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Soldiers Who Captured Baghdad Are Back in Iraq

By Chris Tomlinson,
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) – Their enemy has changed, from Iraqi soldiers in uniform to insurgents in civilian clothes. But for the soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division returning to Baghdad, some things remain the same.

The smell, for instance – a mixture of smog, rotting garbage and sewage.

“It’s only here, it’s only in Iraq,” said Staff Sgt. Jason Barr of Roswell, Mich. “I don’t know what it is, but it gets to you.”

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tan area. While some of the soldiers are here for the first time, most were part of the invasion and capture of Baghdad in April 2003.

Sgt. Joshua Butler of Jackson, Mo., is a team leader in A Co. 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment. His company, code-named Attack, was among the first to roll into Baghdad and spent four months in

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3ID Hunts Down Bombers in Iraq

by Russ Bynum, *The Associated Press*

FORT STEWART, Ga. (AP) 03/03/05 With U.S. deaths in Iraq topping 1,500, the commanding general of allied troops in Baghdad said Thursday he expects casualties will soon decline because of bomb-detecting technology and emboldened Iraqi informants.

“My expectation, not just a hope, is that over the coming months we’ll see the number of casualties go down,” Maj. Gen. William G. Webster said in a teleconference from Baghdad. “Now, I’m knocking on wood at the same time, because the enemy gets a vote in this.”

As commander of the Army’s 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Webster took command Sunday of Task Force Baghdad – the allied military force of 30,000 troops responsible for securing Iraq’s capital city.

As of Thursday, at least 1,502 U.S. soldiers have died in Iraq since the March 2003 invasion.

The greatest threat has been homemade bombs detonated from roadsides, in cars and by suicide attackers. Webster said a main focus for his troops will be untangling and hunting down complex networks of insurgents – financiers, suppliers and attackers – behind the bombings.

U.S. soldiers are also studying how insurgent bombs are built – using alarm clocks, washing machine timers, cell phones and garage-door openers – to devise ways of finding the explosives before they kill.

“We’re training our soldiers every night on what are the latest trends and

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Ready for Action

The 3ID in Iraq



CSM Bob Gallagher and his crew of warriors from the 1st Brigade Combat Team. Photo sent to Rich Heller from Bob's wife Denene.



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President's Message

Jim Tiezzi



Jim Tiezzi President,
Society of the 3rd Inf.Div.

First and foremost, it is hoped that all of us will participate in the "Troop Support" programs that the Society has for the 3rd Division that is in their second tour of Iraq duty and has been there for several weeks. The details of the two programs are on the

website and elsewhere in this issue of the Watch. The easiest way to participate is through the program where the prepaid AT&T phone cards and Beanie Babies go directly to the Division Chaplain for distribution by his staff. The phone cards are a morale booster for the soldiers to call home and talk to their families. The soldiers pass out the Beanie Babies to the Iraqi children as a token of friendship.

Full details of the Scholarship Foundation is also elsewhere in this issue and the website. Donations are already starting to come in from some individual members. These donations are giving us a nice start to be able to fund a few scholarships this year and still build a reserve for future years.

This month all members will be receiving the annual dues card. We would appreciate the Annual members sending in their dues and the information requested on the card as soon as possible and the best time to do it is now! Life members will also receive the card and are asked to provide the information listed on the card. The Society is trying to up date its member files with the same information we are currently receiving from new members based upon the information on the revised membership application. I thank you in advance for your cooperation on this project.

In May the annual raffle tickets will be sent out to all members. The monies that we receive from this raffle helps the Society offset some of the cost of printing and mailing the complete Membership Roster that will be published in January 2006 and distributed to all members.

During the entire 2004 year we added 243 new members and in only two months of 2005 you have added 124, which is more than 51% of the total we had in the previous 12 months.

Please be as generous as you can and hopefully you might also win one the fine prizes we will have. We thank you for your support.

I have some real good news to convey to you regarding the increase in the Society membership. I am real proud of all of you who have brought in new people and especially those of you who have been able to bring in new members in their teens, twenties and higher. Through the efforts of all of you, I am most pleased to tell you that the Society membership as of February 28, 2005, stands at 3312. This represents an increase of 124 over the final figure of 3188 at the end of December 31, 2004. Now here is the exciting part of this increase! During the *entire 2004 year we added 243 new members and in only two months of 2005 you have added 124, which is more than 51% of the total we had in the previous 12 months.* Wow! What a fantastic job you guys and gals are doing for the Society.

Incidentally, the new additions are from some Reinstated members who had not paid their dues in the past, and both new Regular and Associate members as well as new Life members. Speaking of Life membership, maybe some of our age 70 and over folks might want to look at the scale of one-time dues in your age group. These dues are reasonable and you may want to take advantage of this and not have to be concerned about annual dues anymore. I did this a few weeks ago and I am now a Life member of the great Rock of the Marne Society.

God bless you all and please remember our troops in your prayers.

SPECIAL NOTICE

TO ALL ANNUAL DUES PAYING MEMBERS

On or around April 1st we will be mailing out our annual dues card to the membership. Since we are making the mailing a little later than usual, we are asking members to attend to this matter upon receipt.

Please don't put this card in your desk drawer planning on paying it later it. Believe me it doesn't happen. Check the Outpost you are a member of and pay according to the dues schedule.

You will note that the category for donations to the WW2 Fund has been discontinued and replaced with the Society Scholarship Foundation. We are requesting that all members support this important project that will directly benefit member families.

Thank you.

Ray Anderson,
National Secretary/Treasurer

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techniques being used by the enemy so they can find these devices," Webster said. "We're finding 30 to 45 percent of them on a given day."

In some cases, troops use electronic gadgets that can jam remote detonation signals or explode bombs harmlessly from a distance.

They're also beginning to use armored vehicles that can scan roads for potential bombs and inspect them with mechanical arms. Webster said the vehicles can inspect 500 miles of road each day, and have discovered more than 60 insurgent bombs in the past month.

U.S. forces also have established hot lines where Iraqis can phone in anonymous tips about hidden bombs or plotting attackers. Webster said the success of the Jan. 30 elections in Iraq has also emboldened many Iraqis who may have been previously wary of sharing information. "The confidence of the Iraqi people has increased and it has caused our tips to increase," he said.



From the Editor's Bunker

Alta Milling

We are lucky to have a wealth history within our membership. Those who have been most helpful to me have been the Society's Historian, Ed Dojutrek, and Martin Markley. As editor of the *Watch* I receive many requests for help on finding information. I must tell you that I truly don't have the time to help with the questions I receive.

I have been approached by a professional military researcher who offers his help—for a fee. His name is Bernard J. Cohn and he can be reached at G-335, Military Researcher, P.O. Box 1798, Glen Burnie, MD 21060-1798 or at BCO HN3814@aol.com. His flyer indicates

that he can research military reports, after-action reports, and morning reports for several divisions including The Third. This is not an endorsement of him but rather just sharing information.

I want to publicly thank my husband David for his help with household chores that can't seem to get done as my deadline approaches. To those who have asked, he can't claim being in remission yet but a recent PET scan found NO hot spots! And he's floating in the air since his granddaughter, Belle Shaye, was born March 12. David has three sons. The oldest son has two sons. So you can guess that this girl will be spoiled.

Troop Support and Care Packages

By Jim Tiezzi, President

I am pleased to tell you that we now have a program set up with the 3rd ID Division Chaplain's office to support the troops with an item that is helpful to the morale of our soldiers. After discussing the needs of the troops with Major Tom Whitaker, G-5 and CH (LTC) Jim White, they felt that most of the personal and comfort items needs of the soldiers are met because of the large stock that the PX maintains in their area. They actually feel that the stock of the PX there is equal to or better than the PX they had in the states.

In view of the above, it was felt that the Society members could best help the soldiers with their most important current need, which is to keep in touch with their families on a regular basis and keeps their morale high. Most junior soldiers don't have the cash to buy the phone cards and as a result, they don't call home. If they had a phone card they would be able to call home & still have the cash to buy the necessary items at the PX.

In all the camps where our troops are in the Baghdad area there are batteries of phones set up by AT&T that are operational 24 hours daily. I have been advised that the AT&T phone card is the most reliable for overseas phone calls.

It would be a wonderful show of support for our troops in Iraq if our members could send one or more phone cards to our men and women overseas. The advantage of the phone cards is that they can be sent in a regular envelope with a note, if you wish, and for only 37 cents by regular mail. The card come in all denominations from 100 minutes and upwards. When you make your selection for the number of minutes to buy, please remember that overseas calls are usually charged twice the cost as compared to calls within the U.S. In other words, each one minute of the call will have two minutes deducted from the phone card.

In addition, there is another item that you may care to send, and it is a "Beanie Baby." The soldiers like to have these to give out to the Iraqi children as a token of friendship. The children have been very appreciative of this gift and tell their friends about it.

Your phone cards and/or Beanie Babies can be sent directly to the following address and the Chaplains will handle the distribution:

CH (LTC) James White
DIV Chaplain, HHSC, STB, 3d ID
APO, AE 09352

Let's get behind this important effort to support our troops.

Important Membership Notice

ANNUAL 2005 RAFFLE

By the time you read this message you should be receiving or received your mailing of the annual raffle tickets. All members are urged to give full support to this very important Society fundraiser.

Money received from the raffle supplements the income received from dues and enables the Society to publish a quality newsletter, maintain membership dues at a minimal level and support Society functions. Your Executive Committee has endorsed donating \$400 of this year's raffle receipts to our new Society Scholarship Foundation.

I trust that our general membership will enthusiastically support that endorsement. The annual raffle drawing will be conducted at the national reunion in San Diego, CA.

This year's raffle tickets are in books of 10 at \$2/ticket. Please purchase or sell the tickets and return them in the self-addressed envelope with your check or money order for those tickets purchased (\$20.00 for 10 tickets).

PRIZES

All prizes will be United States Savings Bonds (Amounts are the value at maturity)
FIRST PRIZE\$ 2000.00
SECOND PRIZE\$1000.00
THIRD PRIZE\$ 500.00

The drawing will be held Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005.

You do not need to be present to win.

Society to visit Nashville, TN, in 2006

Please be advised that the site of the 2006 National Reunion will be in Nashville, TN, per the recommendation of the Society National Reunion Advisory Committee and has been approved by the Excom by a majority vote.

I thank the committee for all their efforts in working with The Reunion Brat and selecting this fine site for a reunion.

Jim Tiezzi, President
The Society of the Third Infantry Division

Iraq in 2003. Bivouacked in an old barracks in south Baghdad, he feels as though he never left.

"The last time I was here, my guard was up 24/7 and I went back home and everything relaxed and it was fine," Butler said. "Now we're back and that feeling is there again all of a sudden."

Butler's life, like that of many of the returning soldiers, has changed since the invasion. He has been promoted from private first class to sergeant. He has married, has a child and owns a house.

"This time I have to think about having a wife and a daughter back home," he said. "I'm responsible now for bringing home my guys alive to their family."

The quick redeployment to Iraq takes a toll on families.

"Just as you begin to get relaxed and get back into a normal rhythm with your family, it starts all over again, the pressure of getting ready to leave again," said Barr, a father of two.

"It's not just being gone that's the hard part; the hard part is getting ready to leave, preparing your family for it and everything you do to prepare your family for it reminds them, and yourself, that you're leaving," he added. "The few months before you leave are hard; the first few months after you get back are hard."

The soldiers say what they fear most this time around are roadside bombs – there were at least 81 in January alone.

Patrolling southern Baghdad will be more dangerous this time around, said Spc. Jacob Pfister of Buffalo, N.Y., because the insurgents fight from the shadows.

"In a direct firefight, we've got them hands down. But what you have to worry about is what you don't see, driving up and a guy has got a bomb on the side of the road," Pfister said.

Although Pfister lost 25 percent of his hearing in a bombing in 2003, he has decided to make a career out of the U.S. Army. But many 3rd Infantry soldiers have seen their enlistment involuntarily extended.

Spc. Desmond Lackey, who was due to get out on Saturday, said his first thought

on returning to Baghdad was: "My God, I can't believe I'm here again, I thought I was going to get out and go back to school."

The U.S. Army has told him that he won't be allowed to leave the service at least until the 3rd Infantry goes home next year.

The one thing all the soldiers agree on is that the living conditions are much better now. Instead of sleeping on sidewalks, they live two to a room in a barracks with running water and electricity. They eat hot meals in a mess hall run by KBR, a U.S. contractor, instead of prepackaged meals.

"I haven't had so much lobster in my life," Staff Sgt. Thomas Slago of Los Angeles said of the weekly "surf and turf" menu of lobster tail and steak.

But while life is more comfortable inside the garrison walls, with a television in almost every room, outside a war is still raging.

The last time the 3rd Infantry was in Baghdad, it entered with overwhelming force, fighting sustained urban combat from April 7–11, 2003. Their square patch with diagonal stripes became known as "the Death Patch" among Iraqis.

Capt. Ike Sallee, the 30-year commander of Attack company, served as a staff officer during the invasion and he said the mission in Iraq now is much more complicated.

"Iraq doesn't look different on the surface," said Sallee of Kissimmee, Fla. But "the threat is more dangerous now because of the unpredictability of the enemy."

He said the division will try to strike a balance – to make the insurgents fear his men, and instill hope in civilians.

Sgt. Micki Nixon, 32, of Jacksonville, Fla., said he wanted to see for himself how Iraq has changed since his first deployment here.

He said he believes the invasion was right and he planned to re-enlist so that he could "finish the job" of installing a sustainable, democratic government in Iraq.

But maybe not on this deployment, he acknowledged. "We'll be back several more times."

VA Improves "My HealthVet" Web Site

WASHINGTON – Harnessing the power of the Internet, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is improving its Web-based system for providing health care information to its patients.

Under the latest improvement to VA's "My HealthVet" Web site, veterans will be able to update personal information and record medical data such as prescriptions.

"VA is committed to making it as easy as possible for veterans to take care of themselves," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi. "Today, we are adding wellness reminders to this Web site. In the near future, we'll be adding other helpful features."

A new capability now added to the site allows veterans to record their personal information and medical data – including emergency contacts, health care providers and insurance, prescriptions, tests and allergies – in a private, secure Internet environment. Eventually, veterans will be able to receive their medical records from VA online.

Another new feature will be a "Learn About" tab, which will lead veterans to a variety of topics in health education.

"My HealthVet will give veterans easy access to their health information at the same time it protects their privacy," said Dr. Robert Kolodner, VA's acting chief health information officer. "The new features will significantly expand the information veterans can record and share with anyone they choose – medical professionals, family members and others."

Kolodner said My HealthVet establishes a veteran-clinician partnership that will result in better-informed decision making and move veterans toward more proactive management of their health care."

"The idea is to make it as easy as possible for veterans to take good care of themselves," said Kolodner.

VA launched My HealthVet on Veterans Day 2003. The site is located on the Internet at www.myhealth.va.gov. People wishing to receive e-mail from VA with the latest news releases can subscribe at the following Internet address: http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/opalist_listserv.cfm



News From The Outposts

2 John S. Cole

Tampa, FL

Outpost 2 Florida will have their annual reunion and banquet from April 14-16, 2005 at the Best Western Hotel, Brandon, FL. This is located in the greater Tampa area and is convenient to I-75. Any Society member visiting Florida during that period of time is invited to attend our reunion. For further information please refer to the Outpost 2 listing on the last page of the Watch for my phone number and email address.

Jim Tiezzi, President

3 Lattie Tipton

The members of OP 3 met in Columbia, SC, on February 17-19, 2005. Those who attended were the Coopers, the Farringtons, the Hoffmans, Pat Kirby, the Prices, Henry Bullock, Henry Burke, Vince Coscia, the Clapps, and George Winders.

On Thursday, we elected new officers. Bob Farrington is our new president and George Winders is our new vice president.

On Friday, we toured South Carolina's State House. Most of those who attended the meeting live in South Carolina but had never been in the State House. After having their pictures made in the governor's office, the members walked across the street for lunch. Joining us for lunch were Senator Kay Patterson, Representatives Kenneth G. Clark, James E. Smith, Jr. and Walton J. McLeod. Our members shared memories of their service with the state legislators. Our thanks to George Winders' daughter Sandy Barden who arranged this outing for us.



Front Row: Vince Coscia, Adolph Hoffman, Coker Price, James Cooper.
Back Row: George Winders, Clyde Clapp, Bob Farrington, Henry Bullock, and Henry Burke. The men are assembled in the office of South Carolina's governor.

In May, we'll meet in Pigeon Forge, TN.

Our thoughts and prayers are with our past president "Buck" Guard and his family. His wife Pauline lost her battle to cancer. She participated in all of our meetings over the years and she'll truly be missed.

Alta Milling, Secretary/Treasurer

12 Tommy Thompson

Minneapolis, MN

The Outpost's Spring Social will be held on May 7, 2005, at the Country Inn & Suites in Albert Lea, MN. Gretchen Claussen, who has hosted Outpost #12 meetings in Albert Lea in the past, will again be your point of contact. She can be reached at 1-507-373-9510. You may also contact me if you wish further information. My e-mail, snail mail, and phone number are listed on page 2 of the Watch.

If you attend Outpost meetings on a fairly regular basis or are a new member you would have received a Spring meeting flyer sometime in mid-March. Otherwise this is the only notice you will receive. It has been too costly to mail a flyer to every Outpost member when only a very small percentage ever attend. Everyone is welcome! Try attending, you might like it!

Jerry Manley/Outpost #12 Sec./Treas.

15 Arizona

Phoenix, AZ

Members met at the Brothers Family Café in Peoria, AZ, on February 20, 2005. The turn out was very good as we had 25 for the meeting and dinner. Each was presented with the new "Society 2005 Support Our Troops" bumper sticker.

Our vice president, Charles Obee, resigned due to his failing health. We elected Michael Baker as our new vice president. You may remember Sgt. Baker from some of his letters we published while he was in Iraq. He is still in the National Guard. He was wounded three times before he was sent home. The members of Sgt. Baker's National Guard unit have invited Outpost 15 members to the firing range of the National Guard in Florence, Oregon. We will observe the firing the 155mm guns and we'll be able to pull the cord to fire them. Michael is a former member of the 7th Infantry Regiment.

We have enlisted 15 new members.

Carl R. Duncan, Secretary/Treasurer

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

Students from three local Phenix City schools showed their support for the troops of the 3rd Brigade, Third Infantry Division of Ft. Benning, Ga., now stationed in Iraq. They made several hundred Valentines for them. Two members, Gordon Saint and Bob Bailey from the local Society of the Third Infantry Division Outpost 60 accepted the valentines on behalf of the troops from Joe Blevins, Principal of Phenix City Intermediate School and Mary Jane Riley, Director of Community Education. In addition to the Phenix City Intermediate School, the other schools were Ridgecrest Elementary, and South Girard School.



Left to right are: Bob Bailey, Sec./Treas., Joe Blevins, Principal of Phenix City Intermediate School, Gordon Saint, President, and Mary Jane Riley, Director of Community Education

Members of Outpost 60 also gave a little support to a Girl Scout unit in their sale of Girl Scout cookies. The OP was contacted and asked if we would purchase a case of cookies. The Scouts had another group that would match the number of cases we would buy. The cookies were going to be sent to the troops in Iraq. Well, OP 60 bought five cases and five of our members each individually bought a case. A total of 30 cases were sent to the 3rd Brigade 30th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division in Iraq.

If you were anywhere near Columbus, Ga., March 19th, you probably had to avoid certain streets. About 2,000 bikers riding Harley-Davidson motorcycles were the main attraction of a parade on Veterans Parkway. Many of the bikers were veterans and older veterans at that. The parade moved through Columbus for about 12 miles. All the money taken in for the event goes to the 3rd Brigade to help out the families of the troops in Iraq. OP 62 members took advantage of this opportunity and set up a membership table to recruit new members.

I encourage OP 60 members to send their anniversary date to me so I can update my books. Here's an example – Bob and Mary Anne Bailey, married June 15, 1956.

Bob Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer

Images of the 3ID



Photo by Spc. Ben Brody

Henry Burke, a Korean War veteran who served with 2nd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, receives a coin from the 3/15 Inf. Commander, Lt. Col. Gary Luck. Burke is a member of the 15th Infantry Regiment Association, and presented the battalion with special bandannas. January 13, 2005.



Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr., commanding general, 3rd Infantry Division, and 3ID Command Sergeant Major William M. Grant uncase the Marne Division colors during a Transition of Authority ceremony at the parade grounds in Baghdad. (*Frontline*, March 3, 2005)

Photo: Emily J Wilsoncroft

Watch Schedule

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

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July 10th	August
September 10th	October
November 10th	December

Off the Shelf



That Body of Brave Men, the U.S. Regular Infantry and the Civil War in the West

by *Mark W. Johnson*

1861-1865: Shiloh • Siege of Corinth • Perryville • Stones River • Tullahoma • Chickamauga • Chattanooga • Atlanta

Two separate components made up the bulk of the Union Army: state volunteer regiments and the Regular Army. The volunteers have stood forefront in the mind of the American public, perhaps because the vast majority of Northern soldiers served in volunteer units. Much has been written about the volunteers, but there has been very little attention paid to the 75,000 soldiers of the Union's Regular Army—until now.

The author, a serving Army officer and military historian, covers the full history of the four Regular Army regiments that fought in the Civil War's Western Theater, the 15th, 16th, 18th, and 19th U.S. Infantry Regiments: from recruitment and training to deployment, combat actions, and post-war fortunes.

Using old regimental records from the Civil War, as well as diaries and letters, the author has unearthed a wealth of new material about this long-neglected topic. He covers every unit and every battle in compelling narrative and exhaustive detail, and reaches some surprising conclusions about the significant role these troops played in the Union's eventual victory.

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The United States 15th Infantry Regiment in China, 1912-1938

by *Alfred Emile Cornebise*

Making up its position astride the Peking-Mukden [Beijing-Shenyang] railway beginning in January 1912, the United States Fifteenth Infantry Regiment was engaged in protecting American interests in China. The 1000-man force was especially challenged during the 1920s, those tumultuous years when warlords struggled to gain ascendancy in the

Chinese Republic. Although Chiang Kai-shek established a measure of control in China by 1928, the regiment remained in China—partially to counter Japan's increasingly aggressive actions—despite considerable misgivings within and outside of the United States Army as to the feasibility, desirability, and ethical appropriateness of the policy retaining it there. The success of the Japanese in conquering much of eastern China finally compelled Washington to withdraw the regiment on March 2, 1938.

This work recounts and assesses some aspects of the involvement and service of the Fifteenth Infantry Regiment during its fateful quarter of a century in the Orient between the World Wars. Also detailed is the Army's service in those years in general. Many insights are provided regarding the self-perceptions of a key generation of U.S. military personnel deployed there.

Alfred Emile Cornebise is professor emeritus of History at the University of Northern Colorado and also the author of *The CCC Chronicles* (2004). He lives in Greeley, Colorado.

This book is published by McFarland & Company, Inc., Publishers, Box 611, Jefferson, NC 28640. It costs \$45.00 plus shipping and handling and has 284 pages. To order, call (800) 253-2187. The publisher's Web address is www.mcfarland-pub.com.



Letters Home From 9/11 to Operation Iraqi Freedom

by *Mary Ward*

A Military Mom Shares Her Family's Story of Patriotism, Courage

Military Memoir, October 2004, 0-9760172-0-2, 160 pages, 5.50 x 8.50 in. \$15.00

Letters Home could be any family's war story. There are thousands of families deeply affected, some with more compelling stories, some with less, all with fears they never dreamed existed. There are some thoughts that are never far from your heart and mind. This is one family's journey as told through the words of a soldier's mother and her son's letters home.

Ward's son, Sean, enlisted in the infantry after the attacks on 9/11. He was driven to take up arms for his country and has not looked back since. Sean's letters home from basic training to the last letter home from Iraq range from joy to intensely reflective. He serves with the 3rd Infantry Division (mechanized) and was machine gunner on a Bradley during the first phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Ward shares with the reader how it felt to read his letters and the life challenges they faced while her son was in the most dangerous place in the world.



Cold War Clashes: Confronting Communism, 1945-1991

As a veteran of the Cold War era, I [your editor] ordered this book. It's worth it. It's published by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Check with your local VFW if you're interested in ordering it or to order, call (816) 968-1167 to reach the VFW Publication Dept. or Shannon Hanson at shanson@vfw.org.

I had a call from Joe Garbato, OP 5, who had placed a piece in December's Watch Letters to the Editor section about Cold War veterans deserving recognition. I recommended this book to Joe and he ordered it too. Joe firmly believes that Congress should do something for all Cold War veterans similar to the medal now available to those who served in Korea after the War. I agree. Is there someone who would help Joe in efforts to accomplish this? If you're interested, give him a call at (631) 422-2310, or e-mail him at joediathome@aol.com.



U.S. Military Records

by *James Neagles*

From the earliest days of the United States, millions of Americans have served their country in the military. Indeed, most families have seen one or more members serve in America's armed forces. For this reason, genealogists and others wisely look to military records for information needed to enhance their research.

Enlistment forms, muster rolls, pen-

sion applications . . . records created as a result of individuals' military service are extremely valuable because they often contain detailed personal information about their subjects — date and place of birth, places of residence, names and addresses of loved ones, and more. The researcher's dilemma is in knowing what records are available and how to find them among the overwhelming abundance of military records.

James Neagles' U.S. Military Records is the answer to this dilemma. U.S. Military Records describes the records that are available and where they can be found. Gathered in this volume is source information for the National Archives and its adjuncts; historical institutions and archives of the armed forces; the Department of Veterans Affairs (Veterans Administration); state archives, libraries and historical organizations; and such patriotic organizations as the Daughters of the American Revolution. Extensive bibliographic listings of published sources for the United States in general and published sources for each state are also included.

"U.S. Military Records provides mountains of detail essential to the military researcher. In doing so, it fills a nearly complete void in genealogical research literature; there is nothing like it elsewhere.

This book will appeal not only to genealogists but to anyone engaged in military history research. Simply put, it is one of the best genealogical research aids to come along in some time, and it will be regarded as one of the most important works in the field."

—Judith Reid, Library of Congress



U.S. Military Records: A Guide to Federal & State Sources

Retail Price: \$39.95. Order by phone call 1-800-ANCESTRY (262-3787) 441 pages, Hardbound, 8.5" X 11" 1994 Ancestry Publishing, ISBN 0-916489-55-8



WWII Military Records: A Family Historian's Guide

by Debra Johnson Knox

I saw this one in Books-a-Million.—Ed.

Nominations for Annual Awards

On behalf of the Society's Awards Committee, Chairperson Lynn Ball is accepting nominations for the Annual Awards Program. The Awards Program recognizes and honors those members of The Society of the Third Infantry Division who have contributed their energy and creativity to further the Society's objectives. **Nominations must be received no later than June 30, 2005.** If your need help in preparing your nominations, please contact Lynn. She will arrange help for you.

In preparing your nomination, please include the following information:

- ◆ Your nominee's outpost association
- ◆ Detailed information about the nominee's achievements towards the objectives of the Society or for the benefit of all veterans.
- ◆ Precise information about a nominee's qualifications for an award

This information will assist the Awards Committee in selecting those most worthy to receive an award based on the Society Bylaws and the established protocol. Only nominees whose dues are current and who meet qualifications established under the Bylaws and awards protocol, as stated in the Society's SOP, will be considered for an award.

Nominations will be accepted in the following categories:

Audie Murphy Achievement Award

- ◆ Exemplary Military Service
- ◆ Service as elected Society officer
- ◆ Appointed or elected committeeman or outpost officer

- ◆ Service to the community
- ◆ Member of the Society for at least three years

Society Service Award

- ◆ Service as a National officer, committeeman, or outpost officer and/or have contributed significantly to the achievement of the objectives of the Society
- ◆ Member of the Society for at least three years

Associate Service Award

- ◆ Outstanding service to the Society, region or outpost in meeting its objectives
- ◆ Member of the Society for at least three years

Additionally, the Society's President may direct the presentation of other awards and/or certificates at his discretion.

On July 1, 2005, Lynn will send selection packages to all Regional Vice Presidents. These contain all nominations received by June 30, 2005, and a selection ballot, which they will complete and return to Lynn. It is our Vice Presidents who study the nominations to determine the recipients of awards. Once recipients are determined, Lynn will manage production of the awards to be presented at the Annual National Reunion banquet in San Diego, California, on Saturday, September 17, 2005.

Please send all nominations to

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Awards Chairperson
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Garland, TX 75040-3331

7th Infantry Regiment Association Reunion

Curley Faulk, Outpost #35, reports that the next reunion of the 7th Infantry Regiment Association will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, May 13-15, at the Embassy Suites Hotel (\$85.00 per room). Make your own reservations by calling 1-800-362-2779 (Identify yourself as "a member of the 7th Infantry.")

The event will feature social gatherings, tours of Old Town Plaza and the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and Museum, a visit to Old Town Albuquerque, and much more.

If you have any questions, please contact Curley L. Faulk, 2301 Keene Dr., Sulphur, LA, 70663, phone/FAX: 337-625-8359, or e-mail csmaar@aol.com. Walk-ins are welcome. Contact Curley upon arrival.

'Can Do' 15th Infantrymen Distribute Shoes to Kids

The Frontline 03/10/2005, Story and Photos by Spc. Ben Brody, 2nd Brigade Combat Team

SADR CITY, Iraq - Operation Happy Feet brought smiles to children of Sadr City as Soldiers of B Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry distributed sneakers at Marakah al-Taf Elementary School Feb. 28.

Working in conjunction with Civil Affairs, Soldiers purchased 500 pairs of shoes from a local vendor to give out at the northeastern Baghdad school, according to Capt. Timothy Terese, commander, B Co.

"We go around to lots of schools in the area, basically every day, to make sure they have the proper equipment to function," said 1st Lt. Jason Rocks, fire support officer and effects coordinator, B Co. "Blackboards, pencils, paper - we check that they are able to function on a day-to-day basis."

Rocks, of Puyallup, Wash., said the missions help foster support for coalition forces in an area once considered firmly under insurgent control.

"Right now, (Operation Happy Feet is) immediate gratification," Rocks said. "But everything we do for them helps them and their families realize that the Iraqi government and coalition forces care about the Iraqi people."

In addition to the company of 'Can Do' infantrymen present, a squad of Iraqi Army soldiers helped provide security and translations during the visit.

The school is co-educational, meaning girls have class in the morning and boys in the afternoon.

"We're trying to get the kids of Sadr City some new shoes, and hand out copies of Baghdad Kids," said Spc. Brandon Wise, 307th Psychological Operations Company, Team 1033, a Missouri Reserve unit. "It's a fun magazine for kids - it's got stuff about dinosaurs, outer space, the Olympics - things kids like. It's got some important safety and hygiene messages too, like 'remember to brush your teeth' and 'don't point toy guns at Soldiers.'"

Wise, of Greenville, Ill., and Staff Sgt. Travis C. Butler, also of the 307th, handed out bags of school supplies, coloring books

The morning's classes of girls lined up to get their feet measured, and receive the white tennis shoes. The girls quietly giggled as Soldiers passed the shoes forward to Chaplain (Capt.) Steven Hommel, 3/15 chaplain, who handed them out.

and issues of Baghdad Kids.

"It's really important for us to make a good impression on these kids before they grow up," Butler, of St. Clair, Mo., said. "The kids are the future of Iraq, and fostering a better relationship now will make for better relationships later."

The morning's classes of girls lined up to get their feet measured, and receive the white tennis shoes. The girls quietly giggled as Soldiers passed the shoes forward to Chaplain (Capt.) Steven Hommel, 3/15 chaplain, who handed them out. Several Soldiers remarked at how well-behaved the girls were.

"The American school kids back in the states don't realize how lucky they are, when you look at someplace like Iraq," 1st Sgt. Donald Rangel, first sergeant, B Co., said. "We passed out these shoes just so the kids here can get from home to school without hurting themselves."

"It makes me feel good to do this for the kids here," the San Antonio native continued. "I've got six kids of my own, three of them in elementary school."

The Soldiers distributed about half of the 500 pairs of shoes to the girls, and will give the rest to the school's boys later in the week.

"This is one of many missions we have," Terese said. "We come out here every day. We're also working right now to get a functional sewage system installed in the neighborhood, which will make for a much safer neighborhood for these kids to grow up in."

Another Fallen Hero

The mighty Third is back in the battle again. The 3d Infantry Division has been called back to Iraq to complete the job after they captured Baghdad in 2003. The insurgents have been halting efforts to bring an everlasting peace to the Iraqi citizens.

The division was ordered back as Task Force Iraq, a duty to secure the city of Baghdad. Since their arrival the division has had 13 casualties with 6 deaths this month alone.

One of those killed in action on February 26, 2005, was PFC Min Soo Choi, a Korean immigrant here in the United States living in River Vale, NJ, my hometown, only 7 years. He loved this country dearly. After the attack on United States September 11, 2001 he was very upset knowing

well what America did for his country during the Korean War, joined the Army and was later sent to serve with the 3d Infantry at Ft. Stewart, Georgia.

A memorial service was held for him in the school he attended. PFC Choi was not an American citizen upon entering service and died that way. U.S. Senator Lautenberg, NJ, saw to it that he become a United States citizen posthumously.

Maj. Gen. Michael R. Mazzucchi, presented the parents with the Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and the Combat Infantrymen's Badge. Mrs. Angela Harris presented Mr. Choi with a pair of spurs and his Dog Tags with a picture of him before departing to Iraq. Mrs. Harris is the wife of LtCol. Michael J. Harris, PFC Choi's Commander of the 8th Cavalry Regiment.

At the last reunion, General William Webster gave me a few "Outstanding Soldier" coins to present to the families of any 3d Division soldiers killed in action from New Jersey. I and Angela Harris made the presentation on behalf of the Society of the 3d Infantry Division.

A police escort was given to Arlington National Cemetery for the burial at 1:00PM. Colonel John Insani, Secretary/Treasurer of Outpost 7, in the Washington DC area presented himself to the family. They recognized the 3d Division lapel button on his jacket and he was immediately received by the family and was given a red rose for placement on the casket.

Colonel Insani has been instrumental in doing these honorable deeds often throughout the years and is most appreciated by me from Outpost 5.

*Joseph M. Poggi
Outpost 5*

A Soldier Died Today

Reprinted from the Corpus Christi Caller-Times

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) - A Texas soldier serving in Iraq died from injuries sustained from small arms fire, the Pentagon said Wednesday.

Army Pfc. Danny L. Anderson, 29, of Corpus Christi, died Sunday, February 28, in Baghdad.

Anderson was assigned to the 26th Forward Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, based at Fort Stewart, Ga.

Anderson's father, Dennis Anderson, told Corpus Christi television station KRIS that he spoke to his son on the phone two days before he was killed.

"He was just telling me they had been on a convoy with bullets whizzing around his head," his father said.

Dennis Anderson, who served in the Army during the Vietnam War, described his son as a "good kid growing up to be a good man. I was real proud of him and I'm going to miss him."

Danny Anderson's high school teachers said the munitions driver had struggled to find himself until he discovered a career in the military, the Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported in its Wednesday editions.

"When he was here in December, he was a changed man. He saw the military as a way to support his family, do a service to his country and earn an education," said Maria Casares, a career investigation teacher at King High School. Danny Anderson graduated from King in 1994.

Anderson is survived by his wife, a 6-month old son, and a 6-year-old stepson.

Another view



This is what was left of Chorwon in 1953. Martin Markley submitted the photo and relates that the town was once a large city of about 80,000 people.

By Morgan Strickland

Editors note: During the June 1951 time period in Korea the 3ID was a part of Operation Piledriver. The mission was to advance north of the 28th Parallel, secure the Iron Triangle area and build defensive positions known as lines Missouri, Kansas, and Wyoming. The operation began officially on June 3. The 10th Combat Engineer Battalion's task was to build the line Missouri. Morgan Strickland was a SFC in C Company, 10th Combat Engineer Battalion.

Let's go back to Mr. Markley's article in February's *Watch* (Pgs 14-15) where he provided information on the battle in Korea where Pfc Charlie M. Musgrove was killed in action.

Mr. Markley researched this very well and I enjoyed reading about what all the units did.

Two years earlier, June 1951, we went to the Imjin River at 1:00 p.m. before the Chinese or American (65th Infantry Regiment) troops arrived.

We placed a large rope across the foot high slow flowing water and a rope down the canyon wall. This operation was named "Iron Triangle" and lasted two days. We had one KIA and several WIA incurred during heavy rain, machine gun fire, and one mortar round. We had to fish our men out of the river.

The operation coincided with the onset of the rainy season in Korea. Monsoon-like torrents lashed the combat zone and rear areas. Roads turned into bottomless rivers of mud." Of the three American divisions to Piledriver, the 3rd had the most difficult and frustrating experience. Owing to washed out bridges and muddy roads." Copied from the book *The Forgotten War* by Clay Blair.

Provided by Martin Markley.



Letters to the Editor

The softer side of Audie Murphy

I see in February's *Watch on the Rhine* that the cotton growing little town has finally gotten their memorial to Audie Murphy. The statue shows the weapons handling side of Lt. Murphy. But I remember a softer side of him. During the Korean War, he sent cigarette lighters each Christmas to every man in his WW II company.

Morgan Strickland



VA to Contact Vets Who Faced Harm

Editor's Note: *An article having the title above appeared in February's Watch on the Rhine. Part of the first sentence follows: ...contacting veterans exposed to dangerous levels of chemicals during World War II... This "invitation" did not include veterans of other eras who were guinea pigs in the test chambers of Maryland's Edgewood Arsenal.*

Dear Editor,

I was a 17-year-old soldier when I entered the U.S. Army Third Division at Ft. Benning. I am a Life member of the Society and read with great interest the article on Page 9 of February's *Watch on the Rhine*—News from Veterans Affairs. I wish to add my story and if you require any documentary evidences, let me know and I shall supply them. I have no axe to grind regarding VA medical care or compensation. I have received relief. But my concern is about those who have not been justly treated by those who served so well.

To help the VA keep its 1993 promise to Congress, I wrote to the Secretary and told him where he could find my name so that he could contact me and some 4,000 other survivors of U.S. Army Medical Experimentation. From 1955-1975 there were 6,700 of us Research Volunteers recruited from three service arms who breathed toxic chemicals until overcome by them, were injected with unknown chemicals, received applications of chemicals on our skin and some, like me, were subjected to psycho-chemicals both witting and unwittingly.

We signed consent, security non-disclosure forms and were verbally promised medals and medical care. Good soldiers, we kept quite and received nothing. Many of us could not even get into the VA because we had no war service or were above income. By law the VA could not take us in, because toxic exposures were limited to Agent Orange and Mustard Gas. Recently SHAD and Whitecoat unwitting participants have been added for mandatory VA care. I wrote to the Armed Services Committee and asked them to include us in the Bill, but we are still out in the cold.

By suggestion of Congress the Army had the National Academy of Sciences conduct two limited health follow-p mail and telephone studies on us in 1982 and 2003. The director of the National Academy informed me that he could not act on my suggestion of passing our names and addresses to the VA in the absence of permission from the Army. I wrote to the Army and asked them to give the Academy this permission. My letter must have gotten lost because I have yet to hear from anyone. So I wrote to the VA to

inform them about the list and asked them to get permission from the Army and or simply request the list from the Academy. Another letter lost I suppose.

It would appear obvious that we, who volunteered during the "Cold War" ear, were exposed to the same and additional substances at Edgewood as those during the 1943 experiments, and we ought to receive our due as well, but this has not been and is not the case.

Documents I received directly from the CIA explain the reluctance to air this. The CIA funded many of the projects at Edgewood where Top and Secret experiments were run by Military Intelligence and were conducted by the Chemical Corps under civilian leadership. My magic marker laden file showed that I was on the "K" program. I wrote to the Army Medical Command to inquire about the "K" and they suggested that the only "K" they knew of was found on the internet, but that it had nothing to do with them. The CIA had a program under MKULTRA subproject-45 psycho-chemicals and "K" fields. Interestingly the Surgeon General of the Army wrote a book a year before my FOI question to the Medical Command and it revealed that Edgewood had changed the name of its psycho-chemical program to "K" agents in 1956, the CIA "K" project got under way in 1955.

Defective reasoning pre-empted my going to the VA earlier, but in 1997 I applied, and they knew nothing Edgewood. Instead they enrolled me as an over income patient. It took almost seven years to fully convince VA examiners that I was harmed by the experiments leading to my current 50% disability award. During the course of that process, I discovered that my records burned twice (1967 and 1973) at St. Louis. There were no medical records other than the experimentation file I received from Edgewood under FOI. A year after last receiving a copy I was informed that my records did not exist in their files. I left the military in 1969 with a top-secret clearance, but there are no records on me with any intelligence organization—civilian or military. However, I saved virtually all the records over the years and they were quite helpful to my applications.

Next, I applied for the promised medals that never came and the Army promptly squashed the applications by declaring that my (our) actions did not meet heroism criteria. Their objectivity is in sharp contrast to others who evaluated those nominations: Three eminent medical ethicists, commanders of the DVA, American Legion, VFW, VVA and two officers who served at Edgewood at the time all believe that the criteria was met. I am proud of my service, but saddened that displays of patriotism and heroism in peacetime, have cause otherwise moral men to do their best to squash a bug who was one of them just yesterday.

Yours in the Third,

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A follow-up to the Pfc Musgrove inquiry

I recognized the insignia on Pfc Musgrove's uniform—Engineer—just like those I wore. He would have been in the P&A Platoon. P&A stands for Pioneer & Ammo. He was probably laying mines, clearing mines, laying concertina wire. He could have been digging a bunker emplacement or trenches. They were all killed because they were in an open area on bare ground—no cover was available.

The family is mostly asking about the months of June and July 1953. Please understand that this period was "living hell." The peace talks wouldn't let us move forward. We had to stay and take their pounding. I was moving from one area to another. I met some observers from West Point. They had majored in Far East Armies Studies while at the Point. I asked them why no shelling from us over the 24 hour period. They said they were rotating a battalion that is fresh. No one else seemed to know about these observers.

The sergeant's number is near mine. He could be the sergeant who transferred from mines to P&A.

My thanks to Martin Markley for his research work. He gave me the "ball" to run with.

Morgan Strickland, OP 22



Another Voice Heard on Cold War Service

My name is Robert A. Devito and I am a member of OP#5. I served with the 3ID from May 1972 to Nov. 1973 in a city called BAD Kissingen, Germany in the 2nd and 41st F.A. I was about 20-25 miles from what was called the one kilometer (1-K) zone, much like the DMZ Zone in Korea today. As it stands, I and thousands of soldiers who served in that theater of the world are not entitled to any medals, ribbons, decorations, etc. We served in what many of us refer to as a Dangerous Zone. If the Warsaw Pact Nations would have attacked, we would have been one of

the first units hit. There is no Cold War medal or ribbon issued to Cold War veterans, only a Cold War Certificate that was given to them [for which the service member had to apply]. Most of us Cold War veterans know that the chances of being awarded a medal for their service during this time is about the same as winning the lottery.

Those of us who served in Germany during this period were always scrutinized, had numerous inspections and drills, were constantly placed on alert, went to the field on maneuvers for months at a time. Our mission was to maintain stability in Europe against Communist Warsaw Pact Aggression. The only medal awarded was the National Defense Service Ribbon every soldier got just for enlisting.

My point is that the Dept. of the Army has authorized the wearing of an army overseas service ribbon to military personnel who served in overseas capacity from August 1, 1981 to the present. Does anyone know who can be contacted so that this type of service ribbon can be made retroactive to include the soldiers who served in the same theater in the time frame that I did? I believe and I and many others should be entitled to this type of award.

Any thoughts or suggestions on this matter would be appreciated.

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Editor's Note: Mr. Devito, another OP 5 member, Joe Garbato (Joediathome@aol.com) feels as strongly about this issue as you do. I, too, served in Germany from August 1976 to June 1979. I suggest that you and Joe mount an effort to achieve this goal. It is well deserved, in my opinion. Not to be a scrooge, it will take an act of Congress, literally.

The 86th Reunion Update

Our plans for the reunion in San Diego are in good shape. In the February issue of the "Watch" you found the registration form and itinerary. Please note: There was a typographical error listing the dates of the reunion on page 28. Corrections have been made and the dates are correct in this issue. Getting your reservations to the hotel early helps them serve us better and early registration helps the planners very much.

In our hospitality room we will have refreshments, the Quartermaster table and hopefully our bookseller, Clyde Easter, and also, hopefully, a military exhibit.

In this issue of the *Watch* you will find the notice about placing ads in the reunion booklet. It would be excellent if every Outpost in the Society places an ad to

Don't let the prices of the activities be the deciding factor as to whether you attend or not. Prices in California are higher than some parts of the country but we get a lot for our buck here

show support for the Society. Naturally, we welcome ads from other related unit organization and from individuals as well. We are dedicating the reunion to a Third Division man, Al Miceli (WW II). This is an appropriate time for you to place an ad if you have lost a spouse or a good friend. Think about it. We will be proud to include your message.

Don't let the prices of the activities be the deciding factor as to whether you attend or not. Prices in California are higher than some parts of the country but we

get a lot for our buck here. Our hotel rate is very reasonable for the city of San Diego. There is much to see and do in Southern California and our weather is usually fantastic in September.

Do plan to join us at the reunion and encourage your friends of the 3rd to attend. Take the opportunity for an extended vacation trip. Bring the family. We know you will have a good time, as there are plenty of sights to see in the San Diego area. Two large Indian Casinos are a short distance, Tijuana, Mexico, is just South of the Border. Sea World is there, the world famous San Diego Zoo, Scripps Institute of Oceanography, and much more. We look forward to seeing you.

*Bruce Monkman,
Host Coordinator*



Looking for...

BG Lawrence Greene, where are you?

I am looking for the whereabouts of Brigadier General Lawrence V. Greene who was the interim Commanding General of the 3rd Infantry Division from August 1967 to October 1968 when MG Seneff assumed command. Those of you who may remember General Greene may recall his son, Larry, was KIA in Vietnam on 01/30/68 while assigned to the 503rd A/B Infantry and was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star for valor. General Greene, accompanied by Mrs. Greene and their daughter, Paige, were frequent visitors to the 3rd Brigade HQ, 1/15th Infantry, and 1/64th Armor at Harvey Barracks in Kitzingen, Germany. General Greene was well-liked by all his troopers and showed a genuine, caring interest for all of us.

A photo of General Greene can be seen at <http://www.wartimecollectables.com/zvngreene.htm>. I can be contacted at either of the email addresses listed below.

Thank you.

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Edward Botting, KIA in Italy

I am looking for anyone who may have known, served with, or may have info on my uncle Edward Botting. He was killed in Italy on February 28, 1944.

I have always been interested in the history of my late Uncle. Although I never meet him since I wasn't born until 1952, I still remember seeing his picture on my grandmother's table. Being so young, my brother and sister and I thought it was a picture of our Dad, Ed's brother. The two of them looked very much alike. When we started to bring up the picture in conversation, my grandmother told us that he isn't your dad, that is your Uncle Ed. When we would ask where he is, she would just tell us that he passed away. She would never ever talk of Ed. Years later and long after my Grandmother's death, I asked my Dad about Ed and as always he would just say that he got killed in the war. When I pressed him for more about it, he would look at me with a tear in his eye and a crack in his voice, and say *He left home! He got shot and he never got yo come home and that is all there is to it.*

I will remember that moment forever. My dad has since passed on, but I knew whenever that old farmer would talk to me that way, the conversation was over. The only information that I could get was from my cousins who had heard different stories on the way he died. One heard that he died of infection, but I have now heard that he was a scout and got shot by his own men when he arrived back to his line. Now I wish that I had pressed my Dad and Uncle a bit harder but we were always told not to bring it up.

Thanks for your help.

Timothy Edward Botting
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A response from Martin Markley:

Pvt. Edward J. Botting is listed on page 482 in the book, The History of the Third Infantry Division in World War II, by Donald G. Taggart, as a member of the 15th Infantry Regiment, Killed in Action.

My Grandfather Pedro O. Castro – KIA

Corporal Castro was a member of the 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, possibly E Company. He was KIA, in N. Korea on 6-11-53. My family has little to no information on my grandfather and his experiences. We know nobody who fought bravely by his side. We are desperate to hear anything about Pedro Ortiz Castro. If anyone has any information about him or pictures to share we would be very grateful. No thought or remembrance is too insignificant. I thank everyone in advanced who can help bring some light into our lives. God Bless.

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Pvt. Nicholas J. Del Grosso, KIA on Anzio

I am the nephew of Pvt. Nicholas J. Del Grosso, killed in action on 20 Feb 44 at Anzio, Italy. He was serving in the 3rd Inf Div, 30th Reg, 2nd Battalion, Co. E. In the history of the 3rd Division it states that over half his company was lost on Feb 19-20 when they counter attacked up the "Bowling Alley" near Carano, Italy. For nearly 3 decades, I have been compiling information on this action, trying to shed light on the circumstances of his death. This has remained a heartbreaker for our family for 61 years, as he was only 19 years of age.

We're hoping to find veterans who if any of them were in this specific company/battalion and participated in this action and possibly knew my uncle prior to his death.

The family would be eternally grateful if we could talk to someone from that unit.

Respectfully,

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Did you know Frank Thompson

I am trying to locate a Frank Thompson who served in the US Army at the end of World War II. He was stationed in Germany and worked at the Nuremberg Trials. The only other information I have is that he was born around 1925 and was raised in Kalkaska, Michigan. His address when he lived in Kalkaska was

P.O. Box 435, which I am assuming was right before he went into the army.

The only other address I have is one in Flint, Michigan at 2239 McClean where he lived with his aunt. I am trying to locate Frank Thompson on behalf of my aunt who lives in Germany and was a friend of his. She would like to get in touch with him and tell about the 60th anniversary of the Nuremberg Trials coming this October 2005 to be held in Nuremberg. Do you know where I could find some information about members of the army who worked at the Nuremberg Trials?

Sincerely,

Julie DePalo
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Looking for my buddies

I served in Company L, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division in Korea on Hill 159 during 1950-1952. I'd like to hear from any veteran who served with me.

Thanks.

Paul Gelles
309 North 300 West
Blackfoot, ID 83221

Seeking those who served with Sgt. Earl Walker

I am trying to locate veterans who may have served with my uncle in Korea. He was seriously wounded in action on 29 March 1951 and died the next day from his wounds. My father was a WWII veteran and never talked about the war. I would greatly appreciate any help you could provide.

My uncle was Sgt. Earl W. Walker, 7 INF RGT 3 INF DIV.

Thank you and God Bless all our Veterans,

Mark A. Walker
5 Brooks Road
Lincoln, Massachusetts 01773
markawalker@comcast.net

Seeking those who liberated Erlangen, Germany.

I am an American Vet presently living in Erlangen, Germany. I would like to make contact with Veterans of the 2nd Bn 30th Inf Regt who liberated Erlangen in April 1945.

Army allows women in combat situations

WASHINGTON—The Army for the first time is placing women in support units at the front lines of combat because of a shortage of skilled male soldiers available for duty in Iraq and is considering repealing the decade-old rule that prohibits women from being deployed alongside combat forces, according to Pentagon officials and military documents.

The Army's Third Infantry Division has added scores of female soldiers to newly created "forward support companies" that provide maintenance, food service, and other support services to infantry, armor, and Special Forces units that commonly engage in combat.

Many thanks in advance.

David Greenawalt
Erlangen, Germany
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david.greenawalt@credit-suisse.de

Clifford Fielding served in Korea

I'm looking for anyone who knew or served with Cpl. Clifford Fielding in Korea in 1950-51. Cliff was in Company "H" Mortar Platoon and was listed as MIA 4/25/51. This was a very serious action, when the 2nd Battalion of the 7th Regiment was overrun on 4/24 and 4/25/51. Cliff was declared KIA on 1/8/54; however, no body was recovered.

If you knew or served with Cliff in 1950-51, please contact his niece, Krista Ingram.

Her E-mail address is: KristaIngram@peoplepc.com or you contact her by mail at Outpost #35, 2010 Worcester Lane, Garland, TX 75040.

Submitted by Lynn Ball

65th Inf. Regt.

I served in HQ Co., 65th Inf. Regt., 3rd Div. in Korea from early January 1953 to July 1954. All pictures of me that I had with my friends were destroyed and I remain with not a single picture to show my granddaughter how I looked in those years. Does anyone who served with me in my unit have pictures of me?

Sam Waxman
167 Merrill Ave.
Staten Island, NY 10314-3239

COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET FOR 3RD ID 2005 REUNION

Friends, it is time to think about placing an ad in the 2005 reunion commemorative booklet. It would be nice if all the Outposts in our Society, Regimental and Battalion Associations, groups and many individuals would place an ad to show their support for the reunion.

Full page.....	\$55.00	1/2 page	\$30.00
1/4 page	\$15.00	1/8 page	\$10.00
A one line individual ad.....	\$3.00		

Please make check or money order payable to:

OUTPOST 22 and mail ad and check no later than August 15, 2005, to

BRUCE MONKMAN
P.O. BOX 37-1311
RESEDA, CA 91337-1311

Material for full-page, 1/2 page, 1/4 page, and 1/8 page must be camera-ready. Our printer would appreciate it.

Thanks, and we hope to see you all in San Diego, CA, September 15-18, 2005.

Army Adopts NASCAR Technology for Helicopters

By Stefanie A. Gardin
Army News Service
January 11, 2005

WASHINGTON – NASCAR windshield tear-offs will soon provide Army helicopters an extra layer of protection from sand, rocks and debris thanks to two National Guard Soldiers.

Sgt. 1st Class Paul Kagi and Sgt. Michael Mullen, Virginia Army Guard helicopter mechanics, submitted the idea to use windshield tear-offs to the Army Suggestion Program after discussing the idea at a Christmas party five years ago.

Their unit went to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., with brand new helicopters. However, when they came back, they had to replace about 80 percent of the windshields due to sand damage.

“Sand will eat up a glass window. It gets so pitted you can’t even see out of it,” said Kagi, “that’s where Sgt. Mullen got the idea. He said, hey, they put tear-offs on racecars at Daytona and Texas for that very reason—to protect them from sand and debris.”

Kagi did some homework, researching tangible cost savings for the tear-offs, and the idea was submitted through the Army Suggestion Program channels for evaluation. Eventually, the aviation team at the Aviation and Missile Research Development & Engineering Center, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., together with the Defense Logistics Agency, picked up the idea and funded all the testing.

“In order to put anything on a helicopter, we have to do a lot of testing on it because if a helicopter doesn’t work, it crashes—and that’s bad news,” said Doug Felker, Reliability, Availability and Maintainability team leader at AMRDEC.

Felker and team put the windshield tear-offs through a series of environmental testing and visibility testing, with the naked eye and night vision goggles. They also flight-tested the tear-offs on an aircraft in California in a brownout condition, where the aircraft purposely flies into a dust and sand environment, said Ken Bowie, RAM team member.

“The material has met or exceeded our expectations on all the tests at this point,” said Bowie, “that is how we got our airworthiness release.”

An Army airworthiness release is similar to its civilian counterpart, FAA approval. Any aircraft modifications must have this release before going into effect. So far, the RAM team has received approval for a single-layer tear-off sheet for the Black Hawk only, but it is working to get approval for the other aviation platforms: the Kiowa, Apache and Chinook, as well.

“Tear-offs are simple solutions to a tactical problem,” said Bowie. “The problem is operating in a sandy, dusty environment.”

The tear-offs are clear pieces of Mylar seven millimeters thick that are molded to the shape of the windshield. Mylar has all of the optical qualities of regular glass, and even stands up to abrasions better than glass because it has more give to it.

The point of the tear-off is that if there are incidences where a windshield gets pitted or dinged up, the damage is on the Mylar, not the windshield. Instead of replacing the windshield, which is timely and costly, the Mylar can be torn off, and the aircraft can move on.

“We want the Mylar to fail,” said Felker. “As long as the Mylar receives all of the damage, the windshield’s life is prolonged. Right now there is an acute shortage of windshields, and those windshields aren’t cheap.”

“Tear-offs will save the Army repair, increase readiness, and save a great deal of money in both material and maintenance costs,” said Felker.

Other contributors to the funding, research and fielding of the tear-offs have been the Defense Logistics Agency, Richmond, Va., the Black Hawk Project Office, Huntsville, Ala., and the Aviation Applied Technology Directorate, Fort Eustis, Va. Installation of the tear-offs on Black Hawks in Iraq and Kuwait was slated to start the first or second week in February.

“The goal is to improve things for our peers,” said Kagi. “With helicopters, we operate and fight battles all over the world, and if we can get the word out or suggest something that is for the good of Army Aviation, then that is what we want to do.”

Editor’s Note: Have you noticed that the Army honors Native Americans by naming their helicopters after them—Kiowa, Apache, Chinook, and Black Hawk?

Our Vietnam Veterans:

In The Shadow Of The Blade

Veterans of America’s longest war never talked about it—until a Huey came to town. Meet the greatest of their generation.

This emotion-packed documentary follows the 10,000-mile journey of a battle-scarred UH-1 “Huey” helicopter into America’s backyards to hear the untold stories of Vietnam War veterans and the families who waited for them to come home. The evocative healing power of this film has been described as “the most important thing to happened to Vietnam veterans since the dedication of the Wall.” STRAP IN, PULL PITCH, AND TAKE YOUR HEART ON A RIDE!

Check it out at www.intheshadowoftheblade.com.

Editor’s Note: I saw this one last summer at a Vietnam Veterans of America conference. It’s professionally done by a husband/wife team, Patrick and Cheryl Fries. A young couple, they are not Vietnam veterans, but they really know how to tell a story. There is no Hollywood here either. A CD of the sound track is also available.

Greeting cards from the President

Would you or someone you know like to receive a greeting card from the President of the United States?

You can request that President Bush send a greeting card to you or to someone you love on any one of the following occasions: for an 80th or older birthday, for a 50th or over wedding anniversary, or for a young adult earning an Eagle Scout or Girl Scout Gold Award.

You must send your request at least six weeks before the date of the occasion or the date when you want the greeting sent. Be sure to include the complete name (or names), the mailing address, and what the occasion is. Send your request to:

Greeting Office
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Submitted by Lynn Ball

A 'Sung' Hero, Not Unsung

■ In February 2005 the Kentucky History Center dedicated a memorial to the "Dogfaced Soldier" to be on display perpetually at the Center in downtown Frankfort, Kentucky. It's about time!

Ken Hart of Frankfort, KY, has been my mentor since managing my father's political campaign in 1972. I was a young teen then. I was out of touch with him until last year when he came back into my life. Mr. Hart along with Mr. Gold wrote "Dogface Soldier" out of respect to the grunts that pride we Americans... in every conflict.

Mr. Hart himself was a pilot in WWII. He and his wife Jane are retired and have lived in the Capital City of Frankfort, KY, for almost 40 years. You can drop their names in most any place in the Capital City and you will get nothing but wonderful comments about these two. They adopted and have raised 2 children (Hannah, still in Frankfort, and Andrew, a successful real estate broker in NY). Since WWII Ken and Jane have been engaged in the public eye. Publisher of the Kentucky Coal Journal, Ken also worked for the State Journal for many years. He has been a part of the theatre life of Frankfort appearing in plays. Jane has been involved in numerous political issues in the mental/physical challenged arenas. She has also authored numerous books. He and Jane have given most of their lives to serving the public awareness front.

Mr. Hart suffered a stroke a few years ago, but that doesn't stop him. He has swimming therapy almost daily and you will find him and his friends having breakfast Monday-Friday at the McDonalds on US 127 in Frankfort. On Wednesday's you will usually find him and "Doc" having lunch at Saylor's Restaurant on US 60.

Never wanting glory himself, he has never asked ASCAP why his royalties are so small. I am working on this for him and since then I have seen so many sites on the internet associated with or allowing a download of "Dogface Soldier". As you may know, ASCAP has recently been the subject of questionable royalties.

Ken Hart, in his mid eighties, would be so happy to hear from those who appreciate his and Mr. Gold's tribute to the red-blooded American Soldier. You may E-mail him at JaneHart22@hotmail.com. It would uplift his day tremendously. He is truly "The Walking Pride Of Uncle Sam" – one of those who will never be replaced.

Jim Holcomb
www.MASK-Inc.com
james.e.holcomb@gmail.com

The Society's National President writes:

Dear Ken,

On behalf of all the members of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division, older veterans, newer veterans and current soldiers of the might 3rd Infantry Division, I commend you and Mr. Gold for all you have done for the foot soldier of all wars.

Your "Dogface Soldier" is as popular with the troops today as it was in WW II and the Korean War. I understand that a memorial to "Dogface Soldier" will be on display perpetually at the Kentucky History Center in Frankfort in honor of the song and its authors. What a magnificent tribute this is for you to know that you have contributed so much to the morale and pride of the many Rock of the Marne soldiers over the years.

Congratulations! You have my appreciation for what you have done for us "Dogface Soldiers." We give you an honor of a big "HOOAH", which is the current Army's salute for a "job well done."

Respectfully,

Jim Tiezzi, President

Society of the 3rd Infantry Division

3ID Photo Chronicle

Crossing the Berm

John Carrington,
Savannah Morning News

Crossing the Berm: A Journey Into Iraq with the Third Infantry Division (DVD) is a tribute to the soldiers of the Marne Division for their heroic service to the United States of America during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The DVD is a 30-minute long photographic chronicle by Savannah Morning News photographer John Carrington. It contains over 300 photographs combined with commentary by Third Division soldiers and the music was performed by the Third Infantry Division Band.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of this presentation will be donated to the Army Community Services at Fort Stewart, Ga. The Army Community Services provides support to family members and spouses of our soldiers while they are deployed. Hostilities continue in Iraq, and the Third Infantry Division will be called on again to defend our freedoms.

The DVD is available for purchase online at www.crossingtheberm.com for \$14.00 plus \$3.00 S&H. You may contact Mr. Carrington by phone at (912) 652-0306 or (912) 352-0324; by E-mail at john.carrington@savannahnow.com; or crossingtheberm@comcast.net.

Editor's Note: *I watched the DVD. This is the real thing. No Hollywood stuff here. The soldiers are right there. Very good photography. The DVD could be said to be a labor of respect for our service men and women serving in the Third.*

The Purple Heart Registry

The Purple Heart is one of our Nation's oldest military awards... honored to American soldiers of all ranks and organizations for sustaining injuries caused by or resulting from enemy action.

An effort is now underway to register the names of all Americans, past and present, who received the Purple Heart.

All those who received the Purple Heart, or know of a veteran — living or deceased — who received this High Award, can register his/her name at: <http://www.amervets.com/phmedl.htm>

Last Call for Nominations

This is your last call for all nominations for the following offices, your three (3) Regional Executive Committeemen. Two (2) Eastern Region Committeemen, (no nominations as of this date) Two (2) Central Region Committeemen, (have nominations) and the two (2) Western Region Committeemen (have nominations).

All letters of nomination are required to have a letter of acceptance from your nominee. There are no exceptions. All letters of nomination and letters of acceptance are due into the Nominating Committee with a postmark no later than midnight April 23, 2005, (this is in accordance with the Society By-Laws Section VI 6.4.a). All letters of nomination and letters of acceptance with a postmark after April 23, 2005 will not be accepted by the Nomination Committee. I will accept any nominations and letters of acceptance by email with the same rules according to our Constitution.



The Society Needs You!

You can email me at:

Maybob56@aol.com

Snail mail to:

Robert D. Bailey
160 Huguley Road
Opelika, Ala. 36804-1891

Fort Bragg CG Commands Multinational Corps-Iraq

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) – The Fort Bragg general took charge of 150,000 troops in Iraq in February. He said he has no illusions about the difficulty of helping Iraqi forces prepare to take over their own security functions. Lt. Gen. John R. Vines, commanding general of Fort Bragg and the 18th Airborne Corps, will spend about a year in Iraq. In mid-February, Vines replaced Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Metz as commander of Multinational Corps-Iraq.

“It’s a very challenging situation,” Vines said. “The goal, of course, is the Iraqi people have a responsibility for their own security, and the goal is to ensure that they are capable of doing that.”

Vines said the U.S. presence “should be drawn down as quickly as possible.”

About 8,000 Fort Bragg soldiers from the 18th Airborne Corps have been steadily deploying to Iraq for a yearlong stint in the country. About 1,500 paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division are about midway through four months of providing security [that included] the national elections on Jan. 30.

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Vines said he prefers to use the term “assistance teams” instead of advisers for the troops who will train Iraqis.

The teams will “make sure that they’ve got the right leadership, they’ve got the right training, they’ve got the right weapons, they’ve got the right access to resources,” he said.

Maj. Gen. Virgil Packett, deputy commander of the 18th Airborne Corps, will be in charge at Fort Bragg while Vines is gone.

The corps comprises 85,000 soldiers from New York to Texas. Its command includes four divisions – the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg; the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Ga.; the 101st Airborne (Air Assault) Division at Fort Campbell, Ky., and the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, N.Y.

Non-Infantry Soldiers Get Combat Badge

Associated Press, February 19, 2005

WASHINGTON – The Army is creating a combat badge for soldiers who come under fire in close combat in Iraq and Afghanistan but who are not otherwise eligible for special recognition because they are from armor, artillery or other non-infantry units.

Soldiers from foreign armies, such as the Iraqi army, who are assigned to U.S. Army units in close combat, also will be eligible for the special recognition, officials said Friday.

The new badge, called the Close Combat Badge, will settle an emotional debate that has raged within the Army and was settled only last week by the service’s most senior generals.

The disparity at issue is that infantrymen and non-infantry soldiers who face the same risks in the same gun battle at close range are treated differently by the Army in terms of badges.

Until now, only infantrymen who participated in direct combat missions and came under fire were given the Combat Infantryman Badge, a coveted distinction that counts in their favor when eligible for promotions. There is no equivalent recognition for artillerymen or others who came under fire.

Since the wars began in Afghanistan and Iraq, the inequity became increasingly controversial within the Army - particularly in the case of Iraq, where some cavalry scouts and other non-infantry soldiers have been reorganized into infantry-like units to perform infantry-like close combat missions.

Several of the most senior Army commanders in Iraq had written to Lt. Gen. Franklin Hagenbeck, the deputy chief of staff for personnel, asking that he grant exceptions to the limited eligibility rules for the Combat Infantryman Badge, in order to recognize the other soldiers.

Instead, Hagenbeck said in an interview Friday, the Army decided to preserve the rules for the Combat Infantryman Badge but also create the Close Combat Badge so

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Scholarship News

By Lynn Ball

Since the article was written for the February Watch on The Rhine, great change in our status has occurred. We received notification from the I.R.S. that our application for Not-For-Profit status was approved, effective November 19, 2004. That means that all donors' gifts are tax-deductible. We were pleasantly surprised to be granted an effective date of 11/19/04, as that is our incorporation date. This means that the I.R.S. moved back to our incorporation date to grant our NFP status even though we did not request it until December 9th. Further, we were granted status as a "public charity." In a separate action, we also received exemption from Texas State Franchise Sales & Use Tax.

Thanks to the efforts of everyone on the committee, we are now ready to accept both applications for scholarships/student aid and contributions to the Foundation. We stated in the February issue of the *Watch* that, in 2005, scholarships/student aid would be in the amount of \$750.00 or more (depending upon donations) so NOW is the time to put our qualifying young folks to work on their applications for scholarships/student aid. All applications and donations should be sent to Scholarship Foundation at 2010 Worcester Lane, Garland, TX 75040.

The deadline for submitting applications for scholarships/student aid is May 1, 2005. Requirements and application information appeared in the February *Watch*. If you have any questions, please contact Chairperson Lynn Ball.

As of this writing, the following individuals have contributed to the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division Scholarship Foundation, Inc. Tax certification letters were sent to all those contributing more than \$2.00. Donors' names are listed in the order contributions were received. (If you contributed after March 1, 2005, and do not see your name in this list, look for it in the next issue of *The Watch*.) Initial contributors include:

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| Joe/Lynn Ball | "Jim"/Mary Tiezzi |
| Whitney/Myrtle Mullen | John/Helen Shirley |
| Thomas R. Maines | |

Additionally, John Shirley contributed (on behalf of participants) the tour money remaining after the 60th Anniversary Battlefield Tour of France. These individuals include:

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| George Burks | Richard Bogard |
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| Mr/Mrs Beverly Pool | Mr/Mrs John Petruska |
| Deborah Wheeland | Joseph Fischer |
| Donald O'Conner | Mary Fechner |
| Josiane Selvage | Mr/Mrs John Shirley |

Bob and Mary Anne Bailey sent a personal contribution as well as one from Outpost #60, Opelika, Alabama, and Bob has sent member donations on several occasions since these initial gifts. OP #60 members contributing include:

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| Grady E. Griggs | James Kerr |
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| Richard Stephens | Tommy R. Sutton |
| John Vaughn | James H. Walker |

Privately mailed contributions were received from the following individuals prior to 3/5/05:

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| Mr/Mrs Richard Gustafson | Robert A. DeVito |
| Mr/Mrs Nile Stuart | |

In a separate action, the Society's EXCOM Committee voted to donate the money remaining from the WWII Monument fund to the Foundation.

Tom Maines, Fund-raising Chair, sent his large contribution as a memorial for SFC Ralph Rickenbacker who served with him in WW2 and with Joe Ball in Korea. "Rick" was severely wounded in April 1951. We are very pleased that "Rick" has been remembered in a way that supports our values as Americans. "Rick" is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

On behalf of the Scholarship Foundation Committee, we want to thank everyone who has contributed to this worthy cause. We seldom have strong opportunities to help build the future of America. The young people who will receive scholarships through your efforts certainly represent our future. Those wishing to contribute to the Foundation or to submit an Application for a Scholarship should mail them to The Scholarship Foundation, 2010 Worcester Lane, Garland, TX 75040. If you have any questions, contact Lynn Ball, Chairperson (see page 2 of the *Watch* for contact information).

Maximize Your Scholarship Foundation Donations

Matching Funds: Your company may double or even triple your gift to the Scholarship Foundation if your employer has a program of matching charitable contributions made by employees. Some companies even match gifts made by its directors or retirees. If interested in exploring this avenue of gift giving, contact Lynn Ball to request a Matching Gifts form. She will send it to you to complete. You can mail it back to her for completion by the Scholarship Foundation before mailing it to your company.

A Donation in Your Will provides another way to contribute to the Scholarship Foundation to retain a role in the education of some of our own young folks. Your tax-deductible estate gift can be invested to grow and generate revenue to support the Foundation's scholarship efforts forever. If such a bequest interests you, contact Lynn Ball for more information.

3ID Soldier Awarded Country's Highest Honor

Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith, who spent his boyhood in Tampa, became a man in the Army and died outside Baghdad defending his outnumbered soldiers from an Iraqi attack, will receive America's highest award for bravery.

President Bush will present the Medal of Honor to Smith's wife, Birgit, and their children Jessica, 18, and David, 10, at a ceremony at the White House, possibly in March.

The official announcement will come soon, but the Pentagon called Mrs. Smith with the news Tuesday afternoon.

"We had faith he was going to get it," Mrs. Smith said from her home in Holiday, "but the phone call was shocking. It was overwhelming. My heart was racing, and I got sweaty hands. I yelled, 'Oh, yes!' ... I'm still all shaky.

"People know what's he's done ... people know that to get a Medal of Honor you have to be a special person or do something really great."

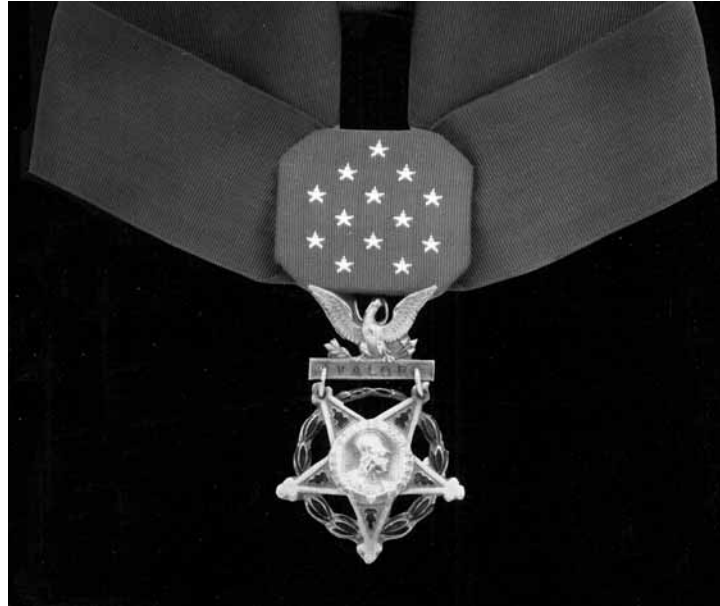
What Paul Smith did on April 4, 2003, was climb aboard an armored vehicle and, manning a heavy machine gun, take it upon himself to cover the withdrawal of his men from a suddenly vulnerable position. Smith was fatally wounded by Iraqi fire, the only American to die in the engagement.

"I'm in bittersweet tears," said Smith's mother, Janice Pvirre. "The medal isn't going to bring him back. ... It makes me sad that all these other soldiers have died. They are all heroes."

With the medal, Smith joins a most hallowed society.

Since the Civil War, just 3,439 men (and one woman) have received the Medal of Honor. It recognizes only the most extreme examples of bravery - those "above and beyond the call of duty."

That oft-heard phrase has a specific meaning: The medal cannot be given to those who act under orders, no matter how heroic their actions. Indeed, according to Library of Congress defense expert David F. Burrelli, it must be "the type of deed



Smith is the first soldier from the Iraq war to receive the medal, which had not previously been awarded since 1993.

which, if he had not done it, would not subject him to any justified criticism."

From World War II on, most of the men who received the medal died in the action that led to their nomination. There are but 129 living recipients.

Smith is the first soldier from the Iraq war to receive the medal, which had not previously been awarded since 1993. In that year, two Army Special Services sergeants were killed in Somalia in an action described in the bestselling book *Black Hawk Down*.

The officer who called Birgit Smith on Tuesday nominated her husband for the medal.

Lt. Col. Thomas Smith (no relation) sent in his recommendation in May 2003, beginning a process that involved reviews at 12 levels of the military chain of command before reaching the White House. On Tuesday, Lt. Col. Smith expressed satisfaction that the wait was over, and great admiration for his former subordinate.

In the Army, he said, you hear about men who won the Medal of Honor. "You think they are myths when you read about them. It's almost movie-like. You just don't think you'd ever meet someone like that."

Paul Smith, he said, was not a "soft soldier" who suddenly got tough under fire.

"This was a guy whose whole life experience seemed building toward putting him in the position where he could do something like this. He was demanding on his soldiers all the time and was a stickler for all the things we try to enforce. It's just an amazing story."

Lt. Col. Smith commanded the 11th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, during the American attack on Iraq, which began March 20, 2003. On the morning of April 4, the engineers found themselves manning a roadblock not far from Baghdad International Airport.

A call went out for a place to put some Iraqi prisoners.

Sgt. Smith volunteered to create a holding pen inside a walled courtyard. Soon, Iraqi soldiers, numbering perhaps 100, opened fire on Smith's

position. Smith was accompanied by 16 men.

Smith called for a Bradley, a tank-like vehicle with a rapid-fire cannon. It arrived and opened up on the Iraqis. The enemy could not advance so long as the Bradley was in position. But then, in a move that baffled and angered Smith's men, the Bradley left.

Smith's men, some of whom were wounded, were suddenly vulnerable.

Smith could have justifiably ordered his men to withdraw. Lt. Col. Smith believes Sgt. Smith rejected that option, thinking that abandoning the courtyard would jeopardize about 100 GIs outside - including medics at an aid station.

Sgt. Smith manned a 50-caliber machine gun atop an abandoned armored personnel carrier and fought off the Iraqis, going through several boxes of ammunition fed to him by 21-year-old Pvt. Michael Seaman. As the battle wound down, Smith was hit in the head. He died before he could be evacuated from the scene. He was 33.

The *Times* published a lengthy account of the battle, and Smith's life in January 2004. It can be seen at www.sptimes.com/paulsmith.

Sgt. Matthew Keller was one of the men who fought with Smith in the courtyard. "He put himself in front of his soldiers that day

and we survived because of his actions,” Keller said Tuesday from Fort Stewart in Georgia. “He was thinking my men are in trouble and I’m going to do what is necessary to help them. He didn’t care about his own safety.”

Some of the men who fought alongside Smith were sent back to Iraq last month. Keller, 26, is scheduled to return Feb. 15, but was scrambling Tuesday to delay his deployment to attend the medal ceremony in Washington.

“I want to be there to support the family and show thanks for what Sgt. Smith did,” Keller said.

Mrs. Smith moved to Holiday after her husband’s death, to be near his parents. Her daughter, Jessica, recently moved out on her own and is thinking about going to college. Son David is a fifth-grader at Sunray Elementary School in Holiday.

“From the beginning (David) didn’t show much feelings, keeping to himself,” Mrs. Smith said. “He thinks if he brings it up it will make me sad. He’s trying to be the strong one. The day Paul left for Iraq he told David, ‘You’re the man in the house now.’”

“Paul is not forgotten,” she said. “He’s part of history now. It makes me feel proud, so honored that I was allowed to be part of Paul’s life. Even today he’s probably laughing at all of us, saying ‘You’re making way too big a deal out of me.’”

“He did what he had to do to protect his men, not to get a medal.”

The Last Full Measure of Devotion

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that infantrymen would still have their own and others who performed infantry-like missions under fire would get special recognition, too.

“It’s for the artilleryman who has been made a de facto infantryman,” Hagenbeck said. The same applies to other ground combat soldiers like those in armor, combat engineering and cavalry, who have been called upon to do infantry missions and are personally present under fire.

It will be given, retroactive to Sept. 11, 2001, to eligible soldiers below the rank of colonel.

The badges are not awards for valor, like the Bronze Star. The precise eligibility rules are to be published by the Army in March, and senior officers then can issue the badges, Hagenbeck said.

Former Site of Camp Greene Dowd House Seeks Return to Active Duty

Renovation a first step for historic way station for Army during WWI

By Kathryn Wellin

Reprinted from The Charlotte Observer, Submitted by John Shirley

A wooden house on Monument Avenue that once drew thousands of World War I soldiers to west Charlotte could one day draw thousands from across the country and help revive the neighborhood, say park and recreation officials.

The Dowd House, a historic landmark, was the epicenter of the Army’s now defunct training site Camp Greene. The Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department owns the building and expects renovations to be completed in March.

That restoration is part of a master plan to redevelop the site off Wilkinson Boulevard near Remount Road with new buildings that can be rented for events such as conferences and weddings.

“The goal is not just to restore an old property,” said county Park and Recreation Commission Chairman William Chandler. “The goal is to bring value to this community.”

Renovating the Dowd House will cost \$305,000, with the money coming from various park and recreation fees, such as golf course tee fees.

The house could eventually become a museum, drawing World War I buffs, Chandler said. The pace of the other redevelopment will depend on creating public-private partnerships and raising funds, he said.

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The site holds quite a bit of history, and no other known Camp Greene buildings remain, said Dan Morrill, director of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission.

Mayor Pat McCrory recounted Wednesday how his grandfather Walter McCrory, a pharmacist, trained there. The elder McCrory ended up tending the camp’s horses because the soldier who took down his occupation could not spell “pharmacist” and wrote “farmer.”

Preserving the Dowd House and remembering those soldiers is important, said the mayor.

“Charlotte was their last stop before going over to die in one of the bloodiest wars in history,” he said.

Editor’s Note: OP # 3 member Vince Coscia, who lives in Charlotte, is involved with these efforts. Perhaps we could have a national reunion there once renovations are complete.

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How Times Have Changed

It is that time of year again when we can witness the hand of God. The grass, trees and flowers are awaking from their winter's sleep and are changing into the beautiful colors that we expect each spring. Some things do not change, but others do. An example is the problems parents face as they raise their children today.

Someone asked me if there was a drug problem when I was growing up. I told him that there was a drug problem in the thirties and forties. I was drug to church on Sunday mornings and to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather. I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults or to my parents. I was drug to the kitchen sink if I uttered a profane swear word and drug to our neighbors if they needed help and I didn't want to go.

I think that many of us went through the same kind of drug problem and thank God those "drugs" are still in our veins, and they affect our behavior in everything we do, say, and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack or heroin, and if all of today's children had this kind of drug problem, America might be a better place today. Some how, I just know that those special people who volunteer to serve in our military had the same kind of drug problem.

AMEN

The loss of a friend

Lella M. Brewer, Associate Member, Outpost #35, passed away in El Paso, Texas, on January 11, 2005, at the age of 90. Lee never wanted anyone to forget that she was the widow of Sgt. Harold W. Brewer, a WW2 veteran who served with the 3rd Infantry Division throughout the conflict.

Through Lee, we learned a great many little-known facts about behind-the-scenes events during WW2. Harold was in Italy and well versed in handling animals from his previous service in the Cavalry. He was placed in charge of the mule pack trains supplying the 3rd in the mountains of Italy. We all know how important this service was.

About a year ago, Lee sent all of Harold's WW2 war mementoes to Joe and Lynn Ball for cataloging and submission to the United States Army Heritage and Education Center at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. The donation, given with much love for Harold, contained hand-drawn cartoons, maps, European town plans, newspaper clippings, Christmas programs, photographs of GIs, and much more. For many years, Lee has been active in the Society of Military Widows and was an active worker in the execution of the 2004 National Convention in El Paso, Texas, in October 2004.

She will be greatly missed by her many friends in Outpost 35 and in the Desert Sun, Society of Military Widows.

Submitted by Lee's friend Lynn Ball

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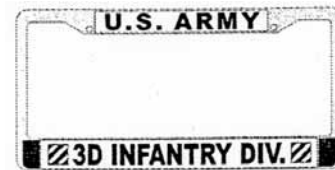
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Last Call

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

In Memoriam

LIFE MEMBERS

Preston, Ralph B. FBA
T4 10FA/Hq WW II
944 SE Kane Street
Rosebury, OR 97470-4801
DOD: January 21, 2005

Reported by Ernest O. Jones and Bob Zuck

Ernest wrote that he and Ralph grew up together, went to school together, and we in Boy Scouts together. At one point, Ralph dropped out of school and got a job at the port of Portland, ME. Each joined the Army. Ralph was assigned to the 10th FA and Ernest was assigned to the 41st FA. At some point during the war, Ernest and Ralph saw each across a busy street. Ernest admits they got together and let loose some hoots and hollers! Both were discharged at Fort Dix, NJ, within two days of each other. Ralph was in Africa, Italy, first combat on Anzio Beachhead, from there to the landing in Southern France, Germany, and Austria. Ernest relates that over the years he and his wife have traveled to visit Ralph and vice versa. Ernest called Ralph frequently especially when Ralph's health began to fail. He is survived by his wife Alberta of 58 years; a son Ron (Sharon); a daughter Sandra (Bob); a granddaughter Heidi (Brent) and great-granddaughters Samantha and McKenzie.

Bob wrote that Ralph was the Society's Chaplain at one time. Bob, who knew Ralph for many years, paid him the ultimate compliment, "There may be people as good as Ralph, but none any better."

Sevits, Kenneth R. OP57
DIV/HQ/MED and 9FA/A WW II
673 Cedarbrook Dr.
Painesville, OH 44077-2752
DOD: Unknown
Reported by Troy Hester

Troy Hester is the Third Infantry Division Field Historian. It is his job to ensure that the stories of the soldiers who have served and continue to serve are not lost. He wrote, "Mr. Sevits served with a Division in World War II that is very historic. Most recently the Division conducted one of the longest marches in history to free an oppressed people from a tyrannical fanatic in Iraq. The 3rd ID's combat record in WW II is one of the best. He and his fellow countrymen answered a call those many

years ago to ensure that an oppressed people could once again know freedom on a daily basis.

The soldiers who have worn the distinctive field of blue with three diagonal white stripes, often referred to as "Dog-Faced Soldiers," have spent more continuous days in combat, conducted more amphibious landings, defended and captured more key terrain, rivers, and cities, and sadly have suffered more casualties in one single day of combat than any other active infantry division in the United States Army.

It is my honor to give a last thanks for Mr. Sevits' service and for the freedom that I enjoy as a citizen of the finest country on earth. To him and to all the men and women of the "Greatest Generation" I say THANK YOU for putting yourselves into the gap. You all have made this nation what it is today."

Troy Alan Hester
1st/KSARNG
HHC, 2nd Bn, 137th Infantry
Troy.alan.hester@us.army.mil

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SGT 15INF/K Korea
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Fresno, CA
DOD: December 23, 2004
Reported by James P. Sweet

Higgins, Carl H. OP54
15INF/1BN & 703 ORD WW2
PO Box 1
Moore, MT 59464
DOD: January 1, 2005
Reported by his daughter Carlene Daugherty

Carlene says her Dad was proud of his service and always looked forward to getting his copy of the Watch. He served in N. Africa among other places. She remembers stories he told about participating in the Truscott Trot. MG Lucian Truscott, Jr, was CG of the Third then and took his troops on 30-mile marches almost daily. He was awarded a Bronze Star, the Legion of Merit, and the French Croix de Guerre. Carlene says her Dad had developed a code he used in his letters home. Because they weren't allowed to tell anyone where they were, he would tell the family that his

unit was going to 1 of 4 places. He named the places. His letters were always 4 pages long and he only numbered 1 of those pages. That numbered page was the clue to which of the places he'd be going to soon. As a tribute to her grandfather, Kerri Pope played Taps for him—a fine way to honor him.

Kroger, Ervin OP2
SGT 15INF/G Korea
15300 Shamrock Dr.
Ft. Myers, FL 33912-2390
DOD: February 13, 2005
Reported by: Daniel Sankoff and Martin Markley

Daniel wrote that in addition to being a member of the Society, "Edward" was a member of the Combat Infantrymen's Association. Rest in Peace and thanks for job well done – the job you did for us and our country when you were in the US Army Infantry

Rose, Pete OP11
LTC 10FA/C Korea
26 Pilgrim Rd
Braintree, MA 02184-6004
DOD: March 24, 2004
Reported by Dick Guimond

Seifarth, Charles K. OP 60
LTC 7INF/E & HQ WW II
1548 Walthall Court NW
Atlanta, GA 30318-2643
DOD: January 17, 2005
Reported by his sons Eric and Kurt and Seymour Rosen

He was a member of the "Greatest Generation" in the truest sense of the word. A decorated veteran of WW II and the Korean wars, he served with the 3rd Inf Div from Casablanca to Berchtesgaden. He received his battlefield commission on the beaches of Anzio. Following his military service, he had a distinguished career with the Central Intelligence Agency in Vietnam, India, and Thailand. He is survived by his wife, Victoria; a sister Martha, a daughter, Jan.

Truta, Milenko (Mike) OP 2
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DOD: January 17, 2005
Reported by Mitch Chockla

Born on the island of Zlarin, Croatia (formerly Yugoslavia), Mike came to America when he was 17. He was wounded twice at the Battle of Anzio and was awarded the Purple Heart as well as other medals. He leaves to mourn his loving wife of 57 years Mary Dunphy; sons Michael (Barbara) and Steven (Kris); and a daughter Susan (Alex); and 7 grandchildren.

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DOD: January 5, 2005
Reported by Carl Duncan

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DOD: January 11, 2005
Reported by her good friend Lynn Ball.

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DOD: April 28, 2003
Reported by his son
Alby0260@aol.com

Guard, Pauline
Wife of Charles "Buck" Guard,
Immediate past president of OP #3
1254 Mill Rd.
Richmond, VA 23231
DOD: February 27, 2005

Pauline accompanied Buck to every Outpost meeting. She showed her courage and spunk during our Halloween meeting at Myrtle Beach, SC, last year. Over the years it was not unusual to see the two of them holding hands. Their sons, daughters-in-law, and daughters, and sons-in-law will help their Dad through tough times ahead. The members of OP #3 will miss her, too.

So that his brethren shall know...

Please report the death of any member of the Society of the Third Infantry Division to Alta Milling, 4738 Datura Rd., Columbia, SC 29205-2109 Ph: (803) 787-7134 e-mail: Altav007@aol.com for listing in the "Last Call."

Holmes, Eugene J., Colonel, FA
Fayetteville, AR
DOD: January 15, 2005
Reported by Morris C. Stout

Col (Ret) Stout wrote that Eugene served in Battery B, 41st FA Battalion. He departed 3rd Division in 1941 for the Philippines from maneuvers at Hunter-Liggett. Was taken prisoner of war by the Japanese while commanding Battery D, 24th FA (Philippine Scouts) and was among prisoners who endured horrible treatment during the infamous Bataan Death March. After three years he was released from POW camp.

He remained a dedicated soldier and completed his 30-year career having served in many command and staff positions and afterwards in many civil and community affairs.

Shaughnessy, Thomas E.

LTC Ret 9th FA Bn WWII
DOD 23 February 2005
Reported by Morris C. Stout

Col (Ret.) Stout wrote that Tom was a classmate of his. Tom served with the 3rd in combat in North Africa, Tunisia, Sicily, Naples, Foggia, Anzio, Rome, and Arno. He continued his military service in the Reserves until his retirement on March 27, 1978.

Valley, Auguste P. Jr.

C Co, 30th Inf Regt, 3rd ID, WW II
DOD: January 31, 2005
Reported by his son Paul

Paul wrote his Dad was a machine gunner. He was a former member of the Society. If anyone remembers having served with his Dad, he can be reached at gusvalley@msn.com.

30th Inf Regimental Dinner

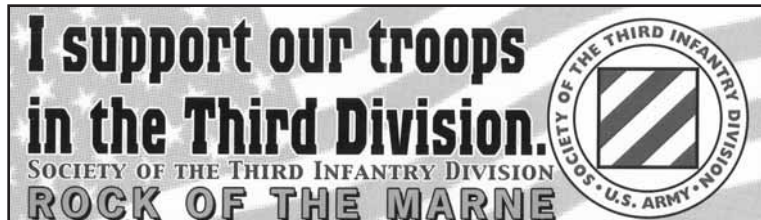
The 14th annual regional dinner will be held on Friday, September 16, 2005. The dinner will be held during the reunion of the Society of the Third Infantry Division at the Red Lion Hotel, San Diego, CA. There will be a no-host reception beginning at 5:45 p.m. followed by the dinner at 6:45 p.m. The menu will be a choice of London Broil or Lemon Pepper Chicken. The total cost is \$32 per person which includes gratuity and tax. When making your reservation, include your name, guest's name, and choice of entrée(s). Please make your reservation by sending a check made payable to Carl Q. Topie, banquet co-chairman, 27 Apple Lane, Milford, Ohio 45150. Phone: (513) 831-2636. E-mail: cqtopie@aol.com. Reservations and payment must be made prior to September 1, 2005. There can be no walk-ins.

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Society of the 3rd Infantry Division



86th Annual Reunion

September 15 – 18, 2005 ★★★★★ San Diego, CA

To be held at the Red Lion Hotel in beautiful San Diego, California!

Hotel rates are \$99 per night, plus tax.

Events currently scheduled are as follows:

Thursday Sept. 15th

- ★ 6-10 pm Presidential Reception Dinner

Friday Sept 16th

- ★ 9-3 pm Highlights of San Diego/
*USS Midway Tour**
- ★ 4-6 pm Board Meeting
- ★ Regimental Dinners

Saturday Sept 17th

- ★ 8:30-10:30 am Business Meeting
- ★ 9:30-11:30 am Ladies Brunch
- ★ 10:30 am –12:30 pm Board Meeting
- ★ 1-5 pm San Diego Harbor Cruise/Maritime
Museum *
- ★ 6-10 pm Banquet Dinner

Sunday Sept 18th

- ★ 8-10 am Memorial Breakfast

* Stairs and walking required at the Maritime Museum and *USS Midway*

- ◆ Call the Red Lion Hotel at 1-800-882-0858 to make your hotel reservations. You may book online at www.hanaleihotel.com by using group code “Infantry3”.

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- ◆ Hospitality Room with snacks & beverages will be provided throughout the weekend. Hotel parking is free.

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ONES!!!**

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Outpost # _____ Unit _____

Check one or more: WWII Korea Cold War Gulf War Iraq War Peace Time Active Duty

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Name of your Guests _____

Banquet Dinner Preference: Beef Chicken Vegetarian

Please list any special needs: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

	# of persons attending	cost/person		
★ Registration fees	_____	x \$15	=	_____
<i>Note Registration fee must be paid by each person to attend other events except tours and ladies lunch</i>				
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★ Sept 17th Harbor Cruise Tour	_____	x \$33	=	_____
★ Sept 17th Ladies Luncheon	_____	x \$27	=	_____
★ Sept 17th Dinner Banquet	_____	x \$42	=	_____
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THE REUNION BRAT
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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 non-political.

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 objects for which it is formed, that same full measure of loyalty and devotion which my comrades who have fallen gave to the Division itself and to the cause for which it fought.

Through my loyalty and devotion to their memory, their loyalty and devotion shall no more be forgotten by the Country for which they died than by the comrades at whose side they fell.

To them, I pledge, in peace the dedication of myself to that Country, that cause and those ideas of right and civilization, to which they consecrated themselves in War.

General Information

All members will receive the official bi-monthly publication, *The Watch on the Rhine*, and the national membership roster.

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."

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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.

Life Membership: Same as regular membership.

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Veterans of World War INo charge

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70-79\$100.00

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

WORLD WAR II [37 Medals of Honor]

- ★ Algeria-French Morocco
- ★ Tunisia
- ★ Sicily
- ★ Naples-Foggia
- ★ Anzio
- ★ Rome-Arno
- ★ Southern France
- ★ Ardennes-Alsace

- ★ Rhineland
- ★ Central Europe

KOREAN WAR [11 Medals of Honor]

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

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