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24th Infantry Division Association



The Prez Sez

We are moving right along in Tucson. Norm Dixon says he has tours that will please everyone. This reunion is shaping up to be one of our best. I am looking forward to being there with all of you. I haven't been to Tucson in about thirty years.

Our Membership Roll is growing with soldiers from Germany, Desert Storm, Fort Stewart and from Fort Riley. We are making progress. **Darrell E. Hansen**, 3rd Engineers, is going to be one of our point men for recruiting more of those fine young soldiers.

The 29th Infantry Regiment, "Pioneers! We Lead the Way," served with us in Korea alongside the 19th Infantry Regiment. Their introduction to combat, July-August 1950, was with us. They fought gallantly despite heavy losses. We have a few members now who were with the 29th. **Frank E. Balbi** and **John Kirby** have each sent a list of names. A letter has gone out to a couple hundred Taro Leaders who served with the 29th during the Korean War, inviting them to join the 24th IDA. If you were with the 29th and are currently a member of the 24th IDA, you may get a letter. If so, please pass it or the information to any of the guys who may not have been on the mailing lists. All members of the 29th Infantry Regiment are included. A 24th Infantry Division Association welcome to all. We need members from all Units and time periods to keep our Association vibrant. While I am on that subject, I'd like to ask that you send a notice to your local newspaper and your State VFW paper about our reunion. A sample letter is in this *Taro Leaf*. If you do not want to use your own address and phone number, use the address for me, **Wes**, or for **Wallace E. Kuhner**. Wally is our Membership Chairman. Our addresses are on the front inside page of the *Taro Leaf*. A phrase that we hear often is, "I didn't know you were out there." Let's get the word out!

On September 13, 2003, Davenport, Iowa, and the Quad Cities will salute their long-forgotten Heroes, the Veterans of the Korean War. There will be a parade and special ceremony to honor the soldiers who were lost. Two, or maybe three, of them are ours. **Warren F. Haskins**, KIA 12 July 1950; **James E. Marler** (my best buddy) KIA 20 July 1950; **William T. McCracken**, KIA 27 July 1950; **Charles Abbott**, who died while a POW on 6 September 1953; and, **William E. Olsen**, KIA 21 September 1950. If you knew one of these soldiers, let me know.

Bill Boyden, 3rd Engineers, is one of the Korean veterans selected by the United Nations Command Korea to receive an all-expenses-paid trip to Korea. Bill and his wife, **Lorraine**, will be flown from their home in Massachusetts to Korea to be part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the ending of the Korean War. That's great!

In this issue is a proposed, and necessary, change to our Constitution and By Laws. The Executive Committee has been asked, and approves of the change. Now we need your approval. Ellsworth "Dutch" Nelsen and I agree that the change needs to be made. The Editor has been separated from the Secretary/Treasurer for several years. Each job takes a lot of time; one man would be a full time worker to do both positions. ♥

Billy

See You in Tucson!

24th Infantry Division Association



Secretary/Treasurer's Report

All data as of 1 May 2003

Financial

Checking Account	\$19,921.72
CD	<u>59,133.81</u>
Total	79,055.53
Accounts Payable	None
Cost to print and mail	
last issue of the <i>Taro Leaf</i>	\$10,438.82
(Plus about \$60 in Postage Due to forward <i>Taro Leafs</i> to men who did not send in changes of address.)	

Membership

Total number of members: 2,890 (down 16 since last report)

1,406	Annual paying dues
64	Associate Annual paying dues
53	Complimentary
3	Honorary (Petric, Mullins, Harp)
1,304	Life Paid
14	Life Associate Paid
45	Life paying
1	Associate Life paying



Bill Mauldin's
most famous cartoon

By Area/Time of Service

WWII	820	Ft. Stewart	38
Korea	1,505	Ft. Riley	27
Japan	991	Pearl Harbor	56
Germany	186	TF Smith	37
Desert Storm	23	POW	27

(Many of our men served in several areas; such as WWII and Japan, or Japan and Korea. Also, many do not report dates or places where they served.)

By Unit

By far our weakest area. Some men show their unit as "24th" or "2nd Platoon." Some men show no unit at all. We now have 65 units reported, and of these the ten largest remain, order: 19th, 21st, 34th, 5th, 3rd Eng, 11th FA, 24th Sig, 13th FA, 52nd FA and 63rd FA.

By State

We have men in all fifty states and some foreign countries. The ten states with the largest number of members are: CA, FL, OH, IL, MI, PA, NJ, MA, GA & MO.

In April, students at the all-women's Smith College. (Northampton, Mass.) voted to replace all of the female pronouns in the student constitution with gender-neutral pronouns. Although males are not admitted to Smith, many students apparently believe that using "she" and

"her" is inappropriate for students who were admitted as females but who later identify themselves as "transgendered." According to Dean Maureen Mahoney, a student admitted as a female but who later comes out as a male would still be welcomed at Smith.

New Members

Alp	Robert M.	19th	1212 Kinau St. #1506	Honolulu	HI	96814	808-699-2850	Japan, Korea
Ankeny	Gerald H.	1/64AR	244 Sugar Mill Dr	Savannah	GA	31419	912-927-8222	Desert Storm, Life Member
Backlund	Ray K.	24th Med	2825 S. Academy St	Sanford	NC	27332	919-775-7273	WWII
Barnabi	Tom E.	19th (Assoc Mem)	Box 102	Mount Gay	WV	25637	304-7520-3654	Brother of John D. Barnabi: Japan, Korea
Benoit	George N.	622 MP Co.	PO Box 97	Hereford	AZ	85615	520-366-6834	Korea: also 8th Army & I Corps
Cherry	Michael J.	3rd Tank	527 Winterberry Lane	Myrtle Beach	SC	29579	843-347-5002	Henry Kaserne, Munich
Clark	Leonard M.	19th	501 Butternut St	Maquoketa	IA	52060-2504	563-652-2259	WWII
Dove	John R.	19th	261 Eagle Falls Road	Madison	NC	27025-7701	336-548-4954	Germany
Elder	Curtis F.	5th RCT	2351 W. 229th Place	Torrance	CA	90501-5237	310-326-8079	Korea: curtiselder@msn.com
Eversman	Richard E.	34th	1614 Nororcas Drive	Oregon	OH	43616	419-693-1114	Korea, 52 - 54
Gibson	Wesley J.	34th	109 Sloane Place	Newport News	VA	23605	757-930-2516	Regt H&H Co, Japan, Korea
Griffin, Sr.	John A.	19th	161 Boston Post Rd E, #54	Marlborough	MA	01762	508-229-0286	Korea
Hansen	Darrell E.	3rd Eng	93 Evergreen Court	Dahlonge	GA	30533	770-531-9306	Ft. Stewart
Harp	Norman	21st	655 N. Brea Blvd #211	Brea	CA	92821-2655	714-990-6377	Korea
Hartley	Lila H.	19th	3331 Gall Blvd #217	Zephyrillis	FL	33541-6879	813-788-4469	Assoc Life Member
Hewert	Hugh A.	34th, 19th, Korea	7030 W 24th	Odessa	TX	79763	432-385-0960	
Ledet	Donald A.	19th	Box 1231-B Chawee Road	Breaux Bridge	LA	70517	337-845-4295	Augsburg, Germany
Magrum	Joseph E.	19th	4265 Cavehill Road	Spring Hill	FL	34605-1906	352-597-4006	Korea
McGrath, MD	Robert W.	24th	520 Front St	Georgetown	SC	29440	843-546-1348	WWII, Japan; Also 98th & 25th Division
McHugh	Gerald J.	19th	PO Box 4206	Carson City	NV	89702	775-882-4949	Japan, Korea
Morris	Gary W.	19th	5109 E. Campo Bello Drive	Scottsdale	AZ	85254	480-368-8834	Assoc; Father John C. Morris, KIA, Korea
Murphy	Patrick M.	24th Avn	PO Box 622	Cookstown	NJ	08511-0622	609-758-7409	Ft. Stewart
Murris	Mrs. Allen W.	21st, Korea	5920 Shay Ridge Road	New Matamoras	OH	4667-5262		Widow of Allen W. Murris, Assoc Member
Nolde	Robert E.	3/15 Inf, 1/64 Arm	1221 Francis St #5	Longmont	CO	80501-3738	303-5485-5633	Desert Storm, Life Member
Percy	Fred	724th Maint	Box 10	Ovid	NY	14521	603-532-8806	Germany
Perrelli	Gino	F. 19th	165 Chambersbridge Rd. 227C	Brick	NJ	08723-3462	732-920-5759	Korea, wounded, medically retired
Sohnur	Ronald F.	19th	1360 Centerville Lane #123	Gardnerville	NV	89410	775-783-9544	Korea
Shuell, Jr.	John W.	19th	606 Maple St	Midland	MI	48840-5599	989-839-9670	Korea; paid for 3 years + donation
Slarskey	Leon R.	21st	14657 Village Glenn Circle	Tampa	FL	33624-2733	813-962-8242	Japan
Sohn	Rodney W.	3rd Eng	2526 Klein Road	San Jose	CA	95148-2254	408-238-3523	Korea
Tant	Lewis H., Sr.	21st, Korea	13899 Smoketree St	Hesperia	CA	92345	760-244-9393	
Upfold	Henry G.	19th	130 Bowle Circle	Brownsville	TX	76801	915-641-0036	Korea 53 - 54
Wallace	William Q.	19th	4948 Biddle St	Wayne	IN	48184	734-722-0669	Uncle James M. Wallace, KIA, 4 Nov 50
Whittle, Jr.	Floyd T.	21st	900 Whiloh Road	Saluda	SC	29138-8100	864-445-8373	21st, Korea
Wilkie	Cecil H.	21st	835 E. Ada Ave	Glendora	CA	91741-3545	626-914-1041	Korea
Wintizak	Henry H.	19th	2105 Atchison Ave	Whiting	IN	46394	219-659-1918	Korea
Yaney, Sr.	James E.	13th	1349 Wilson Lake Road	Columbia City	IN	46725	260-248-2203	Also 48th MASH, Korea

Donations

\$10, William L. Eddy, 19th
 \$10, James F. Conway, G-2
 \$10, Ted D. Turner, 34th
 \$10, Andrew Jackson Davis, 3rd Eng
 \$10, Manuel J. Mora, 21st
 \$15, Kenneth G. Grass, for men I served with in the 19th, Korea
 \$5, W.H. Van Kirk, 19th
 \$5, Earl J. Lee, 19th
 \$5, Herschel Nichols, 21st
 \$5, Joe Marchinko, 21st
 \$10, Eugene Pointer, 34th
 \$5, Louis Repko, Jr., 34th
 \$5, John W. Schuell, Jr., 19th
 \$10, Trinnie A. Brice, 52nd
 \$10, Joseph C. Kepie, 24th Sig
 \$10, John Barnabi, 19th, in honor of two Buddies lost on Kum River
 \$5, Henry V. Marshall, Jr., 21st
 \$10, Warren H. Macneill, 24th Sig
 \$10, Maurice R. Wainwright, KWVA
 \$10, Michele Guerrera, 21st
 \$20, Arthur L. Brannon in memory of J.B. Hunt
 \$10, Dale D. Demaray, 19th
 \$10, Charles F. Snugg, 24th Med
 \$10, Robert G. Fox, 19th
 \$10, Jack R. Profitt, Div G-1
 \$10, Clyde H. Chance, 5th RCT
 \$5, Vincent J. Caulfield, 21st
 \$10, Casey B. Holiday, 34th
 \$10, Lloyd T. Potterton, 19th
 \$50, Ralph F. Heiser, 245h MP, in honor of Sgt. Walter Morrison, KIA, Korea, 4 July 1950
 \$20, Cresencio V. Ortiz, 21st, in memory of Buddies Mace Owens & James V. Oliver
 \$5, Bobby D. Nunly, 34th
 \$16, Oliver J. Ebert, 339th Eng
 \$25, Horace McMaster, Sr., 24th Recon, in honor of buddy Robert Cadena
 \$25, Gerald R. Goulet, in honor of Capt. Louis Rockwerk, Co "C" 19th, 1950

\$25, Howard J. Piel, 21st, in honor of Frank C. Shaw, "G", 21st, WIA, Sept 1944, BSM
 \$100, Raymond D. Bach, Cannon Co. 21st
 \$5, George T. Tominaga, 13th Field
 \$200, Daniel Valles, 24th, in memory of Medic Ray Cash, WWII
 \$10, Elmer R. Davison, 21st
 \$5, George H. Carter, 19th

New Life Members

Frank C. Dula, 21st
 Robert E. Nolde, 3/15th
 Lila H. Hartley, Assoc, 19th
 William H. Thornton, 21st, 19th

Non Sequitur

By Wiley



Chaplain's Corner

Hebrews 2:1

Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip away.

We have to stay in the word and listen to the word. We need to digest and comprehend what we read and hear. Don't be just going, be going and thinking. Use the word and get it out to other people who need salvation. We need to stay in God's word and to learn and understand what it

says about love, compassion for each other. I rely on God more every day. I watch and have compassion for those who are being liberated by the Coalition. My heart and prayers go out to the men and women in service. My son has three more months in Korea. As the verse says in the beginning, we have to put God's word next to our heart and keep it, learn it and use it. ♥

In God's Name,
 Glen Carpenter, Chaplain

Some Thoughts from the Sec/Tres

1. We added 38 new members since the last issue of the Taro Leaf and still end up with an overall membership loss of sixteen. Such are the ravages of time. It is a deep and personal loss to me every time I am told that another of our Old Timers has stood his last formation.

2. Many of the new members say that they would have joined years ago if they had known that our outfit existed. Perhaps it is time for us to spend some \$'s and advertise our existence in veteran's magazines. We tried this a few years ago, but without much success.

3. Two changes to our Constitution are proposed. I urge you to vote your approval for both. The first is to make Sec/Tres and Editor two people. This is needed. It is simply too much work for one man. Kenwood Ross, one of our Association giants, could do all three because he was a

bachelor and had a law office to support him. But it is simply too much work for any of our guys to do all three now.

The other change is to reduce the number needed to have a Quorum for the Executive Committee. If any official business is to be conducted by the Committee, this must be approved. Bear in mind that anything the Executive Committee decides to do can be changed by a vote at the Business Meeting. This Committee does not rule the Association. But a quorum is needed to get routine business matters done.

4. Special praise has to be given to Harry Wittman. He continues to be our #1 Recruiter—even while laying in the hospital with part of one leg gone. ♥

Weird Stuff

(from the internet, newspapers and from you)

Oops!

In February in Chichester, N.H., Thomas A. Barrett was fined \$240 and given a six-month suspended sentence for his no-contest plea to creating a false fire alarm. Barrett told the judge that he was celebrating his 21st birthday at Jillian's Bar & Grill, and as he staggered down a hallway to the men's room, he mistakenly urinated on the floor and pulled the fire alarm, which he thought was a toilet's flushing mechanism.

A 35-year-old man was uninjured but his Jaguar mangled after he momentarily lost control at 70 mph on Interstate 15 near Pala, Calif., in January and drove underneath an 18-wheeler, with the car getting stuck under the axle and being dragged for a half-mile before another motorist signaled to the driver of the rig.

St. Louis, Mo., Judge Julian Bush admitted in March that a burglary suspect had been locked up for three months because Bush mistakenly signed a conviction order instead of an order for a hearing. And in February, Pratap Nayak was released from prison by India's High Court, nine years after he had officially been freed; Pratap and his five co-defendants had been found not guilty of assault in 1994, but since the other five were already out by that time for other reasons, court officials had assumed all were out.

Undignified Deaths

A 72-year-old woman accidentally, fatally set herself on fire while filling her cigarette lighter (Somerville, Mass., February). A trucking company was ordered to pay a \$2.7 million legal judgment because its only employee smoking

area was across a 100-yard, poorly lighted parking lot, where a 55-year-old smoker was accidentally run over returning from a break (Pittsburgh, Pa., February). A 42-year-old man died of head injuries caused when he opened the door of a moving car to spit tobacco juice and fell out (Mineral Wells, W. Va., March).

Also, in the Last Month

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights was ordered to pay \$165,000 and reinstate a former staff member who it fired in retaliation for her having filed a work-related complaint. And authorities in Jersey City, N.J., declared an emergency upon finding 150 tons of rotting fish, lobster and squid in Max's Natural Foods Warehouse (abandoned, they believe, four months earlier). And Thailand's prisons department announced a contest in which inmates would vie to see which one had the most contagious laugh, and one official said that especially tense inmates would be urged to compete.

Sorry for the Delay!

We apologize for the delay of this issue of the Taro Leaf. Unfortunately, our printer found its entire facility under about eight inches of water during May 2003. They lost entire computer systems (including the one that contained this issue). This publication was almost ready for the press and had to be reworked. Thank you for your patience. ♥

A Page for Red Legs

(Engineers, Signal Corps, etc. need not read)

The Great Cannon of WWI (“Big Bertha” ???)

In 1917 the Krupp Works in Germany developed a long-range cannon designed specifically for the purpose of shelling Paris. It was named, “The Kaiser Wilhelm Geschutz” and also “Langer Max.” The cannoneers called it “Skinny Max.” It is mostly known throughout the world as “The Paris Gun.” Somehow our Soldiers began calling it “Big Bertha” and for that has stuck.

It was made by screwing together two 15-inch naval guns and adding a 15-foot smooth-bore extension onto that. Overall length, 118 feet. To prevent “tube-droop” and sag the entire tube was held in a steel truss. Some mounts were fixed and some were railroad. Nine guns were made and seven actually fired.



Gunnery: Shell, 228 lbs; Charge, 430 lbs; MV 5,399 fps; Time of flight, 170+/- sec; Max range, 80 miles; Fixed elevation of 50°; Maximum Ordinate, 24 miles. (Which was the secret to the great ranges attained.) The Paris Gun's shells were the highest things ever fired into space until the V2 rockets of WWII.) Due to tube erosion the Guns had to be rebored after 20 shots and larger projectiles used.

Effect: It was intended to strike terror into the population of Paris. It was easy enough to hit Paris, but no specific target within the city. A total of 367 shells were fired and 183 landed within the city causing 256 deaths and 620 wounded. On Good Friday of 1918 one shell hit the Church of St. Sepulchre while services were being held. Effect on the ground was about the same as one of our 155 mm Howitzer shells.

Forward Observer: The Germans would fire off a test round and wait for the newspapers to come out. A mysterious explosion at “such-and-such” place would be reported. German spies would send this information in Switzerland and their men would radio it to Germany. Corrections would be made and another round fired off, wait for the newspapers to come out, etc., etc.

Counter Battery: Allied Forces tried to sound and flash range the guns, but to no avail. The Germans would coordinate it so that when the Long Max fired—so did every other cannon in the German Army. None of the guns were ever captured or found.

“Big Bertha:” So there was a cannon called “Big Bertha?” You bet there was. A 420mm (16.5-inch) mortar used to level the forts at Liege, Namur & Antwerp, but more about that in the next issue. **Dutch**

Artillery

Hi FELLOW Red Leg; this could be just between you and I! Loved your Caissons Go Rolling Along page, recently. Brought to mind some connections (sort of) with the composer. Edmund Louis Gruber (WP-'04) composed that song at Fort Stotsenburg, Phil. Is. in 1908. My W.P. Register doesn't give what unit he was in at the time there. An Army Camp in Missouri is named after him! He had a brother that was "in" with "Dug Out Doug" and was 24th Inf Div Army Cmdr in Leyte. You can ask Col. Hodges (Hilton Is., SC) what kind of crazy order that younger Gruber gave! "Occupy that (coordinates!) position this afternoon!" Around dusk, the 11th FA Bn occupied that position after a hazardous trip up to it. Looked to the front of the position: troops; looked to the rear: troops. Inquired of the troops to the front, "Who are you?" Answer: "we are the front line infantry of the 24th Inf Div!!!" "Who's the troops behind us?" "They're our mortars!" Separate loading 155mm Howitzers (not so fast on loading!) in front of the Infantry mortars!!!

It was rumored that they took that Gruber away in a "Funny Jacket." Asked Gen. Fred Irving, on the staircase of the hotel, about Gruber at Louisville Reunion ('85); you never heard such cussin' about another officer!

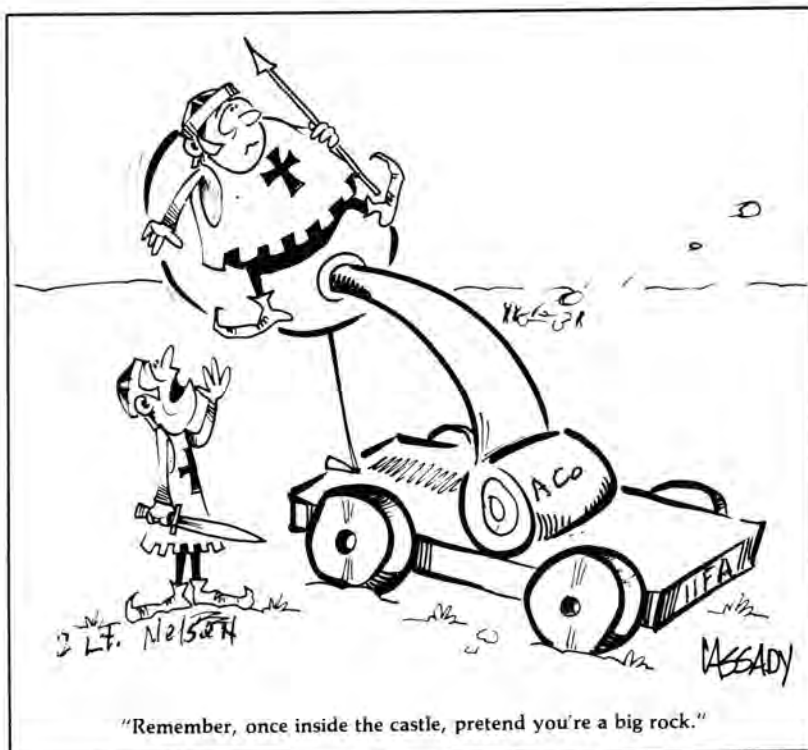
I am quite proud of the fact that I was with my "B" Btry 11th FA Bn "On Time" on WWII, Leyte, Luzon, Mindoro, Mindanao and occupation on Shikoku Japan (I always small-letter any reference to "Japan"; I was privy to several atrocities!). Then with the 5th RCT (555FA) we landed in Pusan, Korea, 31 July 1950 from Hawaii, and after the "Operation Keane" with the 2nd Inf Div (landed with 500, 18 days later we were 300!) in Sep '50 back with my WWII Division, when Gen. Church needed to replace the decimated "34th Inf Regt" what a fine Infantry Regt, the 34th, that was in WWII. A few went airborne with no training! To help the 41st Inf Div on Biak! 3rd Bn, 34th Inf Regt and a Btry of 63rd FA: "Sea to Land" to help 503d Airborne on Corregidor! Read Devlin's Back to Corregidor and his compliments to the addition of that fine Infantry and the 105s of the 63d FA to that operation.

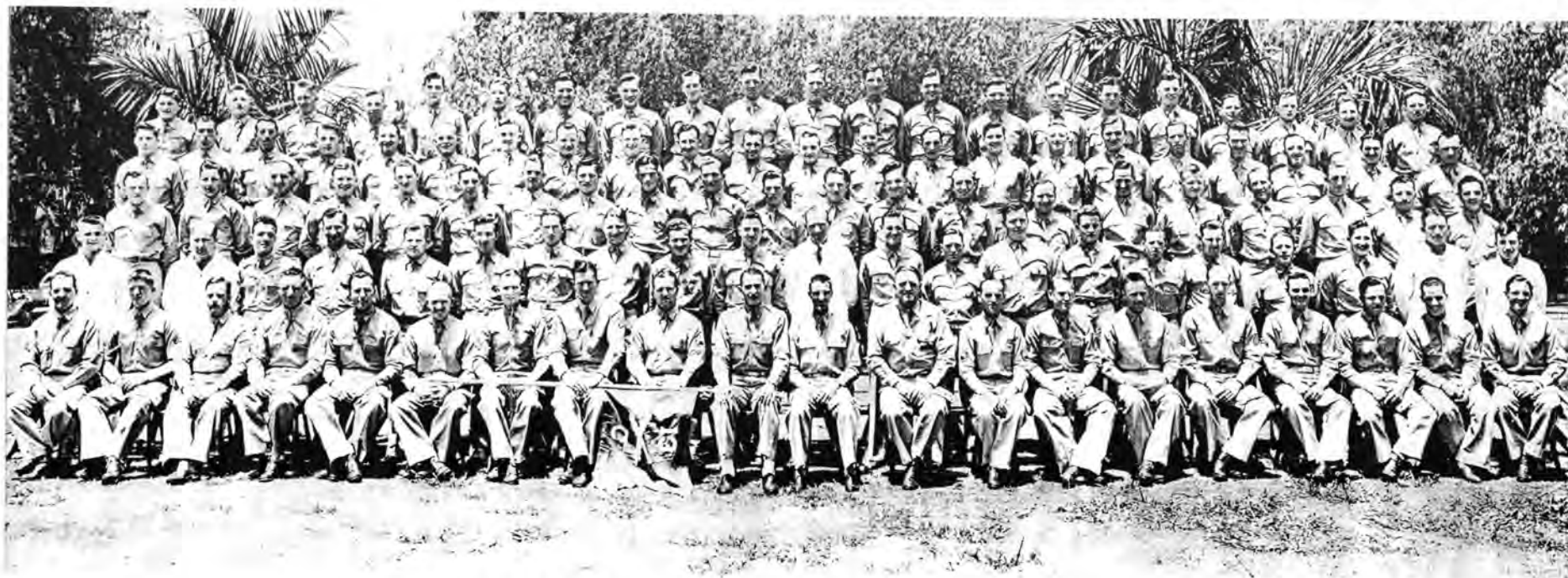
The Good Lord willin' I will have our guidon ("B" Btry, 11th FA) on the DC Mall, Sat, 29 May '04 for the dedication of our WWII Memorial, that a supposedly grateful nation is finally going to give, finally something more than that GD "Ruptured Duck"!!!

—Richard F. Lewis, SFC (Ret), 330 East Stephen Street, Martinsburg, WV 25401-4126

Combat-Related Special Compensation To Go To Veterans

American Force Press Service reports that a provision included in the 2003 National Defense Authorization Act will compensate an estimated 35,000 retired veterans for disabilities resulting from combat injuries, wounds and diseases. For what DoD is calling combat-related special compensation, the payments are tax-free and could range from \$105 up to \$2,100 or more each month, said navy Capt. Chris Kopang. DoD's director of military compensation. The new provision also covers veterans who disabilities resulted from actions such as live-fire training exercises, tactical exercises and airborne operations, he added. Veterans eligible for the special compensation must have completed at least 20 years of service and have a qualifying combat-related disability as determined by their military department. They must also be currently receiving 60 percent or higher disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs. The application form for this compensation will be available by the end of May on the Defense Manpower Data Center Website <<http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/crsc/>>.





BATTERY "C", 13th FIELD ARTILLERY

First Row (left to right):

Cpls. Sylvester J. Paproski, William B. Ashline, Charles B. Kerbin, Donald O. Cochran, Sgts. Frank D. Smith, Gus M. Tapp, Niel J. Sorenson, Jesse W. Fielder, St. Sgt. William H. Little, Lt. W. G. Stevenson, Capt. David W. Hiester, 1st. Sgt. Leighton McCormick, St. Sgt. Hamlin, Sgt. Beaty, (Ex) Sgt. Waver P. Williams, Sgt. George E. Sumrall, Cpl. Charlton C. Franklin, Sgt. Charles J. Flammini, Cpls. Edward Bell, Edward P. Pritchard.

Second Row:

Pvts. Charles J. Majur, Charles Gregory, Pfc. Joseph A. Verdone, Pvts. Frank W. Walas, Herbert Bassel, Herman C. Wolfenbarger, Ted Mayes, Joseph P. Walton, Everett Forges, Sgt. Arthur Walkowiak, Cpls. Charlie W. Madden, Charles B. Milligan, Pfc. Theodore R. Jester, James A. Johnson, Donald G. Kelly, Joseph J. Deignan, Pvs. Howard E. Caswell, Harry Miller, Sgt. Alfred T. Petraccavage, Pvt. Okey D. Phillips, Pfc. Robert L. Mitchell.

Third Row:

Pfc. Willie L. Boyd, Pvts. Arthur Craft, Harold Krumholz, Nelson B. Birdwell, Patrick J. Mullen, James R. May, Paul F. Buckley, Pfc. Ernest L. Leonard, Joseph A. Lipari, Francis Sager, Leroy Divine, Pvts. John Matteotti, Anthony L.

Koracin, Pfc. Raymond L. Lamere, Ira I. Campbell, Andrew A. Mahan, Pvt. Morgan A. Mosely, Pfc. Frank W. Buck, Wilbur A. McKay, Pvts. Joseph F. I. Chabot, George Phillips.

Fourth Row:

Pfc. Billy L. Bickley, Pvt. John Kozak, Pfc. Walter C. Stancliff, Joseph V. Mielieszko, Cpl. Chester J. Wojcik, Pvts. Robert W. Pleasant, Charles A. Clark, Jr., Pfc. Elmer May, Laurel C. Mitchell, Pvts. Hugh W. Berry, Cornell Weiss, Pfc. Louis A. Fodor, Pvts. Carliss Campbell, Fredrick C. Mazza, Pfc. Richard J. Beatty, Peter Fuller, Pvt. Joseph L. Brennan, Pfc. Anthony L. Mieszkowski, Cpl. William D. Fisher, Pvts. Raymond R. Monette, Henry G. McCloskey, Pfc. Warren H. Funck.

Fifth Row:

Pvts. Norman Katz, Edward W. Markiewicz, Joseph J. Obritski, Salvatore F. Crimachi, Pfc. Albert Ervin, Jr., Pvts. Ernest L. Stricklen, Joseph Scarangella, Joseph V. Kania, Emery L. Ward, Pfc. Floyce R. Fox, Max C. Safreed, Glen M. Sonstebey, Pvt. William R. Cobb, Pfc. Horace B. Meadows, Alfred L. Loftin, Robert L. Welch, Roman E. Ham, Pvt. Joseph A. Bettinger, Cpl. Donald G. McGuigan, Pvt. Herschell W. Davis.

Aug 5, 1941 ☆ REGIMENTAL BASEBALL CHAMPIONS Sent in by Joseph Mielieszko 13th FA

Members of the local Tyler, Texas Pearl Harbor Survivors remembered those fallen comrades with a special prayer and placed a wreath on the tomb for World War II, Korean and Vietnam veterans. The ceremony ended with the playing of "Taps" by Ken Muckleroy, a member of Bugles Across America who said, "Taps is an audible symbol that everyone recognizes; it's like giving an 'Amen' to the life of the departed soldier."

The members of Chapter #8 joined the Naval Reserve veterans for lunch and war stories at Traditions Restaurant. All in all, it was a very special Memorial Day.



Joe Britcher, Frank Dofan, Vic Lively, Robert Elswick, Bud Taylor, Ben Blackmon, John Dillingham, CB Masam, Doggie Hutson and Ray Flowers.



October 1950
Our Battalion, Medical 1st Aid Bn., 6th Tank
was the first in N. Korea Capital, Pyonyang.
—Harold Schierbecker



RED BEACH – LEYTE ISLAND PHILIPPINES
OCTOBER 20, 1944

Photo sent in by Richard F. Lewis 11th FA
Dec. 1941



Donald P. Slatter, 11th FA, sent in a nice story of his life on Dec. 1941, and his trip through the Philippines. I will print parts from it later.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye

Jesse Gonzales, 34th, signed up Charles Rickenback, 34th, in KC. Charlie signed up for the tour to Fort Riley, he missed the bus. A volunteer drove Charlie to catch up with us. Caught us, he got on the bus and we all had a good tour together. Jesse called Charlie April 21, just to talk and learned that a Charles has been receiving the *Taro Leaf*. The problem has been solved. Both will see us in Tucson.

Allen V. Hess, 34th, said that at Leyte's Red Beach the Filipinos would come up to them at night to welcome them. Allen was hit July 4th while on Mindoro. Allen, you have two great reasons to celebrate the 4th of July.

Page 67, Spring '03 issue of *Taro Leaf*: Co. A. was attached to the 3rd Bn. for that operation.

Marvin Van Ess, 6th Tank, says he likes the Association and the *Taro Leaf*. Thanks Marvin, we like hearing that.

Lester Johnson, HQ/21st, has 60 names of K.Co. members he is sending to Wally Kuhner to try recruit. Great job Lester, Go Wally!

CB Mason, 3rd Eng., received a nice donation toward the WWII Division Plaque that's going to represent the 24th ID at the Museum of the War in the Pacific. CB says he needs just \$900 more to have the plaque installed. Every dollar CB has collected will go to the Plaque.

Talk about success for the "Looking For" section of the *Taro Leaf*...John D. Moore 3rd Eng., Korea, 1955, Jan. '51 put in a note and received 6 responses. He is still looking for Sgt. Merriweather, the motor Sgt.

Ray Backlund, 34th WWII 1943-'45, of Sanford, NC heard about us through a Marine friend. He phoned, Minnie and I drove up to Sanford and had lunch with Ray and his wife...They are a wonderful couple. Welcome to both of you to this wonderful Association. Ray will be looking for members from his past.

Dutch, thank you for doing a great job and being there for us. This message from Clarence Mehlhaff 63/13 FA, Korea.

NOTICE—I goofed, I did not put **Walter Bunso's** name on the article, Letter From Home, on page 26, Vol 57 #1 Sorry about that Walter! Editor.

Bill Vickers, 34th WWII, says the *Taro Leaf* has gone to Iraq. Bill uses his 24th sticker on all his mail, he writes to a friend over there and adds the *Taro Leaf* to the envelopes. Good job Bill.

The note below is from a young lady looking for news of her **Great Uncle Joe** who was KIA in Korea 1950. Her request is in the Looking For section. We never wonder why we spend hours and hours putting the *Taro Leaf* together. This is the only reason needed.

Thank you very much...You and Billy are helping my family cope with what happen just by trying to help us find those who knew my Great Uncle Joe while he was in service and in Korea.

Thanks Again.

Lizz and the rest of the Ross Family as well as the Argenziano Family.

Hi Dutch, This donation is in Honor of the passing of **Walter Morrison**. He was one of the first to get hit when we were ambushed, July 4, 1950, 24th MP Co. Korea. Thank you, **Ralph E. Heiser**, 24th MP Co., 19th Inf. Co. C. Thanks Ralph. Walter will be missed by those of us who knew him.

NOTICE-NOTICE-NOTICE: The last issue of the *Taro Leaf* contained a notice concerning a possible reunion of 19th Infantry veterans with members of the current 19th Infantry at Fort Benning, Georgia in May 2003. Based on the requirements of Benning to support the war in Iraq and the possibility of Benning becoming a "closed" base it was determined to cancel the reunion dates in May 2003. The present CO of the unit desires to still hold the event but at a future date. For the individuals that have contacted me concerning attendance I will contact you if the event is rescheduled.

Jim Hill

19th Infantry, 1949-51

Dear Col. Nelsen,

I have been meaning to write and thank you for the warm welcome letter you sent me upon my registration as Associate Life Member of the 24th IDA. Believe me when I say the honor is all mine. I think it is particularly important today that we honor all those presently serving in the armed forces and all those who previously served and sacrificed so much.

As a recipient of the Purple Heart, men like you manifestly deserve our gratitude.

Again, thanks for the warm welcome and I look forward to a life time of honor, history and fellowship.

Regards,

Martin J. Milita, Jr. *Martin's father was in the 19th, WWII as a Platoon Leader and Company Commander, C, 19th.*

Voices from the past, or letters to the *Taro Leaf*, jarred my memory of the year 1951 I served in Korea with the 24th Div. Hqs. PIO. Yes, **Dick Mickelson**, "**Tidy Jim**" is alive and well residing in Pittsburgh, and to **Victor Holloway**, you were a wonderful jeep driver, **Capt. Tufts** made Major and I'm still as "Tidy" as ever. I am delighted to know that both of you are alive and well and I'll include the both of you in my prayers from the top of Mount Washington in Pittsburgh, our home.

Life has been good and the 24th was part of that experience.

Jim Sever, 625 Olympia Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15211

Thanks to Jim Hill for the article below.

It is difficult to believe some of the nomenclature and terms that originate in the Pentagon.

To me, the "queen" of all terms is the following that emerged in a news release from the Pentagon this week: "**DUSTWUN**," (*Duty Status Whereabouts Unknown*).

This applies to some of the men and women that are missing in action in Iraq. What was wrong with "MIA" as it pertains to a person in a combat zone?

Lacy Barnett

Here are my dues and as always, late, but I refuse to give up the *Taro Leaf*. It always has interesting stories and information about buddies. I'm one of the old ones and I hope you always have something in there about WWII. I was a machine gunner in the 24th when McArthur took us back to the Philippines. I participated in battle on five islands and was wounded on Romblon in a battle there. One of the Lts. Put me in for a Silver Star for that battle but the citation was sent back three times to be re-written and the Sgt. who made out the citation got mad and tore it up even though he had a citation in there too. Thank you for reminding me about my dues, I just don't want to miss a *Taro Leaf*. Thank you, **Roy H. Welch**, "C" 19th

Roy wrote the poem that was used for TAPS heading in this issue of Taro Leaf. Our thanks to you Roy.

My manuscript version of *MEMOIRS of a COMBAT INFANTRYMAN* by an Enemy Alien has now been published. All I claim is 100% non-fiction. It may be obtained from the publisher, 1stbooks.com for \$11.50 or from Barnes & Noble etc., for \$14.50.

Eric Diller 34th Inf. WWII

Below is a perfect example of why we need to get those notices in newspapers, military type magazines and Veterans Clubs.

There are those out there who need us as much as we need them. Editor

Just wanted to get my payment in as it is due in March. I enjoy the book very much. It seems strange that I never heard of this until 1991. I happened to meet up with a friend who had the *Taro Leaf* on his cap.

Thank you, Mr. **Harold L. Huffy**, 1328 Apalache Street, Greer, SC 29651.

Enclosed find my check for another year's membership. The *Taro Leaf* is the best magazine I get. You men are doing a great job of keeping the 24th Infantry Division Association up and running. I am proud to have fought with the 24th Division in Leyte. God bless you all. Sincerely, **Lloyd T. Potterson**, 19th WWII

Thanks for your continuing to publish the 24th IDA magazine. That is about all Walter reads, his mind is getting worse, and he fell, fracturing his wrist. He was not a "Happy Camper!" I really enjoy the jokes, I even share them with ladies at our Auxiliary (VFW). Keep up the good work. **Walter and Dorothy**

Enclosed is my check for the year of 2003. I am very proud of the 24th Division and all of our service men and women. I was in Co. E., 34th in Korea 1954-'55 on the DMZ. Looks like they are stirring it up again. I know all of us have our great country in our prayers and thoughts these days. Take care and keep up the good work.

Respectfully yours,

Ted D. Turner 5th RCT. HQ

Dues are for '03. Boy these years are really going fast. Had a few problems in '02. In April had to have my right leg amputated above the knee. Knee was replaced in '98, infected. The aorta valve started to give some trouble in March '02. In order to fix it they had to take the leg off. In April '02 had to be hospitalized 19 they took the leg. Four days later they replaced the valve and I had two by passes. Gone through rehab. No problem with the walker, using cane, four pronged, but they won't let me go alone, somebody has to be with me. Started driving school. Car will be fixed with everything on the steering column. Other than that, Feeling good.

Gimlet **Joseph Marcinko**, HQ 21st Inf. Regt, 1949-50-51

I certainly appreciate all the work that you and others do to carry on the duties required to hold together the 24th Infantry Division Association. Keep it up!! **Charles J. Mesnard** Co. D. 21st Inf. Regt. WWII.

I am a little late in sending in my dues. I have had a bad virus for two months. Anyway, check is enclosed for year 2003. I was drafted into the service February 5, 1943. I was with the 86th Infantry Division in Camp Howzein, North Texas near the Red River and Oklahoma border. E Co. 34th Infantry Regiment. I was a Squad Leader, 3rd Squad, 3rd Platoon. Went overseas as a replacement in May 1944 and in June was assigned to Div. HQ, AG Office of the 24th. At that time we were in Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, before the invasion of Leyte, Philippine Islands. I hope all the Association Officers are O.K. You have one great organization, and, I am very proud to be a member of the 24th Infantry Division Association. The *Taro Leaf* is absolutely the best of all publications. May God bless you and all the members forever. **John T. O'Niell**, T/Sgt, AG Office.

Hey Dutch!! I just wanted to let you know that I received the 24th IDA packet today. Just looking at the history of the 24th has been through brought tears to my eyes. I don't know to say this but I may be the youngest member. I do wish to express my feelings to each and every one of the Veterans from the 24th and all over for the sacrifices we've made to make this "Country Free." I just wish more people felt the same way. All this protesting just makes me sick. Anyways, Thanks again for sending it out so fast. Take care and if you are ever up in Longmont, give me a call!!!
Bobby Nolde

Dutch,

Here's 20 clams for the 24th IDA for the ammo handlers of the 11th FA Bn. I suppose most of them are gone now, booze, cigarettes probably got most of them. The man I replaced got it at Taejon in July of '50. I forgot his name now. I hope all is well with you now. I enjoy reading the *Taro Leaf* a lot. Best wishes.

Frank Skinner, 11th FA 1950-51.

I am offering to write recollections of WW II veterans at no cost. It's a free service to express my thanks for their contributions to our victory. I am also starting to work with the First Infantry Division Museum, and I expect to start doing some other interviews this week. I have written two other recollections for veterans.

Please let me know the names and phone numbers of veterans who would appreciate this service, and I will contact them directly. If you have some other method you

want to use to get the word out to vets, let me know and I will cooperate with you. You can call me at the following numbers or reply to this e-mail.

Sincerely, **Rich O'Hara**, (630) 548-1980 (daytime)
(630) 852-4412 (evenings and weekends) Email:
3LuckyPeople@email.msn.com

I neglected to tell you in my original letter that I was with the 3rd after arriving in Korea on the waterpoints. When we returned to Korea from Japan late in 1954 I was attached to the 24th ID, 3rd Eng, Combat Bn. and remained with the 24th the rest of my time in Korea (until April 1955) I am enclosing a photo. Donald would like to hear from anyone from that time period. **Donald E. Putnam**, PO Box 96, Great Barrington, MA 01230-0096, ph. 413-274-3736



Dear Dutch, Please find enclosed a check in the amount of \$45.00 for 2001, 2002 & 2003 dues. Also find enclosed a check in the amount of \$5.00 to go toward the "Postage Account." Sorry about the oversight on my dues. Your talk at the 34th Regiment Breakfast was very impressive. Sincerely, **Henry L. Poth**, AT Co. 34th, 1945-46

Billy, I got a check from **J. Smith Baldwin** and his wife for \$100.00. He sent it to Dutch and he sent it on to me. We need \$900.00 more.

Thanks, John and Rosalie, for your generous donation. C.B.'s address is: C.B. Mason, 842 Oak Street, E. Tawawsoni, TX 75472-7181.

C.B. is taking donations to dedicate a plaque with Taro Leaf to the Admiral Nimitz Museum of the Pacific War in Fredricksburg, TX. ♥

I Am Not Forgotten

*I have walked these Hills before, crossed these Rivers
I have passed through these fields, heavy with the odor of growth
My Presence is here...and elsewhere
In the pages of a letter, yellow with age
At the edge of a photograph, on a torn dance program
I am love begotten
I am not forgotten*

*I am here with the hearts of those who were with me
On New Guinea and Leyte, Mindanao, at Luzon and Corregidor,
On the Perimeter at Pusan, at The Reservoir and The River
And in the hearts of those who waited...
In their thoughts I walk again
And I wait at the curb in my car on a warm summer evening
And the sound of crickets, of passing automobiles
And the muted songs of the city are near.
I am a tear in the eyes of mothers, sisters,
fathers, Brothers, wives, friends, lovers...
I am by love begotten
I am not forgotten...*

*I am black, white, Jewish, Gentile, red, and yellow
I speak English, Hebrew, Korean, Chinese, Gaelic, German, Spanish
I am known in many countries and by many people...
I have heard the rush of summer seas and the fist of thunder...
I have known a distant star on a cold December night...
And I have known the love of a friend who would die for me, I for him...
I am by love begotten
I am not forgotten.*

*—Richard Kirk
Lt. Col. United States Army*

A Tribute to our Glorious Beginning, our Founding Fathers and to the Old Soldiers who were there at the beginning

The United States Army first garrisoned troops in Hawaii in 1898 when an infantry regiment and an engineer battalion established Camp McKinley. The garrison grew, and in 1910, the different posts on the Islands were consolidated into the District of Hawaii under the Military Department of California.

He was the military life edging slowly and imperceptibly into these heavenly islands.

The Hawaiian Department was the next imposing title given to the collection of island military units. This was in 1933 and it meant only one thing—on the organization charts, a chain of command from the Army Chief of Staff in Washington directly to the Hawaiian Department. Here was an “empire” unto itself. It represented the supreme authority of all army activities in the islands.

And that entity they called the Hawaiian Division. What was it?

Why, it was the “Pineapple Army”—activated at Schofield Barracks on February 25, 1921. Schofield, the largest army garrison in the U.S. Army

That Pineapple Division was in due time to become the parent of bouncing twins—the 24th and 25th Infantry Divisions.

Schofield—under the blows of the steady Hawaiian sun—the quadrangles—the screaming whiteness of the barracks—and behind the barracks, rising slowly, the red and green striping that was the mathematical fields of pineapples with the always present bent figures toiling over them—then the foothills, rolling higher, in that juicy green that has never starved for water—and then, fulfilling the rising promise, the black peaks of the Waianae Range broken only by the deep V of Kolekole Pass. ♥

William V. Davidson (Div HQ)
Swedesboro, NJ



Quartermaster 24 IDA

Supply Price List

Control #	Item	Description	Price Ea	Control #	Item	Description	Price Ea
1	24 ID Colored Patch		\$3.00	41	19th Lapel Pin		\$5.00
2	24 IDA Colored Patch		5.00	42	24 ID License Plate		4.00
3	24 ID Black Cap w/Patch		10.00	43	Desert Storm Cap-Black		12.00
4	24 ID White Cap w/Patch	First to Fight	10.00	44	Desert Storm Hat Pin		3.00
5	24 ID Window Sticker	2" x 3"	2.00	45	WWII Veteran's Cap	Black w/CIB	12.00
6	24 ID Decal	4"	3.00	46	Korean War Veteran's Cap	Black w/CIB	12.00
7	Bolo Tie w/TL Gold		15.00	47	Bumper Sticker-CIB		3.00
	W/Gold or Black Chain			48	Bumper Sticker-		3.00
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	Silver w/Black Chain			49	6th Tank Bn Cloth Patch	Cloth Patch	3.00
9	Belt Buckle w/TL		15.00	50	Purple Heart Medal	HP-754	3.00
	Gold or Silver Belt Buckle			51	Bronze Star Medal	HP-926	3.00
10	29th Inf Cloth Patch (Color)		5.00	52	Good Conduct Medal	HP-927	3.00
11	24 Sig Bn Unit Crest		5.00	53	Korean Service Medal	HP-929	3.00
12	19th Inf Crest		5.00	54	Natl Defense Service Medal	HP-957	3.00
	Current Issue \$10 Pr			55	Victory Medal	HP-958	3.00
13	21st Inf Crest		5.00	56	Silver Star Medal	HP-959	3.00
	Current Issue \$10 Pr			57	ETO Campaign Medal	HP-962	3.00
14	34th Inf Crest		5.00	58	DFC	HP-965	3.00
	Current Issue \$10 Pr			59	Korean 8000 Missing	HP-115	3.00
15	11th FA Crest	\$10 pr	5.00	60	CMB 1st Award	HP-569	3.00
16	13th FA Crest	\$10 pr	5.00	61	US Flag Clutch Back	HP(V-37)	3.00
17	19th Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	62	24th Medical Bn Crest		10.00
18	21st Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	63	Pacific Campaign Medal	HP-963	3.00
19	34th Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	64	American Campaign Medal	HP-964	3.00
20	11th FA Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	65	Army of Occupation Medal	HP-051	3.00
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24	34th Inf Lapel Pin		5.00	69	Korean Service Ribbon	HP-099	3.00
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	Mini DRESS MESS			73	American Defense Medal	HP	3.00
27	CIB Lapel Pin		5.00	74	Vietnam Service Medal	HP	3.00
28	19th Cap Dark Blue/Crest		10.00	75	24 ID Hatpin		3.00
29	21st Cap White/Embroid/Crest		12.00	76	24 ID Tie-Regular		20.00
30	21st Cap Dark Blue		12.00	77	24 ID Flag, 3x5 Screen Print	Outdoor Flag	45.00
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31	34th Cap Dark Blue w/Crest		10.00	79	Army Commendation Medal	HP	3.00
32	24 IDA Cap Dark Blue w/Patch		10.00	80	Soldiers Medal	HP	3.00
33	Cap w/TL, Red or White GERMANY		12.00	81	POW Medal	HP	3.00
34	24 IDA Red or White Caps		10.00	82	Armed Forces Reserve Medal	HP	3.00
35	24 IDA Green Cap (Patch)		10.00	83	1" Decal 24 ID		0.10
36	24 ID White Mesh Cap		10.00		Sell 12 for \$1.00		
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38	14th Engr Crest		5.00	85	World War II Tapes (Starts Australia)		15.00
39	5th RCT Pocket Patch		5.00	86	24 ID Forward History Book	Korea	50.00
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The following are proposed amendments to the Constitution of the 24th Infantry Division Association as pertains to separating the position of Editor from that of the Secretary-Treasurer, and changing the number of Executive Members who must be present to make a quorum.

ARTICLE II CONSTITUTION

- Section 1. As reads: The Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer-Editor.
Is amended to read: The Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer.
- Section 2. As reads: The Association shall be governed by the Executive Committee, which shall consist of the President, all living Past Presidents and the Secretary-Treasurer-Editor, each of whom shall have one vote.
Is amended to read: The Association shall be governed by the Executive committee which shall consist of the President, the Vice-President, all living Past Presidents and the Secretary-Treasurer, each of whom shall have one vote.
- Section 3. As reads: The term of the President, Vice-President and of the Secretary-Treasurer-Editor shall be one year or until their successors have been elected and have taken office.
Is amended to read: The term of the President, Vice-President and the Secretary-Treasurer shall be one year or until their successors have been elected and have taken office.
- Section 6. **Is added to read: The Executive Committee will appoint the Editor.**

ARTICLE I BY-LAWS

- Section 2. As reads: Twelve (12) of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting.
Is amended to read: Six (6) members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any official meeting.
- Section 3.a. As reads: The Secretary-Treasurer-Editor shall administer the affairs of the Association, implementing the policies of the Executive Committee, and be responsible for the development and maintenance of membership.
Is amended to read: The Secretary-Treasurer shall administer the affairs of the Association, implementing the policies of the Executive Committee, and be responsible for the development and maintenance of the membership.
- Section 3.h. **Delete entire sub-section h.**
- Section 3.i. **Amended to read section 3.h.**

Gentlemen,

Above are proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws.

These changes are needed to separate the Editor from Secretary-Treasurer and to make the *Taro Leaf* Editor responsible to the Executive Committee.

Because we seldom have the twelve (12) members present at the Executive Meeting, we need to change the quorum to be six (6).

Official Ballot

ARTICLE II CONSTITUTION

- I approve ☐ I disapprove ☐ of the change in section 1.
 I approve ☐ I disapprove ☐ of the change in section 2.
 I approve ☐ I disapprove ☐ of the change in section 3.
 I approve ☐ I disapprove ☐ of the change in section 6.

ARTICLE I BY-LAWS

- I approve ☐ I disapprove ☐ of the change in section 2.
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 I approve ☐ I disapprove ☐ of the change in section 3.i.

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New Guinea

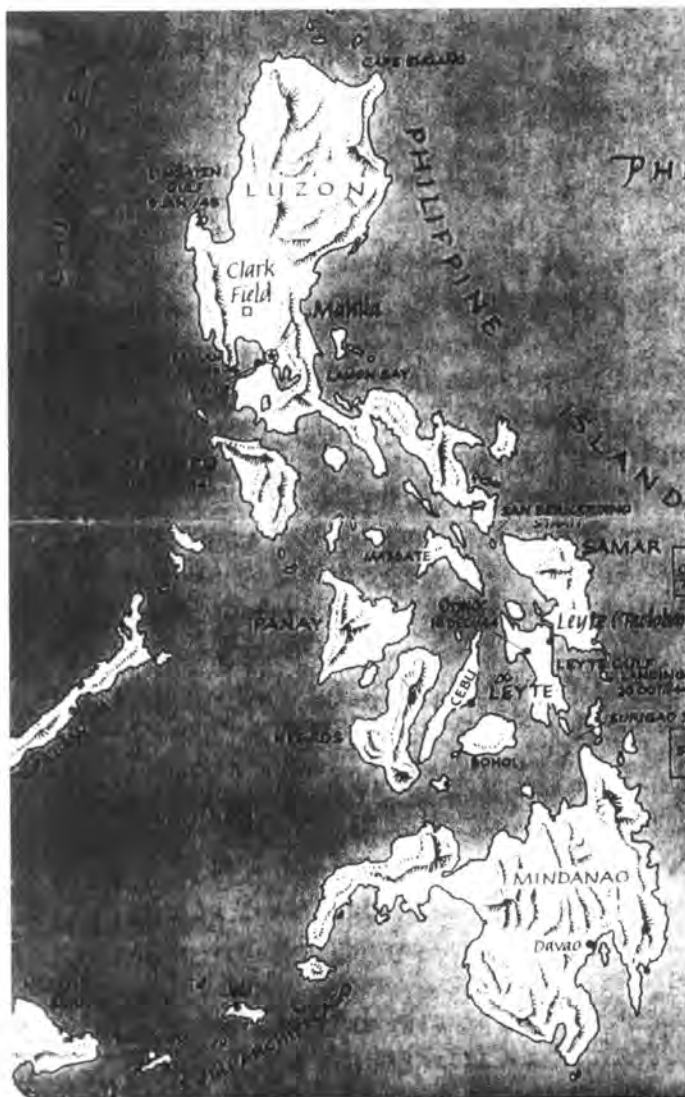
Goodenough

Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941

KIA 1353

WIA 4871

The Battle Road
To
Victory!



This is the proposed design for the 20x20 plaque that is going in The Admiral Nimitz Museum and the National Museum of the Pacific War. Plaques are solid metal, photo-chemically etched and anodized with a dark bronze background and silver text and detail.

Now: Tell me if I missed an important battle site that should be on the plaque.

C.B. Mason, 3rd Engineers, WWII still needs nine hundred dollars (\$900) to complete payment on the twenty-five hundred dollar (\$2500) price of the plaque.

The 24th Infantry fought this war and should have a major symbol to show We Were There. The Museum displays plaques of the Navy, Marine Corps and a few Army units have plaques there. The Army won that war with the help of the Navy and Marines. The 24th Infantry was the major Division in that war. We should be represented there. Send C.B. ten dollars (\$10) or more. If he receives more than needed for the plaque, he will forward it to Dutch in memory of the Brothers we lost, KIA 1353, WIA 4871. — Billy

Armor



"How else are we going to pay for the war?"



Tank Mechanics pose after a company inspection. Yang-gu, Korea, Spring 1954. Tank Co. 21st Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. Standing: Jessup (NC), Unknown, Unknown, Papheuroth (Lebanon, PA), Unknown, Paul Hartin (Co. Jeep Driver) (Indiana), John Shank (Turret Mechanic) (Arizona). Kneeling: Earl Ehrent (RFD) (Corning, AK), Ehrlick (Had just made Corporal!) Photo Submitted by John K. Shank

The Real Problem With Guns: Idiot Owners

Some recent accidental self-shootings: Jason Gins, 19, Baton Rouge, La., January, in the genitals (gun stuffed in waistband during getaway from robbery); Michael Bent, 30, New York City, September, hit an artery near the groin (fatal) (fooling with gun in car while talking to his girlfriend); Randal Lewis, 40, near St. Louis, September, in the head (fatal) (while demonstrating to 12-year-old son how to unload gun); Robert E. Slay Jr., 55, Gonzalez, La., October, leg (trying on pants at an outlet store); Dr. Steve Kyplesky, 57, Raceland, La., hand (fumbling with gun in his truck's glove compartment); Dale B. Grimmett, 41, Ione, Wash., shoulder (pointed rifle at himself while cleaning it); 15-year-old high school student, Detroit, December, leg (bent over to pick up pencil in class).

Something Else to Worry About

In December, Robert John Cusack, 45, was sentenced to 57 days in jail for a June smuggling caper on a flight to Los Angeles. He had four endangered songbirds and 50 illegal orchids in his luggage, and when one bird flew off down an airport corridor during an inspection, the agent asked if Cusack had anything else. "Yes," he said. "I've got monkeys in my pants" (actually, two endangered pygmy monkeys from Thailand, which Cusack dug down for and handed over).

Unclear on the Concept

Boston City Councilman Felix Arroyo, who opposes war in Iraq, announced in January that he was going on a hunger strike to protest U.S. policy. Arroyo said he would begin a liquid-only regimen, but then limited that to daylight hours (thus allowing himself dinner and, theoretically, breakfast), and later qualified that to mean that he would only adhere to this hardship diet on the second and fourth Fridays of each month.



第二堅固島

襲強海軍イワハ



島根県松江市大森町大森

小磯良平

Also, in the Last Month

A Maryland state auditing office found, based on examining cell phone usage of 74 state employees, that the state could have saved \$130,000 last year if the 74 had switched to a higher-minutes call plan. And Daniel Torres was convicted of killing a man (and his pet cockatoo) after prosecutors showed that Torres' DNA was found in the cockatoo's beak because the bird had pecked Torres furiously to defend itself (Dallas). And a highly lauded Vermont sex-crime investigation unit, staggered by government budget cuts, announced it would turn to raffle tickets and bake sales to keep the office going (St. Albans, Vt.).

Japanese post cards, above & left, submitted by Donald F. Darke

5th Regimental Combat Team

C. A. (Bud) Collette
50y E. Timber Drive
Payson, AZ 85541-4077

April 3, 2003

LTC Dutch Nelsen
Sect. Tres. Editor
24th. Inf. Div. Assoc.
812 Orion Dr.
Colorado Springs, CO 80506-1152



Dear LTC Dutch:

I just received my "Taro Leaf" Vol. 57, No. 1, Winter 2003. I found an error on page 68 that I think should be corrected.

The bottom of that page it said, "Korea, the War that never was." The error is in the number who died in Korea during the War. The correct number who were K.I.A. was 33,667. Other death non-combat was 3,240. Died while held as P.O.W.'s 2,701. Making a total death count for the three years and one month of the Korean War to 36,916. It is possible that the 2,701 who died while held as P.O.W.'s were added in the K.I.A. count. So that would make the total K.I.A. to 33,667. It was due to a clerical error when counting all world wide U.S. Service Military people who died during the same three years and one month that the 54,246 number came from. I hope this correct number can be in our next issue of the Taro Leaf.

Dutch, you do a great job for our 24th. Inf. Div. Assoc., and the Taro Leaf is the greatest. Please keep up your good work.

Yours in Patriotism,

C.A. (Bud) Collette
Former M/Sgt. & 1st. Sgt. Infantry

1950 K O R E A 1953

The Forgotten War

The Korean War, June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953. Battle dead 33,667, other death 3,249. Total dead 36,916. Wounded 103, 284. Total Casualties 140,200. Number served 5,764,143. M.I.A. 8,177. The possibility of being killed in combat in Korea was 1 in 9. WW-2, 1 in 12. Vietnam, 1 in 16. We had the worst odds.

19th Infantry Regiment

I thought I would send you some of my bad memories of things I would like to forget and not remember I've seen; things I couldn't believe and done some things I wouldn't dream of doing.

Edward G. Bouzan
E Co., 3rd Batt, 19th of the 24th



Korea end of October 1951 - E Co, 19th Reg. Ray Salyers (IL), Curley Lewis (IL), Whitey Barnette (MS), & Duane Fitch (CA); kneeling Tom Thiel (OH) and Jeffers (MN)



Easy Company, 19th Infantry, September 1951
Bob Wilson (MI) and Tom Thiel (OH)



Easy Company, 19th Infantry, May 1951. Georgeus Meyers, Bob Wilson (MI), Hawkshaw McConnell (NY)



Korea May 1951 - E Co. 19th Reg. Tom Thiel (OH), Junior Goughisha (LA), Hawkshaw McConnell (NY), Bill Valletta (CT), and Kelly (NY)

The William Allen Scholarship

May 1, 2003—Former Prisoner of War Korea, William Allen, and his wife Helen attended the Awards Ceremony at the local high school in St. Petersburg, FL, to present Alicia Poole a check for the amount of \$1,000 for the winning essay in the scholarship given from the sale of Bill's book, *My Old Box of Memories*. This scholarship is in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War.

The scholarship was started in 2000 and would have finished in July 2003. Because of the interest in the book he has decided to extend the award for two more years. Writing the book served two purposes. The first is it tells the story on a personal account of early stages of the war. The second reason was it enabled Bill to raise the funds to award students with the scholarships. He is now compiling information for the history of Charlie Company, 19th Inv Regt. From the day it arrived in Korea until it returned to Japan. Former members who are interested can contact Bill at wallen2@tampabay.rr.com.



Chinese Propaganda



Mr. Moneybags is in Florida this Christmas.



Where are you? In Korea!

You risk your life, Big Business rakes in the dough.

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Sent in by Edward G. Bouzon E-19th

Colin Powell on American Power

Colin Powell's address to the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland on January 26, 2003. The speech was a reiteration and defense of the U.S. government's position that military force against Saddam Hussein, whether unilateral or by coalition, would not only be justified but necessary if the disarmament of Iraq could not be quickly achieved by other means.

In a question-and-answer session afterwards, the secretary of state was asked by former Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey if he felt the U.S. and its allies had given due consideration to the use of "soft power"—the promulgation of basic moral and democratic values as a means of achieving progress towards a peaceful world—versus the "hard power" of military force.

Here, in part, is how Colin Powell actually responded to Carey's question:

There is nothing in American experience or in American political life or in our culture that suggests we want to use hard power. But what we have found over the decades is that unless you do have hard power—and here I think you're referring to military power—then sometimes you are faced with situations

that you can't deal with.

I mean, it was not soft power that freed Europe. It was hard power. And what followed immediately after hard power? Did the United States ask for dominion over a single nation in Europe? No. Soft power came in the Marshall Plan. Soft power came with American GIs who put their weapons down once the war was over and helped all those nations rebuild. We did the same thing in Japan.

So our record of living our values and letting our values be an inspiration to others I think is clear. And I don't think I have anything to be ashamed of or apologize for with respect to what America has done for the world. [Applause.]

We have gone forth from our shores repeatedly over the last hundred years and we've done this as recently as the last year in Afghanistan and put wonderful young men and women at risk, many of whom have lost their lives, and we have asked for nothing except enough ground to bury them in, and otherwise we have returned home to seek our own, you know, to seek our own lives in peace, to live our own lives in peace. But there comes a time when soft power or talking with evil will not work where, unfortunately, hard power is the only thing that works.

Dear Billy:

At your suggestion I joined the 24th Infantry Division Association.

I received my first magazine in November. You guys are doing a good job in printing it.

I was with the 24th Div in Hollandia, New Guinea, in 1944. But I was in the Navy. I was with the Div. again in Leyte. I was still in the Navy.

I finally joined the 24th Div. in Aug 1950 in Korea. I was in M Co 19th Reg, 24th Div. I was a section sgt in the recoilless rifle platoon.

We ran up and down Korea two or three times before I came back to the States in Aug 1951. I got out of the Army in 1952. I got out because I had been at one time listed as Missing in Action and Killed in Action. My new wife didn't want me to go to Germany without her.

Bill, I am sending you some pictures I have had over fifty years. Maybe some members will see someone they know. I would like to hear from any of these guys.

L.A. Wright
14528 Wiley St.
San Leandro, CA 94579-1151



John J. Tabor, D/19th, Korea. This Cajun is going to join us in Tucson for his first reunion, so make sure he gets a great welcome. Says John, "I've been told I'm the most decorated from Louisiana."

Beetle Bailey



By Mort Walker



I am looking for anyone who might have information about or who knew my uncle, Rolland Landwehr. He was killed in action in Korea on October 20, 1951. I am told that he was in A Co. 19th Inf Reg, 24th Inf Div. I recently posted a request for information on-line with the Korean War Project, and received an e-mail suggesting I might have more luck in my endeavor by contacting you and your newsletter directly.

My uncle was from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and was one of several men from this area who died on that day. I really know nothing about him other than my mother tells me he was a corporal at the time of his death, and that he received two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star during his time of service.

My uncle died long before my own birth, while my mother was still a young girl. Yet, I have grown up with the stories of what he was like as a youth. I am greatly interested in finding out more about the soldier he became, to help my mother close a very painful chapter in her life. I can be reached at my e-mail address: MCBurton@charter.net, or by mail as follows. I thank you so much for any help you can provide in this search.

Mary King
214 Schoolcraft Ave.
Manistique, MI 49854



If You Want to Know About Mosquitoes

- Use Bounce fabric softener sheets. They even work in Louisiana. Just wipe on and go. Particularly great for babies.
- Bob, a fisherman, takes one 100 mg vitamin B-1 tablet a day April through October. He said it works and hasn't had a mosquito bite in 33 years. He says those who try it agree that it works.
- If you eat bananas, the mosquitoes like you. There's something about banana oil as the body processes it. Skip bananas for the summer and mosquitoes will find you less attractive.
- Try Vicks' Vaporub as an insect repellent.
- Bugs don't like marigolds. Plant some around the yard and even in the garden to cut down on the pests without using insecticides.
- Some Marines say the best mosquito repellent is Avon Skin-So-Soft bath oil mixed half and half with alcohol.
- Pure vanilla, the clear kind, is a good insect repellent. Vanilla extract just isn't the same.



2 April 2003

Greetings Friends,

I am sending a photo taken at Camp Crouch in Yamaguchi Japan in 1950 before we shipped out for Korea 7/2/1950.

We were in the 24th Recon. Co.—24th Infantry Division. We called this picture the magnificent seven.

I have not been in touch with any of these men for 50 years. Then I joined the 24th Infantry Division Association. Much to my surprise I was reunited with my best friend Robert Cadena. We talked on the phone and exchanged letters.

In Sept. of 2000 we met again in Kentucky at the reunion and spent several days together. I cherish those days as Robert has since passed away.

Thanks to the 24th Division Association and the Taro Leaf I was able to make a long search for a dear friend a reality. I thank you.

I am enclosing a check in memory of my friend Robert Cadena.

Best regards,
Horace McMaster, Sr.

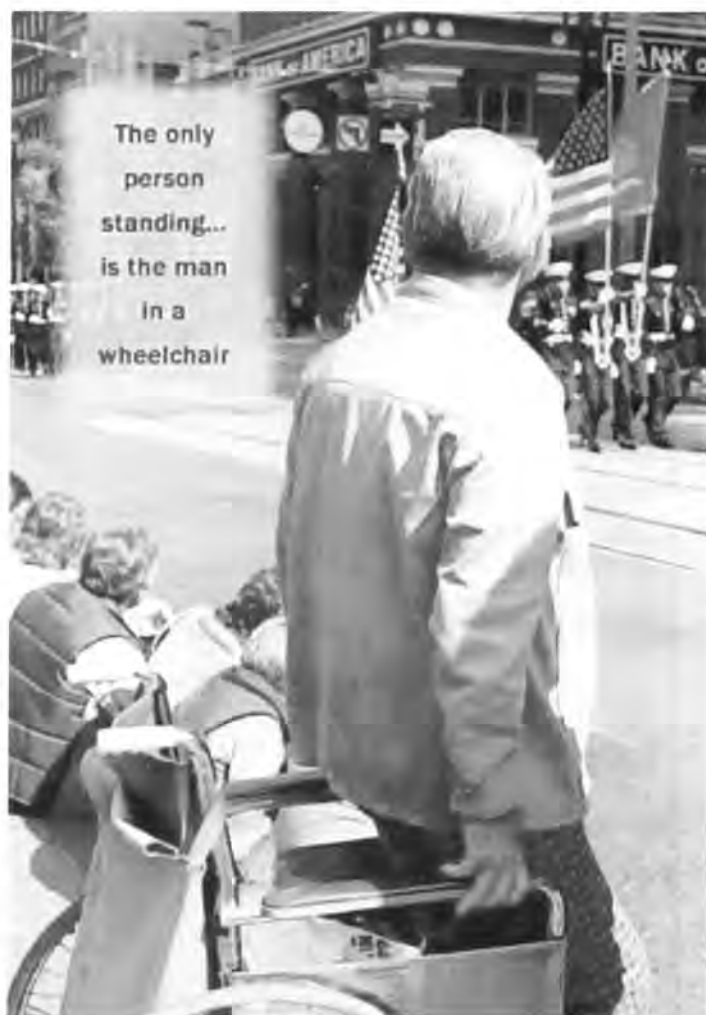


"Blue six, Blue six, this is K Company bringing in a North Korean PW."



Front Row: Horace (Mac) McMaster (Creamery PA), James (Knobby) Walsh (Brooklyn, NY), Gerard Paterno, Jr. (New York, NY). Back Row: Vic Miller, Jr. (Chicago IL), Bernie Symczak (Charlton MA), Robert Cadena (San Antonio, TX), David Mumpher (Fostoria, OH)

"A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words!"



"Soldiers Like Him"

Although his hair was graying and his legs weren't strong,
 His heart was powerfully full of Patriotic song.
 He had pride for his country,
 the same one for which he'd fought,
 Laying down his life, so Freedom could be sought.
 When others began to stare, it changed his mind none,
 For he had earned the right; he had carried the soldier's gun.
 With his shakey right hand, he applied it to his chest,
 Stood as straight as he was able,
 his pride for Nation was above the rest.
 He had crawled through the mud, on his belly so cold,
 To protect Old Glory, while she flew so bold.
 Each star and each stripe, waved forever in his mind,
 And his wheelchair carried the results,
 of a long ago land mine.
 But he mustered the strength,
 from a place the others would never understand.
 For he still traveled with the nightmares,
 of the Iwo Jima sands.
 While the others remained seated,
 it was he that was in awe,
 For he knew if it wasn't for soldier's like him,
 this Nation would surely fall.

—Lisa Hilbers

Saddam Hussein and his chauffeur were rolling down the highway when suddenly they hit a pig crossing the road. They killed it instantly. Saddam tells his driver, "Go to da farm over dere and hexplain to da honer of da pig what appened."

One hour later, Saddam sees his driver coming back from the farm, his clothes all wrinkled, a bottle of wine in one hand and a cigar in the other. "What appen to you?" he asks. "Well, the farmer gave me a bottle of wine, his wife, the cigar and their 19-year-old daughter made wild passionate love to me." "My God! What did you tell dem?" asked President Hussein. The driver answered, "Good evening, I am Saddam Hussein's chauffeur and I have just killed the pig."



Kenneth, Pete & Peter Arroyo

Kenneth, on the left, is a SSG serving in Iraq with the 404th CA BN. He served with the 24th in Saudi, and is a Life Member of the 24th IDA. Pete, center, Korea 19th Inf., is a retired US Army Special Forces CSM. Peter, right, is an SFC with the 82nd Airborne now serving in Afghanistan.

Photo shown above: On December 7, 2002 (Pearl Harbor Day) a ceremony was held at the Naval Inventory Control Point in Phila., Pa., paying homage and tribute to the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association of the Liberty Bell Phila., Chapter No. 1. John F. Street, Mayor of Phila., awarded the Survivors a replica of the Liberty Bell with Survivors names engraved on the plate. City Council honored the Survivors with a Citation, a photo of Independence Hall and notation of what took place during the attack on the morning of December 7, 1941.

It is to be noted that Alexander Horanzy, 3rd term Pres. of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Liberty Bell Phila., Chapter No. 1 and Taro Leaf Member, along with Mr. Wm. Eves, Chairman, Phila., Compound Veterans Committee, were instrumental in getting the City awards for the Survivors. Some of the recipients are Taro Leaf members of the 24th Infantry Division:

Alexander Horanzy, 19th Infantry (Pres. Phila. Chapter No. 1 P.H.S.A.); Ralph Carter, 19th Infantry; James Aeckerle, 19th Infantry; John Joniec, 19th Infantry; James Barnes, 21st Infantry; Paul Moyer, 21st Infantry (Pa. State Chairman P.H.S.A.); Richard Regler, 13th Field Artillery; and, George Frazier, 63rd Field Artillery. ♥

Below: Certificate of appreciation and book being presented to officers of the West Perry Student Senate and West Perry History Club by representatives of the 24th Infantry Division Association in recognition of West Perry's Korean War monument. Three of the thirteen Perry Countians named on the monument served in the 24th Division.



Left to right: Student Senate President Heather Graham; Treasurer Jesse Young; Vice-President Kara Martin; Secretary Alex Stewart; Leslie Blouin, 24th Division Korean War veteran; Charles Longwell, West Perry High School Assistant Principal; William Hosler, 24th Division Korean War veteran. Officers of the West Perry History Club: Treasurer Ezra Schatz; Secretary Erica Metz; Vice-President John Wheatley; and President Denise Mellinger.

Do you remember...

Being sent to the drugstore to test vacuum tubes for the TV.

When Kool-Aid was the only drink for kids, other than milk and sodas.

When it took five minutes for the TV to warm up.

When nearly everyone's mom was at home when the kids got there.

When laundry detergent had free glasses, dishes or towels hidden inside the box.

When nobody owned a purebred dog.

When a quarter was a decent allowance, and another quarter a huge bonus.

When you got your windshield cleaned, oil checked, and gas pumped, without asking—for free every time and you didn't pay for air. And you got trading stamps to boot!

Taro Leaf Taps

Soldier

*Why do I cry when a Soldier dies? He's one of ours and I realize
He gave his heart and he gave his life. He left his family, and sometimes a Wife.
He saw things rough when rough was bad, and he left sweet memories to Mom and Dad.
He didn't fail when duty was calling, and his young heart ached to see his buddies falling.
But he gave it all for Country and friends, and on men like him, our Country depends.
He'll answer "Here" when roll call sounds, and he'll see the Angel when he makes his rounds.*

— Roy H. Welch

21st

Robert E. Davis
Wayne S. Davis
Francis E. Haugh
Clinton C. Hayes
Tom F. Maloney
Lloyd J. Manning
Roy R. Powers
Frank C. Shaw
John R. Williams
Masaru R. Yoshioka

19th

Jack M. Anderson
Richard E. Cupps
Richard J. Diamond
Pablo F. Gonzales
William M. Maloney
Kermit H. McGill
John W. Moller
Allen W. Murris
John P. Rooney
Glen E. Simmons
Jerome A. Von Mohr Sr.
W. Clarence Sisley
Boyd Wells, Jr.
Willard P. Willis

34th

Charles J. Flanagan
James R. Fonner
William W. Hartman
Robert L. Hendrix
John R. Laird
William T. Livingston
George E. Neville
Donald C. Steele

5th RCT

James E. Garner
Earl R. Hobnet
"Red" Knause

24th MP

Walter Morrison Jr.
Louis P. Hehl

6th Tank

Eugene L. Daugherty
John R. Sanders
Mike Scott

24th Rec.

Richard R. Glen

24th Sig.

Frank L. Smolinsky

24th Med.

Robert L. Phillips

24th QM

Edward F. Johnson

11th FA

John E. Beier
Howard H. Feather
Douglas W. Spray

13th FA

Richard P. Stebbing

52nd FA

Robert J. Beaver

63rd FA

Joseph H. Spellman
Vann G. Todd

24th Unit Unknown

Joseph P. McCrudden Sr.

Taro Leaf Taps

21st Infantry

Robert E. Davis

Robert passed away August 27, 2002.

Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Patricia Davis, 8735 E. 150 St., Knox, IN 46534.

Wayne S. Davis

Wayne passed away March 29, 2003.

He served with the 21st Infantry in Korea in 1952.

Francis E. Haugh

Francis passed away October 24, 2002.

Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Martha Haugh, 312 Harrison Avenue, Waynesboro, PA 17268.

Clinton C. Hayes

Clinton Passed away at his home on April 5, 2003.

Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Frances Hayes, 116 Flintlock Drive, Colonial Heights, VA 23834-1627.

Tom F. Maloney

Tom passed away in February 2003.

Cards may be sent to: The Maloney Family, 2701 Green Bay Way, Sacramento, CA 95726-2245.

Lloyd J. "Sonny" Manning

Lloyd was born 12-15-28 in Atkina, NE. He passed away 3-3-03 in Portland, Oregon. Lloyd went over with Task Force Smith and served in the Heavy MTR. Company while with the 21st.

Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Manning and Family, 6906 Clatsop Street, Portland, OR 97206-9470.

Roy Powers

Roy died November 27, 2002. He served with Love Co. 21st Regt. from October 1950 to March 1951. Roy lost a leg in a "Friendly Fire" incident. He did not receive a Purple Heart until much later because his MOS was not changed to Infantry due to a mix up in paper work. Roy finally received his CIB at the 2001 Reunion of L. Co.

Cards may be sent to: W 4298 County K, Montello, WI, 53949-0227

Frank C. Shaw

Frank joined the Army in 1942. He was credited with saving fellow troops lives and securing a stronghold in November 1944, and was awarded a Purple Heart and Bronze Star. Frank was discharged September 20, 1945.

Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Ester Shaw, 1761 Sunningdale Road, Mutual 14,50F, Seal Beach, CA 90740

John R. Williams

John Williams has passed away.

Cards may be sent to: 106 West 14th Street, Kansas City, KS 66210-2519.

Masaru R. Yoshioka

Masaru passed away in August 2002. He served in the 21st in WWII. He was a Life Member from Oakland, CA.

19th Infantry

Jack M. Anderson

Jack died on his 80th Birthday, October 26, 2002.

Cards may be sent to: 402 E. 18th Street, Kannapolis, NC 28083-2660

Richard E. Cupps

Richard died April 16, 2003, in Pleasantview, PSA. He served with the 19th Infantry in Leyte and Mindanao and on occupation duty in Japan. In Japan, he was Captain of the US Armed Forces baseball team that toured doing Public Relations. Prior to WWII, he was a semipro baseball player.

Richard J. Diamond

Richard has recently passed away.

Cards may be sent to: 552 Country Club Road, Washington, PA 15301.

Pablo F. "Lightning" Gonzales

Known as Lightning for his sprints under heavy fire to rescue other American Soldiers. He did it twice—on Leyte and on Luzon. He was awarded a Silver Star for gallantry in action. Lightning died in January 2003 leaving his wife of 36 years, 5 children, 20 Grandchildren and 14 Great-Grandchildren. No Address available.

William M. Maloney

William Maloney has passed away.

Cards may be sent to: 26 Clinton Street, Galetton, PA 16922-1410.

Kermit H. McGill

Kermit's Son Kevin M. McGill has sent word that his Father passed away March 23, 2003. Kermit served with G. Company, 4th Platoon.

There is no mailing address available. Email can be sent to: lgilly@tds.net

John W. Moller

Passed away December 30, 2001. John served with HQ 19th from 1942-1945.

Cards may be sent to: 13 Oak Shore Drive, Bayville, NY 11709-1206.

Taro Leaf Taps

Allen W. Murris

Passed away 20 March 1998. He served in the 34th and 21st in Korea. Cards may be sent to: 6920 Shay Ridge Rd., New Matamoras, OH 45767-6262.

John P. Rooney

John passed away May 6, 2002.
Cards may be sent to Mrs. Frances Rooney, 120 Arcadia Drive, Terre Haute, IN 47803-1702

Glen E. Simmons

Glen died September 14, 2000
Cards may be sent to: 430 Sandlewood Drive, Waterloo, IL 62298-1660

Jerome Von Mohr Sr.

Jerome has passed away.
Cards may be sent to: 2180 Crosley Court, Miamisburg, OH 45432-6432

W. Clarence Sisley

Clarence passed away January 16, 2002
Cards may be sent to: 2509 W. Calle Tonalá, Tucson, AZ 85745-2506

Boyd Wells, Jr.

Boyd Wells has passed. We believe it was in the 1990s. He served with Company A, 19th in Japan and Korea from 1950 to 1951.

Willard P. Willis

William passed away October 22, 2001
Cards may be sent to: PO Box 2005, Beaufort, NC 28516-5005

34th Infantry

Charles J. Flanagan

Charles passed away November 27, 2002. Charles always remembered his 34th Buddies. After his time in service during WWII Charlie became a Firefighter. The Spring 2002 Taro Leaf was kept out for all to see, the cover, The Passing of the Flag was special to him as it represented his life from one step to another. Serving his country was his life's work. Cards may be sent to: The Flanagan Family, 19 O'Connell Road, Holyoke, MA 01040

James R. Fonner

James has passed away.
Cards may be sent to: 1876 Little Egret Drive, Port Orange, FL 32128

William E. Hartman

William has passed away.
Cards may be sent to his daughter's address: Maureen Grimes, 22572N Illinois 97 Hwy., Cuba, IL 61427-8704

Robert L. Hendrix

Robert passed away December 19, 1996.

John R. Laird

John passed away on November 30, 2002
Cards may be sent to: Elizabeth Laird, 8600 E. Broadway, Mesa, AZ 85208

William T. Livingston

William passed away on January 2, 2003. He served in the 34th Infantry from 1944 to 1946. In his will, William left us \$1000 for our general fund. William will be missed.

George E. Neville

George passed away October 8, 2002 while sleeping.
Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Gladys Neville, 1506 N. Shore Drive, Horseshoe Bend, AR 72512

Donald C. Steele

Donald, age 80, died March 21, 2003. Donald suffered complications after a fall. Donald served with the 24th in the Pacific during WWII.

5th RCT

James E Garner

James passed away suddenly on February 18, 2003. Mrs. Garner will be moving to Houston.
Cards may be sent to: Jeanette Garner, 145 Kelly Lane, Homer, LA 71040

Earl L. Hobnet

Earl died in July 1995.

"Red" Knause

Red passed away earlier this year in Reno, Nevada.

24th MP

Walter Morrison Jr.

Walter passed last year. He served with Task Force Smith and was wounded July 5, 1950.

Louis P Hehl

Louis passed away February 25, 2003.
Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Ruth Hehl, 985 Winston Trail, Garden City, SC 29576-8279

Taro Leaf Taps

6th Tank

Eugene L. Daugherty

Eugene passed away September 8, 2002
Cards may be sent to: 520 N. Current Street, Pinebluff NC 28373

John R Sanders

John served with the 6th Tank Bn. In Korea. He passed away January 27, 2003
Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Sanders, 3692 County Highway 390, Oneonta, AL 35121

Mike Scott

Mike passed away January 29, 2003. He served in World War II.

11th FA

John E. Beier

John has passed away.
Cards may be sent to: PO Box 705, Dixon, IL 61021-0705.

Howard H. Feather

Howard passed away February 8, 2003
Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Suzanne Feather, 295 Highway ALA #404, Satellite Beach, FL 32937-2090

Douglas W. Spray

Douglas passed away February 15, 2003. He was given a military funeral with Bagpipes and Honor Guard. Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Joann Spray, 21 E. Delaware Ave., Florence, NJ 08518-1601

24th Recon.

Richard R. Glen

Richard passed away earlier this year.
Cards May be sent to: 1585 Moon Lane, Reno NV 89511-8457

13th FA

Richard P. Stebbing

Richard has passed away. He was 74 years old. Richard served in the Marine Corps, and later switched to the Army to the 21st Inf. Regt.

24th Sig.

Frank L. Smolinsky

Frank passed away in St. Petersburg FL on February 5, 2003. He was 73. Frank served in Korea in 1950-'51.
Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Jane Smolinsky, 7901 40th Ave. Lot 105, St. Petersburg, FL 33709-4247

52nd FA

Robert J. Beaver

Robert passed away November 11, 2002.
Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Jacqueline Beaver, 1280 Sharon Park Drive #35, Menlo Park, CA 94025-7034.

24th Med.

Robert L. Phillips

Robert passed away February 20, 2003. He served in Japan and Korea with the Ambulance Company.
Cards may be sent to: 205 Payne Ave., Pocomoke, MD 21851-1325.

63rd FA

Joseph H. Spellman

Joseph died April 7, 2002.
Cards may be sent to: 243 Hamilton Drive, Clinton, NC 28328-4784

24th QM

Edward F. Johnson

Edward passed away December 28, 2002.
Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Edward Johnson, 37 Forrest Ave., Fayetteville, PA 17222

Vann G. Todd

Vann died March 19, 2003
Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Van Todd, 550 E. Mill Street, Republic, MO 65738-1975

24th Unit Unknown

Joseph P McCrudden Sr.

Joseph, 70, died April 10, 2003.

Where Did You Sleep Last Night?



Above images from Iraq, 2003.

The Fanatic and The Idealist

What is the difference between the idealist and the fanatic? Simply this, that in the fanatic is a "missing link." He fails to connect his knowledge of what ought to be with his knowledge of what is.

The most beautiful of fanatics is probably the anarchist. I do not mean the depraved creatures who have no idea of what anarchy really is, and only borrow the word to cover their irresponsible vicious instincts; they have no more right to the name of anarchist than a bloody inquisitor of the year 1200, pouring molten lead into a heretic's ear, had a right to call himself a Christian.

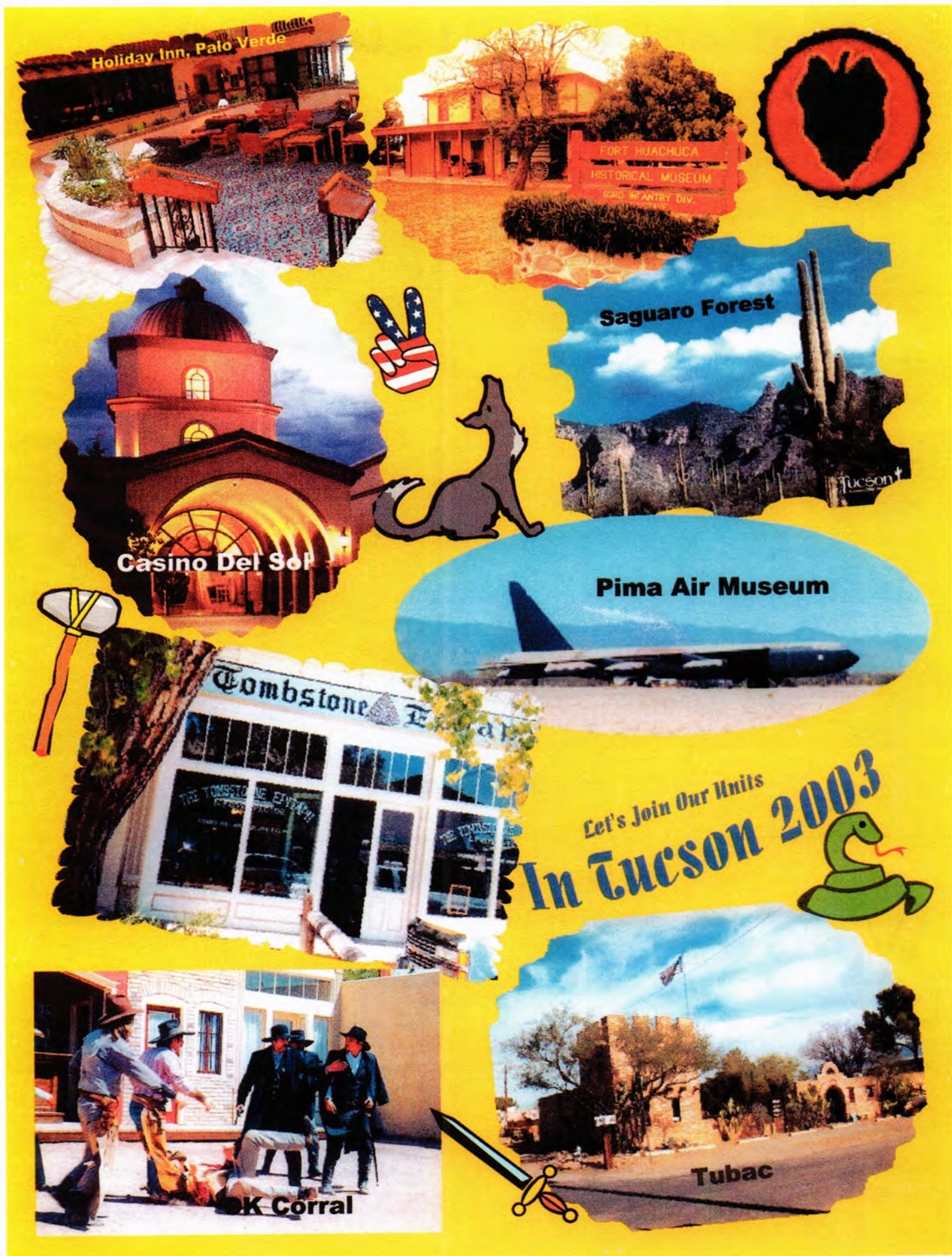
I mean the apostles of the vision that the ideal condition of the race is that of having no outward law, each man being a law unto himself.

This will undoubtedly be mankind's millennial condition. It is in line with the scriptural prophecy that the days shall come when the laws shall no more be written upon tablets, but the Lord shall write them upon our hearts.

Now, as long as one has this vision, believes it, and works toward it, yet recognizes the facts and imperfections of humanity as it really is today, and seeks to connect his dream with actual conditions, he is an idealist, and does us all good.

But when he is so drunk with his vision that he tells us to smash all existing society, and that we are utterly rotten and hopeless, he is a fanatic. He forgets that whatever the future of the race is to be it must grow out of the present.

— By Dr. Frank Crane, 1919.



Welcome to Tucson, AZ

Reunion Site for 2003

Tucson, known as the "Old Pueblo," is the oldest continually inhabited settlement in the United States dating back to the Cienega period (800 BC to 150 AD) and offers visitors a striking blend of contrasts shaped by a distinctive heritage and accessible natural wonders.

Founded 20 August 1775 by Irishman Hugh O'Connor, who served in the Spanish Army, as the Presidio of San Augustin de Tucson in what is now in the heart of downtown Tucson's historic El Presidio neighborhood. Once known as a rowdy frontier town, Tucson has evolved into a modern metropolitan city that blends a laid-back lifestyle with world-class culture.

A city of approximately 800,000 that feels like a sleepy desert town, Tucson has plenty to offer outdoor enthusiasts, history buffs, urban cowboys and culture vultures alike. Tucson is located in a valley surrounded by five mountain ranges and gently rolling hills and is a true southwest city with character, history, cultural diversity and charm with sunshine 350 days a year.

It is hoped that we can plan more exciting activities for the ladies this year, especially the ladies breakfast. In addition to our other interesting activities, Tucson has many sights to see and tours to take. Those tours planned for our reunion are as follows:

Wednesday, 17 September

Tour A

South to Apache Land**

9:00 am—3:00 pm Price per person: \$50.00

Tumacacori National Historical Park, Tubac Presidio State Park, Lunch at Cow Palace and Mission San Xavier Del Bac. This is one of the more comfortable and beautiful tours of the reunion. Heading south, we soon enter the area of the old Apache Wars. Tumacacori is a massive adobe structure that was built around 1880 but was soon gutted by Apaches and abandoned. From Tumacacori we head north and soon come to the Tubac Presidio, the site of Arizona's first newspaper and school. Jesuit priest Kino entered the area in 1691, and by 1738, it had been established as a village. In 1751 the Pima Indians revolted against the hated Spanish and caused widespread destruction. Spanish troops put down the revolt and established a fortress or presidio. It is a great place to shop for gifts, arts and crafts. Following lunch at the Cow Palace, the tour will head back toward Tucson and stop at San Xavier, which is one of the most beautiful spots in the Southwest. No surface is left unadorned. Every nook and cranny is meticulously painted. Missionary priest Kino first visited the site in 1692 but the present building was built somewhat piecemeal from 1783-1797. The mission is still in use today. Includes lunch at the Cow Palace.

Tour B

Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum*

8:00 am—12:00 noon Price per person: \$35.00

Nestled in the Tucson Mountain Park, 14 miles west of downtown Tucson, the Desert Museum exhibits the living, outdoor world of nature found in the Sonoran Desert Region. On the way to the Museum, you'll drive through Saguaro National Park, which preserves the most magnificent Saguaro Forest in the world. The Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum provides a unique opportunity to see a comprehensive collection of the plants, animals, mini-caverns and geology of this area. Rest stops and water are available along the trail but this is an outdoor experience that requires comfortable walking shoes. So don't forget your sunscreen.

Tour C

Hidden Valley Inn Dinner and Show

5:00 pm—10:00 pm Price per person: \$57.00

Located at the foothills and near Sabino Canyon, The Hidden Valley Inn is a dinner and show theater where you can dine and be entertained by look-alike actors. The current primary show is "A Portrait of the Chairman," a fantastic show that will have you clapping your hands and tapping your feet to the beat of all "Frank's" Favorite Tunes with friends dropping in from Nancy Sinatra to Dean Martin. Included meal offers several choices.



"SHORTY'S EVERY INCH AN INFANTRYMAN!"

Criminals Thinking Small

An alleged multi-crime spree by Victor M. Cardoze, 23, all started when he prepaid \$3 for gas at Joe's Pond Country Store, then pumped \$3.50 worth and pointed a gun at the manager before driving off (West Danville, Vt., February). Robert Boyer, 45, was charged with robbery after asking if he could buy lettuce by the leaf rather than the head, being told no, and walking out with lettuce leaves anyway, in front of a police officer (Little Rock, Ark., December). William W. Bresler, Jr., 56, was taken for psychiatric evaluation after he tried to rob a National City Bank of exactly one cent (Westerville, Ohio, March).

Thursday, 18 September

Tour D

Tombstone and Fort Huachuca*

8:00 am—5:30 pm Price per person: \$35.00

The tour will enter Ft. Huachuca first and tour this fort which was established to protect settlers and oversee routs of hostile Indians. High points include the museums, cemetery and the old quarters. Tombstone can boast of being one of the most authentic tourist spots in the country. Its residents take pride in this authenticity, and many of them trace their ancestry back to the "bad ol' days." It is suggested that each visitor jump on one of the horse and buggy tours as they will see more of the town and understand the high points. The visitor can have a snack or dessert whenever and wherever they want. Interesting points include many things such as the Courthouse with its Gallows, the Bird Cage Theatre, the OK Corral, Boot Hill and The Tombstone Epitaph.

Tour E

Pima Air Museum,

Saguaro National Park East**

7:30 am—1:30 pm Price per person: \$45.00

Display of old US Air Force and US Army equipment as well as enemy planes. Experience aviation history at Pima Air & Space Museum. There are more than 180 aircraft on display at the museum—which represents America's aviation history, from a full scale replica of the Wright Brothers' 1903 Flyer to the SR-71 Blackbird, the world's fastest aircraft. Also on the grounds is an original WWII/Korean War Barracks

with displays. Price includes a box lunch. Sixty-four reservations have been made for those who desire a narrated tram tour of the Pima Air Grounds. Cost is an additional \$4.00; first come first served basis.

Tour F

Sabino Canyon and De Grazia Studios**

8:00 am—1:00 pm Price per person: \$35.00

Sabino Canyon: Twelve thousand years ago, Colombian mammoth roamed in Sabino Canyon. Hohokam Indians built irrigation dams in the creek about 1200 years ago. In the 1870s, pony soldiers from Fort Lowell enjoyed excursions to the swimming hole, which is still in use today. Many varieties of birds, deer and other animals make their home here in the Coronado National Forest. The landscape makes this a super place for cameras. De Grazia Art Studio—Ted De Grazia's classic depictions of native Indian and Mexican children have become icons of the southwest and a testament to his work. The studio here also includes a great gift shop.

Tour G

Dinner at Pinnacle Peak

5:00 pm—9:00 pm Price per person: \$45.00

Here within Trail Dust Town at Pinnacle Peak, several menu items are offered and are included in the tour price. Also available around Trail Dust Town are shops and galleries. From time to time there are Western events and other entertainment activities.

Friday, 19 September

Tour H

Old Tucson Studios**

9:30 am—1:30 pm Price per person: \$38.00

The Old Tucson Movie Studios are noted as a fun family place to wander around, snack and wait for the next bit of entertainment, such as the next gunfight. It has been home to more than 300 western movies and television series such as John Wayne's greatest classic movies and TV series such as High Chaparral and Little House on the Prairie. Tombstone is one of the best. Price includes entrance fee.

Tour I

BioSphere 2**

9:00 am—2:00 pm Price per person: \$49.00

See the Upper and Lower Rainforest, Upper and Lower Desert, the Ocean and its function in the formation of reefs and lagoons. This display can be viewed through the glass of a 676,000 gallon tank with 21-foot lagoon. Many other interesting displays of the life zones and what must be done to preserve them. Also, the elaborate control rooms. Tour includes Cafeteria Lunch at BioSphere 2.

Saturday, 20 September

Tour J

Historic Downtown Tucson**

1:00 pm—4:00 pm Price per person: \$25.00

See the Downtown Presidio area including Old Town Artisans and the Barrio. This downtown redeveloped area of territorial Tucson is part of the original Barrio Libre, the oldest part of the city located south of the walled Presidio. It includes the famous El Triadito Wishing Shrine. Old Town Artisans, located within the El Presidio Historic District, consists of an entire city block of adobe structures, housing a wonderful choice of shops and wares with a southwest flavor and a restaurant with relaxed courtyard dining. Also included is a visit to beautiful Mission San Xavier.

All tours are by Deluxe Air-Conditioned Transportation.

* Indicates iced soft beverages on board. ** Indicates knowledgeable guide and iced soft beverages on board.

Bonus

There are several Casinos in the area and at least one has offered a shuttle to pick up groups in the evening at the hotel. No arrangements are made by this committee but all that is needed is a phone call.

News Release

Taro Leafers:

Below is a press release pertaining to our reunion in Tucson, AZ. Regardless of whether you plan to attend, please cut this out and mail to your local newspaper for publication in either their military section or "Letters to the Editor" section. It would be nice if we could blanket the country with this announcement and let all former 24th Infantry Division members know there is an active association in existence. Your initiative in this matter is appreciated.

(Date) 24th Infantry Division Association, US Army

For immediate release.

On September 17-21, 2003, the 24th Infantry Division Association will hold its annual reunion honoring the Veterans of World War II, Korean War, Desert Storm, Grenada and Lebanon. All former and current members of the 24th Infantry Division or members of any unit that has been assigned or attached to the Division at any time are welcome. The reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn, Palo Verde, 4550 S. Palo Verde Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85714. Telephone (520) 746-1161. For further information contact: Association President Billy Johnson, Telephone (910) 424-3840, e-mail: bj24sf45@aol.com; or Reunion Coordinator & Association Vice President Wes Morrison, Telephone: (831) 883-2156, e-mail: WesM8@aol.com.

Important!

Please read and follow instructions

You must mail your checks along with your registration to the following:

Hotel Reservation:	Mail to Holiday Inn, Palo Verde
Unit Breakfast	Mail to the Chairperson of your unit breakfast
Registration, Meal & Tour Form	Mail to Reunion Chairman Norm Dixon, PO Box 7056, Surprise, AZ 85734
Ladies Breakfast	Mail to Reunion Chairman Norm Dixon, PO Box 7056, Surprise, AZ 85734

Reunion Banquet Seating

IF YOU HAVE A GROUP OF FRIENDS WHO WISH TO BE SEATED TOGETHER, GET TOGETHER AND PAY TOGETHER
Send your registration forms in one packet (envelope). Only 10 people can be seated at each table. Reserve one table, two tables or as many as needed to accommodate your group. Designate one person and send in your registration forms along with the appropriate amount of money, by check or money order, to whoever is designated. That person will put it all together in one envelope and forward it on to the Reunion Chairman who will then complete the paperwork and notify each person by receipt. A packet in your name will be waiting for you at the pre-registration desk at the reunion. Tables will be assigned in order of receipt so start your planning early and get your reservation and registrations in as early as possible.

** Any table seating arrangements received after 18 August 2003 will not be guaranteed seating assignments. Once tables are assigned they will not be rearranged.*

The cut-off date is 18 August 2003.

There will be no refunds or seating changes after that date except in cases of emergencies.

America West Airlines is offering a discount of up to 10% on airfare, plus other travel discount options to and from the 24th Infantry Association Reunion in Tucson, AZ, 17-20 September 2003. Use the Convention and Meeting Services (CAMS) Code AP 4038 to receive your discounts. There are three options for making your discounted reservations:

1. Use your CAMS Code at americawest.com in the certificate area of the home or Air Schedules and Reservations pages for your airline reservations. Your discount will be outlined in detail on the Purchase page. enter AP4038T if purchasing your tickets 60 days or more prior to travel and AP4038 for tickets purchased less than 60 days prior to travel.
2. Call the American West Group & Specialty Travel Department directly at 1-800-548-7575 Monday through Friday from 8am-5pm (any time zone in the Continental US).
3. Contact your preferred travel agent and reference your CAMS Code.

America West Airlines can serve virtually all of your meeting travel needs with over 900 daily departures from more than 90 cities all across the United States, Mexico and Canada.

To learn more about the discounts available to you, or to book your reservation, please call America West Airlines today!

24th Infantry Division Reunion Meals 2003

Traditional Breakfast

Fresh Orange Juice • Fresh Scrambled Eggs • Crispy Bacon • Breakfast Potatoes
 Broiled Tomato • Assorted Breads and Pastries • Fruit Jams, Honey and Butter • Coffee, Decaf and Hot Herbal Teas

Friday Night Dinners

Garden Green Salad and Apple Caramel Granny Roast Pork Loin Smothered in our Apple Jack Brandy Sauce Cubed Seasoned Roasted Potatoes Fresh Seasonal Vegetable Rolls and Butter Coffee, Iced Tea, Decaf	Baked Cod Topped with Fresh Fruit Salsa Rice Pilaf Fresh Seasonal Vegetable Rolls and Butter Coffee, Iced Tea, Decaf
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Saturday Night Dinners

Garden Green Salad and Boston Cream Pie Sliced London Broil with Merlot Demi Glaze Roasted Red Potatoes Fresh Seasonal Vegetable Rolls and Butter Coffee, Iced Tea, Decaf	Breast of Chicken with Chipotle Demi Glaze Wild Rice Fresh Seasonal Vegetable Rolls and Butter Coffee, Iced Tea, Decaf
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Welcome to Holiday Inn Palo Verde

Hotel Reservation Form

24th Infantry Division Association Reunion

17-20 September 2003

Room Rate: \$75.50 per night

Room Type Requested

Queen Size Single Bed

Queen Size Two Beds

King Size Bed

Number in Party
 (Children under 18 stay free)

* Note: Current room tax is 7.5% and is subject to change.

Special Requests

Smoking ☐ Non-Smoking ☐ Connecting Room ☐ ADA Room ☐ Hearing Impaired ☐

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

Reservations must be received by 18 August 2003 to ensure room availability.

(After this date, rooms will be on a space and rate availability only.)

The discounted room rate will be extended 3 days prior to and after the reunion.

Date of Arrival _____ Time of Arrival _____ Number of Nights _____

Date of Departure _____ Arriving by: Air ☐ Car ☐ Train ☐ Bus ☐

Name (Please Print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

AMEX ☐ VISA ☐ MC ☐ Carte Blanche ☐ Discover ☐ Other ☐

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Mail this form to Holiday Inn Palo Verde, 4550 S. Palo Verde Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85714

Telephone Reservations: (520) 746-1161 Confirmation Number _____

24th Infantry Division Association

Annual Reunion

17-20 September 2003

Holiday Inn Palo Verde, Tucson, AZ

Make checks payable to:
24th Infantry Division Association

Mail to: Norm Dixon
PO Box 7056
Surprise, AZ 85374

Name (Please Print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ E-mail Address _____

Name of Wife/Guest Attending _____

Please list food allergies and/or special diets required. Please be specific! _____

Information for your identification badge

Nickname _____ First Timer Yes ☐ No ☐

Unit served with the 24th Division (Please list only one)

Company _____ Unit _____ Period _____ Location _____

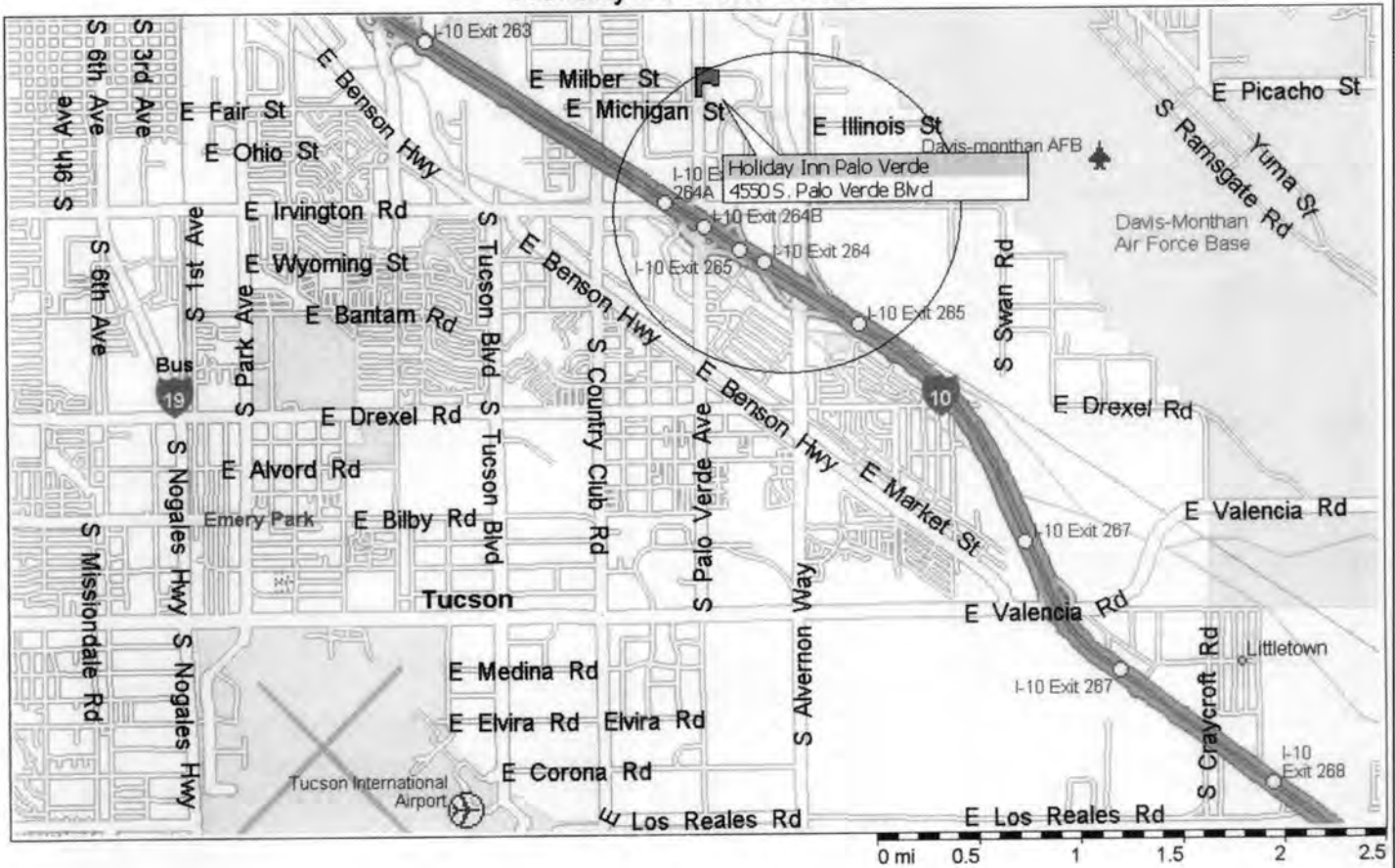
Remember!

If you have a group of friends who wish to be seated together, **get together** and **pay together**. Only 10 people at each table. If you want to be seated with your friends at the Aloha and/or Memorial Dinner, you must mail your registration forms in together. If your forms are not mailed in together along with your check we cannot guarantee that you will be seated together!

Tour and Meal Registration

	Per Person	Number Attending	Amount
Wednesday, 17 September			
1. (Tour A) South to Apache Land (9:00 am—3:00 pm) (Includes lunch)	\$50.00	_____	_____
2. (Tour B) Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum (8:00 am—12:00 noon)	\$35.00	_____	_____
3. (Tour C) Hidden Valley Inn Dinner & Show (5:00 pm—10:00 pm)	\$57.00	_____	_____
Thursday, 18 September			
1. (Tour D) Tombstone & Fort Huachuca (8:00 am—5:30 pm)	\$35.00	_____	_____
2. (Tour E) Pima Air Museum & Saguaro N.P. (7:30 am—1:30 pm)	\$45.00	_____	_____
3. (Tour F) Sabino Canyon & DeGrazia Studios (8:00 am—1:00 pm)	\$35.00	_____	_____
4. (Tour G) Dinner at Pinnacle Peak (5:00 pm—9:00 pm)	\$45.00	_____	_____
Friday, 19 September			
1. (Tour H) Old Tucson Studios (9:30 am—1:30 pm)	\$38.00	_____	_____
2. (Tour I) Biosphere 2 (9:00 am—2:00 pm)	\$49.00	_____	_____
Friday Night Social Hour: 5:30 pm—6:30 pm	Cash Bar	_____	_____
* Aloha Dinner: 6:30 pm—11:50 pm	\$30.00	_____	_____
Please indicate choice of meal: Roast Pork <input type="checkbox"/> Baked Cod <input type="checkbox"/>			
Saturday, 20 September			
(Tour J) Historic Downtown Tucson (1:00 pm—4:30 pm)	\$24.00	_____	_____
Saturday Night Social Hour: 6:00 pm—7:00 pm	Cash Bar	_____	_____
* Memorial Banquet: 6:30 pm—11:59 pm	\$30.00	_____	_____
Please indicate choice of meal: Sliced London Broil Breast of Chicken			
Registration Fee (Association members only; spouse and guest do not pay a registration fee)			\$15.00
Total Amount Due			_____

Holiday Inn Palo Verde



IF YOU ARE DRIVING WEST, TAKE THE IRVINGTON RD EXIT 264 TOWARD PALO VERDE RD, TURN LEFT ONTO IRVINGTON AND RIGHT ONTO PALO VERDE. FOLLOW PALO VERDE NORTH TO THE HOLIDAY INN ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE STREET.

IF YOU ARE DRIVING EAST, TAKE THE EXIT 264B TOWARD PALO VERDE RD...NORTH/IRVINGTON RD. MERGE ONTO S PALO VERDE BLVD. IF YOU MISS YOUR STREET OR EXIT, DON'T SWEAT IT. THE HOTEL IS EASY TO FIND ANYWAY. IF YOU ARE FLYING INTO THE NEARBY TUCSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, JUST CALL FOR A HOLIDAY INN HOTEL SHUTTLE.

PHONE: (520)746-1161

Attention

All Units

Your annual breakfast will be held *Saturday, 20 September 2003* at 8:00 am at the Holiday Inn Palo Verde, Tucson, AZ. The room where each breakfast will be served will be posted at the registration table. The cost for each breakfast is \$15.00. Since the Association's Annual Meeting follows at 10:00 am, it is requested that attendees at the Memorial Breakfast be punctual so we may conduct our business, eat our breakfast and adjourn to the Association Meeting at 10:00 am.

Unit Memorial Breakfast Registration Form

Name (Please Print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$_____ (Cost of breakfast \$15.00 each)

Please mail your registration and check to the Chairman of your unit listed below.

19th Infantry

Jim Hill
260 Shelli Lane
Roswell, GA 30075-2967
(770) 998-3749
Make checks payable to Jim Hill

3rd Engineers

Don Finney
1230 Thompson Road
Cottonwood, AZ 86326-5611
(928) 639-1526
Make checks payable to Donald K. Finney

21st Infantry

Harold "Corky" Peters
13791 Dorothy Drive
Rogers, MN 55374-8899
(763) 428-4158
Make checks payable to Harold Peters

All Artillery Units

Max L. Pitney
17500 West 119th Street, Apt #3113
Olathe, KS 66061
(913) 541-0289
Make checks payable to Max Pitney

34th Infantry

William J. McKenna
970 Neilson Street
Albany, CA 94706
(510) 525-7902
Make checks payable to William J. McKenna

All Other Units

Robert Lawhon
49 Township Road 88, #1152
Proctorville, OH 45669-9067
Make checks payable to Robert Lawhon

Ladies Breakfast

Saturday, 20 September 2003 at 9:00 am

Be sure to sign up for the Ladies Breakfast—you don't want to miss it. It will take place at the same time the Unit Breakfasts and the 24th Infantry Division Association General Meeting takes place.

Traditional Breakfast

Fresh Scrambled Eggs with Crispy Bacon • Breakfast Potatoes and Broiled Tomato
Assorted Breads and Pastries with Jams, Honey and Butter
Fresh Orange Juice • Coffee, Decaf and Hot Herbal Teas

Guest Speaker

Meet Sharon Riester, Senior Sales Director of Beauty Products. She can give you "new" ideas on looking healthier and younger in a timely fashion. Sharon has many ideas, tricks and much more to share with you.

Make checks payable to 24th Infantry Division Association
Mail checks to Norm Dixon, PO Box 7056, Surprise, AZ 85374

Ladies Breakfast

Name (Please Print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$_____ (Cost of breakfast \$15.00 each)

21st Infantry Regiment

Dear Sir,

Here is some information about my Grandfather for you to print. I have also included three photographs, choose which photo you think is best.

PFC. Jesse Loyd McMillian, Co E, 21st Regiment; also served in Company E of the 19th Regiment for a short time.

He served in New Guinea, the Southern Philippines, Leyte, Luzon, the occupation of Japan. He fought at the battle of Breakneck Ridge on Leyte. I think that he was in the 19th Regiment while in New Guinea. He arrived in the Pacific Theater on July 20, 1944 and left Japan on February 20, 1946.

Thank you for your assistance.

Cody McMillian
274 PR 708
Dublin, TX 76446
(254) 764-4398

Dear Dutch,

Enclosed is a membership form for Lewis H. Tant Sr. He and I served together with the 24th Division in I Company. We joined the Division in August of 1950 and were foxhole buddies on the Naktong River. I have been trying to locate him for over 50 years.

I posted a message with the Barker Brothers' "Korean War Project" in 1997 and they left the posting on their web site all these years. A couple of weeks ago, the phone rang and the voice at the other end said, "This is Lewis Tant and I am trying to locate Gary Waterkamp."

Lewis's son had been surfing the web and happened upon "The Korean War Project" web site where he noticed the message I had posted over six years ago. It simply said, "Looking for Lewis Tant" and went on to describe that he and I had been foxhole buddies on the Naktong River. My email address had changed over that period of time, and the telephone area code had recently changed, but Lewis was assisted by the operator and made the connection.

I sent him the information about the reunion in Tucson and when he sounded reluctant to commit, I told him I was going to send in a membership for him so he will begin receiving a copy of the *Taro Leaf*.

Sincerely,
Gary Waterkamp



Single Soldier Picture: PFC Jesse Loyd McMillian Co E 21st Regiment Akayanoa, Japan



4 Soldier Picture
Roe - Jesse McMillian in middle, unknown, Mann



Mindoro PI 1945. Capt. J. Catheset - KIA; Capt. Ted Crouch - KIA; Capt. Johnny Childs - Seriously Wounded; Capt. Ed. Farmer; Capt. Wm. Patrick; Maj. Girodeau; Capt. Kid Irons (Reading book).



Mindoro, PI 1944. Front Row: Lt. Matt Sabatine, Bill Langford, Warren McNamara. Rear Row: Phil Irons, Gene Lockhart, Russel Hasb, Lt Foss, Ace Malone.



Okayama, Japan 1945. General Staff: Lt. Col. Max Pittney (EXO also 52nd FH Co.), Lt. Hash (Adj), Capt. Comes (S-2), Capt. Farmer (S-4). Center: Lt. Col. Ralph D. Burnes (CO). Rear Center: Capt. N.F. Browning (S1).



Mindoro, PI - 1st BN, 21st INF - Jan 1945
(Photo sent in by Ed Farmer, The Old Soldier.)
Standing: Lt. Matt Sabatine S-4, Capt. Mick Aikew, Lt. Capt. Giladeau, Capt Johnny Childs (C co), Maj Nick Sloan, Capt. Ted Crouch, Capt. Ed Farmer (S-3), Capt. Ace Malone. Kneeling: Lt. Phil Iron, Capt. Langford (KIA), Capt. McNamara, Lt. Weigund, Capt. Doc Cathcard (MA), Capt. Allen



These Guys wouldn't believe the war was over.
Given out at Sarangani Bay in 1st BN, 21st Area Aug 1945.
Submitted by Ed Farmer

Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.

I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.

Enclosed is a picture of four soldiers taken sometime in 1950. They are from 21st Reg, 1st Battalion, "A" Company. We know three of the soldiers but none of us can place the fourth soldier.

The three are:

Leslie McCarter	Robert Campbell	Richard S. Wagner
2024 Fine St.	1333 Overlook Dr.	5230 Silvertown Dr.
Knoxville, TN 37917	Manhattan, KS 66503	Sylvania, OH 43560

Would it be possible the photo could be included in one of the Taro Leaf issues? Perhaps someone out there may recognize the remaining soldier.

Les, Bob and Dick have gotten reunited for about four years now and have done a lot of reminiscing. The three have membership in the 24th Infantry Division Association.

Also, Dick is looking for a comrade named **Arhon Blankenship** who last known address was Clear Fork, W. Va. Anyone know his whereabouts?

Thank you for any help you can give us.

Richard & Ruth Wagner
5230 Silvertown Drive
Sylvania, OH 43560-2760
(419) 882-6339

To: 24th Division Members

How well did you know Jack Clifford?

Let me explain one of my experiences with Jack.

In Hollandia I was in D Co. The 1st Sgt told me I was to report down to Bn Hdqs. Jack wanted to see me. When I reported in and asked for Jack I was told he was up at the mess tent having a cup of coffee. Jack and I were battling the breeze about the old days when suddenly the 1st Sgt of HQ Co came sailing out of the tent on his back and a Cpl was beating hell out of him. Suddenly Jack said to me, "Farmer, what the hell are you going to do about it?" and I said, "nothing." It was his company commander's responsibility and he said, "who the hell do you think is the company CO? You are! Get to it!"

So under Jack's rules of commanding, I went down immediately and beat hell out of the corporal and confined him (lucky for him) to his tent and not to the hospital. I had no problems in the future when I gave an order—most of the men were wondering what the hell hit town.

"To the Gimlets."

"To all who knew Jack."

Maj. Edward S. Farmer
3680 Bryan St.
Reno, NC 89503



Leslie McCarter, Robert Campbell, Richard S. Wagner and...if you know the fourth man, please let us know.

HEADQUARTERS
EIGHTH UNITED STATES ARMY KOREA (EUSAK)
Office of the Commanding General
APO 301

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 52

27 January 1952

BATTLE HONORS – CITATION OF UNIT

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9396 (Sec: 1, WD Bul. 22, 1943), superseding Executive Order 9075 (Sec: 111, WD Bul. 11, 1942), and pursuant to authority in AR 206-15, the following unit is cited as public evidence of deserved honor and distinction.

The Citation reads as follows:

COMPANY G, 21ST INFANTRY REGIMENT, 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION, is cited for outstanding performance of duty and extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Kumsong, Korea, from 14 to 18 October 1951. On the morning of October 14, COMPANY G was assigned the mission of attacking and securing a series of interlocking and heavily fortified enemy emplacements located on a strategic hill. As the friendly forces moved to the precipitous slope, which was almost completely devoid of cover, it became a target for the heavy small-arms and automatic-weapons fire pouring down from connecting enemy bunkers and trenches extending 1500 yards in width. Despite the devastating fire being concentrated on them, the friendly troops advanced with dogged determination. As they reached the outlying enemy positions, a fierce battle ensued which caused numerous casualties to be inflicted among hostile troops and forced them to flee down the reverse side of the hill. Using machine guns and flamethrowers, the friendly forces further decimated and demoralized enemy troops as they attempted to escape. Under continuous enemy artillery and mortar bombardment, the members of COMPANY G. were then deployed in a defensive perimeter which they held despite the numerous attempts made by the fanatical hostile troops to dislodge them. On the morning of October 16, the company was again assigned the mission of taking a hill which was defended by a numerical superior enemy force occupying a network of strong fortifications. As the friendly troops advanced across the open terrain toward their objective, a devastating enemy artillery barrage accounted for many casualties. Undaunted, they continued moving forward and, upon reaching the base of their objective, they fixed their bayonets and charged directly up the hill. With great courage, the members of COMPANY G. fought their way toward the crest destroying each enemy position in their route of attack. Fighting hand-to-hand with the enemy, the friendly troops, with indefatigable persistence, moved steadily forward until the objective was secured and the hostile force was annihilated. Then, from forward defensive positions, the members of COMPANY G. poured a heavy volume of fire into the remaining adjacent enemy emplacements in support of attacking friendly units until the entire area was secured. During this four day period, the enemy suffered approximately 444 casualties with 162 killed and an estimated 282 being wounded. In addition, eight enemy prisoners were captured. COMPANY G. displayed such gallantry, determination and esprit de corps in accomplishing its mission under extremely difficult and hazardous conditions as to set it apart and above other units participating in the action. The indomitable courage and aggressiveness exhibited by the members of this company through this action reflect great credit on themselves and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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BY COMMAND OF GENERAL VAN FLEET

OFFICIAL:

O.C. MOOD
Brigadier General, GS w/Troops
Chief of Staff


/s/ Lawrence E. Nobles
/t/ LAWRENCE E. NOBLES
Colonel, AGC
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"THIS IS A TRUE COPY"


JOHN C. WILLIAMS JR
WOJG, USA
21st Infantry Regiment

34th Infantry Regiment

The Story of Billy's Flag

Contributed by Bob Slaney, 34th Infantry

I was with Service Company, 34th. Sent down to the 34th from 24th Signal. (Reject, I guess.) Anyway, I got there middle of April '50 and hadn't gotten to know too many of the men.

Billy Joel Graham, Lee Lincoln Grife and Ralph Stephens were killed, and I was WIA there in Taejon, as were so many others.

I did try to get a flag from the White House, but no luck. Guess you have to be someone special. But I did get our Congressman, Robert Wise, to have a flag flown from the Capitol Building in honor of Graham, Grife and Stephens. I received a nice letter from him along with the flag, which I fly each and every day and night here.

So that's the story of the flag. Anyone who wishes can contact his or her congressman or senator to request a flag from the capitol to be flown in honor of anyone you care

for. There is a small fee for postage but you do get a nice 8x5 flag and a small certificate.

You can contact me via e-mail any time you care to. Always pleased to hear from anyone from the 24th who made it back to the ZI.

Small aside. Just thought of it. When I was released from the hospital in Japan, I ended up in a transportation unit at Moji Port about 10 miles from Kokura. For a while, I was part of an Honor Guard, loading the coffins, with the remains of those killed in Korea, onto ship for the trip back home. I had to request to be taken off that duty, it was just too disturbing for me to see all those coffins and think of those who never came back.

I didn't know them, but in a way I did.

Best wishes and good health to you and your family,

Bob Slaney, 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th ID



H Co, 34th Infantry Regiment, on Goodenough Island, WWII.
(Sent in by Gene Madden.)



Suh—are you'all doubtin' ma' veracity when ah say am from the south. . .South Korea that is.

A guy walks in and asks the barman, "Isn't that Bush and Powell over there?"

The barman says, "Yep, that's them." so the guy walks over and says, "Wow, this is a real honor. What are you guys doing in here?"

Bush says, "We're planning WWIII."

And the guy says, "Really? What's going to happen?"

Bush says, "Well, this time we're going to kill 140 million Iraqis and one blonde with large breasts."

The guy exclaimed, "A blonde with large breasts? Why kill a blonde with large breasts?"

Bush turns to Powell, punches him on the shoulder and says, "See, smart ass?! I told you no one would worry about the 140 million Iraqis!"

William T. Livingston, WWII
34th Inf. Regt, 24th Inf. Div.



Photos donated by the Estate of W.T. Livingston

1. Livingston, Guyette, Potts, Hiroshima Jan. '46
2. Guyette, Livingston, Hiroshima
3. Stoddard, Kruger, Jones at a dummy AA Weapon
4. Berndt, Smead
5. Kruger and Stoddard
6. Breazeale and Thornburg
7. Baker and Holgman, Matsayauma Dec. '45
8. Livingston and Potts, Hiroshima Jan. '46
9. Harmon and Breazeale, 1945
10. Don't you miss those spit and polish days?

Any of you guys out there?



"Toujours In Evant"
34th Infantry
Regiment

Engineers

3rd Engineers "C" Battalion

Sent in by Casey B. Holland, 118 Spring Hill Drive, Winchester, TN 37398-1463



My tent partner, PFC Appleby, S-2 Recon



CPL Gene Sykes at Outpost S-3



M/S Love, S-3; Lt. Gilmore, S-3; Capt. Hastie S-2 Recon.
This picture shows inside of two large 2-1/2-ton trucks which created an office for S-2 and S-3.



Unknown soldier. Background is S-2 and S-3 housed in two 2-1/2-ton trucks.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

3 August 1953

Dear Mr. Maher:

I am the same Paul Yount who was the motor officer with the 3rd Engineers at the beginning of 1939. I later commanded the H&S Co. and in July of 1939 became the Regimental Adjutant, remaining until July of 1940.

You may be interested to know that the 3rd Engineers have added to an already fine record an outstanding performance in Korea.

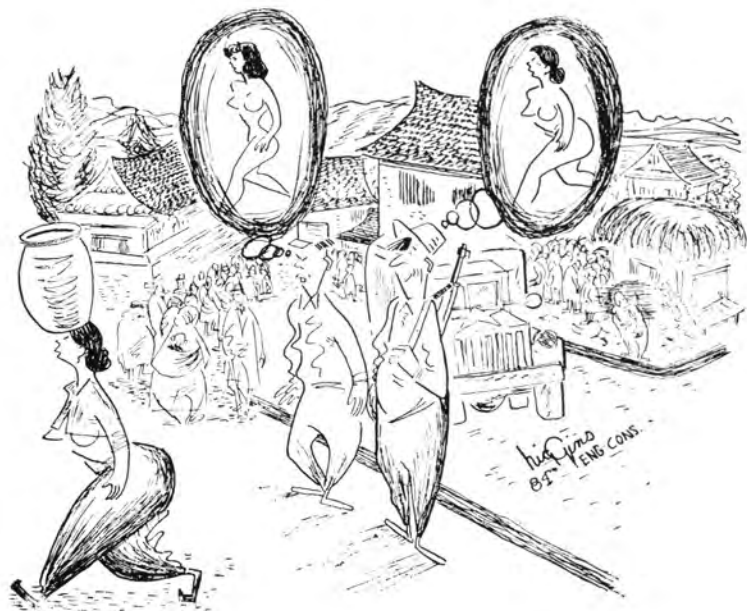
It was very nice of you to remember me and to take the time to write. I wish you every success in your trucking business.

Sincerely,

Paul F. Yount

PAUL F. YOUNT
Brigadier General, USA
Acting Chief of Transportation

Mr. Robert Maher
P.O. Box 778
Vacaville, California





*One of five Hyzer's Tiger tanks with dozer block mounted at front.
(Named in honor of commander LT/Col Peter C. Hyzer.)*



*Installation of steel cable using wood logs tripod for support and control of pontoon bridging.
(Believe this is the Han River.)*

Good News for One of Our Own

A few months ago I filled out a form in one of the veterans magazines and mailed the thing. I forget to where but it was an APO address. I had forgotten about the darn thing and on March 31st I received a letter from HQs, United Nations Command, APO SP 96205-0032, signed by Col. Martin Glasser, Secretary, UN Command, stating that a drawing had been held in Seoul, Korea, by the 50th Anniversary commemoration Committee and the Federation of Korean Industries and my name was one of 400 picked to go to Korea in July for the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, with free travel and lodging in Seoul. I contacted Lt/Col Kip McCormick in Seoul to make sure it was a real program, which he states that it is, so I am waiting further instructions.

Billy, I will be more than happy to assist you any way with your project.

Regards, **Bill Boyden**, Go Eager Beavers



The site of an ambush 1950. Sent in by Bill Traylor.



*Chogin Bearers—ammo, food, letters, etc.
They earned their keep! Sent in by Bill Traylor.*

Dear Billy:

Writing this letter with a pen I received at the 1999 reunion in Tulsa, Okla.

Going through some Korea pictures I came across some pictures of a Bailey bridge started by A Co 3rd Engr CB, who built the piers. Dog Co 3rd Engr CB assembled the bridge. The bridge was assembled in North Korea around Kumsong. Being engineers, we never knew where we were. We dedicated the bridge to Richard Ramsier, who was killed October 14, 1951, clearing a minefield. The North Koreans fired 21 mortar shells at the Ramsier Bridge, missing every time. Thanks, Richard.

Being attached to the 5th RCT at that time, I wonder if anyone can remember going over that bridge.

After coming offline, getting some hot water from the Koreans cooks (thanking them, of course), I washed. I felt like I was going on R&R. No such luck. We moved out in Feb 1952 with the 24th Inf Div.

See you in Tucson
Walter (Slick) Marszalek
Master Bridge Builder



☛ This is our Donald Putnam on August 22, 1954, when he was the water point man for the 3rd Infantry Division. He is a Taro Leafer at heart.

"Little drops of water,
Little grains of sand,
Make the mighty ocean
And the beautiful land."
—Julia A. Carney

The Co. A, Co. B Roster for 11th QuarterMaster shown below was sent in by Robert Maher.

COMPANY "A"

11QM Hawaii Dept

COMPANY "B"

1. Thompson, Fred F. R-23404155

1. Varmette, Aaron R-350130

SERGEANTS

1. Masincupp, Hugh R. 6772839
 2. LaPierre, Roland J. 6693461
 3. Doyle, Paul J. 6837698
 4. Brewer, Silvester R. 6366056

SERGEANTS

1. Simpson, George C. R-2347821
 2. Hall, Graham S. 6387167
 3. Mandygral, John L. 6117459
 4. Northington, Henry H. 6556644

CORPORALS

1. Curtis, Robert L. 6290854
 2. Desuchemin, Marcel 6143002
 3. Hollis, Leo E. 6831918

CORPORALS

1. Farland, George A. 6148510
 2. Nostin, Thomas D. 6002612
 3. Miller, Pouldene 6657659

PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

1. Ables, George R. 6495426
 2. Bradley, Harold W. 6913123
 3. Crocker, Albert L. 6986879
 4. Disney, Ed D. 6247493 4th
 5. Edwards, Herbert L. 7006111
 6. Fellows, Wayne A. 6864505
 7. Fogelman, John F. 6669233
 8. Fowler, Gilbert G. 6917080
 9. Kilpatrick, Harry L. 6268781 6th
 10. King, August D. 6548528 6th
 11. Luttrell, Arlon N. 6397169 6th
 12. Mason, Fay L. R-3081965 6th
 13. McLain, Johnie 6398434 6th
 14. Napier, James S. 6986832
 15. Hariden, Earl J. 6659307 6th
 16. Robinson, Harry E. 6121580
 17. Sedleski, Albert 6147946 6th
 18. Smith, Ben H., Jr. 6971675
 19. Springer, Woodrow W. 6967432
 20. Todd, Leyd J. 6387402 4th

PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

1. Arndt, Daniel L. 6970453
 2. Askins, James E. 7000297
 3. Danner, Willis G. 6914548
 4. Dryman, William C. 7001999
 5. English, John R. 6914565
 6. Hammond, Thomas T. 6387799 6th
 7. Herman, William 6976972
 8. Hodges, Leland R. 6977668
 9. Johnson, Malcolm Q. 6972221 6th
 10. Koepper, John A. 6716830
 11. Lanphere, Frank B., Jr. 6976633 6th
 12. McDonald, Myles J. 6855754
 13. Ramsey, David J. 6845097
 14. Smith, Adley D. 6295305 6th
 15. Starnes, Roscoe R. 6964823
 16. Webber, Henry M. 6541490
 17. Williams, Floyd R. 6967625 4th
 18. Williams, Louis M. 6285229 4th
 19. Wood, Hugh F. 6668462 5th
 20. Zieger, Frank, Jr. 7022072

PRIVATES

1. Bosch, John O. 6930725 6th
 2. Bost, Jehmie O. 7001670 5th
 3. Bost, Melvin A. 6970413 6th
 4. Bowen, Roy A., Jr. 7005389 6th
 5. Bridges, Jewel D. 6971735 6th
 6. Burns, Francis E. 6149762
 7. Clark, Walter C. 7001963
 8. Frazier, Leo L. 6143220 6th
 9. Gilmore, Wade 6970416
 10. Gurkin, Archie R. 7005835
 11. Hamilton, Marvin E. 6925103
 12. Hayes, Ernest L. 6916254
 13. Henson, Edward L. 6661413 6th
 14. Harneson, Archie P. 6669243 6th
 15. Hines, Virgil R. 6281743
 16. Kowalchik, Nicholas A. 6998259 6th
 17. Martin, Chester C. 6998418
 18. Parker, Henderson W. 7005528 6th
 19. Simpson, Robert L. 7001633 6th
 20. Spain, William D. L. 6936798 6th
 21. Smith, William K. 6996568 5th

PRIVATES

1. Bowser, Donald F. 6569773 6th
 2. Brown, Horace M. 7001739 6th
 3. Conner, Edward A. 6978692 6th
 4. Copeland, James B. 7002007 6th
 5. Eldersveld, Marvin A. 6913040 6th
 6. Goodbrake, Donald W. 6917071 5th
 7. Hancock, Raymond D. 7005315 6th
 8. Henderson, Clyde D. 6996583
 9. Maher, Robert 6571512 6th
 10. Miller, James A. 7022961 6th
 11. Morris, Ralph G. 6388261
 12. Myers, Charles L. 6669236 6th
 13. Narron, Arnold 7005707 6th
 14. Pecynski, Casimer B. 6996106 6th
 15. Rittenhouse, Ashby G. 6993788
 16. Smith, Fred H. 7001775 6th
 17. Smith, William C. 6930274 6th
 18. Stein, Clark 7024209
 19. Wampler, Clyde L. 6996241 6th
 20. Webb, Robert B. 7005898 6th
 21. Williams, Earl 6402031

Looking For Family Members, Buddies and Friends

Paul Narson is a member of the 24th IDA. He served with the 1/21st in Munich, Germany from March 1960 to September 1962 with Delta Co. Paul would like to contact you if you served in Munich during the same time frame. He is trying to track down some of the guys he knew there. Paul is also looking for members from the 3/21 that served in Viet Nam and took part in the last combat patrol of the war in June of 1971 or 1972.

Below is a note from Gerard Guyod asking for information. I have sent the names of the six encounters in question but do not have the dates. Please contact him if you have that information. I have only his email address. If you do not use Email, please send the information to me and I will send it on to Gerard.
(Billy)

I was on occupation duty in Japan (8th Inf. Div Hokkaido Japan) when they asked for volunteers to go to Korea.

I was in advanced recon prior to hostilities and shortly thereafter served from July 1950 through August 1951 in the 24th Inf. Div's 11th Field Artillery Battalion and received 14 months combat pay after separation from the military.

My DD214 shows that I received the Korea Service Medal with six bronze stars representing the first six Korea battle campaigns. How can I find out the dates and names of these six encounters? Fortunately, I had kept my DD214; however, my records were part of those destroyed in the St. Louis fire and I need the information for my VA doctor and counselor. Whatever information, directions or help you can give me in obtaining this information is sincerely appreciated. **Gerard Guyod**, RA 57 410 045, Hilo, Hawaii

I was advised to contact you about my search for **Edward Wolfe** G CO 19 RGT 24 INF DIV.

I believe this is my Uncle. My Dad searched for years to find Edward. My Dad is his brother and also served in Korea. I am searching to see if anyone knew him, or if anyone has tried to find out about him. If in fact this is my Uncle, I know he was MIA and never heard anything else about him. I know he lived in Chicago when he went into the service. I have pictures of him. If anyone has information please contact me. Thank you,

Jill DeStefano, 214 Klein Creek #6, Carol Stream, IL 60188-Email: Dontcrywolfe228228@aol.com

Nunzio Silicato, Heavy Mortar, 19th Inf., 1949-'51, is looking for any "Old Mortar Men" and members of the 19th Band.

10 West Street, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549-3215 ph. 914-242-0332

Dale Welch is looking for a map of the area where K Co. served in 1955-'56. Have any old maps you can copy for Dale?

6643 Tr. # 48, Rawson, OH 45881-9622 ph. 419-963-5351

I was with the 19th inf. in Korea from early 1950 to 1951. We were stationed in Beppu, Kyushu, Japan, home of the 19th, since early 1949. Maybe you can help me get in touch with some old Army buddies from my Regt or let me know how to go about it. I will be very thankful. **J.L.M. from Texas.** Email: lucky@sc2000.net (No name available, Billy)

Hi Mr. Johnson,

A man named J. McKeon said if I wanted to get information about my Great Uncle **Joseph S. Argenziano**, that I should talk to you since you are the Editor of the *Taro Leaf*. So I was wondering if you could help me get in touch with anyone who may have served with or known my Uncle or anyone who may know of someone who knew him or knows where to go to get information about my Great Uncle. Here is my Uncle's information KIA, Pfc.

Joseph Argenziano, RA12317346, from Essex County New Jersey, was a Medic with G Company, 19th Infantry, when he was Killed in Action on 16 July 1950. This would have been in the action on the Kum River, Korea.

Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much. Elizabeth "Lizz" C. Ross

My address/phone is: 1578 Oak Tree Road, Iselin, NJ 08830, phone (732) 548-4405



My uncle was in the Korean War. His name is **Calvin Gamble**. He was in the E company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. He was taken prisoner on Feb. 6, 1951. He died in captivity on July 2, 1951.

My contact information:

Darlene Linthicum, 4532 Swift Rd. 102B, Sarasota, FL 34231, Email: DarleneL941@comcast.net, Phone: 941-921-1577

My Mother's information is:

Wilma Wentz, 2600 Verna Rd., Myakka City, FL 34251, Email: wwentz4549@aol.com Phone: 941-322-2769. We will really appreciate all the help that you can provide. Thank you, Darlene Linthicum

I am looking for anyone who might have information about or who knew my uncle, **Rolland Landwehr**. He was killed in action in Korea on October 20, 1951. I am told that he was in A Co. 19 Inf. My uncle was from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and was one of several men from this area who died on that day. I really know nothing about him other than that my mother tells me he was a corporal at the time of his death, and that he received two purple hearts and a bronze star during his time of service.

My uncle died long before my own birth, while my mother was still a young girl. Yet, I have grown up with the stories of what he was like as a youth. I am greatly interested in finding out more about the soldier he became, and, to help close a very painful chapter in my Mother's life. I can be reached at my e-mail address: MCBurton@Charter.net, or by mail as follows:

214 Schoolcraft Ave., Manistique, MI 49854, I thank you so much for any help in this search. Mary C. King

Would you please put a notice in the next edition of the *Taro Leaf* that I am trying to find anyone who knew Medic/Tech 5 **Arnold Lee**, my Father-in-Law. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion Aid Station, 19th Inf. Regiment. I am trying to find someone who can tell me when, where, and how he was wounded. We believe it happened sometime between 22 May

1945 and 1 Jun 1945, during the Mindanao PI campaign. It may have happened at Tanbungan or near Panacan. He was never awarded the Purple Heart and I am trying to get it awarded posthumously. His records were lost in the fire at the national repository, and we need someone with 1st hand knowledge to write a statement. I can be reached at my email

address MKusnier@CO.Otter-Tail.MN.US or at 1241 Greenfield Ave, Fergus Falls, MN 56537. Thanks.

Gary Pray, 21st WWII wants to read Purple Heart in the Pacific. Does anyone have a copy he could borrow?

8695 Curtic Circle, Kankakee, IL 60901-4685 ph. 815-939-0809

The family of **Allan W. Morris**, 34th and 21st seeks information of his service with the 24th ID. He had been in Japan before the Korean War. And left for Korea about 1 July 1950, and served roughly a year there. He was in the battle of Taejon. If you can be of help, contact: Mrs. Allen W. Morris, 6920 Shay Ridge Road, New Matamoras, OH 45767-6262, ph. 740-865-3097

My name is Jared Munday and I am looking for information about my Grandfather, **Kermit Munday**. He was in Co. K of the 19th. He was wounded in December of 1951 at Heart Break Ridge. I am trying to find someone who may have been there and me what happened. My address is: 487 H. Stanley Miller Road, Deep Gap, NC 28618. ph 828-262-0461

Email: Jared Munday@hotmail.com. Thank you for your time and consideration, Sincerely, Jared Munday

I am trying to obtain information about my cousin **SFC Arnett Lamb**. I know he was in the 21 Inf. Reg., 24th Inf. Division and was killed, reportedly, on July 12, 1950. If anyone knows which company he was in it would help me have a little better idea where he was. Most of the books give something about locations of the different companies, but I don't know which one Arnett was in. I tried the Army records and they tell me his records were burned in the fire that destroyed a lot of records. I have also attached a picture of Arnett in case you can use it. Thanks. Ralph Tyler, 195 Dunn Road, DeQueen, AK 71832, ph: 870-642-2046, Email: rtyler@uaex.edu





These photos were taken during the Philippine Campaign. In the first photo, the soldier seated to the right and laughing is my dad, 2nd Lt **Zenon Rybel** from Chicago IL. I was wondering if any *Taro Leaf* reader could identify the soldier at the left who is reading a book titled *Papuan Campaign*. In the second photo, my dad is at the left behind a 55-gallon drum.

Can anyone identify the shirtless soldier on the right? In the 3rd photo, both soldiers are unknown. This one is thought to have been taken on Mindanao near Talono Beach. My dad was in Photo Interpretation Team 114, which I believe was attached to Division HQ as part of the G2 section. The unidentified soldiers are thought to be part of G2. Anyone who can identify these men are requested to contact: Vince Rybel, 23541 Greasy Creek Road, Philomath OR 97370. vrybel@ch2m.com

My name is Gary Morris. My Brother, **John (Jack) C. Morris, Jr. III**, was killed in Korea in 1950. He was in "E" Company, 19th. Inf. I also believe he was in the 2nd. Bn. He is listed as MIA on 31 July 1950 and this later changed to KIA on 8 Aug. 1950. He arrived in Korea on or about July 2, 1950. His status was POW, and his name appeared on the "944 List." No one has been able to tell me what that "List" is. He was either a Cpl. or Sgt.; I've have found both ranks, but not sure which one is correct. I am trying to obtain two things. (1) Locate and get in touch with men that knew of "Jack" and (2) locate his remains and bring him for burial. Both of our parents are gone and I'm the only living sibling of the family. My Dad tried to find out information back in 1950, but the Army at that time did not give him any information, basically a closed door. Originally my Dad was told he was in "The Death March of the 200" which came under friendly fire close to the northern border of North Korea. But with recent information it appears that this may not be correct, and that he was involved in the action near Chinju, July 1950, South Korea. For years I've been trying to locate him and bring him home so that there can be closure. I appreciate any information you can assist me with. My address is: 6109 East Campo Bello Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85254 My e-mail address is: Gointel@aol.com

Again, many thanks, Gary Morris

The family of **Allen W. Morris**, 34th and 21st seeks information of his service with the 24th ID. He had been in Japan before the Korean War. And left for Korea about 1 July 1950, and served roughly a year there. He was in the battle of Taejon. If you can be of help, contact: Mrs. Allen W. Morris, 6920 Shay Ridge Road, New Matamoras, OH 45767-6262, ph. 740-865-3097

I am trying to locate members from the **6th Tank Bn.** Co. B. I was in Korea early May to late November 1951. I was a loader, then gunner. As a Cpl. I earned 2 Battle Stars. Our Tank CO was **1st LT Steve _____**. From Breckenridge, MI. The tank driver was **Daniel Greiner** from Fairfield Iowa. I am a new member of the Association. **Clayton Karrigan**, PO Box 73, Benson, MN 56215-0073

From: LTG Le Moyne, Army G1

Subject: Support for Families of Hospitalized Soldiers

1. To date, our casualty notification, assistance and management systems have been characterized by compassionate candor...quickly. Now, we need to help you further as you help others. HGDA will pay allowances — as authorized by the JFTR — for family members to visit their hospitalized soldier. We must ensure families know that. In accordance with the VCSA's message, this follow-on message provides additional detailed information on currently available support for the families of very seriously ill (VSI) and seriously injured (SI) soldiers. Additionally, we are now working to expand these provisions, and expect resolutions very soon. Updates are forthcoming.
2. Invitational Travel Orders (ITO). The attending physician or surgeon and the commander/head of the Medical Treatment Facility (MTF) will make the determination of VSI/SI and will determine if family members' presence is necessary for the health and welfare of the soldier. In these cases, ITO may be issued authorizing transportation of family members. Under the provision of the JFTR, no per diem (lodging, meals and incidental expense) is authorized. Coordination with the USMC, Navy and Air Force indicated that they do not pay per diem. We are working to change that now.
 - a. The MFT commander and the attending physician request issuance of an ITO currently. A maximum of two authorized family members of active duty VSI/SI soldier is allowed when determined by the attending physician.
 - b. Authorized family members are limited to the soldier's spouse, children, siblings and parents, to include fathers and mothers through adoption and persons who have stood in loco parentis to the soldier for not less than one year immediately before the soldier entered the Army. Only one father, one mother or their counterpart may be recognized in any one case. Extended family members will not be funded. We are working to change the number of family members allowed.
3. The Community and Family Support Center (CFSC) has implemented a family assistance hot line (FAH): 1-800-833-6262. For more specific information, the hotline staff can refer the caller to the most appropriate source.
4. Other sources available:
 - a. Army Emergency Relief (AER) provides grants and loans to help in emergency conditions. The website is www.ahq.org.
 - b. The American Red Cross works also with military aid societies (Army Emergency Relief, Navy Marine Corps Society, Air Force Society and the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance) to provide financial assistance for emergency travel requiring the presence of family members. Any family member may call the Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Service Centers for help at the Red Cross Hotline 1-866-GET-INFO. Website is www.redcross.org.
 - c. There is a website listing those organizations that wish to provide donations and support to military members and families at www.defendamerica.mil. Additionally, the Fisher House has traditionally supported families who loved ones are being treated at military and VA hospitals at www.fisherhouse.org.
5. Appreciate your help to spread the word and press the system to support troopers and families. Keep the faith. Press the fight.

VR, Le Moyne



We'll Fight to the Last 50-Year Old!

A couple of weeks ago I indicated that if I could, I'd enlist today and help my country track down those responsible for killing thousands of innocent people in New York City and Washington, DC. But I'm 50 now and the Armed Forces say I'm too old to track down terrorists. You can't be older than 35 to join the Army.

They've got the whole thing backwards. Instead of sending 18-year-olds off to the fight, they ought to take us old guys. You shouldn't be able to join until you're at least 35-years-old. For starters: Researchers say 18-year-olds think about sex every 10 seconds. Old guys think about sex every 15 seconds, leaving us more than 28,000 additional seconds per day to concentrate on the enemy. Young guys haven't lived long enough to be cranky and grumpy. A cranky and grumpy soldier is a dangerous soldier. If we can't kill the enemy we'll complain them into submission or surrender. "My back hurts!" "I'm hungry!" "Where's the remote control?" An 18-year-old hasn't had a legal bottle of beer yet, and you shouldn't go to war until you're at least old enough to legally drink beer. An average old guy, on the other hand, has probably consumed at least 126,000 gallons of beer by the time he's 35, and a jaunt through the desert heat with a backpack on and an M-60 over your shoulder would do wonders for a beer belly.

An 18-year-old doesn't like to get up before 10 a.m. Old guys get up early just to show we can [and to steal the neighbors newspaper.] If old guys got captured we couldn't spill the beans because we'd probably forget where we put them. In fact, name, rank and serial number would be a real brainteaser. If it wasn't for the age barrier, I'd pretty much be able to get into the Army without a hitch. According to the Army Internet site, I'd need to pass an entrance exam [officially called an ASVAB], but the simple questions I saw weren't exactly headache material. For example:

A magnet will attract:

- (a) water
- (b) a flower
- (c) a cloth rag
- (d) a nail

I took a wild stab at it and guessed, "nail," knowing they'd probably stick me in some desk job with Army Intelligence after Boot Camp.

If 12 workers are needed to run 4 machines, how many workers are needed to run 20 machines?

- (a) 16
- (b) 18
- (c) 3
- (d) 60

Well, let's see now...three workers per machine times 20 machines...err...60? Finally, they wanted to know if I had command of the English language, just in case I had to describe an enemy camp from memory. Now you know where the first questions come from for the "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire" game show. Boot Camp would actually be easier for old guys. We're used to getting screamed and yelled at, and we actually like soft food. We've also developed a deep appreciation for guns and rifles. We like them almost better than naps. The Army could lighten up on the obstacle course, however. I've been to the desert and didn't see a single 20-foot wall with a rope hanging over the side.

I can hear the Drill Sergeant now, "Get down and give me...err...one!" And the running part seems to be a hell of a waste of good energy. I've never seen anyone outrun a bullet. I'm reminded of the story of the young bull and the old bull standing on a hill looking down at the cows." Let's run down there and make love to one of those cows," says the young bull. "How about we WALK down there and make love to ALL those cows," replies the old bull.

Patience is something most 18-year-olds simply do not have. For good reason too. An 18-year-old has the whole world ahead of him. He's still learning to shave. To actually carry on a conversation. To learn that a pierced tongue catches food particles. And that a 200-watt speaker in the back seat of a Honda Accord can rupture an eardrum. All great reasons to keep our sons at home to learn a little more about life before sending them off to a possible death.

Let us old guys track down those dirty, rotten, filthy, cowards who attacked our country three weeks ago today. The last thing they'd want to see right now would be a couple of million old guys with attitudes! ♥

(Sent in by my boy Jim – Afghanistan – Billy)

To members of the 24th ID Association:

I have had the honor of playing for several Active Duty Soldiers coming back from Iraq.

I also had the Honor to Post at The Korean War Memorial, The Vietnam Wall, Pappy Boyington's Grave, etc.

We held a service at each area. I had the honor of playing Taps at the Unknown Soldier.

According to the Tomb Guards, it is a right of the Army Band Pershing Zone but I got an exception to policy and was able to play and was asked if I wanted to do more.

I wore 24th ID Brass and the patch to these events.

I feel honored to have got the opportunity to play.

Remember this: *First to Fight, Victory, It Works. Take care.*

John Murphy, Bugler • State Representative, Bugles Across America • Member, 24th IDA

Muslims Must Declare War on Terrorists

"But don't say you love peace, and allow terrorists to hide behind you."

That summarizes a sentiment I believe many Americans hold, but which their numbing about being politically correct makes them hesitant to express.

*This is worth reading. Take care and God Bless!!!
Jim (One of Billy's Sons)*

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If Muslims want the world to believe that Islam is a religion of peace, Muslims themselves must kill all Islamic terrorists. Muslims must seize the terrorists and their organizations and eradicate them.

It's quite clear, as of September 11, the American Government will never again declare war on anyone no matter how grievous the offense. The slaughter of thousands of innocent American civilians on our own land wasn't grievous enough.

Our government may follow through on some threats but we'll never defeat terrorism. Muslims alone can destroy these evildoers. Muslims themselves must demonstrate the love of peace they profess.

There are terrorists here in the United States, but our government won't do anything about it. Our government seems paralyzed by the liberal rhetoric of litigation.

In the name of equality, terrorists are allowed a place here in the United States. It's their right to condemn us, and to plan our destruction. Our liberal courts are focused on the legal rights of terrorists. Their rights are more important than American lives.

This is why America can't declare war on terrorists, but only terrorism. It's the idea that's wrong, not the person! What wonderful discernment. Neither will American declare war on any country that harbors terrorists.

That would mean declaring war on America, because there are terrorists here, too!

The CIA and FBI have lists of them. Even Muslim countries like Egypt, Syria and Jordan all have lists of terrorists.

Everyone knows who they are, but no one will eliminate them.

America makes excuses. "Justice" is the goal, not blind "revenge." Thus emasculated liberals morally seduce anyone from effective action.

Israel's list of terrorists is the most complete and accurate of all, but the United States never allows Israel to annihilate its enemies. Israel instead patiently bears hit after hit. Blind retaliation would cause worse trouble, they are told.

Like the attacks on America? Was the WTC disaster "worse trouble" for resisting terrorists?

This is war. Liberal "rights" are temporarily suspended. The object of war is victory, not a trial to prove the enemy attacked us. The enemy must be destroyed, or we might not have a courthouse left.

Shall we act decisively, or await more slaughter of our people?

Liberal America indulges terrorists. In 1989, at the Myriad Convention Center in Oklahoma City, we saw the largest Muslim militant group ever assembled, exercising its American freedoms. Hezbollah and Hamas were here. There weren't violent. They were just raising money.

We can't expect to eliminate all Islamic resentment of America, especially when liberals encourage it.

But can we expect Muslims to at least share some of the responsibility for solving the terrorist problem?

Instead, we see many of their leaders complaining about being victimized by "racist" Americans. There seems to be a confusion among some Muslims as to just who the enemy is.

Perhaps Americans themselves are partly at fault for this confusion. Just what sort of example are Americans setting, in terms of warlike resolve?

As a Comanche Indian, I am particularly bewildered by America's refusal to destroy the enemy.

America never hesitated to declare war on Indians. Indians were considered terrorists. America spared no means to kill us. In Texas, for example, "most Indians were exterminated or brought to the brink of oblivion by Spaniards, Mexicans, Texans, and Americans who often had no more regard for the life of an Indian than they had for that of a dog, sometimes less," says W. W. Newcomb in *The Indians of Texas*, 1962, 0.334. "Notwithstanding the Comanches' long dominance of the Santa Fe Trail, the last of us were subjugated in February of 1875. Only 1,597 could be officially listed."

Our food supply had been eliminated. Buffalo were slaughtered by government order. Over 1400 Comanche horses were captured by Col. MacKenzie in the Palo Duro Canyon in the Texas Panhandle, and then slaughtered. The winter and white man's diseases did the rest.

We Indians were practically eradicated—on our own land.

Don't tell me America can't be brutally effective when it wants to be.

Shall I conclude that our government values Muslim terrorists more than American Indians?

I call on American Muslims to prove their allegiance to America.

Indeed, as a Comanche Patriot, I demand it.

Muslims, here's your chance to be American heroes. Destroy the enemy. Destroy the terrorists. But don't say you love peace, and allow the terrorist to hide behind you.

You can't have it both ways, or you are the enemy too. ♥

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Charlie Daniels' Open Letter to the Hollywood Bunch

(Supposedly...anyway, it sounds good!)

A "Mugwump" referred to below is a bird straddling a fence with his mug on one side and his wump on the other.

OK. Just say for a moment you bunch of pampered, overpaid, unrealistic children had your way and the

U.S.A. didn't go into Iraq. Let's say that you really get your way and we destroy all our nuclear weapons and stick daisies in our gun barrels and sit around with some white wine and cheese and pat ourselves on the back, so proud of what we've done for world peace. Let's say that we cut the military budget to just enough to keep the National Guard on hand to help out with floods and fires. Let's say that we close down our military bases all over the world and bring the troops home, increase our foreign aid and drop all the trade sanctions against everybody.

I suppose that in your fantasy world this would create a utopian world where everybody would live in peace. After all, the great monster, the United States of America, the cause of all the world's trouble would have disbanded it's horrible military and certainly all the other countries of the world would follow suit. After all, they only arm themselves to defend their countries from the mean old U.S.A. Why you bunch of pitiful, hypocritical, idiotic, spoiled mugwumps. Get your head out of the sand and smell the Trade Towers burning.

Do you think that a trip to Iraq by Sean Penn did anything but encourage a wanton murderer to think that the people of the U.S.A. didn't have the nerve or the guts to fight him? Barbra Streisand's fanatical and hateful rantings about George Bush makes about s much sense as Michael Jackson hanging a baby over a railing. You people need to get out of Hollywood once in a while and get out into the real world. You'd be surprised at the hostility you would find out here.

Stop in at a truck stop and tell an overworked, long-distance truck driver that you don't think Saddam Hussein is doing anything wrong. Tell a farmer with a couple of sons

in the military that you think the United States has no right to defend itself. Go down to Baxley, Georgia and hold an anti-war rally and see what the folks down there think about you.

You people are some of the most disgusting examples of a waste of protoplasm I've ever had the displeasure to hear about. Sean Penn, you're a traitor to the United States of America. You gave aid and comfort to the enemy. How many American lives will your little, "fact finding trip" to Iraq cost? You encouraged Saddam to think that we didn't have the stomach for war. You people protect one of the most evil men on the face of this earth and won't lift a finger to save the life of an unborn baby. Freedom of choice you say?

Well I'm going to exercise some freedom of choice of my own. If I see any of your names on a marquee, I'm going to boycott the movie. I will completely stop going to movies if I have to. In most cases it certainly wouldn't be much of a loss. You scoff at our military whose boots you're not even worthy to shine. They go to battle and risk their lives so ingrates like you can live in luxury. The day of reckoning is coming when you will be faced with the undeniable truth that the war against Saddam Hussein is the war on terrorism.

America is in imminent danger. You're either for her or against her. There is no middle ground. I think we all know where you stand. What do you think?

God Bless America!

Charlie Daniels

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Billy Johnson:
I have sent the above notice to *The Military Officer Magazine* to be published in their listing of reunions.

Paul J. Cain

Thanks Paul,
Now if we can get everyone to do the same in their local papers, magazines, Veterans clubs, etc., we will continue to grow.
Billy

The teacher gave her fifth grade class an assignment: Get their parents to tell them a story with a moral at the end of it.

The next day the kids came back and one by one began to tell their stories. "Johnny, do you have a story to share?"

"Yes, ma'm, my daddy told a story about my Aunt Karen. Aunt Karen was a pilot in Desert Storm and her plane was hit. she had to bail out over enemy territory and all she had was a small flask of whiskey, a pistol and a survival knife. She drank the whiskey on the way down so it would not break and then her parachute landed right in the middle of twenty enemy troops. She shot fifteen of them with the gun until she ran out of bullets, killed four more with the knife, 'til the blade broke and then she killed the last Iraqi with her bare hands."

"Good heavens," said the horrified teacher. "What kind of moral did your daddy tell you from that horrible story?"

"Stay the hell away from Aunt Karen when she's been drinking."



George P. Lazio, 19th Infantry, sent this photo of his Grandson Andrew. Note the Taro Leaf on his hat and bike. Andrew, Korean by birth, now True American. Take a moment, Korean Vets, and know that without each of you...



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New Fort Riley Commander Announced

FORT RILEY, KAN.—The Chief of Staff, Army, announced March 31 the selection of Brig. Gen. Dennis E. Hardy as the incoming Commanding General of the 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley to replace Acting Commander Col. (P) Frank Helmick.

Hardy is currently assigned as Director of Force Management, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3, United States Army, Washington, DC.

Hardy was commissioned through Gonzaga University ROTC program where he received a Bachelor's of Art in Accounting and Auditing. He also hold a Master's of Business Administration degree from Washington State University in Comptrollership.

In Hardy's 31 years of active commissioned service he has served overseas in Germany, Korea, Bosnia and Kosovo as well as numerous assignments throughout the United States.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit (with three Oak Leaf Clusters), Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with five Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters), and the Army Achievement Medal (with one Oak Leaf Cluster).

He has earned the Parachute Badge, Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

Among his many significant positions are Assistant Division Commander (Support), 1st Armored Division, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany; Commander, Task Force Falcon and Multinational Brigade, Operation Joint Guardian, East Kosovo; Commander, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, LA; Operations Joint Guard/Joint Forge, Bosnia; and Joint Training Planner, J-7, Operational Plans and Interoperability Directorate, The Joint Staff, Washington, DC.

Hardy's report date has not yet been announced.

History project captures veterans' stories

Washington (ARNEWS) — The Veterans History Project is giving veterans a chance to share their stories. Project organizers are also looking for volunteers of all ages to help chronicle veterans' oral histories. These stories will become a collection in the Library of Congress' American Folklife Center in Washington, DC, and part of the national Veterans History Project Collection at the Library of Congress. Eventually, portions of the material will be available digitally on the Library of Congress web site.

Volunteers interview veterans, collect letters, photographs and journals from former service members of WWI, WWII and the Korean, Vietnam and Persian Gulf Wars, and the civilians who supported them.

Charlie Mendoza, vice president of membership and member services for the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), a founding sponsor of the project, and

everyone, particularly youth, have a lot to benefit from the project. A Korean and Vietnam veteran, Mendoza was interviewed by this youngest daughter.

Authorized by Congress through Public law 106-380, the Veterans History Project has chronicled histories of about 1,500 veterans to date.

Ellen McCulloch-Lovell, director of the Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress, hopes to reach more people for the ongoing project.

Already, more than 420 organizations have partnered with the project, including veterans' services organizations, colleges, museums and libraries.

To become involved with the project, visit the Veterans History Project web site at www.loc.gov/veterans or call the toll-free number at 1-888-371-5848. ♥

The army airborne major was used to harassment from air force fliers about crazy army paratroopers jumping out of perfectly good aircraft. "Obviously the air force knows there's not such thing as a 'perfectly good aircraft,'" the irritated officer finally countered one afternoon during a jump exercise, "because they pay you fly jockeys four times as much to stay in an airplane as the army pays its men to jump."

"You've got it all wrong, major," an air force sergeant replied. "The army figures anyone stupid enough to jump out of an airplane voluntarily is gonna be too dumb to complain about the salary!"

I later heard that the air force sergeant is now serving on an outpost in some foreign land, the name of which I cannot even pronounce.

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