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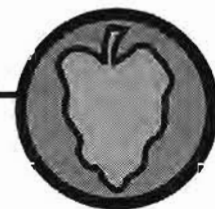


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# The President's Page

## or, "What's Dutch Got To Say?"



- \*\*\* " Every Gunner ought to know that it is a wholesome thing for him to eat and drink a little before he doth discharge any piece of antilleny, large or small, because the fumes of the saltpeter and brimstone will otherwise connode his brain." (Niccolo Tartaglia, 1599) So that's been my problem all these years.
- \*\*\* I know it is February when you read this, but Happy New Year anyway. My resolution for the year is to stay out of the hospital. One thing I have learned about this is, that it's not going into the hospital that matters -- its coming back out that counts.
- \*\*\* Things "in the mill:" 24th Division return address labels, 24th Division personal stationery, Association calling cards with membership information on the back, and 24th Division Christmas Cards. Please send me any old ones you may have -- we need ideas for the art work.
- \*\*\* There is hope!!! Harrison High School here in C/S started an ROTC program amid predictions of all educators that it would surely fail. But it has not. Planned for 50 students it now has 120 and a long waiting list. Students from other High Schools are trying to transfer to Harrison just to get into ROTC. Among the Cadets there is a significant rise in Grade-Point averages, and the Cadets stand out from others in maturity, self-discipline and courtesy. One teacher interviewed said, "There is a lot of 'Yes Sirs' and 'No Maams' among the Cadets. That is about the most refreshing thing I've read in the last several years.
- \*\*\* Guess what Old Dutch got for Christmas -- a guidon staff!! That's not something you find under the tree every year! It goes with the B, 13th Guidon Tom Cochran had made for me. Very Nice Indeed. Call Tom at 615-647-4793 for details on how get one made.
- \*\*\* Harry & Frances Wittman (21st) sent me four 20 x 30 color photos of the Infantry Regiments. Outstanding work. I'll have them framed and on display at the reunion. The Wittmans donated this work to the Association. The Association of Army Divisions meets here in C/S in May. I think I'll put them on display there, too. That'll turn them all green with envy.
- \* \* \* Memo to me from Rudy Mullins: "The 19th Regimental Crest is done and it is a beauty!"

*Dutch*  
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# Korean War POW's

Did America abandon 900 Prisoners Of War, 500 of which were sick and/or wounded? Or did it not?

The House National Security Subcommittee On Military Personnel says we did. Newly released documents from the Eisenhower Library show this sad fact was known in December of 1953, but nothing was done for fear of escalating tensions toward a third world war. Rather than risk war the POW's were abandoned.

Bob Ostrowske (34th, 19th) sends me a very large article taken from his local newspaper that casts some doubt on the matter. That this information came from declassified document in the Eisenhower Library is not in question; what is in question is how reliable the sources are in the first place. Some say the intelligence sources for these reports have a history of being from inaccurate to dead wrong. At the same time others insist the reports are true.

Personally, I hope with all my heart that the information is wrong and we did not abandon 900 POW's. But my gut feeling is otherwise. What I really fear the most is that they whole thing will be lost in the bureaucratic muddle that is Washington, and that in the end we will never really know.

Dutch  
Pres.

Mr. Lawton,

1/1/91

On October 20 1944 elements of the 19 th Infantry hit Red Beach Leyte. I was in Company B, 1 st. Bn. we hit the beach at 8.55 and it was a hot reception by the 16 th Jap division that led the Bataan death march.

I believe you will find MacArthur came in at White beach, on the 20 th some distance from Red Beach.

Red Beach was not secure until the third day.

Glen E. Simmons  
2 nd platoon 1 st squad  
B Company.

## Korean Pow Comes Home

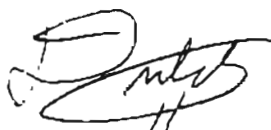
In July of 1993 North Korea returned the skeletal remains of 17 Americans. Dental records proved one set of remains to be that of SFC Walter L. Hood, who had been captured at Hoengsong in February 1951. Identification took years to accomplish.

When the POW's were exchanged at the end of the war, men who were imprisoned in the camp called, The Mining Camp," near Changbong-ni, starved to death by the North Koreans because he had "talked with a reporter."

On a cold January 8th, Sergeant Hood was buried in Colorado Springs with full military honors. Twenty members of the Korean War Veterans Chapter attended, including Merlin Laabe (555th), Marvin Johnson (19th) and Dutch Nelsen (13th FA Bn) of our Association.

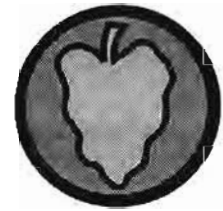
## Dutch Nelsen's Phone Number

Several members passing through Colorado Springs have attempted to look up Dutch's phone number -- it isn't in the book. A few years ago the Nelsen's were "set up" by professional burglars who continued to phone their house. If the phone was answered they would simply hang up. When no one answered, meaning there was no one at home, they struck. They got all of Margo's jewelry, all Dutch's guns, an antique spoon collection, furs, etc., etc. Since that time the Nelsen's phone is unlisted. It is: 719-475-7499.





# 1997 REUNION



Our 50th "Golden" Reunion will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The dates are 18, 19, and 20 September. (The registration desk and Hospitality Room will be open on the 17th.) This is the most beautiful time of year in Colorado, and an ideal time for us Seniors to tour. (The reason being that everyone with kids has gone home to start school.)

The Sheraton is located on the West side of town smack-dab on Interstate 25 at Exit 138. (It is just across the Interstate from The Red Lion Inn where we held the 1993 reunion.) We have an excellent rate of \$69 for single or double, and a block of 350 rooms. Thus we should all be under one roof. The Sheraton has just completed an eight million dollar renovation.

The "Committee" as of this writing is Dutch & Margo Nelsen, Scott & Dorothy Defebaugh (24th Med Bn), Merlin & Lois Laabs (555th Artillery) and Marvin Johnson (19th). Others will be brought in as times moves on. As before we will be ably assisted by the local Korean War Veterans Chapter.

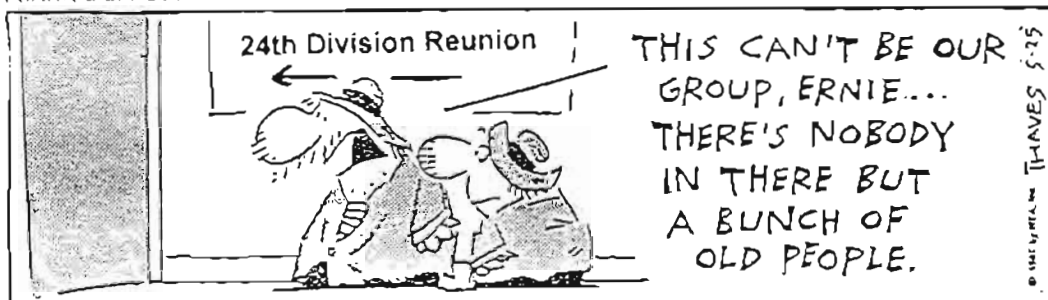
Tours will be offered to the Air Force Academy & Garden Of The Gods, Royal Gorge, auto road up Pikes Peak, Cripple Creek mining district, and a city tour with shopping in Old Colorado City.

Since this is our 50th Anniversary Reunion the membership at the Minneapolis business session authorized the purchase of a special gift to be given to each member who attends. This has been accomplished. We have on hand a supply of 10 ounce crystal steins, each engraved with our Taro Leaf patch and the words, "Golden Reunion, Colorado Springs, 1997." We have enough on hand to be given to the attending members plus about an equal number more to be offered for sale.

The schedule of events and registration forms are on the next several pages.

FRANK & ERNEST

Bob Thaves



Schedule Of Events  
1997 Reunion

17 Sept      Registration Desk & Hospitality Room Open  
Wed.                      Third floor directly across from elevators.

18 Sept      Registration Desk & Hospitality Room open.  
Thur.                      Guided tours morning & afternoon.  
                 Evening is Aloha Nite.  
                 Dinner (not chicken).  
                 Program  
                 Fiftieth Anniversary activities.  
                 Dance to the Broadmoor Hotel's five piece  
                 combo, playing music from the 30's, 40's and  
                 50's.

19 Sept      Registration Desk & Hospitality Room open.  
Fri.                      Guided tours morning & afternoon.  
                 Executive Board Meeting, AM.  
                 Evening is Westen Night at the Flying W Ranch.  
                 Chuck Wagon supper; program by the Flying  
                 W Wranglers. (The second oldest, continuous  
                 Western singing group in America -- The Sons  
                 Of The Pioneers is the oldest.)

20 Sept      Registration Desk & Hospitality Room open.  
Sat.                      Regimental breakfasts.  
                 Ladies Program, AM.  
                 Business Meeting, AM.  
                 Afternoon open.  
                 Evening is Memorial Service & Banquet.  
                 General McCaffrey is Guest Of Honor and will  
                 talk to us.

21 Sept      Come to the Hospitality Room for a cup of coffee  
Sun.                      and a doughnut before you hit the pike.

Note

1. Registration Desk to be staffed by Association folks from the C/S area. Hospitality Room is "Private," thus under Colorado law we can have our own bar not associated with the hotel. This will be run by the Korean War Veterans, who will also keep us supplied with munchies.
2. Dress: Aloha nite informal, Flying W very informal, Memorial Service & Banquet Class A or better.
3. Program for Ladies event on Saturday still being worked on -- details in next Taro Leaf.

# 24th Infantry Division Association



OUR 50th "GOLDEN" REUNION  
18, 19, 20 September 1997  
Sheraton Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado

**Mail To:**

Dutch Nelsen  
PO Box 6066  
Colorado Springs, CO 80934-6066

**Make check payable to:**

24th Inf Div Assoc.

First Timer? Yes No

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

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

HOME PHONE: With Area Code \_\_\_\_\_

24th DIV OUTFITS: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of wife/guests attending: \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>Per Person</u>	<u>Number Attending</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Registration Fee (wife/guests excluded)			\$ 15.00
Thur: Aloha Nite Dinner & Dance	26.00 x	_____	= _____
Fri : Flying W Ranch incl Transport.	25.00 x	_____	= _____
Sat : Memorial Banquet	29.00 x	_____	= _____
Choose: London Broil _____			
Shrimp & Scallops _____			
Sat : Ladies Event	12.00 x	_____	= _____

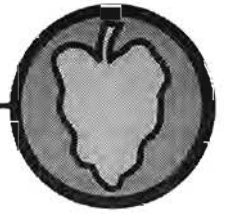
TOTAL AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Recd \_\_\_\_\_ Control # \_\_\_\_\_ Aloha Table \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet Table \_\_\_\_\_



# 24th Infantry Division Association



## OUR 50th "GOLDEN" REUNION

18, 19, 20 September 1997

Sheraton Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado

## Hotel Reservation

Please make your own arrangements with the Sheraton.

Our reunion rate is \$69.00 for either Single or Double.  
This rate applies 15 - 23 Sept 97.

Either phone this information in to: 1-800-325-3535  
or mail this form to:

Sheraton Hotel  
2886 South Circle Drive  
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

HOME PHONE including Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Sharing room with \_\_\_\_\_

Need: Single / Double      Smoking / Nonsmoking      Disabled

Date of Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Nights: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Departure \_\_\_\_\_

If guaranteed to a major credit card give the following:

\_\_\_\_ AMEX; \_\_\_\_ VISA; \_\_\_\_ MC; \_\_\_\_ Carte Blanche; \_\_\_\_ Discover

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

In addition to the 800 number above you may reach the Sheraton  
at: 719-576-5900 or their FAX, 719-576-7695.

The Sheraton is located adjacent to I-25 at Exit #138.



## GUIDED TOURS, 1997 REUNION

Information for the February issue of The Taro Leaf must be sent to the Editor in early January. Thus as of this writing the prices for 1997 have not been set by Gray Line and many of the attractions such as the Royal Gorge, Pikes Peak auto road, etc. Complete schedules and prices, therefore, will be in the next issue.

In general we plan to offer professionally guided tours to The Air Force Academy & Garden Of The Gods, Royal Gorge and Pikes Peak. This is the same as for the last reunion held in Colorado Springs. In addition to these we plan to offer several new tours:

1. Cripple Creek Mining District. This will be an all day combined historic/gambling tour. From C/S to Cripple Creek is about one hour's drive to the backside of Pikes Peak. First you will go through Cripple Creek to Victor where the big mines were, and which is pretty much still a "ghost town" sort of place. Then back to Cripple Creek, and there two choices: the first is to hit the casino's and try your luck gambling, or on to the Molly Kathleen mine. At the Molly Kathleen you will be put in a nine-man miner's cage and lowered to the 1000 foot level. An "honest-to-god" miner will then show you how they did it one hundred years ago.

2. An all-day City Tour to include the Olympic Training Center, tour of the original parts of the city, North Cheyenne Canyon & Helen Hunt Falls, and on to Old Colorado City for lunch on your own and shopping the many unique shops found there. Old Colorado City was, for one year, the Colorado Territorial Capital and is a registered historic district.

3. We may, or may not, offer a trip up Pikes Peak on the Cog Railroad. This will depend on what prices they come up with for this year. Also, in addition to the cost of the Rail Road we would have to add in bus transportation from the hotel to the depot and back. None the less this might be an interesting trip for those who went up the Peak on the road at the last reunion.

So while I would have preferred to have a complete schedule of tours and price list for you, it simply isn't possible at this time. And of course it is better to wait for the right information than to put out something that would have to be corrected later.



E. Nelsen

# 19TH INFANTRY REGIMENTAL BREAKFAST

Where: 50th Reunion  
Colorado Springs

When: 0800 hours  
Saturday, 10 Sept '97  
Gold Camp Room, Sheraton Hotel

What: Good Chow  
Even better camaraderie  
Program:  
"The Battle Of Chickamauga"  
By historian Mike Thomason, BA, MLS

How:

Simple! Send a Check for \$10 to:  
Marvin Johnson  
15545 Archer Ter  
Elbert CO 80106-8844  
719-495-3588  
Co "B" 19th ('48-'50)  
Make check out to: Marvin Johnson, 19th Inf.



**Don't make  
your mail  
come looking  
for you.**  
Let everybody  
know  
where you're moving to.

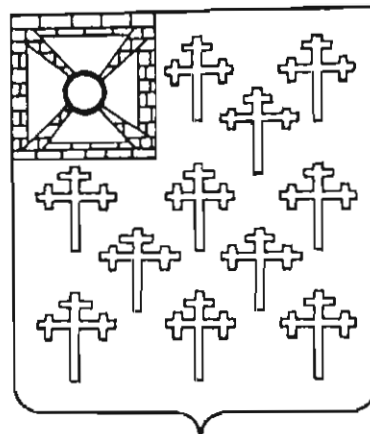


N. Africa

"HEY, K.P.I!"

—Sgt. JOHN R. O'DONOGHUE

# 34th Infantry Regimental Breakfast



Where: 50th Reunion  
Colorado Springs

When: 0800 hours  
Saturday, 20 Sept 97  
Snowbrush Room, Sheraton Hotel

What: A real breakfast (not continental)  
Lots of across-the-table talk (personal/family  
news and perhaps a few "war stories")  
Some important remarks by Ben Wahle

How: Write a check for \$10 payable to:  
34th Inf Regt Breakfast Fund

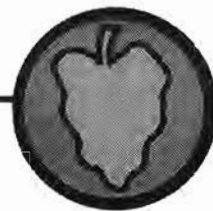
Send check to:  
Jack Baird  
3 Alsace Way  
Colorado Springs, CO 80906  
(719-473-6937)

P.S. Please enclose a note with your check to indicate  
your unit within the 34th and dates served.



# 24th Infantry Division Association

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## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Joseph P. Hofrichter

During our days in the Service, one of the most widely used expressions was, "Go tell it to the Chaplain". In this context, it was used by someone to whom we were unloading our real or imaginary problems, and who perceived our grievance as unmerited or exaggerated whining. In any event we knew we could always go to our Chaplain with any problem. We could count on him to listen, boost our morale, and more often than not, help solve our problems through his wisdom, council and words of inspiration.

I am the appointed Chaplain for the 24th Infantry Division Association. I know of no greater honor, but lest anyone misunderstand...I am not an ordained minister. To get through God's R.O.T.C. or O.C.S. programs, a man must possess talent and goodness, and have a special calling. I was lucky to acquire a little Basic Training in Theology...period.

As your Chaplain, my job and responsibilities go beyond that of conducting our Annual Reunion Memorial Service. Much of my time is spent in writing letters of condolence to the next of kin of our deceased on behalf of the Association, helping to get obituaries posted in the Taro and sending notes of encouragement to those members suffering from illness, loneliness or despair.

The numbers are reaching staggering proportions, for we have reached the age where mortality is commonplace among us and we suffer from every serious illness, disease and infirmity known to mankind. Just when we are in most need of our old Army Chaplains...those consummate cheerleaders of life...they have disappeared from our lives.

"War is Hell" -- to this we can all attest. However, someone forgot to tell us that growing old could be just as bad if not worse.

Given the trials and tribulations that have encroached upon our lives, it is reasonable to assume that we can all use a few words of inspiration from time to time and something to help us keep things in proper perspective. It is to that end, that, "A Visit with The Chaplain" is written, and will be published in each Taro Leaf. We will do our best to bring you short, interesting, uplifting articles, with thought-provoking messages...with full respect for all people and all faiths.

I hope you enjoy reading "A Visit With The Chaplain" and that you consider it worthy of space in the Taro Leaf.

## A VISIT WITH THE CHAPLAIN

"But when morning had come, Jesus stood on the shore

"but the disciples knew not who He was." John: 21-4

Some years ago at a resort area along the East Coast, a resort town was having a town meeting about some financial problems they were facing.

Among the handful of people who organized the meeting was a man no one recognized -- a visitor who apparently dropped in for the meeting.

The discussion focused on the desperate state of the town's coffers and possible ways of raising funds.

During the discussion the stranger attempted several times to make comments about various projects but each time he was interrupted. Eventually he quit trying, got up and left the hall.

Just as the visitor exited, someone arrived late. Coming into the hall, out of breath from hurrying, the late-comer asked, "What was he doing here? Is he going to help us?"

The others asked, "Who are you talking about?"

The late-comer said, "You mean you don't know? That was John D. Rockefeller who just left the hall. His yacht is in our harbor."

In despair, someone replied, "No we didn't get his help --- we didn't know who he was."

This true story illustrates two points: First, good manners will always have their rewards and rudeness their price.

Secondly, the story reminds us that we may become so busy finding solutions to problems, we may drown out the voice of the Master who has all the solutions among His vast resources.

When you are faced with difficult problems, talk to God and listen to what He has to say to you. No other opinion nor solution can ever yield more positive results than His.

Give it a try. You have all to gain and nothing to lose.

Joseph P. Hofrichter  
Chaplain

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Korean War Vet. Assn

THE FORGOTTEN WAR



Korean Veterans Association

"M" Company  
5th Regimental Combat Team  
of the  
24th Inf. Div.  
KOREA  
1951



"Til Try, Sir"

6 November 96

Taro Leaf  
HCR 3 - Box 191  
Rocky Mount, MO 65072-9014

Dear Robert,

Enclosed is a copy of an editorial that ran in the Arizona Republic on 23 September 96 and in that editorial is a statement that reads in part as and I quote "died in combat and their remains were never claimed from on or near the air, sea and ground battlefield upon which they fell.", unquote. Now, this statement from what I can discern from the editorial, was made by the Pentagon, thus, I wrote to the Chairman of The Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Shalikashvili, protesting the statement of leaving our dead on the battlefield. That is not what the American military is taught while in the service and I was angered by what I read and to even think that a military officer could make such a statement.

I received a personal letter from General Shalikashvili, with his reply being, "No one here would have ever made such a sweeping statement as ... their remains were never claimed."

I thought I would let my fellow combat veterans know how we are thought of, when it comes to our KIAs. I have written to the editor of the paper in hopes of learning who actually made the statement so that I can write to that individual and also question his/her parenthood.

Enclosed is a copy of the editorial and the reply from the General.

John W. Sonley  
24th I. D. Assn

## KOREAN WAR SECRETS

# Troubling POW questions

In what might be termed a case of history predating itself, we now learn that top officials in Washington, including President Eisenhower, had evidence at the end of the Korean War that as many as 900 U.S. POWs were left behind when America's troops came home.

That astonishing news is hauntingly familiar to MIA/POW families of the Vietnam era who remain uncertain today about the fate of their kin from a war that ended more than two decades after the Korean War cease-fire. Evidence from a several sources, including eyewitnesses in Vietnam and from government archives unsealed in Moscow after the collapse of the Soviet Union, indicates that a number of U.S. servicemen were not released in the POW exchange in 1973.

Despite President Nixon's assurance at the time that "all our American POWs are on their way home," as many as 700 American POWs remained unaccounted for at war's end, according to Soviet and North Vietnam records. All told, the Vietnam MIA list topped 2,200, and over the years since there have been numerous reports of purported sightings of captive GIs in Vietnam and other sites in Indochina.

Newly declassified documents obtained from the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library in Abilene, Kan., and from other government sources suggest that top U.S. officials were aware of evidence of similar POW duplicity on the part of the North Koreans. A retired military aide to Eisenhower has testified before Congress that he had heard from U.S. POWs released at Panmunjom that as many as "500 sick and wounded American prisoners were within 10 miles of the prisoner exchange point . . . but were never exchanged."

One of the documents from the Eisenhower library supposedly recounts a December 1953 conversation between Ike and Army Secretary Robert T. Stevens over intelligence reports referring to as many as 900 unaccounted-for POWs. "The president made the statement that he was not sure

that if he had fully appreciated the situation he would have felt it wise to go into the forthcoming (Korean peace) conference," the memo said. Another document dating from June 1958 said that "Communist refusal to account for American servicemen unaccounted for in the Korean War is of deep and continuing concern to the United States government."

It also is alleged that many of the left-behind POWs were subjected to North Korean and Soviet medical experiments, including being used as guinea pigs for training doctors to perform amputations and for the testing of mind-altering drugs and chemical and biological weapons.

A high-ranking defector from then-Czechoslovakia, who now works for the U.S. government, contends that the Czechs build a secret hospital in North Korea for the purpose of experimenting on American prisoners. He also says that as many as 100 Americans were later transferred from North Korea to the Soviet Union through Czechoslovakia to undergo further tests.

He also asserts that the POW pipeline from Prague to the Soviet Union was reopened during the Vietnam War and that more Americans GIs were shipped off for Soviet experimentation. That claim, Arizona Sen. John McCain notes, was made several years ago by the same individual, but congressional investigators found no evidence then to support it.

It is likely, as the Pentagon insists, that the overwhelming majority of American MIAs in Vietnam (more than 2,000), Korea (8,100) and World War II (75,000) died in combat and their remains were never claimed from on or near the air, sea and ground battlefield upon which they fell.

But, at the least, the Pentagon and others in Washington have been less than forthcoming in making public information about the fate of missing Americans. Surely, more than four decades after the Korean conflict, no one can argue that national security would be jeopardized by a full and timely disclosure of all the evidence.

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29 October 1996

Mr. John W. Sonley  
5443 West Geronimo Street  
Chandler, Arizona 85226-4282

Dear Mr. Sonley,

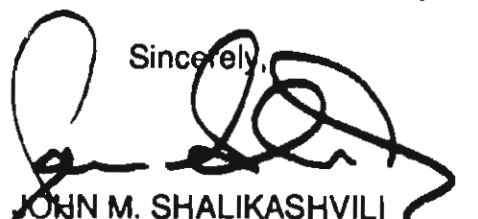
Many thanks for your heartfelt letter regarding our Missing in Action from all wars. It is vital that there are veterans like you who still carry the flag proudly, and who speak out when the need arises.

I read with interest *The Arizona Republic* editorial titled "Troubling POW Questions." It appears that the article was referring to the numbers of servicemen who are still listed as Missing in Action from those wars. I assure you that we in today's military fully understand that we stand tall on the shoulders of warriors who fought, and died, before us. No one here would have ever made such a sweeping statement as "...their remains were never claimed..." The Department of Defense continues to seek to resolve the many discrepancies received from archival and individual reports to develop a more accurate accounting than ever before.

The newspaper may have chosen their words without understanding the deeper meaning which you have expressed. Hundreds of today's soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines are involved in an aggressive worldwide effort leading toward the fullest possible accounting of all our missing. Some, no doubt, were your comrades. Even today, our young men and women brave unexploded ordnance, tropical diseases, poisonous snakes and other hazards as they reach some of the most inaccessible parts of this globe in search of our men.

I appreciate your taking the time to let me hear from you.

Sincerely,



JOHN M. SHALIKASHVILI  
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Rodalph Mullins  
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Rocky Mount, MO 65072

Rudy,

My dad, Jack Carter, showed me a list of people about whom you were trying to locate information. They were members of the 24th and died in Korea. I asked him if you were using some resources I am aware of. He suggested I contact you about them.

The sources that I know of are as follows:

The first is an internet page called the "Korean War Project". It is at <http://www.onramp.net/~hbarker>. I am faxing you a copy of its home page with this fax letter. It has a data base for locating people who were killed in Korea. I am also sending you a copy of the data sheet that it has on each individual. It provides a little more information than the US Military Index that is available at the Mormon Church. The internet location also provides a place for people to post information to search for someone they served with and to post information about reunions and such.

Another interesting internet page is called Switchboard - Find a Person. It is a database wherein you enter in a person's name and it will give you a list of people with that name along with their address and phone number. The internet address for that is <http://ww2.switchboard.com/bin/cgiga.dll?mem=1>. I think the information it has is about a year or two old but if a person doesn't move around very much, it may be a place to find people you have lost touch with.

The US Military Index is a CD-ROM that is available at the LDS (Mormon) Church's Family History Centers. The best way to find one of the centers is call up the local Mormon church and ask them for the location and their hours. Anyone can walk in and use their computer systems and the CD-ROMs. They also have a CD-ROM called the Social Security Death Index. It is put out by the US government and contains the name of everyone who had a social security number and died since the mid 60s. It provides their name, the SSAN, the location (state) where they received their SSAN, and the city and town where they died along with their birth and death date. I've found it quite beneficial in tracking people who have died.

I hope this may be of benefit to you and members of the 24th Infantry Division Association.

As I mentioned to you on the phone, I will be happy to help you search for any member of the 24th.

Sincerely,  
Paul Carter

## 24TH INF DIV PLAQUE - ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

Back in the summer of 1991 - on July 27th to be precise - the Association was represented at Arlington National Cemetery, in Arlington, Virginia, by a contingent of members for the presentation of a 24th Division plaque dedicated to the "Memory of the American Heroes known but to God".

That plaque resides proudly today in one of the glass display cases in the Trophies and Tributes Room in the building directly behind the Tombs of the Unknown Americans, which building is an integral part of the beautiful Amphitheater.

The concept of such a presentation to the Cemetery had its genesis in the ever active mind of WARREN AVERY (E 21st, Korea) who had made inquiry, a good 13 months before the event, of the Superintendent of the Cemetery.

From him he learned something of the multiplicity of rules and regulations relative to the presentation of tributes in honor of the Unknown American Heroes.

Over the years, the tributes presented by organizations and individuals and even foreign governments had become of such numbers and in such sizes, shapes and compositions that they created problems of display and storage, necessitating the formulation of a restrictive policy regarding the type of tributes and the donors from whom they would be accepted.

Tributes now are accepted only from organizations whose purposes, objectives and teachings are primarily patriotic, and having their outgrowth from military service. Avery had no trouble in assuring the Superintendent that we fit his strictures.

Nonetheless the key to the problem lies in the fact that the presentation of tributes is in honor of the Unknown American Heroes, the Unknown Americans who made the last great sacrifice in the military service that their country might remain free and its ideals be preserved.

Thus the strict limitations placed upon any tribute which might be proffered, and which ab initio must have the approval of the authorities of Arlington National Cemetery.

After considerable back and forth work between Avery and the Superintendent, a simple 5" b 7" plaque was agreed upon. The accepted inscription thereon reads, additional to the representation of the shoulder patch, in full size and in the familiar colors.

IN MEMORY OF  
THE AMERICAN HEROES  
KNOWN BUT TO GOD

DONATED BY THE  
24TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
ASSOCIATION

JULY 27, 1991

Once again, the Association gratefully acknowledges Warren Avery's devotion to our Association for seeing this project through to a successful conclusion.



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Washington, D.C. 20503  
November 8, 1996

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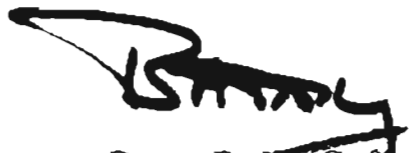
Dear General Griffith:

Appreciated the 24 October update by LTG Dubia on the possible exposure to chemical agents of U.S. soldiers close to the Khamisiyah ammunition storage area in March 1991.

Am concerned that the list of units within 50 Kms of Khamisiyah between 4-15 March 1991 is not complete. The entire 24th Infantry Division (mechanized) passed within 50 Kms of the facility twice during this time frame. Attached is a list of divisional units and supporting units that may have passed through this area.

Your decision to form an Army IG Inquiry Team to identify the level of exposure of those personnel in the area and all soldiers who may have been affected by events at Khamisiyah will help us all get to the bottom of this affair much quicker. Am prepared to provide further information about 24ID(M) troop dispositions around Khamisiyah if that would be useful to your inquiry. Thanks for your leadership.

Best wishes,

  
Barry R. McCaffrey  
Director

General Ronald H. Griffith  
Vice Chief of Staff  
The Pentagon, Rm 3E666  
200 Army Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20310-0200

JOE SWEENEY  
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October 29, 1996

Dear Rudy,

In reply to your letter of Oct. 7 reminding me of membership dues, my membership doesn't expire until November according to my membership card. However, it doesn't matter since I want to extend my enlistment in the 24th Division Association from term to life.

You will find my check enclosed in the amount of 150 dollars to cover the total payment.

I would have joined the Association a long time ago if I had known it existed and where to sign up.

Rudy, I would like to express my deep appreciation to you and the other men who serve to keep the Association going. As a researcher using my own time and money, I realize the effort, time, and dedication that you must have in order to operate the Association.

In Minneapolis at the recent reunion I met you and the other officers of the 24th Division Association. Although it was my first reunion, and I didn't meet any one that I knew, there were no strangers. I did get to meet and talk to several people such as Tom Cochran, who I had conversed with over the phone, and Ed Farmer, who helped establish the Escort service for the Korea War dead.

The Escort service, manned by enlisted personnel who served as both escorts for the war dead and as government representatives to the next-of-kin, was unique to the Korea War. Major Farmer commanded the West Coast detachment composed of men from all four services, Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force. This totally integrated unit may have also been unique.

After I returned to the ZI from Korea in 1952, I was assigned to the 1st Army Escort Detachment in New York, and served there for most of the remainder of the war.

Unlike the unit on the West Coast, the East Coast detachment only had Army personnel. All were non-coms in rank.

Just meeting Ed and his lovely wife Carolyn was enough to make my first reunion a success, the rest was "icing on the cake".

Rudy, you may be interested in knowing about some of the documents that I have acquired in my research of the 19th Infantry Regiment.

From the Army Personnel Records Center in St. Louis I have copies of: Rosters of men of Item, King, Love, Mike, and the Medical company of the 19th Regt. for Sept., 1950, Jan. and July, 1951, and Jan., 1952. I also have copies of Morning Reports for the same units covering the period from Sep. 1, 1950 through Dec. 31, 1951.

From the National Archives in Washington, D.C. I have copies of: 24th Infantry War Diaries and Command Reports from Aug. 26, 1950 to Dec. 31, 1950 and 19th Infantry Regiment Command reports from Dec., 1950 to Jan., 1952. I also have copies of 19th Infantry Regt. S-3 Unit Reports from Sept. 29, 1950 to Nov. 30, 1951 and S-2 and S-3 Daily Journals from March 7, 1951 to Aug. 9, 1951.

I also have a listing of 33,642 names and service numbers of men who died because of enemy action in Korea; however this listing is not complete according to the Korea War Memorial Board. It also contains many common errors. This is the current listing as supplied by the Archives. (I have an unbound copy of this listing, which I have promised to Bob Lawhon.)

If anyone is interested in, or searching for information from any of these documents, I am willing to share any data from them. They only need to drop me a line at the above address, or phone me at 304-292-7266. Since I am out of town often, writing may be the easiest way to contact me.

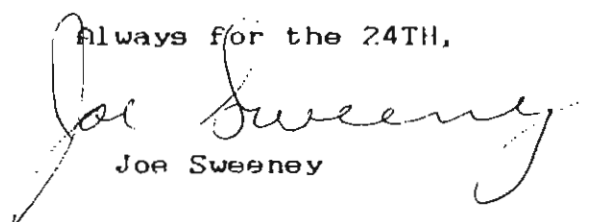
One other bit of information that I would like to pass on, in case you don't already have it, is about the mailing stickers (enclosed); the stickers can be ordered from Esther Zdanavage, P.O. Box 236, Berwick PA 18603. Cost is 25 cents for a sheet of eight. She deducts a few stickers from the order to pay for shipping.

Mrs. Zdanavage is a grand lady who co-authored her husband Tony's book, "Korea the War America Forgot To Remember" and she uses the proceeds from the sale of the book to carry on the work of her late husband's Korean War Awareness Project. There is no profit on the sale of the stickers.

Rudy, this has been a kind of rambling letter, and I hope you find some of the information useful, I'm looking forward

to the future years as a life member of the 24TH Infantry Division Association. May we all continue to enjoy peace and prosperity.

Always for the 24TH,

  
Joe Sweeney



## NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER



From Mark Millender 939 Hedgewood Dr NW Roanoke VA 24017 Ph 540-563-4620 (52nd FABN. 7/51 to 5/52) He is looking for a good buddy he had in Korea and Japan in 51-52. Name of buddy is CHARLMERS, nickname "Smiley" and last known to be in the Baltimore MD area. Can anyone help? He would be most thankful.

From Dick Lewis, Treasurer 5th RCT Assn, new address: PO Box 2538 Martinsburg WV 25401-0538. Dick said he just had to get out of the welfare State of Maryland.

From new Life Member #1629 John R Brennan Co "A" 21st Inf Regt (46-48) "K" 19th (51-52) 114-63 223rd St Cambria Heights NY 11411-1205. John would like to hear from his buddies from Co "A" 21st. He heard that most of them, or if not all, were killed or captured during the early days of the Korean War. If you're still out there, please contact John.

From Wernold Pepmueller 112 S Walnut St Perryville MO 63775-2614 (24th Signal 1946). Mr. Pepmueller would like to hear from anyone who remembers the Band called "Broadcast" who traveled in two rail cars throughout Japan playing matinee and evening shows. He is particularly interested in knowing when they played in Hiroshima.

From new member George D Hudson 6343 Rondo Rd Wolverine MI 49799(19th Inf 46-48). Has Regimental Crest and Division Patch painted on hood and trunk of his car. Says he can also still wear his Ike jacket and full uniform.

Richard A Roberts PO Box 658 Snowflake AZ 85937 Ph 520-536-3241 (B Btry 52nd F.A.BN (Jul-Dec 49) (Med Co 21st Inf Dec 49-June 59) would like to hear from anyone he served with.

SFC (RET) Jasper D Blow Jr 1550 Gant Rd Scottsboro AL 35769 Hq & Hq Co and "C" Co 19th (Jul 50-Apr 51) New member as result of VFW Ad wishes to hear from anyone he served with.

New member John W Ray 5212 Fairfax Ave Shreveport LA 71108 (Co "G" 34th Inf Regt May 44-Jan 46) who found out about us in the October VFW magazine, would like to hear from his war buddies. John was awarded the D.S.C. on 10/21/44 for action on Leyte.

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### Persian Gulf Veterans

Members of the following units are being notified that they may have been exposed to low levels of nerve gas during the destruction of the Kamisiyah munitions depot in 1991.

#### Units associated with the 24th Infantry Division

Main Command Post, 24th Infantry Division  
Headquarters, 197th Infantry Brigade  
2nd Squadron, 4th Cavalry  
24th Signal Battalion  
724th Combat Support Battalion  
1st Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery  
Headquarters, 36th Engineer Group  
3rd Engineer Battalion  
5th Engineer Battalion  
299th Engineer Battalion  
362nd Engineer Company





## NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER(Continued)

Received a note from Walter J Peters, Life Member #88, RR PO Box 46 Summerfield KS 66541-9601 upgrading his life membership. He also sent in an extra \$50.00 and requested that it be used to upgrade our deceased comrade Joseph Peyton, Life Member #6. We did just that, Walter and our thanks to you.

A nice letter from Richard C Goiny, Life member #57, 3619 W 46th St Chicago IL 60629-4028 (Co "E" 21st 4/45-12/45) who is recuperating from 5 blocked arteries open-heart by-pass surgery. Richard says he has no ambition to do anything. But as time goes by he thinks he will get back in the spirit of things and is looking forward to our 50th Reunion. He sent us the new address of lost member Lester Johnson, Life member #556. Thanks Dick and thanks for clearing Post #600 American Legion Newsletter. Dick is the Adjutant and Editor.

Ernest L. Samples from 3313 Quinton Dr BSMT, Louisville KY 40216- (Btry A 11th F.A.Bn. ) Would like to hear from John C. Heard, Jr or anyone who has any information about him. Ernest was at the battle of Tacjon. Ernest, John is a new member and resides at 3255 North Embury Cir Chamblee GA 30341- Ph 770-457-7825. Give him a call or write to him, I'm sure he would be happy to hear from you.

From Buford Goff, Life member # 658, 212 W Circle Dr Russellville AR 72801-4850 (19th Inf 48-51) He stopped into a local barber shop, one he hadn't frequented before, and the barber was Charles Gipson. They served together in Beppu. He signed him up and also has someone to BS with while getting the best haircut in town.

From David S. Bingham, the following request to a former member of the 26th AAA Bn. I hope one of you can comply with his request: "I am the Historian/Curator for the Fort Polk Military Museum PO Box 3916, Fort Polk, LA. The reason for writing to you is, my museum staff is putting together an exhibit that will feature all the units that participated in the Korean War. As a representative for each unit in this display, I had planned on utilizing a distinctive insignia (or sometimes called a unit "crest") for each unit that served in Korea during the period of the War. At present, I have a representative insignia for each of the 24th Infantry Division's units, however, I am missing one for the 26th AAA Bn, a unit organic to the 24th ID. The reason for this letter is, would it be possible for you to address this issue in your next published Association newsletter THE TARO LEAF, and ask that a former member of the 26th AAA Bn donate one of his metal insignia to this museum facility so it can be added to this insignia display? Any assistance you can give me towards obtaining this desired insignia, will be greatly appreciated by me and by all the museum visitors who will be enjoying this exhibit." David S. Bingham, Historian/Curator

A big **THANK YOU** to Joe McKeon for keeping the association updated on correct telephone numbers of members. We are always happy to hear from you Joe and appreciate your letters, keep them coming.

We wish to express appreciation for the many Christmas cards we received, God bless everyone is our prayer for the New Year!!

## NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER(Continued)

From Henry G Phillips 14007 Hemlock Dr Penn Valley CA 95946-. Mr Phillips is a military historian currently researching a biography of the late LGen Manton S. Eddy. In 1930-31, this Major Eddy was assigned to the 21st Inf Regt at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii in the G3 Section, Hawaiian Dept. Mr. Phillips is interested in learning what was Eddy's assignment in the Regiment. He would also like to know the Regimental C.O.'s name at the time. This is a big order but I know one of you can fill it.

On the following two pages we have 230 names listed who we are requesting a 9 digit zipcode from. Please check the names and if your name is listed, please write to me giving me your correct street or PO Box number and the 9 digit zipcode. The US Postal Service now requests that we use a Bar Code with a 9 digit zip code. Currently we must process the Taro Leaf for the Members who have only a 5 digit zip code seperately from those who do have the 9 digit zipcode. This cost extra and requires more time to process. It would be most appreciated by your Secretary if you would send me your full 9 digit zipcode. At a future date the US Postal Service might refuse to process mail without the 9 digit zipcode. So get it to me as soon as you can and especially before we mail out the next Taro Leaf in April.

Many of you who have sent in changes of address, sent in only a 5 digit zipcode. When you are sending in changes of address, please be sure to include your new 9 digit zipcode. Failure to send in a change of address costs the association approximately \$300.00 per year so please notify us of your new address when you move.

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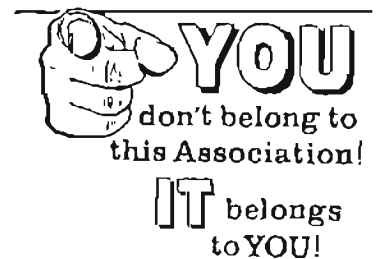
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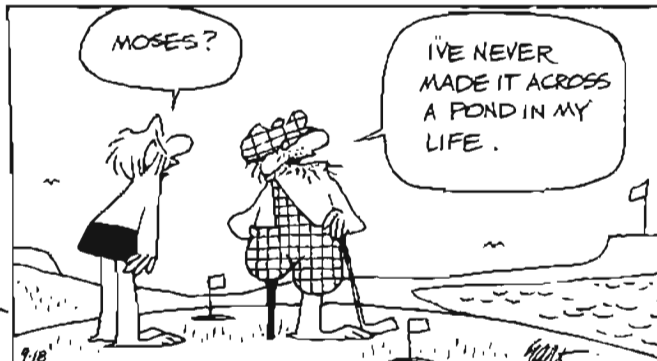
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SSG Jack E	Hughes USA Ret	34th	(C)	\$25.00	
Bobby J	Hunt	19th	(B&C)	\$50.00	
Andrew	Jackson	11th		\$5.00	
Donald H	Johnson	13th		\$10.00	
Jerome	Krejci	21st	(D)	\$20.00	
Donald E	Lennon	24th Recon		\$25.00	
Noel J	Mjones	21st	(M)	\$10.00	
John	Morrison	21st	(D)	\$25.00	
William R	Musselman	24th Repl		\$5.00	
Richard	Naumann	21st		\$35.00	
Theodore F	Peer	24th Admin	(HQ)	\$5.00	
James W	Petersen	5th RCT		\$10.00	
Douglas E	Reed	34th	(H&H)	\$15.00	
Alfred J K	Ridge	21st	(L)	\$30.00	
Kenwood	Ross	Div Hq		\$100.00	
Van Buren	Sandgren	3rd Eng	(C)	\$5.00	
Alvin J	Schreiber	3rd Eng	(A&C)	\$10.00	
Robert H	Smith	11TH		\$50.00	
Merrill H	Stratton	5th RCT	(HQ)	\$5.00	
Ernest P	Terrell	11th		\$75.00	
Stanley J	Victorovich	21st	(B)	\$5.00	
Robert A	Wilson	24th Med		\$100.00	
Morris G	Yingst			\$5.00	
Raymond M	Youngblood	21st		\$25.00	

**TOTAL Donation:**

**\$866.00**

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NEW MEMBERS OF THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION AS OF 10/16/96 THROUGH 1/10/97

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip</u>	<u>Unit 1</u>	<u>Recruited by</u>
Max	Adams	403 S Main St	Marble Rock	IA	50653-9654	3rd Eng	VFW Ad
James	Amor	EDITOR Golden Acorn News	Long Island City	NY	11104-0092		Ken Ross
Blake Charles	Barnes	302 Borton Mill Rd	Cherry Hill	NJ	08034	15th	VFW Ad
William S	Beasley	580 Blue Ridge Cr	Evans	GA	30809-9205		K. Ross
Jasper D	Blow Jr	1550 Gant Rd	Scottsboro	AL	35769	19th	VFW Ad
Jack F	Bogenberger	7720 W Eden Pl	Milwaukee	WI	53220	5th RCT	Kuhn 21st Inf
Joseph W	Boucher	E5591 County Road	Forestville	WI	54213	24th Sig	
Ernest W	Busha Jr	1 G Golden Heights	Webster	MA	01570-1604	21st	VFW Ad
Tim	Casey	PO Box 447 28 Main	Pepperell	MA	01463-0447	Honorary	Estabrook 19th
Joseph K	Caskey	3125 Meridian Ct	Oklahoma City	Ok	73122-1416	13th	
Eugene C	Cerretta Sr	148 Beach St	Jersey City	NJ	07307	19th	VFW Ad
William W	Cooper	1901 Walthall Dr NW	Atlanta	GA	30318	6th Tank	VFW Ad
Julius H	Dunn Jr	PO Box 1439	Wenatchee	WA	98807-1439	24th	J. Jakubal, 21st
Mildred C	Fenn	1407 Cedar Grove T	Spring Branch	TX	78070		Camp Hakata
Marvin F	Foote	768 Strawberry NW	Comstock Park	MI	49321	21st	Phil Burke
Richard L	Gaskin	110 E Kline St	Lebanon	PA	17046	19th	Gene Lewis
Edward F	Hardy	101 Crestmore Dr	Columbia	SC	29209	724th Or	K. Bollinger
Marshall	Hartley	716 Taylor St	Bay City	MI	48708	34th	G.G. Vincent
Bill	Haurilak	125 Southworth St	Milford	CN	06460-1841		
Lloyd F	Hemenway III	13147 Elgin Dr	Elk River	MN	55330	24th Inf	Harold Peters
George D	Hudson	6343 Rondo Rd	Wolverine	MI	49799	19th	A member
Gene W	Jones	PO Box 66	East Ellijay	GA	30539-0066	52nd	VFW Ad
Donald Farris	Kincaid	2872 Limaburg Rd	Hebron	Ky	41048	21st	Kerns, 21st Inf
Robert J	Kurtzman Sr	69th Inf Div Assoc P	Wilmot	OH	44689-0105		K. Ross
James A	Land	SSG Ret 1509 S WS Young D	Killeen	TX	76542	21st	
Robert J	LeBlanc	12 Dexter Rd	Windsor Locks	CT	06096	19th	Leon Pratt
Leo J	Maranto	1112 Edmondson Av	Catonsville	MD	21228-4901	21st	
SMSGT Max	Marsh	USAF 4054 S Patton Ave	Springfield	MO	65807-5338	52nd	VFW Ad
Don	Merritt	1003 S Lincoln St	Kirksville	MO	63501	63rd	
George W	Miller	HCR 2 Box 738A	Rocky Mount	MO	65072-9014	19th	VFW Ad
Bubby	Montgomery	PO Box 768	Salyersville	Ky	41465	34th	
Edward M	Nowak	714 E Lamorak Dr	Schaumburg	IL	60193	24th Sig	VFW Ad
James D	Nugent	4600 Cline Rd	Amarillo	TX	79110-2630	19th	VFW Ad
Angelo L	Quadarella	RR 6 Box 6709	Saylorsburg	PA	18353-9409	11th	Bill Hosler
Robert	Raub	PO Box 2186	St. Leo	FL	33574	19th	VFW Ad
John W	Ray	5212 Fairfax Ave	Shreveport	LA	71108	34th	VFW Ad
Richard A	Roberts	PO Box 658	Snowflake	AZ	85937	52nd	
Elisha Miller	Robinson	5804 Beauregard Dr	Nashville	TN	37215	52nd	Camp Hakata
Ernest L	Samples	3313 Quinton Dr Bs	Louisville	Ky	40216-4817	11th	VFW Ad
Donald L	Schonlau	PO Box 123	Oxford	AR	72565-0123	3rd Eng	VFW Ad
John H	Shackelford	5057 E 71st St	Indianapolis	IN	46220	Div HQ	
Eldon B	Shelly	2072 Hilltop Rd	Bethlehem	PA	18015	6th TK	Wally Kuhner
Louise	Smith	2621 Zorno Way	Delray Beach	FL	33445		A.L. Travis
Bernard P	Symczak	43 Harrington Road	Charlton	MA	01507-5234	24th Rec	Busha & Gignac
Donald L	Walt	620 Monocacy Cree	Birdsboro	PA	19508	21st	VFW Ad
Gary R	Ward	1 Major Ct	Wilder	Ky	41076	34th	John Klump
James E	Wingard	246 View St	Johnstown	PA	15902	34th	

**Total Count**      47

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<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip</u>	<u>Unit 1</u>
**Albright	Bobby L	105 E Walnut St # 39	Waterloo	IN	46793-9510	19th
Allen	Donald W	2822 Eastern Ave	Bedford	IN	47421-5329	21st
Avanzino	Louis	10747 Ranchette Dr	Jackson	CA	95642-9722	21st
**Bakewell	Thomas W	R2 Box 544 Spring Hill	Hancock	NH	03449	724 Ord
**Barger	John H	2677 S 66th St	Milwaukee	WI	53219-2648	Div Arty
Brennan	John R	11463 223rd St	Cambria Heights	NY	11411-1205	21st
Clawson	Col Gray I	PO Box 13	Rexburg	ID	83440-0013	63rd
Colton	Raymond C	48 Rye Hill Cir	Somers	CT	06071	19th
**Donovan	Basil C	1982 Neptune Dr	Englewood	FL	34223-1535	21st
**Draus	Richard F	6428 Woodlawn East Av	South Holland	IL	60473-2554	19th
Eckler	Cleon C	70 Blackbird Landing R	Townsend	DE	19734-9138	21st
**Gore	Thomas C	PO Box 536	Livingston	TN	38570-0536	19th
Healy	William	390 E Circle Dr	New Lenox	IL	60451-9761	34th
**Henderson Jr	Lindsey P	111 E 49th St	Savannah	GA	31405-2133	21st
House	LTC John M	4 Buchanan Ct	Newport	RI	02840-3702	Div Hq
**Lett	Harlon J	70 Pine Tree Dr	Jackson	TN	38301-3416	19th
Nast	Phil	264 Washburn Rd	Northvill	NY	12134-3942	34th
**Peters	Walter J	RR 1 Box 46	Summerfield	KS	66541-9601	19th
**Pitney	Col Max L	010 Am Eagle Blvd # 74	Sun City Center	FL	33573-5280	63rd
Powers	John F	17B Shore Dr #B	Peabody	MA	01960-3007	19th
Reilly	John J	103 Terrace Dr	Chatham TWP	NJ	07928-5002	21st
**Robinson	Wayne	827 Congressional Blv	San Antonio	TX	78244-1554	Div Hq
**Sarpola	Roderick A	Hamlet RT Box 1264	Seaside	OR	97138	Div Arty
Schonlau	Donald L	PO Box 123	Oxford	AR	72565-0123	3rd Eng
**Skinner	Franklin E	2 Meeker Ave	Camden	NY	13316-1409	11th
Stratton	Robert J	999 Lincoln Hwy	Bluffton	OH	45817-9709	19th
Sweeney	Joe	PO Box 506	Dellslow	WV	26531-0506	19th
**Thompson	William F	51 Renfrew Dr	Shelby	OH	44875-1865	724th Ord
**Tomishima	Edward T	623 10th Ave # A	Honolulu	HI	96816-2224	
Vargo Sr	Joel S	10550 Jerusalem Rd	Curtice	OH	43412-9418	5th RCT
**Willmot	William C	1630 Venus St	Merritt Island	FL	32953-3162	21st
**Winton Jr	BG WF	PO Box 587	Great Barrington	MA	01230-0587	Div. Hq.
Youngblood	Raymond M	PO Box 025732	Kansas City	MO	64102-5732	21st

COUNT:

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**Please note:** Since Corky Peter's letter appeared in the October issue of the Taro Leaf, 17 members have upgraded from Life x(\$100) to Life xx(\$150).

Note received from Frank Skinner: "Here's 50 clams. I read Peters' letter in Taro Leaf. Do me good to go w/o a few BREWS. Really enjoy TARO LEAF."

**DON'T FORGET  
YOUR DUES  
ARE NEEDED**

\*\*UPGRADED FROM LIFE \$100 TO LIFE \$150



24th Infantry Division Assoc. West Coast Reunion  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
April 9 - April 13, 1997



## Hotel Reservations

Hotel accommodations provided by the Pinnacle 4 Season Hotel, Albuquerque, NM

<u>Room Type</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Standard Single	\$64.00/night*
Standard Double	\$64.00/night*

\*This discounted rate will be available 3 days prior and 3 days after the reunion. Beyond that, rooms are subject to hotel availability. Please call the hotel for room rates.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No. (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of arrival \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Nights \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Departure \_\_\_\_\_

Special Requests\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Smoking \_\_\_\_\_ Non Smoking  
\_\_\_\_\_ Disabled Room

\* All special requests will be noted but cannot be guaranteed.

If you wish to guarantee a room with a major credit card, please provide the following information:

\_\_\_\_\_ AMEX \_\_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_\_ MC \_\_\_\_\_ CARTE BLANCHE \_\_\_\_\_ DISCOVER

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

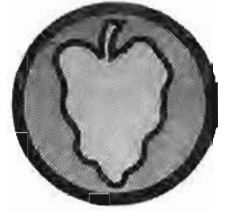
Send this form to: Pinnacle 4 Seasons Hotel  
2500 Carlisle Northeast  
Albuquerque, NM 87110

or call: (800) 545-8400

Cut off date for hotel reservations is: March 17, 1997 - (NO EXCEPTIONS, PLEASE)  
For additional hotel information call the Pinnacle 4 Seasons at (800) 545-8400

24th Infantry Division Assoc. Registration Form (Hotel)

24th Infantry Division Assoc. West Coast Reunion  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
April 9 - April 13, 1997



Weekend Activities

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday, April 10, 1997 - Atomic Museum and Sandia Labs Tour

09:00 - 14:00 Includes lunch at the officers club at Kirkland Airforce Base.

Transportation included. (Minimum of 25)

\$37.00/person x ( ) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, April 11, 1997 - Los Amigos Roundup

18:00 - 22:30 Chuck Wagon BBQ. All you can eat and drink (beer/wine/soda)  
Plus Pueblo Indian Dancers and Mariachis.

Transportation included. (Minimum of 100 for this special price.)

\$35.00/person x ( ) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, April 12, 1997 - Hot Air Balloon Flight

06:00 - 10:30 Includes continental breakfast, champagne toast and flight certificate.

Transportation included. (Minimum of 6)

\$ 89.00/person x ( ) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Donald Barrett

Mail checks to: Donald Barrett  
24th Inf. Division Association  
Reunion Coordinator  
2854 Pinckard Ave  
Redondo Beach, CA 90278

Deadline: March 10, 1997 - ( NO EXCEPTIONS, PLEASE )

WILL HILL TANKERSLEY  
November 30, 1996

TARO LEAF  
24th Infantry Division Association  
HCR-3 - Box 191  
Rocky Mount, MO 65072-9014

Gentlemen:

In late September - early October of this year, 72 graduates of the West Point Class of 1950 returned to Korea as guests of the Korea Veterans Association. These members of the Class of '50 dedicated a monument at the Korea Military Academy to the members of the Class who fell in the Korean War.

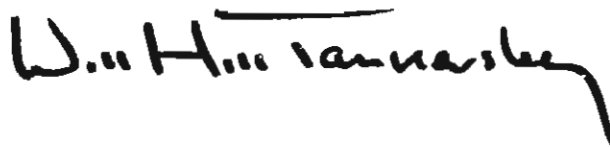
The former members of the 24th Infantry Division made a side trip to Taejon where we placed a wreath at the monument to the Division at a ceremony conducted by the Korean Veterans Association and officials of the City of Taejon.

Arthur H. Blair who had supported the Division as a Lieutenant in the 11th Engineer Battalion and Jere W. Sharp, who served in Company F, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division and was a close friend of the representative of the Koreans Veterans Association who arranged the trip participated in the impressive ceremony. After the ceremony, the mayor of Taejon hosted a lunch for us.

Enclosed are pictures and articles which you may find of interest. Needless to say, all of us in the Class of 1950 of the United States Military Academy who served with the 24th Infantry Division are very proud of this fact. Most of us went to war in Korea, many on the Naktong Perimeter, in August of 1950 without having had any basic branch training or having fired a military weapon for three years.

I enjoy reading the TARO LEAF and am delighted to be a Life Member of the 24th Infantry Division Association.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Will Hill Tankersley". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. The first name "Will" is written with a large 'W', and the last name "Tankersley" is written with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.



The memorial - You can see a bit of the 24th Division Flag held by the Korean Color Guard.



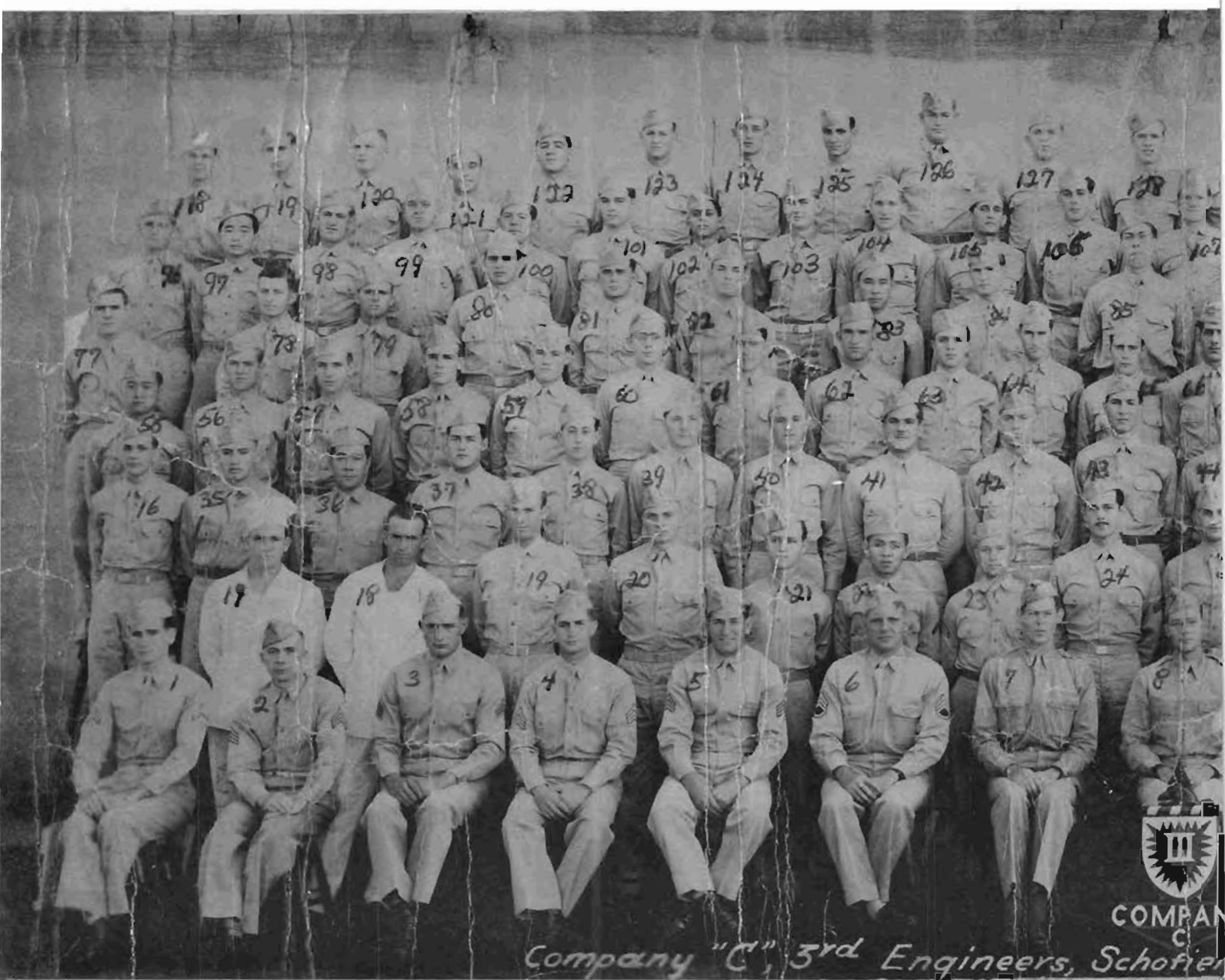
The group assembled. Front row from left to right, MG (Ret.) Will Hill Tankersly (19th Inf. I and M), our host, a gentleman from the office of the city mayor, Maj Gen Jere Sharp (3rd Inf. Div.) and another gentleman from the city. In the back row are Col. Al Griebing (3d Engr. Bn.), Col. Bill Davis (B Co., 21st Inf.), Col. Art Blair (11th Engr. Bn.), Col. Bill DeGraf (Co. M, 21st Inf.) and myself, Bill DeGraf. Bill DeGraf and I had the pleasure of placing a wreath at the base of the statue.



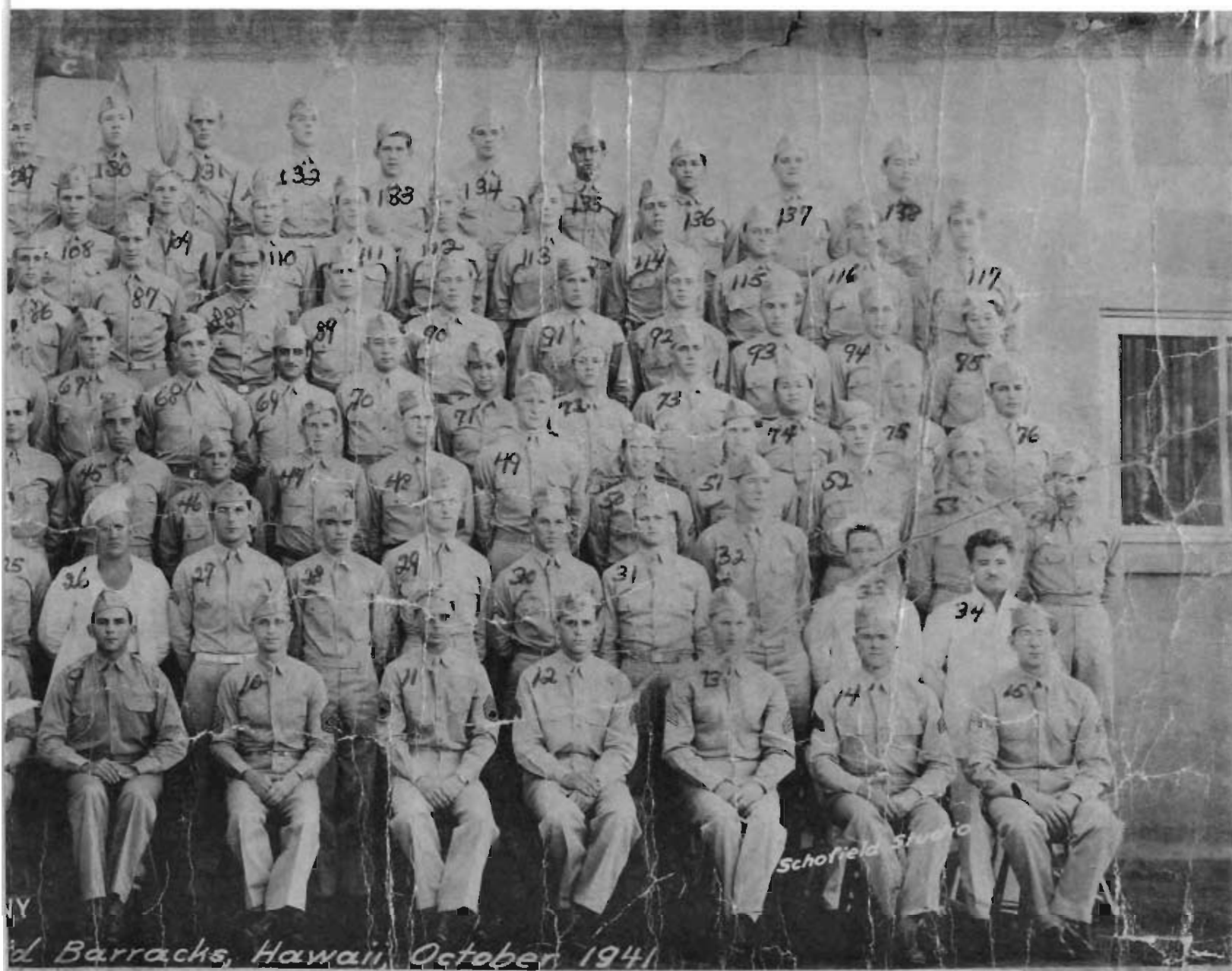
I am standing under the division flag in one of the displays at the War Memorial Museum in Seoul. LCol. Charles W. Newcomb (Ret.)







Only those listed were identified on original picture: 1. Stevens; 2. Gallagher; 3. Patton (Sgt.); 4. VanSandgren; 13. Lacomis; 31. C. Buckinghamlin; 34. Cueva; 45. Champagne; 46. Med...



Zebrowski; 6. Hargle; 7. Lt. Bneaiurs 8. Lt. Bacon; 9. Capt. Zohn; 10. Trechuck; 11. Sgt. Critzer;  
rios; 48. J.W. Twine; 50. Zangari; 69. Zangari; 71. Misashi; 74. Kee F. Fong; 85. Schreiber



Left to Right: W. H. Tankersley, W. B. DeGraf, C. W. Newcomb, A. H. Blair, A. L. Griebbling and W. D. Davis.



Left to Right: A. L. Griebbling, A. H. Blair, C. W. Newcomb, W. H. Tankersley, Mayor of Taejon, W. B. DeGraf, J. W. Sharp and W. D. Davis.



## **THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY CLASS OF 1950**

In July of 1946, nearly a thousand new cadets reported to the United States Military Academy for the class which would graduate in June of 1950. World War II had just ended, peace was at hand, and the armed forces were being cut. Prospects for adventure and advancement were slim. Few, if any, entered West Point because they thought they would be needed to fight a war. But, the Cold War was just starting and it was the fate of the Class of 1950 to be guarding or fighting against aggression during their entire military careers.

Within weeks after the 670 members of the Class of 1950 graduated, North Korea attacked South Korea and the newly commissioned lieutenants began receiving orders for Korea, 141 of them within the first months of the war. Altogether, 365 members of the 1950 class engaged in combat operations during the three year Korean War. 41 members were killed in action and 84 wounded. This is one of the highest casualty rates of any West Point Class in this century.

During their careers, 64 members of the 1950 Class rose to the rank of general officer. The 42 Army and 21 Air Force generals included 4 Army and 2 Air Force four-star generals plus General Fidel Ramos, current President of the Philippines, who served in Korea during the early stages of the war.

Of the 365 members of the class who survived the Korean War, 75 of them are on a Revisit to Korea as guests of the Korean Veterans Association. During their revisit, they will remember and honor their 41 fallen class members by unveiling a memorial plaque at the Korean Military Academy. One of the fallen members, Lt John C. Trent, is honored on Yongsan Post by having the gymnasium nearby named in his memory.

Today we welcome and honor retired General Wallace H. Nutting, Lieutenant Generals Bennett L. Lewis and Charles H. Graham, Major Generals Will Hill Tankersley, Jere W. Sharp, William F. Ward, Jr. and Grayson Tate and 68 other members of the Class of 1950 who survived the Korean War. Also with us today are 72 spouses, widows, sons and daughters of these Korean War Veterans from the West Point Class of 1950.

## Welcoming Address by Superintendent

General Nutting, Graduates of the United States Military Academy Class of 1950, and honorable guests.

On behalf of cadets and the entire staff and professors of the Korea Military Academy, I would like to welcome General Nutting and the graduates and their families of the USMA Class of 1950 to this memorial event today.

I firmly believe that the gathering between the USMA graduates who are celebrating the 50th year anniversary of entering the USMA, and the Korea Military Academy celebrating the 50th year anniversary, will not only enhance the mutual friendship but further strengthen the security ties between the Republic of Korea and the United States of America.

Also, I wish you success on every event celebrating the 50th year anniversary of the USMA Class of 1950, and hope that you will have memorable time during the rest of your stay in Korea.

Again, we thank the Class of 1950 and the families for visiting the Korea Military Academy, and wish happiness and prosperity to you and your families.

Thank you.

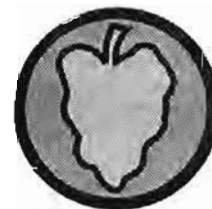
LTG JANG, CHANG GYU  
Superintendent.  
Korea Military Academy



### REUNION

Pictured is Danny Wagner and Tony Baker, Co K 21st Inf Regt. Both served in Japan and Korea. Tony made contact with Danny after 46 years, through the efforts of Bob Luttrell of El Reno, Ok. The last time time they saw each other was when Danny had been wounded on hill 296 near Inchon. Tony visited Danny at his home on 17 Sep 96. Tony said they had a long visit and a great lunch and said Danny was an outstanding NCO in Combat. Danny is the one on the left.

24th Infantry Division Assoc. West Coast Reunion  
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Dinner Selections

Saturday April 12, 1997

*Harvest Garden Salad with Romaine & Iceberg Lettuce  
Carrot, Jicama, Sprouts, Tomato & Red Cabbage with  
Creamy Buttermilk Ranch Dressing*

(Choice of One)

*Grilled New York Strip with Pink Peppercorn Bordelaise Sauce  
Baked Potato*  
\$20.00

*Baked Filet of Salmon with Gijon Hollandaise  
Served with Almond Currant Pilaf*  
\$20.00

*Yemen Hygered Cake*

Breakfast Buffet

Sunday April 13, 1997

*Assorted Chilled Fruit Juices  
Selection of Cold Cereals with Whole & Lowfat Milk  
Sliced Seasonal Fruits  
Scrambled Eggs  
Crisp Bacon  
Home Fried Potatoes with Onion and Green Pepper  
Fruit and Cheese Danish*  
\$12.00

Fresh Brewed Coffee, Tea and Decaffeinated Coffee served with Dinner selections and Breakfast  
Prices include all taxes and gratuity

Airport Transportation

Airport shuttle service to and from the airport is complimentary. Call the hotel from the airport to arrange pickup.

RV Parking

RV parking rental will be waived provided the driver is renting a guest room at the hotel.

Auto Rental

I have made arrangements with Advance Rent a Car Agency (in the lobby of the hotel) for a corporate rate with unlimited miles for any size Chrysler car.

Saturday Eve Dinner

New York Steak Dinner: \$20.00/person x ( ) = \$  
Salmon Dinner: \$20.00/person x ( ) = \$

Sunday Morning Breakfast

Breakfast Buffet \$12.00/person x ( ) = \$

Make Checks payable to: Donald Barrett  
Send to: 2854 Pinckard Ave  
Redondo Beach, CA 90278

Deadline: April 1, 1997 (NO EXCEPTIONS, PLEASE)

24th Infantry Division Assoc. Registration Form (Menu)

Korean War Veterans Group

October-9-1996

This is a Korean War Veterans Group its a free support group  
To be eligible to be in this group of these fine fighting  
men you had to have served in one of the following outfits:  
the 1st Bn 34th or the 19th Infantry Regiments 24th Division  
July 1950 - July 1953

We have had the good fortune of  
Holding a Annual Mini Reunion in  
Nashville, Tenn the first week in May  
for the past Two years We are planning to  
have one this May 1997 hope you can be there

We begin to formed this Veterans Group in 1993  
We wanted to pass this information on to you we will  
mail out four Newsletters a year.

The purpose of this letter There are a lot of veterans out  
there looking for some old Army Buddies they have been  
seeking for a long time. Lately there are two big  
technological developments have opened the doors so we can  
find our friends its in the computer with a CD-ROM a compact  
disk with huge amounts of data (like national phone book).  
If you are seeking someone? I need you to print or Type Last  
Name, First Name and Middle Initial. This is not a guarantee  
that I will find your friend.

I am a life time member of the 24th Inf Div Association  
No 1250. I served with Co A 1st Bn 34th Inf Regt July 1950  
until Sept 1st then I served with Hq Co 3rd Bn 19th Inf Regt  
I served with the Commo Platoon As a field wiremen. until  
August 1951

If you are interested let me know. Please Print or Type

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Company \_\_\_\_\_



*Charles W Shoe*  
Charles W Shoe  
3924 Harrisburg Dr.  
Harrisburg, NC 28075  
704-455-2937

### HISTORY BOOK UPDATE

In December, the History Committee read and corrected the second draft of the history prepared by the writer, Don Gordon of Paducah, Kentucky. Turner Publishing Company had presented the first draft in September.

Committee members, who were selected because of their interest in the 24th Division's actions in World War II and Korea, without exception, have praised the writing and content of the second draft. One member writing December 9 exclaimed, "As far as I'm concerned, it's a "Best Seller" already.

Speaking of the history, another member on December 6 wrote, "I am still amazed at how well it is progressing."

Turner Publishing Company has set a target date for May 1997 publication. The book is now in the Design department of the company following the insertions of corrections in the 255-page narrative. After design and placement of the photographs, the manuscript will go back to the committee for review and approval. After receiving the corrected design page proofs, the company will prepare the blueline page proofs for the committee's review and approval. After receiving the committee's final approval of the blueline proofs, the company will print and bind the book.

The committee wishes to thank again all of you who submitted material and photographs for the history. Because of the quantity of materials submitted, the publisher had to pick and choose which were most appropriate.

We feel you will be well satisfied with the final product, and we look forward to seeing the book completed on time.

For the Committee:

*David Mann*

B. David Mann, Chairman  
December 31, 1996

SOLDIER'S PERMANENT PASS — CLASS A		
LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL	ARMY SERIAL No.	GRADE
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ORGANIZATION UNIT AND INSTALLATION		
Sv Co, 19th Inf Regt APO 24 Unit 2		
DATE ISSUED	There are no prescribed restrictions on the range of travel authorized during the period covered by this pass except the requirement that the individual named hereon be at his proper station when required to be present for duty.	
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WO AGO FORM 8  
1 APR 1946

*Thomas F. Union*  
*Four Dartmouth Street*  
*Forest Hill NY 11975*

Nov. 25, 1996

Robert L. Lawhon,  
Editor, The Taro Lear,  
Route 2 Box 711,  
Proctorville OH 45669

Dear Bob:

Page 8, Vol. 4, dated October 1996, second paragraph. letter from W. Clarence Sisley, is the first word I've seen about those toothless guys in Schofield Barracks in November 1942. I have been carrying the memory of those guys for to these 54 years. And now there is someone who will actually believe my story. No one every has.

It began in early November 1942. I was enroute as a brand new 2nd Lieutenant, on assignment from OCS to join 24th Medical Battalion, 24th Infantry Division Schofield Barracks, temporarily lodged at Camp Stoneman, California. Each of us newly arrived 2nd Lts. was detailed to shepherd a group of Draftees enroute to somewhere in the Pacific.

My group was gathered in Barracks 8, Camp Stoneman. I was ordered to go to Barracks 8, introduce myself, and take command of them to await further orders. I was given a stack of 160 AGO Forms 20in, which I realized would contain detailed information concerning each man in my group. They were all basic privates. None with rank. Not even a PFC.

Before going to the barracks I glanced through the forms 20. Previous to OCS I had been a Sgt. Major of a hospital unit so I was familiar with what information the forms contained. It had been my custom to zip through the AGCT (Army General Classification Test) so called IQ scores, to get a general "birdseye" view of the people in my new command.

When I found a dozen, or so, of the highest numbers I checked further for "background" information. All the men had been drafted from all areas of the country, over a period of from 2 to 8 months, and after being held here at Stoneman for up to 4 or 5 months were now being released for service somewhere in the Pacific. I knew that it would be necessary to set up the group into squads and platoons, so I had to consider who could be appointed as leaders or each section.

It took a few hours to accomplish this, along with establishing some sort of order--alphabetical, I determined would be the best. That was when I went to Barracks 8 to introduce myself. It was with a degree of relief that I found they had been given a degree of military training. At least, when one of the sergeant guards called out "attention!" there was immediate response. I relieved the sergeant guards, thanking them, and saying that I would take over.

The men were put "at ease," and I introduced myself, saying that in a few days we would be boarding a transport and sailing for "somewhere in the Pacific." No one was particularly happy, but the news was not "news" to them, they had been well informed--by rumor as well as by specific instruction. They were advised that they would be formed into squads and platoons. And I started right away by calling out the names alphabetically, lining them up conveniently into 8 lines of 10 on either side of the barracks.

They were able to sit on the available cots, continued to maintain a degree of order. I then called out the names of the people I had selected to review as possible squad the platoon leaders. There was one particularly older man who had an engineering degree and had supervised people on field jobs. When he stood up I knew I had my First Sergeant. The platoon and squad leaders took a bit of doing.

When it came close to chow time, and things were shaping up, I started to excuse myself and asked if there were any questions. One man in the group asked "when do we get our teeth?"

I asked him what his problem was. He responded by smiling open mouthed--open, toothlessly mouthed! I asked if anyone else had his problem. The entire barracks responded toothlessly.

Now I realized that they had been stripped of their teeth, here at Stoneman, and were awaiting their prostheses all this time. I had been at Headquarters the night before when I heard the words "the AG, Pentagon, says 'release them' ". Now I realized who the "them" were--my detachment. I subsequently learned that this was during the time that the 25th Infantry Division had been sent to Guadalcanal, and the troops we were shepherding were the "replacements."

Headquarters gave me no information regarding when the people would be getting their prostheses, only that "don't worry, they'll get them ". In the meantime I had a couple of jobs to do.

Fortunately I found out that our Transport was to be *U. S. S. REPUBLIC*, an Army Transport under the command of the Navy. I say "fortunately" because I had actually shepherded an Army Hospital group from San Francisco to the island of Maui, in March 1942, and I knew every detail of the ship's interior, like the back of my hand. And I was familiar with many of the administrative peculiarities of the ship's command.

I took my First Sergeant into my confidence. I told him that one of the dirtiest jobs on this ship was the way they operated the Mess. They demanded one of the units furnish a crew--in March it was 60 men--and they worked them for 3 meals a day, with no relief. I told my sergeant that last March I had furnished the 60 men, including a number of high quality non-coms to supervise the group, and each day I'd pull out substitute large numbers--saying that they were replacements for men who had become sick.

The Navy Chiefs raised hell. Threatened to have me "up on charges" they said; but after three or four days I convinced the Chiefs that I had 3 crews of experienced mess-men who would be happy to serve, each crew to a meal. The Chiefs--and especially the cooks--admitted they never had such a loyal group of foodhandlers on any previous trip.

I laid out the plan to my sergeant. First I would "volunteer" for food handling--using the excuse that my people, without teeth, had to be very selective about what they eat; and this way I could insure that a number of them would be able to help themselves. Unstated was the fact that by prearranged signal--simply by opening up their toothless mouths, to their foodhandling friends--they would get extra special service: lots of mashed vegetables and whatever mashable meat could be made available.

The "volunteering" worked. I assigned 60 men; 50 regulars + 10 smarties. After evening meal we lined up the smarties with 25 substitutes. The "experienced" guys trained the inexperienced 25 newcomers on what to expect, and what each had to do in the kitchen, and on the chow line. The Chief called me down, complaining that there were a helluva lot of strange faces. I told them how a large number had been made ill by the heat and horrible mess conditions. When asked if the Chief would like to work 12 hours under the conditions these poor guys had to put up with, he demurred.

But on the third day the Chief was threatening "charges," had me up before the "Army Commander." The Army put a Field Grade officer on each transport, ours was a Lt. Col., who I managed to convince that my "toothless detachment," was something special--and he was sympathetic. "But, you gotta be careful with the Chief," he cautioned. When he learned what my objective was, to get 3 separate crews,

each able to serve a separate meal. he was convinced that if the matter got up too high--to the Navy Captain--he would intervene and he was convinced he'd be able to make the Captain see it our way.

Well, it never came to that. We had a happy Navy, and a happier Army--a well fed Army; if mashed everything fed well--at least the toothless felt it did.

I often wondered if my crew was just scattered throughout the many units that peopled Oahu in those days, and it was comforting to know--at long last--that at least they were confined to one area, and maintained as a separate battalion; and perhaps they did, after all, get their "promised" teeth

Please thank Mr. Sisley for his kind remembrance.

Sincerely,

THOMAS F. UPTON

They'll shine your shoes for a nickel or so,  
Then ask you to change some G.I. dough.  
The crowded streetcars, there's room for one more,  
They have no seats, so you sit on the floor.

I've seen their fair cities, their small narrow streets,  
Their baggy old pants, without any pleats.  
I'm glad I came now, I'm ready to go,  
Give it back to the natives, I don't want it - I know!



Herb Kenz

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# Disability Compensation, DIC Rates Rise 2.9%

President Clinton has signed a 2.9% cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) for compensation paid to service-connected disabled veterans and surviving spouses. The raises, which went into effect Dec. 1, 1996, begin showing up in January 1997 benefits payments.

The COLA applies to veterans' disability benefits and dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC).

Unlike last year's COLA, which was 2.6%, this year's increase will not be rounded down to the next lower whole-dollar amount because President Clinton vetoed congressional deficit-reduction legislation earlier this year.

For example, a 50% service-connected disabled veteran who received \$542 a month in 1996 now receives \$558.

The legislation increasing veterans' and survivors' payments also provides the same flat-rate COLA for both old- and new-law DIC recipients, computed from the new-law DIC amount, which increased to \$833.

Compensation Rates (in dollars per month)			Survivors' DIC Rates (in dollars per month)		
Disability Rating	Monthly Rate 1996	Monthly Rate 1997	Pay Grade	Monthly Rate 1995	Monthly Rate 1996
10%	\$ 81	\$ 84	E-1-E-8**	\$ 810	\$ 833
20%	\$ 174	\$ 179	E-7	\$ 837	\$ 860
30%	\$ 268	\$ 273	E-6	\$ 863	\$ 886
40%	\$ 360	\$ 365	E-5	\$ 889	\$ 912
50%	\$ 542	\$ 557	E-4	\$ 916	\$ 942
60%	\$ 683	\$ 702	E-3	\$ 945	\$ 971
70%	\$ 862	\$ 886	E-2	\$ 971	\$ 996
80%	\$ 999	\$ 1,027	E-1	\$ 996	\$ 1,022
90%	\$ 1,124	\$ 1,155	O-10	\$ 1,240	\$ 1,275
100%	\$ 1,870	\$ 1,927	O-9	\$ 1,339	\$ 1,376
Statutory Award	Monthly Rate 1996	Monthly Rate 1997	O-8	\$ 1,457	\$ 1,508
K	\$ 12	\$ 74	O-7	\$ 1,572	\$ 1,616
L	\$ 2,326	\$ 2,391	O-6	\$ 1,724	\$ 1,772
M	\$ 2,365	\$ 2,537	O-5		
N	\$ 2,518	\$ 3,000	O-4		
O or P	\$ 3,261	\$ 3,352	O-3		
R1	\$ 4,561	\$ 4,792	O-2		
R2	\$ 5,348	\$ 5,496	O-1		
S	\$ 2,093	\$ 2,152			
Clothing Allowance	\$ 503	\$ 517			

\*Surviving spouses of veterans who died after Jan. 1, 1995, receive \$833 a month. For a spouse entitled to DIC based on the veteran's death prior to Jan. 1, 1995, the amount paid is based on the rate for pay grade E-7.

\*\*As of \$180 a month to the base rate if the deceased veteran had been entitled to receive 100% service-connected compensation for at least eight years immediately preceding death and the surviving spouse was married to the veteran for those eight years. Under those same circumstances, the base rate for pay grades E-7 through O-3 rises to \$1,015.

Additionally, the monthly rate for each dependent child is \$206.

Korean War veteran Stanley T. Adams said a few words Monday when a stretch of U.S. 169 was dedicated as Lieutenant Colonel Stanley T. Adams Memorial Drive. Adams is Olathe's only Medal of Honor winner.

NICK DE LA TORRE  
The Star



## Olathe recognizes a special veteran

**Medal of Honor winner** rewarded with road dedication.

By STACY DOWNS  
Staff Writer

It was a day of showing gratitude to those who have served the country in wars of yesteryear, including Olathe's only

Medal of Honor winner.

And to many, Veterans Day was a time to reflect and remember family members and friends who lost their lives in battles that were long ago but remain close in thought.

"It means a lot when you think of all of the people who don't come back," said Olathe resident Glenn Ewing, 77, who served in World War II. "Veterans Day touches on everyone's lives because parents, grandparents and friends have served

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## Olathe honors special veteran

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the country in one way or another."

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Adams, who began serving in the military in the 1940s, has not lived in the area since that time. Now retired, he enjoys playing golf, reading and traveling with his wife, Jean, a Navy veteran.

"He made the military his career — 28 years," she said.

Ewing said he followed Adams' high school football and basketball career.

"He was quite an athlete," Ewing said of the hometown hero. "It is nice that we can honor people like Stanley T. Adams."

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?  
—PETER—

# TAPS



# Remembering

## Korean War hero Carl Dodd

Dodd commanded an assault platoon assigned the mission of seizing and securing Hill 256. He advanced his men approximately half the distance before the unit was pinned down by heavy automatic weapons and mortar fire. Rallying his men, he led them in a determined bayonet charge. He was the first to reach the communist emplacement and wipe out the enemy's machine gun nest. His dramatic actions, running and dodging, firing his carbine, and throwing grenades with either hand, so inspired his men that they resolutely followed him to capture the first objective. Personal kills registered for this action were: one 120 mm mortar, one machine gun, seven automatic rifles and scores of small arms. When darkness came he maintained an all night vigil while continually exposing himself to a hail of incoming fire. By morning he had reorganized his men and, despite stubborn and fanatical resistance, began to push to the crest of the hill. Throughout the 1200 meters of the route of advance, he displayed great heroism and dogged determination to succeed and encouraged his men by his own example to continue up the slope in the face of overwhelming odds.



**First Lieutenant Carl Dodd**  
Company E, 5th Regimental Combat Team  
(Attached to the 24th Infantry Division)



### *The Medal Of Honor*

The Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award for military valor, is given to those who have acted with supreme courage and total disregard for their own safety in the face of most hazardous conditions. It is an award that only a comparative handful of men in the world are entitled to wear. It is bestowed by act of Congress and reflects Democracy's gratitude to those who, in moments of uncommon risk, offered everything they had in its defense, including life itself. The medal is but a humble token, a gesture of recognition for sacrifices which cannot be repaid to its honored holders, or their survivors, in worldly goods.



CARL H. DODD

by Edwin C. Lundquist

(I don't intend to try to embellish any of the stories which the media put out in the newspapers. I have included everything that we could get, plus the photo which I had permission to take for the Newsletter. What follows is a simple statement of my own that should amply describe the feelings of Col. Bill Conger and Col. Lucien Rawls, both officers who were company commanders of "E" Company when Carl H. Dodd was a Platoon Leader. Col. Rawls having the distinction of being the C.O. When Carl earned his M.H.)

I arrived in Corbin, KY at 1:06 pm on October 16, 1996 for what I considered to be the most solemn mission of my life. To be present at the interment of the mortal remains of a man that needs no introduction to men of the 5th Regimental Combat Team, Major Carl H. Dodd.

Whatever distinction that it may hold for myself, I made the trek up that hill with other men of my platoon, and I remember in vivid detail many of the actions which occurred that day. The machine gun nest that Carl took out, at one point in the action, nearly took my life. I had purposely exposed myself to it's fire so that someone could figure out where it was. That's what being young does ...you do seemingly stupid things when ordered to do so, without regard to what they may mean to you personally.

That was the kind of man Carl Dodd was. War was a job to him and he felt personally obligated to do his job to the best of his ability. I am singly proud to have been in the same organization with him, and like many of the 5th RCT men, I regret not one day of service in it. Ret'd Cols Conger and Rawls, whom I also served under, provided moral support for Libbie Rose Dodd all during her ordeal of Carl's passing. The entire family and community took the loss they sustained at his demise very deeply. The Honor Guard and Firing Squad Detail from Ft. Campbell's 101st Abn. Div. did an outstanding job. True to his very last wish, immediately following the rendering of TAPS, the bugler sounded Reveille. The entire route from the entrance of the Memorial Park was lined with Standard Bearers for the local ROTC units of all branches of the services. You could tell that they were very proud of their mission that day. The Chaplain was a 2nd WW Veteran who followed a calling to teach the gospel upon his discharge from the service after the war. He had met Carl in the VA Hospital in Lexington and became very attached to the family. The local Masonic Lodge, to which Carl belonged, provided a Masonic Burial Ritual at the Chapel in the funeral home the evening before. Truly inspiring. If I have slighted or forgotten anyone in this short dissertation, I apologize. I was a bit overcome with the occasion myself and many things may not have been mentioned because I had not been aware of them.

# Corbin's Carl Dodd, who received Medal of Honor, dies at 71

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Carl H. Dodd, who as a young Army lieutenant in the Korean War won the nation's highest military award for his actions in capturing a hill, has died. He was 71.

Dodd, a Harlan County native who lived in Corbin, died Sunday at a veterans hospital in Lexington.

Dodd received the Medal of Honor for his actions Jan. 30 and 31, 1951, near Subuk, Korea. During the fighting for the hill, which was occupied by Chinese and North Korean soldiers, Dodd single-handedly charged a machine-gun nest, killing or wounding all of its defenders.

"Carl literally led the attack and the assault across the ridge line," said retired Col. Lucian R. Rawls Jr. of Columbia, S.C., who recommended that Dodd receive the Medal of Honor.

He said Dodd killed dozens of enemy soldiers, who outnumbered the Americans 3 to 1.

"According to the citation, Dodd inspired his men after they initially faltered under fire from a well-armed and well-camouflaged enemy. He moved at the head of his platoon, firing his rifle and throwing grenades.

Dodd retired from the Army as a major in 1965 after serving more than 21 years.

"The only thing that he would tell me about the ... Medal of Honor, when he won it, was that he had a lot of help. He also said he considered it a job to do," said his son, Carl H. "Skip" Dodd Jr. of Corbin.

"He was one of the rare infantry soldiers that is able to take command in the firefight and understand what's going on," said retired Col. Bill Conger of Birmingham, Ala., Dodd's former company commander, who was wounded just before Dodd's heroic actions.

"Dodd was all fired up when I last saw him on that hill. It takes a man of unusual ability to live in a combat environment and have presence of mind to do what he did. ... Once he had done this, he didn't like to talk about it."

Dodd was born at Cote in Harlan County, the son of Edward and Ruby Eagle Dodd.

He enlisted in the Army in 1943. He was discharged in March 1946 with the rank of sergeant. He re-enlisted in



1951 FILE PHOTO

Lt. Carl H. Dodd wore the Medal of Honor after it was presented to him in the White House by President Harry Truman.

September 1946 despite a foot problem, which his wife, Libbie Rose Dodd, said he developed while training troops during his first Army stint.

He won a Silver Star, the third-highest military honor, and other decorations before winning the Medal of Honor. He received a battlefield commission as a second lieutenant and became a first lieutenant just a few days before his platoon took the Korean hill.

After leaving the Army, Dodd spent several years working for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

He also devoted much time to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Lexington and its patients.

He was called on from time to time to talk to schoolchildren about his military service, but he usually just answered their questions, said Libbie Dodd, who described her husband as a "very humble, soft-spoken individual."

Dodd was one of two Medal of Honor winners living in Kentucky. The other is Don Jenkins of Morgantown, said Michael Williams, director of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society.

In addition to his wife and son, Dodd is survived by another son, David Dodd of Liberty, Ind.; a daughter, Lorana Woodall of Austin, Texas; three brothers; four sisters; and eight grandchildren.

His funeral will be at 1 p.m. tomorrow at Corbin Funeral Home, with burial in Cumberland Memorial Gardens at Lily. Visitation will be after 6 p.m. today.

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Deceased	Last Name	First Name	Street	City	State	Zip
3/96	Dillon	Paul I.	5055 S. Main	Flanagan	IL	61740
12/96	Dodd	Carl H.	12 Mill Creek Road	Corbin	Ky	40701-9186
Unknown	Dodge	Charles W	50 East St	Ipswich	MA	01938-2253
12/96	Eldridge	John	7311 Fireside Dr	Port Richey	FL	34668
5/96	Ewart	Maurice W.	939 Imperial Ct	Baltimore	MD	21227-3408
9/96	Haller	Allen R	PO Box 39378	Tacoma	WA	98439-0378
4/96	Hellman	Jack W.	5401 W. 25th St	Topeka	KS	66614-1622
Unknown	Kuper	Harold W.	PO Box 154	Ree Heights	SD	57371-0154
11/96	McCaulley	Arthur	PO Box 1223	Wykoff	MN	55990-9730
9/94	Perkins	Keith E.	26 Wren Circle	Packford	IL	61107-4848
10/96	Pettibone	Robert	6000 E Brundage Ln	Bakersfield	CA	93307-2332
9/95	Pisarek	Edmund P.	PO Box 40278	Reno	NV	89504-4278
10/96	Pittman	Wendell K.		Balko	OK	
12/96	Slataper	William M.	663 Sulphur St	Houston	TX	77034-1322
Unknown	Weber	Col Frederick R.		Lumber Bridge	NC	28357
9/95	Welden	Rose	140 Gould St.	Corry	PA	16407

## In Loving Memory

Major Carl H. Dodd, Retired, U.S. Army

Address: 12 Mill Creek Road, Corbin, Kentucky 40701

Date of Birth: April 21, 1925 • Place of Birth: Coates, Kentucky

Date of Death: October 13, 1996 • Place of Death: Lexington, Kentucky

Year of Army Entry: 1943 • Year of Retirement: 1963

After retiring from the Army, Mr. Dodd spent several years working for the U.S. Department of Agriculture

Preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Ruby (Eagle) Dodd. He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Virgil and James; and two sisters, Ozinia and Catherine.

He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Libbie (Rose) Dodd. They celebrated their wedding anniversary on October 4.

Two sons: Carl H. "Skip" Dodd, Jr. and his wife Patsy of Keavy, Indiana  
David Dodd and his wife, Demetra of Liberty, Indiana

His daughter: Lorana "Loni" Dodd Woodall of Austin, Texas

Eight grandchildren: Steven Michael Woodall, Robbie Wilson and his wife Becky, Rebecca Wilson, Devin and Dasha Dodd (twins), Dean Dodd, Dereck and Danessa Dodd (twins)

He is also survived by:

Three brothers: Earl Dodd and Family of Houston, Texas, Bobby Dodd and Family of Covington, Kentucky and Eddie Dodd and Family of Cincinnati, Ohio

Four sisters: Anzel Cooper and Family of Cincinnati, Ohio, Vyitrella Scott and Family of Cincinnati, Ohio, Della Shelly and Family of Cleves, Ohio and Marilene Newhouse and Family of Woodstock, Georgia

and numerous other relatives and friends.



## Charles W. Dodge, 69

### Retired from General Dynamics

IPSWICH Charles W. Dodge, 69, of 50 East St., died late Thursday morning in Cable Emergency Center, Ipswich, following complications of an extended illness. He was the husband of Charlotte L. (Perry) Dodge, with whom he shared 44 years.

He was born in Ipswich on Feb. 25, 1927, and was the son of the late Clifton W. and Adelaide G. (Day) Dodge. He was educated in Ipswich public schools.

He enlisted in the Army and served as an infantryman with the occupational forces in Japan at the end of World War II.

Following his training at Utilities Engineering Institute in Chicago, he went to work as a machinist at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. He was later employed by General Dynamics in Groton, Conn., and Quincy. He retired from Portsmouth Shipyard in 1993.

He was an avid reader of history and enjoyed home woodworking, vegetable gardening, hunting and his Brittany Spaniel "Rusty."

He was a member of Ipswich V.F.W., Post No. 1093, Ipswich Fish and Game Club, Dodge Family Association, the 34th Infantry Regiment and the 24th Infantry Division Association. He was formerly

a sergeant with Ipswich Auxiliary Police Department and he served many years with Troop No. 1, Boy Scouts Committee. He was also a longtime member of Ascension Memorial Church, where he had been vestry man, usher and member of various committees.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Stephen M. and Charles E. Dodge, both of Ipswich; a daughter, Cathryn Sylvester Thornton, N.H.; three grandchildren, Lauren Bresnahan of Ipswich, and Jennifer and David Bresnahan, both of Thornton, N.H.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was the brother of the late Herbert H. Dodge, formerly of South Hampton, N.H.

His funeral service will be held on Monday at 10 a.m. in Ascension Memorial Church, County Road 1, Ipswich, followed by a burial in Highland Cemetery, Ipswich. Family and friends are invited to attend. Visiting hours are Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the Whittier-Porter Funeral Home, High St., Ipswich, with a veterans service by V.F.W. No. 1093 at 7 p.m.

Contributions may be made in his name to any charity.



MAJ. JACK W. HELLMAN 78, Div. Hqrs '41-'46 passed away April 26, 1996. Life Member X. He survived WWII and the 84 fire in the Philippines. He was proud of his service in the 24th

*Reported by his widow Mary Hellman, 5401 S.W. 25th St. Topeka, Ka. 66614-1622.*

## Paul I. Dillon

FLANAGAN — The funeral for Paul I. Dillon, 79, of Flanagan, will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Flanagan. Rev. Robert F. Gilles officiating.

Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flanagan, where military rites will be accorded.

Friends may call for one hour before the service Monday at the church. Duffy Funeral Home, Pontiac, is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Dillon died at 4:45 a.m. Friday, March 8, 1996, at his home.

He was born May 21, 1916, at Flanagan, a son of James and Elizabeth (Walsh) Dillon. He married Loretto G. Dinan Nov. 1957, at Philadelphia, Pa. She survives.

Also surviving are a sister, Mary Scanlon of Chicago, and nephews and a niece.

A brother preceded him in death.

Mr. Dillon was a graduate of Flanagan grade and high school, Brown Business College, Bloomington, and Illinois State Normal University. He was a marketing specialist for Armour & Co., C. Mayer & Co., and the State of Illinois Division of Marketing Department of Agriculture, retiring in 1982.

He served with the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of Flanagan American Legion Post 456.

He also was a member of the American Association of Retirees and St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Flanagan.

His family suggests memorials be made to his church, or to the Flanagan Ambulance Service.

A graveside service was Wednesday, Oct. 16, in Lebanon, Pa.

## Robert Pettibone

LIBERTY — Former Liberty resident Robert Pettibone, 75, of Bakersfield, Calif., died Friday, Oct. 11, 1996.

He was born March 4, 1921, in Indianapolis.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include a daughter, Vicki Rilla Pettibone of Oklahoma City, Okla.; a sister, Martha Robinson of Richmond; and a brother, Arthur Pettibone of California.

Service will be Sunday, Oct. 20, in Bakersfield, Calif., where he will be buried on Monday, Oct. 21.

Arrangements are being handled by Hopson-Anspach Family Mortuary in Bakersfield.

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James Partman 24th Ord. Non-member of Chattering Oh. passed away. Nov

# 24th Infantry Division Association



19 December 1996

Mr Joseph R LaPalm  
135 Country Villas Dr  
Safety Harbor FL 34695-4705

Dear Joe,

In response to your letter of 9 December 1996 concerning the Presidential Unit Citation (PUC) on the cover of the TARO LEAF the following information is provided.

The entire 24th Infantry Division and the attached 441st Counter-Intelligence Corps Team was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation "for extraordinary heroism in combat against numerically superior enemy forces in Korea" by Department of the Army General Order Nr. 45, 1950.

The award is for actions of the Division and the 441st CCI Team for the period 2 July to 15 September 1950. If you served with the division at any time during the listed dates you are eligible to wear the PUC on your uniform. If you did serve with the division at that time your military records should reflect the award. If your records do not show the award you can have the award entered by citing the General Order and furnishing documentation (your DD 214 or other) showing that you served during the time cited.

If I can be of any further assistance please contact me at any time. It is always a privilege to assist a former member of the 19th Infantry in any way I can.

Sincerely

JAMES F. HILL  
Hdqs Co, 1st Bn  
19th Infantry  
1949-51

## 24th Inf. Div. Medal of Honor Winners



*Pictured here is the Congressional Medal of Honor, awarded to soldiers, sailors and Marines who in action involving conflict with an enemy, distinguish themselves conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty. It is the highest military decoration of the U. S. armed forces.*

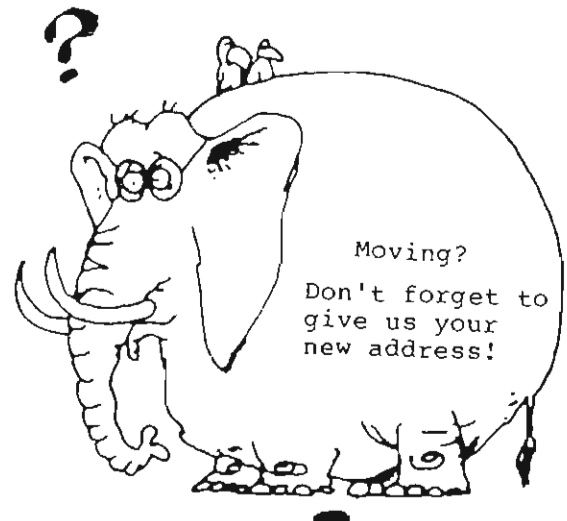
### WORLD WAR II

- \*Pfc James H. Diamond, Co. D, 21st Inf., New Orleans, La.
- \*Pvt Harold H. Moon, Co. G, 31th Inf., Albuquerque, N. Mex.
- \*Sgt. Charles E. Mower, Co. A, 31th Inf., Chippewa Falls, Wis.

### KOREA

- M/Sgt. Stanley Adams, Co. A, 19th Inf., Olathe, Kans.
- \*SFC Nelson V. Brittin, Co. I, 19th Inf., Audubon, N. J.
- Major Gen. William F. Dean, CG, Berkeley, Calif.
- Lt. Carl Dodd, 5th RCT, 24th Inf. Div., Kenvin, Ky.
- \*M/Sgt. Ray E. Duke, Co. C, 21st Inf., Tenn.
- \*M/Sgt. M. O. Handrich, 5th RCT, 31th Inf. Div., Monawa, Wis.
- \*Pfc Mack A. Jordan, Co. K, 21st Inf., Collins, Miss.
- \*Sgt. Geo. D. Libby, Co. C, 3rd Eng. Bn., Casen, Mo.
- \*Cpl. Mitchell Red Cloud Jr., Co. E, 19th Inf., Friendship, Wis.

*\* Posthumous award*



# UNIT HISTORIES



A Brief History of the 63rd Field Artillery Battalion  
from 1 October 1941 to February 1954

## 63RD FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

On a shield of the colors, artillery scarlet, is superimposed the head of Kamachamcha, an ancient Hawaiian warrior and founder of the Hawaiian Kingdom. This signifies the birthplace of the Battalion on the Island of Oahu.

Bisecting the artillery colors, a blue band denotes the Battalion Korean service. The gold ribbons bordering the colors are taken from the coat of arms of the 42nd Coastal Artillery, one of the parents of the 63rd.

Motto of the Battalion is "Hanau Ia Noke Kaua" (Born to Battle) Nickname of the unit is the "Vagabonds."

The 63rd Field Artillery Battalion, like the 52nd, is of the younger generation of Division Artillery. Organization Day for the 63rd was the same as that of the 24th Division itself, 1 October 1941. When Pearl Harbor was attacked on 7 December 1941 the Battalion was stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. One member of the 63rd was killed and another wounded by Japanese attackers that day. The men of the 63rd, from that early date, had a score to settle with the Japanese.

While the 24th Division was stationed in the northern sector of Oahu, personnel of the 63rd were occupied with intensive training. Then followed a period in Australia, during which the 63rd was equipped and trained for jungle and amphibious operations. With members of the other field artillery battalions, they attended two month courses at the Amphibious Training Center at Toorbul Point.

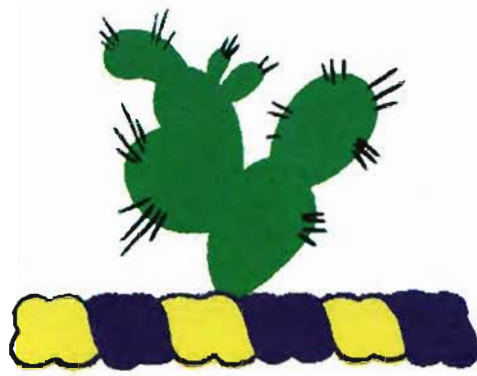
The 63rd was in reserve status during the initial stages of the Tanahmerah Bay operation. When Hollandia, the airbase objective, was captured the 63rd was the first artillery unit to set up positions and fire from that location. In June and July of 1944 the 63rd was committed to battle with the 34th Infantry Regiment on Biak Island. This was followed by action on Leyte, again in support of the 34th. Here the Battalion's operations were seriously hampered by poor and nonexistent roads and thick jungles.

The 63rd next gave the 34th a big assist in the campaign for Leyte. The howitzers of the Battalion were in a large part responsible for the recapture of Bataan. Action on Mindoro and finally on Mindanao followed. After the war ended the 63rd accompanied the 24th Division to Japan for occupation duty. On 25 June 1950, the date the North Korean aggressor crossed the 38th Parallel, the Battalion was stationed at Kyushu.

The 63rd was first committed in the Korean conflict as a supporting element of the 34th Regiment in actions at Pyongyang and Chonan. On 14 July the Battalion, which had been gravely reduced in the preceding battles, was overrun in its positions along the Kum River and had to fight its way out of encirclement. Again at Taejon the Battalion met an overwhelming foe and, although it inflicted many casualties, it was again put into direct hand-to-hand combat.

Until 26 August the 63rd continued to support the 34th. At this point in the conflict the Battalion, greatly understrength in personnel and short of material, was taken off line to be reorganized. In December the 63rd Field returned to Camp Zama, Japan. The 63rd's second Korean tour came in August of 1951. Personnel and equipment were transferred to the 69th Field Artillery Battalion and the 63rd again went to Japan, this time on paper and when the 24th Division arrived in Japan in February of 1952, the Battalion rejoined it.

Returning to Korea with the Division, the 63rd fired the last shots of the 24th Division against the enemy. On 2 July the 63rd went north to join the I Corps Artillery. Later, in support of I Corps, the Battalion closed the war with rounds hurled at the enemy. Following the truce, the Battalion was stationed successively in Masan, Pohangdong and Tongnae. In February of 1954 the Battalion, with the 24th Division, moved north to occupy positions well above the 38th Parallel.



## **"Toujours In Evant"**

A Brief History of the 34th Infantry Regiment  
from October 1941 to February 1954

### **34TH INFANTRY REGIMENT**

On a field of blue, the Infantry color, appear the crosses of Lorraine. The Regiment was cited during World War I and given the Battle Honors of Lorraine by the French Government. The crosses are in commemoration of the Regiment's valiant service. The brick wall shown in the upper left indicates German resistance in battle, and the break in the wall denotes the crumbling of that resistance by the might of the Regiment.

The Maltese Cross seen through the wall indicates that the enemy was German. The cross in this insignia is white, signifying surrender. The green cactus on a wreath of the colors commemorates Texas, the birthplace of the Regiment. The motto of the Regiment in "Toujours en Avant" - "Always in Front." Members of the Regiment have nicknamed themselves the "Dragons."



The 34th Infantry Regiment is the youngest of the three in the 24th Infantry Division, but its history in 38 years of existence is filled with noteworthy achievements. Organized under an Act of Congress of 3 June 1916, the new Regiment was assembled at El Paso, Texas during the following August. Initial assignments included guard duty on the Mexican border and the training of National Guard units. At the outbreak of World War I, the 34th was assigned to the 7th Division and sailed for France in August, 1918. In the closing days of that war the Regiment was moved into the Puvionelle sector in France, where its men fought with great valor. For this and subsequent action against the Germans the Regiment was cited by the French Government with the Battle Honors of Lorraine.

Following the signing of the Armistice the 34th remained in Germany as part of the occupation army until June, 1919. Upon returning to the United States the Regiment was equipped and organized as the first motorized infantry regiment in the Army. Constant training and experimentation followed and during the Carolina maneuvers of 1941, the 34th was selected as the outstanding regiment participating in the full-scale operation. On 7 December 1941 the Regiment was preparing to move to the Philippines. The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor that day changed this plan and the 34th sailed to Hawaii instead. Arriving at Oahu on 21 December, the Regiment was first attached to the Hawaiian Department Reserve which, at the time, was engaged in setting up island defenses. On 12 June 1943 the 34th supplanted the 298th Infantry Regiment as a member of the 24th Infantry Division. The newly assigned Regiment went with the Division to Australia and later joined in the Tanahmerah Bay Operation. During the actual campaign the Regiment was in task force reserve but assisted in mop-up operations after the objective, Hollandia Airbase, had been seized. Shortly after this initial success as a part of the 24th Division, the 34th Regiment was attached to the 41st Division for the thrust into Biak Island. After a two day crushing drive, the Sorido and Boroke Airbases were captured by the 34th. The first true test of the 34th came at Leyte in the battle for liberation of the Philippines. Spearheading the Division's rapid thrust across the island, the 34th remained in constant contact with the enemy for a period of 75 consecutive days. It was on Kilay Ridge that the heroic action of the Regiment's 1st Battalion won it the Distinguished Unit Citation. For three weeks this battalion held the tactically important ridge against numerous fierce attacks by the Japanese.

In January, 1945 the 34th was attached to the 38th Division for the Luzon engagement, where an unopposed landing was made north of San Miguel. The remainder of the struggle in the vicinity of Subic Bay, however, was extremely bitter. In one battle of this fight for Bataan, F Company suffered more than 90 casualties in one day. Later the Regiment experienced equally tough going at Zig Zag Pass. Subsequently the 34th was in a large part responsible for the recapture of Corregidor. In relentless heat the men of the Regiment climbed the cliff-like hills and literally dug the Japanese out of their entrenched fortifications. The 34th Regiment joined the 24th Division again for the final battle on Mindanao. Here they ably assisted in the capture of the island.

The Regiment went with the 24th Division next for five years of occupation duty in Japan. On 25 June 1950 it was stationed at Camp Mower near Sasebo, Kyushu. In the early days of the Korean action, the 34th Regiment bore the brunt of the overwhelming communist onslaught. On 6 July 1950 the Regiment engaged in a brief but bloody battle with the Communists just north of Chonan. Again at Chonan the Regiment suffered heavy losses delaying the red advance. At the Kum River the story was repeated and in Taejon the Regiment fought a bitter delaying action to cover the withdrawal of other United Nations troops. Severely reduced in strength by its heroic delaying actions, the 34th was reduced to zero strength and transferred on paper back to Japan. There the Regiment was stationed successively at Camp Zama and Fuji, protecting the center portion of Honshu Island and maintaining combat readiness.

With the 24th return to Korea, the 34th Regiment became responsible for the forward end of the processing of prisoners of war being repatriated. At the close of Operation Big Switch, the Regiment moved south to set up headquarters in Pusan. In January most of the 34th again went north to act as security for those Chinese anti-Communist prisoners who elected not to return to China. As "Task Force Olson" the 34th escorted the freed prisoners from the Demilitarized Zone to Inchon, where they boarded ships for Formosa. After completing this the Regiment returned to its stations in the south. In March and April of 1954 the 34th Regiment joined the 24th Division in its new area north of the 38th Parallel, a position it presently occupies.



A Brief History of  
The 6th Tank Battalion (Medium)

**THE 6TH TANK BATTALION**

The 6th Tank Battalion is one of the few present day tank battalions whose histories date from the first tank units in the American Army. In 1918 the ancestor units of the 6th Tank Battalion, then part of the 304th and 305th Tank Brigades, spearheaded the American offensives that successfully crushed German resistance at Somme, St. Mihiel, and Meuse-Argonne.

The Ancestor units of the 6th Tank Battalion were among the few armored units that weathered the storm of the 1920's and 1930's, when, as a result of the National Defense Act of 1920, the operation of tanks was assigned to the infantry with the idea that tank operation would always be subordinate to that of the infantry. However, in 1940 when the full importance of armor was recognized and the organization of an armored force was undertaken, the infantry-tank regiments, which had been organized between 1920 and 1940, became armored regiments and were assigned to the newly organized armored divisions.



Left to Right: Bottom Row; Tech/Sgt. Hockenson (MA) Tank Commander, #32 Tank; Pfc. Kemp. (Ohio) Bow Gunner, Tank 31; [Unknown]; Pfc. Brown (Ohio) Leader, Tank 31; Capt. John McCreary (Fla) Company Commander; Nov. 50-Mar 51; 1st Lt. David Teich (CO) Platoon Leader, Dec. 50-Sept 51; [3 Unknown]; Second Row; [Unknown] Third Row; [2 Unknown]; S/Sgt. Bailey, (GA) Driver Tank 31; Tech/Sgt. Russell Herndon, (Ind.) Tank Commander, Tank 33; M/Sgt. William "Bill" Monneyhan, (CA) TC & Platoon Sgt., Tank 34; Tech/Sgt. Rice, Tank Commander, Tank 35; [Unknown]; Staff/Sgt. Ramos, (Brooklyn, NYC) Gunner Tank 31; [Unknown]





1st Lt. David Teich, Platoon Leader, 3rd Platoon and Capt. John McCreary, Company Commander, Co. "C" - 6th Tank Bn., April 1951



Captain Paul Blaine McDaniel, Company Commander, Co. "C", 6th Tank and 1st Lt. David Teich, Platoon Leader, 3rd Platoon, Co. "C", 6th Tank - Capt. McDaniel was CO from about June 1951-October 1951.



1st Lt. David Teich, Pointing to "Cora G" - Name of Tank 31.



M/Sgt. William "Bill" Monneyhan with his Tank 34 Tank Crew.





Left to Right: Bottom Row; M/Sgt. William "Bill" Monneyhan, (CA) Platoon Sgt., Tank 34; Pfc. Kemp, (Ohio), Bow Gunner, Tank 31; [Unknown]; Pfc. Brown, (Ohio), Loader, Tank 31; Tech/Sgt. Rice, Tank Commander, Tank 35; [next 4 Unknown]; S/Sgt. Ramos, (Brooklyn, NYC) Gunner, Tank 31. Top Row: [4 Unknown]; S/Sgt. Bailey, (GA), Driver Tank 31; [5 Unknown]

Two of the ancestor units of the 6th Tank Battalion, the 66th and 67th Armored Regiments, were assigned to the 2nd Armored Division. The 2nd Armored Division made its initial entry into WW II with its assault landings at Fedala, Port Trunty, and Safi in French Morocco. The Division swept through Africa, assaulted Sicily; and in 1944 pushed through Normandy, entered Central Europe, and at the end of the War was deep into Germany.

For its participation in these actions the 2nd Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment, immediate predecessor of the 6th Tank Battalion was awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation and during the campaigns on the mainland of Europe added five battle stars to the European Theater Ribbon. The streamers placed on the Battalion colors for these actions are embroidered: "Normandy", "Northern France", "Rhineland", "Ardennes-Alsace", and "Central Europe".

On March 25, 1946, the 2nd Armored Division, then stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, was reorganized. The companies of the 6th Tank Battalion were formed from several elements of the 66th and 67th Armored Regiments. Gradually the Battalion was brought to zero strength except for Headquarters Company, which carried one officer and one enlisted man. The 6th Tank Battalion was redesignated the 6th Medium Tank Battalion on 20 September, 1948.

On January 31, 1949, the 6th Medium Tank Battalion was reactivated. It was at this time that Headquarters and Headquarters Company was consolidated with Service Company and re-designated Headquarters Headquarters and Service Company. The Battalion immediately began to receive personnel to bring it to operating strength and entered an intensive training program. In mid July, 1950, the 6th Medium Tank Battalion was alerted to move to Korea and on August 7 landed at Pusan, Korea.

On 26 August the Battalion moved to the front of the Pusan Perimeter in the vicinity of Kyong-san, was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, and then attached to the 24th Infantry Division. From this point onward the 6th Medium Tank Battalion was called upon to provide support across the entire Eighth Army front.

On the breakout from the Pusan Perimeter the Battalion followed generally the route from Taegu to Taejon to Seoul. The companies were detached at various times to different regiments of the 24th Division and to the 27th British Commonwealth Brigade. At Seoul the Battalion was split, units being assigned to the various regiments; and on October 19, 1950, elements of the 6th Tank Battalion became the first American unit to enter the North Korean Capital of Pyongyang.

From Pyongyang elements of the Battalion, pointing for the various infantry regiments, established a bridgehead across the Chonchon River at Anju and then moved west toward Chonju. The remainder of the Battalion moved with the 1st ROK Division toward Unsan, but 14 miles south of the Yalu River they encountered a new foe; the Chinese Armies had entered the Korean conflict. Orders were received to withdraw to the Chonchon River Bridgehead.

After the initial shock of the attacking Chinese had been absorbed, the Battalion pointing for the infantry regiments, moved forward again, but soon received orders to withdraw south to the Han River. At Seoul the Battalion, after receiving replacements tanks was attached to the 27th British Commonwealth Brigade with orders to hold Seoul until the remaining units of the Eighth River; the last American Unit to move out of the South Korean Capital of Seoul. In early February the French Battalion was cut off at Chipyeong-ni and the 5th Cavalry RCT with "D" Company, 6th Tank Battalion attached, formed a task force to go to their assistance. Company "D" spearheaded the task force and broke through the Communists' lines to rescue the encircled Battalion. For this action Company "D" was awarded the Distinguished Unit Streamer, embroidered "Koksu-ri".

During March the Battalion continued to patrol the front and in April participated in the repulsing of the Chinese Counter Offensive. From May to August the Battalion participated in light actions across the front while truce negotiations were gotten underway, and in September pointed for the UN Offensive. During October the Battalion continued to push northward until truce negotiations were resumed.

In November the Battalion was relieved of its assignment to the 1st Cavalry Division and assigned to the 24th Infantry Division by General Order 833, Headquarters EUSAK. The same order redesignated the 6th Medium Tank Battalion as the 6th Tank Battalion (Medium). Company "D" was deactivated and each company was organized as a tank company (medium) with four platoons each in place of three platoons as under the medium tank battalion organization. The Battalion continued on the same mission. Counter-attack plans were formulated and rehearsed, and the raids into Communists' territory continued with full force.

In late January, 1952, the official order was passed out that the 24th Infantry Division would return to Japan. The Battalion turned over all its equipment to the 140th Tank Battalion and was relieved of its mission in February. On February 4, 1952, the Battalion embarked on the USNS George Clyner and entered Yokohama harbor on February 8, 1952. Since the 6th Tank Battalion has been in Japan its mission has changed from closing with the enemy to one of intensive training. The mission at the present time is to bring the Battalion up to the near perfect standards of its predecessors in order that it may continue its splendid record whenever and wherever it may be committed against the enemies of the United States.

*To the Members of the 6th Tank Battalion*

*The 6th Tank Battalion has acquitted itself in a highly commendable manner in the Korean conflict and as a member of the Security Forces in Japan. Through your efforts it has measured up to past achievements.*

*Our present mission is of the utmost importance and all of us must realize the need to become a highly trained, physically tough, hard hitting unit. This means a constant striving toward improvement in both training and maintenance of weapons, vehicles, and equipment, a goal that is assured by the pride we all have in being members of this Battalion.*

*Our heritage is illustrious. Our job is to keep that heritage ever bright and keep faith with those who have preceded us.*

*I congratulate you all on the efforts you have put forth.*

EUGENE J. WHITE  
Lt. Col.     Armor  
Commanding





(Above) Even the relatively light M-24 could cause the primitive Korean roads to collapse. This tank from the 24th Reconnaissance Company, 24th Infantry Division, sits in a ditch after the shoulder of the road gave away under it. Because of the cramped interior of the M-24 the crew was forced to carry most items of personnel gear on the outside of the tank. (US Army)



An M-24, with the remains of a cat head on its front armor plate, advances along a road in the area around Seoul. Since most crews climbed aboard their tanks on the front armor plate, these heads were soon worn off and few crews had either the time or paint to redo them. (US Army)

This gaudily painted M-46 helps pull out a sister tank mired in the mud near the town of Chongpyong. The primitive road network in Korea made difficult going, even for tracked vehicles, particularly when they became muddy. These tanks are from the 6th Battalion of the 24th Infantry Division. (US Army)



## DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered NORMANDY (2d Bn, 66th Armored Regt cited for action 26 Jul-1 Aug 1944 in France; WD GO 82, 1945)

French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II, Streamer embroidered ST LO (2d Bn, 66th Armored Regt cited for period 20 Jul-12 Aug 1944 in France; DA GO 43, 1950)

Belgian Fourragere 1940 (66th Armored Regt cited; DA GO 43, 1950)

Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action in BELGIUM (66th Armored Regt cited for action on 2 September 1944 in Belgium; DA GO 43, 1950)

Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action in the ARDENNES (66th Armored Regt cited for period 21-28 Dec 1944 in Belgium; DA GO 43, 1950)

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered KOREA (6th Tank Bn cited for period 28 Jan-3 Feb 1952; DA GO 50, 1954)

## COAT OF ARMS

**SHIELD:** Tierced in pale reversed gules, azure and or; in chief a label of three points argent; on dexter side an Inescutcheon of the second Imbricated, seme-de-lis, overall a saltire, all of the last; a bordure argent.

**CREST:** On a wreath of the three colors a wyvern without wings sinister couchant regardant argent, grasping in its dexter claw a pine tree inverted and eradicated proper; on its neck a label of three points azure.

**MOTTO:** We Say We Do.

The crest which is the same as that of the former 66th Armored Regiment, and the shield, differenced by the addition of a silver border, represent descent from that organization with its World War I history.

## DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms. The sample of the insignia was approved 14 May 1951.

## CAMPAIGN STREAMERS

### World War I

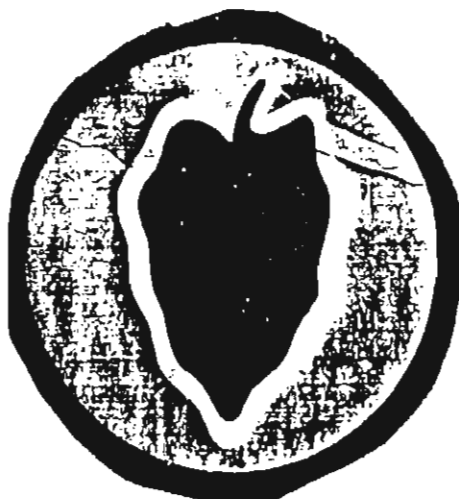
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Meuse-Argonne

### World War II

Algeria-French Morocco (with arrowhead)  
Sicily  
Normandy  
Northern France  
Rhine-land  
Ardennes-Alsace  
Central Europe

### Korean War

UN defensive  
UN offensive  
CCF Intervention  
First UN counteroffensive  
CCF spring offensive  
UN summer-fall offensive  
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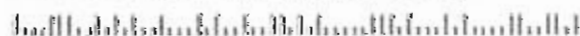


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