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Greetings to all Dog Face Soldiers – past and present, Families, and Friends of the Marne Division;



Maj. Gen. Robert "Abe" Abrams, CG 31D (Mech)

I had the distinct pleasure of meeting many Third Infantry Division veterans at the reunion held in New Orleans this past September. I cannot speak highly enough of the professional organization and conduct of the event, and would like to personally thank everyone who was involved. Connie and I both had a tremendous time, and the event enhanced my pride in being a Dog Face Soldier. We are very much looking forward to the next reunion in 2012, which will be held in Savannah. There is no doubt this event will be special due to its location right next to Fort Stewart, Home of the Third Infantry Division. I highly encourage each regimental organization and anyone who can make the trip to attend this event.

The situation for the Division Headquarters has changed significantly over the last several weeks. September was a very busy month as we prepared for a deployment to Iraq. The Division staff underwent an intense, evaluated, readiness exercise for two weeks. One thing was clear by the end of this exercise – the staff was well-trained, prepared, and capable of conducting any mission. Key Leaders also conducted a Pre-Deployment Site Survey (PDSS) in Iraq, learning as much as possible about the upcoming mission and the current conditions.

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Veterans Honored in France

The people of Luxeuil les Baines and Raddon, France, hosted three of our 3rd Infantry Division Veterans of WWII on September 17-18. The events were to honor the Veterans who liberated the area 67 years ago. Special honors were bestowed on attendees Noel Gusler, Michael Halik, and John Shirley.

At the events, each of these three Veterans shared a bit about his personal experience during WWII. Noel "Gus" Gusler described 7th Army efforts to cross the Ill River on the Maison Rouge bridge that would not hold the weight of a tank. The tank fell through the bridge as Soldiers were trying to cross, and Gus and the other Soldiers came under fire from Germans operating from a steeple overlooking the river. Michael Halik told of his encounter with an antipersonnel mine and his rescue



Left panel: John Shirley; granddaughter of Sgt. Lymon Curvin; Center Panel: Michael Halik, Noel Gusler, Eddie Messerschmidt (niece of MOH recipient Harold O. Messerschmidt); Right Panel: Michael Messerschmidt, great nephew of Harold, at dedication of monument in Raddon, France.

some four hours later, his stay on a hospital ship, and his lengthy recovery from his wounds. John Shirley told of his capture by

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Together then, together again – with friends



Soldiers and guests of the Machine Gun Platoon, H Company, 7th Infantry Regiment, Korea, recently gathered in Las Vegas: L-R: Front: Leslie Sakato; Terry Hoyland; Joe Sakato, MOH, 442nd RCT, WWII; Joan Annello; Susan Uyemura, CEO, President & Oral Historian, Japanese American Living Legacy. L-R: Back: Harold Hoyland, Korean War Veteran; Hersey Miyamura, MOH, POW Korea; Joe Annello, POW Korea; Gene Ramos, POW Korea; Terry Miyamura, and Shelby Kariya.



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President's Message

The 3rd Infantry Division Monument at Fort Benning will be moved to the site of the new Infantry Museum. We are asking for donations from Society members to help with the costs.

Another year is ending. The holiday season is upon us and our thoughts are with family and friends, and also with those we knew during our time in the military service. The Executive Committee and I wish a happy holiday season and a healthy new year to all.

Like old Soldiers, our members are gradually fading away. Even at this date, we have many who have not renewed their memberships. We are asking outpost officers and their members to increase their efforts to contact those who have not yet renewed.

The 2011 reunion went well, thanks to the planning and efforts of John Shirley, our reunion committee, and the Reunion BRAT organization. MG Abrams and his wife, Connie, and CSM Edd Watson and his wife, Sharon, attended the Awards Banquet where MG Abrams was the Keynote Speaker, and Connie Abrams and Sharon Watson assisted by drawing the winning tickets from the ticket tumbler at the Society's Annual Raffle.

The final meeting of the 2010-2011 Executive Committee took place at the reunion and the Committee permanently adjourned. After the General Business Meeting, the 2011-2012 Executive-Committee Meeting was called to order with a quorum of seven members present. General discussions were held and two motions were presented and passed at the meeting. The first motion specified that the recipient of the Audie Murphy Achievement Award will be approved by the Executive Committee, based upon the recommendations of the Awards Committee Chairman, Nile Stuart. Currently the regional vice presidents determine the recipient. The second motion allows Associate Members to hold elected offices, except the office of president of the Society. That office must be held by a Veteran of the 3rd Infantry Division. The proposals to change the C&BL will be published for membership

vote in June 2012. If approved by a two-thirds vote of the membership, the changes allowing Associate Members to hold some offices on the Executive Committee and to allow the Executive Committee to select the Audie Murphy Achievement Award recipient will be effective in 2013. The proposal for change in policy regarding Associate Members was approved by the Committee due to the declining interest of many of our older members of the Society and the difficulty of finding members who take an active interest in Society affairs. We have kept in mind the fact that most of our members are aging and have difficulty participating in the day-to-day running of the Society.

In November, we will be sending copies of the *Watch* to CSM Watson for distribution to the various command stations at Fort Stewart. In a conversation with CSM Watson, at the reunion, he indicated he is very much interested in helping us make the Society known to the present members of the 3rd Infantry Division. Hopefully, CSM Watson's efforts will help us increase membership now and in future years.

I recently saw a motto: "I was a Soldier, I am a Soldier, I will always be a Soldier." These words help me walk a little better, stand a little taller, and feel a little better about myself. I hope they will do the same for you. Rock of the Marne!

[Sometime after the reunion, our judge advocate issued an opinion that the Ex-Com votes concerning associate members being elected to national offices and the changes in judging of the Society Audie Murphy Achievement Award require changes to the Society Constitution and By-laws. The Ex-Com votes mentioned above have been set aside and are not effective until and unless approved by the membership by the mail-in ballot published in the June 2012 Watch.]



**John Fisher
Society President**

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I am sure most of you have heard that the deployment was cancelled, and that U. S. Forces will be out of Iraq by the end of the year. Thus, the Division finds itself in a situation not faced over the past eight years. Currently no major units have deployment orders. All of the Brigades remain at various stages of fielding new equipment and training, and they are scheduled to be part of the Contingency Expeditionary Force (CEF). As such, they are conducting intense training, preparing to be ready to deploy and successfully accomplish any mission, anytime, anywhere when our Nation calls. The Brigades will start National Training Center rotations this spring at Fort Irwin, California. Afterwards they will officially be certified as CEF units and could receive deployment orders. I am confident they will be ready to carry on the legacy and tradition of Marne Soldiers and units past. The Division Headquarters will also start another series of exercises in January, ensuring we maintain our deployment readiness.

Approximately 700 Dog Face Soldiers remain deployed in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait. Some of them will be coming home soon. However, as we enter the Holiday Season, we cannot forget our Brothers and Sisters that remain in harm's way. In fact, we cannot forget any of our military teammates who are deployed around the world. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

In closing, Connie and I wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday Season.

ROCK OF THE MARNE! Robert "Abe" Abrams, Major General, U.S. Army

Gold Star Mother's Day

On June 23, 1936, Franklin D. Roosevelt's Presidential proclamation established the last Sunday in September as "Gold Star Mother's Day." Gold Star Mothers are American women who have lost a son or daughter in service to the United States. Fort Stewart's September 25th event honored those mothers from the Fort Stewart area with its second annual ceremony. The ceremony included a butterfly release.

Society of the 3rd Infantry Division 92nd



MG Robert and Connie Abrams



WWII Veterans



Korean War Veterans



MG Robert Abrams receives Honorary Society President award.



CSM Edd Watson receives Honorary Society Vice President award.



Jerry and Kathy Daddato present quilts to Wounded Warriors



George Burks receives cane from Henry Burke



Joe Ball receives Society Service Award



Ray Anderson receives Audie Murphy Achievement Award



Nile Stuart receives Society Service Award



Henry Burke receives Society Service Award



John Shirley receives President's Special Award

Annual Reunion

New Orleans, Louisiana



MG Maury Kendall and Jerry and Kathy Daddato



2011-2013 Ex-Com officers sworn in. L-R: Ray Anderson, John Shirley, David Mills, Joe Ball



Joe Featherstone and Henry Burke



L-R: Connie Abrams, CSM Edd Watson, Sharon Watson



Rich Heller receives award presented by MG Robert Abrams



L-R: Nile Stuart, CSM Edd Watson, John Fisher



Lynn Ball accepts Lula Coble's "Outstanding Associate Member" plaque.



L-R: Nile Stuart and John Shirley

See Ya Next Year!

Savannah Georgia Sept. 6 – 9, 2012



From the Editor

Lynn Ball

We wish everyone a wonderful, happy, and healthy holiday season with only enough snow to complement festivities with friends and family.

At the recent reunion in New Orleans, one of our Veterans said that lots of Veterans have stories but, like himself, they don't write well enough for publication in the *Watch*. I explained to him that our members should send their stories even if they THINK they cannot write well. I will rewrite where necessary; that is my job. Editing includes ensuring that all stories and articles are publication-ready. So, SEND ME YOUR STORIES. We all want to hear from you. Remember: your stories are what bring us all together. Our veterans are very interested in each other's experiences—funny, sad, disappointing, or “business as usual.” They are interested in all aspects of other Veterans' memories of their time in Service. Every time we print a story by one of our Veterans, that Veteran receives calls or letters—often from people he/she did not know before the story ran in the *Watch*.

Speaking of the reunion: it was great. The weather cooperated and everyone was happy to be with friends and comrades again. Many new friendships sprung up too. We particularly enjoyed meeting our “new” 3rd I.D. commanding general, his staff, and the Active Duty Soldiers who came to be with us in New Orleans. We know that General

...our members should send their stories even if they THINK they cannot write well. I will rewrite where necessary; that is my job. Editing includes ensuring that all stories and articles are publication-ready.

Abrams had very little time due to his ongoing schedule and the training events that were underway back at Ft. Stewart so we are very grateful that he, his staff, and our Active Duty Soldiers made time for us. MG Abrams is a very unique leader. He is very approachable and he bonded with our reunion attendees almost immediately, as did his staff and the Soldiers who attended. Both he and CSM Edd Watson, and their staff, seemed to do everything possible to establish a rapport with us, and they were very successful. But, “behind every great man, there is a great woman.” (The saying probably works the other way too). In their cases, Connie Abrams and Sharon Watson offered the same bonding friendship accepted from our Active Duty in attendance. Connie Abrams sat down with a few of the ladies in attendance at the staff reception, and when she left, we felt she was a personal friend. Also very impressive was the Honor Guard. They were the best I have ever seen. Very sharp! They were quite professional in posting the colors and they retired marching in half-step, using what a German immigrant might call “boots of ascension.” Their steps were so loud that Darley, Kathy Daddato's six-month-old, seeing-eye dog in training, accelerated to “red

alert.” She was more than ready to protect Kathy if needed; however, Kathy was able to reassure her before she pounced on all members of our Honor Guard. It was interesting to watch Darley's body language and Kathy's training techniques in action. Darley made no sound, but we knew what she was thinking. Darley will definitely make a good and protective companion for one of our sight-impaired Veterans.

The visit to the WWII Museum was my favorite tour event at the reunion. The movie shown at the Museum, “Beyond All Boundaries: the War That Changed the World,” was magnificent. At appropriate segments of the story, the film featured special effects: seats vibrated when a tank was on the screen or when a bomb fell “nearby,” a B-17 nose cone descended from the ceiling and seemed to attach itself to the rest of the plane being projected on the screen; an anti-aircraft gun rose from the stage, rotated and appeared to fire above the audience; six full-size “Dragons Teeth” tank traps appeared; special effect “snow” fell on the audience, and a 25-foot high guard tower rose on the stage. The city tour was lengthy and covered all areas of the city.

Watch Requirements Schedule

Issue	Topic	Reporting Responsibility
All Issues	Taps and New Members	Roster Manager
February-August	Upcoming Reunion Information	Reunion Committee
February	Scholarship Foundation; Call for Applications Call for C&BL Proposed Changes Call for Nominations for National Officers	Foundation Chairman C&BL Chairman Nominations Chairman
April	Call for Society Awards Nominations Call for Nominations for National Officers	Awards Chairman Nominations Chairman
June	Ballot for C&BL Changes Election Ballot	C&BL Chairman Nominations Chairman
August	Actions of Ex-Com since last reunion; Society Budget for Coming Year; Scholarship Recipients Report	Secretary/Treasurer Foundation Chairman
October	Auditor's Report for Fiscal Year; Society Financial Report	Auditor and S/T
December	Call for Nominations for National Officers Member-approved Changes to C&BL, 2012 Minutes of General Membership Meeting at Reunion Minutes of Ex-Com Meetings at Reunion Scholarship Foundation Financial Report	Nominations Chairman C&BL Chair Secretary/Treasurer Secretary/Treasurer Foundation C.F.O.

My favorite view was of a New Orleans cemetery where the deceased are buried above the ground. We often see images of this cemetery in Hollywood films, but seeing it in person and walking around in it was much better than watching a Hollywood reproduction.

I am anxious to learn more about our next reunion in Savannah, Georgia, and we will keep you informed as we receive updates.

Our New Orleans reunion was wonderful, but I believe our Savannah Reunion will be even better. We will be close to Ft. Stewart and rumors are that we will have some event there or at least some opportunity to visit. In fact, MG Abrams has urged all regimental groups and their guests to make an effort to attend the Savannah reunion. I hope we can see more of the Active Duty Soldiers we met in New Orleans and meet more of our Soldiers at Ft. Stewart.



In New Orleans, Joe Ball and Jerry Daddato are taking direction from Padre Pio, who became Saint Pio when he was venerated in the Catholic Church in 2002 and canonized by Pope John Paul.

Watch Schedule

The *Watch* editor requires receipt of copy on or before the 5th of the month preceding the month of publication. Exception: October deadline is August 25th. Space fills quickly so articles sent early have more chance of being published.:

Deadline to the Editor	Publication
January 5th.....	February
March 5th.....	April
May 5th	June
July 5th	August
August 25th	October
November 5th	December

93rd Annual Reunion: Savannah

Our 93rd Annual Reunion of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division will take place in Savannah, Georgia, Sept. 6-9, 2012. A very fine hotel in the heart of the historic district, Hilton Savannah DeSoto, will be our headquarters. Of the four hotels suitable for our reunion in Savannah, this was the least expensive with rooms at \$114 plus tax. Buffet breakfast for guests is \$10. Parking is \$13 per day. Room costs, breakfast costs, and the parking fee are the lowest of the four hotels. There is DOT complimentary transportation throughout the historic District which stops very near the front door of the hotel.

Gen. Abrams and the staff of the Third Infantry Division treated us wonderfully well at the New Orleans Reunion, and they are looking forward to hosting us at Ft. Stewart. We have always had wonderful events at our reunions in Savannah and at Ft. Stewart, and I know the 93rd reunion will be as good or better than ever. We will have reports and comments in all issues of the *Watch* until reunion time.

We hope a lot of members will be able to attend. With best wishes from the reunion

Call for Nominations for 2012 National Officers

Nominations for 2012 National Officers will be accepted from 1/1/12 through 4/23/12. Elections will be held as required by the Society Constitution Article V, 5.2a and By-laws Section V, 5.4a. The request for nominations will be published in the December, February, and April issues of the *Watch*.

Elections for National Society President and one Vice President from each of the regions (Eastern, Central, and Western) are required in 2012. Only Regular Members in good standing can be nominated and serve.

All members may nominate and vote for President of the Society; but only members residing in a specific Region will nominate and vote for regional officers within their region; this is determined by the location of their Outpost affiliation. Footsie Brit Members at Large will submit nominations and vote within the region where their state of residence is located. All nominations will be submitted with the written consent of the nominee. Again, all members may submit nominations and vote for President of the Society.

All Elected Officers' terms are for two years and, when elected, will serve on the National Executive Committee. 2012-2014 terms end with the 2014 reunion when newly elected officers are installed.

A Mail-in Ballot listing nominees for these offices will be published in the June 2012 issue of the *Watch on the Rhine*. Send all letters of nomination and letters of nomination-acceptance to Bob Bailey, 160 Huguley Road, Opelika AL 36804-1891 or to his e-mail at maybob56@bellsouth.net.

Anyone interested in learning about the responsibilities of holding any office in the Society can read the Constitution and By-laws and the Standard Operating Procedures, both of which are available on the Society website at www.3rdiv.org. Bob Bailey sends these two documents as well as a briefing packet to each nominee as soon as he/she accepts a nomination for office in the Society.

—Submitted by Bob Bailey,
Elections Chair

Minutes: Executive Committee Meeting

New Orleans, Louisiana: Thursday, Sept. 8, 2011

- President, John Fisher called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM.

- Present: President John Fisher, Secretary Treasurer Ray Anderson (arrived late), Eastern Region VP, Pat Williamson; Western Region Committeemen, David Mills; Central Region Committeeman Joe Ball; Chaplain, Jerry Daddato; Awards Chairman, Nile Stuart; Membership Chairman, Henry Burke; Webmaster/Data Base Manager, Rich Heller, and Judge Advocate, Bob Poydasheff.

- In the absence of Sergeant at Arms Bart Viruso, Henry Burke led the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- John Fisher introduced visitor Stacy Poydasheff.

- Chaplain Jerry Daddato delivered the invocation

- President John Fisher announced that there were insufficient officers present to form a quorum. Without a quorum, no official business could be considered. Those present discussed items of importance and concern to the Society but no official business could be finalized.

- Awards Chairman Nile Stuart reported on the Society Awards Program. Nile said there would be 10 awards presented at the Society Banquet. There would be no special awards for the Active Duty "Soldier of the Year" or the "NCO of the Year," because the division is in transition and was unable to make the selections. Nile voiced his concern over the manner in which the recipient of the Audie Murphy Achievement Award is determined. Nile urged that the award be approved by the Ex-Com to avoid any possible favoritism. The matter will be taken under advisement.

- Rich Heller spoke about the continued decline in our membership ranks. Rich has had good results in recruiting new members through the Society Website and it's our most effective recruitment tool. Anyone who signs the Guest Book is sent an application for membership. He also spoke about the use of

"Facebook" as another Internet tool to reach out to Cold War Vets. Younger vets tend to access the Internet for information. The latest results of our follow-up on dropped members brought 60 members to the Society. Member Richard Guimond has been the key player in this follow-up. Continued follow-up on inactive members is showing progress, as we have reduced the number from 600 to less than 400. Currently, there are 245 Associate Members, 1512 Regular Members and 1044 Life Members.

New billing methods for encouraging members to pay on time were suggested. A tear out dues announcement near the front of the April *Watch* was suggested as an idea for getting members' attention. The decision was deferred.

- Ray Anderson remarked that we need improved involvement by the active Division Command concerning new membership recruiting. Bob Poydasheff informed the committee that Department of Defense regulations limit what can be done on the bases as well as the involvement of the Active Division.

Ray Anderson audited the mailed-in ballots that had been received by Election Chair Bob Bailey. The ballots were to determine the Western Region Committeemen. David Mills was elected, but John Shirley and William Rosensteel received the same number of votes necessitating a run-off election. The decision was made that ballots would be distributed to Western Region Reunion attendees at the General Membership Meeting. The Western Region Members, only, would cast ballots in the run-off election and would elect either John Shirley or William Rosensteel.

- President, John Fisher asked if there was any Old Business to discuss. There was none.

- President John Fisher then called for a motion to close the meeting. The motion was made and seconded.

- Chaplain, Jerry Daddato gave the benediction, and the meeting adjourned at 3:37 PM.

Minutes: Second Executive Committee Meeting

New Orleans, Louisiana: Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011

- Immediately following the General Membership Meeting, John Fisher called the Executive Committee Meeting to order at 10:58 AM. Henry Burke led the Pledge of Allegiance,

- Jerry Daddato delivered the invocation,

- Roll Call: Present: John Fisher, President; Ray Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer; Matt McKenna, Central Region Vice President; Joe Ball, Central Region Committeeman; David Mills, Western Region Committeeman; John Shirley, Western Region Committeeman; Pat Williamson, Eastern Region Vice President; Jerry Daddato, Chaplain; Bob Poydasheff, Judge Advocate; Rich Heller, Webmaster/Database Manager; Nile Stuart, Awards Chairman, and Henry Burke, Membership Chairman,

- John Fisher announced a quorum was present and official business could be conducted.

- John Fisher introduced the subject of the present Society

Quartermaster issue citing the poor health of Pat Williamson. Leonard Collins has made an offer to assume Pat Williamson's QM inventory and become the Society Quartermaster. Pat has until October 10th to determine the value of his inventory and negotiate terms of sale with Leonard.

- Pat Williamson announced that he will transfer from Outpost 5 to Outpost 7. He anticipates becoming the President of Outpost 7 upon the departure of current President, Dave Adams. [Update: Dave Adams will remain President of Outpost #7; Pat Williamson will assume the post of Secretary-Treasurer.]

- John Fisher announced that the Society is finding it increasingly difficult to get members to assume responsibility for the Society. He suggested that the Ex-Com consider making Associate Members eligible to become National officers. After some discussion and clarification, a motion was made to allow Associate Members to serve as Regional Vice Presidents, Regional Committeemen, and National Secretary-Treasurer. The

office of President was excluded. The motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. John Fisher asked Joe Ball to write the C&BL changes.

As previously addressed by Awards Chairman Nile Stuart, selection of the Audie Murphy Achievement Award recipient (previously determined by the Regional Vice Presidents) will now become the responsibility of the Ex-Com. The motion was made, seconded, and approved in a split vote of 6-0-1. One member abstained. John Fisher asked Joe Ball to write the C&BL changes.

- John Shirley recommends that we continue to have a Society Reunion Committee oversee the national reunions and urged retaining the services of the Reunion BRAT. The Reunion BRAT provides the Society the experience to negotiate the best prices and is responsible for all schedules and planning for the reunion. Our next reunion is planned for Ft. Stewart. The location will be at a top-rated hotel in the Savannah, Georgia, historic area. Outpost 1 has suggested that the 2013 reunion take place in the Chicago area. Outpost 1 will do research on possible sites and

costs, and will advise their decision to the Society Reunion Committee.

- The meeting ended at 12:30 PM.

- President Fisher reminded those present that the Ex-Com is continually in session. While this annual committee meeting ended, the committee remains in session to consider and vote on any issues brought before it in Fiscal 2011-2012.

- Chaplain Jerry Daddato delivered the benediction.

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At this writing, no agreement has been reached between Pat Williamson and Leonard Collins regarding the Quartermaster issues. Pat will continue as Society Quartermaster.]

Minutes: General Membership Meeting

New Orleans, Louisiana: September 10, 2011

- President John Fisher called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM; Sergeant at Arms Henry Burke posted the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance; Chaplain Jerry Daddato delivered the invocation.

- Secretary-Treasurer Ray Anderson called the Roll Call of Officers and Chairs:

- Present: President John Fisher; Secretary-Treasurer Ray Anderson; Eastern Region Vice President and Quartermaster Pat Williamson; Central Region Vice President Matt McKenna, Central Region Committeeman Joe Ball; Western Region Committeeman and Auditor David Mills; Editor and Scholarship Chairman Lynn Ball; Chaplain Jerry Daddato; Judge Advocate Bob Poydasheff; Medical Officer Dr. Bae Suk Lee; Webmaster and Roster Manager Rich Heller; Awards Chairman Nile Stuart; Membership Chairman Henry Burke, and Reunion Chairman John Shirley.

- President John Fisher reported that we had no members of general rank or Medal of Honor recipients in attendance, but we did have Retired Major General Maurice Kendall present at the reunion.

- President John Fisher acknowledged the Society Reunion Committee and the Reunion BRAT for their fine work organizing and planning the reunion.

- Secretary-Treasurer Ray Anderson conducted the Outpost Roll Call with assistance of Alternate Sergeant at Arms Henry Burke: OP1, 2; OP 2, 1; OP 3, 3; OP 4, 0; OP 5, 4; OP 7, 0; OP 11, 0; OP 12 0; OP 13, 1; OP 15, 2; OP 17, 2; OP 18, 1; OP 22, 3; OP 33, 0; OP 35, 4; OP 52, 0; OP 54, 2; OP 57,1; OP 60, 0; OP 63, 0; OP 88, 0; OP MA, 0; OP 5845, 0; and FBA, 0.

- President John Fisher requested that Lynn Ball deliver her reports, as editor of the *Watch on the Rhine* and as Chair of the Scholarship Foundation, first because she was hosting the Ladies Brunch and had to leave the Business Meeting early. Lynn said

that all issues of the *Watch* were mailed on schedule. Furthermore, she stressed the fact that *Watch* deadlines are firm; she does not postpone the *Watch* deadline, because any delay would impact the publishing and printing schedules and make deliveries of the *Watch* late. Paid advertising in the *Watch* has produced \$456.00 in 2011-2012 revenue, and the program is expected to meet its anticipated revenue budget.

Lynn also reported that the 2011 Scholarship Foundation program provided 10 scholarship grants of \$1,000 each to very worthy recipients. Judges for the awards were Foundation Trustees Earl Killen, Jerry Kraft, Thomas Maines, and Marco Montoya. Lynn votes only when there is a tie vote. As Chief Financial Officer for the Foundation, Joe Ball reported that the value of the Foundation's investments is now \$120,000, and all investments are AAA-insured bonds.

- David Mills suggested to President John Fisher that Lynn Ball should be commended for her fine work in support of the Society and as Chair of the Scholarship Foundation. President John Fisher submitted a motion to that effect. The motion was seconded and passed.

- Secretary-Treasurer Ray Anderson reported that the Minutes of the 2010 General Business Meeting held in Arlington, Virginia were included in each member's agenda packet and also appeared in the *Watch*. A motion was made to accept the minutes as provided. The motion was seconded and passed.

- Audit/Treasurer's Report: Secretary-Treasurer Ray Anderson requested that our Auditor, David Mills, review the current audit and thanked Dave for providing the audit and the yearly tax return for the Society without charge. According to Dave, the purpose of the auditor is not to find fault, but to verify that the numbers truly represent the current financial standing of the Society. According to Dave, the audit showed no material differences in Society finances. A copy of that audit was enclosed in each member's agenda packet. The actual audit appeared in the

October issue of the *Watch*. The Treasurer's Report for the past fiscal year showed a net increase in funds of \$7,795. The General Fund now stands at \$124,362. This was accomplished in a very difficult economy. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Audit, Financial Report, and Budget.

- Awards Chairman, Nile Stuart reported that there would be 10 awards presented at the Society Banquet. There would be no special awards for the Active Duty "Soldier of the Year" or the "NCO of the Year," as neither was selected by the Division, due to deployments. Nile said this is good for his budget but it is disappointing not to be able to recognize our finest Soldiers. Nile recommended that the C&BL's be revised to change the voting procedure for the Audie Murphy Achievement Award. He recommends Executive Committee approval. The Ex-Com has taken his recommendation under consideration

- Membership Chairman Henry Burke reported that the Society is running ads in various veteran publications. The ads are reciprocal in nature. Regularly, Henry has been visiting the troops at both Ft. Stewart and Ft. Benning with his traveling companion, Jim Beckworth, and passing out informational brochures and membership applications. Henry pointed out that member Dennis Noes of the Marne Riders just recruited 16 new members. In conjunction with membership recruitment, President John Fisher commented on the new program to award free memberships to many of the active duty command group. It's hoped that the command group will communicate the benefits of the Society to the active duty troops. As always, Henry encourages all members to carry a membership application for possible recruitment. When the window of opportunity comes along, take advantage of the situation.

Old Business

- John Shirley addressed the membership concerning the present state of affairs with the repair of our monument at Chateau Thierry, France. John has verified that funds have been received but the repairs have not been started, as yet.

- John Burke wanted to know the status of moving the 3rd ID monuments from the old National Army Infantry Museum to the grounds of the new museum outside Fort Benning. John Fisher noted that the project was already approved but no action had taken place. John Fisher commented that "We are in need of a formal cost estimate to do the work, along with good references." To date, all we have is an estimate of \$8,000 to complete the job. John Fisher asked Bob Poydasheff and John Burke, with the assistance of Bob Bailey, to see this project through. We are currently asking members for donations to help fund the project.

C&BL Changes: The C&BL Chairman was not present. In his absence President John Fisher asked Joe Ball to update the group. Joe informed all that the C&BL will be updated in 2012. During the interim, the Ex-Com will act on any new proposals. Any approved proposals by the Ex-Com must be approved later by the membership.

Reunions: John Shirley addressed the group on national reunions. The 2012 reunion is scheduled and approved to be held in Savannah, Georgia. The Hilton De Soto has been picked as the hotel of choice. The room rate is \$114 per night, plus taxes, and the hotel is located in the heart of the historical district with retail

stores nearby. Ft. Stewart is in close proximity. Arrangements will be made to visit the post. Larry Driscoll made a bid to hold the 2013 reunion in Chicago, home of OP #1, the Society's first outpost. Larry called on Tina Keller to assist with arrangements. Some suburban hotels such as Marriott have room prices around \$99 per night, plus taxes. Tina is experienced in tourism. President John Fisher called for a motion to approve Chicago as the 2013 reunion site. The motion was made, seconded, and approved. Also discussed were the New York City/New Jersey areas and the Kansas City area for 2014.

Election: During the past election for Ex-Com officers, the Western Region vote for Committeemen John Shirley and William Rosensteel resulted in a tied vote in the mail-in ballot election. In a run-off secret vote by Western Region members only, John Shirley was elected by a vote of 6-2. The Western Region Committeemen are now David Mills and John Shirley. Chaplain Jerry Daddato administered the oath of office to the newly elected Secretary-Treasurer and Committeemen.

- President John Fisher adjourned the meeting at 10:34 AM. Chaplain Jerry Daddato delivered the benediction, and Sergeant at Arms Henry Burke retired the colors.

—Submitted by Ray Anderson, Secretary-Treasurer

Society Raffle Winners

It is my pleasure to announce the winners of the Annual Society Raffle Drawing. On behalf of the Society, please accept my thanks to all members who participated in this very important fundraiser. The Annual Raffle supplements the annual dues to keep the Society financially solvent. This year, in a very tough economic environment, we had raffle ticket sales in the amount of \$15,497. I also want to thank Connie Abrams, Sharon Watson, Roberta Heller, and Henry Burke who assisted me with the drawing. Following are the winners:

Arthur W. Schultz, Midlothian IL, \$200

Robert L. Main, Angles Camp CA, \$200

Vincent D. Salceto Jr., Franklinville NJ, \$200

Samuel R. Puliafico, Ware MA, \$200

John Magunay McNamara, Savannah GA, \$500

Outpost #5, N. Babylon NY, \$1000

Dorothy M. McDaniel, Sarasota FL, \$2000

All prizes are in U.S. Savings Bonds. Recipients have their choice of the bond or cash. Cash totals one-half of the face value of the bond.

—Submitted by Raymond C. Anderson,
National Secretary-Treasurer

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Germans and his escape which took place as he and ten others were being relocated. Americans and French, alike, participated in a ceremony to honor our many Soldiers who did not make it home. Tears flowed as “Taps” was played for them. It was a very emotional moment.

In speaking about the two-day event, program coordinator Jocelyn Papelard said, “The events at Raddon were extremely moving. The villagers did a fabulous job of welcoming our veterans and their families. The school children made little drawings for the Veterans, and the children unveiled the monument honoring MOH Recipient Harold O. Messerschmidt, as well as Lymon Curvin, Maurice Elowitch, and William Ellis. The monument was covered with French flags that they gave to Noel Gusler, the Messerschmidt family, and the Curvin family. We cried. The weather was beautiful with the sun streaming over the valley. We had a magnificent Honor Guard (four Soldiers representing four branches of the service), and the USAREUR band was impressive. Also in attendance were Rear Admiral Hayes, from USEUCOM, and his family, and Col. Bill Williams and his wife. Col. Williams represented General Hertling, commander of USAREUR and the 7th U.S. Army. The dedication there was followed by a reception that included baked delicacies made by the ladies of the area.

“The day before, we went to the forest where the battle took place, and Michael Messerschmidt, the great nephew of MOH Recipient Harold O. Messerschmidt, gathered some soil from the place where his uncle died. There, we cried again.

“On Sunday, the 18th, we had a grand ceremony at Luxeuil les Baines with children of the middle school reciting poems I chose in French and in English. The third-graders of Tussing Elementary School sang a song I taught them in English, and they performed this for the Americans present. The title was ‘Thank You Soldiers.’ They did a very good job considering that their mother tongue is French. It took only 10 days for them to master it. The accent wasn’t perfect, but they were pretty good, and we were proud of them. The little kindergartners made drawings for our guests, and they had little American flags that they



Daughter and granddaughter of SGT Lymon Curvin who was honored on memorial at Raddon, France. ROTM team in background

were waving. It was extremely moving.

“On Monday morning, we went to the American Cemetery at Epinal where there was more crying—especially when our Veterans and their families departed for Paris. It was like family going away.”

The bonds between the French and American people were forged and sealed 67 years ago, and these bonds, representing freedom, can never be broken. “God Bless America and God Bless France” was one declaration heard numerous times. We must add “God Bless the many French officials and citizens who helped to make these wonderful events possible and successful.”

At both events there were speeches by local dignitaries, and our own President Fisher sent speeches to be read by local dignitaries at Raddon and Luxeuil. These were translated into French by Jocelyne Papelard so everyone present could understand his words, which were very well received.

Jocelyne expressed appreciation to our Veterans and their families who attended the two days of celebration—both for their attendance and for what the Veterans did for the French people during WWII. When asked about the energy expended to coordinate the events, Jocelyne said she gets back “1000 times more.” To learn more about the events, please go to the film clip covering the festivities which is posted on the Internet at <http://www.afneurope.net/Home/ArticleDisplayDD/tabid/649/aid/20687/Default.aspx>

—Compiled by Lynn Ball

WWII Veterans: Honor Flight



Mitch Chockla (left) and Jack Silberman at orientation for the Honor Flight.

Honor Flight started in 2005 with six small, privately-owned planes that flew only twelve WWII Veterans to visit their memorial in Washington, DC. Later that year, to accommodate the growing number of interested Veterans, Honor Flight transitioned to commercial airline carriers to accommodate as many Veterans as possible. Since then, Honor Flight has flown more than 30,000 WWII Veterans to Washington, DC, from cities all over the country. Today, Honor Flight is a national network of 93 non-profit organizations (hubs) whose sole mission is to honor American Veterans for the sacrifices they’ve made on behalf of our country.

The Program’s mission is to make visiting the WWII Memorial a reality for as many WWII Veterans as possible. Top priority is given to the most senior patriots and Veterans who are terminally ill. Funds are raised to make sure every Veteran flies at no cost. Their journey to DC includes deluxe bus transportation, meals, tee-shirts and other amenities that are required to travel comfortably. Disabled veterans are welcomed and, with advance notice, complimentary wheelchairs, oxygen, and medical staff are available. Every trip includes a well-trained team of volunteers and guardians, who accompany our Veterans on the aircraft and to their memorial. All volunteers and guardians pay their own way to ensure that 100% of the funds raised goes to the mission.

Recently, two former Cotton balers were surprised to encounter one another

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The Directors of the Scholarship Foundation wish to thank our generous donors of prizes who made the Scholarship Foundation's 2011 Fundraising Raffle possible, and we thank all who participated by purchasing tickets. The funds raised helped to provide the ten Foundation scholarship grants awarded in June 2011 and will contribute to the awards to be presented in 2012.

Thanks too, to those who sent sponsored awards for 2012. To date, we have two Legacy Awards in honor of Thomas W. Mason and Major General Maurice Kendall, as well as six donor-sponsored awards to be presented in 2012: "The Adam Kradya Award in Honor and Memory of James Kradya," "The 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Award in Honor and Memory of Staff Sergeant Jerome C. Owens"; "The Award in Honor and Memory of Ralph E. 'Rick' Richenbacher"; "The Award in Honor and Memory of our 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers," the "Jocelyne Papelard Award for Excellence," and "The James and Joan Strawn Award for Excellence." Additionally, we hope to have more sponsored awards for the 2012 program.

We also thank those prize recipients who sent donations to help defray the cost of shipping prizes to recipients not in attendance at the drawing. Very few recipients of prizes were present so we shipped over 50 prizes during the week following the reunion.

Last, but certainly not least, we thank Chaplain Jerry Daddato and his spouse, Kathy Daddato, president of Outpost #2, for their capable assistance in drawing and assigning the winning tickets to the prizes. We also thank Joe Ball for the accurate record he preserved and posted following the drawing.

The following list includes the prizes, the names of the donors, and the winner of each prize. This is the order in which the drawing occurred. Again, many thanks to our donors.

Prize

The Coldest Winter: David Halberstam
 My Comrades and Me: Al Brown
 "WWII: Complete History" 10 DVDs
 Newport: The Sin City Years: Robin Caraway
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 I Remember: John Shirley
 I Remember: John Shirley
 I Remember: John Shirley
 Complete set: state quarters
 "WWII Remembered": DVDs
 The Day of the Panzer: Jeff Danby
 The Day of the Panzer: Jeff Danby
 7th Infantry Regiment: John C. McManus
 Filtered by Time: Robert Faulkender
 Watch: Amitron, day/date; waterproof, flex
 Watch: Amitron, gold/silver toned, flex
 WWII Memories: Howard Swacina
 Third and Ten: William J. Kunz
 My Journey: Murray Simon
 Dogface Soldier: Truscott: Wilson Heffner
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 American Flag over Afghanistan for 3rd I.D.
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 Psalm Quilt/Tapestry
 Cold Ground's Been my Bed: Daniel Wolfe
 To Hell and Back: Audie Murphy
 Wild Blue: Stephen E. Ambrose
 Battles of the Korean War: VFW Panel
 The Impostor Wore #13: Ed Plaisted
 Uncut: 16 \$1.00 bills: Engraving/Printing
 "The Forgotten War," 3 DVDs
 A Kid from Pittsburgh: Marion Rosen
 Jack Toffey's War: Jack Toffey IV
 Photo Album/3rd I.D. Patch
 Uncirculated Silver Dollar, 1923 "Peace"
 Uncirculated Silver Dollar, 1931 "Morgan"
 Uncomon Valor: Zimmerman and Gresham
 Uncirculated Silver Dollar 1887 Morgan
 From an Iowa Farm to Korea: Dale Geise
 From an Iowa Farm to Korea: Dale Geise
 Man's Watch: Outdoor, camouflage band
 Queen-size Quilt: 3rd I.D. Patch
 Bill Maulden's Army: Maulden
 Bill Maulden's Army: Maulden
 Act II: WWII: Bruce Monkman
 Family Meal: Tyler Florence
 Country Cooking: Firefly Books
 Faces of War: Ed. Norman Strickbine
 Faces of War: Ed. Norman Strickbine
 Faces of War: Ed. Norman Strickbine
 Faces of War: Ed. Norman Strickbine
 Holy Bible, International: Publisher, 3rd I.D.
 Geneva Clock: photo frame and album
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 .36 Cal. Colt, 1851 Navy Revolver/Access.
 3rd I.D. Denim Jacket

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 Wayne Conley
 Wayne Conley
 Joe Ball
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 Dan Griffith
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 Harry Kagelery
 Mary Wayne
 Phyllis Alrikas
 SFC Rhonda Lawson
 Michael Golden
 Joe Lupyak
 Josiane Selvage
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 Richard Galmeyer
 Richard Weaver
 William A. Ball
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Scholarship Foundation Fiscal 2010-2011 Report

Net Assets on 6/30/10		\$ 120,265.70
Opening Cash Balance: 7/1/10		\$ 10,265.70
Total Fiscal 2010-11 Receipts		\$ 33,034.50
Cash Donations	\$15,411.00	
Investment Income	5,112.50	
Raffle Sales	12,511.00	
Disbursements		\$ 24,022.96
Bond Purchases	\$10,034.69	
Scholarship Grants	10,000.00	
Operating Expense	895.59	
Raffle Expense	2,733.68	
Surety Bond	359.00	
Net Assets on 6/30/11		\$ 139,277.24
Cash	\$ 19,277.24	
Bond Total	\$ 120,000.00	
\$30,000 @ 4.50%		
10,000 @ 4.75%		
25,000 @ 4.75%		
10,000 @ 4.75%		
10,000 @ 4.50%		
10,000 @ 5.00%		
15,000 @ 4.50%		
10,000 @ 4.63%		
Net Increase in assets on 6/30/11		\$ 19,011.54
Amounts Payable		\$ 0.00
Amounts Receivable: 2011-2012 Bond Income		\$ 5,575.00

—Submitted by Joe Ball, Chief Financial Officer

2011 Society Awards Banquet

An unexpected highlight of the awards presentation in New Orleans occurred when MG Robert “Abe” Abrams, assisted by CSM Edd Watson, presented special framed certificates and the General’s coin to Rich Heller and Lynn Ball. The presentations recognized their “outstanding” work done for the Society. This is the first time we know of when the Third Infantry Division has presented framed certificates to deserving Society members. General Abrams and his staff obviously selected the right people to be honored. Both Rich and Lynn were very pleased to receive this special recognition. We thank MG Abrams and CSM Watson for the awards on behalf of the 3rd Infantry Division.

The following 11 Society Awards were reported in the October *Watch on the Rhine* and are recapped here in alphabetical order under the award title. They include past and present service to the Society.

■ **The President’s Special Awards** went to **Lynn Ball**, Editor of *The Watch on The Rhine*, Scholarship Foundation Chair, and Secretary-Treasurer of Outpost #35; **Richard Guimond**, Re-recruitment Chair, 2011, and recruitment in previous years; **Richard Heller**, Society Roster and Website Manager; **Rock of the Marne Association**, French Re-enactors bringing honor and recognition to our 3rd Infantry Division; **John Shirley**, Reunion Committee Chair, various committees and chairmanships, former Society President, military service during WWII, and **Bartolo Viruso**, Society Sergeant-at-Arms, President of Outpost #5, and Trustee-Treasurer of the 15th Infantry Regimental Association.

■ **The Society Service Awards** were presented to **Joe Ball**, Central Region Committeeman, 2009 Society Reunion Chair, C&BL Chair, Outpost #35 President, work in securing reciprocal ads, and military service in Korea; **Henry Burke**, Society Membership Chairman and Sergeant-at-Arms, and Nile **Stuart**, Awards Chairman, former Western Region Committeeman, service on various committees, and military service in Korea

■ **The Society’s “Outstanding Associate Member Award** was presented to **Lula Coble**, for outstanding service to the Society and to Outpost #35 since the Outpost’s beginning in 1974

■ **The Audie Murphy Achievement Award** was presented to **Raymond Anderson**, Society Secretary-Treasurer and military service in Korea

—Submitted by Nile Stuart, Awards Chairman



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Chaplain's Corner



Jerry Daddato

Dear Veteran's and Families and Active Duty Soldiers;

When you read my report, our Reunion in New Orleans will be over. I want to thank the Reunion Committee for putting on a great reunion that will not be forgotten soon. They were John Shirley, Nile Stuart, Joe Ball, and David Mills. I also want to thank the Reunion BRAT, "Kim," for her good work. From registration to the smallest detail, everything went off like clockwork.

The highlight of the reunion was meeting the Commander of the 3rd Infantry Division, MG Robert Abrams, and his wife, Connie, and CSM Edd Watson and his wife, Sharon. MG Abrams gave us a heads up on just what the 3rd I.D. will be doing in the future and also showed a nice video of what is going on today. It showed our 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers in action and it was very informative and quite impressive.

I want to thank Lynn and Joe Ball for all of their work that they do for us and the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division, starting a year in advance to get the scholarship raffle for the Foundation started. They then accept applications, set up the judging of the applications, assemble and record the donor's prizes to support the fundraising which enables the scholarship grant awards for our children and grandchildren, place numerous tickets into the tumbler, pick names and haul all unclaimed prizes home to be packed and shipped to the winners. Plus Lynn is our Watch Editor in Chief (I know that takes a lot of time), and Joe serves on our Executive Committee. So we should thank them for the timeless efforts they put forward for all of us in the Society and the 3rd I. D.

Also deserving a lot of thanks are the donors who contributed the prizes for the Scholarship Foundation. Without them, there would not have been a raffle. Thanks, very much. Your important contributions were not overlooked. Many people praised our various donors for their gifts.

The tours that we went on were just great. The WWII Museum had a C-47 and other planes and boats hanging from the ceiling. Also the movie narrated by Tom Hanks entitled "Beyond all Boundaries" was something special, and I believe it should be mandatory viewing by 9th grade students so our children of today see just what their grandfathers and grandmothers went through to save the world. The movie was loud and the seats vibrated so you got the real effect of on-screen events. The film is something your chaplain will never forget, because I was too young to be involved in WWII, but I remember my mother going, a few times a week, to the library at night to rip cloth to make bandages for the military. God bless those volunteers; they helped win the war.

The Society Awards presentation that was given by Nile Stuart and John Burke was very impressive. All of the award recipients were very deserving for all of their hard work. Sometimes we forget just what people do to keep the Society functioning day-by-day. Also, we should not forget what Henry Burke does to increase membership. Additionally, he spends his time and money making walking canes that he awards to people who help our Society. Thank you, Henry. This year, Henry awarded his beautiful canes to MG Abrams, Joe Ball, and George Burks.

If there was anyone who deserved the "Audie Murphy" award,

other than Raymond Anderson, I would like to know who. Ray is a Korean War Vet and also our Society Treasurer for several terms. Thank you, Ray.

I also want to thank my wife, Kathy, who gave two quilts to two Wounded Warriors at this reunion. These brave Soldiers put their lives on the line for all of us Americans. God Bless them both. SPC C. Myers and SGT M. Singleton, we thank you again for what you do for us and our country; stay safe.

A special thanks goes to Connie Abrams, the spouse of our Commander. She agreed to take a stack of Kathy's baby quilts to distribute at the military hospital in Georgia, for our 3rd I. D. newborns. Connie also agreed to receive and distribute future shipments from Kathy so our new little Soldiers will stay warm. God Bless you, Connie. We appreciate you very much.

I also want to thank Nile Stuart, Pennie and Henry Burke, and John Burke for their help with the Memorial Breakfast. I can, as Chaplain, always count on them. By the way, the hotel staff at the Astor Crowne Plaza was very nice and the service was top notch, and also it was the first hotel I've seen that gave eye covers and ear plugs to those who were there. Need I say more?

Finally, if anyone took pictures at our Reunion please forward them ASAP to another hard worker from the Society, Rich Heller our Web Master, so he can put them on our Society website.

Till we meet again, God bless you and our military, and God Bless America. Thank you, your chaplain, Jerry Daddato, ROTM

Revised U.S. Military Korean War Statistics	
Battle Dead:	33,741
Killed in Action:	23,615
Died of Wounds	2,459
Died While Missing (MIA)	4,820
Died While Captured (POW)	2,847
Non-Battle Deaths	2,827
Total Deaths in Theater:	36,568
Died Elsewhere (Worldwide during Korean War)	17,678
Total Deaths	54,246
Wounded (not mortal)	103,284
By Branch of Service	
Total Army battle deaths	27,731
Total Air Force battle deaths	1,238
Total Marine battle deaths	4,267
Total Navy battle deaths	505
Unaccounted (Not identified/not recovered)	8,064
Prisoner of War	1,900
Killed in Action	1,572
Missing in Action	4,592
Prisoners of War	7,286
POWs Returned to US Control	4,418
POWs Who Died While Captured	2,847
POWs Who Refused Repatriation	21
Number who Served in Korean Theater	1,789,000
Number who Served Worldwide	5,720,000

New Orleans Reunion

by John Shirley, Reunion Chair

Reunion attendees had a very nice four days in New Orleans. This is a great city and our visit to the WWII National Museum and our city tour were very interesting. Our hotel in the French Quarter was especially nice and was surrounded by some great restaurants.

The President's Reception was appreciated by all in attendance as we watched and listened to The Crescent City Sound Chorus singing a wide variety of songs from WW II and also from New Orleans. We heard a fine talk on the history of the Washington Artillery, an artillery battalion that has made New Orleans its home since 1838. This battalion fought in support of the 3rd Infantry Division in Africa, Italy, France, and Germany during WW II. In recent years it fought alongside the Division in Iraq. John Fisher welcomed us to the 92nd annual reunion, and John Shirley gave a brief talk about our amazing industrial capacity in WW II.

Lynn and Joe Ball and helpers had a fine display of the many raffle prizes donated for the scholarship fundraising raffle. Pat Williamson had a very broad selection of items to sell at the quartermaster's store. The Reunion BRAT had the hospitality room well stocked with a delicious variety of snacks, fruit, and drinks. It was a popular place for old and new friends to meet.

We had a fine business meeting for the members on Saturday morning, while the ladies of the Society enjoyed brunch hosted by Lynn Ball. The highlight of the reunion was the Awards Banquet. MG Robert Abrams and his wife, Connie, and CSM Ed Watson and his wife, Sharon, made a special effort to be with us. MG Abrams discussed the Division and its plans for another deployment to Iraq in the near future to prepare for the final draw-down from Iraq of almost all of our troops. The talk was augmented with an interesting video of the Division in action. MG Abrams made two very special awards for exceptional service to the Society. One went to our database and website manager, Rich Heller, and the other one went to Lynn Ball, editor of the *Watch*. Henry Burke presented his wonderful canes to Gen. Abrams, George Burks, and Joe Ball. Purple Heart Recipients S/Sgt. C. Myers and SPC M.

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Singleton received beautiful quilts made by Kathy Daddato.

Connie Abrams and Sharon Watson assisted Secretary Ray Anderson in the drawing for the prize winners in the Society Raffle. Ray thanked everyone for their support of the raffle. Raffle income is very important to keep our Society income in line with expenses.

The active Division was very supportive with a fine exhibit of Division history from 1917 to present times, made available by the diligent work of Major Chandria White, and SGM LeKeith Artis and Soldiers of their unit. The 3rd Infantry Division Color Guard was outstanding. SFC Rhonda Lawson, from the Public Affairs Office, interviewed several Veterans and took a great many photographs during the reunion. She prepared two great articles about the reunion that appeared in the *Frontline* (the newspaper at Fort Stewart) on September 15th.

The reunion concluded on Sunday morning with our traditional Memorial Service and breakfast. It was beautifully conducted by Chaplain Jerry Daddato, Pennie Burke and three G Co. 15th Infantry Regimental comrades that served together in Korea: Nile Stuart, Henry Burke, and John Burke. The names of 140 deceased comrades and five active duty Soldiers were read. President John Fisher thanked everyone for attending the reunion and invited everyone to attend the reunion next year in Savannah.

John Shirley, Nile Stuart, Joe Ball, and David Mills—the Society Reunion Committee—are truly grateful to MG Abrams and the Soldiers of the Division for their great support and participation. We also thank all who helped with the reunion and all who attended to make this a fine 92nd Annual Reunion of the Society of the Third Infantry Division.

French Liberation Ceremonies

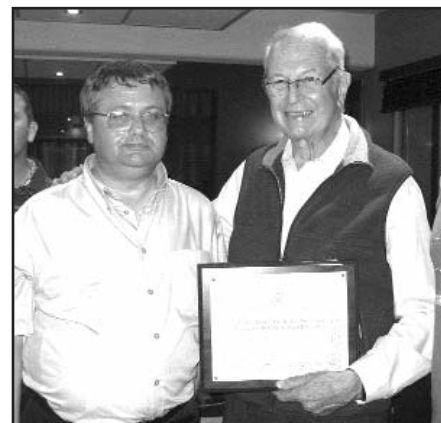
By John Shirley

It was my good fortune to be able to attend the Raddon-Luxeul liberation ceremonies. I arrived three days early and was able to participate in eight liberation ceremonies where the 3rd and 36th Infantry Divisions fought. While I was the only WW II veteran in attendance at the September 15th and 16th ceremonies held in seven communities, local citizens and French Veterans, and in some villages, numbers of school children participated enthusiastically. Wreaths were placed at monuments or plaques commemorating their liberation. Joining us at these ceremonies were Claude Deltieure, son of 7th Infantry Regiment veteran Staff Sgt. Rene Deltieure, and Robert Taverni, son of Frank Taverni, who was killed, while fighting with the 15th Infantry Regiment, and is buried at the Epinal Cemetery.

Eric Vandroux had been the contact with all these communities when we thought a Special Seventh Army Tour would take place with visits to these areas. The tour did not take place so Claude, Robert, and I were pleased to represent the veterans of the Division where these battles occurred.

The ceremonies in Raddon and Luxeul were outstanding and are reported elsewhere in the *Watch*. I presented the President's Outstanding Service award to members of the Rock of the Marne Association. These young men, reenact A Company, 10

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Eric Vandroux receives a Society President's Special Award presented by John Shirley for Eric's work with the school children who participate in the Memorial Day services at the American Cemetery in Epinal, France, and for his extensive work in planning commemoration ceremonies and special events honoring the 3rd Infantry Division.



Dog Tags, written by Ginger Cucolo, is a paperback volume of 344 pages, which includes a Table of Contents, End Notes, and a Bibliography of works pertaining to the subject. Chapter One provides a brief “History of the Dog Tag” in America. Chapter Two, “In Life and Death,” deals with the meaning of the dog tag to both Soldiers and family members. In these opening chapters, several family members express pride and comfort in having the dog tags of a family member, and others discuss feelings of closure and peace in knowing what happened to their deceased loved one.



This book does not evoke sadness. Rather, it provides the reader with a measure of satisfaction knowing that the dog tag promotes the confidence Soldiers have in knowing that the tag will speak for them in situations when they cannot speak for themselves. This removes the fear that critical information concerning medical histories might be unknown to doctors treating wounds as well as the fear that they will be “forgotten” on a battlefield.

Throughout the book, we learn of the evolution of identification methods, their regulation and use from country-to-country, and the personal attachment many Soldiers had and still have to their dog tags. Incidentally, “Dog Tags” is a nickname; the military thinks of them as “personal identification tags or badges.” No one knows exactly how the nickname started, but Ginger includes several possibilities. The one I like best has to do with a stray dog that arrived at a railway mail station and seemed to adopt the job of guarding the mailbags. As the legend goes, the dog became widely known and traveled from city-to-city and from railway mail station-to-railway mail station, guarding the mail bags. Since all of the postal workers along the mail route developed a feeling of ownership in the dog, workers at each station attached a representative “tag” to the dog’s collar. Before long, the collar was inordinately heavy so one railway mail executive designed a harness and vest for the dog and moved the tags to the vest to distribute their weight and provide some comfort for the dog. Before long, the dog’s vest was pretty full of tags. Railway mail station employees named the scruffy little critter “Owney,” and today he is preserved, wearing his vest, at the Smithsonian Postal Museum. If this is how the personal identification badges got their nickname, our members of the military are in very good company.

There is also a section that deals with various memorials involving dog tags. For instance the University of Arizona’s Student Union Memorial Building is designed to be reminiscent of the battle ship Arizona, lost at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. In front of the building is a sculpture fashioned to look like a ship’s rigging. The “lines” are comprised of dog tags—each bearing the name of one of the 1,177 Sailors who lost his life that day. There is also a separate section of the rigging sculpture that

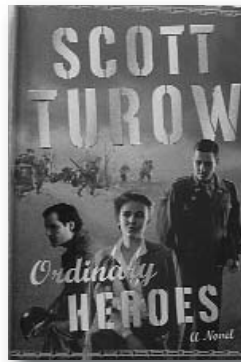
records, on dog tags, the names of the 334 Sailors who survived that horrific event. At the Old North Church in Boston, Massachusetts, there are rows of dog tags arranged in a fence-like sculpture that honor the members of the military lost in the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars. These are just two of the many memorials that incorporate dog tags.

Very wisely, Ginger included the following poem by PFC S. G. Leach Jr. entitled “My Dog Tags.”

Last night as I lay on my pillow,
I heard my dog tags say:
Don’t be blue, old fellow,
I’m with you night and day.
If death should ever part us,
Don’t feel sad and blue.
I’ll be there to take your place—
I’ll go home for you.
I know my dog tags are faithful.
They go where e’er I roam.
But I will do my darndest,
To beat those dog tags home.

Dog Tags is available for \$14.95, plus shipping, at the following website: <http://outskirtspress.com/bookstor/978083305705.html> The book is also available in digital formats.

Ordinary Heroes, by Scott Turow, is a work of historical fiction. While the military events that take place are quite accurate the storyline involving the characters is fictional. The story takes place during the Battle of the Bulge and important events incorporate the fighting in and around Bastogne. The story has everything a story-lover could want: mystery, intrigue, suspected espionage, sabotage, activities of the French Resistance, the horrors of Balingen concentration camp, military quirks (always a good topic), a brave and amazing dog and, if the reader pays close attention, a love story reveals itself at the very end—all stories of ordinary heroes.

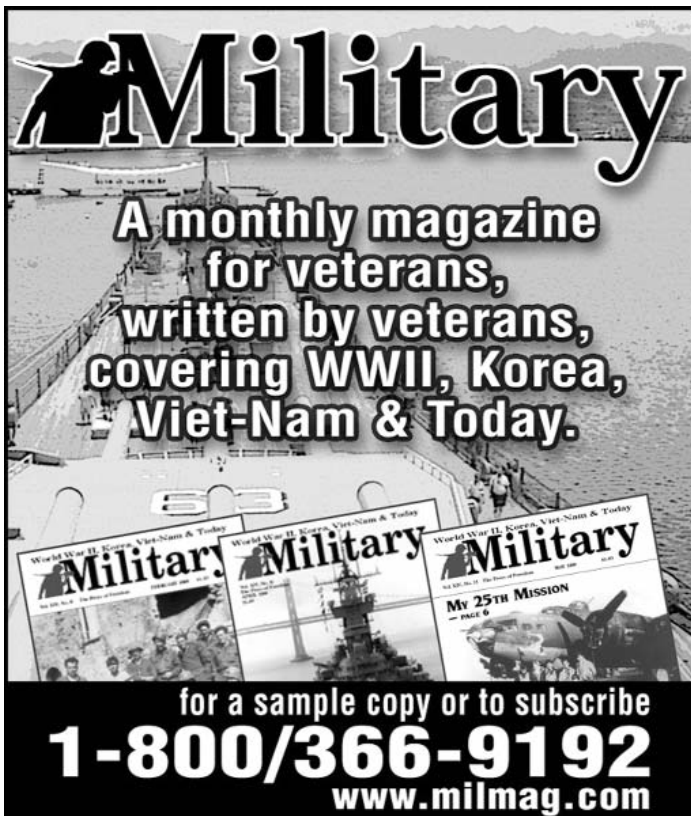


The story opens upon the death of the main character, David Dubin, who had been a JAG lawyer attached to Patton’s Third Army. His son, Stewart Dubinsky (original family name), who is a journalist, realizes that he never “knew” his father. He decides to do a bit of investigating to learn the essence of the man he always thought of as “distant.” He discovers that court martial charges were brought against his father so he digs deeper. He learns that these charges stemmed from his father’s failure to obey orders to arrest Robert Martin, an OSS officer suspected of espionage, when he had the opportunity. The reader’s attention is captivated by the fact that Robert Martin keeps performing brave

and heroic acts of sabotage against the Germans, which he claims are sanctioned under OSS orders, but which do not coincide with the Allies' military efforts or the orders of his commanding officer. Additionally, his commanding officer cannot seem to verify Robert Martin's OSS orders and feels that Martin is an insubordinate loose cannon at best and an espionage agent working against the British and American military efforts at worst. On many occasions, Martin is ordered to report to his commanding officer, which he does not do. Instead, he goes off to execute another feat of heroism that he claims was ordered by the OSS. His commanding officer becomes obsessed with punishing Martin so he orders David Dubin to find and arrest Robert Martin.

We follow the trail of Martin, through the eyes of David Dubin, as he commits several acts of sabotage against the Germans. We also learn a great deal about Robert Martin's female companion, one of several members of the French Resistance. We parachute into beleaguered Bastogne with Dubin and go to the battlefield outside Bastogne with him where we experience horrific fighting as well as Dubin's fears and ultimately his grief at the loss of so many Soldiers, including his driver and close friend who refused to leave his side. We are with him when he witnesses the horrors of Balingen concentration camp, and we follow him to the end of Martin's life. We stay with Stewart Dubinsky throughout his search for the truth of his father AND his mother.

This is a great book. It is available from any of the book-sellers, including those selling books on the Internet. The price inside the book cover is \$28.00, but I got my copy for \$8.00 from Barnes and Nobel's "Special Sale" shelf. There may be cheaper prices available on the Internet.



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The Piece of Bread

[The following article was written by Sophia Loren; it was sent to us by Harlan Adolphson who found it in an unnamed magazine.]

I was six years old when the war came to Pozzuoli, a town near Naples where I lived in a small flat with my mother and five other relatives.

One of the main memories I have of the war is of the constant hunger. Money didn't have much value. Food was the real currency—if you had food, you were rich. It got to the point where we didn't set the table anymore because there was nothing to eat. Whatever we could find, we would eat immediately. It's like giving food to a dog; whenever he gets it he eats it.

I will always remember the taste of the bread we ate. When you cut it, the insides of the black, gooey loaf stuck to the knife. The bread was inedible—damp and sticky inside and hard as a rock outside. My sister and I were so disgusted by it that we would gut the inside of the loaf and make little animals with it, as one would with clay. But then the next morning we were so hungry again that we would eat the little animals—this dried out, dirty dough. It was terrible, but it was food.



Sophia Loren, 1944, at ten years of age. After enduring four years of wartime deprivation in Italy, Loren said, "Like all children then, I grew up fast."

It was my job to go to the bakery. Our ration—for eight people—consisted of one large loaf with a little extra piece added to it to round out the weight. I was always tempted to eat the little extra piece. As I walked home, I would think about how hungry I was and how good the bread smelled. I'd wait until I reached a certain store near our house and I would say to myself, 'Sophia, if you don't eat it now, you'll never get a chance to eat it before you reach home.' That was my rationale. So at the same spot, on every trip, I would gobble down that extra little piece. It was an act that made me suffer a great deal; because, in a way, I was betraying my family. But my hunger was so great that I felt I had no choice. I'm sure my family knew what was going on, but they never said a thing. I still think about it often, and I still feel guilty.

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News From The Outposts

2 John S. Cole

Tampa, FL

Our fall reunion occurred on November 19, past the deadline for the December issue. Please watch this space in the February 2012 issue for a report.

Congratulations to Dorothy McDaniel for winning the Society raffle drawing at the National Reunion in New Orleans in September, and congratulations to Alex and Phyllis Alrikas for winning prizes in the Scholarship Foundation raffle drawing also held at the Reunion. The ladies from Outpost 2 appreciated the talk given by Lynn Ball at the Ladies' Brunch about how the controls on child labor in Eighteenth Century England affected the textile industry and led to laws today and how writings of that day influenced the outcome.

Jack Silberman travelled on an Honor Flight to Washington DC on September 4.

Only nine Outpost #2 tee shirts remain on hand at this writing. Order quickly if you would like to have one.

At last count, Outpost 2 had 161 members: 129 full-time Florida residents from 88 different cities, 21 full-time residents of 17 other states, 10 members who are snowbirds with two addresses, and one member lives in Spain.

Submitted by Robert Gibson, Secretary

4 Fort George Wright

Spokane, WA

Fort George Wright Outpost, Spokane, Washington, met at the Golden Corral on October 12, 2011. Outpost President Lyle Kerns opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. All reports were accepted as presented. Robert Valen, outpost historian, explained his plans for scheduled interviews with 3rd Division Vets.



Outpost #4 members at Memorial Day Dedication of 3rd I.D. Monument at State Veterans Cemetery, Medical Lake, Washington.

A few photos taken at the Memorial Dedication were viewed and one was selected for publication in the *Watch*. Dale suggest-

ed that everyone who has a 2009 Roster check his/her information and send corrections to Rich Heller soon, for placement in the 2012 Roster which goes to press in December. The next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2012, at the Golden Corral, 7117 N. Division, Spokane, Washington. Having completed our business, the meeting was closed in regular form.

Submitted by Dale McGraw, Secretary

7 Washington, DC

Washington, DC

Pat Williamson has assumed the position of OP #7 Secretary-Treasurer, and he stood in for President Dave Adams on Veteran's Day at the Outpost's wreath laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery. Pat resigned from his former position as Outpost #5 Secretary-Treasurer to assume his new duties. [As we understand Pat's situation, he is maintaining his duties in Outpost #5 until January 2012, but he is helping with Outpost #7's needs as well.]

12 Tommy Thompson

Minneapolis, MN

The spring meeting of Outpost #12 will be held on April, 28-29, 2012, at the Country Inn & Suites in Albert Lea, Minnesota. Because of the continued decline in attendance by Outpost members, we decided at the last meeting that the Outpost would absorb the cost of the dinners at the spring meeting. Our hope is that some of our inactive members will attend and thus become active members.

The February 2012 issue of the *Watch* will contain all the stipulations with which you must comply in order for you and your guest (2 people total) to have your dinner paid for by the outpost. The banquet is catered into the motel, and the number of meals have to be guaranteed ahead of time. If you have any questions my home address, phone number, and e-mail address are listed on the last page of every *Watch* in the Outpost Register.

—Submitted by Jerry Manley, Secretary-Treasurer

15 Arizona

Phoenix, AZ

Because of his failing health, officers presented Outpost #15's "Outstanding Dedication Award" to Past President Carl Duncan at his home prior to the November meeting. Carl, 90, a WW II veteran, has been a long time member and office holder in the Outpost and in the Society. Carl served 11 years as Secretary-Treasurer of Outpost 15 and six years as the Western Region Vice President. Carl organized and hosted the 2001 Society reunion in Arizona. This was especially difficult because the terrorist attacks of 9/11 occurred shortly

before the planned reunion which affected attendance as many of those who planned to attend cancelled or were unable to complete their travel arrangements to the reunion, but the reunion went on as planned.

Carl's son, Hugh, current president of Outpost 15, and his grandson have all served on active duty with the 3rd Infantry Division (a three-generation photograph was previously published in the *Watch*).

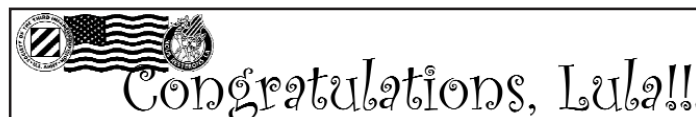
All Outpost #15 members, families, and friends were encouraged to participate in the 2011 Phoenix Veterans' Day Parade. It was of special interest since our own Society member, David Mills, served as the Korean War Grand Marshal. Because the parade required walking and carrying flags, members were given the options of participating, being spectators, or simply joining other outpost members for lunch, after the parade, at Curtis Gentry's home. The dress code was "Anything that has the Society name or logo on it."

—Submitted by Curtis Gentry,
Vice President, Western Region

[We hope to have photos for the February Watch.]

35 Audie L. Murphy

Outpost #35 held its fall meeting in Fredericksburg, Texas, at Andy's Steak and Seafood Grill on November 12, 2011. The highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the Society's "Outstanding Associate Member Award" to Lula Coble. A much larger version of the banner shown here was designed and produced by Justin Valle and prominently displayed in the meeting room to greet Lula and her guests. Since Lula's eyesight is failing, we have switched to verbal and textual communications. We also gave Lula a soft plush animal (for her November birthday) to remind her of how much she is loved and respected. Thanks for the banner, Justin. A full report will appear in the February *Watch*.



At the reunion in New Orleans, the following Outpost members were in attendance: Joe and Lynn Ball, Ernie and Bridie Buckholz, Camile Chaisson, and Jack Wold. On the tour of the New Orleans Cemetery, we captured a photo of Joe Ball and Society Chaplain Jerry Daddato practicing spiritual reverence. It appears in this issue of "From the Editor."

—Submitted by Lynn Ball, Secretary-Treasurer

54 Golden Gate

San Francisco, CA

Golden Gate Outpost #54 held its Veterans Day meeting on November 12 at the Brass Door Restaurant. A full report on the meeting will be in the February *Watch*.

—Submitted by John Shirley, President

60 Fort Benning

Columbus, GA

Our fall meeting was well attended with 43 present. Several of the Soldiers from Fort Benning were in attendance. Major Irving introduced our speaker, Captain Caleb Phillips.

Captain Phillips, who recently became a member of the Society, gave a very interesting talk concerning events in Afghanistan. A motion by Bob Bailey to have two officer vacancies filled was seconded by John Burke and approved by those in attendance. Major Harry Irving will serve as the Outpost Vice President and Mary Anne Bailey will serve as Outpost Chaplain. New members introduced were Capt. Caleb Phillips, CSM Alan Hemmel, and 1st SGT LaVares J. Jackson Sr. LaVares also won the door prize, some of which he used to join the Society. Outpost reports were given by Bob Bailey and approved by all present. Our next meeting was discussed by MAJ Irving, and it was decided that we will meet in January, possibly on a Friday. Holding the meeting on a Friday will free time for family members to attend their children and grandchildren's Saturday sports events. Details of our next meeting will be communicated to all members when available.

—Submitted by Bob Bailey, Secretary-Treasurer

5845 Europe

Robert D. Maxwell, who received the Medal of Honor for his actions in the city of Besancon on September 7, 1944, recently visited that city in conjunction with Outpost Europe's Operation Dragoon commemorations in Southern France. Bob was accompanied by his grandson, Jordan Ellison, and joined Monika and Tim Stoy in representing the 3rd Infantry Division at numerous ceremonies commemorating the 67th anniversary of the liberation of communities in Provence.



MOH Recipient Robert Maxwell participates with Mayor Bruno Durieux and Sous-prefet Denis Gaudin, and representatives of the 3rd Infantry Division in the plaque dedication at Grignan.

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Communiqué: Japanese Surrender

The October 2009 *Watch on the Rhine* carried a feature story about the *U.S.S. Libra*—the ship on which Associate Member Monte Guidry served during WWII. The *Libra* had quite an interesting history and was still around to support shipments to Korea during that conflict.

Monte was a radio operator on the *Libra*, and on August 15, 1945, he recorded the first communication of the Japanese surrender. Most generously, he has shared the actual communication with us. Accompanying the communiqué, Monty included the following note. “When I was on duty as a radio operator [. . .] the first Japanese surrender message came in, and this copy is for you folks. Our ship, the *USS Libra* AKA-12, was the oldest combat cargo ship in the Pacific at war’s end. It started at Guadalcanal; then the *Libra* participated in several other invasions before I came aboard. The *Libra* had nine Battle Stars for its invasions and ten Jap flags painted on the bridge for the planes it shot down. I was at the invasions of the Philippines and Iwo Jima. Later, we were grouping for the invasion of Japan when the atomic bomb was dropped. We cruised around for a while; then went into Tokyo Bay with the surrender fleet. We were close enough to the *USS Missouri* to see the ceremony. The picture of me is at the end of the war in the Pacific, after our return to the States. I was on the fantail of the ship by the Flag and five-inch cannon.”

I have edited the following communiqué, because, as you know, radio communications were sent and received in Morris Code. What the sender meant is not always what the receiver heard. I believe I have found the definitive meaning of the message. I have placed ellipses around all words changed to clarify meaning. I have left out the words describing ends of sentences and commas which are always sent as part of a Morris Code message, and have added articles (the, a, and an) where needed for easier understanding.

Definition of seldom-used word (Oxford English Dictionary): Rescript: “any edict, decree, order, or formal announcement made by a ruler or governing body, or having an official character.”

Sent by Dome I News Agency: Tokyo: “His



Monte V. Guidry, 1945, upon return to the States after WWII ended in the Pacific. Monte was on the fantail of the *USS Libra*, by the Flag and the five-inch cannon.

Imperial Majesty Emperor was graciously pleased to personally read the Imperial “rescript” accepting the Potsdam declaration [via] a nationwide radio broadcast at noon today (August 15, 1945). It is the first time in Japan’s history that the Emperor spoke to the nation over the radio.”

Tokyo 15/8 “Rescript” (Emperor’s message to the Japanese People): (Imperial rescript follows): “To our good and loyal subjects; after pondering deeply the general trends of the war and the actual conditions [existing] in our empire today, we have decided to [affect] a settlement of the present situation by resorting to an extraordinary measure. We have ordered our government to communicate to the government of the United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and China that our Empire accepts the provisions of their joint declaration. To strive for the security and wellbeing of our subjects is the solemn obligation which has been handed down by our imperial ancestors, and which we lay close to heart.

“Indeed, we declared war on America and Britain out of our sincere desire to

ensure Japan’s self-preservation and the stabilization of East Asia. It was far from our thought either to infringe upon the sovereignty of other nations [or] to [embark] upon territorial aggrandizement. But now the war has lasted for nearly four years. Despite the best that has been done by everyone—the gallant fighting of military and naval forces, the divine and assiduity of our servants of the State, and the devoted service of our one-hundred million people, the war situation had developed not necessarily to Japan’s advantage, while the general trends of the world have all turned against her interest.

“Moreover, the enemy has begun to employ a new and most cruel bomb, the power of which to do damage is indeed incalculable, taking the toll of many innocent lives. Should we continue to fight, it would not only result in an ultimate collapse and obliteration of the Japanese nation, but also it would lead to the total obliteration of human civilization. Such being the case, how are we to save hallowed spirits of our imperial ancestors? This is the reason why we have ordered the acceptance of the provisions of the joint declaration of the powers.

“We cannot but express the deepest sense of regret to our allied nations of East Asia, who have consistently [cooperated] with the empire towards the emancipation of East Asia. The lives of those officers and men who have fallen in the fields of battle, those who died at their posts of duty, or those who met with untimely death, and all their bereaved families, pains our heart night and day. The welfare of the wounded and their [well-being] are the objects of our profound solicitude. The hardships and sufferings to which our nation is to be subjected hereafter will be certainly great.

“We are keenly aware of the inmost feelings of all our subjects. However, it is according to the dictate of them and fate that we have resolved to pave the way for a grand peace for all generations to come by enduring the unendurable and suffering what is insufferable. Having been able to safeguard and maintain the structure of the imperial state, we are always with ye, our good and loyal subjects, relying upon your sincerity and integrity. Beware most strict-

ly of any outbursts of a fraternal contention and strife, which may create confusion, lead ye astray and cause ye to lose the confidence of the world.

“Let the entire nation continue as one family from generation-to-generation, ever firm in its faith of the imperial ‘ableness’ of its divine land, and mindful of its heavy burden of responsibilities, and the construction for the future. Cultivate ways of [rectitude]; foster nobility of spirit; and work with resolution so as ye may enhance the innate glory of the imperial state and keep pace with the progress of the world.” *(End of the emperor’s words to the Japanese.)*

Official Announcement: “Tokyo officially announced that the Japanese government, yesterday, Tuesday, sent a communication to the Allied Powers formally accepting the provisions of the Potsdam Declaration. The communication was dispatched through intermediaries of the Swiss government. Full text of the communication follows: “Communication of the Japanese government of August fourteenth, Nineteen Forty-five addressed to the governments of the United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and China. With reference to the Japanese government’s note of August tenth regarding their acceptance of the provisions of the Potsdam Declaration and the reply of the government of the United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and China sent by American Secretary of State James Byrnes under the date of August eleventh, the Japanese government has the honor to communicate to the governments of the four powers as follows: First: Acceptance of the provisions of the Potsdam Declaration. Second, his majesty the emperor is prepared to authorize and ensure the signature by his majesty’s government and the imperial general headquarters of the necessary terms for carrying out the provision of the Potsdam Declaration. His majesty is also prepared to issue his commands to all the military, naval, and air authorities of Japan and all the forces under their control, wherever located, to cease active operation, to surrender arms, and to issue such other orders as may be requested by the Supreme Commander of the Allied forces for the execution of the abovementioned terms.” *End quotation.*

Report on 2011 Reunion

By Carl Topie

General Comments:

There were 11 responses. There were few responses from the ExCom officers and three responses from staff officers. I was surprised that so few Ex Com filled out the evaluation form.

What were the BEST ASPECTS about the reunion for you?

- Location.
- Seeing family and other members of the 3rd ID.
- Meeting friends and tours.
- WW II Museum tour and Theater. Excellent.
- Meeting friends who saved our freedom.
- All three of my children came to New Orleans to see me.
- Meeting new and old friends – the active duty soldiers’ participation.
- Seeing every one and meeting our new commander.

What was the MOST DISAPPOINTING ASPECT of the reunion for you?

- WW II Museum expensive and overrated
- Confused our names. Distinguish “guest” and “emergency contact” on their own forms?
- The rooms for the hospitality were out of the way and very cramped.
- The St. Charles room was very noisy on Sunday morning and the breakfast was very sparse.
- Ladies brunch – very cramped quarters. And, fruit would have been good.
- My room was very small. Had a king

size bed which took up a lot of room. No natural light – window opened on a window across a space of 10’. Almost like being in a box.

- No regimental dinner.
- Only 98 attendees. Maybe due to 9/11. Most people know that New Orleans is subject to tropical storms and hurricanes.
- Too close to Bourbon Street. Very busy and potentially dangerous.
- Cost of parking: \$30 a day.
- Availability of car, including waiting and tipping.
- Hotel layout.
- Scholarship Foundation and Quartermaster rooms’ locations were poor.
- Restaurant in hotel was too expensive.
- No nearby reasonable restaurants. Fast food places near hotel were really bad.
- The city was not as I expected.
- City tour wasn’t interesting and too long.

Other COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

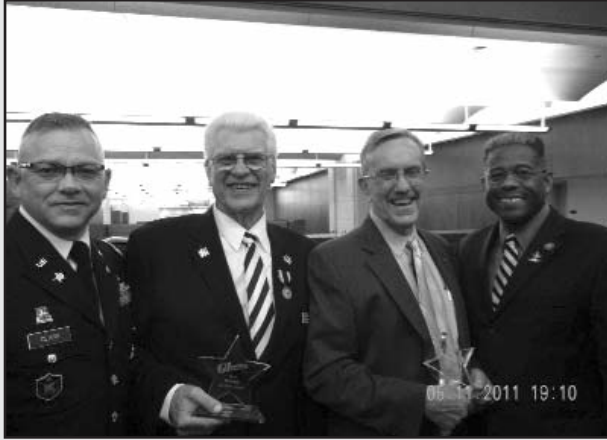
- The Ladies luncheon was excellent. The talk by Lynn Ball brought poetry to a new level. Thanks to Lynn, we all had a better appreciation of literature.
- Overall, I would say location of New Orleans, cost of hotel, and so forth made this about a 3 on a scale of 1 to 10 where 10 is the highest.
- The reunion should be in a more central location.
- The Division Display should have a featured location.
- Reunions should be held in less expensive locations.

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'Hero of the Year'



L to R.: Colonel Dave Clark, USA, Head, DOD director of the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee; David Mills; Warren Wiedhahn, and Congressman Allen West. David Mills and Warren Wiedhahn both received 2011 "Hero of the Year" awards from the Fifth Annual GI Film Festival. Representative West presented Warren's award, and Actor Gary Sinise presented David's award.

Vietnam Wall

Below is a link to the virtual Vietnam Wall. When you click on it, a list of states appears. When you click on a state, a list of cities appears. Click on a city and the names of all of our brave soldiers who lived in that city and who died during the Vietnam War will appear. When you click on a name, a profile of that Soldier will appear. This is a very nice site. I wish we had something like this for our fallen Soldiers of WWII, Korea, and other conflicts. <http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm>

Cold Ground's Been My Bed: A Korean War Memoir

By Daniel Wolfe

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Our delegation was joined by those representing MG Robert Abrams: LTC Cleveland and CSM Dillingham, the command group of the 3-7th Infantry (Bob's old battalion in WWII) and SPC Costea. Also participating was COL Rob Rider, British Army, who represented our British Allies for the ceremonies on August 14 and 15. On August 14, we visited Rhone American Cemetery and Memorial where the delegation placed a wreath honoring our war dead.

Additional ceremonies were held from August 17-28. We participated in events at Le Luc, Besancon, and many other areas on the August Trail of the 3rd Infantry Division. The celebrations ended on August 28 with a plaque dedication in the village of Grignan.

—Submitted by Tim Stoy, Secretary-Treasurer

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when they attended orientation for the Honor Flight. Neither Mitch Chockla, Company A, 7th Infantry Regiment, nor Jack Silberman, Company D, 7th Infantry Regiment (members of Outpost #2), knew each other had been selected to be on the flight. Both Mitch and Jack had good things to say about the Honor Flight committee, the volunteers, and the public's enthusiasm to make the day of the flight one never to be forgotten. Mitch urges veterans to learn more about Honor Flight via the Internet at www.honorflight.org or at facebook.com/honorflight.

Deployment Cancelled

The scheduled deployment to Iraq of the Division Headquarters Battalion has been cancelled. The 775 Soldiers had been involved in extensive training for the deployment since May. The American withdrawal agreement between the U.S. and Iraq was signed in 2008, by then President Bush. The withdrawal date was set as 12/31/11. Elements of the 3rd are currently assigned to the Global Response Force. This operational force is on call 24 hours per day and is able to deploy anywhere in the world within 18 hours. No units of the 3rd are currently scheduled to be deployed.



Letters to the Editor

Harlan Adolphson wrote: "Enclosed is a copy of an article [about Sophia Loren] that I saw in a local magazine. I was in Company C, 15th Infantry Regiment, in 1943-44. I was in Pozzuoli. I might have seen her or talked with her. I am 87 years old; really, there can't be many of us left. I hope you enjoy the article." See Loren article elsewhere in this issue.



David M. Steiner wrote: "Sincerely, I hope and pray that Jesus Christ will richly bless you and yours and the Scholarship Program for our 3rd I.D. children. I hope that Jesus Christ will help me get to the reunion as my cancer has come back." David Steiner is a decorated veteran who served our country during the Cold War. We thank David for his prayers, and we have asked our prayer group to pray for him.



Mitch Chockla wrote: "Enclosed is a photo of Jack Silberman and me—also a brochure of the Honor flight program. It is a very well organized endeavor by the entire organization. Unfortunately, I was unable to complete the entire tour for medical reasons. However, I received an invitation to go on the next flight on September 24. This offer was gratefully accepted. Keep up you excellent work as editor of the Watch." [See Honor Flight story and photo elsewhere in this publication.]



Dorothy M. McDaniel added a note to a recent letter explaining some details we used for the article on the Sarasota Memorial Cemetery, in this issue. She closed with the following comment: "Thank you so much for your consideration [of the article] and for the outstanding job you have done as editor for this fine publication for the past two years."



Monte Guidry wrote: "Dear Lynn; we enjoy all the great writing you do in both the 3rd Division mailers. Your work seems so effortless because it comes out so readable." Monte is also referring to our Outpost #35 publication.



Mike Kendall wrote: "Dad [MG Maurice Kendall] is safely home. He called this past weekend: the perfect trip—all the travel arrangements were flawless and the reunion was awesome. He couldn't have been happier than being with his Marne brothers and sisters. He said everyone was looking out for him, helping him, and engaging him in conversation. He was very impressed with the Soldiers who were continually talking to him. He loved the itinerary, especially the visit to the D-Day Museum. He was also impressed that he wasn't the oldest one

there; I understand you had a 97-year-old present. Marne veterans are certainly resilient. Our family thanks you and Joe from the bottom of our heart for taking care of Dad last weekend. He is primed to attend the reunion in Savannah next year." *Everyone was looking out for our General Kendall. Kathy and Jerry Daddato tried to stay with General when Joe and I were busy with the Scholarship Fundraising raffle, and John Shirley helped. Actually, General didn't really need much help. He is pretty tough and very independent. Nevertheless, we all watched out for him. We will watch out for him in Savannah too.*



Ray Anderson writes: Dear Lynn: Frances asked that I pass along her thanks for the nice program you put on for the Ladies' meeting and lunch. Frances said everyone was really involved and you did a fine job presenting the program. We probably need your assistance at the Outpost Harry Ladies' Meeting. It never seems to go well.



Nile Stuart wrote: Dear Lynn, Congratulations again on being selected to receive one of the two special awards presented by General Abrams. To my knowledge, that's the first time the Third Infantry Division has presented such an award, or any kind, since the Society started presenting awards in 1955. Thanks also for the talk you gave to the ladies. Marianne said it was excellent and then spent the first 500 miles of our flight home recounting some of the details about "chimney-sweeps," and the involvement of poets like Blake, in bringing attention to child labor, and the example about when you went to be with your grandparents on their farm at age four or five and their unrealistic expectations. No wonder you had the rapt attention of your friends in the audience. I wish I could have heard it firsthand. Best regards, Nile



Charles Lamlien wrote: Best [Watch] issue ever .



Richard Guimond wrote: Hi, Lynn; received my copy of the *Watch on the Rhine* today. I notice I received an award from the President of the Society. I wish to thank you for submitting my name. I only wish the mailing would have brought more members to the Society. Also, a very great issue this month—covers a wide area of activities and wars. You are doing a great job as editor. [Richard wrote later to say he received his award plaque and was very impressed and pleased. He sends his thanks to the Society and to Awards Chair, Nile Stuart.]



Bob Cook wrote: You do a great job! Thanks.



Martin Markley wrote: The October *Watch* just arrived, earlier than usual! Haven't read it yet, but it appears to have great coverage and photographs.



Bruce Monkman wrote: Another interesting *Watch* received; thanks. The article about the Sanford twins reminded me that our Service Battery, 9th. FA Bn. also had a set of twins. They certainly didn't look like brothers: Andy was short and swarthy, with dark curly hair; Gerald was tall, light-skinned, and had light brown hair.

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But both were neat fellas and good to work with. When we started our separate 9th FA social group in 1975, Andy had already passed away, but Gerald was part of our group until his passing. Several of us hold fond memories of those two.

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John Fisher wrote: Got my copy of the *Watch*—earliest ever. There were many interesting and informative articles. It was enjoyable.

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R.B. Sanford called to say he liked the article about R.D. and himself in the October *Watch* and complimented our rewrite of the information he sent. He has received two calls from Veterans who live in the Northeast. They spoke of their service in Korea. R.B. also discussed the poor treatment of our vets at his local VA Hospital, which he observes when he volunteers there, and he mentioned the KWVA's efforts in passing out caps and scarves to our Vets on a regular basis.

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Paul Schewene wrote to thank us for including the item about his father in our October "Letters to the Editor." He spoke about his father's pride of Service and his father's concerns about leaving his wife with five children to feed on military pay while he was overseas during WWII. He also said the *Watch* "is excellent, as usual."

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Harold W. Corkran said he enjoyed the article on the History of the 15th Infantry Regiment and the origin of its crest. "I was in the 15th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, S-3, SSGT, artist and sign painter in Korea, 1953-54 [at Camp Kieser]. I painted the crest and 3rd I.D. Insignia many times. It was nice to know [more about] its history and origin. . . I would like to thank you for the nice job you are doing as editor of the *Watch on the Rhine*."

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John B. Meyer wrote: Excellent issue of *The Watch on the Rhine*. Thank you for reviewing and publishing excerpts from my book: *The Meyers Chronicles*. I am being inundated with requests for copies (just kidding). Please look on page 51 of my book for the actual citation of the Medal of Honor I wrote that was awarded to Charles L. Gilliland who at 17 years old was the YOUNGEST man in Military History to be awarded that medal. Thanks very much for the work you do for our organization. You are to be highly commended and exalted!

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Harvey I. Sladkus wrote: To my surprise and delight, I received a package from the 3rd ID this week. It contained...a hard copy of the book, *Faces of War: Red Dragon, The Second Round*....The book is filled with wonderful, individual memoirs of those who served in Korea together with a bevy of excellent photographs....I shall treat this tome as an important addition to my library. (Harvey is referring to the prize he won in the Scholarship Foundation Fundraising Raffle. The Foundation has this book available for \$20.00 incl. postage. If you want a copy, contact Lynn Ball.)

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Kathy Daddato wrote: I thank our Reunion Committee members who organized our 92nd Reunion in New Orleans. They did a superb job or accommodating all of our wishes. Everyone I spoke

to said they had a great time. My guide dog in training, "Darley," would have appreciated some grass outside, but on Bourbon and Canal Streets, none can be found. A crocheted bedspread was raffled to support the "Paws for Patriots" program of Southeastern Guide Dogs, and we raised \$70.00. The bedspread was won by Henry and Pennie Burke. The school also had contributions from Leonard Lassar and Joe Featherstone, and we thank them for their support. My first dog, Moxie, is in her 2nd phase of training and will be going to a deserving Veteran soon.

Concerning the Ladies Brunch, Lynn Ball did a superb job of bringing "The Chimney Sweeps of Jolly Old England" into today's prospective. Some of the ladies brought their own personal knowledge and family history into the discussion which made it an even more interesting program. I want to hear more about other authors who tried to put an end to child labor through their writings. The room was a little cramped and small for our group but that just made the group a little tighter and more intimate and lead to a livelier discussion. Thanks, Lynn, for all you did to bring the Ladies Brunch into the 21st Century.

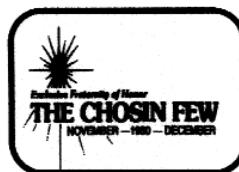
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Bob Gibson sent a note with his Outpost #2 message to the *Watch*: Hello Lynn, Better early than on time or late! Keep up the good work. [Bob sent his outpost submission early.]

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Showcase Cemetery Planned

[Materials from the Sarasota Herald Tribune and other commentary for this article were sent by Dorothy McDaniel]

Right now, the Sarasota National Cemetery is largely barren and featureless, but as a result of the efforts of local philanthropic groups, funneling millions into the project, cemetery officials plan, within the next two years, to create a model for future national cemeteries. Since the first interments in 2009, improvements have been made. A number of ponds and an estimated 800 trees will ultimately create a tranquil setting.

Through the contribution of a \$5.5 million endowment from the Patterson Foundation, the National Cemetery plans to construct an innovative assembly area capable of seating up to 2,500 visitors. It will include sculptures, art, and gardens. Construction on the new elements will begin in 2012, following the completion of the administrative facilities.

Veterans Affairs, which supports 131 national cemeteries, dedicated the Sarasota site in 2008, because 80,000 Veterans live within a 75-mile radius of the Cemetery. Most national cemeteries are built to accommodate about 10 year's needs. The Sarasota facility's plans are designed to accommodate burials for 50 years. Currently, cemetery construction is operating on a \$200 million discretionary "bank charter" donation from late philanthropist Dorothy Patterson.

Cemetery planners hope to attract the general public to the cemetery through school field trips, rotating exhibits, and story-telling volunteer docents. Clearly, the National Cemetery Administration is enthused. A visitor to the Cemetery earlier this year remarked, "What they're doing here will change the way national cemeteries do business. It's not only going to be a beautiful place, but it's going to be a place where children can learn about the price of freedom."

In the note accompanying the news article, Dorothy McDaniel mentioned that she, Outpost President Kathy Daddato, and Outpost Secretary Robert Gibson visited the cemetery and spoke to administrators with regard to placing a 3rd I.D. memorial within the grounds when construction on the grounds is more advanced. Dorothy said that the administrators were most receptive to the idea, and Outpost #2 will follow through at the appropriate time. Dorothy has a deep interest in the Cemetery because her longtime companion, 1st Sgt Joe Kolac, 7th Infantry Regiment, was interred there in 2009. We may remember Joe because he attended numerous conventions and military meetings. He loved the camaraderie of his fellow Veteran Soldiers and maintained close contact with many of them.

Undoubtedly, we will have more information on the Cemetery once some key elements are in place.



Artist's rendering of the planned amphitheater that will provide shaded seating for special events at the National Cemetery.



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Condensed History of the Third Infantry Division

The Third Infantry Division was born at Camp Green, North Carolina, on November 21, 1917. The Division was comprised of the 4th, 7th, 30th, and 38th Infantry Regiments; the 10th, 18th, and 76th Field Artillery Regiments, and the 6th Engineer Regiment.

The Division deployed to France in April 1918, during World War I, arriving at the beginning of the last series of German offensives designed to end the war. The Division took up positions along the Marne River and, as units on either side were driven back, the Division held its position, defeating the Germans' bid for victory. The feat, called by General Pershing "one of the most brilliant pages in the annals of military history," earned the Division the nickname, "Rock of the Marne."

The Division entered World War II at Fedala, French Morocco, as part of the "Torch," the first American campaign against Germany. It fought across North Africa and spearheaded the American drive across Sicily to Palermo. In the Allied invasion of Italy, in September 1943, the Division fought up to the Volturno River. In January 1944, it performed an amphibious landing at Anzio and, from January to May, repelled numerous German assaults to drive the Allies from the beach. The Allies broke out and reached Rome on June 4, 1944. It then performed another amphibious assault in southern France in August 1944, fought through southern France and the Vosges Mountains, and reached Strasbourg in November. During the winter of 1944-45, the Division was called upon to reduce the "Colmar Pocket." The Rhine was crossed in March, and in April, the Division was in Nuremberg. By war's end, the Division had gone as far as Salzburg, Austria. The 3rd Infantry Division was the only U.S. division to engage the Germans in all ten campaigns of the War; it suffered the highest casualties of any American unit and was the most decorated of all units serving in the theatre. Members of the Division were awarded 37 Medals of Honor in WWII.

The Division fought and traveled the longest distance (531 days of combat, stretching from Fedala, North Africa, to Salzburg, Austria), made four amphibious landings (more than any other unit in the E.T.O.), and had the most casualties on any



"We Will Stay There"

one day of the conflict (995 at Anzio). [On 6/6/1944, we had many losses, but they were not all in one Division, or so we are told.]

In the Korean War, the Division arrived in September 1950, when the Allied forces were driving remnants of the North Korean Army north. It joined the advance, operating in the Hamhung-Hungnam area. In a surprise move, China entered the war and the Allies were forced to retreat. From November 30 to December 24, the Division conducted the most massive beachhead evacuation in American military history. It then participated in a counteroffensive that pushed the enemy back to the 38th parallel, effectively clearing the Iron Triangle. Soldiers of the

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Engineers, and do a great job representing members of our divisions at many events such as Memorial Day at the Epinal Cemetery, liberation ceremonies, and special events like our battlefield tours.

I also visited Bennwihr where I received the best Christmas present of my life on December 23, 1944. It was a wound that took me out of combat during three cold winter months when the Division helped eliminate the Colmar Pocket during their second fight to the Rhine River. In those months I missed, the Division fought to the Rhine River for a third time and made a combat crossing in March.



Division were awarded eleven Medals of Honor in Korea, and the 7th Infantry Regiment was recognized as having more "line time" than any other unit of the entire U.N. Force.

In Operation Desert Storm, the Division's 3rd Brigade was the tip of the spear thrust deep into Iraq, outflanking the Iraqi forces attempting to escape from Kuwait. "Marne Thunder" pounded Iraqi positions with devastating artillery fire.

During Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Division was called on to lead the American and Coalition forces in toppling the Saddam Hussein regime. The "Marne Express" spearheaded the assault with a "Thunder Run" into Baghdad. The swift and complete liberation of Baghdad caused the end of any organized enemy resistance, all due to the valor and dedication of our Marne Soldiers.

The Marne Division has performed admirably during four deployments with units serving in both Iraq and Afghanistan. Today, the 3rd Infantry Division stands ready, willing, and most able to serve whenever and wherever it is needed. "Rock of the Marne!"

I had a nice visit with a large class of ten-year-old children and talked about the war. I was giving them a little history and mentioned that all the buildings, houses, stores, wineries, church and convent, and city hall were destroyed in the two and a half weeks the 36th Infantry Division fought for the village. On December 23, the 3rd Infantry Division attempted to capture the town which took another few days to secure. I mentioned there was only one prewar house left in village. A ten-year-old boy corrected me. He said three prewar houses exist and that he lives in one of them. I then had a nice visit with some of my friends, the mayor and councilmen, and several historians of the village. We will return to many of these places on the 70th Anniversary Battlefield Tour in 2014. I know we will be old by then, but I hope many of us, as well as our families, can make it.

L-R: Michael Halik; Noel "Gus" Gusler Jr.; Chris Viller (ROTM officer); John Shirley; and Michel Pascal (ROTM officer), holding the Society's award presented to the Rock of The Marne Association in France.



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.

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December 3, 2011: Outpost #5 will meet at the Marriott Courtyard in Montvale, New Jersey; the hospitality room is reserved from 12:00 to 6:00 PM. The room rate for those staying overnight is \$89.00. For reservations and directions to the Marriott, call 800-321-2211 or 201-391-7700 and mention the 3rd Infantry Division. Prices for meals per person are \$35.00 for dinner and \$15.00 for breakfast. Please make your check payable to Society of the 3rd Infantry Div. OP 5 and send it to Treasurer Pat Williamson at 530 Hemingway Drive, Hockessin DE 19707. We hope for a good turnout.

December 8-11, 2011: Battle of the Colmar Pocket Commemoration, Sheraton National Hotel, Arlington, VA, 888-637-8210, \$94; Contact Monika Stoy for information: 703-912-4218 or monikastoy@yahoo.com.

April 25-29, 2012: Anzio Beachhead Veterans of 1944, WWII, Reunion in Norfolk, Virginia. All who served on the Beachhead or in support of our troops (Army, Navy, Air Force, and Nurse Corps) are invited to attend. All family members are welcome, and we look forward to meeting them. For more information, contact Clyde E. Easter, 276-728-7293 or write 299 Panorama Drive, Fancy Gap, Virginia, 24328-2751.

April 28-29, 2012: The spring meeting of Outpost #12 will be held on April, 28 - 29, 2012, at the Country Inn & Suites in Albert Lea, Minnesota. The February 2012 issue of the *Watch* will contain all the stipulations with which you must comply in order for you and your guest (2 people total) to have your dinners paid for by the Outpost. For questions, contact Jerry Manley. See page 31 of the *Watch* for

contact information.

May 23-June 2, 2012: 68th Anniversary Battlefield Tour of Italy: The eleven-day tour will include participation in the Memorial Day Ceremony at Sicily-Rome American Cemetery in Nettuno, Italy; visits to the landing beaches at Salerno, Paestum, Anzio, Nettuno, and to the beautiful City of Sorrento, the Amalfi Coast, the Isle of Capri, Monte Cassino, Rome, the American Embassy, Holy See, and many more places of interest. For more information, contact Clyde E. Easter, 276-728-7293 or write 299 Panorama Drive, Fancy Gap, Virginia, 24328-2751.

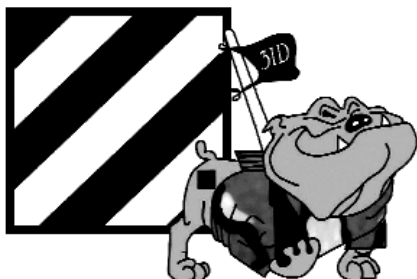
May 27, 2012: Outpost #7's 2012 Memorial Day wreath-laying ceremony is scheduled at 10:15 AM. Parties interested in participating must report 30 minutes early. Check with Outpost President Dave Adams regarding where to meet and the required attire/dress code at the ceremony. Contact information is on page 31.

August 2012: Outpost Europe plans to conduct a seminar and commemorative events in Arlington, Virginia. For more information, contact Monika Stoy: 703-912-4218 or monikastoy@yahoo.com.

August 22-25, 2012: The Reunion of the Fraternity of Honor, "The Chosin Few," will be held at the Crown Plaza Riverwalk Hotel in downtown San Antonio, Texas. The hotel is located on the San Antonio River—the famous Riverwalk is one of the premiere visitors' attractions in the city. The room rate is \$109.00 per day, plus tax. Additional information will be published when available. Members of the Chosin Few are Army and Marine survivors of the Korean War Battle at Chosin Reservoir in November-December 1950.

September 6-9, 2012: The 93rd Reunion of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division will be held in Savannah, Georgia, at the De Soto hotel. With Ft. Stewart nearby, this will be a great reunion. Make your plans to attend now. Updates will be published as they become available.

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President Reagan, In Memoriam

At a Veterans' Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery long ago, President Reagan delivered the following words.

"I have no illusions about what little I can add now to the silent testimony of those who gave their lives willingly for their country. . . for the sight before us is that of a strong and good nation that stands in silence and remembers those who were loved, and who, in return, loved their countrymen enough to die for them. . . Our memories and our gratitude will never die."

So that his brethren shall know...

Please report the death of any member of the Society of the Third Infantry Division to Richard W. Heller, Database Manager (address, p.2) for listing in the "Last Call."



Society of the Third Infantry Division

U.S. Army

Purpose

The Society of the Third Infantry Division, United States Army, was incorporated in the State of Illinois in 1919 as a non-profit, fraternal, social, educational, patriotic, military service organization and shall always remain non-partisan and nonpolitical.

Specific objectives are:

- 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.

Pledge

I pledge to the Society of the Third Infantry Division, United States Army, in the achievement of the goals for which it is formed, that same full measure of loyalty and devotion which my comrades who have fallen gave to the Division and to the cause for which they fought.

Through my loyalty and devotion to their memory, they shall not be forgotten by the country, for which they died, or by the comrades at whose sides they fell.

To them, I pledge in peace and war the dedication of myself to that country and that cause to which they consecrated themselves

General Information

All members in good standing receive the official bimonthly publication, *The Watch on the Rhine*. The National Membership Roster is printed every three years. All members receive a copy of the roster on the three-year cycle. All new members receive a copy. The next National Membership Roster will be printed in 2012.

The Society is divided into chapters, called outposts, which members are entitled to join. Outposts, at their discretion, may charge a small additional amount for outpost activities. At Large members do not belong to outposts but are referred to as "Footsie Britt At Large."

Eligibility

Regular Membership: Veterans with honorable service in the Third Infantry Division. Also, those who were members of supporting or attached units of the Third Infantry Division.

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Annual dues are payable before July 1st each year. Life dues are applicable for Regular and Associate members applying for Life membership, and extended payment plans are available.

For information, please contact The Society of the Third Infantry Division, 1515 Ramblewood Drive, Hanover Park IL 60133-2230.



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- ★ St. Mihiel
- ★ Champagne-Marne
- ★ Meuse-Argonne
- ★ Aisne-Marne
- ★ Champagne

WORLD WAR II [37 Medals of Honor]

- ★ Algeria-French Morocco (with arrowhead)
- ★ Tunisia
- ★ Sicily (with arrowhead)
- ★ Naples-Foggia
- ★ Anzio (with arrowhead)
- ★ Rome-Arno
- ★ Southern France (with arrowhead)
- ★ Ardennes-Alsace
- ★ Rhineland
- ★ Central Europe

KOREAN WAR [11 Medals of Honor]

- ★ CCF Intervention
- ★ First UN Counteroffensive
- ★ CCF Spring Offensive
- ★ U.N. Summer-Fall Offensive
- ★ Second Korean Winter
- ★ Korea, Summer-Fall 1952
- ★ Third Korean Winter
- ★ Korea, Summer 1953

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM [1 Medal of Honor]

- ★ Liberation of Iraq
- ★ Transition of Iraq
- ★ Iraqi Governance
- ★ National Resolution
- ★ Iraqi Surge
- ★ Iraqi Sovereignty

OIF OPERATIONS

- ◆ New Dawn (Aug 2010)
- ◆ Colmar II (Nov 09)
- ◆ Marne Dauntless (May 08)
- ◆ Marene Pile-Driver (April 08)
- ◆ Marne Rugged (Mar 08)
- ◆ Marne Roundup (Feb 08)
- ◆ Operation Grand Slam (Feb 08)
- ◆ Marne Thunderbolt (Jan 08)
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