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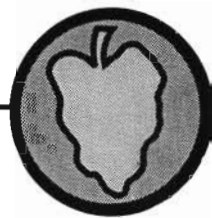
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**Commanding General
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5 October 1999

Dear Mr. Peters,

Corky, I wanted to thank you and all those involved for conducting a truly wonderful 24th Infantry Division convention. I know my wife and I had a grand time and I do believe all people in attendance were indeed enjoying themselves. I do appreciate the honor of being able to address the group. We are all so very happy that the colors of the 24th Infantry Division are flying again and back at a post where they have flown before.

It was a moving time for me to be able to visit with so many veterans of the 24th. Our country is strong today because of our great veterans with so many of them having served in our division. I understand these people do not seek attention for their deeds but our nation will always be in debt to them for their dedicated service at times when our country and world faced some very trying times.

I do want you and any former members of the division to feel free to come visit Fort Riley. We would love for people to see our historical post but more importantly for them to visit with our soldiers. We are very proud of them and I know our veterans are as well. These young people proudly serve because of those who went before them.

Sincerely,

Freddy E. McFarren
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding

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SECRETARY'S REPORT
JULY 31, 1999

The fiscal year for the 24th Infantry Division Association is from August 1, to July 31st each year. The annual report to the Association will be based on the fiscal year.

As of July 31, 1999 we had 3085 members on the rolls. We had 236 new members and were notified of 70 deaths that were forwarded to the Chaplain. In October we will be sending out past due letters to members who are in arrears. Those members who are still past due should be dropped from the rolls.

1610	Paying Annually
29	Associate Members Paying Annually
18	Associate Life Members
1	Associate Member Making Life Payments
77	Complimentary Members
1	Life Comp Member
789	Lifex(\$100) Members
469	Lifexx(\$150) Members
90	Life Members Making Installment Payments
1	Honorary Member
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3085	Total Membership

We sent out News Releases to every member who paid their dues and asked them to notify their local newspapers that we are looking for anyone who served in the 24th Infantry Division. The response was overwhelming and we can attribute the increase of the new members to our dedicated members who so willingly took the time to see that this advertisement was placed in their local papers. We had 66 members who recruited new members and the top recruiter was Wally Kuhner with 27. Congratulations Wally! We appreciate all of you who recruited new members and it is great to know the 24th Infantry Division Association is alive and well.

Every person who wrote for information on the Association was sent a letter, application form and a past edition of the Taro Leaf magazine. If the person returned the application form and payment of dues, they were sent a membership card, letter and current edition of the Taro Leaf. Our membership chairman, Wally Kuhner, has done a tremendous job following up on past due members and persons who had previously inquired information on the Association.

The 1999 Raffle is already a tremendous success and tickets will still be available for purchase at the reunion in Tulsa with the drawing on Saturday, September 25 after the General Membership Meeting.

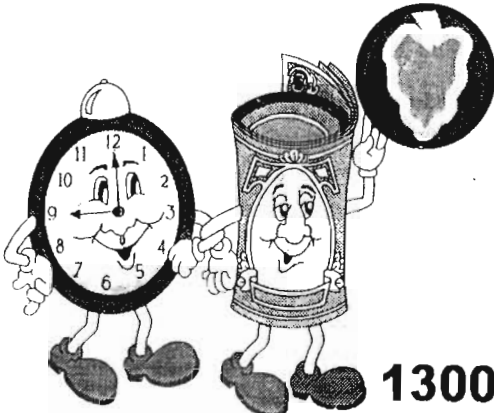
This past year has been a very challenging and rewarding one for Carla and I as your new Secretary/Treasurer. We owe many thanks to Vonnie who spent countless hours showing us the ropes. As well as everyone who sent a letter or phone call in support of our new position. Also to Corkey and Diane who kept us motivated and giving us that push every once and a while to keep us going (and like a good leader told us you have to crawl before you can run). With some new changes, hopefully all good ones, we now feel confident our performance will improve even more. And most of all to my wife Carla, who runs the day to day business of the Association. Without her, I would have had to resign due to new work demands and added hours.

It has truly been a pleasure being your Secretary/Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,



Will Schumaker



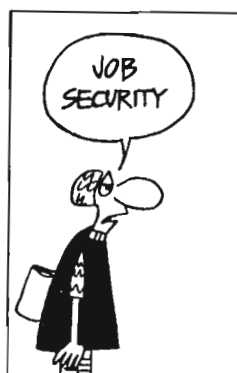
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Will Schumaker,
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THE WIZARD OF ID

By Parker and Hart



TREASURER'S REPORT
52ND ANNUAL REUNION
TULSA, OKLAHOMA
22-26 SEPTEMBER 1999

At the beginning of the fiscal year 1998-99 we had a CD of \$50,182.45. This CD has an interest of \$1,176.33 paid on 3/20/00. On 3/20/2000 the new balance is \$51,358.78.

\$50,182.45 CD@4.65 APR-General Fund, Matures 3/20/00

\$1,176.33 Projected Interest earned on CD at maturity

84.98 Interest earned on checking account

\$1,261.31 Total Interest earned for fiscal year 8/1/98 to 7/31/99

\$7,516.51 In checking account as of 7/31/99

The following information reflects the balance of the Editor's checking account.

\$270.15 Interest earned on checking account fiscal year 8/1/98 to 7/31/99

\$5,404.49 In checking account as of 7/31/99

\$10,556.24 CD in bank at Lake Ozark, MO. (This was \$10,000 bequeath received from the Kenwood Ross estate in September 1998.

Respectfully submitted,



Will Schumaker, Treasurer

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

By Dik Browne



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1999 Tulsa Reunion Acknowledgments

Special thanks to Vernon & Donna Clark, our on-site chairpersons, their support, help, and encouragement gave us the strength to keep going. Without their help this reunion could have never been the success it was. They went the extra mile to make sure that every detail was accomplished.

To Glen Carpenter for the moving Memorial Service he gave at the Memorial Banquet.

To Major General Freddie McFarren for being our Keynote speaker at the Memorial Banquet. Thank you!

To Francis Wittman for again, crocheting the afghan and pillow for the Ladies Breakfast, and for displaying and selling the Quartermaster's merchandise. Thank you.

To Rex & Vonnie Mullins for donating the quilt rack, in memory of Rudy Mullins. Thanks to both of you.

To the Adam's Mark Hotel and their entire staff, thank you for a job well done! Special thanks to Steve Harbour, convention services manager, through his efficiency and detailed planning, each event ran smoothly. He was a joy to work with.

To Mary King and the staff at the Tulsa Convention Bureau, they did a great job helping with on-site registrations during the reunion. Thank you!

My gratitude to Bob Lawhon for always lending a helping hand. Thank You!

To everyone who helped or offered to help prior to and during the reunion, I thank you. It takes countless hours to put on an event of this magnitude and everyone's help was appreciated.

To Jim Hill thank you for being our master of ceremonies at the Memorial Banquet, you were superb!

Last but not least, a big thank you to my wife, Diane, who kept this reunion organized and gave this event her complete attention and detail at all times. Believe me, this was a joint effort. I could not have done it without her. She was always there with her strength and support. Without her this reunion could never have been the success it was.

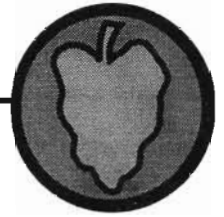
What makes a reunion successful is the membership. In my opinion we have the greatest group of men and women any organization could ever ask for. A special thank you to all the wives and guests who attended.

Thank you all!


Harold Peters

99 Reunion Chairperson

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all I would like to thank all of you for electing me for another one year term.

The reunion in Tulsa was a huge success! Old friends came together to catch up on old times and new friendships were made. Friendships that are made from military service are strong and long lasting. Over 300 members attended the event. We had a wonderful memorial service, and I believe that it is our solemn duty and privilege to devote a small part of our convention to the honorable memory of our fallen comrades in arms.

Diane and I would like to thank Vernon & Donna Clark for all the help they gave us as on-site co-chairpersons. I believe everything functioned like Clockwork. The only problems that I have heard about are in regard to the tours and the price of refreshments. For this, I apologize.

Harry Whittman, our Quartermaster, and his wife, Frannie, reported that this was the best sale they ever had at a reunion. Thank you both for all the hours you spent at the registration table.

The unit breakfasts were well attended and had excellent speakers.

I would like to give a great big thank you to Major General Freddie McFerran, Colonel Stephen Lutz, Command Sergeant Major Gerald Klein for the strong support they showed towards our Association. I would also like to thank Fort Riley for the Color Guard, and Fort Sill for supplying the bugler. Wasn't it great to see the Taro Leaf patch worn on an active duty soldier's uniform!

At the business meeting the membership voted to award three \$500.00 scholarships. This is the first time the Association has extended this kind of support. I would like to thank Robert H. Smith and Warren Avery, who each donated \$500.00 to the Scholarship Fund. The awardees are: Sylburn Peterkin, Bellerose, New York; Nathan William Bland, Trenton, Missouri; and Elisabeth A. Peters, Apopka, Florida. The checks were mailed this week along with congratulations from the Association. The Scholarship Fund is a program we hope to continue each year. If you would like to make a contribution to the Scholarship Fund, you can do so by mailing a check to Will Schumaker, Secretary/ Treasurer 24th IDA, 1300 East Hartley, Ozark, MO 65721-8437. You can make your check payable to the 24th Infantry Division Association Scholarship Fund.

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Some of our members have asked why we don't have our wives get more involved with the Association. Do any of you have any ideas or suggestions in regard to this matter? Please let me know.

Bob Smith, our new vice president, and I will be going to Covington, Kentucky, in a few weeks. We will be finalizing the year 2000 reunion. Bob will be in charge of the reunion in cooperation with William Kerns, the on-site chair. It takes a whole year to plan and set up a reunion so we are getting a good start.

Last but not least I would like to thank my wife, Diane who kept this reunion organized and gave this event her complete attention and detail at all times. She made sure that every special request was taken care of. Meal & tour tickets, badges, seating arrangements, and roll call booklets were put in each packet and explained to each member when they registered. If there were any problems, she took care of them immediately. Many attendees have written letters thanking her for her efficiency and for "pulling it all together."

Diane and I want to wish each one of you a very Happy Holiday and wonderful New Year!

In Camaraderie,


Harold "Corky" Peters



1999 – 2000

Association Officers and Past Presidents left to right: Wally Kuhner, Membership Chairman, Warren Avery, President '86-'87, Harold (Corky) Peters, Current President, Yvonne (Vonnice) Mullins, Editor Taro Leaf, Jim Hill, President '95-'96, Glen Carpenter, Chaplain and Will Schumaker, Secretary/Treasurer. Not pictured: Joe McKeon, Historian, Wesley Morrison, Reunion Coordinator and Harry Wittman, Quartermaster.

EDITOR'S REPORT 08/01/1998 – 07/31/1999

It has been a pleasure to serve as Editor of the Taro Leaf. I appreciate all of the articles and items that have been sent to me to use in our magazine. I am very happy to serve in this capacity and hope to further the aims of the 24th Infantry Division Association with each issue.



The December 1998 issue of the Taro Leaf	\$10,853.92
February 1999 issue of the Taro Leaf	\$ 6,112.15
May 1999 issue of the Taro Leaf	\$ 6,642.14

Total paid during fiscal year 08/01/1998 to 07/31/1999	\$23,608.21
August '99 issue paid 9/99	\$9,288.51

Cost of four issues 32,896.72
(This includes the bulk rate mailing)

There were 3200 Taro Leaf magazines printed each time making 12,800 Taro Leaf magazines printed for the year. Divide this figure into the cost of four issues, \$32,896.72 and the cost of each Taro Leaf would amount to \$2.57 or \$10.28 per member per year.

The Taro Leaf was 80 pages in length for each issue this year making a total pages of 320. The total pages for 1998 was 284, an increase this year of 36 pages. We bought a total of 12,475 magazines for 1998 and 12,800 for 1999.

There are approximately 1650 members paying annual dues of \$15.00 for an approximate total of \$24,750.00. Contributions this year amounted to \$2500.00 and there has been a profit of approximately \$6,000 on the raffle, for a total of \$33,250.00. In order to maintain the quality of the Taro Leaf we need contributions and we need to send out notices to past due members in order to collect dues. Ten tickets for the raffle were sent out to each member and we could send 20 tickets to each member next year.

The reactivation of the 24th Infantry Division on June 5, 1999, Fort Riley, KS was a great day for our Association. It was thrilling to see so many of our members and to be a part of this historic event.

It has been a busy year answering the many letters, email messages, faxes and phone calls and I count it a privilege to work with each one of you in this great association.

As of August 25, 1999 the Raffle has brought in \$12,224.00 and 10 prizes of \$500.00 each will be drawn for during the reunion in Tulsa. May God Bless all of you and grant you the best of health!

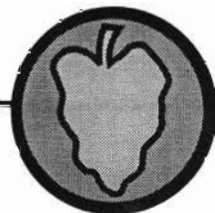
Respectfully,

Vonnie

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TO: 24th Infantry Association Members
FROM: Robert H. Smith, Vice-President
SUBJECT: General Comments to the Members
DATE: October 18, 1999

I want to thank the membership for the faith they have shown in me by making me their Vice-President. The general membership is made up of my peers, therefore their confidence in my abilities have made me very proud.

There are a couple of other items I wish to mention. First, the scholarship program- it gave my wife, Alice, and me a great deal of pleasure to provide one of the scholarships given this year. In the future, I would like to see a scholarship fund set up separate from our general fund, one that a person could donate to and that he would be certain his donation would be given as a scholarship. Several people have asked me about a program such as this.

The Verbeck award--I have a concern that the general membership does not have enough input into the selection process--all members should have the right to nominate to the selection committee a person whom they feel deserves the award.

The above two items are my thoughts and only mine. If any of you wish to comment on the above or have other concerns or thoughts about other things, please drop me a line.

Bob Smith

October 21, 1999

To: Vonnie Mullins, Taro Leaf Editor
From: Harold "Corky" Peters

I have named the following members of the Association to serve on the William Jordan Verbeck Award Committee:

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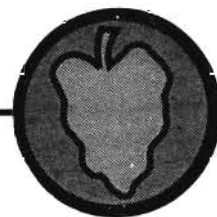
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August 22, 1999

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Vonnie,

Probably few of our members will know that there was a period when the Taro Leaf had an "Airborne" Tab above it for some members. But it did, and that was 1958, "Operation Blue Bat," the Lebanon Intervention.

Because of my many years with the 101st Airborne Division and friendship with CSM Millard Ball, whom I served with off-and-on from 1948, and after retirement we served together in Federal Service with the 101st Airborne Division for many more years.

Millard came by the office a while ago and gave me an article written by Lawrence "Larry" J. Lenahan of the time when there was an Airborne Battle Group assigned to the 24th Infantry Division. Millard is proud that he still has a uniform of his with the Taro Leaf and "Airborne" Tab.

Enclosed is the article "Operation Blue Bat." Hope the readers will enjoy this little bit of the 24th History.

Also Vonnie, as most members should know there is a 3-year commemorative celebration going on for the 50th anniversary of the Korean War. Information on this which is quite lengthy is available on the Internet, but enclosed is an article from the most recent issue of "Soldiers" magazine about the event. Perhaps worthy of publishing in the Taro Leaf.

Hope to see you in Tulsa in a few weeks.



TOM COCHRAN

Tom,

Just after receiving your letter, the very day your letter came, I talked with a friend of Rudy's who served in the "Airborne" "Operation Blue Bat". He lives in Camdenton, MO just thirty miles from here.

In the next issue of the Taro Leaf I will try to print articles concerning the 50th anniversary of the Korean War.

Vonnie

Cavalry officers reminisce about riding, moving horses

By John Hilton
Sentinel Reporter

Dexter Benson says members of the U.S. Cavalry enjoyed an advantage when it came to women.

"They always seemed to like the guy who had the boots on," he says.

"Horse cavalry people are a different breed," says his wife, Jacqueline. "They rode their horses right up to the bar."

Benson, 76, was a member of the Cavalry's last officer's class, graduating January 15, 1944. He was also

a member of the last mounted cavalry unit — the 124th Cavalry Regiment stationed in Brownsville, Texas, until 1946.

The Bensons are attending the United States Cavalry Association's annual bivouac at Clarion Hotel and Convention Center in Middlesex Township, where events are planned through Monday.

"I started riding (horses) when I was five years old," Benson says.

Stationed at Fort Bragg, he got into the cavalry in September 1943.

"I probably spent over three years

riding practically every day," he recalls. "We'd burn out about three horses a day training recruits."

But the Cavalry's gallant defense of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's retreat to the Bataan Peninsula in World War II marked the end of an era.

Although technology replaced many of the Cavalry's duties, its traditions survive today within the Army in forces represented by the Mechanized, Armor and Air Cavalry units.

"It was one of the greatest experi-

ences of my life," Benson says. "I loved it. But I knew when they sold the horses it was time for me to get out."

Living in Fairfax, Va., Benson says he enjoys the "lasting friendships" formed through the Cavalry and nurtured through the yearly bivouac.

Friends like Charles Harney, a fellow member of the 124th.

Harney recalls riding the rails with the 124th from Fort Riley, Kansas, to Texas. Getting the horses on and off the train proved to be a chore, he

says.

"That was the last movement in this country of a cavalry regiment by train," he adds.

Today, the Army manages the U.S. Cavalry Museum at Fort Riley, where the cavalry association is headquartered.

Established in 1972, the association "preserves the history and tradition of the cavalry," says association President Phil Bolte.

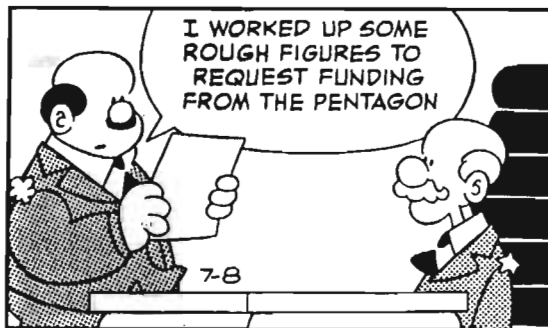
The annual bivouac is held at a

different location each year. Cumberland County was chosen this year in part because Carlisle Barracks was once a Cavalry school.

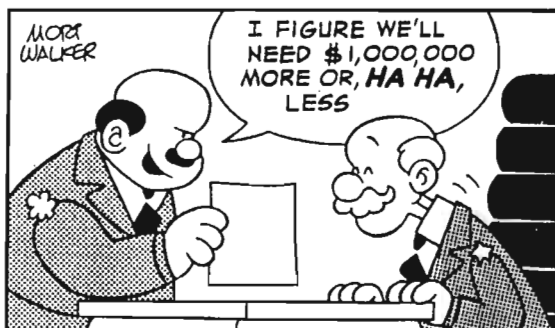
About 90 members attended Friday's events, which included a presentation by Gettysburg historical artist Dale Gallon.

Anyone interested in learning more about the association or becoming a member should contact the U.S. Cavalry Association, 37 S. Hanover St., Carlisle, Pa. 17013.

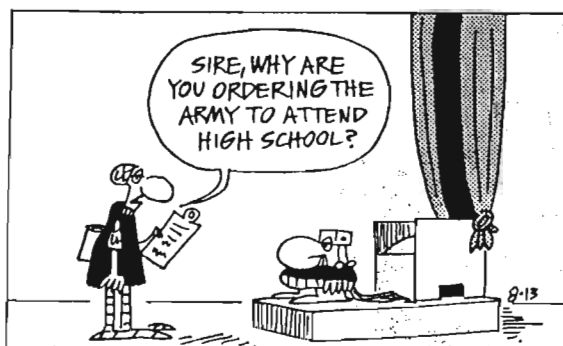
BEETLE BAILEY



By Mort Walker



THE WIZARD OF ID



By Parker and Hart



24TH ID HERO SAVES LIVES

A National Guard soldier affiliated with Fort Riley helped save the lives of two people in the wake of Hurricane Floyd.

Sgt. Larry Dever, a medic with Company C, 230th Support Battalion, was on duty at a shelter at North Pitt High School, in Pitt County N.C. At 1:30 a.m. a 56 year-old-male went into full cardiac arrest at the shelter. Dever standing nearby rushed into action and administered CPR to the patient.

Once stabilized, the patient was evacuated by civilian helicopter to Pitt Memorial hospital. The high school is serving as a shelter for 700 displaced persons.

On the same day, Dever aided a nurse on duty who went into diabetic coma. She had failed to take her medicine while working a 12-hour day on her feet helping others in the Pitt H. S. shelter. Dever and a citizen, Jim Hayes from Conover, N.C. administered an airway procedure to revive her.

National Guard troops continue to assist in relief efforts in North Carolina. Members of the 30th Heavy Separate Brigade are providing a multitude of services to residents still homeless, or without necessities such as clean water, ice, electricity and phone service. There are still many, many people living in shelters around the state. Nearly 2,500 troops affiliated with Fort Riley through the 24th Infantry Division were called to state active duty before and after the hurricane.

Currently, 30th HSB has about 1,500 soldiers on state active duty. Heavy rains in the past few days have thwarted cleanup efforts and made further evacuations necessary due to flooding in some parts of the state. More soldiers were called up initially, but many have been released depending on soldier and mission needs.

State officials believe it could take another week or two before residents of affected areas can begin to recover. Guard troops are planning rotations in the relief efforts. Many of the 30th's soldiers live in affected areas.

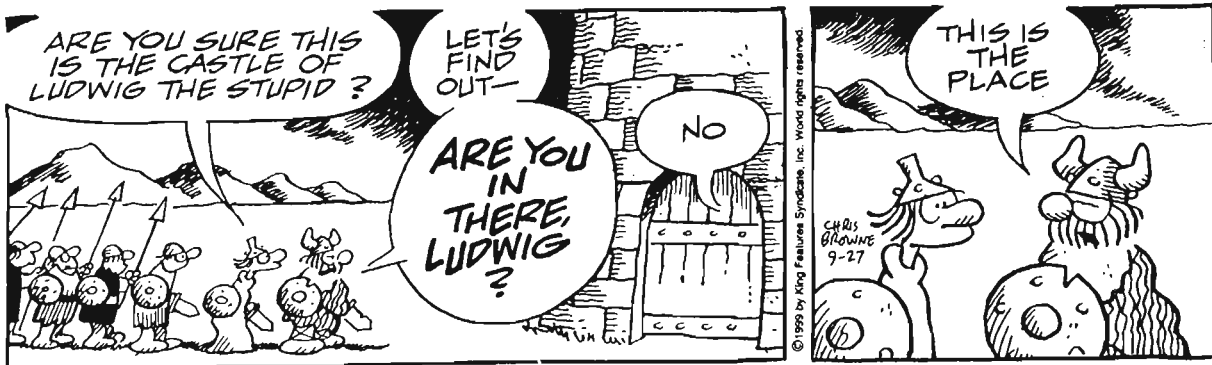
The state has over six thousand soldiers and airmen on state active duty including guardsmen from Texas, Florida, Tennessee and Kentucky who were provided under mutual aid agreements. Most of those are aviation assets, Chinook and Blackhawk helicopters. Working alongside the guardsmen are assets from the active Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard.

More soldiers from the 30th Brigade are expected to be called as cleanup efforts continue, according to unit officials. Clean up is the toughest phase of the operation. Soldiers will have to deal with at least 100,000 drowned hogs and a million chickens and turkeys which must be removed, according to the unit.

There were 23 deaths in the state due primarily to flooding. Many roads are still cut by flooding making moving around on the ground difficult.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

By Dik Brown



24th Infantry Division Association



To: Members of the 24th Infantry Division Association

From: Harold "Corky" Peters

Our 24th Infantry Division Association can feel proud of the members who carried the division colors at the Korean War Veterans Memorial at our nation's capitol on July 27, 1999. Clyde "Daddy" Neal, and Cleon C. Eckler of the 21st Infantry carried our colors and placed a division wreath in front of the point man at the Korean War Monument. Assisting them were Robert Phillips, 21st Infantry, Dominic Pantalone and Paul Kowalewski, 19th Infantry and Charles Moran, 34th Infantry.

I served with Clyde "Daddy" Neal when he was with the division in Korea, he was a great soldier then and a great comrade today, as are the rest of our team.

There were 22 nations who fought in Korea and Cleon tells me that a large number of them were present. The words "Freedom Is Not Free" is very true and we paid a big price, the 24th Division had 4,231 killed, 8,154 wounded and 152 missing in action



Clyde Neal (21st Inf Regt with Division colors; Charles Moran 34th Inf Regt and Cleon Eckler 21st Inf Regt.)

Letter from Hanford Rants of 9330 Parrot Ave., Downey, CA 90240-2749 who served with 2 BN HQ CO 34th Inf Regt, 24th Inf Div 1943-45. "This letter has been written many times mentally but now must be recorded on paper. Shirley and I believe that your service and contribution to our association is outstanding in content and priceless in keeping our veterans unified. We were with you in Colorado Springs as you were elected and have been dedicated supporters. Thank you for all you do for us! We enclose a check for Dr. Hostetter's book. You can see from my war experience I shared some muddy experiences near him. My 190 page manuscript of memories is in the hands of some 400 friends, war buddies and former students and teachers. Many association members have copies. I have ten copies left and anyone who wishes at my cost of printing and mailing - \$12.00 may purchase them from me. Gen. Vaught, Paul Austin and Joe Hofrichter have been kind readers and critics.

We will be unable to get to Tulsa but will look forward to your report about it. We look forward to each issue of the Taro Leaf and the news of our division family. Thank you." (It is I who thank you, Hanford and all the veterans who gave so much for the rest of us.)

COMBAT TIME

Hollandia - April 24-June 13, 1944 -- 49 Days
 Biak Is. - June 16-July 14, 1944 -- 29 Days
 Leyte - Oct. 20-January 7, 1945 - 79 Days
 Luzon - Jan. 29 - Feb. 12, 1945 - 14 Days
 Mindoro - Mar. 22 - Mar. 26, 1945 - 4 Days
 Mindanao - Apr. 19 - July 12, 1945 - 76 Days
Total Days - 251 Days

BEACH LANDINGS

Hollandia, New Guinea	4/24/44
Biak Island, New Guinea	6/16/44
Leyte, Philippines	10/20/44
Subic Bay, Luzon	1/29/45
Mindoro, Philippines	2/28/45
Mindanao, Philippines	4/19/45
(Biak and Mindoro Unopposed)	



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Hanford Rants, August 1945
Mindanao



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John Bogert who writes for the Daily Breeze, Redondo Beach, CA supports Eric Diller's book and says, "This man's personal accounts of war-time horror need to be heard and I help him repeat it here because we need to hear it again, and again tomorrow."

BOOK SALE

"DOCTOR AND SOLDIER IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC", recently published by Philip H. Hostetter, M.D., tells of the author's first-hand experiences as Battalion and Regimental Surgeon with the 24th Infantry Division in the Philippines and Japan in WWII. A trained observer and front-line participant, he brings the humor, comradeship, sacrifice and valor of the American soldier to the reader as never before.

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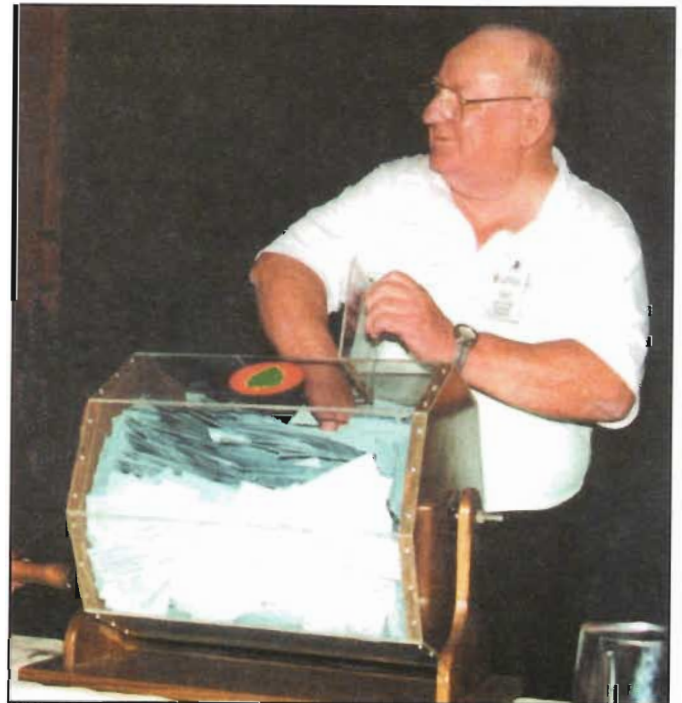
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8. Sammy Goodman
9. Lloyd Potterton
10. Raymond Youngblood



Bob Lawhon drawing the winning tickets
at the Reunion in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Letter from Harry and Frances Wittman of 1385 Terri St., Keyser, WV 26726: "Enclosed are the pictures we took at the Grafton National Cemetery in Grafton WV. This is the only National Cemetery in West Virginia."



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Letter received from Darrel W. Miller of 340 E. Main St., Letts, IA 52754: "I returned to the Philippines in 1994 and visited the National Cemetery, a grave of a man from Muscatine, IA and to lay a wreath on his grave. While there I visited and photographed his grave site. I knew that Sgt Mower's grave was also in the cemetery and took the picture to send to the Taro Leaf. I am just now getting it sent. I attended the launching of the USNS Red Cloud in August and was impressed. I was invited to visit the Ho Chunk Nation in Black River Falls, WI. I visited with members of the RedCloud family and members of the Ho-Chunk Nation. I also visited the grave of Mitchell RedCloud."



Donald Harold Tucker
West Virginia
PFC 21 Infantry
24 Infantry Div
World War II
Korea
March 12, 1927
September 19, 1950



Jackson E. Snyder
West Virginia
Pvt 21 Infantry
24 Infantry Div
Korea
March 29, 1927
July 7, 1950



Billy Jarrells Graham
West Virginia
PFC 34 Infantry
24 Infantry Div
Korea
November 14, 1930
July 20, 1950



Edward R. Winston
West Virginia
SGT 19 Infantry
24 Infantry Div
World War II
Korea
September 16, 1924
July 20, 1950



Mitchell Red Cloud JR, Wisconsin



Charles E. Mower

Al Chavez gave me a picture of himself during the reunion at Tulsa. Good looking guy Al, and I want everyone to see you. Al lives with his beautiful wife, Barbara in Paradise, CA and he served with K Company, 21st Inf Regt during WWII. (Picture below of Al taken in Uno, Japan 11/45.



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S/Sgt. Al Chavez



Bill Hosler and Bill Gaurich, July 1999



Bill Gaurich, Harold Letner and Charles Brockman 1949, Beppu Japan.



Ed Ryan, Bill Hosler.

Ed Ryan was Chaplain Felhoelter's Jeep driver. We were together just prior to the Chaplain's death. Picture is 45 years later. Taken in Washington D.C. Korean War Memorial Dedication July 1995. Ed is from 272 Main St., Walpole, MA 02081.



Bill Hosler – 1949.
CO (F) 19th Inf Regt.

My friends Bill and Pat Hosler from Mechanicsburg, PA sent pictures. Another good looking young fellow.

I met Jolene Murphy from 14 Pembroke LN, Bella Vista, AR 72714 at the reunion in Tulsa. Jolene asked that this statement and picture of her uncle be printed. "My uncle was PFC (promoted posthumously to Cpl) Patrick VanDeweker, RA-19334131, Heavy Mortar Company of 34th Infantry, 24th Infantry Division. He was a medic. Pat was captured July 20, 1950 at the Kum River Line just north of Taejon. The prisoners were moved north in stages first to Seoul and Pyongyang. They were moved to Manpo by train. He was part of a group of 750 POWs. On October 31, the group then began their infamous Death March towards the prison camps at "The Apex". Our understanding is that he cleared the pass en route to Chasong but died soon after. The best government guess for a date is November 6, 1950. The Johnnie Johnson list says November 4, 1950. Anyone who knew my Uncle Pat before or after his capture, we would like to hear more about his time in Korea.

Received a fax from Ed Farmer of 1080 Julie LN, South Lake Tahoe 96150. "Malcolm D. Aitkin (Mickey) is undergoing chemo. Mickey was with the 1st BN 21st Infantry 4/43 - 11/45." (I am sure that Mickey would appreciate hearing from his friends.)

Email from Carl Hatmaker: "Received a call from E.G. Anderson of Tulsa on 27th Sept. He would like to hear from anyone who would remember him from the 34th 3rd BN. He joined the 24th November '42. He may be contacted at 10540 E. 11th St., Box 21, Tulsa, OK 74120. Phone 918-437-9362."



EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



PFC (promoted posthumously to CPL) Patrick VanDeweker.

Email from Buck Allen, Jr.: eallen@fwbnet.com
"My father was in B/19 during WWII, from Schofield Barracks to the Philippines. I have written a history of B/19 based on my father's experience and am looking for folks he was with, his name is: Elliott W. "Buck" Allen, Sgt Co B, 19th Inf, 2nd Plt, 3rd Squad Leader."

Received email from John L. Crowe: bignoggin@netzero.com
John writes: "My father was in the 24th Inf in Korea. His name is Donald E. Crowe. He has been trying to contact a man he served with during that time. They served in Company B. His name is Gillespie but not sure of the spelling. (Can anyone help John out?)"

Email from Korean War Project: Letter from Korea, Ms. Inyang Jo. Hi, I am Inyang Jo from Seoul, Korea. 50 years ago, Korean War broke out, and my mother was born three days after that. My grandmother told me that when she was packing to escape, my aunt was so excited because she thought that her family was going to picnic. But we all know it wasn't that pleasant trip. During that chaos, my mother was born, and my grandmother was so worried about her baby. Because nothing was sure for her future. Now she has a husband and two children who loves her very much. And she is a elementary school teacher. I am her daughter who is about to graduate from university. I bought a shirt for her birthday, it is green. Green is great on her. I am writing to you for saying how I am great for your being at that tragic war. Not only my country's young men but also young men from all over the world fought for justice, peace and liberty. Consequently, you got hurt and even killed. I am sure my mom has had happy life because of that sacrifice of yours. I thank you for safety of my mom and her family. Because of you, I am here having my mother whom I love more than anything in the world. Therefore I want you to know that as long as Korea exists, as long as my mother lives and I live and my kids (don't have them yet, though) live, you can never be forgettable.

Love, Inyang Jo
Email address: pisojo@netsgo.com

A letter written to Charles E. Blunt regarding the article in the August Taro Leaf from George P. Losio of #1 Third Ave., Farmingdale, N.Y. 11735:



Dear Charles, "Your account of the initial landing on Leyte brought back some memories as I was a rifleman with the 19th provisional battalion and was part of the initial landing as you were. I remember going down the Jacob's ladder feeling as weak as a baby just getting over two bouts of Dysentery. We started our run to the beach some where around 10 a.m. under heavy bombardment from near by Battlewagon's and rocket firing LST's. We were crouched down as enemy shore battery shells wobbled overhead about every few seconds when we received a shattering bolt and started sinking. I believe we were hit or we hit something that sank us. As I recall it was not a hit from the shore batteries. We were rescued by a returning LCVP that had ramp damage causing us to go over the sides instead of down the ramp. The first thing I noticed through the smoke and choking smell was dead GIs and Japanese squads running across about 50 yards off shore. Before we were completely smashed up and wonder if it could have been yours. I guess I could go on for hours but just wanted to take the opportunity to say hello and ask you if by any chance you were a transfer from AAA that was trained at Ft. Eustic, VA. The reason being that my AAA battalion picture is lost and I am trying to replace it.

Your fellow survivor, George.

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A letter written to Dr. Philip H. Hostetter by Lloyd E. Gardner of 1340 Hampden Square, Battlesville, OK 74006. " Dear Dr. Hostetter: I am enclosing a check for your book, "Doctor and Soldier in the South Pacific." Although I was a first timer at the Tulsa reunion, I go way back in the 24th. At the reunion I picked up copies of the last three issues of the Taro Leaf and really enjoyed your "Remembrance" and "We Have Returned" stories. I am looking forward to reading your book. I joined the 24th as an 18 year old kid in April 1945 and went through the Mindanao campaign and occupation of Japan. I was in the 21st Regiment "C" Company, Weapons Platoon. I was one of the fortunate ones that got through without any injuries and thus did not have anytime under your care, but I do remember a lot of good comments about you and your staff. When I left Japan in October of 1946, I was S/Sgt Section Leader of the Mortar Section in "C" Company."

Sincerely, Lloyd E. Gardner

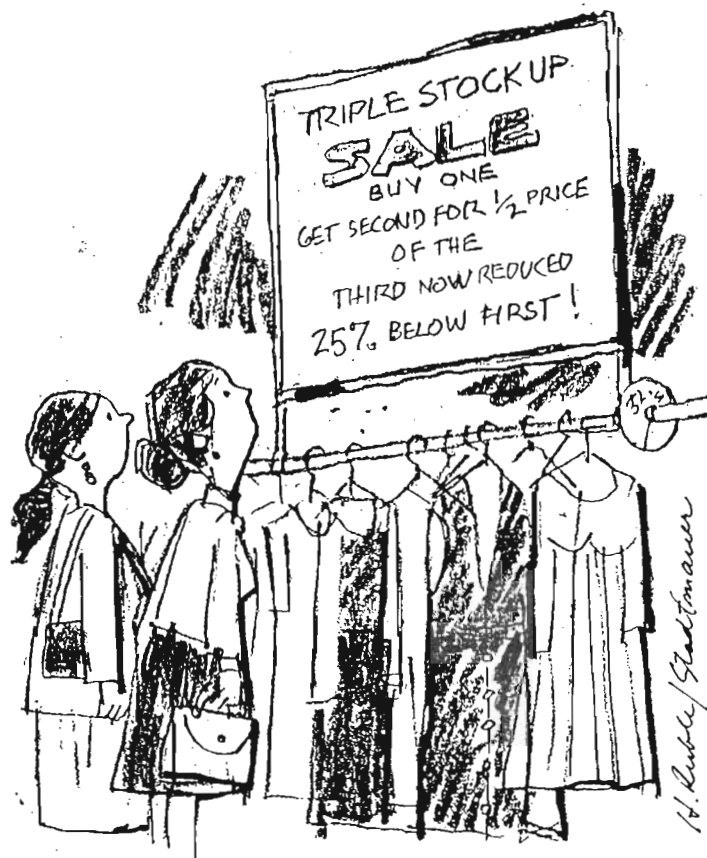
If you haven't paid your dues for the 1999 year, please do so. Send to: Will Schumaker Secretary/Treasurer 1300 East Hartley Ozark, MO 65721-8437.

Thank you!!

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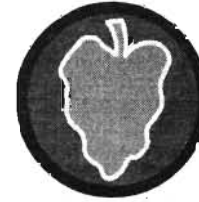


"DO YOU REALLY PREFER GROWING OLD TO LIVING EXQUISITELY?"





First To Fight
Taro Leaf Notes
By
Jim Hill
19th Infantry



Another terrific reunion! Its always a great feeling and sense of pride to again meet and talk with members of our Association at our annual get togethers. As usual there was a large turnout of 24th vets at Tulsa and from the smiles on the faces and the happy look it was obvious that all were having a good time.

As usual, Joe McKeon (19th, Japan/Korea), Arleta, California was there guarding the entrance to the hotel and giving a warm welcome Hello to all the arriving troops. It was nice seeing B.J. Hunt (19th, Korea), Payson, AZ back with us. BJ had his usual Arizona "snake stick" with him although I didn't see any snakes around the hotel for BJ to hit.

Also had a chance to visit with Spero Calos (34th, Japan/Korea). Spero was a coach/player for the 34th Infantry football team when I was the star(?) Of the 19th's team. One more time, Spero, 19th 40, 34th 12!

Congratulations to Life Member Henry J. Gosztyla (34th, WWII) Warren, Michigan on receiving the 1999 Verbeck Bowl Award. A honor well deserved, Henry!

Member Donald Darrah (Hawaiian Div, 24th), Southern Pines, North Carolina sent me a mazazine article about the Hawaiian Division. Seems like before the Hawaiian Division was activated in February 1921 there was a World War I 11th Division based in Hawaii. The article explains why in 1939 there was the 11th Ordinance Company, the 11th QM Company,

the 11th MP Company, 11th Signal Company, et al stationed in Hawaii. The only survivor appears to have been the 11th FA Battalion. So, if the Hawaiian Division was the Father of the 24th Division then the 11th Field must be the Grandfather!

Did you know? The Medal of Honor was awarded to three 24th men in World War II. In Korea, nine Taro Leafers received the award including our Division Commander, Major General William F. Dean.

One of our Korean awardees was Cpl. Mitchell Red Cloud (19th). Mitchell was a member of the HO Chunk Nation in Wisconsin. Ho Chunk means in their Native American language "People with a Big Voice."

At the christening of the US Naval Ship RED CLOUD at San Diego in August of this year there were several comrades of Cpl. Red Cloud in attendance. They were: Ken Bradshaw (E, 19th) Inverness, FL Darrel W. Miller (Sarge) (E, 19th) Letts, IA Donald E. Hahn (E, 19th) Wisconsin Falls, WI

Jim Cooper (E, 19th) Albuquerque, NM Robert J. Falone (21st) Philadelphia, PA

Wishing a speedy recovery to Bill Ballard (3rd Combat Engineers, Japan/Korea) Russelville, AL, who recently underwent bypass surgery in Nashville, TN.

Gave our former Association Chaplain Joe Hofrichter (339th Engineers, WWII) Port Charlotte, FL a call after I returned from our Tulsa reunion. Joe and his lovely lady, Charlotte, are both having some

medical problems and were not able to travel to Tulsa. We all wish both of you, a speedy recovery and know that you will soon be able to be "up and about" again. Our President, Corky Peters (21st, Korea) Rogers, MN informs me that the Government of South Korea will erect a monument to the 24th Infantry Division in memory of our service there during the Korean War. Taejon has been selected as the location for the monument.

The latest head count by our Secretary Will Schumaker shows that as of 24 September 1999 our Association has 3079 members. Korea leads the list with 1446, World War II is second with 1011 while DESERT STORM trails with 23. Of the above number 48 were at Pearl Harbor, 23 were POWs and 31 were members of TASK FORCE SMITH.

HELP NEEDED:

Paul Burton (telephone 405-321-9841) is looking for anyone who knew his Dad, Corporal HENRY L. BURTON, JR. Henry joined the 24th Division in Hawaii in October 1942. He landed on Leyte on 20 October 1944, was wounded shortly after that and was evacuated. He was discharged from the service for medical reasons in October 1945. All Paul has of his Father's belongings is a photo of his Father in uniform with a Taro Leaf patch on his shoulder.

Received a phone call from Jim Geygan (H/19th Japan/Korea) Hebron, OH recently. Jim is looking for a title of a book on the Korean War that has a photograph of him sitting along side a road in July 1950. Sorry Jim, I can't find the photo in any of my reference books.

Talked to William E. Wyrick (A 21st, Japan/Korea) Columbia, South Carolina not too long ago about some TASK FORCE SMITH actions. Thanks, Bill, for clearing up

several items that I had questions about.

Ran across John Heard (11th FA BN, Japan/Korea) Chamblee, Georgia recently at the VA Hospital (Where else do old soldiers meet?) here in Atlanta. John looked hale and hearty and tells me that he was looking forward to attending our Tulsa reunion. (PS-saw John at Tulsa and he still looks hale and hearty!)

One final note—At the reactivation of the 24th Infantry Division (M) at Fort Riley, KS on 5 June of this year there were four of ex-division commanders in the reviewing party for the parade of troops. They were: General Barry R. McCaffery (Fort Stewart, June 1990-May 1992); Lt. Gen. Donald E. Rosenblum (Fort Stewart, Sept 1975-Sept 1977); Lt. Gen. J. Vaught (Fort Stewart, Sept 1977-Sept 1979); Lt. Gen. Joseph E. DeFrancisco (Fort Stewart, Jun 1994-Feb 1996).

Continuing thanks to William Hosler (19th, Japan/Korea) Mechanicsburg, PA on keeping me up to date on the US Army Museum scheduled to be built at Carlisle, PA. From what you send me, Bill, it looks like it's a "go" for both an Army museum in Carlisle and in the Washington, DC area.

According to the research done by Joe Sweeney (19th, Korea) Dellslow, WV fifteen men from the 19th are still listed as MIA from the Korean War. Six others were known to have been left alive in North Korea after the Armistice was signed with the Chinese and North Koreans.

VICTORY until next time!!

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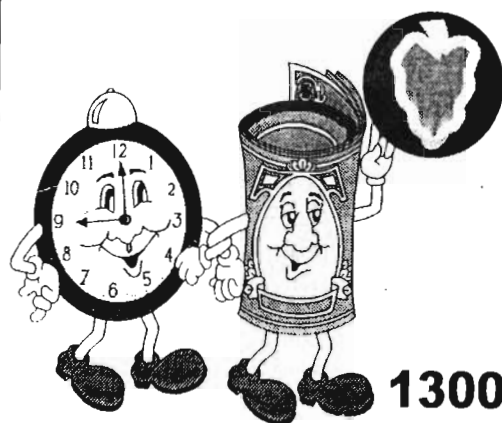
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MG Aubrey Newman Award Story
(New Award named for 24th Infantry Division Hero)

By Christie Vanover, Staff Writer
Fort Riley Post Newspaper

For outstanding achievement as a great leader and mentor of soldiers, the Army has honored 24th Infantry Division's own Maj. Gen. Aubrey 'Red' Newman with an award in his name.

The Maj. Gen. Aubrey 'Red' Newman Award is presented to mid-grade leaders, soldiers and civilians who take a dedicated and innovative approach to the development of their subordinates through their ability to teach, coach and counsel while providing oversight and motivation.

ARMY magazine describes Newman as a keen observer, outstanding former athlete, inspiring commander and gentle teacher.

This highly decorated officer began his military career as an ROTC cadet at Clemson College, S.C. Upon graduation from the U.S. Military Academy in 1925, he was commissioned as an Infantry officer.

Newman served as Division G2 and Chief of Staff of the 24th Infantry Division at the onset of WWII. In 1944, he took command of the 34th Infantry Regiment, which was assigned to the 24th Infantry Division from 1943 to 1958.

Within his first month as Regimental Commander, his Regiment participated in the battle of Leyte Island in the Philippines. During the battle, he observed a platoon in need of assistance. He personally led his Regiment against enemy fire. During the fight, he was critically wounded, but continued to give orders even as he lay wounded.

After battle he received the Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry.

In 1949, Newman attended the first class of the National War College. He was later assigned as Chief of Staff of the 11th Airborne Division and became Commanding Officer of the 511th Airborne Infantry Regiment. He retired in 1960 as the Chief of

Staff of Continental Army Command (CONARC).

After retiring, Newman wrote a column, "The Forward Edge," published in ARMY Magazine. He eventually compiled his writings of 20 years and produced a series of books entitled, "Follow Me." His wisdom had a major influence on the development of many U.S. Army leaders.

"When you give a man a job, that means he is a subordinate — which automatically makes you as well as him responsible for how well it gets done," wrote Newman. Newman used leadership as a personal tool for motivating soldiers to perform everything from the most mundane tasks to managing and overcoming demands of combat. Newman took a personal interest in and responsibility for the individual welfare and safety of each of his men, and felt it his duty to fulfill that interest every minute of every hour of every day.

The Newman Award is for leaders who put forth that extra effort; and like Newman, would not ask anyone to do what they were not willing to do themselves.

Candidates for the award fall between the ranks of 2nd Lt. – Capt., WO1 – WO2, Cpl. – SFC or GS/WG 05-11 and must have supervised a minimum of three subordinates for no less than six months. Immediate supervisors should submit candidates in writing and must address the candidate's ability to mentor, coach and counsel subordinates. The award is processed through regular command channels with the post commander being the approving official. For more information, contact Connie Buckley, Chief, Personnel Operations Branch, 239-5923.

"Maj. Gen. Newman uniquely understood and epitomized the leader who knows the importance of leader development and whose edict "Value people as people" aptly depicts the spirit of this award," said Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz, Commanding General, U.S. Army Forces Command.

The American G.I.

(Sent in by Tom Cochran – “Just had to share this with you G.I.s. You made the grade, the most influential person of the century. Stick that chest out, stay healthy, enjoy life and have a wonderful Holiday.”)

I'd like to pass on to all of you something my boss, LTC Frederick Carter passed on to his staff on 2 September. This message originated from Colonel Larry Newman, XVIII Airborne Corps to a select few within the Corps on 1 September 1999, and is entitled: “**Time Magazine: Ten most influential people of the century – The American G.I.**” My boss, when forwarding to us, said: Take a minute to make yourself feel good! I say to you, take all the time you want to make yourself feel great! Each of you who read this is that G. I. Voted the most influential person of the century.

Here is how it happened, if you have not already read about it. Time Magazine prepared a list of the 10 most influential people of the century in each field to mark the end of the century. The 10 most influential scientists, politicians, entertainers, sports figures, musicians, artists, and industrialists. That was awhile back. This month they published the 10 most influential people (overall) of the century. They named “the American G.I.” the most influential person of the century. It is only one that is not a single individual. General (R) Colin Powell wrote the introduction to the award. Here it is.

As Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, I referred to the men and women of the armed forces as “G.I.’s” It got me in trouble with some of my colleagues at the time. Several years earlier, the Army had officially excised the term as an unfavorable characterization derived from the designation “government issue.”

Sailors and Marines wanted to be known as sailors and marines. Airmen, notwithstanding their origins as a rib of the Army, wished to be called simply airmen. Collectively, they were blandly referred to as “service members.”

I persisted in using G.I.’s and found I was in good company. Newspapers and television shows used it all the time. The most famous and successful government education program was known as the G.I. Bill, and it still uses that title for a newer generation of veterans. When you added one of the most common boy’s names to it, you got G.I. Joe, and the name of the most popular boy’s toy ever, the G.I. Joe action figure. And let’s not forget G.I. Jane. G.I. Is a World War II term that two generations later continues to conjure up the warmest and proudest memories of a noble war that pitted pure good against pure evil and good triumphed. The victors in that war were the American G.I.’s, the Willies and Joes, the farmer from Iowa and the steel worker from Pittsburgh who stepped off a landing craft into the hell of Omaha Beach. The G.I. Was the wisecracking kid Marine from Brooklyn who clawed his way up a deadly hill on a Pacific Island. He was a black fighter pilot escorting white bomber pilots over Italy and Germany, proving that skin color had nothing to do with skill or courage. He was native Japanese-American infantryman released from his own country’s concentration camp to join the fight. She was a nurse relieving the agony of a dying teenager. He was a petty officer standing on the edge of a heaving aircraft carrier with two signal paddles in his hands, helping guide a dive-bomber pilot back onto the deck. They were America. They reflected our diverse origins. They were the embodiment of the American spirit of courage and dedication. They were truly a “people’s army,” going forth on a crusade to save democracy and freedom, to defeat tyrants, to

save oppressed peoples and to make their families proud of them. They were the Private Ryans, and they stood firm in the thin red line. For most G.I.’s, World War II was the adventure of their lifetime. Nothing they would ever do in the future would match their experiences as the warriors of democracy, saving the world from its own insanity. You can still see them in every Fourth of July color guard, their gait faltering but ever proud. Their forebears went by other names: Doughboys, Yanks, Buffalo Soldiers, Johnny Reb, Rough Riders, but G.I. Will be forever lodged in the consciousness of our nation to apply to them all. The G.I. Carried the value system of the American People. The G.I.’s were the surest guarantee of America’s commitment. For more than 200 years, they answered the call to fight the nation’s battles. They never went forth as mercenaries on the road to conquest. They went forth as reluctant warriors, as citizen soldiers. They were as gentle in victory as they were vicious in battle. I’ve had survivors of Nazi concentration camps tell me of the joy they experienced as the G.I.’s liberated them. America had arrived! I’ve had a wealthy Japanese businessman come into my office and tell me what it was like for him as a child in 1945 to await the arrival of the dreaded American beasts, and instead meet a smiling G.I. Who gave him a Hershey Bar. In thanks, the businessman was donating a large sum of money to the USO. After thanking him, I gave him as a souvenir, a Hershey Bar I had autographed. He took it and began to cry. The 20th century can be called many things, but it was most certainly a century of war. The American G.I.’s helped defeat fascism and communism. They came home in triumph from the ferocious battlefields of World Wars I and II. In Korea and Vietnam they fought just as bravely as any of their predecessors, but no triumphant receptions awaited them at home. They soldiered on through the twilight struggles of the cold war and showed what they were capable of in Desert Storm. The American people took them into their hearts again. In this century hundreds of thousands of G.I.’s died to bring to the beginning of the 21st century the victory of democracy as the ascendant political system on the face of the earth. The G.I.’s were willing to travel far away and give their lives, if necessary, to secure the rights and freedom of others. Only a nation such as ours, based on a firm moral foundation, could make such a request of its citizens. And the G.I.’s wanted nothing more than to get the job done and then return home safely. All they asked for in repayment from those they freed was the opportunity to help them become part of the world of democracy and just enough land to bury their fallen comrades, beneath simple white crosses and Stars of David. The volunteer G.I.’s of today stand watch in Korea, the Persian Gulf, Europe and the dangerous terrain of the Balkans. We must never see them as mere hirelings, off in a corner of our society. They are our best, and we owe them our full support and our sincerest thanks. As this century closes, we look back to identify the great leaders and personalities of the past 100 years. We do so in a world still troubled, but full of promise. That promise was gained by the young men and women of America who fought and died for freedom. Near the top of any listing of the most important people of the 20th Century must stand, in singular honor, **The American G.I.**

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THE WIZARD OF ID

By Parker and Hart





A **2-STAR VISITOR** who knows plenty about PW life, Maj. General William Dean swaps yarns at Washington's Walter Reed Hospital with Korean vets. (L to R) A1/c Robert Peters, Falls Church, VA; Cpl. Don Schmincke, Baltimore; Pfc. William Hannon, Bronx; Pvt. Harold Bell, Passaic; Pfc. Walter Kroeck, Jr., Irvington, NJ; Pfc. James Wendling, Cincinnati. (Picture submitted by Walter Kroeck)

Reunion Story

From the Fort Riley Post

By Brad Mincey

Senior Staff Writer

The 24th Infantry Division Association's Annual Reunion was a chance for veterans to get together with old friends, meet new friends and talk about past experiences. The event, held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Tulsa, OK from September 22 to 25, consisted of numerous tours and meals which allowed the former soldiers plenty of time to catch up on old times. The reunion concluded with a memorial dinner in one of the hotels huge ballrooms.

At the dinner, six candles were lit in memory of lost friends and comrades and those who have served under the flag of the 24th Infantry Division. As Glen Carpenter, Chaplain of the 24th ID Association soberly put it, "It is our solemn duty and privilege to devote a small part of our convention time to the honorable memory of our comrades in arms." Friendships which are wrought from service in the military are strong and long lasting, he said, and is evidenced by the large number of veterans who served during World War II who continue to participate in 24th ID events like the reactivation and reunion.

"The friendships which are engendered among those who fight together on a field of battle, risking their lives not only for the cause for which they fight, but also for one another, is different from any other kind of friendship," said Carpenter. "Once cemented, military and combat friendships last forever. Our gathering here today proves that it lasts beyond the grave," he said. "So it is fitting and proper that we gather each year to renew our comradeship with one another."

Once all of the candles were lit, a bugler from Fort Sill, OK played Taps for those who lost their lives in the service of their country and the protection of freedom.

Afterward, Maj. Gen. Freddy McFarren, Commanding General

24th ID and Fort Riley, spoke to those in attendance. "I often reminisce about the Army, what I have done and what those before me have done," said McFarren. "As I was coming here today, I was thinking about this group. And I was thinking about the colors that are in back of us." "I like to tell young soldiers about the colors of the United States Army. There is a date on there - 1775. The United States Army is older than our country," he said. "And all of those battle streamers that are on the Army colors, many people in this room participated in those campaigns, and they mean a great deal to me personally. I want to thank those who have served this country and their loved ones who have served with them. Our country is great today because of people like you in this room, our veterans. Our country will always be indebted to you."

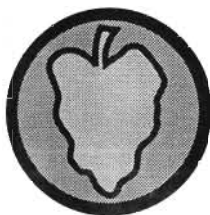
Fort Riley is a strong supporter of the nation's veterans, he said. In the past year, Fort Riley participated in 532 funerals. There is also 100 acres that are slated for donation to build a new cemetery. Fort Riley also supports vets through health fairs and other programs held on post through out the year.

"I mention that to you because I want you to know that veterans are important to the active force," said McFarren. "It's important for me to show the soldiers in uniform today that we are going to take care of them in the later stages of their lives." McFarren also discussed how the 24th ID is moving ahead with the new concept of having an integrated Active Component/ Reserve Component on one post. Reserve units from North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia are integrated into the Fort Riley force.

"We have reduced our forces by 40 percent since the Gulf War, but at the same time, our missions are up by over 300 percent," said McFarren. "The Army is turning more and more to its reserve com-

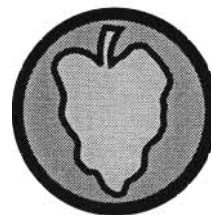
ponent. We really don't talk about the Active and the Reserve Components anymore. We talk about the United States Army." "I'm very impressed with these members of the 24th; these members of the three enhanced separate brigades. I don't call them weekend warriors. I don't call them citizen soldiers. I call them soldiers," he said. Veterans of the 24th ID spent the next hours together talking of old times and reminiscing. One World War II vet everyone was impressed with was Howard Struecker, who served with Co. E, 19th Infantry. After serving 3 years, he finished his hitch and went back into the civilian world. Although that in itself is not that unusual-multitudes of veterans from that era did the same-he was the only one at the reunion who still had, and could get into, his dress uniform. After more than 50 years, this former corporal still had a well-kept and well-fitted uniform that many enjoyed seeing, and everyone was talking about.

Fort Riley also sent a color guard to post and retire the colors during the dinner. After performing their duties, these soldiers were overwhelmed by the older vets who wanted to see their Class A's with the 24th ID patch on the sleeve. Each former soldier who came up to the color guard said how happy he was to see soldiers wearing the patch again. Many of the vets had a gleam in their eyes as they talked to the young soldiers about their history in the division and how proud they were that there were "fine young soldiers" taking over where they and their comrades left off. Members of the color guard also took time to show off and explain the M16s they carry onto today's battlefields to the vets. To round out the evening, a six-piece band played an assortment of big band tunes as the vets danced on into the night



REUNION NOTES

By
Jim Hill
19th Infantry



The 52nd Annual Reunion of the 24th Infantry Division Association was held on 22-25 September at the Adam's Mark Hotel, Tulsa, OK.

There were 277 24th Infantry Division veterans registered for the event that represented 36 States. Twenty-eight attendees were First Timers. The 19th Infantry and the 21st Infantry tied for the highest number attending at 76. The 34th Infantry was third with a total of 38 attendees.

The Adam's Mark is a great convention hotel in every respect. There was a large Hospitality Room provided that was on the main level of the hotel that provided ample room for individuals to relax and meet with friends. The Fort Riley, Kansas museum provided numerous displays that reflected on the history of the 24th Infantry Division as well as large, poster size copies of the different unit insignia. I understand the local breweries went on a 24 hour shift in order to meet the logistical supply and demand created by ole 24th Division vets during the reunion!

The Chairpersons for the reunion, Vernon and Donna Clark, are to be congratulated for their efforts in arranging for the many different functions related to the reunion. Several tours were offered that provided the participants a true insight on life in Oklahoma, past and present. The unit breakfasts, to include the ladies meeting, was well attended. Each activity had a guest speaker that addressed interesting topics all related to the division or Oklahoma.

The annual Aloha Night festivities were great in every way, to include a possible Elvis sighting! Everyone appreciated the great door prizes, although it was noticed on Sunday morning one lady leaving for the airport with a heavy mechanics tool set she had won wondering if she

was over her weight limit!

The Saturday morning Business Meeting was conducted in a professional manner by the President. Harold Peters (21st-Korea) was reelected President and Robert Smith (11th FA BN - Korea) was elected Vice-President. Also returning for another year in office was William Schumaker (2/7th-DESERT STORM). Yvonne Mullins will continue serving us as Editor of our superior publication, THE TARO LEAF. Glen Carpenter (21st-Germany) was reappointed by the President as the Association as the Association Chaplain as well as Wally Kuhner (24th Recon, WWII) Membership Chairman, Joe McKeon (19th, Japan/Korea) Historian, Harry (and Frances!) Wittman, Jr. (21st, Korea) Quartermaster and Wesley Morrison (21st, Korea) as Reunion Coordinator. The Secretary/Treasurer and the Editor of the TARO LEAF both reported that our Association is very stable financially. The Secretary also reported that we continue to gain new members, albeit they are primarily World War II and Korea veterans.

Other business matters included the membership ;voting not to accept a proposal to change the Association's Constitution and By-Laws. Thus the Constitution and By-Laws will remain as they were accepted and voted for at the 1981 reunion. The Scholarship Chairman announced the award of \$500 scholarships to three young students that are related to active Association members.

The Reunion Coordinator announced that the 2001 Reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn, Hampton-Newport News, VA. The 2000 Reunion will be held as previously announced at the Draw Bridge Estates, Covington, KY 25 Sept-2 October.

At the Memorial Banquet held on Saturday night 25 September

there were 490 guests. Major General Freddy E. McFarren, Commanding General of the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Riley, KS and Mrs. McFarren were the Guests of Honor. General McFarren gave an inspiring presentation concerning the roles and missions of the new 24th Division which was returned to the Active Army inventory on 5 June 1999 at Fort Riley. After listening to General McFarren, we all can rest assured that our division is in "good hands" under his command.

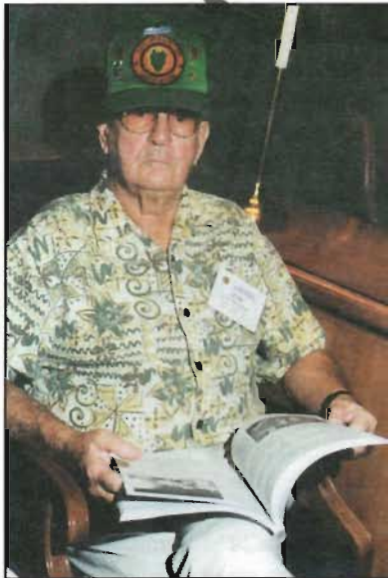
The highest honor that can be bestowed on a 24th Infantry Division Association member is the award of the Verbeck Bowl, named in honor of Major General William Jordan Verbeck, Commander of the 21st Inf Regt and Chief of Staff of the 24th Division during WWII. This year's awardee was Henry Gosztyla (34th WWII). Henry is remembered as the dedicated Association member that for many years in the past has assisted the Association Chaplain in the conduct of the Memorial Service that is held in honor of our fallen comrades.

An outstanding reunion in every respect. All of the individuals involved are to be congratulated for a superior job in making our 52nd Reunion a great success.

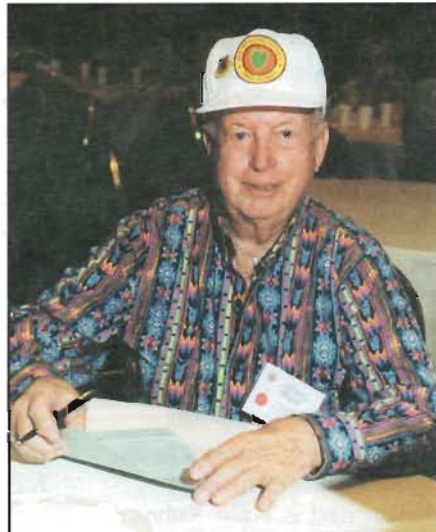
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See You In Covington!!



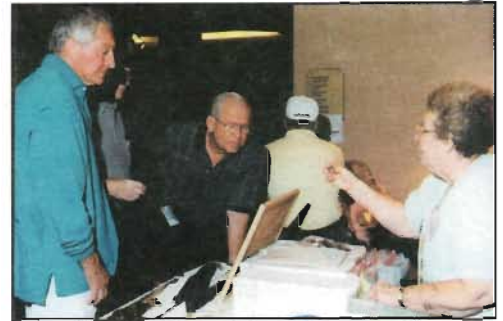
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Jim Sullivan



"Bruno"



Roy Griak and Don Finney at the Quartermaster Table.



Bob and Jean Lawhon



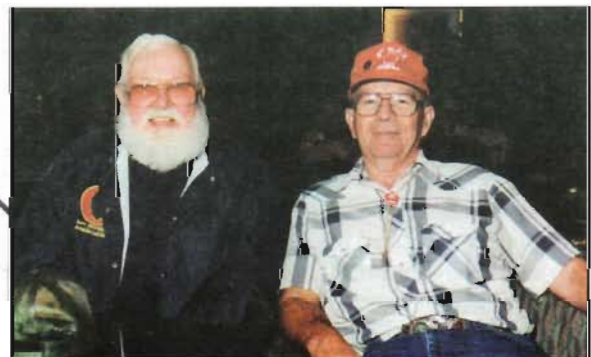
Hospitality Room



President Corky Peters with Douglas (Cowboy) Jay and his wife.



Chaplain Glen Carpenter and Secretary/Treasurer Will Schumaker



Two Happy Guys!

Breakfast



Col. Steven Lutz visiting with 19th Infantry Veterans.



Jackie Cochran, Carla Schumaker and Diane Peters



What's happening, Girls?



*Gene Spicer in charge of the 19th Infantry Regiment Breakfast and Doris Miller.
(Doris' father was in the 19th Infantry during WWII, KIA.)*



*Ladies Breakfast
Fran Wittman, Margo Nelsen and Millie Wolak*



*Col. Steven Lutz,
guest speaker
at the
19th Infantry
Breakfast.*



Louetta and Joe Payne and friends



*JD Henley
and Fred Farmer*

RETURN TOURS



*Guard and Horse Thief
Crime Does Not Pay!!*



*Fort
Gibson*



Recruiting for the South.



Tour to the Amish House



Pete Crombie



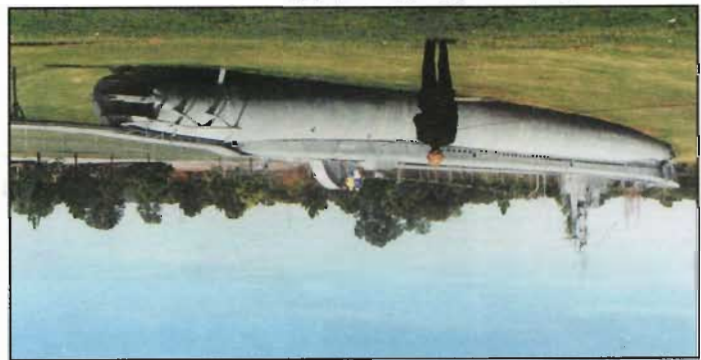
*Chaplain Glen Carpenter
and his wife, Mary*



*Soldier and Dummy.
Which is the real Dan Ricker?*



Muskogee War Memorial Park. USS Batfish





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*Combat Doctors of WWII -
Bob Munch, Phil Hostetter and Urb Throm*



Four Kings and a Queen



Dianna Peters, speaking.



Reunion 1999



Vernon and Donna Clark, Reunion Co-Chairs



Pete and Mary Nepote



Wes Morrison, Norm Wolak and Warren Avery



Say Cheez!

"AWARDS"

Philip H. Hostetter, M.D.

Tom Brokaw in his excellent book "The Greatest Generation" is writing about us! We are the greatest generation. To us that seems strange. We lived through the Great Depression. We fought with the 24th Infantry Division many places – The Philippines, Korea, Grenada, Desert Storm, and many others. We did not ask for any of this. When the need was there, we rose to the occasion. The job had to be done and we did it.

Our former member General "Red" Newman was not looking for glory when his 34th Regiment was pinned down on Red Beach, Leyte Island in the Philippines. It was October 20, 1944. We said we would return and we did!

On the beach, General Newman gave the command for which he is famous, "Follow me!" His 34th Regiment did follow. The 24th Division did take that beach and many more.

Our Comrade Private Harold Moon held off dozens of the enemy by the road that runs between Tacloban and Palo on Leyte. He received the Medal of Honor. It came posthumous.

What about you? You fought and many of our comrades died. What medal, what recognition did you get? Who remembers what you did?

One person at least remembers what you did. That person is you. At the time it seemed like nothing heroic. Perhaps you drove a truck. Perhaps your squad went out on patrols. Perhaps you cooked Spam for the men 20 different ways. One Mess Sergeant earned a Bronze Star doing just that. Together we got the job done. Now we have a quiet inner satisfaction no one can take from us. We don't need a Medal of Honor or a Verbeck Bowl to tell us we did our part, our duty to each other, our duty to our country. We are the "Greatest Generation". We had to be!

I have a regret. I might have written a personal note of appreciation to each of the Medical

Soldiers I served with. A commendation from me would have meant a great deal to each soldier. I was young. I thought I was busy. I could have done it.

There is never enough appreciation. Say a kind word now and then. You'll feel good about it.

The William Jordan Verbeck Award was established in 1966. General Verbeck was commander of the 21st Regiment. In 1944 and 1945 he was Chief of Staff of the 24th Infantry Division. General Verbeck was always devoted to our Division and our Association. His enthusiasm, his dedication, his love for our Division and Association is memorialized in the Verbeck Bowl, a magnificent bowl of sterling silver.

The original bowl was made in 1768 by Paul Revere. Paul Revere was a Patriot of the Revolution and a great silversmith. The original bowl bears the names of the Fifteen Sons of Liberty. The original bowl is now in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. Our solid silver replica is a beautiful masterpiece. 30 years ago it cost \$2,500. Now with 30 names engraved on it, one nearly every year, there is no estimation of it's worth.

Having the bowl in my home the past year was enough to give me a nervous breakdown. What if it had been stolen!?

There are eleven living recipients of the Verbeck Bowl, six are here. President "Corky" Peters gives me the honor of asking each of you with your wife if she is here, to stand when I call your name. Please remain standing.

John Klump and Hilda, 1985.

John Shay and Mary, 1988.

Warren Avery and Anne, 1989.

Joseph McKeon, 1994.

Wallace Kuhner and Eleanor, 1996.

This year, 1999, the 24th Infantry Division Association awards its highest honor, the William Jordan Verbeck Award, to Henry Gosztyla from Warren, Michigan! Henry, please bring your wife Mary and come to

the podium.

Henry Gosztyla was born March 17, 1924. He joined the army on his 19th birthday March 17, 1943. He made the initial landing on Leyte Island in the Philippines with Company B of the 34th Regiment October 20, 1944. After that battle he went with the Division to Mindoro Island in the Philippines. With a Task Force from the Division, Henry went to Luzon in the Philippines where he was wounded in combat by mortar fragments February 1, 1945.

Henry was awarded the Bronze Star for Meritorious Achievement, and many other citations.

Following the war Henry attended college, then worked as Senior Designer for General Motors until his retirement.

With his wife Mary, the 24th Infantry Division Association is proud to award to Henry Gosztyla the highest honor this Association can give to a member, a member who lives by the ideals of William Verbeck. We recognize Henry's long service to our country. We recognize his dedication and service to our Association.

Each year for many years he presents our impressive Memorial Service. He prepares the display and lights candles in memory of those who have gone before from various units associated with the 24th Division.

Henry, the Association is pleased to give you the Verbeck Award. We pass on to you this magnificent silver bowl to have for a year. Here also is a replica bowl with your name engraved on it for you to keep permanently.

**CONGRATULATIONS
HENRY AND
MARY!**



Philip H. Hostetter, M.D., 1998 recipient presenting the Verbeck Bowl to 1999 recipient, Henry Gosztyla and his wife Mary.

The Quartermasters at work.



The Jack Berrys.



Lester Johnson



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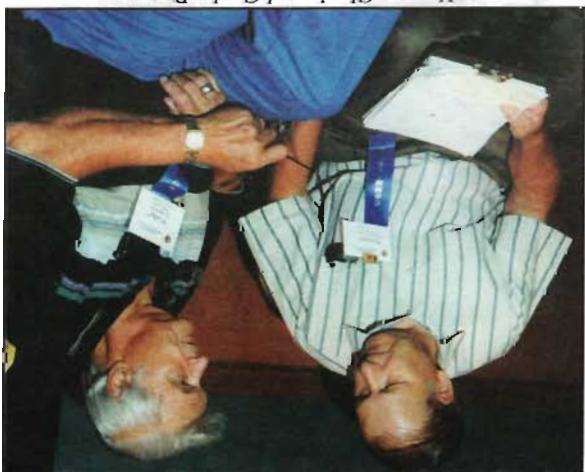
Dutch tells it like it is and everyone listens.



Tony Apodaca, Wes Morrison and Wally Kuhner



Vernon Clark and Corky Peters



Past President Bill Muldoon (center) enjoys visiting.



ALOHA NIGHT



Mary Goszyla passing out leis.



Vince and Fran Vella



Bev Corris



Milton Eager, Johnny Rodriguez, Judy (daughter of Mill Eager), John Trinca and Gladys Lumsden



Jim Hill, Sue Hill, Moose Hoffman and Boots Hoffman



LaWanda Heaberlin, Ari Kemp, Nancy Muldoon and Bill Muldoon



Diane explaining the hula dance.



Hawaiian Night

Memorial Banquet



Head table at the Memorial Service



Guest speaker, Maj. Gen. Freddy McFaren and wife Aubrey.



Command Sergeant Major Klein and wife Patti



Donna Clark and Mary Carpenter



Master of Ceremonies, Jim Hil and wife Sue.



*Vice President
1999-2000,
Robert Smith*



*Chaplain Glen Carpenter,
Memorial Service*



*Henry Gosztyla at the
Table of Valor*



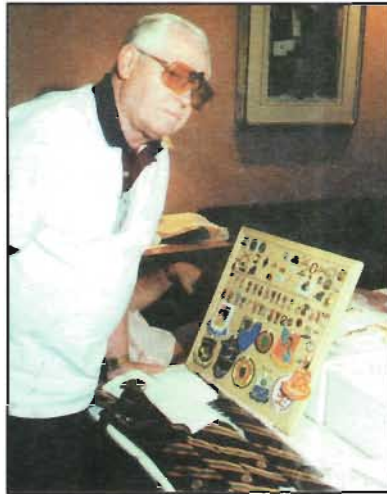
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Fran the Quartermaster making a sale!



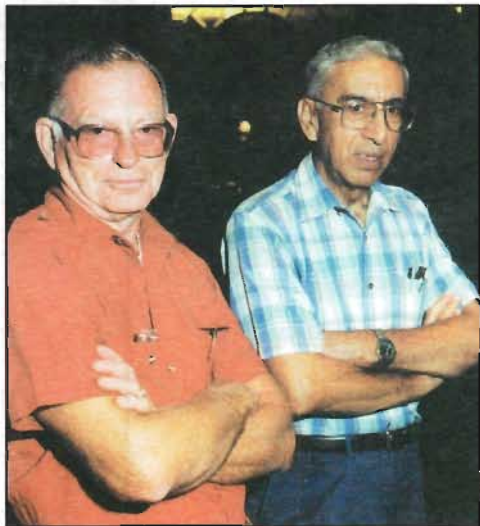
President Corky Peters



At the Quartermaster table.



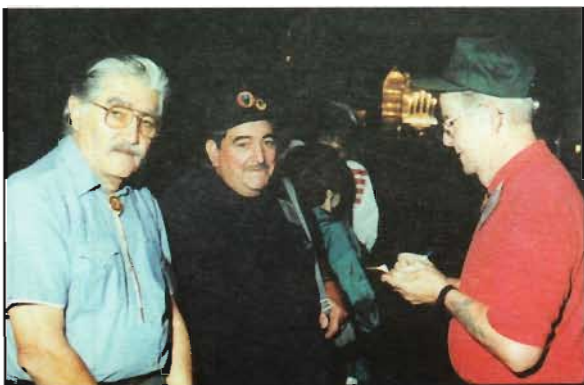
Dutch listening!



Beer \$2.50!



Hospitality Room Group



What will it be boys?



Three Buddies!

34TH INFANTRY BREAKFAST

September 25, 1999

Forty one of our elite Regiment made our roll call. One of our first timers, Paul Bader, mentioned later that the 34th get-together was the best and most enjoyable of the whole reunion.

It was very ably and efficiently conducted by Ben Wahle. He missed the last two reunions due to serious medical problems. He was ably assisted by Edgar Wallace, who did an outstanding job in doing the "little" jobs, like collecting, accounting funds, arranging and setting up a room, ordering the right number of meals, etc.

Ben read a heart-warming letter from Mrs. Dorothy Newman, whom he had invited, but due to illness could not attend. Lest we forget, it was Col. "Red" Newman who got the 34th going in Leyte, P.I. With his short and effective order, "Get the hell off the beach. Follow me!"

Bill McKenna introduced Mrs. LaWanda Heaberlin, wife of Bill's deceased C.O. She made some kind remarks and thanked us for the invitation. There was a large group of First Timers. I recognized Charles Bianco, a First Timer, whom I had not seen in fifty five years. It was assumed by all who knew him in 1945 that he did not survive the wounds he received from one of our own prematurely exploding mortar shells. It was truly a miracle that he survived after many years of hospitalization.

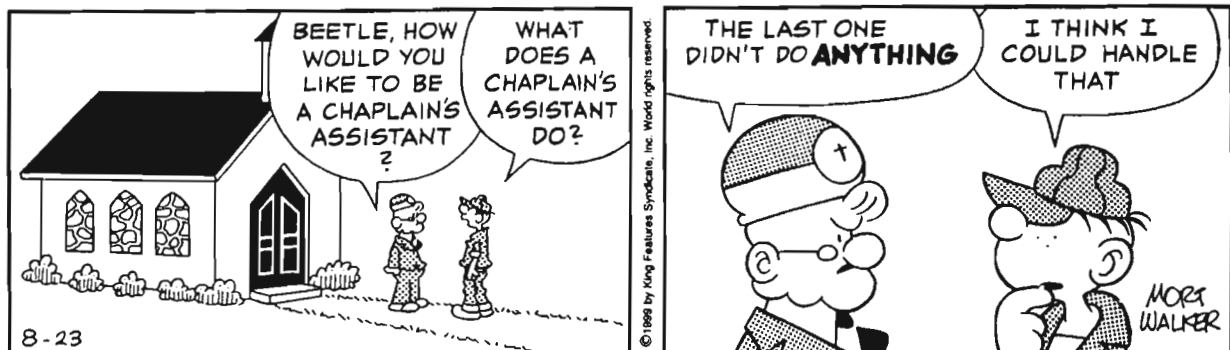
Ben Wahle invited Doctor Cameron to our Breakfast and asked him to share some of his experiences, which he had plenty of. He was the Battalion Surgeon. His comments were appropriate, witty, interesting and entertaining. Everyone enjoyed whatever subject he broached, whether medicine, combat, survival, or idiotic enemy strategy.

If anyone has any suggestions for next year's Breakfast, please let Ben or me know and we will do our best to improve further.

Eric Diller

BEETLE BAILEY

By Mort Walker



A NIGHT IN PALO
BY Theodore G. Sharpe
Major USA Retired

Sometime shortly after 24 October 1944 the Southwest Pacific edition of the "YANK" was delivered around the troops conducting the liberation of the Philippines for old "Mac". This particular edition was devoted to the 24th Infantry Division and their role in the liberation. The 19th Infantry will dispute this account I'm sure, but the 19th's perimeter was over-run by a vicious group of Japanese that advanced through the streets of Palo to the bridge that crossed the Palo River. If I remember rightly this bridge was the only route from Red Beach to the road crossing the island of Leyte. The 19th had made an admirable advance from Red Beach to the town of Palo just past hill 522, a hill that none of us will forget. The Japs came at us in hordes, climbing over their dead and wounded to get to us causing havoc among the civilians and military alike.

I was a PFC with a platoon of the 24th Quartermaster Company attached to the 19th. We were holed up in a house just across the road and about 30 feet from the Palo side of the Palo River bridge. There was a 50 Cal MG stationed at the Palo end of the bridge that was manned by 19th Inf personnel. This gun was put out of action as soon as the Japs reached it, being over-run by the Japs.

I was so scared that I had climbed up on a stack of 10 in one rations and hid between them and the ceiling. At some point I decided that I was no longer scared and I got down and went outside and declared myself to God and the enemy.

The rest of this story is covered by Headquarters 24th Infantry Division General Order Number 29 A.P.O. 24, Dated 5 December 1944. Section III covering Bronze Star Awards for Valor.

While three enlisted men were awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Valor, they were not listed as men of the 24th Infantry Division Quartermaster Company but as Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. My Platoon Leader, one Lt. Levitt, informed me that I had been recommended for the Silver Star but he had been told that they could not give that decoration to a Quartermaster Soldier.

Later on in my military career I was commissioned to the rank of 2nd Lt from the rank of Corporal. My commission was in Infantry and I immediately requested a change of branch to the Adjutant General's Corp.

When I was a full fledged 1st LT I visited the officer that I accompanied across the Palo Bridge that morning, killing some Japs in route. This officer was Colonel George H. Chapman former Regimental Commander of the 19th Infantry Regiment during Leyte. He was an instructor at the War College, Norfolk Virginia and he said that he was proud of me and he would never forget the men of the 24th Quartermaster Co. and their display of bravery on that memorable day in 1944.

While it may sound like it is, this is not a letter of bitching. It's a letter of facts. I joined or I should say I was joined by the 24th Infantry Division on October 1, 1941. I served four years under their flag and we were the FIRST TO FIGHT. I'm proud to have served with the Division as I am proud to have been attached to the 19th during the New Guinea and Philippine Campaigns, a proud member of a great fighting force.

I would appreciate this being printed in the Taro Leaf soon.

We, of my era, the hero's mostly without high school diplomas, (Take Note General McAffrey) will not be around much longer, but we too WON OUR WAR.


THEODORE G. SHARPE
Major USA Retired

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Received a letter from **Richard Quatier** of 13218 N.E. 52 Street, Vancouver, WA 98662, phone 360-896-7216. "I am looking for information from people whom might have known my brother, Robert Quatier. He was reported missing in action on July 16, 1950. During that time he was assigned to the 19th Inf Regt, 24th Inf Div. The 19th Infantry Regiment landed in Pusan, Korea on July 4, 1950. By that evening, the 19th regiment was in position to relieve the 21st Inf Regt on the south bank of the Kum River near Taejon. This operation was extremely large making it necessary to leave large gaps between individual units. This is the time we believe we lost Bobby. As of July 16, there were 785 men on the Kum River line. The following morning only 434 reported for duty at Taejon." (Picture of Robert Quatier below.



EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter from Roy H. Welch, 6018 Laketree Ln. #20E, Tampa, FL 33617. "I would like to say how much I appreciate the Taro Leaf Magazine. I always look forward to receiving and reading it, hoping to see a familiar name from the days of the Philippine invasion and beyond to the occupation of Japan. I joined the 24th at Buna, New Guinea and was assigned to a machine-gun squad in C Co. 19th Regiment of the 24th. I was on the Leyte invasion, the Mindoro invasion and two night invasions of Verde and Romblon. I was wounded in the leg on Romblon and later rejoined the outfit on Mindanao and later was with the occupation of Japan. This gives a little history of my time with the Division....

Letter received from Nick Marasco of 1494 Gleason Rd., Andover, NY 14806. "I am enclosing an obituary of Donald Hinkle, another long time CO L 34th member. Our L Co. WWII group is really getting thin. It seems as if there is only a handful left. So much good comes from the articles in the TL. For example, I have through the TL renewed contact with Alex Poland with whom I go all the way back to Carolina Maneuvers in 1941, in Co. L. Another article, after all these years, tells me who my replacement may have been when I left Co. L, 34th for home from Mindoro, PI in March 20, 1945. In the May 1999 issue of the TL the article "Thank God for Everything" Leo S. Wenta of Fowler, KS tells of his arrival on Mindoro

and his assignment to Co. L, 34th Inf. When I left I could see another combat mission coming. When Leo arrived, in a week they were on their way to Mindanao. Another coincidence was that he was on Mindanao when he heard on August 15, 1945 that the war was over. I was in Fort Dix, NJ August 14, 1945 when I heard the war was over and was discharged the next day, August 15, 1945."

Letter received from Paul Cain of 802 Constitution Dr Apt C, Homestead FL 33034-3628. "My son Mike and my son in law Gary Schmidgall, both claim they really enjoyed the reunion and would like to attend our 2000 reunion in Kentucky. It is also great to have them along to guide me to the right plane, as well as watching out for tickets and baggage. Corky Peters and his wife Diane did one superb job with the reunion, as well as managing the association for the past year. They have my whole support for another year. Thanks again Vonnie, for your time and dedication to our association, as well as the Taro Leaf.

JOKE:

This is 911.
There is a naked man in my neighborhood!
Madam, we will send out an officer immediately.
Officer: I don't see anything.
Lady: Here, take these binoculars.

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KOREAN WAR VETERANS SOUGHT!

Alexandria, VA (July 16, 1999): The 50th anniversaries of the Korea War will begin on June 25, 2000, and continue through July 27, 2003. In preparation for commemorative ceremonies that will be held here in the United States and abroad, Korean War veterans are being encouraged to register with the U.S.-Korea 2000 Foundation.

According to Veterans' Administration statistics, less than 20 percent of Korean War veterans belong to any national veteran's service organization. The Foundation seeks to identify and locate surviving Korean War veterans so that they might inform them of and, to the extent possible, facilitate their participation in 50th anniversary commemorative activities. Retired Marine General Raymond G. Davis, a former Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, Korean War Medal of Honor recipient, and Foundation Co-chairman said, "We do not seek to commemorate the war, but rather the veterans thereof and the sacrifices they made to preserve democracy on the Korean peninsula almost 50 years ago."

Anyone who served in the armed forces, including the Coast Guard and Merchant Marine, may request an information and registration packet by contacting the Foundation at the address given below. Please include your name and complete mailing address. Family members of deceased Korean War veterans are also encouraged to participate.

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THE SOLDIERS NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

By Major Bruce W. Lovely

(With apologies to Clement Moore who first wrote the story for his children in 1822, also credit given to MSG Noah Brazos Ross, a US Army 18th Field Artillery survivor of Utah Beach, France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Battle for the Ardennes, Deutschland wrote "Daddy's Christmas" (Soldier's Christmas)" as a Bonita, Montague County, Texas, high school exercise in 1937)

Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,
In a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone.
I had come down the chimney with presents to give
And to see just who in this home did live.
I looked all about a strange sight I did see,
No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.
No stocking by the fire, just boots filled with sand,
On the wall hung pictures of far distant lands.
With medals and badges, awards of all kind
A sober thought came through my mind.
For this house was different, so dark and dreary,
I knew I had found the home of a soldier, once I could see clearly.
I heard stories about them, I had to see more
So I walked down the hall and pushed open the door.
And there he lay sleeping silent alone,
Curled up on the floor in his one bedroom home.
His face so gentle, his room in such disorder,
Not how I pictured a United States soldier.
Was this the hero of whom I'd just read?
Curled up in his poncho, a floor for his bed?
His head was clean shaven, his weathered face tan,
I soon understood this was more than a man.
For I realized the families that I saw that night
Owed their lives to these men who were willing to fight.
Soon 'round the world, the children would play,
And grownups would celebrate on a bright Christmas Day.
They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year,
Because of soldiers like this one lying here.
I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone
On a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home.
Just the very thought brought a tear to my eye,
I dropped to my knees and started to cry.
The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,
"Santa don't cry, this life is my choice;
I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more,
My life is my God, my country, my Corps."
With that he rolled over and drifted off into sleep,
I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.
I watched him for hours, so silent and still,
I noticed he shivered from the cold night's chill.
So I took off my jacket, the one made of red,
And I covered this soldier from his toes to his head.
And I put on his T-Shirt of gray and black,
With an eagle and an Army patch embroidered on back.
And although it barely fit me, I began to swell with pride,
And for a shining moment, I was United States Army deep inside.
I didn't want to leave him on that cold dark night,
This guardian of honor so willing to fight.
Then the soldier rolled over, whispered with a voice so clean and pure,
"Carry on Santa, it's Christmas Day, all is secure."
One look at my watch, and I knew he was right,
Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night!

(Submitted by Tom Cochran, Merry Christmas)

JOKE

A woman went to a pet store to purchase a parrot. The parrot with a 1000 word vocabulary sold for \$1500.00 and the bird with a 500 word vocabulary sold for \$2500.00. The woman asked why the parrot with the larger vocabulary sold for less and was told it was because many of the words were expletives. The woman decided that she would be able to train the bird to use only the best vocabulary and decided to take the bird with the 1000 word vocabulary at the price of \$1500.00. All went very well for about two weeks and then one day the bird just cut loose with the most vile language. The woman immediately put the bird in the refrigerator for ten minutes to cool him off. She took the bird out and the bird promised never to use such language again. However, in about a week the bird proceeded to use colorful language again and so back into the refrigerator for 15 minutes this time. Again the bird promised to clean up his act. Shortly the bird forgot his promise and began to use all of his 1000 word vocabulary, most of which was of the poorest taste in the opinion of his owner. This time the good woman thought and thought and then decided the deep freeze for 30 minutes would certainly teach the bird a lesson. When she opened the deep freeze and retrieved the poor chilled parrot, the parrot chattering from over exposure promised to never again use such language but said he only wanted to ask just one question. The owner asked what that might be and the parrot said, "What did that poor turkey say?"

JOKE

An Irishman named Murphy went to his doctor and was told he had only two weeks to a month to live. He had cancer. He left the doctor, met his son in the waiting room and he said, "Son, we Irish celebrate when things are good and celebrate when things don't go so well. In this case, things aren't so well. I have cancer and I've been given a short time to live. Let's head for the pub and have a few pints." After three or four pints, the two were feeling a little less somber. There were some laughs and more beers. They eventually were approached by some of Murphy's old friends who asked what the two were celebrating. Murphy told them that the Irish celebrate the good and the bad. He went on to tell them that they were drinking to his impending end. He told his friends, "I've only got a few weeks to live as I have been diagnosed with AIDS." The friends gave Murphy their condolences and they had a couple more beers. After his friends left, Murphy's son leaned over and whispered his confusion, "Dad, I thought you said that you were dying from cancer? You just told your friends that you were dying from AIDS!" Murphy said, "I am dying from cancer, son. I just don't want any of them around your mother after I'm gone."

JOKE

Two doctors and an HMO manager died and lined up at the pearly gates for admission to heaven. St. Peter asked them to identify themselves. One doctor stepped forward and said: "I was a pediatric spine surgeon and helped kids overcome their deformities." St. Peter said, "You may enter." The second doctor said "I was a psychiatrist. I helped people rehabilitate themselves." St. Peter also invited him in. The third applicant stepped forward and said, "I was an HMO manager. I helped people get cost-effective health care." St. Peter said, "You can come in too. As the HMO manager walked by, St. Peter added, "You are authorized to stay three days. After that you can go to hell."

JOKE

An elderly couple was watching one of those television preachers on TV one night. The preacher faced the camera, and announced.. "My friends, I'd like to share my healing powers with everyone watching this program. Place one hand on top of your TV and the other hand on the part of your body which ails you and I will heal you." The old woman had been having terrible stomach problems, so she placed one hand on the television, and the other on her stomach. Her husband approached the television, placed one hand on top of the TV, and his other hand on his groin. With a frown his wife said, "Ernest, he's talking about healing the sick.....not raising the dead."

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Lester	Adcock	Auburn	CA	95602	19th Inf	Jim Hill
Clarence R	Agee	Cameron	NC	28326	52nd Fld	Wally Kuhner
Nicholas J	Alberti	Bloomington	NJ	07403-1921	19th Inf	Yvonne Mullins
Frank	Alvarez	Corona	CA	91720	34th INF	Don Barrett
LTC David	Anderson	Columbia	SC	29229	24 AVN	
Gilbert	Archer	Fair Oaks	CA	95628	Recon	Roger Vaughn
Melvin R	Arnold	Somerset	PA	15501	21st INF	William D Hazlett
Charles	Audrain	Tulsa	OK	74114-3236	34th INF	
Dianne	Baczynski	Novato	CA	94945		B. Gary Shields
James M	Barno	Binghamton	NY	13905	19th Inf	Yvonne Mullins
Frank J	Barrett	Omaha	NE	68154	34th INF	
Frank M	Barrows	Savannah	GA	31410-3168	34th	Jim Hill
Wayne L	Barter	Isle Au Haut	ME	04645	724th Mai	
Ervin	Bartz	Shawano	WI	54166	24th	Herman Hall
BG John R	Batiste	Fort Hood	TX	76544	24th INF	Col Ernest Terrell
Carlos R	Bazil	Arkansas City	KS	67005-3707	21st INF	Wally Kuhner
Bert L	Behnke	Blaine	WA	98230	21st INF	Wallace F Kuhner
Alfred K	Bode	Hauula	HI	96717-0676	5th RCT	Dick Lewis
CSM Ernest D	Borders	New London	NC	28127-0220	30th HSB	Freddie E McFerran
Almar C	Braaten	Everett	WA	98206	21st	
Kenneth	Braddock	Wilson	NC	27896	7th	Will Schumaker
John	Bray	Ephrata	PA	17522-1638	21st	Joe Richmond
Wilbert	Breaux	Harvey	IA	70058	24th	Thomas Kilfoyle
Maj Robert S	Brown	Lansing	KS	66043-1336	7th	Will Schumaker
Brian K	Brumfield	Logan	WV	25601	3/7th	Harry L Wittman Jr
Lawrence	Buck	Plant City	FL	33565	52 FA	Wally Kuhner
Vernon	Bugh, Jr	Santa Barbara	CA	93105	24th	Ray Sanchez
Herman	Bull	Seven Valleys	PA	17360-9786	3rd EN	Billy Johnson
Ralph	Burge	Mechanicsville	IA	52306-8014	34th INF	Yvonne Mullins
Norbert	Burkhart	Hanston	KS	67849	19th INF	Yvonne Mullins
Clarence	Burton	Ramona	OK	74061	21st	Wally Kuhner
Robert	Campbell	Manhattan	KS	66503	21st Reg	Wesley R Morrison
Ray	Cash	Vernon	AL	35592	24th divisi	Paul Cain
William	Casto Sr	Columbus	OH	43223	3rd Eng	Yvonne Mullins
Robert	Childers	Louisville	KY	40217-1836	QM	
Terry O'Brien	Clark	Tulsa	OK	74136	21st INF	
Thomas	Cline	Quincy	IL	62301	21st INF	Yvonne Mullins
Joseph L	Coaxum	Suitland	MD	20746	19th Reg	Harold Peters
William F	Coghill	Anchorage	AK	99504-1127	24th	
Dominic E	Collette	Grand Forks	ND	58203	19th Inf	Richard P LaBerge
James T	Cooper	Albuquerque	NM	87111-2524	19th Inf	William G Roseboro
Bobby S	Cordle	Powder Springs	GA	30127	5th Inf	Dick Lewis
Robert	Coshow	Noblesville	IN	46060-9703	34th Tank	Edward Kerkhoff
Anthony	Costello	Orange	CA	92667	21st	Tony Apadca
John Bradley	Crabtree Jr	Pleasant Hill	CA	94523	5th RCT	
Robert A	Cramer	Villas	NJ	08251	Recon	Wally Kuhner
Clifford A	Crandell	Bonita Springs	FL	34135	52nd FAB	Wally Kuhner
Rudy V	Crawford	Forsyth	MT	59327	34th Inf	Harry L Wittman Jr
Frederick R	Cunitz	Somerset	KY	42503	34th Rgt	
Jack	Curry	Mtn Home	AR	72653-8317	34th	JD Henry
Kenneth	Cutler	Miami	FL	33183-4261	5th Inf	Dick Lewis
Dayton H	Davis	Kalamazoo	MI	49019	34th	
SGM Norman	Davisworth	Glennville	GA	30427-1514	1/13 FA	Harold Peters
Philip S	Day	Columbus	GA	31904	21st INF	

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Gerald P	Deegan	Chappaqua	NY	10514	21st	Wally Kuhner
Vennice C	Deischer	Salem	IL	62881-3635	24th	
James L	Dickens	Santa Fe	NM	87505	21st Reg	Harold Peters
Kenneth	Doan	Louisville	KY	40272-3346	52nd FA	Wally Kuhner
Carl	Doran	Roy	WA	98580	19th INF	Bill Allen
John R	Doyle	Saginaw	MI	48602	5th Inf	Dick Lewis
Modester B	Duncan	Kennedy	AL	35574	34th INF	Paul Cain
William	Eberle	Glen Elder	KS	67446-9772	21 Rgt	Harry L Wittman Jr
Bernard M	Eck	Beloit	KS	67420	21st Regt	Harry Wittman
Harold	Emerson	Traverse City	MI	49686-5133	21st INF	wally Kuhner
Ernest	Favaro	North Bergen	NJ	07047	24th INF	Joseph Sowders
Charles	Ferguson	Narrows	VA	24124	19th	Yvonne Mullens
Michael J	Fotjik, Jr	Racine	WI	53406	632nd Ta	Harry L Wittman
Harlan C	Frahm	Burlington	WI	53105	21st Rgt	Wally Kuhner
David	Frame	Sophia	WV	25921-0827	19th Inf	George Weidensall
Alfred R	French	Phoenix	AZ	85007	21st	Wally Kuhner
Johnny T	Galac	Flint	TX	75762	21st	Vincenzo Laracco
Rudolfo	Garay	Los Angeles	CA	90032	24th	
Lloyd E	Gardner	Bartlesville	OK	74006	21st	Vernon Clark
Frank	Gilbert	Tonawanda	NY	14150	24th	
CSM Marvin K	Glass	Monrog	GA	30656	1-121	
Robert J	Gourley	Chestertown	MD	21620	21st INF	Cleon Eckler
Jerome	Graham	Naples	FL	34105	19th INF	Yvonne Mullins
Kenneth G	Grass	Broken Arrow	OK	74014	19th	Yvonne Mullins
Gene A	Hamann	Cincinnati	OH	45241		W Schumaker & Witt
Col Jeffrey W	Hammond	Fort Hood	TX	76544	24th INF	Col Ernest Terrell
Frank Bruce	Hamp	Yorkville	IL	60560-9649	24th Med	Yvonne Mullins
James N	Handley	Cape May Point	NJ	08212	19th Reg	Yvonne Mullins
Ronald	Hanson	Bagley	MN	56621-0034	3rd ENG	
Herman	Hartman	Annnville	PA	17003-9763	19th Inf	Yvonne Mullins
William T	Hemsley	Fayetteville	PA	17222	3rd Eng	
Lee S	Henry	Hilton Head Island	SC	29926	21st	Wally Kuhner
James D	Hill	Detroit	MI	48219	21st	Wally Kuhner
Karl L	Hirlinger	Peoria	AZ	85345	19th Inf	
Joseph	Hunt	N Little Rock	AR	72118-4153	21st	
Donald	Hymer	Roachdale	IA	46172	19th INF	Frederick King
Earl R	Irvin	Lancaster	PA	17603	19th INF	Ray Fryer
Victor	Jacketti	Pottstown	PA	19464-5821	24th Med	Yvonne Mullins
Waymond D	Jackson	Gallatin	TN	37066	21st	Wally Kuhner
Cleno	Jefferson	Riverside	CA	92503	19th	Joe Sweeney
Ronald L	Jeffredo	Indio	CA	92201	19th INF	Harry L Wittman
Farrell Philip	Johnson	Hazelwood	MO	63042	38th INF	
James P	Keelen	Clarksville	GA	30523	24th	Herman Hall
Francis	Keenan	Sutton	NE	68979	21st	Wally Kuhner
Frederick H	King	Roachdale	IN	46172	21st Reg	Harry L. Wittman Jr.
Howard	Kipp	Hemet	CA	92545	21st RCT	wally Kuhner
Lawrence E	Koschak	Big Pine	FL	33043	52nd FA	Wally Kuhner
Oscar	Kriesel	Cole Camp	MO	65325	5th RCT	
Fred	Krueger	Wilkes Barre	PA	18702	Div financ	
Martin	Krueger	Hillrose	CO	80733-9700	24th MP	
Lomby	LaBelle	Enosburg Falls	VT	05450	24th Sign	
William H	Lambert	Boca Raton	FL	33432	19th	Joe McKeon
Eugene	Lansing	Dyersville	IA	52040	19th	Wallace F Kuhner
Ernest	Lawson	Colville	WA	99114	19th	
Dennis	Leiby	West Lawn	PA	19609-0521		Frank Horvat

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Warren J	LeMon	Turners Falls	MA	01376	21st	Wally Kuhner
Merle	Lewis	Rosehill	KS	67133	24th	Dennis E Leiby
Arthur Jackson	Lodge	Goose Creek	SC	29445	19th INF	
Jesse	Loewen	Dennard	AK	72629	34th INF	Yvonne Mullins
William	Lovell	Eugene	OR	97402-2918	21st	Keith Hagen
Alvin	Luchessa	Modesto	CA	95356	21st INF	
Stephen M	Lutz	Fort Sill	OK	73503	35th FA	
Richard E	MacNish	Catchoque	NY	11935	21st	Harry L Wittman Jr
Delbert	Marek	Morley	MI	49336-9582	21st INF	Yvonne Mullins
Frank	Martin	Cheektowaya	NY	14225	13th FA	Frank Milgak
Marvin E	Martin	Corpus Christi	TX	78412-3513	5th RCT	
Leslie	McCarter	Knoxville	TN	37917	21st	Wally Kuhner
Lowell W	McDaniel	Dallas	TX	75248-1311	19th INF	Robert Spragins
Maj Gen Freddy	McFarren	Fort Riley	KS	66442-5000	HQ	
Raymond K	McGuire	Greensboro	NC	27455	24th	Herman Hall
Horace A	McMaster	Creamery	PA	19430	24th reco	Ducth Nelson
Richard S	Mickelson	Roseville	CA	95747	HQ	Wayne Smith
Lyman J	Miller	Parker	SD	57053	21st	Wally Kuhner
Leon G	Minahan	Conshohocken	PA	19428	21st	Wally Kuhner
Robert V	Misner	Lakeville	MN	55044	34th INF	Harold Peters
Alfred J	Mongar	Cadillac	MI	49601	19th	Donald Finny
Carl Grady	Moore	Athens	GA	30606		Yvonne Mullins
James	Moran	Long Beach	MS	39560	24th	Herman Hall
James	Moran	Long Beach	MS	39560-5603	24th Reco	Herman Hall
Frank	Mundsehenk	Grand Island	NE	68803-5030	21st Inf	Harold Peters
Rita	Myers	Fair Grove	MO	65648	21st INF	Yvonne Mullins
Lowell J	Neifert	Glen Elder	KS	67446-9409	34th INF	Harry L Wittman Jr
Benny	Nelson	DeForest	WI	53532	21st	Wally Kuhner
Bobby D	Nunley	Petros	TN	37845-0072	34th Rgt	Yvonne Mullins
Salvatore T	Palma	Boca Raton	FL	33498	24th Sig C	Herb Dareff
Wilfred A	Parenteau	Warren	NH	03279	Med Det	
Robert	Patchin	Garden Grove	CA	92843	5th RCT	Dick Lewis
Loyal C	Perry	Oxnard	CA	93033	52nd FA	Wally Kuhner
Kenneth J	Phillips	Palatka	FL	32177	34th INF	
Stanley	Phipps	Charlotte	NC	28214-8487	5th RCT	Dick Lewis
CSM Frank	Plass	Ellersbie	GA	31807		Jim Hill
Charles D	Plunk	Colonial Heights	VA	23834	5th RCT	
Franklin	Powers	Sargent	NE	68874-9746	19th Reg	Yvonne Mullins
William	Powers	Winter Haven	FL	33880	503rd INF	Yvonne Mullins
William H	Pratter	Ayer	MA	01432	19th Reg	Donald K Le Gay
Donald E	Putnam	Great Barrington	MA	01230	3rd Eng B	James Flynn
Fred S	Putnam	Albuquerque	NM	87112	24th INF	JD Henley
Jackie L	Putty	Odessa	TX	79761-3332	5th RCT	
Maurice	Quarries	Tacoma	WA	98405	21st Regt	Don Barrett
Richard	Quatier	Vancouver	WA	98682	19th INF	
William R	Rapien	Alton	IL	62002-7761	19th	Joe Sweeney
Rufus	Redcay	Ephrata	PA	17522-2503	11th FA	
Joseph R	Richmond	Palm Harbor	FL	34684	21st Inf	
Robert	Roof, Sr.	Rocky Point	NC	28457	21st Inf	Claude C. Crist, Jr
Harold	Ruble	Portage	MI	49024	24th HQ	Saul Stadmaurer
Robert	Sadlow	Roselle	NJ	07203	21st IR	John M Dennis
George F	Schiller	Pepperell	MA	01463-0335	24th	Vonnie Mullins
John	Senger	Anniston	AL	36201	19th INF	Yvonne Mullins
Terry	Shebanek	Seal Beach	CA	90740	19th INF	Tony P Apodaca
Ray	Sherman	Mt Holly Spring	PA	17065	52nd	

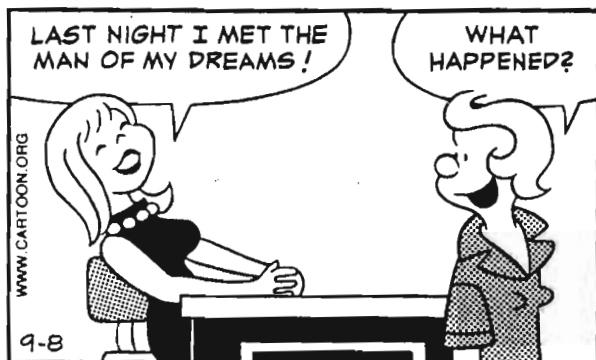
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Donald	Shilvock	Genview	IL	60025	5th RCT	Dick Lewis
Billy B	Sitton	Henderson	TX	75654-6293	19th	Dick Lewis
Louis J	Sloboda	Warren	NJ	07059	21st Inf	Joseph J Droyd
Robert	Smith	What Cheer	IA	50268	6th Tk Bn	Wally Kuhner
Robert L	Smith	Charleston	WV	25311-9603	3rd Eng	Harry Wittman
Loyal E	Smoke	Limon	CO	80828-0430	24th	Paul Chapman
Henry	Sosa	Highland Mills	NY	10930	21st INF	Warren Avery
Amos	Sparks	Antioch	CA	94509	34th INF	Harry L Wittman
Saul	Stadtmauer	New York	NY	10024	PIO	
Charles	Stiteler	Coshocton	OH	43812	63 FA	Gray L olnhausen
Clyde E	Stokes	Lees Summit	MO	64063	19th INF	Robert E Ray
James M	Swindler	Bella Vista	AR	72714	19th Inf	
Terry G	Switzer	Bartlesville	OK	74003	21st INF	Vernon R Clark
BG Anthony	Taguba	Ft Jackson	SC	29207		Harold Peters
Leonard	Therry	Fairfax	VA	22030	21st INF	Yvonne Mullins
Herbert O	Thompson	Heath	OH	43056-1771	19th	William Roseboro
William B	Thompson	Oxnard	CA	93035-4606	34th Inf	Harold Peters
Edward J	Tinney	Louisville	KY	40272	21st	Harry L Wittman Jr
Gerald R	Tomlin	El Reno	OK	73036	19th Inf	Wallace F Kuhner
Raymond	Upp	Copperas Cove	TX	76522	34th INF	
Harvey O	Vance	Muscatine	IA	52761	21st INF	
Cornelius J	Venhuizen	So Holland	IL	60473	31st Tran	Harry L Wittman Jr
Charles S	Verret	Hemphill	TX	75948	52nd FA	
Gene	Voegele	Dillsboro	IN	47018-0177	34th Reg	James Lemon
Lawrence	Walker	Cave Junction	OR	97523	52nd	Harry Wittman
Jack W	Waltz	Verington	NV	89447	34th Reg	Ralph Burge
Nicholas J	Watz	Orlando	FL	32822-3038	24th	Leo J Toninato
Otto	Werner	LaCrosse	WI	54601-7939	3rd Eng	Billy Johnson
Max L	West	Blair	NE	68008-1707		Yvonne Mullins
Jack	White	Opelika	AL	36801	13th FA	
Jack	Williamson	Henryetta	OK	74437-0398	34th IR	Joe Payne
George	Wilson	Fairbanks	AK	99708-2825	34th	
John	Wilson	Rocky Mount	NC	27804-3114	34th INF	Dan Donovan
Major Jeffrey	Wingo	Fort Riley	KS	66442-5000		
Fred	Wise Jr	Spring Lake	NC	28390	5th RCT	Dick Lewis
Jewel	Wood	Bogalusa	LA	70427-4306	24th Art	Yvonne Mullins

Total Count 200

BEETLE BAILEY

By Mort Walker



24th Infantry Division Association



THE 24th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

At the annual reunion of the 24th Infantry Division Association in Tulsa, Oklahoma in September of this year three \$500 scholarship awards were given in the name of the Association. The scholarship awards were given for the first time and were able to be financed by personal donations from some of the members of the Association.

The awardees were:

Sylburn Peterkin
82-26 233 Street
Bellerose, New York

Sylburn was sponsored by John W. Peterkin (34th Regiment-Korea) and is currently a student at St. John's University, Jamaica, New York.

Nathan William Bland
1721 East 2nd Street
Trenton, Missouri

Nathan was sponsored by William H. Bland (63rd FA Battalion-Japan/Korea) and will attend the University of Missouri-Rolla.

Elisabeth A. Peters
536 Bison Circle
Apopka, Florida

Elisabeth was sponsored by Robert H. Peters (24th Signal Company-Japan/Korea) and has applied for admission to both the University of Florida and the University of South Florida.

Members of the Scholarship Award Committee were James F. Hill (19th Infantry, Japan/Korea), Chairman, and Ernest Terrell (11th Field Artillery Bn., Japan/Korea), Robert Smith (11th Field Artillery Battalion, Korea) and Will Schumaker, 2/7th, Fort Stewart and DESERT STORM).

The entire membership of the 24th Infantry Division Association offer their heartfelt congratulations to these outstanding young Americans and wish them great success as they continue on in their educational life.

William Jordan Verbeck
Bowl Recipients
(* Deceased)

*	Kenwood Ross	'66-'67-'68		Rosenblum, Don	'83
*	Henry, Edmund F.	'69	*	Lowry, Hubert	'84
*	O'Donnell, James	'70		Klump, John E.	'85
*	Compere, Thomas H.	'71	*	List, Lee	'86
*	Peyton, Joseph I.	'72		Dick, Dallas	'87
*	Backer, Victor	'73		Shay, John R.	'88
*	Newman, Aubrey S.	'74		Avery, Warren	'89-'90
*	Duff, Robert J.	'75	*	Ender, Robert	'91-'92
*	Irving, Frederick A.	'76	*	Wheeler, Lester L.	'93
*	Gilner, Samuel Y.	'77		McKeon, Joseph P.	'94
*	Stevenson, Gerald R.	'78		Hofrichter, Joseph P.	'95
	Sanderson, William	'79		Kuhner, Wallace F.	'96
*	Hanlin, Clifford G.	'80	*	Mullins, Rodolph	'97
*	Lumsden, Howard R.	'81		Hostetter, M.D., Philip	'98
*	Harris, Paul A.	'82		Gosztyla, Henry	'99

August 11, 1999 Old Army Platoon veterans from Donegal, Arm Brust, United, and Mount Pleasant area in Pennsylvania boarded two buses in pre-dawn light. We were guests of the U.S. Army Military District of Washington. We planned to lay a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

A Military Police escort took members of our platoon to the tomb. Sentinals cross in front of the tomb is exactly 21 steps, face the tomb for 21 seconds, and then re-trace their steps. The number 21 is symbolic of the highest salute afforded dignitaries.

The visiting veterans ate lunch and dinner with soldiers of Ft. Myers. They were touched when they saw their World War II veterans in their uniforms and spontaneously approached to thank them for all they had done in the military.

The day in Washington ended with the veterans, Old Army Platoon, attending a twilight Tattoo in the ellipse across from the White House. This 300 year tradition is a bugle call that means, "time to quiet down and hit the bunks."

The band was followed by a Fife and Drum Corps and Color Guard in the uniforms of the Revolutionary War. The Drill Team performed with bayonets fixed on Springfield 103 rifles. It concluded with soldiers in the front row tossing their rifles over their shoulders to the soldiers in the back row in silence without breaking their stride of 140 steps per minute.

Three Generals arrived to review the troops. Each stopped and saluted the veterans. Many veterans were quite young in the Service and never rose higher than Private. The Generals did not think of that when facing an 80 year old veteran with a Purple Heart pinned on his 60 year old uniform.

Charles H. Reese
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Euclid OH 44123-1004

Charles Sandor
Victim of Fall
Friday, March 3, 1950

Charles J. Sandor, 41 died Friday at a Tacoma hospital from injuries received the day before when he suffered a fall while at work at the Tacoma Box Factory where he was employed as a planerman.

It seems a strange whim of fate that Charles Sandor should have come safely through some of the war's bitterest fighting only to fall victim to an accident while engaged in peace time work. For Sandor was a member of Company A of the 19 Infantry Regiment which endured great danger and hardship on a 9 day mission deep into the Japanese mountain stronghold on Leyte, Philippine Islands, in 1944.

It was when the crack Victory Division was sweeping through the Leyte Valley that Co. A of the famous 19th Infantry Regiment (Rock of Chickamauga) climbed into the hills directly toward the Jap base at Ormoc to protect the 24th's flank. With the Filipino Guerillas as guides, the gallant company, which included PFC Sandor, probed far into the high passes day after day through chilling mists and over almost impassable trails, supplied only by what they could hand carry into the rugged terrain. Seven times they ran into pitched battles with the Japanese. They struck booby traps of laced vines, snarls of land mines. They slept in sodden muddy foxholes with only ponchos for cover.

During one sharp fight for a ridge top just before dark the company was caught in a torrential rain which made further attack impossible. Sandor and his buddies withdrew down a deep gorge and set up defense perimeter on a knoll within it. It was lucky they did for in only minutes the gorge carried a roaring mountain flood that washed the bodies of the Japs they had just killed past them into the valley.

Three of those nine terrible days the company had no food except potatoes and taro roots provided by friendly natives. Many other times the men were on half rations. At the end of the period more than half of the company had been wounded or become sick from physical strain and exposure to mountain cold. But they held the passes against infinitely stronger Jap forces. The valor of those men, combined with the valor of thousands of other freedom-loving young men, many of whom did not return to peace

time jobs, led to victory and the end of hostilities.

This article was sent in by Bill Roseboro of 605 Marlboro St., Hamlet, NC 28345-2306. Bill writes, "I recently received a request from Joan Monteith asking help in finding anyone who might have served with her father who was a member of the CO A, 19th Infantry in WWII, Charles John Sandor DOB: Dec 2, 1908; Entered Army from Buckley, WV and died February 24, 1950; If you knew him, or even if you did not, but were in the company at the time, please contact his daughter":

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Email from Lila and Bob Hartley of 36 Washington ST, Mystic CT 06355-2815: "Just a note to say what a great reunion it was in Tulsa. We enjoyed ourselves very much. We stayed on in Tulsa with B.J. Hunt until Tuesday morning so we could go down to see Lawton and Fort Sill area. It was just 50 years since Bob had been there. He was very interested to see if his old barracks and such were still there and they were. On our arrival back home Tuesday evening, Bob wasn't feeling well and it wasn't long after he wanted me to call 9111 as he had severe chest pressure and short of breath. He was transferred from our local hospital to Hartford hospital and had a 5-way by-pass on Saturday, October 2nd. He is recuperating at our home in Mystic now but hopes to be able to fly in a few more weeks to head for our home in Florida. We don't like this cool weather and it will be so much better for him to recuperate down there in the warmer weather. It was great seeing everyone in Tulsa and all the gang in the 19th, Co. "B".

Email from Gennaro A. Fischetti: "While on a vacation cruise to the western Mediterranean , (the reason I missed the reunion) something good came out of it. I met Anthony Tepalian of 1506 Hemlock Farms, Hawley, PA 18428. He joined the 24th Inf Div 19th Inf Regt (D) Company in '46 in Japan and then was sent to Korea. He never knew about the Division Association nor the Taro Leaf. Please sign him up and send him a copy." (Thanks so much for the email Gennaro, and I did send Anthony an application and a copy of the August Taro Leaf.) Hope that he joins!!

Email from Andrea Palmer ALSGRAMMA@aol.com "My cousin PFC Donald K. Webb was in the 21st Inf Regt Company E. The Army has his official death date as 9 Feb 1951, however, he was promoted to Cpl in 1952 and had two more casualties in 1952. It is now believed his death of malnutrition was "witnessed" (I don't know by whom) in Nov. 1952 in Changsong Camp 3. His sister was 13 years old when she last saw her brother. She is still living. Any information would be so appreciated. My home address is: 2405 Sunny Ln #9, Antioch, CA 94509.

Email from Dave Mann: "The August TL, was the best one yet. Very professionally done, a real work of art. You are to be highly commended. I have only one comment to make and that is none of your doing. The obituary on General Wheeler on page 69 contains two glaring errors. In the 3rd paragraph, the writer states that "He commanded the 34th Infantry Regiment during amphibious assaults on Leyte and Luzon in the Philippines." This statement is of



course unfair to the actual commanders respectively: Aubrey S. Newman and William W. Jenna. This takes nothing away from Gen. Wheeler. I served under him during the latter stages of the Mindanao campaign and during the occupation of Japan when he was commander of the 34th and admired and respected him very much. I also visited him and his wife in Arlington, VA. It was he who told me about the 24th Div Assn and paid my first year's dues." (Thanks so much for this correction, Dave. I appreciated you letting me know.)

Received an email from Mark J. Rosenblum: "I am writing to you about my uncle Henry M. Rosenblum, I Company, 19th Infantry who was in the Korean war. He was wounded when he jumped into a foxhole to save his platoon from a thrown grenade. He immediately lost one of his legs, but due to the extreme cold, he lost his other leg due to frostbite. The medics thought at the time he would lose his hands too, but they were treated and turned out okay. He did receive a purple heart. I do not have his service number . Henry was from St. Louis, MO but he lived the last years of his life in San Antonio. He passed away in 1983, and all I know is a few details of his military service, such as the date is around 4/1951. I am proud to know that he served his country, and lived through it to tell us all about it. I was hoping that some other members of his unit might remember him and be able to provide some information, interesting stories, etc. about my

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uncle so that I can pass it on to all of my relatives and make sure that one of the many heroes of the Korean War are not forgotten." Mark's email address is: Mrosenblum@bridge.com

A letter from Howard W. Camp, 430 S. Stadium Dr., Xenia, OH 45385-2162: "I talked to a widow last night at a grave stone memorial for her brother who died in a POW camp in Korea in February 1951. She mentioned that her deceased husband had served with the 24th thru much of the South Pacific during WWII. I told her, I would place this in the T.L. and see if anybody remembers him. She does not know what outfit he was in but the Taro Leaf patch he wore all the time before his death. His name was Vallie Evan Johnson from Carbon Hill, OH (This is in the South East area of Ohil close to Nelsonville, Ohio.) She would appreciate if anyone knew him during that period. Her address is: Mrs. Ruth Johnson, 3599 Byers Rd., Nelsonville, OH 45764.

Don't forget your dues.:

Annual is \$15.00 and Life membership \$150.00.

Send to:

Will Schumaker, 1300 East Hartley, Ozark, MO 65721-8437.

Letter received from William E. Vickers of 1340 S. White Oak Dr., Apt 413, Waukegan, IL 60085: "Enclosed is a picture of three guys who served in the 34th Inf Regt 3rd BN, HQ Co. just 56 years ago. They are from left to right: Bill Vickers, James Mathis and Ernest Alpers. A fourth member who didn't make it due to illness is Carl Huddleston. The picture was taken at the Buddy Reunion in Iowa September 13-15, 1999. Z'



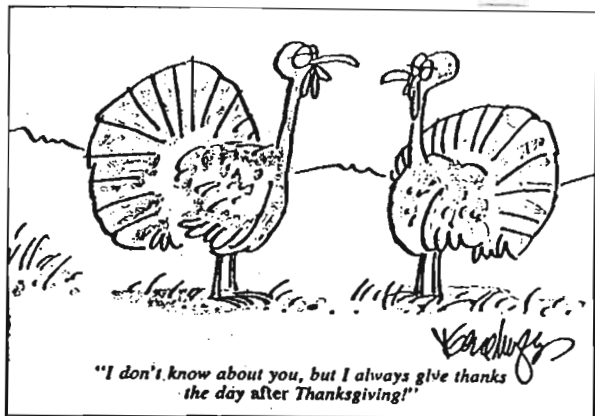
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The time is early January 1951. We were on the move south, scouting near Sang Je (Somewhere S.E. of Seoul and north of Ansong) for a new 1st BN, 19th, C.P... The jeep driver with pipe in mouth was "Mac" and can't remember full name. Dick Stuben.



Letter from William G. Campbell of 10051 New Sulphur Springs RD., San Antonio TX 78263-9608: "Thought you might be interested in the clipping of our anniversary. She did worry a bit while I chased mosquitoes with the Division in Australia to Japan. Thank God she waited. Hope you have a great time in Tulsa.



Campbell-60 years



William G. and Pat Campbell celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 11, 1999. They were married at the bride's hometown in Kingsville, Texas.

The couple are native Texans, and Bill is a descendant of Captain Thomas Weggs Grayson, Republic of Texas defenders, and many other Irish settlers. The Campbells have two children, William G. Campbell, Jr and Alyson Grace McHalton, and husband Danny McHalton. They also have one grandson and granddaughter and one great-granddaughter.

Letter received from Bacil Steed, 46 Chewings St., Page ACT Australia 2614: "Here in Canberra, at the Russell Defense Offices, there is a huge memorial that can be seen for miles around. Australian-American Memorial; Sir Thomas Blamey Square, Russell, A.C.T. 2600. General Blamey was the commander of all the Australian Forces in W.W. II.

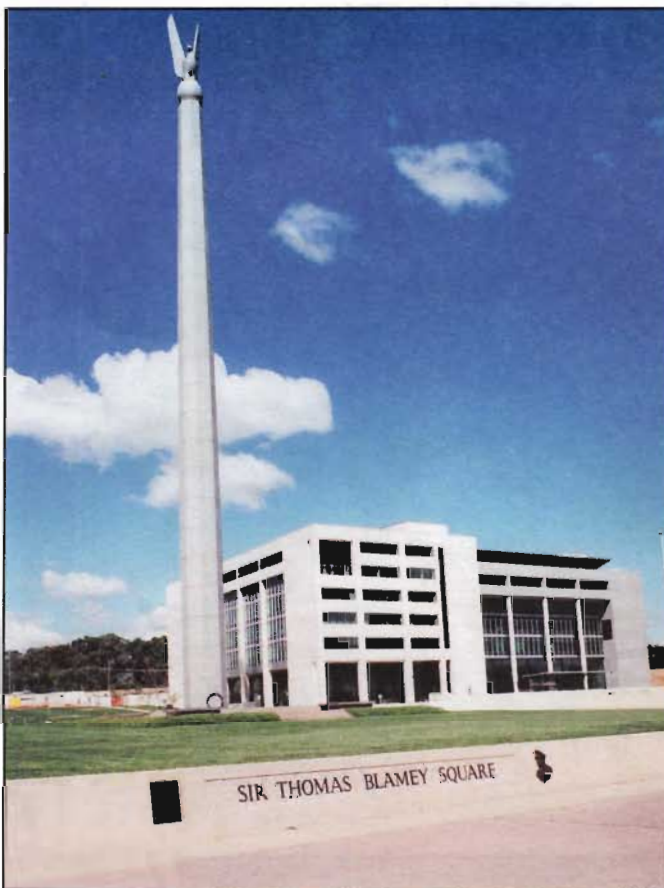


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**In Grateful Remembrance
Of the vital help given by the
United States of America dur-
ing
The War in the Pacific 1941-45
Unveiled By
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
February 16 th 1954**

**(Of the 21,467 Prisoners of war
in the war against Japan 7602
died while captive.)**



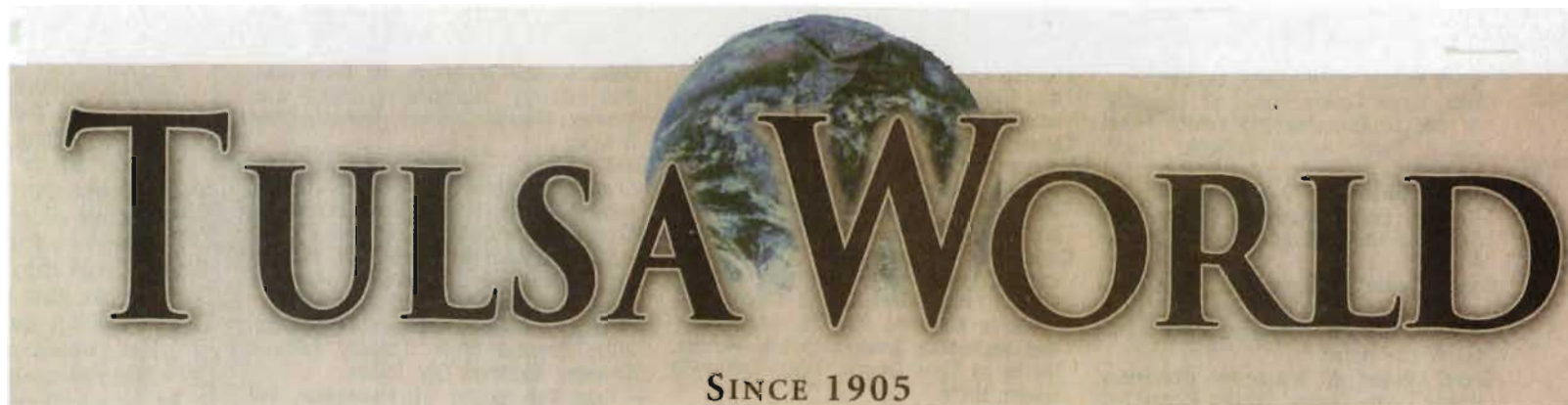
From Otis J. Solar of 14 N. 206 W. Highland, Elgin, IL 60123: "A bit of trivia, to those who may want to know . This plaque is in the park in Elgin. Mr. Rovelstad, the sculptor died about four years ago." Pictures below.



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Sanford Thatcher of 234 Peacock St., Fort Pierce, FL 34982 writes: "Here is a picture of the grave site of Charles W. Becklin. He and I grew up on the same street in Bethlehem, PA. I was in the 21st Inf Regt, D Company '50-'51. He is buried in the Union cemetery in Hellertow, PA."





TULSA WORLD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1999

Gathering offers comfort to veterans

By RIK ESPINOSA
 World Staff Writer

Telling war stories is therapy, said veterans gathered for a reunion in Tulsa.

The 24th Infantry Division Association, a group of U.S. Army veterans spanning from Pearl Harbor to Desert Storm, is holding its 52nd annual reunion this week at the Adam's Mark Hotel, 100 E. Second St.

"You get it off your chest," said Eufaula resident Carl Hatmaker, 67, of reliving the year he spent in Korea with his comrades-in-arms. "I just get everything out. It's like a therapy thing."

Shipped off to Korea in 1950 from Fort Sill, about all Hatmaker would say about his war-time experiences is, "When they said 'Go up that hill,' I did."

This is Hatmaker's fifth re-

union of the 24th Infantry Division, and this year he found a long-lost buddy and they recalled blowing up a North Korean bank safe, he said.

Joe McKeon, 80, retired as a first sergeant after spending 29 years in the Army. He was also in the 24th Infantry Division in Korea and has been coming to reunions since 1952.

"You see some people you know and served with and were in some hair-raising escapades," McKeon said.

With a motto of "First to Fight," the Victory Division is one of the nation's most honored military units.

In World War II, the Korean War and Operation Desert Storm, 5,584 members of the 24th Infantry Division died, 13,025 were wounded in action and 165 remain missing in action.

Retired Col. Jim Hill, former association president, said about 3,000 people are members of the association and there are about 250 at the convention in Tulsa.

"Hundreds of thousands of men throughout the years have worn the 24th patch on their shoulders," Hill said.

The 24th Infantry Division was formed in Oct. 1941 in Hawaii, but has roots back to 1921, Hill said. It was last deactivated in April 1996 and was reactivated June 5 in Fort Riley, Kan., as the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized).

The reactivated division — one of the new integrated active and reserve forces — consists of three Army National Guard Brigades: the 48th Separate Infantry Brigade, based in Georgia; the 218th Separate Infantry Brigade, based in South Carolina; and the 30th Separate Infantry Brigade,



Hatmaker

McKeon

based in North Carolina.

The reactivated 24th Infantry Division's commanding general, Maj. Gen. Freddy E. McFarren, was the guest speaker Saturday night at the group's memorial service, banquet and dance.

Rik Espinosa, World staff writer, can be reached at 581-8313 or via e-mail at rik.espinosa@tulsaworld.com.



BOOK SALE

My Old Box of Memories, Thoughts on the Korean War by **William Allen**. "I had this old cardboard box that was full of information that has been stashed away for over forty years. Anything that I had from the day the 24th Inf Div went to Korea in July 1950. My father started a scrap book and kept it up-dated right until the time that I was released as a POW after 32 months. Over the years anything that I received went into this old box. I didn't want anything to remind me of my past experiences. But for some reason I kept the box and all the information that it contained. Over a period of time that old box was filling up. When they were getting ready to dedicate the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C. I got thinking of that old cardboard box shoved away in a corner.

I started going through the stuff that was in there and decided to write a journal for my children and their children. After writing about Korea I decided to write what I called After Thoughts. This consisted of anything that I considered of importance to my family. It is a continuation from the day I returned home up until November 1998.

I get the same response from everyone on the statement that I wrote: I didn't have to do too much research in writing this journal. Why? Because I lived it as so many other veterans did."

COUNT YOUR AGE BY YOUR FRIENDS

Count your garden by the flowers never by the leaves that fall
 Count your joy's by golden hours never when life's worries call
 Count your nights by stars not shadows
 Count your days by smiles not tears
 And on any Birthday morning
 Count your age by Friends, not years.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS GROUP RE-UNION - 26TH AAA "D" BATTERY & 11 FIELD BN WHO SERVED IN KOREA TOGETHER IN LATE 1952, 1953 & 1954 WILL BE HAVING A REUNION IN BRANSON, MO IN APRIL 2000.

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West Coast Mini Reunion 2000 will be April 23 thru 27 at the Sundowner Hotel/Casino, W. 4th & Arlington Sts. Downtown Reno, Nevada in the heart of Casino Center.

Rod Stock, Chairman,
 West Coast "Reunion 2000"

KINDNESS

I shall pass through this world but once. If, therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do, let me do it now; let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

—GRELLET

Among the more common symptoms of "old age" are white hair, wrinkles, and no mortgage payments.



Philippine Islands (Mindanao) July 3, 1945. Co "C" 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Division.
PT Base - Taken from Post #1
(Picture by John Trinca)

"Another Soldier's Coming Home"



His back is bent and weary
His voice is tired and low
His sword is worn from battle
and his steps have gotten slow,
But he used to walk on water
or it seemed that way to me,
I know he moved some mountains
and never left his knees.

Chorus:

Strike up the band, assemble the choir
another soldier's coming home
another warrior hears the call
he's waited for so long.
He'll battle no more, but he's
won his wars, make sure Heaven's table
has room for at least one more.
Sing a welcome song,
another soldier's coming home.

He faced the winds of sorrow,
but his heart knew no retreat.
He walked in narrow places
knowing Christ knew no defeat.
But now his steps turn homeward,
so much closer to the prize,
he's sounding kind of homesick and
there's a longing in his eyes.

Chorus:

Strike up the band, assemble the choir
another soldier's coming home
another warrior hears the call
he's waited for so long.
He'll battle no more, but he's
won his wars, make sure Heaven's table
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Deceased	Last Name	First Name	Street	City	State	Zip
04/1999	Adams	LTC Stanley T	20454 Whistlepine R	Bend	OR	997702-262
02/1999	Ahnert	Lewis R	PO Box 54	Lyons	IN	47443-0054
03/1999	Baker	John O	3055 Berney Dr	Marina	CA	93933-3601
04/1999	Balestrieri	Ralph	41 Rose Ct	Eatontown	NJ	07724-1515
05/1999	Ball	Robert	6008 119th St SW	Tacoma	WA	98499-1214
06/1999	Bowen	R S	72 Meadowcliff Dr	Little Rock	AR	72209-2140
06/1999	Buck Sr	Frederick	3118 Evanston Ave	Erie	PA	16506-3139
03/1999	Cockfield	Graham M	2449 16th St N	Saint Petersburg	FL	33704-3129
03/1999	Cockrell	Harold	2010 Brushy Creek	Greer	Sc	29650
09/1998	Cosgrove	Robert O	PO Box 96	Layton	NJ	07851-0096
03/1999	Eberhart	Frank	711 N Erie St	Wheeling	WV	26003
01/1999	Franke	William A	1309 Bridge Rd	Charleston	WV	25314-1311
05/1999	Fujimara	William	14 Bordeaux Way	Fairport	NY	14450-4614
03/1999	Guiffrida	Philip	7 Benson St	Jamestown	NY	14701-7102
04/1999	Jones	James	6444 Alisa Ln	Houston	TX	77084-1454
06/1999	Kalish	Benjamin	#1 Boca Ciega PO #	St Petersburg	FL	33708-2743
03/1999	Levine	Jerry	10 Hershey Rd	Wayne	NJ	07470-5517
05/1999	List	Mrs Lee B	RR3 Box 521H	Wichita Falls	TX	76308-9727
02/1999	Mainor	Charles	1015 Country Club D	Pierson	FL	32180-2981
04/1999	Martin	Herbert	PO Box 387	Ava	IL	62907-0387
05/1999	Mueller Jr	Edward M	867 Dulce Tierra Dr	El Paso	TX	79912-2642
04/1999	Olivo	Jerry	2 Maxine Dr	Morristown	NJ	07960-4707
12/1998	Salerno	Joseph R	107 Cary Ct	Whitesboro	NY	13492-1801
05/1999	Sanders	John D	17116 Hwy 450	Franklinton	LA	70438-3438
07/1998	Shadrick	James	108 Riddle Rd	Talladega	AL	35160-1561
08/1998	Snyder	Sam	3555 Oxford Ave Apt	Riverdale	NY	10463-1718
02/1999	Sousa	Alfred	3672 Woodlawn Dr	Honolulu	HI	96822-1452
01/1999	Spencer	Bruce G	485 NBroadway	Wells	MN	56097-1520
04/1999	Watkins	William L	317 North St	Anderson	SC	29621-5814
05/1999	Wheeler	BG Lester L	9100 Belvoir Woods	Fort Blevoir	VA	22060-2714

NEWARK EVENING NEWS,
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 1951.

A SOLDIER'S POEM

Parents in Morganville Get it just before Notification Son Died in Korea Battle.

MATAWAN -- "But no greater love has any man than to lay down his life for his friends." This line was included in a poem that Pfc. Henry J. Brautigam, an infantryman, wrote and mailed home.

A few days after they received the poem his parents, Mr. And Mrs. Henry F. Brautigam of Tennent road, in nearby Morganville, received a Defense Department telegram telling them their son had been killed in action in Korea March 24.

Soldier's Poem

Pfc. Brautigam, who was only 20 when he died, wrote this poem:

Many a boy was a hero,
Many a boy was killed,
Many a boy gave his life
And a lot of blood was spilled.

Many a boy was crying
Many a boy was brave
Many a boy lies dead
With dog tags on his grave,

Many a boy was frightened
Many a boy heard spooks
But there's no greater horror
Than a banzai attack by gooks.

Many a boy will be happy
Many a boy is in clover
Many a person will rejoice
After this war is over.

After this war is over

I know where will be my track
I know where I will be heading
On the road that takes me back.
Many a GI gets money
And as quickly does he spend,
But no greater love has any man
Than to lay down his life for his friends.

Good-by, Good Luck and God Bless
You,
And someday you'll know bliss
God bless the best girl in the world
The girl that I call "Sis."

Previously Wounded

Pfc. Brautigam leaves, in addition to his parents, a sister, Lillian ("Sis"), and a younger brother, John both living at home.

He had previously been wounded in September, but had returned to duty November 7 after several weeks in a Tokyo hospital. His last letter home told his parents his arm wound still bothered him. The young GI was a student at Matawan High School when he enlisted in the Army last Summer. After training at Fort Dix, Pfc. Brautigam was sent overseas last July.

(This was sent in by Walter W. Kroeck of 16 Parkway Place, Red Bank, NJ 07701 October 15, 1999.)

THE ORIGIN OF TAPS



Email received from Shorty Estabrook, 23816 Matador Way, Murriet. "The story behind Taps on page 68 of the August Taro Leaf is entirely false. Untrue....I have read that verse, thought it was so good until I checked up on it. Do you want the real version for the next leaf?"

The following is the version Shorty sent to me:

The 137 year old bugle call we call TAPS, was composed by Brigadier General Daniel Butterfield who commanded the 3rd Army of the Potomac, during the American Civil War.

Butterfield wrote TAPS at Harrison's Landing, Virginia, in July 1862 to replace the firing of three rifle volleys at the end of burials during battle.

TAPS also replaced TATOO, the French bugle call to signal "Lights out."

Butterfield's bugler, Oliver W. Norton of Chicago, was the first to sound the new call within months "Taps" was sounded by buglers in both Union and Confederate forces.

"Taps" concludes nearly 15 military funerals conducted with honors each weekday at the Arlington National Cemetery as well as hundreds of others around the country. The tune is also played at many memorial services in Arlington's Memorial Amphitheater and at grave sites throughout the cemetery.

"Taps" is sounded during the 2,500 military wreath ceremonies conducted at the Tomb of the Unknowns every year. The ceremonies are viewed by many groups, including veterans, schools, and foreign officials.

One of the final bugle calls of the day on military installations, "Taps" is played at 10 pm as a signal to service members that it is "lights out."

When "Taps" is played, it is customary to salute, if in uniform, or place your hand over your heart if not in uniform.

The composer of "Taps" was born October 31, 1831, in Utica, New York, and joined the Army in Washington D.C.

Brigadier General Butterfield was awarded the Medal of Honor on June 27th 1862, after his brigade lost more than 600 men in the Battle of Gaines Mill. He took up the colors of the 83rd Pennsylvania Volunteers while under heavy enemy fire and encouraged the depleted ranks to regroup and continue the battle.

Brigadier General Butterfield died on July 17th 1901 and was buried at West Point, New York.

"Taps" was sounded at his funeral.

Fading light dims the sight,
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright.
From afar, drawing nigh, falls the night.

Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky.
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.

Then good night, peaceful night, till the light of the dawn shineth bright,
God is near, do not fear, friend, good night.

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Email received from Shorty Estabrook: "Sergeant Calvin Creeson, Headquarters Company 1st Bn, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, passed on 1 September 1999.

Creeson was retired from the Army. He was captured on July 5, 1950 and released on August 29, 1953. Sergeant Creeson was born 7/9/25 and was 75 years old.

Cards, etc can be sent to his widow, Bridget Creeson, 4719 Jenkins Rd, Winston Salem, NC 27105."

The following obituary was received from C.A. "Bud" Collette. "I met Sam, years ago at one of our 24th Inf Div Association reunions, and later in California Jean and I had a fine dinner with Sam, in his Italian Restaurant in Ventura, CA".



Ventura

Samuel L. Ferraro

Samuel L. Ferraro, 76, of Ventura,

California passed away on Friday, June 11, 1999, at St. John's Regional Medical Center, Oxnard. Mr. Ferraro was born July 21, 1922, in Woodbridge, N.J., and was a Ventura County resident for the past 32 years, coming from Florida. Mr. Ferraro was the owner of Ferraro's Italian Restaurant in Ventura for the past 29 years. Prior to the restaurant, Mr. Ferraro served in the U.S. Army. He served in World War II, the Korean War, and Lebanon. He retired from the Army after 22 and one half years of service. Mr. Ferraro was an avid golfer and a member of the Buenaventura Men's Golf Club.

Mr. Ferraro is survived by his beloved wife of 42 years, Betty Ferraro; son, Ross Ferraro of Las Vegas; daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Sam Triana of Ventura; brothers, Angelo Ferraro and Martin Ferraro, both of Woodbridge, N.J.; sister, Dolores Dobrosielski of Highland Park, N. J.; grandchildren, Ross Ferraro, Jason Triana, Sheana Triana, Samantha Triana, and Jacob Triana.

HOW DO YOU LIVE YOUR DASH?

I read of a man who stood to speak
At the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on her tombstone
From the beginning...to the end.
He noted that first came her date of birth
And spoke the following date with tears,
But he said what mattered most of all

Was the dash between those years. (1900-1970)

For that dash represents all the

time
That she spent alive on earth...
And now only those who loved her
Know what that little line is worth.
For it matters not, how much we own;
The cars..the house..the cash,
What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard...
Are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left,
That can still be rearranged.
If we could just slow down enough
To consider what's true and real,
And always try to understand
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger,
And show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives
Like we've never loved before.
If we treat each other with respect,
And more often wear a smile..
Remembering that this special dash
Might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy's being read
With your life's actions to re-hash...
Would you be proud of the things they say
About how you spent your dash?

Author Unknown

T A P S
(Continued)



A letter was received from Jo Poe, PO Box 6, Bannock, OH 43972 telling of her husband **Willard F. (Bud) Poe's** death, May 7, 1999. "He was in the 24th Signal Co from October 1942 to December 1945 and served the entire time in the South Pacific. He was a member of the Association for many years and we had attended several of the Division Reunions".

Received a letter from Carole Mainor of 30 Creek LN Mount Holly, NJ 08060 of the passing of her husband Charles Mainor, February 12, 1999. The following tribute is written by Charles' 13 year old granddaughter, Bobbie Marie Downs and was given by her at his funeral:

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away". This verse shall and should be remembered when you think of Charles Mainor. Revelation 21:4 reminds me of my strong willed grandfather, who rather than wanting us to be in mourning with tears streaking down our faces, would want us to think of this moment as a time of good memories — ones of him fishing or driving his boat on the water or helping his fellow veterans and others or even the contributions he made as he proudly fought on the battlefield. Whether you remember him from the VFW "Cootie" trips, last nights poker game, or the man who allowed you to stay at his large home on your family vacation, you remember a man with penetrating blue eyes who lived his dream out in his lifetime. I have no regrets because I know my

grandfather did accomplish what he wanted in life. As a child, I always viewed him as the one who always made my cousins and me smile and laugh, singing about the wild blue yonder where he is as I speak, never full of asperity, he always knew what we needed, just some cash or his so-called hug-a-neck. I'm proud to say he's my grandfather, who wouldn't? Anyone who could risk their life for the love of their country and still be so caring everyday. When you see a flag, think of this astonishing veteran, when you see another veteran think of the one who had room in his heart to help another; When you look at his friends remember the one who always knew how to have fun; when you look at his grandchildren and family remember my grandfather who cared for us unconditionally. So wipe away every tear from your eye, forget about mourning for a moment and remember Charles Mainor who is now in heaven, a better place, praying for us to stop weeping and remember him as just an astonishing all-around man".

Received a note from Paul J Cain of 802 Constitution Dr, Apt C, Homestead FL 33034-3628 reporting the death of Clarence J. Stubbs July 1999. "He was a platoon Leader in Co L 34th Inf Regt. He joined the 34th Inf in australia, wounded November 2, 1944 on Leyte, PI. His last years were spent in a retirement home in Arizona. He attended the 24th Inf Division reunion, September 1997 in Colorado Springs with Dan Valles and James Sullivan. Clarence had lost his eyesight at that time".

Paul Cain also writes: "A brief statement on Sam Snider, whose obituary appeared on page 77 of August 1999 issue of Taro Leaf. Sgt. Sam Schneideman, company Clerk, Supply Sgt., Radio operator and whatever else needed to keep Company I, 34th Infantry Regt., 24th Infantry Division performing its job in combat. I recommended Sam for the Silver Star, after Corrigidor. The officer Sam saved was Lt. Phil Nast, Company I, 3rd Platoon leader. One night, on Corrigidor, atop Malinta hill, after some 2 hours, of a Jap assault, mostly an exchange of grenades, I looked for Sam to send a radio message. Sam was out rounding up grenades and delivering them to the men on the perimeter. Sam rotated back to the United States after Corrigidor. He was one of those soldiers a Commander never forgets. He always did his assigned job and a little extra. I later heard, after returning to the states, he changed his last name to Sam Snyder. I will always remember him as **SAM SCHNEIDEMAN, A GREAT SOLDIER**

May he rest in peace.

Paul J. Cain
Company Commander
Company I 34th Infantry
Leyte, Luzon, Corrigidor & Mindanao.

Three from our friend, Anonymous

1. "The greatest tribute we can make to our loved ones is how we live our lives after their death.
2. "Grief never ends but it changes..it is a passage, not a place to stay."
3. "It takes both rain and sunshine to make a rainbow."

T A P S (Continued)



DeGIUSTI

Received a phone call from Lloyd Oler of Sauk City, WI reporting the death of **Kenneth C Oestreich** of 441 Roosevelt St., Fon Du Lac WI on October 10, 1999. Kenneth served in the 3rd Engineer's Company C from 1945 to 1947. Lloyd and his wife Sally will be attending the service for Kenneth Oestreich to be held Wednesday, October 13, 1999.

Received a note from Charles Millard with an obituary for Ken Oestreich as follows:

Kenneth C. Oestreich, 72 of 441 Roosevelt St., died Sunday, October 10, 1999, at Berlin Memorial Hospital in Berlin. He was born March 14, 1927, at Wausau, a son of Elmer and Elizabeth Feck Oestreich.

He married the former Marilyn L. Bartelme on May 22, 1948 at St. Johns Church, Manitowoc.

Mr. Oestreich attended schools in Wausau, Kimberly and Manitowoc. He served in the U.S. Army with the 3rd Engineers, 24th Division, from May 1945 to February 1947.

He worked at Berkdale & Shimek Wholesale and Manitowoc Engine Company. He later worked for Mercury Marine in Fond du Lac, retiring in 1989.

He was a member of Church of Peace, and served on the church council for eight years, including terms as vice president and president. He was a member of Quality Deer Management and the 24th Infantry Association. He enjoyed his grandchildren, fishing, hunting, golf and helping others.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn, of Fond du Lac; one son, Steven K. (Mary Rashid) Oestreich, Fond du Lac; one daughter, Susan K. Oestreich, Janesville; four granddaughters, Jennifer Kay, Angela Lynn, Kathleen Marie and Elizabeth Anne; one brother, Robert Oestreich of Manitowoc; one sister, Evelyn (Ben) Bies, Manitowoc; one brother-in-law, Leonard Schuh, Francis Creek; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Gordon (Lorraine) Bartelme, Glenn (Gerry) Bartelme, Robert (JoAnn) Bartelme and Clarice (Carol) Carey, all of Manitowoc, and Jack (Avis) Bartelme, Oconomowoc; a sister-in-law, Betty Leannah of Florida; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by sisters and brother-in-law, Kenneth and Shirley Heidleman and Lucille and Clarence Jaacks; a sister, Deloris Schuh; a brother, Richard Oestreich; and brothers-in-law, Harold Bartelme, Kenneth Leannah and Mike Bartelme.

Services; Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Church of Peace. The Rev. Gerald Bertsch and the Rev. Richard Weikel will officiate. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Manitowoc.

A memorial is being established.

Received email from Carl Hatmaker reporting the death of **Angelo DeGiusti** of 2514 N Moulton Dr., Oklahoma City, OK, on October 10, 1999. Angelo was with the 34th Inf Regt and served as a machine gunner during the Pacific Theater WWII. Carl writes, "I knew Angelo when we lived in Oklahoma City, OK, just talked to him and Ethel at the Tulsa reunion."

James W. Fowler, 79, of 3206 Pennwood Rd., Harrisburg, PA died Friday at home. He was a retired night office manager for PenCO Trucking and Mercury Motor Freight Express.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, and member of VFW, American Legion, 24th Infantry Division, Sixth Street Clover Club, East End Democratic Club, Marysville Moose, Republican Club and recipient of Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Surviving are two sons, Ronald and James Jr., both of Harrisburg; a daughter, Carrie M. Fowler of Mechanicsburg; a sister, Isabel Harbold of Dillsburg; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, 1019 Mumma Road, Wormleysburg 17043 or any charity.

Received a phone call from Joe Wicinski from Long Beach, CA informing me of the death of **Father Thomas Waldie**, 88 of Highland Heights, OH on Sunday, October 17, 1999. Father Waldie was Regimental Chaplain of the 5th RCT 1951-52 Korea. He also served in WWII and Vietnam. An obituary will follow.

Angelo DeGiusti died Sunday, October 10. He was born August 24, 1922 in St. Paul, Minnesota to Emilio and Giovanna DeGiusti. His long life included raising and enjoying his eight children, completing a distinguished military career, building a successful family business, and being a devoted Catholic. His interests were his family, food, photography, music, writing, and movies. He dearly loved having family and friends visit and enjoy his Italian music, wine and appetizing creations. He was a decorated machine gunner with the 34th Infantry Company, 24th Division in the Pacific Theater during WWII. He took great pride in working in his family terrazzo business (Southwest Terrazzo) with his sons, brothers, nephews, cousin and father. He is preceded in death by his parents; two of his sons, Vince and Gino; one grandson, Randy and one brother, Italo DeGiusti. He leaves behind his loving wife of 53 years, Ethel and six children, Ida and her husband Henry Mainka, Ricki DeGiusti, Christina and her husband Randy Bednar, Mario and his wife Suk Yong DeGiusti, Mary Zimmerman, and Gina DeGiusti, one daughter-in-law Becky DeGiusti, fifteen grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and two brothers, Tino and Oghi DeGiusti. His spirited conversation and zest for life will be missed by all that loved him. Services will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 13, 1999 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Interment will be in Resurrection Cemetery.

Email received from Shorty Estabrook: "It is with great and deep sorrow that I report the death of Wadie 'Jiggs' Rountree, October 1999. He was a 1st LT when he was captured on 12 July 1950. He was released in September. He was a member of I Company 21st Infantry Regiment 24th Infantry Division and served occupation duty in Japan before the war. Rountree retired a Colonel from the US Army. His widow and beloved wife Mary Rountree is located at 1004 East Drive, Edmond, OK, phone number is 405-341-3225. "

T A P S (Continued)



Received a letter from Nick Marasco of 1494 Gleason Rd., Andover, NY 14806 sending the obituary of **Donald R. Hinkle**, Co L 34th Inf Regt. Obituary follows:

Donald Ray Hinkle, 79 of 221 N. Walnut St., Philippi, died Wednesday, June 2, 1999, in the Grafton City Hospital.

He was born October 30, 1919, in Akron, OH a son of the late Leslie and Elsie Jackson Hinkle.

His wife of 58 years, the former Janice Stansberry, whom he married November 30, 1940 survives.

Also surviving are two sisters, Elizabeth Huffman, "Clermont, FL, and Mrs. Blen "Dorothy" Shaw, his twin, Ft. Myers, FL; one niece, Donna Arnet, Ft. Myers; two great nieces and one great nephew.

Mr. Hinkle was a graduate of South Akron High School. He attended Alderson-Broadus College where he was a member of the baseball team.

He was a farmer and a surveyor's assistant for the Soil Conservation Service.

Mr. Hinkle was an avid sports fan, particularly the Alderson Braddus Battlers. He and his wife served as surrogate parents to more than 60 Alderson-Broadus athletes. They were Lord and Lady of the 1995 Homecoming and were inducted into the Battler Hall of Fame. Even in failing health, he attended the dedication of the Alderson-Broadus baseball field, name for John "Jack" Funk, one of his surrogate sons. He attended the All-Sports Alumni reunion and visited with many former athletes.

He was a member of Mary's Chapel United Methodist Church where he was a former Sunday School teacher. He was trustee of Mary's Chapel Cemetery Association and a former member of the Farm Bureau and the Cattle-men's Association. Mr. Hinkle

was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II as a member of Co. L, 34th Regiment, 24th Infantry in the campaign on Luzon, Mindanao, Leyte, and Corregidor. He was wounded in action and awarded the Purple Heart Medal. He was active in reunions of his military organizations.

Letter from John J. Goldpaugh of 67 Rosemary LN, East Falmouth, MA 02536 telling of the death of **Al Mele**, August 1998. "Al was one of the graduates of OCS 9 that joined the 24th Division in late June of 1942. He was a platoon leader with L Co 21st Inf Regt until December of 1941 when he was transferred to M Co. He was the Mortar Platoon leader until October 1944. I understand he had been a member of the Association but had dropped out. I had lost touch with Al but saw about 3 years ago when he was living in Chapin SC. I am enclosing a picture of Al that was taken outside the barracks in Schofield in February of 1943".

Al Mele



A letter from Donald G. Clark of 5316 53rd Ave. Lot G-7 Bradenton, FL 34203-5607 reporting the death of **Philip M. Mangina**. Don had received word of Phil's death on April 12, 1999 from Phil's wife, Mrs. Rose Mangina "Phil was the type of guy that when you met him his smile would capture your friendship immediately. He was in Co B 19th Inf Regt from May 1951 to April 1952". The picture below is of Don Clark, Phil Mangina and John Garbinsky. All Co. 5 19th Inf Regt. Taken in Baltimore, MD.





Received a letter from K.B. Abel Captain, USN (RET) of 24 Reunion Rd., Elkview, WV 25071 about the death of **William A. Franke**, 31 January 1999. "Bill was with the 24th Signal Corps, Pacific Theater. I was proud to have conducted both the funeral and interment of Bill Franke, a loyal American and an outstanding Christian. We served together actively in both the VFW and American Legion.

In Memory of

William A. Franke

*Born - May 17, 1920
Died - January 31, 1999*

Funeral Services
2:00 P.M.

*Friday, February 5, 1999
Barlow - Bonsall Funeral Home Chapel
Charleston, West Virginia*

Clergy
Chaplain K.B. Abel, USN, Ret.

Final Resting Place
*Greenwood Cemetery
Wheeling, West Virginia*

Received word from Sally Buck of 3118 Evanston Av, Erie, PA 16506 of the passing of her husband **Frederick E. Buck Sr.**,



Frederick E. Buck Sr., 78, of Millcreek Township, died Friday, June 18, 1999 at Saint Vincent Health Center. He was born in Curwensville, October 12, 1920, son of the late Edward and Olive Johnson Buck. He was a member of the 24th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army and served in the Asiatic Pacific Theater at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

He was a member of Christ United Methodist Church. He worked for National Forge Co., and retired in 1982 after 21 years. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Leslie, Raymond, Elwood and Harold Buck.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Sally Lindy Buck, seven sons, Frederick Buck Jr., and his wife, Barbara, of Plano, TX, Leslie Buck, Richard Buck and his wife, Karen, Jerry Buck and his wife, Darlene, and Dennis Buck and his wife, Patti, all of Erie, Chris Buck and his wife, Suzette of Double Oak, TX and Kenneth Buck of Breckenridge, CO; two daughters, Sally Calkins and her husband, Dale of Dillon, CO and Carol Bohman and her husband, Mark, of Erie; 14 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Received word from Mrs. Raymond Bowen of the passing of her husband. Her address is: 72 S Meadowcliff Dr., Little Rock AR 72209-2140. Obituary follows Of **Raymond S. Bowen**:

RAYMOND STEPHEN BOWEN, 83, a resident of Little Rock, died June 1, 1999.

"Buck" was born September 27, 1915, in Argenta, Ark., to Charlie and Mary Alice Warfel Bowen. Buck first worked for his father in the Bowen Furniture Co. He retired from the United States Postal Service in 1972 having served 28 years as a clerk and a supervisor. He was active in the Federation of Postal Clerks, Local 189 and served as president three times. He was also active in the Postal Supervisors Association.



1946 photo

Buck served his country during World War II as an infantryman with the 24th Infantry Division, 34th Regiment, Company G. He campaigned in New Guinea, the Philippine Islands of Leyte, Luzon, Mindoro, Mindanao and with Occupation Duty of Japan. He received the following medals from discharge, World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, AP Theater Ribbon with Three Bronze Service Stars and One Bronze Arrowhead, Philippine Liberation Ribbon and Two Bronze Stars.

He attended Little Rock Public Schools and was a graduate of the Little Rock Central High School Class of 1933. Through the years, the class celebrated several class reunions in which he took an active part. Buck was an enthusiastic sports fan. He was a lifelong golfer. He was a member of the American Legion, Post 334 and a Baptist.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Ralph. Survivors include his loving wife of 58 years, Bula Avery Bowen; two sons, Travis Bowen of Little Rock and Kelly Bowen of Waco, Texas; a sister, Julia Kosky of Branson, Mo.; a nephew and his wife, Charlie and Terrie Rowland of Oakley, Calif.; and a special friend, Arlene Kowalyk of Waco, Texas.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 5, 1999 in the Chapel of Griffin Leggett Healey and Roth, 5800 West 12th Street, Little Rock, 661-9111 with Dr. John Wright officiating. Interment will be in Pinecrest Memorial Park, 7401 Highway 5 North. Pallbearers will be Tom Norrell, James Edward Talbot, James Halley, Michael Halley, Lynn Wheeler, Carl Knabe, Stephen Knabe, and Bill Nieburg. The family will receive friends 6-8 p.m. this evening at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, 62 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock, Ark. 72212.

Note from Dave Mann: "Would you include this obituary in the next issue of the Taro Leaf. Raymond (Buck) Bowen was a good friend of mine in Company G 34th Infantry in World War II." (Thanks for writing Dave, Mrs. Bowen sent an obituary.)



Received word from Anna Prince of 4228 Hillbrook Dr., Louisville, KY 40220 about the death of her husband, Nelon K. Prince. Following is the obituary:

Nelon K. Prince, 74, died Wednesday July 28, 1999 at his home. He was a native of Normandy, Tenn; a retired employee General Motors Acceptance Corp., where he worked 34 years; an Army veteran Of World War II who received two Bronze Stars; and a member of St. Mark United Methodist Church.

Survivors: his wife, the former Anna DeRosa; a son, Kenneth P. Prince; a daughter, Karen Bailey; sisters Mary Sue Boody, Edith Sheldon, Evelyn Nevils and Martha Ann Elder; and a son-in-law, Tim Bailey, and grandsons Kevin and Griffin Bailey, all of whom cared for him.

Funeral: 11 a.m. Saturday, Highlands, 3331 Taylorsville Road. Burial: Cave Hill. Visitation: 4-8 p.m. Thursday and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

Memorial gifts: American Lung Association or his church.

EDWIN ELLINGHAUSEN JR., A retired real estate broker with Gertrude Gardner Realtors, died Wednesday July 14, 1999 at Metropolitan Hospice. He was 78. Mr. Ellinghausen was born in Sapulpa, OK and lived in New Orleans for the past 46 years. He graduated from Sapulpa High School, Tulsa University and the University of Oklahoma, where he was a member of Beta Theta Phi Fraternity and the Calvary Division of the Reserve Officers Training Corps. He was in the Korean War and served as an Army captain during World War II. He received the Bronze Star in 1946 after seeing battle in New Zealand, Hollandia, New Guinea, Leyte and the Philippines. After World War II, he received a master's degree in busi-

ness administration from Tulsa University. He was employed by the Land Department of Standard Oil in Indiana, Shreveport and Houston. After serving in the Korean War with his reserve unit, in 1953 he transferred to New Orleans, where he remained for the rest of his life. In 1962 he entered the real estate field. He became a broker and executive vice president of Waguespack Pratt Inc. At the time of his death he was associated with Gertrude Gardner Realtors.

He was a member of various local, state and national real estate organizations. He was president of the Jefferson Board of Realtors and was honored as Realtor of the Year in 1975. He was also past president of the Audubon Area Zoning Association. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and a former member of the Louisiana Historical Society. He was a life member of Crescent Club Carnival Organization and an honorary member of the Harlequins Organization. He was a senior member of the Pickwick Club.

Survivors include his wife, America Waguespack Ellinghausen; two sons, John Watson and Edwin A. Ellinghausen III; two daughters, Maria America Ellinghausen Bienvenu of Baton Rouge and Ann Morrow Ellinghausen Ecuyer; a brother, John Richard Ellinghausen of Taos, N.M.; a sister, Ann Ellinghausen Ruppert of Kerrville, Texas; and eight grandchildren.

A Mass will be said today at noon at Most Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 6367 St. Charles Ave. Visitation will begin at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be private. Lake Lawn Metairie Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Edwin A. Ellinghausen Jr.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Edwin A. Ellinghausen, Jr.

October 15, 1920 - July 14, 1999

*May the Angels lead you
into paradise, may
the martyrs receive
you at your coming
and take you to
Jerusalem, the
Holy City. May the
choirs of the angels
receive you, and may
you with the once poor
Lazarus, have rest
everlasting. Amen
May the Souls of all the faithful
departed, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace. Amen.*



Lake Lawn Metairie Funeral Home
New Orleans, Louisiana



The Rev. Thomas Waldie, led battlefield services in 3 wars

By RICHARD M. PEERY

PLAIN DEALER REPORTER

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS — The Rev. Thomas E. Waldie, who was known as the "Combat Chaplain" during three wars in which he led battlefield services, died Sunday at the Regina Health Center in Richfield. He was 88.

Father Waldie literally brought his message from on high as he made more than 850 parachute jumps, many of them into the middle of fighting. He said Mass during lulls in the action. His services were often cut short when sentries spotted enemy activity. Father Waldie was awarded a Silver Star for bravery in Korea with the 5th RCT. In Vietnam, he passed all requirements for the special forces and earned a green beret. He retired from the military as a full colonel in 1971.

Father Waldie then served assignments in Ireland, England and the United States for his Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament religious order. In 1986, he returned to Cleveland, where he had been ordained, and joined the St. Paschal Baylon parish. He filled in for other priests and translated a 500 page book from French to English at the request of Bishop Anthony Pilla. The book was "The Mystery of the Living Love," about the teachings of Jesus.

Father Waldie was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. Two of his six brothers also became priests. He graduated from Fordham University, and at 20, entered the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament in Quebec, Canada. He was ordained in Cleveland's St. John Cathedral in 1938.

Father Waldie taught theology until he

joined the Army as a chaplain during World War II. He served in China. He volunteered for combat in Korea and spent 18 months with the 5th Regiment Combat Team. He only left the front when his regiment was in reserve. He refused five day rest and recuperation breaks in Japan with the comment, "Who would take my place?" His service in the mountainous combat area earned him the title "Padre of Hill 1073."

In Vietnam, a soldier told him he was confessing and receiving communion for the first time in 10 years. A half-hour later, other soldiers brought the body of a man who had been killed. It was the man whose confession Father Waldie had just heard.

Although he was witty, friends did not know of many of Father Waldie's experiences because of his modesty. He enjoyed maintaining contact with the soldiers he had served and attended reunions of the 5th Regimental Combat Team.

He was the national director of the Nocturnal Adoration Society and was a member of the Provincial Council of his order's United States province.

Father Waldie is survived by a brother, Arthur. Services will be at 10 a.m. tomorrow at St. Paschal Baylon Catholic Church, 5384 Wilson Mills Rd., Highland Heights.

Arrangements are being handled by the Schulte & Mahon-Murphy Funeral Home of Lyndhurst.

Memorial donations may be made to the Rev. Thomas E. Waldie Education Burse, Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, 5384 Wilson Mills Rd., Highland Heights 44143.



Rev. Thomas E. Waldie, S.S.S.

Born: May 20, 1911

Professed: September 8, 1933

Ordained: April 2, 1938

Entered Into Eternal Life

October 17, 1999

Interment:
All Souls Cemetery
Chardon, Ohio

Email received from Bill McClure. "Jerry Federspiel is a member of our church and was an honor guard at Arlington when the unknown soldier from Vietnam was buried. I have his permission to reprint these poems".



TODAY MY BROTHER WAS LAID TO REST

A long time ago in a land unknown
My brother took the hand of GOD and began his
journey home
He gave his all in the day and the night
For a cause many believed wasn't right
We were unpopular he and I
But why did GOD choose him to die?

What was his fortune - What was his race
Do his loved ones still remember his face?
He died for us - for you and for me
He gave his life so that we could be free
Today he is home as he is buried there
In our nation's capitol - in a place so fair

His flag and his medal are contained in a room
At that splendid place Arlington Tomb
Among pomp and ceremony he was placed
In a place of honor - his place of rest
The cannons roared and the rifles cracked
In that Final Salute that brought him back

My tears flowed freely - yet I am not ashamed
For all the wrongs for which we were blamed
Today my brother was laid to rest
He took his place as one of our best
He lays unknown to you and to me
In a place of honor for all to see

Past the wall in their memory
His casket paused - momentarily
His name is there among the rest
58,000 of America's best
Taken away from their mothers breast
Today my brother was laid to rest

Jerry Federspiel

On this quiet day in May, many miles away
We took time out for this busy day
Time to think - Time to reflect - Time to pause
We pay our homage for a not so noble cause
We place our flags - and we place our wreaths
We sincerely try to express our grief
We consider our losses, our fathers and sons
We often ask why were they the ones?
Why take them from us when they were in their prime?
Why did you choose this for them to be their time?
So many questions left unasked

Because they went away to accomplish a task
They faced their calling and went their way
Who was to know the price they would pay?
They gave their measure above and beyond
To insure our freedom they answered the call
When they paid the price they stood tall!
On days like today we pause to say thanks
We share old memories - we hold hands and join ranks

We try our best to honor our debts
We pursue peace for all the rest
For you and for me I hope we remember
The long, long months between January and December
Each day of each month the price has been paid
Our heroes at rest now we have laid
Let's not forget what they have done
Your father, my father, and each one of our sons
They gave for us the supreme sacrifice
For each one of us they gave their life.

Jerry Federspiel

Received a phone call on October 22, 1999 from Margaret Ruth Becker about the death of her beloved husband Richard K. Becker, Sr., on July 11, 1999. An obituary will be in the Taps section of the next Taro Leaf. Ruth lives at 5507 Remmell Ave., Baltimore, MD 21206-3542, phone number 410-426-1052.

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2	24 IDA Colored Patch		\$5.00
3	24 I.D. Black Cap W/Patch		\$10.00
4	24 I.D. Cap White W/Patch	First to Fight	\$10.00
5	24 I.D. Decal 2"	6 for \$5.00	\$1.00
6	24 I.D. Decal 4"	Each	\$3.00
7	Bolo Tie W/TL Gold	W/Gold or Black Chain	\$15.00
8	Bolo Tie W/TL Silver	Silver W/Black Chain	\$16.00
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10	29th Inf. Cloth Patch (Color)	Cloth Patch	\$5.00
11	24th Sig BN Unit Crest		\$5.00
12	19th Inf Crest	Current Issue \$10 Pr	\$5.00
13	21st Inf Crest	Current Issue \$10 Pr	\$5.00
14	34th Inf Crest	Current Issue \$10 Pr	\$5.00
15	11th FA Crest	\$10 Pr	\$5.00
16	13th FA Crest	\$10 Pr	\$5.00
17	19th Pocket Patch(Color)		\$5.00
18	21st Pocket Patch(Color)		\$5.00
19	34th Pocket Patch(Color)		\$5.00
20	11th FA Pocket Patch(Color)		\$5.00
21	13th FA Pocket Patch(Color)		\$5.00
22	24 I.D. Lapel Pin		\$5.00
23	21st Inf Lapel Pin		\$5.00
24	34th Inf Lapel Pin		\$5.00
25	CIB(1stAward)1-1346(Mini)	Mini DRESS MESS	\$5.00
26	CIB(2ndAward)1-1347(Mini)	Mini DRESS MESS	\$6.50
27	CIB Lapel Pin		\$5.00
28	19th Cap Dark Blue/Crest		\$10.00
29	21st Cap White/Embroid/Crest		\$12.00
30	21st Cap Dark Blue/Embroidered	Crest	\$12.00
31	34th Cap Dark Blue w/Crest		\$10.00
32	24 IDA Cap DarkBlue w/Patch	On front, Poplin Twill	\$10.00
33	24 IDA White Caps		\$10.00
34	24 IDA Red Caps		\$10.00
35	24 IDA Green Caps (Patch)		\$10.00
36	24th Inf Div White Mesh/Cap		\$10.00
37	3rd Engr Crest		\$5.00
38	14th Engr Crest		\$5.00
39	5th RCT Pocket Patch		\$5.00
40	5th RCT Cap, Red	W/ Patch	\$10.00
41	19th Lapel Pin		\$5.00
42	24th Div. License Plate		\$4.00
43	Desert Storm Cap - Black		\$12.00
44	Desert Storm Hat Pin		\$3.00
45	WWII or Korean Veteran's Cap	Black w/CIB	\$12.00
46	Bumper Sticker	W/TL and WWII	\$3.00
47	Bumper Sticker	W/TL and Korea	\$3.00

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50	Purple Heart Medal HP754		\$3.00
51	Bronze Star Medal HP-926		\$3.00
52	Good Conduct Medal HP-927		\$3.00
53	Korean Service Medal HP-929		\$3.00
54	Nat'l Serv Def Medal HP-957		\$3.00
55	Victory Medal HP-958		\$3.00
56	Silver Star Medal HP-959		\$3.00
57	ETO Campaign Medal HP-962		\$3.00
58	DFC (HP-965)		\$3.00
59	Korean 8000 Missing HP-115		\$3.00
60	CMB 1st Award HP-569		\$3.00
61	US Flag Clutch Back HP(V-37)		\$3.00
62	19th INF Ladies Necklace or Bracelet		\$5.00
63	Pacific Campaign Medal HP-963		\$3.00
64	Am Campaign Medal HP-964		\$3.00
65	Army Occupation Medal HP-051		\$3.00
66	Meritorious Serv Medal HP-056		\$3.00
67	UN Serv Medal HP-059		\$3.00
68	Philippine Liberation HP-361		\$3.00
69	Korean Serv Ribbon HP-099		\$3.00
70	Air Medal HP-925		\$3.00
71	DSC Hatpin-308		\$3.00
72	Bring Em Home/Back HP-214		\$3.00
73	Am Def Medal HP		\$3.00
74	Viet Nam Serv Medal HP		\$3.00
75	24 Inf Div Hatpin		\$3.00
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78	63rd Field Artillery	Cloth Patch	\$5.00
79	Army Commendation Medal HP		\$3.00
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QUARTERMASTER, 24TH IDA

Harry L. Wittman, Jr.

1385 Terri Street

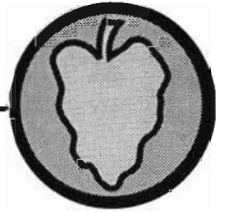
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UNIT: _____ FROM _____ TO _____

UNIT: _____ FROM _____ TO _____

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