when he was talking to GLENN and Ethel MURRAY, of 430 Davis, Newton, N.C. who also made the clambake and raised the question as to whether we would be listing, in Taro Leaf, those who were present at M.B. Over our editing years, we have consistently refrained from listing, in 1-2-3 fashion, the names of our conventioners. We prefer building a story around each of those who made the fiesta in preference to lining them up, in alphabetical order, like so many EM's on a Sat. AM inspection. If we're wrong, sock it to us!

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WISECUP, PAUL F., (L 34 '44-'46), of 1741 Lanbury, Kettering, Ohio. Life Member Paul and Dorothy were at M.B. What a wonderful couple they are!

AHNERT, LEWIS R. (B 13th F '43-'45), of 404 W. 5th, Peru, Ind. Lew and Norma keep



in touch with news about their 5 - Sandy, James, Jerry, Jay and Mark. Lew has 5 to go with the Peru police and then he plans



to go into business for himself as a building contractor. Lew sends a second photo of WW II days. You don't identify the place, Lew, but it could be Hollandia (Sentani A/F,) or Mindoro, or Mindanao. At any rate we see you and the remains of a Nip plane.

DECISION AT LEYTE by Stanley L. Falk. We still have a few copies left. You can have them @\$3.75 each. Mentioned therein are Generals FREDERICK IRVING and AUBREY NEWMAN. Also, SILAS THOMAS, PONCIANO DACONES, FRANK ROBINSON, DALLAS DICK, HAROLD MOON, HARRY DAVIS, FRANK WISNIEWSKI, LEWIS STEARNS and CHARLES MOWER.

HUGHES, DELPHIN F., (24 Sig.), of 304 I., Slatington, Pa. Del and his wife have 2 girls and a boy. Newly joined, They're happy to be with us. Try us at St. Louis next Aug., Del, and bring the family. With the Allentown works of Western Electric, Del golfs and bowls. He remembers when Biak stood for "Boy, I am confused".

CRUCIUS, LEE, (A 24 Med. '43-'46) of 5276 N. 51st, Milwaukee, Wis. Lee writes that he's in great shape - "Every artery's hard as a rock".

With Sgt. Mike

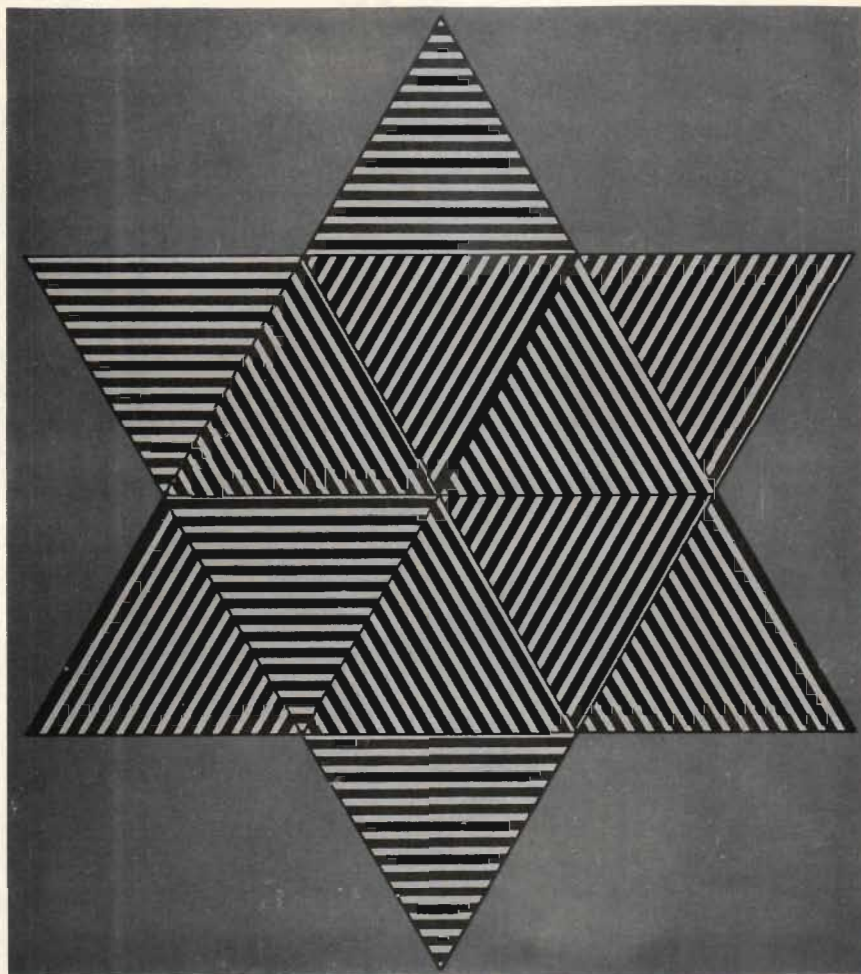


"My luck!"

HANLIN, CLIFFORD G., (L 34), of Box 315, Elwood, Ind. Life Member "C.G." was at his best at our Myrtle Beach gathering, catering to the dancing pleasures of all of our ladies. To the strains of "I've Got A Bimbo Down on That Bamboo Isle" and "Would You Rather Be a Colonel with an Eagle on Your Shoulder, or a Private with a Chicken on Your Knee?", and a host of similar favorites, CG spent hours impervious to aught save the worship of Terpsichore. He was the cynosore of all eyes. His partners corvetted in figure eights, whirled and skimmed like swallows. In and out of the crowds, they'd dip and swing, shaking their bacon. Yielding to the entreaties of the onlookers, CG consented to demonstrate the Big Apple, an interpretation of which had electrified his Senior Prom in 1935.

HODGIN, JOHN V., (21st), of 1915 Woodside, Greensboro, N.C. John and Angeline liked M.B. but are going to be disappointed when we use no pictures of the affair in this issue. We aren't using 'em 'cuz we ain't got, folks.

McCOMB, JAMES, (B 13 F '42-'45), of 2168 Darlington, Beaver Falls, Pa. Jim and Helen ask: "How many triangles of any size are there in this star?" Solution in our next issue.



O'CONNOR, JOHN T., (34th '44-'45), of 5 Noel, N.Arlington, N.J. Johnny and Martha were at Myrtle Beach. Johnny couldn't forbear to tell the story about the hypochondriac who got little sympathy when he was alive, but had the last word by inscribing on his tombstone: "I told you I was sick".

McMICHAEL, CHARLES E., (Hq. 19th '44-'45), of 158 Freeport, Butler, Pa. Charles and Helen got to Myrtle Beach for the fun and hope to make it to St.Louis next Aug.

IRVING, Maj.Gen. FREDERICK A. (Div.Hq. '42-'44), of 2619 Ft.Scott, Arlington, Va. Life Member Fred and his very gracious Vivian never fail us. We were proud and happy to have them with us at Myrtle Beach.

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