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24th Infantry Division Association



FROM THE PRESIDENT----

Many of us are still recalling with fond memories our 48th Reunion in Nashville in September. It was a great one and special thanks are extended to Rudy and Yvonne Mullins and all their volunteers for all their personal efforts in making it a most successful get together. A special thank you also goes to Lieutenant General Jim Vaught for being our speaker for the Memorial Dinner and to Major General and Mrs. Joseph DeFrancisco for their support of our Association activities in so many ways. Next year's reunion is scheduled for Minneapolis on 5-9 September and for 1997 we have scheduled Colorado Springs for 17-20 September. Future editions of the TARO LEAF will keep you informed. Our reunions offer a wonderful opportunity to visit with old comrades and to meet new ones. I realize that through the year many 24th Division units have their "mini" reunions at locations other than the location of our Association reunion. I would hope that organizers of these mini-reunions would consider meeting in conjunction with our reunion. There are many advantages in meeting at the same time--reduced lodging rates in First Class hotels, discounts on tours, the opportunity to interact with 24th Division vets from other units, plus, many more. Think about it.

It is with a touch of sadness that I report the loss of two of our old time members. Major General Frederick A. Irving (Division Hdqrs, 1942) passed away on 11 September in Virginia. General Irving was President of our Association during 1974-75. At the time of his death he was 101 years old and was the oldest living graduate of the US Military Academy.

Robert Ender (H Company, 21st Regiment, WWII), our long time Convention coordinator and Association President (1988-89) died 24 September in California. Both of these fine gentlemen will be missed by all of us that have had our lives touched by them. More about both these comrades is included in this issue of THE TARO LEAF.

For the information of all of our members there is included in this issue a letter from the 24th Infantry Division Museum Foundation concerning the future of the museum. Because the 24th Division has been stationed at Fort Stewart for over twenty years I understand that there will always be a portion of the museum at Fort Stewart dedicated to the 24th Infantry. I will keep you informed as changes are made.

MG DeFrancisco has informed me that S/Sgt Mark S. Tessner has been selected as the 24th Division NCO of the Year and Corporal Deborah L. Bertrin was selected as Soldier of the Year. Your Association presented each of the above individuals with a wrist watch with a 24th Division logo as our award to them for being selected.

The history book is a go! At the Nashville reunion Turner

Publishing Company, Paducah, Kentucky, was given a contract to write and publish the book. It will take about eighteen months before the final product is ready. Our Secretary-Treasurer, Rudy Mullins (19th Infantry, Korea) has informed me that individuals who have already paid for a copy will have first priority on the book when published. Dave Mann (14th Regiment, WW II) chairs the book committee and I know he will keep us all informed of the progress through the pages of THE TARO LEAF.

At the Executive Board meeting in Nashville it was agreed upon that the 5th RCT will be considered as part of the 24th Infantry Division Association and any future publications of the Association where unit insignia is displayed will include the insignia of the 5th RCT. Also a belated welcome is extended to former members of the 339th Engineer Battalion. Welcome to each and every one! You are now one of us!

Other matters of interest that occurred during the Executive Board meeting was the Secretary-Treasurer reported that the Association had picked up 55 new members (and still counting!) based on the publicity our Association gained during the Korean War Memorial ceremonies in Washington. Also, our Membership Chairman reported that our annual membership renewals continue to go down each year. Hopefully this year with the computer expertise we now have annual memberships will run from the month of the dues payment until the same month the following year. I still highly recommend Life Membership for all. That way one does not have to worry about paying dues each year.

Last but not least listed below are the names of your Association leadership for 1995-96:

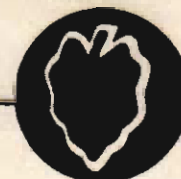
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I wish that each and every one of you will have a happy and joyous holiday season. I hope that all of you will include Minneapolis in your plans for 1996.

James F. Hill
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Office of the Commander
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"FIRST TO FIGHT"

August 30, 1995

Dear Victory Division Veteran:

On behalf of the soldiers of 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield, I extend best wishes as you observe the 54th anniversary of the activation of this great division.

Today we in the Victory Division are extremely proud to serve in this very distinguished unit. You and your comrades in arms have established a combat tradition second to none.

In the steamy jungles of the Pacific, frozen landscapes of Korea, and wilting heat of Southwest Asian deserts you paid the price of freedom with a special currency -- your own blood and guts and the bodies of your fallen comrades, may they rest in peace.

I look forward to seeing all of you this year in Nashville and in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Joseph E. DeFrancisco
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding

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4 - 7 September 1996

VICTORY MUSEUM FOUNDATION, INC.

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September 29, 1995

Mr. Ellsworth Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer, 24th Infantry Division Association
812 Orion Drive
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906

Dear Mr. Nelson:

I am writing this letter to bring you up to date on the status of the Victory Museum Foundation.

We no longer have an office or a staff. We are currently operating with all volunteer workers. We have approximately \$40,000 in the fund. At the present there is very little money coming out of the fund except to pay postage fees, etc. . We have all funds in interest bearing accounts.

The Board decided to meet with the city and county leaders here to see if they will proceed with the new museum project as a part of their current tourism plans. They have taken a very positive interest in our talks with them and we feel there is some hope. If they are not interested we will turn over what we have to the existing museum fulfilling our obligations on the brick purchases and plaques. The museum will have to use the brick and plaque money to honor the 24th Infantry Division by exhibits or expansions using the printed bricks.

We appreciate your interest and are open to any suggestions or help that you can give us. Please feel free to call me if you need any additional information or if I can help the association in any way.

Sincerely,

Johnny Zoucks
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Do You Remember?

PAID YOUR DUES ?
SEND DUES TO :
Rodolph Mullins
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Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, President Clinton paid tribute to aging veterans who suffered through "the most horrible thing ever done by man" to ensure the eventual triumph of freedom.

"Our nation is forever grateful," Clinton told more than 700 World War II veterans in the audience of 5000 gathered on a dusty parade ground at Wheeler Army Airfield. The base was one of the first American targets of Japanese bombers on Dec. 7, 1941.

"In this remarkable place, so much like paradise, we recall a time when war made the idyllic Pacific hell on earth," Clinton said, "and we celebrate the generation of Americans who won that war and ensured the triumph of freedom over tyranny.

"Never before had the fight for freedom stretched across such a vast expanse of land and sea. And never before had the energies of the American people been so fully required or so fully joined."

Clinton pointedly expressed appreciation for the recent apology extended by Japanese Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama for Japan's aggression. He said that Americans appreciate "the recent powerful words."

Attending college was a privilege rather than a right.

A farmer could plant what he wished.

The Supreme Court protected society rather than the criminals.

The aged were cared for by their children.

Foreign officials visited the White House without asking for money.

We entered a war to win it.

A life sentence didn't mean a parole in 10 years.

Our flag was respected at home and abroad.

America conducted her foreign affairs without consulting the U.N.

A father went on welfare only out of desperation and got off it as soon as possible.

Charity was a virtue instead of big business.

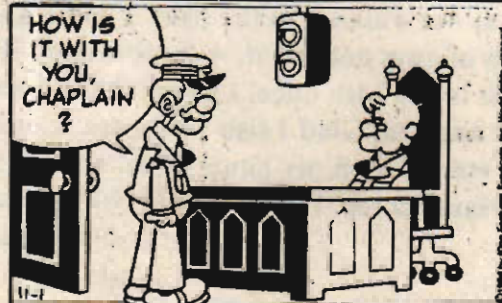
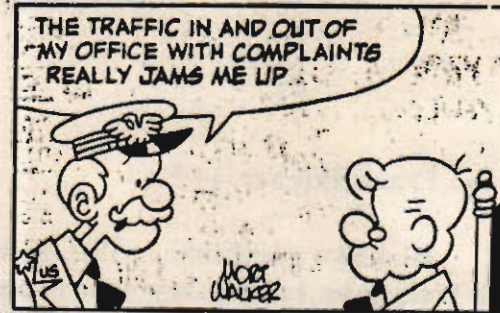
We could laugh at jokes about the Irish, Negroes, Jews or Swedes without being considered bigots.

The doctor's first question was "Where does it hurt?" rather than "Do you have insurance?"

U.S. Grant was the name of a President rather than a federal handout.

Giving aid to the enemy was treason. Now it's called foreign aid.

Beetle Bailey



ATTENTION

Taro Leafers on the Pacific Coast, in the Rocky Mtn. States and beyond.

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The western states mini-reunion for all 24th Div Association Members will be held in Northwest Nevada Late April , 1996.

More definite information to follow in a later issue. Plan now to attend for three or more days of good Fellowship concluding with an informal sit-down dinner and Raffle.

Your Hosts:

**Carol and Rod Stock
4551 Azalea Dr.
Reno, Nevada 89502
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From: Frank Skinner, 11 FA

Hi. had a great time in D.C. Saw lots of Taro Leafers, but no Korean War 11th Field guys. I think they were in an air conditioned Bar gettting loaded while I was out walking in the heat. I had a Taro Leaf patch tatoood on my right arm. Lots of guys noticed it. A General saw it & shook hands with me. He might have been in the 24th once, I heard that he was chief of Staff. Those port-a-johns were like an oven. Glad I sisen't pass out in one. I could see the Medics dragging me to an aid station with my pants down around my ankles. I talked to the Aussies and New Zealanders too. I saw them in Korea, Long time a go.

Best Wishes,

Frank Skinner

Ward Larson Fought with Leyte's 'Lost Battalion'

WITH THE 24TH DIVISION IN THE PHILIPPINES (Delayed) (AP) — Eleven Wisconsin men were among the Second Battalion of this division's Civil war famed 19th Regiment which carved a historic niche in the annals of Leyte island's reconquest with an epic of grim courage and determination against overwhelming odds at the critical peak of the fighting for the Ormoc corridor.

It became known as Leyte's lost battalion.

Wisconsin men fighting with the second are: Lieut. John L. Healy of Janesville, Pfc. Ward R. Larson of Rhinelander, Sgt. Lawrence F. Cavol of Prairie du Sac, Pfc. Mark E. Hoffman of Cato, Lieut. Troy P. Stellrecht of Boyceville, Pfc. William J. Evans of Lubin, Pfc. Philip E. Ghelfi of Genoa, Sgt. David A. Hudzinski of Wisconsin Dells, Pvt. Ronald Neumann of Kenosha, Pfc. Edson P. Osley of Melrose and Pvt. William H. Pehlke of Palatine.

The battalion was worn out from nearly a month of continuous fighting when it received orders to advance through mountains and to throw a road block against rein-

forcements which were attempting to reach a strong American concentration hammering toward Ormoc.

The battalion was commanded by Lt. Col. Robert B. Spragins, of Evanston, Ill.

The battalion, loaded with supplies had to fight the enemy and tortuous mountains for four days to reach the road. They skipped food for 24 hours and fought savagely to take dominating heights. Supplies were dropped by air, and the men foraged among the dead Japanese for food.

But they established the road block and held it four days.

Patrols fought Japanese for parachuted food, for water from a mountain stream; the ammunition ran low and men were ordered not to fire unless they could actually see their targets. Dysentery and stomach troubles weakened those who were not wounded. Foxholes filled with water.

Then after four days they were ordered out—and spent another four days fighting back to American lines. Casualties were 10 per cent killed or wounded. Six hundred Japanese lay dead behind them — and the block had been held.



Ward R. Larson, private, first class, Route 1, Rhinelander, 114. Co., 19th Infantry; discharged at Camp McCoy; served from Jan. 12, 1943, to Dec. 18, 1945. Battles or campaigns: New Guinea, Southern Philippines, Luzon. Decorations: Purple Heart with cluster, Presidential Unit Citation, Philippine Liberation ribbon with two bronze stars, Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon, five overseas service bars.



Jokers Wild

WHILE MY WIFE, Dorothy, was at the beauty salon, I phoned and asked the hairdresser to tell Dorothy Scamahorn to meet me at a local restaurant for lunch.

"Should I tell her it's her husband calling?" the woman asked.

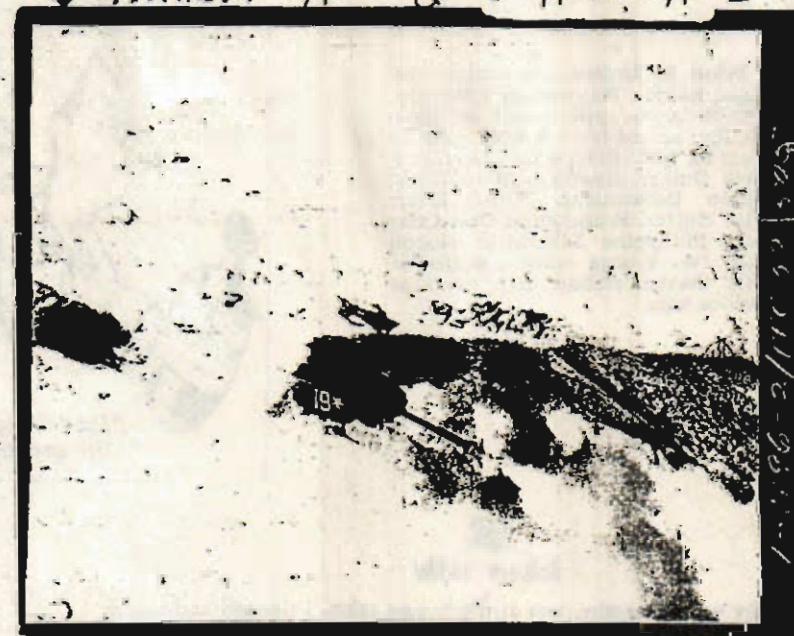
"Good Lord!" I exclaimed before hanging up. "You mean she's married?"

—Contributed by E. Scamahorn

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P.S. - Was just wondering - if the Editor was a member of the 6th Tank Bn. - by any way, this picture on the tank in the photo is Brightwell's with the same Bn. - but in C.C.C.

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I obtained these from the NATIONAL ARCHIVES

the 1945-1946 issue of the T.L. (\$5) the remaining balance of the check (\$15) to be utilized for "Wild Women and Whiskey" 2/0 for other registered needs. (Check totals 15-15 = 5-15) \$500. I appreciate your cooperation / time and effort regarding my requests.
Thanks much.
(LM #1414) Harry M. Schultz

I would like to obtain an "Association Poster" - not of 2924 name on it - is I don't know those w. it fellowed. I am only interested in those that served during the Korean Conflict only. I would also like that this poster be placed in my complete address. I would also like that this poster be placed in my (a) the journal, I am phone number and unit assigned with me with all the information I am requesting. This is my son - will be satisfied with whatever son I have stored in the computer. Enclosed this check to pay for poster (\$15) - Membership reinstatement of my brother (\$15) and mailing of 1945-3

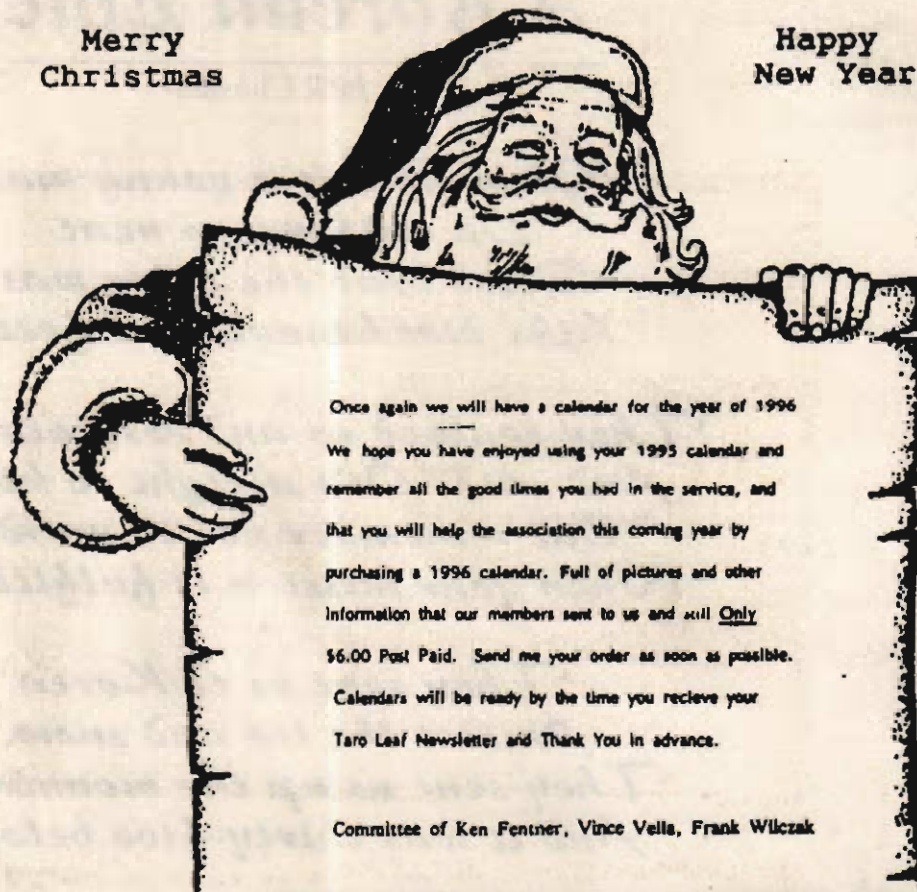
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Merry
Christmas

**Happy
New Year**



Once again we will have a calendar for the year of 1996

We hope you have enjoyed using your 1995 calendar and remember all the good times you had in the service, and that you will help the association this coming year by purchasing a 1996 calendar. Full of pictures and other information that our members sent to us and will Only \$6.00 Post Paid. Send me your order as soon as possible.

Calendars will be ready by the time you receive your
Taro Leaf Newsletter and Thank You in advance.

Committee of Ken Fentner, Vince Vella, Frank Wilczak

YOU!



Yeah you, reading
this Taro Leaf

Don't forget to order your
1996 Association calendar

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A Korean Epic

By Jack Chastain

*When I was a young man
On uniform so neat
Olive drab the color was
Like dirt beneath our feet.*

*They trained us and restrained us
And said "It's alright to kill,"
"But remember not to murder,
When your mission is fulfilled."*

*They sent us to Korea
Amidst the ice and snow.
They sent us up the mountains
And it was thirty-five below.*

*They said this was policemen's work
But that was just a lie.
It turned into a war one day
Right before our eyes.*

*We rolled up in our blankets
And prayed for morning light
But we froze in frozen chosen
On the middle of the night.*

*We heard their bugles and their whistles
Before the morning sun
As they charged across the valley
Onto our blazing guns.*

We hit them with white phosphorus
And tracers lit the sky
Artillery screaming overhead
Die you bastards, die.

When it was all over,
And you think of glory's end.
The only glory is survival
Of your buddies and your friends.

Clear the bodies off the barbed wire
Put new ammo by the gun
Rig the booby traps and trip flare
While you still have some sun.

For when the sun goes down again
And you're ready on the line.
You write a letter to your folks
An think of happy times.

You also talk to God a bit
And ask about this plan
But you realize down it you heart
This was thought up by man.

Of by some act of providence
You stand against the foe
And you return all hail and hardy
You've a very lucky Joe.

They say that you're a hero
And you've really done your share
You tell them they're mistaken
The heroes are still there.

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Dear Ken:

I am back from Japan. I went with veterans of service with the 11th Airborne Division. I served in the 11th before I joined the 24th.

I was the only one whose service did not extend back to fifty years ago when the 511th Regiment of the 11th were the first troops into Japan at Atsugi Air Base.

On 30 August 1995, exactly fifty years after General MacArthur's arrival in Japan at Atsugi Air Base, we participated in the dedication of a life sized statue of General MacArthur. It was commissioned and paid for by Mr. Kenkichi Takahashi, a Japanese businessman. The statue is at the main gate to Atsugi.

The most touching part to me was the last part in which George Doherty (a PFC rifleman from the 11th Airborne from fifty years ago) and Colonel Yamazaki (wing commander of the first wave of Japanese planes to hit Pearl Harbor) together placed a wreath at the base of the MacArthur statue. This wreath was placed in memory of fallen veterans, both Japanese and American. That produces a lump in your throat.

Ken, you asked for a "good black and white of the statue." You wanted it for the Taro Leaf.

I was unable to get what I think is a really good picture, but I did try. The lighting was such that with the camera I had a really good picture was beyond my capability. If they will crop and enlarge the picture I am sending, maybe it will do. I hope so.

If I need to get the print prepared differently, let me know.

I was aware that the 24th Infantry Division had played no small part in the combat which made possible the events of 30 September 1945 and 30 September 1995. That wreath was for the 24th, too.

I hope that your health is continuing to improve.


With warm regards,

Bob

Robert J. Bevins
Life Member 1382
24th Infantry Division Assoc.



30 AUG.95
ATSUGI AIR BASE, JAPAN
DEDICATION OF MAC ARTHUR STATUE.

 Douglas Eugene Reed
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Riverside, CA 92504

Dear Bob;

Sept 14-95

As per our conversation on evening
of Sep 13th I am sending some names
that I can remember as my album
as long with all my pictures & names.
If you can help me by placing an
add into the card I would be very
grateful.

I am looking for anyone who was
in Comp. room (SASCO) from Jan 48
to Dec 49. Some of the people's names
I can recall - as follows

HQ + HQ Co

Platoon Sgt. Sgt. Foster

Co Commander Capt Hawkins

There was also a Lt. De Horn

Anyone who knows these people
or anyone in this company Please call
me collect. (909) 351-0278

Live waiters 50 yrs.

Thank You for your trouble
Sincerely

Doug Reed

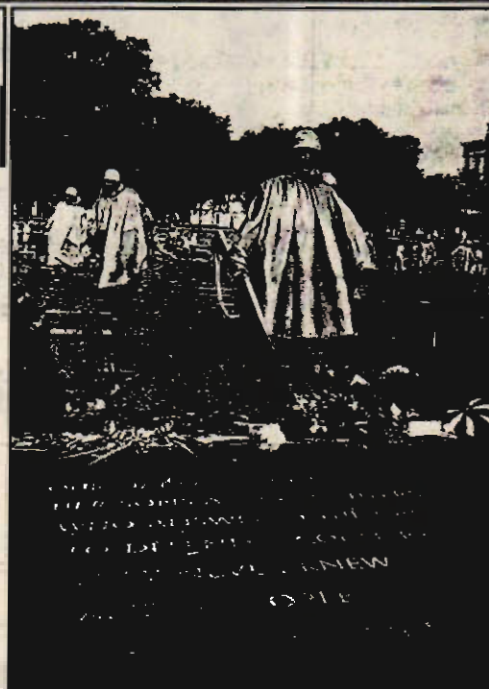
KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL DEDICATION

JULY 27, 1995 • WASHINGTON, D.C.



More than 50,000 Korean War veterans and their families attended the dedication ceremonies of the Korean War Veterans Memorial. Festivities included a grand gala, parade, memorial services at the National Cathedral and other sites and a mass muster at Tent City on the Mall.

The memorial concept is to express the enduring gratitude of the American people for those who took part in the conflict and to project the spirit of service, willingness to sacrifice, and the dedication to freedom by all participants.



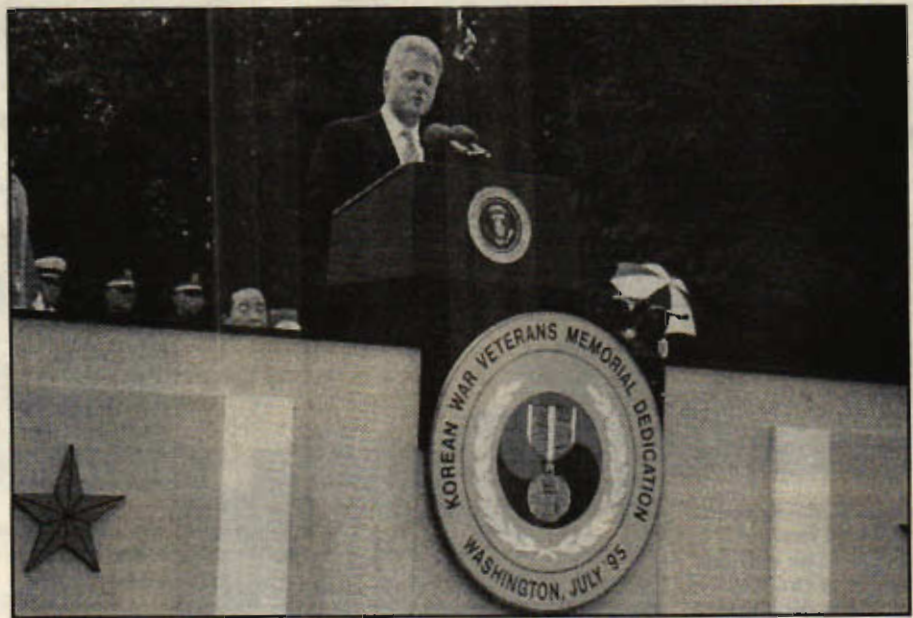
The Memorial was under the direction of Cooper-Lecky Architects.

Sculptor Frank C. Gaylord created 19 stainless steel statues, over 7' tall, representing all services that fought on foot-Army, Marines, a Navy medic, an USAF forward observer, and is representative of all races.

Muralist/Designer Louis Nelson created the 164' long mural wall of polished grey granite with 2,400 engraved images from the Korean War. A reflecting pool that is 30' in diameter is in front of the mural which reads "Freedom is not Free."

(BRAVO photos)





President Clinton delivering the Memorial dedication speech



Bill Johnson and wife They manned the 24th Booth all through the Dedication four days of hot muggy heat inside a tent.



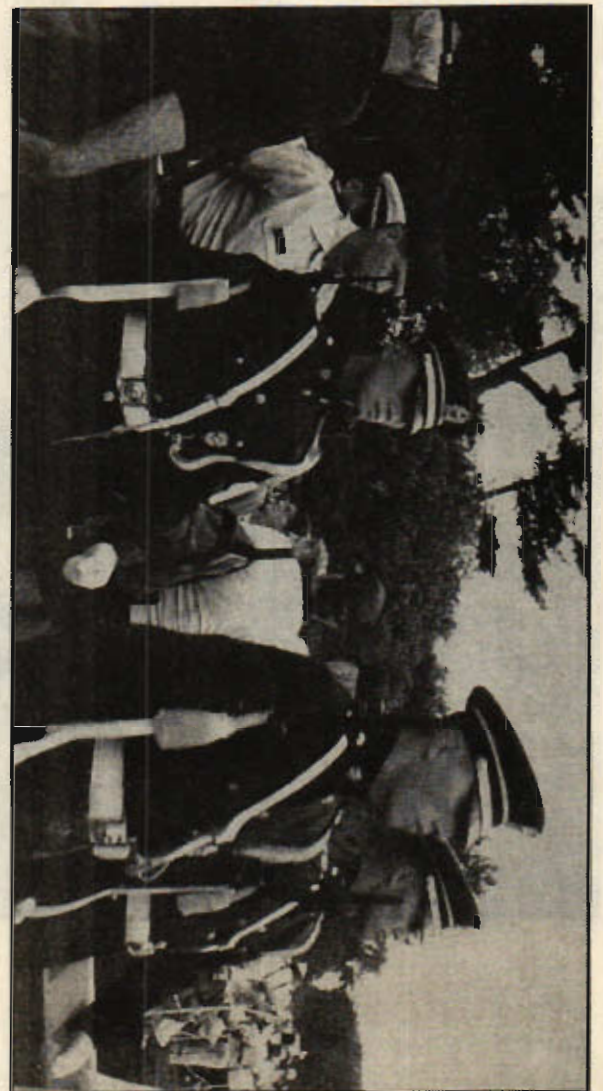
Old glory and the Task Force Smith Survivors in the trucks

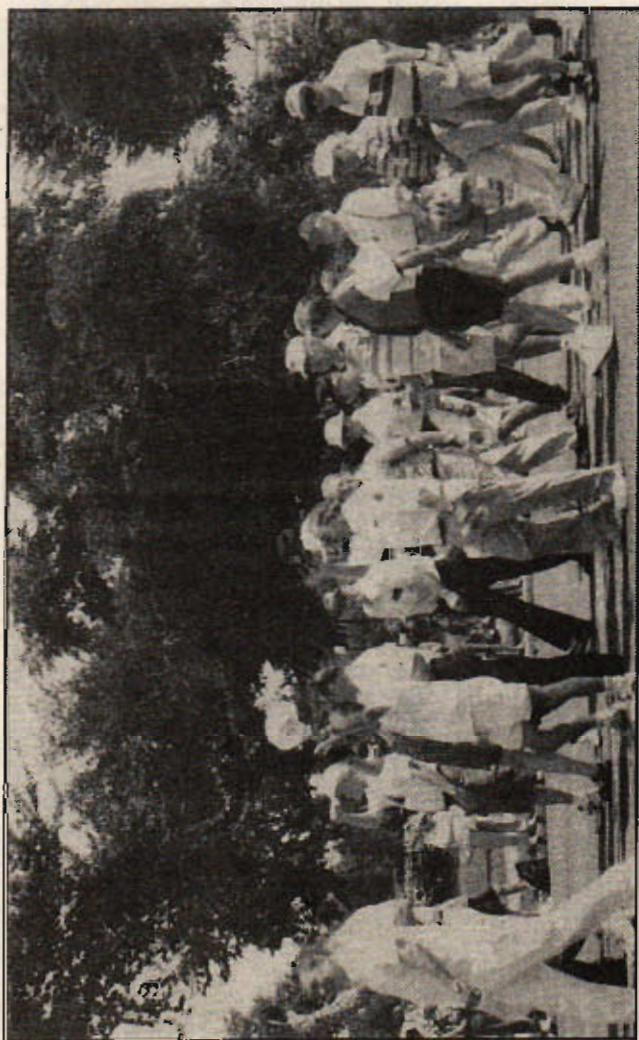


The 24th IDA was represented.









IN PERSPECTIVE

Korea vets finally get memorial

By John Omicinski
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON —
America's Korean War vets get their long-overdue thanks this week for a job well done.

The Korean War Veterans Memorial, being dedicated Thursday on the Washington Mall, is a stunning tribute to U.S. heroes who fought and died in a thankless war.

Korean War vets are going to like it. Situated in leafy woods not far from Abraham Lincoln's marble chair, the memorial is so good it may even make the 45-year wait worthwhile.

It is full of energy and hope. Nineteen larger-than-life statues depict an infantry combat team moving up a gentle slope in bad weather. Molded in stainless steel, the silvery figures make up the point guard of a ghostly platoon, carrying M-1s, carbines and Browning automatic rifles.

Rain ponchos flapping in an unfelt wind, the frozen fighters seem to be moving to some unseen objective just ahead. Adding to the power of the image, they are reflected in a spectacular marble wall etched with 2,400 photographs of smiling troops.

All the statues appear wary — looking to all sides as infantrymen long have been taught — but none seems afraid. The wall, with its hundreds of all-American faces, is stunning. It will be a tourist favorite. Every face looks like someone you know.

A simple motto is carved in dark gray marble at the top of the gentle knoll: "Freedom is Not Free." The Korean War tableau delivers a clear message: There were things worth fighting and dying for, there were heroes, and they still walk among us.

But it is more.

The monument's vibrant energy is a strong antidote to the dark, foreboding tombstone at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, a two-minute walk away. As such, the Korean memorial changes the dynamic of the Mall.

In contrast with the proud Korean War memorial, the Vietnam War's monument now seems little more than a brooding sarcophagus. All names and no faces, it is repelling, a graveyard.

Korea, in contrast, is all faces, all human, anonymous heroes in the prime of life, doing their best under fire. Forty linden trees surround a graceful fountain, inviting visitors to sit and ponder. Plantings of Roses of Sharon, donated by the Seoul government, add vibrant color.

The Korean conflict (1950-53) is the Forgotten War, fought by America's Silent Generation. Korea wasn't M.A.S.H. with cutesy nurses scurrying around sewing up cuts between pitchers of dry martinis with dippy doctors. This was the most brutal war of our time, fought in a hostile, disease-ridden, hard-to-supply environment.

The United States lost 54,426 men in three years in Korea, a per-year death rate far exceeding that of the Vietnam War.

It ended 42 years ago Thursday.

And unlike their demanding, bitter counterparts in Vietnam who have been brooding publicly since the 1970s, Korean War vets came home and melted seamlessly into the population.

**I am sending in my dues money along with a request:
How to contact a Tank Company crew of the 34th Inf.
Regt.**

I have their Armor Day "Best Tank Crew Plaque".

SFC William J. Garcia

Sp/3 Billy J. Randall

Pvt-2 James L. Eakman

Pfc Richard H. Hardine

Plaque was presented 25 May 1957 Korea

Have them contact:

Vir Chambers (3rd Eng)

111 E. 3rd Street

Lancaster, Tx. 75146

Greetings:

I am trying to learn more about my father, Ward R. Larson . My father was in the 24TH Div 19TH Inf 2ND Batt. He served in WWII in New Guinea, Leyte, Luzon and the rest of the island during the war. Before he died he talked of Leyte and how he was part of the LEYTE LOST BATTALION.

I am enclosing a copy of a newspaper clipping, that I received from my mother to assisted you. I am interested in any copies of information about the time that he served in the Leyte Lost Batt. I would also like any pictures or old maps of the Islands of New Guinea, Leyte and Luzon for my research book on Leyte's Lost Battalion. My purpose is to do a biography of my father and his life in the service.

I am eager to learn more about the Lost Batt and especially my father's service. Should there be any other areas I could write to, any direction or addresses you can give me, it would be most appreciated.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful considerations.

Respectfully yours.

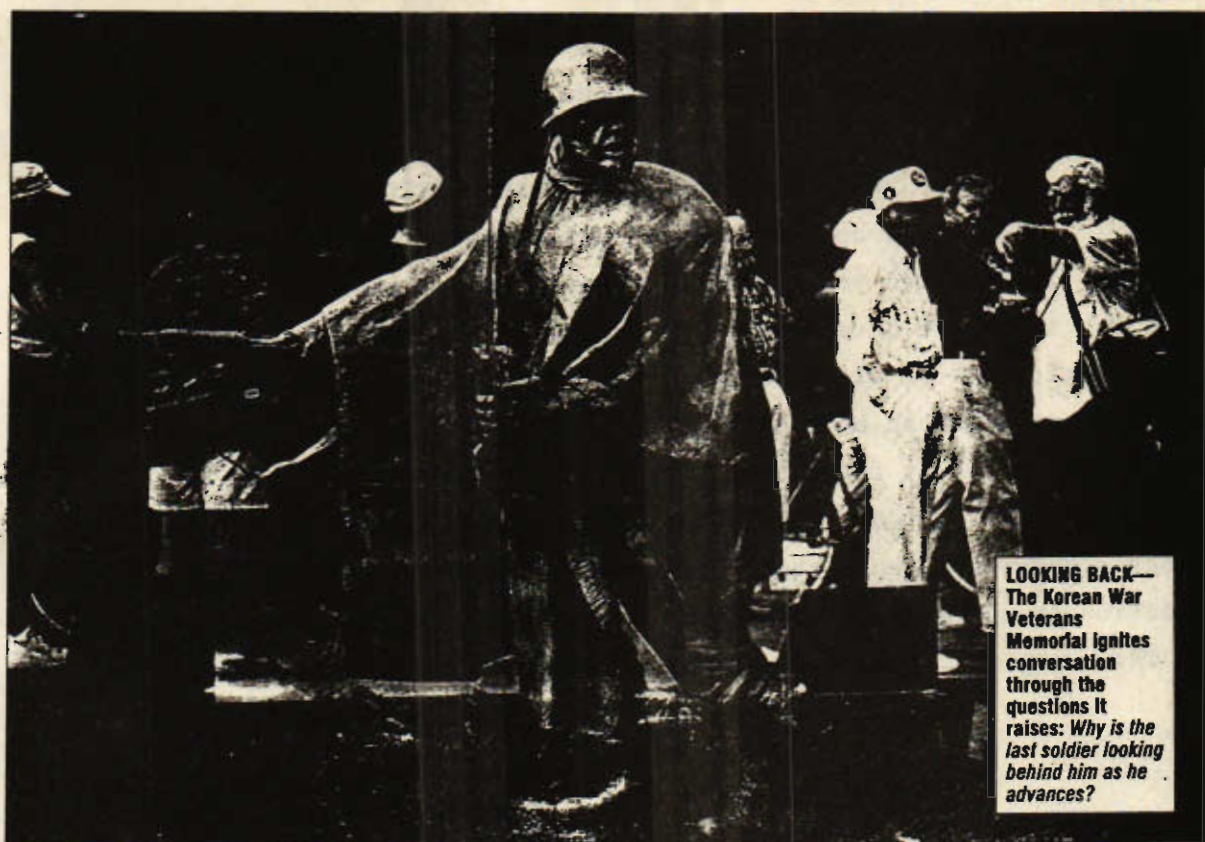
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The Editor provided a tape of the West Coast Reunion and the Washington ,D.C. Memorial Dedication at the Annual reunion for the viewing pleasure of all members, which was to belong to the division Association. Someone thought that they could take it since it was laying around . hopefully the person who took the tape will return it.



The Long, Silent March

• "In our sleep, pain
• that cannot forget
• falls drop by drop
• upon the heart...."

—Inscription on
a wall at
Arlington National
Cemetery

THE YOUNG man to my right wants to know what the commotion is all about. We are standing on Constitution Avenue outside the tent city that has sprung up to accommodate the hordes come to Washington this hot, humid week in late July. My questioner looks to be about 16 or 17. He wears a pair of loop ear-

rings and the modified Mohawk haircut now in vogue among members of his generation.

I tell him we are here for the dedication of a memorial to those who fought in Korea. He is silent for a moment. Then his brow furrows and he says, "We actually fought in Korea?"

It was a while ago, I tell him.

He nods. "I thought that was just a TV show," he says.

I smile, wondering how many other youngsters' perceptions of what happened in Korea were shaped entirely by reruns of *M*A*S*H*. My own son once said that Korea must have been a "really fun place," what with everybody running around spouting wisecracks all the time. You wonder: What the hell are they teaching kids in school these days? I suppose that to most of today's generation, Korea

means little more than cheap cars and TV sets.

Korea was much more than that, of course, to the 1.5 million Americans who served there—some 54,000 of whom took their last breaths during the war fought there. To them, Korea was a hellish place of cruel extremes, of sweltering heat and limb-killing cold. Korea was also cruel for broader reasons. It was the first war the United States fought to a stalemate. With Korea was born the dismal concept of "limited war" that came back with a vengeance in the Vietnam era. If people have preferred to forget what took place in Korea, it may be because what took place there is not the stuff of pleasant memories.

To those Americans who were called to Korea between 1950 and 1953, however, the war defies forgetting. And that is why so many thou-



ON GUARD—
Frozen in
perpetual youth,
the memorial's
19 statues stand
tense, their gaunt
faces a grim
reminder of war.

The Long, Silent March

sands of us are here in Washington on July 27, 1995.

IN THE stifling mid-morning heat, we mill about before the start of a memorial service at Arlington National Cemetery's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Earlier this day, President Clinton, American Legion National Commander William M. Detweiler and others participated in a private wreath-laying ceremony here. Now the throng has swelled to a sweaty 5,000, who wait to hear from Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jesse Brown and from former Congressman Stan Parris of Virginia, sponsor of the legislation that authorized building the memorial. Around me is a sea of hats from at least a dozen nations who fought in the allied Korean action. Also represented are countless companies, battalions and other informal groups, including more than a few of the vaunted Chosin Few. T-shirts, caps and banners bear the memorial's official theme: **FREEDOM IS NOT FREE.**

While the Navy band gets settled in place, I ask people what brought them here. A woman whose father died in Korea says she came because she "had to." Asked to elaborate, she shrugs; tears well in her eyes. She says she has always felt a certain "confusion" about what we were trying to accomplish in Korea, about why her father had to die in this strange, far-off place. She hopes

to find something in the memorial service that will give her the sense of closure she has sought for some 40 years now.

A hundred yards removed from the site, Ottis C. Teston, a disabled Legionnaire from Fernandina Beach, Fla., is sitting on one of the graceful stone ledges that frame the large expanses of grass at Arlington. Like most in attendance, Teston and his wife came to Washington specifically for the dedication, at considerable cost. He spent three years as a prisoner-of-war, one of 7,000 American POWs in Korea (2,700 of whom died in captivity). During that time he sometimes wondered if the government was doing all it could to free him. Now Teston says he still feels forgotten, despite the memorial.

"They sure didn't go out of their way for us when they organized this thing," he grumbles. "You'd think that of all the people entitled to come here, the POWs would be first on the list—that we'd get special seating or something. But we can't even get near the service." Mary Frances Teston wears a small button that says, **EX-POW'S WIFE.** She too complains bitterly: "They just wrote us off. The government wrote us off then, and they're doing it again now."

A more upbeat perspective comes from X Corps alumnus Jim Lakin of Titusville, Fla. Smiling broadly, Lakin proclaims the memorial dedication "the most exciting thing I've been involved in for many years." (This,

from a man who can see the space shuttle take off from his front lawn.) He adds, "We were there at Inchon, you know, and we were there at Chosin." He sighs, shakes his head. "It's been a long uphill fight to get this thing done."

We are interrupted by the commencement of a 21-gun salute; for several moments, there is eerie silence save for the echoing report of the guns. Jesse Brown arrives in a limo, framed by Secret Service. The bands plays *The Star Spangled Banner*, then a lone bugler sounds *Taps*. The mournful notes set the women to softly weeping, but the men seem to be crying even harder, a mixture of sweat and tears streaming down their cheeks. It is

clear that the horror of war, like the death of a child, lingers someplace deep inside, no matter how much time passes. Now in their sixth and seventh decades of life, the men who fought in Korea left something of themselves, some softness or innocence, back on those battlefields. And they took away a hurt that will stay with them till they die.

Thankfully, the band brightens the mood with an up-tempo march, and the speakers approach the mike. Col. Rosemary McCarthy, vice chairman of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board, notes that "no location is more appropriate" for this day's services. Former congressman Parris points out that the organized movement to build a memorial began 10 years ago this day right here at Arlington. In the intervening decade, he adds, "it has never rained in Washington on July 27." The crowd cheers. Later, alluding to Korea's status as the so-called "forgotten war," Jesse Brown says, "If there has been silence, let us now break it with words of praise."

As the service concludes the band plays *America the Beautiful*. Everyone sings along, and an amazing thing happens: Though it is 95 degrees outside, a chill takes hold of my spine and just won't let go.

THE KOREAN War Veterans Memorial sits on the mall near the Lincoln and Vietnam Veterans memorials, in the figurative shadow of

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the White House. I suppose that from certain vantage points in the White House you can see it, or at least see the people clustered about it. Which is only fitting. If, as President, you're going to order people into battle—conceivably to their deaths—you should have to face the results: the loss, the mourning of their loved ones.

By the end of this day, an estimated 50,000 people will have crammed this 2.2-acre site, which is covered with tents that remind many onlookers of Korean War-era bivouacs. There is a military museum tent, brimming with dramatic photos of wartime Korea—incinerated tanks, defoliated hillsides, battle-weary battalions. There is an entertainment tent, slated to host performances by country-and-western star Billy Ray Cyrus and others. A chapel tent depicts "Navy Religious Ministries in the Korean War." The biggest attraction, though, seems to be a tent called Korea Then and Now. The unmistakable emphasis here is on tourism, with photographs of lovely rolling greenery, welcoming faces, golf courses—in short, the image of an Asian resort paradise. "Somehow Korea didn't look this friendly when I was there 40 years ago," a white-haired man mutters to his wife.

But the centerpiece of the day-long commemoration is, of course, the memorial itself. Observed from the walkway that runs its perimeter, it is a jarring sight: as if 19 soldiers have been frozen in perpetual youth. The life-size statues march at intervals of perhaps five yards in a roughly triangular formation. Their body language is tense; their faces are vacant, gaunt—"haunted," as someone puts it. In the background, eyeing the combat-ready formation from a long, polished wall, are the sand-blasted, ghost-like images of support personnel.

The scene is highly emotional, and yet the feeling here is somewhat different from that of other memorials, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in particular. Yes, this memorial has the same capacity to bring a lump to the throat, to stop conversation in mid-sentence, much as "The Wall" does. But it also tends to ignite conversation through the questions it raises. What is the emotion in the eyes of the faces on the mural as they stare at the marching soldiers? What are the troops themselves thinking as they march? By far the most speculation focuses on the

last soldier in the formation: *Why is he looking behind him as he advances?* Maybe, someone suggests, he is awaiting reinforcements—the support that was always promised but too often failed to materialize in Korea.

Or maybe, as someone else ventures, he is simply glancing back toward America, longing for the peace and tranquility of home.

That is what I mostly think about on the flight back to Indianapolis. I remember that last soldier looking homeward and the remarks Jesse Brown made at Arlington. He referred to our soldiers as "ambassadors of peace." He also said, "History cannot be un-lived, but if faced with courage, it need not be lived again." Perhaps this is the deeper meaning of all war memorials: By confronting us with the tragedy of death, they remind us of the sanctity of life.

I think, too, of the young man on Constitution Avenue whose question revealed his ignorance. While it is sad that he and his generation as a whole have precious little sense of history, there is something to be said for the fact that we live in an era of relative calm, that these sheltered young men by and large never had to deal firsthand with the ugliness of battle—that their knowledge of war is limited to what they see on television. In this context, a war memorial becomes an ironic token of our desire for a world where no further memorials need ever be built.

I don't think the men who served in Korea or anywhere else would mind if their one, true, lasting monument turned out to be peace. □

—By Steve Salerno



Mark A. Larson joins the Association in honor of his father, Pfc Ward R. Larson, who was in the 19th and part of the Leyte Lost Battalion. Mark lives at:

PO Box 9

Sayner, WI 54560

715-342-3776

We are honored to have you with us, Mark.

We have another call for help. How many times we go through this. Now a call has come in from Maureen Mulcahy Snow of 13569 Laf Potros Way, Lakeside, CA 92040 - Telephone 619-443-3011. She is trying to locate anyone who might remember her father, MAURICE MULCAHY, of the 5th RCT, who was KIA in Korea. Think long and hard on this one, men. The smoking lamps are lighted.

Rodney A. White
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Center Ossipee, NH 03814

5 September 1995

TARO LEAF
24th Infantry Division Association
P.O. Box 6066
Colorado Springs, CO 80934-6066

Attn: Editor:

Awhile ago someone inquired about Camp Fuji.

Enclosed are a couple of snapshots you might be able to use in the future Taro Leaf.

I took these in the Fall of 1951 at Middle Camp. They might interest some members.

Sincerely,

Rodney A. White

Rodney A. White, "K" 34th Reg., 24th Div.



Korean War Veterans Memorial Dedicated

"It is everything and more than we expected," said Brig. Gen. Charles B. (Brad) Smith, USA Ret., reflecting on the veterans' view of the Korean War Veterans Memorial, which was dedicated in Washington, D.C., on the 42nd anniversary of the armistice. Gen. Smith led Task Force Smith into Korea in 1950 as the first American troops to face the onslaught.

The memorial, Gen. Smith said, represents a sense of "closure" for veterans of the Korean War.

Thousands of veterans and their families came to the nation's capital to celebrate the memorial's official opening on July 27. Korean War veterans from all the UN nations that provided troops to fight in the war were also on hand for the dedication.

The memorial, located near



Photographs: Dennis Steele

the Lincoln Memorial, flanking the Reflecting Pool and on the other side of the Mall from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, includes 19 larger-than-life figures of soldiers cast in steel and cloaked in ponchos, walking in combat formation toward a flagstaff at the apex of the memorial. Alongside the central figures is a granite wall etched with the faces of approximately 2,400 men and women who served in Korea.

"On this day 42 years ago, President Dwight Eisenhower called the end of hostilities 'an armistice on a single battleground, not peace in the world,'" President Bill Clinton said during the dedication ceremonies. "In a struggle so long and consuming [as the Cold War], perhaps it's not surprising that too many lost

sight of the importance of Korea. But now we know with the benefit of history, that those of you who served and the families of those who stood behind you laid the foundations for one of the greatest triumphs in the history of human freedom. By sending a clear message that America had not defeated fascism to see communism prevail, you put the free world on the road to victory in the Cold War. That is your enduring contribution, and all free people everywhere should recognize it today...You showed the truth inscribed on the wall [of the memorial]—that 'freedom is not free.'"



Top, steel statues in a combat formation are the central focus of the Korean War Veterans Memorial. Above, members of Task Force Smith gather to participate in a parade honoring Korean War veterans that was held in Washington, D.C., as part of the memorial's dedication; Brig. Gen. Charles B. (Brad) Smith, USA Ret., is in uniform. Right, President Bill Clinton speaks at the dedication ceremony.

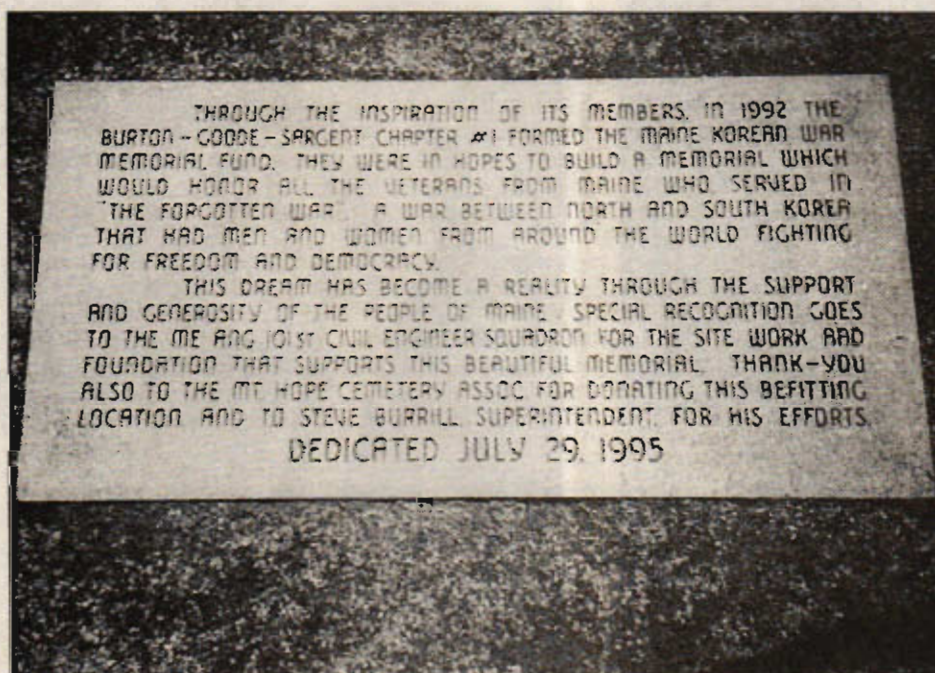


24 Inf. Div. Assoc.

Dear Sir:

We recently had a Korea memorial dedicated to the men from Maine, who died in Korea. I am not sure if any were from the 24th or not. One Medal of Honor.

WALTER MORRISON JR.
BOX B
MEDWAY, ME. 04460





WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE FINE PHOTO
WORK OF DR. PHIL HOSTETTER , WHO SUB-
MITTED THE FOLLOWING PHOTOS.



THE HEAD TABLE FOR 1995 REUNION



RETIRING PRESIDENT VINCIENT VELLA



PRESIDENT JAMES HILL



Helen Hostetter, Meliza and Horace Hoggatt, and Margaret Long. Meliza was our Filipino guide when we visited Corregidor and other places in the P.I. in 1984. Joe and Charlotte Hofrichter were our Tour Directors.

Meliza is now an American citizen!



Sgt. Mark Larson, Box 9, Sayner, Wis. 54560, Aaron Barnes, and Thomas Gore who served with Co. G, 2nd. Bn, 19th Regt. on Leyte. This was miss-called the "Lost Battalion" when it was surrounded. Sgt. Larson is looking for information about the Battalion and his father Ward who was with Co.G.

He may write a book.



GENERAL JOSEPH DE FRANCISCO
AND HIS LOVELY WIFE.





CHAP. JOSEPH HOFRICTER RECEIVES
THE ANNUAL VERBECK AWARD FROM
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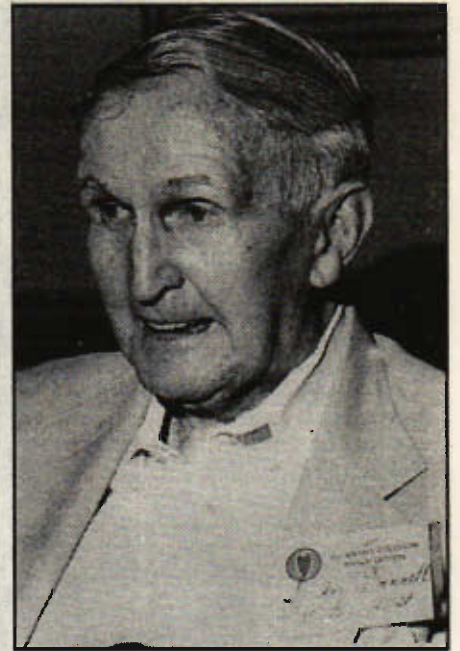


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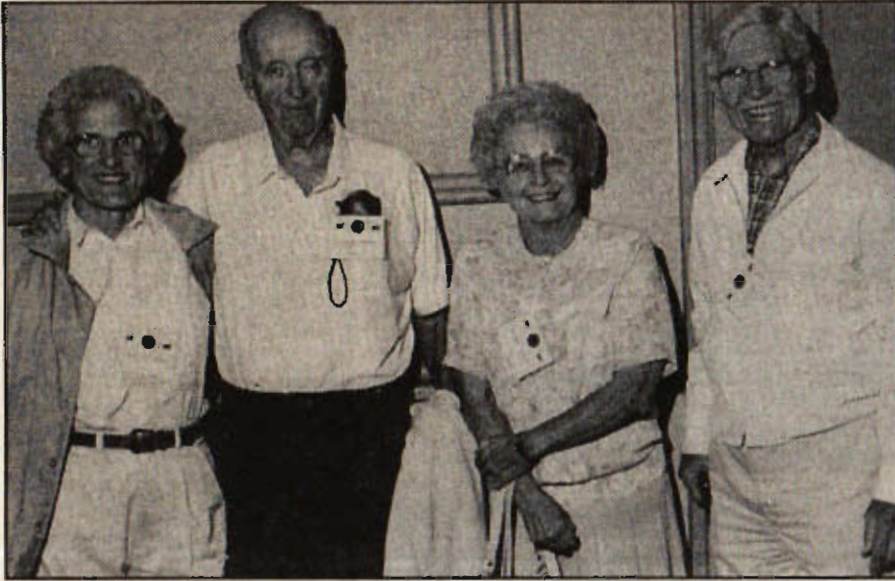


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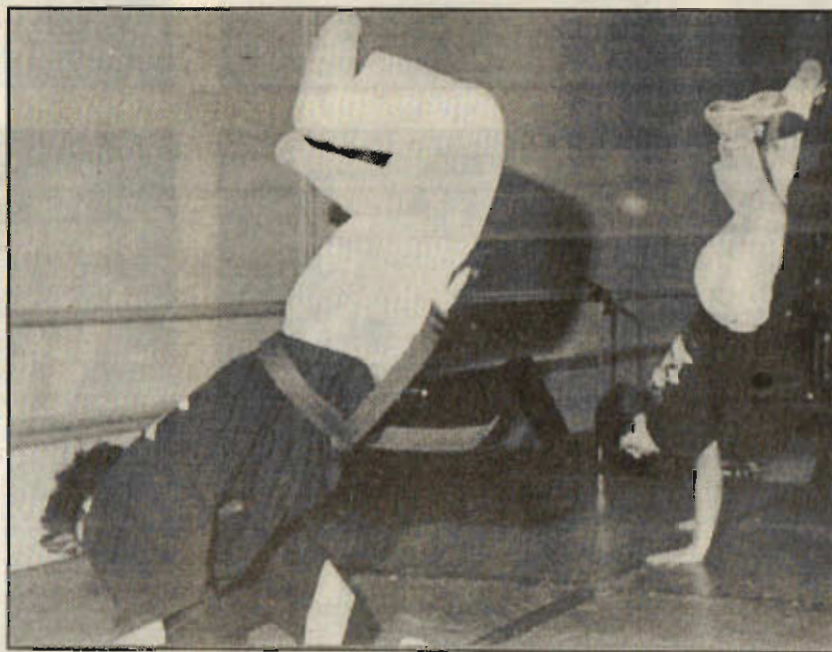


SPIKE O'DONNELL





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Edward Puhr	\$5.00	5th RCT
James Flynn	\$25.00	3rd Eng
Sal Nicoletta	\$10.00	21st Inf
Jim Owens	\$10.00	34th Inf
Carl Curtis	\$5.00	21st Inf
Harry Schultz	\$15.00	24th Sig
Raymond Clark	\$10.00	3rd Eng
Walter G. A.	\$10.00	19th Inf
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Alfred Ridge	\$5.00	21st Inf
Perry Graves	\$10.00	5th RCT
Allen Brooks	\$5.00	34th Inf
Jack Gunn	\$5.00	34th Inf
Dan Rickert	\$8.00	3rd Eng
Rudolph Weber	\$10.00	21st Inf
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John Conlon	\$5.00	19th Inf
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Howard Camp	\$10.00	19th Inf
Alex Poland	\$5.00	34th Inf
Albert Silverstein	\$10.00	21st Inf
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Rocky Mount, Mo. 65072

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**Western dancing
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Victory Division to host McCaffrey, Rosenblum



20 years ago...

Courtesy photo
During the activation ceremony of 1st Brigade, then Brig. Gen. Donald Rosenblum, 24th Inf. Div. commander, passes colors to then Lt. Col. Phillip Brown.

REACTIVATION: Former division commanders return to celebrate 20th anniversary of division's beginning

Patriot Staff Reports

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of its reactivation 24th Infantry Division, the Victory Division will hold a retreat ceremony, formal dinner and 24th ID Band concert.

The Retreat Ceremony, to be held Sept. 21 in front of the Division Headquarters at 4 p.m., will render honors to Gen. Barry McCaffrey, commander in chief, U.S. Southern Command.

McCaffrey commanded the 24th ID from 1990-1992. He led the division to Saudi Arabia in August 1990 in combat operations during the Gulf War for which he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at Newman Gym.

The retreat ceremony will be followed by a formal dinner at the Victory Club by invitation only.

The finale of the anniversary celebration will be a concert by the 24th Inf. Div. Band Sept. 22 at Cottrell Field. The concert,

begins at 7 p.m. and is open to the public. Everyone is encouraged to bring their family, a picnic dinner, blankets or chairs and enjoy the evening listening to the 24th Inf. Div. Band. The concert will be followed by a fireworks extravaganza.

Before serving as CINC, SOUTHCOM, McCaffrey served as director for Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff and before that as assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

McCaffrey has been decorated twice for valor with the Distinguished Service Cross. He has received two awards of the Silver Star, the Bronze Star with "V" device with three Oak Leaf Clusters and three awards of the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat.

The guest speaker at the Retreat Ceremony will be retired Lt. Gen. Donald Rosenblum.

Rosenblum began his 33 year career leading a rifle platoon in combat during the Korean War. During his first tour of Vietnam he commanded an airborne infantry battalion and on his second tour was the commander of the Division Support Command of the 101st Airborne Division. In January 1975, he assumed command of the 1st Brigade



Courtesy photo

During Desert Shield/Storm, then Maj. Gen. Barry McCaffrey, 24th Inf. Div. commander, poses with Buddy DeLoach, then mayor of Hinesville.

(Separate), 24th Inf. Div. along with command of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. Eight months later Rosenblum assumed command of the newly reactivated 24th Inf. Div.

Departing Fort Stewart in September 1977, he took command of an Army Readiness Region. In 1980, he became the deputy commander of the XVIII Airborne Corps. In September 1981, Rosenblum was promoted to lieutenant general and was given command of 1st U.S. Army.

In November 1985, Rosenblum formed his own consulting firm — Rosenblum and Associates. Rosenblum and Associates develops data on the needs for a company's systems.

24th

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Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, who commanded the 24th through Desert Shield/Desert Storm and is now commander in chief, Southern Command, Panama, said the name change was "like losing a loved one."

Cheryl Anderson of Hinesville was another who came to see the division celebrate its final anniversary.

"After all, it's in honor of the 24th. They're going to be disappearing. It's a happy day and a sad day," she said.

The celebration continues at 7:30 p.m. tonight with an open-air con-

cert and fireworks display for soldiers and the public at the base.

The presence of the Army has meant a boost to the local economy. During the last fiscal year, Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield spent about \$752 million, most of it locally.

Payroll alone for fiscal year 1994 was \$550.3 million for military employees, \$43.7 million for civilians, spokesman Dean Wohlgemuth said.

The spirit of cooperation between the military and civilian communities was discussed by McCaffrey earlier in the day at a Liberty County Chamber of Commerce luncheon. But McCaffrey also took a global view, speaking about the increasing role Latin America will play in the coming years.

"You and I have got to care about Latin America," McCaffrey said, noting that the economic trade im-

pact is already larger than it is with all the west European countries.

The United States put 50,000 troops in Latin America last year, McCaffrey said. Their roles range from peacekeeping to drug interdiction.

"It's a very optimistic picture you can paint," McCaffrey said, noting that there are no known nuclear or chemical weapons in the region.

The drug trade remains the big problem, he said. "They're struggling against it. It's a 'daily menace.'"

Drug interdiction tactics have failed to stop the drug flow. "To be honest we're not doing very well," McCaffrey said. "We're working on some new ideas."



The country must have a large and efficient army, one capable of meeting the enemy abroad, or they must expect to meet him at home.

—The Duke of Wellington, 28 Jan. 1811

Sept. 17, 1995

Taro Leaf
24th I.D.A.
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Dear Sir, I served in Korea with the 19th Inf. Regt., Co. A 4th Plat. Apr. 51-Feb. 52
I'm sure you get many requests of this nature, But any help you can give me to assist
getting in touch with old buddies would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Fred R. Liberman
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Brooklyn, NY. 11218-5845

24th Division marks 20 years in community

5 generals return for celebration

By Stacy Seaman
Savannah News-Press

HINESVILLE — Five former commanding generals will return to Fort Stewart today as the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) celebrates its 20th year in the community.

The anniversary also will be the final one for the 24th, which will have its name changed this spring to the 3rd Infantry Division. But that isn't expected to affect the long and enduring relationship Fort Stewart has had with the civilian community.

"Here is a prime example of how national defense can co-exist with the community," Hinesville attorney Jeff Arnold said. "It's just been 20 years of continuous growth."

Although the division's new name will mean cosmetic changes when it comes to patches and stationary, the division will keep the same personnel and mission, spokesman Dean Wohlgemuth said.

And the 24th will continue its proud heritage of rapid deployment.

"You are always trained, with as much field time as we have," Spc. Wes Elliott said. "It's the best division I've ever been in."

The 24th was the first U.S. division to fight in World War II, when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. It also lived up to its motto



Top, (L-R): McCaffrey, Rosenblum; Center (L-R) Vaught, Spigelmlire; Left: Taylor

Emotions mixed at ceremony for 24th

By Stacy Seaman
Savannah News-Press

HINESVILLE — Chicago resident and World War II veteran J. "Spike" O'Donnell timed his visit here perfectly Thursday.

His old unit, the 24th Infantry Division, was celebrating its 20th anniversary at Fort Stewart and O'Donnell was sharing the moment with old friends.



"The first day I was with the 24th they were in battle in New Guinea. I stayed with them until the end of the war," he said.

That long history of the 24th, which was formed just 67 days before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, will soon come to an end as it prepares to become the 3rd Infantry Division this spring as part of a military reorganization.

The division earned its motto, "First to Fight" at the start of World War II because it was the first unit to engage the Japanese in combat. It was also the first unit to see combat in the Korean War and, more recently, helped liberate Kuwait during Desert Storm.

Cannons boomed and the band played Thursday afternoon in a ceremony outside the post headquarters that celebrated the 24th's accomplishments while ushering in the new era that will mean its demise.

Retired Lt. Gen. Donald E. Rosenblum, first commanding general of the 24th at Fort Stewart and the event's featured speaker, called the decision to change the division's name "outrageous."

"But through all of that, me and you will never forget what the 24th has done," he told a crowd of about 150.

Maj. Gen. Joseph E. DeFrancisco, who took command of Fort Stewart last June, praised Rosenblum for getting the division off to a good start in the community.

"The example he set and the standards he maintained brought the Army to the high state of readiness it enjoys today," he said.

After the speech, Rosenblum said the name change "is the dumbest thing the Army has done in a long time."

The 10th Division, whose history is not as long nor as rich as the 24th's, will remain, Rosenblum said.

"If that equates to what the 24th has done then I'm a monkey's uncle," he said.

Alfred H. Dickinson
948 Sturgeon Pt. Road
Derby, NY 14047

THE 24TH CELEBRATES 20 YEARS



24th Infantry Division

A timeline in military history



	Oct. 1, 1941 Division is formed in Hawaii
	Dec. 7, 1941 First U.S. division to engage in combat in World War II
	1950 First division deployed to Korea
1957 Division is inactivated in Korea	July 1, 1958 24th reactivated in Bavaria, Germany
Sept. 1968 Stationed at Fort Riley, Kan.	April 15, 1970 Inactivated
Sept. 21, 1975 Division reactivated at Fort Stewart	Sept. 3, 1979 Division becomes mechanized with tanks and other armor
Oct. 1, 1980 Division becomes part of Rapid Deployment Force	Sept. 1990 Deployed to Saudi Arabia for Desert Shield
Feb. 1991 Participates in Desert Storm	Feb. 1995 Announcement made that 24th Division will become the 3rd Division in spring 1996
Sept. 21, 1995 24th Infantry Division celebrates its 20th (and final) anniversary	

Senior Class

IN THE PLASTIC-SURGERY OFFICE where I work as a nurse, a 92-year-old patient was preparing to have some reconstructive surgery on her nose. She was extremely sharp and knowledgeable, asking many good questions about the procedure.

Just as the doctor was getting ready for the surgery, the woman said, "Now, doctor—make me beautiful."

"Are you kidding me?" he replied. "You're already beautiful."

"Well, in that case," said the elderly woman, "don't mar me."

—Contributed by Lynne Adams

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"First to Fight" in the Korean War, when it held the Pusan perimeter against invading North Korean Forces.

In 1980, the unit was made part of the Rapid Deployment Force and equipped with the most modern equipment in the world, including the M1 Abrams tank, Paladin rocket launchers and Apache helicopters.

In 1990, the 24th was deployed to Saudi Arabia as part of Operation Desert Shield and a year later participated in the liberation of Kuwait.

The ceremony begins today at 4 p.m. in front of post headquarters. The public is invited.

Guest speaker will be retired Lt. Gen. Donald E. Rosenblum, the first to hold the post of commanding general of the 24th at Fort Stewart.

Other former commanding generals expected to attend the ceremony include Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, who led the division in Desert Shield and Desert Storm; retired Lt. Gen. James Vaught, who commanded from 1977 to 1979; retired Lt. Gen. Michael F. Spiglemire, who commanded from 1987 to 1988; and Lt. Gen. H.G. Taylor, who commanded from 1988 to 1990.

The ceremony will include a 21-gun salute to McCaffrey and other former commanding generals.

At 7:30 p.m. Friday, there will be an open air concert and fireworks display for soldiers and the public. Music will be provided by the 24th

Infantry Division Band.

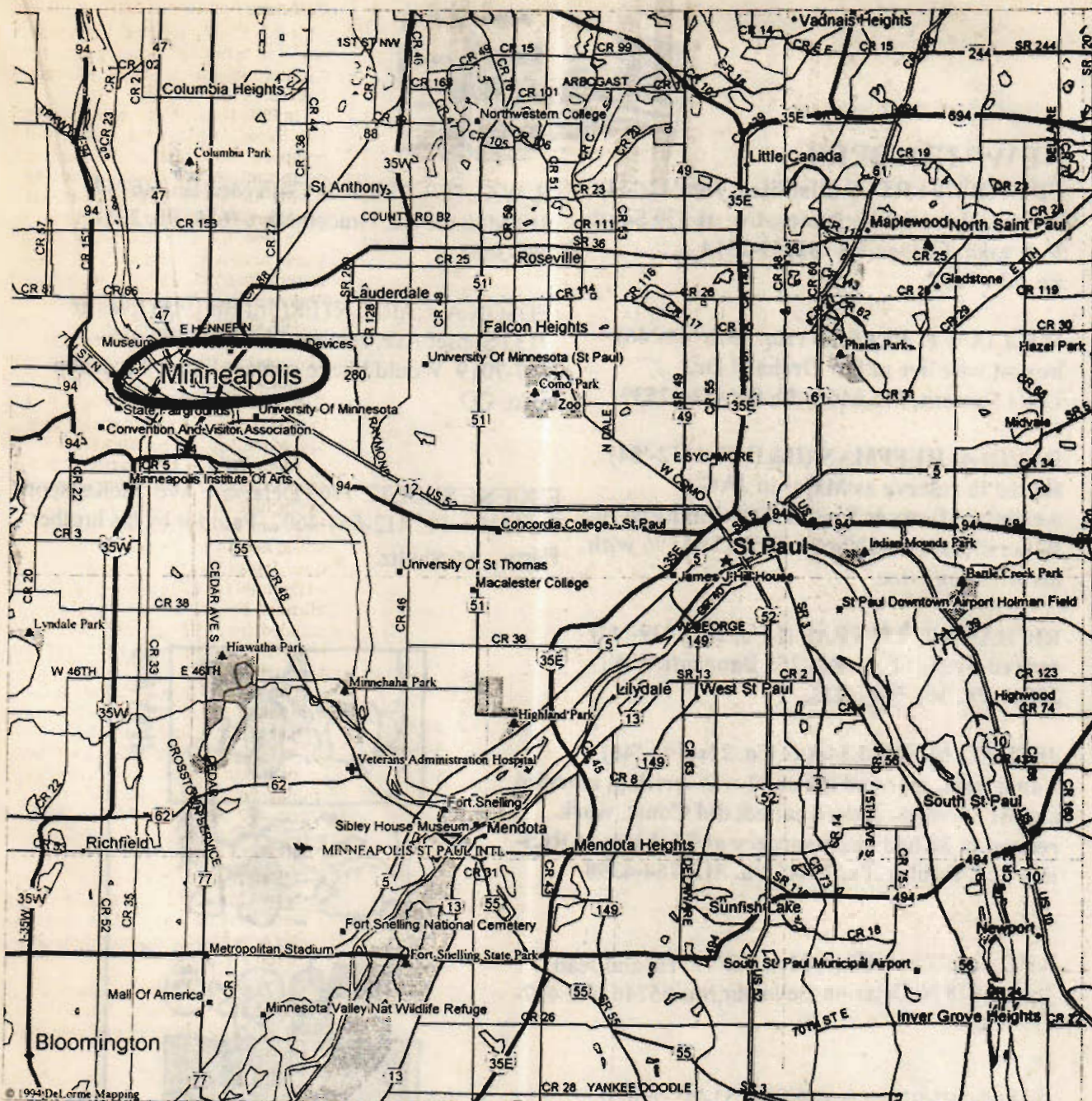
Hinesville Chamber of Commerce President Steve Allen said there has been a positive relationship between the community and the military.

"The military is very supportive of the business community. We show our appreciation in as many ways as we can," he said.

The division was formed Oct. 1, 1941, 67 days before it became the first unit in the American Army to participate in combat when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and Schofield Barracks Dec. 7, 1941. It was there that it earned the division motto, "First to Fight."

The 24th had never been stationed in the continental United States until it was moved to its new station, Fort Riley, Kan., in 1968, where it remained until inactivation in 1970.

Fort Stewart, which became inactive in 1970, became active again in 1974, when the first units of the 24th began arriving here. The division was officially reactivated at Fort Stewart Sept. 21, 1975.



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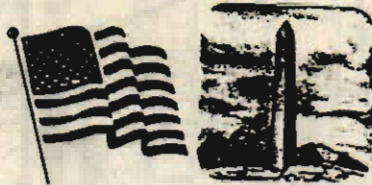
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NEW MEMBERS

EDWARD BYRTUS (21st Med. Det. '42-'44) retired. He and wife Pamela live at 530 South Nebraska, Casper, Wy. 82609-2514 Ph. 234-7677

H. WALTER STRUCK (24th Med Bn. '46-'47) 910 Midland Rd. Oradell, NJ. 07649. Ph. 201-265-3685.

WILLIAM E. BEESON (Hq. 19th '44-'46) he and wife live at 807 Orchard Dr. Lee's Summit, Mo. 64063 Ph. 806-524-2539

EDSON A. CARPENTER (3rd Bn 19th) lives at 7133 Sunset Ave. Jenison, Mi. 49428. Ph. 616-457-7019. Would like to contact Elmer Tensonon I Co. CO.

DAVID A. HUFFMAN (H&H 21st '52-'54) served in reserve as Major in JAG. a criminal Lawyer lives at 3000 Elmhurst St. Bakersfield, Ca. 93304 Ph. 805-834-1596 with his wife donna lee.

EUGENE SHULTZ 1703 Delaware Ave. McKeesport, Pa. 15131. Ph. 412-664-4602. Paid for by his brother Harry M. Shultz.

RICHARD T. LIPTRAP (I Co. 21st '39-'44) retired lives at P.O. Box 251 Bancroft, W.V. 25011 Ph. 304-586-4413.

JESSE L. McMILLIAN (e Co. 21st '44-'46) Came back, married the one I was writing, married almost 50 years. Raised cattle & did Const. work. retired in 83 had heart surgery at 57. Lives at Rt. 5-Box 223, Dublin, Tx. 76446 Ph. 817-764-4398.

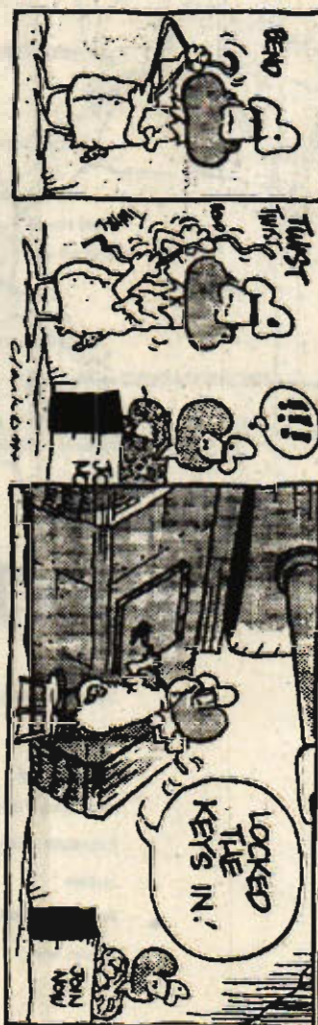
PAUL CARPENTER (A 21st. '45-'47) He and Jean live at 428 N. Division Seymour, Mo 65746. Ph. 417-935-4769.

DAN ROBERTS (Co. CO 19th '51-'53 retired) Lives with wife Mary Jo at 662 Oakcrest SW Wyoming, Mi. 49509. Ph. 616-534-2689.

CHARLES W. FELTNER (Hq. Co '49-'52) retired lives with wife Laura at 922 N. 9th Osage City, Ks. 66523. Ph. 913-528-3028.

MYRON SWANSON (E Co. 19th '44-'45) a retired contractor he and his wife live at 5236 W. 11th Dayenport, Ia. 52804. Ph. 326-2487.

WILBUR THOMAS MASON (K 21st '45-'46) P.O. Box 584 Goodwater, Al. 35072. Ph. 205-839-5176.



SWAMP

by Gary Clark



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Membership paid for by son. Larry and wife "Kay"
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JOHN T. CURRAN (21st '50-'51) would like to
get in touch with some of his old buddies. He and
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GERALD BROWN (A Co. 34th, I Co. 19th '50-'51)
21 yrs. in the Army, retired '70, worked for Ks. Dept.
Transportation Elect. Tech. Retired in 1994. Lives with
wife "Vinnice" at 107 Pleasant St., Hutchinson, Ks.
67501. Ph. 316-662-0162.

WILLIAM T. LANE (m Co. 34th, 24th Med. 21st. Med.
G Co. 21st '50-'51) retired, lives with his wife Felicita at
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ALBERT G. MATTHEWS (52nd F.A. '41-'44) Member
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2004.

A Life Member FRANK H. DENNIS (Hq. Co. 1st. Bn.
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Leslie Dr. Brook Park, Oh. 44142. Ph. 216-433-1426.

JOHN C. RUX (Hq & Hq. Co. 13th FA '49-'51)
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RAYMOND D. GAYLE (3rd Eng. '51-'52) Lives at
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873-6234.

ROY L. PETERMAN (21st. '43-'46) Lives with wife Liz
at RR 1, Box 115, Rickman, Tn. 38580. Ph. 615-
823-2505.

LOWELL R. WILLIAMS (C-19th 49-'54) hangs his hat at
22521 Smith Rd. Athens, Al. 35611. His wife Cassie must
take good care of him. Ph. 205-233-5569.

BILLY JOE WILLIS (19th 2nd Bn. F Co.; '51-'52)
was in Natural Gas Dist. retired 1985. He and his
wife Fay live at 816 Woodlawn Hot Springs, Ar.
71913 Ph. 501-623-4693

JAMES M. WHITE (A Co. 34th '61-'63-B Co.
29th Inf. '63-'64 retired (Medical) He and his wife
Sandra live at 315 Catalina Dr. Colorado Springs,
Co. 80906-5145. Ph. 719-576-1999.

GENE SYKES (H/S Co. 3rd Eng. '50-'51) of
P.O. BOX 1014 Eagle River, Al. 99577.
Joined the 3rd Eng. '50 as a Cpl. Assistant S-3
under Mj. E.L. Watts S-3. Lt. Robert Gilmore
was Assist. S-3. promoted to Bn. Demolitions
NCO-Staff Sgt. retire as Lt. Col. 69 US Army
Alaska.



NEW
24TH INFANTRY Division Association
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
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JULY 17 1995

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UNITS 1947 - CO. L. 19TH INF., - JAPAN
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JULY 1950 - JULY 1951 - HQ & HQ CO. 19TH INF. - KOREA

PERSONAL HISTORY

1949 & 1950 - JAPAN - SERVED AS TYPE & PIO NCO 19TH INF.

WAS EDITOR OF 1949, 19TH INF. YEAR BOOK

WAS ON 19TH INF. & 24TH DIV. TRACK TEAM

1950 & 1951 - KOREA. SERVED AS OPERATIONS NCO. 19TH INF.

AUG. 1951 - JAPAN - MARRIED KUMIKO (KAY) Kiyonari

JULY 1952 - DISCHARGED, FT. BENNING, GA.

JAN. 1953 - RETIRED FROM ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING INDUSTRY

- KAY & I HAVE TWO SONS & TWO DAUGHTERS
AND SEVEN GRAND CHILDREN

KELTON R. FLIEMAN (Hq.Co.24 Div. Arty '51-'52) P.O. Box 297 Lowell, Oh. 45744. Ph. 614-896-2347. 66 years old , 21 mos. in U.S. Army,retired electrician. Married, 4 grown children ,10 Grandchildren, I.B.E.W. L.U. 972,40years ,past commander A.L. post 750 Life member American Legion and VFW 5108.

MICHAEL J. SACCHITELLA (Hq.Co.21st '49-'51) 5 Pine View Dr. Scituate, Ma.02066-3616. Ph.617-545-9494. Field Radio operator. Nickname "Satch", originally from Rochester,Ny. until 1966. rotated from Korea 4/51. Would like to contact or hear from members of Commo Plt.Hq.Co. 1949-1951.

WILLIAM R. "BILL " ENGLISH (19th H.Co. '50-'57) 4622 Dean Dr. Wilmington, NC.28405. Ph.910-791-5168. Retired from Insurance Business 42 years.

GARY WATERKAMP (21st 3rd Bn I Co.'50-'51)70932 Sherman Rd. Edwardsburg,Mi 49112. Received Honoable Discharge from service in Sept. 1952 at Fort Sam Houston,Tx.I took advantage of the G.I. Bill. and earned a B.S. Degree in Education and an M.A. Degree in Administration. I served 33 years in education, 26 years as a Superintendent of Schools.

WILFRED C. GARCIA (WILLY)(19th 3rd Bn. Med.Co.'51-'52.) 1194 Mona Pl.EI Cajon,Ca.92020. Ph.(s) H.619-440-0370, B.619-445-6182. Married 45 years-2 daughters-2 Granddaughters. 25yrs.W/tractor parts ,mostly IHC. past 16 yrs.own&operate Hallmark Card shop in Alpine,Ca.WWII 3 years in Merchant Marine. Life Member #1515

ANGELO T.AGRESTI(13th FA) 213 Gifford Ave. Somerset, Ma.02726. Ph.508-679-5452. Joined service July 27,1948, went to Japan was in 7th Cav. transffered to 13th FA 1949. Went to Korea 1950. Life Member #1523.

MELVIN BUCHAN (K-21st '49-'51) 1651 W. Los Altos-Fresno,Ca.93711.Ph.209-431-1456. Retired . Married to "Charlotte" . Children- Deborah 41,Mel 39,Barbra 34. He is glad to come aboard, and we are glad to have him aboard. Life member #1525

ROBERT J. SUHAJDA(6th Med Tank Bn. C/D Co.) 5001 Carriage Way-208, Rolling Meadows,Il.60008. Ph. 708-577-7685. Retired , single. I arrived in Korea 4/51 as an Inf. Riflemanbut, was assigned to 6th med Tank Bn. Co. D, wherel became a tank member. At that time the 6th was not assigned to any division but, was more or less assigned to missions supporting various organizations including a ranger unit. I beleive we finnaly became attached to the 24, Sept. or Oct. 1951. Anyway to make a long story short, I attended the dedication of the Korean Veterans Monument in Wash.D.C. Jul.26-29. Although there was no one in the 24th div. tent city booth ,I did pick up the attached application. I was also told by two 24th vets of the upcoming reunion in Nashville. Accordingly please send me information.

EUGEN M. WELSH (C Co. 19th '43-'46) Served 19 mo. in Asiatic Pacific Theater with 19th Inf. Squad leader directed 12 men in combat operations. Led numerous Patrols into enemy territory for information. Combat + prisoner + etc. Served in Japan Occupation. He and wife Bettye live at 2209 North 7th St. Ceres, Ca. 95307 Phone 209-537-0364. Life member #1511.

RICARD DONALD HAND (Hq, Bty. 13th FA '49-'50) Shipped out from Camp Hakata, Japan in July 50. Was wounded same month shipped to Japan to recoup and then shipped back to Korea. I was wounded again in early Nov. and shipped stateside to U.S. Army Hospital at Ft. Campbell, Ky, Received Medical Discharge 3/31/52. Dich lives at 6951 Congressional Blvd. San Antonio, Tx. 78244.

CHARLES L. BELANGER (A Co. 21st '50-'51) Shipped to 24th Hq. (defence Plt.) in August 1949-transferred to A Co. 21st June 1950. wounded in action just north of wejon-bu Jan. 3, 1951, spent a year in hospital. Was discharged Jan. 1952. Charlie lives at 4747 Batchelder Rd. Bellaire, Mi. 49615. Ph. 616-533-8536.

FRED R. LIBERMAN (A Co. 1st Bn. 19th '51-'52) Drafted 10/50 basic at Camp Carson, Co. sfc 60mm Mortars Korea 4/51-1/52. Accountant, retired. Part-time accounting teacher. Fred lives at 510 Ocean Pky. #2G Brooklyn, NY. 11218-5845. Ph. 718-871-4761.

C. ROBERT KENLEY (A Co. 34th 4/50-7/50) I am the nephew of C. Robert Kenley, who was killed in action on July 1950. I was named in his honor since he had no sons. I am interested in contacting those who knew Sgt 1st class Bob Kenley when was in Japan and Korea. Contact C. Robert Kinley at 4466 Tindall St. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20016-2718. Ph. 202-237-5762.

JAY PADDOCK (24th in Germany) 1142 Ventura Ave. Oak View, Ca. 93027

DOUGLAS E. REED (H&H Co. 34th 6/49-12/49) I was separated from the service April 21, 1950 due to hardship, my father passed away leaving my mother alone. Transferred to a Reserve unit until honorable discharge 17 Apr. 55. Reuped Apr. 18 1955, ready reserve, discharge June 12, 1958. A Barber lives with his wife Thea at 3668 Rossmuir St. Riverside, Ca. 92504. Ph. 909-351-0278. Shop 909-679-1061. call for appointment for your haircuts, HaHa.

BERNARD E. PEARSALL (34th '45-'47)- Camp Mower-Sasebo, Japan. Retired Long Island Lighting Co. Working Foreman retired since Aug. 1994. Volunteer Fireman 45 Years, and likes Golf. Lives at 78 Maple Rd. Inwood, Long Island, NY. 11096. Ph. 516-239-9088.

REV. C.A. SUTHERLAND P.O. Box 4501 Johnson City, Tn. 37602. Ph. 615-282-0204.

WESLEY KOSKI 2415 Corlot Kalamazoo,Mi 49004 sent in dues.

JOHN S. ELMO (G-Co. 21st '52-'53) 908 North Broadway Yonkers,Ny.10701. Ph.914-476-2530, Fax 914-375-0141. Was Co. Clerk w/G Co. in Japan and then in Korea- on Koje-do (the prison island) from May 53 to rotation Feb 54-G Co. was alert Co. on Island- went into compound to Quell riots. If anyone has information regarding riots on koje-do from May 51 to end of war- I'd appreciate hearing from you for novel I'm writing about koje. Life member 31512

JOSEPH A. CERRA (E Co.5th RCT'52-'53)6370 Ogle Rd. Jamesville,NY.13078

Mr. N. Plager 148 Carey Cir. Stoughton, Ma.02072 would like the address of George F.C. Iwen. O.K. here it is- #154 N. 71st Street - Milwaukee,Wi..53213.

MAURICE MONAHAN (H&H 19th '51-'52) 120 barber St. Swoyerville,Pa.18704. Ph.717-287-6363. Paid by Joseph O'Connell.

MILTON TURBEVILLE (E Co. 2nd Bn. 19th '52-'53) of 2468 Pine Lea Dr. Jackson,Mi.39209. Ph. 601-922-2110. Retired Insurance Supervisor. Married ,wife's name Eloise, Children- David 35,John 30, Susan 29. Also served in 47th Inf. 135 Inf RGt.2nd.Bn. Co.G.

JOHN R. UHL (24th Div. Band '45-'46) of 8 Louis Ln. Enola,Pa.17025. Ph.717-732-4133. retired 42 years with Bell of Pa.one son John 39, P.O. Box 66 Annville,Pa.17003. Ph. 717-867-2669. John has upgraded to Life membership #1527.

GILBERT G. (GIBBY) HILKEMEYER (K and Cannon Co. 19th '44-'45) lives at Rt.1,Box 132 Loose Creek,Mo.65054. Ph. 314-897-2494. with wife Emma. 3 children,5,37,51. was in beachhead ,Leyte,mindanao. Combat Luzon.

LEON SELONKE (I&E Co. 19th '50-'51) W1869 Hwy 8, Hawkins, Wi. 65630-9704

ROBERT S. INODE (C Co.19th '50-'51) 4009 Julian St.Florence,Al.35633-1125.Ph 205-764-6545. Retired Army,Reynolds Metal Co. 3 children, 9 Grandchildren, 2 Great grandchildren. I made it to National Memorial July 26-29.

CARL SHAFFER (Hq. Co. 19th '50-'51) 4926 15th St.SW Canton,Oh.45710-1154. Ph.216-477-5062.

JIM DALEY SR.(3rd Eng.'49-'52) retired at 10 Meadow Rd.Powghkeepsie,Ny.12603. Ph.452-5489. Wife Ellen,3 grown children 30,29,22. Co. B attached to 34th Rgt. Japanese occupation & Korean War.

Congratulations to the following new Life Memberships:

Theodore Sharpe who resides at:
677 East Ave.
Clearmont, FL 34711

Bill Vickers who resides at:
2640 Delany #201
Waukegan, IL 60087

David Lopez who resides at:
3850 W. 180th Place
Torrance, CA 90504

and Maj. (Chaplain) Charles H. Morrison III who is stationed at Grafenwohr, Germany as Chaplain. (I remember those months I spent at Grafenwohr back in the late 50's with the 45th Med.BN of the 3rd Armored Division.) Chaplain Morrison's address is:

Major (CH) Charles H. Morrison III
HHC 7th ATC, CMR 415 #4394
APO AE 09114-5000

Also the following additional new members have joined (enlisted).

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Sept. 17, 1995



Taro Leaf
24th I.D.A.
P.O. BOX 6066
Colorado Springs, Co. 80934-6066

Dear Sir, I served in Korea with the 19th Inf. Regt., Co. A 4th Plat. Apr. 51-Feb. 52
I'm sure you get many requests of this nature, But any help you can give me to assist
getting in touch with old buddies would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Fred R. Liberman
510 Ocean Pky. #2G
Brooklyn, NY. 11218-5845



PAUL SCOTT of L 34th during
WW II has rejoined our ranks -
dropped out a few years ago -
and lost track of us. Happily
he's back in the swim. Welcome
home, Paul.

AUGUST 2, 1995

TARO LEAF
24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOC.
ROBERT L LAWHON, EDITOR
RT 2 BOX 711
PROCTORVILLE, OH 45669

DEAR SIR:

WOULD YOU PLEASE RUN THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR NEXT ARMY
REUNION IN YOUR MAGAZINE.

26TH AAA D BTRY, 24TH INFANTRY DIV., KOREAN CONFLICT JAN.
1953. THRU APRIL, 1954.
REUNION WILL BE HELD IN BRANSON, MO APRIL 25-28, 1996.
CONTACT : BILL WEATHERLY, 1204 HILLSIDE, GAINESVILLE TX 76240
2922, PHONE 817-665-2540 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

THANK YOU

BILL WEATHERLY



Office of the Commander
24th Infantry Division (Mech)

"FIRST TO FIGHT"

September 19, 1995

Dear Mr. Hill:

I'm writing to notify you of the passing of one of our heroes and to extend condolences to all the Association members who served with this great soldier. Major General Frederick A. Irving, 101, died Tuesday, September 12, in Alexandria, Virginia.

General Irving led the division in the New Guinea Campaign in 1944 and in October of that year, he commanded the division in the invasion of Leyte, Philippine Islands. At the time of his death, he was West Point's oldest graduate.

We mourn with you the loss of one of the great leaders of our division. General Irving was instrumental in our division's history and helped form its lineage. He occupies a special place in our history and in our hearts. As you know, our headquarters building at Fort Stewart is named for General Irving. He remains an inspiration to us all.

First to Fight! Victory!

Sincerely,

Joseph E. DeFrancisco
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding

Mr. James F. Hill
President, 24th Inf Div Association
260 Shelli Lane
Roswell, Georgia 30075

Note :

I had the opportunity to serve with the 11th FA from Apr. 45 to Feb. 46. Started as a Pvt in Oct.40, Was 1st LT. when I was with the 11th Fa. Retired as Col, Fa in Aug.79 (30 years) of Active Duty and remainder in USAR or National Guard.

Best wishes to all

Alvin Hagerman



In Memoriam

Major General
Frederick A. Irving

September 18, 1995

1:00 p.m.

Homage paid to original "First to Fight" warrior

Frederick Augustus Irving was born in Taunton, Mass., on Sept. 3, 1894. Following graduation from the U.S. Military Academy, he was appointed a second lieutenant of Infantry on April 20, 1917.

As a first lieutenant, he sailed for France with the 15th Machine Gun Battalion on April 24, 1918. He took part in engagements in the Arnould Sector and the St. Die Sector, and the St. Mihiel Offensive. In the St. Mihiel Offensive, he was wounded in action and awarded the Purple Heart and the Silver Star with a citation for bravery.

After returning to the United States for a series of tours, he was eventually sent to West Point, N.Y., where he began his service in 1938 as an instructor at the U.S. Military Academy. In January 1941, he was appointed commandant of the Cadets, U.S.M.A.

In July of 1942, he was named to command the 24th Infantry Division with station at Hawaii. He commanded the division in the New Guinea Campaign in 1944 and in October of that year he commanded the division in the invasion of Leyte, Philippine Islands.

He commanded the 38th Division in the in the final stages of the fighting on Luzon.

He was awarded two oak leaf clusters to the Silver Star for gallantry in action during World War II, during which he also received the an oak leaf cluster to the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal for operations in the Philippines and New Guinea.

In August 1946 he was assigned as coordinator of the Inter-American Defense Board in Washington. He followed this with tours as chief, Career Management Group,

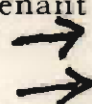


Frederick Augustus Irving
(Sept. 1894-Sept. 1995)

Personnel and Administration Division and deputy commander, 6th U.S. Army, Presidio of San Francisco.

Irving completed his active military career as superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy where he retired in August 1954.

During a ceremony to honor Irving by renaming Building 1 for him, retired Lt. Col. Walter Cunningham, who had served under Irving from the rank of first lieutenant through lieutenant



Army General Frederick Irving Dies at Age 101

Frederick Augustus Irving, 101, an Army major general who retired in 1954 as superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, died of congestive heart failure Sept. 12 at Mount Vernon Hospital in Alexandria. At his death, Gen. Irving was West Point's oldest living graduate.

Gen. Irving's military career spanned 37 years, and he participated in combat operations in World War I and World War II.

During World War I, he led a machine gun company in the St. Mihiel offensive in France. He was wounded in action and received the Silver Star for "leading his company through heavy artillery and machine gun fire." In World War II, he commanded the 24th Infantry Division in the invasions of Hollandia, New Guinea and Leyte in the Philippines.

He was superintendent at West Point from 1951 until he retired. After retiring, Gen. Irving lived in Northern Virginia. At his death, he lived at The Fairfax retirement facility at Fort Belvoir.

He was born in Taunton, Mass., and graduated from West Point in April 1917, shortly after the U.S. entry into World War I. His assignments between the world wars included occupation duty in Germany and service at Fort Gordon, Ga., and in Hawaii. He was a tactical officer and later commandant of cadets at West Point.

After World War II, Gen. Irving was co-coordinator of the Inter-American Defense Board and chief of the Army's career management division in Washington and then deputy commanding general of the Sixth Army at the Presidio in San Francisco.

His military decorations included two more Silver Stars, a Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster and a Purple Heart.

In retirement, he worked at Melpar Inc. in Falls Church.



colonel, said, "It's easy to go overboard and make extravagant compliments, but General Irving was truly a man that merited high respect."

At the same ceremony, retired Lt. Col. Thomas F. Upton said, "General Irving, as far as I'm concerned, covered himself with glory at that time (during the fighting in the Pacific.)"

In a personal letter the Irving's son, retired Col. Frederick F. Irving, Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, commander in chief, U.S. Southern Command wrote: "Soldiers of the Victory Division, past and present, join me in expressing our deepest sympathy over the passing of your father. General Irving embodied the very soul of the Division. He occupies a very special place in our hearts and in our history. Present at our Hawaiian birth, he hardened the soldiers through rigorous jungle training in Hawaii and Australia enabling them to endure the tribulations of combat. His leadership and valor were an inspiration during the New Guinea and Philippine Campaigns."

"The legacy of your father lives on. General Irving was at the forefront of battle during our attack to free Kuwait in February 1991. As the sabers of war rattled again in October 1994, he was in every soldier's hearts and minds...."

"Your father will remain an inspiration to us all -- as a soldier, scholar, comrade, and friend. He will be greatly missed. General Irving was simply the best commander the Victory Division has ever had. We will honor him through our sustained commitment to forever remain...the "First to Fight."

Gen. Irving was a former president of the West Point Society of D.C. and the Metropolitan Washington chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Until he was in his eighties, Gen. Irving was an enthusiastic tennis player. Among his trophies were 12 silver goblets, representing tennis championships won at Army posts.

His wife of 70 years, Vivian Dowe Irving, died June 29.

Survivors include two children, retired Army Col. Frederick French Irving of Jacksonville, Fla., and Elizabeth Irving Maish of Arlington; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.



U.S. Army photos

Col. Aubrey "Red" Newman (left), Maj. Gen. Frederick Irving (center) and Lt. Col. Fred Weber (right) look over a map at Goodenough Island.



Maj. Gen. Franklin Seibert holds a conference with Maj. Gen. Fredrick Irving at Leyte Island, Phillipines.

Major General Frederick Augustus Irving 1904 - 1995

The Association family isn't all that large. And when the news came from young Fred, himself 3rd Eng. '63-'65, and was passed around that FRED IRVING had died, virtually everyone who proudly belongs to our "club" reacted the way people do when death claims an immediate family member.

Pain, numbness, sorrow, nostalgia - the emotions that fill the hearts of individuals at moments like this can also grip an entire institution.

Fred Irving was a special man - an old-school military man; he inspired fierce loyalty because he, himself, was fiercely loyal - both to his friends and to the troops he developed and led. We respected him, admired him, loved him.

His career took him through a number of key jobs before he came to us just following Pearl Harbor. And he was with us until that fateful day in 1944, when army politics reared its ugly head and he was no longer with us. Never shall we forget that horrible day - nor the people who brought the change about. As to it, we were, are today, and ever shall be unforgiving.

We will miss and remember Fred Irving - the slow smile, the confident stride, the effortless grace that masked his manner.

Fred has departed. And TOM UPTON and TOM and Mary BRODERICK represented us as he was laid to rest in the cemetery at West Point, bringing to his memory, our simple tribute of admiration.

We place upon his brow the laurel crown of the highest distinction. But this does not suffice us or him. We honor him, but what is more, we give him the homage of our hearts.

IN MEMORY OF
MAJOR GENERAL FREDERICK A. IRVING

PRELUDE

Mr. Lee Dettra, Organist

* ALMA MATER

* PROCESSIONAL

* CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #437 *"Faith of Our Fathers"*

SCRIPTURE: *Isaiah 25:6-9*

PSALM 121

REMARKS

Colonel (Retired) Frederick F. Irving

SCRIPTURE: *Revelation 21:2-7*

* PSALM 23

HYMN: #444 *"I Sing A Song of The Saints of God"*

GOSPEL: *John 14:1-6*

HOMILY

Chaplain (LTC) David W. Stricker

PRAYERS

THE COMMENDATION

RECESSIONAL/POSTLUDE

(* Please Stand)

ALMA MATER

Hail, Alma Mater dear,
To us be ever near,
Help us thy motto bear
Through all the years.
Let duty be well performed,
Honor be e'er untarned,
County be ever armed,
West Point, by thee.

Guide us, thy sons aright,
Teach us by day, by night,
To keep thy honor bright,
For thee to fight.
When we depart from thee,
Serving on land or sea,
May we still loyal be,
West Point, to thee.

And when our work is done,
Our course on earth is run,
May it be said, "Well done;
Be thou at peace."
E'er may that line of gray,
Increase from day to day,
Live, serve, and die, we pray,
West Point, for thee.

P.S. Reinecke, '11

THOMAS F. UPTON
4 Dartmouth St.
Forest Hills NY

Sept 19, 1995.

Robert L. Lawhon,
Editor, The TARO LEAF,
Rt. 2 Box 711,
Proctorville OH 45609.

Dear Bob:

Doctor Tom Broderick and I attended General Irving's funeral at West Point NY yesterday. Tom and I would like to share this extraordinary occasion with other members of Twenty Fourth Division Association who would like to have been with us.

Last Friday, the 14th, I called Ken Ross to tell him about the wonderful tribute he was given at our Nashville Reunion. He cordially received the expression of affection the assembled members accorded him, and their disappointment that he was not there, to receive the tribute in person. Ken then gave me the bad news: That our beloved General Irving had passed away!

"The funeral is planned for Monday, September 18, at 1 PM, at the Old Cadet Chapel at West Point," he said, "suppose we meet for breakfast at the Thayer Hotel at 11 AM on Monday, and attend the funeral together." I agreed, and promptly called my "cobber" Tom Broderick.

Tom said "count me in." I called Ken back and told him there would be three of us at the Thayer, and at the Chapel. Ken was pleased.

Ken Ross, as you know, was not able to attend the Nashville Reunion, for reasons of health, so it was no surprise to me when he called me back on Saturday to say that he would just not be able to hazard the journey to West Point. I was disappointed, as I know he was, but I told him that Tom Broderick and I would be happy to represent him and to relay his condolences to the Irving family.

Tom's wife, Mary Broderick, joined us for breakfast at the Thayer, on the 18th, but since she had appointments at the West Point Hospital, during the day, she left Tom and me to attend the funeral by ourselves. We went directly from the Thayer to the

Old Cadet Chapel.

The 18th of September was a gorgeous pre-Fall day in the Hudson Valley. A deep blue sky, studded with billowing cotton clouds, provided a superb backdrop as the mornerers filed into the lovely old chapel. We were greeted at the door by the Chaplain (LTC) David W. Stickler.

We introduced ourselves and told the Chaplain that we had just returned from the Twenty Fourth Division Association Reunion at Nashville. The Chaplain pointed out two young Officer who, he said, were emissaries of MG Joseph DeFrancisco Commanding General of 24th Division (Mech) Fort Stewart GA. They were Captains David Dwyer, and Scott Anderson. The Chaplain graciously mentioned our presence, and the Association's Nashville Reunion, during his homily.

We were received by several cadet ushers and were escorted to pews on the right side of the chapel. Our section was occupied by mufti-clad people, while the left section housed uniformed people with a vast assortment of right shoulder patches, a large number of whom also carried the Taro Leaf on the left shoulder--administrative and academic personnel of the Academy.

There were a number of floral pieces in the sanctuary, one of which was labelled as coming from our Association, and another from Ken Ross. They formed a fitting backdrop to the sacred urn, on a pedestal before the altar, which contained the earthly remains of our General.

The Chaplain gave us an interesting synopsis of our commander's career, most of which we are all oonversant with, but I was amazed and pleased with his emphasis on how important the Twenty Fourth must have been, to General Irving. It is fair to say that our General had as much affection for us as, indeed, we have always had for him.

The Chaplain gave over the podium to Col. (retired) Frederick F. Irving, our General's son, who gave a touching, reverent, revelation of his affection for his father; and in closing he read us a letter from General Barry McCaffrey which told us of how another of our brothers-in-arms regarded this great man.

At the conclusion of the chapel ceremonies the procession, with the sacred urn borne by a soldier-official at the head of

the family group; both sections merged into the center aisle and we proceeded out of the chapel, along the roadway and into the cemetery, where a tented area was prepared at the graveside.

Ahead of us, along the right side of the roadway, there stood the Color Guard, consisting of two flagbearers and their guards, but which were now flanked now by two platoons of armed cadets standing at Attention.

The mourners took their seats before the pedestal-mounted urn. over which a detail of eight soldiers were holding a flag, suspended between them, horizontally--in simulation, I suppose, of a flag draped casket. Off, to our immediate left, was a military musical group consisting of tympani and wind instruments; beyond them, and at a distance removed, stood a firing squad; all of whom were also standing at Attention.

The Company of cadets were given Parade Rest while the Chaplain conducted the prayers of the burial service. When the urn was being put into the ground the troops were called to Attention, the drums began to roll and continued during the sounding of the Salute. There were either 13 or 14 rounds (sorry, I lost count)! Immediately after the Salute, the firing squad broke forth; followed by Taps. All the funeral sounds echoed sharply across the magnificent Hudson Valley hills, as our beloved General Irving was laid to rest unto the Ages.

And while the bugle's notes were fading into the distance the eight flag bearers began their intricate (and, to me, mysterious) maneuver, which resulted in the production of two tightly bound flag triangles, which were ceremoniously bestowed upon each of the General's children.

There was a reception at the West Point Officers' Club where Tom Broderick and I went to express our condolences on behalf of Ken Ross's spoken wish, and certainly on the unspoken but clearly understood behalf of our Association's members.

Tom and I remembered that we had been with all three Fred Irvings on the occasion of the dedication of the General Irving Building (eight?) years ago at Fort Stewart GA. We checked it out with both remaining Fred Irvings, who confirmed our remembrance. It hardly seems longer ago than the day-before-yesterday.

In conversation with General Irving's daughter I showed her a picture of my PhD daughter giving me my diploma, when I graduated from Fordham in 1991. She said "Oh, show that picture

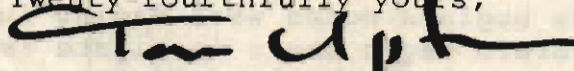
to my brother Fred, and see what he says." I took the picture over to Col. Irving. He chuckled and said "When I graduated from West Point in 1951 my father, who was Superintendent then, HE handed me MY diploma." Fred said "Dad got here in February '51, and I graduated in June, and for 4 months I was the envy of the entire student body, because I had to walk only 100 yards to be HOME WITH THE FOLKS!"

One of the two emissaries from Fort Stewart, Captain Dwyer, said he was planning to enter Medical School, and he engaged in a series of questions on the Medical Department with Doctor Broderick. The both of them spent the while trying to twist Captain Anderson's arm to do the same thing.

I drove Dr. Tom over to the West Point Hospital where he could meet up with Mary. Tom said "I'm glad we came up here today, it certainly was a great idea; imagine, 102 years; he was a survivor." I added "a GREAT survivor!" Tom showed me a new, and shorter way home.

The phone was ringing when I did get home. It was Tom. "I just wanted to see if you made it all right." That's why, whenever I go to a Reunion, I travel with Tom & Mary Broderick. I travel with my very own doctor & nurse. I never had it so good!

Twenty-fourthfully yours,



THOMAS F. UPTON
Ex-President '91.

Encl: Copy IN MEMORIUM,

cc: KR TCB

Bittersweet it was - the issue of "Assembly", the West Point alumni magazine, carrying this page, arrived - and within the hour came the call from Fred that his spirited Dad had passed away.



LTG Scott congratulates MG Irving on receiving a special AOG certificate acknowledging him as the oldest living graduate of West Point.

Our Oldest Graduate:

*General
Frederick A. Irving
Class of April 1917*

by
Philip A. Farris '46

With the death of Colonel Edmund DeTreville Ellis '15 on 22 Jan 95, MG Frederick A. Irving, April 1917 became the oldest living graduate of West Point. His 100th birthday had already been celebrated on 3 September 94 at the Fairfax Retirement Community, Ft. Belvoir, where he lived with his wife Vivian. (Ed. note: Sadly, Vivian Irving passed away 29 June 95; see Apr '17 Class Notes.)

A longtime member of the West Point Society of D.C., General Irving received well wishes from MG Carl H. McNair, Jr. '55, Society President, the AOG, and Superintendent Howard D. Graves '61. A newly minted Bicentennial lapel pin was presented by William R. Ratford '52, Chairman of the USMA Bicentennial Steering Committee. He also invited General Irving to join in ceremonies at West Point in March 2002 for the 200th anniversary. General Irving, who was Supe and hosted President Truman for the 1952 Sesquicentennial celebration, responded, "I'll try."

General Irving is one of three graduates who served as both the Superintendent and Commandant. He was "Supe" from 1 Feb 51 to 31 Aug 52 and "Com" during 1941-42. The two other graduates are BG Fred W. Sladen, Class of 1890, and BG Merch B. Stewart, Class of 1896.

Much has been made of the Class of 1915 as "The Class the Stars Fell On," but April 1917 has its share. From a class of 139, 21 became Brigadiers, 20 wore two stars, one wore three, and three were full generals: J. Lawton Collins, Mark Clark and Matthew B. Ridgway.

The last surviving member of his class, General Irving's distinguished career as an Infantry officer included troop command from company to division. He was a company and battalion commander of the 15th MG Bn, 5th Division, AEF. During WWI he won the Silver Star and the Purple Heart.

Following CGSC, BG Irving was named Commandant in 1941-42. He was promoted in 1942 and given command of the 24th Infantry Division. During WWII he earned two Silver Stars, two Legions of Merit and the Bronze Star. In 1946, he was Chief of the Career Management Division, DA. In 1950, General Irving was Deputy CG of the Sixth Army. In 1951 he was named Superintendent, serving until he retired in 1954.

His unremitting devotion to the ideals of West Point were recognized by the West Point Society of D.C. in awarding him the Castle Memorial Award in 1990.

Guest speaker LTG Dave R. Palmer, then USMA Supe, paid a special tribute: "At Quarters 100, a constant flow of people come through, but none has given us more enjoyment than when General Irving came back three years ago for a reunion...He was my Superintendent."

In accepting the award, General Irving said, "I would like to speak on behalf of Colonel Castle who started this Society. At the time of its founding, about 30 years ago, I was impressed that he wanted USMA graduates to organize and have meetings to engender friendships. Today, this is a Society he would love to see; he would be delighted at this gathering tonight."

Until recently, General Irving regularly attended the functions of the West Point Society of D.C. Until 1995, he was usually the oldest graduate present at Founders Day dinners.

The AOG officially recognized General Irving as the oldest living graduate with a special certificate presented to him on 14 May 95. On hand for the presentation were LTG and Mrs. Willard W. Scott, Jr. '48, former USMA Superintendent; LTC and Mrs. Philip A. Farris '46, member of the WPSDC Board; LTC and Mrs. Alexander M. Maish '44 (General Irving's daughter Elizabeth and son-in-law); and Mrs. Irving.



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FIRST CALL

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... for West Point Society Members by Alumni Support

LTC(R) Tom Mulyca, Editor

Funeral Services held for former West Point Superintendent

(Courtesy *Pointer View*, 21 Sep 95)
by Mrs. Irene D. Brown

Funeral services were held Monday, 18 September for retired MG Frederick A. Irving. MG Irving, a Class of April 1917 graduate, was the oldest living West Point graduate. He was 101 years old.

MG Irving was one of three graduates who served as both the Superintendent and Commandant. He was Superintendent from 1951 to 1954, and Commandant from 1941 to 1942. The two other graduates holding that distinction are BG Fred W. Sladen, Class of 1890, and BG Merch B. Stewart, Class of 1896.

The USMA Class of 1917 saw its share of "stars" emerge. The class, consisting of 139 members, produced 21 Brigadier Generals, 20 Major Generals, two Lieutenant Generals and three Generals: J. Lawton Collins, Mark Clark and Matthew B. Ridgway.

The last surviving member of the Class of April 1917, MG Irving's career as an Infantry officer included troop command from company to division. He served as a company and battalion commander of the 15th MG Bn, 5th Division, AEF. During WWI he won the Silver Star and the Purple Heart.

He was named USMA Commandant in 1941. Following his promotion to Major General in 1942, he was given command of the 24th Infantry Division. During WWII he earned two Silver Stars, two Legions of Merit and the Bronze Star. In 1951 he was named Superintendent of West Point, serving until he retired in 1954.

Our newest oldest graduate is BG (USA RET) Arthur Pulsifer, Class of November 1918, of Clearwater, FL. He was born 25 July 1895.



■ Have courage for the great sorrows of life and patience for the small ones; and when you have laboriously accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace. God is awake.

VICTOR HUGO

24th Infantry Division Association



ROBERT R. ENDER

With deep regret we must inform you that Bob Ender silently closed the door of life and departed from us on Sunday September 24th, 1995.

Our feelings of sorrow cannot be measured in words, with the passing of this splendid man. The usual expressions of sorrow do not begin to convey what is in our hearts because Bob was so special to so many.

All whose lives were touched by Bob have special memories and stories of when, where and how he left his lasting impression of goodness on us.

From what I knew and observed, Bob always walked with grace and a smile that could light up your day. I never heard him utter an unkind word about anyone or anything. Indeed, he was a role-model soldier, husband, father and human being.

Bob's love of God, family, his value of friendship, his pride in country and his dignity in work, set him apart. He cast a big shadow --- not in grey or black, but in magnificent technicolor.

His life was gentle and the elements of good so mixed in him, that if nature could speak, it would shout to the world -- "This was a man."

Few had a greater love for the 24th Infantry Division Association than Bob. He left us too soon and there are so many things we forgot to say to him.

Forgive us, Bob, and thanks for enriching our lives and leaving us so many beautiful memories. May God keep you and love you as we did.

Joe Hofrichter, Chaplain
On behalf of the Executive Committee



The 24th Assoc. at hand Salute as Bob Ender was taken from Ambulance to grave site.

L to R

Vin. Gagliardo, Joe McKeon, Dave Murray,
James Barclay, Joe Winiski, Pete Nepote,
Joe Apodaca, Al Chavez, and Dan Rickert

In Loving Memory of
ROBERT "BOB" ENDER

Oct. 25, 1918 - Sept. 24, 1995

Evening Vigil
Wednesday, Sept. 27, 1995; 7:30 P.M.
Daly Bartel Spencer Chapel

Mass of Christian Burial
Thursday, Sept. 28, 1995; 10:30 A.M.
St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church
Fullerton, California

Interment
Holy Sepulcher Cemetery
Orange, California

PRAYER OF SERENITY
*God grant me the serenity to accept
the things I cannot change
Courage to change the things I can
and the Wisdom to know the
difference.*

Amen.

Mercer Brothers
Daly Bartel Spencer Mortuary



Left to Right

Vin Gagliardo, Dave Murray, Al Chavez,
Tony Apodaca, Pete Nepote, James Barclay,
Joe Wicinski, Joe McKeon, Dan Reckert
reading the veteran Service as Taps was played at the end.

**A PAST PRESIDENT, REUNION COORDINATOR, MY CHIEF OF STAFF,
FELLOW ASSOCIATION MEMBER, FRIEND AND BIG BROTHER.**

How do we begin writing an article about a person like Bob Ender? I met Bob during my very first convention at Ft Worth, Texas in 1989. He was on the last half of his term as President of the Association. I recalled Bob just stepping out of the hotel's elevator, when he was introduced to me as the Association's President. I further recalled him making a remark about a member who had made reservations to attend the convention, but had to cancel due to poor health. As I looked into Bob's eyes, I noticed he had tears in them. I immediately came to the conclusion that he must be one heck of a sensitive and caring person. (In the interest of keeping this article as short as possible, I won't elaborate on other traits I noticed about Bob).

On the night of Sept. 24th, my phone's answering machine had two messages on it regarding the death of Robert Ender; one from Dan Rickert, Pinon Hills, CA, and the other from Joe Wicinski, Long Beach, CA. I returned Dan Rickert's call to obtain more information and the funeral arrangements. If I could possibly rearrange my schedule, I would attend his services. Then Dan asked if I would like to be a member of the Honor Guard. I was delighted, and accepted. I proceeded to make flight arrangements. The Rickert's not only offered to pick me up at the airport, but served a superb dinner, and asked me to spend the night at their home. To my surprise, Pete and Mary Nepote, (Ripon CA) were already at the Rickert's home. The morning after, Beverly prepared all of us a healthy breakfast. We made our way to St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church. We were given a briefing as to the final preparations for our Honor Guard Team. I told Bob Ender's Daughter (Mary), that I had a strong desire to share a few words with the family and friends, on behalf of the Honor Guard, and for the 24th Infantry Division Association. Mary said that the Priest was not easy to deal with, because he believed in going by the book. My reply was that I understood, and it would be OK to pass on it. She then said we would do it after Communion, after her brother would give the Eulogy.

We were introduced to, Robert Jr., Tom, Tim and Patrice, Mary's Brothers and Sister.

(THE EULOGY)

In brief, I stated that although we were only nine members, (plus five wives, one widow (Pearl Hanson, William's widow, and her son, Kelly) from the 24th Infantry Division Association attending the services, we were just the tip of the iceberg. I know that four thousand would have wanted to attend Bob's services, but were unable to for one reason or another. Every time I'd phone Bob, I would be lost for words, when asked "how are you doing?" his response was "I am doing fine and am not worried because I have been lucky during my life time. I could have been killed in the Philippines fifty some years ago. Instead, I met a beautiful woman named Roberta, married her, had five wonderful children and many beautiful grandchildren. So you see, I am at peace with myself. It's in God's hands now, I'm ready". Bob was truly an angel in disguise. Sometimes I wonder; If there is a God. Why does he always seem to take the good people from us? It does not seem fair. But when I try to put myself in God's shoes, just say there was another existence or Heaven, and there was an open position for one person, who would we select to fill it? A murderer, thief, cheater or selfish person? We do not know for sure, But if this is true, I just wish that when it is my turn to leave, I could be as ready as Bob. Several

people commented how they could visualize seeing Bob right now, negotiating with St. Peter for some good rooms. I could just hear him say "look St. Pete, if you can't give us the best room rates and the best rooms, I'm going to go to the hotel across town. You see some day the rest of the members will be here, and I want them to have a good convention." I further commented that Bob was my mentor, Chief of Staff and most of all like a big Brother. So you see, I am like an Uncle to you now".

<u>The Honor Guard comprised of:</u>			<u>Spouses:</u>
1.	Tony Apodaca	(34th)	Nellie
2.	James Barclay	(5th RCT)	
3.	Al Chavez	(21st)	Barbara
4.	Vince Gagliardo	(5th RCT)	
5.	Joseph McKeon	(19th)	
6.	Dave Murray	(3rd Cbt Engr) (attached to 5th RCT)	Rosalie
7.	Pete Nepote	(3rd Cbt Engr)	Mary
8.	Dan Rickert (Team Leader)	(3rd Cbt Engr) (attached to 5th RCT)	Bev
9.	Joe Wicinski	(11th FA Bn and 5th RCT)	

<u>Totals</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Unit</u>
	1	11th FA Bn
	1	19th
	1	21st
	1	34th
	3	3rd Cbt Engr
	5	5th RCT ASSN Members

Final Comments

Bob was Mr 24th Infantry Division Association right till his final breath of life; If you had not noticed he passed away on the 24th of September.

Thank you Col Robert R. Ender; for devoting your time, money and energy to this fine Association. For without you as "Reunion Coordinator" there might not have been a convention at Ft Worth, TX in 1989, extending an invitation to those of us from the 5th RCT (attached to the 24th Div., in Korea). So we could also meet with other buddies whom I had not seen in 39 years. As a result (with the push from men like Al McAdoo), the 5th RCT Assn. was formed, and going strong today.

In 1992 you blessed us with the "West Coast Reunion". and your final "Grand Slam", the push to go ahead with the "History Book" for the family you left behind. If your Convention Chairman, in the Sky is taking "Advance Registrations", could you please have him seat me at your table?

Submitted by: Vincent P. Gagliardo (5th RCT 51-52)

"FIRST TO FIGHT"
"VICTORY"

IN MEMORIAM

CLIFFORD G. "CG" HANLIN

1923 - 1995

CLIFFORD G. HANLIN peacefully crossed the river in his Elwood, Indiana, home on Wednesday, July the 26th, following several years of brutal medical problems.

A member of Love of the 34th between '42 and '45, "C.G." was as devoted in his love for Division as any of the thousands upon thousands of us who have ever worn the Taro Leaf. In dedication and loyalty, he stood at the head of the line.

In his last days, weak as he was, he was determined in his belief that he could summon the strength to "make Nashville". His attendance record for our annual gatherings had been almost perfect, commencing with the first get-together in Baltimore in 1947. Our annual gatherings were the bright spots in his busy life. He lived for them from year-to-year.

His fidelity was rewarded when, in 1959, the assembled brothers elected him to the office of President of our Association. We repeated the honor a year later when it was voted to extend his presidency for a second term. And then in 1980 we presented him with the William Jordan Verbeck Award, our Association's highest honor.

Our war together knew death and atomic bombing, booby traps and foxholes, jungles and jungle rot - and undried tears aplenty. But it also had two essentials - goals and laughter - without which any war is soon stripped naked to the bones of its common bestiality. Wherever C.G. was part of the scene, we were the more conscious of the goals, the more able to find the laughter in the midst of the misery. He was the perpetual optimist.

His life was full of energy, humanity, confidence, spontaneity, generosity, compassion and humor - a full and rare combination.

He was a man of great principle - and, as a private individual, a person of kindness, dignity and honor.

He was the kindest of men - would never allow a difference in principle to disturb the warmth of a personal relationship.

C.G.'s death leaves us bereft. Nonetheless, we are richer for his having passed through this vale of tears close to us.

Now the long struggle has ended. He has earned eternal rest.

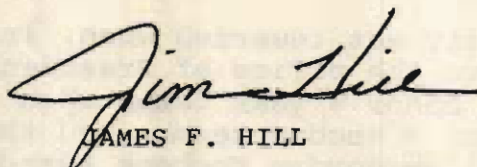
So long, C.G.

TAPS

It is with a sad note that I provide you another obituary for a true ex-Taro Leafer.

Spurgon Elwood died in a nursing home in Austell, Georgia on 26 September, 1995. Although not a member of the 24th Infantry Division Association he stayed most interested in the Association and was kept informed by his dear friend, comrade and Association member, Carl Conner. Spurgon was based in Hawaii with the old Hawaiian Division with the 65th Engineers and was tasked with building fortifications through out the islands from 1939 to 1941. With the activation of the 24th Division in September of 1941 he was assigned to Company D of the 3rd Engineers. He served with this unit during World War II. After the war he returned to civilian life in Georgia. He was a retired civil service employee, having worked for the United States Army at Fort Gillem, Georgia. He was 75 years old at the time of his death.

I am postive several of our members will remember him from their tour in Hawaii and the Pacific Theater.

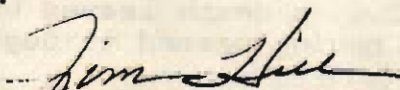

JAMES F. HILL

Once again it is my sad duty to inform you of the loss of a former 24th Infantry Division comrade.

The September issue of THE RETIRED OFFICER MAGAZINE lists in the TAPS section the name of Major General Sidney M. (Mickey) Marks. A call to the TROA headquarters informs me that General Marks died on 23 March of this year in North Carolina. That is all the information that I have at this time.

Mickey was serving with the 34th Infantry Regiment in Sasebo at the beginning of the Korean War. During the early days of the War Mickey was transferred to the 1st Battalion of the 19th Infantry as a captain an was appointed the Battalion S-3 during the bleak days (and nights) of 1950.

He will be missed by all of us who had the distinct honor of serving under his command during combat.


JAMES F. HILL
1st Vice-President

TAPS

William F. Cenga, 37

Postal carrier, bodybuilder;
served in Army during '80s

CAPE COD TIMES

QUINCY – William F. Cenga, a postal carrier and Army veteran with a stepbrother in Centerville, died Monday, the day before his 38th birthday, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center at Jamaica Plain, after a long illness.

Mr. Cenga was born in Quincy and was raised in its Squantum section, where he lived for most of his life.

Mr. Cenga graduated from North Quincy High School and starred on its basketball team. He later became an amateur bodybuilder.

After serving in the Army during the early 1980s, Mr. Cenga went to work as a letter carrier for the Pos-

tal Service. During the past 13 years, he worked in Quincy, the Dudley Street Station in Boston and in Cambridge.

Surviving are his parents, Joseph Cenga of Centerville and Gloria Cenga of Weymouth; two brothers, Anthony Cenga of Quincy and Joseph Cenga Jr. of Cambridge; two sisters, Carol Cenga and Felicia Byron, both of Quincy; a stepbrother, Jeffrey Cenga of Centerville; two nieces; and a nephew.

Prayer services will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow at the Dolan Funeral Home, 460 Granite Ave., Milton, followed by burial at 1 p.m. at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne.

Visiting hours are 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Veterans Administration Medical Center at Jamaica Plain, 150 South Huntington Ave., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.



Zankich, Andrew
19th Korea
28725 Gunter Road
Rancho Palos Verdis
California
Sunday, 29 October
Reported by:
Vince Gagliardo

Deceased: William F. CENGA,
the son of member,
JOSEPH CENGA (19th WW II)
of 206 Cedric Rd.,
Centerville MA 02632

LtCol George W. Howze, Div Arty,
45-51, passed away in March.
For more information contact:
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Road, Wenatchee, WA 98801

Freeman O. Firth, 5th RCT, 51-52
of Hanover MA, died in April of
this year. Freeman was Life
Member #1240.

Vernon H. Grosshuesch, "B" 52nd,
42-46, died on September 4th at
Billings, Montana.

Rev. C.A. Sutherland of Johnson
City, TN was killed in an auto
accident. He is survived by
his daughter, Joyce E. Owens,
PO Box 259, Honaker, VA 24260

CSM Roger H. Kramer died on
July 24th of this year. He was
with the 21st and was wounded and
evacuated from Korea in the very
first days of the war in July, 50.
In Japan before the war he played
regimental football with the 21st
team. In retirement he drove a
bus for senior citizens and the
handicapped.

Sadly we note the loss of Robert
"Gene" Yarbrough, who died on May
28th. He had served in Korea and
Japan with "H" Company, 21st Inf.
He was a retired Fire Fighter.

Bob Pere I Co. 34th writes of the passing of Joe Moholu, Bill "Red" Wellock, Joe Leskowhas, and Jpohn Ross. the ranks are getting smaller each year.

Freeman O. Firth deceased 1994-95

Vernon Grosshuesch (52nd FA '42-'46 died Sept.4 Billings,Mn.

LESLIE L. LONG (339th Eng.) deceased June 4,1995 in Palm Bay,Fl.

KENNETH PHILLIPS (E Co. 21st) became a life member 6 mos. ago but, through an oversite was not listed in Taro Leaf. died .



In August this year 4 old buddies met for the first time since Korea 1951. They were all Service Co. 19th Rgt. Left to right:

CURTIS HILLEY ,Oklahoma Cit,Ok.

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BEN SADLER, Lakeland,Fl.

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JESSE WILLIAM MYERS
Electronics engineer

Jesse William Myers, 74, of Barstow died Sunday of hypertension at Barstow Community hospital.

Myers, a native of Elkhorn, W.V., lived in Barstow 33 years.

He worked as an electronics engineer for Bendix & Allied Signal in Barstow for 32 years. He served in the Army in World War II. He was a member of the BPO Elks Lodge 1920, First Congregational Church, Disabled American Veterans and the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret; three daughters, Jymine Thompson of Eureka, and Barbara Padilla and Carole, both of Barstow; his brother, Charles of Virginia; his sister, Stella Tiller of Florida; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today, with services at 11 a.m. Friday, both at Mead Mortuary, 36930 Irwin Road, Barstow. Burial will follow at Mountain View Memorial Park, 37067 Irwin Road, Barstow.

The family suggests donations to the Elks Major Project, 1501 W. Main St., Barstow 92311, or First Congregational Church of Barstow, 220 N. Second Ave., Barstow 92311.

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- (1) If you have a forwarding service or
 - (2) If you send in a change of address to me and that goes for all of you who have moved or plan to move.
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Please note that the change in Secretary/Treasurer has also changed; the address for you to send your correspondence to; I am located at:

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You ask, where in the hell is Rocky Mount? It's on the North Shore of Lake of the Ozarks.

If you're ever in this area, drop by and see us. We're most always at home especially now that Dutch has transferred everything to me. Oh well, the fishing has been good this Fall and I've managed to take advantage of a few breaks Yvonne gives me while she's at the computer.

To Bill Oliver: Thanks for the suggestion. I'll look into it.

To Bill Tankersley, It's been a long time since our Beppu days but I still remember you.

Thanks to all you guys who attended the Korean War Memorial Dedication, we received a number of new members.

To Booker T. Morris, Jr. our next reunion will be in Minneapolis, MN from 3-7 Sept. 1996, why not try and make this one?

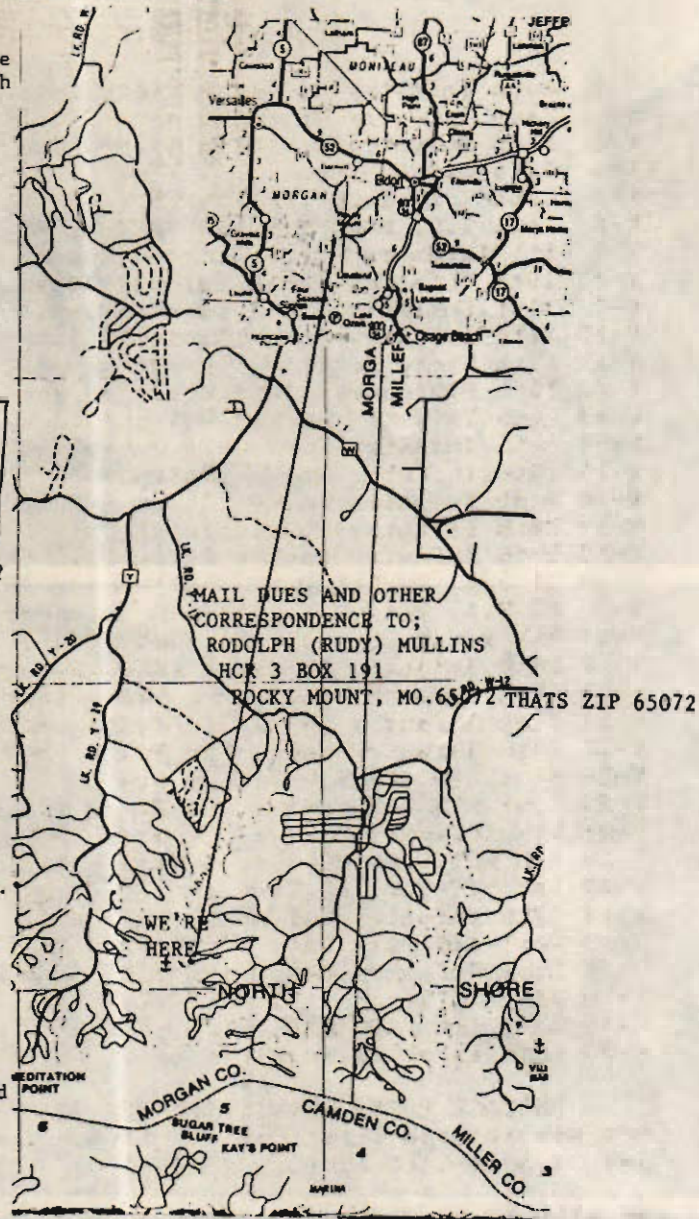
To W.C. Sisley, why not a Life Membership, you could still write each year.

To Keith Forton, have been through Kewadin on our way from Minneapolis to the Cherry Festival in Traverse City and we're looking forward to attending another one, one of these years.

To Bob Slaney, Bob, the dues are still \$15.00, so thanks for the extra \$10.00. Hope you enjoy your retirement and looks like you will. Hope you enjoy your journey to Oslo, Norway via Iceland.

To Mike Madich, Mike, the dues are still \$15.00 and Life Membership is \$150.00 and you don't have to keep up with any changes.

To Don Perrin, sorry you couldn't make it to Nashville and I understand. You'r doing the right thing. Hope to see you next year.





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