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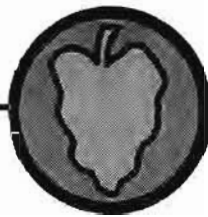
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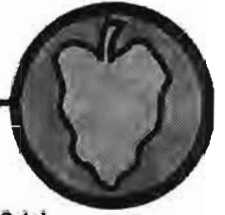
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24th Infantry Division Association



From the President

It is indeed a great honor to be chosen by our membership to be the President of the 24th Infantry Division Association for the term 2000-2001. I respect the confidence you have placed in me and I will do my best to conduct the affairs of our Association in a timely, professional manner and will strive to listen to each and every one of you and to make the changes and suggestions that you bring to my attention. With the help of the other elected individuals, Vice President Billy Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer Ellsworth Nelsen and Editor Yvonne Mullins, I know that it will be a good year for all of us.

To continue the operation of conducting the Association affairs the following individuals have agreed to continue to provide their expertise in the following positions:

Reunion Coordinator--Wesley Morrison (21st), Marina, California

Membership Chairman--Wallace Kuhner (24th Recon), Charleston, South Carolina

Quartermaster--Harry Wittman (21st), Keyser, West Virginia

Chaplain--Glen Carpenter--21st), Buchanan, Michigan

A quick note on our most successful reunion at Covington, Kentucky this year. President Harold Peters (21st) and Bill Kerns (21st) are to be complimented on doing a great job in hosting the event. A personal thanks, Corky and Bill, for doing a great job "over and beyond" what was expected.

Two hundred fifty members attended the reunion with 35 states represented. The Memorial Banquet had over 600 attendees.

The Secretary/Treasurer reported to the reunion attendees that our Association membership as of 1 October was 3,165, an increase of 80 from last year's count of 3085.

The Reunion site for 2001 is Hampton, Virginia (near Williamsburg in Peninsula Virginia) and for 2002 members voted for Kansas City pending final contract negotiations.

A special Victory Division salute is given to our Secretary/Treasurer, Ellsworth Nelsen, for being recipient of the Verbeck Bowl Award for 2000. A well deserved honor, Dutch! Also hear that Dutch was chosen as the Grand Marshal for the Veteran's Day Parade in Colorado Springs this past November. Congratulations to you on both of these honors from all of us.

Your Executive Board voted to contribute \$1000.00 from the Association to the World War II Memorial that will be built in Washington, DC in honor to the thousands of men who wore the TARO LEAF on their uniform during that war.

Thanks to Doctor Phil Hostetter (19th), Manhattan, Kansas for being the "official" photographer at the reunion. All of us are looking forward to seeing your photos in the TARO LEAF, Doc.

Understand the White House has requested the last issue of the TARO LEAF for the official White House scrapbook. Appears the TARO LEAF is well known at the highest levels of our government.

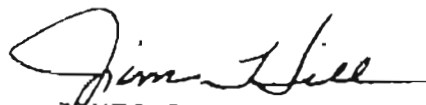
A big "Thank you" to Joe Sweeney (19th), Dellslow, West Virginia and Doctor Charlie Sugg (24th Medical), Gastonia, North Carolina for representing our Association at the christening of the US Naval Ship SGT. FIRST CLASS NELSON V. BRITTIN at New Orleans on 21 October. Sergeant Brittin was awarded the Medal of Honor while a member of the 19th Infantry during the Korean War. Joe presented a plaque from the Association honoring Sgt. Brittin for installation in a prominent location on the ship.

It was with a great bit of sadness to learn of the deaths of two of our long time Association members. Dallas Dick (19th), Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania passed away on 5 October. He was the President of our Association 1981-82 and was a Verbeck Bowl awardee in 1987. Joe Hofrichter (34th), Port Charlotte, Florida died on 3 October. Joe was the former

Chaplain for the Association 1988-1998 and was selected for the Verbeck Bowl honor in 1995. Both were very close personal friends from our many Association activities over the years.

There are several Association matters that need to be decided upon during the next year. One is a possible rewrite of our Association Constitution and By Laws to conform with the requirements of today's Association activities. As many of you are aware the current Constitution and By Laws were written in 1948 and were appropriate at that time for the conduct of the Association's affairs. In the next issue of the TARO LEAF there will be a draft proposed Constitution and By-Laws for you to review and to comment on prior to developing the final documents. It is planned to have the membership vote on the new revised Constitution and By Laws at the Hampton, Virginia Reunion in September 2001.

The 24th Infantry Division Association is your organization. Please feel free to provide me your comments (good and bad!) at any time concerning the Association. Again, I am most proud to serve as your President for the following year.


JAMES F. HILL
19th Infantry

CONTRIBUTION 2000 DRAWING WINNERS

1. Bill Allen
2. Hank Gosztyla
3. Gladys Lumsden
4. James H. Miller
5. Lou Selmi
6. Wayne Smith
7. Bob & Gen Hamilton
8. David E. Teich, SR
9. Leonhard Kuhn
10. Floyd N. Mayhew

Charlotte and Joe Hofrichter sent a set of 24th Association Coasters and a Regimental Clock. We Thank Charlotte for sending these prizes to the Reunion. Michael Albert won the clock and Joe Sowders won the set of coasters.

We will be having another Drawing so be looking for the tickets early in 2001.

I wish to thank everyone who participated. The proceeds went toward paying for the publishing of the Taro Leaf magazines During the year 2000.

McCaffrey quitting

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Barry McCaffrey, the White House drug policy adviser for five years, is leaving his job to pursue opportunities in the private sector — including mulling two job offers from universities to teach national security issues.

In announcing the surprise move Monday, McCaffrey said in statement that "he was grateful for the leadership and support" of the Clinton administration.

His resignation is effective Jan. 6, 2001, two weeks before President Clinton leaves office.

He said in the statement that federal funds to fight drugs have increased and that adolescent drug abuse has fallen since he was appointed to the post.

A retired general, McCaffrey has been President Clinton's director of national drug control policy since April 1996 and previously was commander of the Army's Southern Division.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

As reported to the membership at the 53rd Reunion

Membership (As Of 22 September 2000)

Total number of members: 3,165

1,391 Life (Including 24 Comp, 1 Assoc, 2 Honorary)

1,774 Annual (Including 32 Comp & 29 Assoc)

(Associate Members pay
dues like everyone else.)

By area/time of service: (Many men served in more than one)

WWII	1006	Pearl Harbor	53
Korea	1534	TF Smith	33
D. Storm	24	POW	26
Japan	851	Riley	12
Germany	154	Stewart	25

Members have served in 49 units/organizations. (Many men report no unit) Largest are:

19th	683	13 FA	89
21st	680	52 FA	63
34th	412	24 Sig	63
5 RCT	225	63 FA	47
3 Eng	114	24 Med	47
11 FA	96	724 Ord	35

We have members in all fifty states. Largest are:

CA - 268	IL - 129
FL - 226	NJ - 103
PA - 217	GA - 96
MI - 206	MO - 83
NY - 173	IN - 75
OH - 149	NC - 75

Life Members.

Due to many, many objections we no longer show in our records any difference between \$100 and \$150 Life . Since I took over these duties we have added 36 new Life Members. Many existing members are upgrading from \$100 to \$150. Ninety Life Members are paying on the \$30/Month installment plan.

Honorary Life: Petrick & Vonnie Mullins. Associate Life: Margo Nelsen.

Financial

Certificate of Deposit: \$52,549.60 @ 6%

Checking Account: \$27,395.89



Donations: June - September, 2000

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>first name</u>	<u>Unit 1</u>	<u>Donation</u>	<u>For</u>
Bach	Raymond D	21st	\$100.00	
Behnen	Melvin J	3rd Eng	\$10.00	
Behrel	H Gordon	19th	\$5.00	
Bertinuson	Barney B	24th Med	\$50.00	
Brooks	Allen	34th	\$5.00	
Brown	Jack E	34th	\$30.00	
Bruno	Howard Jaime	34th	\$5.00	
Burkhart	Norbert	19th	\$10.00	
Burns	John D	34th	\$10.00	
Calderon	Juan S	5th RCT	\$5.00	
Cable	Jakie A	Admin Co	\$5.00	
Clark	Raymond V	3rd Eng	\$5.00	
Clark	William E	19th	\$10.00	
Coles	Dewey	13th	\$10.00	
Coyle	Eugene P	19th	\$20.00	
Cuomo	Danny	34th	\$25.00	
Dahlen	MG Chester	21st	\$10.00	
Daugherty	Eugene L	6th Tank	\$10.00	
Davidson	Bennie D	21st	\$5.00	
Davidson	Elmer R	34th	\$5.00	
Davis	Andrew Jackson	3rd Eng	\$5.00	
Day	Philip S	21st	\$10.00	
De Moss	Alan D	Div Arty	\$100.00	
De Muth	Ervin	21st	\$5.00	
Defebaugh	Scott L	24th Med	\$25.00	
Diller	Eric	34th	\$50.00	
Dimond	Richard J	19th	\$30.00	
Dunkin	Delwyn A	19th	\$20.00	
Dunn	Donald H		\$10.00	
Fecko	John J	3rd Eng	\$15.00	
Fijol	Stanley	21st	\$10.00	
Flynn	Thomas E	21st	\$30.00	
Flynn Jr	James W	3rd Eng	\$15.00	
Foster	Jesse L	19th	\$25.00	
Francis	Richard C	19th	\$10.00	
Frank	Jesse B	21st	\$5.00	
Fraser	Paul A	52nd	\$50.00	
Frey	John W	21st	\$10.00	
Gay	Walter	19th	\$10.00	
Glenn	Richard R	24th Recon	\$10.00	
Hargreaves	John H	11th	\$10.00	
Harrison	Edward F	11th	\$5.00	
Hazlet	William D	21st	\$20.00	
Hearn	Thomas A	34th	\$5.00	
Hess	Fred L	19th	\$15.00	
Hicks	Ernest W	21st	\$10.00	
Hockman	Cletus P.	21st	\$10.00	
Hosler	William C	19th	\$25.00	\$10 for WWII Mem.
Hosterman	David E	21st	\$5.00	
Hughes	Jack E	34th	\$50.00	The Memorials
Johnson	Charles W	34th	\$5.00	
Jordan	Chester	34th	\$5.00	
Jordison	Donald	34th	\$5.00	
Kam	James A	21st	\$5.00	
Kemper	Paul R	19th	\$10.00	

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Keyes	William T	21st	\$20.00	
King	Lloyd E	34th	\$10.00	
Kline	Walter	24th Sig	\$20.00	
Knapp	Peter	19th	\$5.00	
Kowalski	Charles V	21st	\$80.00	Memory of J T Brady
Kuti	George	21st	\$5.00	
La Croix	Charles E	24th MP	\$5.00	
Lake	Charles E	21st	\$10.00	
Lambert	William H	19th	\$100.00	
Land SSG Rel	James A	21st	\$5.00	
Livingston	William T	34th	\$35.00	
Lodge	William E	24th Med	\$5.00	
Lopez	Frank R	24th Med	\$10.00	
Mac Neill	Warren H	24th Sig	\$10.00	
Maggio	Donald E	24th	\$10.00	
Manderville	Edward M	24th Sig	\$10.00	
Marshall Jr	Henry V	21st	\$10.00	
Mason	Carl Boone	3rd Eng	\$40.00	
Mayhew	Floyd N	21st	\$35.00	
McArdle	Paul R	24th Sig	\$10.00	
McColgan	William	11th	\$10.00	Men of the 11th FA
McDevitt	Paul E	19th	\$5.00	
Moller	John W	19th	\$5.00	
Montaglione	Angelo	34th	\$10.00	
Moore	Robert J	19th	\$20.00	
Morgan	Clyde R	52nd	\$15.00	
Morrison III	Charles H	Div Hq	\$15.00	
Moser	CWO Alan H	724th Ord	\$20.00	
Musselman	William R	24th Repl	\$10.00	
Nast	Philip	34th	\$30.00	
Nelsen	Ellsworth "Dutch"	13th	\$30.00	
Nicoletta	Salvatore A	21st	\$10.00	
Northrop	LeRoy M	24th Sig	\$5.00	
O'Connell	Joseph P	19th	\$50.00	
Oklair	Earlwin C	21st	\$5.00	
Olson	Robert A	34th	\$10.00	
Owens	Jim	34th	\$10.00	
Owens	Roderick	26th AAA	\$10.00	
Parmerter	Richard	6th Tank	\$10.00	
Petkac	John	3rd Eng	\$10.00	
Pilgrim	Larry W	24th Sig	\$30.00	
Plaatje Jr	Lawrence R	34th	\$5.00	
Poirier	Alfred N	63rd	\$10.00	
Popovich	Kenneth R	21st	\$5.00	
Ragland	John	21st	\$5.00	
Reese	Charles H	724th Ord	\$10.00	
Reid	Roger L	34th	\$10.00	
Rochon	Louis W	5th RCT	\$5.00	
Rogers	George	52nd	\$50.00	
Sabatine	Josephine		\$20.00	
Sandgren	Van Buren	3rd Eng	\$5.00	
Sartin	Kenneth L	26th AAA	\$20.00	
Schaaf	Valentine	21st	\$65.00	
Schlarb	Beryle E	34th	\$10.00	
Schreiber	Dale L	5th RCT	\$10.00	
Silverstein	Albert J	21st	\$15.00	In honor of Osan, 1950
Slaney	Maurice R	24th Sig	\$15.00	

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Smith	Wayne F	24th Sig	\$15.00	
Smith Sr	Bill J	26th AAA	\$10.00	
Snyder	Evans L	26th AAA	\$5.00	
Soemann	George W	724th Ord	\$20.00	
Solo	Otis J	21st	\$50.00	
Stiner	Billy C	19th	\$5.00	
Subsak Sr	Joseph L	34th	\$10.00	
Terrell	Ernest P	11th	\$200.00	
Truesdell	Keith	19th	\$5.00	
Tuohy	Wendell H	509th	\$10.00	WWII Memorial
Valles	Daniel	34th	\$10.00	
Ver Helst	Donald R	21st	\$5.00	
Verret	Charles S	52nd	\$20.00	
Vincent	Gerald G	11th	\$5.00	
Vogt	Carl	724th Ord	\$5.00	
Wahl Sr	David E	21st	\$25.00	
Wahle Jr	Ben H	34th	\$25.00	
Walker	Lawrence	52nd	\$15.00	
Wallace	Benjamin F	21st	\$10.00	
Wallace	Dana G	34th	\$10.00	
Wallace	Zane G	24th Recon	\$10.00	
Welch	Francis H	21st	\$50.00	Irving Nessel, 21st
Wetterau-Blank.	Joan	19th	\$10.00	John Wetterau
Wiley	Wayne S	339th Eng	\$10.00	
Willert	Charles E	21st	\$10.00	
Williams	Robert L	21st	\$5.00	
Wilson	Edward L	63rd	\$10.00	

Additional Donations:

Myers	Bobby L. & Hazel	\$100.00
Lambert	William H. (Bill)	\$100.00
TOTAL DONATION:		\$2745.00

New Life Members:

June - September 2000

Bair	William W.	21st	May, Sr	James C.	21st
Barno	James M.	19th	Nelsen	Margo	13th
Blow, Jr.	Jasper D.	19th	Nelson, Jr	Ronald	21st
Braddock	Kenneth C.	7th	Perrin	Donald B.	19th
Cerra	Joseph A.	5th RCT	Plass, Jr	Frank C.	29th
Cerreta	Eugene C.	19th	Reed	Mavin	26th AAA
Constable	Frank	21st	Rife	Kenneth M.	19th
Cooper	Bennie W.	21st	Rush	Kenneth	19th
Curran	John T.	21st	Rybus	Kenneth A.	21st
Doyel	Arnold E.	34th	Sanchez	John H.	52nd
Flieman	Kelton R.	Hq	Shelton	Delbert T.	21st
Gardner	James E.	5th RCT	Skinner	Lawrence J.	Unk
Gilley	Leon	19th	Smith	Robert F.	6th Tank
Hammond	Harold M	34th	Tester	John L.	13th
Henderson	Joe P.	34th	Thurber	Clifford G.	21st
Hicks	Frank E.	19th	Trechter, Jr.	Oliver E.	Unk
Karwoski	John N.	19th	Truelove	Van	13th
King	John R.	21st	Zabofski	Raymond L.	24 Sig
Manderville	Edward M.	24 Sig	Zippiere	William R.	19th

New Members June - September, 2000

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Unit 1</u>
Abels	Allan F.	Battle Creek	MI	49017-5528	616-962-5175	Div Arty
Barber	Harold D.	Lakewood	CO	80232	303-985-8592	5th RCT
Barno	James M	Binghamton	NY	13905	607-797-8968	19th
Becerra	Miguel	San Jose	CA	95124	408-358-0847	11th
Biffle	Juanita M	Riverdale	GA	30274-2422	770-997-7517	21st
Boger	Richard W.	Halifax	PA	17032	717-896-3052	21st
Bowman	Clifford A.	Ironton	OH	45638-8778	740-533-2731	21st
Breen	Joseph G.	Brooklyn Park	MN	55444-2132	763-566-1401	21st
Bridenbaugh	Dr Phillip	Cincinnati	OH	45226	513-321-9616	34th
Burns	Thomas K	Rocky Hill	CT	06067-3329	860-563-7687	19th
Butler	Bobby R	Jonesboro	AR	72404-8410	870-910-4991	24th MP
Carpenter	Hubert L	Birmingham	AL	35215-2215	205-853-1305	3rd Eng
Conway	William L	Kansas City	KS	66112-1777	913-299-3841	24th Sig
Corcoran	Charles J.	Mansfield Center	CT	06250-1209	860-423-4104	19th
Deal	Leonard I.	Coldwater	MI	49036	517-278-4002	52nd
Doyel	Arnold E	Van Buren	AR	72956-8947	501-474-9547	34th
Dunham	Fleming N.	Canon City	CO	81212-4407	719-275-1842	13th
Dylik	Joseph	Glendale	CA	91206	818-956-0655	34th
Elek	Marty	Parma Hts	OH	44130	440-884-4977	3d Brg
Emerson	Harold A.	Traverse City	MI	49686-5133	231-941-8413	21st
Evarts	Robert L	Mystic	CT	06355	860-536-6184	19th
Feak	Donald P.	Ft. Lauderdale	FL	33312-4118	954-463-8446	21st
Ferrara	John L.	Easton	PA	18040	610-253-0987	19th
Fields	William R	East Hampton	NJ	08060		19th
Fischer	Theodore W.	Golden	CO	80403-8426	303-642-3093	MP's
Ford	Karl	Newark	OH	43055	740-349-1794	21st
Gardner	James E.	Homer	LA	71040	318-927-9108	5th RCT
Gayzagian	Lootfi M.	Marshfield	MA	02050-2149	781-834-8461	21st
Gillogly	Ronald M.	Mount Cory	OH	45868-9722	419-477-5431	19th
Gooze	George	Oliver Springs	TN	37840	423-435-6316	34th
Green	Willis	Jonesboro	AR	72401-8622	870-932-1507	21st
Groves	Jerry	Garland	TX	75043-1630	972-344-2060	
Hammond	Harold M.	Genoa	IL	60135	815-784-6456	34th
Hardy	Thomas W.	Gloucester Point	VA	23062-0064	804-642-3378	19th
Hess	Allen V.	Cleona	PA	17042	717-272-5283	34th
Hess	John F.	Overland Park	KS	66207-1634	913-381-7980	34th
Hird	James J.	Owosso	MI	48867-4815	517-723-2181	26th AAA
Hockman	Cletus P.	Sheperdstown	WV	25443-0021	304-876-6928	21st
Hunter	Catron R.	Madison	TN	37115	615-865-6199	52nd
Jackson	Wilfred	Shelton	WA	98584-4145	360-426-5094	34th
Karrigan	Clayton	Benson	MN	56215	320-843-4962	6th Tank
Katz	Stanley	Kissimmee	FL	34747	407-397-7566	19th
Kenny	Virgil E.	Amherst	NE	68812-2070	308-826-2351	21st
Kowalewski	Barbara	Toms River	NJ	08757-4631	732-341-5494	34th
Lane	Julius B	Tulsa	OK	74105-8024	918-743-4143	52nd
LaRue	Theodore N.	Jamestown	TN	38556	931-863-3987	34th
Lauro	Ralph A	Palm Harbor	FL	34683	727-786-1836	19th
Link	Kenneth	Arendtsville	PA	17	717-677-8170	
Lopes	Albert L.	Yarmouth Port	MA	02675	508-362-5512	63rd
Lowry	Charles R	Berlin Hts	OH	44814	419-588-2375	21st
Luthro	Nathaniel D.	Moorland	IA	50566	515-549-3539	52nd
Manrique	Terry L.	Tampa	FL	33624-6709	813-908-9878	19th
Martin	Billy P	Converse	TX	78109-0036	210-658-7506	34th
May, Sr	James C.	Arley	AL	35541	205-221-0969	21st
McCaughey	Wayne M.	Columbia	MD	21044-2751	410-997-7957	21st
McDonald, Sr	Robert L.	Norman	OK	73071	405-329-7904	17th Cav

New Members June - September, 2000

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Montaglione	Angelo	Waterloo	NY	13165-9735	315-539-3047	34th
Moran	Richard C.	Scarborough	ME	04074		21st
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Nelson	Jerome M.	Windsor	WI	53598-9721	608-846-9853	3rd Eng
Nelson, Sr	Ronald	Sicklerville	NJ	08081	856-627-1328	21st
Neufeldt	Eldon D.	Mc Pherson	KS	67460	316-241-1752	24th Sig
Neumeyer	Oscar	Chesaning	MI	48616	517-865-6581	19th
Nicholas	T. J.	Ft. Lauderdale	FL	3334	954-776-5027	21st
Palmer	Andy G.	Nunica	MI	49448-9529	616-865-3208	52nd
Pedigo	Clarence	Longview	TX	75605-1422	903-759-6968	34th
Pegorch, Sr	Melvin G.	Swanton	OH	43558-9558	419-826-2593	19th
Perryman	Jacob D.	Riverdale	GA	30274-2523	770-991-1537	5th RCT
Peterson	Milton L.	APO AP 96204				24th
Pilgram	Robert	Crossett	AR	71635	870-364-8083	21st
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Quinlan	Hugh F.	Mastic	NY	11950-1902	631-399-0682	63rd
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Reed	Marvin	Palomino Valley	NV	89510-9300	775-475-0290	26th AAA
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Roberts	Steve	Memphis	TN	38111	901-743-7084	21st
Rogers	George	Midway	GA	31320-6726	912-884-2020	52nd
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Rybus	Kenneth A.	Glendale	CA	91207		21st
Sanchez	John H.	Waukesha	WI	53189-9541	262-968-2791	52nd
Scott	James H.	Aurora	CO	80011-2231	303-343-0218	21st
Shelton	Delbert T.	Scottsboro	AL	35769	256-574-1118	21st
Simmons	Clifford	Bristol	TN	37620-2548	423-968-2675	19th
Smith, Jr.	Willie	Lexington	MA	02421-6338	781-861-8582	555th
Stacey	William G.	Melbourne Beach	FL	32951-2118	321-952-0377	13th
Steinberg	Caleb M.	Denver	CO	80210-6062	303-504-4666	MP
Sudberry	Thomas	Texarkana	TX	75501	870-772-0359	Div Hq
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Targo	Stephen C.	Beverly Hills	FL	34465	352-746-1280	11th
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Walburn	Laura G.	Coal Township	PA	17866-2314	570-648-5595	19th
Williams	John R.	Overland Park	KS	66210-2519	913-451-9530	21st
Wisdom	James	Florence	KY	41042	859-371-1860	19th
Witherspoon	Bernard C.	Omaha	NE	68116-2954	402-965-9795	19th
Wolf	Donald R.	East Liverpool	OH	43920	330-388-4344	21st
Woodall	Jimmie	Fairview	IL	61432-0052	309-778-2559	19th
Yaeger	Leo R.	San Diego	CA	92128-2604	858-485-7511	19th
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Yarnell	Robert G.	Coral Springs	FL	33065	954-752-9998	34th

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A VISIT WITH THE CHAPLAIN



“Ask and it will be Given To You. Seek and You Shall Find”

Matthew 7:7

Does God hear and answer prayers? The question has been debated for centuries, and depending upon the level of one's faith, the answers are always mixed and varied.

Those who believe in God, pray for countless things in life - - forgiveness, patience, love, understanding, the welfare of family and friends, safety, good health, healing when ill, to name but a few. But even those whose faith is the strongest, sometimes question why their prayers seem to go unanswered. Maybe it's because they fail to recognize the fact that God does not think as mortals do. His ways are not necessarily our ways.

Any prayer properly offered contains, at least implicitly, the petition of The Lord's Prayer - “Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.” Prayers are not magic formulas, as if we could say the right words often enough to get what we want. God knows our wants, needs and what is best for us. Who can possibly know the Will of God and what He has in store for us?

Consider the G.I. Whose Engineer Regiment landed on the shores of New Guinea in early 1943, amid the mud and rain of its jungles. The living conditions and weather were such that many feared they would not survive the harsh elements, let alone the Japanese. After five months, the rumor began to circulate — “We're going to be rotated home by Christmas.”

The young and very naïve G.I. Took the rumor seriously. Prayer was always an important part of his life and he prayed constantly, to the Lord that he would be rotated home by Christmas.

Christmas 1943 and 1944 came and went, but the G.I.'s prayers continued. In February 1945, he was seriously wounded and spent three months in hospitals recuperating. After he was returned to active duty, the Atomic bombs were dropped. The War came to a merciful end and the G.I. Was soon on his way back to the States. He was discharged at Fort Knox Kentucky and boarded a train to take him to his home and the family he had not seen in three and one half years.

At 11:00 AM the next morning, the train pulled into the station. Waiting to greet him were his wife, his father, two sisters and youngest brother. This unforgettable event took place Christmas Day 1945 and the young G.I. Was yours truly!

Was this accident, coincidence or prayers answered? I leave that for you to decide. I am convinced it was God's answer to my prayers according to His Will, in His own way, His own time.

Indeed God does hear and answer our prayers but often in the most unexpected way. We need only to believe, trust and ask, God will do the rest for us.

Joseph P. Hofrichter

Note from the Editor of TL: This was the last visit with the Chaplain that Joe wrote but was not published in the Taro before. Joe was the Association Chaplain from 1988 to 1998.

24th Infantry Division Association



The following tribute was presented by BG Gene Spicer during the Memorial Service held at the 24th Infantry Division Association Reunion in Covington, KY September 30, 2000. (See picture on front Cover of this issue.)

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THE SMALL TABLE SET IN A PLACE OF HONOR. IT IS SET FOR ONE...THIS TABLE IS OUR WAY OF RECOGNIZING THOSE WHO ARE MISSING FROM OUR MIDST..THEY ARE COMMONLY CALLED POW's or MIA's..WE CALL THEM BROTHERS. THEY ARE UNABLE TO BE HERE WITH US SO WE REMEMBER THEM.

THIS TABLE SET FOR ONE IS SMALL..IT SYMBOLIZES THE FRALITY OF ONE PRISONER AGAINST HIS OPPRESSORS.

THE TABLECLOTH IS WHITE..SYMBOLIZING THE PURITY OF THEIR INTENTIONS TO RESPOND TO THEIR COUNTRY'S CALL TO ARMS.

THE SINGLE ROSE DISPLAYED IN A VASE REMINDS US OF THE UNDYING LOVE AND FAITH OF THE FAMILIES AND LOVED ONES OF OUR COMRADES IN ARMS LEFT BEHIND.

THE RED RIBBON TIED SO PROMINENTLY ON THE VASE IS REMINISCENT OF THE RED RIBBON WORN UPON THE LAPELS AND BREASTS OF THOUSANDS WHO BEAR WITNESS TO THEIR UNYIELDING DETERMINATION TO DEMAND A PROPER ACCOUNTING FOR OUR MISSING.

A SLICE OF LEMON IS ON THE BREAD PLATE TO REMIND US OF THEIR BITTER FATE.

THERE IS SALT UPON THE BREAD PLATE SYMBOLIC OF THE FAMILY TEARS AS THEY WAIT.

THE GLASS IS INVERTED..THEY CANNOT TOAST WITH US TODAY. THE CHAIR.. THE CHAIR IS EMPTY..THEY ARE NOT HERE..

THE CANDLE SO THEY MIGHT FIND A LIGHTED BEACON HOME.

THE SMALL AMERICAN FLAG REPRESENTS THE UNFAILING PATRIOTISM OF OUR COMRADES IN ARMS AND ALL AMERICANS WHO WAIT THEIR SAFE RETURN.

THE POW FLAG SO WE WILL NOT FORGET.

REMEMBER!! ALL OF YOU WHO SERVED WITH THEM AND CALLED THEM COMRADES.. YOU WHO DEPENDED ON THEIR MIGHT AND AID, AND RELIED UPON THEM.. DO NOT FORSAKE THEM..PRAY FOR THEM AND REMEMBER.

Charles F. Sugg D.C.
317 S. Marietta St.
Gastonia, NC 28052
June 29, 2000

Dear Vonnie,

I am sending an article about General Barry McCaffrey that goes back to Vietnam. This article appeared in our newspaper 6/23/2000. The author is a local person who served with the then Captain McCaffrey in Vietnam. I was so impressed with the content of this article that I called the author to get permission to send it to the "Taro Leaf". He sent a copy and pictures and some other interesting information. I thought it was interesting in view of the Seymour Hersh attack on General McCaffrey; The author gave his permission to print this if you can do so.



A Great American Soldier

By

Michael K. McMahan



On November 2, 1968 the men of the first and second platoons of Bravo Company, 2nd of the 7th Cavalry, First Air Cavalry Division were being chewed up by automatic weapons fire from a dug-in regiment of North Vietnamese Regulars. I was a 2nd Lieutenant field artillery forward observer assigned to Bravo Company. I lay flat on my stomach in the thick elephant grass. Every movement brought sustained enemy gunfire. Two men were known killed and others wounded. Captain Bill Meara, about twenty yards from my position, stood and charged the enemy bunkers silencing one thirty-caliber machine gun and allowing us to advance deeper into the jungle. As we moved forward behind our brave company commander, he was shot and killed by an enemy sniper.

The next day we held a memorial service for the men we lost. Three M-16 rifles with bayonets attached were stuck into the dark clay soil with the helmets of the dead balanced on top. Since Captain Meara had been shot through his helmet, on behalf of our fallen leader, the new company commander placed his steel pot with its black Captain's bars upon a weapon. That was the day I first met Captain Barry R. McCaffrey. In the next few months I had the privilege of standing side-by-side a great American soldier, an experience that changed my life and made me a better person.

This was Captain McCaffrey's second tour in Vietnam. During his first, he served as

an adviser to a unit of South Vietnamese Rangers and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for leading a charge against attacking enemy forces. He also received the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in that attack. Captain McCaffrey was singularly focused on accomplishing the mission with minimum casualties. He put the welfare of his men above himself in everything he did. Under his command, the men ate first. McCaffrey was always last in line. He made certain that the men were well-fed, well supplied, well informed and ready to carry out their mission. McCaffrey was the bravest man I ever met.

On November 6, 1968, just three days into his command, Charlie Company experienced the same fate as Bravo, but worse. There were many casualties, including the company commander, who had been killed, and it was growing dark. Our company was ordered into battle. When Captain McCaffrey explained, in Vietnamese, to our scouts what we had been ordered to do, both men deserted on the next helicopter. He told the first Sergeant and me that he didn't know whether the men would follow him into this desperate situation. He would be on the first helicopter, and the First Sergeant would be on the last. I remember hearing McCaffrey saying, "Just give me a headcount when you get in there." As we descended into the firefight, I saw him

A Great American Soldier (continued)



pray, cross himself, and then pull out his maps of the area to study the terrain. The pilots of our Huey flew us directly into a stream of thirty caliber green tracers from enemy machine guns. We landed in the dust and confusion of the battlefield, and Captain McCaffrey took charge of what was left of Charlie Company, placing our forces in tactically sound positions. He put me in a key location and turned over the supporting fire role, assuring me I could do well. I will never forget his firm left hand on my right shoulder as he said, "I'm depending on you. Get the F-4's with napalm in on that line of trees, and put your 105's back behind that position about 100 meters. You can do it, Mac." I didn't see him again until the sun rose the next morning, but I heard our First Sergeant say that all 127 men in Bravo Company followed him into battle that night.

For the next four months we followed McCaffrey into many battles. He taught us how to respond to attack with overwhelming force; to throw grenades in mass and in sequence to make the enemy believe we were a larger unit; to align and concentrate our automatic weapons fire; and, me especially, to use artillery and air support to break the back of the enemy quickly and effectively. McCaffrey didn't cower in a bunker when the firefights were initiated. He placed himself in the front with his troops where he could see, lead, and inspire. There were many times when I believed he would be killed, but he continued to act with unbelievable courage. It all ended in February 1969 when, in a ferocious battle with a large North Vietnamese unit, he took three bullets in his left arm. The men he led so well literally dragged his weakening body from the front lines and hoisted him up through the canopy to Medivac. We didn't know whether he would survive but were certain he would lose his arm and hence his cherished military career.

It was the last I heard of him until the Gulf War. Like most Vietnam veterans, I returned to my hometown and picked up my life. But McCaffrey continued to serve his

country through the difficult years of the 1970's and 1980's. After thirty years of dedicated service and a distinguished career when many might move into civilian life to earn money or simply retire, McCaffrey chose to continue serving our country in the role of Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, a job that continues to place his life in jeopardy from drug lords or thugs.

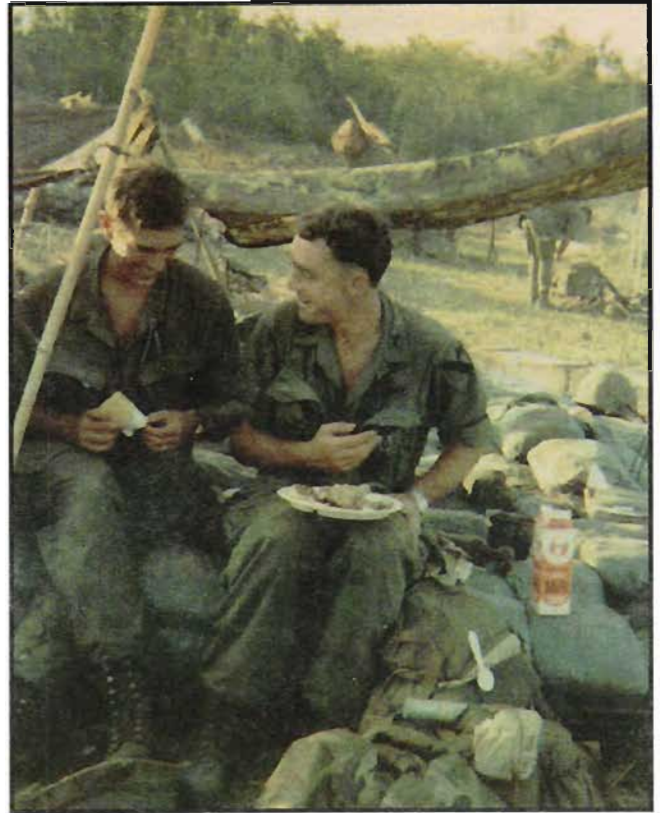
McCaffrey was attacked in a May 22nd article by Seymour Hersh in *The New Yorker* magazine. Mr. Hersh asserts that during the Gulf War, then Lieutenant General McCaffrey ordered his 24th Infantry Division to respond to an enemy attack with overwhelming force two days after President Bush had ordered a ceasefire. It is alleged that the 24th destroyed many enemy tanks on their way back to Iraq. Generals Colin Powell and Norman Schwarzkopf defended McCaffrey and noted the incident had been thoroughly investigated by the Pentagon. General Powell said it was interesting that now, ten years after the Gulf War, the Army is criticized for acting too aggressively in destroying Iraq's forces. Over the past decade most criticism of the war claimed we didn't destroy enough of those forces.

I don't know Seymour Hersh except by reputation, but I know Barry McCaffrey. Those of us who served under his command know that he would neither endanger his own troops nor wantonly kill enemy forces who failed to attack. I have personally witnessed his direct intervention to preserve and protect the lives of women and children caught in a combat zone and I have seen him ensure the humane treatment of captured enemy soldiers. I am certain that no commander could have more respect for human life than Barry McCaffrey. I am equally sure that the surviving men of Bravo Company who followed him into battle thirty-two years ago, now middle aged and dispersed across the country, would follow him into a hot LZ today, which is the mark of a great soldier and a gifted leader.

General (Retired) Barry R. McCaffrey

Barry McCaffrey is the Director of the National Office of Drug Policy. A 1966 West Point graduate, he served two combat tours in Vietnam and was awarded two Distinguished Service Crosses, two Silver Stars, and three Purple Hearts. He retired after thirty years in the United States Army at the rank of four star general. At the time he was the most highly decorated active duty soldier serving in the United States Military.

The writer, left and McCaffrey on a firebase in Vietnam in 1968.



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McCaffrey on a firebase in Vietnam in 1968. "He made sure that his troops ate first. Officers ate last. He was always the last man in the chow line."



ORDEAL OF THE "WALKING GENERAL": MG WILLIAM F. DEAN IN KOREA

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25 June 2000 marked the fiftieth anniversary of the start of the Korean War. In June 1950, forces of the North Korean People's Army (NKPA), supported by a massive artillery barrage and strong armored forces, launched a surprise attack across the 38th Parallel in an effort to reunite the Korean peninsula by force. On 27 June, President Harry S. Truman ordered American forces to Korea to thwart the Communist invasion.

Most of the forces sent to Korea in the early days of the war came from the Eighth Army, which was performing occupation duty in Japan. Undermanned, and poorly trained and equipped, the American forces in Korea suffered grievous casualties while attempting to halt the NKPA onslaught. Among the first U.S. Army units deployed to Korea was the 24th Infantry Division.

Led by MG William F. Dean, the 24th was comprised of largely untested, green troops. Lacking adequate numbers of heavy weapons, the soldiers of the 24th could do little more than delay the advancing North Koreans until more U.S. troops arrived. Inspired by their commanding general, the 24th stalled the enemy advance, but at a great price.

MG Dean became one of the division's casualties. The story of Dean's courageous action's during the fighting around Taejon, his eventual capture by the NKPA, and his ordeal as a prisoner of war became one of the Korean War's most intriguing stories and made Dean one of the first heroes of the war.

William Frishe Dean was born 1 August 1899 in Carlyle, IL. After graduating from high school, Dean attempted to gain admission to West Point but was not accepted. He then tried to enlist in the Army during World War I, but because of his age, Dean needed his parents permission to enlist. His mother refused to grant permission, so instead, Dean enrolled in the University of California at Berkeley, and, determined to make the Army a career, joined the Student Army Training Corps. He graduated in 1922 and was later commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Infantry on 18 October 1923.

His first assignment was with the 38th Infantry at Fort Douglas, UT. According to Dean, this was during the period in which "practically nobody loved a soldier." Despite the difficulties of serving in the peacetime Army, Dean proved to be a talented soldier, and he steadily advanced through the ranks. His assignments included a three year tour in the Panama Canal Zone and command of Camp Hackamore, a Civilian Conservation Corps camp, in Modoc, CA. He also attended the Infantry School at Fort Benning, the Command and General Staff College, the Armed Forces Industrial College, the Chemical Warfare School, and the Army War College.

After his promotion to major in 1940, Dean was assigned to a series of desk jobs on the War Department's General Staff and in the Requirements Division in Ground Forces Headquarters. In early 1944, Dean, now a brigadier general, received an assignment he greatly wanted...assistant division commander of the 44th Infantry Division, which was

preparing to deploy to Europe. Dean, however, almost did not make the trip. During a training demonstration, a lieutenant was engulfed in flames after the flamethrower he was using malfunctioned. In an attempt to rescue the soldier, Dean suffered severe burns on one leg. At one point, doctors believed the leg would have to be amputated. While the need for amputation subsided, Dean often required the use of a cane until the leg was able to completely heal after the war.

After arriving in the ETO on 15 September 1944, Dean demonstrated his ability to lead men in combat. In December 1944, he was awarded a Distinguished Service Cross after personally leading an infantry platoon through an artillery barrage to destroy enemy positions. After the 44th's commanding general, MG Robert L. Spragins, was invalided home, Dean assumed command of the division and led the 44th in combat in France and Germany. When the war ended, the 44th held the distinction of having less than forty of its soldiers taken prisoner, an impressive number for a division that had seen a significant amount of combat. Dean was very proud of this statistic, later stating that "to say *Kamerad* was one of the most degrading things that could happen to a soldier."

After the war, Dean was assigned to Fort Leavenworth to organize and direct new classes at the Command and General Staff College. In October 1947, he was sent to South Korea to serve as military governor and deputy to LTG John R. Hodges, commander of U.S. occupation forces in Korea. As military governor, Dean supervised the transition period in which the South Koreans learned to govern for themselves. His duties included oversight of police activities, food distribution, and operation of communication and transportation networks.

Dean's primary duty, however, was the establishment of a civil government in South Korea. Having had no government of their own in many years and no freely elected government in their four thousand year history, the Koreans were "completely lacking in the machinery and training for holding an election." In the months leading up to the national election, Dean traveled throughout South Korea, making speeches, setting up election boards and polling places, and arranging protection for voters from coercion and Communist interference.

After the election, the U.S. occupation officially ended and the newly elected Korean government took over on 15 August 1948. Dean became commander of the 7th Infantry Division in Korea and immediately began arranging for the division's withdrawal to northern Japan. After the 7th's move was completed in January 1949, LTG Walton H. Walker appointed Dean as Chief of Staff of the Eighth Army. When a sudden transfer left the 24th Infantry Division without a commanding officer in October 1949, Dean managed to get himself appointed to the job. He set up his headquarters in the city of Kokura, on the southernmost Japanese main island of Kyushu, only 140 miles from Pusan across the Strait of Korea.

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Despite his rank and bright future in the Army, Dean remained the modest and self-deprecating soldier he had always been. An avid walker, Dean would often refuse to ride in staff cars, preferring to walk whenever possible. The local Japanese nicknamed him Aruku Shoko, the "Walking General." Aides recalled that he "had no hang ups about status" and that he was "his own best shoeshiner."

On Sunday morning, 25 June 1950, Dean was heading towards the division headquarters when he was hailed by the duty officer with breaking news: North Korean forces had crossed the 38th Parallel. On 27 June, the 24th Division was assigned the task of receiving evacuees from Korea. The confusion of the evacuation was compounded by the fact that the Korean Military Advisory Group (KMAG) commander, BG Lynn Roberts, had completed his tour of duty and left on 24 June, and his chief of staff was in Japan.

Dean was ordered on 30 June to go to Tokyo to attend a meeting on the crisis, but he was intercepted near Hakata with instructions to return to his headquarters and await teletyped orders. The orders arrived at midnight directing Dean to prepare to move his division to Korea and giving him overall command of a land expeditionary force.

The proximity of the 24th Division to Korea, Dean's combat experience, and his knowledge of Korea made him the logical choice to lead the initial U.S. ground force. Despite his abilities, there were numerous things Dean could not overcome. In particular, the 24th Division had been in Japan since shortly after V-J Day. Many of its experienced combat veterans had been discharged or transferred, and by 1950, only fifteen percent of the division's soldiers had any combat experience. Overall division strength was at two thirds of its World War II level. Infantry regiments contained two understrength battalions each; artillery battalions had only two batteries. In addition to understrength units, much of the division's equipment was of World War II vintage--2.6" bazookas and M-24 light tanks. There were also critical shortages of mortars, ammunition, vehicles, and various other types of weapons and equipment.

Despite these problems, Dean received orders that a task force of two reinforced rifle companies from the 21st Infantry, with a battalion of field artillery, and the 21st's Medical Company, was to be flown to Korea immediately. This unit, named Task Force Smith for its commander, LTC Charles B. (Brad) Smith, would be the first American force to face the North Koreans. In addition, Dean was to establish his headquarters at Taejon, an important communications center in southwestern South Korea. He arrived on 4 July and assumed command of American forces in Korea.

On 5 July the first American troops came into contact with the NKPA. Task Force Smith, emplaced in positions around the town of Osan, came under heavy attack by North Korean infantry and armored units. Smith's troops put up a valiant defense and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy, but were eventually forced to withdraw. Because of poor communications, Dean originally believed that the task force had been completely wiped out. Over the next few days, however, American soldiers trickled back to the American lines. In all, about two-thirds of Task Force Smith survived, a far better result than Dean had originally believed.

For the next two weeks, the 24th Infantry Division fought a series of delaying actions that were intended to blunt the North Korean offensive and buy time for the rest of the Eighth Army to establish an effective defense around Pusan. These delaying actions were paid for with American blood; the 24th suffered over 2,400 casualties and lost large amounts of materiel in holding the North Koreans.

By 19 July, the NKPA had reached the South Korean town of Taejon. Dean had moved the division's command post to Yongdong but stayed behind in Taejon at the 34th Infantry's CP. During the early hours of 20 June, two divisions of NKPA infantry supported by tanks shattered and overran the 34th Infantry and the attached 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry. The battle became confused as enemy infantry and tanks infiltrated into Taejon, cutting off American troops. Numerous small battles broke out all over the town as isolated American units fought desperately to escape the enemy trap.

With North Korean T-34 tanks roaming the streets of Taejon, Dean decided that there was "little general officer's work to be done" and set off with his aide, 1LT Arthur M. Clarke, and Jimmy Kim, his Korean interpreter, on an almost obsessive hunt for enemy tanks. The party first came across a group of three enemy tanks, two of which were destroyed. Dean managed to catch the attention of the driver of a truck with a 75mm recoilless rifle and ordered him to fire at the tank that appeared to be operable. The gunner fired several rounds but missed. It later turned out the tank had already been knocked out but showed no apparent signs of damage.

A second foray against the enemy also failed. Dean and his party found a bazooka gunner with one remaining round. The inexperienced gunner, suffering from nerves, fired short and never came close. Dean fired at the tank with his pistol out of frustration, something he later admitted was simply a case of "Dean losing his temper."

A third attempt to destroy North Korean armor proved more successful. After the failed second attempt, a lone T-34 without infantry support rumbled through Taejon. Dean gathered a small hunting party and set off after the tank. Along the way, the group found a 3.5" bazooka gunner and his ammunition carrier. Locating the tank at an intersection in Taejon's business district, Dean and the gunner crept through the back of a building until they were within yards of the tank. Dean pointed to a spot between the tank's turret and hull and ordered the gunner to fire. After three direct hits, the tank was knocked out and began to smoke. Upon returning to the command post, Dean shouted, "I just got me a Red tank!"

By now, the situation in Taejon was hopeless, with the town all but overrun by NKPA troops. At around 1800, Dean ordered the evacuation of the 34th Infantry's CP. Organized into a convoy of trucks and other vehicles, Dean and the remaining troops made a desperate attempt to reach American lines. Dean and Clarke made a wrong turn and became separated from the rest of the column. They eventually came upon another group of American troops, including many who were wounded. Dean ordered several of the wounded into his jeep and climbed aboard an artillery half-track that was, according to Dean, "the most heavily loaded vehicle I ever saw."

Not long after the small column continued down the road, it ran into a North Korean road block. Dean ordered

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everyone out and into the hills. After taking an informal muster, Dean counted a total of seventeen soldiers and one terrified South Korean civilian who spoke English.

Dean's group hid until dark before beginning the trek towards friendly lines. The journey was greatly hampered by the difficult terrain. In addition, several of the wounded men were unable to walk and had to be carried.

The difficult journey was made worse when the men quickly ran out of water. During one of their rest stops, Dean thought he heard water below the ridge where they were walking. In his attempt to locate the source, Dean stumbled down an embankment, hit his head, and knocked himself out. Clarke and the rest of the group, unable to find Dean in the darkness, decided to proceed south, reaching American lines on 23 June.

When Dean finally awoke, he discovered he had a deep gash on his head in addition to a broken shoulder. With dawn breaking, he crawled into some bushes to hide. As darkness fell, he emerged from his hiding place and started off once again for American lines.

While resting the following morning, Dean heard someone approaching. Thinking it was a North Korean patrol, Dean was surprised to discover that it was an American. The soldier identified himself as 1LT Stanley Tabor from the 2/19 Infantry. When Tabor asked who Dean was, Dean replied, "I'm the S.O.B. who's the cause of all this trouble."

The two continued their trek, occasionally meeting friendly Koreans who provided some meager food. While staying in a house in a small Korean village, Dean and Tabor awoke to discover the house surrounded by enemy troops demanding the two surrender. Instead of giving up, Dean and Tabor escaped out a rear door and fled into a rice paddy. Dean made his escape, but became separated from Tabor. Dean later learned after the war that the young lieutenant was captured after a few days and later died in a North Korean POW camp.

Alone once again and weakened by hunger and injuries, Dean slowly continued walking toward the American lines. Subsisting on green peaches, parched corn, and whatever handouts he could obtain from friendly Koreans, Dean lost sixty of his two hundred plus pounds during his ordeal.

By 25 August, Dean was approximately two days from the town of Taegu. His physical condition had improved somewhat and his spirits were buoyed as it seemed as if his wanderings were coming to an end. On that day, however, Dean was betrayed by two Koreans and turned into the NKPA. Despite his weakened condition, Dean did not succumb without a fight, and it took several soldiers to subdue him. After the war, South Korean police arrested the two men who turned Dean in to the NKPA. Both had received 30,000 won (the equivalent of five dollars) from the North Koreans. One was sentenced to death, the other to life in prison. Both men claimed that they had planned to take Dean to the American lines, but when this proved impossible, they turned him in to prevent his certain death. During the trial, Dean wrote to South Korean President Syngman Rhee asking for clemency for the two men, later saying, "I did not feel punishment of these men would accomplish anything."

As a POW, Dean was taken to Seoul on the back of a truck and paraded through the streets. As the highest ranking U.S. prisoner of the war, he was subjected to endless interrogation, often lasting for days without end. He was threatened with torture and execution. On one occasion, one of his North Korean interrogators threatened to cut his tongue out. Dean replied that would have been fine, since then he would have been unable to make propaganda broadcasts supporting the enemy.

He was kept isolated from other American POWs. Normally an active man, Dean was unable to exercise. In addition, medical treatment was virtually nonexistent. Yet, he remained unbreakable. At one point, he attempted suicide out of the fear that he might disclose important military information or make statements that might aid the enemy. On two other occasions, he made plans to escape, only to be held back by bouts of dysentery.

On 9 January 1951, while still listed as missing in action, Dean was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Truman for his gallantry in action at Taejon. Dean's wife, Mildred, accepted the medal at a White House ceremony.

In December 1951, the North Koreans finally announced that they were holding Dean as a prisoner of war. The reason why the North Koreans waited so long to announce Dean's capture has never been determined.

Throughout his captivity, Dean continued to resist his captors and never made any statements divulging important military information. He was finally repatriated on 4 September 1953 at Freedom Village. Upon learning that he had been awarded the Medal of Honor, Dean reacted with great dismay. While humbly grateful for the award, Dean felt he did not really deserve it. Upon meeting with reporters, Dean, in his typical self-deprecating style, stated that "I'm no hero."

After the war, Dean served as deputy commander of Sixth Army. In 1954, General Dean's Story was published. The book detailed Dean's experiences in Korea, both in combat and as a POW. He retired 31 October 1955 after 32 years of Army service and died in 1981 at the age of 82. William F. Dean was one of the true heroes of the chaotic early weeks of the Korean War. He led his troops bravely in the face of overwhelming odds. While later criticized for his decision to stay at the front which hampered his ability to see the whole battle at Taejon, Dean did what he could with the resources at hand. More important, his inspired leadership by example in the burning streets of Taejon provided a boost to the shaky American morale. After his capture, he was a model POW. He survived three long years of captivity and resisted numerous attempts to force him into false confessions and propaganda statements. With a long and distinguished career in World War I and Korea, Dean exemplified the high ideals of the American soldier.

For more information on MG Dean and the Korean War, read MG William F. Dean, General Dean's Story; Clay Blair, The Forgotten War; America in Korea, 1950-1953; Roy E. Appelman, South to the Nakdong, North to the Yalu; James F. Schnabel, Policy and Direction: The First Year, and Marguerite Higgins, War in Korea: The Report of a Woman Combat Correspondent.

IN MEMORY OF JOE HOFRICHTER
Chaplain for the Association 1988 – 1998

BIG BROTHER JOE

I don't suppose that I ever thanked you for being my Big Brother. I know that life is always more difficult for the older kids growing up.

You were there for me when we walked to school at St. Bernard. I don't eat a scrambled egg sandwich that I don't think of our first Friday breakfasts in the lunchroom.

You looked out for me walking to and from the Mount Lebanon pool each summer day. I remember playing ball along with you in the lot across from our home on Broadmore Avenue. I recall riding in the truck to get used lumber at Austin-Givins to build the apartment on the rink. We were in the cab and you got to ride on the lumber in the back. If I remember right, it was raining.

And I tried to hold on to you when you went off to the Army. You went anyway. But you returned to us on a Christmas Day. I was so proud to wear your Army jacket when I walked up the street.

You were the Marilyn Monroe that showed up at the Halloween Party. Then there was the 'Bucket Head' think. Not only did you not protect me from making a fool of myself, you had to go and blab it all over the world.

You, Jim and I are what being brothers is all about. We watched out for each other and helped when we could. I wish that I could do more for you at this time. All that I can do is to be with you in spirit and to again offer you my hand in hopes it will provide you some comfort. Thanks again for being my "Big Brother", Joe. I Love You. Your "Baby Brother", Bill.

(From Joe's little brother,
Bill Hofrichter

Dear Mama Charlotte,

Sincerest condolences and heartfelt prayers for Papa Joe's eternal rest in Tatay's everlasting home.

Please be assured of our prayer support for you and Papa Joe's loved ones. We celebrated mass yesterday with the teachers and children at the school. This morning and tomorrow morning we shall have mass at the Paraclete Chapel, remembering that it was Papa Joe who laid the cornerstone of the chapel with a lot of tears and

prayers in his 1983 visit.

If I have something to remember him and the American veterans by, it's the monstrance made of bullet shells that Papa Joe gave me last July. The monstrance is in our prayer room at the Foundational Center.

One word that I can describe him with is: ROMANTIC – in the sense that he found romance in the tapestry of God's love revealed in the small and big events of his life, woven delicately by God's loving fingers, according to his marvelous designs. It was a romantic story that Papa Joe saw and read through the years, with him and the many other persons in his life as principal characters and protagonists. It was a love story that Papa Joe told and retold so often with tears and smiles, because it revealed the merciful and compassionate, the tender and faithful love of a Heavenly Father whose affection for us is constant and unchanging. Papa Joe understood that love story interwoven in our lives, and he never ceased to be thankful and to praise the Father for his many splended love. We shall be missing him, His smiles, his tears, his hugs, his songs, especially the Lord's Prayer, will linger long in our memory. He'll remain Papa Joe or Mano Joe to a good number of us in FGLC. I'm sure he'll get to share TATAY'S everlasting splendor and glory. Father Bart, Pastor of Community of God's Little Children Tacloban, Leyte, Philippines

I am saddened by Joe's passing. I will always remember with fondness how Joe could turn food into works of art, and how he inspired we apprentice gourmets to do the same. His expertise could transform a lowly tuber, such as the carrot, into mouth-watering consomme. And derby-day parties at your home on Bird Dog live among my pleasant memories. What could be better than mint juleps and bergoo, served on your expansive sunporch, faced by blooming redbuds and dogwoods, under a canopy of majestic oaks and maples, while enjoying lively conversation with good friends? Sincerely,

Mason Helmintoller
(Mason & wife, Kathy, were neighbors in
Loveland, Ohio.

IN MEMORY OF JOE HOFRICHTER
Chaplain for the Association 1988 – 1998

Dear Aunt Charlotte,

How can any words express what we are all feeling at this time? I sit with tears in my eyes and love in my heart knowing that I will never see my favorite Uncle again. Yet, I feel so blessed having known him. What made me love him so much was that he was just so accepting of everyone. He always seemed to show a genuine interest in everyone and had a uniquely wonderful way of pointing out the best qualities in those around him. He appeared to be able to look right into the good part of a person regardless of the flaws that others may have easily dwelled on.

We will remember Uncle Joe as a generous man and a loving man. Forever willing and wanting to share a part of himself with those around him, be it family, friend or even strangers. It was always a treat to hear Uncle Joe tell a story. He could retell pieces of his life so colorfully; it was as if you were watching a movie in your mind's eye. We will always remember the Christmas of 1995 when the two of you stayed with us. Do you remember how Uncle Joe helped Mick install our ceramic fireplace logs during your stay? Each time we light that fire we are reminded of the two of them down on their bellies and backs determined to get that fireplace roaring for Christmas. And that they did!! And now I tell you, just as each roaring fire provides for us a peaceful, warm and loving feeling in our home, so too will the memories of Uncle Joe. His love will burn forever in all of our hearts. So he will never really be apart from us, only in body.

I am certain that Uncle Joe is now in a place of total peace and love. His journey has beautifully ended. And what a journey it was, with many highs and lows as well. As difficult as it may seem right now, we too will continue our journey with the hope that one day we will all be together again. Uncle Joe was able to attend the last family reunion and yes, better late than never, but there is still one more reunion he and all of us have yet to attend; it is the heavenly reunion where the best is yet to come!! This is what our faith teaches and this is our hope.

Our love and prayers to you,

Mick, Mary Pat and Children

Monday October 2, 2000

Dear Charlotte and Joe,

When we received word that Joe was able to go to Pittsburgh to the family reunion we felt so good and hoped he was getting better, we are so sorry that this isn't the case.

In my lifetime I can't think of anyone that I have more love, respect and admiration for than I have for Joe and for you. Joe was a model soldier, always doing his work the best he knew how. He was loved and respected and looked up to by his fellow army buddies. During his spare time he was always looking for and doing something to make the bleak life of a soldier better. He loved his church and became personal friends of his chaplain. He organized a band in the jungles and provided entertainment for the men. I didn't know of it then but I guess he more or less adopted a little Philippino boy who was almost his constant companion when we were in that area. When the war ended he did not let his good deeds stop and with his great personality he was able to come home and marry someone who was a perfect match in personality and goals. Between the two of you, you have run a successful travel agency and held the 339th Engineers together for over 53 years. I can't fathom the tremendous amount of time, effort, love and money that went into this undertaking and you included not only the ex 339th men, but their wives and their families. The reunions were so enticing for everyone involved including General Bradley and Chaplain Hetzel. You and Joe have created a very strong feeling of love, respect and admiration within hundreds of ex army 339th engineers and their families and friends. I am sure this is also true among your families, church members, neighbors and the members of the 24th Infantry Division Association and anyone else you may have come in contact with.

Bonnie and I feel very blessed and thankful that we have been included as your friends in your group of many friends and we had hoped that Joe would have been able to have at least 10 more years to enjoy his family and friends. We agree with you that the Lord needs him in Heaven more than we need him here, but it is so hard to let him go. Leon and Bonnie (Leon Sorensen was Joe's C.O. in the 339th in 1944 in New Guinea.)

From the Editor of the Taro Leaf:

At the reunion in Covington I had the opportunity of visiting with James Sullivan. Jim gave me a letter he had written to John M. Shalikashvili in August 1995. His letter was concerning the 50th Anniversary of the return to the Philippines. He writes.. "While touring the Island we visited the museum. There was no picture or even a mention of Col. Postlewaite, C.O. Third Battalion 34th Infantry Regiment. This good man was our leader from the Hawaiian Islands to Australia..".....

Jim received a letter from John M. Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint chiefs of Staff, Washington, D.C. dated 20 October 1995. The letter responding to Jim's letter follows:



Mr. James P. Sullivan
10404 W. Audrey Drive
Sun City, Arizona 85351

CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20318-9999

20 October 1995

Dear Mr. Sullivan,

Thank you for your letter recalling our meeting at the Manila celebration of the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the Philippines. The sacrifices made by American soldiers like you will long be remembered by the people of the Philippines and the United States.

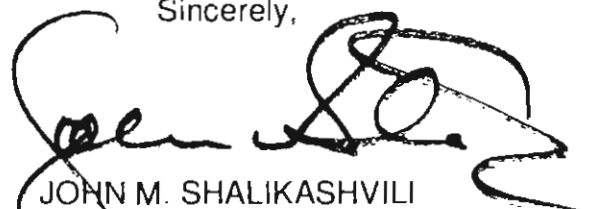
I can certainly understand your disappointment upon discovering that your former battalion commander, Lieutenant Colonel Postlewaite, was not included in the exhibits displayed in the museum on Corregidor. The museum is the property and responsibility of the Philippine Army; consequently, additions or changes to the displays are within its purview. Should you want to contact the Philippine Army concerning the exhibits in the museum, the Philippine Defense Attache's office suggests that you write to:

The Adjutant General
Colonel Hercules R. Galon
Philippine Army General Staff Corps
Quezon City, Philippines 1110

I am returning the Silver Star and Purple Heart--you earned them and they are recognition of your bravery and sacrifice. On behalf of a grateful Nation, thanks for your dedicated service.

Best wishes for success in adding to the Corregidor museum exhibits.

Sincerely,



JOHN M. SHALIKASHVILI
Chairman
of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

OPERATION BLUE BAT

Lebanon Intervention of 1958

The 1st Airborne Battle Group 187th Infantry, 24th Airborne Brigade

by Lawrence "Larry" J. Lenahan

B/1/187/24th ABN BDE & 11th ABN DIV.

(Submitted for publication in the "Taro Leaf" by Tom Cochran)

Few, other than military historians, have an understanding of what happened in the period leading up to and throughout U.S. intervention in Lebanon - Operation Blue Bat. For the most part, it involved the deployment of U.S. Army and marine troops who were stationed overseas, either in France, Germany or the Mediterranean to Lebanon. They deployed directly from those stations and would upon completion of Operation Blue Bat return directly to them. The Air Force's participation involved air transports based in Europe and combat aircraft based in the U.S.

To help the reader understand Operation Blue Bat it might be helpful to review comments made after the fact by two of its principles, one a diplomat the other an Admiral.

"Although no guns were fired in anger and no casualties were inflicted upon the indigenous population, this was, in fact, an exercise in limited war." And further in the same publication he wrote: "...in fact, in the entire history of Phoenicia, which goes back some five thousand years, no foreign invading army had ever come by invitation of the inhabitants, or had left voluntarily without causing casualties to the inhabitants." Ambassador Robert McClintock, The American landing in Lebanon, U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings, October 1962.

"The rapid and dramatic deployment of U.S. armed forces into Lebanon at the request of the Lebanese government was an effective demonstration of military power which caused the internal factions as well as the recently formed pro-Communist United Arab Republic (UAR) to pause and consider. Although neither the internal nor external forces threatening the independence of Lebanon were directly engaged by this command, our forces were maintained in combat posture and constantly demonstrated their readiness to meet any foreseeable contingency. The U.S. military power in Lebanon was applied in the most restrained manner and did not result in death, wounds, or serious property damage to any Lebanese or foreign faction in Lebanon. This coupled with exemplary military bearing, competence and discipline which were exhibited by our soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen in the accomplishment of their tasks, materially helped produce an atmosphere which made possible the legal election of a president on 31 July and his inauguration on 23 September to succeed the outgoing president. The shield of U.S. military power acted as a deterrent to excessive internal violence and to the threat from external forces..." Admiral James L. Holloway, CINCSPECOMME, in his Command Report on Operation Blue Bat 15 July - 25 October 1958 to Joint Chiefs of Staff:

The following is a review of one unit's involvement in Operation Blue Bat, the 1st Airborne Battle Group, 24th Airborne Brigade, 24th Infantry Division.

At approximately 0600, 15 July 1958 at Gablingen Kaserne, a suburb of Augsburg, Germany, some 55 miles west of Munich, paratroopers throughout the 1st ABG 187th Infantry were being rudely awakened by sergeants loudly yelling "Alert". Thus commenced the United States' first application of a new concept, Rapid Deployment, and Operation Blue Bat, the United States intervention in Lebanon.

The Planning

Some time in 1956, probably before the Suez Crisis, Brigadier General David W. Gray, Chief of the Operations Division, was directed to draft instructions to United States Army Europe (USAREUR) for it to develop contingency plans for a limited crisis intervention in the Middle East. USAREUR assigned the task to the 9th Infantry Division. Later in 1956, when the 11th Airborne Division replaced the 9th Infantry, it inherited the plan. Planners in the 11th Abn. modified it for use by Airborne units and the newly created Pentomic concept which replaced regiments with battle groups.

In March of 1957, whether by happenstance or design, Gen. Gray was transferred to Germany to serve as the Assistant Division Commander (ADC) of the 11th Abn. where he would become intimately involved in the planning for any deployment. As the planning underwent refinement, it was envisioned that the execution would be as an airdrop or air-land in Jordan. The planning was classified as top secret, with a strict need to know policy enforced at all times.

During the planning period, the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) advised Admiral James L. Holloway, Commander in Chief, United States Naval Forces, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean (CINCNELM) that the overthrow of the government of Jordan, and to a lesser extent, the probability of a coup d'etat in Lebanon, were distinct possibilities. The JCS also advised him, in such an event, that rapid U.S. military action might be required. Planning for the contingencies was directed as a matter of urgency.

Around November of 1957, Adm. Holloway issued the first Op Plan specifying a joint services operation in the Middle East. AU units assigned to a Middle Eastern operation would report to the Specified Command Middle East (SPECOMME). Should SPECOMME be activated, Adm. Holloway would become its Commander In Chief.

Creation of Army Task Force 201

If SPECOMME was activated and the Army was called upon to participate in an intervention, the Army's organization would be designated Army Task Force 201 (ATF 201). The Task Force would consist of five forces: Force Alpha which would consist of the Task Force HQ and one battle group from the 11th Airborne Division, Force Bravo, a second battle group also from the 11th, to be de-

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played as circumstances warranted; Force Charlie, support units drawn from bases in Germany and France and designated 201st Logistical Command, Force Delta, other support units and Force Echo, a medium tank battalion. Both Delta and Echo Forces would be sea lifted from Bremerhaven, Germany.

The Prelude

Although Lebanon had always been considered a country at risk it apparently was low on the list. This would change in early May of 1958. A major contributor to the change was the assassination of the left-wing editor of a daily Beirut newspaper known for its outspoken panArabism. Within days following the assassination a general strike and rioting broke out in the city of Tripoli, and there was an attack on the presidential palace in Bay-al-Din. The rioting quickly led to a civil war throughout the country and an armed stalemate. With his nation's stability collapsing, Lebanon's President Camille Chamoun advised the ambassadors of Great Britain, France and the U.S. that he might be calling on them for military assistance.

An Alert restricting the troopers of the 187 and 503 to their marshalling areas was called on 17 May. While most Alerts lasted only a few hours, this one lasted seven days, and culminated on 24 May in a mass air-drop of the 503 at Warner Kaserne in Munich. The 187 had not moved to the marshalling area and therefore did not jump.

Following the alert, Gen. Gray was sent in mufti on a hurried trip to Cyprus where he met with British planners. The purpose of the trip was to develop plans for a combined U.S. - British operation in Lebanon and/or Jordan. Shortly after that meeting, a plan, including an alternative with the U.S. going solo, was formulated. It was that plan to which was assigned the code name Blue Bat. Until the time of the July alert, it was not visualized that there would be a joint U.S. Marine and Army operation. As a result of the 17 May Alert and the follow-up meeting Cyprus, the cloak of secrecy which had surrounded the planning from the very beginning was lifted.

The Last Days Of The 11th Abn. Div.

The spring and early summer of 1958 were busy times for the troopers of the 11th. Early in the year, a decision had been made not to return the Division to the continental U.S. Instead, it was to be deactivated, in Germany on 1 July of that year; and the 24th Infantry Division (24th ID) would be activated in its place. However, it was also decided to maintain an airborne presence in Germany. It would consist of two of the 11th's battle groups, the 1/187th (187) and 1/503rd (503). As part of the 24th ID, they would collectively be designated as the 24th Airborne Brigade (24th Abn. Bde.). Gen. Gray would remain in Germany as the ADC of the 24th ID and function as the CO of the 24th Abn. Bde and ATF 201.

The Transition

The period between 17 May and 1 July 1958, saw many changes taking place within the 11th, new leadership and soldiers were being transferred in; airborne

support units were being reduced in size; the Airborne Brigade and new leg units were being formed. Nevertheless, training for the 187th's and 503rd's troopers continued.

1 July 1958 was a sad day for the Airborne. The 11th's colors were cased for the last time. The division which had served its country heroically in the Pacific Theater during World War II would pass into history. Troopers who had completed their tour of duty in Germany returned home. Of those who had not, a number were lucky and assigned to the units in the newly created 24th Abn. Bde. Some such as the 187, the 503, 17th Cavalry and the parachute maintenance company would retain their designations, others would be given new designations as provisional airborne units. Concurrent with the activation of the 24th, the 187 proceeded to Hohenfels for two weeks of training. The 187 returned to Gablingen on 14 July via airdrop from U.S. Army U1A Otter aircraft.

Assassination In Iraq

In contrast to the troubles brewing in Lebanon, neighboring Iraq posed no anxieties to the U.S. as it was firmly aligned with the U.S. This changed during the early hours of 14 July when King Faisal and Crown Prince Abdul Illah were assassinated in a coup d'etat. In Lebanon, as word of the assassination spread, jubilation broke out in areas where the anti-government sentiment prevailed.

Having previously fulfilled requirements of what was known as the Eisenhower Doctrine, and fearful that he might be the next head of state to be assassinated, Lebanon's Pres. Chamoun requested military intervention, by the U.S. and Britain, and quickly, within forty-eight hours. Washington also had received very reliable information that a similar coup d'etat had been scheduled against King Hussein of Jordan for 17 July.

On 14 July, after discussions with his advisors, President Eisenhower issued a directive that the first echelons of U.S. forces were to arrive in Lebanon by 0900 E.D.T., the following day. (Prior to the United States' intervention in Lebanon, between 2,000 and 4,000 people were injured or killed, primarily in the Muslim areas of Beirut and Tripoli.)

The Alert

In support of the President's directive, the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) also activated SPECOMME. Adm. Holloway had less than fifteen hours from the time he received his orders in which to establish a beachhead at Beirut.

The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), also acting in accordance with the President's directive, ordered the U.S. Sixth Fleet (Mediterranean) to land Marines in Lebanon. At the time the President's order was issued, the Sixth Fleet was steaming away from the Eastern Mediterranean. However elements of one of the U.S. Marine landing teams was sufficiently close to Beirut that it could comply with the directive, and establish a beachhead. The balance of the Marines would arrive

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during the following few days, some almost simultaneously with the Army.

The Sixth Fleet's proximity to Lebanon on 15 July 1958 was the sole reason a Marine contingent arrived first on the scene rather than the 187. Had the Sixth Fleet been in the Western Mediterranean, the 187 would have gone in first. Hence, that is why the Marines landed in Lebanon before ATF 201.

Concurrent with the CNO's directive to the Sixth Fleet, the JCS alerted U.S. Forces in Europe and the Tactical Air Command in the United States to be ready for immediate military action. As the troopers in the 24th Abn. Bde. slept, word was passed on to high-level Army commanders in Europe that an alert might be called.

During most of their tour in Germany, the 187 and 503 alternated their alert status. The one called on 15 July should have resulted in the 503 being assigned as the lead element. But, due to a recent injury to the leg of Col. Haynes, the 503rd's commander, Gen. Gray assigned the alert to the 187. He knew that because of the recent training at Hohenfels and the previous day's jump into Gablingen the 187 was totally prepared for what was about to unfold.

While alerts were a common event in Germany, during this part of the Cold War period, the one on 15 July was different. During the hours after it was called, the 187's troopers were told to get their gear together and be ready to move out. But first, they were directed to go to the mess hall for breakfast and return immediately after it to their company area.

Around mid-day several tractor-trailer trucks arrived at the Kaserne. The troopers were told they could exchange any worn web gear with no questions asked, and directed to pick up a second canteen. Instructions of this type were most unusual and further raised their interest as to what was happening; as no one had told them anything.

While the 187 was standing by at Gablingen, awaiting further orders things were happening elsewhere. Gen. Gray had flown by helicopter from Augsburg to Munich to meet with Air Force officers, who were to give him an estimate of the airlift that would be available.

The Air Force unit that would be providing the airlift was the 322nd Air Division. Its aircraft had to be called in from great distances; in Gen. Gray's own words, "...the 322d was sort of a vagabond airline that on any given day might have aircraft scattered all the way from India to Africa to the United States." (The U.S. Intervention in Lebanon, 1958: A Commanders Reminiscence, Major General David W. Gray, USA (retired), Combat Studies Institute, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, August 1984).

Lady Luck Prevents The Unthinkable

During the early hours of Blue Bat, there were three events, which without intercession by diplomats and high ranking military officers of the U.S. and Lebanon could easily have resulted in an outcome significantly different from that recorded in history.

The first event was a request from the Commander-in-Chief of the Lebanese Army, General Fuad Chehab that the Marines not establish a beachhead south of the Beirut's International Airport, but proceed by ship to the port of Beirut and remain aboard the ship. The General, was confident that the opposition would take no steps to prevent the American landing; however he could not be sure about the Lebanese Army. It was not that Army was hostile to the U.S., rather it was like the rest of Lebanon made of Christians and Moslems, and under the existing conditions had a potential to be divided against itself. Gen. Chehab had kept the Army out of the internal strife in Lebanon and wanted it to remain that way. The beachhead was uneventful.

The second event was a plea from Pres. Chamoun for U.S. Marines to immediately proceed to his palace to protect him from a possible assassination. The U.S. commander at the beachhead refused to do so, and nothing happened. It is believed, Gen. Chehab was somehow able to prevent any attempt on the President's life. Had he been assassinated and word gotten out that U.S. forces refused him protection, who knows what the repercussions might have been in Lebanon, throughout the Middle East, and the world.

Marshalling At Furstenfeldbruck

From early in the morning of 15 July, in Munich, Brigadier General George C. Speldel, the 24th's Artillery Commander and a paratrooper of long standing, had brought together and was directing the activities of the heavy drop rigging platoon and other members of the Departure Airfield Control Group. By late afternoon, aircraft were landing; and the overall operation was taking shape. By early in the evening Force Alpha closed at Furstenfeldbruck Airfield, Munich. Force Alpha would be comprised of: Task Force Troops - 200 Personnel; TF TAC HQ; Prov. Arty. HQ., Clearing Platoon; Detachment, 11 PS & M Co., Detachment, 24th Signal Bat.; Adv. Party COMMZ;

Combat Team, 187th Infantry Reinforced - 1483 Personnel; 1st BG, 187th Abn. Inf.; LNO Arty Btry.; Co. E, 3d Eng. Bat., (Abn. Prov.) formerly Co. E, 127th Abn., Negro. Bn., Forward Air Controller.; Combat & Group Flight HQ.; Troop C, 17th Abn. Armored Cavalry;

S. Joe Blanco, Col. USA (Ret.) in the Voice of the Angels, 15 July 1995, would recall what took place at Furstenfeldbruck: "While we were loading in Munich, Germany the Russians diplomats were lined up in their cars along the highway watching, and the Russians sent a message to Eisenhower not to go into Lebanon."

Note From the Taro Leaf Editor: The remainder of Operation Blue Bat will be continued in the February 2001 issue of the Taro Leaf.

CONVENTION NOTES
2000

The 53rd Annual Convention of the 24th Infantry Division Association was held at the Draw Bridge Inn at Fort Mitchell, Kentucky during the period 27-30 September 2000.

The Draw Bridge Inn was an ideal location for the reunion. The Inn was large enough to accommodate all attendees in the one location, all of the Inn's personnel were most friendly and helpful, the Hospitality Room was well attended at all times and the dinners served at the Aloha dinner and the Memorial Banquet were outstanding. All of the tours offered were well attended and enjoyed. Bill Kerns (21st) and Corky Peters (21st) are to be complimented for organizing such a great event.

250 Association members registered for the reunion. The 19th led the attendees list with 85 members, followed closely by the 21st with 73. Forty-seven of the individuals registered were first time participants. Illinois led the states with 20, Indiana was second with 19 and California was third with 17. Ohio was fourth with 15 while Florida and Kentucky were tied for fifth with 14 each.

The Saturday morning Business Meeting was conducted in a professional manner by the President, Harold Peters. For the Year 2000-01 the membership selected the following individuals for the positions indicated:

President--James F. Hill (19th), Roswell, Georgia
Vice-President--Billy Johnson (3rd C Engrs), Fayetteville, NC
Secretary/Treasurer--Ellsworth Nelsen (13th FAB) Colorado Springs, Colorado
Editor of the TARO LEAF--Yvonne Mullins, Parkville, Missouri

The Memorial Banquet was well attended by over 600 people. Brigadier General R. Martin Umbarger, Commander of the 76th Infantry Brigade, Indiana National Guard gave a well received presentation on the state of the Modern Army and the integration of the Active Army, the National Guard and the Army Reserve into the One Army Concept. Ellsworth Nelsen was the recipient of the Year 2000 Verbeck Bowl Award. Dutch well deserved the award by his actions in computerizing the Association membership files, for establishing an effective accounting system for the Association monies and for taking over the Secretary/Treasurer position at a very critical time in the Association affairs.

Wesley Morrison (21st) Marina, California announced that the 2001 Reunion would be held in Hampton, Virginia 19-23 September with David Mann (34th) Richmond, Virginia and William Garry (34th) Virginia Beach, Virginia as co-reunion chairmen. Kansas City was selected by the general membership for 2002 pending further contract negotiations by Wes, our Reunion Coordinator.



24th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

At the annual reunion of the 24th Infantry Division Association held in Covington, Kentucky 27-30 September 2000 the following individuals were awarded \$500.00 scholarships:

ADRENNE L. INGRAM
Wellington, Florida

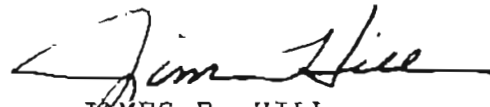
Adrenne is a graduate of Trinity Christian Academy in Lake Worth, Florida and is now a student at Anderson College, Anderson, South Carolina. She is the granddaughter of Life Member Spero W. Calos (21st Infantry) Charlotte, North Carolina.

JANSON M. THOMAS
Holt, Missouri

Janson is a graduate of Kearny High School, Kearny, Missouri and is enrolled at Northwest Missouri University, Maryville, Missouri. Janson is the grandson of Association Member John C. Thomas (19th Regiment) Falls City, Nebraska.

The Association extends congratulations to both of these fine, young individuals and wishes them success in their college careers.

The members of the Executive Board of the Association voted not to conduct an scholarship award program for year 2001.


JAMES F. HILL
Chairman
24th IDA Sch. Fund

A note from **Charlotte Hofrichter**: "I want to thank everyone who sent Joe "get well" cards during his battle with Melanoma cancer. I appreciate and want to thank all those who took the time to sign the "get well" card at the Reunion. This was an especially nice gesture. It is ironic that Joe was so close to death during the Reunion which was held in our "former backyard." "Thank you also to those who sent me Sympathy Cards. While Joe was Chaplain, I typed letters and sent many such cards to the families of deceased members. I know now how much those cards mean to the loved ones who mourn. Thank you very much, Charlotte Hofrichter."

Donations in the memory of Joseph Hofrichter may be made to the Community of God's Little Children, Philippines, and sent in care of Mr. William P. Selenke, 15636 W. 150th St., Olathe, KS 66062.

Vince and Fran Villa sent picture of them with Joe taken last April.



Note from **Peggie Dick**: "The spray of flowers were so beautiful of our Taro Leaf. Please extend my gratefulness to everyone for the spray. Bill Hosler stood beside me at the viewing and also at the funeral. I am so grateful for Bill at the cemetery when the guns were fired and bugle played."

Picture of Dallas Taken by Bill Hosler. Peggie says, "Del wore his cap almost 24 hours a day for so long, I had to wash it weekly. At Health Care he was known as the 24th Cap Man."



**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
				Ellsworth (Dutch) Nelsen	2000



LOOKING FOR OUR BUDDIES (and information of family members who served in the military)



Richard L. Norris wrote, "I am writing for a friend that does not have access to a PC. He was in Korea with a J.P. Brooks. They were both cooks in the 24th Inf Div in an officers mess hall in Yangue Valley in 1953 and 1954. He was a Cpl and from Brownsville, TX. My friend, Willard (Willie) Lippmann, has lost contact and has tried for years to find this fellow. If you have any info at all that may help, please email me and I will get it to Willie or mail it directly to him at: Willard Lippmann, 167 380th Ave., Grinnell, IA 50112. Phone: 641-236-5497. Any help will be highly appreciated.

Dick Seltz of 2405 4th Ave S.W., Austin, MN 55912 writes, "I would like to hear from any 2nd BN of the 19th who served on the mission to set up a road block in Leyte November '44 and fought behind the Jap lines for about 2 weeks, "Leyte's Lost Battalion. I was in G Company and Capt. William A. Hanks was C. O.

Jana Primmer of 32311 Shoop LN., Hermiston, OR 97838 email: she-hunts@eoni.com writes, "My Uncle Cpt. Arthur Barlow was KIA in Korea and I am researching information about him. He was from Lincoln County, Maine, was in Gqs CO, 19th Inf Regt in 1949 in Beppu Japan. Subsequently he was transferred to A Company, 19th Infantry, 24th Inf. Div. On two occasions he was away from his unit: September 30, 1950 to Nov 5, 1950 and from Jan 1, 1951 to Feb 10, 1951. My family is assuming these are the dates he was wounded, as we do know that he was wounded twice. He was killed in action April 20, 1951.

Harvey M. Barnhart of 6724 N Long Ave., Odessa, TX 79764-9550 writes, "Since May 1951 there have been many times which I have thought of my squad

members and wondered what happened to each of them on April 23, 1951 and afterwards. At that time I was Squad Leader of 3rd Squad (I believe 3rd Platoon) Co. "K", 19th Inf. Regt., 24th Division. On the night of April 23, 1951 I was wounded with shrapnel in my neck which rendered me unconscious and left by the Platoon. I know that two of my squad were captured. O.D. Snead or Sneed is deceased. My Assistant Squad Leader Thomas (not sure if first or last name) was wounded earlier in April. If there is any information concerning the rest of the squad personnel, I will be so very grateful. Whether living or deceased. Master Sgt Allen was my Platoon leader.

LTC Randy Kirkvold, address is PSC 303 Box 34, APO AP 96204 writes, "I am currently stationed in Korea and my mother, aunts and uncles have asked me about the circumstances of the 19th Regiment, 24th Infantry Division during 6 August 1951. They are curious as their brother, my Uncle, was KIA as a soldier of that unit.

Wayne J. Hicks is looking for his buddy Cpl Robert Green. Wayne's address is 1873 Hwy. 91, Elizabethton, TN 37643 and phone is 423-474-3914.

Charles M. Neal of 19723 Laurette Dr., Porter, TX 77365 writes: "I am looking for survivors of the 19th Inf Co. E 1st or 2nd Platoon who may have known my uncle, J.T. Dunn. He was KIA on 9/12/50 near Yonil, South Korea on the Naktong River/Pusan Perimeter defensive line. He was killed while attempting to recover a wounded comrade, and was awarded the Silver Star. The family is especially interested in any accounts or details about this deed.

KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL

WASHINGTON, D.C.

JULY 27, 2000

By Charles H. Reese

100 E. 205th St.



July 12, 2000, the Old Army Platoon Veterans from Donegal, Armbrust, United and Mount Pleasant area in Southwestern 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.

The seven were accompanied to the Tomb by a member of the Old Guard, the ceremonial unit of the Army's 103rd Infantry. To all seven men 50 years ago, being at the Tomb of the Unknown, seemed more likely than being honored to decorate it as they fought in the unfamiliar terrain and climate of Korea. "I certainly never thought 50 years ago that I would ever be laying a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier."

A military police escort took members of our Platoon to the Tomb. Sentries cross in front of the Tomb in exactly 21 steps, face the Tomb for 21 seconds, and then retrace their steps. The number 21 is symbolic of the highest salute afforded dignitaries.

The visiting Veterans ate lunch and dinner with soldiers of Fort 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 ended with the Veterans, Old Army Platoon, attending a Twilight Tattoo in the ellipse across from the White House.

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 to his 60 year old uniform.

The 24th Division was well represented.



TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER



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October 5, 2000

24TH INFANTRY DIVISION SOLDIERS REUNITE, TELL TALES OF WAR

By Randy Bergeron

Reading a book on history is fine. Talking to someone who lived that history is better. Entering a room with 300 walking, talking war stories is every historian's dream.

Those dreams were realized last weekend at the 53rd Annual 24th Infantry Division Reunion in Covington, Ky. Old warriors from around the U.S. traveled to the Bluegrass State to visit old friends, make new ones and form a communal bond that has one hefty prerequisite: having once served in the 24th Inf. Div.

The process of shared experience often leads to some of the longest lasting friendships. Add to that the horrors of war, and lifelong relationships are born. Those friendships are renewed each year as these veterans come together to tell their stories once again, and rejoice that they are still here to tell them.

The telling of these memories was often as different as the faces that told them. Many waxed nostalgic, remembering their glory days of honor, heroism and camaraderie. Some simply stated the facts; the Battle of Corregidor told in the same light as unloading the dishwasher. Others stared off into space when relating their own memories, obviously visualizing their personal demons, blinking back un-shed tears.

These annual meetings serve a more profound purpose than any high school reunion. No one there was worried about who was married to who, or if Sally had gained 10 pounds. A support group would be a better analogy.

"Being here is great," said World War II Veteran, James Sullivan. "And I don't just mean being alive. I look forward to seeing my old friends every year."

That sentiment is echoed by out-going 24th Inf. Div. Association President, Harold Peters. Peters said that people leave the event every time looking forward to next year.

"It gets you back," he said. "You come every year and you see your old friends. There is more support here in a couple days than anywhere else all year long."

And although most have been attending for some time, every year attracts new members. These can be identified by a red dot on their name badge.

"We've made a habit of looking for that red dot," said Peters. "If he's a first timer we make sure we go up and shake his hand. We don't want anyone sitting alone and deciding they don't want to come back next year."

John Diotte served two tours at Fort Riley in the 1950's, which he remembers as Camp Funston. One of those tours was with 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery after the 1st Infantry Division rotated back from Germany. Diotte wore one of the red dots.

"Yup, this is my first time," he said. "Last year I was at the Big Red One's Reunion."

That won't stop him from coming next year.

"This is great," Diotte said. "The people are great. I will definitely come back."

The reunion kicked off Sept. 26, and for the next five days veterans and their families participated in a variety of events such as visiting zoos and museums and taking riverboat tours on the Ohio River.

On the fourth day of the reunion, veterans were treated to "Aloha Night", an evening full of Hawaiian style food and dancing. The handful of Desert Storm Veterans had no idea the song "Tiny Bubbles" was anything other than a cadence.

Saturday night was as somber as Friday was colorful as the association held a memorial service in honor of those who fought and died in our nation's wars. A lone table was set with an empty chair that was draped with the black POW/MIA shroud, a single candle flickering, to remember those who never returned home.

The next morning the veterans said good bye for another year, wishing everyone their best, with promises that they would see them again in Hampton, Va. where next year's reunion will be held.

Expiration Dates

We are not setup or equipped to be able to send out notices when your dues are about to expire, **But**, the top line of your address label on the Taro Leaf does have it. And you get this four times a year; so how come we keep hearing, "I didn't know I was past due?"

Address Problems:

Our two biggest problems are:

- 1) Incomplete ZIP Codes. We need the FULL, nine digit ZIP Code. And don't say you don't have one. Every home and business in America does.
- 2) Telephone Area Codes are changed and we are not told. When we try to call we have to go through Directory Assistance, and that costs money.

MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT J. ST. ONGE, JR.
Commanding General
24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley

Major General Robert J. St. Onge, Jr., raised in an Army family, was commissioned in the Infantry upon graduation from the U.S. Military Academy in 1969. He initially served as a platoon leader with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C. From 1970-71, MG St. Onge served with the 199th Infantry Brigade and with the 191st Airborne Division in the Republic of Vietnam. Upon return, he served with the 7th Special Forces Group and later commanded Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 505th Infantry, in the 82nd Airborne Division. After a tour as a company tactical officer and regimental executive officer at West Point, he was assigned in the Federal Republic of Germany in 1979.

MG St. Onge served at Headquarters, U.S. Army Europe; as Battalion Operations Officer in the 3d Battalion, 28th Infantry; and as Brigade Adjutant in the 4th Infantry Brigade, 4th Infantry Division until 1983. After two years at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, MG St. Onge returned to Germany and served as Chief of Plans, V Corps and commanded 4th Battalion (Mechanized), 18th Infantry, 3d Brigade, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Benning, Georgia. Returning to Germany, he served as the Chief of Staff for the 1st Armored Division until November 1994 when he became the Assistant Division Commander for Maneuver 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. He assumed duties as the 65th Commandant of Cadets at West Point in September 1995. From August 1997 to July 2000, MG St. Onge was assigned as the Deputy and later the Director of Strategy, Plans and Policy, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operation and Plans, Headquarters, Department of the Army. On 4 August 2000, MG St. Onge assumed command of the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Riley.

MG St. Onge's military schools include Infantry Officer Basic Course, Airborne School, Ranger School, Special Forces Officer School, Underwater Operations Course, and the Armor Officer's Advanced Course. He graduated from the Command and General Staff College in 1984, earned a Master of Military Art and Science Degree from the School of Advanced Military Studies in 1985, and is a graduate of the Army War College in 1991. Additionally, he holds a Master of Science in Industrial Relations from Purdue University.



Major General Robert J. St. Onge, JR
Speaking at the Korean War Commemoration
Ceremony at Cavalry Parade Field,
13 October 2000.





50th ANNIVERSARY of the KOREAN WAR

Bill Hosler Co F 19th Inf Regt and Gene Spicer 19th Inf Regt
KOREA
June 2000



Bill Hosler reports on the trip to Korea
Gene Spicer and he made this past June.

"We really had a great time and we were honored to be present for the 50th Anniversary. We met many veterans from the various military units that served in Korea. Great People!!

The tours were well organized but just not enough days. Because of the peace talks, the parade on June 25th was cancelled, so we rented a van and traveled up to Camp Red Cloud, the area where the 19th was on January 1 to the 3rd of 1951. This is the area where I was hit. Nothing looks the same. Now the hills have trees on them and everything is green.

Seoul now has over 11,000,000 people. I remember it on January 3, 1951 as an almost destroyed city. Now there are high rise buildings and condos and apartments. There are no guns allowed except for hunting and they use air rifles. There is very little crime. There are seven auto manufacturing plants in Korea. I just can't believe how this country has grown.

I just wish Rudy could have been with us. He would have enjoyed it so much. Great Tour!"

June 23, 2000

Gene Spicer (19th Korea)

Bill Hosler (19th Korea)

Korean Veterans Banquet - Seoul, Korea





50th ANNIVERSARY of the KOREAN WAR

Pictures by
BILL HOSLER



Pictures of Bill Hosler and Gene Spicer
in Korea, June 2000



Local Students in Uniform Dress, June 24, 2000.



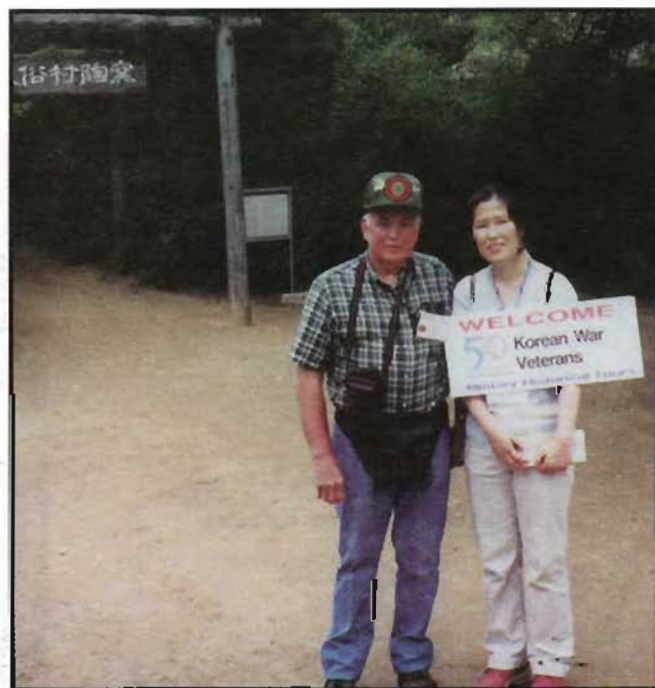
Korean War Veterans



Korean Folk Village. Gene Spicer (19th Korea)
and Tour Guide, Miss Kim.



Bill
Hosler
(19th
Japan -
Korea) at
Camp Red
Cloud.



Bill Hosler (19th Korea) and Tour Guide, Miss Kim.

FROM OUR MEMBERS



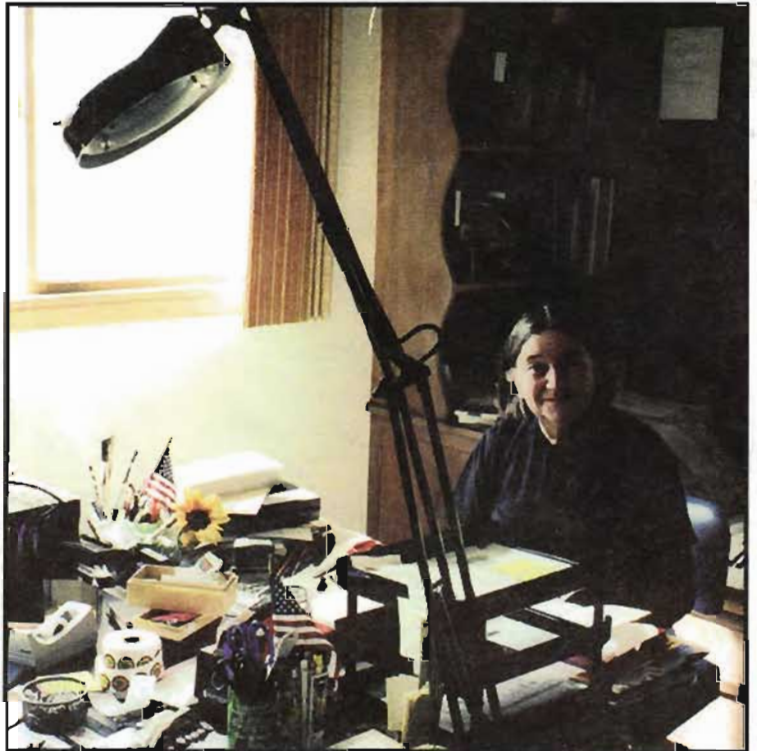
Picture from Ron Larby: London - Korean War International Reunion.



Picture from Ed Grygier: This was taken in Beppu, Japan. It was the enlisted man's Club in Beppu. Home of the 19th Inf. Regt.



Jimmie Woodall. Service '45-'48. Occupation of Japan near Kokura 1946. Jimmie was a first timer at the reunion this past September in Covington.



How does our Secretary/Treasurer Dutch Nelsen keep up with All that work he has to do??? Simple, he has a secret AND HERE SHE IS!!



Reunion 2000

Covington, KY



B General and Mrs. Umbarger, Donnie and Gene Spicer.



Fran and Harry Wittman, Quarter Master and Glen Carpenter, Chaplain.



Mr/Mrs. Bill Kerns, On Site Reunion Chairman



Bill Hosler, Walt Marzalek, Don Finney and Billy Johnson.



Gene Spicer And Dutch Nelsen.



President Corky Peters and Diane Peters.



Bob Lawhon, Past Editor of the Taro Leaf.



Getting Ready to Dance!!
Mary and Hank Gosztyla.



Reunion 2000

Covington, KY



B. General R. Martin Umbarger speaker at Memorial Service.



Tom Gore is entertained.



At Ease!!



3rd Engineers at Memorial Banquet.



Our Entertainers at Aloha Night.



Anne and Warren Avery at Memorial Banquet.



President Harold (Corky) Peters.



Sue and Jim Hill At Aloha Night.
(President 2000-2001)



Jean Lawhon and Margo Nelsen Enjoying Hospitality Room.



Reunion 2000

Covington, KY



Milt Eager and John Ragland



Hospitality Room.



Walt Peters and the Jack Barry's.



"Lookin Good"
and getting ready
to buy another
ticket for the
Drawing.



Frank and Dorothy Wilczak.



A First Timer from the "East Coast"



Virginia and Jean.



Our Quartermasters at work. Fran and Harry Wittman.



Reunion 2000

Covington, KY



James Sullivan, Dan Valles, Phil Nast, Son and Son-in-Law of Paul Caine and Paul Caine.



Terry VanMeter, Museum Curator,
Fort Riley, KS.



Taking Hula Lessons.



Bill Kerns, Reunion Chairman, B. General R. Martin
Umbarger and Ezra P. Burke.



Louetta Payne and Bob Smith.



Joe McKeon and Moose Hoffman,
Old Buddies, 19th Inf. Regt.



Margo and Dutch Nelsen visiting with
Ro Umbarger.

"THE VERBECK AWARD"

Presentation by: Warren Avery

The William Jordan Verbeck Award had its beginning in the mind of the late Edmund Henry, one of our association's founders. He presented his concept to our Executive Committee in 1966 and agreed to furnish the silver bowl which was to symbolize the Award. It may be of interest that at the time Ed purchased the bowl, the price was \$2500.00.

The Executive Committee established the standards upon which presentation is based. It is to be presented, not annually, but "from time-to-time as justification indicates." It is to be presented to that association member who best displayed the ideals of Bill Verbeck, an 'unabashed love for the Division and its Association.' It is to be awarded to the member best showing real effort in furthering the best interests of the Association and Division. It is not intended to reward mere popularity. It is intended to reward sleeves-rolled-up hard work in helping to make the Association into a successfully operating organization.

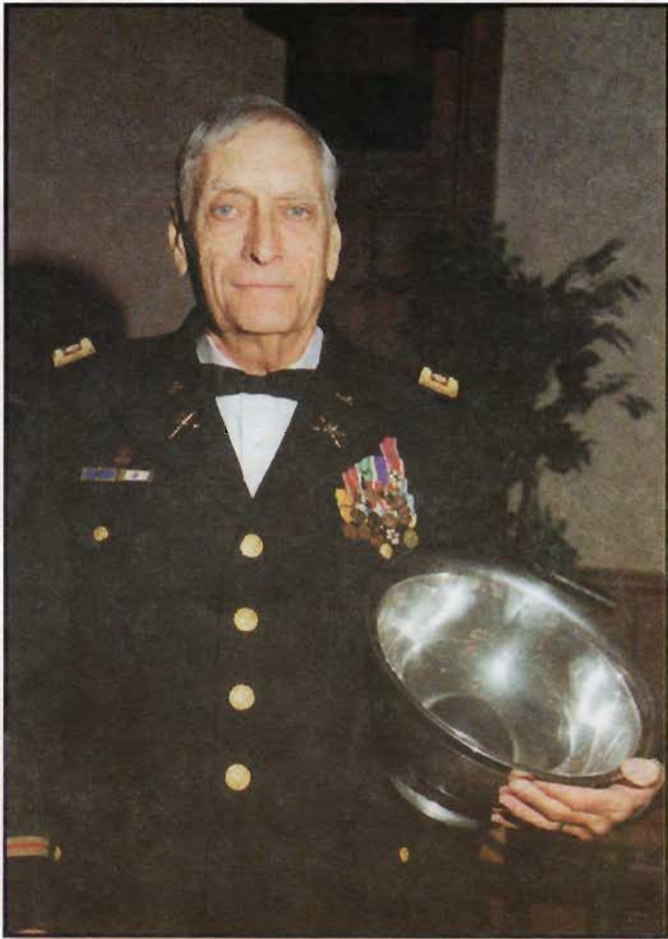
Major General William Jordan Verbeck, onetime regimental commander of the 21st Infantry and onetime Division Chief of Staff, demonstrated in many ways – and consistently from his Division days of '44 and '45 to the day of his death, on November 4, 1965 an unparalleled love for and devotion to Division and our Association. It was an obsession with him; a magnificent one.

It was this enthusiasm, this spirit, which the award memorializes. Hard in the conviction that any honor bearing the name of this beloved comrade-in-arms would carry its own acknowledgement of that for which it stands, the Executive Committee was firm that it should be known merely as the "WILLIAM JORDAN VERBECK AWARD". The name "VERBECK" is synonymous with "excellence" in many areas and for many things, but to Taro Leafers – particularly, the name represents special excellence in matters relative to our Division and our Association.

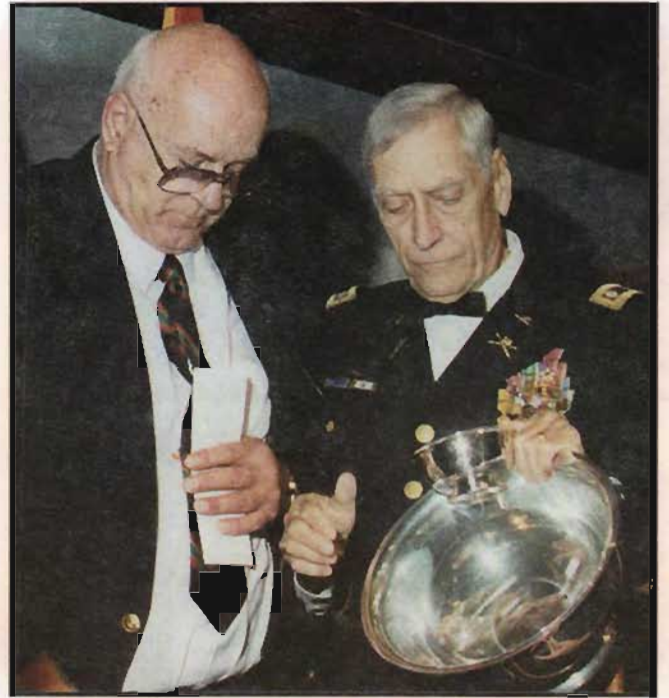
VERBECK was loved and admired by everyone who knew him, and was especially worshipped by those Gimlets who were and are proud to say, "I Served with Colonel BILL VERBECK." He was truly an ideal soldier, gallant in action, with a rare gift for leadership, yet with a common touch that endeared him to us all. He died mourned as few men are mourned, because he could be truly called "Without fear and without fault."

Over the last thirty four years, the Award has been made to 30 members, each of whom was honored for best living up to Bill Verbeck's ideals, for best contributing that extra effort, that "extra mile" to enhance the glorious reputation of our Division and to bring success to the work of our Association. The 31st person to receive the William Jordan Verbeck Award is someone who has truly gone that extra mile. Whose efforts and devotion to our Association have been without reproach. He is someone who when called upon has stepped forward no matter what the task. On more than one occasion, without hesitation, he has taken over for comrades who have had to resign. He helped to further organize our Association by computerizing our database. He is a past President, he has chaired two reunions and presently serves as our Secretary/Treasurer.

Ladies and gentlemen: **DUTCH NELSEN**



Dutch Nelsen



Warren Avery Presents Verbeck Bowl Award to Ellsworth (Dutch) Nelsen

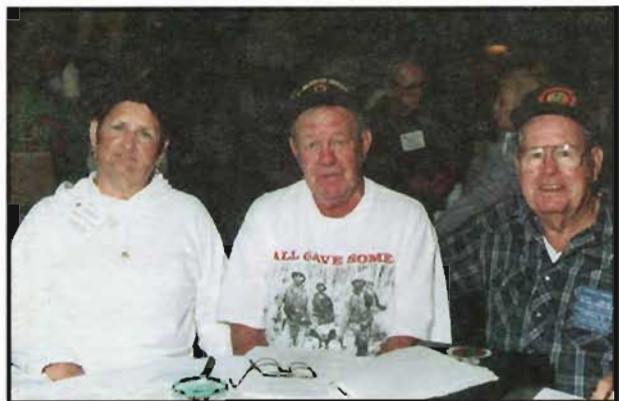


Margo and Dutch Nelsen. Dutch is our Secretary/Treasurer and he was presented the Verbeck Bowl Award at the Memorial Banquet in Vocationton, KY. Congratulations to you Dutch, we all are very happy for you.



Reunion 2000

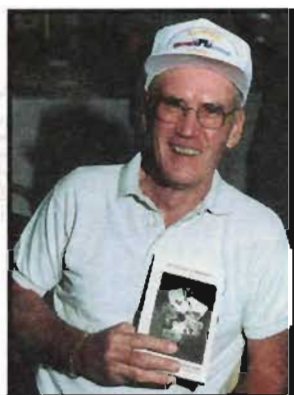
Covington, KY



Taro Leafers Gather.



Don Finney and Gene Madden are a captivated audience.



Bill Allen
with his
book, My
Old Box
of
Memories
(Thoughts
of the
Korean
War)



Don Barrett,
19th Infantry Regiment.



Dan Rickert from the West Coast.



Roy Sexton
(First Timer)
and Art
Kemp.



Dan Rickert and Eric Diller.



Mary and Hank
Gosztyla.



Charlie Johnson
(34th)

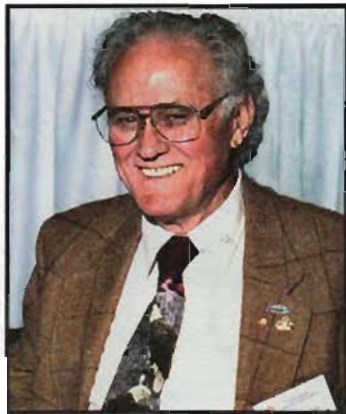
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(21st)



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Honorary Life Member



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(21st Inf. Regt.)



Reunion 2000

Covington, KY



Aloha Night Dance.



Vonnie Mullins, Eleanor Kuhner, Phil Hostetter and Wally Kuhner lunching in the Chaucer Restaurant.



Incoming President Jim Hill And Outgoing President Corky Peters.



Dan Valles, Phil Nast and wife and James Sullivan.



Jim Hill and B General Umbarger at 19th Infantry Unit Breakfast.



Vonnie Mullins, Warren Avery, Bill Muldoon, Richard Watson and Jim Hill at the General Meeting September 30, 2000.



Jim Hill And Wally Kuhner.



Friends having a good time.



Reunion 2000

Covington, KY



Two of our Authors,
Eric Diller
and Dr. Don
Cameron.



Men at the 19th Breakfast: Herb Dareff, Bill Robinette and Jimmie Woodall, are all first timers and Richard Gaskin. We were very happy to see so many first timers attending.



Charles Kaefer and Tom Grady.



Great lookin Trio!!



REMEMBERING.....

Color
Guard
At
Memorial
Service.



Hi
Wally!
Great
Tour,
wasn't
it??!!



Mrs.
Ro
Umberger
and
B. General
R. Martin
Umberger.

50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Korean War

Inchon Landing Reenactment

16 February 2000

Naval Station Norfolk, VA



Bill Garry of 3204 Huntwick Ln., Virginia Beach, VA 23451 writes:

"I have just returned from the Pusan Perimeter and Inchon Landing Commemoration which took place today at the U.S. Naval Station, Norfolk, VA. Unless I missed somebody present, your Division Association was represented by retired SFC Asa Page, ex 19th Infantry of Virginia Beach, VA and by myself. I had never met Asa before and this was a great occasion for an exchange of war stories.

The actual reenactment of the Inchon landing (there was nothing about the Pusan Perimeter, but gentlemen, this is a Navy town) was about a half hour late, but so was the invasion itself, I am told. The Navy had built up a sandbagged fort to represent the North Korean position. It was manned by volunteers from the local Korean community with authentic uniforms and weapons. There was a lot of smoke and noise to start the reenactment, simulating the naval bombardment. There was even a simulated strafing by an old SBD dive bomber. The loudspeakers were full of battle noises as the Marines landed and climbed over the simulated walls with ladders and stormed the NKA position. The reenactors passed in review in front of our area. They came and showed us their weapons. The next event was a thrilling demonstration by the Navy Parachute Team, with colored smoke streaming through the sky."



Asa Page, 19th Inf. '48-'50
Virginia Beach, VA



Navy Parachute Demonstration



Bill Garry with reenactor.
Notice M45 Submachine (grease) gun.

FROM OUR MEMBERS

Bill Hosler of 409 Sharon Ave, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 writes: "On July 27th, my grandson and me went with a bus tour to Washington D.C. to the Air and Space Museum. We hiked over to the Korean War Memorial and the Vietnam Memorial. We just missed the Memorial Service at the Korean Memorial, for the July 27th ending of the Korean War."

(Picture of Bill Hosler below)
"This was my weapon"



A note from **Matthew Slowik** from Chicago, IL hoping to be at the reunion in Covington. (You made it Matt! And it was so good to see you again. You had not been at a reunion since Colorado Springs in '97. Matt had replacement on his knees last April and October '99)

Note from: **Gerald Tomlin** of El Reno, OK, "D" CO 19th Inf Regt. "I would like to express my sincere gratitude and thanks to all who made the reunion in KY a big success. I got to talk to Moose Hoffman, an old comrade from way back to Japan days over 50 years ago. I regret that I didn't get to talk to anyone else from my old Company. I looked around and all the old soldiers were old. I said to myself how did

they get to be so old, went to my room and looked in the mirror and the answer was looking back at me. Ha,ha. Again, I want to thank all those who were responsible for a great and memorable reunion.

Harry and Fran Wittman of 1385 Terri St., Keyser, WV 26726 writes: "Bob Slaney came to our house on July 19th and stayed over night. The next day, July 20th, we drove him to the Grafton National Cemetery where his buddy Billy J. Graham is buried. He put a wreath with a message on the ribbon saying, "WE REMEMBER", and an American Flag on the grave site. He said a prayer and saluted his grave. Graham was one of the pictures of tombstones we took and you published in the Taro Leaf. Bob is so grateful to know where one of his buddies is buried. "Graham" was killed in action July 20th, 1950. That was the reason we went to the cemetery on July 20th.



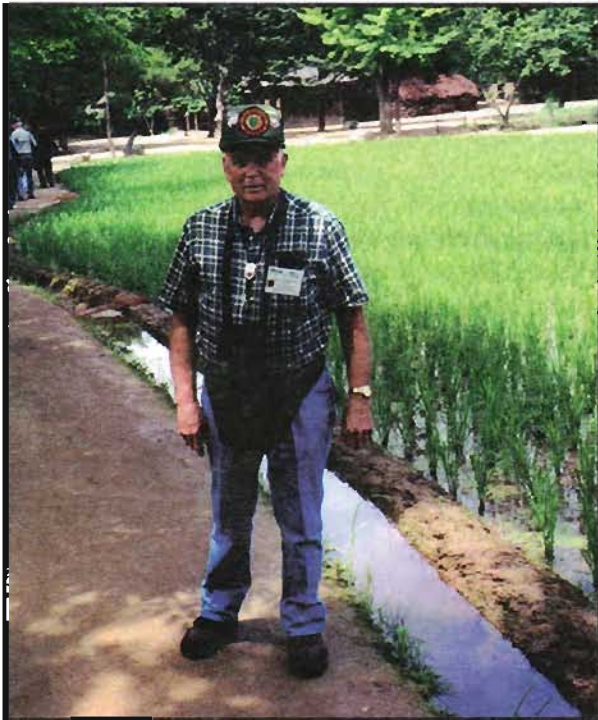


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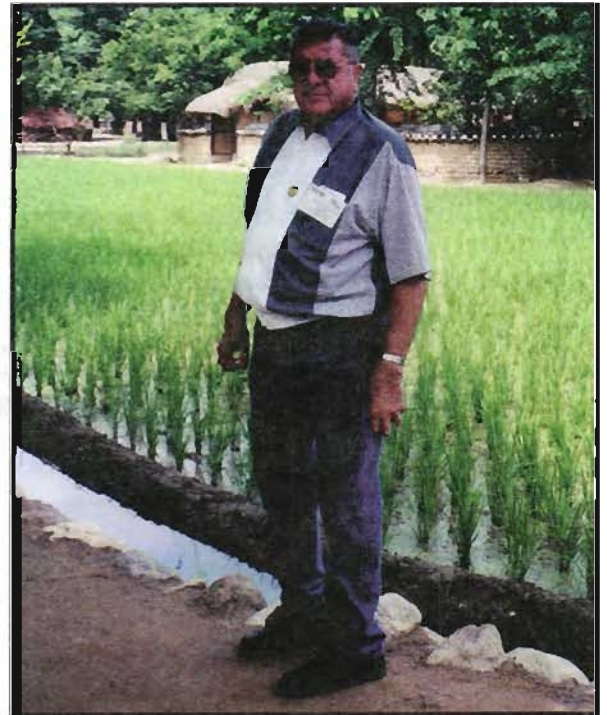
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Pictures of Bill Hosler and Gene Spicer in
Korea, June 2000



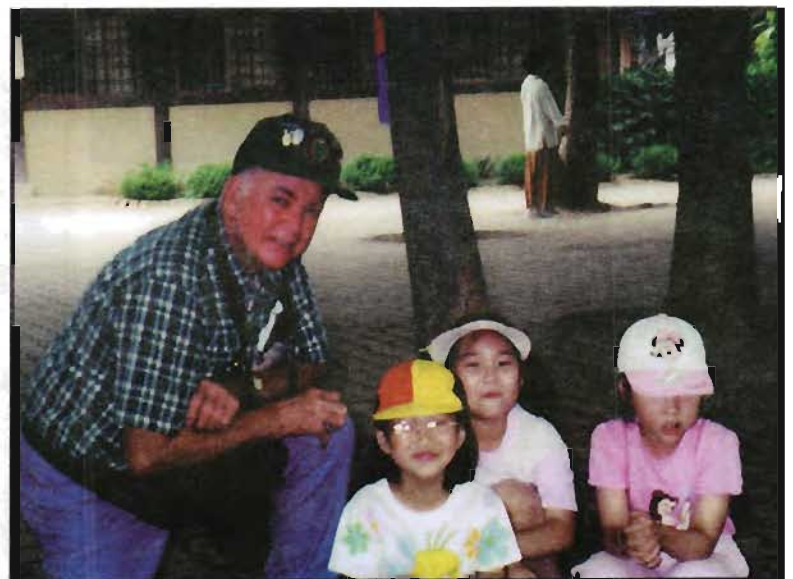
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Korean Folk Village



Korean Folk Village

Ft. Riley Recognizes Korean War Veterans

October 13, 2000



Boydon and Joan Dougherty from Lee's Summit, Mo attending The Korean War Commemoration Ceremony at Fort Riley, 13 October 2000.



Donald Peniston of 10106 Raytown RD., Kansas City, MO and **Robert E. Ruy** of Lee's Summit, MO attend ceremony at Fort Riley, 13 October 2000.



Picture of the 24th Division flag sent in by **Angelo Montaglione**. The flag was flying at his home in Waterloo, NY Angelo and Betty are very proud of flying the 24th Division Flag. It's Beautiful!!



Joe Wicinski, Ray Sanchez, Col. John Wasil, U.S.A. Ret. Jack Calderon. Ray Sanchez receiving Bronze Star Medal from Col. John Wasil at the Korean War Veterans Bar B. Q. in Santa Bargarra, CA July 23, 2000. Other veterans on hand for the presentation were Dave Murray, Dan Rickert, Don Barrett, Tony Apodocca and Sam Diaz.



Joseph (Sgt Mack) and Connie McCarter of Lexington, SC were gracious hosts to the men and their spouses of A Co of the 21st Regt. On the 8, 9, and 10th of September, 2000. The McCarters and their children treated us to a cook out on the 8th and a Bar B Q on the 9th. The food was superb and plentiful, along with heaping portions of that traditional southern hospitality. Thanks to all who played a part. Plenty of pictures and stories of 50 years ago were exchanged, sparking memories and events, long forgotten. Although no plan for the next reunion is in place, we would encourage anyone who served in this unit during that era, to contact Joseph McCarter at 555 McCarter TR., Lexington, SC 29073, Tel. 803-957-5208. Pictured from left to right are: Eugene Ames, Bradenton, FL, Jesse Wyrick, Augusta, GA, Richard Wagner, Sylvania, OH, Leslie McCarter, Knoxville, TN, Bob Campbell, Manhattan, KS., Joseph McCarter, Lexington, SC. *This photograph was taken in front of the Korean War Memorial in neighboring Columbia, S.C.*



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FORT RILEY RECOGNIZES KOREAN WAR VETERANS WITH CEREMONY OCT. 13

By Daniel Hobson

FORT RILEY, KAN.—Although a half a century has passed since the beginning of a continuing conflict, veterans of the "Forgotten War" are far from forgotten at the Home of America's Army.

Fort Riley recognized more than 350 Korean War veterans with certificates and seven veterans with Korean War Service Medals during a Korean War Commemoration Ceremony held on Cavalry Parade Field Oct. 13.

"It's been 50 years that we've been veterans of the Forgotten War and now we're getting the recognition for what we did," said Edward Slater of Independence Mo.

Slater served as a rifleman in the 24th Infantry Division during the war, and he was one of seven veterans who received the Korean War Service Medal during the ceremony.

This spring, Republic of Korea Defense Minister Seong Tae Cho announced that his government would provide the medal to eligible U.S. veterans. South Korea wanted to give these medals to U.S. servicemembers in the early '50s, however foreign medals could not be worn on U.S. military uniforms.

"It feels good to know that the people we fought for remember," Slater said.

Fort Riley, named a Korean War Commemorative Community by the Department of Defense, is the headquarters of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech.), the first to fight in Korea.

From 2000 to 2003 commemorative events will take place throughout the United States, including several more at Fort Riley.

The purpose of these events is to honor the veterans, and to let them know that their contribution to democracy is not forgotten.

"I don't think they realize what we did over there," said Army veteran Roy Rash, 69, of Kansas City, Mo. "We stopped the spread of Red China. I don't think it's down in the history books as it should be. Our job was to defend democracy and we did it."

Rash came to Fort Riley with his wife Barbara to witness the ceremony. He enlisted in the Army in 1948 as "just a kid" but when he experienced war in Korea, it changed him.

"It gave me a better understanding and appreciation for the U.S." he said. "I appreciate freedom and I know what it is."

"It was worth it to go," said 1st Marine Division veteran Charles F. Morris of Kansas City, Kan. "It was an experience I'll never forget."

Morris learned about the ceremony from his co-workers who found out about it from the Kansas City Star. His wife made a few phone calls to get more information and he knew he wanted to make the two-hour drive to Fort Riley.

"I didn't know anything about Fort Riley and I've lived around here for all of this time," he said. "I've learned a lot from the visit."

Roe L. Harul of Abilene, Kan., went to Korea on the tail end of the war but before a treaty was finalized. Before going to Korea as a military policeman in 1953, Harul, now 73, went through basic combat training at Camp Funston, located on the east side of the post.

"Coming back here has brought back a lot of memories," he said.

Fort Riley provided tours for the veterans of Main Post, Custer House and the U.S. Cavalry Museum before the ceremony.

Also before the ceremony, a luncheon was held at Riley's Restaurant and Event Center on post beginning shortly after noon.

Wearing VFW hats and vintage military uniforms, hundreds of veterans and their families came to tell their war stories, take pictures and re-live their experiences.

"We who wear the uniform have never let our nation down," Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Robert L. Shirkey said at the ceremony. "From the bottom of my heart, I can't tell you how proud I am to be a part of that service."

"Some say we didn't win the Korean War," said Maj. Gen. Robert J. St. Onge, Jr., commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech.) and Fort Riley. "As a veteran of the Vietnam War, I know how veterans of the Korean War feel."

The world changed between the end of World War II and the fall of the Berlin Wall, St. Onge said, and the U.S. participated in a Cold War against Communism.

As one of the "hot campaigns" of the Cold War, the Korean War was an exceptional victory for democracy and the U.S. way of life, St. Onge said.

The Korean War started when the North Korean army invaded South Korea in June 1950. Later that same month, American involvement began. During the 37 months of the war, more than 54,000 Americans died. American wounded totaled 103,000, and more than 8,000 were missing in action.

"People don't remember but they're starting to now," said Harul. "It's sad, sad, sad when we forget. It's good to see that we're now starting to make up for all this lost time."

Rosters

Will be publishing a new membership roster in a week or so. It is 84 legal pages long and takes \$2.33 in postage to mail. Will still make this one available for \$15. Unit rosters I can whip out at no cost (to you, that is).



Korean War Memorial, July 27, 2000

Men who carried the Flag

Clyde (Daddy) Neal
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Townsend, DE 19734

Robert F. Phillips
5530 Beacons Field CT
Burke, VA 22015

D. (Sonny) Pantalone
(no bat)

P. Kowalewski
(light blue hat)



24th I.D. Wreath
(3rd from left)

**C. Eckler, E. Grygier, H. Camp,
C. Neal H. Wittman**





LOOKING FOR OUR BUDDIES (and information of family members who served in the military)



My husband was with the 24th Div from the end of Sept 1951 to January 1952 when he was transferred to the 40th Div. He would love to hear from anyone that may have served with him in Korea. His name is **Steve Gabor**. Email Railit101@aol.com

Charles E Hoffman of 7703 Morning Glory LN, Tampa FL 33619 email chashoff_33619@yahoo.com writes, "I am trying to find information about my brother, William B Hoffman who was killed in Korea 7/12/50. He was in the 34th Inf Rgt 24th Inf Div., he was a pvt. He was stationed in Sasebo Japan before going into Korea and I think he went to Japan around 1949. His MOS was 04745. I was told he was in Company C. He was from Baltimore MD and he was 19 years old when he was killed. Any information can be sent to my home address or use my email address.

Dick Fisher email address of RFisher34@aol.com writes, The web site WWW.classmates.com has a link for veterans of all wars to list themselves and to check on who else may be registered. Dick is encouraging our membership to register.

Sgt Mark Maschal of 517 East Av., Mount Carmel PA 17851 Phone 570-339-0427 email Boogie@sunlink.net writes, "I am writing this letter in hopes that I can find information about the death of my uncle Edward F. McCarthy, A CO, 19th Inf Reg, 24th Infantry Division. He was killed in action on July 16, 1950 at the Kum River. Anyone with any information would be greatly appreciated. My family has little or no infor-

mation on him or his death.

Carl Hatmaker of PO Box 831, Checotah, OK 74426-0831 writes, "I am still trying to find the 1st Sgt and Commander of "C" Co 34th in august 1950 on Obong-Ni Ridge Hill 95 I think. Or anyone in "C" CO at that time".

Bob Gillette, 192 Round Cove RD, Chatham MA 02633 email address rgillette@capecod.net writes, "A good friend was honored by our hometown on the 50th anniversary of the start of the Korean War. He was the first from our town KIA 19 Aug 1950 and his remaining family and I know very little about the circumstances. Some vets have been filling in some gaps but I am seeking more. **PFC Gilbert D Dumais** G Co. 19th Inf Rgt, 24th Inf Div. Was a replacement, he was KIA a few weeks after arriving in Korea somewhere in the Pusan perimeter action area. I'm in hopes a platoon Sgt may read this and remember him. I believe he was in the first battle of the Naktong Bulge. Thanks for your help, Bob USAF 2/52-1/56.

John J Laubscher Sr., of H.C.R. 75 Box A-18 Lock Haven PA 17745 writes, I am inquiring about William Adam Hager "Bill" Jr. He is my wife's brother. He was in G Co 19th Inf. He is listed as KIA on the 16th of July 1950. On that date his company was cut off from returning to its regiment. I would like any info from anyone who knew him and or whom might have been with him at the time of his death. Email jjlaubsc@cub.kcnet.org

24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Riley Change of Command Ceremony



Change of Command



Major General and Mrs. Freddy E. McFarren



Terry Van Meter, Museum Curator and
Mr. Aubry McFarren



Major General Freddy E. McFarren
Outgoing Commander



Major General and Mrs. Robert J. St. Onge, Jr.
Incoming Commander





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GENERAL BIDS FAREWELL TO POST

By Christie Vanover

As the first commander of the reactivated 24th Infantry Division, Maj. Gen. (P) Freddy E. McFarren said farewell on Friday after paving the road for the Army's new Total Force Integration plan.

"We have the smallest Army that we've had since right before WWII. Everybody we have, Active Components, National Guard and Reserve Components, are very important to our country and very important to the Army," McFarren said.

From the center of the United States, McFarren commanded the 48th Separate Infantry Brigade, Macon, Ga.; the 218th Separate Infantry Brigade, Newberry, S.C. and the 30th Separate Infantry Brigade, Clinton, N.C. as well as Fort Riley's 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division; 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division and the 937th Engineer Group.

His training readiness oversight for the three Enhanced Separate Brigades has prepared the National Guard units to successfully conduct joint and combined operations.

As early as next month, the 30th Sep. Inf. Brigade is scheduled to deploy to Bosnia with the other enhanced brigades to follow in the near future.

"Every time I go out and work with these National Guard soldiers I am so impressed," McFarren said. "On weekends I like to go play golf or rest and they're traveling a state or two to be with their unit--to be in the Army--and that's quite a personal commitment they make."

"In the last five or six years, the Army has made a real effort to try to make sure that we have 'One Army.' I think we're heading in the right direction," he said.

When visitors like the Chief of Staff of the Army and four-star generals visit Fort Riley, they want to visit the soldiers because that's where they get their inspiration, according to McFarren.

"I think we all learn from the soldiers how important these young men and women are to our country. They come from all walks of life. They learn our values of the Army but they bring their cultures into it, so it's a crosswalk of our society," he said.

"When you spend time dealing with young soldiers, first of all you realize they're pretty talented young people and it makes you feel good about our country, and it's also a kind of a way to see what's going on in different places of our country and what they're thinking about. So, I've learned a great deal from them," he said.

McFarren said he has observed that young soldiers today desire more insight into the future, compared to when he was a young officer.

"When I was a young officer I didn't really know what was going to happen to me. I kind of thought about my next assignment, but I never thought about what rank I was going to make or where I was going to be, but the young people today, they think about things like that," he said.

"We as an Army need to address that. Even if we can't tell them, we have to say here are some possibilities. My generation just kind of went where we were told," he said.

McFarren and his wife Aubrey are strong supporters of the quality of life of Fort Riley's soldiers and family members.

He plays a key role in supporting the local school district and received the Kansas Award of Excellence in the community leader category. It was the first time in the program's 18 years that a military official received the honor at the state level.

"Our post is well trained, but we also have a good quality of life. We take care of things around here. It's something we pay a lot of attention to," he said.

McFarren is very thankful for the support from the local communities and often praises their efforts.

"The support that we get from the local communities is just outstanding. I've never been to another post where there has been such a wonderful relationship," he said.

As well as community support, Fort Riley employs more than 3,600 civilians who McFarren has also worked with over the past two years.


"The civilian workforce here is very professional. They love the Army. They're very dedicated. They're patriots," he said. "They're always trying to do things for the best of our country, the Army and Fort Riley."

After two years of command and developing a rapport with the community and military and civilian workforce, McFarren handed over the installation and the 24th Inf. Div to Maj. Gen. Robert St. Onge, Jr. Friday, during a traditional change of command ceremony.

"I'm very excited about (Maj. Gen.) St. Onge replacing me. I've known him for a long time," McFarren said. "I know him as a good soldier and I feel very confident he will do what's right."

McFarren will be promoted to lieutenant general and will relocate to his native state of Texas to command the 5th U.S. Army at Fort Sam Houston.

"I am very happy that I'm going to get to continue to be a soldier. Being promoted and going to 5th Army means that I can continue to soldier for two or three more years and I'm excited about that," he said.



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LOOKING FOR OUR BUDDIES (and information of family members who served in the military)



Bacil Steed from 46 Chewings ST Page A.C.T. 2614, Australia is looking for an Army man A Co. 78th Hvy TK BN (Japan and Korea) & 5th RCT Tank Co from Michigan who worked for G.E. after the Army and was in the Michigan National Guard. Bacil is also looking for Harlan Koch (Lt. Col. Ret.) another West Pointer now in San Francisco, was not in Korea during the war but in the Japanese occupation. He's 66 or 67 years old now and Bacil would really like to locate him.

Nick Sloan, P.O. Box 5418, USAF Academy, CO 80841, writes: "I am a cadet at the Air Force Academy and I am currently trying to find out more information about my father, Theodore Sloan, who was a member of the 24th Division during the Korean War. He was a POW for several months, I know little more. Can someone please help. Also email address is Sloan@usafa.af.mil

Oscar Neumeyer, 13201 Frandsche RD, Chesaning, MI 48616 is looking for John J. Kelly, Jr.
Ray Seghezzi
Samuel Tribble
Noboru O'Bana
Junior Reddick
They were in the 24th Inf Div 19th Regiment, Company M 3rd BN and all in from May 1951 to Feb. 1952 in Korea. It has been almost 50 years from contact with these guys. Does anyone know them?

Arnold M. Borbon of 12271 Lampson Av, Garden Grove, CA 92840-5730 Writes, "I served with 24th Recon from

late 52-54 Sendai, Japan back to Korea. I was with the Tank section. I am looking for Plt. Ldr. 1st Lt. Jack Gotshall, SFC Jim Hill, Sgt Bill Williams, Sgt Ledford, Larson, Charles Connors, Leo Coffee. It's like you guys are missing in action, I call and call but no one answers. You can get a hold of me by writing or my phone is: 714-638-0296 or email popborbon@email.com

Earl Ray Wallace, Jr., of 20369 Bigelow RD., Bogalusa, LA 70427 Phone 504-735-5566 writes, "I am the nephew of Cpl Willard D. Wallace RA 18282420. He was in C Company, 19th Inf when he was killed in action on Nov. 4, 1950. If anyone knew him, please contact me. I thank you for any help.

Timothy D. Kadrlik of 6164 Birchwood RD., Woodbury, MN 55125, phone 651-738-3797 writes, "Our family has unsuccessfully attempted to have the Purple Heart awarded for injuries Robert Kadrlik received in battle during the Korean War. I am hoping to find anyone who may have been working at an aid station nearby. This injury occurred July 6, 1951 during a battle in Korea. Robert was wounded by several shrapnel fragments in the left shoulder. He received treatment by a medic on the front line and continued his duties. The next day he was ordered to an aid station by his superior where he received follow up treatment. I am trying to find out what aid station treated him and verify his injury through their records. No records are recoverable in the St. Louis or Virginia locations.

**"Sir, I Present You The Fortress
Corregidor!"**

Our 24th Infantry Division landed on Leyte, on or about 20 October 1944, and were relieved by the 32d Infantry Division some three months later. The assault was continuous, as it was discovered that the enemy was reinforcing their Leyte Garrison, by night with enemy troops in landing barges from Luzon. When MacArthur found this to be true he allowed it to continue, there would be less enemy when our forces landed on Luzon.

We were readying for another operation, this was to be part of the 24th Infantry Division to land on the west coast of Luzon, just above Olangapo (Subic Bay). Our 34th Infantry Regiment was to make the initial assault, followed in behind us was to be the 38th Infantry Division (their first combat mission). The main reason for this operation was against the northern entrance to Bataan Peninsula, Zig-Zag Pass. Sometime before the war, a General in the U.S. Army wrote that with proper resources, he could make an impregnable fortress out of Zig-Zag Pass. The enemy read the article and did just that!

Our 34th Infantry Regiment hit repeatedly at the fortifications, hardly denting them, the Infantry Regiments of the 38th Infantry Division did the same. It was going to be a long drawn out assault. The 3rd Battalion of the 34th Infantry Regiment was called upon for a special assignment. They were to land at the extreme south part of Bataan, Marveles and in assault boats land on Corregidor at the mouth of Manila Bay. They needed support for the movement, volunteers were taken from my 11th Field Artillery (155mm how). We loaded up in L.S.T.'s at Subic Bay (which had just started to take on the look of a Naval Base).

We sailed down to Marveles and nosed the prow into the beach, the shallowest beach I had seen. The Infantry off loading, cigarettes and valuables in the helmet and M1's held high above their heads. Our reason for coming along started. The sailor aboard that ran the fork-lift was not present, one of my "buddies" said Lewis can run one, I learned fast and all night from the rear of the tank deck to the ramp. Huge, very long timbers first, 55 gallon

drums, etc. We knocked off for breakfast, first and only time out of the L.S.T. mess!

Continued working afterwards, and someone hollered "Paratroopers"! We dropped everything, topside to watch the drop, steady stream of parachutes coming out of planes. Some troopers fell into the sea, were immediately picked up by Navy boats.

The novelty wore off and back down to finish our job. Before we backed out after everything was unloaded, we could see a huge flat place in the middle of Corregidor was almost complete white from the abandoned chutes. We were in the "grandstands" while History was being written, a true memory-maker.

**Richard F. Lewis
330 East Stephen
Martinsburg WV 25401**

Following is from Lou Santoscoy of 1285
Huxford LN, Anaheim CA 92807:

"My twin brother, M. Santoscoy and I served in the same outfit different squads Company H, 34th Infantry Regiment with the 24th Infantry division. We had Basic Training with the 42nd RAINBOW Division in Oklahoma. For a short period of time we recruited into the Air Force Cadet Training in Wichita Falls, Texas but after a few months in training were recalled to our old outfit in Oklahoma because of D-Day. From there we went to Fort Ord California for further infantry training. We were shipped overseas to New Guinea as replacements with the 24th Infantry Division and landed in Leyte and joined Company H, 34th Infantry Regiment. Fought with Company H through Leyte, Mindoro, Luzon (Zig-Zag Pass), Subic Bay and Mindanao where I was later wounded. Wounded in Mindanao and while in the hospital in Leyte I received word that my twin brother had been seriously wounded. We did receive the Purple Heart, Bronze Medal and the Infantry Rifle Badge

24th Infantry Division Association



260 Shelli Lane
Roswell, Georgia 30075
10 August 2000

Mr. James Dumas
Post Intelligencer
208 East Wood Street
Paris, Tennessee 38242

Dear Mr. Dumas:


A combat veteran from the Korean War and a member of the 24th Infantry Division Association has provided me an undated article written by you and published in the Paris, Tennessee newspaper concerning an interview you conducted with a local veteran who served in our Division in the later stages of that war. In the article you quoted the individual as stating "---I knew they had all been demoralized during the first week of the war, even losing their colors."

I am certain by now, Mr. Dumas, based on the amount of correspondence that you have received about your interview that "losing their colors" is not part of the military vocabulary of the United States Armed Forces. It is true that during the time of the American Civil War when the units colors were in the front ranks and were used for rallying points for unit formations many units, both North and South, "lost their colors" to their opponents. In fact, here in Georgia, a Northern State recently returned a battle flag of a Georgia Infantry Regiment that was found in the archives at their state capital.

For the record, Mr. Dumas, and in honored respect to the many members of the 24th Infantry Division that fought in Korea I emphasize that NO unit, repeat NO unit, of the 24th Infantry Division "lost its colors" during that war. The only color lost was the red from the blood from the too many young men that gave the supreme sacrifice in that country.

Many of our members feel that some sort of apology is due from you. I realize from reading the article that you were only quoting what the individual stated and I further realize that, possibly, he stated what he did in order to emphasize his own ego and war experiences. I just request that in future interviews of this nature you ascertain the facts before you quote what an individual states.

Again, NO unit of the 24th Infantry Division "lost it colors" in Korea. I was there--

Sincerely,

JAMES F. HILL
Past President
24th Inf Div Assn

Copy: THE TARO LEAF

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**Jim
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An interview I did with two veterans — which was timed for Veterans Day in November 1998 — drew repercussions from such unlikely places as Marysville, Calif., and Roswell, Ga.

In the interview, retired Army National Guardsman Jimmy Moseley, who was briefly assigned to the 24th Division in the latter stages of the Korean War, was quoted saying, "I knew (24th Division) had been all but demoralized during the first week of the war, even losing their colors."

What Jimmy said didn't set well with two former soldiers who fought hard with the 24th when the Communist South Koreans had overrun the unprepared defenses of United States forces in July 1950.

Recently, a former member of the 24th, C.W. Foster of California, mailed me a copy of a letter he had written to Moseley.

An excerpt from Foster's letter charged "Mr. Moseley, the 34th regiment and the 63rd field artillery got the holy h--- kicked out of them on July 20, 1950, at Taejon. Of

1,000 men in the 34th, only 184 survived.

"But no one lost their colors in Korea," steamed Foster.

A few weeks ago, Jimmy, who had told me about receiving frequent communications from the California fellow, admitted that he based his opinions on hearsay. "I thought I heard some of the men (24th Division) say they lost their colors in Korea. I know now I was wrong.

"If you want to write a letter (to *The P-I* editor) to this effect, I'll sign it," said Moseley.

Also taking up arms against the article was James F. Hill of Roswell, Ga., former president of the proud 24th Infantry Division Association. "No unit of the 24th Infantry lost its colors in Korea ... I was there," steamed Hill.

Added Hill ... "the only color lost was the red from the blood of too many young men that gave the supreme sacrifice in (Korea).

Having been hastily rushed to the Korean war zone myself in June 1950, I was well aware of the bravery and supreme sacrifices of the 24th. For them — with the U.S. not ready for a second war so soon after Japan was A-bombed into submission — you could say sarcastically. — they were in the wrong place at the wrong time.

"But as Foster indicated, tell that to hundreds of brave men who gave their all to stop aggressive communism."

You might compare the 24th at Taejon

with the desperate plight of a tiny band of Spartans which attempted to guard Thermopylae from masses of invading Persians in 480 B.C. They were overrun but not before leaving their mark on the world.

And while the interview was some 48 years ago ... it's never too late for clarification. The 24th Division did not surrender its colors. Ever!

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Jim "Spider" Dumas of Paris writes news columns and features part-time for The Post-Intelligencer.

June, 2000

**Happy 225th Birthday,
U. S. Army!**

*"Dying for freedom isn't the worst that
could happen. Being forgotten is."*

— Tom Hanks



FROM OUR MEMBERS/TO OUR MEMBERS

Note from **William Edwin Hartman** of 204 Mary St., Washington, IL 61571: "I thought you might like to know that I am giving lectures to Junior High classes on the subject that "Freedom Is Not Free" and am using the 24th Division record in WWII in my presentation. I was presented with a check from seventh and eighth grade students at Robein School for the World War II Memorial in Washington D.C. The money was donated by staff and students and will be given in my name. Officials from the VFW were also in attendance and they added \$50.00 to the check of \$100.00 given by the staff and students."

Bill, I am sorry that original pictures were not available to be used. I enjoyed talking with you in Covington and glad that you are informing students of the value of the freedom we are all enjoying.

Bill Campbell of San Antonio, Texas participated in an interview with Floyd C. Cox of the Admiral Nimitz National Museum of the Pacific War, Fredericksburg, Texas. Bill served with the 24th Infantry Division, 52nd Field Artillery in New Guinea, Leyte, Mindanao, Australia from 1943 to 1946. A letter from Mr. Cox is below:

Dear Bill:

I am enclosing the written text of our interview that we had on April 21, 2000. Thank you again for taking the time to contribute to the Oral History Program of the Nimitz Museum of the Pacific War. Your story is now a part of our archives which is made available to scholars and historians of the present as well as the future. You have helped us at the Nimitz fulfill our motto "We inspire our youth by honoring our heroes." I certainly appreciate the hospitality that you and your lovely wife, Pat extended to me when I visited your home.

I certainly wish to invite you to the Nimitz Museum of the Pacific War, in Fredericksburg. Since the opening of the Bush Gallery, we have added many more

artifacts. I know you would enjoy the visit. Thank you again.

Floyd Cox

THANK YOU, DR PHIL HOSTETTER

For all of the wonderful photography.

(See pictures by Phil in this issue on Pages 36-45 – Reunion; Page 49-Korean Vets; Page 54-Change of Command and the Front and Back covers.

REMINDER: Look at the expiration date on the label on the back cover of your Taro Leaf. That is the date that your dues are necessary to pay. Please help our Secretary/Treasurer in mailing your dues on time. Notices are not sent out – The expiration date on your label is your notice.

IT'S NOT WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU IN LIFE THAT COUNTS, BUT WHAT YOU DO WITH WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU.

Norman Vincent Peale

Note from the Editor:

Dear Members: You will observe that this issue has many colored pictures, which increases the cost of the publication of the Taro Leaf. Any contribution you would wish to make, will be greatly appreciated. Please make checks to: 24th Infantry Division Association or just (24th IDA) and mail to Dutch Nelsen, 812 Orion Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80906-1152. You are able to claim contributions such as this on your income tax. Don't delay, put your contribution check in the mail today. Thank you very much.

October 30th-Just received email about the death of our member **Wilford Acker**. An obituary will follow in the February T.L. Wilford was in A Co 21st Inf Regt. '45-'46 and from Weaubleau, MO. Our sympathy to his wife and family.

T A P S



John D. Ervin of Dallas, TX died on 23 May 2000. Reported by Wes Morrison.

Louis 'Ike' Polito

Louis F. "Ike" Polito, 74, Rock Island, died Wednesday, May 31, 2000 at home.

Services were at the St. Mary's Catholic Church, Rock Island and Burial at the National Cemetery, Arsenal Island, where Moline American Legion Post 246 presented military honors.

Memorials may be made to the Church or American Cancer Society for stomach cancer research.

He was born June 26, 1925, in Rock Island, the son of Andrea and Lucy Macaluso Polito. He married Lois D. Wollam Feb. 26, 1949 in Rock Island.

He was a WWII Army veteran having served in the Pacific Theater from 1943 to 1946. He received the Asiatic Pacific Theater ribbon with two battle stars, Philippine Liberation medal with two battle stars, Purple Heart with bronze oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Unit Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Service Arrowhead and the WWII Victor Medal with three overseas bars.

Survivors include his wife Lois, a daughter, Debra Boniger, sons, Dr. Thomas Polito, Dr. Michael Polito, William Polito, 10 grandchildren. His parents, two brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

Sgt. William A. Ryan, D Company Korea died 18 October 1995. This death reported by Ed Ryan (No Relation).

Lt. Colonel George R. Scott

It is with deep sorrow and much regret that I inform you of the death of Lt. Colonel George R. (Bob) Scott.

Colonel Scott passed away July 20, 2000 at his home after battling a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Rochelle; two children, Debra Kelinske of Waco, Texas and George R. Scott III of Austin, Texas as well as 3 grandchildren.

Colonel Scott began his military career with the 143rd Regiment of the 36th Division. After receiving his commission, he was assigned to Headquarters Company of the 34th Infantry, 24th Division. He served as Communications Platoon Leader, Regimental Communications Officer and as Company Commander, along with special assignments.

He saw action at Hollandia, Biak, Leyte, Luzon, Corregidor and Mindanao. He remained in the service after WWII and retired with rank of LTC.

Bob was very active in civic affairs and in the Masonic Order. In 1985 he served as Grand Master of Masonry of Texas.

He will long be remembered by his many friends and comrades-in-arms.

Submitted by Dick Fisher
HG Co. 34th Infantry Regiment.

Norman Robinson

Norman "Bud", "Robbie" Alfred Robinson, LTC, U.S. Army (Ret) passed away peacefully at his home on November 2, 1999.

He was born in Ottawa, Canada Feb. 5, 1921 to Ernest and Nellie Mae (Fletcher) Robinson.

While a teenager, the family moved to San Diego, where he later played professional ice hockey for the San Diego Sky Hawks.

In 1942 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as a bombardier/navigator during WWII. In 1945, after returning from the war, he married Helen Jane Sandusky from San Diego. He transferred to the U.S. Army Artillery and was stationed in Korea during the Korean Conflict. In 1952 he served in HQ, 13th FABN, 24th Inf Division in Camp Haugan, Japan and in 1956 was stationed in Iran during the Shah's reign.

He served his country for 25 years, receiving the Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Korean Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, the Army of Occupation Medal (Japan) and the United Nations Service Medal.

Bud is survived by his wife, Helen Jane Robinson, his daughter Susan Jane Jinks; son in law Thomas Jinks, and grandchildren.

The family was extremely appreciative of the support of Napa Valley Hospice and the Queen of the Valley Hospital. Donations may be made to these organizations or Justin High School Sports Association.

T A P S



Elmo Smeraldo of Suffern, NY died Saturday, June 24, 2000 at the age of 81. He was born in Paterson New Jersey to Chester and Tillie Smeraldo. He was a Suffern resident for 57 years and retired from Abex Corporation in Mahwah, New Jersey. An Army veteran of World War II and a member of the Ramapo Valley Post 2973 VFW and the Masonic Lodge, Suffern, New York. He was predeceased by his wife, Madeline in 1998 and is survived by two daughters, Linda Baker of Suffern and Jane Poplawski of Mahwah and three grandchildren. Services were held at Scarr Funeral Home and burial at Frederick Loescher Veteran's Cemetery. (Sent in by Linda Baker, "My dad was very proud to be an American veteran and a member of the 24th IDA.)

Edward J. O'Hara ("Eddie" Staten Island, New York died suddenly and peacefully in his sleep on June 1, 2000. Devoted husband to the late Mary Jane "Jeannie" who died June 27, 1999, Eddie and Jeannie were married for 39 years. Beloved and devoted father and grandfather. Beloved brother to Terri.

As painful as Eddie's premature passing is to us, and his friends, he is at peace with his wife who he missed so much. We find solace in the fact that they are at peace together now. Our lives were all enriched by knowing and loving Eddie.

Eddie enlisted in the NY National Guard in March of 1950 in the Flushing Armory serving

with H.Q. 3rd 69th Inf. Regt. Staying there until September 1952. He then went into the U.S. Army for 3 years. He was sent to Camp Killma, NJ then to Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky with the 101 Airborne Division.

After 16 weeks of heavy weapons training he was sent to Japan, serving with the 24th Inf. Div., 21st Inf. Regt. (A) Company as a 60mm Motarman, the Division after reorganization was sent back to Korea for the second time.

He rose in the ranks from Motarman to Motor Sergeant to P. & A. Plt. Sgt. In charge of the BN Ammo Dump. He served in Korea for 21 months returning to the U. S. as a S.F.C. He went to the 19th Combat Engineers Second Army H.Q. Fort Meade, Maryland until his honorable discharge in September 1955. After his discharge he served with the National Guard until 1983. Medals Received: Good Conduct Medal, United Nations, National Defense, Korean Service, Armed Forces Service, Army National Guard, N.Y. State Military Commendation, N.Y. Faithful Service (30 years) Medal, N.Y. State Service in aids of Civil Authorities, 71 Faithful Service.

Harry A. Wyse of Enfield, CT a decorated combat infantry veteran died July 2000. An Army veteran of WWII, he served in the South Pacific Theater with the 21st Inf Regt of the 24th Inf Division. He was awarded the Bronze Star. Survivors are wife, Marcelle, two sons, two daughters, two brothers, two sisters and eight grandchildren .

E. Glen Barnett

E. Glen "Jiggs" Barnett of Tecumseh, OK died Sunday in Shawnee. He was 80. He was born May 3, 1920 in Paden, the son of Cleve and Etta (Griffin) Barnett.

He attended school in Paden and was a graduate of Paden High School. He was reared in Paden and had resided in Tecumseh since 1953.

On April 25, 1944 he married Pauline Baker in Paden. He served with the Civilian Conservation Corps. He worked at Tinker Air Force Base for 27 years until his 1975 retirement. He was an engine disassembly and parts inspector.

A Pearl Harbor survivor, Mr. Barnett served with the United States Army during World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star. He was a member of the Tecumseh Free Will Baptist Church; the American Legion Hill-Huett Post No. 260, Tecumseh and the VFW, Tecumseh.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Cleo Maher and one brother Guy Barnett. Survivors include his wife Pauline Barnett of the home; one daughter, Paula Ritchie, four sons and three daughters in law, Glen A. and Sandra Barnett, Gerald and Dorothy Barnett, Robert Barnett and Rusty and Cathy Barnett, three sisters, one sister in law and 14 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and numerous relatives and friends. Services at Cooper Funeral Chapel with burial at Tecumseh Cemetery .

T A P S



B.L. Ragland of 4318 Artillery Rd., Abilene TX died August 7, 2000 at the Big Springs, TX VA Hospital. He suffered from heart failure. Mr. Ragland served in D Company, 21st Inf Regt during WWII. Reported by Bill Kerns.

Donald J. Fritsch, Forest Park, OH died August 17, 2000 in Atlanta, GA on his way home from Florida. Don was laid to rest on 24 August 2000 and is survived by 3 sisters, Mary Bentley of Kenwood, OH, Dorothy Brant of Summerset KY and Barbara Hilderbrand of Forest Park, OH. 3 brothers, Ed Fritsch, Robert Fritsch and Cletus Fritsch all of Cincinnati, OH.

Don served with HQ Co. 1st BN, 21st Inf Regt, stationed at Camp Wood in Japan when the Korean War began and was sent to Korea.

He was a member of the Army and Navy Union, American Veterans, VFW, 21st R.C.T. Association and the 24th Infantry Division Association. Don will be missed by his family and many friends. (Reported by Bill Kerns).

Mrs. Marvin Taylor, wife of Marvin Taylor 66 Villa Dr., Clearfield UT passed away May 16, 2000.

It is with a great deal of sadness that we report the passing of **Anna Ortiz**, wife of C.V. Ortiz, Fort Worth, TX. Services were held July 23, 2000. C.V. is a member of the 24th IDA and a WWII veteran having served in Company D of the 21st Regiment. Anna is survived by her husband, two children and five grand children. Our

condolences go out to C.V. and family. (Reported by John Ragland).

Francis A. Lockwood

Died Thursday, July 6, 2000 at the age of 77. Beloved husband of Marjorie A. (Nee Hefron) of New Richmond WI., loving father of Larry (Darcy), Tim (Sandy), Steve (Lois), Sue Dusold, Sally (Rick) Bachring, Bill (Jill), Rick (Nancy). Also survived by 16 grandchildren, Winnie Lockwood (sister in law) nieces, nephews, other family and friends. Fran was born and attended school in Boyceville, WI and worked at Artos Engineering for 39 years. He was preceded in death by his parents Bert and Edith, and his brother Leonard. Fran was a veteran of WWII, serving in the South Pacific and a proud member of the 24th ADA. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 11 at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, interment in New Richmond WI. Memorials may be made to St. Lukes Medical Center, Pulmonary Dept., Attention: "Memorial Program" 2900 West Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53215 or charity of your choice. (From Marge Lockwood "He very much wanted to attend the last three reunions but simply was unable to. We always enjoyed the gatherings and seeing old and new friends there. My greetings to all of them.")

Helen Scotto, wife of Michael Scotto died February 1999.

Born Helen Wyland in Pittsburgh, PA she moved to Heidelberg, Germany in the early

1950s. Mrs. Scotto traveled extensively in conjunction with her husband's 29 year Army career. She moved to Alexandria, LA in 1953; San Francisco in 1958 and later that year to Seoul, South Korea; to Zama, Japan in 1959; to Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City, Utah in 1963; to Irwin, PA in 1964; to Todt Hill in 1966; and Kaiserslautern, Germany in 1967. She settled in Grasmere in 1974.

"She never gave up fighting for her life," said her husband of 45 years, Maj. Michael Scotto. "She was a gutsy lady. A classy lady. People met her and people fell in love with her. She made friends very easily."

Mrs. Scotto was a member of the Bayley Seton Chapter of the AARP and belonged to the hospital's auxiliary group.

An amateur painter, she enjoyed traveling. Among her favorite destinations were Hawaii, Australia and the Fiji Islands.

Mrs. Scotto was a parishioner of St. Ann's R.C. Church, Dongan Hills.

(Sent in by her husband, Michael G. Scott of 33 Duges St., Staten Island, NY.)

J. E. Leyba MSGT. RET. Co. L, 3rd BN, 34th Inf. Regt., Co. G & Co. F, 2nd BN, 21st Inf. Regt. Died August 12, 2000. Funeral services were held August 15, 2000 in Trinidad, Colorado, attended by J. R. Duran and Norm Wolak of the 24th Infantry Division. Burial in Fort Logan National Cemetery. (Sent in by Norm Wolak.)

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Joseph P. Hofrichter



Joseph P. Hofrichter, 78, of Deep Creek, Fla., died Oct. 3, 2000 of complications of melanoma cancer, at his residence.

He was born May 12, 1922, in Bridgeville, PA son of the late Barbara Theresa Wilding Hofrichter and Joseph Arthur Hofrichter. A veteran of World War II, he served in the U.S. Army, 339th Engineer Battalion and the 24th Infantry Division in New Guinea and the Philippines. A former travel agent, Joe began his travel industry career in Pittsburgh, PA with TWA in the 1950s. He worked as a salesman for Northwest Airlines in New York, and was district sales manager for Japan Airlines for the state of Michigan.

Joe was director of education and training for the American Society of Travel Agents in New York City during the 70s. He served the Mid-America Chapter of ASTA in various capacities, and as the president from 1980 to 1981. With his wife, he owned and operated Fox Travel Inc. (established by his mother-in-law, Cecille Fox, in 1946) until 1984 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was instru-

mental in organizing the Reunion for Peace Program designed especially for veterans and their families to make return visits to Leyte for the October 20 Liberation Day commemorative festivities and to other battle fields of the Philippines. A resident of Deep Creek since 1994, Joe was a member of the Republican Club of Charlotte County, the Knights of Columbus Council No. 12456, the Gulf Coast Chapter of the Kentucky Colonels, the American Legion Post No. 110, the Disabled American Veterans Post No. 82, the 24th Infantry division Association and a senior member of the American Society of Travel Agents.

He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Charlotte Roos Hofrichter, his children, Terry Ann Hofrichter, of North Fort Myers, Fl., Barbara Jo Blake Smith (Mrs. William, of Cape Coral, Fl.), Jody Lynn Fennell (Mrs. Thomas Jay), of Marietta, GA, Scott Lee Hofrichter of New York, Heidi Anne Selenke (Mrs. William Pius) of Olathe, KS., and his grandchildren, Courtney and Ashley Blake, Andrew Thomas and Natalie Faye Fennell, Michael Philip and Katherine Cecilia Selenke. He is also survived by his brothers and sisters, Barbara Teresa Kinderman of Upper St. Clair, PA., James Francis and Marilyn Sica Hofrichter of Pinehurst, N.C., William S. and Chanda Hofrichter of Lake Havasu, AZ., Anna Marie and John Catanzaro of Pittsburgh, PA and by numerous nieces and nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews.

On Saturday December 2 at 6 PM a Mass will be celebrated for Joe at St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church, 311 Washington Rd., Pittsburgh, PA. (Mt. Lebanon). Memorial donations may be made to the Community of God's Little Children, Father Bart, Pastor, Tacloban, Leyte, Philippines, and sent in care of Mr. William P. Selenke, 15636 W. 150th St., Olathe, KS. 66062.

Words of Comfort

Through thee alone the sky is arched,
Through thee the rose is red;
All things through thee take
nobler form,
And look beyond the earth,
The mill-round of our fate
appears
A sun-path in thy worth.
Me too thy nobleness has
taught
To master my despair;
The fountains of my hidden life
Are through thy friendship fair.



-Ralph Waldo Emerson



JOE HOFRICHTER

Joe Hofrichter at a 24th Infantry Division Association Reunion.



Major Dallas E. Dick (Ret.)

Major Dallas E. Dick (Ret.), 83, formerly of New Cumberland, PA., died Thursday, October 5, 2000, in the Bethany Village Retirement Center, Lower Allen Township.

He was a retired military major with 21 years of service in the U.S. Army. A well-decorated veteran, the highest honor awarded him was the Silver Star for service in the Pacific Theatre during combat with General Douglas MacArthur's troops during World War II. He served with the 19th Infantry Regiment of the 24th Infantry Division. He was a life member and past president of the 24th Infantry Division Association; a member of the New Cumberland VFW Post 7415; a life member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart; a 50-year member of the Lowther Manor F&AM Lodge 781, Camp Hill; a 50 year member of the National Sojourners 767, Harrisburg, and its York Camp Heroes of '66. A 32nd Degree Mason, he was a member of American Legion Post 143, New Cumberland, and the Shepherdstown United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Peggie K. Wheeler Dick; a godson, Brian Smith, Savannah, GA., two sisters, Dorothy Poling, Geneva, Ohio and Genevieve Pinkerton, Marion, IN.; a brother, Arleigh J. Dick, New Brighton, and many nieces and nephews. Funeral Services in Lemoyne, PA and burial with full military honors in St. John's Cemetery, Hampden Township.

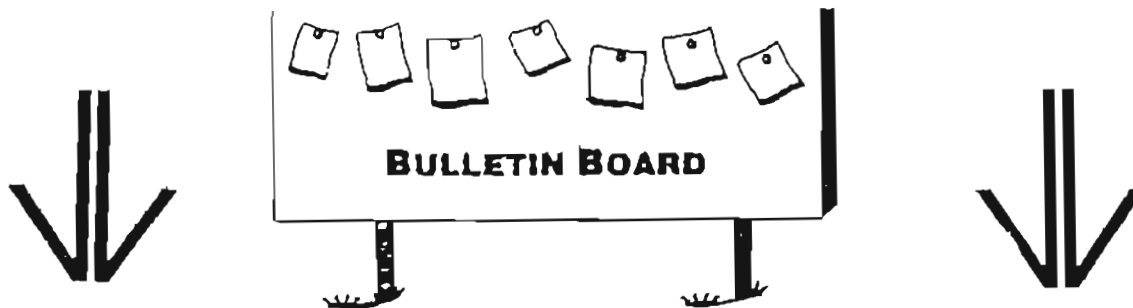
Memorial contributions may be made to his church, 1934 S. York St., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 or to any charity.



Dallas Dick received the highest honor bestowed on anyone by the 24th Infantry Division Association, "The William Jordan Verbeck Bowl Award" in 1987.



Dallas Dick (20 years old) During World War II.



The November 11th Veteran's Day parade in Colorado Springs will honor Korean War Veterans and our Secretary/Treasurer, **Dutch Nelsen**, has been selected as the Grand Marshall.

The Web site for the 24th Inf Div Association is: <http://home.att.net/~victory24/index.htm>

It will always be printed on page 2 of every issue of the Taro Leaf. A big thank you to Norman Tredway who is the WebMaster.

The Korean War Project is manned by Ted and Hal Barker. You may write to them at: Korean War Project, P.O. Box 180190, Dallas, TX 75218-0190, Phone: 214-320-0342. The email address is: hbarker@kwp.org or tbarker@kwp.org or visit <http://www.koreanwar.org/html/home.html> or if you want to personally visit it, this is the KWP Guest Book link: <http://www.koreanwar.org/com/guestbook/guestbook.cfm>

Bill Garry is the moderator for the 24id@egroups.com. Members of the 24IDA may sign up for this eggroup at <http://www.freeyellow.com/members/drbillgarry/24ID.html>. There are 37 members at this time.

Veterans Recognition Window Stickers

The stickers can be viewed at <http://www.wat3.com/vetsignia>. The Sticker Request Form at the site tells how to get them. We're not a business, just a loosely knit group of retired WWII and Korea veterans with the time, know-how and commitment to make a wide variety of the attractive, inexpensive, long-lasting stickers.

Re: Concurrent Pay

H.R. 303, is a bill to change the law and allow military retirees to draw concurrent military retirement and VA disability. As you may know, the current federal law prohibits

drawing military retired pay and VA disability compensation at the same time. SGM (ret) Floyd Felts has become an ad hoc warrior for this cause. He works under the auspices of Rep. Norwood's Augusta, GA Office in concert with CSM (ret) Jim Hussey (former USASC & Ft. Gordon CSM). Rep. Norwood's Office: Augusta, GA 706-733-7066 (CSM (ret) Hussey) Washington, D.C. 202-225-4101 (Mr. Rodney Whitlock)

[Http://www.house.gov/norwood/](http://www.house.gov/norwood/) The Promises Act proposes to actually provide the life-long free health care that we were all promised while we were in the Army.

Also contact your own congressperson and senator and tell them to support these bills and that it's the right thing to do.

From: Les Davis, SGM (ret) USA
Cell: 678-640-4732; Home: 770-529-5645 or email: leslie.davis@juno.com

A.L. Brannon of 718 S. R-R St., Newville, AL 36353 writes: On July 20th I had a heart attack. It looks like I will be spending some time close to home and I would love to hear from you. Arthur was with Co B, 19th Inf in Korea. His phone number is 334-889-4561. (Arthur, we wish you well and hope by this time you are doing much better.)

Mark G. Goodwin, CW4 (Ret) of 135 Villa Dr., Fayetteville, NC 28311, phone 910-482-4342 and email MGG1956@aol.com writes: "I'm currently doing research on the combat use of US infantry weapons during WWII and the Korean War. I would be very interested in hearing about the combat experiences of 24th Infantry Division veterans. If you think you may be interested in being interviewed, please contact me. We can arrange a phone interview at your convenience. Thank you.

COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

Yvonne Mullins, Editor

Dear Vonnie,

I just received the Taro Leaf Magazine of 8/2000. In reading the published account of Cpl. Joe Negrelli, I feel obligated to make a correction: He stated that the 19th Inf. Reg. Made a landing at Tannamera Bay (not how he spelled it) in July, 1943. That landing he speaks of was made by a part of the 21st Infantry, 24th Division. I was a member of the 52nd Field Artillery, "C" Battery at that time. The 52nd was a part of the 21st Regimental Combat Team. I was also a part of a "Naval Shore Fire Control Team, trained to direct the fire of our supporting Naval units.

As such, our team landed with the infantry and followed them up the trail to the Sentenni Air Field. General Irving passed our group in the morning after, accompanied by, I believe, three big soldiers. He went on ahead of us after stopping a few minutes to talk with us.

I don't want to short change the 19th, but credit must go where said credit is due. The corporal must have had second hand facts (or suppositions) to make such statements as he did. I was there and I know what went down!

By the way, I have written an account of my experiences. It has not been published as yet, but awaits a cover design, insertion of a few pictures and the money to publish it.

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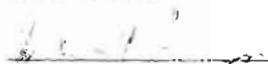
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Dear Vonnie,

Just a few observations regarding my last "TARO LEAF". Page 52, history of the 19th. Probably a typo, but I landed at Tenahmerah, Bay on April 22, 1944. I was on the road when Col. Clifford was killed. My former platoon leader, Lt. Chapman was following in a jeep and slowed down to share some words with me. I believe he told me he had been transferred to Reg. Headquarters as the information officer and was quite happy about it. Unfortunately, his jeep speeded up, rounded a bend and he was killed by the same mortar fire. My commendation for the Silver Star was issued by Major General Swing, commander of the 11th Airborne Division. I was not aware that K Co. 19th was attached to the 11th Airborne until I received my medal much later. It seems that information was not passed on to this Pfc., or I wasn't paying attention when it was. Ask any Pfc. And he'll tell you we very seldom knew where we were going, the day it was, or perhaps even the month, because they all ran together after a year plus of combat.

The "TARO LEAF" looks great, the printing and color are superb. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,



John I Lowgren
K co 19 Th [Feb 44, Dec 45]

Letter From Donald E. Donner ,P.O. Box 1335, Newport, WA 99156-1335 to John C. Heard, JR

Dear Capt. Heard,

You may not remember me but we spent a lot of time together in "A" Battery 11th. F.A.Bn. 24th Inf. Div. Prior to July 20, 1950 on OP's and FDC's.

I was in charge of the Radio section, such as it was. I was in some instances referred to as Chester Love 51.

The last time that I saw you was at the battle in Taejon on the morning of July 20, 1950.

I and a mixture of artillery and infantrymen made a futile attempt to buy a few more minutes of time for you to get the guns and equipment out of Taejon.

I was wounded twice in my right leg in the fierce but short battle that would eventually leave Gene Jenkins, Jim Martin and I as Prisoners of War of the North Koreans.

We somehow managed to survive those 3 years 1 month and 4 days of unimaginable hell under the Communist North Koreans and Chinese forces.

We all three returned to Freedom Village, having been prisoners of war longer than the entire war lasted.

I wrote a book about our experience shortly after I came home but I told my wife that it was just another war story, but she put it away for 37 years. We then became aware that our sacrifices had been swept under the table, having been overshadowed by WW 2 and the Viet Nam era. Ours became known as the "Forgotten War."

I couldn't let History deny our contribution to freedom so I got out the old time worn manuscript and typed the hand written material.

I finally got it on a computer disc and began making copies at a local printing shop.

When we had our 50th anniversary, of the Korean War, POW reunion here in Spokane, Washington, my wife and I attended and what a great time we had visiting with many of our remaining X-POW buddies and their wives and families.

We barely got our first copies of the book done in time for the convention. I gave away all those first copies we had to my buddies there and also to some of the widows of those who didn't come home. I sent a copy to John & Mae Kelly and John called me and said he had read it twice and was thrilled with it. I sent another copy to Jerome and Jean Rasmussen. Jean read it to Jerome and Jerome tried very hard on the phone to tell me how happy he was with it. In talking with Jean she told me that she had some addresses and would send them to me. On the top of the list was your name, address and phone number so I thought that I would drop you a line and see how you are doing.

I still have a letter and this is what is written on it: "Missing in action, J.C. Heard Jr. Capt. 01169148. We hope all is well with you and yours, Captain.

Sincerely

Donald E. Donner

LET'S GO *** LET'S GO *** LET'S GO



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery
32053 West McCabe Road
Gustine CA 95322

June 8, 2000

In Reply Refer To:

• Mr. Wes Morrison
Reunion Coordinator 24th IDA
452 Gloria Circle
Marina, CA 93933-4027

Dear Mr. Morrison:

This is to thank you for the Korean War posters you provided San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery. We had them framed and on display for the Memorial Day program, on May 28, 2000. As you know, the Korean War was our theme this year. Added to your contribution was a machine gun from Korea, along with many pictures of the event. We also had military uniforms and patches on display. Other memorabilia was also displayed. The public crowded into the Administrative lobby, enjoying, reminiscing and learning from all that was in the display. Thank you for adding to the success of this year's Memorial Day program.

Sincerely,

CARLA WILLIAMS
Director



THE KOREAN WAR
United Nations Command

24th Infantry Division Association



24th Infantry Division Association

09 October, 2000

To all member and there Families.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the 24th Infantry Division Association, Their families and friends for participating in the 53rd Reunion. It was a great experience working to make this Year 2000 Reunion a great success. Each and every one of you attending and supporting the reunion helped make it a big success that it was this year.

I hope that in the year 2001 and 2002 The Reunion will be a success like the year 2000 was. It would be an honor and a privilege to help plan and prepare a reunion in the future here in Northern Kentucky.

Again I thank each and everyone for participating this year and hope to see you all next year.

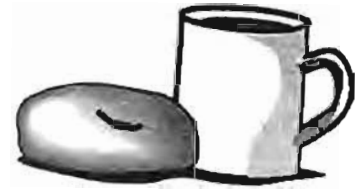
Sincerely:

William (Bill) Kerns

William (Bill) Kerns
On-Site Reunion Chairman
12397 Bowman Rd.
Independence, KY. 41051

REPORT ON REGIMENTAL BREAKFAST MEETING

34th Inf. Breakfast
September 30, 2000



Thirty of us were registered for the Covington reunion and thirty attended our breakfast. 100% is as good as it gets. Proudly included were Bill Hartman, son Larry, Dan Valles, son Jim, Paul Cain, son Mike and son-in-law Gary and Grover Brown and son Grover, Jr. We can be proud that among us were three ex-Presidents: John Klump, Paul Wisecup and Tom Cochran. First timers were also recognized.

Our M.C. once again was Ben Wahle, who is primarily responsible for getting us together and enjoying the 34thers good fellowship. After finishing our sumptuous breakfast, Ben showed us a tattered, bloody Jap flag, which he took from the Jap Officer, who was killed by Harold Moon, Medal of Honor winner (posthumously).

The Keynote speaker was David Mann. Let us not forget that he was the Head of the 24th History Book Committee, and due to his tireless efforts the book was eventually and satisfactorily published. Dave went into great detail covering the WWII battle of Zig Zag pass. He researched it thoroughly, including visits to the battle sites and meeting involved enemy personnel. Since the whole 34th Regt. Participated, his accurate description of events was greatly appreciated, probably more by those of us who were there.

Ben also recognized last years speaker, "Doc" Cameron, who wrote a book titled "Front Line Medic." All I can say about it is that I couldn't put it down until finished. Further acknowledged was Edgar Wallace, who took care of all the "little jobs" such as collecting the money, compiling a roster of attendees, getting and arranging the room, etc.

Eric Diller

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MESSAGES

Can You Help??

I am looking for anyone who served with my husband in the 24th Infantry Division from July 1945 to August 1946, especially in Japan. His name was **Adam Thomas Kowalewski, AKA, "Pollack" or Tom**. He played the clarinet and saxophone in the band and was in the maintenance crew. Anyone who knew him or can identify either one of the two men in the USO pictures, please call me "Collect" at 1-732-341-5494 or write to Mrs. Barbara Kowalewski, 25 Montserrat St., Toms River, NJ 08757-4631. All calls would be appreciated. See picture below. Barbara's husband Tom is the one on the right, can you identify the one on the left?



Erma Simeone Rienzo of 51 Rocky Mountain Court, Brick NJ 08724 writes: "My Fiancee, Felix Alexander Me-seavich was killed in Korea on April 23, 1951. He left Camp Atterbury Indiana with the 24th Infantry Division in March of 1951. I have written and called everywhere and everyone throughout these years to no avail. Please, can you help me. He was listed as missing in action for 8 months before we received news that they were able to confirm his death on December 30 of 1951. All I have is a Purple Heart. If

there is possibly someone who can help. His parents are gone and one brother told me before he died that someone told him that Felix was shot to death in a prisoner of war camp. I can't confirm this nor did I ever hear it. I would like some real answers."

Can anyone help this lady?

NOTE FROM BOB LAWHON

"I will be starting a radio net on the 80 meter band. If there is enough 24th amateurs (hams) that would like to talk to other hams around the country or world, I may be contacted by email b17845@juno.com or telephone me at: 614-886-6935. 49 Township RD #1152, Proctorville, OH 45669-9067.

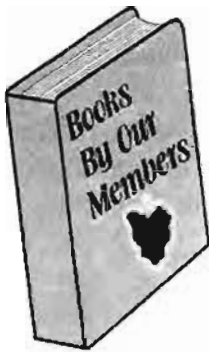
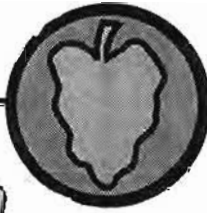
DATA BASE FLOPPY:

If you have a computer and MS Works 4.0, an alternate solution to buying an 84 page roster is to send me \$5 and I'll send you a 3 1/3 inch floppy of the Data Base. **Dutch Nelsen, Secretary/Treas.**

Joe P. O'Connell of Warminster, PA writes: "In late June Bucks County, PA dedicated a Korean War Memorial in its county seat, Doylestown, PA. "Remembering those we left behind".

Many towns around the country are honoring those who served in the Korean War.

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BOOKS WRITTEN BY 24TH IDA MEMBERS



"Think Man Think"

by: Hurdie Wise
724 W. Saline Cir.
Benton, AR 72015-2531
Phone: 501-778-8673
Cost: \$10.00

"Memoirs of a Combat Infantryman by an Enemy Alien"

by: Eric Diller
504 Via La Selva
Redondo Beach, CA 90277-6505
Phone: 310-375-2024
Cost: \$10.00 plus \$2.00 shipping and handling

"Korea, A Thousand Days of Torment"

by: William Funches
107 Brookwood Dr.,
Clemson, SC 29631
Phone: 864-654-4617

"Line Kansas-Memories of Korea 1950 To 1958"

by: David Baillie
PO Box 5
Elburn, IL 60119-0005

Cost: \$24.00

There are plans to print a 2nd edition along with a book of poems (just military ones) by 2001 and anyone who orders 1st printing of "Line Kansas" will receive a special price on the poem book!

"Doctor and Soldier In The South Pacific"

by: Philip H. Hostetter, M.D.,
2045 Jay Court
Manhattan, KS 66502-3640
Phone: 785-539-2913
Cost: \$22.95 plus \$2.00 shipping and handling

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107 E. 9th St. Apt. 109
Monticello, IA 52310-1053
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Contact Hugh A. Brown
Phone: 706-548-2094
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by: Donald Bert Cameron, M.D.
451 Rosebury CT.,
Cleveland OH 44124-3621
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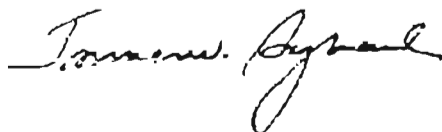
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I've enclosed a copy of the latest issue of our quarterly newsletter to bring you up to date on the Memorial Campaign's progress. I hope you enjoy it. And thanks again for your generous support.

Sincerely,



James W. Aylward
Executive Director

KOREAN WAR SERVICE MEDAL APPLICATION FACT SHEET

In a May 13, 2000 letter to Defense Secretary William S. Cohen, Republic of Korea Defense Minister Seong Tae Cho formally announced that his government would provide the Republic of Korea War Service Medal (ROKWSM) to eligible U.S. veterans of that conflict, or to their surviving next of kin. The medal will be provided at no cost to veterans. The U.S. Air Force has been designated the lead agency to receive and distribute the medals.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Available to military veterans or **primary** next of kin but due to limited availability at this time, shipping of this medal will go to living veterans first. Primary next of kin's requests will be shipped as additional medals become available.
- Period of service from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953
- Area of eligibility within the territorial waters, landmass, or airspace over the Korean peninsula
- Service must have been performed as follows:
 - While on permanent assignment in the area of eligibility, or
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 - While as a crew member of aircraft, in aerial flight over Korea participating in actual combat operations, or in support of combat operations

Examples of Documentation Required for Verification of Eligibility:

(One of the following is mandatory)

- DD Form 214, Certificate of Release/Discharge from Active Duty
- DD Form 215, Correction to Certificate of Release/Discharge from Active Duty
- NGB Form 22, Release from Duty

(Additional documents that you may submit to prove your entitlement)

- Assignment Orders to and from the Area of Eligibility
- Temporary Duty (TDY) Orders and Travel Vouchers
- Special Orders for Awards and Citations for Awards

Documentation Sources: (if you do not possess any of the above-listed documents, **you must** contact the following for copies):

**National Personnel Records Center
(Military Personnel Records)
9700 Page Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100**

The above address covers Army, Air Force, Navy, USMC, and Coast Guard records.

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Processing Procedures: If you are eligible based on the above criteria and have a copy of the required source document(s), you should prepare your request using the example format provided. **Sign** and mail it to the address in the example. Additional information on how to apply for or request the medal can be found by contacting the Air Force Personnel Center, Monday – Friday, 0730-1630 (CST) at 1-800-558-1404, or the Awards and Decorations Section at (210) 565-2432/2520/2516, or by writing to HQ AFPC/DPPPRK, 550 C Street West, Suite 12, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas 78150-4714 or by visiting our web site: <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/awards/>. The organization's fax number is (210) 565-3118.

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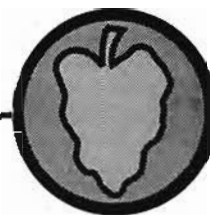
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