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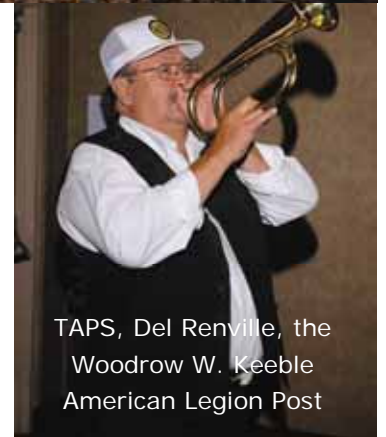


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The Rapid City reunion was dedicated to Woody Keeble, and his thirteen fellow Medal of Honor recipients who served in the 24th Infantry Division: Francis B. Wai, Harold H. Moon, Jr., Charles E. Mower and James H. Diamond in WWII; and William F. Dean, George G. Libby, Melvin O. Handrich, Mitchell Red Cloud Jr., Carl H. Dodd, Nelson Brittin, Ray E. Duke, Stanley T. Adams, [Woody Keeble] and Mack A Jordan in the Korean War.



Memorial Banquet Head Table (from left): Chaplain Glen and Mary Carpenter, President Mel and Donna Frederick, Past President Gene Spicer, Vice President Sal and Rita Schil-laci, and Sec/Treas John and Kathleen Dunn.



National Anthem rendered in Oyate and in English by Butch Felix

* **Cover Photos.** Top: Posting of colors by the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Vietnam Veterans Organization, Lincoln DeMarías, Dayton Seaboy, John Twostars and Gerald Thompson; Bottom Left: Merry Helm was granted full Lifetime Honorary Membership in the Association, as well as several nice gifts, for her contributions leading to Woody Keeble receiving the Medal of Honor and to the Association; Center: MOH flag by John Feathers, The Woodrow W. Keeble American Legion Post 314; Right: Russell Hawkins, stepson of Medal of Honor Recipient, Woody Keeble, after whom the Rapid City Reunion was themed, speaking about his stepfather.



~~~ President's Letter ~~~



Our 2009 reunion is now history, so I thought I would write about it while my memory is still fresh (my memory fresh—that's an oxymoron if I ever heard one). All reports I have heard have been positive and it seems everyone had a good time. One of the side trips was a little more strenuous than some would have liked. We will have to keep that in mind for future trips. That's what happens when we don't have any local committee members to check out places ahead of time. Many people drove and visited

some extra sites on their own. All seemed to enjoy the chuck wagon night and Jasmine Pickner, the Friday night Indian Hoop Dancer, was very entertaining. She had won national contests, and could form the 36 hoops into patterns while keeping them in constant motion.

The Corporation Convention (Member Business Meeting) went quite well. We adopted the Constitution and By-laws as they were published in the *Taro Leaf* for your vote. Even though members voted almost 4:1 in favor of the changed Constitution, the previous Constitution required over 1040 members to have voted; not nearly that many did, so as pro-

vided for in the Constitution, we brought it before the Convention.

We did make two changes though. Article (ii) of section b. relating to Associate Membership was removed. A motion was made to first vote to waive the provision to publish the amendment before the vote was taken to amend that section.

Also ARTICLE VIII, pertaining to amending the Constitution and the required number voting was changed to read "a majority of those responding." Director Al McAdoo made the motion. The publishing requirements were again waived as allowed by the Constitution. This made changing

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Thiel and Hagen Receive Verbeck Award

By Sal Schillaci, Vice President



The reunion in Rapid City, South Dakota was a great success, highlighted by not one but two of our members receiving the prestigious Verbeck Award.

Our own *Taro Leaf* editor, Tom Thiel, has done such a heroic job of putting out an outstanding *Taro Leaf*, the Association's official quarterly publication, and has done so at a reduced cost to the Association.

It was unfortunate that Tom was unable to attend the reunion to accept the award in person. Tom has consented to stay on as editor for a while longer.

The second recipient was Keith



Hagen, who has been a tireless worker for the Association for many years, serving as the Nomi-

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From Your Editor's Computer *by Tom J. Thiel*



Hello again. As many of you know, I promised Mel I would do a very few more issues of the *Taro Leaf*. The operative word here is few, one year maximum.

My health may be a bit better, and I have somewhat better mastery of all the software I use to create the *Taro Leaf*. I say create with some degree of satisfaction and pride as I literally create all the pages you see printed here on my approaching 5-year old Gateway desktop computer, albeit, a powerful old

Gateway! Now let's get on with this as I have a bit to say.

Verbeck Award: First, let me say I am most humbled to have been selected for the 2009 Verbeck Award.

I am most grateful to the Committee, and to all of you for choosing me. I am proud of this Association, and of the man whose name this award carries.

Thank you all so very much!

Constitution and Bylaws: Secondly, I am also most pleased that the Association's leaders and members, by their actions at the

2009 Reunion in Rapid City, approved the recommendations of the special Constitution and Bylaws Committee appointed last year at Springfield, MO, by then President Spicer.

What the Committee recommended were but only a few of the steps that we think were needed to make our Association more viable and able to meet the changing demands it faces.

The main step was to add two new Directors at Large to the Board of Directors to help ensure a quorum

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24th IDA Reunion

by Chaplain Carpenter



had a good time looking around the country and noticed there was lots of corn in Iowa.

We then took I35 north to I90 in MN, and took it west to South Dakota. We commented on how neat the sides of the road looked. This was our first trip to South Dakota; we have never seen so many cornfields. And then the acres of beautiful sunflowers. What a site!

We stopped at Mitchell, SD, home of the Corn Pal-

Chaplain *Continued on page 11)*

Meet our new Secretary Treasurer

Meet our new Secretary/Treasurer, John A. Dunn. John took over from outgoing Secretary/Treasurer, Don Maggio, at the end of the fiscal year slightly before the annual meetings at Rapid City, SD.



John served in the military from 1954-58, in the Alabama National Guard's 31st Infantry Division Headquarters Company as an E-5; from 1958-60, with the 24th Infantry Division's 2nd Battle Group's 2nd Infantry in A Company, Gablingen Kaserne, Augsburg, Germany as an EIB; and from 1961-63 again in the

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Secretary-Treasurer Reports

by John Dunn - Sec/Treas, 9150 Hwy. 5, Westover, AL, 35147-9527, Ph: 205-678-6165, jokdunn@aol.com

Dear Association Members,

What an honor! Thank you for the privilege of allowing me to serve the great veterans of the 24th Infantry Division. I will make every effort to meet the high standards that Don Maggio has set for the past four years.

But, I need your help—pay dues on time, notify me on any change of address, addition or change of e-mail, and any information that will help us communicate more effectively will be helpful.

I enjoyed meeting some of you at my first reunion at Rapid City, and hope to get to know more of

you at the Buffalo reunion in 2010.

If there is anything that I can do for you and the Association please feel free to contact me at any time.

Respectfully,

John

24th Infantry Division Association Profit & Loss 01 August 2008 through 31 Jul 2009

Ordinary Income/Expenses

Income	
40 - Membership Dues	\$12,725.00
41 - Full Life Payments	2,700.00
4100 - Reunion donations	21,390.00
4180 - Interest Income	954.22
42 - Partial Life Payments	1,560.00
43 - Donations	7,874.02
44 - Associate Member Dues	735.00
45 - 2009 Keeble Reunion Donations	3,226.00
Total Income	51,164.24

Expenses

50 - General Office Expenses	
505 - Computer/software Expense	441.37
508 - Misc. Office Expense	2,998.04
6100 - Bank Fee Expense	-595.71
6120 - Engraving Expense	351.45
6200 - Office Supplies Expense	676.99
6230 - Postage & Delivery	2,008.85
6300 - Phone/Fax Expense	2.00
50 - General Office Expense - Other	500.00
Total Office Expense	6,382.99
51 - Taro Leaf Publication Expense	
6280 - Taro Leaf Expense	25,370.45
6285 - Taro Leaf Mailing Expense	7,467.80
Total Taro Leaf Expense	32,838.25
510 - Returned Mail Expense	111.35
52 - Refund Expense	5.00
54 - Reunion Expense	
542 - Reunion Prize Award	4,500.00
545 - Reunion Travel Expense	922.00
6265 - Reunion Expense - Other	248.77
Total Reunion Expense	5,670.77
58 - Misc Expense	18.00
6080 - Accounting Fees	1,115.00
6150 - Insurance/Liability Expense	750.00
8120 - Cost of Goods Sold	-1,986.00
Total Expense	44,905.36
Net Ordinary Income	6,258.88

Other Income/Expense

8100 - Quartermaster Activity	
8105 - Income	4791.66
8110 - Purchases	-3708.75
8115 - Shipping	-638.55
Total Quartermaster Activity	444.36

Net Income **\$6,703.24**

24th Infantry Division Association Balance Sheet As of 31 July 2009

ASSETS

1100 - HomeTrust Bank-Checking	\$11,067.86
1101 - HomeTrust-Money Market	5940.76
1102 - Home Trust-CD	34660.38
1112 - Fifth Third Bank-Glen Carpent	14678.7
1113 - Fifth Third Bank-Savings	4754.58
1115 - Chase Bank-Byrd Schrock	2227.64
1500 - Quartermaster Inventory	9216
Total Assets	\$82,545.92

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity	
3900 - Net Assets	75842.68
Net Income	6703.24
Total Equity	\$82,545.92

Reunion Drawing Winners

George Benoit - 622 MP Co, Hereford, AZ

William Boatman - 34th Inf, Kalama, WA

Bennie Cooper - 21 Inf, Seaside, CA

Bill Dowdy - 11th FA, McKinney, TX

Lila Hartley - Assoc, Mystic, CT

William Jaecke - 19th Inf, Salt lake City, UT

John Kocher - 34th Inf, Yardville, NJ

Jerome Krejci - 21st Inf, East Grand Forks, MN

Howard Vaine - 13th FA, Boynton Beach, FL

Willard Willis - 19th Inf, Beaufort, NC

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Association Members

Ralph R. Atherton, 77, died on March 21, 2009 in Lakeland, FL. Life Member #1467, Ralph served with K Company, **19th Infantry Regiment** in 1950-51, and was awarded 3 Purple Hearts. Ralph and his wife Dorothy owned and operated Atherton Trucking in Illinois. In addition to his wife, Ralph is survived by his daughter Karen, and sons Roger and Ron Atherton. Interment at the Bushnell, Florida Military Cemetery. The Association has been asked to not send cards.

Thomas Woodhouse Bakewell, 89, Life Member #102, passed away on May 9, 2009 in Hancock, NH. Thomas served in WWII from 1943-45 in the South Pacific with the **724th Ordinance**. He is survived by his wife, Polly, four daughters and ten grandchildren. Mrs. Polly O. Bakewell, 23 Spring Hill Road, Hancock, NH 03449-5600.

Alfred George Brown, Life Member #427, passed away July 13, 2009 in Abbottstown, PA. Mr. Brown served with the **19th Infantry Regiment** in Korea; he was a POW. Notice sent by his nephew, Duane Hahn, 372 Brough Road, Abbottstown, PA 17301, 717-465-6926.

Phillip A. Burkhardt, 75, of Southampton PA, passed away from a brain aneurism in a Pittsburgh, PA, hospital while travelling from a reunion of the 1st Airborne Battle Group, **187th Infantry Combat Team**, 24th Infantry Division. Phil served from 1956-58, and served with 299th Independent Engineer Battalion, which was attached to the 187th in Lebanon. He joined the Association only earlier this year, and is survived by son Phillip Burkhardt Jr, 720 E Street Rd, Warminster, PA 18974-3313.

R. Gerald Choate, 90, Carterville, IL - died Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009, in Herrin Hospital. A 50-



Choate

year member of the Association, Gerald served in **H Company, 21st Infantry Regiment**, from 1943 to 1946 in the southwest Pacific and in Japan. His first wife, Elwanda, passed away in May, 1944. He is survived by his second wife: Mrs. Louise Choate, 908 W. Grand Ave., Carterville, IL, 62918-2101.

Norman G. Dobrick, aged 79, of West Seneca, NY, passed away on August 7, 2009, in Buffalo. Mr. Dobrick served from 1948-52, in Korea with the **5th RCT Heavy Mortars** unit where he received the Purple Heart. He is survived by his wife, Rita Dobrick, four sons, and 11 grandchildren, all in the Buffalo area. Contact his son, Alan, at adobrick@roadrunner.com.

Jesse L. Foster, Life Member #488, passed away June 11, 2009, in Annapolis, MD. Mr. Foster was a member of Co. E, **19th Infantry Regiment** in WWII; he was at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. He was interred at Arlington National Cemetery on Thursday, July 2, 2009. Jesse is survived by his wife: Mrs. Daisy Foster, 937 Mastline Dr, Annapolis, MD 21401-6881.

Ronald A. French, passed away on December 11, 2006 in Harwinton, CT. Life Member #1030, Ronald served was the **34th Infantry Regiment** in WWII. He is survived by his wife Jean French, 225 Wyoming Ave, Torrington, CT 06791-6043.

Richard C. Goiny, age 90, of Chicago, IL passed away September 23, 2009. Life member #57, Mr. Goiny served with the **21st Infantry Regiment** in WWII. No known descendents. His last known address was: 3619 W. 64th St., Chicago, IL, 60629-4028, Ph: 773-735-2536.

Hipolito Gonzales, Company B, **21st Infantry Regiment**, Korea 1950-51 passed away on



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June 28, 2009 in Corpus Christi, TX. Life Member #832, Hipolito was a member of Task Force Smith. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Irma Gonzales, 5317 Ponderosa Ln, Corpus Christi, TX 78415-3126.

William P. Healy Jr., age 76, New Lenox, IL, passed away July 10, 2009 at Joliet Area Community Hospice Home after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Life Member #1551, Bill served with Company D, **34th Infantry Regiment** in Korea from 1953-54. Interment July 14, 2009 St. Mary's Cemetery, Mokena. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Healy, 390 E. Circle Dr., New Lenox, IL, 60451-9761.

Edward E. Kerkhoff, age 81, died August 25, 2009, in Indianapolis, IN. Life Member #356, Edward served in Korea with HQ **19th Infantry Regiment** from June 1951 to November 1952. He received the BS Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University. Mr. Kerkhoff is survived by two sons, David B. of Knoxville, TN and Edward F. of Zionsville, IN, and by daughter, Cynthia Edwards of Sullivan, IN. His last address was: 2315 Hanover Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46227-4305.

Richard J. Lowe, Service Company, **34th Infantry Regiment**, 1953-1954, in Japan and Korea passed away May 29, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Patricia Lowe, PO Box 311, Baileyville, ME 04694-0311.

Gerald A. Markel, 76, fought his last battle on Sept. 12, 2008. He served with Company B, **21st Infantry Regiment**, in Korea 1952-1953. He is survived by his seven children and his wife Beverly Markel, 1595 Academy Road, Mountain Rest, S.C. 29664-9358.

Harold J. Metz, Life Member #997 died Feb 7,

2008 in Macungie, PA. He served with the **34th Infantry and the 21st Infantry** in Japan and Korea. He is survived by his daughter Janice Clymer, 1786 Chapel Ave, Allentown, PA 18103-5085.

Robert J. Milie, 82, of Mt. Lebanon, PA, died Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009, after complications from a stroke. Mr. Milie served with HQ Company **19th Infantry Regiment** in 1945-46 in WWII and Japan where he saw duty in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. A long-time Association member, Bob was active in the field of athletics at Duquesne and Carnegie Mellon Universities; and was a trainer with the Pittsburgh Steelers. He is survived by his wife Maureen Milie, 291 Dixon Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15216-1207.

Darrel W. Miller, passed away on May 26, 2006 in Letts, IA. Life Member #83, Darrel was with Company E, **19th Infantry Regiment** in Korea from August 1950 to October 1951. His only surviving relative is Linda Gist in Dallas, TX.

Peter Nepote, Life Member #214, who served with the **3rd Engineers** in Korea, passed away December 30, 2007. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Mary Nepote, 17470 E. Cedar Ave, Ripon, CA 95366-9721.

Margaret Howard O'Meara, age 76, of Clifton Forge, VA died Friday, May 29, 2009. She is survived by her husband of 56 years Thomas G. "Tom" O'Meara of Clifton Forge. Thomas served with the I Company, **34th Infantry** and E Company, **21st Infantry** in Japan and Korea. Thomas O'Meara, 313 Alleghany St., Clifton Forge, VA 24422-1207.

Hillman Paul "Hack" Rabalais, 80, passed away August 07, 2009 in Marksville, LA. Hillman was in the Army from 1948 to 1953, and



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served in Korea with K Company, **19th Infantry Regiment**, where he was wounded three times and was a prisoner of war for 28 months. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Irma Guillot Rabalais, 340 Michael Dr., Moreauville, LA 71355-3076.

Elmer Shaw, of Tilden, IL, passed away August 16th 2009. Life Member #254, Elmer served with the **21st Infantry Regiment** in Korea. Address: 25 Coachlight Dr., Tilden, IL 61832-8240.

Madeleine Slarskey, 83, of Tampa, FL passed away September 02, 2009. She is survived by her loving husband of 51 years and best friend **Leon Slarskey, 21st Infantry Regiment**, Japan, 1946-47. Leon R. Slarskey, 14667 Village Glen Circle, Tampa, FL 33618-2733, 813-962-8242, landms1@verizon.net

Rodney W. Sohn, 80, passed away on April 16, 2009, in San Jose, CA. He was with H & S Co, **3rd Engineers** in Korea, August 1951 to November 1952. Burial San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery. Mrs. Carol A. Sohn, 2526 Klein Rd, San Jose, CA 95148-2254.

Albert A. Spangenberg, Life Member #1749, **19th Infantry Regiment**, Medical, passed away Oct. 27, 2006 in Toms River, NJ. He loved reading *Taro Leaf*. Willie Spangenberg, 2 Windsor Ct, Toms River, NJ 08753-5803.

Glen R. "Jim" Spence, 78, passed away Wednesday, April 22, 2009, in Chenoa, IL. Life Member # 1339, Glen served with C Company, **6th Tank**, in Korea from May 1949 until August 1952. His wife Bonita passed away on Feb. 20, 2007. Survivors include two sons, Cliff and Carl Spence, and three daughters, Lisa Krones, Joyce Ashcraft, and Sheri Moser. Ms. Lisa Krones, 209 E Sixth St, Gridley, IL 61744-7726.

James Patrick Sullivan passed away in Sun City, AZ on August 13, 2009. Life Member #872, he was born in Manhattan, New York. Jim was with the **34th Infantry Regiment**, company K, during WWII. He was awarded the Silver Star during combat on Mindoro, a Bronze Star for service in Luzon, and a Purple Heart for wounds received on Biak Dutch New Guinea. Among his family survivors is his brother: Thomas J. Sullivan, 10011 N 103rd Dr, Sun City, AZ 85351-4414.



Norman E. Treadway, Life Member #1412, passed away on October 8, 2009, at the Somerset Medical Center in Somerville, NJ. He served with the **24th Military Police Company** in Korea. For several years he maintained his "24th Infantry Division" website, which served as the official website for the Association. Norm is survived by his wife, Mrs. Patricia Treadway, 422 Lincoln Ave., Dunnellen, NJ 08812-1127.

Wendell H. Tuohy, passed away on August 14, 2004 in Chicago, IL Life Member #355, he served in the **509th Military Intelligence Platoon** in Korea in 1953-54. He was buried in Mount Hope Cemetery Assoc., Chicago, IL 60655.

Dr. Carl Arthur Weitz, D.D.S., 81, passed away on Friday, August 7, 2009 in Pittsburgh, PA. Life Member #2059, he served with the **19th Infantry Regiment** in the South Pacific and in Japan. He and his wife, Dr. Elaine Stewart Weitz practiced dentistry in Ben Avon, PA. He wrote an historical novel based on his army experiences. Dr. Elaine Stewart Weitz, 301 Forest Ave., Pittsburgh, PA, 15202-1813.

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the Constitution more realistic as there never would likely be over a 1,000 members voting by mail.

The Nominating Committee chaired by Keith Hagen recommended that the officers that served last year also serve this year. Sal Schillaci and I agreed; thank you for your confidence. John Dunn took over as Secretary/Treasurer from Don Maggio so I welcome John and thank him for serving, and thank Don Maggio for his service as well.

And the Constitution change also added two new Directors at Large; welcome and thank you also to Loyal Vincent and John Slattery.

Director Gene Spicer moved to grant Merry Helm Lifetime Honorary Membership in recognition of her major contributions to the Association, and to Woody Keeble's Medal of Honor recognition. This was approved by the Board and later was approved by the Corporation Convention. I received the following note from Merry after returning home.

"Dear Mel

I am overwhelmed by the thoughtfulness and generosity shown me at the reunion. The gifts were exquisite and 'beyond the call.'

I am humbled to now be an Honorary Member of the 24th IDA

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and I wear the jacket with pride.

Thank you so much for your efforts —and friendship. God Bless Merry Helm"

Two men from the Joint Prisoners of War, Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC) stationed in Hawaii were there. They displayed the names and some pictures of those 980 members of the 24th that are still missing in Korea.

They displayed them on tables and the walls outside the banquet room. When you first saw the display you were impressed. But when you went around the corner and saw that it extended for several hundred feet, it took your breath away. So many young men who gave their all for an America they never lived to enjoy. War is certainly cruel to our youth.

Representatives from the "Korean War National Museum" in Springfield, IL, were also at the reunion. I arranged for them to receive the JPAC display, and it will now be a part of their museum.

Patricia Quintero from Hazel Park MI, a member's wife, told us about "Sew Much Comfort" (www.sewmuchcomfort.org/).

It is an organization that takes new clothes and tears apart the seams and replaces them with Velcro so that burn victims and servicemen in traction and body casts may retain their dignity and privacy.

Can you imagine laying in a mixed gender hospital ward with just a hospital gown. Our wounded service men and women deserve better than this. We hope to have more information on this organization and how we all may help.

The Saturday Memorial Banquet program was very inspirational. We watched a video of President Bush presenting the Medal of Honor to MSGT Woody Keeble.

Woody's stepson, Russell Hawkins and family, and Woody's nephew, Kurt BlueDog, and family were in attendance. Mr. Hawkins gave some interesting remarks about the type of man Woody was, and how they never realized they were living with a true hero.

Woody's helmet with the bullet hole in it which left a scar behind his ear was on display, as was his Medal of Honor. The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Vietnam Veterans Organization Color Guard with their colorful yellow costume and feathered head dresses presented the colors, and the Woodrow W. Keeble American Legion Post 314 presented the official MOH flag. There is only one flag allowed and this post is the official keeper.

It was a very impressive program and makes us proud to be a part of The 24th Infantry Division.

Mel Frederick



nations Committee Chair and in many other roles and responsibilities. And, Keith has performed these outstandingly.



If you would like to champion a member to be the recipient of the Verbeck Award for 2010, please let me know by mail to the address below, as I am again chairing the Verbeck Committee.

A list of the past Verbeck Award recipients is shown in the *Taro Leaf*, Vol. 61, Nos 3 & 4, Summer-Fall 2007, page 49. Please add last year's recipient, Dan Rickert, and of course this year's recipients to that list.

Verbeck Guidelines: The Verbeck Award is presented to that Association member who best displays the ideals of Bill Verbeck - an unabashed love for the Division and its Association; a member who most furthers the interests of the Association and the Division. It is not intended to reward mere popularity, but more to acknowledge hard work in helping to make the Association more successful.

Sal Schillaci, Vice President and Verbeck Chair, 59 Endicott Drive, Amherst, NY 14226-3323, ph: 716-837-1635.

Email Addresses

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A lot of others are full

Please send your current email to

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at meetings, and a few other quite small but significant steps.

Dan Cretaro, Mario Izzoni, Joe McMahon, Dan Rickert, and I thank those who not only supported our recommendations, but also those that for whatever reason thought otherwise, and voted no.

To my fellow committee members, I apologize for not being at the Reunion to clarify and defend all of your most worthwhile efforts! And I thank you for participating with the committee.

The Taro Leaf: My hope is to be able to do one more volume (year) of the *Taro Leaf*. This issue is one of the four—which means just three more remain!

What will happen then?

We could find no member to take over editorship in the last half-year of looking; a couple offered to help out. And the chances of finding one from among our members diminishes almost daily.

There may be a glimmer of hope as we add new members from among those who served with the Division in Germany and after.

But my recommendation remains that Association give serious consideration to having one of the many firms that do this

kind of work for profit do the *Taro Leaf*.

thetaroleaf@gmail.com If you are on email, you probably have noticed that you have been receiving emails from the above email address. These emails have included TAPS and other notices that the *Taro Leaf* wishes to get to members very promptly.

We have created a new Association Gmail account in the name of The *Taro Leaf*; its address is: thetaroleaf@gmail.com

We did this as a means of moving the Association at least in small measure into the world of electronic communication.

We are now using this means of sending TAPS notices, which have always been sent on the day they have been received.

In the future, we may look to this as a means of sending selected portions of the *Taro Leaf* to those who are willing to receive it in this form.

So, if you have not been regularly receiving emails from thetaroleaf@gmail.com, then send an email to that address and we will add your email to our official 24th IDA email address file. Include your name!

And, this is also the address where you can reach the editor, and submit articles for publication in the *Taro Leaf*!



Alabama National Guard's 20th Special Forces Group as an ABN.

He holds the Bachelor of Science and the MBA Degrees from Mississippi State University, and has served as a college instructor, business administrator and business owner. He has been president of the Homewood-Oxmoor Rotary Club.

John is a private pilot, and sport parachutist with over 1,000 jumps (you may recall from the *Taro Leaf* Vol 63 [2] that he developed this love for jumping from planes with the 24th in Germany)!

John, and wife Kathleen, have three children and six grandchildren. They live at: 9150 Hwy. 5, Westover, AL, 35147-9527, Ph: 205-678-6165, joldunn@aol.com

As a footnote, John was responsible for organizing and collecting the material for much of the afore mentioned *Taro Leaf*, and for recruiting many new members to the Association!

Welcome John and Kathleen!

ace, and then arrived in Rapid City, where we got our room, registered, and then visited the hospitality room, where we met a couple of guys who were in Germany around the same time I was there. On Thursday we met a couple more.

We then went to Sturgis to see where all the Harleys go for Bike Week. Our Son rode his out there in '98. We next went to Deadwood and walked through the old town.

Our Friday Night Aloha Banquet turned out really well; we had a fascinating Indian Hoop dance that everyone really liked. We also had a wine auction. Then I had Merry Helm draw the winning tickets. That too went quite well.

Saturday morning we had an all-unit breakfast, and then went to the business meeting, where everything also went well.

Mary and I went to Mount

never been there, and it was neat.

Then we get to the Saturday night Memorial Banquet. I tried to get around and visit everyone during the cocktail hour. We had our dinner and I have to say the meals were excellent this year.

I had the Memorial Table all set up. They set the Medal of Honor on a table with Sergeant Woody Keeble's war medals. I was most impressed with the Indian Honor Guard Ceremony, an Indian Song, and the National Anthem in Oyate and then in English.

I was most impressed by our 63rd 24th IDA Reunion!


"Psalm 24¹⁻² The Earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; 2 for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the water."

I thought these verses were very fitting for everything we had seen and witnessed this week.

In the name of the Jesus Christ our Savior.

Chaplain Glen Carpenter

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Secretary-Treasurer Reports (Continued) *by John Dunn*

New Members		Company/	
Name	Regiment	Battery/Troop	
Adams, Richard G.	19th Inf	K	
Beebe, Gary Wayne	34th Inf	HQ	
Cho, Adam	5th RCT	HHQ	Sponsor: David Buckner
Ebbert, Robert L.	31st Trans	A	
Hedgcock, Robert E.	724 Ord Bn	A	Sponsor: Tom Thiel
Hendricks, Frederick B.	21st Inf	H&S	Sponsor: Melvin Frederick
Johnson, Fred	Assoc		Sponsor: Tom Thiel
Johnson, Neil H.	2/70 Arm		
Littlejohn, Donald D.	21st Inf	C	Sponsor: Harvey Zimmerman
Mathews, Clarence W.	724th Maint	E	Jerry R. Parker
Miller, Wilmont T. Jr.	11th Art	B	
O'Neil, Daniel A.	3rd Eng	C	Sponsor Mel Frederick
Patterson, Joe V.	19th Inf	A	
Polk, Lacey	35th FA	C	
Price, Paul	34th Inf	B	
Regan, Marjory T. Howell Wagner		24th MP	Sponsor: Sal Schillaci (Marjory started Life Member payments)
Rhodes, Rex P.	31st Trans	C	
Ross, Cleo A.	19th Inf	Com Co	Sponsor: Tom Thieli
Smith, Beryl G.	26th AAA	A Batt	Sponsor: Tom Thiel
Todd III, Robert L.	19th Inf	K	CPT Wright was CO & CPT Devanny was Chaplain
Wickline, Ernest E. Sr.	34th Inf	A	
Willioweit, Steven R.	24th ID	24 Adm Co	

New Lifetime Members		Company/	Life	
Name	Unit	Battery	No.	Date
Aldrich, Edgar M.	19th Inf	A	2354	28 Jul 09
Anderson, Thomas W.	6th Tank		2348	03 Jul 09
Arnold, William M.	21st Inf	I	2355	1 Aug 09
Becker, George C. Jr	21st Inf	G	2356	31 Jul 09
Deline, Allen	3rd Eng		2357	24 Jul 09
Helm Merry M.			Honorary	29 Aug 09
Hooper, Sr., Sam P.	34th Inf	A	2353	05 Aug 09
Paglia, Carmine G.	19th Inf	K	2360	17 Sep 09
Phillips, Paul S.	19th Inf	D	2350	11 Jul 09
Pinnell, Floyd J.	21st Med		2358	31 Jul 09
Schultz, Larry R.	2nd Inf	A	2361	18 Sep 09
Slattery, John J.	2nd Inf	HQ	2349	01 Jul 09
Thompson, John	724 Maint	H&Q	2359	30 Jul 09
Troff, Harold L.	19th Inf	D	2351	11 Jul 09
Williams, Victor L.	19th Inf	F	2352	08 Jul 09

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Anonymous	34th Inf	\$10	For the Taro Leaf
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Allen, Ben R.	19th Inf	\$55	For Taro Leaf
Bach, R. D.	21st Inf	\$100	For Taro Leaf
Barnes, Lacy C.	34th inf	\$5	
Behrel, H. Gordon	19th Inf	\$5	
Benson, Laurence E.	19th Inf	\$10	
Berube, Hubert	6th Tank	\$10	For Taro Leaf
Boatman, William H.	34th Inf	\$400	For Taro Leaf
Boger, Richard W.	21st Inf	\$10	
Brown Gerald F.	19th & 34th Inf	\$10	
Buckner, David W.	19th Inf	\$20	
Byrem, Robert	3rd Eng	\$5	For Taro Leaf
Cauble, Jackie A.	24th Admin	\$5	
Childers, Robert L.	24th QM	\$10	
Clark, William E.	19th Inf	\$10	For Taro Leaf
Cortese, Nick S.	3rd Eng	\$15	For Taro Leaf
Darke, Donald F.	5th RTC	\$5	
Davidson, Bennie D.	21st Inf	\$5	
Davisworth, Norman R.	13th FA	\$5	
Dykes, James E.	21st Inf	\$5	For Taro Leaf
Eckardt, Raymond J.	19th inf	\$5	
Edwards, Harold W. LTC (Ret)	19th Inf	\$15	
Engler, Daniel	19th Inf	\$10	For Taro Leaf
Erwin, Gary J.	2nd Bgd	\$10	In memory of Chaplain Mark M. McCullough, 2nd Bgd, HHC 24 Inf Div Augsburg, Germany 62-66
Forton, Keith F.	19th Inf	\$10	For Taro Leaf
Garcia, Tony M.	24th Med	\$10	For postage
Gardner, LLOYD E.	21st Inf	\$30	For Taro Leaf
Gregg, Robert E.	34th Inf	\$10	
Harrison, Edward	11th FA	\$15	
Harvey, Arthur L.	34th Inf	\$85	In the name of Arthur L. Harvey
Hill, Myra Jean	Assoc	\$10	For postage
Hoop, Vaughn E.	21st Inf	\$10	
Johnson, Dewayne L.	24th Sig	\$10	For Taro Leaf
Johnson, Donald H.	13th FA	\$35	For Taro Leaf
Johnson, Lester E.	19th Inf	\$10	For Taro Leaf
Jones, Richard D.	24th Repl	\$5	For Taro Leaf
Kates, Edna	21st Inf	\$100	For Taro Leaf in memory of Lt. Col. Charles Kates died 6 Sep 1992
Kowalski, Charles V.	13th& 34th Inf	\$25	
Kroeck, Walter W.	19th Inf	\$15	For Taro Leaf
Ladany, William D.	3rd Eng	\$25	For Taro Leaf
Lake, Charles E.	21st Inf	\$20	For the Taro Leaf in memory of the Chochiwon massacre of the 21st Inf 3rd Bn
LeBlanc, Reginald A.	19th Inf	\$35	For Taro Leaf
Leem Curtis F.	21st Inf	\$5	For the Taro Leaf
Loesch, Herbert C.	24th Med	\$10	
Maggio, Donald E.	24th Admin	\$10	
Markey, Bernard	13th FA	\$35	
Marrell, Riley W.	24th Med	\$10	
McDevitt, Paul E.	19th Inf	\$10	
McFall, Donald B.	7th FA	\$35	
McGuire, Raymond K.	24th Recon	\$25	For the Taro Leaf
McKenna, William J.	34th Inf	\$10	For Taro Leaf
Moritz, Robert J.	Div Arty	\$10	
Musselman, William R.	24th Repl	\$35	
Nelson, William B.	19th Inf	\$5	For Taro Leaf
Newell, Jr., Leonard C.	19th Inf	\$10	For Taro Leaf
Okta, Richard Y.	21st Inf	\$10	
Parker, Robert S.	24th QM	\$5	
Peterson, Alfred L.	Div HQ	\$10	
Reese, Charles H.	724th Ord	\$10	For postage in the name of "Mend & Bend" - 724th Ord
Rose, Perry W.	21st Inf	\$10	For Taro Leaf
Salter, Harvey C.	24th Sig	\$5	For Taro Leaf
Silver, Leon	24th Sig	\$5	
Silverstein, Albert J.	21st Inf	\$35	To honor Osan, Korea 5 July 50
Skinner, F. E.	11th FA	\$50	In memory of Col. E. Terrell "One of the best and bravest officers I ever knew."
Slaney, Maurice R.	34th Inf	\$20	
Stenack, Francis	5th RCT	\$10	For Taro Leaf
Stiner, Billy C.	19th Inf	\$5	
Sund, Edward B.	21st Inf	\$10	For Taro Leaf
Thompson, James	21st Inf	\$50	For Taro Leaf
Thornton, Douglas W.	34th Inf	\$10	For Taro Leaf
Tominaga, George T.	13th FA	\$10	
Trinca, John	21st	\$30	For Taro Leaf; reunion
Updike, George G.	Div HQ	\$25	
Vihlidal, William	21st Inf	\$10	
Vogl, William F.	6th Tank	\$15	For Taro Leaf
Weir, Warren J.	19th Inf	\$15	For Taro Leaf
Wetterau-Blankenburg, Jean	Assoc	\$5	
Wolak, Norman E.	21st Inf	\$5	
	TOTAL	\$1,795	

Dry Tears

Red poppies blowing in the wind,
across fields in far off land.

White markers all in rows, straightly
standing,
among emerald lawns, and cobbled
paths..

Again, once more they stand, shoulder
to shoulder,
hand to hand, defending all shores of
man..

Bitter cold, rain, wind, nor snow, sum-
mer heat,

can their bodies feel, form beneath,
they rest.

Called to go and serve, do their best,
duty done, long ago, time is done..

To weep for all eternity would take,
honor their memory, put to rest our
fears..

To cry for all would drain mind and
soul,
pray on bent knee, if you will..

Safely now they lie, they have earned
the rest,
so for them cry only Dry Tears..

Author: David Baillie @ 1995

Tom, here is a poem from one of my
books, "Dry Tears," which can be had
for \$8.00 by 24thIDA members. Very
limited supply left!

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Your Association's Electronic Communications

In the past your Association has taken a rather stoic approach to electronic communications. However, we are now undertaking some elementary steps to change to at least a slightly more ambitious approach. This is quite simple; we have created some special Association email accounts!

The Taro Leaf Email Account: The *Taro Leaf*

The first Association email account is **thetaroleaf@gmail.com**. Email arriving from this account will say it is from "The Taro Leaf." As you might guess, this is to be used primarily for communications from The *Taro Leaf* publication and the Editor to you, and from you to The *Taro Leaf* and its editor. You are encouraged to send items for the *Taro Leaf*, including TAPS Notices, via this email address, and you will periodically receive communications, also including TAPS Notices, via this email address. All TAPS notices received via this address are sent to all members on email the same day they are received. This account has been operational for about two months now, and all members with valid email addresses in the Association Membership Roster should be receiving emails from this address.

The Association Account: The 24th Infantry Division Association

We are also considering using a second email address: **24th.inf.div.association@gmail.com**. Should this be implemented emails arriving from this address will say it is from 24th Infantry Division Association. This is to be used for messages from the Association to members.

Why now, Why our own, and Why Gmail?

Why have we done this now? Because we have not done it before, and because the Association needs to use free and rapid electronic communications. Why our own? Because all others used in any form prior to now have been personal property, and under personal control of the person who maintains the address. The Association needs its own current address directory. Why use Gmail? Gmail is a service provided free of charge by Google. It meets all the criteria needed for effective and safe electronic communications.

We Need Your Correct Email Address NOW!

Unfortunately, our stoic approach has resulted in a quite stoic Association email address book! Probably only about one-third of those who have email addresses have them in the Association's Membership Directory. So, if you have not received any communications from either of these two Association email addresses, we do not have your correct email address! **Once again, send us your correct email address!** Just send an email to thetaroleaf@gmail.com and say "here is my email." And please include your name with the email! This is because we have no way to determine a name from most "creative" email addresses.

What about those members not on email?

For those of you not on email, we pledge to continue to use the printed *Taro Leaf* to effect communications with you. It will of course, be slower, and of course you cannot communicate back to the printed copy except by letter and/or telephone. But we are committed to continuing to have a printed *Taro Leaf*!

Email Addresses

A lot of email addresses are failing

A lot of others are full

Please send your current email to

thetaroleaf@gmail.com

The *Taro Leaf*



Meet Our "Down Under" Taro Leafer

As a result of one of the recent emails emanating from thetaroleaf@gmail.com I received a return email with a couple embedded photographs. The sender was Bacil Steed, bacilbsteed@homemail.com.au. Noting that it was from Australia, and also because I could find no way other than screen capture to download the photos, I wrote back and in the message asked "An Australian Taroman! Tell me the story please for the Taro Leaf!"

Bacil, apparently careful to not be overly talkative, replied: "As a teacher; came over in 1971 to teach." His address is: Bacil H. Steed, Unit 7 50 Cleland Street, Latham A.C.T. 2615, Australia.

Photos: Bacil in Taegu!



Ted Jansen's 1944 GMC Truck in Korea, 1951



Ted Jansen with his 1944 GMC truck in Korea, with Heavy Mortars of the 19th Infantry Regiment 1951-52. Sketch of truck at right. Ted Jansen, 1507 W Lancaster Ave, Leesburg, FL, 34748-6936, 352-7887-7818



GEN DEAN VISITS THE WOUNDED

'The Only Thing We Can Get Out of This Is to Help Each Other,' By NEIL McNEILL



Gen. Dean, right, visits with some wounded Korea veterans, several of them from his 24th Division. The patients, left to right: Pfc Robert Peters, Falls Church, VA; Corp. Donald Schmincke, Baltimore, MD; Pfc. William Hannon, New York City; Pvt. Harold Bell, Passaic, NJ; Pfc. Walter Kroeck, Irvington, NJ, and Pfc. James R. Wendling, Cincinnati, OH—United Press Photo. Peters, who submitted the original of this article, is Life Member 1312, Hannon is Life Member 1836, and Kroeck is an annual member.

Maj. Gen. William F. Dean walked swiftly thru the wide corridor into Ward 33 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. A squad of officers trooped behind him.

A Colonel introduced Gen. Dean to the doctor in charge of the ward and the head nurse. Gen. Dean shook hands and walked quickly into the ward proper.

The youth in the first bed sat up a little as Gen. Dean walked up. He shook the boy's left hand--his right arm was missing--asking him his name, his outfit and

where he was wounded.

"Keep your chin up," the General said and moved to the next bed.

QUICK QUESTIONS

The General talked to every soldier on one side of the room.

They stood if they could, or sat on their beds; they all looked embarrassed.

Gen. Dean moved swiftly.

In a recreation

area at the end of the ward, the hospital public relations men had assembled some wounded men from the General's 24th Division, the one he commanded when he was captured in Korea.

BRIEF ANSWERS

The first man was Pfc. William P. Hannon, 21, of the Bronx. He had a leg missing. Gen. Dean asked him what outfit he'd been with, wished him luck and then was introduced to Corp. Donald R. Schmincke, 22, of Baltimore.-

The General had more in common

with the Corporal. He was Captured in July, 1950; he had been with the division while the General was still commander. Corp. Schmincke stood with his hands behind him.

What prison camp had he been in, the General wanted to know.

"No. 3."

Was that the same prison camp in which Maj. Dunn had been?

"Yes, it was."

"What about a Capt. Maddon, was that the name?" the General asked himself.

"What the hell, I'm getting a little dull in the mind," he said to no one in particular, and turned around almost wildly. A captain told him the name.

"HELP EACH OTHER"

The General went back to questioning Corp. Schmincke about Maj. Dunn and what he did at the prison camp.

"Write it out, and go before the adjutant and swear to it. If I can, I'm going to get him a decoration. "The only thing we can get out of this is to help each other," Gen. Dean said and looked around, asking for the adjutant.

Maj. Gen. Leonard D. Heaton, the hospital's commander, assured Gen. Dean the corporal would be brought before the adjutant to

General Dean (Continued on page 18)



The 63rd Annual Reunion from my eye,

by Heidi Edgar, Associate Member and Taro Leaf Editor's Assistant

Matt and I arrived in Rapid City tired after 11 hours on the road from Canada.

The Cosmos Mystery Area was quite an experience, and, like the name implies, very mysterious. In our group, Superman left his everyman disguise and showed his true colors. He could stand on the wall and not fall as he pulled away with arms outstretched, as if he were about to fly away! We also learned to take nothing for granted, including gravity! We learned how easily eyes can be deceived but I left satisfied, because at least for a moment, I appeared taller than my normal 5 feet!

After the mystery area, we continued on to Mount Rushmore. Neither Matt nor I had been there before, and I am happy to report that the weather was perfect.

I was so excited to get to see the monument. It was breathtaking, and we just had to sit and take it all in. The story of how long it took to blast this magnificent monument into existence and the hardships the men endured was so interesting.

A man was set up in the gift shop who was one of the last remaining workers on the monument. He had a book published about his time on the monument and was signing them.

The Aloha Banquet on Friday evening was a grand experience! The food, service, and company were excellent!

The evening's entertainment was especially interesting to me as we were given the opportunity to watch a female Hoop Dancer. Hoop dancing is a traditionally male dance and I have never heard of a female doing it. As an anthropologist/archaeologist, I was very interested in how her father taught her and she is now teaching other girls this traditional dance. She did a beautiful routine, full of movement and color; much different than the shaky black and white video I have seen of dancers from the 30's and 40's in anthropology classes. When she asked for "volunteers" from the room, she got three great people. I am not sure if anyone has ever seen a boogie-woogie hoop dance before, but I liked it! The Aloha Dinner is a great time to chat with friends, new and old, and is very relaxed.

Saturday evening was the Memorial Banquet. Every year it is special, but I think this one was very poignant as the family of Woody Keeble joined us. We were able to view the video of President Bush bestowing the Medal of Honor on Woody, and the acceptance of the Medal by his family. It was very moving, as were the comments his

stepson made after viewing the video with us. I am sorry that this honor took so long to be given, but I am proud that it finally was, and we were able to be witness to it.

This year was also special because we were able to meet Merry Helm, the driving force behind keeping the quest of Woody's Medal of Honor alive. The amount of work she has put into the endeavor is nothing short of amazing.

The Memorial Banquet is a very moving evening for me. I am sure that it is no different for anyone else that attends, but I have yet to leave without utilizing a few tissues.

These annual reunions are a wonderful way to keep in touch with friends and meet new people. We left full of new stories and friends, happy tales from old friends and in my case a bit of disappointment. On the first day, we met some folks that know my family, but we never had a chance to sit and talk to them! I have their address, so will be posting a letter to them soon. You cannot escape me that easily!

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Call for Nominations for Officers—2010-11

It is already time to begin giving some thought to our Association Officers for 2010-11.

The election of Association Officers will be conducted at the Annual Corporate Convention (Membership Meeting) which will be held at the Reunion in Buffalo, NY, in September after the Saturday Members Breakfast.

Only an Active Member as defined by our Constitution and Bylaws may be nominated.

“Active Membership. Any person who has served as a member of the 24th Infantry Division, or as a

member of a unit that either is now or ever has been at any time attached to the Division.”

“The Officers of the Corporation, and one of the two Board Members at Large (these alternate on an even odd yearly basis), shall be elected annually by the Legislative Body (members) at its annual meeting.” All are for one-year terms except for the At Large Director, which is for two years.

If you would like to serve, or would like to nominate a fellow member to serve, please advise the Nominating Committee now.

All nominations must be received by the Nominating Committee not later than July 15, 2010.

Keith Hagen has again agreed to Chair the Nominating Committee; members as of this writing are Dan Rickert and Tom Thiel.

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General Dean *Continued* *from page 16)*

swear to a statement.

The General moved on and told another 24th Division veteran who'd lost an eye that “ten years ago my wife lost an eye with a golf ball and they took it out here at Walter Reed.”

He shook hands with the others, and went back to finish the visit in the ward.

ADMIRATION

Five minutes later he'd come to the last patients—seven Turkish soldiers.

An interpreter was ready and Gen. Dean said, “Tell them I'm honored

to meet a Turkish soldier.

“I didn't fight with them of course. Everybody who did tells me they did an outstanding job. Nothing but admiration.”

The Turks—small dark men all—stood up, even the leg amputees, balancing uneasily.

Then the visit ended.

But out on the lawn, the 24th Division men were waiting with the public relations men and the photographers.

“SQUAT DOWN”

The men were arranged for the picture.

“Squat down here like this, General,” a photographer said.

“This is the way the Koreans do it,” Gen. Dean said, rocking back and forth on his heels.

“Sit down on the grass in front, General,” a photographer said. “That isn't the way the Koreans do it,” Gen. Dean said.

“But remember, you've been repatriated, General,” the photographer said.

Gen. Dean sat down on the grass.

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2009 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

24th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Rapid City, South Dakota, August 28, 2009

Attendees: Mel Frederick, President*; Sal Schillaci, Vice President*; John Dunn, Sec/Tres*; Gene Spicer, Past President*; Wes Morrison, Albert McAdoo, and John Klump, Past Presidents*; and Glenn Carpenter, Chaplin. *Member BoD ---

A Quorum is present

Meeting called to order by President Frederick at 9:15 a.m.

Chaplin Carpenter offered the Invocation.

Opening Comments: President Frederick stated that he was pleased to announce that Tom Thiel will continue to serve as Editor of the *Taro Leaf* for a short while. He introduced John Dunn as the new Sec/Tres.

2010 Reunion: Vice President Sal Schellaci gave a brief overview of plans for the September, 2010 reunion in Buffalo, N.Y. He listed a number activities planned, and stated that specific details would follow. He also noted that if travel to Canada was planned, a passport would be required for re-entry into the U.S.

Financial Report: Year end 1 Aug 09-31 Jul 09 Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet reports were passed out to attendees. Albert McAdoo suggested comparative reports from year to year would be helpful. Wes Morrison questioned an item of *Taro Leaf* expense. Dunn said that he would have comparative financials for next year and that he would find the answer to Morrison's question.

Taro Leaf: There was discussion as to the role of the *Taro Leaf*. Wes Morrison stated that the personal articles were a source of historical information for future generations to know what their ancestors did during their service with the 24th ID. He also noted that association historian, Larry Gay, has catalogued articles from the *Taro Leaf* and is storing copies of the publication for the association. President Frederick expressed a desire to have this information available for the *Taro Leaf* editor's use, and back up materials in a second location for preservation.

2011 Reunion: There was discussion and a motion made, seconded and passed, to have the Reunion Brat look into Dayton, Ohio as a location for the 2011 reunion.

New Business: Changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. After thorough discussion the motion was made, seconded to accept the changes to the Constitution and By-Laws as published in the *Taro Leaf* Vol. 63(1) Winter 2009, with the exception of the part as relates to Associate Membership as described in Article V, Section 2, Paragraph B. Motion passed by a majority vote.

Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to amend and clarify the language in Article VIII, Section 1, of the Constitution. This language states that the majority of active members in good standing, responding to a mail-in ballot issue, decides the question.

After a resolution presented by Gene Spicer, a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to extend Lifetime Honorary Association Membership to Merry Helm, upon approval of the membership present at the Annual Convention.

Thanks: Glenn Carpenter extended his thanks and appreciation to his wife Mary, for all of her hard work with his fund raising efforts.

President Frederick adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM

Minutes submitted by John Dunn

Digital Photos in Taro Leaf

Scan and submit all digital photos at a resolution of 300 dots per inch or more. Do not use email picture compression. If a jpg picture file is less than 500 Kbytes it is too small!



2009 CORPORATE CONVENTION MINUTES

24th INFANTRY DIVISION

62nd ANNUAL REUNION, RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, AUGUST 29, 2009

Meeting called to order by President Frederick at 8:50 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by President Frederick.

Invocation offered by Chaplin Carpenter.

Presentation of Korean War National Museum: An informative slide presentation on the growth and development of the Museum in Springfield, IL., dedicated to the preservation of the historical significance of the Korean War.

Financial Report: Introduction of new Sec./Tres., John Dunn. He reported Income, \$51,608.60. Expenses \$44,905.36. Net Gain, \$6,703.24. Total Assets, \$82,545.92.

Fund Raising: Glenn Carpenter approximately \$18,500 proceeds from fund raising campaign.

Taro Leaf: President Frederick, with great pleasure, announced that Editor Tom Thiel had agreed to continue in that role for the time being.

New Business: Amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws. Motion made and seconded to change Constitution and By-Laws as published in the *Taro Leaf*, Vol 63(1) Winter 2009, with the exception of Article V, Section 2, Paragraph b. which relates to the requirements for Associate Membership. Motion passed 26 For, 15 Against, by show of hand.

Motion made, seconded, and passed by unanimous voice vote to change

the wording of Article VIII, Section 1. for the purpose of clarity. On issues voted on by mail-in ballots, the majority of members responding to the question will decide the issue.

Directors At-Large: Motion made, seconded and passed by unanimously by voice vote to approve Loyal Vincent - 2nd Inf, Germany 59-60 for a two year term, and Jack Slattery - 2nd Inf, Germany. 60-61 for a one year term.

2011 Reunion: President Frederick announced that the Board of Directors approved the Reunion Brat to look into Dayton, Ohio as the location for the 2011 Reunion location.

2010 Reunion: Vice President Sal Schillaci gave an overview of plans for the reunion in Buffalo, N.Y. in September 2010. Details will be published later.

Historians Report: Due to prior commitments, Larry Gay was not able to be present.

Proclamation: Gene Spicer presented a declaration honoring Merry Helm for her untiring and arduous work in researching, preparing and presenting the information that resulted in the awarding of the Medal of Honor to Woodrow Wilson Keeble, G Company, 19th Infantry, 24th Infantry Division. A motion was made, seconded, and passed by unanimously by voice vote to honor Merry M. Helm with Lifetime Honorary Membership in the 24th Infantry Division Association.

Spicer also stated that Ms. Helm was donating all proceeds from the sale her documentary publication to the Metal of Honor Monument fund raising effort that is being undertaken by members of the association. The publication details Operation Nomad/Polar, October 13-22, 1951, and the actions of Sergeant Keeble that resulted in his being awarded the Medal of Honor.

Benediction: Given by Chaplin Glenn Carpenter.

Meeting adjourned 9:50 a.m. by President Frederick.

Submitted by John Dunn Sec/Tres

The Rock

19th Infantry Regimental Song

The Rock of Chickamauga
The Nineteenth Infantry
Brave her men, all hearts steadfast,
Known o'er land and sea.

Now forward move her banners,
Down through History
Hail to our Queen of Battles
The Nineteenth Infantry!

From: "Nineteenth Infantry Regiment, Army Day 6 April 1946, Occupation Forces, Kochi, Shikoku, Japan." Received from: Robert W. Hickey, 7800 CR 327, Blanket, TX 76432



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| 59                                              | 21st Infantry Regiment Color Patch                | \$6.00  |       |        |
| 60                                              | 34th Infantry Regiment Color Patch                | \$6.00  |       |        |
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| 62                                              | 13th Field Artillery Battalion Color Patch        | \$6.00  |       |        |
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| 69                                              | Cap, 24th ID White with Taro Patch (Germany)      | \$12.00 |       |        |
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| 77                                              | 5th RCT Pocket Patch                              | \$6.00  |       |        |
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July 9, 2009

Mr. Don Maggio, Secretary/Treasurer  
 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association  
 411 Concord Road  
 Fletcher, North Carolina 28732-9734

Dear Don:

What a pleasant surprise! The Letter from Secretary of the Army Pete Green and General George Casey telling me of the U.S. Army Freedom Train salute awarded me and The *Certificate of Appreciation* conferred on me for my service as a United States Army Soldier are indeed honors I have never expected. I accept them with gratitude.

It was a long time ago that I served in the Army, 1942 to 1945, and of those years I cherish most my combat experience with the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, my being attached from G-2 (CIC), HQ, USAFFE, my regular unit of assignment.

The letter from our Secretary of the Army, and Chief of Staff, General Casey make it clear that it is because of my name being submitted by our 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association that I have received this distinction, and I thoroughly appreciate it. I thank you personally Don, and all the officers and directors, for bringing it about.. What a great and thoughtful outfit!

Tom, you don't know me and I only know you by way of the Taro Leaf. I want to thank you for your dedication to our publication and also to the Association. You must have been a great soldier for you certainly are a great member of the 24th Association. Take care and I wish you the greatest of health now and in the future.

**Al Temple**, 24th Div HQ G2, 109 Causeway St., Hudson, MA, 01749-3222, 978-568-8492,  
 atemplesr@verizon.net

Dear Tom: I didn't receive you August 25 Email, but it must have been in regard to your continuing to be the editor for the time being. Thank you. And I hope your health problems do not put too much of a strain on you. Please take it as easy as you can. I was at the reunion in Rapid City, my home state. Again, thanks for all you have done. **Jack Jorgensen**, 1481 S. Danube Way #104, Aurora, CO, 80017-6393, Ph: 720-535-4285, jorgcj@msn.com

From: **Eric Diller**, Sunday, September 27, 2009

We are finishing our 2nd week in Laguna Woods, an Assisted Living Facility. Our three sons and families are nearby in Orange County. They, and their sister Linda, who lives in New Mexico, helped tremendously in our 42 (temporary) years at our Redondo Beach home, which we loved dearly. Health issues made the move necessary for both of us. We are now getting three meals a day, no more shopping, cooking, and cleaning up. We're in a 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment and services and activities are excellent.

Regards to All,

**Dotty and Eric Diller**,  
 24962 Calle Aragon Apt B101, Laguna Woods, CA 92637-3878, (949) 859-1930, (310) 819-2738  
 cell. Email: ediller@cox.net

Hi, Mel

I am contacting you regarding an ongoing writing project about the Korean War and the role of soldiers from the 24th Infantry Division. It is a novel woven from historical events in which your unit played a pivotal part.

I served in the 2nd ID on the Korean DMZ (67/69). I have always felt the veterans who served in Korea then and now have not been given a fair share of respect for what they did. The 24th, thrown into war at a time of poor planning and worse intelligence, bore the brunt of the critical early days of the fighting.

I am particularly interested in veterans of **Task Force Smith and those who fought the battles around Taejon in July.**

Thank you

Ron Lahr,  
 Email: ronanreal@msn.com

7/5/2009

## Letters

Hi Don: Out of the clear blue I received my Certificate of Appreciation submitted by the 24th Inf. Div. Assoc. It is much appreciated and will go up on my wall next to my definition of a veteran. A veteran-weather on active duty, retired, National Guard or reserve is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to The United States of America, for an amount of up to and including my life.

That is honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand it. Thank you and the Assoc. Carl R O'Neill

Tom—my Looking For article “**3.5 Rocket Launchers in Taejon**,” which appeared in the *Taro Leaf*, Vol. 63(1) Winter 2009, pg. 33, brought many emails and calls. Some of the callers had the launchers in Taejon but did not know how they got there. One said he had two 3.5's in his jeep and one had the sights broken.

Bill Smith from Zellwood, Florida, called to say he was in the half-track behind the one that caused my truck to turn over. He said the half-track also pulled my truck upright. It was good to hear from someone who was actually there to see it.

Stewart Sizemore from Lake Geneva, WI who was with me in 1948 in L Co. 34th Regiment in Sasebo, Japan also called; it sure brought back a lot of memories after all these years. Thank you.

**Ernest Boggs**, 3174 Pebble Bend Dr., Lakeland Florida 33810, [ernestboggs31@gmail.com](mailto:ernestboggs31@gmail.com), 863-398-1888.



Stewart Sizemore, 1948 left, and 2008 right.



**Charles T. Lane** of Wilmington, Delaware, was a member of the 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division stationed at Camp Mower in 1947-1948 in Sasebo, Japan. This is a photo of Charles at this year's Memorial Day ceremony at his senior independent living community in Hershey, PA—he is holding a photo (inset) of himself while he was on guard duty.



Charles T. Lane, 449 Drayer Dr, Hummelstown, PA 17036-9167, Ph: 717-566-4205, [lauriemcgowan@yahoo.com](mailto:lauriemcgowan@yahoo.com)

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**E. Co., 19th Regt. July 5, 1950-  
May 31, 1951**

I would like to talk with anyone served with  
Cpl. **Mitchel Red Cloud**, MoH.

Also, I would like to hear from anyone who  
served with or knew my deceased brother,  
**M.Sgt.Lloyd Johnson** (Kentucky), who  
received 2 purple hearts and 5 bronze stars  
in his 11 months of Korean service  
Fred Johnson, 4532 Graves Drive,  
Lexington, KY 40515-4732,  
Ph: 859 361 4532,  
fbjohnson@insightbb.com

**Sam P. Hooper, Sr.**, would like to  
hear from anyone with **Company A, 34th  
Infantry Regiment**, 1st Battalion that left  
Hawaii going to Australia.

He also wonders if any group or association  
may be planning a trip back to Red Beach in  
the Philippines, and is also looking for any  
aerial photographs of the Landing on Leyte  
at Red Beach on October 24th, 1945. He de-  
sires to purchase copies.

Sam P. Hooper, Sr.  
3101 US Hwy 84 East, Tenaha, TX 75974-  
4504, 936-248-3054,  
mbhooper@hughes.net

**Douglas K. McQuillin**, 5th RCT, died  
November 20, 2003. Anyone who knew him  
is asked to please get in touch with his  
daughter,

Holly D. McQuillin, 6223 E. Sahara Ave.  
Spc.18, Las Vegas, NV 89142.

**24th Quartermaster, Sendai, 52-53**

I was in the **24th Quartermaster**, outside Sendai, Ja-  
pan from March 1952 until June 1953, and am looking for  
anyone who served in 24 QM then. I have not read any-  
thing about them in the Taro Leaf, why?

**William R. Duffy**,  
2260 Morley St.,  
Simi Valley, CA 93065-3639,  
805-522-2443,  
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Duffy. The only article from the 24th QM I published was  
from **Richard Harris'** "My 'Typewriter' Korean War,"  
Vol62(2), page 24. I searched for your unit with Bing and  
could find nothing, so, if you have a photo or two, jot a few  
sentences describing same, send them in. I cannot publish  
what I do not have. Thanks for your email. tjt ed

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# Korean War Memorial brings cloture

A Korean War Memorial, dedicated September 18, 2009 in Vancouver, WA, helped Richard L. Quatier and Richard P. Kim achieve some cloture to their losses in the Korean War. They each lost a brother in action at the Kum River, Korea, Robert D. Quatier and Chan Jay Park Kim Jr. Funds for the memorial, located at 1601 E. Fourth Plain Blvd, Vancouver, were collected by the Korean War Vancouver POW/MIA group. The Korean Society of Vancouver was a co-sponsor, and the VA Medical Center Portland, OR, Vancouver Division, contributed the land.

We will not forget the sacrifice of the men and women who served in the Korean War! Your dedication and courage make you true heroes!

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## "The Demise of that Fancy Monster"

July 27, 2009  
To: Officers of the 24th I.O.A.  
We are going to have money and live within our means whether we want to or not. We can not afford to publish a Life, Look or Time type magazine. Let's get back to that 1/10 page News letter and some of it in Longford; Back to the days of warmth and friendship. The demise of that fancy monster was what we needed. Lots of it was not read anyway.



John Ragland  
211 Grace Ln  
Kerrville, TX 78028

John Ragland

## Constitution & Bylaws

(A director has criticized us for not publishing the C&BL in the *Taro Leaf*—these are what I found had been published over the last eight years. I did the first two!)

- Aug. 29, 2009, Version, pages 37-39 of this issue.
- Aug. 15, 2006, Version, see Vol 63(1) Winter 2009 *Taro Leaf* pages 14,16,18 & 20.
- Sept. 20, 2003, Version, Vol(57(4) Fall 2003, unpagged, last 7 pages.
- Sept. 22, 2001, Version, Vol. 55(3), Dec. 2001, p 65-71.



## Kimche in Minnesota

Hi Tom

The Moon Kim Family has sponsored a picnic for the past five years for Minnesota Korean War Veterans, their spouses and children. They offer a homemade festive dinner at a Lakeside Sheltered Park. A number of their Korean Family friends help with the cooking of the best shrimp, beef and noodle, a salad, kimche (of course), deserts and refreshments. They hire a band for U.S. 1950 tunes and they bring in Korean folklore dancers, etc.

### NURSES

Mr. Kim always recognizes certain military groups each picnic; last time he honored medics, nurses and doctors. He called me a few days ago to ask how many service women were killed in the Korean War. I had heard that some nurses were killed in plane crashes en route to Korea and or Japan. I knew this because one, ENS Eleanor Beste, of Freeport, MN, near my home town, was one of them.

I have learned that a total of 17 nurses were lost during the Korean War (see sidebar at right).

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FROM: R. D. Bach Life Member 1509  
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Aloha:  
Enclosed please find check # 1723  
For \$100.00 as a Donation to 24th Hy  
Association Taro Leaf Magazine which  
I have received over many years.

I am 85 and planning a Cruise  
around South America + Antarctica  
for 2010. Good Willing and the  
Creek don't rise - Surrounded Africa  
Mediterranean - Spain and England 2009.

See Ray Bach photo on page 44)

There were 540 service women who served in Korea during the Korean War. The following 17 women lost their lives, all non-combat related:

July 5, 1950. US Army MAJ Genevieve Smith, whose C-47 plane crashed on way to be 8th Army Chief Nurse.

Aug. 25, 1950. USN LT Wilma Ledbetter, drowned when the USS Benevolence sank after a collision near the Golden Gate Bridge San Francisco.

Sept. 19, 1950. A military transport plane en route to a Hospital in Yokosuka, Japan, crashed in the Pacific, killing: Ens Eleanor Beste (Freeport, MN); Ens Marie Boatman; LT

LT Jg Jeanne E. Clarke; LT Jg Jane L. Eldridge; Ens Constance R. Esposito; LT Jg Alice S. Giroux; LT Jg Calla C. Goodwin, LT Jg Constance A. Heege; LT Jg Margaret Grace Kennedy; Ens Mary E. Lijegreen; and Ens Edna J. Rundell.

Sept. 26, 1950. USAF CPT Vera M. Brown, died in a medical evacuation flight crash.

May 13, 1951. USN SN Doris Frances Brown, Milwaukee, WI, died of non-hostile causes.

Dec. 22, 1952. USAF AN Virginia May McClure of Springfield, SD, and USAF AN Margaret Fae Perry of Morgantown, WV, died in a non-hostile plane crash in Korea.



# The 24th Infantry Division History

The 24th Infantry Division, nicknamed the Victory Division, is an inactive infantry division of the United States Army. The division saw combat in World War II, the Korean War, and Operation Desert Storm. Before its most recent deactivation in 2006, it was based at Fort Riley, Kansas.

- Constituted 1 February 1921 in the Regular Army as Headquarters, Hawaiian Division
- Activated 1 March 1921 at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii
- Reorganized and redesignated 1 October 1941 as Headquarters, 24th Infantry Division
- Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1960 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division
- Inactivated 15 April 1970 at Fort Riley, Kansas
- Activated 21 September 1975 at Fort Stewart, Georgia
- Inactivated 15 February 1996 at Fort Stewart, Georgia
- Activated 17 October 1999 at Fort Riley, Kansas
- Inactivated 1 August 2006 at Fort Riley, Kansas

## Narrative

The 24th Infantry Division has its origins in Hawaii. It was activated under the Square Division Table of Organization and Equipment (TO&E) on 25 February 1921 as the Hawaiian Division at Schofield Barracks, Oahu. The division insignia is based on the taro leaf, emblematic of Hawaii, and 24th Division soldiers are often referred to as "Taromen."

The Hawaiian Division, the Philippine Division, and the Americal Division were the last three U.S. Army divisions to be named rather than numbered. The Hawaiian Division "was concentrated on one post during the interwar years, which enabled it to conduct more effective combined arms training. It was also manned at higher levels than other divisions, and its field artillery was the first to be motorized.

In August-September 1941, the Hawaiian Division's assets were reorganized to form two divisions under the new Triangular Division TO&E. Its brigade headquarters were disbanded and the 27th and 35th Infantry regiments assigned to the new 25th Infantry Division. Hawaiian Division HQ was redesignated as Headquarters, 24th Infantry Division on 1 October 1941.

The Hawaiian National Guard was federalized on the same date, and the 299th Infantry was assigned as the Division's third infantry regiment. It remained a part of the division until 23 July 1942, when its personnel were amalgamated with the 298th Infantry Regiment and that unit transferred from the 25th Division to the 24th. (In June 1942, the two regiments were stripped of all their Japanese-American personnel, who were sent stateside to form the 100th Infantry Battalion [Separate].) The organization remained unchanged until 16 July 1943 when the 298th Infantry was detached for assignment to service forces, replaced by the 34th Infantry, a Regular Army

regiment. This unit was staging for transport to the Philippines at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack; it was rerouted to the Hawaiian Department, arriving in Oahu on 21 December 1941.

## World War II

### Subordinate Units:

- 19th Infantry Regiment (1 Oct 41 - )
- 21st Infantry Regiment (1 Oct 41 - )
- 34th Infantry Regiment (16 Jul 43 - )  
‡
- 298th Infantry Regiment, Hawaii National Guard (1 Oct 41 - 21 Jul 42)
- 299th Infantry Regiment, Hawaii National Guard (23 Jul 42 - 16 Jul 43)  
†
- 13th Field Artillery Battalion
- 52nd Field Artillery Battalion
- 63rd Field Artillery Battalion
- 11th Field Artillery Battalion (155mm)
- 24th Signal Company
- 724th Ordnance Company
- 24th Quartermaster Company
- 24th Reconnaissance Troop
- 3rd Engineer Battalion
- 24th Medical Battalion
- 24th Counter Intelligence Detachment

† Transferred from 25th Infantry Division, replacing 299th Infantry

‡ Transferred from Hawaiian Department Reserve, replacing 298th Infantry

The 24th Infantry Division was among the first to see combat in World War II and among the last to stop fighting. The Division was on Oahu, with Headquarters at Schofield Barracks, when the Japa-

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nese bombed Pearl Harbor, 7 December 1941, and suffered minor casualties. Charged with the defense of northern Oahu, it built an elaborate system of coastal defenses. In May 1943 it was alerted for movement to Australia and by 19 September 1943 had completed the move to Camp Caves, near Rockhampton, on the eastern coast of Australia.

After a period of intensive training, the Division moved to Goodenough Island, 31 January 1944, to stage for Operation Reckless, the amphibious capture of Hollandia, Netherlands New Guinea (now Jayapura, Papua province, Indonesia). The 24th landed on 22 April 1944, and seized the important Hollandia Airdrome despite torrential rains and marshy terrain. Shortly after the Hollandia landing, the 34th Infantry Regiment moved to Biak, 18 June, to reinforce the 41st Infantry Division, and captured Sorido and Borokoe airdromes before returning to the Division on Hollandia in July.

After occupation duty in the Hollandia area, the 24th Division landed on Red Beach on Leyte, 20 October 1944, as part of the X Corps, Sixth Army, and driving up Leyte Valley advanced to Jaro and took Breakneck Ridge, 12 November 1944, in heavy fighting.

While mopping up continued on Leyte, the 19th RCT moved to Mindoro Island as part of the Western Visayan Task Force, landing in the San Jose area, 15 December 1944. Airfields and a PT base were secured

for operations on Luzon. Divisional elements effected a landing on Marinduque Island. Other elements supported the 11th Airborne Division drive from Nasugbu to Manila.

The 34th RCT, landing at San Antonio, Luzon, 29 January 1945, ran into a furious battle on Zig Zag Pass and suffered heavy casualties. On 16 February 1945 the 3d BN of the 34th Infantry took part in the amphibious landing on Corregidor and fought Japanese under a hot sun on the well-defended Rock.

After numerous mopping up actions in March, the Division landed on Mindanao, 17 April 1945, cut across the island to Digos, 27 April, stormed into Davao, 3 May, and cleared Libby airdrome, 13 May. Although the campaign closed officially on 30 June, the Division continued to mop up Japanese resistance during July and August 1945. Patrolling continued after the official surrender of Japan. On 15 October 1945, the Division left Mindanao for Japan.

Four 24th Division soldiers received the Medal of Honor for service in World War II, all posthumously:

- †Captain Francis B. Wai, 34th Infantry, Leyte, 20 October 1944
- Private Harold H. Moon, Jr., 34th Infantry, Leyte, 21 October 1944
- Sergeant Charles E. Mower, 34th Infantry, Capoacan, Leyte, 3 November 1944
- Private First Class James H. Diamond, 21st Infantry, Mintal, Mindanao, 8-14 May 1945

† Wai originally received the Distinguished Service Cross. It was upgraded

to the MOH during a 1998 review of war records of Asian-American and Pacific Islander soldiers.

## Korean War

When the North Koreans attacked South Korea in June 1950, elements of the 24th Infantry Division, primarily from the 21st and 34th Infantry Regiments, were the first army troops to arrive in Korea and the first to fight under the United Nations' banner.

Task Force Smith went into battle on 5 July 1950, ordered to fight a delaying action against overwhelming odds. Composed of roughly 400 men, the unit was misinformed about its objective and under-trained for this sudden action. The men were poorly equipped with cast-offs from WWII, including C-rations, and their weapons were, in many cases, non-functioning or without proper ammunition.

Of particular importance was their lack of heavy weaponry with which to stop the Soviet-built tanks streaming across the border in the hands of well-trained North Korean soldiers. The results were tragic.

However, the delaying action permitted the United Nations to build up its forces near Pusan, and the division was later awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for its actions.

Fighting with the 24th Division in the early months were the 19th, 21st, and 34th Infantry Regiments. The 29th Regimental Combat Team was also attached to the 24th in the early months.



By late August 1950, only 184 of the 34th Regiment's original 1,898 men remained standing. The regiment was dissolved and was replaced by the 5th Infantry Regiment/5th Regimental Combat Team (5th RCT).

34th Regiment survivors were added to the ranks of the 19th and 21st regiments in an effort to bring them up to strength.

Over the next nineteen months the division fought in seven campaigns and was twice decorated by the Republic of Korea. Among its most deadly battles was the "big fall push" of 1951. The 24th Division, along with the 2nd and 6th Republic of Korea (ROK) Divisions, fought the last major Allied offensive of the Korean War — Operation Nomad-Polar — launched 13 October 1951. It ended 22 October when the city of Kumsong, which was a major supply hub for the Chinese Communists, was destroyed.

American casualties were extremely high, averaging 175 per day. By battle's end, the Allied divisions had driven the Chinese 10 miles northward from their heavily fortified winter quarters, capturing a deep subterranean command post on Hill 770 in the process.

In late January 1952 the "Victory Division" returned to Japan where it served as part of the Far East reserve.

In July 1953 the division went back to Korea to restore order in prisoner of war camps. The following year the

division replaced the 45th (Oklahoma NG) Division.

In early 1955 the division returned to Japan, where it served until February 1956. At that time the 24th deployed to Korea for another tour of duty.

#### Korean War MOH

Major General William F. Dean, the 24th's commanding general, was reported missing in action on 21 July 1950. Unbeknownst to American officials, he was captured and spent the duration of the war in a prison camp. On 16 February 1951, General Dean was awarded the Medal of Honor for actions in Taejon on 20-21 July 1950. He was returned to U.S. Military control on 19 April 1953.

- Nine other Taromen besides General Dean were awarded the Medal of Honor for service in Korea:
- Sergeant George D. Libby, 3rd Engineer Battalion, Taejon, 20 July 1950 (posthumous)
- Master Sergeant Melvin O. Handrich, 5th RCT, near Sobuk San Mountain, 25-26 August 1950 (posthumous)
- Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud, Jr., 19th Infantry, near Chonghyon, 5 November 1950 (posthumous)
- First Lieutenant Carl H. Dodd, 5th RCT, near Subuk, 30-31 January 1951
- Sergeant First Class Nelson V. Brittin 19th Infantry, near Yonggong-ni, 7 March 1951 (posthumous)
- Sergeant First Class Ray E. Duke, 21st Infantry, near Mugok, 26 April 1951 (posthumous)
- Sergeant First Class Stanley T. Adams, 19th Infantry, near Sesim-ni, 2

August 1951

- †Master Sergeant Woodrow W. Keeble, 19th Infantry, near Sangsan-ni, 20 October 1951
- Private First Class Mack A. Jordan, 21st Infantry, near Kumsong, 15 November 1951 (posthumous)

† The paperwork for Keeble's citation disappeared twice; a third application was rejected as being submitted "too late." His MOH was awarded at the White House on 3 March 2008, 26 years after his (non-combat) death.

#### Vietnam War years

The 24th served on or near the front in Korea until October 1957. At this point it returned to Japan, where it was deactivated in December.

#### The Cold War Years

On 1 July 1958 the division was reactivated at Augsburg, Germany, replacing the 11th Airborne Division in a reflagging ceremony. The division was organized under the Pentomic Division TO&E, in which the combat forces were organized into five oversized battalions (called "battle groups") with no intermediate brigade or regimental headquarters. Although considered an infantry division, the 24th would include two airborne battle groups for the next few years.

#### Lebanon

On 13 July, less than 2 weeks after the reorganization, King Faisal II of Iraq was assassinated in a coup orchestrated by pro-Egyptian officers. The Christian president of Lebanon, pressured by Muslims to join Egypt and Syria in the Gamal Abdel Nasser



-led United Arab Republic, requested help from the Eisenhower administration.

On the night of the 15 July, Marines of the Sixth Fleet made an amphibious landing at Beirut, and secured the Beirut airport. The following day, the 24th Division's 1st Airborne Battle Group, 187th Infantry deployed to Turkey, flying on to Beirut on the 19th. Eventually they were joined by a medium tank battalion and support units, which joined the Marines to form a security cordon around the city. The force stayed until late October, providing security, making shows of force (including parachute jumps) and training the Lebanese army. Finally, when factions of the Lebanese government worked out a political settlement, they left. The 1/187th lost one soldier killed by a sniper.

#### The Berlin Wall

After the construction of the Berlin Wall in August 1961, Seventh Army began sending infantry units from the divisions in West Germany on a rotating basis to reinforce the Berlin Brigade. 24th Division units participated in this.

In January 1963 the 24th was reorganized as a mechanized infantry division under the Reorganization Objective Army Division (ROAD) TO&E, which replaced the Pentomic battle groups with conventionally-sized battalions, organized in three combined arms brigades.

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The division remained in Germany until September 1968 when it redeployed two brigades to Fort Riley, Kansas, as part of Exercise REFORGER (Return of Forces to Germany). One brigade was maintained in Germany. As the Army withdrew from Vietnam and reduced its forces, the "Victory Division" was deactivated in April 1970 at Fort Riley.

#### Role in the Middle East—Ft. Stewart

In September 1975, the 24th Infantry Division was reactivated at Fort Stewart, Georgia, as part of the program to build a sixteen-division force. Because the Regular Army could not field a full division at Fort Stewart, the 24th had the 48th Infantry Brigade, Georgia Army National Guard, assigned to it as a round-out unit. Targeted for a NATO role, the division was reorganized as a mechanized division in 1979. When the United Nations decided to halt aggression in Kuwait in 1990, the 24th, which was part of the Rapid Deployment Force was one of the first units deployed to Southwest Asia. Some controversy erupted when the Division's round-out unit, the 48th Infantry Brigade, was found to be unprepared for deployment. The brigade was replaced once the Division was in Saudi Arabia with the regular Army 197th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized). Serving in the Defense of Saudi Arabia and Liberation and Defense of Kuwait campaigns, the division under then Major General Barry McCaffrey helped to arrest the Iraqi war machine.

Returning to the United States in the spring of 1991, the 24th was reor-

ganized with all its elements in the Regular Army, two brigades at Fort Stewart and one brigade at Fort Benning, Georgia. In the fall of 1994 Iraq again menaced the Kuwaiti border, and two brigades from the division returned to Southwest Asia. As part of the Army's reduction to a ten-division force, the 24th Infantry Division was inactivated on 15 February 1996, and reflagged to become the 3d Infantry Division.

#### A Division in Name Only

On 5 June 1999, the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) was once again activated, this time at Fort Riley, Kansas, but with no subordinate units. From 1999 to 2006 the "Victory Division" consisted of an active component headquarters and three National Guard enhanced separate brigades: 30th Heavy Separate Brigade at Clinton, North Carolina, 218th Heavy Separate Brigade at Columbia, South Carolina, and the 48th Separate Infantry Brigade in Macon, Georgia. The division headquarters was to be responsible for the Guard brigades should they be called to active duty in war time. However, this never occurred, with each of the brigades deployed to Iraq individually.

The Division's most recent operations included preparing Fort Riley for the return of the 1st Infantry Division, previously stationed in Germany.

The 24th Infantry Division (Mech) inactivated on August 1, 2006 at Fort Riley. This, of course, was really



only the active component headquarters and did not affect the National Guard brigades that were to be assigned to it in war time.

## Honors

### Campaign Participation Credit

#### World War II:

- Central Pacific;
- New Guinea (with arrowhead);
- Leyte (with arrowhead);
- Luzon;
- Southern Philippines (with arrowhead)

#### Korean War:

- UN Defensive;
- UN Offensive;
- CCF Intervention;
- First UN Counteroffensive;
- CCF Spring Offensive;
- UN Summer-Fall Offensive;
- Second Korean Winter;
- Korea, Summer 1953

#### Southwest Asia:

- Defense of Saudi Arabia;

- Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

## Decorations

- Presidential Unit Citation (Army) for DEFENSE OF KOREA
- Army Superior Unit Award for 1994
- Philippine Presidential Unit Citation for 17 October 1944 TO 4 July 1945
- Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation for PYONGTAEK
- Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation for KOREA 1952-1953

## In Fiction

In the United States television series *The Unit*, the members of the unit are part of the fictional 303rd Logistical Studies Group attached to the 24th Infantry Division.

## See also

- Formations of the United States Army
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Left: Taro Leafers at the Department of Florida Korean War Veterans Association meeting in Altamonte Springs, FL. From left: Gene Gillette, 34th; Jim Bradford, 21st; Clarence Dadswell, 21st; Eddie Ko, 6th Tank; and Tom Thiel, 19th. Bradford is President of DoF KWVA, and Gillette Vice President.



HEADQUARTERS  
11TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 112, US FORCES

AETGCG 250/16

3 March 1958

SUBJECT: Reorganization of the 11th Airborne Division

TO: All Members 11th Airborne Division

1. In a few days there will be a public announcement to the effect that the 11th Airborne Division will be reorganized and redesignated as the 24th Infantry Division on 1 July 1958. As this reorganization will affect practically every member of the division, I intend at this time to pass on to you all information that I have concerning the reorganization.

2. The division will be reorganized as a composite infantry - airborne division consisting of an airborne brigade (two airborne battle groups plus supporting units) and three infantry battle groups. Division artillery will be reorganized to consist of one composite battalion (two 155mm howitzer batteries, one 8" howitzer battery and one honest john battery) and one 105mm battalion. The 105mm howitzer battalion will be organized from our present five 105mm howitzer batteries. A cavalry reconnaissance battalion will also be included in the new organization. These are the major changes; a detailed breakdown of the new organization is included in inclosure 1.

3. It can be expected that the number of airborne spaces presently allocated the 11th Airborne Division will be reduced. The majority of these airborne spaces will be contained in the brigade headquarters, two airborne battle groups (187 and 503), an airborne engineer company, two airborne 105mm howitzer batteries, an airborne reconnaissance company, a parachute maintenance company and certain supporting medical, signal and ordnance units. I can assure you that every effort will be made to maintain the maximum number of qualified airborne personnel on jump pay. Although an early passage of the Cordiner Pay Bill may lessen the impact of any pay loss, it is extremely important that each of you reevaluate you present and future financial obligations in light of a possible lowered income.

4. I know that the news of the reorganization of our division came as a surprise to you just as it did to me. We must



3 March 1958

SUBJECT: Reorganization of the 11th Airborne Division

realize, however, that this change is part of an over-all plan of higher headquarters. It is most important, too, that the reorganization be accomplished as rapidly, economically and effectively as possible.

5. The 24th Infantry Division has one of the most illustrious histories of any in the United States Army and will be a division in which each of us should be honored to serve. I am sure that I can depend on you to devote your energies to make it a fine reactivated division within the shortest possible transition time.

6. Attached as inclosure 1 is a fact sheet containing more detailed information concerning the reorganization. Attached as inclosure 2 is a questionnaire to be completed by each of you who departed CONUS prior to January 1957. If, after discussing the reorganization with your families and friends, you should have additional questions, please feel free to contact your commander or any member of my staff.

7. This document may be downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED 5 March 1958.

*Hugh P. Harris*  
HUGH P. HARRIS  
Major General, USA  
Commanding

1. The 11th Airborne Division will be redesignated the 24th Infantry Division on 1 July 1958.
2. The 24th Infantry Division will be organized as follows:
  - a. 19th Infantry Battle Group (2d Abn BG, 504th Inf).
  - b. 21st Infantry Battle Group (2d Abn BG, 502d Inf).
  - c. 34th Infantry Battle Group (2d Abn BG, 505th Inf).
  - d. 187th Airborne Battle Group (no change in designation).
  - e. 503d Airborne Battle Group (no change in designation).
  - f. Hq & Hq Btry, 24th Infantry Division Artillery (Hq & Hq Btry, 11th Abn Div Arty).
  - g. 13 Artillery Battalion (105mm) (organized from present five 105mm howitzer batteries).
  - h. 11th Artillery Battalion (BKT, 155mm/8") (to be organized).
  - i. 5th Armored Reconnaissance Battalion (to be organized).
  - j. 34th Armored Tank Battalion (76th Tank Battalion).
  - k. 3d Engineer Battalion (127th Engr Bn (Abn Div)).
  - l. 24th Infantry Division Trains (11th Abn Div Spt-Op).
  - m. 24th Infantry Division Band (11th Abn Div Band).
  - n. 24th Ambulance Company (to be organized).
  - o. 24th Medical Battalion (11th Med Co).
  - p. 724th Ordnance Battalion (711th Maint Bn (Abn Div)).
  - q. 24th Aviation Company (11th Avn Co (Abn Div)).
  - r. 24th Administration Company (11th Admin Co (Abn Div)).
  - s. 22d Transportation Battalion (to be organized).
  - t. 24th Signal Battalion (511th Sig Bn (Abn Div)).
  - u. 24th Quartermaster Company (408th Sup & Trans Co (Abn Div)).

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# CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION, *Approved August 29, 2009*

## PREAMBLE

Under the provisions of Article VII of the Constitution of the 24th Infantry Division Association, effective August 20, 1983, as amended August 15, 2006, we the Legislative Body of that Association do hereby revise that Constitution as shown on the pages following, effective August 29, 2009, and, therefore, is hereby declared to be the Constitution of the 24th Infantry Division Association, Inc.

## ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this Association shall be the 24th Infantry Division Association, Incorporated, and shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Corporation."

Section 2. The Statuary Agent for the Corporation shall be domiciled in the state of Arizona.

Section 3. The Corporation objectives shall be to:

Electrify and unify the invisible current of fellowship molded in the throes of war and peace experienced by veterans of the 24th Infantry Division;

Honor, perpetuate and memorialize those who distinguished themselves by their gallant service, sacrifice, valiant acts and patriotic deeds;

Maintain and strengthen the bonds of comradeship shared by its men and women;

Sponsor and foster national and local reunions, and publish an official Association periodical;

Identify and mark scenes of the Division's heroic actions, and celebrate the anniversaries of its historic events;

Research Division history, and acquire, maintain, publish and preserve its records;

Promote member interests and welfare; and

Promote National Defense, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and uphold the Constitution of the United States of America.

Section 4. The Corporation shall not engage in any political or profit-making activity, and no Corporate Funds or earnings shall benefit any member.

Section 5. Discrimination. The Corporation, and anyone acting on its behalf, shall not discriminate against any applicant, or against any member, on the basis of race, sex, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or disability; The Corporation's membership should reflect the diversity and composition of the community of former Division members that it serves.

## ARTICLE II. OFFICERS and DIRECTORS

Section 1. Only Active and Life Active Members may serve as a Corporation officer or director.

Section 2. The Officers of the Corporation shall be: President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 3. The Corporation shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of the Corporation Officers, two elected Members at Large not otherwise eligible for the Board of Directors, and all living Past Presidents; each shall have one vote.

Section 4. Officers' terms shall be one year, or until their successors have been elected and installed. The terms of the two elected Members at Large shall be two years, and shall be staggered on alternating years.

Section 5. Each President, upon term expiration, shall serve permanently as a Past President Board member.

Section 6. No Corporation Officer, BoD member, or member acting on behalf of the Corporation, shall be compensated for their service in any form or from any source (including reunion complimentary rooms); however, legitimate and necessary expenses incurred in the proper conduct of Association business shall be granted with appropriate oversight and accounting.

Section 7. The Board of Directors shall in all cases act as an entity rather than as an individual, adopting such rules and regulations as they deem proper, as long as these do not violate this Constitution.

## ARTICLE III. MEETINGS

Section 1. A Corporation Convention shall be held annually on a date and place approved by the membership.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall convene an annual meeting during the annual Corporation Convention, and at other times as the President may direct.

Section 3. The Legislative Body, defined as the members of this Corporation, shall meet at the Corporation Convention; such meeting shall be held annually between September 1 and October 31, unless members deem otherwise.

Section 4. A quorum of a Corporation Convention shall be the members present.

Section 5. The new Board of Directors shall convene an Organizational Meeting immediately following the annual Corporation Convention; the outgoing President shall arrange the time and place of the meeting.

## ARTICLE IV. ELECTIONS

Section 1. The Officers of the Corporation, and one of the two Board Members at Large (these alternate on an even odd

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yearly basis, except for 2009, when one shall be elected for only one year while the second shall be elected for the regular two-year term), shall be elected annually by the Legislative Body at its annual meeting; they shall take office at the conclusion of the Corporation Convention; election shall be decided by majority vote of the qualified Active Members present and voting at the Corporation Convention.

Section 2. In the event a vacancy in the Office of the President, the Vice President shall succeed to the office of President for the remainder of the term.

Section 3. A vacancy in the office of the Vice President shall be filled by appointment by the President, subject to prior approval by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. In case of incapacity or vacancy in the Secretary/Treasurer position, the President shall recommend a member to the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP and DUES

Section 1. There shall be five (5) membership classes: a. Active; b. Associate; c. Affiliate; d. Life, and e. Honorary.

#### Section 2. Membership Requirements.

Active Membership. Any person who has served as a member of the 24th Infantry Division, or as a member of a unit that either is now or ever has been at any time attached to the Division.

Associate Membership: (i) The spouse, parent, child, sibling or surviving spouse of any person eligible to be an Active Member; or (ii) Any person who is related to a person who has/had served with the Division or any unit that was attached to the Division shall be eligible for Association Membership in the Corporation.

Affiliate Membership: Any member of: the American Red Cross, any government agency officially recognized by the Department of the Army, and civilian personnel

who served with the Division.

Life Membership: Any Active, Associate or Affiliate member, who upon payment of a sum established by the Board of Directors.

Honorary Membership: Any person who by act or deed has demonstrated a special devotion to the 24th Infantry Division, and the members who served in its ranks, who is not otherwise eligible for membership, and who has been approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Dues. All dues shall be established by the Board of Directors; members who are more than three (3) months in arrears shall forfeit all membership privileges.

Section 4. Association Information Resources. These are defined as all information compiled by any officer, director, or member that utilizes Association files or that purports to be an Official Association Resource; such resources shall be the sole property of the Association and subject to such management practices that the Association may deem appropriate.

#### ARTICLE VI. FUNDS

Section 1. Corporation Funds shall be all funds derived from dues, donations, grants, interest and other such sources as may be approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on August 1 and end on the following July 31.

#### ARTICLE VII. ROBERT'S RULES

Section 1. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, 1893 edition, revised, shall govern the Corporation in all cases which are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent or conflicting with this Constitution.

#### ARTICLE VIII. AMENDING CONSTITUTION

Section 1. . This Constitution may be amended by a mail-in ballot vote of the

majority of the Active and Life Active Members voting on the question. The issue will be decided by the majority of the Members responding to the question. Proposed amendments and or changes to the Constitution, and the official ballot must be published in the *Taro Leaf* at least two months prior to the effective date of the proposed change. All ballots cast must be received by the Secretary/Treasurer not later than thirty days preceding the date of the proposed change.

Section 2. Changes to this Constitution may also be conducted by the members at the Annual Corporation Convention, providing that such change shall have been published in the *Taro Leaf* at least sixty days prior to the annual Corporation Convention. This publication requirement may, however, be waived at the annual Corporation Convention and amendments and or changes thereto will be accepted by a majority of the Active and Life Active Members present and voting.

/S/ Melvin L. Frederick, President.

Original on file with the Secretary-Treasurer, 24th Infantry Division Association, Incorporated

#### BY-LAWS OF THE 24th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

#### ARTICLE I. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall govern the Corporation, determine its policies, approve appointments of Honorary Members and all non-elected Corporation positions, such as: *Taro Leaf* Editor, Quartermaster, and all other related Corporation positions, decide all disputes over the election, eligibility, conduct, expulsion, and reinstatement of any officer or member or over any other matter, which may affect the welfare of the Corporation.

Section 2. The Board of Directors, in seniority order, shall be: President, Vice President, Elected Members at Large in

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their order of seniority, all living Past Presidents in order of service, and the Secretary/Treasurer, each of whom may cast one (1) vote.

Section 3. Five (5) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the annual Board of Directors Meeting. When votes are referred to the Directors by correspondence or telephone, the majority vote of those responding and voting shall prevail.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall cause to be published an official Association periodical for distribution to the membership, currently designated as the "*Taro Leaf*," and shall be responsible for its editorial policies and content.

## ARTICLE II. DUTIES

### Section 1. President

The President shall preside at the Corporation Convention and meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall supervise all activities of the Corporation. In an emergency, the President may direct immediate action in any matter dealing with the Corporation's finance's, reporting the matter immediately thereafter to the Board of Directors.

The President shall conduct, or cause to be conducted, and annual inventory of all Corporation information resources.

Section 2. Vice-President: The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or inability of the President, and shall assist the President in the management of the Corporation, performing such tasks as are assigned the President.

### Section 3. The Secretary/Treasurer shall:

Administer the affairs of the Corporation, implement the policies of the Board of Directors, and maintain a membership roster;

Organize and operate the Corporation offices and be responsible for all correspondence, records and other matters of administrative routine and office procedures;

Be the custodian of the Corporation funds and be responsible for the collection and receipt of dues and other income and the disbursement of and accounting for funds;

Prepare an annual financial report and distribute it to the Board of Directors;

Prepare and distribute to all members of the Board of Directors a detailed report of all transactions for each fiscal year ended 31 July; such report shall be mailed not later than 15 August each year.

Be responsible for the acquisition of and accounting for all Corporation property;

Take and preserve meeting minutes;

Be bonded in favor of the Corporation by a surety company approved for acceptance of bonds by the United States Treasury;

Section 4. Board Members at Large. Shall represent their fellow members on the Board of Directors to increase the probability of achieving a quorum at the annual Board of Directors meeting; they may also be assigned varying special tasks by the President, e.g., membership, program, information resources, etc.

## ARTICLE III. ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. Active Members in good standing may attend and vote at the Corporation Convention and hold office in the Corporation.

Section 2. Other members in good standing may attend the Corporation Convention, may hold non-elective positions, and may vote on matters other than the election of officers or changes to the Constitution.

## ARTICLE IV. DUES

Section 1. Membership dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE V. DISSOLUTION

Section 1. In case the Corporation is dissolved, its remaining assets shall be used to pay all outstanding liabilities of the Corporation, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for activities of Veterans Organizations as shall at the time qualify as a tax exempt organization or organizations under Section 501c19 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law) as the Corporation may determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the State of Arizona exclusively for such purpose or to such organization or organizations, as the Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## ARTICLE VI. ATTORNEY

Section 1. Each year the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall obtain an Attorney to act as the Corporation's legal counsel; when feasible, every attempt should be made to select an Active Member.

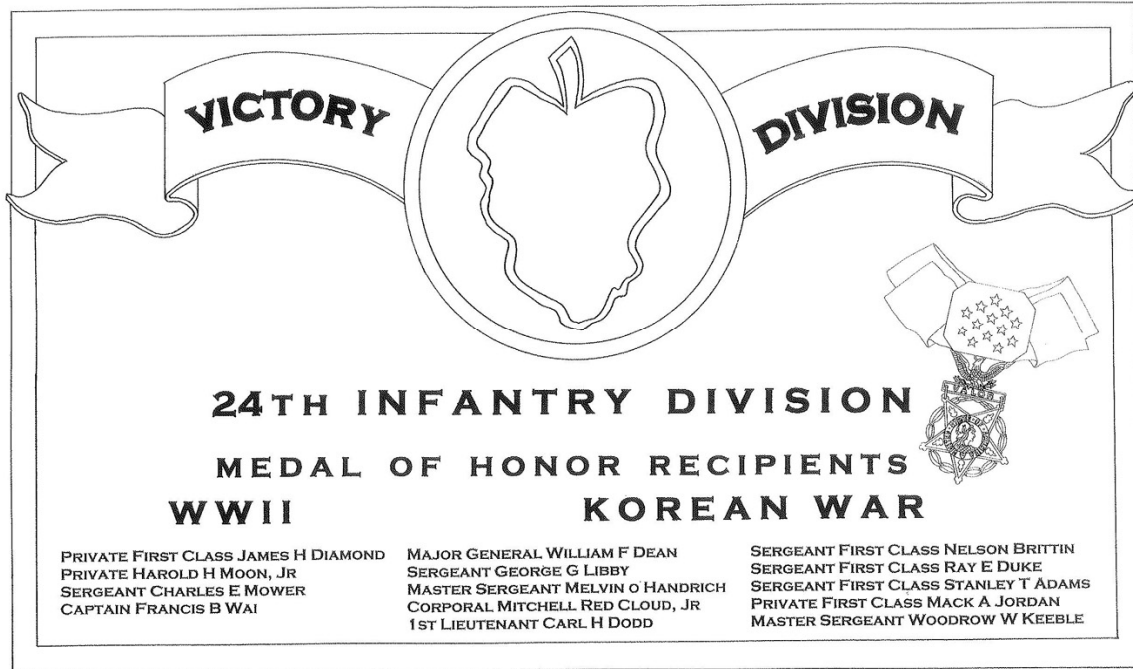
## ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS to BY-LAWS

Section 1. These Bylaws may be changed upon approval of two-thirds of the Board of Directors present and voting at the annual meeting, provided that notice of any proposed amendments with a copy of the text thereof be given in writing to each member of the Board of Directors at least six weeks before voting on the amendment. This requirement may be waived at the annual Board of Directors meeting and amendments thereto will be accepted by a majority vote of the members present and voting.

End.



# Rickert heads new project to place 24th Medal of Honor Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery



time and talents to the last one will likewise be contributing to this one, including Dan's granddaughter, Danielle Rickert, who is designing the memorial.

The 24th Medal of Honor Memorial Committee consists of, in addition to Dan, Sal Schillaci as Sec/Treas, Gene

Throughout the long and distinguished history of the 24th Infantry Division, fourteen brave men have earned our nation's highest recognition, The Medal of Honor, for heroic action above and beyond the call of duty.

These men, although honored, may be forgotten in the years ahead.

Who speaks for them? Who will keep the memory of their deeds alive?

Dan Rickert, 2008 Verbeck Award Recipient for his highly successful effort to bring to fruition a 24th Infantry Division Memorial at the Punch Bowl in Hawaii several years ago, and a number of others have launched

a new project designed to do just that.

The goal of this project is to place a monument dedicated to these 24th Division MoH heroes at Arlington National Cemetery, where all may see and know of their dedication to their fellow soldiers and to their country.

This project, like the previous one led by Dan, is being undertaken totally independent of the 24th IDA or of the *Taro Leaf*.

The monument likewise will be similar in many ways to the Punch Bowl (see *Taro Leaf* 2007, Col 61[1&2]) in that it will be glass covered, with the names of all 14 recipients in raised letters. Many of those contributing their

Spicer, Mel Frederick, and Keith Hagen, from whom you may have already received a request letter.

Dan and his fellow committee members ask that you help to make this vision a reality with a donation to the 24th Infantry Division Medal of Honor Fund.

All donations will be used to purchase the monument and have it installed.

Your gift will help to ensure that these brave men will not die . . . again.

Please send your donations, made payable to The Medal of Honor Fund, to Sal Schillaci, 59 Endicott Drive, Amherst, NY 14226.



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#259, Colorado Springs, CO 80904-4205

## Assoc. Non-Members

**Donald G. Chapple**, Company B, **5th Regimental Combat Team**, 1951-52 passed away on May 29, 2007 in Englewood, FL. He is survived by his wife Mary Chapple, 124 Mount Vernon Ave., #2, Augusta, ME 04330-7538

**John F. Christ**, Company K, **5th Regimental Combat Team**, 52-53 passed away on 20 November 2008 in Long Neck, DE. He is survived by his wife Margaret Christ, 25742 Country Side Drive, Long Neck, DE 19966-6079

**Stanley B. Conklin**, Headquarters Company, **5th Regimental Combat Team**, 1952-53 passed away on October 28, 2007 in Suffern, NY. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Barbara Conklin, 15 Utopian Place, Suffern, NY 10901-7714.

**Thomas B. Daniel**, 80, passed away August 11, 2009, in Baton Rouge, LA. He served with the **24th Infantry Division** during the occupation of Japan. He was preceded in death by his wife Lou Ellen Daniel, and is survived by daughters, Cynthia Daniel, Dallas, and Ashlye Daniel, Washington, D.C., and sons, Tom of Baton Rouge and Todd, Dallas.

**Stanley Everidge**, Company B, **5th Regimental Combat Team**, 1951-52 passed away on December 16, 2008 in Pine Top, KY. No known relatives.

**Robert B. Fahs**, Lt. Col. (Ret.) 85, of Burnsville, MN, died May 19, 2008. He served in the 2nd Battalion, **21st Infantry Regiment**. Interment was at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, MN.

**Herbert J. Glesener**, Tank Company, **5th Regimental Combat Team**, 1950-51 passed away on May 1, 2008 in Colorado Springs, CO. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Agnes Glesener, 1685 South 21st St.,

**James C. Harrison**, Company L, **5th Regimental Combat Team**, 49-51, passed away November 3, 2008 in Mount Laurel, NJ. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Joyce Harrison, 15 Falmouth Dr., Mount Laurel, NJ 08054-3077.

**Edward G. Hays**, M Company, **21st Infantry Regiment** passed away August 21, 2009, in Mountain Home, AR. Ed was with the Tiger Survivors and received a Purple Heart; he was captured on July 7, 1950 and was repatriated on August 26, 1953. Mrs. Doni Hays, 1185 Windance Circle, Mountain Home, AR 72653-9080.

**Richard W. Herman**, Company I, **5th Regimental Combat Team**, 1953-54 passed away on September 26, 2007 in Naples, FL. Write his son, R. Herman at 105 Penny Lane #7, Naples, FL.



**Nainoa Hoe**, First Lieutenant ~ United States Army. Age 27, Died January 27, 2005 in Mosul, Iraq, 3rd Battalion, **21st Infantry Regiment**, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry.

**Robert L. Hysell** passed away on January 30, 2009 in Parkersburg, WV. Robert served with Company A, **34th Infantry Regiment** and with Company G, **21st Infantry Regiment**.

**Lodus N. Johnson**, 2nd BN Med, **5th Regimental Combat Team**, 1949-51 passed away on July 26, 2008 in Spring Hill, TN. Mrs. Vicky Johnson, 3604 Rutherford Dr., Spring Hill, TN 37174-2173.

**Reuben Kimball** passed away in June 2006 in Texas. He was a POW with the Tiger Survivor Group and was captured on July 24, 1950 and released on August 28, 1953. He was a member of the **24th Div Medical Detachment** (8054th Evac Hosp-3rd Sta Hospital).



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**Carl E. Kasemeier**, Company C, **5th Regimental Combat Team**, in 1951 passed away on March 5, 2009 in Hot Springs, AR. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Francis Kasemeier, 111 Bayshore Cove, Hot Springs, AR 71901-9250.

**Douglas K. McQuillin**, **5th RCT**, died November 20, 2003. Anyone who knew him is asked to please get in touch with his daughter, Holly D. McQuillin, 6223 E. Sahara Ave. Spc.18, Las Vegas, NV 89142.

**Mark M. McCullough, Jr.**, 82, Lewisburg, PA, died September 9, 2008, at Woods River Nursing Home, Lewisburg. He entered the Army in 1943 and saw action with the "Century Division" in France. He then entered theological school and rejoined the Army in 1961 and among other assignments served with the **24th Infantry Division in Augsburg, Germany**. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Patricia McCullough of Lewisburg, PA. (By Gary Erwin).

**William C. Nunley**, Company E, **5th Regimental Combat Team**, 1949-51 passed away on October 4, 2008 in Louisville, KY. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Barbara Nunley, 149 Toppfield Rd., Louisville, KY 40229-4462.

**John Francis O'Meara**, 74, of West Hartford, CT passed away August 24, 2009. John served in the U.S. Army's **24th Infantry Division in Munich**, Germany from 1957-1959, and is survived by his wife, Gloria O'Meara, 23 Hilltop Dr, West Hartford, CT 06107-1434.

**Delbert F. Tolen**, Company A, **5th Regimental Combat Team**, 53 passed away on 25 June 2004 in Grand Junction, CO. No known survivors.

**Norward T. Swift**, passed away on July 10, 1994 in Medford, OR. He served with Headquarters & Headquarters Company, **19th Infantry Regiment** in Japan and Korea. He is interned in Eagle Point National Cemetery, OR.

**Paul E. Wagner**, 79, of Longview, TX died August

23, 2009, in Bossier City, Louisiana. Mr. Wagner was a 20 year Army veteran; he served with the **34th Regiment**, and the 2nd BN **21st Infantry Regiment**. He is survived by his wife, Pansy Wagner, 2900 Lois Dr, Longview, TX 75605-6132.

**John P. "Jack" Watkins Sr.**, 82, passed away August 30, 2009 in Naples, FL. Jack was a WWII Veteran, serving in the **24th Infantry Division**. In 1946 he was a member of the Division's touch football team in the 1946 Pacific Olympics. He leaves behind his wife, Florence R. Watkins, 7865 Founders Ln, Naples, FL 34104-5308.

**Billy Westbrook** passed away July 3, 2009 in Clinton, NC. He served with the **34th and 21st Infantry Regiments**. Mrs. Dorothy Westbrook, 111 Columbus Lane, Clinton, NC 29328-7713.

**Jack Wilson Winn**, 83, passed away on August 6, 2009 in Bowie, TX. Jack served in the Headquarters Company 3rd battalion **24th Infantry Division** during World War II, serving in New Guinea, the Biak Islands and the Philippine Islands, and in Japan. Jack is preceded in death by his wife Velta Faye Winn, in October 1999. Survivors include two sons, Tim Winn and Ted Winn of Bowie.

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# Meet our new Association Directors at Large

The actions taken by the Corporation Convention in Rapid City brought to us two new At Large Members of the Association's Board of Directors, Loyal A. Vincent and John J. Slattery.

**Loyal A Vincent**, Director at Large for two year term.



Loyal was born December 19, 1935, in Long Island, Kansas, and grew up on a farm. He has degrees beginning with a B.S., in Industrial Tech in 1957, and culminating in a Ph.D. in School Admin & Instruction from Kansas State University in 1978.

After teaching one year of high school at Culver, KS, 1957-58, Loyal was drafted into the Army. He served two years in Germany with the 24th Division, where he taught Army GED School.

Loyal has a long list of increasingly responsible teaching and administrative positions in Kansas and Nebraska schools. And he has broad experience with many professional, social and

charitable organizations.

Loyal and his wife, Linda, (photo taken at the recent Rapid City Reunion) have four sons, and eight grandchildren, six boys and two girls, ages 4-24. They enjoy traveling, having been to several countries outside of the USA.

Address: 5120 North 159th Circle, Omaha, NE. 68116, Telephone: 402-496-6570, email: [corkyi@msn.com](mailto:corkyi@msn.com).

**John J Slattery**, Director at Large for one year term.



John's served from 1959-1961 in Headquarters Company, 2nd Battle Group, 2nd Infantry, 24th Infantry Division in Gablingen, Germany as an officers payroll specialist.

He is retired from the Xerox Corporation (1964-1994), where he was Managing Director, Global Account Operations. He attended corporate sponsored management studies at Harvard Business

School.

After 1995, he was president of S.T. Francis Group, Inc., management consultants for Warner-Lambert, Pacific Gas and Electric, Wilson Learning, The Ardmore Group, AT&T, Kelly Services, Dale Carnegie & Associate, Versatile Learning, Inc. and Xerox Corporation. He is past president, Business Arts Foundation of New Jersey, and past board member, Strategic Account Management Association.

John was past president, board of trustees, St. Bonaventure University Mountain Project. He received the St. Bonaventure University, Presidents Award in 2008, and currently is serving as National Staff Officer (Branch Chief) US Coast Guard Aux.

Currently, John is Presidential appointee to board of U.S. Selective Service System. He has a commercial pilot license.

John and Maureen live at 7924 SE Double Tree Dr, Hobe Sound, FL, 33455-8123, (772) 283-7810, [jjstf@aol.com](mailto:jjstf@aol.com)

We welcome Loyal and John!

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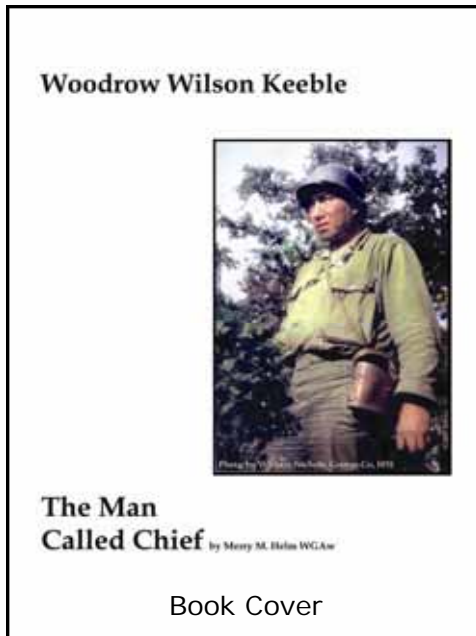
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Ray Bach, 21st Inf. Cannoner, July 14, 2009;  
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Patricia Quintero, Hazel Park, MI, "Sew Much Comfort," wounded and injured veterans

Display by the Joint Prisoners of War, Missing in Action Accounting Command, Hawaii; they had many displays totaling perhaps a 100 feet or longer.

## Helm Awarded "Honorary Membership"



Helm (left) and VP Schillaci

August 28, 2009

- ◆ Whereas Merry Helm has long been an ardent supporter of the 24th Infantry Division's illustrious record in Korea and elsewhere, and
- ◆ Whereas, Merry Helm has devoted extraordinary amounts of her personal time and effort in researching historical evidence of Operation Nomad-Polar, 24th Infantry Division casualties and awards, and other such materials of importance to the 24th Infantry Division Association, and
- ◆ Whereas, Merry Helm is a professional writer and producer whose livelihood depends on receiving compensation for her contributions; however, said Merry Helm has contributed numerous high profile gratis articles in many recent *Taro Leaf* Quarterly

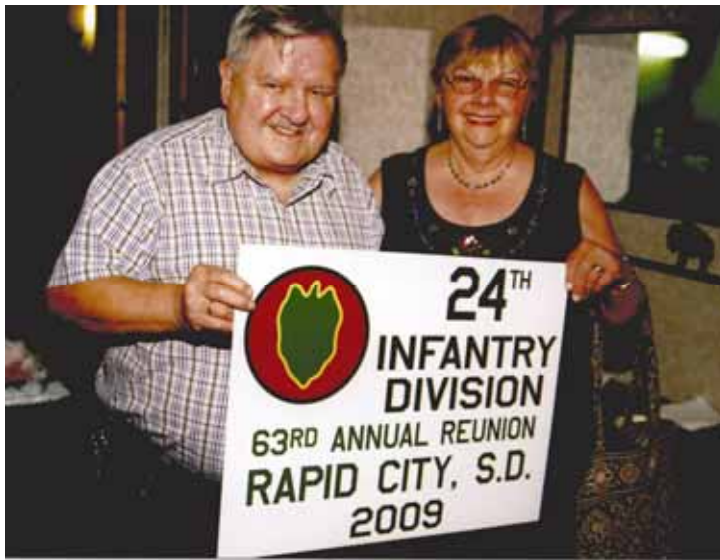
publications, and

- ◆ Whereas, Merry Helm was key to providing the researching, writing and reporting skills that culminated on March 3, 2008, in the White House, with President George W. Bush recognizing 24th Infantry Division member, Woodrow Keeble, with the Medal of Honor for Keeble's actions on October 24, 1951, during Operation Nomad, and
- ◆ Whereas, Merry Helm has received an ongoing stream of accolades from many in high places, including Senators Byron Dorgan and Kent Conrad of ND, and others, for her contributions and efforts, but not from the 24th Infantry Division Association.
- ◆ Now therefore be it resolved, that on this date, August 28, 2009, said 24th Infantry Division Association's duly assembled Board of Directors does hereby finally join Senators Dorgan and Conrad, and numerous others, by recognizing said Merry Helm for all her many contributions to the Association, and to its MOH recipient Woodrow Keeble, in honor of whom this Reunion is gathered, by granting said Merry Helm full Lifetime Honorary Membership in the Association, with all the rights and privileges such membership doth thereby provide.

Gene E. Spicer, Past President and Director

Approved: BoD 8/28/2009, and by the Corporation Convention 8/29/2009.





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All reunion photographs including the cover and page 2 by **Bill Korhely**, with appreciation.



"Hoop dancing symbolizes the Circle of Life."



Above: Jasmine Pickner of Rapid City. Crow Creek Sioux Tribe champion hoop dancer. Jasmine was encouraged to dance from an early age by her grandmother, Theresa Red Bear. At about age 7, Pickner began hoop dancing, and she has become a leading proponent of the form. She is a member of the reigning world champion hoop dancing team and the adopted daughter of Dallas Chief Eagle.

Left: Newkirk and Jerri Glass





Keeble's Medals



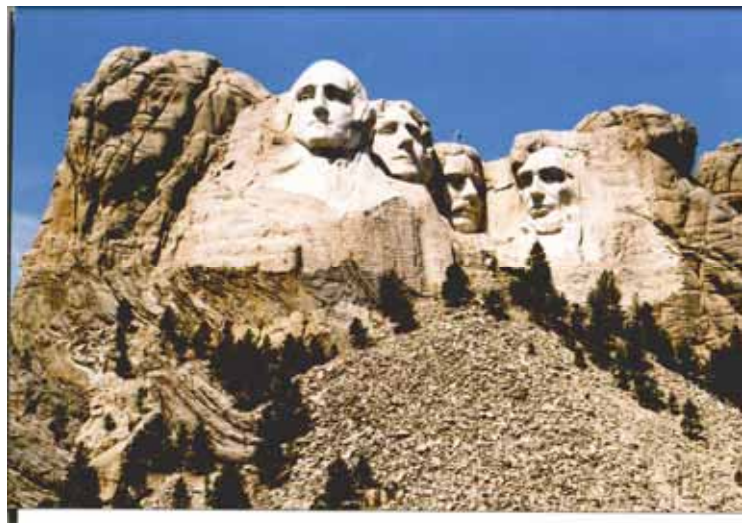
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# 2010 24th IDA Reunion

## Buffalo, New York, September 2010

We are in the process of planning some exciting events for our 2010 Reunion. The next *Taro Leaf* will have complete information and registration forms, etc. Please note that if you plan to travel to Canada, a passport will be required for re-entry into the U.S. Thank you! We hope to see you in Buffalo next September.

**Sal Schillaci—24th Recon, Amherst, NY 14226-3323, 716-837-1635,  
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