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CSM Tardiff awarded Silver Star



Above left, CSM (Ret.) Paul Tardiff and wife at ceremony of Paul being awarded the Silver Star he earned during the War in Korea in 1952. Paul was a Cpl in Co. I, 7th Inf. Regt. 3d Infantry Division. He currently is a member of OP11.



Above right, Col & Mrs. Ross Franklin who upon hearing the award had never been made, corrected the oversight. The Col. was I Co. Commander in 1952. Many thanks to Korean War Veteran of the 25th Inf. Div., Robert MacThomas. Photos courtesy Robert W. MacThomas VP KWVA Bangor Chapter.

The much delayed SSM award to CSM Paul Tardiff (USA Retired) was made on the 25th of May (yep, this year) at 1100 hrs. The award ceremony was at the Maine State Korean War Memorial in Bangor. Making the award was COL J Ross Franklin. On September 19, 1952 Col Franklin was a 1st Lt, CO of "I" Company, 7th IR, 3rd ID, CSM Tardiff was a Cpl, 2nd Squad Ldr, 3rd Plt.

"...under cover of darkness the platoon moved to the base of the hill and it became immediately obvious they had encountered a much larger force than anticipated. When a concussion grenade impaired the Platoon Leader, Corporal Tardiff directed his Platoon to return fire. When Corporal Tardiff observed the Radioman hit by small arms fire near

the entrenched enemy, he immediately left his covered position, and dragged him out of the line of fire. Corporal Tardiff again exposed himself to enemy fire in order to return to his position and direct his squad to cover the withdrawal of the wounded Soldier. Corporal Tardiff remained in his position until the enemy had left the trenches and withdrew..."

There were many attendees from all the local Veterans groups, including American Legion, VFW, CSMs own Chapter of the Order of Purple Heart, and from Chapter 1 of the KWVA Bangor.

Col. Carmichael, C/S ME ARNG introduced Mr. Ken Buckley, Pres. Bangor KWVA, presentation of SSM by Col. J Ross Franklin of Florida and Arkansas.

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Governador, New Mexico

Jose F. Valdez, MOH, Remembered

On August 3, 2002 at 0900, relatives and friends of CMOH Recipient, PFC Jose F. Valdez, Company B, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division will gather to dedicate a monument in his honor at Gobernador, NM. PFC Valdez, awarded the CMOH posthumously for his heroic actions near Rosenkrantz, France on 25 JAN 45, is buried at the Santa Fe, NM National Cemetery.

Governador is PFC Valdez' birthplace and official home of record. The family home is still standing although the community no longer exists. He was ordered to report to Pleasant Grove, UT for induction into the US Army but never actually lived in Utah, however, he is listed as a Utah CMOH recipient. A US Navy Vessel was previously named in his honor, as have schools, streets and USAR/ANG training centers and armories in Utah, Colorado and Georgia. This will be New Mexico's first memorial/monument in his honor.

The committee is interested in knowing if there are any remaining 7th Infantry Regiment survivors of those WWII battles who may have served with PFC Valdez from 1943-45...

The committee, which is made up PFC Valdez's relatives and friends and chaired by Mr. Pat Montoya of Blanco, NM, has been working on the monument for more than two years to honor their former neighbor and fallen war hero. They are also working with state legislators to have a 75-mile stretch of US Highway 64 named in PFC Valdez's honor.

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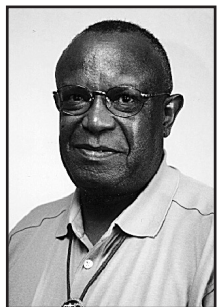
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President's Message

Jerry Cunningham



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

Greetings and farewell:

This being my final Presidential Message in the *Watch on the Rhine*, I wish to congratulate my successor and wish him the best in his tenure. However, I have confidence our Society will benefit from his service.

The Society of the Third Infantry Division was organized some eighty-three years ago. My Marne background and good fortune, enhanced my chance of being the first elected minority president during its existence. It has been a challenge for me to reach my expectations and gain the knowledge to lead some of the finest War and Peace time Veterans that ever wore an Army uniform. I'd trust my two years of service to this great Society, has inspired and stimulated other minorities members to step "FORWARD!" Those two years of service were served with Marne pride and spirit. I take great pride in all my accomplishments.

And thanks to all Regional Vice Presidents, the Immediate Past President, the *Watch* Editor, the Secretary/Treasurer, all Regional Committeemen, the Chaplain, the Judge Advocate, the Historian, the Webmaster, the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Medical Officer, the Membership Chairman, the Audit

I am also proud to report to the membership, as of this publication we have met all the specific duties charged to the Society of the Third Infantry Division in accordance to the Constitution and By-laws.

Committee, the Public Relations Chairman, the Constitution and by-laws Chairman, the Awards Chairman, the Nominations Chairman, all Outposts and Members, especially all Separate Regiments and Units for their support at the National reunions. It takes all those various elements to keep our Society afloat. It was a great honor to have served with all; some whom I appointed and others who were elected; moreover we all worked together for the betterment of the Society.

Every member of this society should be grateful to those who work twenty-four-seven to uphold the great history of the Third Infantry Division while preserving our freedom. Thank all of you!

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Hope to see you all in Buffalo, New York. God Bless "ROCK OF THE MARNE"

Jerry Cunningham
Society President

LAST ISSUE of "WATCH"

SPECIAL NOTICE TO DELINQUENT ANNUAL DUES PAYING MEMBERS

This notice is being posted for all annual dues paying members who have not paid their dues by the deadline of June 30, 2002. **If you have not paid your dues, this will be the last issue you will receive of the *Watch* until such time as you become current.** If you examine the label on your copy of the August *Watch* carefully, and if you are a **delinquent** member, the label on your copy of the *Watch* will show a date of **June 2002**.

We regret taking this action but the Society relies on the membership paying their dues on in a timely manner. If you have any questions regarding your dues, please contact the National Membership Manager, Society of the Third Infantry Div., PO Box 70291, Beaufort, SC 29902. Email: Finisterre@islc.net.

Thank you,

Raymond C. Anderson,
National Secretary/Treasurer

9th FA Battalion

Special Reunion Notice

We are rolling out the "red carpet" in Black Mountain - the "front porch of Western North Carolina" - for the 22nd annual reunion of those who served in 9th Field Artillery Battalion, and we hope y'all will plan to attend. Dates: Monday, September 23, 2002 through Thursday, September 26th, 2002.

Place: Monte Vista Hotel, 308 West State Street, Black Mountain, NC 28711. Phone: 828-669-2119. The Monte Vista Hotel was the setting for the 9th Field Artillery Reunion held in 1995. Those of you who attended that reunion will remember the friendly atmosphere in the spacious lobby and on the wide cool porches.

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Gobernador's former residents and/or their lineal descendents gather annually for the Santo Nino Reunion in August. The celebration begins with a Catholic Mass and includes a picnic, dance, and games. Several hundred people attend the event to share their memories and stories of times past as well as to remember those who have passed on. The committee thought it would be an appropriate time for the dedication and invite area members of The 7th Infantry Regiment Association and The Society of the 3rd Infantry Division to participate in the festivities.

A book will be published to commemorate this event and the heroics of PFC Jose F. Valdez. The committee is interested in knowing if there are any remaining 7th Infantry Regiment survivors of those WWII battles who may have served with PFC Valdez from 1943-45 and have stories or old unit photos of their own to share with the committee. Information can be mailed to Mr. Pat Montoya, Rt. #211/Hwy 511, Blanco, NM 87412, Phone # (505) 632-2221 or Emailed to LTC Juan C. Gomez: jcgomez3@fone.net

Pfc. Jose F. Valdez, MOH

Morning of January 25th 1945

Major John O'Connell's 3d Battalion, with Companies K and L in the assault, encountered enemy in the vicinity of a road junction northeast of Riedwihr. Company K was disorganized and forced to withdraw. Company L succeeded in driving the enemy from some buildings there, and by noon the 3d Battalion was awaiting relief by elements of the French CC4, preparatory to attacking Riedwihr.

The very relentlessness of the Division attacks slowly wore the Germans down and the towns of Riedwihr, Rosenkranz, and Houssen fell during the torrid fighting of January 25-26.

The 7th Infantry inflicted terrific losses on the enemy when the Germans launched a strong counterattack during the afternoon of January 25. The 1st Battalion, beating back the onslaught, turned the counterattack into an enemy rout and drove along the east-west road into Rosenkranz while 3d Battalion was holding firm against strong enemy armor and infantry pressure.

During the night of January 25 near Rosenkranz, Pfc. Jose F. Valdez gave his life in sacrifice. He was on outpost duty with five other soldiers, when the enemy counterattacked with overwhelming strength. From his position near some woods about five hundred yards beyond his lines, he observed a hostile tank about 75 yards away and raked it with automatic-rifle fire until it withdrew. Soon afterwards, he saw three enemy stealthily approaching through the woods. At thirty yards' distance he engaged in a fire fight with them until he had killed all three. The enemy quickly launched an attack with two full companies of infantrymen, blasting the patrol with murderous concentrations of automatic and rifle fire and beginning an encircling movement which forced the patrol leader to order a withdrawal. Private Valdez volunteered to cover the maneuver, and as the patrol, one by one, plunged through the enemy fire toward their own lines, Private Valdez fired burst after burst into the swarming enemy. The citation of his Medal of Honor award reads in part:

"he was struck by a bullet which entered his stomach, and, passing through his body, emerged from the back. Overcoming agonizing pain, he regained control of himself and resumed his firing position, delivering a protective screen of bullets until all others of the patrol were safe. By field telephone, he called for artillery and mortar fire on the Germans and corrected the range until he had shells falling within fifty yards of his position. For fifteen minutes he refused to be dislodged by more than two hundred of the enemy, then seeing that the barrage had broken the counterattack, he dragged himself back to his own lines. He later died as a result of his wounds. . ."

Final mopping-up of Houssen was done the same day by the 2nd and 3rd Battalions.

Editor's note: The following day Audie Murphy with the 1st Battalion earned his Medal of Honor.

Excerpted from "History of the Third Infantry Division WWII"

Medal of Honor

DAVILA, RUDOLPH B.

Second Lieutenant Rudolph B. Davila distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action on 28 May 1944, near Ardena, Italy. During the offensive that broke through the German mountain strongholds surrounding the Anzio beachhead, (then) Staff Sergeant Davila risked death to provide heavy weapons support for a beleaguered rifle company. Caught on an exposed hillside by heavy fire from a well-entrenched enemy force, his machine gunners were reluctant to risk putting their guns into action.

Crawling 50 yards to the nearest machine gun, Staff Sergeant Davila opened fire on the enemy. In order to observe the effect of his fire, Sergeant Davila fired from the kneeling position ignoring the enemy fire that struck his tripod and passed between his legs. Ordering a gunner to take over, he crawled forward to a vantage point and directed the firefight with hand and arm signals until both hostile machine guns were silenced. Bringing his three remaining machine guns into action, he drove the enemy to a reserve position 200 yards to the rear.

When he received a painful wound in the leg, he dashed to a burned tank and, despite the crash of bullets on the hull, engaged a second enemy force from its turret. Dismounting, he advanced 130 yards in short rushes, crawled 20 yards and charged into an enemy-held house to eliminate the defending force of five with a hand grenade and rifle fire. Climbing to the attic, he straddled a large shell hole in the wall and opened fire on the enemy. Although the walls of the house were crumbling, he continued to fire until he had destroyed two more machine guns.

His intrepid actions brought desperately needed heavy weapons support to a hard-pressed rifle company and silenced four machine gunners, forcing the enemy to abandon their prepared positions. Staff Sergeant Davila's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit on him, his unit, and the United States Army.

Mr. Davila passed away on Jan. 26, 2002.

30th Infantry Regimental Reunion Held at Ft. Benning, GA

The headquarters hotel for the reunion was the Four Point Sheraton, Columbus, Georgia. Most of us arrived on Tuesday. In the evening, we all enjoyed supper at the Texas Roadhouse

Wednesday, June 26th, 2002

We left the hotel at 7:30 a.m. by two army vans. In each of the vans there was an officer, a driver, and a soldier as escorts. At the entrance of Ft Benning, there was a long line of vehicles waiting to be checked by the MPs - we had to show them our IDs. We were taken to the Battalion Conference Room for a 30th Society by-laws meeting and had refreshments. We were then taken to the Red Cloud Range and saw a live fire/static display - four Bradley Fighting Vehicles and soldiers gave a demonstration of their weapons.

We all were given earplugs to wear and binoculars to look through. The men were then outfitted with a helmet and a flack jacket so that we could fire several of the weapons. We fired the machine guns, M16 rifles, and the 20mm shells from the cannon on the Bradley. At noon, we had lunch with the troops in the Gibson Dining Facilities. We got to talk to some of the soldiers. Most of them had just returned from a six-month tour of duty in Kosovo. After lunch, we were taken on a tour of the Fort Mitchell National Veterans' Cemetery in Alabama. In the evening, we attended the Regimental Society

Dinner at the hotel. Along with our group, there were approximately 150 active Regimental soldiers.

Following the buffet supper, Lt. Colonel Audy R. Snodgrass, battalion commander, gave a short speech and showed a video on our soldiers in Kosovo. CSM James G. McDonough (Retired), president of Outpost #60, was the guest speaker. To close the evening, we all sang "Dogface Soldier" and the "Army Song".

Thursday, June 27th, 2002

In the morning, we were taken to Essebagger Field for the Regimental Awards Ceremony. Lt. Colonel Audy R. Snodgrass welcomed us. Remarks were made by Colonel Charles P. Murray (Retired), Medal of Honor recipient. The "Footsie" Britt Award was presented along with the Honorary Colonel and CSM Induction Ceremony. Once again, we had lunch at the Gibson Dining Facilities. In the afternoon, our two vans and a busload of soldiers traveled to see the National Prisoner of War Memorial Museum at Andersonville, Ga. It was a Confederate Prisoners of War Camp for captured Union soldiers during the Civil War. In the evening, we had supper at Chef Lee's Peking Restaurant.

Friday, June 28th, 2002

We were taken to Essebagger Field for the Battalion Change of Command Ceremony. The outgoing commander was Lt. Colonel Audy R. Snodgrass and the incoming commander was Lt. Colonel Wesley Gillman. The Third Infantry Band from Ft. Stewart was there to perform. The troops were inspected, the change of command took place, and the troops passed in review. Very impressive. Once again, we all sang the "Dogface Soldier" and the "Army Song". Following the ceremony, we met with the families of the present and past battalion commanders and were treated to refreshments.

"Our Country, Not Ourselves"

Carl Topie



From the Editor

Jim Drury

I hope many of us are preparing for our annual reunion, Sept. 11th in Buffalo, NY. It is truly a wonderful experience to be able to visit with our comrades, old and new, veterans and active duty personnel. Our active duty 3rd Division Commander, Major General Buford C. Blount will be our opening speaker and I am looking forward to that.

I hope all have mailed their lottery tickets to Ray Anderson to participate in the drawing for Savings Bonds. It is not too late and you need not be present to win. Just make sure your address is on the returned ticket stubs. Joe Poggi, our host, and his helpers are promising a memorable reunion. Thomas Douglas, Jr. of Cordova, TN has sent a generous contribution to the "Watch" and I wish to acknowledge his support and thank him. Support like this, from him and others, help keep ones morale high. I hope to see many of you in Buffalo.

Jim Drury: Editor

Note: The annual Secretary/Treasurer's Financial Report and Audit was unavailable at press time. However, for those interested, copies will be made available at the reunion.

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Present were Senator Susan Collins, Representative John Baldacci, Governor of Maine, members of Troop Command ME. ARNG, among others.

R W (Bob) MacThomas
VP ME KWVA

We All Love Cookies

An old man was lying on his death bed. With hours to live, he suddenly noticed the scent of chocolate chip cookies coming from the kitchen. With his last bit of energy, the old man pulled himself from his bed, across the floor to the stairs, and down the stairs to the kitchen. There, the old man's wife was baking chocolate chip cookies. With his last ounce of energy, the old man reached for a cookie. His wife, however, quickly smacked him across the back of his hand, and exclaimed, "Leave them alone, they're for the funeral!"

Decals Available

Carl Topie again wants all of the members of our Society to know how much he appreciates the many requests he has received for the new window decal and for their donations to the Society. Just send a stamped self-addressed envelope to Carl. If you wish to donate please make checks payable to The Society of the 3rd Infantry Division.

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News From The Outposts

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John S. Cole

Tampa, FL

The outpost had an outstanding reunion the weekend of Friday, April 19 to Sunday, April 21, 2002 at the Best Western Inn & Suites, Naples Florida. We had the largest attendance of the past 4 years & were pleased that we had 6 members & wives that were attending their first outpost reunion.

The motel site was located near the city area & was of a historical nature. The grounds contained 2 swimming pools, several small pools with exotic fish, small bridges, statues of mermaids, porpoises, etc & all surrounded by lush vegetation. The accommodations were excellent, the daily rate was reasonable & everyone agreed it was very good choice for the reunion.

On Friday, April 18th we gathered at the front entrance of the motel at 4:30PM to car pool to the Naples Dinner Theater. We arrived at the theater in time for cocktails before a wonderful buffet dinner. We had plenty of time to mingle with old friends & make new friends before the live show of "Fiddler on the Roof", which started at 8PM. It was a well-done presentation & our members were very pleased with the performance. After the show we returned to the hospitality room at the motel for more socializing amongst members & wives.

On Saturday AM, 20 April a free breakfast was provided by the motel around the main pool area. After breakfast members were on their own to go swimming, shopping, take a trolley tour of the city sights or spend time in the hospitality room talking about old times with old & new friends.

One of the high lights of the reunion was the video called "A Soldiers Story", which was a history of the military career of member Dave Oglesby in WW11 in the European Theater. It was a professionally done video that Dave had made which he narrated his experiences from his basic training to Anzio, the liberation of Rome, the landing in Southern France, the Vogues Mountains, Ardennes & up to Nuremberg, Germany. It was an excellent video that was shown 3 times during the course of the reunion.

Saturday evening, April 20, we met at the Silver Spoon Cafe at 5PM for cocktails. The restaurant was across the street from the hotel with dinner being served at 6PM followed by our annual meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:15PM by President Jim Tiezzi. We had the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, followed by the singing of one verse of our National Anthem. This was followed by Bill Stone leading us in the singing of the "Dogface Soldier". Chaplain Bill Griswold said the opening prayer & remembered our deceased comrades that passed away during the past year. He also remembered our comrades on the sick list who were not able to attend our reunion.

The President offered condolences on behalf of all members of the Outpost to VP Walt Campbell & his son David, for the loss of their wife & mother just a few weeks ago. We expressed our thanks to Bev & Bill Griswold for all their efforts in arranging the reunion at an exceptionally nice motel at a reasonable rate & a wonderful dinner.

President Jim Tiezzi made some comments about a gentleman that was present who has a deep respect for the 3rd Infantry Division because of the 15th Infantry Regiment's liberation of his hometown in France in August 1944 when he was a boy. He now lives here in Florida & has been here for several years, with his wife Edi, & is now fully retired. He became an Associate member of the Society last year & is attending his first Outpost reunion. Lucien Brun was called upon to make a few remarks about his experiences in WW11 & was most welcomed by our members. Each member then introduced himself & his wife, mentioned the outfit he served in with the 3rd.

Frank Kane gave the Treasurer's report for the past fiscal year which was approved by the body as was the expenses of the President & Treasurer. Several items of correspondence were brought up (a) a request by the Buffalo National Reunion Committee for an ad in their program booklet & which our OP approved a full-page ad. (b) A review of the new membership dues paying system with a suggestion that everyone pays their dues early. (c) The National Awards Chairman request for nominations for the awards to be presented at the national reunion. (d) The President announced that he has been nominated for the position of Eastern Region Vice President of the Society & wanted the membership to know of this before it appeared in the next issue of *The Watch*.

Under Old Business the dedication of the 3rd Infantry Division monument at Bushnell National Cemetery on 11 November 2001 was reviewed. Dave Oglesby & his committee were thanked again for a job well done, as were all members & friends that contributed financially to the project. The 50-50 raffle was discussed & it was suggested that at future meetings our member attending should bring some type of gift to raffled off & the body thought this was a good idea. Finally, after much discussion at last years meeting & this years meeting, the body agreed that we would have just one official meeting per year in April. It was felt that an additional meeting in the fall would be too close to the National reunion & the holidays.

New Business items were the announcement that with the OP's officers approval we had installed two benches on either side of our monument at the Bushnell National Cemetery on April 15, 2002, which completed the project. It was suggested that if you are in the vicinity of Bushnell, you should try to stop by & visit the monument as it is only a short distance off Interstate 75. The recommendation was made by the nominat-

ing committee that the present officers be re-elected for another term. Since there were no other nominations, the President requested that the Secretary cast one ballot for the re-election of the present officers. The location of the April 2003 Outpost reunion will be in Sarasota, FL with Joe Kulac & Dorothy McDaniel being chairpersons in locating a suitable motel for the event. We are confident they will do an excellent job for us & we thank them in advance for accepting this responsibility. Since there was no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting & was duly seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

Jim Tiezzi
President OP #2

3 **Lattie Tipton**

Ninty Six, SC

Outpost #3 Members of Outpost #3 deployed to Pigeon Forge, TN, May 21-24. Our host and hostess for this trip were Ed Tickle and Bobbie Anderson. They found a wonderful place for us - the Comfort Inn - Apple Valley. We highly recommend it for any other Outposts planning a trip to Pigeon Forge. As we were preparing to depart, the hotel was hanging red, white, and blue bunting from each balcony of their well-kept three-story building in preparation for Memorial Day. Thoughtfully, they also had a POW/MIA recognition table set up in their lobby. Some members who haven't joined us before, attended the meeting. We were glad to have them with us. Our presence there attracted another veteran who was staying at the hotel. It turned out he had served with the Third, too. He got together with a group of us in the hospitality room for one of the many gab sessions. He didn't leave the room without a copy of the Watch and strong urging to join the Society.

As with most of our meetings, members spent much of their time in the hospitality room. This time we were looking at scrapbooks brought by Clyde Easter and Ed Tickle. Alta Milling had brought some displays of women in the military during WWII and Korea. She also brought a large map of Europe and one of Korea. Veterans spent time singly and in groups reviewing the maps and tracing their paths.

Bobbie Anderson out did Martha Stewart in decorating the hospitality room and in the food prepared for us to snack on. Many of us thought we would never be able to eat another thing until someone suggested dinner at one of the fine restaurants nearby. There is so much to do there. Some went to shows. But on our last night, we ALL descended like a flock of geese on an all-you-can-eat place.

Members and guests who attended were Jimmy and Helen Lea, Charles and Ann Beckett, George Winders, Elward Baker, Clyde and Ethel Easter, Bobbie Anderson and her daughter June, Bim and Ruth Snipes with guests Hazel Rhodes and Marion Strauen, Ruby Redden, Coker and Johnnie Price, Ed Tickle, Emory Burkett and Mary Rawlinson, Henry Parker and his niece Angela, Tom and Edith Godfrey, James and Kathleen Cooper and their daughter Sherry, Clyde and Anne Clapp, Dick and Dawn Ridley, Buck and Pauline Guard, Pat and Ola Kirby, and Alta Milling.

Our fall meeting will once again put members on an Army post - Fort Monroe, VA. Only this time we don't have to worry about making our own bed, having to get a pass before we leave the Post, having to polish our boots after lights out.... This time we'll be staying at the Chamberlin Hotel which is actually on Post. The hotel holds some memories for member Buck Guard. He tells us his grandfather and his uncle were part of the construction crew who built it! Our visit to Fort Monroe is scheduled for October 29 through November 2. Since Halloween falls while we'll be there, we just might have a costume contest! All Society members who are near Hampton, VA, are welcome to join Outpost #3 members during our visit to Fort Monroe. We'll leave the light on for ya.

Alta Milling

5 **George G. Frost**

NY & North East

Most of our snowbirds are home from the warm climates and are expected to attend several of our planned meetings this year. Our first gathering was on May 2nd at the West Point Officers Club with 46 members and wives attending. Our special guest was to be Lt Col. Kirk Frady, Public Affairs Officer at the Point. We were told that his transfer to a post in Texas as the Public Affairs Officer was made recently. Lt Col. Frady was in the PAO in Germany from 1986-88.

Egan Fehnel, ER Committeeman and 1st Vice President handed out 15 applications, Society membership on May 18-19, 2002, at the County Fairgrounds in PA. A booth was to be set up with society literature given out to former veterans of the 3d ID. June 9th we were at the Duck Pond in Ridgewood, NJ where we had our annual picnic. There were 40 attendees enjoying a great prepared meal. Thanks to Grace Zurawski, for being the hostess.

The reunion this year in Buffalo, NY is off to a big start. The first 50 members to submit their reunion activity form were entered into the two-1 free night at the hotel, drawing. We hope all of the Society members who read our column will come and see the sights in Buffalo / Niagara Falls this reunion.

To take the tour into Canada you must have the following documents: Quote * For entry into the U.S., either a valid US passport, or a certified copy of your birth certificate with a current photo ID, issued by a governmental agency (state ID card or drivers license) is acceptable to prove US citizenship. In some cases an expired U.S. passport may be accepted. (Nicole, US, Customs Service.) If any of the attendees on the tour do not have a valid birth certificate, contact your local Vital Statistic Office.

The journal ads are coming in slow. Have not heard from several Outposts, even the ones Outpost 5 participated in during their own reunions. If you would like your name in the journal Booster Page, send \$2.00 per name

The Outpost has lost many of its members recently, Bill Fortier, Past Outpost President recently lost his wife Victoria after a long battle. Oleg Guseff, former ER Committeeman and Outpost Vice President also passed away. They all will be missed.

I thank all our members for attending these Outpost meetings. Without them, we could not exist as a veterans group. Thank you,

Joseph M. Poggi



Memorial Day 2002 at Arlington OP 7 Honors Fallen Comrades

Outpost 7 continued its tradition of honoring our fallen comrades by conducting impressive wreath laying ceremonies at Arlington National cemetery on May 30. As hundreds of tourists looked on, twenty two Marne veterans, supported by a number of spouses and 15 members of the George Will. Mohr family, first laid a wreath at the Third Infantry Division memorial and then a second wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers.

At the Third Infantry Division Memorial appropriate tributes were paid to the Marne men who fought in WW I, WW II, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf War, to those who served and continue to serve in Kosovo and to those who are now supporting our actions in Afghanistan. Following a minute of silence in honor of those who are buried in Arlington and in other national cemeteries around the globe, John Insani introduced the members of the Mohr family who were present to attend the funeral of George Will. Mohr a well decorated Marne man. George (who was known as Bill) was a native of Kokomo, Indiana. He served with the 1st Bn 15th Infantry through France and Germany where he earned three Purple Hearts, a Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, the CIB, five battle stars, and the French Croix de Guerre with a Gold Star. He retired from active duty as a Captain in 1947 and died on April 19.

Following the wreath laying service at the Marne Memorial, the group moved to the Tomb of the Unknowns to observe a Changing of the Guard Ceremony and then conducted a formal wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb. Forming a cordon down the steps leading to the Tomb of the Unknowns, the Marne men stood proudly at attention and then rendered honors as Burgess Hoffman, Ron Conaway, George Cox and Mrs. Mohr placed a large wreath with blue and white flowers and a blue and white banner at the Tomb. The ceremony concluded with the sounding of Taps by a bugler from the Army Band. The ceremony at the Tomb, like that at the Marne memorial was observed by hundreds of tourists. Following that ceremony the group moved to the cemetery administrative building and then to the cemetery proper to witness the burial with full military honors of George Will. Mohr who was an active member of OP 33.

Attendees at the two wreath laying ceremonies included, but were not limited to: Burgess Hoffman from Winchester, VA, Donald & Cleova Conaway from Crownsville, MD, Sherman Pratt, Alexandria, VA, Harold Davis, Falls Church, VA, Ted Rowland, Richmond, VA, Gen Walter Kerwin. Alexandria, VA, Bill Tracy, Glen Burnie, MD, George Otis, Leonard and Hedi Wenh, Arlington, VA, Ken Young, Fairfax, VA, George Houch, Huntingdon, PA, Bud Lampen, Springfield, VA, Hank Bodson & June Kaulbach, Sterling, VA, Carl Swickerath, Rockville, MD, George Cox, Bloomingburg, NY, Ron McCleary, Hollidaysburg, PA, Col Cathy Bacon, Langley, VA, Ray & Martha Hergenreder, Yorktown, VA, Ken Kendal, OP 33, Portage, IN, Howard Townsend, Stafford, VA, Charles DeJarnett, Kennesaw, GA, Yours Truly, and the Mohr Family led by Joan Mohr widow of George Mohr.

Best Wishes were received and relayed from Bob Boucart and our comrades from the Belgian Battalion and from the following: Walt Tardy, who is undergoing physical therapy following a total knee replacement, was unable to attend, Sam Smithers who is recovering from a stroke and Jay Lowden who was also unable to attend due to community commitments in Richmond. Raleigh D. Easter of Winchester VA, a very loyal attender at our wreath laying services, was also unable to attend due to health and transportation problems.

For advance planning purpose, our next meeting and wreath laying ceremonies are scheduled for Veterans Day Nov 11, 2002 at 3:05 p.m. at the Tomb in Arlington National cemetery. Other outpost members, family and guests are always welcome to attend our wreath laying ceremonies at Arlington.

John Insani



Tommy Thompson

Minneapolis, MN

The O.P. #12 Fall Fling will be held at the Country Inn & Suites in Albert Lea, MN on October 5 & 6, 2002. We held our spring meeting there in 2001 and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. The local Hy Vee supermarket catered our Saturday evening banquet directly to our meeting room at a very reasonable cost. I hope a few more of our southern Minnesota and northern Iowa members will attend.

For further details on room and dinner reservations contact – Gretchen Claussen, 1318 Martin Rd, Albert Lea, MN 56007. PH. No. 1-507-373-9510. Room reservation deadline is September 21, dinner reservation deadline is October 1.

Jerry Manley



Charles D. King

Detroit, MI

The OP #13 Spring luncheon/meeting was held at “Gilbert’s Steak House in Jackson, Michigan, May 18th. There were 27 present and although a smaller number than recent meetings, all had a very good time. I am happy to report we now have 140 members in our group.

Thanks to Barb and Bill Greene, we had our first Silent Auction, to raise funds for the treasury. It was very successful, taking in \$164.75. There were some really excellent items (treasures) auctioned off and everyone enjoyed it. Several suggested making it an annual event.

Unfortunately, due to a last minute illness, OP President Walter Schmidt was unable to be present. But Roland Arndt stepped up and guided us ably through the meeting. Thanks Roland for helping out!

Jerry Lautzenhiser was the lucky winner of the 50/50 drawing.

Sounds to me like quite a few of us are looking forward to attending the reunion at Buffalo. Hope to see you all there!!

*Terry L Tennant,
Sec. / Treas.*

“Watch” Website – <http://www.warfoto.com/3society6.htm>

15 Arizona

Phoenix, AZ

Outpost 15 members are one hundred per cent paid up on their dues. I want to thank all of the members of OP 15 for coming through and making us number one.

F/Sgt Matt J. Markovich od Co .B 30th Inf WWII is in the veterans Hospital in Phoenix, AZ. If you happen to be around the area stop and see him.

OP 15 will have their next dinner and meeting in Oct 2002. There will be a notice in the Sept *Watch*.

I will be on the road the next few weeks traveling with the bus and will be gone most of Aug. and Sept.

*Carl R. Duncan
Secretary Treasurer O.P.15
Western Region Vice President*

22 Albert Miceli

Southern California

We had a really enjoyable outpost picnic on Sunday. Over 80 people. Weather wasn't perfect, but it has been worse. Cool and a very light drizzle for a half hour, but then in the 70s.

Jim Jarboe and I took photos. Margaret did a great job putting it together. All of the food and supplies filled my truck.

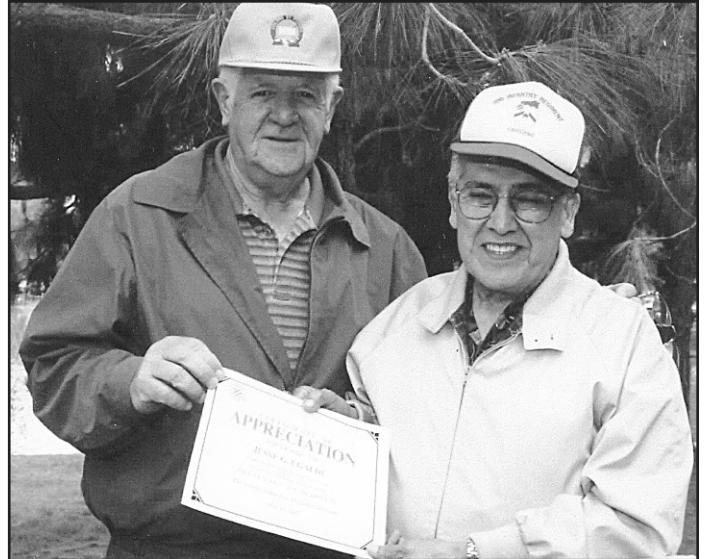
I recently bought a 3ID flag. At the picnic area I flew it from the bed of the truck. Several people said they saw it from the road. Many members had never seen the division colors before.

The Albert Miceli OP 22 meeting and picnic were held May 19 at Yorba Regional Park in Southern California. The picnic, hosted by Martin and Margaret Markley, welcomed over 80 members, family and guests. The bill of fare was highlighted by the traditional barbecued hot dogs and hamburgers accompanied by chicken, baked beans, salads and other goodies.



Society of the 3rd Infantry Division, OP 22 members, families and guests enjoyed the annual picnic at Yorba Regional Park in Southern California, May 19, 2002. Howard Bonner and Jim Strobel (foreground) sit with family members and friends. In the background are Martin Markley, Art Weldon, Warren Booth, George MacKenzie and Sam Renzi. Photo by Jim Jarboe

The nineteen members in attendance reelected Andy Scullion as President and Bruce Monkman, Vice President. Martin Markley has agreed to stay on as Secretary/treasurer but will step down at the end of June. We need someone to come forward to fill this position.



President Andy Scullion presents a certificate of appreciation to Jesse Ugalde at the annual OP 22 picnic. Jesse was being recognized for the excellent planning of the dedication ceremony of the 3rd Infantry Division monument at the Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery, near San Diego. Photo by Jim Jarboe.

A certificate of appreciation was presented to Jesse Ugalde in recognition of his outstanding work on the memorial dedication ceremony at Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery Feb. 16. As funds become available it is the goal of OP 22 to replace the Memorial Plaque, presently in place at the Riverside National Cemetery, with a similar black granite block. When this task is accomplished there will be a 3rd Infantry Division Monument at each of the three National Cemeteries in Southern California.

Roy Holder will host the next meeting at his place in Temecula on Sunday, the 11th of August. A map will be included in the next OP Newsletter.

Rock of the Marne!

*Jim Jarboe, OP 22 Historian
Martin Markley, Secretary/Treasurer*

33 Eric A. Scott

Fort Wayne, IN

Outpost #33 had it's Spring meeting on May 22 and 23, 2002. 28 members were present. Outpost #33 elected as officers: President Earl Ravenscroft -Vice President Kenneth R. Kendall - Secretary Treasurer John M. Prendergast

Outpost #33 will hold it's next Spring meeting on May 13-14, 2003 at the Brown County Inn in Nashville, Indiana.

The members of Outpost #33 toured The Veterans National Memorial Shrine just West of Fort Wayne, Indiana. It is located on the property of Eric A. Scott who Outpost #33 is named after.

Eric A. Scott felt that the Infantryman should never be forgot-

ten and started his museum - memorial shortly after World War I. Following his death his widow continued on until her death. The property then was taken over by a group that was founded to carry on Eric's vision. That group is: The Veterans National Memorial Shrine.

The Members of Outpost #33 also were able to take a tour of a new museum that is being developed at Auburn, Indiana. It is named the: Dean V. Kruse Foundation Inc. World War II Victory Museum. Mr. Kruse bought the entire contents of a military museum in Belgium and had the contents shipped to America. We were able to view many pieces of equipment of both German and American Armies. Many of the German pieces were from the Africa Corps era and later in the war era. The American equipment ranged from motorcycles, semi tractors, amtracks, jeeps, ambulances, and many other pieces.

*Kenneth R. Kendall
Vice President OP #33*

35 **Audie L. Murphy** **Plano, TX**

On June 22, at the American Cotton Museum, events included a military style program and tours of the Museum. At 1:00 PM, the American Cotton Museum hosted the long awaited unveiling of the bronze Statue of Audie Murphy, sculpted by Thomas Gordon. The statue is 10 feet in height and mounted on a 5-foot base of solid granite, which weighs 30,000 pounds. On display at the Museum are the "Murphy Seven," original oil paintings by Richard Krause. These can be "viewed" now by accessing the audiemurphy website. The Museum is open for touring. For updates, check the www.cottonmuseum.com website.



From the left, Virgil York, Leonard Coble, Bill Harper, Deacon Whitaker, and Richard Ellis. These comrades organized OP 35 on Oct. 12, 1974.

For these events, Joe and Lynn stayed at the Best Western in Greenville, Texas, which is quite close to the American Cotton Museum. "Thanks" go to Larry Jordan for informing us of the Museum event and to the Museum staff for its valuable help in providing information to us.

November Outpost Meeting: Fredericksburg, Texas. We are pleased with the early interest in our November Outpost Dinner

Meeting in Fredericksburg. Please let us know as soon as possible if you plan to attend. We need to have a good estimate of the number of participants to reserve a room of appropriate size. We urge everyone to make reservations soon. Lula Coble called to let us know that, near holidays like Veterans' Day, Fredericksburg is quite overpopulated with visitors. The Outpost Dinner Meeting will be conducted on Saturday, November 9th, at 6:00 PM (come at 5:00 PM to visit with friends). At this writing, the site of the meeting is undetermined and will be announced in our next mailing-the meeting invitation. Here is a list of local area lodging that can be booked via Internet.

Fredericksburg: Comfort Inn, Econo Lodge, Holiday Inn Express, Best Western, and Days Inn Suites.

Kerrville: Comfort Inn, Econo Lodge, Y O Ranch Resort Hotel Days Inn, Hampton Inn, Super 8, and Best Western Sunday House.

Joe and Lynn have booked reservations at the Inn of the Hills in Kerrville where they like to stay. It is not accessible from the Internet, but it has nice one-bedroom condos and covered parking.

Remember that the Nimitz Museum requires most of one day to tour thoroughly and the Texas Hill Country is worth a close look. It is beautiful and a respite from the flatness of most of Texas. The Town of Fredericksburg offers many other attractions outlined in our March newsletter. These will be listed again with our November meeting invitation.

Joe & Lynn Ball

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



Left to right: Ltc. William Powell (Ret.), San Francisco Jr. ROTC Director, Cadet Co. Mary Ann Lieu, San Francisco Brigade, Cadet Col. Brian Thompson, Oakland Brigade, Ltc. Vernon Clark (Ret.), Oakland Jr. ROTC Director.

As I reported in the June *Watch*, our next meeting will be at the Brass Door Restaurant, San Ramon, CA on Saturday, Nov. 9. The programs should be of great interest. Our speaker will be Evelyn Carter who served as house-keeper and cook for Lt. Col. Dwight Eisenhower serving with the 15th Infantry at Ft. Lewis, WA and

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Ready for War

Retired General Frederick Kroesen, (a former Rutgers ROTC classmate), authored a recent article in the Army Times and quoted in the Winter 2002 Cottonbaler. It included the following paragraph:

"The American soldier is second to none in his ability to cope with the demands of any crisis. But have we taught them that war is a dirty, ruthless endeavor that requires each individual who finds himself in the combat zone be prepared to take lives, establish control and accomplish the mission even at the cost of his own life? We hope that his first thoughts when he meets the enemy will not be of "consideration of others," tolerance and diversity training, but rather the hair bristling of the hunter spotting his quarry. We hope he realizes that his enemy's intent is his destruction, that the enemy's indoctrination and training are designed to produce a fanatical determination to destroy him."

It's a message I had heard 58 years before, but in much more earthy tones. It was my first night on the Anzio Beachhead in Italy in February 1944. I was one of a group of 21 Infantry 2nd Lieutenants reporting for duty with the 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division. We were given our company assignments by the adjutant, Captain Richard Young, and were then addressed briefly by the Regimental Commander, Colonel Harry B. Sherman.

"You're going up as replacements to the best damn Regiment in the United States Army. You'll be expected to live up to the traditions of that Regiment and that Division..."

We were in a small barn attached to an Italian farmhouse. The windows were blacked out with army blankets and the barn was dimly lit by the light of a hissing Coleman gasoline lantern, which cast ominous shadows on the floor and walls. The Colonel said, "You're going up as replacements to the best damn Regiment in the United States Army."

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New Orleans Chalmette Battlefield Park

7th Inf Reg't Monument approved

Sherman Pratt

Some good and bad news. First the good news. Our Cottonbaler Association president Rick Rhoades will probably have more to say on this, but I can submit the following as a brief interim or supplemental report. At long last, after almost ten years of failure and disappointments for us, the National Park Service suddenly reversed themselves recently and indicated they would allow a 7th Infantry Regiment monument or marker in the Chalmette Battlefield Park at New Orleans.

In the early 1990s, Third Division Society President, John Shirley, suggested that the 7th should do something about establishing a permanent marker or stone someplace to commemorate the regiment. He said the other two regiments of the Third had done so, the 30th at the Presidio of San Francisco, and the 15th at Fort Lewis. At the 7th Regiment Association annual reunion in Lancaster PA in 1991 the membership warmly endorsed the idea and after extensive consideration a consensus was reached that the memorial should be located at the Chalmette Battlefield Park where the regiment fought successfully with General Andy Jackson on January 8, 1815 and earned the title "Cottonbalers". It is recorded that cotton bales were used in the ramparts at the Chalmette plantation between the Mississippi River and an impenetrable swamp.

A Memorial Committee was appointed and efforts undertaken to arrange for permission from the National Park Service to erect a monument. The efforts, however, got nowhere. The Park Service would not allow a marker or monument saying that their policy did not permit it; that they did not want monuments in battlefields. We countered that many battlefields, such as Gettysburg, Vicksburg and others were filled with monuments. The Park Service said that was exactly the reason they no longer permitted stone markers; that the battlefields had been converted into forests of stone and no longer were realistic or reflected the appearances that existed at the time of the battles.

...Joe Ben had the satisfaction of at last seeing distinct forward movement for his Monument efforts after to many years of disappointment and failures

In spite of our repeated arguments over the ensuing years for our proposal the Service remained steadfast and unyielding in their position. Then suddenly about four months ago I had a telephone call one afternoon from Deputy Director David Herrera at the Jean Lafitte and Chalmette National Parks a few miles outside New Orleans. He said they were preparing a capital improvement plan and they want to commemorate by displays or otherwise the military units that fought against the Brits there in the Battle of New Orleans and could we meet with the Park Service to discuss the matter. After catching my breath and nearly falling out of my chair I excitedly responded that indeed we could – just name the place and time. Among others, I reported the incident to Association President Rick Rhoades and to the only two remaining members of our memorial committee, Joe Ben Jones in Monroe, LA and Lou Schindler in Colorado Springs. Joe Ben should be reasonably well known to many of his fellow 7th and 3rd veterans. He has been most faithful in attending annual reunions.

After numerous e-mail exchanges, and the passage of some weeks, it was agreed that Rhoades, Jones and I would travel to New Orleans and meet at the Chalmette Park Visitor Center on May 6th and we did so. At the Center we met with Park Deputy Director Herrera, several other Park Service, State and municipal officials, Jason Hutter of Congressman Billy Tauzin's office, and Association member Jim LaBlanc, a local civic activist of extraordinary effectiveness and meaningful contacts, and were presented with three options for our consideration. Any one of the three would have been enthusi-

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Letters to the Editor

A Distinguished Marne Man to be Remembered

Dear Mr. Drury,

This is to advise you of the passing of former Major Julian W. ("Bill") Cummings, of the 10th FA Bn. and the 3rd Divarty Air Section in World War II.

A lieutenant then, Bill was one of two pilots who took off from LST 386 at Licata, Sicily, at daybreak on D-Day, July 10, 1943, lifting off in their L-4 Liaison Aircraft (Piper J-3 "Cubs") from a narrow flight strip erected on the upper deck of the LST by the 10th Engineers, our divisional combat engineer battalion, at Bizerte.

Bill patrolled the beaches that day from Agrigento to Gela, landing to refuel from passing trucks when needed, reporting the locations of our advancing troops and directing fire for the naval ships off shore, and for our field artillery when it arrived ashore. His direction of naval gunfire upon the tanks of counter-attacking elements of the Herman Goering Panzer Division broke up their counterattack against the 1st Infantry Division above Gela, and helped the Big Red One onto its D-Day objectives.

For his splendid single-handed effort that day, in the face of anti-aircraft fire and attack by German aircraft, not to mention his flirting with the low trajectories of heavy caliber naval fire, Bill was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by order of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, commanding U.S. Seventh Army.

Bill was a lifelong Mormon whose ministries are described in the enclosed obituary received recently from his widow, Mrs. Kay Cummings, of Mesa, Arizona.

A distinguished Marne man to be remembered.

Sincerely,

Francis A. Even
Formerly Captain,
10th Engineer Combat Battalion,
U.S. 3rd Infantry Division, W WII

My name is Jose A. Jaramillo and I am writing to anyone that I can find that served in Korea from 1951 – 1952. My father served in Korea at that time and he now needs medical treatment but the Government says they have no records of my father even being in the military. I'm not sure if you can help or at least you might be able to direct me in the right direction.

My father: Manuel Jaramillo (Vasquez), SN US54017036, 65th Inf. Regt., Medics. My father was from Mexico and could not speak good English.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

jara069@coqui.net

Dear Editor,

Good morning, we talked on the phone about # 5879 Berry, Norman W., 7th INF, HVMTR KOREA He was put in for a silver star a short time before it was awarded to 1st LT Levesque, Arthur J. page 383 in 3rd Div. In Korea Both award's were for removing a

live round from a mortar But Norman did it first. I tried to find a date on Levesque's but had no luck. His wife and family and I would like to see him get what he has coming to him. We will all be in Buffalo.

If you have time to give a man a pat on the back this man brings sunshine all the people he meets, He is Shuttle Coordinator at the Boston VA, Jamacia Plains. Not only does he do the shuttle but has the phone in hand and the PC going and a hand radio and speaks to everyone like old friends, gives directions to all and makes sure the old the weak and the confused get to where they are going, he has treats under his desk that he gives out to people it has a calming effect. Makes sure that there are wheelchairs for them, and that is in 5 minutes of his day. This young black man is about 30 years old, I think. His name is DARYL CLEMONS, VA Hosp. A vote from Nancy and David Clifton for him for President !!!

Dave and Nancy Clifton

Mr. Drury,

Just a short note with a correction and question.

I have been keeping up with the 3rd Div Society for several years thru their website. I finally joined this last spring. Would like to make a correction in the June 2002 (Vol. 83 No.6) issue of *The Watch on the Rhine*. On page 27, Roll Call, you have me as being in the Korean War with the 3/76th FA Bn. I served in the 3/76th in Kitzengen, Germany from 1963 to 1966. I was with the 64th FA Bn of the 25th Div. in Korea.

I have been trying to find out where the colors of the 3/76th went too when it was detached from the 3rd Div. If the unit was deactivated or assigned to another unit? Any help would be appreciated.

All the best

Chester Ball
(1st Sgt Retired 3/76th FA Bn. 3rd Div)
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To: The Editor of "The Watch On The Rhine"

I received a letter from Joseph M. Poggi President of Outpost #5, host of the Society's September 11-15, 2002 Reunion in Buffalo, NY, encouraging attendance of my group at the Reunion.

I have sent a copy of his letter to the men on my mailing list, but would also like to encourage all other 3rd Division veterans who served during the "Cold War" to attend this Reunion.

We served in Bamberg, Germany with the 1st Battle Group 15th Infantry 3rd Division from October, 1957 to October, 1959 and hope to be well represented in Buffalo.

All Cold War Warriors and other Veterans will be honored and will meet a great bunch of veterans and wives.

This should be an outstanding event as the 911 disaster has renewed our sense of camaraderie and many Veterans should be

attending. Hope to see you there.

“Rock of the Marne”

Paul E. Desroches
3459 Bunker Ave.
Wantagh, NY 11793

I've had a couple things on my mind for quite awhile, in regard to my service in the Army. These have bugged me on and off for a lot of years.

When I was drafted, after Pearl Harbor, I was trained at Camp Perry, OH. Then was transferred to Camp Walters, Texas, where I trained for IRTC, better known as Infantry Replacement Training Center. I liked the Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR) and got to be “top dog” in handling that heavy burdensome weapon. After a few months in Texas, I was transferred to Fort Bragg, NC, Co. F, 47th Inf. Regt., 9th Inf. Div. All of our Non-Coms plus a few Officers were Southerners. So here we go...

Most of the guys in the 9th were New Yorkers, so we had Southerners who hated Northerners telling us what to do. We were fighting the Civil War all over. I had fought “Golden Gloves” back home so I could handle myself. After kicking a few Non-Com asses, they sort of let up on me. But we were all “Nigger Lovers, White Crackers, Damn Yankees, etc. I dug many holes, picked up many butts, cleaned up many latrines with a toothbrush. After I placed 1st in a Divisional BAR shoot out, I started to get some respect. I was the guy that you wanted to be next to if times got tough. Well, off we went to make the invasion of North Africa. Coming off the LST, the water was about 3 ft. deep & wavy. The French and whoever else, were shooting at us. I hit this water and a wave knocked me over. I couldn't get up, I was loaded with ammo, the BAR, Thompson Machine gun & a 45. The weight I had on got too heavy. I was getting shot at, until Frank Landati stopped to help me up. Without Frank's help, I would have surely been killed. From then on, you couldn't separate Frank and me. After Kasserine Pass, we were asked to help the British in a push... so I volunteered with about 100 other guys. After driving for 2 nights, we joined the British in their push. We finally got the Germans on the run when all of a sudden we stopped. I couldn't believe it. We stopped for tea time! Had the Germans on the run and stopped for tea! No wonder they got their ass kicked. After getting more guys killed, we started slaughtering the Germans. Then they called us back to help our own troops converging on Bizerte. It was all over but the shouting.

Got into invasion of Sicily and the Germans were giving us a real headache. I got into an argument with my Capt. I will not mention his name as he is dead. He told me to take the men and “Take that hill.” I told him to get his butt out of the hole and lead us. Not a long argument, but he said he would get me killed and my being Italian; understanding and reading it, I headed all combat & Recon patrols.

After nearly getting killed a few times, Sicily was over. The 9th was going for a rest. I was called to go to a replacement center and was transferred to Co. F, 15th Inf. Regt., 3d Inf. Div. making the Invasion of Italy. So instead of a rest, here I was in combat again. Crossed the Vulturno River 3 times and was wiped out 3 times. The Germans were waiting for our crossing each time.

Got to Mont Cassino and everytime we attacked that Monte

Cassino we got slaughtered. Finally we got the word to pull back about 10 miles from Monte Cassino and watched the bombers drop bombs on the Mone. Got celled back to attack the Monte and couldn't do it.

We finally got relieved and I thought we were going to a rest camp. We loaded aboard trucks and found ourselves facing LSTs. Rest camp my ass! Off we went to make the invasion at Anzio. Not a shot was fired by us. The Germans had mae Anzio an R & R Camp. They were drunk, had women shacking up, etc. We caught them red handed; they never knew we were there. About 14 of us grabbed 3 jeeps and we drove through the ring of mountains to a town called Cisterna. I questioned a few peope and found out that the Germans that were there, were trucked out to Monte Ccssino. So here we were in Cisterna, no Germans. We called in to the beachhead, that we had the town and to come up. We were ordered to return to the beachhead. I couldn't believe it! Return to the beachhead! You gotta be kidding, but this Sgt. said, “Orders are orders.” The General wants us back, so we went back.

Anzio was surrounded by a ring of mountains. The Germans occupied the ring and there we were. It was like shooting into a barrel for the Germans. It was a slaughter house. I was badly wounded at Ponte Rotto, Anzio. After much strafing & bombing by the Germans, I lived through it.

In my opinion, the two blunders in history were:

Tea time.

Leaving Cisterna and going back to the beachhead.

Now that I got these “blunders” out of my mind I can rest at ease.

S/Sgt Bill (Bo) Boemi
Mr. Bill Buemi
Co. I 15th Inf. Regt., 3rd Inf. Div. WWII
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I just remembered... On this tea time affair when the British finished having their tea, the bag piper stood up and played the attack song. What a bunch of idiots. They let the Germans know that they were going to attack and that the Germans would run, when they heard the bagpipes. I wonder how many British were killed during that attack. I know we lost a few men.

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for Colonel Dwight Eisenhower serving as 3rd Infantry Division Chief of Staff at Ft. Lewis. Evelyn's husband, Nick, was serving with the 9th Field Artillery at the time, and joined the 3rd. Division in 1933. Both have excellent memories, and this will be a walk down memory lane, a walk full of information you will not get anywhere else. I hope to see a great turnout for this meeting. With best wishes, John Shirley, OP 54 President

2004 Anniversary Tour

I was very pleased to hear from about ten members interested in the 2004 tour. Please look at the tentative itinerary in the June WATCH, and let me know if this tour is of interest to you. It is a little ambitious, and is being modified a bit as some of the day trips are a bit long. We will make this tour as easy on you as possible, both physically and financially. Please let me hear from you.

John Shirley

Signing the Declaration

■ From a letter by John Adams to Abigail Adams, his wife, dated July 3, 1776.

Yesterday the greatest question was decided which ever was debated in America, and a greater, perhaps, never was nor will be decided among men. A resolution was passed without one dissenting colony, "that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, and as such they have, and of right ought to have, full power to make war, conclude peace, establish commerce, and to do all other acts and things which other States may rightfully do." You will see in a few days a Declaration setting forth the causes which have impelled us to this mighty revolution, and the reasons which will justify it in the sight of God and man. A plan of confederation will be taken up in a few days.

When I look back to the year 1761, and recollect the argument concerning writs of assistance in the superior court, which I have hitherto considered as the commence-ment of this controversy between Great Britain and America, and run through the whole period, from that time to this, and recollect the series of political events, the chain of causes and effects, I am surprised at the suddenness as well as greatness of this revolution. Britain has been filled with folly, and America with wisdom. At least, this is my judgment. Time must determine. It is the will of Heaven that the two countries should be sundered forever.

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It may be the will of Heaven that America shall suffer calamities still more wasting, and distresses yet more dreadful. If this is to be the case, it will have this good effect at least. It will inspire us with many virtues which we have not, and correct many errors, follies, and vices which threaten to disturb, dishonor, and destroy us. The furnace of affliction produces refinement, in states as well as individuals. And the new governments we are assuming in every part will require a purification from our vices, and an augmentation of our virtues, or there will be no blessings. The people will have unbounded power, and the people are extremely addicted to corruption and venality, as well as the great. But I must submit all my hopes and fears to an overruling Providence, in which, unfashion-able as the faith may be, I firmly believe....

The second day of July 1776 will be the most memorable epocha in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward, forevermore.

You will think me transported with enthusiasm, but I am not. I am well aware of the toil, and blood, and treasure that it will cost us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States. Yet through all the gloom, I can see the rays of ravishing light and glory. I can see that the end is more than worth all the means, and that posterity will triumph in that day's transaction, even although we should rue it, which I trust in God we shall not.

Outpost Harry Survivors Association Annual Reunion

One hundred three members and guests attended the 11th annual reunion of the Outpost Harry Survivors Association held from June 13 through June 16, 2002 at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in New Orleans. Many arrived before the reunion, and stayed afterward making sightseeing trips.

Following individual registration in the hospitality room, a "Welcome Reception" was held for attendees. The Association provided complimentary chicken and sausage Jambalaya with corn bread.

The next morning the group took a 3-hour narrated tour of many areas of New Orleans, returning for lunch at the hotel.

This year, during the Memorial Service, not only were all the units involved in the outpost defense recognized, but recently deceased member, Regnard Burgess, former Association President and Society of the Third Infantry Division Sergeant-at Arms, was eulogized by several of his comrades. Members told of their outpost experiences and Mary, wife of member Charles Scott, read a moving tribute.

President Verlin Rogers conducted the membership meeting. Following the invocation given by Chaplain Ed Hanrahan, the prior minutes reported by Secretary E. Douglas Jones and Treasurer G. Samuel Buck's financial report showing the association to be liquid were approved. The usual business matters were quickly covered and the election of officers was conducted: F. Walden Storie was elected President; Francis X. Riley was elected Vice President.

The banquet was highlighted by Lt. Col. Steven H. Twitty's speech recognizing the importance and deeds of former soldiers and spoke, in detail, about the role of soldiers now faced with the threat of global terrorism. Lt. Col. Twitty also presented a video of 15th Infantry Regiment units conducting exercises at the National Training Center, Ft. Irwin, CA.

A Farewell Breakfast concluded the reunion with plans announced for the 2003 reunion to be held at Ft. Stewart, GA.

Additional information about the association, the OP Harry battle, photographs and members' memories may be seen at the website under construction on the Internet at <http://btainc.com/OPHSA/index.htm>

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Looking for...

I would appreciate hearing from anyone who knew my father, **Harold Affsprung**, who was in North Africa, Sicily, Anzio/Rome, S. France. He was in 3rd Signal Company

Thanks very much.

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Hi, my name is John March. My father was in the Korean War. He died last year Aug 3rd. I'm just trying to get any information at all. He never ever talked about it and nobody ever brought it up when we were younger.

I do have a plaque saying 3rd Inf. Division-U.S. 52061322-Dec. 7 1950-Defiance.

He received the bronze star for Meritorious Achievement in ground operations against the enemy in Korea 19 Aug. 1951 -24 April 1952, given under my hand in the city of Washington this 22 day of October 1952. His name is **Paul E. March**, Corporal, US 52 061 322, What do I have to do to get the medal and or anything else that he would have received that we cant find?

Thank you for any help at all, that you can give me.

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I'm writing from Belgium, near Bastogne: I would like to know if you could identify the WWII 3rd ID marked helmet liner that I have in my collection: the liner is ID'd to a man named **Posch**: Could you help me to have more information on him? Was he KIA?

All the best,

Pierre Godeau
Belgium
battle-of-bastogne@planetinternet.be

Corporal Arthur S. Posch is listed in the

book, *The History of the Third Infantry Division in World War II as a member of the 39th Field Artillery. He survived the war.*

T5 Andrew J. Posch is also listed as a member of the 39th Field Artillery. He was Killed in Action. (Martin Markley)



Hello, My name is Jose A. Jaramillo and I am writing to anyone that I can find that served in Korea from 1951-1952 and the reason is that my father served in Korea at that time and he now needs medical treatment but the Government says they have no records of my father even being in the military. I'm not sure if you can help or at least you might be able to direct me in the right direction.

My Fathers info is: **Manuel Jaramillo (Vasquez)**, service number # US54017036, 65th infantry attached to the 3rd Div, 6th Army Med. Corp. Served from what I can tell 1951-1952

My Father was from Mexico and could not speak good English that is why they sent him to this unit.

Please if you can help you can reach me at jara069@coqui.net or jara069@yahoo.com or ontherock3710@hotmail.com

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Jose A. Jaramillo



I am looking for information on a soldier that served in W.W.II in what I believe is the 30th Infantry Regiment (Co. F) of the 3rd Infantry Division. His name is **Gazy (Gus) Kraft** and he is my great-uncle.

I do not know much about him except he came to the US in 1913 with his sister from Europe. He made his home in Buffalo, NY and served in W.W.II. He passed away in 1961 and is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo.

I am looking for someone who might remember my great-uncle and where he was during the war. I am not sure if I have the information correct about his unit and division. Any help or direction would be greatly appreciated. Thanking all in advance for their help.

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Mr. Drury,

I have been referred to you by Mr. Markley. I am looking for information on **SSGT Roach, John W.** He was in the 7th Inf. Regt., 3d Infantry Division. He battled at Casablanca, and took shrapnel in his back at Anzio. Are there any websites or books you think I can find info on him or a list of people in his unit to find some info on him? He died when I was 8, in 1989 and now I am 22 and on my 4th year in the Marine Corps. He is not around to ask information about.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Cpl Wells, Glen
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Looking for buddies of the **10th Engineers A Company**, Korea, Aug 1951 to 1952. Would like to hear from others in this unit. Some of the guys I served with were Ralph Farmer, Dale Moss, Harold Eidson and James Rochelle.

James Sharp
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Please if you see some of my buddies, have them to write me or call me 636-296-4930. We are both in our middle 70's and neither of us is doing well. I was in Korea in 51 - 52. Served with the 3rd Inf. Div. **AAA Battery, Co. B.** I was mostly on a Half Track & M-19 twin 40's.

Esley Kronk
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Arnold, Mo. 63010-2022



Looking for a Medic named **Richard Richards or Richardson** who served with the 15th Regt. 3rd Inf. Division, 2nd Platoon, F Co. December of 1950, Hungnam, No. Korea. Information is that

he received a Silver Star for his actions on Dec. 22, 1950 involving soldiers who had encountered a land mine. He was seen in California Feb. of '52 at Fort Ord. He was originally from Bloomburg, OH. If you can help, any information will be appreciated. Thank you,

Andrew Pawlick
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Need some help. I'm in receipt of a letter from a Mrs. Velma Hinricks, a retired 82 year old schoolteacher and a widow of a former 3rd. Div. 10th. Engr. Bn. comrade. She has sent me a check in total not to exceed \$75 for a book that was written about the **10th Engr. Bn. in WW2**. It had a 3rd. Div insignia on the cover. She said her deceased husband had one but their 3 boys destroyed it when they were young. Now they would like a copy. Does anyone know if this book exists and if so what is the cost? I'd appreciate your help.

Ray Anderson
302.239.1525

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Can you give me any information that would help me search for the **names of the hospitals in Naples, Italy** in 1943 in what my husband calls the Fair Grounds??? I have tried St. Lewis and Virginia but cannot seem to get any lists. My husband, James D. Mastne, 3rd Div. 15th Inf 3rd Bat Hg 1939-1945, was injured under fire in 1943 and what we can find all it says on his day records was sent to hospital unknown.....now we have to find the hospital to prove he was awarded the purple heart. He turned it down because he felt others around him were more seriously wounded.

He almost lost his leg to infection in his leg and was in the hospital over a month. He was released just in time for the Anzio invasion. Now almost 60 years later he wants the purple heart that was awarded to him. Do you know of anyone who does research that could help us??

Thank you,

Carolyn Mastne
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I did some searching through my grandfathers old photos and documents

from the Korean war and discovered that he was a staff Sgt. in the 3rd infantry division. His name is **Adolph Cave**, from Virginia. He was a combat medic who flew in bubble-like choppers and also drove trucks. In one of the photos it said HQ. Co. 3rd medical BN. I also found out that he was driving a 2 1/2 ton truck (deuce and a half) with 6 other people in the truck on the way through the Iron Curtain when he hit a tank mine and it blew up. All of the passengers were killed, but my grandfather survived. I have a list of names, some may be nicknames or just last names, and some may be spelled wrong, but these were the names I made out on some of his old photos.

If I could find some of these people, or even relatives that would be great. The names are Tex, Campbell, Mac, Harwood, Pat Knepp, McClosky, Warnth, Jarok, Joe (ROK soldier), Hatem, Red, Adkins. My grandfather found a dog while over in Korea and they kept the dog with them while they were there. They named the dog Hamp, he had a broken leg sometime during their stay there.

This is all of the information that I have right now. If you could give me some guidance as to where to search, or if you have any information to give me it would be appreciated. My grandfather is suffering with Parkinson's and he is going downhill fast. I want to get this video tribute finished as soon as I can before it is too late.

Thanks,

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I am searching for any information on my brother. He was a medic captured in the Colmar pocket in 45 and released at wars end. All I know is he was in the 3rd Division, 7th Regt. Any help or advice will be appreciated.

Please accept this as a "Thank You" for your help.

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Pvt Byrd Rhodes is listed in Taggart's book as a member of the 7th Infantry Regiment. Missing in Action.— Martin.

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Dear Mr. Drury,

I am trying to find any information concerning my brother, he was declared missing at Huksu-Ri, Dec. 3, 1950 His name was **William (Bill) Johnson** He was In F CO 7th INF RGT 3 INF DIV (Army). He was from Clark County IN.

If you know any way I might find out any one who may have served with him I would appreciate any information you can give me. Thank you for serving our Country. – God Bless

Mary Smith
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I am trying to confirm that I was with the 3rd's **30th Regt. at Ft Benning** during Jan '49 and around July '50 for AIT (Advance Inf Training). I was there but do not remember if it was the 30th or 15th, as it was the 15th from Japan and Korea. The 30th does ring a bell, though.

Some of the last names that I located on some pics I have from there at Ft Benning are: Henry, Skiba, Zurn, Cunningham, Frost, Miss Miller at Service Club # 2, Loren Siefert, Geo King.

Also, trying to locate a Benoit and a Haddox from 15th/1st HQ I & R Section, Korea Spring of 1951 to Oct '51.

Bill Strong.
Website: <http://billstrong.homestead.com/page3.html>

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My friend, **Albert Rawson**, who I grew up with in Hillsdale, New Jersey was killed in action in Korea, on April 25, 1953. He was a Medic with the 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division. He was 21 years old. If anyone knew him please contact me

Thank you.

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