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## NEW MEMBERS

### WE WELCOME EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU!

- Angelo T. Agresti:** New Life Member. 13th F.A. 49-50. He and his wife Nancy live at 213 Gifford Ave., Somerset, MA 02726.
- Ronald J. Antonio:** Resides at 6474-A Crawford Ct., Ft. Polk, La. 71459 Tel: 318-537-0285.
- Eric T. Bates:** 91st Chem. Co.; Oct. '89-July '93. He and his wife Linda and three children Katie 11, Tara 9, and Matthew 8 live at 7413 Fairplay Rd., Benton, AR 72015.
- Dr. George A. Borun:** No Unit given. He resides at 5481 Linda Rosa Ave., LaJolla, CA 92037; Tel: 619-459-6932.
- Charles E. Brault:** Co. "L" 21st Inf. Regt. 50-52. Resides at 912 Bassett Rd., Ravenna, MI 49451; Tel: 616-853-2883. Charles is a retired Metal Finisher.
- William F. Bradley:** New Life Member. Co. "L" 19th Inf. Regt. 51-. Wounded at Pogan Dong, North Korea June 51. Resides with his wife Joan at 12 Sunset Ave., Troy, NY 12180; Tel: 518-283-2198.
- Raymond J. Cody:** 13th F.A. Bn. 49-51. Address: Indian Tree Professional Bldg. 7400 Wadsworth Blvd. Suite 201; Arvada, CO 80003. Tel: 303-424-5999. Ray is an Attorney at Law.
- John D. Ervin:** Hq. Co. 19th Inf. Regt. 50-53. Resides with his wife at 1030 Willington Ln. Wichita Falls, TX 76305; Tel: 817-855-3424.
- Billy B. Fox:** Hq. 2nd Bn. 19th Inf. Regt. 50-51; Resides at 333 Howard; Batesburg, S.C. 29006; Tel: 803-532-5316.
- William C. Gilliam:** New Life Member. QM 24th Inf. Div. 50-52; Resides at P.O. Box 221; Glennallen, AR 99588; Tel: 907-822-3658.
- John M. Hanusek:** New Life Member. 52 AAA Bn (26th AAA) Resides with wife Jean at 8608 Lakeside Dr., Englewood, FL; 34224-7696.
- Kenneth Phillips** - (E-21st) Reported in the last issue as having passed away, is very much alive! The editorial staff is sorry that the notice was posted prematurely. He called me on the 13th of January.

**LADIES BREAKFAST  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1996  
9:00AM**



**ATTENTION ALL LADIES:**

**FROM: Diane Peters**

Be sure to sign up for the Ladies Breakfast, it is something you won't want to miss. The program is planned at the same time the 24th Infantry Division Association Business Meeting is taking place.

The menu consists of Freshly squeezed orange or grapefruit juice, scrambled eggs with cream cheese, bacon or sausage, breakfast potatoes, assorted breakfast basket, butter, jams and marmalades, coffee, tea and milk.

We have two guest entertainers, Donna Montgomery and Sylvia Benson.

Donna, a native Minnesotan, has been billed as the "Twin Cities own home grown "Erma Bombeck" A seasoned speaker, and celebrated author, she has traveled nationally appearing on over 125 radio and TV stations. Donna will share excerpts from her books, "Surviving Motherhood" and "Coffee Talk".

Sylvia, "Auntie Lena", a 100% Norwegian American comedienne is originally from Roseau, Minnesota, but she has plied her craft around the Twin Cities for over ten years, having appeared at various comedy clubs in the area.

Ladies what more can you ask for? Two wonderful guests to tickle your funny bone, a scrumptious breakfast, good friends, and an all around very enjoyable morning for only \$12.00. There will be many door prizes, including a homemade crocheted afghan, and a quilt rack to display it on. Send in your reservations early.  
This is one "LADIES BREAKFAST" you won't want to miss!

Make checks payable to: 24th Infantry Division Association

Nail To: Harold Peters  
14030 Xanthus Lane  
Rogers, MN 55374



**LADIES BREAKFAST**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

COST \$12.00 EACH # ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## ABOUT OUR REUNION IN MINNEAPOLIS

A word about the Radisson Hotel South & Plaza Tower and the room rate. We feel that we have the best room rate and facilities we could get. They have the banquet, meeting rooms and other facilities large and adequate enough to accomodate a group as large as ours.

The hotel is 7 minutes from the Mall of America, 18 minutes from downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul, 10 minutes from Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport.

Airport service is available to and from the hotel via AIRPORT EXPRESS. The current charges are \$8.00 per person one-way and \$11.50 round-trip. Complimentary parking for up to 1,500 vehicles.

The Hotel offers: 2 Restaurants, Spectators Lobby Lounge, Hotel Concierge, Car Rental On Site, Gift Shop, Business Center, Oversized Indoor Pool, Whirlpool, Sauna and Health Club.

Group rates will be available on a space availability basic 3 days before and 3 days after our reunion dates. Rooms will also be available on a space availability basis over and above the contracted block. So come early and stay as long as you wish, relax and enjoy yourself.

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There are CAMPGROUNDS within a 20 mile radius of the hotel. To request information please notify the chairperson and he will mail you the data.

Attention Basil Steed!!!  
John Baglama  
369 Dubya Ct.  
Glen Burnie, Md.21061  
Ph. 301-761-0789

**REUNION**  
**BANQUET SEATING**

If you have a group of friends who wish to be seated together, **GET TOGETHER AND PAY TOGETHER** and send your Registration Forms in one packet (envelope). Tables are arranged for ten (10) persons per table. Reserve one table, two tables or as many as needed to accommodate your group. Designate one person (or couple) and send in your registration forms along with the appropriate amount of money, by check or money order, to whoever is designated. That person (or couple) will put it all together in one envelope and forward it on to the convention chairperson who will then complete the paperwork and notify each person or couple of receipt. A packet in your name will be waiting for you at the pre-registration desk at the Radisson Minneapolis. Tables will be assigned in order of receipt. So start your planning early and get your reservation and registrations in as early as possible.

Once tables are assigned it is difficult to rearrange the seating. To change just one table creates a domino effect and can cause many hours of work for the convention staff.

Remember door prices are 10% higher so be an early bird and get your name listed in the Pre-Reunion Issue of the Taro Leaf. Some of your long lost friends will see your name and will attend our reunion so they can see and be with you.

**REMEMBER:**

**THE CUT-OFF DATE IS AUGUST 13, 1996.**

**THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS AFTER THAT DATE!**

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In the next issue of the Taro Leaf the committee will have the list of raffle prizes, and information on the **LADIES COFFEE**.

**WELCOME TO THE RADISSON HOTEL SOUTH AND PLAZA TOWER  
HOTEL RESERVATION FORM**

**24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION**

**September 4 to September 7, 1996**

**PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Room Type request	Rate
Standard Single	\$68.00
Standard Double	\$68.00

**SPECIAL REQUESTS:** Smoking\_\_\_\_\_ Non Smoking\_\_\_\_\_  
Connecting Room\_\_\_\_\_ Disabled Room\_\_\_\_\_

**\*All special requests will be noted but cannot be guaranteed, due to the overall hotel availability.**

**CUT OFF DATE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS AUGUST 13, 1996**

**The discounted room rate will be extended 3 days prior and 3 days after your reunion.**

**(After this date, room will be on space and rate availability only)**

Date of Arrival\_\_\_\_\_ Time of Arrival\_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Nights\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Departure \_\_\_\_\_

NAME\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_

CITY\_\_\_\_\_ STATE\_\_\_\_\_ ZIP\_\_\_\_\_ TEL.NO.( )\_\_\_\_\_

Sharing Room With\_\_\_\_\_

**If guaranteed to a major credit card please give the following information:**

\_\_\_\_\_ AMEX\_\_\_\_\_ VISA\_\_\_\_\_ MC\_\_\_\_\_ CARTE BLANCHE\_\_\_\_\_ DISCOVER\_\_\_\_\_  
Credit Card Number\_\_\_\_\_

EXP.DATE\_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE\_\_\_\_\_

**For additional Hotel information call 1-(800) 333-3333 or (612) 835-7800**

**MAIL TO: 1996 REUNION  
RADISSON HOTEL SOUTH  
7800 NORMANDALE BLVD.  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55439-3145**

**SEND THIS FORM  
TO THE HOTEL  
NOW!**



# 24th Infantry Division Association

## From the President



Happy New Year to Each of You!

1996 promises to be a great year for the 24th Infantry Division Association. As in past years the capstone of the year will be our annual reunion. As you know this year's get together (our 49th) will be held in Minneapolis 4-7 September. I encourage all of you to make a special effort to attend. Corky Peters promises a great reunion for all who attend. He will keep us all informed through the pages of the TARO LEAF. Long time Life Member Moose Hoffman (Pearl, Japan, Korea) tells me he has already made his reservations!

I have received several letters and telephone calls concerning the non-receipt of the TARO LEAF which was programmed to be received in December. We all learn by experience and the lesson learned was do not expect Non-profit bulk mail to receive any priority from the postal service during the holiday season when there is an extraordinary amount of first class and priority mail to be delivered. The TARO LEAF was delivered to the post office in early December but the other priorities delayed its distribution. Based on the "lessons learned" we have established new publishing dates for the TARO LEAF. They are February, April, August and November. Any input desired in any specific issue must be to the Editor, Bob Lawhon, by the 15th of the preceding month. You should expect to receive your copy sometime during the months listed above.

Our Secretary/Treasurer, Rudy Mullins, has initiated a new computer program of matching members listed in our membership roster with their status as pertains to membership dues. Many members started paying toward Life Membership and then forgot to continue the payment schedule the following year. Rudy informs me that he is in the process of writing letters to all members who fall in this category reminding them of the dues requirement. I highly recommend for the members that continue to pay dues annually to consider signing up for life membership. Lets face it--once an ex 24ther joins our Association we want him to be a member till the very end. Remember Life Membership is only \$150, payable in 5 yearly payments of \$30. Annual dues are \$15 a year payable on the date each year that one joined the Association.

Life Member Donald L. Barrett (19th, Korea/Japan), 2854 Pinckard Avenue, Redondo Beach, California 90278, telephone (310) 370-2095 has accepted the position of Reunion Coordinator for the Association. Don fills the big void left when we lost Bob Ender last year. Don needs to hear from any member that is interested in serving as a Reunion Chairman in the city where they live. In 1998 we hope to host our reunion somewhere in the Eastern part of the United States so if you would like a reunion in your city give Don a call or write him a letter offering your services. He will take it from there.

See you in Minneapolis! Victory!



# 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Event	Time	Cost	#Persons	Amount
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## Thursday, September 5, 1996

#1 Mall of America	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	\$ 15.00 x	_____ =	\$ _____
#2 Mississippi Riverboat Cruise	5:00 pm - 9:30 pm	\$ 40.00 x	_____ =	\$ _____

## Friday, September 6, 1996

#3 Twin Cities Highlights Tour	9:00 am - 12:00 noon	\$ 16.00 x	_____ =	\$ _____
#4 Mystic Lake Casino	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	\$ 17.00 x	_____ =	\$ _____

## Saturday, September 7, 1996

#5 Twin Cities Highlights Tour	9:00 am - 12:00 noon	\$ 16.00 x	_____ =	\$ _____
#6 Mystic Lake Casino	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	\$ 17.00 x	_____ =	\$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable To:** 24th Infantry Division Assoc.

**Mail Checks To:** Harold Peters  
14030 Xanthus Lane  
Rogers, MN 55374

612-427-2433

**Deadline:** August 29, 1996

**24th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
Annual Reunion  
4 - 7 September 1996  
Radisson South Hotel, Minneapolis, MN**

**MAIL TO:**

Harold Peters  
14030 Xanthus Lane  
Rogers, MN 55374

Make check payable to:  
24th Infantry Division Assn.

First Timer? (yes - no)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Please PRINT Legibly Nickname for Badge \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code Checks Payable:  
24th I. D. Assn.

24th DIV OUTFITS #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Served \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Give Co., Bn, Regt. etc)

#2 \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Served \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Wife/Guests Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Please List Food Allergies and/or special diets required.

	Per Person	No. Attending	Amount
<b>REQUIRED REGISTRATION FEE (guests excluded)</b>			<b>\$15.00</b>
Fri. Aloha Night Dinner	\$25.00 ea.	_____	\$ _____
Sat. Memorial Banquet	\$28.00 ea.	_____	\$ _____
<b>*NOTE: Door Prices 10% Higher</b>			<b>TOTAL AMOUNT: \$ _____</b>

-----Do Not Write Below This Line-----

Date  
Recd \_\_\_\_\_ Cntrl# \_\_\_\_\_ Sat. Table# \_\_\_\_\_ Sun. Table \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE: -----CUT-OFF DATE AUGUST 13, 1996. \_\_\_\_\_**

# metroConnections

## 24th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

### TOUR OPTIONS

Thursday, September 5, 1996

#1

Mall of America  
(10:00 am - 3:00 pm)

The Mall of America is the nation's premier shopping and entertainment destination. Mall of America is a must-see attraction as well as the largest mall in the nation. You'll find Bloomingdale's, Macy's, Nordstrom and Sears. There are restaurants, bistros and cafes galore, with food to suit every palate and budget. In addition to restaurants, the entertainment district features nightclubs, sports bars and a cinema complex with 14 screens.

And, of course, there are over 400 retail outlets, including not only many of the most prestigious stores in the world, but some of the most unique specialty shops as well. To make your shopping experience easy, fun and very accessible, Mall of America has four distinctively different streets surrounding a central park -- with just about everything you can imagine (and quite a few things you can't).

There's Knott's Camp Snoopy, for example, the largest enclosed amusement park in the nation and the center of Mall of America. Mall of America is so different and so extraordinary a place, it has to be seen to be truly appreciated.

A Metro Connections tour guide will greet your group with a coupon book, special guest welcome sticker and retail directory (entitling you discounts at several stores), Mall of America shopping bag, Mall directory and Knott's Camp Snoopy program. Returns departures from the Mall at 1:30 pm and 2:30 pm.

**24th Infantry Price \$15.00 per person, 30 person minimum**

**Includes:** Deluxe motorcoach transportation, Metro Connections on-site coordination, welcome at the Mall, coupon book, special guest discount sticker, shopping bag, Mall directory and Snoopy program.

**Mississippi Riverboat Cruise**  
**(5:00 pm - 9:30 pm)**

We'll depart the hotel via deluxe motorcoaches for Harriet Island in St. Paul.

We'll board the Jonathan Padelford for a three hour riverboat dinner cruise. Recapture the thrill of a ride on a sternwheeler - the pride of the 19th century. The swish of the paddlewheel and blast of the whistle will delight your group as you they enjoy the sights along the Mississippi River.

The dinner menu will include:

*Boneless Breast of Chicken*  
*Parsley Buttered Potatoes*  
*Buttered Whole Kernel Corn*  
*Tossed Garden Salad*  
*Rolls and Butter*  
*Coffee and Iced Tea*  
*Dessert*

A strolling Dixieland band will be performing throughout the cruise.

**24th Infantry Price \$40.00, 75 person minimum**

**Includes:** Round trip transportation, on-site staff, cruise, complete dinner, Dixieland band, all applicable taxes and gratuities.

**Mystic Lake Casino**  
**Friday, September 6, 1996**  
**(10:00 am - 3:00 pm)**

**#4**

Mystic Lake Casino is one of the country's newest, largest and most spectacular gaming and entertainment facilities. The palatial 340,000 square-foot interior is decorated with such lavish accents as a 22 foot chandelier, marble columns and a bronze fountain!

You may want to start your day off with a few sessions of high stakes bingo (prizes of up to \$1,000,000 daily!). Next you can choose from 2,300 loose, coin-drop slot machines; and top off your day with a visit to one of the 125 blackjack tables.

A lavish luncheon buffet is included in your package. Whether you're looking for a day of fun and entertainment or just an unforgettable gambling experience, "odds are" you'll find it at Mystic Lake Casino!

**24th Infantry Price:** \$17.00 per person, 30 person minimum

**Includes:** Deluxe motorcoach transportation, Metro Connections advance staff, buffet lunch, all applicable taxes and gratuities.

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**#6**

**Historic Fort Snelling Tour**  
**September 7, 1996, Saturday**  
**(12:00 pm - 3:00 pm)**

We'll take a step back in time, built over 150 years ago Fort Snelling was the center of government policy and administration and a haven for travelers and others who sought protection and society within its limestone walls during the 19th century. Fort Snelling is a stone fortress on a bluff above the Mississippi River and today is restored to its original appearance. Costumed guides recreate the activities and ceremonies of everyday army life during the 1820's. Visitors are encouraged to participate in the everyday life of Fort Snelling.

In the 19th century, Fort Snelling was the center of government policy and administration and a haven for travelers who sought protection and society within its limestone walls.

**24th Infantry Price:** \$16.00, 30 person minimum

**Includes:** Round trip transportation

#3

**Friday, September 6, 1996**

**Twin Cities Highlights**

**(9:00 am - 12:00 noon)**

Fantastic is a word that's often misused and frequently abused, but there's really no other term that even comes close to describing the Greater Twin Cities Metro Area.

Our fantastic diversity catches first-time visitors by surprise. We're a comfortable blend of old and new -- magnificent Art Deco and Victorian reminders of the past nestled next to gleaming skyscrapers. We're urban and rural -- contemporary skylines just minutes from pastoral settings and scenic riverways. We're major league sports co-existing comfortably with world-class performing arts. And we're cleaner, closer, safer, more affordable, friendlier and less crowded than most other metropolitan settings!

Today we'll experience a sampling of just what it is that makes the Twin Cities so "fantastic." Our 3-hour tour of the area includes both downtowns of St. Paul and Minneapolis. While in Minneapolis, we'll experience the famous Nicollet Mall, skyway network of downtown Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden.

We'll continue our journey and make our way through the Kenwood residential area to see the television home of Mary Tyler Moore, and around sparkling lakes and lagoons on our way to the legendary Minnehaha Falls, where we'll make a short stop. We'll follow the Mississippi River past Fort Snelling. While in St. Paul, our guide will provide commentary on Rice Park, the Ordway Music Hall, the World Trade Center and Landmark Center. We'll drive along stately Summit Avenue (the longest stretch of restored Victorian homes in the country!) to see the home and haunts of F. Scott Fitzgerald and many mansions once owned by wealthy lumber and railroad barons.

Also included in the tour is the University of Minnesota and St. Anthony Falls area -- the birthplace of Minneapolis.

**24th Infantry Price:** \$16.00 per person, 30 person minimum

**Includes:** Deluxe motorcoach transportation, Metro Connections tour guide, narrated tour of the Twin Cities.

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#5

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1996**

**(TWIN CITIES HIGHLIGHTS)**

**NOON - 3:00 PM**

**(SAME AS TOUR # 3)**



*11th Airborne Division  
Association*

125 Lexington Drive  
Clarksville, TN 37042-3651



Dear Editor:

Sir: As membership chairman for the 11th Airborne Division Association, I would deeply appreciate it if you could please place the following articles in your paper so that we may reach all ex-members of our division. Request is made as a public service.

The 11th Airborne Division Association is looking for all ex-veterans of the division starting from activation in 1942 until deactivation 1 July 1958. Again, members of the 11th Air Assault Division 1962 to 1965 at Fort Benning, GA.

Membership in the association is open to all ex-veterans of the above units. If you served in any capacity you should contact James E. Hembree 11th Airborne Association, 125 Lexington Drive, Clarksville, TN 37042-3651; Phone 615-552-7761. Our membership chairman will send you information on membership and our next reunion in Omaha, NE, 4-7 September 1997.

James E. Hembree  
Membership Chairman



## 34th INFANTRY VETERANS

THE 34th INFANTRY ASSOCIATION HELD ITS 1st  
ANNUAL MEETING AT COCOA BEACH, FLORIDA ON  
OCT. 19th, 20th, AND 21st, 1995

PLANS ARE PRESENTLY IN THE WORKS TO HOLD  
OUR 2nd ANNUAL MEETING AT A MIDWESTERN  
LOCATION THIS YEAR.

34th INFANTRY VETERANS FROM ALL ERAS ARE  
INVITED TO JOIN WITH US. WATCH FOR DETAILS  
AND PLAN TO BE PRESENT.

CONTACT      DICK FISHER  
                 4240 CANELA ST.  
                 COCOA, FL. 32927

( 407) 631 - 9778



SEE WHAT HAPPENED AT OUR FIRST KOREAN WAR VETS  
REUNION. WE HAVE ON TAPE INTERVIEWS, MEMORIAL SERVICES  
DINNER DANCE, ENTERTAINMENT, AND ACTIVITIES WE ALL  
PARTICIPATED IN. TAPE IS 1 1/2 HRS LONG. TO RECEIVE YOUR  
COPY, PLEASE SEND \$32.00 WHICH INCLUDES POSTAGE TO:  
KOREAN WAR VETERANS REUNION  
808 OLDHAM RD.  
VA. BEACH, VA. 23464  
OCT 15 - 20 1996 IN VA. BEACH, VA. IS OFFICIAL FOR OUR 2ND  
REUNION. PLEASE NOTIFY ALL VETERANS & ORGANIZATIONS  
YOU KNOW ABOUT 2ND NATIONAL REUNION IN VA. BEACH, VA.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SELECTS PUBLISHER  
FOR DIVISION HISTORY

The Executive Committee, at its annual meeting in Nashville September 3, unanimously selected Turner Publishers of Paducah, Kentucky, to prepare and publish the history of the 24th Infantry Division. The history will cover World War II through Desert Storm.

The Executive Committee also approved the formation of a History Committee to co-ordinate publication and serve as liaison with the publisher. The committee is composed of:

Carl Bernard,	Alexandria, VA,	Korean War
Eric Diller,	Redondo Beach, CA,	World War II
Neil Estes,	Long Beach, CA,	Korean War
Harry Maihafer,	Nashville, TN,	Korean War
Dave Mann, (Chrmn.)	Richmond, VA,	World War II
Bill McKenna,	Albany, CA,	World War II
Ben Wahle,	Burlingame, CA,	World War II

Turner Publishers is planning a mailing soon to members of the 24th Division Association with more information about the division history. All members are encouraged to submit material and photographs to the publisher to help in writing and illustrating the history. Photos will be returned.

Mr. & Mrs.  
James L. Herring  
PR2 Box 1301 Edinburg TX  
South Lake, PR 18405-9760

6/7/95

Thank God  
There is hope yet to  
read our History

Beckles

(JAMES L. HERRING, PR2 BOX 1301 EDINBURG TX)

YES, TARD LEAFER  
THERE WILL BE A DIVISION HISTORY

WHEN?	In 18 months to two years.
WHO WILL PUBLISH IT?	Turner Publishing Company P.O. Box 3101 Paducah, KY 42002-3101
WHO WILL WRITE IT?	Don Gordon Editorialist and Journalist <u>The Paducah Sun</u> Paducah, KY 42002
HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?	\$39.95 plus \$5.00 S/H
HOW CAN I GET A COPY?	By ordering from the publisher. Turner will send you a brochure telling all about the history.
WILL THERE BE BIOG- RAPHIES OF THE MEMBERS?	No, but there will be biographies of Congressional Medal of Honor winners.
HOW CAN I HELP?	By sending photos, reminiscences, clippings, published material, anything that will add to the 24th Division history.
WHERE CAN I SEND THIS MATERIAL?	To: Dave Mann, Chairman History Committee 119 Gaymont Road Richmond, VA 23229 804-288-6238

## A BOND LIKE NO OTHER

1.

The islands of the South Pacific are so far from here we can not imagine how far they are. Last October I returned to the Philippines for the third time. My non-stop flight from Los Angeles to Manila took 14 hours! I was traveling fast enough to fly from Kansas City to Denver in one hour. Kansas is 11 time zones from the Philippines!

Many islands make up the Philippines. They stretch 1,000 miles from north to south. Leyte Island where we made our first landing in about in the middle of the group. It is as far north of the Equator as is Panama. The volcanic mountains look the same, and the climate is similar to that of Hawaii. It is never cold and never extremely hot. When we go there as tourists we notice the high humidity. It took me three months to feel comfortable in the tropics. When we return we notice the gentle breeze, the beautiful evenings, the magnificent beaches, and the polite friendly people. When I returned for a visit I was glad to see the Philippines have improved greatly. It is nothing like we saw as soldiers in combat. I could say the same about Medford, Oregon, and I have heard it said about Fort Riley.

In 1944 the great military leaders of the U. S. met with Pres. Roosevelt in Hawaii to plan strategy for the war. Admiral Nimitz, more accustomed to dealing with water than people, proposed that we bypass the Philippines and go directly to Formosa. [It is now called Taiwan.] The President was an old Navy man. Gen. Douglas MacArthur presented his argument quite eloquently.

"The U.S. has a moral commitment which should be carried out! Are you willing to accept responsibility for breaking a solemn promise to 18 million Christian Filipinos that the Americans would return?"

Gen. Eichelberger, commander of the Eighth Army, continues in his book *Our Jungle Road To Tokyo*; "The interview over, Gen. MacArthur started to leave, sure his was a lost cause.

'Wait a minute, Douglas', the President said, 'Come back!' " The Philippine invasion was on again.

Gen. MacArthur when forced to leave Corregidor promised "I shall return." That promise sustained the Filipinos for three terrible years under their merciless conquerers.

The Japanese said "the White man is here to exploit you. You are brown, we are brown, we are brothers! Asia for Asians!"

Had we abandoned our allies the Filipinos, had we bypassed out Commonwealth since 1902, had we left them to the vengeance of a cruel enemy, our credibility in the Far East would be zero today.

HE SAID HE WOULD RETURN, AND HE DID!

Lieutenant General Robert L. Eichelberger continues, "I am convinced (with to be sure, the advantage of hindsight) that landings on Formosa and the Chinese mainland without clearing the Philippines and Borneo, would have been disastrously costly. Japanese planes would have attacked from both China and the scores of nearby airfields and made our position untenable."

Why did we have to fight for all those islands in the Solomons, the Marshalls, Guam, Iwo Jema, Simara, Rhomblon, and the rest? The Japanese found those islands important or they would not have been there. The reason has to do with air bases and shipping lanes. Besides, these isolated garrisons constantly committed atrocities against the civilian population. We had to get them out, and we did get them out, one by one.

We veterans get together. We talk about what was our own immediate surroundings because that is all we knew at the time. We are trying to justify the sacrifice we made. We tell about the accomplishments of our outfits. Veterans don't want to be always anonymous. We want the recognition we deserve and, sadly, seldom get.

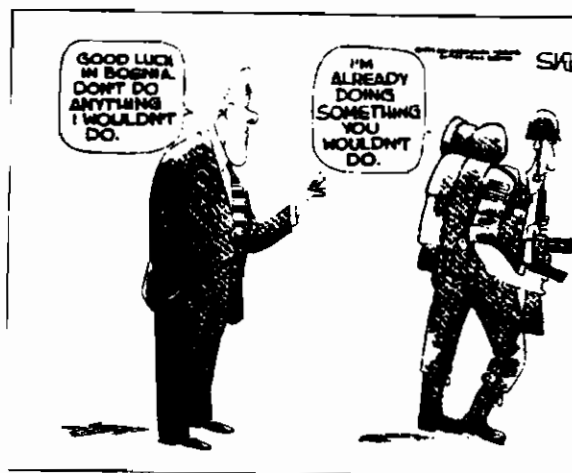
Veterans describe their experiences in a matter-of-fact way. They don't want to shock their listeners, and they don't want to sound like heroes. They think others did a great deal more than they did.

The typical soldier in WW II was in his early twenties. He was recently out of High School. He knew little of the world except his own neighborhood. He had few skills except what the Armed Services taught him. He tended to think what was new to him was repulsive, dirty, stupid, or not as good as back home. Our youthful soldier had no comprehension of the cultures he encountered. Some read very little and were pitifully inarticulate when writing back home. They had no radios, newspapers, or sports. Their only companionship was each other. If they had taken more interest in their surroundings life would have been more rewarding. For some men overseas life was unending drudgery with brief moments of terror, and living with the constant possibility of sudden agony and death, alone and unappreciated.

There were many happy moments. Soldiers have an endless, earthy sense of humor, and infinite ingenuity. They also have a colorful but unprintable vocabulary. They constantly improved their living quarters, even if that was only a slit trench. In time it might acquire a roof, a drainage ditch, grass on the floor, a clothes line, and sprouting coconuts for decoration! My Medics built a shower and dug a three-foot deep well. Each man was supposed to throw in a pail of water in the morning so it would be warm for him in the afternoon. We let our Battalion Commander off without carrying water. He had privilege,

Soldiers fight for each other and the folks back home. It makes no difference if they are volunteers or drafted. In combat we had no disciplinary problems, and no malingering.

There is indeed a bond between those who have shared combat together, like no other.



No one really wins a war, but winning is much better than losing. When you win you do not lose as much, and you have things your way. Victory in combat is not the ultimate objective. The ultimate objective of war is peace. Victory does not guarantee peace. The victor then has the heavy responsibility of winning the peace.

We have done reasonably well. It has been a long time since we were at war, the longest in our history. There is little likelihood of another major conflict. We have won the respect of the Japanese and all the world. We have assisted in building the Republic Of The Philippines, a new nation,

We came to their aid in time of tragic need. We enjoy their admiration above all other nations. We earned their eternal gratitude.

The war brought Japan into the twentieth century. No longer are they ruled by the feudal traditions of the Samareis. They have made many social changes. They demand good scholarship and hard work from everyone. Their peaceful business interests cover the world.

The Republic Of The Philippines has increased its population from 14 million to 60 million since the war. Everywhere there is new confidence and industry.

We can be proud!

Philip H. Hostetter M.D.  
Former Captain, Medical Corp  
Battalion Surgeon, 1st. Bn.  
19th Regiment, 24th Infantry Division.  
August, 1995

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Letter received from: John D. Boyle  
Secretary-Treasurer/Editor  
25th Inf. Div. Assoc.  
"Tropic Lightning"  
P.O. Box 746  
Rocklin, CA 95677

The 25th Infantry Division Association will be holding its 47th Annual Reunion in Hawaii from September 24-29, 1996. As part of its planned events members will be going to Active Division Day at Schofield Barracks on the 27th of September.

On behalf of Association President Jerry Headley, we are extending an invitation to your members to attend this reunion. As you know both Divisions were activated in Hawaii and it would be fitting to have your members join us.

Anyone desiring further information and registration forms, please contact Rudy Mullins, Secretary/Treasurer.



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copy of financial report, if one was filed, as required by the laws of incorporation. I also came right out and asked him if he was operating a scam.

The thirty years I spent as a police officer got the best of me, requiring me to write, on 5 September 95, to the Attorney General, State of Florida, requesting information as to the incorporation and the legitimacy of the "Brotherhood".

Needless to say, Mr. Rogerson awoke to the fact that I was somewhat upset as to not receiving what I was promised; returning my dues of \$20.00 in full, along with a curt note, copy enclosed, suggesting that "I don't think you would benefit by associating with scum." Those are his words, not mind.

Apparently he knows himself better than I do; but the State of Florida responded to my request, advising me, copy of letter enclosed, that the Combat Infantryman's Brotherhood is not listed as being incorporated and is in violation of the laws in Florida. Mr. Rogerson seems to be operating as C.I.B. Vets Inc. also, as that was the name on the check sent me.

He is most likely also in violation of the IRS laws, otherwise he would be registered as a "non-profit" organization with the State of Florida.

Those of us who are fortunate enough to have been awarded a C.I.B. one or more times, investigate any C.I.B. organization before parting with your money and ending up with just a concealed check, a membership card and empty promises.

It is most unfortunate that an alleged holder of the C.I.B. would use that Blue Badge to make money from others who had been awarded the C.I.B.. I say alleged as to Mr. Rogerson, as I had to prove mine; but I never saw any forms that indicated that he had the award.

A word to the wise is believed to be sufficient.

*Regards,*

*John W. Sonley*  
Mr. John W. Sonley  
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"M" Company  
5th Regimental Combat Team  
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24th Inf. Div.  
**KOREA**  
**1951**



"I'll Try, Sir"

7 October 95

Editor, Taro Leaf  
24th Inf. Div. Assn  
Mr. Robert L. Lawhon  
Route 2, Box 711  
Proctorville, OH 45669

Dear Robert;

This letter is to apprise our members of what I consider to be a "scam", operated by a Mr. Raymond Rogerson, a self appointed Commander of a organization called the Combat Infantryman Brotherhood Inc.. He operates out of P.O. Box 1285, Ruskin, FL 33570 and has a dues of \$20.00 for a two year period.

At the time of my "enlistment" of this organization on 18 June 95, I was sent a flyer, **copy enclosed**, that promised much; but delivered nothing except a certificate that related that I was a member, and a membership card.

As I am involved with recruiting for the 5th RCT, along with the 24th Inf. Div., I wrote to Mr. Rogerson on 24 August 94, asking that he place a notice in the newsletter, regarding the 5th RCT Assn.

Nothing was heard from Mr. Rogerson, so I again wrote on 25 January 95, asking as to where my newsletters were, as I had yet to receive anything as to the activities and etc. of the organization. **Copy of letter enclosed.**

As I was not receiving any of the newsletters as promised, along with not receiving any replies to my correspondence, I again wrote on 5 September 95, asking the self appointed "Commander" if he was having a problem with the operation of the corporation; also asked him, since he is incorporated, I wanted a

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**Richard T. Iseri:** 24 Sig. Co. 50-51, Resides with wife Sachiko at 6871 Chapman Garden Grove, CA 92645. Tel: 714-892-6415.

**George KG. Iwamoto:** Div. Hqs. 24th Inf. Div. 43-44. Resides at 626 Coral St., Honolulu, HA 96813.

**John Jasconkowski:** Svc. Btry 555th F.A. 49-51. Resides at 129 West Streicher St., Toledo, OH 43608-1708; Recommended by Richard Lewis.

**Jerome J. Koester:** Hq. Co. 3rd BN 21st Inf. Regt. 51-53. Resides with wife Marita at 11020 Bluff Court, Burnsville, MN 55337. Tel: 612-894-5763. Jerry has 5 children.

**Joseph W. Lovelace:** Hq. Co. 2nd BN 19th Inf. Regt. 50-51. Joe resides at P.O. Box 184; Tomah, WI 54660.

**Eugene Lewis:** New Life Member. F&B Co. 19th Inf. Regt. 49-51. Resides at 511 Town Dr., Hope, AR 71801.

**William C. McClure:** New Life Member. Hq. 2nd BN 21st Inf. Regt. 51-52. Resides at 99 Sun Crest Ave., Beaver Dam, KY 52320-9446. Bill is a Mechanic.

**Robert Lundgren:** Co. "E" 21st Inf. Regt. 45-46. Bob resides with wife Audrey at 8837 Hawthorne Dr., Eden Prairie, MN 55347. Tel: 612-934-1874. Bob is a retired teacher now has a landscape business.

**Leevon H. Marshall:** New Life Member. Co. "B" 19th Inf. Regt. 51-53. Resides with wife JoAnn at 1855 Behna Rd., Akron, OH 44312. Tel: 216-644-5422.

**Phil Nast:** Co. "I" 34th Inf. Resides at 264 Washburn Rd., Northvill, NY 12134. Tel: 518-634-4605. Recommended by good friend Dave Mann.

**Jose N. Olivas:** Hq. & Hq. 21st & Hq & Hq 19th Inf. Regt. 53-54.  
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He has 5 children.

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**George Sebenoler:** Co. "A" 21st Inf. Regt & Div. Hqs. Resides at 975 W. Bluelick Rd.,  
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**Frank W. Shalosky:** Co. "B" 21st Inf. Regt. 51-53. Resides at 3237 McKinley Ave. #41;  
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**John P. Teal:** New Life Member. Div. Hqs. 24th Inf. Div. 54-  
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8 children.

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**Harry L. Velick:** Co. "I" 34th Inf. Regt. 44-46. Resides with wife at P.O. Box 391,  
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**Albert E. Wilson Jr.** 224 FWD Sup Bn. 90-93. Resides with wife Nicole at 507 Bond St.,  
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**William Zippiere:** Co. "B" 19th Inf. Regt. 49-51. Resides with wife Lillian at 4293 State  
Hwy 30, Amsterdam, NY 12010. Tel: 518-842-5861.



Dear Mr. Robert Lawhon:

I am attaching some pictures and editorials about myself and am referring to Co. D 34th Infantry 24th Division if you would publish them when you have space in the Taro Leaf. These editorial are over 50 years old and there may be some old timers left who would recognize their old buddies.

The picture below are buddies of D Co. waiting in line for chow, I can not recall where we were or what island we were on.

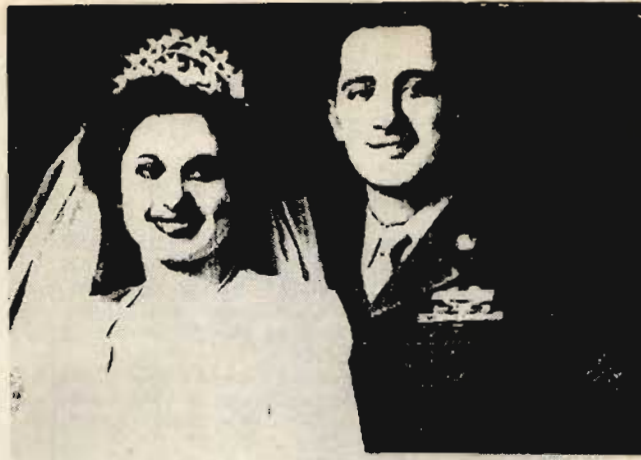
So if you think there is space in the Taro Leaf please publish these articles. I do subscribe to the Taro Leaf magazine. Doing a good job.

Yours in service.

*Joseph De Luca*  
Joseph De Luca

P.S. Anone interested can write Frank Oddo 55 Wall St. Torrington, CT. 06790 or myself Joseph De Luca 39 Memphis Ave. Belleville, N. J. 07109.





My wife Peg and I taken 50 years ago married on Dec. 29, 1945



Frank Oddo 1st Sgt and myself T Sgt Joseph De Luca of Co. "D" 34th Inf 24th Div. Taken on Oct. 19, 1995 have not seen each other for 50 years met in New York and had dinner and reminisced about old times.



## ★ Yank Leads Nips To Death

WITH U. S. 24TH DIVISION  
NEAR DAVAO, Mindanao, P. I.  
(AP)—A plucky Yank sergeant com-  
manded a Japanese squad long  
enough to lead the Nipponese to  
their death.

It happened west of Lavao when  
Staff Sergt. Joseph E. De Luca,  
Belleville, N. J., spotted an enemy  
patrol.

The unshaven sergeant motioned  
to the Japanese to come forward.  
Thinking he was a Japanese, the  
patrol marched up the road behind  
De Luca.

When the squad was in position  
to be caught by crossfire from  
concealed machine gunners, De  
Luca shouted, "Halt and drop your  
rifles." They did. De Luca dove  
for cover and the Yank guns  
opened up.

## SGT. DE LUCA IN ON PHILIPPINE ACTION

Member of Victory Division  
In Three Week Offensive  
Against Japs

Sgt. Joseph F. DeLuca of 36  
Meacham avenue and his buddies  
in the first battalion of this Vic-  
tory division's crack 34th Infantry  
regiment in the Philippines have  
helped write another stirring page  
in American military history in  
one of the most bitter offensive  
actions in the campaign to free  
the Philippines.

With their battalion far below  
strength after 21 days of hard  
fighting, they drove deep behind  
enemy lines, over back breaking,  
muddy mountain trails to seize  
and hold a ridge to deny the  
Japanese commanding positions  
facing our main forces in a  
crucial valley. For more than three  
weeks they clung to the ridge  
against great odds. They held off  
27 savage attacks, many by super-  
ior enemy forces, some in darkness  
of night during torrential rains.  
They killed 825 Japanese, more  
than one per man for the batta-  
lion.

### Heavy Barrage

Artillery and mortar shells,  
hand grenades, rifle and machine  
gun fire kept them low, day and  
night, in soupy mud of rain  
drenched foxholes. Hot, spent shell  
fragments, showered down on  
them.

Ammunition and food supplies  
often were delayed when carry-  
ing parties had to fight off the  
enemy to reach the ridge. Muddy,  
slime coated weapons frequently  
failed to function. At times they  
met the attacks head-on in furious  
hand to hand combat to save  
dwindling ammunition supplies.  
Acts of individuals heroism be-  
came commonplace.

Many men of the battalion be-  
came ill with colds, dysentery,  
foot ulcers, fever, but they con-  
tinued to fight. They knew not a  
man could be spared, who could  
carry on. When a relief unit was  
sent to the ridge, they closed  
their part of the mission by lead-  
ing an attack to drive the Japs  
from strong positions near the  
perimeter.

## S-Sgt. Joseph De Luca Gives Japs "Sure Route to Eternity"

S/Sgt. Joseph F. De Luca, son  
of Mrs. Concetta De Luca of 36  
Meacham avenue, commanded a  
squad of Japanese soldiers long  
enough to bring them within  
range of machine gun fire and to  
their death, according to a report  
from Minidinao.

De Luca, of the fighting 34th  
Infantry Regiment, attached to  
this rugged 24th Division, was  
commanding a section of machine  
guns which had established a road  
block behind the Japanese lines.

He spotted a column of troops  
moving down the road, turned  
to a lieutenant of infantry stand-  
ing near and asked if they were  
American troops on patrol. "We  
have no patrols out," answered  
the officer. The sergeant marched  
out into the middle of the road  
and mentioned for the Japs to  
come forward. Evidently thinking  
he was a Jap, they came marching  
on until they were only twenty-  
yards from the daring non-com.

De Luca thereupon barked an  
order, "Halt, and drop your  
rifles!" The Japs halted, abruptly.  
But one of them made the mis-  
take of grabbing for a grenade.  
Two machine guns opened up with  
a withering crossfire and eight  
more Japs died for their Emperor.

"If they want a sure route to  
eternity," grinned De Luca, "we're  
always willing to oblige them."

## Yank 'Commands' Jap Unit, Leads It to Its Death

WITH 24TH DIVISION, Min-  
danao (AP)—A plucky Yank ser-  
geant commanded a Japanese  
squad for a brief time—long  
enough to lead the Nipponese to  
their death.

It happened in rugged fighting  
west of Davao when Sgt. Joseph  
F. de Luca, Belleville, N. J.,  
spotted an enemy patrol moving  
toward the road block where he  
commanded a machine gun outfit.

The dirty, unshaven sergeant  
marched down the road and mo-  
tioned the Japanese to come for-  
ward. Evidently thinking he was  
a Japanese, the patrol marched  
steadily up the road behind him.

When the squad was in posi-  
tion to be caught by a cross-fire  
from the concealed machine gun-  
ners, De Luca suddenly whirled  
around and shouted, "Halt and  
drop your rifles."

The Nipponese halted, but one  
made the mistake of grabbing for  
a grenade. De Luca dove for cover  
and the Yank machine guns  
mowed down the patrol.

# *In Our Prayers*

***H***erb Carlson, past president, is seriously ill with cancer of both the larynx and both lungs. Our prayers are with him as we wish him and his family the best.

*Herb is unable to speak, so if you would like to drop him a line please send your letters to:*

***P.O. Box 66  
Pittsburg, NH 03592***





The names are as follows (all G Co, 19th Infantry, Korea):

Front row, left to right: Bob Heise, George Mello, Frank Erben,  
Bill Roseboro.

Back row, left to right: Dave Lopez, Don Roberts, Al Liwanag,  
Jimmie Brackner, Joe Marston, Howard  
Passwater

I have a few other snapshots I'm sending separately. If you  
can use any of them feel free to do so.

Thanks much.

*Bill*

## MEDALS, MEDALS, AND MORE MEDALS

In my search to develop background information and facts for a book I am writing, I have come across several interesting and alarming bits of information. Some have hunted me for years and others pose a disturbing question or two. I would be very interested to receive any and all feedback about these thoughts/facts from any of the readers of "Taro Leaf".

The article on the four Chaplains "The Four Brave Chaplains" that appeared in the Jan.'95 issue of Military is what first brought my attention to this matter again. In that same issue there was a debate of sorts about the use of the "initials" after ones name for "medals" entitled by the holder to use, like the UK military does. (pages 40-41) Then in the same issue (page 39) there was an article about the Bronze Star and the CIB awards. All are as I see it connected.

The Medal system in the USA was never meant to become what our European counter parts have made of it. It was the thoughts of our military to keep down the awarding and wearing of medals and issuing them for just about everything. Times change and from the start of this country's Civil War to date the medal system has changed and is still changing. I think it needs some more changes that would make right some of the over sights and misuse and mistakes it has caused to date.

In the Civil War there were some 864 men given the Medal of Honor( one entire regiment) these names were later removed from the rolls. Dr. Mary E. Walker (a civilian) Surgeon in the Civil War had been awarded MOH by Pres. Lincoln but her name was removed in the 1900's. It was restored to her by Pres. Johnson on 11th Nov. 1985. There was a special law passed PL # 884 to award the MOH to Col. Wm. Mitchell. There is a long list of MOH holders that received it by special acts of legislation.

The question here is if this could be done for all these persons than why not for the "Four Chaplains" and many others like; Marine Major, Smedley Darlington Butler, who would have got three MOH if the rules had been different but could be changed now, retroactively. Then there's, Capt. Matt Urban who's act got him the MOH in 1944 but it took Pres. Jimmy Carter and some 36 years to have it presented to him.

Back in the 1940's the Bronze Star was just bening developed as an award. Many acts which would have made men eligible for it lost out. Some efforts to make this right have been to use the CIB as a norm for awarding the Bronze Star. Anyone who got either is entitled to both as I understand it. For the WWII Vets. The Bronze Star has also or did become the medal to reward military service, "heroic or meritorious achievement." Now there are many newer medals to cover this service and more. A.) Meritious Service Medal, B.) Joint Service Achievement Medal, C.) Army Achievement Medal, and so on.

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There are several other cases that also raise a question. The National Defense Service Medal and the newer, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. The way I understand this the NDSM is for active federal service. Then it puts restricted dates to it, if your in the active service than your in right? If you are defending the country no matter from what post, your defending it. Then comes the AFEM and this is given for much the same reason that the NDSM was given but the dates are different and don't pick up where the other left off. So a G.I. that served on the DMS in Korea lets say from 28th July 1954 to any time before 30th Sept. 1966 does not receive either medal. But a G.I. that was a PX clerk in Vietnam on 1st Oct. 1966 would get either or maybe both and the Vietnam Service Medal. Why?

Then there's the Purple Heart, which was this country's first Medal. The miss-use of this medal is an entire other story. In my readings I found this as the criteria to be awarded the PH. ": Awarded for wounds or death as result of an act of any opposing armed force, as a result of an international terrorist attack or as a result of military operations while serving as part of a peacekeeping force." Now we all know of stories of the G.I. who shot himself in the foot to get out of combat and got the PH. But then there are the stories that gets one to ask the question how come so and so did not get the PH.

Maj. Marie Rossi, of Desert Storm is a case in point. To the best of my knowledge she did not get the PH even though she lost her life while on active duty in a combat zone a day after a cease fire/peace was established. What was she and all the rest of the G.I.'s doing there after the war ended if it was not to keep the peace.? Were they and are they not a "peacekeeping force?"

More up to date, what happens to the two helicopter pilots who where shot down in North Korea last month, do they get the PH for the wounds and the other pilot get it awarded posthumous.

As I research this more and more I find that a revamping of the MEDALS system needs to be done again. Part of which should be to make right the mistakes of the past and award if need be medals to ALL G.I.' male and female who for what ever reason did not get what was rightfully their's and to extend the dates on several of the service and campaign medals to cover all service rendered. To go back into the records and up grade medals to fit the act and to award them even if it must be posthumously to the G.I.'s who would deserved them, to make the wrongs right, once and for all.

Feedback welcome

David Baillie  
34th Tk Co 34th RCT, 24th Inf Div./Korea 1950's

Address: RR#1 Box 264 Roaring Branch, Pa. 17765



## **"B" Btry 11th F.A. WWII-Lawton-Ft Sill OK**



At a recent Reunion "B" Btry 11th F.A. WWII, Lawton-Ft. Sill OK. Standing on the steps of the Old Guardhouse Conley Cheek, Louis Spacca-monti, Doris Wagner & Howie Wagner; A. Byrd, Ruth Spacca-monti, Jane King; Isabelle Byrd, Dottie Boling, Marion Lewis, George King; Vic Boling, Bernice Carmack, Lou & Maurice Thompson; Dick Lewis, Murrell Carmack, Elmer Juni and holding OUR Guidon, Cheeks' nephew, Ronnie Cheek, his driver! Some us have to bring off-spring to help us drive to and from! Me, too!! Joining us later were two of our Widows; Nancy Will and Chris Barbee.

During our stay we had tours to Wichita Wild Life Refuge & to the top of Mount Scott, Indian Capital of the US-Anadarko and a fabulous tour of all of Fort Sill-US Army Artillery Center. **"A Red-Leg shouldn't pass on before seeing Lawton and the Block-House on Signal Mountain!"**

DARRELL A. MORTON (Life member  
19th Tank Co. Scholfield Barracks.  
died Nov 4-5, 1995. Card his widow  
Dora Morton 13171 Yorba St.  
Santa Anna, Ca. 92705  
Tel. 714-544-3700 reported via Bill  
Nagel, Joe McKeon. *This is the*

*communication line in action*

March 23, 1995

E. Dutch Nelson  
24th Infantry Division Association  
812 Orion Dr.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

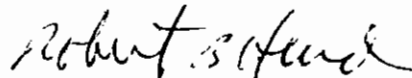
Dear Dutch,

Thank you for the membership card. I have already had a discussion with Pat Clinton who lives here in Tulsa. He didn't know my father but was very supportive in what I was attempting to do. You said in your letter you would write an "ad" for the next Taro Leaf. Below is some information which I hope will be some help.

Judson P. Hurd  
Joined the Army on February 3, 1941 at Fort Slocum, New  
York  
Enlisted as a private  
Sent to Hawaii March 1, 1941  
Assigned to Headquarters Battery, 13th Field Artillery  
Battalion  
Was at Schofield Barracks when Japanese attacked  
Transferred back to states February 1943.

Again, thank you for all the assistance so far.

Very truly yours,



Robert B. Hurd



## Korean War Veterans Armistice Day Becomes Law

Caught up in the excitement of the dedication of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in the Nation's Capital at 3:00 PM, Thursday, July 27, the White House announced the signing of Public Law 104-19, the FY 1995 Rescissions Act, which includes, in Section 2005:

*July 27 of each year until the year 2003 is designated as "National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities, and to urge the departments and agencies of the United States and interested organizations, groups, and individuals to fly the American flag at half staff on July 27 of each year until the year 2003 in honor of the Americans who died as a result of their service in Korea.*

Korean War veterans' service and sacrifice all the way from the Mall in Washington, DC, to the flag pole of the local Post Office. We can only hope that Korean War Veterans all over the country will take advantage of this law to commemorate those who served in the Korean War, especially the dead and the missing."

■ Come unto me, all ye that labor  
and are heavy laden, and I will give  
ye rest.

MATTHEW 11: 28

■ Sleep, Silence's child, sweet father  
of soft rest, / Prince whose approach  
peace to all mortals brings, / Indif-  
ferent host to shepherds and kings, /  
Sole comforter to minds with grief  
opprest.

WILLIAM DRUMMOND

The Korean War Veterans of the State Of Colorado are erecting a memorial "To Those Who Fought In The Korean War." It is made from black marble and is 8½ feet high. On it will be the map of Korea, the dates of the war and the US casualty figures. It will be erected in the Colorado Springs Memorial Park, and the dedication will be July 27th, this year.

When the foundation is laid a Time Capsule will be buried that will include memorabilia from that war and a list of all persons and companies that have donated money to the monument. If you care to "throw a nickel on the drum" the address is:

Charlie Snow  
Korean War Veterans Memorial  
2439 East St. Vrain  
Colorado Springs, CO 80909



Earl Lee and Sam Ferraro,  
E/19th, Korea, 1950-561.

Dear Editor,

I am a new member of the 24th I.D.A. and have for all my life wondered how many of my comrades, of the most traumatic 13 months of my life, from Jul. '50 thru Sept. '51.

I arrived in Japan the last of June, and was supposed to report to the Base Hospital, but they put me on a ship and assigned me to Charlie Co. 19th Regt. 1st Bn. and issued me an M-1 and 1 Band-Aid of ammo.

I stayed with the Inf. from our initial engagement and through our strategic withdrawal (haha) anyone who was there will know what I am talking about. Anyway I stayed with the Inf. until I came down with Malaria in Sept., when I returned a few days later I was assigned to the same Co. as their Medic. My memories are piecemeal from battle to battle, but what I am really curious about, did any of the men I patched up and sent to the rear make it?

I know an awful lot of them died before I got there or with me, trying to save them, I still cry, because there were so many and I can't remember them all, but I am curious to know if any of my patch work kept some of them alive and back home.

I am particularly interested in the events and men of C-Co. & B Co. 19th Inf. in the action that occurred Jan. 1, 1951, when the Chinese attacked at the 38th Parallel, on that morning the R.O.C. Div. on our right flank collapsed and pulled out, we had to cross the road and join up with Baker Co. as we crossed over and climbed up the hill we were caught between the Chinese on our left flank and B Co. on our right, with Baker Co. giving us some fire cover.

I remember as we worked and fought our way up the draw, I was patching up a wounded man and I looked up and a man took a bullet right through the head. As I was helping the other wounded man by the by the other man the one who was shot, thru the head, said where are you going "Doc". I was shocked, I couldn't believe that he was alive. I patched him up as good as I could, I was helping him thru a trench, when I looked up there was a gun right at my head, I pulled the trigger on my weapon and it clicked, someone, behind me shot the chink. After we got over the ridge we were joined into B Co.

I made several trips back into draw but, was only able bring out one man alive. The fighting was hot and heavy and our wounded was getting wounded again as we had no place to shield them. We had three medics on the hill, so I volunteered to try and get the wounded out and the C. O. said that it would be a miracle if I could, but it was worth a try, I had noticed that the Chinese had cleared the back side of a draw so I took 17 walking wounded and 2 litter cases and we started out, anyway to make a long story short, I got the men out and back to our lines that night.

I wonder how many if any of the men still alive and remember this action .

After I replenished my med. supplies I was reassigned to another Co. for the next assault that nite.

I guess the other men in Baker and Chrle Co.'s made it out. I hope so, but the C. O. didn't make it because he said he was putting me in for the D.S.C. for my actions that day but I never heard anymore from him.

It would be nice to know that someone I patched up made it and I sure would like to hear from you.

Donald Perrin (DOC)  
7930 129th Street  
Sebasatian.FI. 32958  
Ph. 407-388-9342

Also my Infantry buddies from July, August, and September 1950. How about it Duberly, are you still out there, How about it Hame(Horne)?

Editor's Note:

After all these years this man deserves a note from anyone who knew him.







F. Keith Forton  
2094 Birchview Drive  
Kewadin, MI 49648

October 5, 1995

Dear Bob,

I recently received a letter from Carl Gamel (1st Sgt., "Dog" Co., 19th Inf., Korea, '50-'51) updating me on the 48th Annual Reunion in Nashville. At the close of his letter, my friend Carl reflected a bit on times past, present, and down the road.

I think it would be most appropriate and timely to have you print three paragraphs from his letter which so well express his feelings, indeed, the feelings of each one of us:

The reunion was a solemn time for me as I recalled many things that I had pushed back into my subconscious. In fact this whole year with all it's celebrations triggered thoughts of another time, a forgotten time.

As I looked around the filled room I thought of this ending as it will certainly happen as there will not be members of the 24th that will survive too many more years. They did a job and now they had gathered to celebrate "themselves" as they certainly have a right to do. This nation had a treasure in these men who gallantly did what they had to do. They are the survivors.

Words ring empty at times. Words are so inadequate. Words are sometimes meaningless. Yet, words are all we have to tell each other what we mean; how we are today; how we feel and all the good things we have to tell each other. So let's all try to find our brothers and let us all hear from each other...today.... so that we may get together tomorrow.

Sincerely,

*Keith*  
F. Keith Forton

Contributions From October 1995 through January 7, 1996

Ervin De Muth	\$5.00	21st Inf
William R. Musselman	\$5.00	24th Repl
Clyde Lafitte	\$10.00	11th FABN
Ted F. Peer	\$5.00	24th Admin
Charles Willert	\$10.00	
Arthur Gottshall	\$50.00	5 RCT
Bill Hood	\$25.00	21st Inf.

(In Memory of Bob Ender)

Alan D. DeMoss	\$200.00	Div. Arty
Bobby Bruce	\$10.00	19th Inf
Malcolm Aitken	\$5.00	21st Inf
Kenneth Popovich	\$10.00	21st Inf
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Evert L. Harmon	\$20.00	11th FA
Wendell H. Tuohy	\$10.00	509th MISP
Dan Cuomo	\$20.00	34th Inf
Kenwood Ross	\$50.00	Div. Hq
Vincent Vella	\$50.00	21st Inf
George P. Gorham	\$5.00	21st Inf
Noel Mjones	\$10.00	21st Inf.
Charles E. Garrett	\$10.00	19th Inf



Yours in Patriotism;

*Bud*

Clarence A. (Bud) Collette  
Life member No. 162  
5th. R.C.T., 24th. Inf. Div.  
Korea 1951-52.  
Former M/Sgt. Infantry.

507 E. Timber Dr.  
Payson, Arizona  
85541-4077

Brother Lawhon, please keep up your fine work for our 24th. Inf.  
Div. Assoc.

John W. Klecker, K Co. 34th (44-45) 26839 Hyte Rd, Rancho Palos Verdes CA 90275-2248 was transferred to Gen. McArthur's Honor Guard Company in July 1945 in Manila P.I. then on to Yokohama and Tokyo til Jan. 1946 (GHqAFPAC) He states that some personnel and officers that signed the surrender arrived in Yokohama on Sept. 1, 1945.

Mrs. Maria Hollar, writing to inform me of the passing of member Ernest, gave me an interesting story about Ernest that deserves to be passed on. It seems that Ernest had been retired after 28 years but returned to serve during WWII another 4 years, 8 months, 14 days. He served 1 1/2 years at Sault Ste. Marie, guarding the locks. He left there for New Guinea and Leyte. He made Gen. McArthur a 5 star plate for his jeep from metal off a Japanese plane that had been shot down.

Louis A. Long, Jr. from 516 Rambling Rd., Kingsport, TN 37663, Phone #423-239-6898, G. Co. 34th (52-53) and K. Co. 34th (53-54) would like to hear from old buddies. Stated he was Cpl and Squad Leader and later became 2nd Lt. 112th Inf.

To Morris Bergan: The address of the 77 Infantry Division Association is:

77th Infantry Division Association  
Mr. Gino Lazzarotto  
346 Broadway, Room 818  
New York, NY 10013

Mike Bonito from 13100 SW 141st Pl. Davis, FL, Phone 954-472-4570, 63rd F.A. (53-55) would like to see more guys from his unit at our reunions. He has some great photos and he is willing to share with members he served with in Korea. He says to call. He will accept collect calls.

Francis H. Heller, Div. Arty (43-47) from Pvt to 1st Lt all with Div. Arty spent another two years 51-52, then another 12 years in a mobilization slot at Ft. Leavenworth. But "APO 24th" is still where his heart is. He hopes to make Minneapolis.

John Bontje, P.O. Box 322, Larchwood, IA 51241-0322 is looking for any one from Co. A 19th Japan/Korea 1950.

Leevon H. Marshall, Co. B. 19th (51-53) is looking for a few good men from Co. B 19th. They are Ratterman, Loudermilk, Kungle, Whalen. Contact Leevon at 1855 Benna Road, Akron, OH.

The following from Col. George Seiferth, 6th Tk. Bn (53-54) Korea/Japan submitted the following: Dear Rudy:

Thanks for sending me the reminder - I'll bet previous notices were in the Taro Leaf and I overlooked them. This will take care of the Life Membership pledge.

As an item of interest I was at Ft Meade this summer when my son was outprocessing to Germany (S-1 of 2nd Bde, 1st Armored Div - now in Bosnia!) and had a chance to visit DC where I tried to see the Korean War Vets Memorial. The exhibit was all fenced in as it was to be dedicated a couple of weeks later. Anyway, I had a 24th Div cap on and as I peered through the fence a voice on the other side called to me - "what outfit?" I said 6th Tank and was promptly ushered through the gate and given a personal tour. The "voice" belonged to the Dept of Interior chairman of the project who was with 5th RCT. It was great and I really felt good knowing the Korean vets were finally remembered.

Best wishes and Happy New Year.

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John Kozma Life #512 I Co. 21st Inf. 37-39. John, there are but a few like you, write something up, we'll print it.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The second (Indian Head) Division Association is searching for anyone who ever served in the 2nd Infantry Division at any time. For information about our association and our forth coming reunion, please contact: Bill Creech - P.O. Box 460 - Buda TX 78610

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Dear Rudy -

1-4-96

Just a point I'd like to make. Ever since I've been a member of the Association, I never had any kind of an I.D. card. I read the news letter and never see any letters or articles about the period of time I was in the service.

I enlisted Dec. 7th 1936 in New Haven Ct. and went to Fort Solcum in N.Y. Arrived in Schofield in 3-7-37 after sailing from Brooklyn Army Base and with stops in Panama and Fort McDowell in S.F. Was with Co. 7 21st for a year and transferred to 11th Ord. Was discharged 3-12-39. I am still active. Retired from Conn. State Police after 20 years service.

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Col. James L. Russell 2nd BG 28th Inf. 61-62, lists his occupation as Professional Clown/Magician Entertainer. I always thought those full colonels were a bunch of clowns. Jim owns a "Funny Farm" in Butler, GA.

Walter Duke Jr. Life Member #1483 Co. "K" 21st Inf. Regt. Feb 51- Oct. 51, and Hq Co. 3rd Bn 21st Oct.- Mar.'52, 3536 Roundtable Loop, Owensboro, KY 42303 Ph # 502-683-4676. He states that he rotated from Korea to Japan with the 24th. Is looking for buddies from the same time frame.


Dear Fellow Taro Leaf Readers;

I am in hopes that more of you are out there that can help me find old "buddies" and information about the 34th Inf. Regt. (RCT) and fill in the blanks for me.

I know that the 34th was in some of the very first actions in Korea and that twice it was reduced to a "paper unit" and twice returned to Korea. It's men were transferred to the 21st RCT and 19th and some to the 1st Cav. Just when all this took place is part of what I am trying to piece back together. Also it did service during the "Big Switch" of POW's and stayed part of the 24th ID until the late 1950's when the 1st Cav took over the 24th's equipment and men, and the colors were retired to the states. Where did the 34th go after that?????? I know or as far as I know it is no longer an active RCT within the Army system, did it become a National Guard unit or put on the Reserve list system or just back on "paper" again. Anyone out there know?

Please respond.

Address:  
RR#1 Box 264  
Roaring Branch, Pa. 17765

  
David Baillie

34th Tk Co / Korea

Dear Mr. Hill:

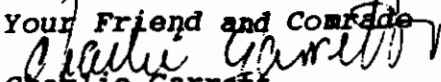
I just noted your name on the list of the 24th's Taro Leaf and it rang a bell loud and clear. I remember you well from Beppu and from Korea. I hope that this finds you well and wish you all the very best in 1996.

I won't go into a lengthy story of my life in the Army and then service with the United Nations in the ME. I am sending a copy of my story to Dutch Nelsen to read and pass on to the editor of the Taro Leaf to use or extract portions for the paper. Hopefully he will send it through you first.

After a green Christmas it now has turned to snow and has snowed for past two days. The temperature is only just freezing so it is a wet heavy snow making driving hazardous to say the least. We had to forego our weekly visit to see Margrit's mother who is in a nursing home bedridden with Alzheimer's disease. It is harder on Margrit than on her mother. At 94 there is not much left, not even hope.

I am in touch with 1 or 2 old 19th hands and often wonder where the others went and how they have fared over the years. From here all I can do is hope for the best for all of them.

If you have the time I would like to hear from you and all that has happened over the years since Beppu and Korea. I would be happy if you passed on my address to any that remember me.

Your Friend and Comrade  
  
Charlie Garrett



## **U.S.S. Belle Grove LSD-2 Historical Organization**

14732 Van Buren Street  
Midway City, CA 92655  
(714)897-1787

November 1, 1995

*24<sup>th</sup> INF. DIV. ASSOC.*

Dear Sir:

Would you please print in your reunion section the following information so that our shipmates can plan a reunion. Information for your use:

**FROM:** Lt. Delbert F. Catron USN Ret.

**ADDRESS:** 14732 Van Buren Street, Midway City, CA 92655

**Name of Proposed Reunion:** USS BELLE GROVE LSD-2

**Date of Proposed Reunion:** JULY 1996

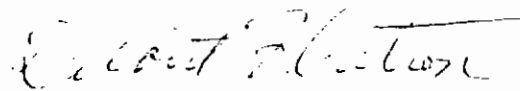
**Place of Proposed Reunion:** Springfield-Branson, MO

**Contact:** Del Catron  
14732 Van Buren Street  
Midway City, CA 92655  
(714) 897-1787

***Please Print This***

PROPOSED U.S.S. BELLE GROVE LSD-2 19th Reunion of all former crew members, Army and Marines in transit - July 1996 in Springfield, MO - Branson area. Contact Lt. Del Catron, 14732 Van Buren St., Midway City, California 92655. Telephone 714-897-1787

Thank You



Delbert F. Catron

1016 Central Ave.  
Leavenworth, KS 66048  
3 November, 1995

Editor, Taro Leaf  
Robert L. Lawhon  
Rt. 2, Box 711  
Proctorville, OH 45669

Dear Bob,

I am about a year old as a member of the **24th IDA.**, as I joined the Association in December of 1994. I am now a Life-Time member, and proud to be one.

Since joining the **24th IDA**, I have enjoyed reading the Taro Leaf. I have noticed a lot of members writing in requesting help in locating old buddies from their past units within the 24th I.D.

I am writing at this time to request this help myself. I am enclosing a photo of an old buddy of mine of which I have forgotten his name. I hope this photo won't be too graphic for you to put in the Taro Leaf.

We were assigned to Div. Hq. Co., 24th Inf. Div. at the time this photo was taken. We were in the advance party of Hq. Co.

This photo was taken at Taejon about the end of Sept., 1950, shortly after the Inchon Landing on the 15th of Sept., which was the beginning of the **"Fall Offensive."** U.N. TROOPS were on their way back up the peninsula toward Seoul. This was the second capture of Taejon, as the first capture was by the North Koreans about the middle of August where the **34th Inf Regt.** was over-run.

This is one of the **horrible** scenes of the **"Taejon Massacre"** seen after entering the city. There were many of them. Some too **horrible** to describe. The smell was so bad that we could hardly breathe without something over our noses. The soldier in this photo removed the handkerchief from his face only so I could take the picture.

Anyone recognizing this soldier, please contact: Lee R. Dennis, 1016 Central Ave., Leavenworth, KS 66048. Also, anyone wishing to have one of these photos, I would be glad to send it to you. Thank you.

SEE LAST PAGE OF TAPS!

Sincerely,

*Lee Dennis*

Lee Dennis

FOR ALL THOSE BORN BEFORE 1945

WE ARE SURVIVORS.....CONSIDER THE CHANGES WE HAVE WITNESSED...

We were born before television, before penicillin, before polio shots, frozen foods, xerox, plastic, contact lenses, freebies and the pill. We were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ballpoint pens. Before pantyhose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes...and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together. How quaint can you be? In our time, closets were for clothes, not for "coming out of". Bunnies were small rabbits, and rabbits were not Volkswagens. Designer Jeans were scheming girls named Jean, and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with our cousins.

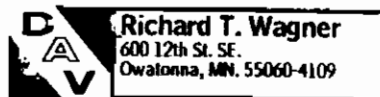
We thought fast food was what you ate during lent, and Outer Space was the back of the Riviera Theatre. We were before house husbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers and commuter marriages. We were before day-care centers, group therapy and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electronic typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt and guys wearing earrings. For us, time-sharing meant togetherness...not computers or condominiums. A chip meant a piece of wood. Hardware meant hardware and software wasn't even a word.

Back then, "Made in Japan" meant junk and the term "making out" referred to how you did on your exam. Pizzas, McDonald's and instant coffees were unheard of. We hit the scene where there were 5 and 10 cent stores, where you bought things for five and ten cents. Sanders or Wilsons sold ice cream cones for a nickel or a dime. For one nickel you could ride a street car, make a phone call, buy a Pepsi or enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards. You could buy a new Chevy coupe for \$600... but who could afford one? A pity too because gas was 11 cents a gallon.

In our day, GRASS was mowed, COKE was a cold drink and POT was something you cooked in. ROCK MUSIC was a Grandma's lullaby and AIDS were helpers in the Principal's office. We were certainly not before the difference between the sexes was discovered, but we were surely before the sex change. We made do with what we had. And we were the last generation that was so dumb as to think you needed a husband to have a baby.

No wonder we are so confused and there is such a generation gap today. BUT WE SURVIVED.....What better reason to celebrate....

THE ABOVE IS FROM RICHARD WAGNER E. 19TH BUT ITS ALWAYS WORTH REPEATING



# TAPS

In remembrance of our comrades who have gone before us. be they forever in our memories. gone but, not forgotten.

## RUDY FRUHOLZ (WWII -19TH) Died 10/25/95

had frequent bouts with Malaria contacted in the Pacific. He and his wife Alberta celebrated thier 47 th wedding anniversary in July. He was a loving partner, his wife is very thankful for those years. He left two fine sons who will miss their father very much.

(card her at 816 Novelda Rd. Alhambra, Ca. 91801.

Louise "Boots" MAY  
Beloved Wife of SAM MAY  
(13th Field '42-'45)  
died Nov. 14, 1995  
Sam's at 118 Clinton St.,  
China Grove NC 28023

## Stanley Michael Keith

**GOFFSTOWN** — Dr. Stanley Michael Keith, 82, of 10 Lauren Lane, died Jan. 20, 1996.

Born in New York City, he had been a resident of Goffstown since 1988 previously residing in Michigan for many years.

Dr. Keith was a dentist with a general practice in the Detroit area for more than 50 years.

Following the Korean Conflict, he served with the U.S. Army 24th Division Artillery as a dentist.

He was a member of the Kiwanis of Detroit for many years and was a photographer.

The family includes his wife, Eleanor F. Keith of Goffstown; a daughter, Karen McRae of Goffstown and a son, Dale Keith of Miami, Fla.; and three grandsons.

**SERVICES:** Calling hours will be Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the French & Rising Funeral Home, 17 South Main St., Goffstown. A graveside funeral service will be held in the spring at Hillside Cemetery of Goffstown. Donations may be made to Goffstown Emergency Medical Services Association, 18 Church St., Goffstown 03045.



"She left me a Dear John voice mail"

I hope your new year is going to be a good one. I always feel that people who handle a job such as yours can always use a pat on the back, after all you get knives stuck in there most of the time, so a pat should be welcome.

I am enclosing a few words you might print, or edit, or you can list his name in the JAPS, whichever room allows. I know all of the fellows who were with him will be interested in the news of his passing. As I say, he was a great soldier.

I lost touch with him over the years, but located him a couple of years ago and brought him to Colorado Springs, where a lot of people thought he was Colonel Sanders of KFC.

Subsequently he was an officer -- Major and Lt Col before retiring. I think as the result of the earlier wounds he had received.

I was talking with Al Liwanag this morning and in our conversation he told me that Vic Hungerford had died on 7 September 1995. Vic was old army having been in Hawaii either 1935 or 1936 and he was still with the division in Japan, where he and Mike Barczysz ran the 24th Division schools in Kokura before the Korean war, then they took over G Company, 19th Infantry. He was severely wounded in the head and evacuated.

Dear Bob,

*a couple of days ago*

## **OBITUARIES**

### **AIME ARSENAULT**

**Aime Arsenault, Cabinet Shop Owner, Decorated Veteran of WWII and Korea**

**Weymouth - Aime M. Arsenault, 73, of South Weymouth, owner and operator of A. & L. Saw Dust Shop, a custom cabinet shop in Abington and a decorated Army veteran of two wars, died Wednesday in South Shore Hospital, South Weymouth.**

**A life member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Mr. Arsenault enlisted in the Army in 1940 and retired in 1960 as a master sergeant. He was stationed at Schofield Barracks in Honolulu when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, bombing both U.S. naval ships in the harbor and Army Air Corps planes at the nearby Schofield airfield.**

**He served as a forward observer with Gen. George Patton's Army in Europe and was involved in both D-Day at Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944, and the Battle of the Bulge on the French-Belgian border December 1944 through January 1945. He was with Battery C, 111th Field Artillery, which received the Knox Trophy for the best firing artillery battery field.**

**He served in the Korean War from 1950 to 1952.**

**Mr. Arsenault received seven (7) Battle Stars, the Presidential Unit Citation, Korea, and the Bronze Star.**

**After retiring from the Army, he was a computer operator at the Brockton Post Office until 1979.**

**Mr. Arsenault was a life member of John D. Martin Post Veterans of Foreign Wars in Weymouth, the Top 3 Association, George Bean American Legion Post in Weymouth, Disabled American Veterans Post in Braintree and the Korean War Veterans Association.**

**He was born, raised and educated in Manchester, N.H., and lived in Weymouth 40 years.**

**Mr. Arsenault is survived by his wife, Louise (Lanzi) Arsenault; a son, Stanley Morin of Somerset; a sister, Alice Noel of Manchester, N.H., two grandchildren and a great-grandson.**

**A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. Saturday in St. Francis Xavier Church, South Weymouth. Burial will be in Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree.**

**Donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham 01701.**

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### **MURL RING**

**Murl Denver Ring, 68, of 400 Edward Street, died December 6, 1995, at Jefferson Regional Medical Center. Born June 4, 1927, at Monette, (Craighead County), he was a son of the late Henry Harrison Ring and Effie Peonia "Shirley" Ring. He was a member of Bethany Baptist Church in Pine Bluff. He was a World War II Army veteran and served in Korea and Vietnam. He was a member of Arkansas Retired Military Association, and was a supervisor for the U.S.**

**Col. George A. Bone 80** 21st Germany died Nov. 20 1994. in service from 1941 to 1968 at retirement. His wife lives at 13 Valley Dr. Madisonville,Ky. 42431.

**ELMER S. PETERSON (19TH & 21ST)**  
**DIED jUNE 3,1995.** Bugler of I Co. '41  
At the time of the attack on Scholfield he blew the Call to Arms. Thanks to Charlie Kowalski for this info.

**WILLIAM M. BERG JR. ( A 19TH WWII)**  
past away Apr.3, 1995. Write his wife at Rd.#1, Box 495 Wrightsville, Pa. 17368.

**CPL. GILBERT STURGILL (E 19th '51-'52)**  
past away 7/8/93. Kenny Dillon sent the notice in thanks Kenny.

**VERNON H. GROSSHUESCH (52 FA '41-'44)**  
past away Sept 2,1995 in Springfield,S.D.

**MAX Y. FOWLER (21st WWII)** Oscodda. Mi. past away 12/15/96. He was buried at Fort Custer National Cemetary Augusta. Mi. Please card his widow at 4351 Budziah Dr. Apt 48 Oscoda.Mi. 48750.

Vivian IRVING  
died June 29, 1995  
was wife of MG FREDERICK A.  
IRVING (Div.Hq. WW II)  
Condolenses may be sent  
to her son, Col. FREDERICK F.  
IRVING, 4618 Apache Av.,  
Jacksonville FL 32210



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# TAPS

## **EUGENE Eugene G. Blackstone**

Eugene G. Blackstone, age 75, Tuesday evening in the residence. Born in Somerset, PA, on July 7, 1920, he was a resident of Canton almost 60 years before moving to North Canton. Retired in 1987 from Babcock & Wilcox for 28 years where he was a supervisor in the Nuclear Power Generation Division. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he served in World War II in the 24th Infantry in the Pacific and was awarded the Silver Star. Memberships include Calvary United Methodist Church, V.F.W. & D.A.V. Son of Ray and Margaret Blackstone. Also survived by his wife, Donna Blackstone; two sons and daughter-in-law, Ronald Blackstone of Phoenix, AZ, and Robert and Linda Blackstone of Casper, WY; daughter and son-in-law, Craig and Cheryl Straughan of Casper, WY; brother, Col. James Reibel of Tulsa, OK; six grandchildren. Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in the Schneeberger Funeral Home Rev. Donald W. Kuntz officiating. Interment in North Lawn Cemetery. Friends will be received (today) from noon until the service hour.

(SCHNEEBERGER, 456-8237)

**CANTON REP 7/16**



Norman J. Riegler  
2504 38th St NW.  
Canton, OH. 44709-2208

We regret the passing of our comrade D. Wayne Shoemaker, 5th RCT. He died June 11th at Paxton, IL. Wayne had served in Korea from January to December of 1951. Mrs Sue Paxton can be contacted at; 351 E. Pells St., Apt B, Paxton, IL 60975

Elmer S. Peterson, "I" 19th and "C" 21st passed away on June 3rd in Seattle. Elmer was Bugler of the Guard on December 7th, 1941. In our Association he was Life Member #586. This is truly an Old Soldier and he will be missed.

**RALPH FERRARO 75. died 7/18/95 at Montclair, NJ was member of Hq Bat. 63 FA '42-'45. A fine soldier and a fine radio man. Reported by his wife Evelyn via Bronko Atkinson.  
thanks Bronko.**

Aug. 16 1995

Just a note to say hi and send my dues also to let

you know that two of 1 Co. 21st Inf. has passed away  
George Sutterby of Blue Mound Ks. & James MATUSE OF  
Florence S.C. also was in Co. L21st Inf from 1942

to 1945 they both passed away this year.  
as you can see I am not much of a typist so I'll  
turn this thing off.

A reunion of Co. L21st Inf. will be held in Shepherdsville  
Ky. Oct. 6th, 7th, 8th, 1995 at the Ramada Inn just off 65  
highway south of Louisville Ky. we appreciate any help  
in spreading the word. THANKS VERY much. Hope to see

you real soon.

Raymond C Montgomery



Raymond C Montgomery  
159 Northview Dr  
Shepherdsville KY 40165

Postal Service in Pine Bluff. His military awards include the Bronze star with the Oak leaf cluster, Purple Heart, presidential unit citation and the Republic of Vietnam Duty Medal (civilian). As of May 1971, he was one of only two military persons to receive the Vietnam Duty Medal which was presented by the Rural Development Corps for their work with Vietnamese Rural Communities by providing medical aid to the population. He was preceded in death by seven brothers and two sisters. Survivors include his wife, Lucille Broach Ring whom he married December 13, 1974; two sons, David Ring of Kenai, Alaska, and Steven Ring of Seattle; two stepdaughters, Lynn DeJarnette of Pine Bluff and Peggy Johnson Walker of Star City; three sisters, Joyce Rose of Mountain View, Ruby Prescott of Jonesboro, and Lorene Conaway of Windsor Park, California; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

SFC Murl D. Ring, US Army Retired, died December 6, 1995 following surgery to remove a lung due to cancer. My wife, Alyce, and I attended the funeral in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Murl and I had shared numerous assignments in the Army, and enjoyed a personal friendship for 50 years. In Korea, while assigned to the 24th Infantry Division, Sgt. Ring was Platoon Medic for K-Company, 1st Platoon, 19th Infantry.

On February 4, 1951, Sgt. Ring was wounded and evacuated back to the States. One year later, he returned to Korea for the duration of the war, but was no longer assigned to the 24th.

Sgt. Ring was awarded the CMB with Star, the Purple Heart, and the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster; also a Unit Presidential Citation, the Korean Unit Presidential Citation, and the Korean Service Medal with 7 stars.

Submitted by Life Member  
J. W. Carter  
1st Sgt. US Army, Retired

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Mr. Jack Lefler  
Retired Military

Mr. Jack M. Lefler, of 2521 Blueberry Drive, died Sunday, Dec. 10, 1995, at University Hospital.

Mr. Lefler, a native of Tralee, W.Va., had retired as a command sergeant from the Army. He received 13 purple hearts, three bronze stars, was a prisoner of war during the Korean conflict and was a veteran of the Vietnam War and the Korean conflict. He was a senior community epidemiologist with Richmond County Board of Health, a nursing supervisor with Salem Nursing Home for 20 years, and a Methodist.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Sain Lefler; four sons, Jack S. Lefler, Augusta, Lee M. Lefler, and M. Patrick Cullinan, all of Augusta, and Vincent C. Lefler, Atlanta; two daughters, Elora Katherine Lefler, Augusta, and Lindia Lefler Stevens, Appling; two sisters, Ella Mae Johnson, Corrine, W.Va., and Shirley Gormin, Tampa, Fla.; and six grandchildren. Pallbearers will be members of the Army ceremonial detail.



## TAPS

Edwin Banderowicz	1 1/2 years ago	Co. G, 34th (41-45)
Earl Bridwell	24 Feb. 1995	Co. H, 19th Inf. (38-42)
John Frandina	27 Mar. 1994	24th Recon.
Oliver K. Fairbanks	18 Nov. 1995	Svc Co. 19th (43-46)
Murl Ring (Life #1168	6 Dec. 1995	Med.Co. 19th Inf.Regt.(1950-51)
Ralph R. Ferraro	17 June 1995	63rd F.A.B. (40-45)
Gordon S. MacKenzie	In Medford, Oregon 20 Oct. 1995	52nd F.A.B. (42-45)
Melvin H. Thompson Life # 492	In Nelsonville, OH 8 Jan. 1996	24 Sig.Bn. (48-51)
George F. Goodspeed	Matairio, LA 25 Jan. 1994	Co. C. 19th Inf. Regt. (1950)
George W. Laycock	Omak, WA 15 Nov. 1994	Hq. & Hq. Co. I & R Plt 21st Inf.(43-44)
Ernest Hollar	Milford, IN.	Hq. Co. (44-45)
LCol Robert E. Barry	Columbia, SC 3 May 1955	QM Corps (Korea 9/50 to 12/50)
Roger A. Morrison	East Lansing, MI Died in July '94 while vacationing in Spain	19th Inf. Regt. (45-46)

## NEWS ITEMS

Miguel B. Morales L-34 (44-45) from 2016 Farrell Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90278 is looking for an old friend Paul Scott L. Co. 34th Inf. Regt.

New member Frank C. Moulin, 19th Inf., 73 Sherwood Drive, Manchester NH 03103, says that he joined the 114th PAD, N.H. ARNG when he was 45 years old for 7 years. Retired after 44 years as a newspaper adv. artist. He followed the news about the 24th Inf. Div. in Desert Storm and believe the 24th is the Best Outfit Ever! We all will subscribe to that, won't we?

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V-34	34th Infantry CAP, DARK BLUE with Crest Design		10.00	+P
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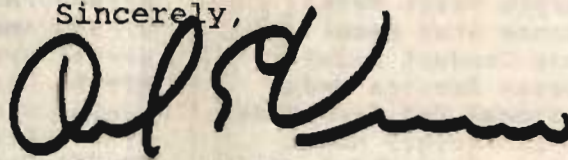
Dear Mr. Cabanas:

I appreciate your letter of July 20, 1989, with the enclosed pictures. The Fallen Soldiers of Utuado Monument on Post 42 of the American Legion is a superb tribute to the soldiers of Utuado, Puerto Rico, who served the United States Army so heroically.

On behalf of the men and women of the United States Army, I express deep gratitude for your great patriotism. Your selfless contribution to honor these soldiers is worthy of the highest praise.

Thank you and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Carl E. Vuono  
General, United States Army  
Chief of Staff



SUBMITTED BY SFC ROLANDO CABANAS  
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THE CEREMONY TOOK PLACE ON MEMORIAL DAY IN FRONT  
OF THE FALLEN SOLDIERS AT UTUADO MONUMENT ON  
14 MAY 1994.



The following from new member, Phil Nast. Phil is also a good friend of our History Committee Chairman, Dave Mann.

Dear Mr. Nelsen,

I am a WWII veteran of the 34th Inf., 24th Div. My old company commander, Paul Cain, recently told me of the existence of the Division Association. I would like to become a member of that group.

I was first Plt. Leader in I company of the 34th in Luzon and was hit during the Corregidor operation. A number of the men who went through the Infantry School at Ft. Benning, class 363, were posted to the 34th along with me. If there are any of my old buddies who are members of your organization, I would sure like to hear from them.

I understand that a reunion is being planned for September of 96 in Minnesota. If that is so, please send me any info that you have on the event.

Incidentally, I saw your picture in a copy of the Taro Leaf and thought that you resembled a classmate of mine who joined the regiment with me. Thus I called you a number of days ago and left a message on your recording machine. I have since learned that you are not the Nelson I thought you might be but I must admit you are a bit more handsome.

Enclosed find my check for \$10.00 which I believe is the amount I owe for membership. If that is not sufficient, please advise me and I will forward the proper amount.

It is great to see the Division insignia again. Hopefully I'll be able to contact some of my comrades. Time is moving on.

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Dear Rudy,

264 Washburn Rd.  
Northville, NY 12134

In response to your letter of 25 Oct. welcoming me to the 24th Inf. (Assoc.) it was like a welcome home for I have many fond memories of the men of the Division.

My wife and I are looking forward to becoming part of the Division Reunion in September. Please keep me informed as to the hotel where the reunion will take place and any other pertinent info. If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to call on me.

David Mann, a member of the Association, graduated from the Infantry School at Ft. Benning in the same class that I did #363, November 44. Many of the members of that class were sent to the Pacific and were posted to the 34th Inf. David and I are trying to make contact with as many members of that class as possible in order to encourage them to join the Association and to attend the reunion in September. Time is closing in on those of us who survived WWII and it would be great to meet old comrades once again. Incidentally, it was through the Association that I was able to contact Paul Cain who was my CO in I Co. of the 34th. He was an inspiration to us green shave tails as we made the fast journey from Repl. Depl. to combat.



### UNIT CITATION

As authorized by Executive Order No. 9396 (Sec. 1, Bull. 22, WD, 1943), superseding Executive Order No. 9076 (Sec III, Bull. 11, WD, 1942) and under the provisions of section IV, Circular No. 333 War Department 1943, a unit citation is awarded, by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the Second Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, as follows:

"The Second Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, is cited for conspicuous gallantry and the accomplishment of an extremely hazardous mission in action against armed Japanese military forces in the LEYTE ISLAND OPERATION OF THE PHILIPPINE LIBERATION CAMPAIGN, 10 to 23 Nov. 1944. On 10 November, this battalion, entering its twenty-first day of continuous combat, with only six hundred and ninety-two men, was ordered to move from Hill 1525 into the ORMOC VALLEY and drive a wedge between two enemy regiments already at the northern end of the valley and reinforcements moving up from ORMOC. It fought its way through the enemy screen over difficult mountain terrain, despite heavy rain and high winds, and on the 15th drove strongly entrenched forces from a dominating hill and severed the enemy line of communications. For five days, surrounded, attacked repeatedly, unable to evacuate its wounded, and with ever increasing attrition from hunger and exposure, the battalion held. It broke up four enemy truck columns, dispersed three strong foot columns, neutralized four field pieces, and artillery observers directed devastating fire on numerous concentrations. Enemy supply was reduced to sporadic runs of a few light tanks and enemy reinforcements limited to infiltrations by small parties. Withdrawal was ordered on 19 November. At daylight 20 November, a Japanese "Banzai" attack of an estimated battalion was repulsed as was an attack thirty minutes later. The evacuation was a running fight over rugged terrain, during which the battalion protected a party which had been sent to carry out wounded and sick. Many of the carrying party were wounded and some of those already wounded were wounded again or killed. Litters had to be passed from hand to hand in moving up and down steep slopes. One blinded casualty and the soldier leading him were killed by snipers. Appropriately, first elements of the battalion arrived at PINAMOPOAN on Thanksgiving Day, the remainder on 24 November, to begin staging immediately for another operation. Unit morale, including that of attached troops was high throughout the thirteen day mission. The battalion had completely out-fought elements of Japanese First Infantry Division, hardened veterans of fighting in Manchuria and China. With a loss of thirty-one killed, all of whom were buried with religious services, and two missing, the unit had killed at least six hundred and six enemy troops, a ratio of twenty of the enemy to one of its own. It successfully evacuated fifty-five wounded, and although two hundred and forty one men were hospitalized for skin disorders, sore feet and fatigue, it was not until they had seen the action through. The establishment and maintenance of this block of enemy communications contributed decisively to cracking of the strong Japanese defense of "BREAKNECK RIDGE" and paved the way for the advance of our troops toward ORMOC. The men of the Second Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, by their outstanding courage, fortitude and tactical skill, have written a stirring chapter in American Military History.

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**COMPANY "I", 34th Infantry on Corregidor**  
**With Map - eye witness**

**Editor's Note:** We believe this description of a small unit's combat action is the type of story that every front-line soldier likes to read. If your company, platoon or squad did something worth bragging about, let the "Taro Leaf" publish the story in order that other members of the wartime 24th Division may relive it with you.

**The Story**  
**(as told by Vic Backer)**

Ordinary infantry men as well as glamorous paratroopers helped to re-capture Corregidor. As the parachutes of the 503 Airborne Infantry filled the air over Corregidor on 16 February 1945, the landing craft of the 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry under Lt Col Edward Postlethwait assaulted the beach. Men of "I" Company were in the first wave which pushed in close behind a preliminary air and naval bombardment. As they picked their way hastily across the heavily mined beach toward the small valley between "Topside" and Malinta Hill, they were met by mortar and machine gun fire from hidden emplacements. After neutralizing all the resistance in the lowland, "I" Co. was assigned the task of retaking Malinta Hill where the Japs were firmly entrenched in the tunnels which honeycombed it. To retake Malinta meant climbing directly into the mouths of the Japanese guns. During one of the many skirmishes Sgt. Owen C. Williams was killed but not before warning his squad of a hidden Jap sniper. After reaching the hilltop "I" Co. was subjected to many banzai attacks by Japs who kept coming out of the tunnels night after night. During the fifth night the Japs made their last and most determined effort to retake Malinta. The First Platoon, led by Sgt. S. Schorr, stood the brunt of the attack all night long and held the Japs at bay. Before dawn there was a lull before the Jap attack which proved to be their last assault on "I" Co. During that charge the men of "I" Co. First Platoon started to run short of ammunition but Sam Snyder's daring and quick thinking averted that disaster. Quickly grasping the situation, he jumped out of his foxhole and creeping and crawling under fire, rounded up and distributed all available ammunition to the beleaguered men. At sunrise many dead Japs lay only a few feet from the "I" Co. position. This was the last Jap resistance on the Island. There isn't space to list the brave deeds and the names of all the heroes of "I" Co., but the 24th Division proudly salutes Lt. Paul Cain, Lt Kenneth E. Yeomans and Sgt. Persinini, for their outstanding leadership, in the execution of a difficult and dangerous mission.

### Additional New Members

<b>Dalwin Albert</b>	<b>Life #1558</b>	<b>9 Cav 2D Recon(1961-63) (1961-63)</b>	<b>2313 Sunset Dr. Bradenton FL 34207</b>
<b>Henry H. Baker</b>		<b>Co. L, 21st Inf. Regt. Aug.'50 - Oct.'55</b>	<b>P.O. Box 349 Brawley, Ca 92227</b>
<b>Eugene F. Banaszewski</b>		<b>Co. G, 19th Inf. Regt July '51-July -'52</b>	<b>4115 66th Street E. Inver Grove Hts, MN 55076</b>
<b>Maurice E. Brown</b>			<b>433 5th Ave North Clinton, IA 52732</b>
<b>Kenneth M. Bush</b>		<b>Co. G. 34th Inf. Regt (1944-45)</b>	<b>1152 Jefferson Hwy Windon, GA 30680</b>
<b>Robert B. Chaney, Col. (Ret)</b>		<b>Co. B 19th Inf. 1949-1950</b>	<b>4469 Seminole Drive Acworth, GA 30101</b>
<b>Col. Gray I. Clawson</b>	<b>Life#1557</b>	<b>A/63 34 RTC</b>	<b>PO Box 13 Rexburg ID 83440-0013</b>
<b>James Stewart Cox, Jr.</b>		<b>24th Sig Co. 9/50 to 4/51</b>	<b>40 S. Seymour Ave. Mundelein, IL 60060</b>
<b>Howard J. Cullins</b>	<b>Life#456</b>	<b>Co. D 3rd Plt.3rd Eng. 1950-51(22 months)</b>	<b>2104 Moss N. Little Rock, AR 72114</b>
<b>Dana Curry</b>	<b>Life #317</b>	<b>21st Cannon 1942-46</b>	<b>2359 Harrison Ave. St. Albans, WV 25177</b>
<b>Edward T. Doubek</b>	<b>Life #316</b>	<b>E. Co. 2nd BN 21st &amp; HQ</b>	<b>3340 W. 196th St. Homewood, IL 60430</b>
<b>Walter Duke, Jr.</b>	<b>Life#1483</b>	<b>21st 2/51 to 3/52</b>	<b>3536 Roundtable Loop Owensboro, KY 42303</b>
<b>Cleon C. Eckler</b>		<b>Co. I 21st Inf. Regt. 1950-51</b>	<b>570 Blackbird Landing Rd. Townsend, DE 19734</b>
<b>Ray C. Fryer</b>	<b>Life #1553</b>	<b>C. 19th 8/51 to 2/53</b>	<b>RR #1 Box 50BBB Rosebud, MO 63091</b>

Hipolito Gonzalez	Life#832	B 21st 5/48 to 5/51	5317 Ponderosa St., Corpus Christi, Tx 78415
Kenneth W. Hammer	Life #921	Hq. Co. 21st 5/45 to 1/46	4429 Harwen Terr. Ft. Worth TX 76133
William Healy	Life #1551	Co. D 34th Inf. Regt. 1953 to 1954	390 E. Circle Dr. New Lenox, IL 60451
M.Gen.John Hoover	Life #972		507 Wexford Cir. Bonaire GA 31005
Fred A. Hunt	Life #1394	Co. I 21st 1950 to 1951	PO Box 10106 Tampa FL 33679-0106
Edward V. Jackson	Life #1470	1st Bat.Gr. 21st 1/60 to 3/62	237 Crescent Ct. Houma LA 70360
Robert Kalinsky		A & TK Co. 5th RCt 1951 to 1952	3706 Swiss Dr. Apt. 1 St. Louis, MO 63129
Clarence J. Kiichler	Life #1443	D & H . 1st Bn. 5th RCT	Rt. 1, Box 136 Osmond NE 68765-9637
Charles V. Kowalski	Life #1395	Co. C 21st 3/40 to 11/44	263 4th Ave. South Edmonds, WA 98020-8405
Eugene Lewis	Life #1545	Co. F, 19th Mar-May '49	511 Town Dirve Hope, AR 71801
William R. McPhail	Life #377	Co. L 3rd Btn. 1945 to 1946	9639 E. Sandpiper Dr., Minneapolis, MN 55434
Eric T. Mogren LCol. Ret.	Life #1266	11th Eng.	7292 Olde Lantern Way Springfield, VA 22152-3569
Frank C. Moulin		Co. E 19th Inf. Regt	73 Sherwood Drive Manchester N.H. 03103
John J. Mrowca	Life #1486	Co. K 34th Inf. Regt. 1943-12/45	4117 W. 58th Pl., Chicago IL 60629-4907
Robert E. Osborn	Life #1442	34th Inf. Regt. 1946 - 1948	3929 - 66th St., Des Moines, IA 50322



Benjamin A. Perez	Life #1554	Co. K 34th Inf. Regt. WW II	10 Sage Hill Ln. Laguna Hills Ca 92653
Frank Peterson	Life #1478	Co. G 21st Inf. Regt 4/51 to 2/52	3160 St. Mary's Road Lebanon KY 40033
John W. Peterson Col. USAR	Life #1249	Bn.Co 3/19 In, 2d Bde '82	9304 Lundy Ct., Burke VA 22015
Chester P. Pettey LTC	Life #1460	D 3rd Eng. 7/50 to 5/51	1640 Harbor Dr. #131 Slidell LA 70458
Benjamin F. Preslar		Co. D 19th Inf. Regt. 6/51 to 7/52	1843 Newcastle Jenison MI 49428
Bruce W. Price, Sr.		B & C 19th Inf. Regt. 1942 to 1945	214 Bedford Forrest Av., Anderson SC 29625-2317
John D. Ranck	Life #1316	34th Serv. Co. 1945-1946	2465 Lakeview Dr., Sanford MI 48657
Laurey J. Richard	Life #1560	Co. A 19th Inf. Regt. 12/48 to 4/51	4004 Richland Av. Metairie LA 70002
Eddie L. Romero	Life #1471	B 22nd AAA AW Bn. 1952 to 1954	P.O. Box 271783 Concord CA 94527
George F. Seiferth	Life #1085	Hq. Tank Sec LOR 6th TKB 4/53 to 4/54	2634 Main St. Peru NY 12972
Joseph Sellmeyer	Life #1369	Hq. Btry 13th FA 7/51 to 9/52	Box 17 FF Knobel, AR 72435
Richard M. Smith		Co. A 34th Inf. Regt. 1956 to 1957	960 Lasson St. Richmond CA 94805
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