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■ Letter to the editor pays tribute to the Third's WW II veterans 3rd Infantry's Woes An Echo From World War II



This is the Third Division Monument near the entrance to the town of Chateau Thierry, just across the highway from the Marne River. Mrs. Bernadine Ginter says the gentleman in the photo is her husband, the late Andrew Ginter (15th Regiment, A Company).

Found in the *Buffalo News*, 8/5/03. Submitted to the *Watch* by Mrs. Bernadine Ginter.

Anyone who ever served in the Army during wartime can readily sympathize with the soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division in Iraq, but the soldiers of the 3rd Division who fought for 10 months in Italy during World War II had it much worse. After Rome fell in June 1944, rumors of all kinds spread throughout the division about going home or back to the states. But then the GIs learned that they were to spearhead the invasion of Southern France in August 1944 and continue on to another 10 months of bitter fighting before Germany was defeated in May 1945.

Following are just a few examples of the

bitter fighting that the division encountered in the battle for Cisterna. In the initial battle, which failed, the division suffered 3,131 casualties in just three days of fighting. Before Cisterna was finally taken almost four months later, the division suffered many more thousands of casualties. Before the war was over, the 3rd Division had suffered 27,450 casualties with 4,922 killed.

While the 3rd Division in Iraq certainly has justification for its complaint of broken promises, I think the 3rd Division soldiers of the Italian campaign might just look askance at the current grievance.

Don Weimer
Williamsville

Thanks for sharing, Mrs. Ginter. —Your Editor, *Alta*.

New CSM takes over Stewart, Hunter

By: Spc. Jacob Boyer, Staff Writer, *Frontline*

Command Sgt. Maj. Lou Garcia assumed the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield command sergeant major position from Command Sgt. Maj. Carl T. Smith in a change of responsibility ceremony Wednesday at Marne Garden.

Smith is retiring after 28 years of service. Garcia comes to the assignment after serving as the command sergeant major of the 24th Corps Support Group, which deployed with the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Leading thousands of Soldiers is easy," Smith said. "But in garrison, you have those Soldiers, about 3,000 civilians and the security concerns of the post..."

"The main challenge (of this assignment) is to find the best way to assist Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield to better accommodate and service our Soldiers and families," Garcia said. "The big question is, 'How can I improve on the infrastructure of these two installations?'"

Smith said Stewart and the Army underwent many major changes during his three years as the post's command sergeant major.

"We went from a deploying and training Army to a go-to-war Army," he said.

One of the major changes that occurred during Smith's time was the garrison staff being moved out from under the division to the new Installation Management Agency, he said. The other major change was the addition of the mobilization mission to the garrison.

"Fort Stewart is a mobilization center now," he said. "We mobilized 20,000

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President's Message

Jerry Manley

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National Guard Soldiers and the division to the war."

The work did not end once the division was mobilized, Smith said. There were still incoming Soldiers who needed to be forwarded to the war effort and families and rear detachments to be taken care of.

"The last year and a half have been very busy," he said. "We've had numerous tours. I've had to sit in for two division command sergeants major when they've deployed to Bosnia and Iraq."

Smith said the most trying time of his term came during OIF when he had to read the names of fallen Marne Soldiers at memorial ceremonies held in their honor.

"As I get older, I'm getting more sentimental," he said. "When the National Anthem plays, I get a lump in my throat. Of the 44 (3rd Inf. Div.) Soldiers who died over there, I've read 38 names. That was pretty tough. Everything else we handle just takes time."

The best part of the job was trying to help people make things work, Smith said.

"Helping out with housing for younger Soldiers and their families is good work," he said. "We also do a lot of public service in downtown Hinesville and the other communities."

Both Smith and Garcia agree that working as the garrison command sergeant major is different than working in what Smith called the "regular Army."

"Leading thousands of Soldiers is easy," Smith said. "But in garrison, you have those Soldiers, about 3,000 civilians and the security concerns of the post. You can try to predict what's going to happen and come up with a good plan, but this job is all about problem solving every day."

"In a maneuver unit, you have control because the Soldiers are under your command," Garcia said. "The garrison side is more business-oriented. I am the garrison command sergeant major, but I don't have control of what's going on. In garrison, I work for everyone from the privates to the general as well as the DoD civilians. That's who I have to please and take care of."

Smith said he is not retiring so much as moving on to his second career.

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

First and foremost, I sincerely hope that as many Society members as possible, particularly those residing on the East Coast, will attend the National WWII Memorial Dedication in Washington, D.C. on May 28 - 30, 2004. It would be especially meaningful if all of

you WWII vets who can physically and financially afford to attend are there—it is your Memorial! Eastern Region Vice President Jim Tiezzi has put a considerable amount of time and effort into organizing this tour. I hope everyone appreciates that.

Our long time Society Medical Officer, Dr. Rhoads Mustain, has moved from Dallas, Texas to Urbana, Illinois. His health has not been the best of late and he has decided to live closer to his son, Brian. "Doc" would appreciate hearing from some of his old buddies. His address is Dr. Rhoads Mustain, c/o Champaign County Nursing Home, 1702 East Main Street, Urbana, IL 61802. Let's swamp him with cards and letters.

The Executive Committee's decision to set the dues for active duty personnel at \$10.00 for two years is producing results. In the December "Watch" it appears that at least five of our new members are on active duty and we have only just begun the campaign to recruit more active duty people. Jerry Cunningham is working with Division Headquarters to promote more active duty memberships. I know it will pay off. The soldiers of today will keep the Society growing and prospering

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O.P. #22 (Southern California) submitted a bid for the 2005 reunion and it has been accepted. The actual site is yet to be determined. O.P. #57 (Ohio) is considering bidding on the 2006 reunion and I hope they do. It has been many, many years since the Society has held a reunion anywhere near the Ohio area. Any O.P. that is considering bidding on any reunion, including 2006, should realize that using a professional reunion organizer eliminates 99% of the work that is involved in hosting a reunion. There are many professional reunion organizers available nation wide. The Society has contracted with Linda Irvine, based in the state of Washington, for the past few reunions and has been well satisfied. Linda specializes in military reunions. Ft. Stewart has hired Linda for 2004 as has O.P. #22 for 2005. Jim Tiezzi is also using Linda's organization for the WWII Memorial dedication next May.

Last but not least don't forget that nominations are still open for National President, Secretary Treasurer, and all three Regional Vice Presidents. It does not reflect very well on Society membership when the Executive Committee, almost every year, has to search out candidates to run for office in order to have a full slate, because no one volunteers.

Rock of the Marne!

Jerry

Attention Secretary/Treasurers

Ray Anderson, National Secretary/Treasurer, needs your help for a BIG job. Time is approaching to mail dues notices. There are two ways to handle this task. (1) National mails to members, or (2) the Outpost mails to its members Secretary/Treasurers or Treasurers contact Ray with instructions for your respective Outpost. E-mail him at march5@aol.com or call him at (302) 239-1525.



From the Editor's Bunker

Alta Milling

60th Anniversary Battlefield Tour of Italy, May 26-June 5, 2004

The tour includes the Memorial Day Commemoration at the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery in Nettune, Italy on Monday, May 31, 2004, and a visit to the American Embassy in Rome.

This will be an 11-day tour of the battlefields of southern Italy. We are trying to keep the itinerary from being too tiring, but to see as much as possible for the time we have for the tour. We have made arrangements to stay in just two hotels. This will save time and the trouble of packing luggage. Our friends in Italy are working out details for our receptions with city and government officials.

For a brochure with all the details, write to

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So far I'm keeping afloat but do owe a lot to our publisher, Jerry Wadley, for his advice and especially his patience.

I receive many nice notes and E-mails from fellow veterans and although I may not respond in kind to them, please know that they mean a great deal to me.

I must thank John Insani (OP #7) for giving me another definition for OBE. When I was in the service, OBE was another of the military's favorite acronyms. It meant obsolete. As I get older, I believe John's definition fits me personally. His definition is "overtaken by events." Thanks for the laugh, John.

I get so many E-mails! Those of you who use E-mail may be—like me—afraid to open those with addresses unknown to you. A virus may be attached to it. I'm recognizing some E-mail addresses now but I ask you to put something in the subject line that will trigger this as one I can open. Just a simple 3ID would be a big help.

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Another help with your E-mails is to set your default for Times New Roman with 12 as your font size. Our publisher requires them in this format. You'll be saving me some steps in my preparation.

I'm so pleased to learn that many veterans have written or are writing their stories and actually publishing them. In this issue, I've started a new section for our veteran authors—"The Book Nook." We'll keep "The Book Shelf" section for books recommended by our readers. These sections will only appear when something has been submitted for them.

I wish each of you a healthy, happy, and prosperous 2004.

2ND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

This is your second call for all nominations for the following Society Officers only. President, Secretary/Treasurer, Eastern Region vice President, Central Region Vice President, and Western Region Vice President. All nominations will be closed on April 23, 2004. Nominations received with a postmark after midnight April 23 will not be accepted and all nominations will be pursuant to Article V (5.3.b) Management.

The Society President, Secretary/Treasurer, and your three (3) Regional Vice Presidents are nominated and elected in the even years starting with this year and they will each serve for a two (2) year term. All nominations shall only be made with the written consent of the nominee.

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 of which they reside. Any member can nominate and vote for the Society President and the Secretary/Treasurer.



WE WANT YOU

(Associate Members cannot nominate anyone nor can they vote.)

All nominees will be checked and checked again to make sure that their dues are paid up-to-date before their letters of nomination and letters of acceptance will be accepted by the nominations committee. The member making the nomination will also have the status of his/her dues checked to ensure that his/her dues are up-to-date before accepting their nomination. In short, if you plan on serving in an elect-

ed office within the Society, you need to get your dues up-to-date for the 2004-2005 year.

There are several of you still making more check marks on your ballots than you need too, when you do this, it throws your ballot out. Look closely at your ballots before marking them and mark them clearly. Remember also that you will have only three (3) places to mark on the upcoming ballot. The President, Secretary/Treasurer, and the Regional Vice President in your region. Another reason for a ballot not being accepted is that I cannot read your name or you don't put your name or outpost number on the ballot. PRINT your name as clearly as you can and put your outpost number on it also.

Send your letters of nomination and letters of acceptance by E-mail to Maybob56@aol.com or you can send to me by snail mail.

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In The Spotlight

Martin A. Markley



Liggett. He lost contact with Buck and other Outpost Harry survivors.

A native of Wyoming, Markley settled in Fullerton to work as an aerospace executive, mostly with Rockwell International. His first wife died. A second marriage has lasted 30 years, time to raise three sons who have blessed him with four grandchildren.

After retiring in 1989, Markley joined the Outpost Harry Survivors Association. Through the group, he met Buck, now retired in Des Moines, Iowa. Markley was disappointed that the man who saved his life had not received recognition, so he asked for help through Royce's office. [Congressman Ed Royce represents California in the House of Representatives.]

Patty Shay, who handles veterans' issues for Royce, said she receives numerous requests from veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam who never got awards, because paperwork wasn't filed or because they didn't care until growing older.

"A lot of them want the medals now to show their grandchildren," she said.

Buck finally received a Silver Star on June 9 at Fort Stewart, Ga., headquarters of the 3rd Infantry Division. During the long application process, Buck said it was only fair that Markley receive something too, which led to Saturday's presentation at Katella High in Anaheim.

Wearing a tailored double-breasted suit, Markley looked relaxed and fit. He still has the eye that Buck saved, although it barely discerns light and dark. A metal plate in his skull sets off alarms at airports. The bullet hole in his arm has not stopped him from playing weekly golf games.

Fifty years later, knowing what he knows now, Markley said he would go back again to Outpost Harry.

"It was just a job," he said. "You do it even if it's a bad day."

Editor's Note: In the short time I've been your editor, I've learned that Martin Markley is dedicated to his "soldiers" as he probably considers all of us in the Society. He is still not willing to "leave" his men and women.

Sunday, June 22, 2003

Hero of Outpost Harry finally gets his star

Korean War veteran Martin Markley is honored 50 years after he nearly died defending his bunker.



"It's an honor, but I'm not one for ceremonies. I never considered what I did special." Army veteran Martin Markley, Bronze Star recipient

By JOHN GITTELSON,
The Orange County Register

ANAHEIM - Martin Markley received a Bronze Star for combat valor Saturday, 50 years after he survived a bloody battle in Korea at a besieged bunker known as Outpost Harry.

He had left the battlefield with a split skull. His right eye had popped out of the socket. A bullet ran through his right elbow. Shrapnel riddled his backside.

Markley accepted the belated commendation, presented by Rep. Ed Royce, R-Fullerton, with humility, typical of veterans who fought in what is often called "The Forgotten War."

"It's an honor, but I'm not one for ceremonies," said Markley, still ramrod straight at age 75. "I never considered what I did special."

Then-Capt. Markley commanded K Company of the 15th Infantry of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division in June 1953 as truce talks neared a settlement of the Korean War. In the last days of fighting, each side tried to grab as much territory as possible.

Outpost Harry was a key location, guarding a corridor on the road to Seoul. U.S. intelligence reported that a division of Chinese forces was massing to attack Outpost Harry. K Company's 150 men received orders to "hold at all costs."

Markley didn't have to be there. He had served more than nine months in combat, enough to earn him a pass home. But he was not the type of officer to seek safety. "A company commander doesn't leave his men," he said.

He ordered bunkers reinforced with railroad ties and barbed wire. He set up fuel drums to ignite if the enemy approached.

Late on June 10, the sounds of Chinese bugles and burp guns pierced the night. A full regiment - about 4,000 men - charged toward K Company and Markley, who shared a command bunker with 2nd Lt. George S. Buck and 1st Lt. George E. Richards.

The fuel drums killed hundreds of Chinese, but more slipped through. Markley called in artillery to pound his position, hoping his shored-up bunker would provide protection under the onslaught. But the waves of Chinese kept coming. Finally, a grenade in the bunker knocked Markley and Richards unconscious.

Buck later wrote that he spent the night shooting Chinese soldiers one-by-one until he, too, was disabled from injuries. Buck played dead as Chinese entered the bunker, depositing their own wounded among the fallen Americans.

When Richards groaned, a Chinese soldier in the bunker shot and killed him, Buck recalled. When Markley coughed, the same soldier fired again, hitting Markley in the arm.

At dawn, American GIs stormed the bunker. Buck saw that Markley's head was split open, his eyeball lying on his cheek. "I'll never know why, but I cleaned the blood and dirt out of the socket with my fingers and put the eyeball back in place," Buck wrote.

Markley spent six months in the hospital and stayed in the Army until 1958, running a combat training school at Fort Hunter



News From The Outposts

2 John S. Cole

Tampa, FL

Outpost #2 will be having their annual reunion on April 6-7, 2004 at the Park Inn, Homosassa Springs, FL. We have obtained reasonable rates for our rooms in a very attractive Inn in an area with many interesting things to visit. Tuesday evening we attend a dinner at a very reasonable price and followed by dancing at the nearby Elks Club. During the early part of Wednesday we will go on a boat trip and visit the attractions in the area. In the evening we will have our banquet/meeting at the Inn at a very reasonable price. All of our events will be sales tax free and will save our attendees several dollars per person during this gathering of comrades.

On Thursday morning after breakfast we will all proceed by caravan to the Bushnell National Cemetery where we will visit our beautiful monument and have a short memorial service for all deceased veterans of the 3rd Infantry Division. All Outpost 2 members are welcome to attend along with Society members who are visiting in Florida at that time. For additional information please phone me at 239-466-1214 or email me at ajim-mjtiezzi@aol.com.

*Jim Tiezzi,
President*

7 Washington, DC

Washington, DC

Outpost 7 continued its tradition of honoring our fallen comrades by conducting impressive wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery on Veterans Day November 11th.

As hundreds of tourists looked on, Rock of the Marne Veterans, supported by a number of spouses and friends gathered at the Third Infantry Division Memorial in front of the Arlington Amphitheater. Attendees included well known TV reporter and commentator Ted Koppel and his executive producer, and four active duty Marne men who recently fought in Iraq; Lt. Col. Mike Birmingham, Lt. Col. Mark Jones, Capt. Erik Berdy, and 1st Lt. Dwayne White. Also in attendance were: Gen "Dutch" Kerwin, National Secretary Ray Anderson and his family, Arnold Brown, Hank Bodson and June Kalbach, Ronald and C. Conaway, George and Phyllis Cox, Dennis and Steve Hannan, George Houck, Jay Lowden, Richard Maniscalco, Ronald McCleary, Werner and Mrs. Michel, George Otis, Sherman and Mrs. Pratt, Ted and Elsie Rowland, Leroy Sievers, Sam and Tillie Smithers, James Steiner, Leonard and Hedy Werth, and Ken Young. Back-up support was provided by 36th Inf Div WW II veteran Robert Keller.



Ray Anderson and his wife participated in wreath-laying ceremonies in Arlington National Cemetery on Veterans Day 2003.

After laying a large wreath at the Memorial, and after a minute of silence in honor of those Marne men who are buried in Arlington and in other national cemeteries around the globe, John Insani paid tribute to the Marne soldiers who fought in WW I, WW II, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf War, Kosovo and Iraq. Special mention was made of the wounded who are now returning from Iraq and are being treated at Walter Reed Army hospital and of the severity of their wounds. Ted Koppel then noted that he was doing a special TV report that evening on the seriously wounded veterans at Walter Reed. Mr. Koppel was "embedded" with the 3rd Squadron, 7th Calvary on their attack and occupation of Baghdad.

Following the ceremony at the Third Infantry Division Memorial, the veterans moved to the tomb of the Unknown Soldiers where they formed a cordon down the steps leading to the Tomb where a large wreath with blue and white flowers and a blue and white banner was laid at the Tomb by Lt. Col. Birmingham, 1st Lt. White, Ted Koppel and James Steiner.

TAPS was then played by a bugler from the US Army Band.

Evidently the senior NCO of the Old Guard was impressed with the number of Marne men in attendance that day because following both wreath-laying ceremonies, the Marne men were given a special VIP tour of the Honor Guard's quarters under the Amphitheater.

For advance planning purposes, our next meeting and wreath-laying ceremonies are scheduled for Memorial Day, May 30, 2004, at 12:35 p.m. at the Tomb in Arlington National Cemetery. Special arrangements have been made for the Marne WW II veterans who will be attending the dedication of the WW II Memorial to participate and join Outpost 7 in paying tribute to our fallen comrades.

Submitted by John L. Insani

Editor's Note: I wove in a few comments Ray Anderson had sent me.

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Tommy Thompson

Minneapolis, MN

The Spring Social will be held at the Country Inn & Suites, Albert Lea, MN, on May 1, 2004. If you attended any of our three regular meetings during the year you will receive a flyer on the Spring meeting in March. If you haven't attended a meeting lately, this is the only notice you will receive. We have met in Albert Lea a number of times and the motel hospitality and the banquet catering are first rate. If you have never attended, you are missing out on an enjoyable experience. Please contact me no later than April 1st for further details if you are interested in attending.

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

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Arizona

Phoenix, AZ

We are starting another year. Most of us did not think we would be around this long. Outpost 15 gained 12 new members and two passed away.

Outpost 15 will have their meeting and dinner at 11:00 a.m. March 14 at Brothers Restaurant, 8466 Peoria Ave., Peoria, AZ. We need 40 to attend in order to have the meeting and dinner.

I am still driving the Prevost motor bus for Andrew Molasky out of Las Vegas, NV. Andrew is a member of the Outpost. He is now producing a new TV show called Las Vegas. It airs on Monday nights. They also did The Waltons, Eight is Enough, Dallas, and Knots Landing. We are happy to have him as a member of our Outpost.

Our president, Carl Swanson, has been on the sick list, but is doing better now. Our vice president, Charles Obee, went on a cruise recently and returned sick.

If any members of the Society happen to be in the Phoenix area, please call me—623.977.2347. My door is always open to you.

*Carl R. Duncan
Secretary/Treasurer
Western Region Vice President*

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Biff Williams

Las Vegas, NV

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2004 is off to a good start. We have a NEW MEMBER! Thanks to Lew Conant. We welcome Peter Miranda! Peter served in Company A-1st Battle Group, 30th INF. Wouldn't it be great if each one of us made a New Year's resolution to sign up just one new member? You never know where or when you may meet a prospect.

The trip to the Korean Vets Reunion in Laughlin in December was unsuccessful in that we did not gain any prospective members, but they knew the 3rd ID was represented! The wearing of my cap prompted numerous conversations.

I wear my cap most of the time and have had conversations with several people in the commissary. I have yet to actually sign one up. If you do have a prospect, please let me know so we can get them the new membership form and a copy of the Watch.

Had a note from Hank Flaack. He says he is back on his feet after a hip surgery and feeling great! Had a short visit with Lew Connant, who is doing very well, even baking cakes! Received a nice note from Gif Parlet, who has moved to Yearington, NV. Tried to call the local members to wish them Happy Holidays, but did not catch any of them at home. Hope you all had a Healthy December and we hope that 2004 will be good to all of us!

Still no definite date for our proposed visit to St. George, UT. We cannot seem to make connections with the current telephone numbers that we have. Please report changes in telephone numbers to the OP secretary.

*ROCK OF THE MARNE
Ray Hergenreder, President*



If you plan to move before the next *Watch* is due or if there is a mistake in your name or address, please enter the correct information below and send to **Society of the Third Infantry Division, 1515 Ramblewood Dr., Hanover Park, IL 60133-2230**. By doing this, you will receive your next *Watch* on time. Remember, the USPS will not forward Standard mail (3rd Class) and the Society must pay for each piece returned.

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"Watch" Website:

<http://www.warfoto.com/3society6.htm>



Book Shelf

An Army at Dawn, The War in North Africa, 1942-1943

by Rick Atkinson.

For those of you who were in North Africa in 1942-1943, the start of our participation in WW II, I will recommend a very interesting book on what took place then.

He writes on what took place in the higher echelons of both sides, British-American and German plus the French. It was really a fiasco for about three quarters of the time there, with Generals on down learning how good they thought they were or more correctly how bad they were as leaders. It was really a learning time for the Americans, including Ike, at the great expense of so many casualties, using WW I tactics, and simply poor judgment. Thank goodness, Ike and a few others learned, very fast, from their mistakes and went on to become fantastic leaders.

Ike kept quite a hold on what news went out to the world, mainly to cover the mistakes he and many of the leaders made. And, there were very bad feelings between the British and the Americans then. When we were in Rabat during this time, many of the Third Division soldiers were transferred to the front and assigned to other outfits. The average soldier, most of us anyway, were so under trained. I felt very fortunate on being one that was not sent to the front, and upon reading this book, am so grateful that I was not sent.

I was there then and I know I heard nothing on what was taking place at the front. We had no radios (were bivouacked in the cork forest), no newspapers, received the Stars and Stripes very few times, really knew nothing on what was going on. It was probably a good thing or we would have been scared silly.

The writer of this book did a lot of research and in my opinion put it all together quite brilliantly. He is busy now, I understand, in writing other books on portions of the war. This one is Volume One of his Liberation Trilogy. So for those of you who were in North Africa at this time and for those of you who just enjoy reading about WW II, find this

book and enjoy it. It is an eye opener.

Submitted by Bruce Monkman, OP 22



Medal of Honor: Portraits of Valor Beyond the Call of Duty

If you want to learn something about our nation's living heroes, here's the book to buy. A few have passed away since the book was printed but so what. You can still learn a lot.

On Veterans Day last year, a local book-



From left to right: Francis S. Currey (30th Infantry Division, WW II), our Charles P. Murray, Jr., and John F. Baker, Jr. (25th Infantry Division, Vietnam)

store held a 'Meet Our Local Heroes' signing session and I attended. I was surprised at how few people showed up to meet these men. Here are three of our finest military men—up close and personal—and maybe ten people showed an interest. I was awed. I've met Col. Murray and John Baker before on several occasions but was honored to meet Mr. Currey. These men were somewhat embarrassed by the attention and were modest about their actions that resulted in their being awarded our nation's highest distinction.

The Third is well represented in the book: Lucian Adams (30th Infantry Regiment)[I believe he has passed away], Michael J. Daly (Co. A, 15th Infantry Regiment), Russell E. Dunham (Co. I, 30th Infantry Regiment), Robert D. Maxwell, (7th Infantry), Hiroshi H. Miyamura (Co. H, 7th Infantry Regiment), Ola L. Mize (Co. K, 15th Infantry Regiment), and our own OP 7 member Charles P. Murray, Jr. (Co. C, 30th Infantry Regiment).

Submitted by Alta Milling, OP 3



Dogface Soldiers

By Daniel R. Champagne

The Story of B Company, 15th Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division

From Fedala to Salzburg: Audie Murphy and His Brothers in Arms.

Merriam Press 2003

This story begins in November 1941 and recounts B Company's march through French Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, Italy, and Southern France. From there, it traces the company's advance over the Vosges Mountains, through the Colmar Pocket and across Germany to Austria. For many of the B Company veterans, the battles left lasting impressions on their memories. They spoke vividly of Casablanca, Licata,

Mt. Rotundo and Bloody Anzio, where they held the beachhead for four brutal months. They related with pride the operations in the Colmar Pocket, the smash through the vaunted Siegfried Line and the capture of Salzburg in May 1945, which led to the ultimate surrender of the German Third Reich.

B Company was comprised of men from a multitude of backgrounds. They were farmers, grocery clerks, mechanics, high school, and college graduates. They hailed from different geographical regions throughout the United States. Most of them were between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five. They were either drafted, or enlisted on their own. Not all of them wanted to be there, but they accepted it as part of their duty. The men from B Company didn't see themselves as heroes; they went to war because it was the patriotic thing to do.

Deservedly so, the starring role in this story is played by Audie Murphy. However, the major focus of the book is on the spirit of B Company. It is the author's hope to reveal the true thoughts,

words, and souls of these brave men so that the reader will identify with them in a personal way. This is the story of the B Company foot soldiers – a moving and vivid account told primarily by the characters themselves, through their own eyes and their own experiences.

This book is the culmination of a three-year study on B Company. In his pursuit to arrive as near as possible to the truth, the author has thoroughly examined both secondary and primary sources, including: war memoirs, letters, journals, diaries, witness statements, and interviews with B Company veterans. He's also included several illustrations from his extensive collection of maps and photographs, many of which were personally shot on location.

The book is available from Merriam Press and can be ordered online at http://www.merriam-press.com/mono_050/m_040.htm or <http://www.merriam-press.com>

Price is \$19.95 for softcover and \$34.95 for hardcover (add \$3.00 for orders less than \$24.95) The book includes: 166 – 8.5 x 11 inch pages, 35 photos, 2 Illustrations, 32 maps, and a glossy dust Jacket (hardcover only).

64th Tank Battalion holds second reunion at Fort Knox, KY



64th Tank Bn Reunion: Back row—left to right: Leon Davenport, GA; Fred Mochle, MA; Clyde Rankie, NY; Dick Herold, NY. Front row—left to right: Laverne Wilson, MI; Bill Pierson, MI; George Roach, RI.

Seven Korean War veterans who served in the 4th Platoon, Company C, 64th Tank Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division deployed to Fort Knox, KY, on September 26, 2003. These men served in Korea from 1952 through 1953.

Forming their own "squad," this marked

their second "reunion."

LaVerne Wilson says they "all had a great time. The third annual meeting is already planned for 2004."

He encourages anyone who served with this outfit to contact him at 989.365.3345. He'd love to hear from you.

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The dues structure for Division active duty soldiers has been changed.

All active duty soldiers joining or renewing their membership will be granted a two-year membership for the current cost of \$10.00.

This change is made to strengthen the bonds between the Society and Division by making membership more affordable.

This decision by the executive committee takes effect immediately and will be subject to approval by the general membership during the next reunion.

Yours in the Third,

Jerry Manley, President & Ray Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer

Honors to be paid to T/Sgt James J. McHarg posthumously

Thanks to the determined efforts of Jack Sneddon, a veteran of Company A of the 30th, T/Sgt James J. McHarg, Company A of the 30th, will finally receive his just recognition.

T/Sgt McHarg, who was killed in action (KIA) on April 28th 1945, will be inducted into the Hall of Valor of the Soldiers & Sailors National Military Museum & Memorial in Pittsburgh with a dinner/ceremony on March 6th 2004.

T/Sgt McHarg was awarded the 2nd Cluster to his Silver Star posthumously on the 28th of September 1945. This award accompanies his Bronze Star with Cluster and 2 Purple Hearts. His deeds and sacrifice are typical of those who have come to be known as the "Greatest Generation."

The debt that is owed to the members of

this "generation" can never be repaid, only acknowledged and honored. This acknowledgement of T/Sgt McHarg, though long overdue, should be cause for all of us to give thanks, each in his or her own way, for the deeds and sacrifice of all those who have served and continue to serve Our Country in the cause of Freedom. We live today in Freedom because of what they have done and continue to do.

**GOD BLESS THEM AND GOD BLESS AMERICA!
OUR COUNTRY, NOT OURSELVES,**

Mike Wells

Proud Son of the 3rd

Editor's Note: Thanks for sharing this with us, Mike. In addition to recognizing one of our fallen warriors, T/Sgt McHarg, your article points to another hard working, caring person—Jack Sneddon.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Fellow Veterans

Greetings from San Francisco.

I had heart surgery August 15, 2003 and quadruple by-pass. The vein from my left leg was used for this procedure. Now I'm able to get about the house, but unable to drive.

Thanks to the loving care of my wife Mary, I do get along. I'm 88 and we have been married 63 years. Thank God I'm still around. We had to cancel Saint Louis, but we're hopeful about Savannah.

Do hope all goes well with all in the Society.

Rock of the Marne,

Jerome Sapiro

Editor's Note: I received the above from John Burke. John says he talked by phone with Jerome who indicated his first assignment in the 3rd Infantry Division was with C Company, 15th Infantry Regiment, at Fort Lewis, WA. John said that Jerome was President of the Society in 1954.

Jerome, we're thankful you're recovering. Fellow veterans, I'm sure he would love to hear from you. Drop him a card or give him a call: 66 Sotello Ave., San Francisco, CA 94116-1423. Tel: (415) 731-4235

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Another voice heard on the "End of an Era" article

Dear Editor,

I am responding to an article submitted by [but not written by] Martin Markley of Hamburg, Germany "End of an Era" Dec 03 [Pages 20-21], regarding the current resort hotel project on the Obersalzberg. Having visited the Obersalzberg off and on since 1964, and observing its transformation over the years, I can say with relative certainty that the Bavarian State Government is not trying to subterfuge history.

It was Peter Isaacs, Director of Armed Forces Recreation (DoD) during the Clinton Administration [who] pressed to close AFRC Berchtesgaden and AFRC Garmisch facilities and return them to the German Government as cost cutting measures. AFRC Berchtesgaden closed in

Spring 1997, and AFRC Garmisch closed in Fall 2003. The state of Bavaria actually offered to share costs for the renovation of the General Walker Hotel, but DoD refused and vacated the facility.

The entire AFRC Berchtesgaden complex stood vacant and idle for several years to a stunned Berchtesgaden community that had grown fond of its US patrons and tourism. An Islamic Group submitted an enormous bid for the grounds in 1999, with intention to build a Muslim mosque on the mountain, and a conglomerate of Munich attorneys submitted a counter-proposal to purchase the grounds to build a five-star resort hotel. It appears a resort hotel is being built down the street from the former General Walker Hotel and Hotel Zum Turken,...an appropriate construction for this idyllic site with breathtaking panorama.

While [the] notion of honoring Europe's liberation somewhere in the vicinity of the current hotel construction project is noble, the US has little say in the matter, since they returned ownership of this property to the State of Bavaria, despite Bavaria's insistence that we stay. Bavaria was a great host to US Forces for 50 years, offered to share costs for US Forces to remain, ensured the site did not become an Islamic religious bastion, stunted Neo-Nazi notions of using the Obersalzberg as a shrine by razing the Berghof twice (1952 & 1987), and finally by ensuring the resort location remains a resort with the construction of this new five-star hotel.

Incidentally, the State of Bavaria also renovated the former Hitler Guesthouse that was just below the General Walker Hotel, and turned it into a WWII Documentation Pavilion that honors the millions killed under the yoke of Nazism. Although a military memorial may still be erected, it's difficult to imagine what else Bavaria could do once US Forces closed operations on the Obersalzberg.

I hope this sheds some light on the matter.

LTC Karl Ginter, OP7

From the Editor: Thank you, sir, for setting the record straight. I took my children to the AFRC in Garmisch while stationed in Germany and later, my daughter was able to go to Berchtesgaden with her Girl Scout troop. The initial article saddened me and now I am disgusted knowing how this came about.

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"One Minute to Zero"

I highly recommend the war movie "One Minute to Zero," says Andy Maffucci. Andy says the movie genuinely portrays the Korean War pretty much the way he remembers it when he served in Service Battery, 39th Field Artillery.

Orlando "Andy" Maffucci, OP 88

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Hello Mrs. Milling:

My name is Andrew Pawlick. I am an associate member of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division, Outpost 5.

My uncle, Cpl Thaddeus Jerz, was killed in action in Hungnam, North Korea,

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on December 22, 1950. He was buried in a cemetery in Hungnam, I am working along with my brother Stephen on behalf of our mom, Ms Stella Jerz Pawlick, to get her brother's remains recovered and repatriated to the US.

I am very active in recovery operations and belong to a group of families of Korean MIA and POW and accounting for those lost military in Korea and the Cold War. I used to send Jim Drury updates on recovery missions and operations in North Korea he used to print them in the watch. If you would be interested I can forward them to you and this way you can decide if you would like to put them in future issues. They are all related to operation by the POW/MIA office in Washington, DC.

I know that many of our members lost buddies and might be interested to know were these comrades are being found and recovered some pretty interesting stuff.

If I can be of any further assistance or you have any questions, you can e-mail me or call me directly at home: Drew Pawlick, 7 Linda Lane, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438. Phone (973) 208-8814.

Thanks for your time and all your efforts in the *Watch*.

Respectfully,

Drew Pawlick

Editor's Note: Drew, I'd be pleased to receive information related to the repatriation of our fallen Korean War brothers and sisters. I'm proud that you've taken such an interest in this effort. I believe it is an important one. If anyone is interested in learning how the efforts to repatriate those lost actually started, I recommend the book In Love and War by Jim and Sybil Stockdale.

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Dear Editor:

I read with interest Ed Dojutrek's article, "Nous Resterons La," which reminded me of the following quotes from the "West Point Atlas of American Wars."

"The American 3rd Division, repelled all enemy attempts to establish a bridgehead over the Marne near Chateau Thierry."

"Only the American 3rd Division held firm, fighting in 3 directions."

I also remember reading another quote when the French General said "We must retreat," the American officer replied,

"Hell no, we just got here."

Rock of the Marne,
Bernadine Ginter

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Dear Martin Markley,

In March of this year [2003] I received a very sad letter from my very best Korean War buddy, Lyle G. Landstrom who was the artillery forward observer (FO) attached to "L" Company, 15th Inf Regt for the most part of 1952. He was retired as a bird Colonel from the USAR.

In July 2002 Lyle suffered a series of strokes including a brain stem stroke. He was hospitalized for three months and been recovering at home since November 2002.

The stroke has affected his entire left side including his writing are and hand. It also left him with poor vision, cannot swallow and is fed liquids by an electric pump and trap. He also states that he is very weak and lost his sense of balance. He has been talking physical and speech therapy with "very slight improvement." (His own words.)

From the general tone of his letters to me, I believe Lyle is suffering from depression. I am therefore asking that all members who knew Lyle [and those who may not have known him but feel compassion] to send him a card, letter or telephone him. Send cards to Lyle G. Landstrom, 10701 James Road, Bloomington, MN 55431. His phone number is (952) 888-4897.

Sincerely, your friendly FO,
Samuel "Sam" Rosker

P.S. Lyle has asked me if I could recall the name of the FO attached to King (K) Company, 15th Inf Regt during the 1952 year. Perhaps there was more than one. I just cannot remember his or their names. I was FO with "I" Company and Lyle was FO with "L" Company.

I would appreciate it very much to obtain

this information. In the event you cannot, please give me the address and telephone number of Richard S. Curry who I am certain was an EM in "K" Company in 1952. Thanks for your help.

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Recently at about Christmas time, I arranged to meet with a third division buddy at the "Poodle Dog" restaurant in



Pictured with me at the Poodle Dog restaurant where we met for breakfast is Richard (Dick) Moats of Olympia and myself. We wore our 3rd Division caps so we could quickly identify ourselves.

Fife which is on the outskirts of Tacoma.

We talked about trials and tribulations of Army life especially the campaigns we were in during WW2 in the ETO. Richard Moats was in the Signal Corps and attached to the 30th much of the time and knew about all the battles we were in. He has also written his story which he is finalizing and refining. This can be a chore trying to make a story readable and vivid and still tell the truth as seen from your own eyeballs.

Also, this morning (the 13th of January 04), I was watching a religious program on the Catholic EWTN network. The camera panned the congregation after the communion. I saw in the pews a man about our WW2 age who was wearing a "T" shirt on which was the 3rd Division insignia!! I wonder if that man is a member of the Society and if he is I 'd like to hear from him, hoping he is in online. It's a small chance that he will read this but I think it is worth trying to hear from him.

Norman M. Mohar
norman@televar.com

Editor's Note: Norman lives in Yakima, WA.



History buff seeks info on 3rd during WW II

Alta,

I am interested in the Third Infantry Division information from the WWII period.

Specifically, I have seen a picture of a Black soldier who was listed as having served with the 39th Field Artillery during WWII. Could you clarify which units within the 3rd Division had Black troops attached or assigned during WWII?

The 7th Infantry Regiment created "battle patrols" for the Southern France Invasion and they wore patches on the right breast pocket of their M43 jackets. Do you have a picture of the battle patrol patches that you can download? I have seen a blurred photo of the patch. It looks like a ball cut in half, with the straight edge pointing downward. It has a cloud with a lightening bolt going through it. The words "battle patrol" are written across the top in an arc. I'd like to see a clearer picture and get details on the colors of the patch, when it was worn, etc.

The Army assigned unit serial numbers and invasion bars to mark unit vehicles and equipment. This was done for Normandy, Southern France, Anzio, etc. Can you reference the correct unit (3rd ID) serial number and bar code?

If you could point me in the right direction, I would really appreciate it. Thanks in advance for your help.

George T. Hardy
Lockheed Martin Information
Technology
(301) 352-2646 voice
(301) 466-8252 cell
(301) 352-2607 fax
mailto:george.t.hardy@lmco.com

Editor's Note: I forwarded Mr. Hardy's request to the Society's historian and to our Webmaster. Both have knowledge that may be able to help. Perhaps by the time you read this, Mr. Hardy may have some information already but don't let this possibility keep you from trying to help, too, if you have anything to add.

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Grandson yearns to learn about his granddad

I am looking for info on my grandfather who died in 1988. His name is **Claude "Cyke" Ruggles**. I know he served in the 3rd infantry. He was decorated with a bronze star and also received two or three purple hearts. He served in France, North Africa, and went to Iceland I believe. He never spoke of the war to anyone in his family. Any info would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Chad M. Ruggles
Portland, Oregon
E-Mail:ruggles26@yahoo.com

From Martin Markley—Pfc. Claude R. Ruggles is listed in Donald Taggart's book, The History of the Third Infantry Division in W.W.II as a member of the 15th Infantry Regiment.

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A 16-year-old military enthusiast searches for family of helmet wearer

Hi. I am looking for information about **Michael Hirshman**. He served with the 3rd Infantry Division. He could have been in WWII and was most likely in Korea. He could have fought in both wars. That is all the information I have about him, unfortunately. Please let me know if you find anything. Thank you. (I never served with the 3rd Infantry. In fact, I am a 16-year-old military enthusiast. I study and collect military items from all time periods. Whenever the item has a name, I try to locate the veteran or his family. The family may want to have the item. I do not do this for 'cash rewards'. If the family wants the item, I give it to them. It belonged to their family member and is not mine. This 3rd ID helmet is WWII helmet with Korean era liner. It could have been used in WWII and Korea but I am unsure. Thank you for all of your help.

Mark Jaworski
mjaworski@hotmail.com

A daughter seeks to help her dad find buddies

Hello. My name is Melissa Mendise. My father, Joseph I. Mendise, served in

the Korean War in the 3rd Infantry Division, 7th Regiment, 3rd Battalion, Headquarters Co.

My father never spoke of the war or would not really answer any questions until recently. He seems to be very open to getting together now with other Korean War veterans and has even joined a local group. He often has me look up information for him on the Internet since he does not have a computer.

I am writing to ask if there are any reunions being planned. Also, he just showed me a postcard with the ship he was on to get to Korea. It was called the Marine Adder. Do you know where it is or if it is even still around?

I have been unsuccessful in trying to get any information.

Thank you

Melissa A. Mendise
Proud daughter of a Korean War Veteran!
HEIDE458@aol.com

Her father's address is:

Joseph I. Mendise
18023 Fairway Drive
Cleveland, Ohio 44135

Editor's Note: Martin Markley and Rich Heller have been trying to help Melissa. And Jerry Manley has probably provided information about the 7th Regt.

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Hello,

I am looking for any info on **Alvin J. Lee**, KIA November 30, 1944, in France. I'd like to hear from anyone who may have known him. Pictures anyone might have of this 7th Regiment soldier would be wonderful. A copy of an obituary of this WWII soldier from Hennepin County, ND, would be a welcome addition. The obituary may have appeared in a newspaper published in late 1944 or early 1945.

John Grindahl
NDSU
Fargo, ND

Editor's Note: Here is more info on him: Alvin J. Lee

• Private, U.S. Army 37592644

- *7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division*
- *Entered the Service from: Minnesota*
- *Died: November 30, 1944*
- *Buried at: Plot A Row 33 Grave 31 Epinal American Cemetery, Epinal, France*
- *Awards: Purple Heart*
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Alta,

Sad news, I received the following from this lady about her Dad and I was going to see him, but unfortunately he died on the 26th. If you would put a mention of it in the "Watch," I'll send her a copy.

Rich Heller
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I am writing this for my dad, **Carl W. Siegel** (611 Topeka Court City, State, ZIP: Carol Stream, IL 60188-2910, E-mail: LuLuLoLita@aol.com). He has pancreatic cancer and only has a couple of months. He is 84 yrs. old and this past year is the first time he really started talking about the war. He doesn't have a lot of time left and is starting to get confused. But if anyone out there remembers him, he'd be thrilled to get a card or a quick note from you saying you remember him. He is deaf in one ear (war injury) so phone calls are kind of difficult. He feels forgotten right now so any remembrance would really up lift his spirits.

He was in WWII: 5th Army (Tech 5). Hq Battery 4321, AAAAW Battalion, Gun Section 3. Campaigns: Tunisian, Naples Foggia, Rome Arno, No. Appenines, Po Valley. He served from 1942-45

He was also in the Korean War: 3rd Div. 15th Inf. Co. A (Able) 1st Bn. He was a M/SG. He served from 1950-54 and then joined the Reserves until 1963.

He remembers he was a replacement for SG. Mills in Korea and he remembers doing patrol with a LT. Cobb along the Ingem(?) River.

Other names he recalls are Rocko from Brooklyn, Johnny Albright and Seth Huntley(?) from Arkansas. I think they are from WWII.

He also remembers a guy named Nick from the Reserves who would stop by the house to visit and always had a handful of candy for us kids. At that time we lived in Hometown, IL.

Any acknowledgment of him would be greatly appreciated. Thank you all. His daughter,

Mariellen Spiros
847/963-1833

Hi Rich

Thank you so much for your phone call today. I really appreciate you taking the time and willingness to visit my dad. He had a really bad day today and hospice told us today that we are probably looking at a couple of weeks. That he is declining fast. But he still might have a couple of good days left. If he does, I will call you to come for a visit. I know if he is feeling good he'd love to talk to you and tell you his "war stories." In the meantime if it's not too much trouble and you can find it in your heart to drop him a card saying who you are and how great the 5th army is and was, he'd be so proud. I know I am asking a lot and that it is difficult to write someone you don't know but I think my dad would really like that.

I hope he gets to meet you because you sound like a really great and caring guy. Thanks so much.

Mariellen Spiros
847/963-1833

Hi Rich,

I'm sorry to say but my dad died the day after Christmas. The day he got your card is the day we got a hospital bed for him and he went down hill from there. I told you before he was starting to get a little confused so when I read him your card he thought that the 3rd Div. wanted him to find you. I told him that the 3rd Div. remembered him and you were the spokes person for them. He thought that was really nice. He held your card for a long while until he drifted off to sleep. He never really came too after that and died a couple of days later.

Thank you for taking the time to send the card. Even though he wasn't able to express himself, I know he was happy to receive it. It was really kind of you. Thank you so much.

Mariellen Spiros
847/963-1833
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Hi Alta,

I went to the visitation yesterday and found out he was a career Army Master Sgt. who was very proud to be a 3rd Division Marne Man.

I met his wife, daughter, and son and they were extremely proud of their father. He was a real patriot. He was a member of the VFW and they are going to have members standing guard at the funeral. There were many items from his service with the 3ID and 15th Inf. Reg. displayed at the funeral home.

If I met him earlier and known he wasn't a member, I would have recruited him and I know from talking with his family, that he would have joined.

Rich Heller
rheller@warfoto.com
Webmaster/Roster Manager
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My father **2nd Lt. Ralph Clark**, 15th Infantry, F Company, 3rd Infantry Division never spoke about the war or Outpost Harry. Whenever asked he would respond "You don't want to hear about it." In my search to know what his experiences were while serving in Korea. He was a survivor of Outpost Harry. I welcome any emails from anyone who remembers my father.

Tiffany Clark
E-Mail: 3kitty@msn.com
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PFC Charles T Jordan - KIA 1953-07-16

I am looking for info regarding my great uncle PFC Charles T. Jordan of Allentown (Lehigh County), Pennsylvania. The only info I have is his KIA date (1953-07-16). If anyone has any info, please let me know. Thank You!!

Shaun Jordan
starglorystar@hotmail.com

Your great uncle was a member of B Company, 15th Inf. Your message will be forwarded to members of the 15th Inf.
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I am looking for information on **Sgt David E. Davis** from Pennsylvania, KIA with the 3rd ID (15th Inf. Regt.). Thank you for your assistance with your web page.

Very Respectfully,
Ryan Brown

85 Pohina Street #101
Honolulu, HI 96818
E-mail: brownrbck@att.net

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Martin Markley found this one the Society's website.

I am looking for anyone who knew **Pvt Albert Sherman** who was KIA on OP Harry June 10, 1953. He was a medic assigned to King Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd ID. It would be greatly appreciated if I can get any info about Al. He was awarded the DSC and PH with 2 clusters for his action that terrible night.

Thanks,

Mel Dener
Sandmden@webtv.net

(Martin Markley, using his vast bank of resources, submitted the following. [Thanks, Martin.] If you know more, please contact Mr. Dener.)

General orders 3 November 1953
Number 988

Award of the Distinguished Service Cross
{posthumous}

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 {WD BUL 43, 1918}, pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action is awarded posthumously in the name of the Commander-In-Chief, Far East to: Private Albert Sherman, US51178169, United States Army. Private Sherman, a member of an infantry regiment, distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism action against the enemy in the vicinity of Surang-Ni, Korea.

On the night of 10 June 1953 Private Sherman, a Medical Aidman in an area under intense enemy attack. Learning that a listening post had been hit by enemy artillery, Private Sherman unhesitatingly rushed 150 yards through the heavy artillery, mortar, and small arms barrage to the forward position. While administering emergency first aid to a wounded man in the listening post, Private Sherman seriously injured by a shell burst.

Completely disregarding his own wounds, Private Sherman continued to render aid to the casualty and then carried him to a bunker on the main line of resistance. Noticing another wounded man in a nearby position, Private Sherman ignored the proximity of the

enemy, moved to the side of casualty and administered emergency treatment.

Private Sherman was killed by a group of enemy infantrymen who attacked him while he was aiding his wounded comrade. The extraordinary heroism exhibited by Private Sherman on this occasion reflects great credit on himself and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

Entered the Federal service from NY, NY.

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99th General Hospital, European Theater of Operations

I'm looking for any and all information concerning my dad, **Harry L Morley**, who was stationed with the 99th General Hospital stationed in England and with TDY to France. I'm looking for information concerning this unit, European Operations Advanced base.

Thank you

Mary H Morley
E-mail: sandreams.mhm

Editor's Note: This was found on our Website. Rich Heller says Ms. Morley's E-mail address is not complete. If you have any information that would help Ms. Morley, send it to Rich Heller.

Be sure to use REQUEST #2176 in your E-mail to Rich so he can connect it to the right place on our website.

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Woman helps father-in-law in search

I am looking for any information on the **3rd Army, 741st Field Artillery, Battery A**. My father-in-law is a WW II veteran and is looking for this information. He was in the attack on Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944.

Any information would be helpful.

Thank you,

Helen Stecker
alstecker@fast.net

Members Requested to Promote Reunion

Dear Society member:

Please help us in promoting our next reunion of the Society of the Third Infantry Division.

Most local newspapers have a section for schools and/or military reunions. Submissions to this section are free and welcomed. Please send the following reunion information to you local newspaper signing it with your name, along with your address, and phone number.

Copy the article below or cut it out and follow the instructions above.

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SOCIETY OF THE THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION

NEWS RELEASE

THIRD TO HOLD REUNION

For Immediate Release

The Third Infantry Division Society and attached units in war and in peace-time will hold their 85th reunion August 27 through August 31, 2004. The reunion will be held in Savannah, Ga. The hotel accommodations will be at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront Hotel, 100 General McIntosh Blvd, Savannah, GA 31401 (912.233.7722). Room rates are \$109 per night plus tax. Parking is \$5 per day.

For additional reunion information, contact: Linda Irvine, 50721 State Highway 410, Greenwater, WA 98022 (360.663.2521). E-mail: info@TheReunionBrat.com.

This should be an excellent reunion since the active division is stationed at Ft. Stewart, Ga.

Visit our Web-site at: www.warfoto.com/3rdiv.

Ethan's wish comes true at Georgia bases

Five-year-old Ethan Hobbs of Thomson, Ga., suffering from cancer, had a dream to become a Soldier one day, and with help from real Soldiers at Fort Benning, Fort Stewart and Fort Gordon, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation that is precisely what happened.

By: Pfc. Benjamin T. Brody, Staff Writer, Frontline

Hobbs and his family spent four days touring the three bases and experiencing what military life is all about.

Stewart hosted Hobbs and his family for two days; during this time the young Soldier met 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) commander Maj. Gen. William G. Webster, who presented him with his Challenge Coin, and hoisted Hobbs and his sister, Elizabeth, upon his shoulders to show them around his office.

"This has been just awesome," said Judy Hobbs, Ethan's mother. "He's beside himself with excitement."

Webster empathized with the Hobbs family, saying that his wife had repeatedly battled cancer in the past. Hobbs was diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma, a form of cancer, when he was three. His mother said that Ethan would take a military policeman action figure and its German Shepard guard dog along with him to his early chemotherapy treatments. She added that the hope of one day being a Soldier kept Ethan motivated and inspired as he underwent the cancer treatments. Hobbs is currently in remission and has been out of treatment for nearly a year.

At the Fort Stewart Museum, Hobbs was introduced to Daisy, a military police working dog, and got inside an MP Humvee. After a tour of the museum, 3rd Inf. Div. Command Sgt. Maj. Julian Kellman gave Hobbs his coin and helped him into a miniature Battle Dress Uniform, donated by the Enlisted Spouse's Club and complete with Marne patches. Kellman and Staff Sgt. William Estes, Hobbs' escort, then promoted Hobbs to Staff Sergeant and pinned his new rank on his collar. Hobbs also received several gifts from My Force, a store in the Post Exchange.

Representatives from the Vietnam Veteran's of America, Liberty Chapter also presented Hobbs with an honorary membership and a stuffed toy dog that he promptly

named Daisy.

Ethan was then driven off in an MP squad car, and shortly found himself participating in an "arrest" of a suspected felon. When the "suspect" ran from the arresting officer, Daisy pursued and quickly dragged him to the ground.

"I want a dog like this," Hobbs said. "Is she for sale?"

"It's great that someone so young is showing an interest in the military police," said military policeman Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Wettstein. "I'm glad we are able to give him a good experience today."

The Hobbs family then drove to the 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery motor pool where they examined a Bradley Fighting Vehicle, a Multiple Launch Rocket System, a Paladin self-propelled howitzer and heavy trucks. Soldiers from 1/41 also escorted Hobbs to the battalion's Engagement Simulator Trainer.

The next day, Hobbs ate breakfast in the Division Artillery dining facility, then went to 4th Battalion, 64th Armor's motor pool, where he sat in an M1A1 Abrams battle tank. Hobbs went with 4/64 to Evans Field, where he actually got to drive as well as shoot from tanks, Bradleys and humvees.

The Hobbs family's last stop was Gordon before heading home to Thomson to a hero's welcome at his elementary school.

During his day at Benning Nov. 17, Hobbs went through abbreviated versions of Basic Training, Airborne School and Ranger Training, and rode in a Stryker Tactical Vehicle.

Hobbs finished his tour with a visit to Fort Gordon, Ga., Nov. 20. He toured the Signal Corps Museum, rode in a World War II-era Jeep and rode in the back of an MP car to his hometown of Thompson, Ga., for a parade in his honor.

"It takes a whole community to make this happen," said Paulette Brown, marketing and communications director for the Make-A-Wish Foundation's Marietta office. "Ethan is having a great time—really a dream come true for him."

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Picture of Properly Pinned President



In our October issue on Page 8, we featured photos of President Bush's visit to Fort Stewart. However, Joe and Lynn Ball found this one that clearly shows that the president is wearing a lapel pin of the 3rd Infantry Division. In October's Watch, microphones obstructed our view of his left lapel. A great tribute to the Third!

COB and the Bronze Star

As most of us know that during WWII, soldiers who were awarded the Combat Infantrymen's Badge were also awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Being a holder of the CIB, I introduced a measure at the last reunion that the CIA-CIB Association would work to have the Executive Order 9419 amended and have a new one drawn up for all combat related soldiers and Veterans of all wars.

CIB holders, if you agree with the essence of this suggestion, contact your Congressmen.

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Congressman Stephen F. Lynch
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Dear Congressman Lynch:

I am writing this letter in behalf of the entire membership of the COMBAT INFANTRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION in order to ask for your support by asking the Congress to amend Executive Order 9419 issued by President Roosevelt dated 4 February 1944 retroactive to 7 December 1941. This Executive order authorized the Bronze Star Medal to be awarded to all infantrymen who had been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge or the Combat Medical Badge. The authorization was announced in War Department Bulletin No. 3 dated 10 February 1944. The Executive Order was amended by President Kennedy per Executive Order 11046 dated 24 August 1962 to expand the authorization to include those serving with friendly forces.

As a result of a study conducted in 1947, the policy was implemented that authorized the retroactive award of the Bronze Star Medal to soldiers who had been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge or the Combat Medical Badge during World War II. The basis for doing this was that the badges were awarded only to soldiers who had borne the hardships which resulted in General Marshall's support of the Bronze Star Medal.

We ask that you file the necessary legislation to amend existing Executive Orders or that you ask President Bush to issue an Executive Order to extend the authorization of the Bronze Star Medal to include soldiers from the Korean War, Viet Nam, and all other conflicts that resulted in the award of the Combat Infantryman Badge to soldiers who had closed with the enemy under fire.

We ask that you would champion our cause by doing what you deem necessary to honor all Combat Infantrymen, past and future, by awarding them the Bronze Star Medal in addition to their Combat Infantryman Badge.

FOR THE COMBAT INFANTRYMEN

/s/ Joseph S. Barca
National Adjutant

cc: James Gordon
Dan Lynch

Photos needed for 3ID Museum

Editor's Note: Below is one side of an E-mail "conversation" with a soldier and our own Rich Heller. I know most of you have photos taken while you were with the Third. Please consider sharing copies of these to help complete the Museum's history of our Division. Rich will act as our point of contact for this "mission." You may know that Rich's father was a World War II veteran. (As a side note, when I returned from Germany after having served two years with the Third, my NCOIC at Fort Jackson's Protocol Office was SFC Robert (Bob) Hester. Could Troy and Bob be related?)

I am specifically looking for any photo you may have of a soldier from the 7th MG BN that fought in Chateau-Thierry and any bio info you may have on him to put in one of the new displays.

Currently the Museum is going through a complete overhaul due to the previous 3d Division actions in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and the need to redefine the museum as a 3d Division Museum. There have been several locations in the past that the Division has been based and it is the Museum Curator's intent as well as the 3d Division Commander's intent to make the Museum a 3rd ID show piece.

As you can imagine we have a vast digital picture account of OIF and as we step back in time, our inventory of photos from 3d Division soldiers is depleted. As I had said in my previous email, we would be more than happy to share our OIF pictures with you if you would desire to have some. Where I envision you assisting us at the museum is with any photos you may have that show soldiers of the 3d Division from conception to now.

I am specifically looking for any photo you may have of a soldier from the 7th MG BN that fought in Chateau-Thierry and any bio info you may have on him to put in one of the new displays. I'm looking for a 38th Infantry Regiment soldier who was in the Marne defensive/offensive as well.

I will be sending this to the Museum Curator (Buck Meeks) so he may be able to ask any questions he may have. I am also impressed with your knowledge and com-

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The Legislative Year in Review

The following "Successful Report" has been made possible by so many of you making calls to our Legislators. Have we accomplished 100% of our goal? NO! But we have taken some very important steps in the right direction.

Let us now step *Forward Together* into our 2004 year as we continue working on Mandatory Funding and getting those below 50% covered by Concurrent Receipt or as it is now called "Disabled Veterans Tax", plus other issues mentioned in the final paragraph of this report.

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY FOR 2003

Provided by: Ernest H. Stroud, Department Legislative Chairman.

2003 was an excellent year from almost any legislative standpoint. We certainly didn't achieve all of our legislative goals, but Congress provided substantial relief on a long list of initiatives that we have sought for many years. Here's a summary of selected 2003 accomplishments:

Medicare Bill

- Reversed 4.5% Medicare/TRICARE rate cuts and substituted 1.5% increases for January 2004.
- Waived Medicare Part B late enrollment penalty for Medicare-eligible military enrollees, effective in 2004.
- Ended \$1500 annual cap on Medicare payments for physical therapy.

Military Tax Relief Bill

- Raised gratuity for survivors of members who die on active duty from \$6,000 to \$12,000 and made it tax-free.
- Restored authority for Guard/Reserve members to claim tax

deductions for drill-related expenses, starting with the 2003 tax year.

- Restored capital gains tax equity for military homeowners.
- Exempted Homeowner Assistance Program payments from federal income taxes (paid to those whose home values are reduced by base closure actions).

Defense Authorization Act

- Expanded Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) to cover all operations-related disability ratings, for members with 20 or more years of service.
- Authorized "real" concurrent receipt for 20-year and drawdown-related retirees with at least 50% disability ratings.
- Expanded CRSC and concurrent receipt authorities above to include Guard and Reserve retirees.
- Authorized a one-year trial of TRICARE coverage for Selected Reserve members who don't have employer-provided health coverage.
- Required explicit DoD actions to expand doctor participation in TRICARE Standard, inform beneficiaries of TRICARE benefits, and assist beneficiaries in finding participating providers.
- Authorized 4.15% average military pay raise for 2004 (vs. 3.2% private sector wage growth).
- Repealed permanent law that would have capped future military pay raises below private sector wage growth, starting in 2007.
- Authorized Survivor Benefit Plan coverage for survivors of Guard/Reserve members who die during inactive duty for training.

- Extended full commissary privileges to Selected Reserve and gray area Reserve retirees.

- Authorized government long-term care coverage for gray area Reserve retirees.

- Authorized full replacement cost coverage for household goods damaged during military moves.

Iraq Supplemental Appropriations Act

- Increased Family Separation Allowance and Imminent Danger Pay.
- Eliminated the food surcharge for injured troops in military hospitals.

Veterans Legislation

- Authorized continuation of VA survivor annuity for qualifying widows who remarry at age 57 or older.
- Increased VA education benefits for survivors and dependents of members who die of service-connected causes.
- Substantially improved Soldiers/Sailors Civil Relief Act protections for servicemembers.
- Made the VA home loan authority permanent for Guard and Reserve servicemembers.

We look forward to building on these successes in 2004, with special emphasis on:

- Improving the military Survivor Benefit Plan;
- Authorizing *full* concurrent receipt of military retired pay and VA disability compensation, including Chapter 61 retirees;
- Expanding Guard/Reserve health coverage and upgrading retirement programs; and
- Increasing military force levels to meet mission needs and ease retention and readiness stresses on active duty, Guard and Reserve members and families.
- Mandatory VA Health Care Funding

Editor's Note: This was written by my friend Ernest Stroud. Although he's not a veteran of the Third, he's a veteran and works hard in South Carolina on veterans' issues.

DO YOU WANT TO HELP OUR TROOPS?

"Operation Hero Miles"

When Military personnel come home, they fly into Baltimore, Atlanta or Dallas airports. Will you help them with the connecting flights to their hometowns?

You can donate your frequent flyer miles and cooperating airlines will provide flights to our troops. You can learn more about this or find out how to donate frequent flyer miles by logging on to www.heromiles.org

Jim Tiezzi, Eastern Region VP



VA Reports Performance Improvements For 2003

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is delivering high quality health care, benefits and memorial services to the nation's veterans, according to VA's FY 2003 Annual Performance and Accountability Report submitted today to the President and the Congress.

"We have fulfilled our responsibility to provide veterans with the best in benefits and health care by making our department a model of excellence," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi. "We are honored to care for the health, welfare and dignity of veterans in recognition of their service to our nation."

The report documents VA's progress during fiscal year 2003 towards making sure that America's veterans and their families receive timely, compassionate, high-quality care and benefits.

VA achieved an "unqualified clean audit opinion" on its financial statements for the fifth consecutive year. This is the best report an agency can receive from an independent auditor.

According to the report, the number of veterans using VA's health care system has risen dramatically in recent years, increasing from 2.9 million in 1995 to 5 million in 2003. To ensure availability of care for the core veteran population, a new regulation giving priority access for severely disabled veterans was implemented for those veterans with service-connected disabilities rated 50 percent or greater.

VA continues to receive high satisfaction ratings among its patients with scores of 73 percent for inpatients and 74 percent for outpatients, both numbers up from FY 2002.

In memorial affairs, VA maintained high levels of customer satisfaction with burial services. In a satisfaction survey, 97 percent of respondents rated the appearance of VA's national cemeteries as "excellent."

VA significantly reduced its backlog of disability claims from a high of 432,000 claims to 254,000 at the end of 2003. In addition, the percentage of claims more than six months old was reduced from 35 percent to 19 percent.

In 2003, VA met four of the five key performance goals relating to the smooth transition of veterans from active military service to civilian life. On the subject of having VA medical centers provide electronic access to health information transmitted by the Department of Defense on separated service members, VA surpassed its goal of 50 percent by achieving 100 percent.

The Federal Health Information Exchange and Government Computerized Patient Record, a joint program with the Department of Defense, is fully installed and functioning at all sites and will further ease the transition of veterans from active service to civilian life.

"As America's troops return from liberating Iraq, we are reminded once again of the incredible sacrifices our servicemen and women make in defense of freedom," said

Principi. "I will ensure they continue to receive exceptional service and the respect they have earned."

VA's FY 2003 Annual Performance and Accountability Report can be found on the Internet at www.va.gov/budget/

report. People wishing to receive e-mail from VA with the latest news releases and updated fact sheets can subscribe at the following Internet address: http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/opalist_listserv.cfm.

IOM Creates Web Site for Veterans

WASHINGTON – The Institute of Medicine (IOM) has created a new Internet Web site with information about a variety of military-related health issues.

"IOM's new Website is one more tool available to veterans, health care practitioners and others interested in the well-being of our veterans," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi.

The Web site, at <http://veterans.iom.edu>, has separate sections for health care issues affecting the last four major military conflicts – World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the Gulf War. At each sec-

tion, visitors can read electronic versions of IOM-produced reports or purchase publications.

Other sections list IOM's completed reports and reports in progress, while another area contains studies about chemical and biological agents suspected of causing health problems for military members. There is also a section with reports and information about deployment health.

Part of the National Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Medicine is a nonprofit organization that provides advice on matters of biomedical science.

Drug Problem?

All kids should have this problem...!

I had a drug problem when I was young...
I was drug to church on Sunday morning.
I was drug to church for weddings and funerals.
I was drug to family reunions no matter what the weather.
I was drug out of bed to go to school every weekday.
I was drug by the ear when I was disrespectful to adults and teachers.
I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my Parents.
Those drugs are still in my veins, and they affect my behavior in every thing I do, say and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack or heroin; and if today's children had this kind of drug problem, our country would be a better place! The world would be a better place!

by Gene Dasher

Reprinted from the *Tennessee Volunteer*, State Council Newsletter of the Tennessee Vietnam Veterans of America



The Book Nook

Books by Veterans

I Remember

by John Shirley

For the readers of the WATCH, I am pleased to inform you I have had another printing of my book, *I Remember*, stories of combat with the 15th Inf. in WW II. My Anzio story might stir the interest of some of our veterans.

I have a much nicer cover, more pictures, and two maps. It is a much nicer product. The book is for sale for \$15 plus \$2.50 for H and S. You may order the books from me by sending a check to John Shirley, 4218 Drake Way. Livermore, CA 94550

I will add a few comments about the book. Harry King, a former editor of the *Watch* said, "your book arrived on Wednesday, so I stayed up half the night to read it, as I couldn't put it down. Very fine writing and you never left anything out, good or bad.

"I have read Ernie Pyle and James Jones and seen all the movies. None of them came close to impressing me with the horror, agony, and intensity of the job of the infantryman as your stories did." Art Henry, former editor of the *Livermore Herald*.

"Your book is one of the very best war memories I have ever read, and I have read a lot of them. Your writing style is informative and reveals your personal experiences with one of the very best, if not the best, infantry division in WW II". Bob Baldrige, author, *Victor Road*, and a veteran of the 9th Infantry Division.

Editor's Note: My husband and I both read John's book. We enjoyed learning more about our Marne men.



Faces of War—Red Dragon

by Norman Strickbine

Mrs. Milling,

My good friend, Norman Strickbine, is a Korean War Veteran and a member of the Chosin Few. Norm was assigned to the 7th Infantry, 13th Combat Engineers. He was assigned the task of keeping the battalion photo history and was given a 4x5 speed graphic camera. With limited film, Norm was able to keep a history of operations in very difficult times. Most of these pictures are the foundation of Norm's book—*Faces of War*.

His unit was at the Yalu River when the Chinese intervened and after a wild foot race they beat them back to the perimeter were the 3rd Division and my uncle had established around the port of Hungnam.

Norm has completed his second book on the Korean War called *Faces of War—Red Dragon*. This book is similar to Norm's first book and contains about 490 pages including about 200 individual stories from GIs who were there. It contains over 600 photographs and even some GI poetry. It is all honest history, hard cover.

I was hoping that you could please put it in an up coming

Watch on the Rhine. Norm is handling all the shipping and details. I am sure many of our members may be interested in purchasing this fantastic book. They can order directly from Norm at the following.

Artwork Publications, RR 2, Box 2191, Thayer, MO 65791. The cost to any veteran is \$26.95 plus \$5.00 for S/H; \$10.00 more for non-veterans.

Norm and his partner are not in the best of health and have really done a great job to get this book done! His first book is now out of print and when the *Red Dragon* is gone it will not be reprinted.

I hope that you may be able to fit it in a future issue.

Respectfully,

Drew Pawlick

Associate Member, OP 5

Editor's Note: Drew, if I should ever write a book with my cold war experiences in the Army, I'd like to hire you as my publicist. You did a great job for your friend Norm.



Looking Back: Memoirs of an Ordinary Man, Terry Lloyd Tennant

by Terry Tennant

Hi Alta,

I have written my memoirs including my experience in the early part of Korean War with the 3rd Division. The book will soon be available on a web site, *Amazon.com*, and in most book stores. You can preview it if you care to at *www.1stbooks.com*, then pick the *Author Box* and enter my name, Terry Tennant.

In the last chapters, the whole story of me finding my Korean comrades, who joined us at the reunion in San Francisco, is told and an up-to-date report given. Mr. Na Sung-Kap's wife, Young-Ae, is presently ill with a brain tumor. She will have surgery soon, but prognosis is not good.

Thanks.

Terry Tennant, OP #13

Watch Schedule

The *Watch* is your magazine. But the editor needs your help to keep it at the top of its class. Here is the schedule for each issue:

Deadline to the Editor	Publication
January 10th	February
March 10th	April
May 10th	June
July 10th	August
September 10th	October
November 10th	December

Story Number One

World War II produced many heroes. One such man was Lieutenant Commander Butch O'Hare. He was a fighter pilot assigned to the aircraft carrier Lexington in the South Pacific.

One day his entire squadron was sent on a mission. After he was airborne, he looked at his fuel gauge and realized that someone had forgotten to top off his fuel tank. He would not have enough fuel to complete his mission and get back to his ship. His flight leader told him to return to the carrier.

Reluctantly he dropped out of formation and headed back to the fleet. As he was returning to the mother ship, he saw something that turned his blood cold. A squadron of Japanese bombers were speeding their way toward the American fleet. The American fighters were gone on a sortie and the fleet was all but defenseless. He couldn't reach his squadron and bring them back in time to save the fleet. Nor, could he warn the fleet of the approaching danger. There was only one thing to do. He must somehow divert them from the fleet.

Laying aside all thoughts of personal safety, he dove into the formation of Japanese planes. Wing-mounted .50 caliber's blazed as he charged in, attacking one surprised enemy plane and then another.

Butch weaved in and out of the now broken formation and fired at as many planes as possible until finally all his ammunition was spent.

Undaunted, he continued the assault. He dove at the planes, trying at least to clip off a wing or tail, in hopes of damaging as many enemy planes as possible and rendering them unfit to fly. He was desperate to do anything he could to keep them from reaching the American ships.

Finally, the exasperated Japanese squadron took off in another direction. Deeply relieved, Butch O'Hare and his tattered fighter limped back to the carrier. Upon arrival, he reported in and related the event surrounding his return. The film from the camera mounted on his plane told the tale. It showed the extent of Butch's daring attempt to protect his fleet. He had destroyed five enemy bombers.

That was February 20, 1942, and for that action he became the Navy's first Ace of W.W.II and the first Naval Aviator to win the Medal of Honor. A year later he was killed in aerial combat at the age of 29. His home town would not allow the memory of that heroic action die. And today, O'Hare Airport in Chicago is named in tribute to the courage of this great man. So the next time you're in O'Hare visit his memorial with his statue and Medal of Honor. It is located between Terminals 1 and 2.

Story Number Two

Some years earlier there was a man in Chicago called Easy Eddie. At that time, Al Capone virtually owned the city. Capone wasn't famous for anything heroic. His exploits were anything but praise-worthy. He was, however, notorious for enmeshing the city of Chicago in everything from bootlegged booze and prostitution to murder. Easy Eddie was Capone's lawyer and for a good reason. He was very good!

In fact, his skill at legal maneuvering kept Big Al out of jail for a long time. To show his appreciation, Capone paid him very well. Not only was the money big; Eddie got special dividends. For instance, he and his family occupied a fenced-in mansion with live-in help and all of the conveniences of the day. The estate was so large that it filled an entire Chicago city block. Yes, Eddie lived the high life of the Chicago mob and gave little consideration to the atrocity that went on around him.

Eddie did have one soft spot, however. He had a son that he loved dearly. Eddie saw to it that his young son had the best of everything; clothes, cars, and a good education. Nothing was withheld. Price was no object. And, despite his involvement with organized crime, Eddie even tried to teach him right from wrong.

Yes, Eddie tried to teach his son to rise above his own sordid life. He wanted him to be a better man than he was. Yet, with all his wealth and influence, there were two things that Eddie couldn't give his son, two things that Eddie sacrificed to the Capone mob that he would not pass on to his beloved son: a good name and a good example.

One day, Easy Eddie reached a difficult decision. Offering his son a good name was far more important than all the riches he would lavish on him. He had to rectify all the wrong that he had done. He would go to the authorities and tell the truth about "Scarface" Al Capone. He would try to clean up his tarnished name and offer his son some semblance of integrity.

To do this he must testify against The Mob, and he knew that the cost would be great. But more than anything, he wanted to be an example to his son. He wanted to do his best to make restoration and hopefully have a good name to leave his son. So, he testified. Within the year, Easy Eddie's life ended in a blaze of gunfire on a lonely Chicago street.

He had given his son the greatest gift he had to offer at the greatest price he would ever pay.

What do these two stories have to do with one another?

Butch O'Hare was Easy Eddie's son.

Attention Chapter Officers/Members: Send news and photos of your Chapter activities for publication in the "Watch on the Rhine." Check the schedule (page 19) and get it in for all to read! Mail to Alta Milling, Editor, 4738 Datura Rd., Columbia, SC 29205 or email altav007@aol.com.

The Medal of Valor

Following are the results of Lynn Ball's curiosity. Lynn was impressed by an article in the June 2003 issue of the *Watch*.

The article put the spotlight on Outpost #35 member Carl Wyatt. According to the article, Carl was presented the Medal of Valor Medal in January 2003.

Lynn asked Martin Markley about the qualifications for receiving the Medal of Valor Medal. Martin admitted that he was not familiar with the award but he searched the Internet. Although he believes he was only partially successful, he obviously has contacts unknown to us. His contact with the Army Awards Branch provided the following information.

"After a websearch I discovered that the medal (Medal of Valor) you referred to is not a Department of Defense approved award. It looks as if it is awarded by civilian organizations to deserving personnel that may possibly include military soldiers. Please realize that the Medal of Valor is not authorized to be worn on the Army uniform or to be added to a veteran's records."

"I found this website but it does not provide many specifics (<http://www.medalofvalor.com/>). Since the Medal of Valor is not a DoD medal, we cannot provide information on how you may qualify. Please refer to the website for additional information."

Also for future information if the award is not listed in AR 600-8-22 or DoD Awards Manual 1348-33M, it is not a DoD or Army approved award." [You can search these sources.]

DoD Awards Manual: http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/134833m_0996/p134833m.pdf

Army Awards Regulation: http://www.usapa.army.mil/pdffiles/r600_8_22.pdf

Editor's Note: Thanks, Martin, for your continuing dedication. And thanks to SSG Mizner, your contact.

John Shirley submitted these comments, "The Medal of Valor Medal has been authorized for purchase by persons who have received a battlefield commission and authorized by the Order of Battlefield Commissions. You have to purchase the medal and what you said about it not being on a personal record or worn with other decorations is correct. It is a commemoration medal."

Members of Society Requested to Support WW2 Memorial Dedication

Memorial Day weekend in 2004 will be the highlight of the official dedication of the WW2 Memorial in Washington. The Society of the 3rd Infantry Division has donated several thousand dollars to this Memorial over the past few years. This is in addition to the individual contribution of many of our members and families of deceased members.

We have seen the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall dedicated in 1982, more than 20 years after the end of that conflict. The Korean War Memorial was dedicated some 40 years after the end of the war, and some of you were there. Now on a date 60 years and 4 months after the 3rd Infantry Division made the Anzio landing in Italy on January 22, 1944, the Greatest Generation finally is receiving their Memorial.

As you know the Society is being present at this historical event with a special program of our own. These events and programs have been described in the October and December issues of the *Watch*, as well as in this issue on the next few pages. This will be the final announcement for reservations as **the final date for reservations for the activities and the hotel rooms are April 26, 2004**. If you have not made your reservations yet, you should do so *now* while there are some rooms left at the hotel. We will be monitoring this closely and if we do not have a majority of the rooms in the block reserved by April 01, 2004, we will release the unreserved rooms back to the hotel which will then be rented at the current rate of \$229 and by April, they will be higher. The rooms in Washington are in big demand for this once in a lifetime event and all the hotels are charging big time

Please give yourself and all the other WW2 veterans the support they deserve by attending this most important event of your lifetime.

rates for their rooms. My advice is to call the hotel NOW and make your room reservation and then send in your money for our events to The Reunion Brat.

The Hilton Crystal City Hotel is just a few blocks off of I-95 in Arlington and just about 5 minutes from the Reagan National Airport. The Metro station is only a few blocks away from the hotel also and you have easy access to the D.C. area. We will have busses to transport you to the WW2 dedication site on the Mall. You can also go via the Metro for free and then return to the hotel via the Metro if you choose, after the dedication for our banquet that evening. You should have ample time to tour the monument structure before returning to the hotel.

The dedication of this Memorial is concentrated on the accomplishments of our WW2 members, however members of the Society from other wars and eras are welcome to attend and pay tribute to those of the "Greatest Generation." Please give yourself and all the other WW2 veterans the support they deserve by attending this most important event of your lifetime. I will be looking for you! Thanks!

Rock Of The Marne,

Jim Tiezzi,
Eastern Region VP

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mitment to the historical preservation of 3rd ID History. Having served with the 3rd ID in Iraq, I have begun what I feel will be a life-long quest to ensure that the stories of its heroic soldiers are never lost and remain attainable to all who desire to see it.

I have conducted over 85 interviews with 172 soldiers in the 3rd Infantry Division in Iraq and have begun the process here at Ft. Stewart. I would like to try to talk with some

of the 3rd ID veterans of years past as well. Both those who have served in combat and those who have endured the "Marne Movement" through numerous field training exercises that enable this division to remain as solid as steel and as sharp as a knife.

I cannot thank you enough.

1SG Troy Alan Hester
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On Thursday, April 17, 2003, you participated in an escort detail for Gregory P. Huxley Jr who was killed in action in Iraq on April 6, 2003.

On behalf of the entire Huxley family and from me, personally, I want to say "Thank you very much." Your professionalism, dedication and sincerity meant so much to the Huxley family, that words cannot describe their feelings at this time.

What most did not know was that the US Army had promised the family members that they would be taken to Dover, Delaware to be present when their son arrived from Iraq and there would be a full military ceremony in Dover for Gregory. Unfortunately, there was a communication problem and they were not present during that ceremony.

Then they were informed that the body of their son was being flown to Syracuse and that the funeral director could pick up the "fallen soldier" at the cargo area of the airport and that somebody would help them remove the casket from the cardboard shipping container for transport to Boonville, NY.

The funeral director felt that unacceptable for a 19-year-old young man that gave his life for this country and for the freedom of so many others. As a family friend, he contacted me to see if anything could be done. We now had six hours before Gregory arrived in Syracuse.

Phone calls were made to SP North Syracuse and SGT Nick Harmatiuk took over from there. What you participated in and observed the rest of that day was truly an outstanding display of what this agency can do in very short time.

What happened was just visually and emotionally overwhelming.

The procession left SP North Syracuse led by eight Syracuse PD motorcycles, followed by the hearse, four cars with family members and followed by ten State Police and Syracuse PD cars. How ironic it was that when the procession was traveling parallel to the runway, the plane carrying Gregory landed next to it. We were able to enter the planes cargo area and remove the shipping crate from the casket and drape

A Trooper's Story

This is about one of our soldiers who died in Iraq and lived in Boonville, NY.

Please take the time to read the email below. It is a great, true story. The letter was written by Senior Investigator Jack Graham of the New York State Police to fellow members of the NY State Police and to the Syracuse Police who, on April 17, 2003, participated in a hastily planned ceremonial escort for a soldier killed in Iraq. Feel free to pass this on. These are the kinds of stories that make us proud to be an American.

The abbreviation "SP", means "State Police", and it refers to a station. For instance, SP Loudonville, NY.

the American flag over the casket. When the casket traveled down the conveyor belt, fifteen New York State Troopers and the same amount of Syracuse Policemen lined the path to the awaiting hearse—all at attention. A hand salute was executed as six State Troopers proudly bore the flag draped coffin to the hearse. After a short prayer, the family was given some time to welcome their son home.

The entire airport was so quiet. I looked up at the concourse windows and saw a hundred or more people. They were all standing, watching, with their hands over their hearts, saluting a young man that they did not know. Somehow they learned that a fallen soldier had come home and they wanted to honor his sacrifice.

The casket was then placed in the

hearse and the procession left the airport in the same fashion as we arrived, only this time with a young hero that our hearts will never forget.

The motorcade was escorted to the thruway entrance by the Syracuse Police Department's motorcycles. All traffic was stopped for the procession and we headed east towards Boonville. After getting off the thruway, we found that every intersection the procession encountered was controlled by State Troopers, allowing us a safe, unimpeded passage. At each intersection, the State Trooper stood at attention, saluting the fallen soldier and his family, giving him and his family the respect that they deserved. How emotional that was to see and now to reflect on.

When entering the Village of Boonville, the main street was decorated with an infinite number of American Flags and yellow ribbons. As we approached the center of town, all of the church bells began to peal at once recognizing and saluting Gregory's arrival. Hundreds of people holding American flags lined the street, some with their hand over their heart and some weeping for Gregory for what he sacrificed, for us and his country. As we drove by the village park, the National Anthem was being played, for Gregory, and I think, for all of us.

At the funeral home, eight veterans lifted the casket out of the hearse and into the home with the family. Gregory had returned home. Gregory's family said to me later that the images I have just described will always be etched in their hearts, forever. But the one memory that will always be there first, was of the State Troopers at the airport, standing at attention, saluting, with tears running down their cheeks for their son, a fallen soldier. A hero whom those Troopers never personally knew.

Our jobs take many different avenues in life. We hope that during our day or shift that we have made a difference, a positive contribution. On this occasion, you did just that. An entire family knows that you cared to do your very best to honor their son. Their words and expressions told me just that. We made a difference yesterday, and we did it well.

The rewards we receive for details

like this one do not come from anywhere but from the heart. Take pride in what you accomplished, because it was distinct and without equal in this Trooper's eye. I have had so many good things happen since I have been a State Trooper, but in those 24 years, I have never been more proud the New York State Police as I was yesterday—a fallen soldier, a hero, a son, a brother has finally come home, in grand deserving style, thanks to all of you.

Jack Graham,
Senior Investigator
New York State Police
Submitted Leroy Lewis

We hope it's not an urban folk tale.

Editorial note [not your Watch editor]: What a most welcome change from what we experienced in the Viet Nam war.

Editor's Note: Where Mr. Graham lists a "communication problem" as the reason the family didn't get the word, I've learned from another organization to which I belong that lately planes arrive at Dover AF Base in the middle of the night. A shame.

To Risk

To laugh

is to risk appearing the fool.

To weep

is to risk appearing sentimental.

To Reach out for another

is to risk involvement.

To expose feelings

is to risk exposing your true self.

To place your ideas, your dreams, before the crowd

is to risk loss.

To love

is to risk not being loved in return.

To live

is to risk dying.

To hope

is to risk despair.

To try at all

is to risk failure.

But risk we must. Because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing...

Reprinted from the Tennessee Volunteer

I Was A Soldier

By Colonel Daniel K. Cedusky, USAR, Retired

I was a Soldier: That's the way it is, that's what we were...are. We put it, simply, without any swagger, without any brag, in those four plain words. We speak them softly, just to ourselves. Others may have forgotten. They are a manifesto to mankind; speak those four words anywhere in the world—yes, anywhere—and many who hear will recognize their meaning. They are a pledge. A pledge that stems from a document which said: "I solemnly Swear", "to protect and defend" and goes on from there, and from a Flag called "Old Glory."

Listen, and you can hear the voices echoing through them, words that sprang white-hot from bloody lips, shouts of "medic", whispers of "Oh God!", forceful words of "Follow Me". If you can't hear them, you weren't, if you can you were. "Don't give up the ship! Fight her till she dies... Damn the torpedoes! Go ahead! . . . Do you want to live forever? . . . Don't cheer, boys; the poor devils are dying." Laughing words, and words cold as January ice, words that when spoken, were meant, "Wait till you see the whites of their eyes." The echo's of I was a Soldier.

You can hear the slow cadences at Gettysburg, or Arlington honoring not a man, but a Soldier, perhaps forgotten by his nation. Oh! Those Broken Promises. You can hear those echoes as you have a beer at the "Post," walk in a parade, go to The Wall, visit a VA hospital, hear the mournful sounds of taps, or gaze upon the white crosses, row upon row. But they aren't just words; they're

a way of life, a pattern of living, or a way of dying. They made the evening, with another day's work done; supper with the wife and kids; and no Gestapo snooping at the door and threatening to kick your teeth in. They gave you the right to choose who shall run our government for us, the right to a secret vote that counts just as much as the next fellow's in the final tally; and the obligation to use that right, and guard it and keep it clean. They prove the right to hope, to dream, to pray; the obligation to serve. These are some of the meanings of those four words, meanings we don't often stop to tally up or even list. Only in the stillness of a moonless night, or in the quiet of a Sunday afternoon, or in the thin dawn of a new day, when our world is close about us, do they rise up in our memories and stir in our sentential hearts. And we are remembering Wake Island, and Bataan, Inchon, and Chu Lai, Knox and Benning, Great Lakes and Paris Island, Travis and Chanut, and many other places long forgotten by our civilian friends. They're plain words, those four. Simple words. You could engrave them on stone; you could carve them on the mountain ranges. You could sing them to the tune of "Yankee Doodle." But you needn't. You needn't do any of those things, for those words are engraved in the hearts of Veterans, they are familiar to 24,000,000 tongues, every sound and every syllable. If you must write them, put them on my Stone. But when you speak them, speak them softly, proudly, I will hear you, for I, too, I was a Soldier.

A soldier died

By Corryn Siegel
January 5, 2004

Orland Park — As my family mourns the loss of my great-uncle Carl W. Siegel, World War II and Korean War veteran, I feel compelled to write in his memory.

Throughout my life I recall reading many letters to the editor composed by Carl. His purpose was to remind all of us why we have days like Memorial and Veterans Day. He often suggested that instead of lighting

up the grill or throwing back a few cold ones with the neighbors, one should attend a memorial service to commemorate the lives of the men and women who selflessly fought to ensure us all freedom.

So as he is laid to rest, let us be reminded of all the men and women serving us today, as well as the men and women who fought long ago to give us what is often taken for granted.

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Schedule and Events

To be held at the beautiful Hilton Crystal City Hotel, 2399 Jefferson Davis Hwy in Arlington, Virginia 22202. Hotel rates are \$119 per night, plus tax. Itinerary includes the following.

Friday May 28th

Reception with buffet dinner, beer, wine and punch

Saturday May 29th

- Dedication of WWII Memorial at the National Mall
- Banquet Dinner

Sunday May 30th

- Farewell Breakfast
- Wreath Layings at Arlington Cemetery

Hospitality Room with snacks & beverages will be provided throughout the weekend. Transportation to and from the Memorial Dedication is being arranged by the National Battle Monuments Commission Dedication Committee. For those who wish to stay for the wreath laying ceremonies, we will be coordinating transportation once we know how many are attending.

Call the Hilton Hotel at 703-418-6800 to make your hotel reservations. Rates are available 1-day prior and 3 days after the scheduled event, should you choose to extend your stay. The hotel offers a free shuttle from and to the Reagan National Airport only. Be sure your flight goes to this airport. Parking will be \$16 a day for valet. Rooms are limited and there are only King Rooms available. Book early. If attending alone, pair up with a buddy to save money and rooms. Group airfare is available by calling Divine Destinations at 1-800-336-5502. This is guaranteed to be the lowest available airfare.

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The Reunion BRAT

Phone: (360)663-2521

Email: Info@TheReunionBrat.com

Note: For those living in the Washington, DC area who will not be staying at the hotel, please complete the Registration form ONLY for the events you will be attending, PLUS the required Registration Fee of \$15 per person.

National WWII Memorial Dedication

Washington DC

Registration

YES! SIGN ME UP FOR THE 3RD INFANTRY ACTIVITIES AT THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL DEDICATION!!!

Name _____

Outpost # _____ Unit _____

Check one or more:

WWII Korea Cold War Gulf War Iraq War Peace Time Active Duty

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Name of your Guests _____

Banquet Dinner Preference: Beef _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____

Please list any special needs _____

Registration fees # of persons attending	_____	x	_____ \$15	=	_____
May 28th Reception # of persons	_____	x	_____ \$37	=	_____
May 29th Dinner Banquet # of persons	_____	x	_____ \$40	=	_____
May 30th Farewell Breakfast # of persons	_____	x	_____ \$17	=	_____
May 30th Transportation to 3rd ID Monument and Wreath Laying at Arlington National Cemetery and lunch at Ft. Myer dining facility # of persons	_____	x	_____ \$20	=	_____

Total Enclosed = _____

IMPORTANT!!!

YOU MUST MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS **NO LATER THAN APRIL 26, 2004**. THE HOTEL WILL NOT HOLD ROOMS AFTER THAT DATE! REGISTRATION FORMS/FEEES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN APRIL 26, 2004. PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS AND MADE PAYABLE TO:

THE REUNION BRAT
50721 State Hwy 410 E
Greenwater, WA 98022
(360)663-2521

Confirmation of Registration and Itinerary will be sent out by May 1, 2004. A \$20 per person cancellation fee will apply to all cancellations received within 30 days of the event. Cancellations received within 10 days of the event will be non-refundable. Call the Hilton Hotel at 703-418-6800 no later than April 26, 2004, to make your hotel reservations. Be sure to mention you are with 3rd Infantry to receive your group rate of \$119 a night, plus tax. These prices are available 1 day prior to and 3 days after your event should you choose to extend your stay. Call Divine Destinations at 1-800-336-5502 for your Group Airfare, guaranteed to be the lowest available rate!! We'll see you soon at the long awaited National WWII Memorial Dedication!

ANZIO BEACHHEAD VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II, INC.

60th Anniversary Italy Trip – May 28th-June 9th 2004

Itinerary and Program (subject to change)

FRIDAY, May 28th.

PM Departure from New York City, JFK Int'l Airport to Rome Airport. (Make your own arrangements to JFK.)
Dinner on Board.

SATURDAY, May 29th.

AM Arrival in Rome. Transfer to ANZIO by deluxe, a/c motor coach (hotel: Grand Hotel dei Cesari) LUNCH: on your own. PM Visit local Anzio Landing Museum. Meet local authorities. Visit Anzio WW II monument in Anzio Main Square, lay a wreath. WELCOME dinner in hotel.

SUNDAY, May 30th.

AM Guided visit to: Aprilia, Cisterna, Campo di Carne, British and German cemeteries. LUNCH: on your own. PM Continue tour: Ninfa, Norma. DINNER: in local farm restaurant.

MONDAY, May 31st. Memorial Day Nettuno

AM Reinauguration ceremony of Anzio Veterans Commemorative Plaque, in front of new museum of the landing, officiated by the Mayor of Nettuno and other dignitaries. Visit museum, followed by official Memorial Day event at American WW II Cemetery, officiated by US representatives, Italian government officials, local dignitaries and veterans. LUNCH: on your own (pending official reception after ceremony. PM Visit Torre Astura's beachhead site. DINNER: in hotel

TUESDAY, June 1st. Montecassino/Rome

Transfer day / early departure. Day trip to Montecassino; guided tour of Abbey; other points of interest; LUNCH: in local Trattoria. PM Drive to Rome. First class hotel, check-in upon arrival. DINNER: in hotel.

WEDNESDAY, June 2. Rome

Attend Italy National Day's Military Parade, with President of Italy, government officials, foreign diplomats, local authorities and thousands of Italian citizens. LUNCH: in local trattoria. PM Guided tour: Borghese Gardens, Pincio, Borghese Museum. DINNER: on your own (pending official reception hosted by President of Italy.)

THURSDAY, June 3rd. Rome

AM Guided day trip to Castelli Romani: Marion, Castel Gandolfo-Albano Lake, Frascati. LUNCH: in characteristic local trattoria. PM Return to hotel at conclusion. DINNER: in hotel.

FRIDAY, June 4th. Rome

60th Anniversary of the Liberation of Rome. AM Anzio veterans will take part in commemorative ceremonies organized by Italian and US authorities, in coordination with General Ed Thomas. LUNCH: on your own (pending: official reception hosted by local authorities). PM Visit Vittoriano Monument and museum. DINNER: on your own

(pending official reception hosted by US authorities in Rome).

SATURDAY, June 5th. Rome

AM Guided tour: Roman Forum, Colosseum, Domus Aurea, Trevi Fountain. LUNCH: on your own. DINNER: in local restaurant. Return to hotel after dinner. Packing time! NEXT DAY TRANSFER TO TUSCANY.

SUNDAY, June 6th. Rome/Florence

AM Transfer to Florence. Stop first at St. Peter's Basilica for visit and noon time traditional benediction by Pope. At conclusion, proceed to Tuscany. LUNCH: Box lunch. PM On the way make short visit to Siena. Late afternoon arrival at hotel in Florence. Check-in. DINNER: in hotel.

MONDAY, June 7th. Florence

AM Guided tour of downtown: Cathedral, Baptistery, David, Uffizi Gallery. LUNCH: in local trattoria. PM Continue tour. DINNER: in local restaurant.

TUESDAY, June 8th. Florence/Pisa

AM Day trip to Pisa: visit the Leaning Tower, the baptistry; other sites (including side visit to LUCCA). LUNCH: in local trattoria. Return to hotel at conclusion of tour. DINNER: farewell dinner in characteristic local restaurant. Retire after dinner to prepare for next morning's EARLY departure for Rome's Fiumicino Airport and the USA.

WEDNESDAY, June 9th. Florence/Rome/USA

AM Leave hotel for Florence Airport for flight to Rome's Fiumicino Airport, to connect with Alitalia flight to NYC/JFK-USA.

The itinerary includes visits to various battle sites, participating in ceremonies hosted by both the US and Italian governments and also a tour of the beautiful Tuscany region. The cost of this trip is \$2,350.00 per person and will include:

Round-trip airfare, including taxes – 4-star hotels with bath – buffet continental breakfast each day – day trip tours and city tours by air conditioned, deluxe motor coach – bilingual guide – airport transfer – special welcome and fare well dinners, including wine – 8 luncheons – 10 dinners, (included in meals are service tip, mineral water, coffee, tea), bilingual tour conductor.

Since the hotels may require a deposit to hold a block of rooms, we are requesting travelers to send in an initial deposit of \$300.00 per person by October 20, 2003, \$600.00 per person by December 20, 2003, and the balance by March 1, 2004. If you have any questions, please call or write: John Boller, 1 Harbor North, Amityville, NY 11701. Tel: 1-631-691-5002.



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Women Are Veterans, Too

We weren't just tokens or pretty faces,
to decorate your offices and platoons;
we weren't dumb, too plain or too stupid
to make it in the real world.

We've marched your muddy roads,
carried and shot your heavy guns.
We've been shot at, wounded, and died,
and been prisoners of war.

We've been active in all services,
and risen to high ranks.
We've tended your bleeding wounds,
and held you when you were dying.

We've flown your mighty airplanes
and navigated your giant ships.

We've fixed your broken engines
and driven heavy equipment.

We've mailed letters for you,
and brought you news from home.
We've stood along side of you,
without flinching or running away,
and continue to stand by you today.

We are not asking for special treatment,
or that you should go out of your way.
We're only asking that you recognize
that women are veterans, too.

by Lynda K. Dokken, USMC 1966-67

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Last Call

All of us in the Society of the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Army, extend our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of those listed below. May they rest in peace.

In Memoriam

Life Members

Catherman, Abraham L LM OP 5
PFC 15th Inf WW II
PO Box 87
McEwensville, PA 17749-0087
DOD October 29, 2003
Reported by his wife Lois

Cox, Francis LM OP 63
SGT Service Co. 15th Inf. WW II
506 10th St SW
Humboldt, IA 50548-1950
DOD November 28, 2003
Reported by John Shirley

Jenkins, James R. LM OP33
PFC 30th INF/AT WW2
2516 N 7th St
Terre Haute, IN 47804-1807
DOD Unknown
Reported by the USPS

Martin, Herbert LM OP 60
1st LT 39th FA Korea
118 Rice Mill Drive
Savannah, GA 31419-9073
DOD December 2, 2003
Reported by his daughter Dianne Martin

Regular Members

Costa, Eugene OP 2
CPL 7th Inf/K Korea
765 Church St.
New Bedford, MA 02745-1445
DOD: December 28, 2003
Reported by John Clark to Frank Kane

Siegel, Carl W. OP 1
M/SGT A/1st Bn/15th Inf Reg Korea
611 Topeka Ct
Carol Stream, IL 60188-2910
DOD: December 26th, 2003
Reported by his daughter, Mariellen Spiros.
Mariellen says her Dad also served during WW II in the 5th Army, HQ Battery 4321,

AAA AW Battalion, Gun Section 3. When he left active duty after the Korean War, he joined the Army Reserves and retired in 1963. He died at home with his family by his side. We are very proud of him but miss him dearly.

Associate Members

Burud, Merle OP 15
Widow of Bill Burud
The Buruds had lived in Tempe, AZ.
Reported by their daughter Candy Gunning to Glenn E. Rathbun
5048 E. Freiss Dr.
Scottsdale, AZ 85254-2831

Non-Members

Bagatini, Alfred
Hqs Co. 7th Inf Regt
Fifth Ave
Corapolis, PA
DOD May 2003
Reported by Bill Tonini, OP 17

Beck, Ralph W.
PFC, 15th Infantry Regiment
952 Highgate Lane
Grayslake IL 60030
DOD December 20, 2003
His son, Berry Beck, would appreciate hearing from anyone who remembers and/or served with his Dad. He can be reached at 847-543-0023, FAX 847-543-0024, or E-mail: mif16@Ameritech.net.

Bell, John Jewitt, II
7th Infantry Regiment in WW2
DOD: December 24, 2003
Reported by Bob Bates. Bob says Mr. Bell was 84 years old. He was originally from Milford, CT, but was living in Vero Beach, FL, when he died.

Berger, Virgil E.
Pfc Hq Co 10th Engr Combat Bn

St. Louis, MO
DOD November 21, 2003
Reported by Joseph Borriello, OP 11
Mr. Borriello says he first met Pfc Berger near Casablanca in March 1943 when he was also assigned to Pfc Berger's company. While on the Anzio Beachhead, Mr. Borriello needed two additional radio operators in his section. Replacements were not forthcoming. Pfc Berger was assigned to Mr. Borriello's section and he taught Pfc Berger Morse Code and how to use the radios. Berger remained in Borriello's section throughout the war and they became very close. One could not have asked for a better buddy. The buddies stayed in touch by phone and mail. The Borriellos visited Virgil and Virginia Berger during the summer of 2000. The Borriellos realized that something was amiss when they hadn't received a Christmas card from the Bergers. Mr. Borriello called and was shocked to learn his best buddy had died. Mr. Borriello says he will be sorely missed.

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Lt B/15 Inf WW II
Tallahassee, FL
DOD: Unknown
Reported by his son to Albert L. Pyle

Flaherty, Mrs. Raymond
375 Mockingbird Ln
Merritt Island, FL 32953-7946
DOD January 1, 2004
Reporter by Daniel Wolfe, OP 52

Guy, Bobby
Sgt Svc Btry 39th FA Korea
DOD: January 4, 2004
Reported by Orlando "Andy" Maffucci who served with Mr. Guy.

Horton, George H.
2nd Bn 30th Regt WW II
1644 8th St SE
Roanoke, VA 24013
DOD January 4, 2004
Reported by Carl R. Wyatt, OP 35
Mr. Wyatt says he was a very good friend in combat and many years after that.

So that his brethren shall know...

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- To foster and strengthen associations and friendships formed during service with the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Army.
- To honor the Third Infantry Division War Dead.
- To perpetuate the memory of other former comrades who shared a background of honorable military service with the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Army.
- To encourage and achieve the mutual benefit and support resulting from a close and cooperative alliance between the Society and the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Army.
- To support the Government of the United States and to give it, in peace and in war, the same devotion and service expected of us as members of its armed forces.

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3ID Division Commander Requests Societies' Support

December 17, 2003. Garrison Change of Responsibility/ Retirement Retreat in honor of CSM Carl T Smith Outgoing and Incoming CSM Luis A. Garcia. CSM Smith was instrumental in support of the Society. My presence was welcome by all. Outstanding Ceremony

December 18, 2003. Division Holiday Ball. WOW! How joyous MG Webster and his senior leaders were to be home and to celebrate the Christmas Holiday season with their loved ones, likewise for the troops. A quote from MG Webster, "We appreciate more than ever the freedoms we have helped to defend as Americas. There have been good times and sad times. We have had loss with our great success. But we have been through everything together. We ran Saddam into that rat hole and the 4th Division dug him out." What an honor for me to have been a part of that great Christmas event. My presence was highly welcome by MG Webster and others in representing the Society of the Third.

In December 2002, I had the privilege of attending MG. Blount's Christmas Celebration also. During the half time break, MG Blount, had an announcement to make. He stated, "THE THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION HAS RECEIVED ITS DEPLOYMENT ORDERS, AND WE HAVE TO BE FULLY DEPLOYED BY THE END OF THIS MONTH." I had the impression from the look on those Dog-Faced Soldiers' faces that they were ready to face, together, the great challenge that confronted them. And they did! As the expression goes, "What a difference a year makes!"

December 19, 2003. Commemorating the Graduates of (PLDC) Primary Leadership Development Course Class 2-04.

The Distinguished Graduate is Spec Patrick Sawicki, A Company 2nd Bn, 7th Inf. Reg.

Specialist Sawicki received a two-year free membership into the Society of the Third Infantry (M) Division with a Certificate of Appreciation. Many thanks from the Academy Commandant CSM Albert D. Newton and MG Webster and others to the Society for supporting one of the Army's future leaders as a Noncommissioned Officer.

The Division Commander asked for the Society's support as above for the 2004 Leadership Development Courses as follows:

CLASS GRADUATION

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