24th Infantry Division Association



FIRST TO FIGHT

The Star-Spangled Banner

Francis Scott Key, 1814

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen thro' the mists of the deep,

the fee's haughty host in dread silence reposes,

life which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,

Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
in full glory reflected, now shines on the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner: O, long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,
A home and a country should leave us no more?
Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave:
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

O thus be it ever when free-men shall stand
Between their lov'd home and the war's desolation;
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserv'd us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust!"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

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About the Cover:

So...Did you know the Star-Spangled Banner has 4 stanzas? Thanks to Guy Sheppard now you do.

Chaplain's Corner

ISAIAH 45 ONE GOD



VERSE 1 This is what the Lord says to his anointed, to criers, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut; I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron."

VERSE 3 "I will give you the treasures of darkness riches stored in secret places, so that you may know I am Lord, the God of Israel who summons you by name."

He will lead us into darkness and share secrets that nobody will know but us. He is God. He even knows our name.

VERSE 5 "I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you though you have not acknowledged me."

He even knows us as sinners when we don't know him. He is God.

VERSE 7 "I form the light and create darkness. I bring prosperity and create disaster. I, the Lord, do all these things."

We have to be obedient and faithful to God.

VERSE 9 "A woe to him who quarrels with his maker."

In verse 14 God talks about products and merchandise and people will come over to his people.

VERSE 18 and on...."God does not hide from us; he does not make us seek him out. God says, 'I the Lord, speak the truth; I declare what is right."

VERSE 22 Turn to me and be saved all you ends of the Earth; for I am God. Let there be no other gods before me."

Sorry I missed the last reunion! See you at the next one. In Jesus Christ Our Savior Humbly Glen Carpenter Chaplain

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"Dear Brother Eli, Your sermon on sin was very moving. It covered my situation so well that



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Rinto, Ronald G.	Assoc	Father was Arthur Henry Rinto, 21st Inf. WWII
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Soto, Paul	5th RCT & 19th Inf	
Tabor, Racy	52nd FA	В
Troff, Harold L.	19th Inf	G

A Page For Artillerymen

(All others please turn to the next page.)



It should be easy to eulogize Dutch, for he accomplished so much in his lifetime, and yet the toughest thing for me is to know where to start. I guess the beginning would be appropriate.

I first met Dutch here at a Reunion of the 24th IDA, which he and Margo, organized. I think I met him at the reception desk. He shook my hand, said HELLO MY FRIEND, and said are you a member of the Korean War Veterans Association? I wasn't for I lived in Milwaukee at the time and there was not a Chapter there.

However; I was to be married that same month, and eventually move to The Springs, He convinced me to become a member of the Dutch Nelson Chapter KWVA. I have never been sorry.

Dutch was passionate about the organizations he belonged to and tried to help any member who was in need.

I have known he and Margo to make calls on many of the hospitalized, or home bound, and those needing a visit from a true friend.

He also promoted the American soldier and defended the solder's achievements;

Dutch was not prejudice, he would undoubtedly like you even if you were not of Danish heritage, as long as you spelled his name Nelsen with two 'e's & not one O.

Dutch was a gregarious guy and loved to tell how our troops in Korea, not only were whipping the North Koreans, but took on the Chinese hoards that entered the war, unexpectedly and eventually, he said: "We chased their asses back to the Yalu River", We are all better persons for having known and loved Dutch. The US Army is better for having had him serve in it. This community is better for having had him live in it. And this country is a better country for having had Dutch Nelsen as a citizen of it.

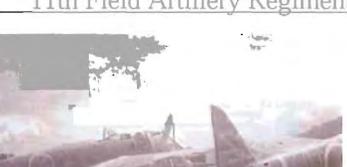
When my time comes to meet the great commander, I expect to find that there will be A Dutch Nelsen Chapter Korean War Veterans' Association of Angels, and Dutch boomingly welcoming me saying

"HELLO MY FRIEND".

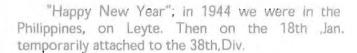
I hope that I will have paid my dues.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to speak.

11th Field Artillery Regiment







The 11th.F.A. Bn. furnished artillery support on Luzon at Zig-Zag Pass and while there a friend took pictures of our guns, only little 2x2prints so I had this one enlarged of one of our guns during high-angle fire.

After our mission at Battan most of us artillerymen were assigned to work details aiding elements of the 34th. Inf. Reg. in preparation for their assault on Corregidor. While on the L.S.T. in Manila Bay I had a first hand view of our assault in recapturing the Island of Corregidor the navy shelling, bombings and the parachute Inf. of the 503rd.Reg.dropping on top. Again I have three 2x2 photos of the island (long range) before our attack then smoke rising after the attack. After my discharge, I met one of our hometown fellows, of the 503rd., who made the jump and broke his leg hitting the side of the cliffs. In the vicinity of Marvilles, the Navy was alerted to possible suicide boats and as one of these craft neared our L.S.T the Navy personnel were lined upon the rail with rifles, opened fire and the speedboat exploded.

After this mission we went to Mindoro2/28/45 for a rest camp where I spelt 2 weeks in the field hospital with a fungus infection of both ears. Loaded on the L.S.T. 910 and went to Mindanao 4/19/45 and after that campaign, I left my outfit on the point system on Aug. 8 1945. My outfit Btry A, 11th.F A. Br for over 3 years; 5/28/42-8/8/45

> Sincerely Nicholas Matviya 157 Jonnet Rd Blairsville, PA 15717-4146









Oahv, Eucalyptus Forest, Luau Party, 1942 Left: Col. Hodges, Sitting: Capt. Schweitzer, Capt. Culbertson, Capt. Bland, Maj. Sabec, Maj. Savanovsky, Maj. Beier, Lt. England, Capt. Center





Hilo Hattle and her troupe of entertainers

21st Infantry Regiment





Wesley, Wright, Al Abrozzo, George Boettger Photos Submitted By ~ Paul Narson, 21st INF

Warner Kasserne, Munich Germany





I was assigned to Company B of the 21st Infantry (later the 21st Regimental Combat Team) in October of 1944. Our company landed at Panaon, just south of Leyte -- I think the date was October 18. We were there when the naval battle called Leyte Gulf was fought all around us, and we could watch it. A number of corpses (all Japanese, I think) floated up on shore and several of our company were given the job of checking them for identification, and burying them.

We went up to Leyte on or about Oct. 23 and landed a short distance to the south of Tacloban. We hiked north and were in combat by the following day. We fought in northern Leyte for almost a month, including the battle of Breakneck Ridge. More than half of the company were either dead or wounded, and the company commander was killed. A sergeant assumed his command and later received a field commission.

We next went to Mindoro. While there, our company was sent for a small action on the island of Lubang, a bit to the north and west of Mindoro. Col. Verbeck was with us which is unusual in that it was a one-company operation and the rest of the regiment was still on Mindoro. By this time I was a point man or First Scout, an "honor" I received because I was the only guy in the company who had been trained on a Thompson submachine gun. I led the company up the mountain.

A new lieutenant was a short distance behind me -- this was his first (and only) combat operation. I saw Japanese footprints in the dust and told him about it. He claimed they were jungle boot footprints. I tried to point out the difference and he became angry because I was questioning his judgment. About ten minutes or less after that, he was killed by a Japanese sniper in a tree.

A buddy of mine (Roger Richardson who I think is dead now) became isolated from the company and we couldn't get to him for a number of hours. When we finally got him back to the outfit, Col. Verbeck gave him a drink of what I think was spiked grapefruit juice. This was probably Roger's first taste of an alcoholic beverage.

We later returned to Mindoro, then went to Mindanao (I was wounded near Davao) and then down to Sarangani Bay on the southeast part of the island. That's where we were when the war ended.

I was a platoon leader and Staff Sgt. when peace was signed.

Charles E. Williams (then known as "Willy")



HEADQUARTERS 21ST INFAVERY Office of the Regimental Commander

APO # 24, 20 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Officers and Enlisted Men of the 21st Infantry.

On the 19th June 1945, the 21st Infantry was withdrawn from combat and moved to a reserve area. The 18th June 1945 is read the pixty-third (63) day of continuous combat against a stablerm and well trained enemy.

During practically to entire period this regiment was attacking. Fighting in termin which favored the enemy in defense and in hemp and cogen grass where the heat of day was radiated to an unbearable degree, you never once failed to take an assigned objective.

The 21st Infantry counted 2133 Japanese dead and captured 14 prisoners. The total for the 24th Division was 5149 energy casualties. This regiment, therefore, accounted for 42% of the division total.

It is difficult for me to find words to express to you the admiration and respect in which I hold you. You and your dead comrades, and those of you who were wounded in action, have kindled in me an intense pride in commanding such an organization.

W. J. VERHAM. Colonel, 21st latentry.

This letter may be mailed after 20 July 1945.



Photo of Arthur Rinto, 21st INF

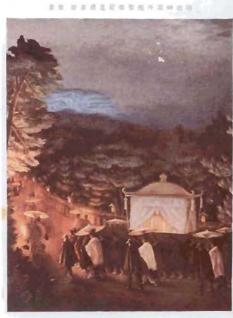
Photo and Commendation Submitted By ~ Ron Rinto, Arthur's son. Please check out "Looking For" on Page 12 - Ron is looking for his Dad's old buddies.

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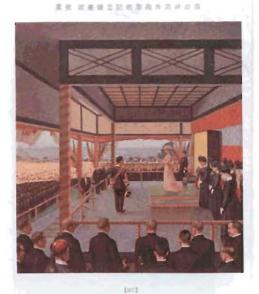






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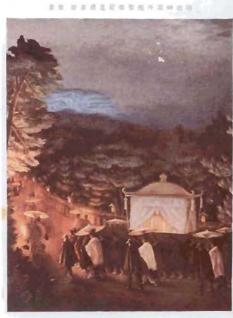
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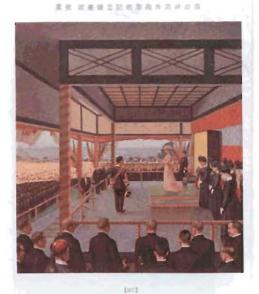






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27 October 2005 Submitted By ~ **Jim Hill**, 19th INF

Veterans Affairs warns of telephone prescription scam

Veterans Affairs

WASHINGTON - The Department of Veterans Affairs is warning veterans not to give credit card numbers over the phone to callers claiming to update VA prescription information.

"Some unscrupulous scammers have targeted America's veterans, especially our older veterans," the Honorable R. James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, said. "VA does not call veterans and ask them to disclose personal financial information over the phone."

The latest scam, currently centered in the Midwest, comes from callers who identify themselves as working for the "Patient Care Group." They say VA recently changed procedures for dispensing prescriptions and ask for the veteran's credit card number.

"VA has not changed its processes for dispensing prescription medicines," Nicholson said. "And we've definitely not changed our long-standing commitment to protect the personal information of our veterans."

Veterans with questions about VA services should contact the nearest VA medical center or call, toll-free, 1-877222-8387.

News Release

Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office (Public Affairs)

Washington, DC 20301-2400

22 December 2005

DOD SPECIALISTS DISCUSS POW/MIA MATTERS WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS

A team of $\underline{\text{U.S. POW/MIA}}$ specialists met last week in Beijing with officials of the Peoples Republic of China to pursue further access to archival documents relating to American prisoners of war and to coordinate case investigation and recovery operations in China in 2006.

Led by an official of the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO), the team held meetings at the PRC Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of National Defense, and the Chinese Red Cross.

For several years, the U.S. has sought access from China to documents that may shed light on the fates of more than 2,000 Americans held prisoners of war by the Chinese or North Koreans during the Korean War. From 1951 until the end of the war, the Chinese operated the camps in which the Americans were held and therefore might have information pertaining to American POWs.

More than 8,100 Americans are still unaccounted-for from the Korean War, including more than 2,000 believed to have died as POWs.

During the meetings last week, the Chinese agreed to consider the U.S. request, and were optimistic that a way could be found to access the documents. They also agreed to begin logistics planning in support of several investigations at sites where the remains of American airmen lost in World War 11, the Korean War and the Vietnam War may be found.

Last year, local and central government officials in China assisted U.S. teams in Dandong where they located the remains of Air Force Captain Troy Cope, missing from the Korean War.

Submitted By ~ **George "Herb" Artola** DPMO Northeast Asia Division

19th Infantry Regiment

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 $Tony\ \mbox{(young boy in center)}$ with from Left to Right – $Cadel,\ Gamel$ and Crowe



Gamel and Crowe – 1951 "D" Co. Being crossed trained in Eng. Power tools



Crowe, Ward and Tredup - Sept 1951

Submitted By ~ Carl Gamel, 19th INF



I joined "M" Co. at Schofield in January '43, & continued through Rockhampton, Goodenough Island. Combat experience went something like the following:

Dutch New Guinea – We made two assault landings there, Tanamerah Bay & Hollindia, 4-22-44, & the second one approx. 4 or 5 days later. Ground action was light at both places, but New Guinea is a bad place to fight a war -jungle, constant rain, heat, & all sorts of land critters that a person must be aware of.

Leyte, P.I. – We landed on Red Beach at IO:AM the date of 10-20-44, at division strength. The LCVP's bringing us in landed approx. 1 mile from the designated area onto a beach which had received very little shelling & bombing. We were held up for an hour or two before we could move inland. We crossed a swamp & proceeded to move for perhaps a mile to a point where we played defense for the night. We took a left the next morning toward Hill 522 & Palo. Two nights later, the Japs wanted Palo back. Approx. half of "M" Co. had been dispatched to Tacloban & we who remained in Palo pulled guard duty. Hell broke loose about midnight & "M" Co. lost some good men, especially near the Palo River bridge. About 10-27-44, the 3rd Bn. Of the 19O departed Palo to liberate Pastrana which is approx. 10 miles ESE of Palo. Pastrana didn't appear to me to be any prize objective & certainly not worth the lives it cost. Following Pastrana, the 19th moved NE through Leyte Valley to secure Joro, Carigaro & Pinamopoan. We remained in that area mopping up & playing defense until approx. 12-10-44, when we then loaded LCI's for the invasions of Mindono.

Mindoro, P.I. – About the 3rd day at sea enroute to Mindoro, I saw first had the kamikaze attach on the cruiser "Nashville", which was approx. 800 yards to the starboard side of the LCI I was aboard. It was late afternoon & the pilot came in low out of the sun & under radar detection & hit right into the bridge of the Nashville, killing approx. 150 seaman. We made 2 landings on Mindoro, at San Jose & Bulalacao. Ground action was light at both places. Kamikazes were the big menace.

Luzon, P.I. – We landed at Batangas with no opposition on the beach. The date was 22-45. We thought we were to take Nichols Field but learned it had been secured earlier. We were then diverted to Ft. McKinley. It took us a couple of days to get there & maybe another 2 days to reclaim Ft. McKinley. Contrary to what the 37th Div. Claims, the 19th Reg. was the only U.S. force there. We were on Luzon only a month. After Ft. McKinley, the rest of February 45 was spent mopping up around Laguna de Ray & south of Manila.

Mindanao P.I. & Samal, P.I. – We departed Luzon approx. 3-2-45 & returned to Mindoro to stage for Mindanao. As we were leading on LCI's for Mindanao, word came across that Pres. Roosevelt had died. We landed at Parang 4-17-45, & again thanks to Gen. Macarthur's policy of "hit 'em where they ain't", there was no opposition on the beach. From there we began our 150 mile trek to Davao. We walked 2 days & rested 1 day. The rest day, the other 2 Bn's of the 19th would go through us. We encountered some fire-fights enroute, the most serious at Ft. Pikit & at Mt. Apo which is approx. 25 miles SW of Davao. We secured Davao approx. 5-3-45, but serious fighting was still taking place around there well after the 2 Atom bombs were dropped. The Japs had a naval artillery piece on the nearby island of Samar which they used to shell the M-A-S-H hospital in Davao. The 3rd Bn. of the 19th went to Samar Approx. 5-15-45, to eliminate that problem. We all returned to Davao for mop-up duty, bridge guard, etc. We were on Mindanao when the war ended. Some of us who had been away from home for 3 1/2 years or more were rotated back to the States for discharge & those with less time went to Japan for occupation duty. And with all of that, the fun & games ended.

Richard E. Mahan, ASN 18160094 "M" Co. 19th Reg. January 1943 to December 1945 Phone (405) 340-3408

LOOKNG FOR BUDDIES

An inquiry from the son of **Staff Sergeant Arthur Henry Rinto**, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment seeking information on his father. SSG Rinto died in Ashtabula, OH on Sep 14, 1995. He left very little information of his military service except some clippings from newspapers about the battle for Leyte, Mindanao and Davao.

If anyone out there remembers him, please contact his son Ron at rrinto@cox.net

Found while Not Looking

Recently while taking a few days to enjoy our beautiful NC Smoky Mountains, I stopped at a service station. I was leaving when a man walked in wearing a Korean War cap. I ask what unit he had served with and when he said 24th ID, my day became instantly brighter. He also told me that he'd had no contact with any soldier he had served with since returning home in 1951. He did remember his Sgt., Sgt. Black, but no other names, only faces. He had been sent home early because his wife had a very serious illness and he was needed stateside.

Anyone from the 19th Inf. 4th Plt, 4th Squad, 1951 should please contact Hubert C, Smith, 211 Windy Road, Gilbert, SC 29054. Even if you do not remember him, he would like to hear from you and talk about the time there. Be sure to invite him to our reunion in SC in 2007 since it will be a short drive for him. He may even want to come to the reunion Indianapolis in 2006. Back issues of Taro Leaf were sent to him along with a Membership Application.

GREETINGS BILLY AND MRS. JOHNSON;

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOLKS FOR THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF \bf{DON} \bf{DUFFY} \bf{AND} \bf{BILL} $\bf{ENGSTROM}.$ I CALLED THEM SAME TIME

I HAD A GOOD BUDDY WHEN OVER THERE THAT I LOST TRACK OF. I WOULD LIKE TALK TO HIM AGAIN SOME TIME. HE WENT HOME ON EMERGENCYLEAVE. ALL I CAN REMEMBER IS THAT HE WAS FROM KEYSER, WV. HIS NAME IS **MERLE FANTOS**. BEFORE MR. WITTMAN, THE PAST QUARTERMASTER PASSED AWAY, I TALKED TO HIM AND HIS WIFE BUT THEY DID NOT KNOW MERLE. IT COULD BE THAT HE DOES NOT LIVE IN KEYSER, WV. ANYMORE, IF HE READS THE (TARO LEAF) MIGHT BE IF HE READ MY NAME HE WOULD REMEMBER ME.

(GILBERT HOOGENDOORN---5419 W. DARDANELLA #230 SIOUX FALLS, S.D. 57106) 1-605-339-9835

I READ THE (TARO LEAF) WITH MUCH INTEREST, BUT WHEN IT GETS CLOSE TO HOME IT REALY JOGS THE MEMORY. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

WE WISH YOU WELL,

GIB AND MINA BOTH THE SAME DAY.

WE GOT A CORRESPONDENCE STARTED. IT'S LIKE OLD TIMES. THESE TWO FELLOWS/AND MYSELF MUST HAVE WALKED IN THE SAME FOOT STEPS QUITE OFTEN. I WAS THERE A SHORT TIME BEFORE THEM BUT WERE OFTEN IN THE SAME PLACES. COULD BE SOMETIMES AT THE **HOOGENDOORN**



Julius Minkoff is looking for Ed Hunter and Henry Garfinkle. A copy of his letter, address and phone number can be found in this Taro Leaf in the Hear Ye section.



Don, Thanks for letting me know you had received m application for membership. Just read your email. I wa wondering if you have any way of finding an army buddy was in Korea with. The last I heard he lived in New Orleans, His name is Ronald P. Eschete, his RA number in 18 278 133. We were in the 34th and 19th.

I would sure like to find him just to talk about old times. Do you know any one in New Orleans that I could talk to that might know how to find him? Take care.

John Hewitt, 6 Compression Court, Baltimore ME 21220-3512

Yesterday, I received letter from Leon Davenport, 70: Town Mountain Road, Blairsville, GA 30512-4622, PV 706-745-4445, Co. A., 21st Infantry Regiment. He player football for 21st, against 19th Infantry (Jim Hill) in Japan Leon is seeking info on Ronald Daigel, 21st Inf. Regt. Also a football player for 21st Infantry Regiment. I phoned Leon and he advised and he and Ron Daigle, 5025 Airpor Highway 21, Maxwell, TX 78656, have corresponded fo many years. His latest letter/card was returned marked "unable to find/locate". Mr.

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To whom it may concern: I purchased a vintage sterling 13th Field Artillery enamel medal, and was wondering when it was designed and for who.

Thank you, Patricia Dunn, M.A., Education Specialist III Programs Management Division, UTSA-ITC 801 S. Bowie, San Antonio, Texas 78205 210-458-2356, patricia.dunn@utsa.edu UTSA Staff Council Vice-Chair 2005-2006 UTSA Conflict Mediation Representative

Do you remember listening in Korea to the hom run Bobby Thomson hit on October 3, 1951?

My name is Joshua Prager. I'm a reporter at th Wall Street Journal writing a book about that hom run. It gave the New York Giants the pennant over th Brooklyn Dodgers and came to be known as the "she heard round the world. A small newspaper article o October 8, 1951, mentioned that soldiers with the 24t Division in Korea listened from foxholes to the worl series broadcast over loudspeakers. (the world serie followed the home run.) Were any of you among thos soldiers listening? Did you hear the Thomson home ru broadcast too? Please contact me at jhp@nyc.rr.coi or at 212-787-1804. Thanks! Josh

LOOKNG FOR BUDDIES (Cont.)

I Thanks again for publishing my Looking for Buddies" article Spring 2005. Unfortunately no replies came from any Co. "A" or Co. "L". I must now cast a wider net especially for medical personnel or members of the 34th Regt. "I" and "R" Platoon.

I now have two pictures of the A-Bomb Site. (Those photos are in the $34^{\rm th}$ Section of this issue.

Thanks again to you, your wife and Daughter for such a fine magazine.

Jim Norton, 83 Landseer Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132. Phone 617.323.7427

Jim is having a few very serious medical problems. It would really cheer him up to hear from a few of you guys. Editor

This is Dan Garitta writing to anyone who might have known my Grandfather, Frank Garitta. I finally found his discharge paper, it says he was in the 21st Regiment of the 24th ID His locations were: Christmas Island 11 Feb. 1942 – 26 Dec. 1942, Australia 8 Aug. 1943 – 11 Feb. 1944 and Goodenough Island 19 Feb. – 2 April 1944. I hope this information will help find someone who knows him. Thanks so very much. Daniel Garitta.

Here are the pictures. The small photo is my grandfather (standing in the center) and his buddies whom I do not know. The other photos are of his battalion from Camp Wheeler GA. Looking at the first cook on the left in the photo go back one row, and over left 3. He is the one positioned to the left in back of the Staff Sgt, standing up. I hope you spotted him. His name is Frank Garitta (might have gone by Salvador). He was in the 24th Infantry 21st Regiment. My address and numbers are: Daniel Garitta, 21 Edward Road, N. Branford, CT 06471 PH:203.484.8978-Email: Garittad1@southernct.edu

Also here is a link to a newspaper article from last November. I put on WWII displays for schools and retirement homes. Just thought you may like to read it. http://www.nhregister.com/site/news.

Thanks, Daniel Garitta

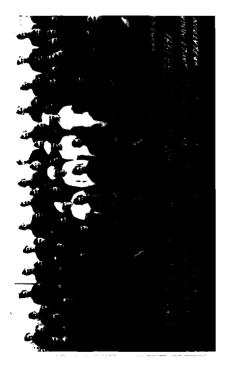


Looking for my Buddies who fought with me in Korea. My name is Eloy Aparicio Ortiz and I am looking for ALL of my Buddies who were with me fighting in Korea. I have Parkinson's Disease and I am not able to prove that I fought in Korea unless some of my Buddies write and let me know that they remember me. I want to e-mail my buddies and maybe get together one of these days. I live in Houston, TX. Please e-mail me if you remember me. I remember Benny Morales, Lieutenant Condry, Sgt. Gardner, remember the Christian messages you received from you wife and you would share them with me? I always carried my guitar with me and you guys heard me play it. I was with the 21st & 34th Regiment, 24th Inf. Div. Fr: 1949-1952. We Fought in Taejon, Puson, Korea. Please Guys, anyone that was there, write to me. I haven't seen any of my Buddies since 1952. Anyone that was there, please write to me. I might then remember you and what we went through. Thanks. God Bless You. Elov

Eloy Aparicio Ortiz Ph: 793-729-9264 elovortiz2001@Wiuno.com

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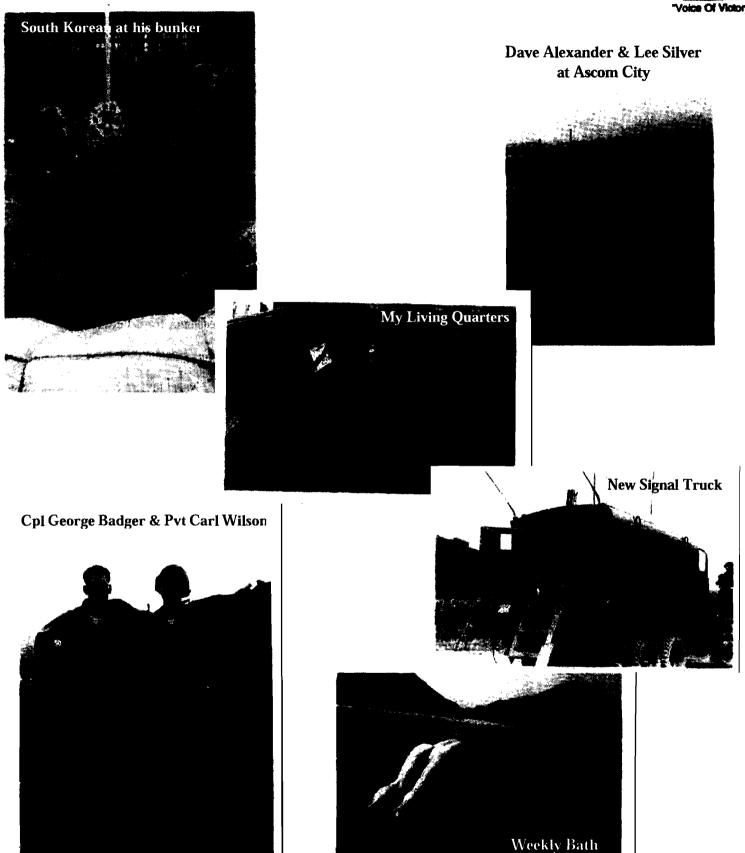
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24th Signal Battalion

More photos from Leon Silver's personal photo journal of his time in Korea.

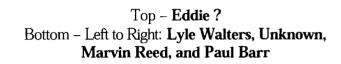




26th AAA



Marvin Reed





Quartermaster 24 IDA

Supply Price List

Control #	Item	Description	Price Ea	Control #	Item	Description	Price Ea
1	24 ID Colored Patch		\$3.00	41	19 th Lapel Pin		\$5.00
2	24 IDA Colored Patch		5.00	42	24 ID License Plate (new) w/T	`L	6.00
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 Cap Black	Veteran or CIB	12.00
6	24 ID Decal	4"	3.00	46	Korean War Cap Black	Veteran or CIB	12.00
7	Bolo Tie w/TL Gold		15.00	47	Bumper Sticker-CIB		3.00
,	W/Gold or Black Chain		13.00	48	Bumper Sticker –		3.00
8	Bolo Tie w/TL Silver		16.00		Proudly Served w/TL		
, 0	Silver w/TL Silver		10.00	49	6th Tank BN Cloth Patch	Cloth Patch	5.00
9	Belt Buckle w/TL		15.00	50	Purple Heart Medal	HP-754	3.00
9	Gold or Silver Belt Buckle		13.00	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	19 th Inf Crest		5.00	54	Natl. Defense Service Medal	HP-957	3.00
12	Current Issue \$10 Pr		3.00	55	Victory Medal	HP-958	3.00
13	21 st Inf Crest		5.00	56	Silver Star Medal	HP-959	3.00
13	Current Issue \$10 Pr		5.00	57	ETO Campaign Medal	HP-962	3.00
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14	Current Issue \$10 Pr	•	5.00	59	Korean 8000 Missing	HP-115	3.00
15	11 th FA Crest	\$10 pr	5.00	60	CMB 1 st Award	HP-569	3.00
16	13 th FA Crest	\$10 pr	5.00	61	US Flag Clutch Back	HP (V-37)	3.00
17	19 th 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	34 th Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	64	American Campaign Medal	HP-964	3.00
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21	13 th FA Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	66	Meritorious Service Medal	HP-056	3.00
22	24 ID Crest		5.00	67	UN Service Medal	HP-059	3.00
			5.00	68	Philippine Liberation	HP-361	3.00
24	34 th Inf Lapel Pin		5.00	69	Korean Service Ribbon	HP-099	3.00
25	CIB (1st Award) 1-1346 (Mini)		5.00	70	Air Medal	HP-925	3.00
23	Mini DRESS MESS		3.00	71	DSC Hatpin	HP-308	3.00
26	CIB (2 nd Award) 1-1347 (Mini)		6.50	72	Bring 'Em Home/Back	HP-214	3.00
	Mini DRESS MESS		6.30	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/Embroidered Patch		12.00	76	24 ID Tie-Regular		20.00
30	21st Cap Dark Blue /Embroidered		12.00	77	24 ID Flag, 3x5 Screen Print	Outdoor Flag	55.00
30	Patch		12.00	78	63 rd Field Artillery	Cloth Patch	5.00
31	34 th 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	HP	3.00
35	24 IDA Green Cap		10.00	02	Medal [.]	пг	3.00
36	24 ID White Mesh Cap		10.00	83	1"Decal 24 ID		.10
37	3 rd Eng. Crest		5.00	oo	Sell 12 for \$1.00		
38	14 th Eng. Crest		5.00	84	24 th Christmas Cards	10 ea. Packet	8.00
39	5 th RCT Pocket Patch		5.00	85	World War II Tapes (starts Au	stralia)	15.00
40	5 th RCT Cap, Red		10.00	86	24 ID Neck Wallets		4.00



Quartermaster, 24th IDA Frances Wittman 1385 Terri Street Keyser, WV 26726

We require \$3.00 postage and Handling. Please allow six weeks delivery. *No Phone Orders Please.*

Post a copy of this at your local Vets Clubhouse and you might find a new Taro Leafer.



Margo and Dutch Nelsen at the '05 Mini-Reunion

Submitted By ~ Nick Cortese

Hi Billy,

Enclosed are some pictures I took at the Mini-Reunion in 2005.

A good picture of Dutch. The 24th lost a great soldier.

I will send you some more pictures later. I hope to see you in Laughlin in April. Sincerely,

Nick Cortese



Mel Buchan at the '05 Mini-Reunion Submitted By ~ Nick Cortese



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"Thanks CSM for the nice visit to Fayetteville and the Post. Brought back old memories. Thanks Again,"

Jack Couple



Billy Johnson, Don Maggio, Don's Father-In-Law, Jake Couple A visit to the Airborne Museum in Fayetteville, North Carolina

HQ 24th Infantry Division



Submitted By ~ Harold Walker, HQ

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HQ. U.S. 24TH INF. DIV., Korea

will be staged Tuesday, Oct. 1, when the title In more than a dozen events. over the division compete for the "best" Center No. 1 to witness units from all expected to be present at Recreation Organization Day celebration. 24th Inf. Div. holds its 16th-and farmers -The military version of a county fair More than 5,000 people are Like a Stateside county fair where and merchants bring last-

LUCKY FOR ME THEY WERE SCANNING FILES FOR BAND MEMBERS AND I SPEND MY TIME AS A BASS PLAYER 025.60, AND WILL BE PROUD TO SAY WE HAD THE BEST MILITARY BAND IN THE FAR EAST, AND PLAYED FOR ALL UNITS OF THE 24TH PLUS 7TH ARMY, 8TH ARMY, I CROP. ALSO WEEKLY ON A.F.K.N, AND A LOT OF KOREAN CITIZENS. OUR DAY JOB WAS MUSIC AND OUR NIGHT JOB WAS GUARD DUTY OF THE 24TH COMPOUND AND PROTECTION FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL AND HIS STAFF.

I WAS GOING THOUGH SOME OLD STUFF

AND THOUGHT YOU MAY ENJOY SEEING SOME OF THIS. I WENT TO KOREA IN 57 AS A B.A.R.

MAN. SERVED 1YR 4MO17 DAYS. WITH APPROX 25% OF TIME IN 24TH REST 1

I OFTEN WONDERED WHY THE BAND AND HONOR GUARD WAS BASED NEAR THE COMMANDING GEN. SINCE I NEVER REALLY SAW US AS ONE OF THE MOST CRACK OUTFITES. HA, I CAN REMEMBER CROSSING FREEDOM BRIDGE SEVERAL TIMES WITH NOTHING TO FIGHT WITH EXCEPT BAND INSTRUMENTS. DON'T KNOW HOW MANY ENEMY I COULD HAVE TAKEN OUT WITH A BRASS HORN (?) HA.

ANYWAY THANKS TO YOU OLDER GUYS (I'M 71) WE HAD A LIVABLE PLACE TO STAY NOT GREAT BUT MUCH BETTER THAN WHAT YOU ALL HAD DURING THE TIME OF FIGHTING.

GOD BLESS. A BROTHER IN ARMS.

-Houswaller

guidon. division will be judging everything from platoons to outstanding vehicles and best machine gun crew drills and marching

complete with cheerleaders, parade floats and halftime activities Taro Field during the afternoon between 19th and There will be a football game at 21st Inf. Regiments,

the

celebration for the Taro Division, which day that the 24th was organized in Hawaii has been redesignated as the 1st holiday. The annual celebration recalls the THE DAY will be It will be the last such a training

to show off their military prowess.

together outstanding units from the 24th

Individual exhibits.

OUR CHECKLEATYERS WERE SOME

New Goss CIALS

BOOTHS WILL be set up for

Organization

outstanding product for judging,

Day celebration will bring

birthday. estivities. Command have been invited to attend the The top officers of the Korean

crews and squads that take first, second before the football game. All members of category of competition will be awarded Prizes for the winners of selection of the "Best" in 17 categories. special troops each regiment, individuals and teams that will represent every level of the division to choose the Competition is row being held at division in the artillery and division-wide

day, each mess hall will serve a special Thanksgiving to honor the division's AS ANOTHER FEATURE of the served on Christmas

enlisted man from private to

Month" awards, will be open to any which is separate from the "Soldier of the Soldier of the Year". This competition will be the selection of the "Divisior

menu

sergeant. bring the men to Recreation Center No. 1 regiment, DivArty and special troops. select the man who will represent each officials recommend that vehicles which men. Parking will, be made available, but the transportation and feeding of its owr Each, unit will be responsible for Competition is now being held

and third place will receive specially

inscribed cigarette lighters.
ANOTHER FEATURE OF the day

one vehicle on hand to carry the drivers be returned to their units for today, with

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From the Heart

Notes sent along with donations (Edited for space)

Our contribution, Good Luck -Angelo Gizesti & Mike Sacchitella # Here's our contribution, Ed and Dee Rumbaoa # I was assigned to 3rd Eng."C", Sept. '42-Oct '45 Punch Bowl was a mystery at that time, off limits. May all our fallen comrades rest in peace. John J. Fecko # This donation is from the guys who attended last years West Coast reunion and my own donation is in memory of "Dutch" Nelsen. Linda Moffit. # Here's a donation to help complete the Memorial. I wish you and the Association the best of luck. Col. (Ret) Garth H. Holmes # Enclosed is my donation for the Memorial. Frank Geraci # One donation for the Plaque. George Lance # I would like to donate in honor of my two brothers, who served in WWII and the Philippines, George, Luzon& Leyte and Eugene, New Guiana. Al Garcceau, 3rd. "C" Eng. # Hope this fund will be a success. Aloha, Alex Bronsberg # Enclosed Is a Punch Bowl Donation. Delwyn Dunkin # In honor of Gen, F.A. Irving. Col. & Mrs. F. F. Irving # Here's a few checks for the Punch Bowl from the guys in Western NY. Ken Fentner # Enclosed check for Memorial Plaque fund. C.V. Kowiski # This donation is in memory of my brother, Elvin E. Geek, who for 41 months served in the Asiatic Pacific Theater. Caroline Krieger # Bill, I retired from General Motors so I am doing the best I can. C.B. Mason (C.B. has been very generous, Editor) Please accept this donation to the memories of the boys of Task Force Smith, B. C., 1st Bn., 21st Reg, 24th ID. 5 July1950 Joe Langone, TFS # I consider it a high privilege to contribute to this long and overdue effort. As our numbers continue to dwindle, we must hasten the unfinished task. George H. Wilson

These are just a few of the notes, which were sent to Bill Boyden, Committee Treasurer, and to other officers for the Memorial fund, along with the donations of \$10 to \$1000. Thanks to all who have donated.

We will accomplish our mission.



"I can't tell you how glad I've been to have Eric Diller with me on this." Dan

Eric Diller 504 Via La Selva Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Dear Taro Leafers. 24th Inf. Div. Memorial, Punch Bowl, Oahu, Hawaii

Update to Billy Johnson's letter on pg. 20 of the Summer 2005 Taro Leaf.

After Chairman Dan Rickert and Committee members spent considerable time searching for a foundry to cast our beautiful 24th Div. designed plaque, pay dirt was hit. A Fine Arts Department foundry, in Southern California, agreed to produce s three dimensional, colored plaque. granddaughter designer Danielle, and I completed our third meeting on March 24, 2006 to view the full scale mockup. It was absolutely MAGNIFICENT and included the base, (see enclosed photo). Cost of plaque will be under \$7,000, expected completion by September 2006. Dan is presently in contact with a Korean Embassy member in Washington, DC to procure a symbolic granite block base from Korea. There will still be more costs incurred for the granite block, shipping and installation to/in Hawaii.

The final Dedication Ceremony date has not yet been established.

Committee Treasurer Bill Boyden, on January 4, 2006 had collected \$5038 from 24th member/family donations. Although Committee is very appreciative for all the support, now that the Memorial is virtually guaranteed to come to fruition, more funds are needed to reach our goal.

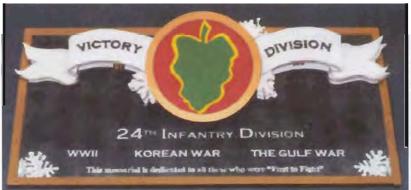
Please sent your donations to: Bill Boyden, PO Box 114. Norton. MA 02766

Eric Diller 504 Via La Selva Redondo Beach, CA 90277 eddiller@earthlink.net

Dear Taro Leafers,

I received eight \$5.00 tickets for the reunion raffle in Indianapolis. Instead of sending \$40.00 towards our IDA Treasury accounts, I am sending it to our 24th ID Memorial Plaque Fund, Committee Member Bill Boyden, P.O. Box 114, Norton, MA 02766. Along with Chairman Don Rickert, I have viewed the mockup of the base and plaque and am now assured that it will become a reality at the Punch Bowl in Hawaii, hopefully within a year. Since I believe that our IDA Treasury has roughly \$70,000 available for any kind of need/emergency, donations to our Punch Bowl Monument will serve a better purpose. I am planning on being at the Dedication Ceremony.

Eric Diller, Committee Member H Co. 34th Inf. WWII



And yes, the ribbon and 24th patch shall stand up 20% as you see it here. The outside ring shall be black in the finished plaque.



Left to Right: Dan Rickert, Chairman Of The Memorial Plaque Committee. Larry Jones, Professor of Sculpture, Saddleback College, S. Orange County, CA Danielle Rickert, Granddaughter of Beverly and Dan, and Designer of the Memorial. See the cover of Vol. 59 No. 8 Spring 2005 to read Danielle's message to the men and women of the 24th ID who were "First to Fight".

Miss Me - But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road
And the Sun has set for me.
I want no rites in a gloom filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little - but not too long And not with your head bowed low. Remember the love that we once shared: Miss me - But Let me go...

For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone.

It's all a part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home...

When you are lonely and sick of heart, Go to the friends we know: And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds. Miss me - but let me go...

From "Dutch" Nelsen's Memorial Service

11th Field Artillery

Evert "Ed" Lynn Harmon

24th Signal Battalion

Gordon W. Riter

21st Infantry Regiment

Moody S. Crowe Ernest W. Hicks Francis Keenan James M. Morris Winford A. Shilling

5th Regimental Combat Team

Richard Bochholz

29th Infantry Regiment Edward F. Balbi

Unknown Unit

George M. Langellier Sr. James J Jones

19th Infantry Regiment

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Kenneth R. Knowles
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Charles Stevens
Clemence Rustemeyer
James B. Sharp
William Skiles
Louis Skiles

24th Headquarters George Hafeman Sr.

13th Field Artillery

Ellsworth "Dutch" Nelsen

- 6th Tank

Stanley M. Wright

34th Infantry Regiment

Dwight Dippel Leo Lang Charles Noto Jay Rye

339th Engineers

Bernard "Bernie" H. Medinger

555th Field Artillery

Thomas K. Richardson

Hh Field Artillery

Evert L. "Ed" Harmon passed away on 12 December 2005 in Visalia, CA. Ed served with the 11 FA Bn, Hq in Korea July 1950 to September 1951. Cards may be sent to his wife Rene at: 1840 S. University St, Visalia, CA 93277-4136



Evert Harmon

13th Field Artillery

Ellsworth "Dutch" Nelsen Born Omaha Neb. Sep 6, 1925 died Hendersonville Tenn. Dec. 20, 2005. Preceded in death by his parents Walter Nelsen & Mabel Christoffersen, and a brother Kenneth Nelsen. Married to the former Marga Ilmstadt for 51 years who survives along with a son Chris Nelsen of Hendersonville Tenn., a daughter Karin Nelsen of Colorado Springs and a daughter Susan Nelsen Condit of Garden City Kansas.

He served in the United States Army from 1946-1971, going from Private to Lt. Colonel. Serving in six combat campaigns in Korea, and four in Vietnam (including the TET) campaign. He was awarded the Army of

Occupation Medal (Japan); Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster & "V" device. Purple Heart, Korean Service Medal with 6 stars. Distinguished Unit Emblem: ROK Presidential Unit Citation: United Nations Service Medal: National Defense Service Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster: Army of Occupation Medal (Germany) Armed Forces Reserve 24-Medal with 10 year Device: Army Commendation Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster: Vietnam Service Medal with 4 Stars: Republic Of Vietnam Campaign Medal w/60 Device" Legion of Merit. His last military assignment was Chief Of Staff at Ft. Carson. He was a life member of The Disabled Veterans Association, the Retired Officers Association, The Military Order Of the Purple Heart, member and former President of The 24th Infantry Division Association.. The National Rifle Association where he was a certified Rifle and Pistol Instructor. Past President of the Pike's Peak Chapter of he Model 'A" Club. Founder of the first chapter of the Colorado Korean War Veterans Association, which was later named by the members: The Dutch Nelsen Chapter. A



"Dutch" Nelsen

resident of Colorado Springs since 1968, he, along with his wife Margo, operated several businesses.

A celebration of the life of Dutch Nelsen was held at the Shrine of Remembrance on Monday January 2nd at 11:00 a.m. Followed by a reception in the Olympian Plaza Reception and Event Center 957 S. Union Blvd. Internment, Shrine of Remembrance, Veterans Honor Court Columbarium

Internment, Shrine of Remembrance. Veterans Honor Court Columbarium

Those wishing to memorialize Dutch's life may do so by contributing to the: Dutch Nelsen Chapter Korean War Veterans Association Memorial Fund % Walt Walko. 213616 Paradise Villas Grove, Colorado Springs, CO 80921.

19th Infantry Regiment

Richard O. Biering, Jr., A notice in the TAPS section in "The Blue Badge" reports that died on April 25, 2000 in Rio Frio, TX. Richard was a member of the 19th Infantry during WWII.

Joe Curl, Sr., G Co, 19th Inf. Regt. 1951-52, Died 1998

Raymond Grech, Lt., G Co, 19th Inf. Regt., 1951-52, Died 25 Feb 2005

Kenneth R., Knowles, G Co, 19th Infantry Regt., Died shortly after dedication of the Korean War Memorial.

Paul C. Meehan, Died 19 November 2005. He was a WWII Veteran. Cards may be sent to his wife Anne 10211 Regent Circle, Naples, FL 34109-1595

Donald J. Pickett, Donald passed away 2 November 2004. He proudly served in Korea in 1953-54 with the 19th, Co. A. His wife of 49 years, Marie, two sons and a daughter survive him. Cards may be sent to: 82 Custer Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

Charles R Stevens, G Co, 19th Inf. Regt., 1950-51, died about 6 years ago



Donald J .Picket

Following are names of men I served with in H Co, 19th in 1951/53 in Japan and Korea, who have passed away. Joe O'Connell

Clemence Rustemeyer, (Twin of Cletus who is now in nursing home) Loose Creek Mo died May 2004

James B Sharp, died 2005 Harrodsburg KY

William Skiles, Rolla Mo died early 1980's

Louis Skiles, (William's brother) Rolla Mo died July 2005

21st Infantry Regiment

Moody S. Crowe, 10001 John Adams Road, Charlotte, NC 28262-2457, 21st Inf. WW II. No spouse listed

Ernest W. Hicks, 2351 S Ridgewood Ave., #5, Edgewater, FL 32141-4223 Died 6 Jan 06 21st Infantry Regiment WWII Cards may be sent to his Wife Alberta at the above address

Francis Keenan, H/21st Inf. Korea, passed away on January 20, 2006 in Sutton, NE. A Rosary will be held a 7 PM on Monday night and funeral services will on Tuesday, January 24 at 10:30 AM at the Catholic Church in Grafton, NE. Cards may be sent to his wife Delores at: PO Box 582, Sutton, NE 68979-0582

James Moses Morris, Co. H. 21st Inf., WWII (40-42) passed away in July 05 in Anniston, AL Graveside services were held at Anniston Memorial Gardens.

Arthur Henry Rinto, Staff Sergeant Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment died in Ashtabula, OH, 14 September 1995.

Winford A Shilling, On March 21, 2005, Winford Shilling passed away. He was a member of K. Co. from May 1949 to June 1951. A letter from his widow, Lucille Shilling appears in this issue of Hear Ye. Cards may be sent to: 727 Spruce St, Vinton, VA, 24179-3536

5th RCT

Richard Buchholz, 5th RCT Korea, passed away on July 23, 2005. Cards may be sent to: 1031 North Laventure Rd., Mt. Vernon, WA 98273

29th Infantry

Edward F. Balbi, Shortly after midnight 1 January 2006, CSM Ed Balbi, passed away. He was a great advocate of the benefits for the serviceman and took great pride in his military service. Cards may be sent to his wife Alice at PO Box 807, Plains MT 59859-0807.

34th Infantry Regiment

Dwight Dippel, passed away 21 March 2004. Formally a member of the mortar section, weapons platoon, I. Co. 34th Regiment from Australia, WWII, Dwight went to the Philippine Islands until the surrender of Japan August 1945.

Leo Lange passed away 2 Jun 05 He served during WWII for two years in the Philippines with the 34th MP Co. Leo reenlisted in 1947 and went to Kokura, Japan as a member of the 24th HQ. MP Co. The Korean War broke out and Leo was sent to Korea on 2 July 1950 and was in the Battle for Taejon on 20 July 1950. He earned the Bronze Star Medal and three Bronze Stars, plus numerous other awards. Leo is survived by his wife Delores, two sons, two daughters and four grandchildren. Cards may be sent to 3116 Twin Oaks Drive. Joliet, IL 60435.

34 Infantry Regiment (Cont.)

Charles S. Noto, 34th Inf., WWII is deceased. Charles died on 21 December, 2005 in Rochester, NY. He is survived by his wife Sylvia G. Noto and numerous children and grandchildren. Family requested that contributions be made to a charity of choice in his name. Cards may be sent to his wife at: 233 Greystone Lane, #18, Rochester, NY 14618-5125

Master Sergeant Jay Rye, K Company, 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, now in the encampment of Glory, (5 January 2006.) SGT Rye was 85 years old. I am searching for the words to describe this remarkable individual. He was a Bataan Death March survivor from WWII and also a Tiger Survivor. He was a great soldier who survived some bad times. In WW II he was captured by the Japanese and was on the infamous Bataan Death March in the Philippines. He liked being a POW so much he was captured again during the first few days of the Korean War! His beloved wife, Lorraine, preceded him to Glory. We will send flowers on behalf of all Tiger Survivors and other POWs who knew him. Cards can be sent to his son at the following address: Jimmy Rye,

~Shorty Estabrook, The Tiger

24th Signal Bn.

Gordon Wayne Riter was born October 29, 1921 on a farm

He died in his sleep

nt three years in the South Pacific during WWII with the 24th Signal Corp; he was with the initial landing on Leyte, Philippines. After his service he returned to South Dakota State and received his degree in Engineering in 1948. He loved spending time with his wife of 53 years, Margaret, and being a father to his children. He was a founding member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus, Sons of the American Revolution and prior to poor health he worked with Habitat for Humanity.



6th Tank

Stanley M. Wright passed away on 27 Nov 2005 He served with the 6th Tank Bn, in Korea. Stanley is survived his wife Helen, two daughters, Diane and Anita, his son John and five Grandchildren. Cards and condolences may be sent to: 10885 State Rd #177 College Corner, OH 45003-9269

339th Engineers Bn.

Bernard "Bernie" H. Medinger (WWII) died 4 Dec 2005, as reported by his daughter Nancy. His wife, Clara, preceded him in death. Cards may be sent to: 1007 Whispering Winds Pl N, Onalaska, WI 54650-2378. When WWII broke out, Bernie enlisted in the US Army. He served with the 24th and 32nd Divisions. Bernie was a past commander and life member of Roy L. Vingers American Legion Post 52, LaCrosse WI. Bernie was a kind a generous father. He enjoyed the company of his family, friends and comrades. He will be greatly missed by his loving daughter.



Medinger

555th Artillery Bn

CSM Thomas K. Richardson passed away 16 September 2005, at the Pikes Peak Hospice & Palliative Care. He served with 555th FA Bn and with Division Artillery in Korea from October 1951 to September 1952. A Memoria. Service was held at Ft. Logan Military Cemetery and on 7 February 2006. A Memorial Service for Tom will be held at the Pikes Peak Hospice. The family requests any donations to be made in his name to the Condolence cards may be sent to his

HO

Lt Col George Hafeman Sr. a fine soldier and true warrior of St. Helens, OR. passed away.

George served in the US Army between 1939 and 1959. During WW II, he served with the 6th Infantry Division in New Guinea and the Philippines. After the war, he commanded the Headquarters Company of the 24th Infantry Division in Japan. He was among the first troops to Korea. As a Captain during heavy fighting near the Naktong River, in August of 1950, he led Task Force Hafeman, a hastily assembled collection of 135 soldiers from 6 different units that performed heroically. His wartime awards included 3 Purple Hearts, the Silver Star. 6 Bronze Stars, the Army Commendation Medal and two Combat Infantry Badges. Cards or letters may be sent to George Hafeman Jr. at Windermere Real Estate, 519 South Highway, St Helens OR 97051 or to hafemang@windermere.com

George Hafeman, Sr., who received silver, bronze stars, dies

BY PAMELA PETERSEN

Goorge B. Haleman, Sr. will long be remembered as the real hen hemalito only realord states outdid all other real estate brokers in Columbia County. He built a local real estate agency, St. Helens Real Estate, into a three office powerhouse now known as Windermere Real Estate with offices in St. Helens, Scappoose and Clatskanie.

But Hafeman had an outstanding career in the military long before he ever decided to put down roots in St. Helens. His was a highly decorated career which spanned twenty years and saw combat in the Pacific theater of war during WWII and Korea.

Halleman, who was born in Sheboygari, Wieconsin in 1916, moved with his family to Colorado where he attended school in Fleming. After gradu-



See RAFEMAN, Page 12

George Hafeman, Sr. (far left) poses for a picture with his fellow servicemen and native islanders in 1944 while on the Island of New Guinea.

Unknown Unit

George Milton Langellier Sr was a Staff Sergeant during WWII and earned the CIB, and the Purple Heart George passed away on Dec 21, 2005. George is survived by his wife Norma. No further information is available.

James J. Jones passed away on 4 March 2002. Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Eileen M. Jones, 2300 Rice Planters Road, Charlotte, NC 28273.

34th Infantry Regiment

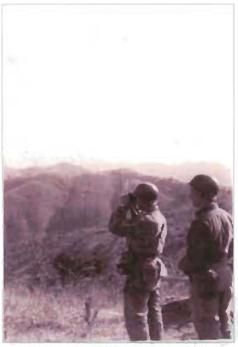
And don't forget to check out Gib's book in Books of Interest!







Patches given to Gib Hoogendoorn by Chinese Prisoners



Patrol on the DMZ near Yangu Valley



Gib & Mina the last days after Basic Training



Baroone, Frasca, Profit & Oxford From Left to Right at Camp near Puson



Packing up to leave camp near Puson



Atomic Bomb Site
Ground Zero

Urakani, Nagasaki Prefecture, Kyoshu.

Any wonder I glow in the dark!

I served in A and L Co's, 34th, 1947-48. Looking for anyone that served in 34th, Spring, 1947. Especially in Med. Det. or I and R. Does anyone remember a Lt. shot and killed with a BAR in A Co. barracks, Spring of 47. Did any unit besides A, 34th have following exercise? Boarded a landing craft at Sasebo Navy Base. After landing, hiked through mountains for several days. Shadowed by Regt I and R. Platoon. Guinea pigs in cages scattered about our bivouac area, ate K rations with radio-active dirt under our fingernails.

Anyone who can verify these facts, please write of call collect.

Thank you.

Jim Norton 83 Landseer Street West Roxbury, MA 02132 Phone: (617) 323-7427



Bivouac Area Co "A", 34th Inf., Spring, 1947 (May?)

3rd Engineer Combat Battalion

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Our Past Vice President Donald J. Lloyd passed away at 8:45AM, 5 February 2006. Don, along with his wife Dorothy, was the heart behind the 3^d 'C' Eng. Reunions. Don will be missed by all. Our prayers go out to Dorothy and the Lloyd family. Cards may be sent to his wife Dorothy at: 6804 Occidental Ave, Yakima, WA 98903-9647. Don will be formally honored next issue.

I am enclosing some photos as you requested of my time in the Division. I cannot express enough how I feel about being a part of the 24t" Inf. Div. Assoc. Since my time in the service was during peace time, I am humbled to be associated with men who fought to win the very peace that myself and many others were subjected to keep.

As you will notice in my pictures, we constantly trained and spent many days in the field. I was stationed in Ft. Stewart, GA. What was not sandy red, clay was swamp. It was a very well maintained post. The division was very strict about each unit's appearance and training.

I was assigned to E Company, 3rd Eng. BN (CBT). We were the Division Bridge Company. They called us the River Rats.

I arrived at Ft. Stewart the last of December 1981. I was fresh out of Basic Training and thought I knew it all. Well, it not take two 'Old Timers' long to break in this 'Cruit.'



I was assigned to 2nd Platoon 2"d Squad. My job was a boat crew member. I moved up to Boat Operator within about a year and enjoyed every moment.

No, I don't have any combat war stories to tell, but I have plenty of stories.

The pictures I am sending are one of Battalion Headquarters on Ft. Stewart. The other 3 are of Bridging Operations in February of 1982 at Ft. Benning, GA. Our Company went out there for about 2 or 3 weeks. We trained on Bridging and rafting while we were there.



The Battalion Commander of the 586t" Eng. And our Battalion Commander had the Bridge Companies compete for a trophy. We had to put 3 interior bags and 2 ramp sections together, load a 5 ton Bridge truck, raft it across the river and back. Needless to say, E Co. 3rd Eng. did it. Not only did we do that but to our surprise that morning, we had to do it in full mop gear and gas masks. We won the trophy and it was in Battalion Head Quarters when I left.

Thank you and the rest of the Association for giving me the opportunity to be a part of something so special.

Sincerely,

Greg Riggleman E Co. 3rd Eng. BN (CBT) 1981-1983 12408 South Fork Road Moorefield, WV 26836 304-434-2361





Photos Submitted By ~ Greg Riggleman, 3rd C ENG

2005 Reunion in Philadelphia, PA









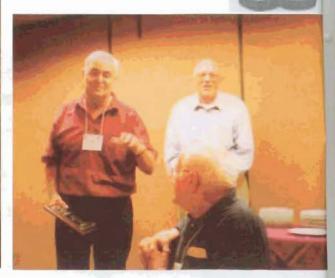




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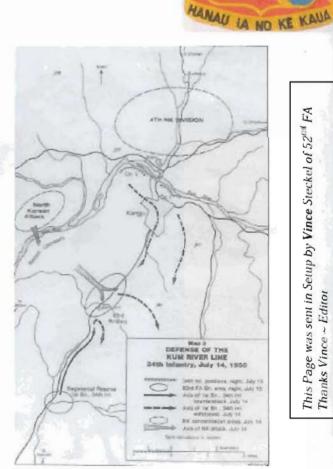
J. R. Duran in Japan Camp Hakata, Before Korean War Dies, Oct 10, 2005



J.R. Duran after receiving award from James Bolt



James Bolt & Herbert Wilkes, giving award to J.R. Duran and James Thomas' sister. Thomas, who died in Korea, July 13, 1950. Award in honor of James Thomas. (R to L) Larue Campbell, Larry Schobert, Viace Steckel, J.R. Duran, James Thomas sister. Herbert Wilkes, and James Bolt, all from 63rd FA



Born to Battle

Sitting (R & L) - Larry Schobert, Anthony, Anthony Stahelski Standing (R to L) - Vince Steckel, Herbert Wilkes, Hugh Quinlan, Julius Barefoot. James Bolt, Olen Yates

The old 63rd F.A. - We all ended up in C Btry, 52rd F.A.

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WE ARE THE MEN OF KOREA

[Poem sent to his mother from Korea,1950]

We are the men of Korea Earning our meager pay Guarding the folks with millions for about three dollars a day

Out on the windswept mountains this land is the spot Fighting and breathing the dust In the land that God has forgotten

No one cares if we are living no one gives a damn though we are soon forgotten we are nephews of Uncle Sam

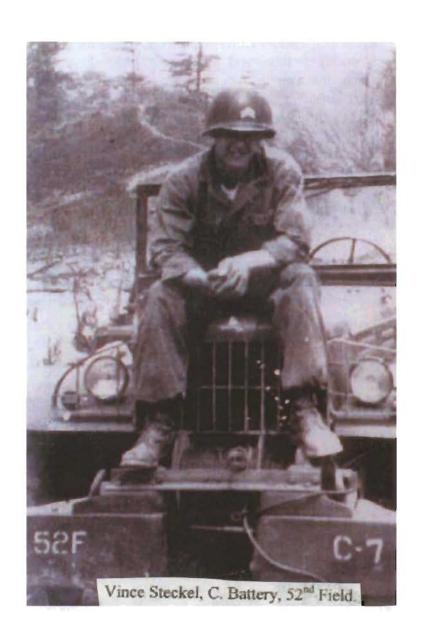
Out in the fields with our carbines eating and breathing the dust doing the work of a chain gang and too tired to cuss

All night the dust keeps flying its more than we can stand "Hell folks we're not convicts we're defenders of the land."

The things that we have seen are much too gruesome to tell. I hope its nice in heaven for I know what its like in Hell

And when this life is over and worries no more stand We'll do our last parading In the far away promised land.

There St Peter will greet us and suddenly he will yell "Come in you men from Korea You've done your time in Hell."



WELCOME TO INDIANAPOLIS and the CROWN PLAZA HOTEL GRAND HALL & CONFERENCE CENTER

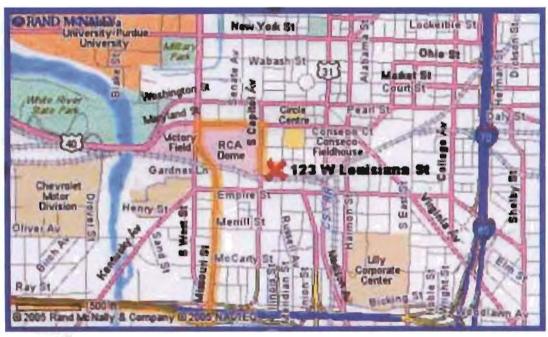
Indianapolis features the best drive/fly access in the nation. The airport, with air service from multiple carriers, is a mere 10-minute drive to our hotel, the Crowne Plaza hotel. More interstate highways intersect Indianapolis than any other city.

The Crowne Plaza Hotel and Conference Center at historic Union Station belongs to a class of rare and unique hotels that was born of the loving restoration and successful marriage of a national historic landmark with architectural creativity. The hotel built inside the original train shed covering rail tracks 1-8, offers our attendees exceptional facilities and impeccable service in a one-of-a-kind environment. Built inside America's first Union Station, the majestic red brick and granite headhouse is recognized as one of the finest Romanesque Revival styled structures in America. The Grand Hall is marked with distinctive arches, columns and terrazzo floors with 2 identical 20-foot leaded stained glass wheel windows.

Guest rooms offer keyless entry, remote control television, satellite cable, coffee makers, generous work areas, free high-speed Internet access & voicemail, lighted make-up mirrors, high dryers, in-room irons and ironing boards. Concierge Club Level rooms, Suites and Authentic Pullman Sleeper Train car rooms still resting on the original tracks, are available at an addition price.

The hotel located in Downtown Indianapolis is only moments away from 95 intriguing locally owned and national favorite restaurants. Many are connected through the skywalk systems and other are one – to – two-block stroll away. For the Ladies (Gentlemen) there is a large mall diagonally across the Pam Am Plaza within easy walking distance and easy access to the downtown restaurants.

Come, join us in Indianapolis meet your old friends and make new friends in our Association.



Directions:

From the West: From 1-70, bear right onto off-ramp 79a, turn left onto Missouri St (S West St), turn right onto Maryland St, turn right onto S capitol Ave and left onto Louisiana St. to 123 W Louisiana St

From the East: From 170. Bear right onto off-ramp exit 83B to I-65; from I-65 bear left onto off-ramp exit 114 to Dr Martin Luther King St; From Martin Luther King St continue onto N West St; from N West St continue onto Missouri St (S West St) turn left onto Maryland St then right onto S Capitol Ave and left onto Louisiana St. to 123 W Louisiana St.

Directions published by Hotel

From 1470, exit 79B. Continue north to Georgia St. (4 Stoplights). Turn left on Georgia St. follow to Capitol Ave & turn left 1 block on Louisiana St. Hotel on Left.

WELCOME TO CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER AT HISTORIC UNION STATION HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION REUNION September 20 – 23, 2006

ROOM TYPE REQUESTED	Rate	Number in Party
Run of the House	\$92.00	
Double, Smoking or Non-Smoking	\$92.00	
King Non-Smoking	\$92.00	
Exec, Smoking or Non-Smoking	\$92.00	
*Note: Current room tax is 15% and is s	subject to change.	
SPECIAL REQUESTS:		
Smoking Non-Smoking Connecting Room* All special requests will be noted but cannot be Hearing impaired devices available at Front I	e guaranteed due to th	
RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST AVAILABILITY. (After this date, rooms will be on spart The discounted room rate will be extended 3 days prior and	ce and rate availabili	
Date of Arrival Date of Departure	Number	of Nights
Name (Please Print)		
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If guaranteed to a major credit card, please give the following AMEXVISAMC DISCOVERY	_	
Credit Card Number:	Expiration Date	e:
Signature:		
Mail this form to: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Reservations, 123	W. Louisiana St., India	napolis, IN 46225
Telephone Reservation: 1-317-631-2221 Confirm	ation Number	

Important!! Please read and follow all instructions

You must mail your check along with your registration forms to the following:

Hotel Reservation

Crowne Plaza Hotel & Conference Center at Historic Union Station
Attn: Reservations
123 West Louisiana Street
Indianapolis, IN 46225
317-631-2221

(Recommend reservations be made by telephone and get confirmation number)

REUNION REGISTRATION / MEAL & TOUR FORM

Robert A. Newkirk 1690 Preidt Circle Franklin, IN 46131-7593 317-736-4922

Reunion Banquet Seating - Deadline September 7, 2006

If you have a group of friends and wish to be seated together, get together and pay together

Send your registration forms in one envelope. Only 10 people can be seated at a table. Reserve as many tables as needed to accommodate your group. Designate one person and send you registration forms along with the appropriate payment to that person who will then forward all registration forms and payments to the Reunion Chairman. Once the Reunion Chairman has received all paperwork and money, the will notify the responsible person by confirmation letter. A registration packet for each person will be waiting at the reunion pre-registration desk. All tables will be assigned in order of receipt – so start your planning early and get your reservation and registration in as early as possible. Any Group table seating arrangement received after September 7, 2006 will not be guaranteed. All other registrants not included in a group arrangement will be seated when possible with members of his unit. Please Note – Once tables are assigned they will not be rearranged. There will be no refunds or seating changes after September 7, 2006 except in cases of emergencies.



NOTICE TO TARO LEAFERS



Below is a press release pertaining to our reunion in Indianapolis, IN. Regardless of whether or not you plan to attend, please cut it out and either take it to or mail it to your local newspaper and request it be published in their military, special events or Letters to the Editor section. I would like to see this notice blanket the country to announce our reunion and let all former 24th Division Members know there is an active association in existence. Please, feel free to change the wording to suite your local newspaper.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 20 – September 23, 2006, the 24th Infantry Division Association will hold its Annual Reunion honoring the Veterans of the Division. All former and current members of the 24th Infantry Division or members of any unit that have been assigned or attached to the Division at any time are welcome. The reunion will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel & Conference Center, 123 West Louisiana St., Indianapolis, IN 46225. For further information contact: Wes Morrison, Association President & Reunion Coordinator at 831-883-2156 or Email: wesm8@aol.com or Robert Newkirk, Reunion Chairman, 317-736-4922, Email: arcj@comcast.net.

24th Infantry Division Reunion – Tours

Thursday September 21st, 2006

#1: War Memorial Tour

10:30am - 4:00pm

\$46.00/person

The downtown canal houses the Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients Memorial and the USS Indianapolis Memorial. Tour will include a visit the Soldiers and Sailors Monument & Colonel Eli Lilly Civil War Museum. There will be a stop for Photos at the Indiana War Memorial, Korean, WWII, University Park & a drive past the Veterans Plaza. Following lunch on your own, the tour will continue with a visit to the American Legion Headquarters.

#2: Brown County & Oliver Winery

9:00am - 4:00pm

\$48.00/person

In the southern part of the state lies the village of Nashville featuring over 250 shops with an endless variety of merchandise and sundries offering the finest in hand made one of a kind items. There will also be a tour of the Oliver Winery just north of Bloomington. There is much more to see but not enough room to describe. Lunch will be on your own.

Friday September 22d, 2006

#1: Indy Indeed

9:00am - 2:00pm

\$46.00/person

A trip to the famous Indianapolis 500 speedway includes Gasoline Alley, the Yard of Bricks start/finish line & the Hall of Fame Museum. If the track is not in use, thrill of a lap around the track. Tour will include a trip to Monument Circle, State Capitol Children's Museum Circle Center Mall and Lockerbie Square (home of Raggedy Ann and Andy and Little Orphan Annie). Lunch will be on your own at Circle Center Mall food Court.

#2: Conner Prairie

9:30am - 4:00pm

\$60.00/person

Leave the 21st Century behind and visit a little history at the William Conner Estate, Pioneer Adventure Area and 1836 Village of Prairietown. See the village residents go about their daily chores and even try your hand by enjoying activities such as spinning, soap making and watch a 1830's Blacksmith at work. Quoted price includes the admissions fee. Lunch will be on your own at Conner Prairie.

Saturday September 23 2006

#1: Indy Zoo & White River Gardens

12:00pm - 3:30pm

\$48.00/person

Visit animals in natural habitats. Journey into the timberlands and view Kodiak bears, majestic bald eagles. Take the paths to Africa and Australia where you will find Giraffes, gazelles, zebras, lions and bathing elephants. Visit the Dolphin Pavilion for shows at 12:30pm & 2:30pm.

#2: War Memorial Tour

11:30am - 3:30pm

\$46.00/person

A repeat for those who couldn't make the one on Thursday.

24th Infantry Division Reunion - Menu

BREAKFAST

THE CONDUCTOR

Choice of Fresh Chilled Orange or Grapefruit Juice

Fluffy Scrambled Eggs Breakfast Potatoes Hickory Smoked Bacon Assorted Breakfast Pastries

Coffee, Decaf Coffee and Tea

\$17.00

ALOHA BANQUET MENUS

Stuffed Center Cut Pork Tenderloin Roasted Red Potatoes & Vegetable

\$29.00 Inclusive

Baked Cod Au Gratin Rice Pilaf & Vegetable \$31.00 Inclusive

MEMORIAL BANQUET

Steak Diana w/Dijon Mustard Topping (Beef Tenderloin) Baked Potato & Vegetable \$38.00 Inclusive

Fried Chicken Dinner (3 Pieces) Mashed Potato w/gravy \$28.00 Inclusive

All Banquet Menus include House Salad w/2 dressings, House breads & butter and Chef's choice of desert.

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Attention - All Units 60, Number 1, Winter 2006

THE LADIES BREAKFAST

The Unit Memorial Breakfast is now treated as another Association event. Your annual breakfast will be held Saturday, September 23 2006, 8:00 AM at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The Unit Mess Hall location for each unit will be posted at the registration table. The cost for each breakfast is \$17.00 Since the Association's Annual Meeting follows at 10:00 AM, it is requested that attendees at the Memorial Breakfasts 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:	
STREET	
CITY	STATEZIP:
UNIT BREAKFAST TO ATTEND	

Unit Mess Hall

3rd Engr/5th RCT/555^{5th} FA 19th Inf/29 Inf/13th FA 21st Inf/52d FA/11th FA 34th Inf/63rd FA/26th AAA

Headcount

Bill Boyden Larry Gay Wes Morrison Roger Mitten

Members of units not listed above may sign up for a breakfast with whatever unit they feel comfortable with.

No one, <u>NO ONE</u>, will be allowed into the Mess Hall with out the proper breakfast ticket. Headcounts may at, their discretion, accept payment at the door but must list each payee for accountability.

Don't miss the Ladies Breakfast – Entertainment will be Handbell soloist Kristine Stout performing her a Solo ringing that is a very rare, graceful form of musical expression. Using a form of ballet combined with solo & ensemble weaving techniques, and using a digital keyboard to program all her own orchestrations, Kristine creates a stunning musical achievement that will overwhelm your musical senses.

Choice of Fresh Chilled Orange or Grapefruit Juice
Fluffy Scrambled Eggs
Breakfast Potatoes
Hickory Smoked Bacon
Assorted Breakfast Pastries
Coffee, Decaf Coffee and Tea

\$17.00 Inclusive of Tax & Gratuity

NAME:		_
STREET		_
CITY	STATEZIP:	_
Number Attending		

Enter total amount on Tour & Meal Registration Form

24th Infantry Division Association and

Franklin, IN 46131-7593

and pay together.

REMINDER

with appropriate payments in one envelope otherwise we cannot guarantee

Banquets,

you must mail all

if you wish to be seated with registration forms along

that you and your friends will be seated together!

Make Checks Payable to:

Mail

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Robert A. Newkirk 1690 Preidt Circle

If you have a group of friends and wish to be seated together, get together

Name: (please print) Name of Wife / Guests Attending: Crowne Plaza Hotel and Conference Center at Historic Union Station September 20 2006 – September 23, 2006

Zip:

City:

Phone Number:

E-Mail:

Address:

Please list any food allergies or special diets required. Please be specific

Information for your name badge

Unit

Nickname

Location

Period

First Timer? YES

NO

Survey for Reunion Coordinator. Will you be arriving by:

Day / Date / Time Per Person # Person Activity Amount Reunion Registration (Spouse & Guest exempt from Registration Fee Only) \$15.00 Thursday, September 21, 2006 10:30 am - 4:00 pm War Memorial \$46.00 X 9:00 am - 4:00 pm **Brown County** . \$48.00 Friday, September 22, 2006 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Indy Indeed \$46.00 X 9:30 am - 4:00 pm Conner Prairie \$60.00 6:30 - 11:00 pm Aloha Banquet: Stuffed Pork Tenderloin \$29.00 Baked Cod \$31.00 Saturday, September 23, 2006 8:00 am - 10:00 am Unit Breakfast \$17.00 X 9:00 - 12:00 pm Ladies Breakfast \$17.00 X 12:00 pm - 3:30 pm Indy Zoo \$48.00 X X 11:30 am - 3:30 pm War Memorial \$46.00 6:30 pm - 11:00 pm Memorial Banquet Steak Diana X \$38.00 Fried Chicken \$28.00 Χ Please Note: Spouse and Guest do not pay a registration fee. All Associate Members, former and current Total Division Members must pay the Registration Fee

CORRECTIONS

Cons!

We have two Taro Leaf out there with VOL. 59 No. 3...... Summer 2005 on the cover.

The one with the Eagles and the caption Wing Your Way to Philly is connectly marked.

This issue is Vol. 60 No. 1.

Winder 2006

It has been brought to my attention that the list of first donors to the Funch Bowl Memorial (Page 2, Summer 2005, with Eagle cover) was missing a very important name. The plan for the Funch Bowl Monument was presented in Laughlin NV by the Committee Chairman, Daniel Rickert, while at the West Coast Reunion (Minimumion. Seed money was needed to get the project started, and as always, Dutch Nelsen was one of the first to donate. We miss you Dutch. Heaven has to be a better place with you waiting at the Gate for each 24th ID Soldier and every Korea Veteranwho enters there. ~ Billy Johnson, Editor.

From: Don F. Darke dighorn@gtlakes.com

To: wesnB@aol.com

Subject: correct name spelling

Date: Thu. 29 Dec 2005 18:56:22 -0500

My Dear Mr. Morrison: Thank you for your effort pertaining to the Taro Leaf. We all appreciate the time consuming work that is done by the elected and voluntary personnel. I have donated much time in volunteering so I know what it involves. Thank You!!! I have sent pirtures and articles to our magazine over the years, but since E. Dutch Nelson was replaced, I can't seem to have my name spelled correctly. Since that time I have communicated with several in "control" including Don Maggio who assured me that this would be taken care of, but also this last issue (summer 2005) showed a few of my pictures presented under the name of "DRAKE" rather than DARKE. Bottom page 43. I am a life member of the VFW post 446 and also a member of the 24th Infantry Division Association and 5th Regimental Combat Team Association, 3rd platoon, K Co., 24th Division, 50 - 51 Koma. Appreciate your co-operation infinding a button or whatever to push to correct this. Thank you, Donald F. Darke, 5th RCT#6297-0994

Mr. Darles.

My apologies for the misspelling of your name. I do wish that you had contacted me when you found an error as I am the one to make the correction. Since you are a seasoned volunteer it sure would be great if you were closer and available to do some proof reading and other tasks needed to be done for the Taro Leaf to become a reality each quarter. My wife, our daughter Linda Jeanne and I are the whole staff, we too are volunteers. Our elected afficers, also volunteers, have their own jobs to do. There are not "Several in "control", so I am not use with whom you may have communicated. Our President, Wes Morrison, handles the administrative side of the 24" IDA. Mr. Donald Maggio, is a very competent Secretary/Treasurer. He is greatly appreciated by all of its who work to keep this organization running smoothly. For the names of a few others who give their time for the love of the Association, please read the inside front cover of the Taro Leaf. The members of our Executive floard, also volunteers, work together to guide and advise, as well as keeping watch to be sure that the many rules and regulations which govern any non-profit association are followed to the letter.

ibu will find my name there as Editor, and as Editor I take responsibility for whatever is printed in the Taro leaf. ~ Billy Johnson

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

I received my copy of the Taro Leaf this afternoon and I was happily surprised to see that you not only put the picture on **Bill Engstrom** and I in as I requested but you had a picture of all five of our group from Fox Company in there. I was especially surprised to see your edited portion of my eleven-page story. I certainly did not expect you to print that story or any portion of it but was quite happy the way you put part of it in. Thank you very much. I know the other men will be very happy to see their pictures in the Taro Leaf and I'm sure they will be calling me when they see their copy of your great Taro Leaf magazine.

Warmest regards, Don Duffy "HAPPY NEW YEAR"

Thank you very much for publishing the pictures of Cannon Co, 21st Reg, 24th Div of the Philippines in the summer edition. I am real proud of being part of the 24th Div. during World War II and the occupation of Japan.

I really enjoy receiving and reading the Taro Leaf. Glad to be a member.

Always,

Emilio Guglielmelli, Jr.



I was quite surprised to read in the Summer 2005 Taro Leaf of William J. Verbeck's statement that the 21st Infantry secured the island of Mindoro on 15 December '44. The 21st as not there.

The 19th Infantry had been detached from the 24th Infantry Division and joined with the 503d Parachute Regiment and supporting arms to form the Western Vasyan Taskforce, under command of a BG to invade and capture Mindoro island. The task force sailed from Leyte, not far from the invasion beaches of less than two months earlier and proceeded to our objective with the cruiser USS Nashville as our command ship. The cruiser was hit by kamikaze, apparently from an enemy airbase on Palawan Island, and the task force commander was severely wounded and as evacuated for medical care.

The Mindoro Operation was not heroic as there was little Japanese opposition, but the island was vitally important as it provided dry land real estate on which accompanying task force engineers quickly constructed operational air fields from which allied fighter planes flew to destroy many enemy aircraft on Clark Field prior to the Luzon invasion.

I was a 1st Lt battalion communications officer of the 1st Bn, 19th and we were designated as the regimental communications section for this operation, requiring a great deal more equipment and much larger area of responsibility. But we succeeded.) This is ancient history, but I just wanted to set the record straight.

Sincerely,

Allan C. McGill

Some of you know that I have cancer. We found it out on 19 Sept. 05 when I went for prostate exam. Since



Went to the oncologist yesterday to determine the course of treatment for the cancer that is now in my abdomen. He has prescribed radiation therapy. I start treatments on this Tues. The treatment center is near our home, so that is good. I have to have a treatment every day, Monday thru Friday, for 4 weeks. The Dr. said that at the end of that time, I should be completely cured. But, he sent me for another catscan this AM, of the chest. His concern is that if it has spread to the chest, then we will have to do chemo. If it hasn't, the radiation comes first, and then if the cancer comes back in a couple of years, he can then do the chemo. We are praying that it has not spread, and as soon as the radiation therapy is concluded, we will be home free. Thank you for praying. Paul

Paul J. Cain, Life - #186

3109 B Chatham Dr., Urbana IL 61802-7044

In the last edition of the Taro Leafer, Jim Hill wrote about the race to Pyongyang by the 24th Infantry and the First Cavalry Division, stating that the British Commonwealth Brigade, then attached to the Cavalry Division, was the first to enter the city of SARIWAN, south of Pyongyang.

I would like to dispute this. Memories get hazy and October 1950 occurred a long time ago, but I do remember SARIWAN. My Co. K, 19th Infantry Regiment platoon was in trucks on our way to Pyongyang when we stopped just outside SARIWAN and entered it on foot from the South. I noticed a railroad station about 350 yards from the road (to the West). It was full of North Korean military personnel in uniform waiting for a train. I took a pot shot at a large NK officer with a sword on his back. I may have winged him or even missed him, but he was startled and he and all the others scattered in all directions and were never seen again. My shot was the only one fired in the battle of SARIWAN.

I also remember capturing a surly young Korean dressed in traditional white. I had to hold my M1 on him for a long time until the rest of my squad returned from searching the houses nearby. It weighed a ton and I had to sit down while he squatted.

We were ordered back to the trucks and resumed the trip to Pyongyang and the Bob Hope show.

I did not see any Brits in SARIWAN. If they entered the town before I did, they certainly missed the railroad station and the waiting would be passengers. I don't see how that is possible.

Bill Garry

K/19 1950

Heavy Mortar Co. 1951

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! (Cont.)

I would like to make a contribution towards the 24th ID Hawaiian Memorial. It is a most fitting tribute to the men and women who served in one of the best U.S. Army divisions. And I am proud to have been part of it.

To have it placed at Punchbowl along with her sister division, the 25th ID, and the 5th RCT, makes it all the more meaningful. I look forward to the day the memorial will be dedicated. My sincere appreciation **to Miss Danielle Rickert** for her time and effort in designing the Memorial.

Sincerely, (Unreadable)

Please, let us know if you are the one who sent this note to Bill Boyden with a donation for the Memorial Plaque so we can put your name in next Taro Leaf.

~Editor

Benny Ales, 3d Battalion 34th Infantry and 2d Battalion 21st Infantry, Korea is hospitalized with a bad bladder infections. Get Well cards may be sent to him at 16155 Blue Spruce Ln, Clinton TWP, MI 48035-5519.

Let all wish Benny a speedy recovery.

To Don Maggio: Sec/Treas. 24th IDA

Don.

Here's \$25.00 for the outfit, Taro Leaf or whatnot. You're doing a real good job. I hope everyone appreciates all the work you guy's do to keep everything running. **Vince (Bud) Steckel**

Vince Steckel has some great photos in the section for 52^{nd} F.A.

~Editor

Hi Donald,

Sending along dues for the next two years and an additional \$20.00 to be used for the Memorial Plaque, listed under the "26 AAA" Unit, which I served with in Korea and Japan back in 1951-1952.

We enjoy the Taro Leaf immensely, and look forward to each issue. Glad to see the 26AAA has gotten a lot of coverage over the past couple of years.

Yours Truly, **Ramon Cooper**, PO Box 548, Lake Como FL 32157-0548

Ramon, Thank you for the very kind words concerning the Taro Leaf. The 26 AAA has gotten coverage because photos and items from your unit were sent to the Taro Leaf. Hope your note inspires those from other units to do the same so that we can have every unit accounted for. We can't print what is packed away in a box someplace.

~ Editor, Billy Johnson

John Cofer was a Member of the 24th
Infantry Division, 7 August 1942 until 4 December 1945

Awards Earned

1 Bronze Star, 2.Purple Heart, 3.Good Conduct, 4.Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal and Bronze Star Attachment (Triple) 5.WWII Victory Medal 6.Combat Infantry Badge 7.Philippine Liberation Ribbon Just for the record: I'm 84 years old and hanging on. John Thomas Cofer, Co. A. 19th Inf. Regt. of the 24th ID. Dues paid for 2006. Proud to be a Member. John's address: 1319 Blackberry Drive, Louisville KY 40272-7104

Dear Don,

Enclosed is a check for my dues 2006, and an extra \$10.00 to assist with postage, etc.

We enjoy reading our Taro Leaf very much and you folks are doing a great job with the magazine. Hope to see you good people this September in Indianapolis. **Charles Nunnally**, 5155 Nunnally Trail, Gainesville, GA 30506-6769 11th FA

Charles, Thank you for your positive comments about the Taro Leaf. I sincerely hope every Taro Leafer out there enjoys reading it as much as I enjoy editing it.

~ Editor, Billy Johnson

Open letter to **Mr. Ed Hunter** from **Julius Minkoff**, 19th INF. (Edited for space)

Mr. Ed Hunter,

I was reading the 19th Reg. information story on you and **Henry Garfinkle**. I enjoyed seeing the photo you had sent to the Taro Leaf. I was in Co. B. 19th, from 3-1943 to 11-1945. I made it home after Mindanao in great shape, and I see that you both were just as lucky. I would appreciate it if you could send me Garfinkle's address and phone number so I can contact him, and also yours so I can thank you for helping me get to him. My address and phone number are as follows. **Julius Minkoff**, PO Box 120123, or my home address: 3344 William Styrun Square North, New Port News, VA 23606, and Phone 757.594.0903. A letter will do and I will make the calls. Thank you. J. Minkoff

NEWSPAPER MISPRINTS

Our experienced mom will care for your child. Fenced yard, meals and smacks included.

Alzheimer center prepares for affair to remember

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! (Cont.)

Dear Taro Leafers,

There will be no Presidents letter this issue. Wes feels "This message is more important than a President's Letter."

From the Reunion Coordinator.

In preparation for the up coming reunion in Indianapolis, I have been reviewing the Registration Forms from last year's reunion in Philadelphia. Each year I review the Registration Forms to see if there is a possible way to improve the Administration of the reunion to the benefit of the member. To accomplish a stress free and uneventful arrival, these forms must be completed in their entirety, and submitted to the Onsite Chairperson. This helps the Onsite Chairperson to properly prepare your Welcome Packet for your arrival.

In reviewing the Registration Forms, I find many that are either missing information or the Reunion Registration form is missing altogether. The Annual Reunion Registration Form contains requested information to properly prepare your welcome and to help plan future reunions. This past reunion, many members sent in only the Meal & Tour form with their mailing label attached. I'm not going into detail and why the information is needed except to say that if you would indicate your complete unit of assignment within the Division, (Company/Regiment, etc.) the Onsite Chairperson can seat you with members of your Company or Regiment. Please, when you send in to Register for the reunion complete all the necessary forms and submit them with the appropriate payment to the Onsite Chairperson as requested.

Wes Morrison

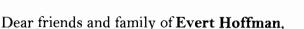
I say it would be <u>great</u> if we could have a smooth sign in when we get to Indianapolis in September. Reunion Chairmen give their best to make each reunion enjoyable for all of us. Chairing a reunion it is **not** an easy task. Please show your appreciation by filling out the reunion forms correctly, which will make the job much easier.

This year our <u>Reunion Chairman is Robert</u> <u>Newkirk</u>, 1690 Predit Circle, Franklin, IN 46131-7593 (Billy)

Dear Don.

Enclosed is a check for my 2006 dues plus a donation to help with postage etc. We enjoy our Taro leaf very much; you folks are doing a great job with the magazine. Hope to see you good people this September in Indianapolis.

Charles Nunnally

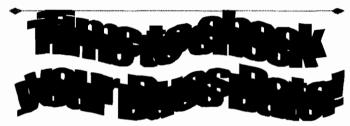


After nearly three weeks in the hospital my Father will be coming home tomorrow. He is mobile only with a wheel chair and walker, although very unstable with the walker. While in the hospital this time, he fell again and fractured his wrist, along with the knee injury from the last fall...he won't be "running the streets" for awhile. Please hold off on your e-mail as he will not be able to use the computer for a while...and I'm sure you know how those e-mails can pile up. When he is able, I am sure he will be sending e-mail to let you know he is back on the "net". I would like to thank everyone who has called my Mother to offer encouragement and also to inquire about my Father

My parents would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy and healthy New Year....

Sincerely,

Irma R. Brungard, irb@rochester.rr.com (This Email is from 22-12-05



On March 21,2005 which was two days after his 75th bírthday, Winfred A. Shilling went to "God's Home." He had been awakening around three or four o'clock each morning and when I asked him why, he replied, "The Chinese always attacked at that time and I just wake up." He would go back to sleep around six for a while. I can honestly say I've never met anyone more patriotic or who believed in his country more. He always said our government was not perfect but was the best in the world. He had no patience with anyone who used religion to keep out of service. According to him, and I also believe there are too many positions that don't call for bearing arms to fill vital help such as cooks, clerks etc. This is only our opinion but America lost a true patriot when he died.

Sincerely Yours,

Lucille N. Shilling (Widow) NOTE: Winfred was with the 21st K Co. 15-'49 to '6-'51

727 Spruce Street

Vinton, VA 24179-3536

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! (Cont.)

<u>Listen Up Taro Leafers! These Hear Ye and Looking For sections really do keep us together.</u>

Billy, I just got out of the hospital for cancer treatment. God will help me get well so that I can keep praising Him and the Taro Leaf. By the way, last summer I heard from two guys that were with me in Korea in 1950.

We have not seen each other in fifty-five years, and thanks to you, because it was that we found each other through the Taro Leaf. Magazine. One was Dale Demoray from Vancouver WA and Earnest Pireto from Ashfork AZ. We three got into a battle in the first days of the Korean War. We were stationed in Beppu K Kyushu, Japan with the 19th Inf. Regt. of the famous 24th Division since early 1949. I sure would like to hear from old buddies whom I am proud to have shared my battles with such brave men of the 24th Division. Keep up the good work.

God Bless,

Jose L. Munoz, 9011 Lady Di Loop, Lorado TX 78045-8043. Email: Luckygogo@hotmail.com.

To: Sam Slater

Sam,

A heartfelt "Thank you" for being the reunion chairman for this year's get together of the 24th Infantry Division Association. It is quite evident that you and your family did a lot of extra work in preparing for this reunion. The Hospitality Room was well organized and although I ate too many pretzels and chocolate bars I enjoyed having them always available. The Aloha Night dinner was great! The hotel did a great job in preparing the dinner and also for the Memorial Dinner. You handled the seating arrangement for both dinners in a professional way!

The tours were well organized and planned and the one Sue and I took was most enjoyable. It was nice to have Mrs. Ben Franklin to be our tour guide. I heard nothing but compliments from the attendees about how nice everything was. Even the hotel staff was most accommodating in every manner.

After visiting Philadelphia I now know what a "Mummer" is!

Special thanks to Jean for all the superior computer works she did for the reunion.

Jim and Sue Hill

Sam, Mrs. Slater, Cathy, Jean and all the Slater Family, Y'all did a fantastic job. The hours and hours of work done by the family is truly appreciated by everyone. <u>It was a pleasure to meet such a close and spirited family</u>.

~ Billy Johnson, Editor

Do you know if there are any former members of the 3rd Engineers Medical Detachment, who were in Korea between 1 January 1950 and 31 August 1950, and who are now members of the 24th IDA. Or is there anyone out there who knows the location of <u>any medical personnel</u> who were there at the time between those dates.

I have a claim with the VA and the sick book is missing.

Thanks, Bill Boyden,

William F. Boyden Sr. PO Box 114, Norton, MA 02766-0114, 508-285-9963, HS3ECB@verison.net

First I want to compliment you on continuing on editing the Taro Leaf. It is truly a magazine we can all be proud of. I am enclosing a copy of an old snapshot of a group of us from Division HQ. AG Section While we were on Talomo Beach in 1945. I don't remember the names of anyone in the photograph except me. I am on the left. If anyone recognizes any in the photograph I would like to hear from them or anyone who served with the 24th Division from Hollandia to Toloma. I am gathering information for a book I am writing and would like to hear anyone's memories of that era.

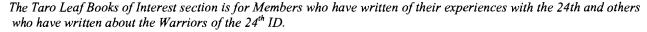
Many thanks. **Jack Jorgensen**, 1481 S Danube Way #104, Aurora CO 80017.



CB Mason, a great supporter of our Association, bet me several weeks ago that his Texas Cowboys would beat the Carolina Panthers. As any sports fan knows, I lost the bet! I now owe a Texas sized breakfast to CB and his wife.

Oh Well! Just wait until next year! Billy

Books of Interest





Korea POW: A Thousand Days of Torment by William H. Funchess, Privately Printed, Clemson, South Carolina, 1997. Pp 141., \$15.00 plus \$3.00 Priority Mail delivery.

Bill Funchess, a young lieutenant fresh out of the ROTC Program at then Clemson College, Clemson, South Carolina joined the 19th infantry Regiment of the 24th infantry Division at Beppu, Japan in the Spring of 1950. He was assigned the duties as an Infantry Platoon Leader in the 1st Battalion of the 19th, a position he held when the division was deployed to Korea in July 1950.

During the early stages of the Korean War, Lieutenant Funchess served with distinction in major engagements at the Kum River, Taejon and the Naktong Perimeter. After being severely wounded in the vicinity of Anju, North Korea he was captured by Chinese Communist forces on November 4, 1950 and remained a prisoner of war until he was repatriated on September 6, 1953; a period of more than 35 months, hence "thousand days" of the book's title.

After returning to the United States and being medically discharged from the Army because of his wounds, Funchess settled down to a civilian life in Clemson. During the ensuing years many individuals suggested that he put down his memories of his POW days in book form so that the experiences that he, and many other brave men suffered could be made a matter of history. Finally, in the Spring of 1997 his book was published by a printing firm in Clemson in a limited edition.

Funchess prefaces his book with the following quote "The events in this book was written forty-seven years after I was a Prisoner of war in North Korea. I brought home no diary and practically no written material to use in refreshing my memory. . . Some events are vividly etched in my mind and will never be forgotten. I have more distinct recollections of incidents in which

I was involved as compared to those events involving others. There are some events, however, which have become somewhat difficult to recall, but I want to assure my readers that I have made a sincere effort to accurately portray my experiences as a POW in North Korea."

In his book, Funchess begins with his entry into the US Army and details the events that led up to his capture. The majority of the book relates his experiences as a POW and vividly describes many of the horrors of personal abuse, sickness, near starvation and the bitter weather that he encountered while a captive. Although the book primarily relates his experiences several sections also tell of the experiences of other POWs that imprisoned with him. In many instances he tells "human interest" stories and identifies the individuals by name. Many of stories contain no names; a tragedy of that war in that so many of the young men gave their all for their country, yet are anonymous in the pages of history.

This is a must read for anyone interested in a well-written, creditable, first person account of military operations in Korea. As you read Korea POW, the old adage "There but for the Grace of God go I" will undoubtedly cross your mind. This reviewer assures the reader that once started, you won't put it down.

This book is available from the author at the following address:

William H. Funchess, 107 Brookwood Drive Clemson, South Carolina, 29631 Telephone: 864-654-4617

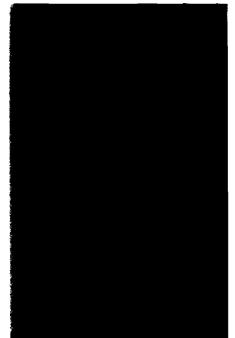
The reviewer of <u>Korea POW</u>, James F. Hill, is a Trustee of the Historical Society of the Georgia National Guard and was an Infantry Platoon Leader with the author in Japan and Korea in the same battalion in 1950.

Due to the many phone and Email request for ordering information of Q Clan by Ralph Deer Harrity, the Taro Leaf is pleased to publish this order form. Good reading to all!

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Hoogendoorn opens his book on a Sunday morning, the 25^{th} of June 1950, with the invasion by North Korea into South Korea. The reader travels with Hoogendoorn from his reporting to the Army on the 8^{th} of July 1952, through his time guarding North Korean prisoners of war, his travels through a war torn countryside, to his return home in June of 1954. The reader will clearly feel Hoogendoorn's admiration for the resiliency of a people beset by the adversity of war.

Below is an excerpt from **About Face** ~ **A Korean Veteran's Dialogue**

One morning we were marching to the tracks. The streets were crowded as thick as flies at a fish market. In this crowd I spotted two old people. Old will not describe them and poor will not describe them either. Their clothes were rags at best. Patch on patch. Their shoes were cardboard

paper wrapped around their feet and tied with thin rope, a sight I will not soon forget. They had a stick about six feet long between them, each over a shoulder. On the center of the stick was a small bag. The little man in the front, the little lady behind, in step, on a small trot. Trotting seemed to be the easy way to carry a load. No mistake. They were singing in perfect harmony the most beautiful tune you could imagine. I was so taken aback that I almost forgot what I was doing. They passed out of sight and I never saw them again. But my memories will not allow me to forget them. I could not figure out what they had to sing about. They must have known something I knew nothing about.

You can order **About Face** directly from the author for \$10.00 at:

Gilbert Hoogendoorn 5419 W. Dardanella #230 Sioux Falls, SD 57106



If You Want a Lener - You'd Better Write One

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

I am in contact with noted writer and British historian Max Hastings (Armageddon, Overlord, Warriors, The Korean War, etc). Mr. Hasting is researching information for a rew book on the War with Japan and is interested in interviewing former members of the 24th Infantry Division who participated in the Philippines Campaign. He will be in Washington DC next April and will be traveling to Virginia, W. Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware and who like to interview persons those areas or persons who could travel a short distance to meet with him. Some time later in the year he is planning to visit the Southern States. I would imagine this would depend on how many he would have an opportunity to talk to. For those who are interested, please contact me so I may prepare a list to send to Mr. Hasting for his consideration. Don't know what questions or just what information he is interested in, but in your reply to me, give a brief (not a story) synopsis of your view of the Philippine Campaign.

As stated above, Mr. Hasting has indicated his April plans but I would imagine he will also be talking to members of other Army units that participated in the Philippine Campaign (If my memory is correct, I don't believe there were any Marine Units there) What is disturbing to me is that everyone seem to think that the Army, in particular the 24th Infantry Division only participated in the Philippine Campaign. They seem to forget that the US Army fought through the South Pacific Theater and that the 24th Infantry Division was the first Army Division to fire on the Japanese at Pearl Harbor."

~Wes

Mast Coast Reunion

"We had 73 attend the Dinner, and yes, we did Honors," \sim Dan



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placing "Love" stamps on bright pink envelopes with hearts all over them. He then takes out a perfirme bottle and starts spraying see " and starts spraying scall over them.

His curiosity getting the better of him, he goes up to the balding man and asks him what he is doing. The man says, "I'm sending out 1,000 Valentine cards signed, 'Guess who?'"

But why?" asks the man.

"I'm a divorce lawyer," the man replies.

During training exercises, the lieutenant who was driving down a muddy back road encountered another car stuck in the mud with a red-faced colonel at the wheel.

"Your jeep stuck, sir?" asked the lieutenant as he pulled alongside.

"Nope," replied the colonel, coming over and handing him the keys, "Yours is."

An Army Master Sergeant and a General were sitting in the barbershop. They were both just getting finished with their shaves, when the barbers reached for some after-shave to slap on their faces. The General shouted, "Hey, don't put that stuff on me! My wife will think I've been in a whorehouse!"

The Sergeant turned to his barber and said, "Go ahead and put it on me. My wife doesn't know what the inside of a whorehouse smells like."



Just give me the aspirin I already got a Purple Heart.



Student Sarah Sevick filed a formal complaint in September with the U.S. Department of Justice, accusing Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, Texas, of violating the Americans With Disabilities Act by not letting her keep her "assistance animal," which is Lilly, her ferret. Sevick says that she suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder, including panic attacks, and that Lilly "soothes" her, but the school said it was concerned with other students' safety.

(In other ferret news, the British upscale clothing firm Burberry threatened to sue a pet-accessories shop in Dudley, England, in October, for selling outfits in the familiar Burberry "check" pattern, including a cap and cape designed for ferrets.)

THE LITIGIOUS SOCIETY

In 1999, a federal judge in Syracuse, N.Y., rejected another in a series of lawsuits by Donald Drusky of East McKees port, Pa., in his 30-year battle against USX Corp. for ruining his life by firing him in 1968. Furthermore, Drusky sued "God ... the sovereign ruler of the universe" for taking "no corrective action" against any of Drusky's enemies and demanded that God compensate him with professional guitar-playing skills and the resurrection of his mother.

A jury in Birmingham, Ala., ruled in favor of Barbara Carlisle and her parents in their 1999 lawsuit against two companies that had overcharged them by \$1,224 to install two satellite dishes. The jury awarded the plaintiffs a total of \$581 million in damages.

THE SHAME OF THE CLUMSY GUNMAN (ALL NEW)

The following people accidentally shot themselves recently: Off-duty sheriff's deputy Melissa Baird (while loading her gun to check out a noise in her yard) (Brandon, Fla., March). Accused home invader Paul K. Hardy, 40 (while unloading his gun as a goodwill gesture after he warmed up to his victims) (Martinsburg, W.Va., December). The one-legged Keith Caldwell, 32 (after grabbing his gun to investigate a noise, but deciding to hop around unsteadily rather than put on his prosthesis) (Tuscaloosa, Ala., January). Santiago Preciado-Alvarez, 54 (a typical waistband- for- a- holster accident while trying to scare off coyotes.) (Rock County, Wis., February). Adrian White-Wolff, 20 (fooling around with his pistol in a car with friends) (Tucson, Ariz., March).

THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT

A February Atlanta Journal-Constitution dispatch from El Alberto, Mexico (near Mexico City), profiled a theme park in which potential and wannabe emigrants to the United States can test their survival skills in an obstacle course that touches on the rigors migrants endure sneaking across the border. The cost of this rehearsal for a better life is an admission fee of the equivalent of \$13.

STRAIGHT FROM THE POLICE BLOTTER

From the Minneapolis Star Tribune: "(Carver County) Aug. 24: Hostility. A door-to-door salesman complained about the attitude of the people in the neighborhood in the 100 block of W Shasta Circle. And from the Union Democrat (Sonora, Calif.): (Tuolumne County, Oct. 13) 1:13 p.m., Sonora, A man came to the Sheriff's Department to 'find out how to legally kill' a person who was harassing him.

From the University of Utah Department of Public Safety report for October (2005-22280): "Unwanted Guest. A security officer from Primary Children's Medical Center called to report a man in that hospital who had no legitimate business there and wouldn't leave. University Police responded and were told by the man that he comes to Primary because he can find longer cigarette butts there because the doctors and nurses at Primary don't smoke their cigarettes all the way down like everyone else does. The man left when ordered to do so by the police."

News of the Weird (Weird News@earthlink.net)





Sergeant **George** LIBBy Casco, Maine C Company, 3rd "Combat" Engineer Battalion 20 July 1950, Taejon, Korea

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

Twelve soldiers of the 24th Infantry Division, between 1944 and 1951, so distinguished themselves with sacrificial and intrepid acts on the battlefield and received this highes decoration. Three recipients are from World War II and the other nine received their awards during the Koran War. Only General Dean Lieutenant Dodd, And Sergeant Adams lived to receive the Medal personally. Sergeant Duke survived combat but died later in a North Korean POW camp. All others were killed in action, and along with Sgt. Duke received their decorations posthumously.

Sergeant Libby was a passenger in a vehicle that was hit with intense enemy fire as it approached an enemy readblock. Everyone on board we either killed or wounded except for Sgt. Libby. Sgt. Libby took cover in a roadside ditch and returned the enemy's fire while giving first aid to his wounded comrades. A passing M-5 Artillery tractor stopped and the wounded were loaded aboard. Using his body to shield the driver of the tractor, Sgt. Libby returned enemy fire directed at the vehicle as it advanced. Moving through the town the vehicle stopped several times to pick up more wounded. During these exchanges of gunfire, Sgt. Libby received several wounds, refusing first aid, continued to shield the driver and engage the enemy. Encountering another roadblock, he received additional wounds, but held his position until he lost consciousness. Sgt. Libby's actions enabled his fellow soldiers to reach friendly lines.

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