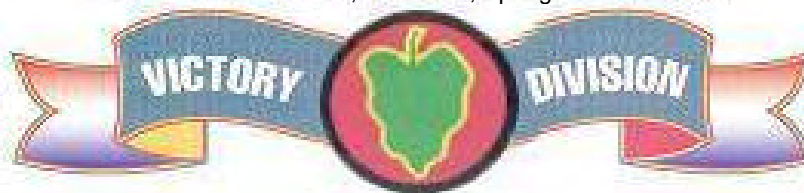


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Photo of Hawaii Taro Leaf, generously contributed by Dr. David Webb from the University of Hawaii.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

That time is fast approaching again, the time for our Annual Reunion where we get the chance to renew old acquaintances and make new friend. Also, it is the time for the election of Officers for the Association. I have had the privilege of serving as your President for the past 3 years and soon that term will be coming to and end.

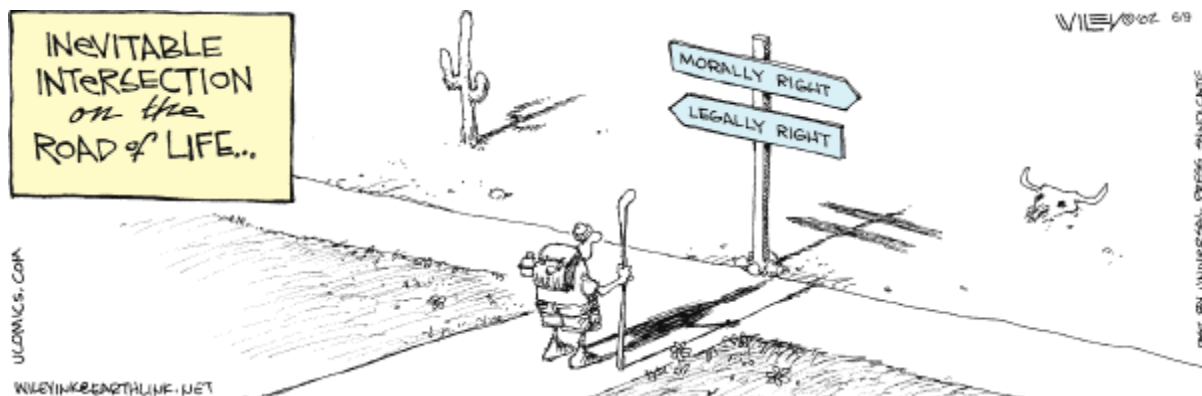
I was fortunate to have very capable elected and appointed members of the Association Staff during my terms as President. Don Lloyd, 2 years my Vice President helped tremendously with advice and performance of duties. Don's passing was a tremendous blow to the Association as he would have made a great President. Frank Geraci, our current Vice President has accepted his duties in an outstanding manner. In addition to his to his duties as Chairman of the Verbeck Committee, Frank has assumed the roll of Chairman of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee to review a proposed Constitution & Bylaws for the possible Incorporation of the Association. Norm Dixon, my first Secretary/Treasure who managed to settle the accounts with the IRS without sustaining any penalties and, established our current accounting procedures. Don Maggio, Norm's successor who has really gotten the Association's financial and administrative records in order. Past President Billy Johnson who took the reins of the TARO LEAF and made it a news magazine for all members. Jim Cooper, Membership Chairman who did an outstanding job placing adds about the Association in newspapers and magazines in addition to sending out notices of late dues. Stan Helseth & Larry Gay for their dedication to duties as Historian. They assembled much historical data and have cataloged and sub-cataloged material to make it easier to find. Larry has on numerous occasions researched for items to provide information to inquiries. Glen Carpenter, our Chaplin who kept our spirits in order. Corky Peters and Bill McClure for their devotion to soliciting donations to support the operations of this great Association. Most of all, I want to thank the membership for their support and trust in my limited capabilities.

Though I relinquish the Presidency, I will, with the approval of the new President, continue as the Reunion Coordinator to coordinate the activities between the Association and the Reunion Brat and coordinate and maintain the Honor Roll.

One other item, Bill McClure has indicated that do to his current health problems he will be unable to continue doing the solicitation program. If there is someone who would volunteer to take the position, let the incoming President know.

Wes Morrison

President





Secretary / Treasurer's Report

Donors

Name	Unit	Amount	
Agee, Clarence R.	Div Arty	\$5	
Arzente III, George C.	724th Maint	\$9	
Behnen, Melvin J.	3rd Eng	\$15	Postage
Bruno, Howard J.	34th Inf	\$15	Postage
Demaray, Dale E.	19th Inf	\$10	
Dowdy, Jr., William C.	11th FA	\$75	
Federwitz, Wiblur	21st Inf	\$10	
Freeman, COL Darold R.	29th Inf	\$40	In memory of COL John C. Hughes, CO of "B" 1/29th RCT and "K" 35th Inf Korea, 1950
Hamilton, John F.	Div HQ & 19th Inf	\$20	
Hill, Myra Jean	Assoc	\$10	For Taro Leaf postage
Holland, Casey B.	34th Inf	\$10	to defray mailing costs
Hession, Sr., Paul J.	3rd Eng	\$20	In memory of his brother, Joseph J. Hession, Jr.

Jacketti, Victor	24th Med	\$5	
Lewin, Charles R.	Div HQ	\$5	Postage
Lopera, David M.	21st Inf	\$50	In Memory of David Milopera 21st Inf
Mason, Sr., John C.	11th FA	\$210	
Moore, Robert J.	19th Inf	\$10	
Moritz, Robert J.	Div Arty	\$10	
Musselman, William R.	24th Repl	\$5	
Nunley, Bobby D.	34th Inf	\$10	
Snow, Marvin L.	19th Inf	\$10	
Stark, William P.	34th Inf	\$10	
Tominaga, George T.	13th FA	\$10	
Verhulst, Frederick P.	unk	\$5	
Worrill, Frederick W.	29th Inf	\$10	postage
Total:		589.00	

New Members Name	Company/Regiment	Battery	
Arzente III, George C.	724th Maint	E	
Castellani, Mario D.	34th Inf	F	
Crouch, Thomas H.	34th Inf	C	Sponsored by Wes
Davitt, Michael	19th Inf	unk.	
Dolan, Terry W.	533rd Trans		
Facelle, Thomas A.	19th Inf	G	Sponsored by Charles Fiske
Feightner, John T.	34th Inf	Tank	
Ford, Mrs. Jane T. (C. Rucker)	Assoc		
Gonzalez, Alfred J.	19th Inf	A	
Hacker, Oscar	24th Sig		
Hargens, Glen	Div HQ	Photo Tm 114	Sponsored by Vince Rybel
Hunter, Edwin H.	19th Inf	HQ & HQ Btry	Sponsored & 1st year's due paid by William E. Beeson
Kuyper, David H.	3rd Eng	A	Sponsored by Robert Reily & Kenn Oster
Lee, Richard E.	Div Arty	HQ & HQ Btry	
Lucca, Nuncio J.	21st Inf	C	Sponsored by Alexander R. Horanzy
McFall, Donald B.	7th FA	2 Bn	Sponsored by Wes Morrison
Milie, Robert J.	19th Inf	HQ	
Mock, Michael	21st Inf		Sponsored by Thomas Lyons
Morris, Mrs. Allen W.	Assoc		
Neckles, Arthur	34th Inf	34th MP	Sponsored by Wes Morrison
Newton, Edwin "Dale"	19th Inf	D	
Phillips, Paul S.	19th Inf	D	
Reed, Luton R.	34th Inf	K & HHC	Sponsored by Anthony J. Wojtas
Schillali, Sal	24th Recon		Sponsored by Kenneth W. Fentner
Sheppard, James Eric	7th Inf	HHC	Desert Storm - Beginning of Life Membership
Tracy, Jr., Richard F.	24th Sig		
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New Lifetime Members Name	Unit	Company/Battery	Life No.	Date
Bradford, Edward L.	19th Inf	B	2142	20-Apr-06
Fortune, CSM John W.	70th Arm	HHC & A	2109	1-Apr-06
Guevara, Gil	18th Inf	2nd Bn	2174	25-Apr-06
Hartman, Harold D.	21st Inf	K & HHC	2270	10-Jun-06
Patterson, Anthony R.	5th AAA		2272	15-Jun-06
Powers, Jr., Franklin	19th Inf	H & H	2273	20-Jun-06
Stark, William P.	187th Tank		2269	31-May-06
Tabor, Racy E.	52nd FA	B	2105	8-Mar-06
Upfold, Jr., Henry G.	19th Inf	H&H	2146	10-Apr-06
Wintrode, Donald L.	unk	G	2274	20-Jun-06



*Nonsense. S-2 reported that machine gun silenced hours ago
Stop wiggling your fingers at me*

Punch Bowl Memorial Donations

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Mr and Mrs. Eugene Greenwalt
 Richard J. Cierpiot
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 Alice and Jesus Sanchez in Memory of Dutch Nelsen, may his spirit continue
 Keith Hagen
 Next is a list of 3rd Engineers who made donations as a group
 Walter and Carol Ackerman
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 Eli Hosteler
 Shorty and Frances Mack
 Dallas and Shirley Heston
 Bill Tadany
 Missed his name, hers is Nonie (Bill Boyden)

From the Heart

Notes sent along with donations (Edited for space)

I was a member of Co.A, 19th Infantry Regiment. I am on page 42 Vol. 60 ~ Keith Hagan In answer to my compadre Eric Diller's letter in the Vol. 60 #1 Taro Leaf Here is another \$100. Howard J. Bruno Here is my donation for the Plaque.. No one could have designed anything lovelier than Danielle's design. I am a Kum River Survivor, I lost many friends that were like brothers. ~ John Barnabi I am happy to make a small donation to the 24th ID Punch bowl Plaque. It is long overdue. Thanks for your hard work. ~ W.H. Van Kirk Thanks to all who have donated.

We will accomplish our mission.

Victory---First to Fight



Joe Sweeney
 P.O. Box 506
 Dellslow, WV 26531-0506

January 18, 2006

Subject: Punch Bowl 24th ID Memorial Plaque Fund

Mr. William F. Boyden, Sr.
 P.O. Box 114,
 Norton, MA 02766

Dear Bill,

I'm enclosing a check for a donation to the 24th ID Memorial Plaque, which will be placed in the National Cemetery in the Punch Bowl in Hawaii. My donation is made in the memory of SFC James Allen Coleman, KIA April 25, 1951.

SFC James A. Coleman was a squad leader in the 1st Platoon of Item Company, 19th Inf. Reg't. He had been in Korea since the 1st of August 1950, initially with A-34th, then transferred to 1-19th on the 1st of Sept. He was tough as shoe leather with nerves of steel and a leader who never showed fear. Coleman had survived those months of combat with hardly a scratch, his near miss happened one morning in January when a Chinese Gook ran through the company area with a burp gun, spraying rounds all over. One of those rounds hit Coleman in the foot. Thinking the wound might get him some time off line, he hobbled his way to the aid station, which was down off the hill. As soon as he arrived at the aid station he sat down and removed his boot, upon which a spent bullet rolled out onto the ground. Picking the bullet up he looked at it, then said a few choice words, put the boot back on and walked slowly back to his company. With the newly announced rotation plan in April, Sgt. Coleman was hopeful that he would soon be able to go home. The Chinese launched their Spring Offensive on April 22 at about 1900 hrs. Item Co. on the left flank of the battalion held through the night, but the enemy broke through on the right and moved down the high ground behind the MLR. At daybreak we were ordered to pull back behind the secondary line of defense that had been set up at the 38th Parallel. During the night of April 23-24, enemy elements broke through a section of the secondary line and at daybreak Item Co was ordered to drive those elements out and restore the line. Fighting all day the line was restored just before dark and we took our place on line along a ridgeline sloping down to the north. The enemy counterattacked along the ridgeline and we fought them off all night. Part of our support was the Chemical Mortar Bn., which directed its fire up close to our positions. Sometime after midnight a stray round fell between Coleman's position and my adjacent position about 20 feet away. Coleman was killed instantly. Fighting dropped off as daylight approached and we received orders to abandon our positions. We would move off the hill to the south where trucks would be waiting to move us to a new line further south. We were not allowed to take Sgt. Coleman's body with us, or given time to bury it in one of the shallow holes. Only weapons and ammo could be taken. Because I carried a BAR, I protected our rear and was the last man off the hill. Before I left the Army in 1953 I was asked to sign an affidavit verifying that Sgt. Coleman had been KIA, so I was aware that his body had not been recovered. His resting-place is located in South Korea and his remains have yet to be found.

I spent Christmas of 1977 in Hawaii and visited the Punch Bowl. It was a very sad day when I found SFC James A. Coleman listed on one of the monuments to missing soldiers.

James A. Coleman was the 10th of 13 children; he was one of seven brothers in the service at the same time, the only one to serve in the army, and the only one to die in service. His mother lived to a few days of her 100th birthday and never gave up hope that he was alive. Unfortunately, she died before I was able to locate any of the family.

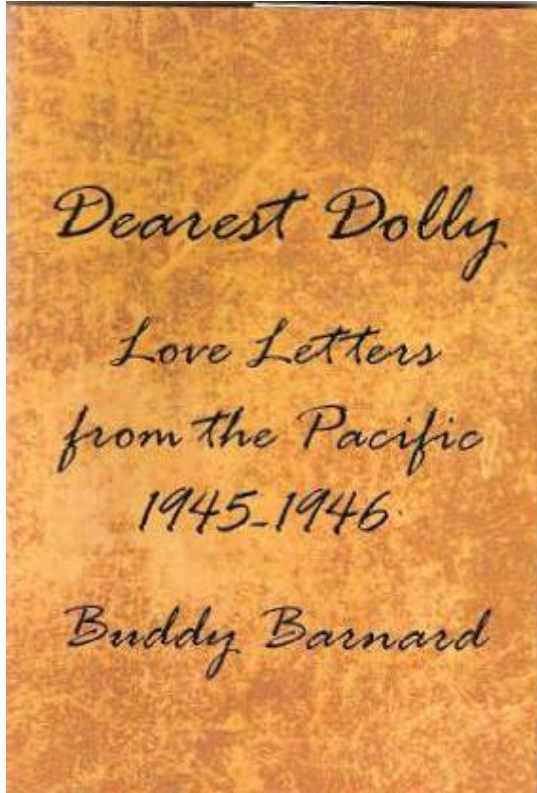
Bill, I didn't intend to write so much, thank you for your efforts and time on this worthy project!

Best regards,

Joe Sweeney

Books of Interest

The Taro Leaf Books of Interest section is for Members who have written of their experiences with the 24th and others who have written about the Warriors of the 24th ID.



Buddy Barnard kept a journal of love letters to his wife, Dolly, from both the Philippines and Japan during W.W. II. In 1943, he had picked out Dolly from a group of girls at a high school dance in Pleasant Hill, Missouri. Buddy and Dolly were married April 22, 1944. Just as many other young men, Buddy joined the Army after having been married for only two months. He fought on fourteen different islands and spent several months in "occupied" Japan before returning to the States in 1946.



Since it was impossible to keep a diary in the swamps and jungles of those islands, Buddy Barnard began a journal fifteen days before the bombing of Hiroshima. These love letters to his young wife, Dolly, are also reflections of combat life as a soldier as well as observations of the Japanese people and their culture.

Buddy also asked his fellow G.I.s to write their own letter to Dolly. These "doughboy ditties" are written "to Dolly, the typical American sweetheart." Another form of love and respect also appears in the letters. These G.I.s who had faced death together, wrote their feelings for one another in their letters. Most would never see each other again.

A Note From The Author:

My dad, Buddy Barnard, kept a journal in the Pacific during W.W.II.

I discovered his journal and photos 3 years after his death in 2002. "Dearest Dolly" is available at Amazon.com, Barnesandnoble.com and Borders.com.

As the editor, I have had the pleasure of discovering and befriending 5 of my dad's buddies (Charlie Barber - Springfield, Il, Nowell Cartwright - Oklahoma City, OK, George Goe - Yuma, Az, Jack Nederfield - Pa, Bob Milie - Pittsburg, Pa) that served with him in the Philippines and Japan.

As an Associate Member, I plan on attending your Conference in Indy.

See some more photos from the book on the Unit's Page ~ Editor



Photos Submitted By ~ **Scott L. Defebaugh**, 24th Med.



Left to Right: **M/Sgt Kaufman**, Unknown, **S/Sgt. Victor Jacketti**, **S/Sgt Trevena**, **T/Sgt AJ Small**, Club 24 Steward, Unknown, **Sgt. Hanson**, **Sgt. Hubbard** and **S/Sgt W. Trappe**.

Photo Submitted By ~ **Victor Jacketti**, 24th Med Bn.

19th Infantry Regime



19th Infantry
Regiment



Jack Starr Today



Grady O'Hara – Georgia Boy



Jack Starr, Marhovich, Bernaden
On beach at our defense position North Shore Hawaii



*On rifle range –
Made Expert, Twice
~Jack Starr*

19th Rifle Team - 1938



Photos Submitted By ~ **Jack Star**, 19th INF



Some more of Bill English's wonderful photos we first told you about in *Lost and Found* on the Editor's Desk. ~ Editor



Photos from *Dearest Dolly* By Greg Barnard
See additional photos in *Books of Interest*. ~ Editor





Leyte Beach Today

The reunion is fast approaching and the elections of Officer for the Association will be held during the General Membership meeting held Saturday, September 23. Submit your qualified nominations, in writing, to the Chairman not later than the date indicated below.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – 2006-2007

Nomination and election of the Association Officers for the term 2006-2007 will be conducted at the Annual Membership Meeting held at the Association Reunion in Indianapolis, IN on Saturday, September 23, 2006, at 10:00 AM. Only an Active Member as defined by our Constitution and Bylaws may be nominated. There are three (3) positions open for election each year. They are:

President
Vice President
Secretary/Treasurer

All nomination should be sent to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee not later than **15 August 2006**. Your committee is the following:

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41091 Ingersoll Road
Concrete, WA 98237
(360) 826-3695

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William Boyden, 3rd Engr.
Roger Mitten, 34th Inf
Ted (TJ) Nicholas, 21st Inf.
David Rives, 21st Inf.

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Just a reminder that members may submit to the Selection Committee their choice for the Award based on the qualification set forth by the Executive Committee. Submit your choice to the Chairman not later than the date indicated below so they may make an appropriate decision.

VERBECK AWARD NOMINATION / SELECTION COMMITTEE – 2006

The Executive Committee established the guidelines with respect to the standards upon which presentation was to be based. It was to be presented, not annually, but from time-to-time as justification indicates. It was to be presented to that Association member who best displayed the ideals of Bill Verbeck, an unabashed love for Division and its Association. It was to be awarded to the member best showing real effort in furthering the best interests of the Association and the Division. It was not intended to reward mere popularity and the like. It was intended to reward sleeves-rolled-up hard work in helping to make the Association into a successfully organization. As President of the Association, I am honored and privileged to name the following Association members to the Committee to review nominees for the award and, if appropriate, selection of the most qualified nominee who best represents the criteria established by the Executive Committee.

CHAIRMAN

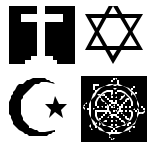
Frank Geraci, Vice President

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Angelo Montaglione	Member (1321 W River Rd., Waterloo, NY 13165-9735)

All nominations must be in writing, contain a brief description of the nominee's accomplishments and received **NOT LATER THAN 15 AUGUST 2006**. Mail nominations to:

Frank Geraci
247 Harvest Lane
Morgan Hill, CA 95037-6125



A WIFE'S REQUEST

I was sitting alone in one of those loud, casual steak houses that you find all over the country. You know the type--a bucket of peanuts on every table, shells littering the floor, and a bunch of perky college kids racing around with longneck beers and sizzling platters.

Taking a sip of my iced tea, I studied the crowd over the rim of my glass. My gaze lingered on a group enjoying their meal. They wore no uniform to identify their branch of service, but they were definitely "military:" clean shaven, cropped haircut, and that "squared away" look that comes with pride.

Smiling sadly, I glanced across my table to the empty seat where my husband usually sat. It had only been a few months since we sat in this very booth, talking about his upcoming deployment to the Middle East. That was when he made me promise to get a sitter for the kids, come back to this restaurant once a month and treat myself to a nice steak. In turn he would treasure the thought of me being here, thinking about him until he returned home I fingered the little flag pin I constantly wear and wondered where he was at this very moment. Was he safe and warm? Was his cold any better? Were my letters getting through to him?

As I pondered these thoughts, high-pitched female voices from the next booth broke into my thoughts.

"I don't know what Bush is thinking about. Invading Iraq. You'd think that man would learn from his old man's mistakes. Good lord. What an idiot! I can't believe he is even in office. You do know, he stole the election."

I cut into my steak and tried to ignore them, as they began an endless tirade running down our president.

I thought about the last night I spent with my husband, as he prepared to deploy. He had just returned from getting his smallpox and anthrax shots. The image of him standing in our kitchen packing his gas mask still gives me chills.

Once again the women's voices invaded my thoughts. "It is all about oil, you know. Our soldiers will go in and rape and steal all the oil they can in the name of 'freedom'." "Hmmm! I wonder how many innocent people they'll kill without giving it a thought? It's pure greed, you know."

My chest tightened as I stared at my wedding ring. I could still see how handsome my husband looked in his "mess dress" the day he slipped it on my finger. I wondered what he was wearing now. Probably his desert uniform, affectionately dubbed "coffee stains" with a heavy bulletproof vest over it.

"You know, we should just leave Iraq alone. I don't think they are hiding any weapons. In fact, I bet it's all a big act just to increase the president's popularity. That's all it is, padding the military budget at the expense of our social security and education. And, you know what else? We're just asking for another 9-11. I can't say when it happens again that we didn't deserve it."

Their words brought to mind the war protesters I had watched gathering outside our base. Did no one appreciate the sacrifice of brave men and women, who leave their homes and family to ensure our freedom??

Do they even know what "freedom" is? I glanced at the table where the young men were sitting, and saw their courageous faces change. They had stopped eating and looked at each other dejectedly, listening to the women talking.

"Well, I, for one, think it's just deplorable to invade Iraq, and I am certainly sick of our tax dollars going to train professional baby-killers we call a military." Professional baby-killers?

I thought about what a wonderful father my husband is, and of how long it would be before he would see our children again. That's it! Indignation rose up inside me. Normally reserved, pride in my husband gave me a brassy boldness I never realized I had.

Tonight one voice will answer on behalf of our military, and let her pride in our troops be known.

Sliding out of my booth, I walked around to the adjoining booth and placed my hands flat on their table.

Lowering myself to eye level with them, smilingly said, "I couldn't help overhearing your conversation.

You see, I'm sitting here trying to enjoy my dinner alone. And, do you know why? Because my husband, whom I love with all my heart, is halfway around the world defending your right to say rotten things about him."

"Yes, you have the right to your opinion, and what you think is none of my business. However, what you say in public is something else, and I will not sit by and listen to you ridicule MY country, MY president, MY husband, and all the other fine American men and women who put their lives on the line, just so you can have the "freedom" to complain. Freedom is an expensive commodity, ladies. Don't let your actions cheapen it."

I must have been louder that I meant to be, because the manager came over to inquire if everything was all right. "Yes, thank you," I replied. Then, turning back to the women, I said, "Enjoy the rest of your meal."

As I returned to my booth applause broke out. I was embarrassed for making a scene, and went back to my half eaten steak. The women picked up their check and scurried away.

After finishing my meal, and while waiting for my check, the manager returned with a huge apple cobbler a la mode. "Compliments of those soldiers," he said. He also smiled and said the ladies tried to pay for my dinner, but that another couple had beaten them to it. When I asked who, the manager said they had already left, but that the gentleman was a veteran, and wanted to take care of the wife of "one of our boys." With a lump in my throat, I gratefully turned to the soldiers and thanked them for the cobbler. Grinning from ear to ear, they came over and surrounded the booth. "We just wanted to thank you, ma'am. You know we can't get into confrontations with civilians, so we appreciate what you did." As I drove home, for the first time since my husband's deployment, I didn't feel quite so alone. My heart was filled with the warmth of the other diners who stopped by my table, to relate how they, too, were proud of my husband, and would keep him in their prayers.

I knew their flags would fly a little higher the next day. Perhaps they would look for more tangible ways to show their pride in our country, and the military that protect her. And maybe, just maybe, the two women who were railing against our country, would pause for a minute to appreciate all the freedom America offers, and the price it pays to maintain it's freedom. As for me, I have learned that one voice CAN make a difference.

Maybe the next time protesters gather outside the gates of the base where I live, I will proudly stand on the opposite side with a sign of my own. It will simply say, "Thank You!" To those who fought for our Nation: Freedom has a flavor the protected will never know. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Please pray for God's protection of our troops and HIS wisdom for their commanders. *"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior."*

Of all the gifts you could give to anyone in the US Military, be it Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines or National Guard, Prayer is the very best one. Amen!

Submitted by: **Paul Garland** 5th RCT



LOOKNG FOR BUDDIES

I was referred to you by a J J Mc KEON. he informed me that you could run a Query in the TARO LEAF for more information on My uncle who died in The Korean War in August of 1950 he was a PFC - in the medical company he was in the 19th infantry Regiment.. I found all of this out through Mr. Mc Keon! But that was all the information about him that he was able to find out, he stated that you might could help me or tell me where to go to find out more information on how he died and where he died at. and to what unit he was assigned to . I am looking for any friends or any one that might know any information about him . His name was Sammy Fonville But, The gentleman found information about him under Samuel so I am not sure If that was a nickname or what ! I never knew him But heard stories of him. He was the baby of the family and everyone took it very hard, and no one was ever quiet sure of how he died or what happened ! May God Bless you .

You can e-mail me at jmlwvow@aol.com

Thank you !

Anessa Barnette

I have contacted and become friends with 5 of my dad's buddies that were in the Pacific with him in 1944-45. We all plan on being in Indy in Sept. to meet in person.

Charlie Barber - Springfield, IL, Nowell Cartwright - Oklahoma City, OK, George Goe - Yuma, AZ, Jack Nederfield, PA, Bob Milie - Pittsburgh, PA.

My hope is that I can contact more via the Taro Leaf.

Thanks for your help,

Greg Barnard

greg_barnard@goodyear.com

See Greg's Book in Books of Interest ~ Editor

I had a call from a person who is doing research on a cemetery in Arena, Iowa County, WI. She came across a monument with the name of Marvin Haak with information of his date of birth (7/17/1929) and that he served with the 24th Infantry Division 51/52. There is no date of death and she is trying to find out if he is alive or dead. If anyone out there knows of him and can give us information about him, please contact me by telephone (831-883-2156) or e-mail.

Wes

My name is Victor Jacketti, Pottstown, PA. I was stationed with HQ. 24th Medical Bn., in Kokura Kyushu Japan from June 1947 to June 1949. I am enclosing a photo of a few of us at the NCO Club 24. I am trying to find someone who was there at the same time. I hope to hear from some Buddies who see the photo.

Please contact Victor Jacketti, 1255 Maple Street, Pottstown PA 19464 5821, PHONE: 610-326-3922 OR email Margevic@msn.com

Photo is in the 24th Med. Bn. Section ~ Editor

I'm looking for information and research tips for the 19th Inf. Reg. during the Korean War.

My grandfather, Tilman Goswick was the First Sgt of the 19th during the Korean War. He was with the Wolfhounds in WWII. I'm not sure if he moved to the 19th while stationed in Japan or during the Korean War. His retirement letter simply says he was the 1st Sgt for the 19th during the Korean War.

I believe I've seen a title for a regimental history written in the 1950s after the Korean War. If you know about it, does it cover the Korean War and how could get a copy of it? I'm familiar with the broader history books on the War. I am also familiar with doing research. I have a MA in Korean Studies, but I haven't been able to get much on the 19th Inf. Reg. in Korea specifically.

Thanks for any information and help you can give.

scottbautry@hotmail.com

This is rather late, but I received word recently that Daniel DeMarco who served with Company E, 34th Infantry from 17 Aug, 44 - 5 May 46 had passed away on 17 November 1977. I am putting together some information for his Grandson who had never met him but is very interested in what he had done in the service. Can't give much except where he could have served and the information on Leyte and Luzon. If there is anyone that knew him and have some information to pass on, send it to me and I'll be sure to get it to his Grandson.

Wes



To all of our wonderful friends and supporters;

*At this point in time, I know not what the final destiny of the Bill, **HR 2369** in the House, and **S 2157** in the Senate (**Honor Our Fallen Prisoners of War Act**) will be. But after some three years of hard work on this legislation, and no matter the final outcome, I want to extend my warmest thanks to those whose efforts have gotten this Bill this far.*

The literally millions of citizens who, like me, wished to pay a final honor and tribute to the over 17,000 American service members who perished horribly within the confines enemy prisoner of war facilities! Without the magnificent help and caring of these patriots, we could have never gotten this far! "And within this army of the caring we must number each and every individual who in spirit and deed added their voice to this crescendo!"

Wilbert (Shorty) Estabrook of San Antonio, Texas, a retired United States Army Sergeant who spent well over three years as a captive of our enemies during the Korean War, was the spark that ignited this effort. It was his idea to seek the award of a Posthumous Purple Heart Medal to those who expired in captivity from starvation, beatings, torture, medical neglect, freezing and diseases etc. A final tribute to those who perished under the brutal boot of our enemies, from the onset of World War II to the present and beyond!

*Then there was my wife Brenda who lost her uncle, **Corporal Melvin Morgan** in a North Korean POW Camp in December of 1950. Corporal Morgan, a young man of but 20 years, was starved and beaten to death by a heartless enemy. Without Brenda's help in research, sending out hundreds, if not thousands of letters, and making countless phone calls, this effort may have ended before it was even begun!*

I also wish to thank the media who covered this Bill, the Congressmen and the Senators who backed this magnificent effort, and each and every individual who came together in a common cause to advance this crusade. Without them, each and every one, we would have never advanced beyond square #1.

I also wish to thank the millions of veterans and their families who belong to the various organizations around our nation who stood firmly behind this Bill and lent their undying support to the effort to get this legislation enacted into law. I will also never forget the aid and assistance of the legions of citizens who continually offered their encouragement to this effort.

All of these people and more (many, many more), helped to comprised the growing army of genuine patriots who brought this Bill to the forefront, and to all of these friends, I extend my warmest thanks. Together, we will, after over six decades in some cases, see to it that justice is finally done and our fallen heroes, those who died thousands of miles away from home and family, are finally recognized for their ultimate sacrifice!

Thank you all very much....

Sincerely and respectfully,

H. Rick Tavares, Member of the Tiger Survivors Group

sgt1@sciti.com

P.S.

For the record, as of this point in time, there are 213 Congressmen and 12 Senators supporting this Bill. There are also some 35 veterans' organizations, with a membership of over 7,500,000 (not counting family members), endorsing and/or supporting this effort.

I WANT MY COUNTRY BACK

By Rick Roberts - 760 KFMB AM

I don't mean to go off on a rant here, but here's the bottom line, I want my country back.

I want my kids to be able to walk to the store or walk to school without being abducted by some 3-time convicted child molester. And the politically correct powers that be in this country just can't seem to get over themselves with "CAN'T WE JUST HELP THIS PERSON!" No! You can't. But they're let loose to prey on more children. I want my kids back.

I want my country back.

I don't agree with everything this President does. I've never agreed with anything 100% that any President has done or said.

You know, I was very young during the Vietnam War. So I probably missed that thing by a hair. I don't know whether I would have agreed with that or not at the time. I was too stupid to have an opinion at that point and time even though I thought I did.

I want my country back.

I want some semblance of respect for authority, whether I agree with it all or not.

I want the Boy Scouts to be "boy" scouts, not boy and "we think she's a girl" scouts. I want Girl Scouts to be "girl" scouts not Girl Scouts and "Bruce."

I want my country back.

I want to be able to wake up in the morning knowing that I can walk outside without some gang-banger on parole taking my life.

Or being able to go down and purchase a car without having to worry about you know 90% of the parts being made overseas in some sweatshop.

I want my politicians, when they finally do get my vote, to do what they said they were going to do in the first place.

I want the Abramoff's of the world to be labeled what they....nothing more than organized crime in a better suit.

I want people to say something and when they say something look at me in the eye. And mean what they say. Not say what they think I want to hear.

And then do what they want to later politically or any other way.

I want to be able to go out and work and make a decent wage and buy a home. Half the people that are listening to me right now can't even afford to buy a house unless they're working three jobs.

And I want America to be America. All of those opportunities, all of those things that made her great, I want those returned to the forefront. If you want to come to this country we welcome you with open arms. We simply ask that you abide by our laws. I don't want you to snub your nose at our laws, then take advantage of our opportunities, and then cling to the constitution most of which you can't even read because you don't speak the language.

I want us to secure our borders because the country is worth securing. The people that live here are worth protecting.

I want my country back.

I want my children back. I want some semblance of what this country used to be.

It's worth protecting. It's worth defending. I don't recognize this country anymore.

Not politically, not philosophically, not spiritually.

Whether you like it or whether you don't, God was a part of building this great nation. To remove him is to take away the very foundation of what this country was all about.

I don't care about your political correctness!

I don't want to know your sexual preference!

I could care less about all of that. Stop making it the headline of the day!

That's not America.

I want my country back!

And the only way I'm ever going to be able to get this country back is if I reach out to the brothers and the sisters that all feel the same way and we say No! You can't have our country. It's not for sale! Take the price tag off this country!

Take the price tag off the heads of our children! Stop it already!

The politically-correct-psychobabble-hug-a-tree-experts ~~ You are not qualified to release sex offenders back into our neighborhoods.

The southern border, more than any other border, needs to be secured tomorrow. For all those that wish to come to this country to take advantage of her opportunity, to live under a constitution ~ a living document that breathes in and out just like you do ~ this country is not for sale. I should know. I'm one of the owners. You can't sell it without my permission.

I want my country back!



Photo's Submitted By ~ **Bacil Steed**, 24th Recon



Photos Submitted By ~ **Don Lennon**, 24th Recon





11th Field Artillery Regiment



Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
Eight Judicial Region
BRANCH XVI
Naval, Subprovince of Biliran
Leyte

Hon. Adriano R. Villamor
Trial Judge

A F F I D A V I T

I, ADRIANO R. VILLAMOR, of legal age, married., and resident of Jaro, Leyte, Philippines, after being duly sworn depose and say:

1. That I am the incumbent Regional Trial Court judge of Branch 16, Region VIII, at Naval, Leyte, Philippines;

2. That I know personally Francisco U. Darantinao, Jr. nicknamed " Naking " A Filipino like me and a resident of Carigarn. Leyte, Philippines;

3, That we became very close friends during WW II because we were, civilians attached to the 11th Field Artillery Battalion of the 24th Division AUS in its blitzkrieg drive across the central plains of Leyte island to the Ormoc corridor where the Japanese soldiers were. routed;

4. That, I joined the outfit at Jaro, Leyte, Philippines in the last week of October 1944 all the way down to the towns of Tunga, Carigara and Capoocan; that our last bivouac was at barrio Pinamopoan Capoocan, Leyte in December where the three batteries of 155's pounded the enemy day and night;

5. That my foxhole mates in this operation were the late PFC Edgar St. Laurent and Cpl. Charlie Mensigner both of Battery "A";

6. That aside from me there were six (6) other Filipinos attached in the whole battalion. When the Japanese counter--attacked. with mortars at Pinamopo-an, Leyte one of. us Filipino boys by the. name of Petronio Panim was killed when hit, by a shrapnel; My friend Francisco Darantinao, Jr. was also a. casualty and was wounded at his back in the left. thoracic region. He was brought. to a. hospital tent and was attended to by the medics;

7. The 11th Field Artillery Battalion of the 24th Division was pulled out of Leyte in the latter part of December 1944

Adriano R. Villamor
ADRIANO R. VILLAMOR
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 30th day of August 1991 at Naval, Leyte, Philippines, affiant exhibiting to me his residence certificate no. 14195698 issued at Jaro, Leyte, Philippines on January 28, 1991.

Jose Patino
JOSE PATINO
Municipal Judge



Adriano R. Villamor in Center – Others part of his unit
Taken 1944 – Pinano po-an, Leyte – the last position of the 11th FA in Leyte



Found in Japanese Soldiers Pack, Luzon

'With the artillery forward observer crossing an area we had just shelled, inspecting a Japanese soldier's pack; I found Chinese currency, proof that these troops were from the First Imperial Division, recently from the Kwantung army, so called the best troops the Japanese had to commit.'

So Help Us God

Claim: A display at the National World War II Memorial omits key words from a speech by President Roosevelt.

Status: *False.*

Example: *[Collected on the Internet, 2004]*

Today I went to visit the new World War II Memorial in Washington, DC. I got an unexpected history lesson. Since I'm a baby boomer, I was one of the youngest in the crowd. Most were the age of my parents, veterans of "the greatest war" with their families. It was a beautiful day, and people were smiling and happy to be there. Hundreds of us milled around the memorial, reading the inspiring words of Ike and Truman that are engraved there.

On the Pacific side of the memorial, a group of us gathered to read the words President Roosevelt used to announce the attack on Pearl Harbor: "Yesterday, December 7, 1941 — a date which will live in infamy — the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked."

One woman read the words aloud: "With confidence in our armed forces, with the unbounding determination of our people, we will gain the inevitable triumph." But as she read, she was suddenly angry.

"Wait a minute," she said. "They left out the end of the quote. They left out the most important part. Roosevelt said, 'So help us God.'"

"You're probably right," her husband said. "We're not supposed to say things like that now."

"I know I'm right," she insisted. "I remember the speech."

The two shook their heads sadly and walked away.

Listening to their conversation, I thought to myself, "Well, it has been 50 years. She's probably forgotten."

But she was right.

The people who edited out that part of the speech when they engraved it on the memorial could have fooled me. I was born after the war. But they couldn't fool the people who were there. Roosevelt's words are engraved on their hearts.

Send this around to your friends. People need to know before everyone forgets.

Origins: On 29 May 2004, as part of the annual U.S. Memorial Day observances honoring those who died in our nation's service, the long-awaited National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., was formally dedicated. (The memorial had opened for public viewing a month prior to its official dedication ceremonies.)

To most Americans — particularly those who lived through World War II itself — no words associated with that conflict are more familiar or more stirring than those delivered by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as he stood before Congress on 8 December 1941, the day after the surprise attack by Japanese forces on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, and asked for a declaration of war against Japan. Accordingly, no American memorial to World War II would be complete without a reproduction of at least a portion of President Roosevelt's memorable speech.

The message quoted above (which, as far as we can tell, is a reworking of an item published in the *Washington Times* on 4 June 2004) claims that the portion of FDR's 8 December 1941 speech inscribed on the side of the memorial dedicated to the war in the Pacific deliberately omits the words 'so help us God,' as uttered by President Roosevelt that day, because 'We're not supposed to say things like that now.' Ironically, this claim appears to be based on a flawed recall of FDR's speech, the very sort of tampering with memory that the message warns us against.

Here is the complete text of President Roosevelt's 8 December 1941 address to Congress:

Yesterday, December 7, 1941 — a date which will live in infamy — the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.

The United States was at peace with that nation, and, at the solicitation of Japan, was still in conversation with its government and its Emperor looking toward the maintenance of peace in the Pacific.

Indeed, one hour after Japanese air squadrons had commenced bombing in the American island of Oahu, the Japanese Ambassador to the United States and his colleague delivered to our Secretary of State a formal reply to a recent American message. And, while this reply stated that it seemed useless to continue the existing diplomatic negotiations, it contained no threat or hint of war or of armed attack.

It will be recorded that the distance of Hawaii from Japan makes it obvious that the attack was deliberately planned many days or even weeks ago. During the intervening time the Japanese Government has deliberately sought to deceive the United States by false statements and expressions of hope for continued peace.

The attack yesterday on the Hawaiian Islands has caused severe damage to American naval and military forces. I regret to tell you that very many American lives have been lost. In addition, American ships have been reported torpedoed on the high seas between San Francisco and Honolulu.

Yesterday the Japanese Government also launched an attack against Malaya.

Last night Japanese forces attacked Hong Kong.

Last night Japanese forces attacked Guam.

Last night Japanese forces attacked the Philippine Islands.

Last night the Japanese attacked Wake Island.

And this morning the Japanese attacked Midway Island.

Japan has therefore undertaken a surprise offensive extending throughout the Pacific area. The facts of yesterday and today speak for themselves. The people of the United States have already formed their opinions and well understand the implications to the very life and safety of our nation.

As Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy I have directed that all measures be taken for our defense, that always will our whole nation remember the character of the onslaught against us.

No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people, in their righteous might, will win through to absolute victory.

I believe that I interpret the will of the Congress and of the people when I assert that we will not only defend ourselves to the uttermost but will make it very certain that this form of treachery shall never again endanger us.

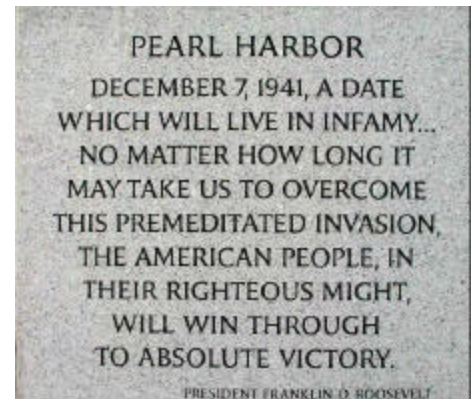
Hostilities exist. There is no blinking at the fact that our people, our territory and our interests are in grave danger.

With confidence in our armed forces, with the unbounding determination of our people, we will gain the inevitable triumph, so help us God.

I ask that the Congress declare that since the unprovoked and dastardly attack by Japan on Sunday, December 7, 1941, a state of war has existed between the United States and the Japanese Empire.

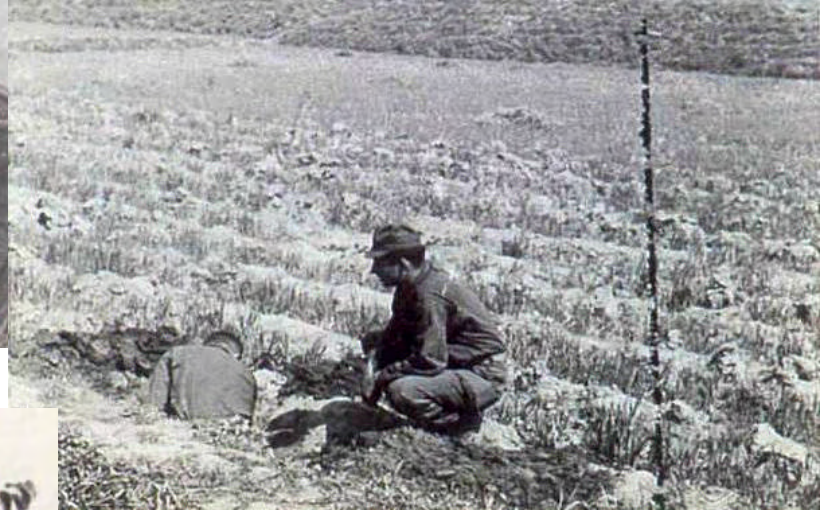
Only a very short excerpt from President Roosevelt's speech is inscribed on the National World War II Memorial. The sentence that ends "so help us God" wasn't edited to remove those final four words — the phrase "so help us God" isn't there because the sentence that contains it (highlighted in blue above) doesn't appear on the memorial at all. The words inscribed on the memorial were taken from a completely different sentence (highlighted in red above) delivered earlier in the speech, which is reproduced in its entirety.

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Many Thanks from the Taro Leaf to David Mikkelsen and his wife Barbara.*





Some of our Radio Group



Pvt Mickelson digging his foxhole & **Sgt. Hale** supervising



Setting up our Antenna System



Our Master Sgt. & his assistant

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TARO LEAF TAPS

What is a Veteran?

Some veterans bear visible scars of their service: a missing arm, a jagged scar, a look in the eye. Others carry the evidence inside them - a leg held together by pins, a piece of shrapnel in the back, a hardened steel in the soul, forged by adversity. You can't tell a vet just by looking. He is the aged legionnaire, marching proudly in a parade, having struggled to pin his medals on with a prosthetic hand. He is the senior citizen bagging groceries at the local supermarket who once spent a night in his foxhole with a dead Japanese soldier and still needs his wife to hold him when the nightmares come. He is the anonymous hero in the Tomb of the Unknown at Arlington who must forever preserve the memory of all the other heroes whose valor died unrecognized. A vet is an ordinary, yet extra-ordinary, human being who offered some of his life's most vital years in the service of his country, sacrificing his own ambitions so that other could realize theirs. He is a soldier, a sailor, an airman and our shield against the darkness. He is the finest testimony we have to the greatest generation of the greatest nation on earth.

(Adapted from a 1995 editorial in the Richmond Times-Dispatch)

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11th Field Artillery

C. David Tom

David passed away June 4, 2006 in Sandusky OH. After graduating from Ohio State University he was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. and sent to Korea. He initially served as forward observer for the 24th ID. He was later promoted and commanded C. Bty. 13th Field Artillery Battalion. Following his discharge he served several years with Ohio National Guard. He was predeceased by his parents and his first wife Kikuko. Merilyn, his wife of 24 years, survives David. No address is available at this time.



C. David Tom

19th Infantry Regiment

Charles J. Corcoran

Charles passed away on March 20, 2006. He was a member of Service. Co. during WWII
Cards may be sent to his widow Shirley at 5 Edgewood Lane, Mansfield Center, CT 06250-1209

Hank Gomez, Life Member # 1419 of the 19th, Korea died in 2002.

Fred L. Hess

Fred Hess, Company L, 19th Infantry Regiment, WWII passed away on May 6, 2006. He served on Leyte where he was wounded, and on Luzon and Mindoro, obtaining the rank of Sergeant. His decorations included the Purple Heart, CIB, and Bronze Star w/V device. Surviving him are his wife Virginia, son Peter, daughters Kristina and Vickie, their spouses, and many grandchildren. A celebration of his life and legacy was held on May 26, the date of his 82d birthday. In lieu of flowers, family asks those interested in honoring the life of Fred Hess make contribution or donations to the following projects or nonprofit organizations: Wright State University Libraries, 3640 Colonel Glen Hwy, Dayton, OH 45435. Donation should be designate for Special Collections and Archives in the memory of Fred L. Hess; The City of Centerville, c/o Veterans Memorial, 100 West Spring Valley Re., Centerville, OH 45458 or The Children's Medical Center of Dayton, Development Department, One Children's Plaza, Dayton, OH 45404-1815. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 2300 Wall Street, Suite H, Cincinnati, OH 45212 Indicate your donation is being made in memory of Fred L. Hess and include your name and address.

Cards may be sent to the family at: 1451 Courtyard Pl, Dayton, OH 45458-3975.

Robert J. LeBlanc

Robert, of Windsor Locks, CT, passed away on September 3, 2005. Robert was a Sgt. with the 4th Platoon, Company K, 19th, 1951, in Korea.

Cards may be sent to his daughter, Ms. Debbie Sperry, 80 S. Loomis Street, Southwick, MA 01077-9301.

Charles V. McGuire

Charles died on April 17, 2006. He served in Korea with Company E, from June 1950 to August 1951.

Cards may be sent to Mrs. Roberta McGuire at 3302 Drumond Rd., El Paso, TX 79925-2917

Glen A. Rohr

Glen passed away 17 Feb 2006. He was in Co, K, Korea 1951-1952.

Cards may be sent to Donna M. Rohr at 3400 S. Sumter Blvd., North Port, FL 34237-2969.

Kenneth Sitzman

Kenneth passed away on 20 March 06. He served with the 19th in Korea during 1951-52

Cards may be sent to his widow Georgene at 305 Pawnee Dr., McCook, NE 69001-2251



21st Infantry Regiment

Frank Buckner Jr.

Frank passed way on December 24, 2005.

He was a member of G Company, served with Co. G Japan and Korea 1953 - 1954

Cards may be sent to his wife Juanita at 99716 Strawberry Plains Pike, Strawberry Plains, TN 37871-1103



Frank Bruckner, Jr.

Vincent Caulfield,

Vince served with F/21st Infantry, Korea 50-51.

Condolences may be sent to his Widow Evelyn at 51 Greenview Ct., Oakdale, NY 11769-1398

Victor Habeeb

Victor passed away on April 4, 2006 at the age of 90 years. Victor served in Co G in the Southwest Pacific during WWII.

Cards may be sent to Kamley Habeeb, 7543 E. Rancho Vista Drive, Scottsdale AZ 85251-1560. In August the address changes to: 278 Ward Street, Watertown NY 13601.

George Leonard Jester

George passed away 23 March 2006. He was a great soldier and loved the 24th Infantry Division.

During his service in Korea George received two Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star, and four Good Conduct medals.

George is survived by his wife Helen Jester of Willis Point Texas and numerous Grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to his wife at PO Box 715, Edgewood, TX 75115

Edward Loomis

Edward, age 74, 21st Infantry, Company I, Japan & Korea passed away on 7 June 2006.

Cards maybe sent to his widow Barbara at 2152 Old Russellville Pike, Clarksville, TN 37043-5821

Nicholas "Chick" Staffo

Chick died on March 16, 2005. He was a member of Cannon Company. While detached to the 11th Airborne Division on Luzon, Chick was awarded the Silver Star for Gallantry in Action on February 17, 1945. In a letter home he indicates he was also a participant in the liberation of over 2200 American and International Internees at the Los Banos Prison Camp on February 23, 1944.

Condolences may be sent to his son Gary T. Staffo, 6226 Garden Road, Springfield, VA 22152-1504.

Charles E. Williams

Charles passed away unexpectedly on 22 March 06. He entered the U.S. Army on Oct. 7, 1943 and served in WWII 1943-44, with Company B. While in the army he was in charge of the Hispanic Squad. He was awarded the Purple Heart, two Bronze Stars plus other medals and citations.

His wife Mary is currently in a nursing home.

Cards may be sent to the family at the home of his daughter Lory. 23 SW 51st St., Lawton, OK 73505-6832.



Charles E. Williams



24th Medical Battalion

Raymond E. "Bodie" Adams

Bodie, a retired colonel who fought three wars, passed away in his sleep on 10 May 2006 at his home in Augusta GA.

He enlisted in the army in 194, served in the pacific with the Medical Service Corps and in Korea he participated in the Pusan Perimeter and Yula River Campaigns, earning two Purple Hearts, a Silver Star and a Bronze Star. Bodie also served in Viet Nam. We have no family contact information at this time.



Raymond E.
"Bodie" Adams

29th RCT

Harry T. Moore

Harry Moore, 29th RCT, Korea 50, passed away on 14 November 2004.

Condolences may be sent to his widow Diane at PO Box 3332, Gulfport, MS 30135

34th Infantry Regiment

Peter L. Birch

Peter Birch has passed away, no date is available. Peter served with "K" Co. 34th Inf. in Japan and Korea from Jan 46 - Jul 52. Peter was Life Member # 1738

Cards may be sent to Mrs. Rose Marie, 2131 South Beretania, #310, Honolulu, HI 96826-1490

James Cannioto

James Cannioto was a medic in the U.S. Army's 24th Division, is immortalized in a famous Pulitzer Prize nominated photo in which a soldier comforts another after the death of a friend on Aug. 28, 1950. James passed away December 6, 2006. His photo can be seen on the 34th Regiment page.

Daniel DeMarco

Daniel passed away on 17 November 1977. He served with Company E, from 17 August 1944 - 5 May 46

Gennaro A. (Gerry) Fischetti. Esq.

Gennaro A. (Gerry) Fischetti. , 81 of Silver Lake, beloved husband of Luise (nee Nicholais), loving father of Nancy Bhupathi, Mary Parelli and Elizabeth Collins, cherished grandfather of Priya, Mark and Tara Bhupathi, Katelyn and Megan Collins. passed away on 3 May 2006. He was buried on Staten Island, NY on May 6th. Gerry was a WWII veteran, attorney, author and a retired commissioner of the state Crime Victims Board; He was a long time member of the 24th IDA. Gerry joined the 34th RCT as soon as he finished High School. As a Pfc he saw action in Biak Island and Hollandia, New Guinea, and at Leyte, Luzon, Mindanao, Mindoro and Bataan in the Philippines. He was wounded during a volunteer mission at Zig Zag Pass near Olongano. He was awarded the Bronze Star. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Mount Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, 239 Fingerboard Rd., SI, NY 10305 would be appreciated.

Cards may be sent to Luise Fischetti at 42 Rose Court, Staten Island, NY 10301-3417



Gennaro A.
(Gerry)
Fischetti. Esq.



34th Infantry Regiment (Cont)

Jay B. Hurlin

Jay Hurlin, 34th INF, Korea, died 7 Nov 05.

Cards may be sent to PO Box 107, Rowley, MA 01969-0207

Leonard Taylor Kjelstrom

"Kelly" Kjelstrom passed away May 26, 2006. He was born August 2, 1924. Kelly joined the Infantry during World War II and fought in the Pacific Theater. He received many medals, including the bronze star, and received a medical honorable discharge. Kelly is survived by his wife Patricia, four loving children, Cary Kjelstrom, Sondra (Neal) Davis, Marla Link and Kit (Françoise) Kjelstrom, three loving step-children, Debbie Tran, Victor Lee (Donna) Brown and Oni Burkholder and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to: 1067 E. 500 S., Salt Lake City UT 84102

3rd Engineers "Combat" Bn.

Herbert D Clifton

Herbert passed away on August 26, 2005 at the age of 82. He joined the Army in May 1941 and was present at Pearl Harbor during the attack. He served with the 3rd in the Pacific Theater throughout the war and received many ribbons and medals, including the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, American Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, a Good Conduct Ribbon and the Purple Heart. He worked for 31 years at the USPS in Dover and for the Dover Police Department for 25. Herbert was a life member of the Association. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Reba Mae Sawyer Clifton and two sons.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to the Chesworld Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 186, Cheswold DE. Cards may be sent to the family at Box 84, Dover DE 19903-0084

Lt Col (Ret) Jack Travis Hall.

Jack Hall served with the 3d Engineer Battalion in Korea, died May 18th, 2006. Military services were held at the Fort Sam Houston Military Cemetery. You may sign the guest book @ www.porterloring.com.

Donald James Lloyd

Don was born August 5, 1931 in Denver CO. He passed away February 5, 2006. On September 2, 1948 he joined the army, finishing his 12th grade education. He was a U.S. Veteran for his service in the Korean Conflict and was in the first group of soldiers sent to Korea from Japan in July of 1950. He received A Bronze Star, Presidential Unit Citation; Army of Occupation Medal with Japan clasp; National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with one bronze service star and one silver service star, United Nations Service Medal and ROC presidential Unit Citation.

Don was a life member of the VFW and the 24th IDA. After his discharge he moved to Cathlamet WA where met and married Dorothy A. (Hosley) Lloyd. He worked as a Captain on a crab boat out of Alaska and one of his most memorable experiences was piloting it all the way back to Cathlamet.

Don and Dorothy started going to military reunions eleven years ago and eight years ago he and Dorothy began organizing reunions for all who had ever served with the 3rd "Combat" Engineers. He was Vice President of the 24th IDA last year and declined the President's position this year due to his health.

Survivors include his wife Dorothy, his son Stuart and two daughters Cynthia (Randy) and Colleen

Condolences may be sent to: 6804 Occidental, Yakima, WA 98903



Donald James Lloyd



5th RCT

Benjamin W. Strickland

Benjamin W. Strickland passed away on August 26, 2005. He was with M Co, 3rd Battalion in Korea in 1950 and 1951, Ben was wounded, while serving with the 5th. He also served in the Vietnam War in 1964 and 1965, earning the Bronze Star. His family is continuing his quest to obtain his Purple Heart. Benjamin spent 27 years serving his country with honor and pride. He loved his family and friends. On his birthday a street in Miami Florida was dedicated to him for service to his country and community.

Cards may be sent to his family at 13472 S.W. 66 Terrace Miami, Florida 33183.

HQ

John Salomon Ylinen,

Lt Col (Ret) US Army, aged 85, passed away on Thursday, April 13, 2006. He had lived in El Paso, Texas for 46 years. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on May 9, 1942, attended Officers Candidate School at Fort Davis, NC, and was commissioned February 11, 1943. He served in the Aleutian Islands, Japan, the Korean War, and Germany, retiring at Fort Sill, OK, on May 31, 1962. His military decorations included the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star, the Air Medal w/5 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Parachute Badge, the Presidential Unit Citation, and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation. John was a Life Member of the 24th Infantry Division Assn and a member of the El Paso EPMUG.. He was predeceased this month by his wife, MAJ (Ret) Lydia Romersa Ylinen. He is survived by his son LTC (Ret) Frank A. Ylinen and wife Debbie of Pasadena, MD, son LTC (Ret) John A. Ylinen and wife Sandra of Centreville, VA, and daughter Carol Sykora of Waco, TX.

Condolences may be sent to the family at 1517 Meadowview Dr. El Paso TX 79925-2517.

This is for all of the soldiers, past, present and future, who fight for freedom and liberty anywhere in the world.

"THE SONG OF THE SOLDIER-BORN"

-- BY Robert W. Service

Give me the scorn of the stars and a peak defiant;
Wail of the pines and a wind with the shout of a giant;
Night and a trail unknown and a heart reliant.

Give me to live and love in the old, bold fashion;
A soldier's billet at night and a soldier's ration;
A heart that leaps to the fight with a soldier's passion.

For I hold as a simple faith there's no denying;
The trade of a soldier's the only trade worth plying;
The death of a soldier's the only death worth dying.

So let me go and leave your safety behind me;
Go to the spaces of hazard where nothing shall bind me;
Go till the word is War — and then you will find me.

Then you will call me and claim me because you will need me;
Cheer me and gird me and into the battle-wrath speed me...
And when it's over, spurn me and no longer heed me.

For guile and a purse gold-greased are the arms you carry;
With deeds of paper you fight and with pens you parry;
You call on the hounds of the law your foes to harry.

You with your "Art for its own sake," posing and prinking;
You with your "Live and be merry," eating and drinking;
You with your "Peace at all hazard," from bright blood shrinking.

Fools! I will tell you now: though the red rain patters,
And a million of men go down, it's little it matters...
There's the Flag upflung to the stars, though it streams in tatters.

There's a glory gold never can buy to yearn and to cry for;
There's a hope that's as old as the sky to suffer and sigh for;
There's a faith that out-dazzles the sun to martyr and die for.

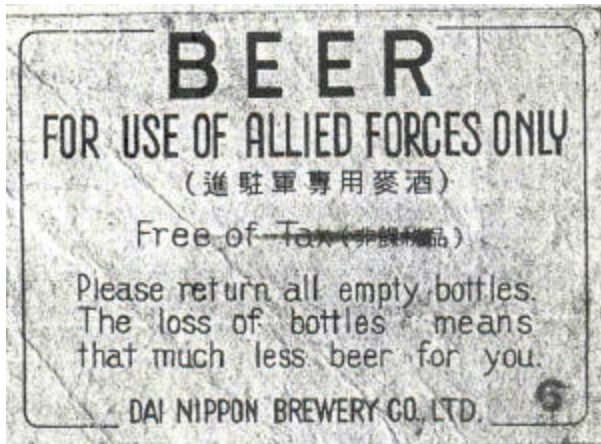
Ah no! it's my dream that War will never be ended;
That men will perish like men, and valour be splendid;
That the Flag by the sword will be served, and honour defended.

That the tale of my fights will never be ancient story;
That though my eye may be dim and my beard be hoary,
I'll die as a soldier dies on the Field of Glory.

So give me a strong right arm for a wrong's swift righting;
Stave of a song on my lips as my sword is smiting;
Death in my boots may-be, but fighting, fighting.

Mementos of our time in the Far East

Submitted By ~ **Harold Jay**, Div. HQ



Chet Potts & Friends

Submitted By ~ **Chester Potts**, Div HQ



The Chinese left a 37mm cannon hidden here, Korea, 1951



In reserve, Korea, 1951



On Line, Korea, Nov 1951



Marvin Reed w/Truck of troops – Korea, 1951



Dug in and ready, Korea, Oct 1951



Pvt. Marvin Reed Class "A" Uniform
Taken in back of barracks



Half Track hit on the front lines
Submitted By ~ **Frederick E. Baker**, 26th AAA



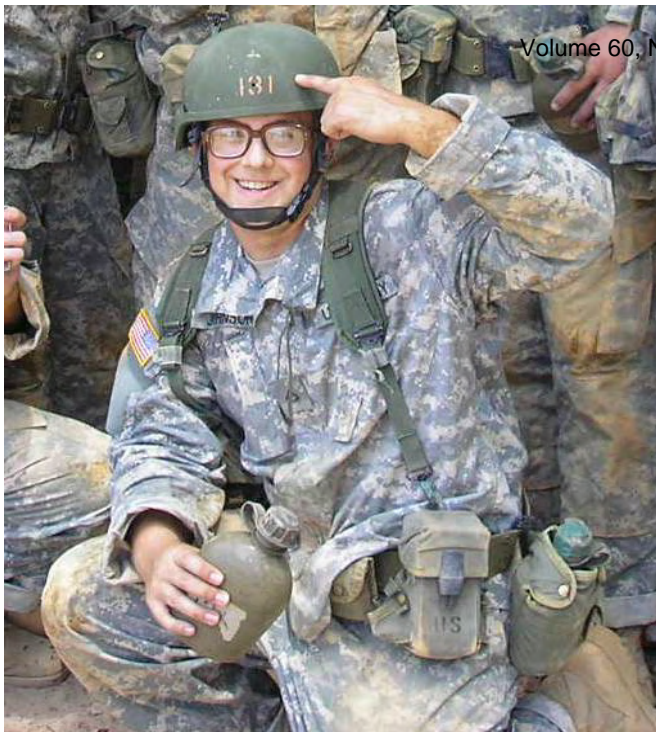
What happens when you don't follow the Tanks.
Submitted By ~ **Harold Aberle**, 26th AAA



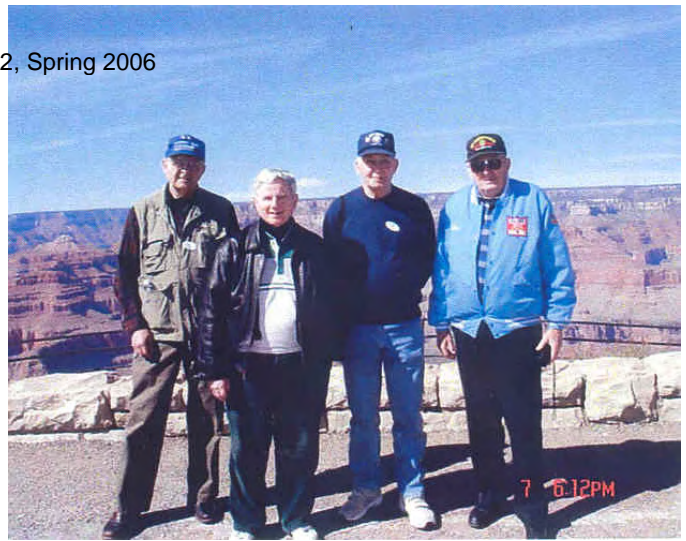
U.S.N.S. Gen. George Randall
Left Sabo Japan November 1951 – December 3 1951 Monday
19 days there was 4,777 Korean Vets on board
Roster of names in the San Francisco Call Bulletin Independent newspaper
Submitted By ~ **Frederick E. Baker**, 26th AAA



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PFC James Edward Johnson,
Assoc. Life Member, 24th IDA

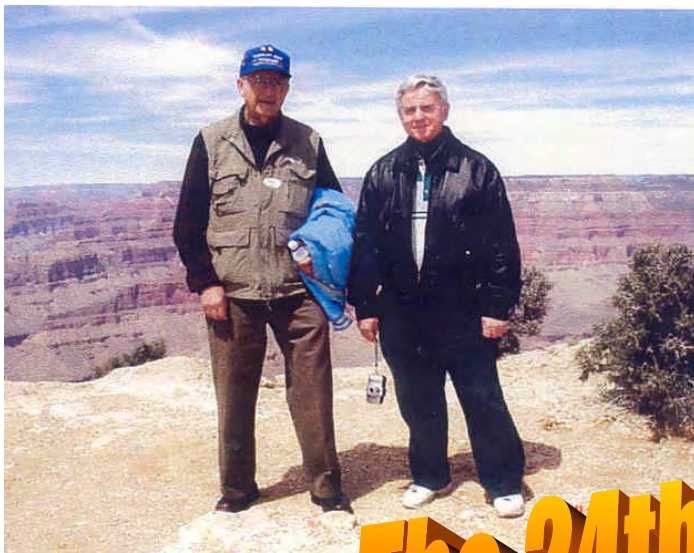


After we left Laughlin Nevada from the West Coast Reunion in April of this year. Six of us went over to the Grand Canyon for another Train Ride. We took in Sedona, Meteor Crater, Sunset Crater and Wupatki National Monument and a few more in our extended 4 day trip out of Flagstaff, Arizona.

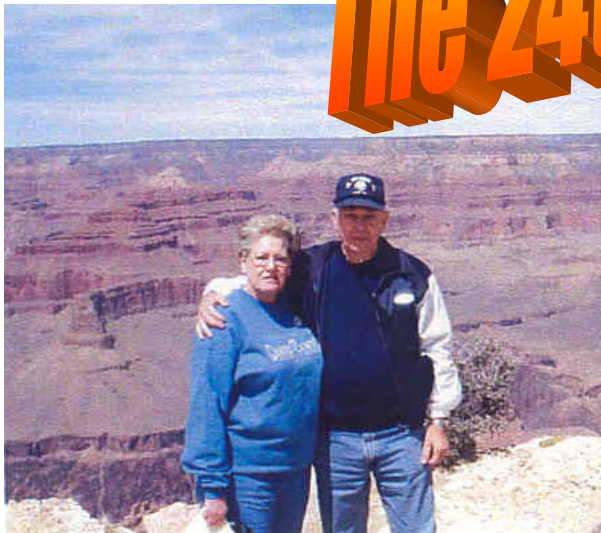
Sent along a few pictures for you to put in the Taro Leaf if you can. Dan Rickert told me to do this, so blame him when you see him.

Thanks,

Kenneth W. Fentner, 52nd FA



The 24th IDA on the Go



Harlan Koch, 2001-CO, 24th Recon Co, 1948-1949

ARMY COMBAT UNIFORM

The new Army combat uniform, or ACU, is scheduled to replace the familiar woodland camouflage battle dress uniform and the tan desert camouflage uniform by 2008. It requires no pressing or starching and has a new universal camouflage pattern. It marks the first major change in the Army uniform since 1981.

Mandarin collar

Infrared feedback American flag provides day and night recognition for friend or foe identification.

Knee pouches with Velcro closure for internal knee pad inserts.

Bellowed calf storage pockets with Velcro closure on the left and right leg.

Leg cuff with front closure tie allows more comfortable closure on the outside of the boot collar.

Desert tan boot. This suede boot is designed to be lightweight and breathable in hot and temperate weather. It requires no shining.

Night-vision goggles allow soldiers to see a person under full-moon conditions as far as 960 yards away.

Helmet. The Advanced Combat Helmet offers better protection against 9 mm rounds and against low-speed impacts.

Velcro-faced shoulder pockets that allow for the wearing of unit patches, skill tabs and recognition devices. Pocket maximized for storage and easily accessible.

Forward tilted cargo pocket for easy access whether sitting, kneeling or standing.

Elbow pouch with Velcro closure for internal elbow pad inserts.

Body armor and vest. The system protects against fragmentation and small-arms fire and is intended to carry a soldier's "fighting load." The vest has pockets for grenades and ammunition and is designed to be worn over body armor.

Thought you would like to know what we would be wearing if we started over as young men.
~Billy, Editor

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

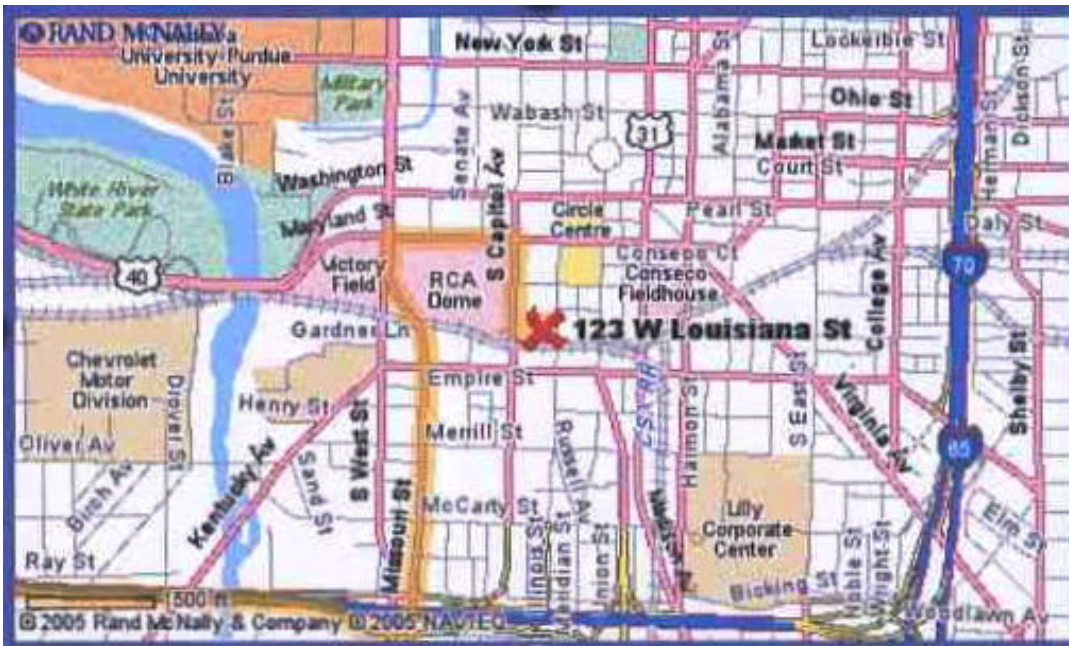
Indianapolis features the best drive/fly access in the nation. The airport, with air service from multiple carriers, is a mere 10-minute drive to our hotel, the Crowne Plaza hotel. More interstate highways intersect Indianapolis than any other city.

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 additional 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 I-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 I-70. 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 I-70, 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 subject to change.*

SPECIAL REQUESTS:

Smoking_____ Non-Smoking_____ Connecting Room_____ ADA Room_____ Hearing Impaired_____

**All special requests will be noted but cannot be guaranteed due to the overall hotel availability.
Hearing impaired devices available at Front Desk.*

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 21, 2006 TO ENSURE ROOM
AVAILABILITY. (After this date, rooms will be on space and rate availability only.)

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

Date of Arrival_____ Date of Departure_____ Number of Nights _____

Name (Please Print) _____

Address: _____

City:_____ State:_____ ZIP: _____

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

AMEX_____ VISA_____ MC_____ DISCOVERY_____ OTHER_____

Credit Card Number:_____ Expiration Date:_____

Signature: _____

Mail this form to: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Reservations, 123 W. Louisiana St., Indianapolis, IN 46225

Telephone Reservation: 1-317-631-2221 Confirmation 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, he 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.

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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.

Attention - All Units

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 _____ STATE _____ ZIP: _____

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, **NO ONE**, 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.

THE LADIES BREAKFAST

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 _____ STATE _____ ZIP: _____

Number Attending _____

Enter total amount on Tour & Meal Registration Form

Annual Reunion

September 20 2006 – September 23, 2006

Crowne Plaza Hotel and Conference Center at Historic Union Station

Name: (please print) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Name of Wife / Guests Attending: _____

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

Information for your name badge

Nickname _____ Unit _____ Period _____

Location _____ First Timer? YES _____ NO _____

Survey for Reunion Coordinator. Will you be arriving by:

Air _____ Car _____ Train _____ Bus _____

REMINDER

If you have a group of friends and wish to be seated together, get together and pay together. Only 10 people at a table, if you wish to be seated with your friends at the Banquets, you must mail all registration forms along with appropriate payments in one envelope otherwise we cannot guarantee that you and your friends will be seated together!

Make Checks Payable to:

24th Infantry Division Association and Mail to:

Robert A. Newkirk

1690 Predt Circle

Franklin, IN 46131-7593

Day / Date / Time	Activity	Per Person	# Person	Amount
Reunion Registration (Spouse & Guest exempt from Registration Fee Only)		\$15.00	X	=
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	X	=
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	X	=
6:30 – 11:00 pm	Aloha Banquet:			
	Stuffed Pork Tenderloin	\$29.00	X	=
	Baked Cod	\$31.00	X	=
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	=
11:30 am – 3:30 pm	War Memorial	\$46.00	X	=
6:30 pm – 11:00 pm	Memorial Banquet			
	Steak Diana	\$38.00	X	=
	Fried Chicken	\$28.00	X	=
Total				

Please Note: Spouse and Guest do not pay a registration fee. All Associate Members, former and current Division Members must pay the Registration Fee

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

Hickory Smoked Bacon

Breakfast Potatoes

Assorted Breakfast Pastries

Coffee, Decaf Coffee and Tea

\$17.00

ALOHA BANQUET MENUS

Stuffed Center Cut Pork Tenderloin

Baked Cod Au Gratin

Roasted Red Potatoes & Vegetable

Rice Pilaf & Vegetable

\$29.00 Inclusive

\$31.00 Inclusive

MEMORIAL BANQUET

Steak Diana w/Dijon Mustard Topping

Fried Chicken Dinner

(Beef Tenderloin)

(3 Pieces)

Baked Potato & Vegetable

Mashed Potato w/gravy

\$38.00 Inclusive

\$28.00 Inclusive

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

24th Infantry Division Association



BE A MEMBER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION RECRUIT A MEMBER

I desire to be enrolled (or) reinstated as a Member (or) Associate Member of the
24th Infantry Division Association,
 and thereby be affiliated with the
 Greatest Combat Division
 the United States Army has ever known.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

OCCUPATION _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____ CHILDREN & AGES _____

SPONSOR'S NAME _____

(Relation to sponsor if the Application is for Associate Membership) _____

 SERVED IN THE 24th or was ATTACHED TO THE 24th

UNIT.....SQUAD ____ PLATOON ____ COMPANY ____ BN. ____ REGT. ____ HQ ____ FROM ____ TO ____

UNIT.....SQUAD ____ PLATOON ____ COMPANY ____ BN. ____ REGT. ____ HQ ____ FROM ____ TO ____

REMARKS _____

Dues:

____ Annual - \$15.00
 1 Year From Date of
 Enlisting in Association

____ Lifetime - \$150.00
 Payable in lump sum of \$150.00
 or in 5 yearly payments of \$30.00

Please make checks payable to:
"24th Infantry Division Association"
 Mail with this completed application to:
Donald E. Maggio
Secretary/Treasurer
24th Infantry Division Association
631 Concord Rd
Fletcher, NC 28732-9736

Recommended By: _____

The 2005 True Stella Awards Winners

by Randy Cassingham

<http://www.stellaawards.com>

Issued 31 January 2006

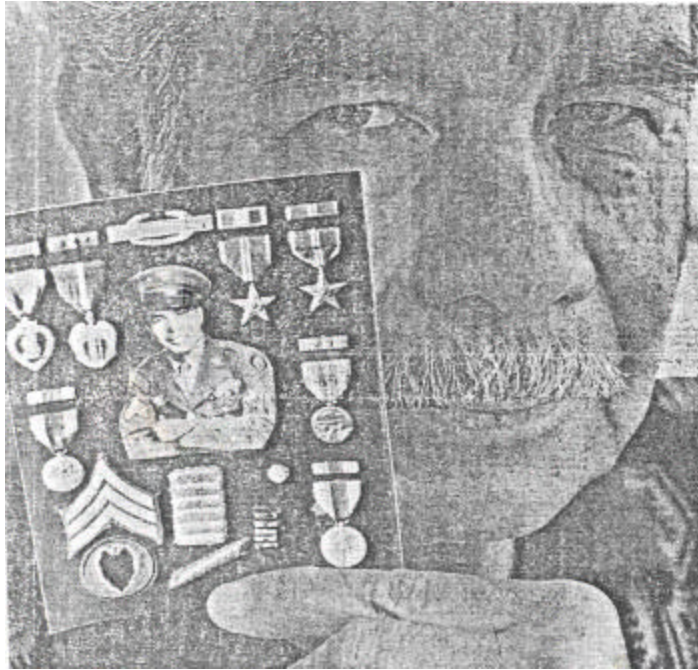
- #7:** Bob Dougherty. A prankster smeared glue on the toilet seat at the Home Depot store in Louisville, Colo., causing Dougherty to stick to it when he sat down. "This is not Home Depot's fault," he proclaimed, yet the store graciously offered him \$2,000 anyway. Dougherty complained the offer is "insulting" and filed suit demanding \$3 million.
- #6:** Barbara Connors of Medfield, Mass. Connors was riding in a car driven by her 70-year old(!) son-in-law when they crashed into the Connecticut River, and Connors sank with the car. Rescue divers arrived within minutes and got her out alive, but Connors suffered brain damage from her near drowning. Sue the driver? Sure, we guess that's reasonable. But she also sued the brave rescue workers who risked their lives to save hers.
- #5:** Michelle Knepper of Vancouver, Wash. Knepper picked a doctor out of the phone book to do her liposuction, and went ahead with the procedure even though the doctor was only a dermatologist, not a plastic surgeon. After having complications, she complained she never would have chosen that doctor had she known he wasn't Board Certified in the procedure. (She relied on the phonebook listing over asking the doctor, or looking for a certificate on his wall?!) So she sued ...the phone company! She won \$1.2 million plus \$375,000 for her husband for "loss of spousal services and companionship."
- #4:** Rhonda Nichols. She says a wild bird "attacked" her outside a home improvement store in Fairview Heights, Ill., causing head injuries. That's right: outside the store. Yet Nichols still held the Lowe's store responsible for "allowing" wild birds to fly around free in the air. She never reported the incident to the store, but still sued for "at least" \$100,000 in damages. In January 2006, the case was thrown out of court.
- #3:** Barnard Lorence of Stuart, Fla. Lorence managed to overdraw his own bank account. When the bank charged him a service fee for the overdraft, he filed suit over his "stress and pain" and loss of sleep over the fee. A few hundred thousand bucks, he says, will only amount to a "slap on the wrist", whereas the \$2 million he's suing for is more like being "paddled". Kinky!
- #2:** Wanita "Renea" Young of Durango, Colo. Two neighborhood teens baked cookies for their neighbors as an anonymous gesture of good will, but Young got scared when she heard them on her front porch. They apologized, in writing, but Young sued them anyway for causing her distress, demanding \$3,000. When she won(!) \$900, she crowed about it in the newspaper and on national TV. Now, she's shocked (shocked!) that everyone in town hates her for her spite, and is afraid she may have to move. But hey: she won.

And the winner of the 2005 True Stella Award: Christopher Roller of Burnsville, Minn. Roller is mystified by professional magicians, so he sued David Blaine and David Copperfield to demand they reveal their secrets to him -- or else pay him 10 percent of their lifelong earnings, which he figures amounts to \$50 million for Copperfield and \$2 million for Blaine. The basis for his suit: Roller claims that the magicians defy the laws of physics, and thus must be using "godly powers" -- and since Roller is god (according to him), they're "somehow" stealing that power from him.



Unlocking The War Memories

After 45 years, Domingo Vasquez is talking about his war years



Domingo Vasquez with a photo of himself at 20, surrounded by his service medals

By JANICE LUDER
Staff Writer – *Monrovia News-Post*

DUARTE – When Domingo Vasquez cruises down the freeway in his Pontiac, strangers sometimes pass, honk, and salute. They're paying homage to the message on Vasquez's license plate – a Purple Heart medal and the words "combat wounded."

For the 69-year-old Duarte resident, placing that bold message on his bumper – one of the newest personalized plates issued – contradicts the past 45 years he has spent keeping his World War II memories locked inside. A three-year veteran of fighting in the South Pacific, Vasquez has spent his life since 1945 trying to deny and ignore the horrors he witnessed, he said. It's been a hopeless cause.

His wife, Angie, told him, "You can't live in hate".

His sister, Margaret Viramontez, told him "talk about it."

She knew her gentle and timid brother had learned to swear and kill overseas, she said, but when she asked him, "what was it like, Bud?" he would answer, 'Oh, it was just a war.'

His family knew he had received a Purple Heart medal for his combat wounds, but Vasquez kept his other six medals – including two Bronze Stars for bravery – a secret. "I would have to explain how I earned the medals," he said.

It still makes him a little nervous, he admits, but he believes now it's the only way to find some release. "When I went into the Army I was a nice Latin boy. I played the guitar," he said softly.

In 1986, Vasquez wrote to the Army and asked for a list for medals he's earned. That year the Army sent him his list and a Bronze Star. The bravery medal was awarded for Vasquez's refusal to leave a sick comrade by the side of a New Guinea road, albeit with a medic, while he and his patrol dashed for boats to escape enemy fire.

Vasquez and a few other soldiers returned and rescued the soldier. "I knew what the Japanese did to their prisoners of war," he said.

It was that incident, Vasquez admits now, that earned him his promotion to sergeant.

Still, Viramontez and Angie Vasquez proudly display photographs of Domingo Vasquez and his medals on their living room walls. Those honors include two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, an Asiatic-Pacific Campaign medal, a WWII Victory Medal, a Combat Infantry man badge and a Philippine Liberation ribbon.



5 Koreans attached to US Army – October 1955
“KATUSA”

*“Who the Indian is, I don’t know. But he was in our outfit.
‘G’ Co, 2nd Bal, 21st Inf, 24th Div”*

Photo taken by **Chuck Lowery**, 21st INF

*“I was proud to wear that patch, 24th – 21st Gimlet.
Hope to get to Indy in Sept.” **Chuck Lowery**, 21st INF*



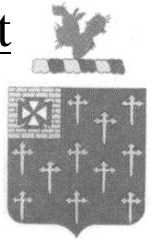
Jim Hoffman – 1955

Son T Ray Hoffman in Korea from Vermilion, OH

“...a picture of my father (SSG Arthur Rinto) with some of his buddies in WWII. Probably somewhere in the South Pacific. I obtained this photo from my brother and inserted the last names of those that were written on the back. I know Hosterman is deceased. He lived in Union Gap AP”

~ Ron Rinto



34th Infantry Regiment

My name is Ray Peterson and I too was drafted on December 12, 1952 and was assigned to the 24th Division. I was with George Company, 34th Regiment 2nd Battalion, 1st squad 2nd platoon. I was also with the transfer from Japan to Korea. Don Duffy's article brought back a lot of old memories long forgotten.

I would like to share an episode that happened at the Air Base on our way to Korea. My platoon was among those on the hot cement waiting to be loaded into the flying boxcars. It finally came our turn to be loaded and that's when I noticed the name on the plane was Bottoms Up. Not thinking much of it at the time we loaded up and were moved down the runway, and into the wild blue yonder. We hadn't been up more than five minutes when I looked out the small window and saw the engine wasn't running. It looked like the rice paddies were getting closer. One of the soldiers moved to the door ready to jump. Then I saw the engine start and we returned to the air base.

We lay around waiting in the hot sun a couple more hours. They brought up another plane and we were loaded up. Once again we started down the runway and once again we had engine problems. We heard the tires squeal as they put on the brakes and the plane made a sharp turn to the left. In front of us was the fence at the end of the runway.

They pulled us back to the hanger and again we lay around the runway for a long time. Finally they brought up another plane and low and behold it was Bottoms Up. Needless to say everyone was hesitant to board but being Army we went. As luck would have it we finally made it to Korea without any further problems.

I'm enclosing a copy of my cease fire orders given to us before the cease-fire took affect. We were told to keep them on our person at all times. I folded them up and put them behind some pictures in my wallet. I found them years later when I changed wallets.

Reading of past experiences written by the veterans that were there brings back so many memories, some good some bad, but I really enjoy reading them.

Sincerely

Ray Peterson
3361 Wallace Dr.
Grand Island, NY 14072
E-Mail:
RPETE3361@aol.com

HEADQUARTERS 34TH INFANTRY REGIMENT
APO 24

27 July 1953

SUBJECT: Cease Fire Order

TO : All Members of this Command

1. The following telephone message received from 8th Army
"quote Armistice was signed at 1000 hours today. Cease fire will be
at 2200 hours today. Encode, Cease fire and withdrawal orders follow
at once

2. No firing will be conducted in the forward areas whatsoever.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL OLSEN:

Robert L. Clark
ROBERT L CLARK
Major, Infantry
Adjutant

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"A"

Korean War medic caught in iconic photo laid to rest

LAUREN STANFORTH STAFF WRITER

PITTSFORD - Part of a famous poem quoted at a memorial service Saturday morning for Korean War veteran James Cannioto of Waterloo, Seneca County, couldn't have been more appropriate:

Do not stand at my grave and cry I am not there, I did not die

Cannioto's ashes will be buried only a few steps from a Korean War

veterans memorial in Pittsford's White Haven Memorial Park - a memorial built in 1995 that will keep Cannioto's spirit alight for a very specific reason.

Cannioto, a medic in the U.S. Army's 24th Division, is immortalized in a famous Pulitzer Prize nominated photo in which a soldier comforts another after the death of a friend on Aug. 28, 1950. Cannioto is

in the background, filling out a death report on the fallen soldier.

A likeness of that photo is engraved on a boulder at the White Haven Korean War memorial, and now Cannioto will rest next to it, an incredible tribute to a quiet man was deeply committed to keeping Korean War Veteran's memories alive. Cannioto died Dec. 6 after battling lung cancer. He was 74.



Article Submitted By ~ "Nick" Nicholas L. Marasco, 34th INF



"Myself on skis on Mt. Fuji, Japan during ski training."
~ Gib Hoogendoorn



Viewing Mt. Fuji from the Co. St. in camp Fuji, Japan



Colorado Springs, CO, July 18, 2006

Dear Friends

Thank you so very much for the many cards, letters, notes and telephone calls. Also I thank you for the generous donations that were made to Dutch's memorial fund.

Dutch was a very special man and is greatly missed. He will never be forgotten.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

Margo Nelson & Family

I have received word today that Ed Kolesar is still in ICU (6 weeks now) but coming along fine. Let's get him out of ICU, send get well cards and swamp him so he will have to go home to read them.

Send to: **Edward A. Kolesar**
1049 State St.
Pittawa, IL 61350-4461

Hi Guys

In the recent Battle Stars, on page 18 there is a fantastic picture of the Punchbowl, taken in 1952. Jim Evans took it and has it enlarged to 13 in by 29 in. I have the privilege of having one. The details are terrific. I would suggest those of us who remember the punchbowl get a copy. Email Jim for details. You won't be disappointed it is great, very close to some of the pictures I have but not the panoramas views. Brings back a lot of memories.

You will certainly enjoy this
E mail Evansa5rct@cox.net
Paul

It is always a pleasure to receive and read each new edition of the Taro Leaf, and this latest issue (VOL. 60 No.1) is no exception. Keep up the splendid work. The note you printed on page 42 with an "unreadable" signature was sent by me. My apologies!

Harrison Lee, Life Member #1425

Hey, glad you are "Found!" Billy

Thank you for publishing my articles and pictures on page 4 & 5 of the Taro Leaf.

Nicholas Matviya Bty. A 13th FA Btn.

Nicholas is a Reinstated Member. Welcome back!!

I am a Taro Leafer from the Desert Storm era, and it pains me to see the passing of the Taro men and women before me. Because of you fine men and women who have worn the patch before me, it makes me realize how grateful to follow the example you all have set for me. God Bless you all; to those who have passed and those still here. From the bottom of my heart, from my family to the 24th IDA family, FIRST TO FIGHT.

Francisco Irizarry
glory_gunner@yahoo.com

A note from the daughters of the COMMISH

*Dear Friends,
We thank you all for giving our Dad so many hours of enjoyment sharing emails with all of you. We wish you health and happiness.
As Dad always closed... Tally Ho!
Nancy, Mary, Lisa*

*Commish we will miss you.
God bless you
Rest in Peace ~ Billy*

News:

1). On 1 June the 1/5th was reflagged as the 1st Squadron 2nd Cavalry Regiment. This means there is not an active 5th Infantry Regiment unit in the Army at the present time. Sometime this Fall the 1/5th is scheduled to be re-activated in Alaska.

I was looking through some old Taro Leafs and noticed one item which might be of interest to your readership. At least it would make a Space Filler, if you needed one. A member had said he needed to know the names of the campaigns in Korea to fill a requirement some bureaucrats said he needed to qualify for something. (He did not say what he was trying to obtain.) At any rate, the names for the Campaigns for the 8 battle stars are:

1. UN DEFENSIVE
2. UN OFFENSIVE
3. CCF INTERVENTION
4. FIRST UN COUNTEROFFENSIVE
5. CCF SPRING OFFENSIVE
6. UN SUMMER-FALL OFFENSIVE
7. SECOND KOREAN WINTER
8. KOREA, SUMMER 195

JJ McKeon



What I am about to ask you has nothing to do with the 24th Inf. or any of its regiments.

When I was at Papua, New Guinea I walked quite a distance to see Lew Ayres a movie star that was with a medical unit at Papua, he was a conscious objector, but American enough to want to serve. Many who refused to serve paid no price for refusing so I had respect for him for serving.

When I finally reached where he was, "He was'ent" as Yogi Berra would say. My question is where was he stationed? I forgot, and every place I look does not mention the location. I was at Oro Bay and I am wondering how long the walk was, For a short distance I was picked up by a Jeep that almost turned over. If you ever have a spot with nothing to print maybe this could be used. If you find this request silly just dump it and I will understand.

Respectfully yours,

George P. Lasio
19th Prov. Bn.
One Thire Avenue
Farmingdale, NY 11735

George this request could have come from any number of us who walked from Here to There. It is definitely worth asking. I hope we find your answer. ~ Billy



PS I have enclosed a Confederate Dollar Bill. Who knows, it may still be good.

George, Thanks, we accept all donations. Billy

Hello everyone,

It is a great pleasure to announce that HR was passed by the House yesterday and is now in the Senate where, I pray, it will get a speedy passage. It has been a long hard battle and we still have to concentrate on those Senators!!!

God Bless you all.

Shorty Estabrook
Shorty the Tiger

As we enter Spring here I just received the Winter 2006 issue. We cannot say the Post Office is slow!

I want to thank you for the wonderful job you are doing and tell you how impressive your front and back covers also are. There aren't many Americans who know that the Star Spangled Banner has more than one verse.

The enclosed article was in the local paper. I thought you could use it. I don't know him or his Unit, 13th, but his being 24th Division caught my eye. I was a Colonel, 34th, 1941-45. (See TAPS)

Keep up the good work. We appreciate you.

"Nick" Nicholas L. Marasco, 1494 Gleason Road,
Andover, NY 14806-9622

Nick,

Thanks for writing. It is always a pleasure to hear kind words, however we take complaints and corrections also.

It is important to me to know what the members are thinking about the Taro Leaf. That helps me to decide what goes in, and what members are interested in. Obviously we cannot use all pictures and notes due to limited space but I try to choose the ones of interest to most members. I need to tell you that the late issues are not the fault of the Post Office. That falls directly on me as the Editor. I have had a couple of medical problems since the first of the year and they slowed me down a bit. I am feeling much better now and expect to get back to a more regular publication. ~ Billy

Nick's Article is on the 34th Regiment page with a couple of photos.

Last night I had a phone call from a veteran of Desert Storm with the 24th Inf. and wants to join the Association. He asked if we ever had a reunion. I advised him about Indy the coming Sept. Send him the information and he says he will be there. He is: David Christy, 206 Comstock Street, Carabonna, Michigan 48817, phone 989-239-7625.

Don Maggio

*Let's have the Reunion
in YOUR City!*



Ray Bach sent in his change of address from Sun City AZ to Waianae HI saying, "Home again, Aloha"

Here is an item which could go in the corrections section, but it is a good story so I think I will put it in Hear Ye.

~ Billy

On page 41 of the Winter edition of the Taro Leaf, a member named Paul sent in a report on his cancer. Somehow my name got attached to it. I received a few Emails and a couple of cards with prayers attached. Billy, I rather enjoyed the attention and the prayers sure will help. Sure hope the prayers count, as the only cancer I have is an occasional skin cancer which my dermatologist takes care of.

Paul Cain, Co. "I" 34th Inf, 3109B Chatham Dr., Urbana IL, 61802-7044. Phone 217-344-1462, Cell 217-898-1466

A clipping from the Berkley CA newspaper Daily Gazette on May 27, 19948. I had the pleasure of selling General MacArthur the first Buddy Poppy to start our yearly fund raiser.

I still have not received my last Taro Leaf. Ed Farmer

*See my note to Nick Marasco on the previous page. ~ Billy
The newspaper clipping is too worn to copy. The article is below.*

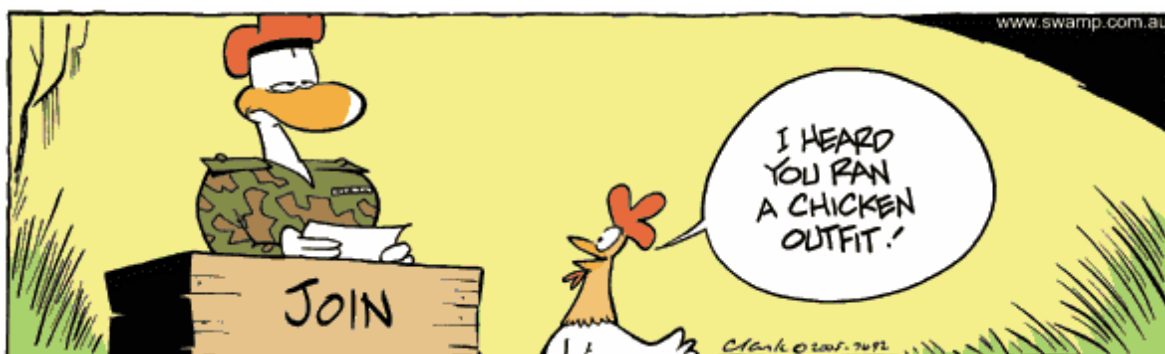
Berkley Man Sells VFW Buddy Poppy to General MacArthur

A Berkley man who is Chaplain of the Tokyo post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars saw to it yesterday that Gen. Douglas MacArthur bought a Buddy Poppy. General MacArthur who commands American occupation forces in the Far East, bought the first poppy offered for sale by the delegation of VFW men in their annual benefit drive, United Press Reported. The VFW members were Cpt. Edward S. Farmer of 610 Arlington Ave, Berkley, post chaplain and Lt. John W. Britton of Corona, senior vice commander.



I had my new Washington license plate abbreviated VBK. How about that!" Ed Farmer

You know what, when I renewed my "Squad" of 10 family members, I got a line in the Taro Leaf. Now I challenge members to out do me! When I initially enrolled them there were 12 but one passed away. My wife is an Associate Life Member. Hey man, keep up the good work— John Baglama, Heavy Mtr. Co.





Our 24th IDA Past Vice President Donald J. Lloyd passed away at 8:45am, 5 February 2006, in Yakima Washington. Don will be missed by all of us who love and respect his memory. Our prayers go out to Dorothy and the Lloyd family. Cards may be sent to the Lloyd's at: 6804 Occidental Ave, Yakima, WA 98903-9647.

Don and his wife Dorothy were active in the 24th IDA, he as Vice President, she as a lady willing to work at any task which made the reunions run more smoothly. Dorothy does not need an assigned task; she just steps in and does whatever is needed.

They were the leading force of the 3rd "Combat" Engineers Battalion Reunion, planning and organizing our reunion each year. For all 3rd Engineers who haven't gotten the word, Dorothy is continuing our annual Reunions. Please contact Dorothy if you plan to attend. The Engineer's reunion runs from 16 September through 19 September 2006, and will be held at the Comfort Inn & Suites North at the Pyramids, 9090 Wesleyan Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Phone: 317.875.7676 or FAX: 317.875.9150.



A soldier from the 3rd Engineer Battalion records positions of mines as they are planted in Korea. 1 May 1951.



Men of Company C, 3rd Engineer Combat Battalion, 24th US Infantry Division, prepare to blow away some debris near the 24th Division front in Korea. 7 Mar 1951.

Photos Courtesy of US Army

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/TL		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			48	Bumper Sticker –		3.00
8	Bolo Tie w/TL Silver		16.00		Proudly Served w/TL		
	Silver w/TL Silver			49	6 th Tank BN Cloth Patch	Cloth Patch	5.00
9	Belt Buckle w/TL		15.00	50	Purple Heart Medal	HP-754	3.00
	Gold or Silver Belt Buckle			51	Bronze Star Medal	HP-926	3.00
10	29 th 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
	Current Issue \$10 Pr			55	Victory Medal	HP-958	3.00
13	21 st Inf Crest		5.00	56	Silver Star Medal	HP-959	3.00
	Current Issue \$10 Pr			57	ETO Campaign Medal	HP-962	3.00
14	34 th Inf Crest		5.00	58	DFC	HP-965	3.00
	Current Issue \$10 Pr			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	24 th Medical Bn Crest		10.00
18	21 st 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
20	11 th FA Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	65	Army of Occupation Medal	HP-051	3.00
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
				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 (1 st Award) 1-1346 (Mini)		5.00	70	Air Medal	HP-925	3.00
	Mini DRESS MESS			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			73	American Defense Medal	HP	3.00
27	CIB Lapel Pin		5.00	74	Vietnam Service Medal	HP	3.00
28	19 th Cap Dark Blue/Crest		10.00	75	24 ID Hatpin		3.00
29	21 st Cap White/Embroidered Patch		12.00	76	24 ID Tie-Regular		20.00
30	21 st Cap Dark Blue /Embroidered Patch		12.00	77	24 ID Flag, 3x5 Screen Print	Outdoor Flag	55.00
31	34 th Cap Dark Blue w/Crest		10.00	78	63 rd Field Artillery	Cloth Patch	5.00
32	24 IDA Cap Dark Blue w/Patch		10.00	79	Army Commendation Medal	HP	3.00
33	Cap w/TL, Red or White GERMANY		12.00	80	Soldiers Medal	HP	3.00
34	24 IDA Red or White Caps		10.00	81	POW Medal	HP	3.00
35	24 IDA Green Cap		10.00	82	Armed Forces Reserve Medal	HP	3.00
36	24 ID White Mesh Cap		10.00		1"Decal 24 ID		.10
37	3 rd Eng. Crest		5.00	83	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 Australia)		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.

They Walk Among Us!

Some guy bought a new fridge for his house To get rid of his old fridge, he put it in his front yard and hung a sign on it saying: "Free to good home. You want it, you take it". For three days the fridge sat there without even one person looking twice at it. He eventually decided that people were too un-trusting of this deal. It looked too good to be true, so he changed the sign to read: "Fridge for sale \$50". The next day someone stole it. Caution

They Walk Among Us!

While looking at a house, my brother asked the real estate agent which direction was north because, he explained, he didn't want the sun waking him up every morning. She asked, "Does the sun rise in the North?" When my brother explained that the sun rises in the East, and has for sometime, she shook her head and said, "Oh, I don't keep up with that stuff."

They Walk Among Us!

I used to work in technical support for a 24/7 call center. One day I got a call from an individual who asked what hours the call center was open. I told him, "The number you dialed is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week." He responded, "Is that Eastern or Pacific time?" Wanting to end the call quickly, I said, "Uh, Pacific"

They Walk Among Us!

My colleague and I were eating our lunch in our cafeteria, when we overheard one of the administrative assistants talking about the sunburn she got on her weekend drive to the shore. She drove down in a convertible, but "didn't think she'd get sunburned because the car was moving".

They Walk Among Us!

My sister has a lifesaving tool in her car it's designed to cut through a seat belt if she gets trapped. She keeps it in the trunk.

They Walk Among Us!

My friends and I were on a beer run and noticed that the cases were discounted 10%. Since it was a big party, we bought 2 cases. The cashier multiplied 2 times 10% and gave us a 20 discount.

They Walk Among Us!

I was hanging out with a friend when we saw a woman with a nose ring attached to an earring by a chain. My friend said, "Wouldn't the chain rip out every time she turned her head?" I explained that a person's nose and ear remain the same distance apart no matter which way the head is turned.

They Walk Among Us!

I couldn't find my luggage at the airport baggage area. So I went to the lost luggage office and told the woman there that my bags never showed up. She smiled and told me not to worry because she was a trained professional and I was in good hands. "Now," she asked me, "has your plane arrived yet?"

They Walk Among Us!

While working at a Pizza Parlor I observed a man ordering a small pizza to go. He appeared to be alone and the cook asked him if he would like it cut into 4 pieces or 6. He thought about it for some time before responding. "Just cut it into 4 pieces; I don't think I'm hungry enough to eat 6 pieces.

Yep, They Walk Among Us

They walk among us, and they REPRODUCE!

And...Even worse--THEY VOTE!!

Only In America



NEWS OF THE WEIRD

LEAST COMPETENT PERSON

In March, an Iowa administrative law judge denied Barbara J. Dutton unemployment benefits, ruling that her firing as supply clerk at a 12-person Des Moines company was justified by her incompetence. According to records cited by the judge, button had earnestly ordered office supplies during an 18-month period totaling about \$230,000, including 16,000 Bic pens and nearly \$15,000 worth of Scotch tape. Since there was no evidence of dishonesty, the company was left with the conclusion that she was simply overmatched in her job. Said she, "I didn't realize that I was not needing (everything)."

THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT

Communiqués to Nowhere: TalkToAliens.com began taking orders in March, recording people's messages at \$3.99 per minute and beaming them into space, aimed toward the Milky Way by a huge parabolic dish antenna in Connecticut on a relatively accessible FM frequency. And in December, German inventor Juergen Broether introduced his "telephonic angel" system (at about \$2,000), which is a battery-operated, underground loudspeaker that, buried at a gravesite, allows someone to speak into a microphone and have the messages amplified through the dirt to the departed for up to a year on a single battery charge.

In November, Yeslam Bin Laden, one of 53 siblings and half-siblings of Osama, announced in Paris that he would soon bring to market upscale floral fragrances for men and women at about \$30 an ounce, though the products will bear his first name rather than his last, for obvious reasons. (However, in February, the trademark authority in Switzerland, where Yeslam lives, resolved in his favor his long-held-up application to use the "Bin Laden" name commercially, in case he decides to.) Yeslam said he hasn't seen Osama in 17 years and is appalled by his Al-Qaeda activities.

IRONIES

The Maryland schoolteachers' union was found by the National Labor Relations Board to have violated labor law by obstructing two of its own staff members' challenges to working conditions (March). And a 59-year-old man drowned in a quarry near Hillsville, Pa., while testing his new water depth-finder (March).

And two days before Easter, the city council in Mission Viejo, Calif., exasperated by the destruction of plants and shrubbery, authorized residents to shoot on sight the animals suspected of causing the damage: rabbits.

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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 highest 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.

Master Sergeant Melvin O. Handrich, Manawa, Wisconsin

C Company, 5th Regimental Combat Team

25 – 26 August 1950, near Sobuk San Mountain, Korea

Around midnight, a force of approximately 100 North Korean soldiers attempted to break through Master Sergeant Handrich's company perimeter. Despite heavy enemy fire, MSgt. Handrich voluntarily moved to a forward position and directed mortar and artillery fire on the advancing enemy soldiers. The next morning another group of North Koreans advanced toward the American unit. He again directed fire upon them and fired his rifle nearly point blank into the advancing enemy. At the height of the action, MSgt. Handrich saw elements of his company preparing to withdraw. Making his way to them, he reorganized the men and made them continue to fight. During this fight, he was severely wounded. He refused to take cover or to be evacuated, and he returned to his forward position to continue directing the company's fire. MSgt. Handrich was later mortally wounded when the enemy finally overran his position. When friendly forces had retaken the position, over 70 enemy dead were found in the area he defended.

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