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The Korean War

Marne Men remembered...

by Gordon Saint

As a Korean War Vet I was given the honor of representing all Veterans of that war and paying tribute to all who paid the price while serving in Korea.

As I placed the Dog Tags on the M-1 Rifle in remembrance of all those that made the Ultimate Sacrifice, my thoughts went back fifty years to Korea.

I remembered the Chosin Reservoir, the cold days and the even colder nights, without arctic gear to keep warm, the lack of hot rations, the convoy we saw with the dead all over the area after being ambushed. And being one of the twenty two that served as Rear Guard on our way out of the trap.

I thought of the dead I helped place on top of a Hill after part of our Company was overran in May '51 just before we went over to the Iron Triangle.

Then there was the Hungnam Defense Line we were on as units departed the beach, where we were one of the last units off, leaving on 24 Dec '50.

In Feb '51 we were advancing north and were on the last hill over looking the Han River. I thought of the Medic from M Co 3/7 Inf. that was KIA while we were trying to get to a wounded man. He was awarded the Silver Star for his part in this Action. I was wounded at the same time

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With reverence and respect, Gordon Saint pays tribute to fallen Veterans of the 3d Infantry Division, by placing dog tags on the monument at Fort Benning, GA. Photo courtesy of Bob Bailey.

In the photo above, Gordon Saint places symbolic dog tags. Photo was taken at the Veterans Day ceremony. While Gordon was going through this part of the ceremony, there was a stillness and a quietness among everyone there. When he backed up and gave that slow farewell, job well done salute, stood there in silent contemplation, dropped his hand

slowly down, turned around to return to his seat, he had tears coming down his cheeks. Gordon is a Life member of OP 60. Anyway, after all was done and over, just about every one there had tears in their eyes, even the active duty personnel on the color guard. It was a ceremony that won't be forgotten for some time.

Bob Bailey OP 60



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Jerry Cunningham, President
Society of the 3rd Inf.Div.

Wow! Where did it go? The year 2000. We are well into the second month of this new millennium. Year 2001. 2000 was very rewarding in many ways. At times it brought us sadness and gladness, however,

we are looking forward to a propitious 2001. I do hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season.

November 17, 2000, at the request of Colonel Parker, the Division Chief of Staff, I had the pleasure of attending the Third Infantry Division (Mechanized) Birthday and Retreat Ceremony and ended up with the AUSA Dinner that evening. The guest speaker at the dinner was one of our own, former Division Commander General John W. Hendrix. It was a great occasion.

Our Election Chairman, Robert D. Bailey, is accepting applications for Nominations. It started on the first of this month and will close on April 23, 2001. The Society is looking for a few good Veterans to step forward, to fill these very important positions. The Society is steadily losing our core WWII and Korean War Veteran members.

Outpost #15 Arizona, President Leroy Larson has reconsidered his decision to resign as President of his Outpost. He has decided to stay on as President. I am glad, Leroy, as you helped to shape the Society into what it is to day. ROCK OF THE MARNE. The Outpost Secretary-Treasurer, Carl Duncan, has assured me, he and his staff have everything under control and will host one of the best reunions, in the history of this Society. Please start making your reservations early in order to get a good seat. It will be standing room only. Arizona is a beautiful place to be, at that time of year.

Our Eastern Region Vice President, Joe Poggi is looking forward to a big turn out in Buffalo, New York for the year 2002 National Society Reunion. Everything is in

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place. Good job, Joe. We all are looking forward to a wonderful visit in Buffalo.

Outpost President Roger Lochmann of the Russell Dunham Outpost # 17 called me during the first part of December and stated that his Outpost will accept the bid for the Society National Reunion for the year 2003, to be held in the St. Louis, Missouri area. I was elated and overjoyed with that decision. He also reported that they have a full committee in place. Roger will have more information on the reunion in future issues of "The Watch on the Rhine". *"Two Thumbs Up"* to the Central Region. In addition, a Salute goes to Central Region, Vice President, Jerome Manley and Outpost President, Roger Lochmann and his staff for taking on this great task. I am sure Roger and his staff will put on a super show in the St. Louis Area. My wife and I will be looking forward to visiting the Missouri area for the first time.

My New Year goals are to open a dialogue with all three regimental associations, and separate Third Infantry Division Veteran organizations. To establish a liai-

son officer within each Regimental and separate organization, to work with a liaison appointed officer from the Society. He would work closely with each organization and close ranks and assemble around the National Society to find ways to work together toward common goals, and build a cohesive Society. Effective immediately, the Society welcomes nominations for National Office from the three Regimental Associations and separate organizations as long as the nominees are members of the Society in good standing.

John Shirley and Bill Ryan are doing great things with the maintenance of the monument in France. Chateau Thierry, repairs are ongoing or soon will be. Good job John!

On a sad note: November 26, 2000, Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the Third Brigade, Fifteenth Infantry Regiment mourns the death of one of its soldiers in Bosnia. Staff Sgt. John A. Gallagher. The Society is deeply saddened over the loss of one of its own. On behalf of members of the Society, we send our deepest sympathy to the Gallagher family and to the 3/15 Infantry Regiment.

To our comrades and families on the sick list. You are always in our thoughts and prayers. Moreover, we hope for a speedy recovery. God Bless.

Please, let us not forget our troops, in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"ROCK OF THE MARNE"

Jerry Cunningham

Combat photo file...

Col. John J. Toffey, Jr. interrogates a German officer somewhere in Europe, aided by another officer. John Toffey's son would like anyone with knowledge of the above activity (in identifying the other American officer, the German or his outfit, and the time and place of the photo) to please contact him at Jtoff@aol.com.





From the Editor

Jim Drury

I hope all Marne folks go to the OP Reports section and read about the Marne Association. Through the efforts of Col Rick Schwartzman and the men and women at Fort Stewart, 112 new Society Members have entered our ranks!!! What a great time it is to be with The Society of the Third Infantry Division.

Col Schwartzman, my hat is off to you and that great group of Soldiers at your Base. Our total Society Membership is now at 4,048. WOW!

We have other recruiting forces out there and my hat goes off to them as well.

Famed Korean General visits USA



General Paik Sun Yup on left visits Sherman Pratt on a recent visit in Arlington, VA. Photo courtesy of Sherman Pratt.

Picture above is General Paik Sun Yup, with Third Division Society Judge Advocate Sherman Pratt in Arlington Virginia in November 2000. General Paik is currently assisting the 50th Anniversary Commemoration Committee 2000-2003 headed by MGen Nels Running.

The Committee is encouraging and arranging for extensive observations over the next three years throughout the county to commemorate the war and honor its war veterans. The program kicked off on June 25th

with an elaborate ceremony on the Mall in the Nation's Capital attended by President Clinton and numerous other high officials of Korea and America.

General Paik was CG of the ROK 1st Division when the North Korean Army crossed the 38th parallel in June 1950. The division distinguished itself in being one of the few, if not the only, ROK Division that mostly held fast in the face of enemy pounding.

The General participated extensively in the cease fire negotiations at Panmunjom and eventually became Chief of Staff of the Korean Army.

Sherman Pratt,
Society Judge advocate

Call for Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for our National President and National Secretary-Treasurer from all members of the Society. Nominations for the three (3) regional officers are also being accepted. These offices consist of one (1) Regional Vice-President and two (2) Committeeman from each of the three (3) regions. Nominations will be closed April 23, 2001. All nominations postmarked after April 23, 2001 will not be accepted. All nominations will be pursuant to Article V (5.2.a) Elective Officers of the Society are: President, Secretary-Treasurer, one Regional Vice President and two Executive Committeeman from each of the three (3) regions. Members assigned to outpost will nominate and vote for regional officers only within the region of their outpost. Members at large will nominate and vote for the regional officers only in the region they reside.

All nominations shall only be made with the written consent of the nominee. Nominations, and/or letters of acceptance will be accepted by me, either by e-Mail or snail mail. Send to:

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and spent the next three months in Japan.

The last action I was in was the Iron Triangle where we were when I was pulled off the line and returned to the USA.

I thought of the dead I helped place on top of a Hill after part of our Company was over-run in May '51 just before we went over to the Iron Triangle.

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"The Chosin Few"

Your Marne Division ensures a stable environment in the Balkans

By Maj. Gen. Walter L. Sharp
Commander, Multinational Division
(North), Bosnia-Herzegovina

Hello again from Multinational Division (North), Bosnia-Herzegovina! The Marne soldiers of the Multinational Division (North) have been very busy in providing a secure and stable environment within our areas of responsibility. As I said in my last article, I would like to keep you updated on the great work our soldiers are doing in support of this important mission. We are committed to our duties and are proud to share with you some of the key events of this past few months as our soldiers, in partnership with joint and coalition forces, provide this needed peace in the Balkans.

Since my last article, our soldiers have participated in numerous missions to assist the fledgling democracy of Bosnia-Herzegovina. Since assuming the mission on October 5, 2000, your Marne soldiers have conducted over 2,500 mounted patrols in and around local towns; monitored over 70 entity armed forces (*see side bar article*) de-mining missions while they cleared over 295,276 square meters of land; flew over 300 air reconnaissance and lift missions; processed over 20,000 tactical communication system calls; completed over 700 aviation maintenance work orders; and conducted over 70 entity armed force weapons storage site inspections. We also have continued our coordination with the international community to assure their work is conducted in a peaceful environment. Suffice to say the Marne soldiers have been very busy!

The Marne Division has also been actively involved in an important peace development program called Project Harvest. Project Harvest is an ongoing entity-led program where arms, ammunition, and explosives are collected and subsequently destroyed in order to make the cities and villages safer for all citizens of Bosnia-Herzegovina. Operation Harvest brings together SFOR, the Entity Armed Forces, local police and officials, whose goal is to encourage people to turn-in illegal weapons and report ordnance to the proper authorities. Since January 1, 2000

I want to continue to thank the membership of the Society of the Third Infantry Division and the support you give to your Marne Division.

over 3,086 rifles and pistols, 6,780 pounds of ordnance and 8,700 pounds of explosives have been turned in for disposal. Although tremendous results have been achieved thus far, there is still much work to be done.

Your Marne soldiers also continue to maximize training opportunities during the conduct of operations that maintains the highest levels of mission readiness. Soldiers from our medical service units conducted an exercise to treat and evacuate notionally wounded personnel. This mass casualty exercise certifies that if such a situation was to occur, our medical evacuation systems, triage, and treatment centers would be fully prepared to respond in the most efficient and proficient manner possible. Our soldiers deserve nothing less.

We also conducted a coalition exercise in December 2000 known as Operation Joint Resolve XXI. This exercise involved all elements from the Multinational Division (North) along with peacekeepers from the countries of Portugal, Canada, France Lithuania, Denmark and Italy. We exercised a contingency operation that rehearsed the actions necessary to respond to a civil disturbance any where in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Aside from rehearsing an important contingency operation that rotates throughout the Stabilization Force units quarterly, the soldiers from all around the Multinational Divisions demonstrated their unwavering resolve and tremendous ability to work with each other in a very complex and situationally-fluid environment.

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A brief introduction...

The Entity Armed Forces

By CW2 Jimmie E. Youngblood
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(North)

The present Entity Armed Forces of Bosnia-Herzegovina are a direct result of the break-up of the Yugoslav National Army (JNA) prior to the Bosnia's declaration of independence. The JNA in Bosnia consisted mainly of Serbs and Croats, with little representation from the Bosnian Muslims.

After the break-up of the JNA, the Serbs formed the Bosnian Serb Army (BSA) from JNA officers and soldiers garrisoned in Bosnia. The BSA gathered the majority of its support from multiple paramilitary groups from local villages throughout Serb dominated areas of Bosnia.

The Croatian Defense Forces (HVO) was then formed to defend the sovereignty of Croatia proper by defending Croat territory in Bosnia. Still, the Bosnian Muslims had no army or equipment from which to draw upon. In order to provide for the protection of Bosnian Muslims, former JNA officers formed guerilla units and operated in key Muslim territories. Near the end of the war in late 1994, the HVO and this ad hoc Bosnian Muslims fighting force merged to form the Bosnian Federation to fight against the BSA. At the conclusion of the Balkan War the army's force structure was again to transform to support the newly established tripartite presidency consisting of Serb, Croat and Muslim ethnicities.

The Dayton Peace Accords of December 1995 provided for the existence of three distinct armies within Bosnia. The Croat Federation Army (VF-H) and the Bosniac Federation Army (VF-B) which are officially considered one army for the Federation. However, both armies are very separate and distinct organizations.

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News From The Outposts

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Sol Lehmann

Miami, FL

OP 2, Florida will have their next reunion and meeting in Tampa, FL on 23 to 25 April, 2001 at the Holiday Inn Tampa, near Busch Gardens and other major entertainment spots in the area. On Sunday evening there will be a poolside Luau. On Monday we will have a tour of nearby Mac Dill Air Force Base, with lunch in the NCO club. On Tuesday evening we will have our banquet and meeting. All members are invited to attend as well as any visiting 3rd Infantry Division Veterans in Florida at that time. Further information can be obtained from Jim Tiezzi, President OP 2, 11671 Caraway Ln. #159, Ft. Myers, FL 33908, 941.466.1214

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George G. Frost

NY & North East

Year 2000, OP 5 News

May 7th. The outpost started off the year with their first meeting at Joseph's Restaurant located outside the gates of West Point, NY. The attendance was good with 42 members and wives enjoying a good meal and ending the meeting with coffee and desert. Al Brown volunteered to be Nominations Chairman for the next slate of officers.

June 11th. The outpost is finding it hard to locate a place to have our meetings, so it was decided on having them at a restaurant. This time we met at the Grotta Italiana in Washington Township, New Jersey, with 34 members and wives attending. Election of Officers was held and the members decided to retain the current officers. Joseph Poggi, President, Egan Fehnel, 1st Vice, Oleg Guseff, 2nd Vice Earl Killen, Treasurer, George Cox, Secretary, Grace Zurawski, Recording Secretary, Joseph Zurawski, Sgt. of Arms.

July 16th. With many of our members coming from far off places, sometimes traveling several hundreds of miles just to sit and relax in the hot summer days by a lake and have a meeting, is just what the doctor ordered. The Duck Pond located in Ridgewood, is tucked away in the woods of northern New Jersey. The food was catered and most everyone had a doggie bag to take home.

September 2nd. Again our Society reunion in San Francisco was a big success with 470 attendees with 15 OP5 members and wives traveling the great distance. The Outpost came in 2nd place with 15 members attending the general meeting. We had a nice time.

October 15th. We visited the Grotta Italiana restaurant again mainly because the directions were great and the food excellent, ending with a short meeting.

November 4th. 7 members attended dedication at NY Cemetery for MOH recipient Joseph F. Merrell.



Joe Poggi Past President of The Society of the Third Infantry Division, at the NY unveiling of a new tombstone for Joseph J. Merrill MOH recipient WWII while with the 3d Division. Photo courtesy of Joe Poggi.

November 11th. 10 members and friends remembered the great wars our 3d Division fought in, when they marched up 5th Avenue in New York City during the Veterans Day parade.

December 2-3rd. The annual Holiday Party was again very festive with 34 members and wives attending. All exchanged Holiday gifts. Several of the members traveled long distances and stayed overnight. Sunday morning a memorial breakfast was held with a short meeting afterwards.

Happy New Year to all from Outpost 5,

Joe Poggi

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Washington, DC

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Marne Division Well Represented at Groundbreaking Ceremonies for WWII Memorial and Veterans Day Activities in Nations Capital.

The blue and white patch of the third Infantry Division was well located and very noticeable in a sea of red, white and blue, as well as Army Green and Navy White that greeted thousands of WWII veterans and their families gathered on the National Mall for a ceremonial groundbreaking of the long awaited World War memorial.

Thanks to arrangements by Outpost 7, veterans of the Third Infantry Division, led by our Society President, Jerry Cunningham, had choice seats in the VIP section that overlooked

the thousands of guests who attended the ceremonial groundbreaking. For the Marne veterans the day was both a step back in time to reminisce as well as a wish for the future and the memorial to come. It was also a way to evaluate the war's place in history, amidst the controversial placement of the memorial in the center axis of the open-spaced mall.

Special participants in the ceremony included "Saving Private Ryan" star, Tom Hanks and WWII veteran Bob Dole, who wept upon remembering his fallen comrades and the service of the "citizen soldier." A bald eagle was released as a symbol of freedom, and as the videos and speeches ended, John Insani quoted from a welcoming speech that Iron Mike O'Daniel used to give to incoming replacements, "There are three Third Infantry Divisions; One in the graves, one in the hospitals, and one on the front line." Those in the graves included 5,558 who were KIA plus 554 who were MIA. Those in the hospitals included 19,766 who were wounded. Yes, without a doubt, The Third Infantry Division fought with distinction in World War II to include 10 campaigns and four amphibious landings.

Following the groundbreaking ceremony on the Mall, Outpost 7 assembled at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers in Arlington National Ceremony, for a very memorable wreath laying ceremony. Jerry Cunningham and Ray Anderson, National Secretary/Treasurer, marching through a cordon of Outpost 7 members, laid a large wreath of blue and white flowers at the Tomb of the Unknowns. That ceremony ended with the sounding of TAPS by an Army Band Bugler.

After that impressive ceremony, Outpost 7 assembled at the Third Infantry Memorial to remember and honor all Marne men who paid the supreme sacrifice. A large wreath, similar to that placed at the Tomb of the Unknowns was then placed at the Memorial. Jerry Cunningham and John Insani paid tribute to the long line of Marne men who fought on the Marne in WW I and to those who fought from Fedela to Berchtesgaden in WW II and to those who fought in Korea. John also noted that MG Lloyd Ramsey, the traditional host and a faithful attendee at all Marne functions and who was instrumental in securing approval for the Third Infantry Division Memorial, was unable to attend the ceremonies due to the recent death of his wife Glenda. Following the wreath laying ceremonies the group adjourned to the Fort Myer NCO Club for a social meeting and an address by Jerry Cunningham.

In addition to the numerous tourists at the ceremonies, attendees included, but were not limited to: Gen Kerwin, Ray Anderson, Carl Anderson, Henry Bodson, Arthur Cox & Mrs Cox, Jerry Cunningham and Mrs. Cunningham, Harold Davis, Dennis Hannan, Ron McCleary, Werner Michel, Bud Nelms, Sherman Pratt, Robert Press, George Otis, Alfred "Janey" Schultz, Sam and Mrs. Smithers, Leonard & Hedy Werth, Walt Tardy, Howell (Tommy) Thompson and Barry & Jean Thompson.

For advance planning purposes, our next Memorial Day Meeting and wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers is scheduled for May 30, 2001 at 12:05 p.m. Any and all Marne men who are in the Washington DC area at that time are welcome to join Outpost 7 in paying tribute to our fallen comrades.

Sincerely, John Insani

12 Tommy Thompson

Minneapolis, MN

The Fall meeting of O.P. #12 was held at Mystic Lake Casino Hotel on October 1st with twenty people attending. I'm sure the drop in total numbers will be a subject for discussion at our Spring meeting.

We had one new member attending for the first time, John Gellerman of Custer, SD. John was in the Twin Cities visiting relatives. Welcome, John!!

It was decided to donate between \$500 and \$600 per year to various veterans facilities, as long as our funds will allow. Jerry Manley again emphasized that we must have donation requests presented to us by veteran's groups on their letterhead stationery. We cannot make donations on word of mouth requests.

We still do not have a volunteer to replace Don Jurg as newsletter editor. No editor - no newsletter! !

The Spring meeting will be held at The Country-Inn Suites, Albert Lea, MN on April 28, 2001. Call or write Jerry Manley if you have any questions.

The probable date for the Summer Picnic is August 4, 2001 in Fridley, MN. The Fall Meeting is October 6, 2001, the site yet to be determined.

*Jerry Manley,
O.P. #12 Sec./Treas.*

17 Russell Dunham

St. Lewis, MO

OP # 17 held their Christmas meeting Saturday, Dec. 9, 2000. We had about 40 people, members and wives or guests in attendance. Everyone seemed to enjoy the meal and fellowship. The meeting was held at Crusoe's Restaurant in St. Louis.

During the business meeting, following, we voted to host the Society of the Third Infantry Division reunion for the year 2003 in St. Louis. We will begin making plans in January.

*Roger Lochmann
President*

Third Division reunion video available

I am confident members of the Society will enjoy the video tape recording the events of the 81st Annual Reunion last August in Burlingame, CA. It shows the various events as we experienced them. What is especially enjoyable about the tape are the many interviews of our veterans. The interviews provide us with very interesting accounts of the activities of the various veterans in WWII and Korea. Fortunately, many veterans were interviewed. The composite of personal histories gives a unique perspective to the history of the division.

The video can be ordered by phoning 1-800-654-8277. The cost is \$29.95 plus \$3 for handling. The tape is six hours long, but very interesting and enjoyable.

John Shirley

22**Albert Miceli****Southern California**

OP 22 member Jesse Sanchez (R) displays the OP22 colors to OP guest Fabio Soto at the November 11th OP meeting in Woodland Hills, CA. Soto was a member of the Columbian Army Battalion that was attached to the 7th Infantry Division during the Korean War.



OP 22 member Carmine Marinelli and wife Ella. Photos courtesy of Jim Jarboe.

OP 22 member Carmine Marinelli and wife Ella were photographed on the VIP stand at the ground breaking for the WWII Memorial on the Mall in Washington, DC November 11, 2000. Carmine has been a dedicated fund raiser for the Memorial and the Society of the Third Infantry Division. He successfully negotiated with Merano Tours, CA for their donation of a trip to Rome. The raffle of those tickets at the reunion helped keep it "in the black" this year and made the winners, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Sneddon happy.

54**Golden Gate****San Francisco, CA**

Outpost 54 held its fall meeting on November 18 at the Brass Door Restaurant on San Ramon, CA. Thirty three members and guests were present. A final reunion report was made and certificates of appreciation passed out to the various committee workers. Our Scholarship raffle netted \$150. Joe Trippi, the reunion treasurer, reported a net gain from the reunion of \$950. In addition, income from the Rome ticket raffle and the Marne Ladies Boutique brought another \$1,800 for our scholarship fund. We shared \$800 from the Rome Ticket raf-

fle with the Society to help pay for the *Watch* for our troops in Bosnia. Another \$900 was sent to OP 22 for their Monument Fund. OP 22 members were behind the raffle and boutique and did the work to make this money available for these various funds.

John Shirley showed slides from the Korean War Battlefield Tour taken right after the reunion. Our next meeting will be on March 17th at the Brass Door. The ladies of the Outpost will talk about their experiences during WW II and Korea. Our summer meeting will be on June 9 at Park's Army Training Center Community Club in Dublin (very near San Ramon) We will be presenting our scholarship awards and will be honored with a color guard and drill team from the Oakland Jr. ROTC Brigade.

*Respectfully submitted,
John Shirley, President*

60**Fort Benning****Columbus, GA**

Outpost 60 held its Fall Quarter meeting at the Bonanza Family Restaurant in Phenix City, AL on Nov 18th. There were 22 members present along with representation from Sledgehammer OP 33 from Ft. Benning, GA.

Col. Anthony Cucolo, Commander of the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division at Kelly Hill, Ft. Benning, was guest speaker. Col. Cucolo spoke on the current activities of the 3rd ID and of the possibility of a closer partnership between OP 60 members and of the young active military personnel assigned to the 3rd Brigade, 3rd ID at Kelly Hill. Col Cucolo also spoke briefly on the great ceremony and of the co-operation between OP 60 members and his staff for the Veterans Day ceremony.

Lt.Col Gordon Davis, Deputy Commander for the 3rd Brigade informed everyone of the great co-operation between OP 60 and his staff on a fantastic Veterans Day ceremony held at the Infantry museum by the 3rd ID memorials. Lt. Col Davis stated that with everyone's 110% co-operation, this was one fantastic Korean War Veterans Day ceremony filled with emotions and lots of old memories.

Bob Bailey reported outpost 60 helped a local elementary school obtain 40 United States flags for their Veterans Day program.

At the close of the meeting, all the wives present each received a ceramic bird on a pedestal just for being there showing their support for Outpost 60 and its members. Several door prizes were given including four (4) free meals.

Tentative plans for the location of next meeting at either Ft. Benning or that infamous Andersonville Civil War Prison Camp where the National Prisoner of War Memorial Museum is located.

Bob Bailey, OP 60 Sec./Treas.

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Attention Outposts

We need to hear from you. Send information and photos of your recent and planned activities so that we can share them with the membership—Editor

Herbert B. Siperstein receives Humanitarian Award



Phil Sieradski (left), Commander of the Department of New Jersey Jewish War Veterans of the United States, presents the Humanitarian of the Year Award to Herbert Siperstein. Photo courtesy of Imagemaker Associates

Phil Sieradski, Commander of Department of New Jersey, Jewish War Veterans of the United States (JWV), bestowed the Humanitarian of the Year Award on Herbert B. Siperstein during a Testimonial Dinner, held on October 26, 2000, at the Casino in the Park in Jersey City. The award was presented for the first time since 1989.

Mr. Siperstein, the patriarch of the Siperstein family and President of Siperstein's Paint & Wallpaper, was recognized for his continued community support and involvement with statewide community enrichment programs over the last five decades. He is a decorated World War II Army veteran who served with the Anti-tank Co., 7th Inf. Regt., 3d Inf. Div. and has been a member in good standing of the New Jersey Department of JWV, Lieutenant

Robert P. Grover Post #10 of Jersey City, for almost 50 years.

The Testimonial Dinner was a huge success, according to Dan Weiss, Executive Director of the state JWV organization. The event was attended by almost 200 guests, among who were veterans, businessmen, local and state government officials, and raised approximately \$25,000. The funds will be used by the JWV New Jersey Department in its on-going efforts to help veterans through hospital programs, outpatient clinics, homeless shelters and community outreach.

The New Jersey Department of JWV, based in Brick, NJ, is part of the larger national organization, whose mission is to combat anti-Semitism, bigotry and injustice of all kinds and to uphold America's democratic traditions.

Herbert Siperstein

WW II Third Division Veteran Honored

Third Division veteran of WWII at Anzio and elsewhere, Herbert Siperstein served as a trooper in the 7th Infantry Company commanded by 3rd Division Society Judge Advocate Sherman Pratt. He was awarded the Bronze Star medal with two arrowheads and six campaign stars, the Combat Infantryman Badge and the French Fourragere.

Pratt documented that the Division had more Medals of Honor, battle casualties, campaigns, and days on line than any other division in either theater in WWII.

Pratt, as Siperstein's commanding officer in the war, agreed to be the keynote speaker for the dinner in response to a request in early 1999, from Siperstein's son, Alan. Pratt told

the group that while he could not remember all of the activities of each of his troops, he was quite familiar with the remarkable combat record of the famed Division of which he and Siperstein were a part.

He covered in detail the unique combat record of the Division, its long months of combat, and its awards and accomplishments. Pratt documented that the Division had more Medals of Honor, battle casualties, campaigns, and days on line than any other division in either theater in WWII. He explained to the group that while he was not particularly familiar with all the activities of Siperstein individually, a review of what the division had experienced sheds much light on what the division's members had experienced in the war. Pratt stressed that the community should be very proud of Siperstein's wartime service in a crucial struggle so long ago and far away.

A Wheel Deal at the Reunion

Carl Duncan reports Scooter/Wheelchair Rental is available from Active Mobility, phone (623) 972-7583 during our 2001 Phoenix Reunion. Free delivery to our hotel. Cost is \$85/week.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Drury:

There was what I consider a very interesting and overlooked obituary in the December issue of the Watch on the Rhine. The obituary spelled his name as Woodrow W. StroNberg. His last name is spelled Stromberg, a retired major general with a very distinguished World War II record.

I was drafted from Detroit in February 1941 and from Camp Custer we were shipped to the Presidio in San Francisco. If my memory serves me right again, Captain Stromberg commanded Company F, 30th Infantry. The First Sergeant then was McMillan. The First Sergeant in adjacent Co. E was Mowatt.

What also strikes me as more than a coincidence is the fact that then Captain Stromberg was only a few years out of West Point. A check of USMA athletic records should show that Stromberg was the famous "Lonesome End" on the Army football team in the late 1930s under Coach Red Blaik. Stromberg earned that dubious honor by lining up along the sidelines away from the team huddle. When a play was called he sprinted down and caught many touchdown passes. It was a departure from college football norm at the time.

Being a draftee assigned to Co. F under Stromberg, I also recall standing Saturday morning inspections on the parade grounds while Stromberg was back in the barracks wearing white gloves and doing his inside inspections just as he learned back at West Point.

Sincerely,

Jack Dailey OP 54

Editor's note: We appreciate the correction and the interesting details of part of General Stromberg's illustrious career.

I would appreciate your putting my mailing address and e-mail address in the next issue of *The Watch* in the hopes that either Jay Stallings or someone that knows him will read this and get in touch with me. I have details of the day of his father's death that may help him in his search.

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Dear Jim:

Was good seeing you at our 9th. F.A. reunion at Moline in October, we all had a good time. And thanks for spending time with our members and showing us around the John Deere museum. Was very interesting.

Have been reading some interesting booklets lately that I acquired from the government printing office. I was in the 10 battles credited to the 3rd. Division in WWII. They have a booklet on

all ten. So thought I'd mention one of them in writing about it for the Watch.

A very good book to read, especially for WW II vets who were in Italy, is "From the Volturno to the Winter Line" by the Center of Military History, U.S. Army. It can be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20401. Price is \$7.00. For information on ordering and mailing call (202) 512-1803.

The 3rd. Division was very active in this portion of the war, shows quite well what our infantry regiments and the related units were really involved in.

The average soldier whether an infantryman, artilleryman or others, usually saw a small portion of what was going on. The booklet tells the big overall picture. Remember, we who were there only saw the small picture on the battles. I know, as we did not know what other units were around at times and what they were doing.

The U.S. Printing Office has numerous outlets in many cities. I use the one in Los Angeles. Check your phone books to see if there is one near you. If not, just use the phone number above.

In addition ask them to furnish you with their publication listing military history on all the wars from the Revolutionary War to Desert Storm. It's free.

Believe it will be worth your while to check this out. There are books also for our Korean War vets. I've obtained all the booklets depicting all ten battles and find them most interesting.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Monkman

Glad to receive your E mail regarding WWII and in particular the Sicilian campaign. I was with the 3rd Infantry Div., which fought in 10 campaigns, from the landings in No. Africa, Tunisia, Sicily, Salerno, Cassino, to Anzio, So. France, ending in Austria. My Division is named "The Rock of the Marne" as it stopped the German army at the Marne in 1918 saving Paris and ending Germany's last offensive. Our Division fought with great distinction in WWI, WWII & Korea. We have 37 Congressional Medal of Honors winners for WWII. With Lt. Audie Murphy receiving the most awards in the U.S. Army. Through out Europe there are monuments displaying the Blue & White striped patch of the 3rd. Infantry Div.

The Sicilian was in my mind, the best planned and executed of all the campaigns that I participated in. Gen. George Patton was superb in his leadership. This is the time I recall having sufficient resources, air support, & naval support, and troops was in Sicily. The fleet started off from Oran, consisting of LST {supplies} & LCI [troops] ships. We encountered a very violent storm that lasted 5 days. The small LCIs that held about 100 men were flat bottomed and practically stood upright. You held on for dear life and came down with a crash! This went on for a few days and most of us violently sick.

The fleet turned into Malta. The British had field kitchens and served huge pieces of bread with marmalade and hot tea. Unbelievably, this restored our strength and morale. July 10, 1943 dawned, clear and HOT. We made our run for the beach. We hit the beach and two ramps were lowered. Unfortunately, we came indirectly in between two Italian Pill boxes, which were playing havoc with our troops. A few men decided to go over board and were able to circle the concrete boxes and destroy them.

The Italian Marines had fought well causing us many casualties. Licata was taken and we began our 30 day campaign to Palermo. I remember marching 70 miles, fighting a 12 hour battle, with one canteen of water in 102 temperature, wearing heavy woolen olive drab uniforms. It was not until later that the cool cotton twill fatigues were issued. In my recall the heaviest fighting and casualties took place after Palermo fell. German resistance was fierce and well planned. The terrain was very mountainous and the enemy had the trail well fixed with artillery fire. The mortar fire was deadly and casualties were heavy with tree bursts. We were issued mules that helped us with our supplies and ammo.

The stalemate was broken when we made 2 behind the line landings, which caught the Germans by complete surprise. I remember a Staff Sergeant emptying his Thompson machine gun into a truck loaded of fleeing Germans, killing over 40 men. After these landings the enemy was in retreat and evacuated Sicily. The campaign was over. We could look across the Straits of Messina and see mainland Italy. A few weeks later we would land at Salerno to support the 36 Infantry Division. The highlight of the campaign was capture of an intact brewery and we were able to quench our thirst. We drank the brewery dry.

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I served with the 15th Inf. Reg., 3rd Inf. Div. Co. C in Korea 52-53. Regarding the picture on the front page of *The Watch*, October 2000 issue: It was December 4th and I was standing guard off to the viewer's left, as President-elect Eisenhower ate with the selected G. I.s. It was 1952 not 1950, (*Editor is sorry for the error: Gene Trumble of Carlisle, IA was Ike's driver during his visit with the 15th Regt.*) Virgil Hutcherson is actually Jack R. Hutcherson and miss-stated in the caption.

Cpl. James A. Murray, pictured on the right was killed a few days later during a night patrol skirmish.

Peter Makuch
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(Thank you Peter for the additional correct information.—Jim Drury, Editor)

Just before the Rhine crossing, Lt. Caron's unit was in reserve participating in a live fire training exercise when an 81mm round came short into his area killing some and wounding others,

including Caron. Does anyone remember this incident? Does anyone have any thoughts as to any recognition our veterans deserve, for being wounded or hurt in a combat zone during the performance of their duties?

Editor's note: Pat has requested a rerun of this letter of last summer due to the limited response.

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I am writing a book about Americans who were raised during the Depression, then experienced the WWII years firsthand. Please take part in this project and help preserve your legacy, by answering a few questions. Long live the veterans of WWII!

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Combat photo file...



Pvt. Roy Humphrey, a member of the 7th Inf. Regt., 3d Inf. Div. is being given blood plasma by Pfc Harvey White, after Humphrey was wounded by shrapnel. Photo courtesy of US Military History Museum, Randy Hackenbarg, Ass't Curator. (*Editor's note: Pvt. Roy Humphrey is listed in our 3rd Div. WWII History as having died of wounds.*) Submitted by Martin Markley.

National Reunion Planning

2001 Reunion Sep. 13 – Sep. 17, 2001 Phoenix, AZ (See Reservations – this issue)	j.poggi@worldnet.att.net
2002 Reunion Niagra Falls, NY Joe Poggi OP 5 610 Poplar Road River Vale, NJ 07675 (201) 573 0515	2003 Reunion St. Louis, MO Roger Lochmann OP 17 1616 Frederick Collinsville, IL 62234 (618) 345 1067
	2004 Reunion Savannah, GA Marne Association

Sharing Memories

Harold J. Taylor

On Veterans Day Nov. 11th, 2000, Lucien Brun, a French soldier of WWII, now an American Citizen living in retirement in Ft. Myers, FL came to my home in Fort Wayne, IN as a guest to share memories of my 15th Infantry Regiment's liberation of Jonquieres, France, on August 23, 1944. Lucien Brun, a Jonquieres native, 19 at the time of the liberation, paved the way for him to join the 1st French Army that was fighting alongside of the American 3d Inf. Div., 36th and 45th Inf. Divisions that made up General Patche's 7th Army. Lucien had many reasons to join in the fighting for the liberation of his country. Among them was to free his brother, Andre, held in a German stockade as a prisoner of war.

It was 56 years ago that the town of Jonquieres and their native son Lucien was liberated. In retirement with much time to think about WWII he had wondered what American Division liberated his town. Some 50 years after the war and upon seeing an editorial I had written for the Rhine et Danube publication in 1995 of which we both are members, he thought that what I had written held the answer to what he was seeking. Lucien obtained my address from the editor of the Rhine et Danube organization then dropped me a line asking for my help. It soon fell into place when upon leafing through my 15th Inf. Reg. hard cover book I found that my 15th Inf. Reg. entered Jonquieres on August 23, 1944 eight days after making the landing on the southern coast of France, August 15, 1944. There were a couple of paragraphs devoted to the town's liberation from which I made a copy and sent it along with a letter.

Upon his receiving my letter, he called me and thanked me, the 15th Regiment and the 3d Inf. Div. for liberating his town that gave him a chance to fight for the liberation of his country. With this introduction we continued to keep in contact by writing



Former French soldier on the left meets Harold Taylor who was with the 15th Inf. Regt., 3d Inf. Div. when Lucien Brun's home in Jonquieres, France was liberated in 1944. Photo courtesy of Harold Taylor.

and phone calls.

Recently I received a letter from Lucien saying he would like to see me in person and if I couldn't come there, he would come to Fort Wayne, if I didn't mind. I let him know that he was welcome.

Lucien arrived at the Fort Wayne International Airport on Friday, Nov. 10th, our first personal contact. As we came face to face with each other a local newspaper photographer arrived at the scene and took a picture. On Veterans Day Nov. 11th, the local newspaper carried the story on the front page. At that time Lucien gave me a gift, a desk plaque of sculptured glass that bears the 3d Inf. Div. Insignia and below it, 3rd Infantry Division. This portion of the plaque was mounted on a glass base engraved in gold letters saying, "Lucien Brun says thanks". The plaque was fitting

for the occasion.

During his visit in Fort Wayne and as a guest in my home we ventured to a Military Shrine on the west side of Fort Wayne where Eric Scott had made his home. Outpost 33 of the Society was named after Eric. Eric fought with the 3d Inf. Div. in France, WWI. Upon his death the property remained a military shrine. Behind where he lived is an attached building that houses many WWI items. In recent years monuments from other wars have dotted the landscape, which was Eric Scott's

intention from the beginning.

While at the Shrine, Lucien and I had our picture taken of us standing along side of a plaque mounted on a pedestal in the yard of the Shrine that shows clearly the 3d Inf. Div. patch that Eric put there many years ago in memory of his service with the 3d Inf. Div., in France, WWI.

On Saturday evening on Veterans Day, my wife, Lucien and I made an appearance at the American Legion Post # 296, one that caters much to the WWII vets with music of yesteryear. Some 200 were in attendance and we were given a royal welcome, fitting for a Veterans Day celebration. It was a weekend to remember. It brought back memories of the Great War where we, and millions like us fought to preserve democracy. And we did!

Check your label

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Although we are very busy, our soldiers did take advantage of the recent holiday festivities thanks to the many service and support agencies.

On December 19, we also had a special treat where the Secretary of Defense, Mr. William S. Cohen and the executives from the Columbia Broadcasting Service (CBS) brought a live video simulcast to Eagle Base. Soldiers from MND (N) were seen on the "Late Show" with David Letterman and participated during the airing of the program. The event was preceded by a great show put on by the United Services Organization (USO). Many famous celebrities and entertainers including sports legends Terry Bradshaw and Mike Singletary, the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders, and recording artists Jewel and Carol King truly made it a night to remember!

I want to continue to thank the membership of the Society of the Third Infantry Division and the support you give to your Marne Division. We have received many kind words via emails and letters from you and look forward to sharing with you the many great accomplishments our soldiers do in support of this important mission. We hope also that you have been enjoying keeping up with your Marne Division by visiting our website at www.tfeagle.army.mil. Please look for my next article in the April 2001 edition of the Watch on the Rhine magazine.

Rock of the Marne!

ENTITY ARMED FORCES

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The Army of the Republika Srpska (VRS) is the third army of Bosnia and maintains officers and soldiers from the former BSA.

Today the soldiers from the Marne Division take an active role in the monitoring and professionalization of these army's. To date Multinational Division (North) commanders, at all levels, have built many professional relationships with EAF commanders to foster a spirit of cooperation to assure a safe and secure environment for the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Greatest generation honored at WWII Veterans Memorial groundbreaking

By: A. "Dutch" Schultz

Appause rolled over us like thunder, as we veterans of WWII stood to be recognized at the ground breaking of the WWII Memorial. It was only our tired legs that required us to be seated to end the sustained applause. The ceremony took place on a bright sunny day in the Mall dominated by the soaring white shaft of the Washington Monument on November 11th, 2000.

...there was hardly a dry eye among the Veterans and others, as the last plaintive notes of Taps reverberated along the tree-lined Mall.

The grounds were crowded, every seat in the temporary bleaches, stage and folding chairs were occupied, plus a large crowd standing outside

the fenced area. Two giant football stadium type TV screens showed excellent views of the proceedings.

From 11 o'clock until 1 o'clock, when the actual ceremony began, we were entertained with 40's and 50's music provided by the dance bands of various services. Formal proceedings began promptly at 1 o'clock and proceeded with dispatch until the final Taps was



Our Society President, Jerry Cunningham (left) and Alfred Schultz after the November 11th, 2000 Ground Breaking Ceremony in Washington, D.C. Photo courtesy of "Dutch" Schultz.

sounded, ending the program at 2:30.

It was a great day, the stirring music of the National Marine Band punctuated the formal part of the program and there was hardly a dry eye among the Veterans and others, as the last plaintive notes of Taps reverberated along the tree-lined Mall.

Alfred W. Schultz
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LEFT: John Insani greets Al "Janey" Schultz Nov. 11th in Washington, DC. **RIGHT:** Society President Jerry Cunningham and Secretary Ray Anderson were honored to represent The Society of the Third Infantry Division in laying the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during the November 11th Ceremony. Photo courtesy of Ray Anderson.



Looking for...

Dear Sir,

I am a French, young (29 years old) writer, very interested in the history of the American glorious contribution to WWII. I am looking for information about the 3rd ID, and would be very happy to contact some of the veterans of the **Italian campaign** which is not very well known (in France), and that's a shame!

Thanking you for your precious help,

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PS: Could you tell me if there is a book on the history of the Div. during WWII?



I am looking for information about my father, **Allen Lottridge**.

Thank you for searching for **Pfc Earl Petrie and T/Sgt Robert A. Millar**. Could you print their names in the "looking for column"? I did not know their first names so I was delighted to get that additional information.

Thank you for the website address and the name of the book "The History of the Third Division in World War II." I am going to look for it in my local library plus I am going to ask for it for Christmas. My biggest holiday present however was contacting you and getting more information about the 3rd Infantry Division.

Abby Lottridge Maier



I would like to contact anyone left in the **Third Division, Co.G, 7th Inf. WWII**.

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I just found out that my grandfather served in HQ and HQ Company of the 3D ID during WWII. I am really excited to learn more about his service with the 3d ID as I spent the past three years in the Marne Division, at Fort Stewart (and points east).

My grandfather was **Max Rochmis**. He

went to basic training at Fort Riley, and OCS at Fort Custer, MI (PM65-OCS-Class12). His service number was O-1797709. From the sketchy information I have, Max served in North Africa and Italy. He was in the civil affairs branch. In North Africa he taught classes in Italian for British and American staff officers. This was in addition to his regular duties. In Italy he served as a liaison, going into villages to arrange for food and lodging for soldiers. He reached the rank of Captain.

I would appreciate any information on him, both as to what he was like (I never met him, and my grandmother does not talk about him) and what he did.

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I would like to find friends that were with me in the 3rd Division while stationed in **Aschanberg, Germany** and then the Persian Gulf. Thank you.

Pascual Rocha at:
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I would like assistance in locating **Mr. Jay Stallings**. This pertains to his letter in February 2000 issue of *The Watch*, where he was trying to locate anyone with information about his father who was killed in Korea in September 1951. I was with his father when he was killed in action and tried to correspond with Jay at both the e-mail and mailing address listed in the magazine to no avail. (Ed. Note: The last address we have for Jay Stallings is:

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I am the son of a U.S. Army World War II Veteran, **Henry H. Thompson**, who wore the 3rd Division patch and was a corporal and tank driver with the 601st Tank Destroyer Bn.

Unfortunately, all of my father's military books, papers and paraphernalia were lost or destroyed at the time of his tragic death in 1984. I'm trying to find an the info I can about him and all those whom he served with to defend our country, so that I can at least try to put back together some of his military history as a matter of family honor and dedication. All I know is remembering having seen an old book with the 3rd Infantry Division patch on the front and other patch of either a tiger or panther with a tank in it's jaws.

My father was a corporal who drove a tank. That's all I can remember. I can't even be sure of the years he served, specifically, but my best guess would be between 1943 and 1945. I remember him saying he fought in Italy, France, Germany, etc. I would greatly appreciate anyone with any info regarding my father's role in that great campaign or anyone who knew him.

Once again, his name was Cpl. Henry (Hank) Harold Thompson. He was a recruit out of the state of New York.

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My name is Bill Martin and my brother in law is **Jack Hartmann** (e-mail hrtmnn6@dellnet.com) who served in the 3/67 ADA in Giebelstadt from 71 to 73. I am writing for him to see if you know of anyone who served with this unit during this time. His MOS was Vulcan crewman and TAMMS Clerk. He lived in Gossmannsdorf. Any information?

Thanks for the help.

Bill Martin
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3/67 ADA Information



I'm putting together information for my

dad, a Korean War veteran, who was also in the 3rd Division, 65th infantry regiment. His name is **Donnal Glenn Lewis**, he was a Sgt., a red haired, freckled farm boy from Buckhannon, West Virginia, about 6'4", and his nickname was probably Bull (go figure, that size!), and was in Korea during 1951-1954. He was discharged in January, 1954. Is this the same group you were with, and if so, can I get his name on your mailing list, if there is one, for reunion & contacts?

Dad never talked about Korea except to tell us about the guys he was stationed with. He's had some difficult emotional times and I believe getting in touch with someone who went through the same things would be positive for him.

Thanks

Charlene R. Lewis
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I am trying to find out any information on a **Leon Stricki** (spelling of last name may not be exact). He was part of the 3rd Infantry which liberated mostly Polish concentration camp survivors in Ebensee, Austria in 1945. My father and grandfather (Jan [Johan] Kolcz and Wincenty Kolcz) were among those that were liberated.

Any information you could supply me about him or about any other member of the 3rd Infantry that took part in that liberation would be greatly appreciated.

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Am doing this for a good friend of mine, Mrs. Terry Rodemeyer Aylsworth
E-mail : aylsworth@umbc.edu.

She is looking for anyone that served with her Dad: 1st Lt. **Michael L. Rodemeyer**, "D" Company 30th Inf. Regt. WWII

If anybody can help please e-mail her direct, or write the information to me and I would be more than happy to forward the information to her.

Thank you.

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Christmas with the 703d

The Road Dawgs of Echo Company / 703d Main Support Battalion took a well deserved break from its mission as the 3d Inf. Div's Electronics Maintenance Company to enjoy its Christmas Party on December 13th at Ft. Stewart's Diamond Elementary School. For the past four months the Road Dawgs have seen their Direct Support Maintenance mission



PFC Gregory Adams, PFC Lucas Fletcher, PFC Skye Muccio, and PFC Michael Walker received the 2000 Christmas Party Skit 1st Place Award from LTC Martin B. Pitts. Photo courtesy of Capt. Douglas LeVien.

requirements increase from 403 work orders to over 1,650 as a result of 3d ID units deployed to Bosnia and the National Training Center.

Over 200 soldiers and family members enjoyed the night's activities. Following a buffet style dinner, Santa Claus paid a visit and brought presents for the children in attendance. Echo Company was then entertained by a Taekwondo demonstration. Finally, the highlight of the evening was the Christmas Party Skit competition. Each

of the Road Dawgs four Platoons was given the mission of designing a 7 to 10 minute skit. "Deuce / Deuce" of the 2nd Platoon, won 1st Place for their skit called "Drill Sergeant Santa Claus," where a ruthless Santa Claus, wearing a Drill Sergeant's hat and displaying rows of ribbons and qualification badges attempts to set and enforce standards.

*CPT Douglas A. LeVien
CDR Echo/703rd MSB*

B Co., Korea, holds reunion



Former B Co, 15th Inf. Regt. 3d Inf. Div. warriors from the Korean War at Annual Reunion in Maryland in September. Photo courtesy of Don Sonsalla.

Baker Company Korean War Veterans held a reunion at the Comfort Inn, Edgewood, MD Sunday September 17 to Thursday September 21, 2000. Dick and Connie Ashton chaired the meeting.

Highlights were a trip to Aberdeen

Proving Grounds, a remembrance ceremony for our departed brethren and an address by Colonel Kong, Air Attache' Republic of South Korea.

*Donald Sonsalla
and John Gogliettino*

Remembering the *Meredith Victory*

Ship of Miracles

Dear Jim [Drury],

For some time now I have been out of touch with you. After more than 40 years in the San Francisco Bay Area, we moved to Portland. Sadly, the move coincided with the 3rd Division Reunion in San Francisco, and I was too busy to attend. Further, in the move, a scrapbook/journal that I had reconstructed recording my WWII and Korean experiences was lost.

Fifty years ago today we were sweating out our evacuation from Hungnam if a G.I. could sweat in that weather. Every year at this time I am taken back to that hairy experience, and wonder that we were so lucky that we got out of there on Xmas Eve. I encountered something odd that made the memory this year even more poignant.

In Powell's bookstore in Portland, they have a super stock of books about everything, and the Korean War is well represented. Among the many books about Korea I found a recently published book: *Ship of Miracles*, 14,000 lives and one miraculous voyage, by Bill Gilbert forward by Alexander M. Haig Jr. Published by: Triumph Books, 601 South LaSalle St, #500 Chicago, IL 60605.

The book is built around the tale of the "Meredith Victory," a merchant ship that docked at Hungnam on December 20, 1950 originally intending to load with our gear or even we G.I.s. However, those of us who were there, remember well the immense crush of refugees who had poured into the Hungnam area and were herded by our ROK M.P.s onto whatever ships were avail-

able most notably some LSTs. December 20 was nitty gritty time, and it was decided to use the Meredith Victory for refugees.

Amazingly, this ship took on 14,000 refugees! If you can picture a 10,000 ton Victory Ship, you can imagine how closely these people were packed together on this common freighter. This book tells the story well and graphically, and it is a story that very much involved the 3rd Infantry Division within whose beachhead the loading took place.

I was an N.C.O. in the 3rd M.P. Company, and was very much involved in what went on those last weeks and days at the Hungnam dock so we feared rioting among the terrified refugees, and had plenty of scares as time grew short. My memories of the loading of those refugee ships are still vivid after fifty years. It was an awesome experience.

On the evening of December 23 I reported to Colonel Harris, the 65th Infantry CO. I had ten MP's, and on the 24th we worked at the wharf where the 65th loaded onto LCTs, and other small craft, to ferry to the APA Henrico. That afternoon I made my oneway trip from Hungnam on a barge with the Colonel to the Henrico as we all wondered that we had gotten away with so little trouble. In retrospect, just imagine those 14,000 N, Korean Refugees, and their thoughts as they sailed South.

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3rd Sig. Co. unites in Texas

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3rd Signal Company -including veterans of both WW II and the Korean War - staged another successful annual reunion at the Best Western Airport Inn in El Paso, Texas, over the October 11-14 weekend, drawing 23 men, plus wives and guests.

Chaired by Phil Mowad, a comprehensive program kept everyone busy and entertained. A tour of El Paso, two trips to Ft. Bliss (including the Comm Center and the Air Defense Museum, luncheon at the

Officers' Club, and banquet at Continental NCO Club), a dinner at Cattlemens' Steak House, visit to Speaking Rock Casino, and a trip to El Paso's sister city across the Rio Grande - Juarez, left us all wondering where the week had gone! We are all grateful to Phil Mowad and his gracious wife, Rosa Lee, for the many hours they spent each day for the group's pleasure and enjoyment.

Our 2001 Reunion was set for the Pittsburgh area; details will follow in the *Watch* and the 3rd Sig. newsletter.

Society's 2001 Korea Program set for September

By: John Shirley

The Society has finished planning for the 2001 Korean War Battlefield Tour. As with our highly successful 2000 Tour, tour participants will depart the United States following the Society's 2001 Re-Union, to be held this year September 14 - 17, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Our tour will build on our experience with the 2000 program. For example, last year our Veterans so enjoyed visiting the Chorwon Valley (site of much of the Division's 1952 -'53 operations) that this year we will spend two full nights there. This remote and beautiful valley (Not so beautiful 49 years ago.) is located on the De-Militarized Zone astride the axis of the old Seoul - Wonsan railroad (Korea Vets will remember Wonsan - this is the harbor where the 3ID landed to establish the perimeter through which the Marines and the 7th Infantry Division withdrew after the Chosin Reservoir battle). Here the best-quality rice in Korea - "Odae Rice" - is grown, using clean, pure water from the Hantan and Imjin Rivers, which flow out of the DMZ. The Zone has now been a wilderness area for 50 years, and in addition to pure water, there are huge flocks of Siberian White-Naped Cranes, other migratory birds and wild animals that can sometimes be seen.

In the northern part of the valley is found the "Iron Triangle", formed by the three cities of Chorwon, Kumwha and Pyonggang. Pyonggang is located in North Korea, but we will visit Kumwha - now a prosperous small town - and the old city of Chorwon, where the only remaining structure is the eerie ruin of the North Korean Labor Party Headquarters. In 2000, at this building - site of thousands of brutal executions between 1945 and 1950 - our 3ID Group was met by the ROK Army 21st Infantry Division Band, which played for us as we toured the site - a very unique experience.

Our hotel for these two nights is a beautiful volcanic hot springs resort, built on the edge of the Hantan River Gorge. There are a series of soaking and swimming pools, and clay and jade saunas, using the local