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## Outpost Europe founded to honor WWII Marne Division

The time has arrived to announce the birth of Outpost Europe. In celebration of the 60th Anniversary of V-E Day, I can tell you that our Outpost is ready to be added to the 3d Infantry Division Society.

The initial slate of officers is:

- President: Monika Stoy, Lifetime member since 1997, served in Division Hq from 1993-1996.
- Vice President: Jean-Marc Weckner, President of the Museum of the Battle of the Colmar Pocket in Turckheim
- Secretary and Treasurer: Monika Stoy (but only temporarily)

As of 27 April I have 45 members from France and Germany. I hope to add Italian members as time goes on. Of the 45 members, five are life members and are fully paid. We have village mayors, historians, a judge, French veterans (some of whom were forced to serve in the Wehrmacht),

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.....Monika Stoy, President, OP Europe

school principals, and several from the younger generation. All are ready to uphold the traditions of our proud division.

Two weeks ago I attended an airborne convention in Atlanta. Both my husband and I had worn our uniforms with our Marne patches. Many of these airborne veterans expressed fond regards of our great division, and I recruited several of these veterans who had spent some time in the 3d Infantry Division at one time in their careers. Another of them is a retired CSM, vet from WWII, who did not serve in the division but his father had. Among the new members is Gerard Devlin, a historian and writer – primarily on the Airborne – who had served with the 7th Infantry Regiment in Aschaffenburg in the early 60s after receiving his commission.

My goal with OP Europe is to ensure our WWII veterans that their service will not be forgotten and their memory carried on through our members and the other citizens they touch, and to ensure that history is passed on correctly. At the time of the 60th Anniversary ceremonies in Alsace it came to our attention that the contributions of the French resistance is overplayed while at the same time our soldiers' service was underplayed.

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## Local Hero Remembered

by Carolee Nisbet



The new Fort Dix Visitors Center opened April 7, 2005 and is named after Staff Sgt Hemingway.

Reprinted from the Post, April 15, 2005, published for the Fort Dix Community since 1942, Submitted by Keith Kaminsky.

The Fort Dix community spread its arms wide April 7 to embrace an American hero and ensure his service is never forgotten by naming the new post Visitors Center in his honor.

Staff Sgt. Terry Hemingway, 39, was a Bradley commander deployed in Iraq with the Third Infantry Division, when his fighting vehicle was caught in the blast of an apparent suicide attack in Baghdad. The former Willingboro resident died April 10, 2003.

There are not enough words to express how wonderful it is to have this new Visitors Center named in honor of my husband, said Darlene Hemingway, who works on Fort Dix. She attended the ceremony with her three children, Staff Sgt. Hemingway's mother and other relatives.

There have been sad times for the family during the past two years, Mrs. Hemingway said, "but my smile is brighter today because I know Terry is smiling with me."

Please turn to **HERO** on page 5

**TO:** Monika Stoy, President, "Outpost Europe"

**FROM:** Jim Tiezzi, National President

On behalf of all our Society members I congratulate you for all the effort you have put in to establish the Society's new "Outpost Europe." You have done an outstanding job and we are all proud of your accomplishment. Please express our gratitude to all your new members for remembering and honoring the deeds of the Third Infantry Division in WW II by becoming members of "Outpost Europe."

Rock of the Marne  
Jim Tiezzi, National President

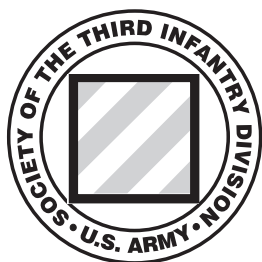


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# President's Message

Jim Tiezzi



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

Many good things are continuing to happen for the Society. The recruiting of new members is still going strong and with the addition of our new "Outpost Europe" adding about 50 new members to the roster gives us a nice boost. Please

see the release elsewhere in the Watch to read how and what Monika Stoy has done to organize this new Outpost.

The new dues cards have brought in many payments of dues, donations to the Scholarship Foundation, and to the Memorial Fund, plus additional information from all of you that will update our data base. I thank all of you who have responded and hope that more members will provide us with the information. Some Life members asked why they were getting a dues card. Life members do not pay any annual dues, but have the opportunity to donate to the various programs and give us the additional information requested for our files.

Some unhappy news is that Jerry Cunningham, our Active Duty Liaison, has asked to be relieved of his position effective September 28, 2005, because of his poor health condition. I accepted his resignation with a sad heart. You all

..[The] cost of printing and distributing the raffle tickets that were sent out in May have increased substantially....please be as generous as you can in the number of tickets you purchase.

know how devoted Jerry is to the 3rd ID and we will miss him very much.

A former young 3rd ID officer from Ft. Myers, FL, was killed in a car accident in Ft. Leavenworth, KS, and was returned here for funeral services and burial. My wife and I attended the church service and burial service with full military honors which was attended by many current and former 3rd ID personnel from Ft. Stewart, Ft. Benning, and Ft. Leavenworth. I offered the condolences of the Society to the wife and parents for their great loss.

In this issue of the *Watch* there are two absentee ballots that need your attention. The first one is for the election of the Executive Board's Committeemen for a two-year term and there are two for each of the three regions who are running for election or reelection. The second one is for some proposed changes to the Society's

Constitution and By Laws and is presented by the Constitution and By Laws Committee, after the proposed changes were reviewed and approved by the Executive Board. At the reunion in Savannah, concern arose when questionable and unofficial copied ballots, and some pre-marked copied ballots were received. These ballots were rejected by the Elections Committee. The Executive Committee then decided to look into the matter. Accordingly, a Special Elections Committee was formed to analyze the problem and make their recommendations to the Executive Board on how to prevent the problem from recurring in any future elections.

The Special Elections Committee determined that unauthorized copied ballots were not to be valid. The majority of the contents in the proposed changes listed are those that the Special Elections Committee recommended to the Executive Board who passed them on for presentation to all members to be voted upon. It is important that you vote in the election of the Committeemen and also very important to vote what you think is in the best interest of the Society and all its members, on the proposed changes to the Constitution and By Laws.

We were recently informed that cost of printing and distributing the raffle tickets that were sent out in May have increased substantially. The donations that you contribute to the Society via the raffle tickets are used to cover the cost of printing a complete hard copy of the Society roster that will be printed in January 2006 and sent out to every member. In view of the additional unexpected costs, please be as generous as you can in the number of tickets you purchase. Thank you.

Please pray for the safety of our Marnemen in Iraq and other hot spots in the world.

Enjoy a great summer,

Jim Tiezzi

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## OP EUROPE from page 1

My ultimate goal is to prominently mark the Division's route with Marne patches and monuments, starting in France, then working on Italy, and possibly Germany. In January, when Holtzwihr dedicated its Place de Liberation, I convinced the mayor that he needed to have a Marne patch on the sign. That is just the start!

I am working three other projects:

1. With the Turckheim museum I would like to establish a veterans' database of the US soldiers who served in the Colmar Pocket battle. This would include pictures, patches, memorabilia, and stories as told by the vets. As of January we now have Marne patches on some of the mannequins on display in the museum. Of course the Marne Division is the top priority, but I will also work with the other division associations that fought there.

2. In order to make clear to the younger generation of France the role the US played in WWII, I am coordinating visits to the Epinal Cemetery. I did one visit with the mayor and town council from Saulx de Vesoul last September, and we have two trips planned for May for school children from Artzenheim and Saulx de Vesoul. We hope these visits will become annual school trips.

3. We are still collecting English books for establishing English language libraries in the villages. Concentrating on children's books, as we want to enable

these kids to learn English, and about America. Their grandparents remember our vets as young GIs who gave them chocolate and chewing gum, now we want the grandchildren to know more than that. We have already delivered on batch of books to the school in Bennwihr, and will deliver more when we are in Bennwihr for a ceremony on 14 May. Bennwihr is the first target and hopefully there will be many others.

So, please pass the word that if any of our vets or their families are traveling in Alsace or other parts of France where they served in WWII, bring some books along and help them establish Marne bookshelves in their schools. While they are at it, they should stop by and say hello to the mayors or deputy mayors in the villages. These people are truly fond our men.

Also, if any of our vets would like to make their stories, pictures, and items to display available for the museum, have them contact me. I will make sure they get into the museum.

I submitted a letter on the Colmar Pocket events that was published in the 'Letters to the Editor' in the 21 March *Army Times*. If you get the chance, read it and you will be impressed by the sense of debt some of the older French citizens have toward our veterans.

Rock of the Marne!

Monika Stoy

## MOVING??

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

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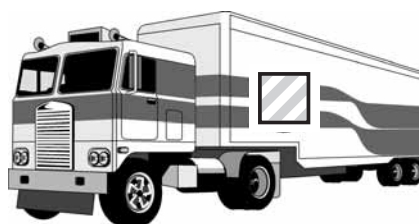
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## Nominations for Annual Awards

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 you 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

Lynn Ball  
Awards Chairperson  
2010 Worcester Lane  
Garland, TX 75040-3331

## ANNUAL 2005 RAFFLE

By the time you read this message you should have 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.

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 at the national reunion in San Diego, CA on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005.

**You do not need to be present to win.**

## HERO from page 1

**IN MEMORIAM**—a portrait of staff Sgt. Terry Hemingway, for whom the new Fort Dix Visitors Center is named, was unveiled during the center's dedication ceremony April 7. Presenting the portrait are (l-r) Col. David McNeil, installation commander, Lt. Gen. James R. Helmly, chief, US Army Reserve, and Mrs. Hemingway,



Col. Dave McNeil, installation commander, stressed the importance of Soldiers such as Staff Sgt. Hemingway with a quote from President Ronald Reagan: "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction."

Lt. Gen. James R. Helmly, chief, US Army Reserve, emphasized the importance of Staff Sgt. Hemingway's sacrifice and service as a Soldier.

"I am Ron Helmly, and I am an American Soldier," he said. "I am more proud of that title than any other I could wear."

Staff Sgt. Hemingway also held that pride, he noted, and that pride and dedication is worth remembering.

"Every Soldier, every civilian, every member of the community coming through the gate will know first hand that that this is the home of Soldiers like Staff Sgt. Terry Hemingway. Let those who see it, never forget."

Helmly and McNeil escorted Mrs. Hemingway to the monument in front of the building for the unveiling of the plaque and the portrait that will hang in the center.



**OPENING CUTS**—Darlene Hemingway cuts the ribbon officially opening the Staff Sgt. Terry Hemingway Visitors Center on Route 68 during ceremonies April 7. Mrs. Hemingway is flanked by 3rd Infantry Division comrades of her husband—Lt. Col. Jim Desjardin, right, and Staff Sgt. Michael Collins, Lt. Gen. James Helmly, chief, US Army Reserve, at left, and Col. Dave McNeil, Fort Dix Installation Commander.

**DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF  
SSG TERRY W. HEMINGWAY**  
**September 29, 1963 – April 10, 2003**  
**An American Hero Who Made The Ultimate  
Sacrifice For His Country and the Nation of Iraq.**  
**A Truly Dedicated, Loving and Caring Husband,  
Father, Son, Brother, and Friend.**

**"No Limit Soldier"**

Plaque that was unveiled at opening ceremony which will displayed at the new Center

## JUST THE FACTS - - PLEASE

<http://historynet.com/wwii/bleaglenest/index1.html>

The above site relates the entire story of the 7th Infantry of the 3rd ID being the *first* to enter Berchtesgaden. These are the historical facts that tell the true and accurate story of this important event. Noted historian Stephen Ambrose refused to acknowledge that the 7th Infantry, 3rd ID was first. Several of our members wrote him to try to set the record straight. He never responded to any letters from our members.



## From the Editor's Bunker

Alta Milling

Some of you know that I'm active in the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA). In the February 10th issue of *The Frontline*, I saw a picture of the members of VVA Chapter 789 welcoming home some troops at Fort Stewart. In Silver Spring, MD, at one of the recent VVA national meetings, I was able to thank the Georgia State Council President (my counterpart) on behalf of the Society. I asked him to thank the members of VVA 789 at his next State Council meeting. VVA's Founding Principle is "Never again shall one generation of veterans abandon another." It's obvious that these veterans practice what they preach.

In April I attended the retirement ceremonies for Col. Catherine T. Bacon—a

life member of OP 7. Her parents, Martha and Ray Hergenreder are also members of OP 7. I have to tell you what a wonderful family they are and so proud of "Cath." Col. Bacon retired from the Air Force Reserve with 30 years of service, some of which was in the active duty Air Force. I was quite impressed with the service men and women who were obviously part of Col. Bacon's extended family. Part of the ceremony used a tri-cornered, folded American flag was touching and, of course, tears came to my eyes.

Please send cards to those members you know who are ill or have lost a loved one. Our friends may be on an emotional roller coaster and a little TLC goes a long way.

### OP22 Raffle

## OP 22 Marne Ladies prepare for the 86th Annual Reunion

I'd like to encourage all members of the Society to attend this reunion. We have lots of plans and San Diego is such a fun town. You'll never run out of things to do! You have the best of two worlds here. We're close to mountain areas, and we have miles and miles of beaches with lots of SAND! The hotel is Class A and is in a lovely setting. Golf courses are everywhere. This is the one reunion you shouldn't miss because we have a really good time in Southern California.

OP#22's namesake is Albert Miceli. Many of you may remember this man. He was a working member of our Outpost. I happen to have been married to him for 50 years. And I know a lot of you from both the east and west coast remember him also. Let's give this man a big tribute this year by attending the reunion. We have a friendly group of members, both genders, who will be happy to greet one and all.

When you arrive, be sure to look for our notices for the OP#22 raffle. The raffle fundraiser is one way that the Marne

ladies of OP #22 can help with the 3rd Infantry Division monument. Plans are forming for its erection as soon as possible.

So come one, come all! Join us in a fun weekend in San Diego and contribute to our raffle. We have beautiful items donated by our own ladies. For example, we have a Sony DVD/VCR player, a Brother Portable Sewing Machine, several 3rd ID History books, both WWI and WWII. We also have some other Infantry Regimental books, all in good condition, hard cover.

There are many, many other raffle items. We plan on holding our Raffle in the Hospitality room on Saturday afternoon. *You do not have to be present to win..* Tickets for the raffle are reasonable too. They'll be sold at \$2.00 each OR 6 for \$10.00.

On behalf of all our gals in OP#22, we thank you for reading and look forward to meeting many of you at our reunion.

An Outpost #22 Marne Lady,

*Helen Miceli, Raffle Coordinator*

## REUNION REPORT

We in the Al Miceli OP-22 have decided that the 86th reunion of the Third Infantry Division will be dedicated to one of our members, Al Miceli. Al worked hard and long to have OP-22 re-established and organized several years ago. We in OP-22 are very grateful for his efforts and therefore this reunion will be in his honor.

There will be a fantastic military exhibit from the collections of Jim Threadgill. For those of you who have seen Jim's collection you will have the pleasure of seeing it again. For those of you who have not seen it, you are in for a grand surprise. We also will have the pleasure of having a Command Sergeant Major and a color guard from Ft Stewart. We are so happy that they are sending these soldiers due to their involvement in Iraq.

During past reunions we've noticed that the 15th Infantry Regiment Association has had a table for their membership. If they plan to have a table this year, please let me know as there will just so much room for us to use.

If there are other units that contemplate having a table, please let me know soon as space will be given as available and acceptable for our reunion.

We will not allow any group or vendor to set up at the reunion if they just appear at the reunion without previously requesting space. We have just so much room to use so we must have control of the situation.

OP-22 is working on placing a third monument at a veteran's cemetery. We have already placed one at the cemetery in Los Angeles and have placed one at Ft. Rosecrans Cemetery, San Diego. Now we plan to place the third one at Riverside, CA. In this regard we are trying to raise funds for this project. First we will have a table for outright donations. There will be photos of the monuments we've already placed. Second we will have a raffle of many interesting items. Helen Miceli is reporting on this separate activity in this issue of the *Watch*.

So, make your plans to attend.

See you in San Diego!

*Bruce Monkman,  
Host Coordinator*

## Society's President writes widow of SFC Smith (MOH)

Mrs. Birgit Smith

7 April 2005

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Please let me first offer the deepest sympathies of all the 3,400 members of the Society of the Third Infantry Division for the loss of your husband SFC Paul R. Smith who was killed in action during the Operation Iraq Freedom campaign on April 4, 2003.

The Society of the Third Infantry Division is the veterans association of the Third Infantry Division and has been in existence continuously since 1919. Our members include veterans of WW II, Korea, Cold War, Peace Time, Persian Gulf, Kuwait, Iraq and active duty soldiers now on their second tour of duty in Iraq.

All of us in the Society wish to extend to you and your children our admiration of your husband SFC Smith for his extraordinary actions in Iraq in saving the lives of about 100 soldiers. For this action he was awarded the highest military medal, The Congressional Medal of Honor, posthumously by the President of the United States on April 4, 2005.

I know you are proud of the recognition bestowed on your husband and at the same time feeling a loss that is justifiable, yet you know that what he did was the utmost example of bravery that earned him this distinguished award. He now stands tall with the 50 Medal of Honor recipients of the Third Infantry Division from WW I, WW II, and Korea who received this highest of awards.

I want to let you know that SFC Paul R. Smith will be honored at the annual banquet and the Memorial service at the 86th National Reunion of the Society in San Diego, CA, for his heroic deeds in the service of his country.

With deepest respect for Paul, and for you and your children, I hope and pray that your memories of Paul will sustain you throughout your lives.

ROCK OF THE MARNE,

/s/ Jim Tiezzi

Jim Tiezzi,  
National President

## Benning soldiers earn 42nd ID combat patch

By Angelique Soenarie, Staff Writer

It's official. Fort Benning's 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division received the 42nd Infantry Division's combat patch in Iraq after being there for nearly three months.

The 3rd Brigade and the Fort Stewart-based 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, are now attached to the New York National Guard Division to form Task Force Liberty.

**Soldiers will now have the option to wear the 42nd Infantry Division's rainbow patch or the 3rd Infantry Division's patch of diagonal stripes, which is worn on the right shoulder...**

Soldiers will now have the option to wear the 42nd Infantry Division's rainbow patch or the 3rd Infantry Division's patch of diagonal stripes, which is worn on the right shoulder, said Maj. Steve Warren, the brigade's spokesman in Iraq. Because the brigade is still part of the "Rock of the Marne" division, the 3rd Infantry Division patch is still worn on the left side of the uniform to identify the soldier's current assigned unit.

"We are proud to serve with Task Force Liberty in this time and place," said Col. Steve Salazar, the brigade commander, Saturday in Baqouba. "No one has ever been honored for what they have received. People, soldiers are honored for what they have given. You have all given so much."

According to Army regulations, a combat patch is earned by soldiers who serve in a combat environment for at least 30 days after it is authorized to wear the insignia of the unit they support, said Lt. Col. Jim DesJardin, the brigade's rear detachment commander.

DesJardin, who earned a Silver Star for his actions in Iraq in 2003, wore a 3rd Armored Division combat patch for service during Desert Storm until he was awarded the 3rd Infantry Division patch later.

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Sgt. 1st Class Paul Smith, right, with two of his men, Sgt. Matthew Keller, left, and Pvt. Michael Seaman.



# News From The Outposts

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**John S. Cole**

**Tampa, FL**

OP 2 held their annual spring reunion April 14th and 15th at the Best Western Hotel & Conference Center in Brandon, Florida.

On Thursday evening a dinner was held at the Olive Garden with 20 members and guests present. Following the dinner, President Jim Tiezzi gave an informal talk in the hotel hospitality room asking members for their input regarding future reunions. Is it time for changes to be made regarding the venue? (i.e., consideration being given to the length of the reunions, number to be held each year, possibly separating OP 2 with north/south areas enabling more members to attend by minimizing their travel time and finally using dates avoiding peak tourist season rates as well as summer month dates when so many of our members leave to go back north).

Friday was a free day and our members visited the Gamble Mansion, shopped at the Ellenton Outlets, visited local museums and mostly enjoyed a relaxing day.

Twenty-eight members attended the buffet dinner held at the Best Western that evening. Entrees of lemon pepper chicken and roast beef with all the trimmings made for an excellent meal. After dinner there was a comedy and magic show put on by one of the local talents. It was a good performance and some of our members participated by assisting with magic tricks. It was a most enjoyable evening.

Our business meeting began with Chaplain Bill Griswold, President Jim Tiezzi, Frank Kane, Mitchell Chockla and David Oglesby conducting a short memorial service for our deceased members. A special thank you was given to David Oglesby for arranging this reunion. It was noted that even though Dave is extremely involved with many other veteran's activities; he still found time to put this reunion together and it was greatly appreciated by everyone. The treasurer's was give by Frank Kane and motioned to be approved as read. President Jim Tiezzi spoke of the importance of the membership drive. He passed out notices that read, "Did you wear this patch?" for distribution to various organizations in the area such as the V.F.W., American Legion, other veteran's facilities such as clinics or hospitals and even posting on area grocery store bulletin boards. Jim noted that many of these forms have been printed and posted to date. He stressed the importance of spreading the word as there are many veterans in our area unaware of this organization. The challenge still remains for each of us to bring in one new member this year. In addition, 1500 of the new Society brochures have been sent out in a National recruiting effort and has been very successful in bringing in new members. Because of the continuing efforts of the membership, he announced that 70% of the total new members in 2004 have already been reached in the first three months of 2005. This is a great start for the current year. Two new members were signed up during the meeting as well

as 44 new members and Dick Guimond reinstated 35 previous members. Frank Kane has also signed up 12 new numbers to date. Way to go Frank!

The Society's 2006 Convention will be held in Nashville, TN. It will be extended to four days due to a conflict with the performance dates at the Grand Old Opry. The Society Scholarship Foundation Awards have been set up and is now accepting donations to the fund. Applications for the Awards will be reviewed as they are received. Members discussed donating \$1,000 to the Scholarship fund. A motion for approval was asked for by Jim Tiezzi. Dave Oglesby accepted and it was seconded by Frank Kane. A letter was read from Edna and Willis Helton sending regrets for not attending due to Willis being ill. Angelo Boncore was also unable to attend due to recent surgery. We wish them both a speedy recovery. Joe Kolac stepped in to handle the 50/50 raffle won by Frank Kane. There were many other prizes donated by various members that were also raffled off.

Jim Tiezzi reviewed the informal discussion regarding future reunions. He suggested that there should be more participation from other members in helping to organize future reunions as it is unfair to have the same members over and over again doing this job. After some discussion from the floor Paul Walkowski and John Derrick indicated that they would look into a possible reunion site on the Florida east coast. President Jim agreed to this and asked for a report by June 1 on their findings.

Before closing the meeting, Frank Kane surprised President Jim Tiezzi with a plaque presented to him in recognition of his outstanding service to Outpost #2 and the Society. He tirelessly contributes his time and efforts and it would be difficult to pick anyone who is more dedicated and deserving than Jim for the many hours of work that his job involves.

*Dorothy McDaniel, Secretary*

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**Tommy Thompson**

**Minneapolis, MN**

OP #12 had its spring meeting on May 7, 2005, at the Country Inn & Suites in Albert Lea, MN. It was again hosted by Gretchen Claussen who always does a first rate job. She presented a number of gifts to OP members or spouses, all of them were her and Joann Ingram's hand made creations. Hy Vee catered the Saturday night banquet, an excellent meal at a most reasonable price. The motel gives us a cut rate on the rooms and provides us with a meeting room free of charge. On top of that they keep the coffee machine full all day Saturday and even provide Sunday morning breakfast at no additional charge. 21 members and spouses attended. Those of you who choose not to attend are missing out on an enjoyable weekend of socializing and good food at cut-rate prices.

Albert Lea, is only an hour and half south of the Twin Cities on Interstate 35. We have over 45 members living in the Twin City area and Southern Minnesota. It baffles me why more members don't attend any of our meetings when they are always held in either Albert Lea or the Twin Cities. We are certainly open to any suggestions to improve attendance. If you do not attend because of something we are doing we would like to hear about that too.

The Summer Picnic will be held on August 6, at Moore Lake Park in Fridley, MN. If you have never attended a picnic you can contact me for more details. My phone number, e-mail and snail mail addresses are on page 2 of the Watch.

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

## 15 Arizona

Phoenix, AZ

Members of OP 15 visited the Florence Military Reservation in Florence, Arizona, courtesy of the Outpost's Vice President, Michael Baker. They observed a Firing Exercise with the Battalion's 155mm Howitzers.

On April 9th those interested OP members and family members toured the battalion's encampment. They met the Battery Commander, 1LT Daniel Turner, 1SG Frausto, the Battalion Commander, Major Stiener, and many others while observing how the various aspects of today's National Guard units operate. The Medics, Battalion Staff, Communications, and even the Cooks welcomed us and answered any questions that OP members asked.

Lunch was an interesting event in that we were able to pick our own meal—as long as it came out of an MRE! The older OP members had not seen the new rations and were delighted to see the improvements that had been made over the last 60 years. Of course, there were a few “suggestions” on how to improve them even further, but I don't think the US Army is going to put bourbon into any updated rations.

After lunch it was off to the Bravo Battery that was firing at that time. Upon receiving a briefing from 2LT Almeda, we were escorted to one of the guns to watch a firing mission. Once that mission was complete, the Lieutenant asked if anyone wanted to “pull the tail” on the dragon. I had told them before that there would be an



Members of OP 15 talk to one of the battery crew members



Carl Swanson “pulls the dragon's tail”



Carl learned that the dragon doesn't like his tail pulled



Carl watches as the crew prepares to fire.

opportunity to do so, but no one really believed me, that is until the LT asked them. Carl Swanson “volunteered” and was escorted up to the gun by the Gun Crew Chief. The Crew Chief gave him a few minutes of basic instruction on what to do, how to do it, and when to do it, then gave him a chair so he could sit until the next fire mission came in. It was only about 5 minutes, and as you can see by the pictures, Carl handled himself with pride.

The actual firing went off without a hitch, and afterwards we had a short meeting before it was time to leave.

I arranged this tour not out of any desire for recognition, but for one simple reason—to thank the Division’s veterans who served before me and for what they had accomplished. If it were not for these gentlemen who participated on this tour, I would not be here: An American, happy at the freedoms that I have, grateful for the sacrifices that were made to give me that happiness, and proud to have been part of that endeavor myself.

Respectfully,

*SGT Michael Baker  
Field Artillery, Arizona Army National Guard.*

*Michael J. Baker is the Vice-President of the Arizona Renegade Outpost #15. He serves as a Sergeant in the HHB 2/180th Field Artillery Battalion in the Arizona National Guard.*

## **18** **Giovinazzo-York** **Milwaukee, WI**

Our meeting was held at the Holiday Inn in Appleton on April 24, 2005. Commander Jerry Daddato opened our meeting at 11:30 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer for our Fallen Comrades by Bob Larson.

We signed a Thinking-of-You card for Virgil Pelon. We know Virgil would have loved to have been here with us.

Copies of an updated roster obtained from Rich Heller were passed to all members who wanted a copy.

Virgil sent Military license plate forms for personal auto plates and they were passed to the members.

Members discussed changing the dues from \$15.00 to \$10.00. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to leave the Outpost dues at \$15.00.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2005 here at the Holiday Inn, Appleton.

Dan Kellett needs input for the newsletter.

New members Erik and Sally Dahlgren of Appleton were welcomed to our Group. Erik is a Vietnam Veteran. [Welcome, Erik, Alta] Other new members are: Ozzie A. Bruss, Maria L. Banavidez and Marilyn (Scotty) Booker. We welcome all of our new members and hope that they can join us at our next meeting.

Good reading was noted as follows:

“Thunder Run” was recommended by Ire Rees. It was written by a reporter who was actually there. “Korea - We called it War” was recommended by Jake Behringer. And also a plug for one of “our own Jake Behringer’s “Watch the Sun Set” Korean War Memories - this book takes in the war with a different outlook and some great humor and it should not be missed.

One of the comments at the meeting was that the 3rd Division Patch in Iraq is now called the “Death Patch” by the insurgents. This was told to us by Ire Rees Jr. alias “Boots”.

A “Thank You” went out to Kathy Daddato for the centerpieces for the tables, the members took home the yellow ribbons to hang and show support for our troupes.

The MIA bracelet of the soldier that Sharon Pelon wore for many years came home. The soldier’s remains were identified through DNA and were buried by his family.

A video, “Was This A War”, was supplied by Jake. We were all anxious to watch but the TV would not cooperate.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathy Daddato*

## **35** **Audie L. Murphy**

Audie Murphy Outpost #35 held its spring luncheon meeting at the home of M.B. Etheredge in Huntsville, Texas, on April 2, 2005. Those attending were M. B. Etheredge (host), Reva Bishop (hostess), James and Barbara Alcorn, Len and Lula Coble, Curley and Carol Ann Faulk, Ben Elrod, David and Maureen Guy, Bill, Hal, and Ned Harper; Joe and Lucia Hilderbrand, Jerry Kraft, Kathy Kirk, David and Gracie Potts, R. B. Sanford, John and Leverne Etheredge, and Joe and Lynn Ball.

M.B. and Reva worked hard in setting up the meeting and providing a delicious barbeque luncheon in the beautiful outdoor setting adjacent to M. B.’s lake. The decorations and 3rd Infantry Division cake were truly special.

Joe re-affirmed previously provided information regarding the 7th Infantry Regiment Association’s reunion in Albuquerque, NM, May 13-15, and the Annual Reunion of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division to be held in San Diego, CA, September 15-18, 2005. Also discussed was Audie Murphy Days being staged in Greenville, TX, June 17-18. Outpost Members Larry and Margaret Jordan are researching securing Outpost #35 pins for those who attend Audie Murphy Days. Thanks, Larry and Margaret.

Lynn reported that the Outpost has 179 members. Nine individuals recently joined the Outpost. Lynn reported that Joe sends orientation packages and Outpost #35 membership cards to all of our new members. Several attendees at the meeting expressed pleasure at meeting David and Gracie Potts who joined our Outpost family this spring.

Congratulations to R. B. Sanford, Houston, TX, and Harold “Hal” Lewis, Austin, TX, who made the commitment to the Society by changing their membership from Regular Annual to LIFE. Lynn reported that 56 members had not yet paid 2006 dues.

As Treasurer, Lynn reported that with all bills paid, the Outpost has a credit balance.

Joe informed the attendees that the following individuals are presently ill or recovering from surgeries: Dave Martin, Tom Reichardt, Dick Sack, David Guy, and Hobart Treece. Our host, M. B. Etheredge, was released from the hospital the morning of our meeting.

Lynn reported on the upcoming Society National Awards—the requirements to be addressed in nominations for each award are outlined on page 8 of the April Watch on the Rhine; the Scholarship Foundation activities—a brief update on current activities is covered in the June Watch; and a summary of recent work by the Society’s Constitution and By-Laws Committee are also summarized in the June Watch.

Speaker Bill Harper talked briefly about his association with M.B. Etheredge during World War II. According to M.B., Bill supported him for 400 miles. Captain Etheredge, a Company Commander, K Co., 15th Regiment, and Bill, the Commander of a Tank Destroyer in

M. B. Etheredge and Bill Harper share WW2 experiences with members.



the 601st T. D., worked together for many months. We don't tell combat stories in our publications, but there were tears in the eyes of Bill, M.B., Joe, and others during Bill's presentation. There is a rumor that M. B. sent his exec over to Bill's T. D. with a canteen and asked that Bill fill it up—and he did not want water. The rumor further states that some T.D.s carried requisitioned five-gallon containers of wine during the campaign in France. Bill and M.B. did not confirm this. We were touched by the respect and affection shown by these two WW2 vets.

Speaker Jerry Kraft, Outpost #35 Member, Attorney, and Korea Veteran. Jerry spoke with Joe by phone some weeks before the meeting regarding his concerns about the charges recently filed against our combat guys for alleged errors in judgment in Fire Discipline in Iraq.

We asked Jerry to speak at our meeting and he graciously agreed to do so. His presentation was well received by the combat vets in attendance. Jerry and the rest of us feel that our combat guys are being held to a much higher standard than reasonable by their accusers. Joe asked that the members support a resolution from Outpost #35 to be sent to all elected senators and representatives in the State of Texas to support our combat troops. If the politicians are going to control the conflict, they should stand up and support our folks doing the job they mandated. Ben Elrod made the motion in favor of development of such a resolution, seconded by Curley Faulk, and approved by a voice vote. Jerry Kraft will draft this resolution and Joe will review it and forward the resolution to all members for their approval.



Outpost #35 members and guests at their meeting in Huntsville, Texas, April 2, 2005.

Joe provided overviews of work he and Lynn have done to obtain replacement certificates of Military Medals and Service for various members. Joe also included detailed updates regarding information sent by Martin Markley on the following topics:

**VA Handbook:** This 119-page document can be downloaded from the Internet or it can be purchased for \$7.00.

**New ID Card for VA Health Care:** The Veteran's Administration is issuing new ID cards to all veterans who use VA Health Care. The new card will display the veteran's picture and will carry much information about the veteran encrypted on the card to prevent identifica-

tion theft. Veterans can request the new card at their local medical center. Processing will take from five to seven days, once eligibility is verified. Existing cards will remain valid until veterans receive their new cards.

**Distinguished Unit and Presidential Unit Citations:** The American War Library has gathered many of the full texts of some DUC/PUC Citations. Full texts of additional DUC/PUCs will be added to the secure database immediately as they are acquired. For more information, contact Mr. Roger Simpson, Public Information Officer, The American War Library, 16907 Brighton Avenue, Gardena, CA 90247-5420. Telephone 1-310-532-0634, or access records via Internet address, <http://www.amervets.com>.

#### Upcoming Meetings

Our Summer Meeting will be held in the Fort Worth, Texas on July 16—location to be determined by the meeting host and hostess, L. J. Pugh and Darlene Pierce.

Our Fall Meeting will be held over the Veteran's Day Weekend (meeting on Saturday, November 12), in Fredericksburg, Texas. James and Del Timmens have volunteered to coordinate events once again.

Our Spring 2006 Meeting is still in the planning stage. Curley and Carol Ann Faulk have volunteered to host this meeting in Lake Charles, Louisiana. However, those present made no decision. Members must send in their comments regarding the Spring 2006 meeting location.

The meeting closed at 2:45 PM.

*Submitted by Lynn Ball*

## 60 Fort Benning

**Columbus, GA**

The Chattahoochee Valley Harley Davidson Motorcycle Club sponsored a Rally for the Third Brigade Troops on March 19th in Columbus, Ga. The event was attended by over 500 motorcyclists and was a huge success. In addition to the motorcyclist there were approximately 1000 attendees from Columbus and Fort Benning. The event included a convoy of motorcycles from one end of the city to the other (8 miles) rallying at the Columbus Harley Davidson store. The day's activities included live entertainment, music, food, raffles, etc. At one point the 3rd Brigade Commander, Col Salazar, spoke by satellite phone to the entire assemblage and came in loud and clear. The event raised over \$28,000 for troop support to the Brigade.

Outpost 60 had its quarterly meeting in conjunction with the Rally. OP members set up a table at the terminal point and passed out Society material (brochures, applications for membership, pins, decals, etc.). Unfortunately, we were not allowed to collect any money for membership or whatever. The members manning the OP table had lots of visitors and fielded lots of questions about the Society. John Burke had stepped in for Bob Bailey who was in the hospital during the event. John had other OP members to help out for the day. They were Jon Ready, Jack Tyndall, and Virgil Greene. All in all, everyone was tired but they had an enjoyable day at the Rally.

Bob was proud to be able to send in his last Re-Up report for the year 2005-2006. Using snail mail, e-mail, or calling, Bob renewed 100% of OP 60's members!

*Submitted by Bob Bailey*

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR CONSTITUTION AND BYLAW AMENDMENTS

ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AUTHORITY.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS. "This Constitution and Bylaws may be altered or repealed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members present or represented by valid absentee ballot at a National Reunion meeting, provided notice thereof shall have been by publication in one issue of The Watch on the Rhine prior thereto.

In the event you are unable to attend the 86th Annual Reunion-Convention of the Third Infantry Division, United States Army, to be held in San Diego, CA, Sept. 15 through Sept. 18, 2005. The following Absentee Ballot is provided for you. Mark each proposed ammendment on the ballot either YES, to approve or NO, to disapprove. Any alterations to the ballot will cause the ballot to become VOID.

For certification: I certify that I am a member in good standing of The Society of the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Army. I further certify this ballot to be the original, found in The Watch on the Rhine.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Outpost # \_\_\_\_\_

Double check your ballot (pages 12-14) before clipping and mailing to:

DALE L. MCGRAW, C&BLWS Com. Chairman
624 N. Reed St.
Kennewick, WA 99336-2318

Validated by:

National Secretary/Treasurer - Raymond C. Anderson \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

National C&BLWS. Com. Ch. - Dale L. McGraw \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE! ! ALL ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1, 2005, IN ORDER TO BE VALIDATED BY THE NATIONAL SECRETARY/TREASURER.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

of the

Society of the Third Infantry Division, 2005

The Constitution and By Laws Committee has reviewed the accompanying document, concurred in the changes contained therein, except as may be individually noted, and is being forwarded in accordance with the By-Law reference cited above

Proposed changes are indicated in bold, underlined italics.

PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES

A. Present Constitutional Articles. (Page 2)

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

3.4 Eligibility for Regular Membership: Veterans with honorable service in regular components, supporting, or attached units of the Third Infantry Division

3.5 Eligibility for Associate Membership: spouse, parents, children or siblings of any person eligible for regular membership, and any person with a special interest in, or an affinity for, the Society of the Third Infantry Division.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment.

3.1 through 3.3. (No Change)

3.4 Eligibility for Regular Membership. Veterans and active duty members with honorable service in regular components, supporting or attached units of the Third Infantry Division.

3.5. Eligibility for Associate Member: spouse, parents, children or siblings of any person eligible for regular membership, and any person with a special interest in, or an affinity for the Society of the Third Infantry Division. Associate Members are accorded all voting rights and recognition, except that they cannot be nominated/elected to a National Office. With the concurrence of the associate member, the President may appoint an associate member to Staff and Committee positions within the Society.

3.6 through 3.8. (No Change)

Yes to approve No to disapprove

B. Present Constitutional Articles. (Page 3)

ARTICLE V. MANAGEMENT

5.1. through 5.2. (No Change)

5.2.a. Elective Officers. Elective Officers of the Society are: President, Secretary-Treasurer and one Regional Vice President and two Executive Committee Persons from each of the three (3) Regions. Members assigned to outposts will nominate and vote for regional officers only within the region of their outpost. Members At Large will nominate and vote for regional officers only in the region they reside.

5.2.b. Appointed Officers. Appointed Officers are: Editor of the *Watch on the Rhine*, Judge Advocate, historian, one or more Chaplains, Society Medical Officer, National Sergeant-At-Arms and Printer and Mailer of *The Watch*.

The remainder of this article remains unchanged, [ending with]...”serves as the point of contact between Third Division Headquarters and the Society.”

5.3. through 5.3.a. (No Change)

5.3.b. To implement this change in 2003 the President, Secretary/Treasurer, Eastern Region Vice President, Central Region Vice President...[ending with]

“...Eastern Region Vice President and the Western Region Vice President will be elected for a two year term.”

**Proposed Constitutional Amendment.**

5.1 and 5.2. (No Change)

5.2.a. Elective Officers. Elective Officers of the Society are: President, Secretary-Treasurer and one Regional Vice President and two Executive Committee Persons from each of the three (3) Regions. *All regular members in good standing are eligible to run for an elective National office.*

Members assigned to outposts will nominate and vote for regional officers only within the region of their outpost. Members At Large will nominate and vote for regional officers only in the region they reside.

5.2.b. Appointed Officers. Appointed officers are: Editor of *The Watch on the Rhine*, Judge Advocate, Historian, one or more Chaplains, Society Medical Officer, and the National Sergeant at Arms. *[Delete Printer and Mailer of the Watch.]*

5.3.b. *Delete in its entirety.*

5.4. and 5.5. (No Change)

Yes to approve       No to disapprove

**C. Present Constitutional Article. (Page 4)**

**ARTICLE VI. PUBLICATIONS**

6.1 (No Change)

6.2 National Roster is updated continuously. A roster will be sent to new members in good standing every three years. The roster for membership use only, shall list the following information for each member in good standing when known; name, address, unit, rank and outpost.

**Proposed Constitutional Amendment.**

6.2 National Roster is updated continuously. A roster will be sent to new members when joining the Society. *A supplemental roster will be printed in the February issue of “The Watch” in the years that the national roster is not printed and mailed to members; the supplement, an integral part of “The Watch,” will list all members for the previous year.*

New copies will be distributed to all members in good standing every three years. The roster, for membership use only, shall list the following information for each member in good standing when known: name, address, unit, rank, and outpost

Yes to approve       No to disapprove

**D. Present By Laws Section. (Page 5)**

**SECTION II. ANNUAL REUNION CONVENTION**

2.4 Absentee Ballots. Absentee Ballots may only be used in the election of National Officers and amending the Constitution and By Laws. Absentee ballots may be used by any regular member who is unable to vote in person at annual or special meetings. The Constitution and By Laws Chairman and/or Nominations and Elections Chairman will have the official absentee ballots published in *The Watch on the Rhine* at least sixty (60) days before the annual reunion/convention and thirty (30) days before any special meeting. Members using an absentee ballot must sign and date the ballot certifying they are a member in good standing and mail the completed ballot to the appropriate Chairman. That Chairman with the Secretary-Treasurer will verify membership, count votes and prepare reports for the meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer is responsible for recording the ballots and will have them available for review at meetings. Only ballots published in *The Watch on the Rhine* will be valid

**Proposed By-Law Amendment,**

2.4. Absentee Ballots. Absentee Ballots may only be used in the election of National Officers and amending the Constitution and By-Laws. *Any member in Good standing may use an absentee ballot.* The Constitution and By-Laws Chairperson and/or Nominations and Elections *Chairperson* will have the official absentee ballots published in *The Watch on the Rhine* at least sixty (60) days before the annual reunion/convention and thirty (30) days before any special meeting. Members using an absentee ballot must *legibly print their name, then* sign and date the ballot *attesting* they are a member in good standing, and mail the completed ballot to the appropriate *Chairperson*. That *Chair*, with the Secretary-Treasurer, will verify membership, count votes and prepare reports for the meeting. The Secretary Treasurer is responsible for recording the ballots and will have them available for review at meetings

Only ballots published in *The Watch on the Rhine* will be valid *and may not be reproduced in any form except by the Election Chair who can, on request of members, copy the ballot, certify the copied ballot as an “Official Ballot” and mail it to the person making the request. The request for the copied ballot must be justified, such as a lost “Watch” ballot, destroyed issue of the “Watch,” or other situation necessitating the use of a copied ballot, which is determined to be justified by the Elections Chair*

Yes to approve       No to disapprove

**D. Present By-Laws Section. (Page 7)**

**SECTION V. DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

5.3 Regional Vice Presidents. Regional Vice Presidents, assisted by their Committee Persons, will supervise Society operations within their respective regions. They will conduct business meetings of outpost officers of the region during region

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

reunions, and will perform Society assignments as requested by the President.

5.3.a. Committeeman. Regional Committeemen are elected representatives of their Regions, and, as members of the Executive Committee, shall participate in the deliberations and decisions of the Executive Committee.

**Proposed By-Law Amendment.**

5.1 and 5.2 (No Change)

5.3 Regional Vice Presidents. Regional Vice Presidents, assisted by their Committee Persons, will supervise Society operations within their respective regions, and will perform Society assignments as requested by the President. *The Regional Vice President will ensure that he has received a written report from his Regional Committee in sufficient time to present his consolidated report at the next EXCOM meeting.*

5.3.a Committeeman. Regional Committeemen are elected representatives of their Regions, and, as members of the Executive Committee, shall participate in the deliberations and decisions of the Executive Committee. The Committeemen shall submit a written report of their activities to the Regional Vice President two weeks prior to the beginning of the reunion so the V.P. can prepare his regional report at the next EXCOM meeting.

Yes to approve                       No to disapprove

**E. Present By-Laws Section. (Page 9)**

**SECTION IX. DUES**

9.1 Annual Dues. Regular and Associate annual membership dues are due and Payable on or before July 1 of each year in the amounts specified and approved by the membership. Outposts may add an outpost operational fee that they retain. New Annual members and former members being reinstated who pay dues between January 1 and June 30 will be in good standing until July 1 of the following year. Individuals not paying dues will be removed from the national roster by the National Secretary-Treasurer.

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“Officially, the patches are called ‘shoulder sleeve insignia, indicating former wartime service,’ but are more commonly known as combat patches,” DesJardin said.

Capt. Christopher Vegas, a rear detachment commander for the brigade’s 1-10 Field Artillery at Fort Benning, also served in Iraq in 2003. He said even earning a combat patch like the 3rd Infantry Division is an honor.

“Wearing the patch lets people know that you served in combat with a unit that was not only instrumental in the fall of Saddam (Hussein),” he said, “but has a remarkably storied past throughout the

combat history of this great nation.”

Gordon Saint, a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars, served with the 3rd Infantry Division and the 1st Infantry Division for almost 22 years.

“When you come back it means a lot that you been in combat with that unit and you survived it,” said Saint, 75, of Phenix City. “I had a choice of wearing the one in Vietnam or Korea.”

Saint’s choice was to wear the 3rd Infantry Division patch, remembering his time in the Korean war.

“I am proud of the 3rd Infantry Division,” he said. “A third of my Army career was spent with them.”

**Proposed By-Law Amendment.**

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9.1.a. (No Change)

9.1.b. *Delete in its entirety.*

9.1.c. through 9.3 (No Change)

**F. Present By-Laws Section (Page 10)**

9.4 Dues Allocation. Twenty percent (20%), both from Life membership dues and annual dues of regular members will be retained by the outposts. The remaining eighty percent (80%) will be forwarded to the National Secretary-Treasurer.

Associate members wishing a subscription to the Watch on the Rhine will be charged \$8.00, payable to the National Secretary-Treasurer

**Proposed By-Law Amendment.**

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Yes to approve                       No to disapprove

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Entry

**Decal Requests Net \$\$\$**

Carl Topie reports first quarter results are good.	
January.....	\$39.00
February.....	\$30.00
March.....	\$150.00
Total .....	\$219.00
Those who sent donations for decals were: Jean-Antoine Bour, Lee Hatfield, Daniel Drupp, John Vanik, Arnold Hubick, Floyd Bolton, Joseph Garbato, John Weiss, Paul Desroches, William Waters, Earl Newman, Clable Evans, Jr., Laverne Wilson, and Alfred Julia.	



# Letters to the Editor



# News From Veterans Affairs

House Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
Steve Buyer, Chairman  
335 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC

April 14, 2005

## Veteran's Affairs Committee Reviews My HealtheVet Software Program

Washington, D.C. - As part of its annual budget review, the House Committee on Veteran's Affairs has recommended withholding \$311 million for the My HealtheVet healthcare software program from the Department of Veterans Affairs proposed 2006 budget to ensure the program is not funded until questions about potentially serious operability problems are resolved.

The program, My HealtheVet, is designed to allow VA patients access to their healthcare records. Veterans can electronically obtain portions of their electronic health records, add information, track health metrics, and grant access to their records to others, such as family members and healthcare providers, both VA and non-VA.

**“Information technology at VA is not centrally managed and the results are poor service to veterans, inefficiency and wasted tax dollars.”**

“Veterans should have the empowerment that access to their records provides, but they deserve a system that works reliably,” Chairman Steve Buyer said.

Although this program has great potential, the application was being applied to VA's medical information software program, VistA. The VistA program is more than 20 years old and runs on antiquated software, which is being updated. There is concern that My HealtheVet might not function well with the updated VistA program.

“Information technology at VA is not centrally managed and the results are poor service to veterans, inefficiency and wasted tax dollars,” said Chairman Steve Buyer, who plans to consider legislation providing VA's chief information officer with direct authority over VA's IT budget and associated staff.

As concern about the program surfaced, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology Robert McFarland, VA's chief information officer, testified before the committee that the department's IT programs are being reviewed with an eye toward improving system-wide performance. Pending completion of the VA review, the committee recommended an overall reduction of \$400 million for VA's IT programs, which includes the \$311 million My HealtheVet portion.

Last year, VA experienced failure of the \$372 million Core Financial and Logistics System (CoreFLS) program in its medical center at Bay Pines, Florida. CoreFLS, a software program designed to integrate management and logistics, failed in large part because of poor project management. In its recommendation, the committee has sought to prevent a similar waste. Assurance that My HealtheVet will work as advertised would likely lead to the committee's recommendation for funding.

### Thanks

A special thanks to all the patriotic folks from the Society of the Third Infantry Division who have sent things to our soldiers! The list is too long to mention everyone by name.

The Beanie Babies have gone to orphanages, schools, and used as gifts to children in the local communities. All the phone cards have gone out to our soldiers and have helped to defray the cost of keeping in touch with loved ones. Be assured that the troops are blessed by your efforts and you demonstrate again that you're still Marine soldiers at heart! Blessings to all!

“Standing on the Rock!” Psalm 40:1-3

James R. White  
Chaplain (LTC) USA  
Third Division Chaplain  
james.white@id3.army.mil



### SSG Thomas Auld, Fox Company 15th Regiment

My dad went to his grave never telling anyone how or why he was awarded the Silver Star. It was not until two years after his passing—2002—that our family first saw the award from 1945. I finally obtained a copy of the citation from St. Louis. This was after I was told it was not there, or burned in the fire. It was 60 years ago that the 3rd stormed into Nurnberg. I've attached a few photos of my father and a few other members of Fox Company. I hope the photos and citation can be posted in remembrance of all the Marine Men.

Thanks.

Jim Auld  
91 Drexhall Lane  
Rochester, NY 14612  
(585) 227-9284  
cptjames65@hotmail.com

### VA Offers Nationwide Gravesite Locator

The VA has made it easier and faster for the public to get answers about family history, old war buddies or famous war heroes.

The agency has put on the Web 3.2 million records for veterans buried at 120 national cemeteries since the Civil War. The VA's Nationwide Gravesites

Locator also has records for some state veterans cemeteries and burials in Arlington National Cemetery since 1999 (<http://www.cem.va.gov/>). The navigator includes names, dates of birth and death, military service dates, service branch and rank if known, cemetery information and grave location in the cemetery.

The VA will withhold some information, such as next of kin, for privacy purposes. For more on military death and burial programs, see the Death & Burial Overview page.



# Looking for...

Dear friends,

I received the message below from Mrs. Mary Lee Lebey. She asked me if I know anyone who may remember her husband. Private Clifford S. Lebery, Jr., was a trooper in the 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division. Pvt Lebery became a POW when he was captured on the Mussolini Canal.

I will meet Mary Lee in Sicily where she will join me on a trip to the Mussolini Canal.

All the best from Nijmegen [Holland]

Jan Bos  
circle82@wanadoo.nl

Dear Jan,

Are you still interested in my husband's army records? I went through his mother's scrap book and put together some facts as best I could:

### Pvt. Clifford S. Lebey, Jr. 14192080

- 1942 while a freshman at The Citadel (a military college in Charleston, S.C.) he enlisted in the Enlisted Reserve Corps.
- March 20, 1943, almost the entire school was called to active duty.
- April 3, 1943, he left home for Fort McPherson, an induction center in Atlanta, Ga.
- April 14, 1943, he was sent to Ft. Eustis, Va.
- August 12, 1943, he reported to Shenango, Pa. a replacement depot.
- August 19, 1943, he left Shenango.
- September 27, 1943, he was in North Africa. It was here that he was taken from anti-aircraft and put in the infantry and sent to Italy. He seems he was moved from one unit to another as he fought through many battles in October, November, December, and January. In a letter he wrote that he was finally assigned to a regular company. This was before February 8, 1944, we believe the unit was Company E, the 7th Infantry Regiment, of the 3rd Infantry Division.
- February 16, 1944, he was captured by the Germans at Anzio and later he told me he was in the Mussolini Canal when two young Germans put a gun in his back. He said that they were as frightened

as he was and it was freezing cold.

- May 17, 1944, his parents received official notice that he was missing in action.
- July 26, 1944, many calls and cards and letters came from all over the U.S. saying that they heard over short wave radio from Berlin that he was a prisoner of the Germans. That was Berlin Sally who thought that she would demoralize the American families. Instead she informed them that they were in prison but they were ALIVE. (I have about 150 of those letters and cards.) He was moved around under very poor conditions until August 1, 1944, he was put in Stalag 7B in Mimingen, Germany. It got a little better there, because he did receive some Red Cross packages. He did farm labor while there.

May 3, 1945, the day before his 21st birthday, he was liberated by the U.S. Army.

That's about all I know. I have a picture of him with his 3rd Division patch on his sleeve and I did find some documents, but I don't know how to send them. I will copy them and bring them with me to Sicily if I can't get someone to do it for me. I hope this has not been too much, but I think it is nice for us to have a record of all of this. If you learn anything else we would love to have it.

Mary Lee

### Missing Nephew

Hello.

I found your site online and thought maybe you could help with our family situation.

My nephew, Spencer Blackshear, a U.S. Army Veteran, has not been heard from by any family member for about seven years. He joined the Army in June 1989 at Fort Benning, Ga. Later that year (December) he was deployed to Saudi Arabia, from Bamberg, Germany. Just before being deployed, he married an older German lady, RoseMarie (maiden name unknown). She was mother of two teenaged sons, Daniel and Florian. He returned to Bamberg the following spring (1990), and communicated with family in Georgia for a while, then disappeared from sight. No one can reach him or his wife. After discharge, he worked on base in Bamberg as a civilian.

Please help!

Facts we know:

- Spencer Blackshear
- DOB 03/01/1970
- High School Graduation
- Carver High School June 1989, Columbus, Ga.
- Last known German address:
- Bamberg, Germany
- Honorable Discharge 1992 or 1993
- Last known Columbus address: 17 Linden Circle, Columbus, GA. 31907

### Watch Schedule

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

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

If you know of an agency that can help to contact him, please send contact information to his Mother in Columbus:

Patricia Johnson  
2001 Torch Hill Rd. #58D  
Columbus, Ga. 31903  
(706) 687-2554

Or his Aunt Vivian in Atlanta:

Vivian Timmons  
492 Aberdeen Drive  
Stone Mountain, Ga. 30083  
(404) 299-2845 (Home)  
(770) 265-3305 (Wireless)  
Vivian.timmons@cingular.com

Any help with this matter is greatly appreciated!

Thanks,

Vivian Timmons  
IT Manager, Commissions QC  
678.893.3906 (Office)  
viviantimmons@imcingular.com (IPS)  
vivian.timmons@cingular.com (Email)

**405th Relp. Co.**

My father, Cecil James Nivens, served in Italy, North Africa, Austria, and Switzerland during WW II. His letters to my mother had a return address of: 405th Relp. Co. 18th Bn (Inf).

I have been searching internet for years to find what this means and find any links about where he fought and his military history. I wrote to the DoD archive and got a "Certification of Military Service" but it did not tell me much.

Can you help?

Ernie Nivens  
Enivens1@carolina.rr.com

I'm hoping someone can give me any information on my grandfather, James Lester Steinbach. He served in WWII from May 1943 until December 1945. He was a combat engineer and I believe was in Unit 976. I also believe he was in the 3rd Division. I would like to build a timeline of everything he did. I know that when he was drafted, he went to training in Oregon, USA. I believe he fought in Ardennes Forest, Battle of the Bulge, and helped with the liberation of Buchenwald. If you can help me, I sure would appreciate it.

Thank you,

Leslie Steinbach Blizzard  
Warworld2info@yahoo.com

I served in the Third Infantry Division in the early '60s. I'm trying to track down some archives that contain copies of the division newspaper, "The Marne Rock" from that time. The only connection I can find is another vet who is looking for the same thing, also with no success.

Is there some way that we can look up copies of "The Marne Rock?" Whom should we contact? Are there microfilms, Army

websites, etc., that you can direct us to?

Any help or ideas will be appreciated.

Thank you.

Regards,

Joseph Best  
gorjbest@comcast.net

**65th Infantry Soldiers—Listen Up**

On a troop ship from Sasebo, Japan in 1953, I saw a lot of Puerto Rican GIs who were playing a game where they hit one GI over the head with their caps.

I'd like to understand why they did this.

Orlando (Andy) Maffucci  
39th FA, 3rd ID  
Korea, Jan '52 to Dec. '52  
(719) 543-3278

I am in search of anyone who knew James Owen Goddard, known as Owen. He was a private from West Virginia who served in the 15th Infantry, Company A from November 1943 until his death in October 1944. If you have any recollection of Owen Goddard, or could direct me to other resources, I would be very grateful.

My contact information is below. I do truly appreciate any assistance you may be able to give.

Sincerely,

Maria Stack  
422 Granite Avenue  
Richmond, VA 23226  
(804) 338-8575  
maria.stack@rbcdain.com

**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.



# Scholarship News

Society of the 3rd Infantry Division Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

## Update

By Lynn Ball

The Society of the 3rd Infantry Division Scholarship Foundation, Inc. is moving into a state of normalcy. We are receiving much-appreciated donations, and our committee members are currently evaluating submissions from our young folks seeking Scholarship Foundation support in furthering their educations. As most of you know, we received notification from the I.R.S. that our application for Not-For-Profit status was approved, effective November 19, 2004, and that all donations to the Foundation are tax deductible. As we stated in both the February and April 2005 issues of the *Watch on The Rhine*, we will award one or more scholarships/student aid in June. As of April-end, the Foundation has \$5472.90. Following is a summary of our current activities.

We have notified all candidates that we have received their submissions and noted whether or not they were complete.

Milton B. and Barbara Carr	John K. Singlaub
John D. Cramond	Martin and Sheila Fors
James and Del Timmens	Pierce J. Cotter
Marco Montoya	Lee Hatfield, Jr.
Gordon and Anita Morgan	James J. Rotiroti
Manuel and Aida Figueroa	James L. Fields
Rankin Burchfield	John Keller
William Marcantel	Robert I Bartholomew
Elmer Miller	John D. Byrne
Jon Ready	Wilson F. Humphreys
Brad Whitaker	Andrew D. Raymond
Billy Vickers	Harvey I. Sladkus
Allen Vaught	H. Stuart Waddell
Harry D. Barney	Paul Walkowski
Lewis A Hotelling	Douglas H. Armstrong
Eugene Budzyn	Jay G. Burgess
Opal Kays, Jr.	Samuel E. Fry, Jr.
Harry E. Kee	Vince Feola
Richard A. Travali	Richard L. Kirk
Bartolo Viruso	Carmine D. Marinelli
Lawrence Budzeyko	Dorice M. Williams
Daniel A. Raymond	Stephen D. Blake
Gary P. Hauser	V. George Hanson
Donald F. Daly	David L. Padgett
Jerome A. Manley	Robert C. Senkowski
Abner D. Kuperstein	Dean J. Lockwood
Andrew Sanchez	George E. Ogden
Donald T. Zelles	Celeste Watson
Richard W. Heller	William L. Yekin
Jack Lomonaco	Albert P. Beierschmitt
Samuel R. Puliafico	Gary C. Chancey
Raymond C. Anderson	Mitchel Chockla
Milo M. Moyano	Mary Jane Hunter

Currently, we are in the process of evaluating all submissions and will choose our recipient(s) by the end of May. Next, we will notify those selected and send the scholarship/student aid funds to the designated and accredited institution of higher learning for deposit to the appropriate student's account. Finally, we will request publication of recognition of the successful candidate(s) in the *Watch on The Rhine* and recognize them, formally, at the Annual Reunion.

Those wishing to submit applications, for scholarship/student aid to be awarded in 2006, should send them to the address that follows. Also those who wish to support this worthy cause should send their donations to the

Scholarship Foundation at 2010 Worcester Lane, Garland, TX 75040.

Questions are welcome at anytime. Contact Lynn Ball, Chairperson (see page 2 of the *Watch* for contact information).

Following is a list of those who have contributed since publication of the last *Watch* article, arranged in the order they were received. If you contributed and your name has not yet appeared in *The Watch*, please check the next issue. As donations are received by the Foundation, certification letters are sent to donors recognizing all gifts over \$2.00. We identify the issue of the *Watch* when we believe the donor's name will be listed.

During this period, Outpost #2 sent a substantial contribution that is greatly appreciated, and we extend thanks to all officers and members of that Outpost. Outpost #35 also contributed to our effort; thanks, too, to its members. Collectively, contributions from the outposts and from the independent contributors listed below totaled \$2034.00 during this two-month period.

Thanks, folks.

### 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: cqtocie@aol.com. Reservations and payment must be made prior to September 1, 2005. There can be no walk-ins.

**ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTING INSTRUCTIONS**

In the event you are unable to attend the 86th National Reunion of the Society of the Third Infantry Division at the RED LION HOTEL in SAN DIEGO, CALIF. This ballot is for you to execute, mark, print and sign your name and Outpost number CLEARLY and return to the address on the reverse side of these instructions.

*Before you mark your ballots, please read the following article carefully.*

**ARTICLE V SECTION 5.2.a. ELECTIVE OFFICERS**

Members assigned to outposts will nominate and vote for regional officers only within the region of their outpost. Members At Large will nominate and vote for Regional officers only in the region they reside.

**ARTICLE V SECTION 5.3.b. ELECTIVE OFFICERS:**

Elective Officers of the Society at this time are:

- Two (2) Executive Committee members from the Eastern Region
- Two (2) Executive Committee members from the Central Region
- Two (2) Executive Committee members from the Western Region

Those elected will serve a two (2) year term starting in September 2005.

Now that you've read Article V Section 5.2.a. and Article V Section 5.3.b., start marking your ballot. Go to your respective Region to cast your vote. If you are not sure of what Region your Outpost is in, look at the end of these instructions to find your Outpost number listed next to your Region. You should have only two (2) marks on your ballot. All ballots with more than the required two (2) marks will NOT BE COUNTED. Any Regional votes cast outside of your Region WILL NOT BE COUNTED. After marking your ballot, **carefully remove it from the Watch**, fold and stuff into an envelope with a first class postage stamp and mail to the Nominations/Election Committee. Absentee ballots are due to the Committee Chair **no later than August 10, 2005.**

The Chairman, after receiving all ballots, will count, record and validate all ballots. He, in turn, will deliver all ballots to the National Secretary/Treasurer prior to the general membership meeting and election at the 2005 Reunion. The National Secretary/Treasurer will also validate all ballots and cast the vote in your behalf in the election.

- EASTERN REGION OUTPOSTS: 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 52, 60, and Fort Stewart**
- CENTRAL REGION OUTPOSTS: 1, 12, 13, 17, 18, 33, 35, 57, and 601**
- WESTERN REGION OUTPOSTS: 4, 15, 22, 54, 63, and 88**

Send your Absentee Ballot to:

**Nominations/Elections Committee**  
**Robert D. Bailey, Chairman**  
**160 Huguley Road**  
**Opelika, AL 36804-1891**

**VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE**

**BALLOT ON REVERSE SIDE OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS**

**2005 OFFICAL NATIONAL ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR THE SIX (6)  
REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ONLY**

**EASTERN REGION MEMBERS ONLY VOTE HERE:**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER TWO (2)**

- BAILEY, ROBERT D., SR. OP 60
- EASTER, CLYDE E. OP 3

**CENTRAL REGION MEMBERS ONLY VOTE HERE:**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER TWO (2)**

- WHITMER, LLOYD OP 57
- DOJUTREK, EDWARD OP 35

**WESTERN REGION MEMBERS ONLY VOTE HERE:**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER TWO (2)**

- McGRAW, DALE L. OP 4
- SHIRLEY, JOHN B. OP 54
- STUART, NILE. OP 22

**All Ballots Must Be Mailed By August 10, 2005**

FOR VALIDATION:

I certify that I am a member in good standing of the Society of the Third Infantry Division, U.S.Army. I further certify that this ballot is an original, found in *The Watch on the Rhine*.

*Please print name clearly* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_ *Outpost # or At-Large* \_\_\_\_\_

Double check your ballot before mailing to: **Robert D. Bailey, Sr., Elections Chairman**  
**160 Huguley Road**  
**Opelika, Ala. 36804-1891**

National Secretary/Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_  
Raymond C. Anderson \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination/Elections Chairman \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert D. Bailey, Sr. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## AUDIT REPORT CORRECTION

I want to report to the membership some errors in the annual audit for fiscal year 2003-2004 as reported in the October 2004 issue of the Watch. The report that appeared in the Watch was not the actual audit but a reproduction of the audit report. In preparing the report there were three entries that were transposed incorrectly. Two of the three errors were in the "Cash Receipts." The "Annual Dues" were reported as \$24, 809. The correct number is \$24,869. The Raffle Tickets were reported as \$31,018. The correct number is \$30,018. The third error is in the "Cash Disbursements." The "Raffle Expense" was reported as \$4,13S. The correct number is \$4,139. Included in the Fund Balance was the entrée for the "Chateau Tierry CD" in the amount of \$4,951. That number was not part of the audit and should not have been reported as such. In the future that number will be published but not as a part of the audit. Listed below is the correct audit numbers as reported by our auditor Mark Sneddon.

I would like further to explain to the membership that the auditor had no responsibility in the errors as reported. The responsibility for verifying and submitting the correct numbers is my responsibility. I apologize to the membership and our auditor, Mark Sneddon, for this erroneous report. The in future, the audit report numbers will be double checked for accuracy prior to being reported to the membership.

Ray Anderson, National Secretary/Treasurer

**Editor's Note:** Ray is noble to take full responsibility. However, that responsibility is mine.

## National Recognition

### Riverside POW/MIA Memorial Dedicated

■ **This Memorial honors the over 607,000 American prisoners of war and the 173,000 servicemen and women listed as missing in action since the revolution.**

Riverside, Calif.—The former Prisoner of War & Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Memorial soon to be completed at the Riverside National Cemetery will represent a nation's respect for the scarifies of our POWs and the families of those still Missing in Action. Public Law 108-154 was signed into law on December 10, 2004, and includes the designation of the Riverside National Cemetery POW/MIA Memorial as the National POW/MIA Memorial. Dedication ceremonies are scheduled to be held on September 16, 2005, to coincide with the National POW/MIA Recognition Day activities at the cemetery.

This Memorial honors the over 607,000 American prisoners of war and the 173,000 servicemen and women listed as missing in action since the revolution. The project cost of \$750,000 is being covered by citizen tax-deductible donations. The Memorial was created by sculptor, Lewis Millett, Jr. of Idyllwild, Calif. Donations will be used for landscaping, memorial construction and continued maintenance.

The Volunteer Riverside National Cemetery Support Committee is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit group which provides financial support and assistance to the Riverside National Cemetery, including responsibility for organizing appropriate ceremonies for national holidays. They are partnering with the community to bring a master plan of over 10 memorials to the cemetery. Donations are still being accepted by the Support Committee for this project and the master plan. For more information contact the Support Committee at (909) 957-3982 or (951) 653-8417 ext 873.

### Society of the Third Infantry Division

#### STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS AND FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

#### CASH RECEIPTS

ANNUAL DUES	\$24,869
LIFE MEMBER DUES	4,604
RAFFLE TICKETS	30,018
ROSTER DONATIONS	435
WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL FUND	629
DECALS, DONATIONS & GENERAL FUND	3,654
INTEREST	324
	<b>64,533</b>

#### CASH DISBURSEMENTS

WATCH--PRINTING & POSTAGE	25,692
HEADQUARTERS EXPENSE:	
Postage, Copies, Stationery & Supplies, Etc.	4,211
RAFFLE EXPENSE	4,139
ROSTER MANAGEMENT	633
DUES & DONATIONS TO OUTPOSTS	5,527
DECALS, MEMBERSHIP & ADS	891
PUBLIC RELATIONS EXPENSE	546
MEMORIALS EXPENSE	381
WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL FUND	861
AWARDS	403
EDITOR EXPENSE	90
HISTORIAN	200
ACTIVE DIVISION COORDINATOR	807
CHATEAU TIERRY REFUND	500
	<b>44,881</b>

RECEIPTS IN EXCESS OF DISBURSEMENTS 19,652

FUND BALANCE--JULY 1, 2003		
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 4,987	
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	41,389	46,376
		<b>\$66,028</b>

COMPOSITION OF FUND BALANCE--JUNE 30, 2004		
CHECKING ACCOUNT	9,699	
MARKET INDEX SAVINGS ACCOUNT	33,325	
SAVINGS - LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND	23,004	<b>\$66,028</b>



# Roll Call

## New Members — Society of the 3rd Infantry Division

### Life Members

6313 ROBERT E. COFFIN OP54  
DIV/39FA/41FA/10FA/A/G WW2-KOREA LTG  
PO BOX 7192  
CARMEL, CA 93921-7192  
\*Referred by Jim Kress

6407 GERARD M. DEVLIN OP35  
7INF/ CW CPT  
2 MIRABELL CT  
BLUFFTON, SC 29910-4760  
\*Referred by Monica Stoy

6374 ROBERT E. DODGE OP13  
15INF/ WW2 PFC  
PO BOX 67  
DAVISBURG, MI 48350-0067  
\*Referred by Robert Ziebart

6362 RICHARD B. GILLAND OP35  
7INF/D WW2 CSM  
5633 WHARTON DR  
FORT WORTH, TX 76133-2810  
\*Referred by Monica Stoy

6349 G.K. GUENNEL OP88  
DIV/G-2 IDW TEAM124 WW2 SGT  
835 FRONT RANGE RD  
LITTLETON, CO 80120-4005  
\*Referred by Dick Gallmeyer

6342 FRANKLIN L. HOMME OP5  
30INF/2BN/B CW SGT  
179 KEMMERER  
NAZARETH, PA 18064-9069  
\*Referred by Vincent P. Dell'Orto

6316 RAYMOND M. LUMPKIN OP54  
DIV/HQ WW2 TSGT  
1388 BONUM WAY  
BRENTWOOD, CA 94513-6973  
\*Referred by John Shirley

6322 BARRY R. MC CAFFREY OP7  
30INF/2BN CW LTC  
506 CROWN VIEW DR  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314-4806  
\*Referred by Dick Guimond

6404 JAMES M. PHILLIPS OP7  
7INF/ WW2 PFC  
EDGEWOOD GARDEN APTS #1 ASPEN  
SICKLERVILLE, NJ 08092  
\*Referred by Monica Stoy

7092 HUGH S. FITCH  
DIV/HQ CW PVT  
2288 S. TERM ST  
BURTON, MI 48519-1031

3128 GEORGE H. HAMILL OP60  
30ICG/7 PT CSM  
6925 BUCKHORN DR  
COLUMBUS, GA 31904-3212

3646 HAROLD E. LEWIS OP35  
15INF/ WW2 LTC  
1304 LUDLOW TER  
AUSTIN, TX 78723-3133

3928 ALTA H. MILLING OP3  
DIV/HQ PT SP5  
4738 DATURA RD  
COLUMBIA, SC 29205-2109

7485 GENE R. MONTGOMERY OP2  
2ID/38REG KOREA LTC  
10927 SEIBEL LN  
MONTGOMERY, TX 77356-5716

7226 JON D. READY OP60  
7INF/HVMTR 39FA/HQ CW E5  
214 TERRACE DR  
BRANDON, MS 39042-2338

4415 FRANK M. ROHMAN OP2  
9FA/C KOREA E7  
304 POINCIANA CIR  
KISSIMMEE, FL 34744-2350

4747 JAMES R. STRAWN OP54  
10ENG/ KOREA 1LT  
868 SAINT GEORGE RD  
DANVILLE, CA 94526-6236

4803 PAUL E. TARDIFF OP17  
7INF/H/M WW2 MSGT  
3 C St  
BANGOR, ME 04401-2538

5094 JOSEPH B. WINTER OP12  
30INF/ KOREA SGT  
1640 FAIRWAY DR NE  
COLUMBIA HEIGHTS, MN 55421-2047  
Referred by Jerome Manley

3470 JAMES E. KENNEDY FBA  
10ENG/C KOREA 1LT  
2382 AUMAKUA ST  
PEARL CITY, HI 96782-1148

6319 JAMES A. BEATY OP3  
7INF/ KOREA SFC  
2400 ASHLAND RD APT A7  
COLUMBIA, SC 29210-5039  
\*Referred by Henry Burke

6369 DONALD L. BENDER OP60  
703MAINT/B CW 1LT  
1006 53 AVE E  
TUSCALOOSA, AL 35404-3616  
\*Referred by Ray Anderson

6351 JAMES S. BLACKWELL OP11  
15INF/1 CW SP4  
185 JORDAN RD  
PLYMOUTH, MA  
\*Referred by Website

6321 RICHARD L. BOGEMA OP12  
39FA/C KOREA CPL  
8464 SOUTH POND TRAIL  
CHAMPLIN, MN 55316-3788  
\*Referred by Jim Kress

6352 RICHARD W. BYRD OP15  
10FA/1 HHC 3/64ARM CW E4  
320 E. MCKELLIPS RD LOT 71  
MESA, AZ 85201-2150  
\*Referred by Website

6309 TIMOTHY M. CONNOR OP5  
DIV/HQ OIF LTC  
8 HEATHER LN  
OXFORD, CT 06478-1517  
\*Referred by Website

6375 JAMES C. CRONSHAW OP11  
30INF/1BN/D CW SPC  
111 LEWISTON ST  
BROCKTON, MA 02302-3712  
\*Referred by Website

6348 GARY L. DAWSON OP35  
41FA/HQ/2BN CW MAJ  
1208 MICHAEL AVE  
LEWISVILLE, TX 75077-3048  
\*Referred by Robert A. Devito

6378 SETH F. DIETRICH OP35  
DIV/MP CW E4  
9236 NE 191st ST  
BOTHELL, WA 98011-2223  
\*Referred by Website

6411 JAMES B. FOWLER OP54  
39FA/B KOREA SGT  
1996 MODOC DR  
CHICO, CA 95928-4139  
\*Referred by Rich Heller

6371 SOL GLICKER OP7  
39FA/ KOREA SGT  
10449 STERNWHEEL PL  
COLUMBIA, MD 21044-4140  
\*Referred by Jim Kress

6320 WILLIAM M. INGBRETSEN OP3  
DIV/RECON KOREA PFC  
14 BOARDWALK LN  
LEXINGTON, SC 29072-9461  
\*Referred by Henry Burke

6324 MARK W. JONES OPMA  
DIVARTY/HHB 1-41FA OIF1 LTC  
3224 S STAFFORD ST  
ARLINGTON, VA 22206-2013  
\*Referred by Col. Tom Torrance

### Regular Annual Members

2051 CARL A. ANDERSON FBA  
7INF/1BN HQ KOREA SFC  
5601 DESERT EAGLE CT  
LAS VEGAS, NV 89131-2528

2063 JOSEPH L. ANNELLO OP88  
7INF/HQ KOREA SGT  
4588 SPRINGMEADOW LN  
CASTLE ROCK, CO 80104-8738

2131 WALTER L. BARTLETT OP57  
9FA/A KOREA SSGT  
143 CEDAR RD  
CONNEAUT, OH 44030-2903

2148 LOREN E BEAN OP57  
7INF/AMMO KOREA PFC  
801 CADDO AVE  
AKRON, OH 44305-1119

6347 FRANK ABATANGELO OP5  
TRAINING FT.BENNING CW E-3  
21 HIGH RIDGE RD  
OCEAN, NJ 07712-3460

6365 PAUL E. AMBRO OP17  
10ENG/B WW2/KOREA MSG  
2141 FRECKLES  
HIGH RIDGE, MO 63049-1827

6315 RICHARD L. ANDERSON OP35  
30INF/TK/K 7INF/TK KOREA CPT  
4125 HWY 171  
DE RIDDER, LA 70634-7408  
\*Referred by Curley Faulk

6370 KENNETH R. BARBER OPMA  
15INF/1BN 123SIG/ OIF1 CPT  
5367 SIR BARTON DR  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23462-4153  
\*Referred by Website

6326 HERMAN J. JONGSMA 15INF/HQ KOREA CPL 6720 CEDAR GROVE W JENISON, MI 49428-8198 *Referred by Bill Strong's Website Link	OP13	6410 KENNETH B. PAYTON 15INF/D CW PFC 15 MC KINLEY DR NEWPORT NEWS, VA 23602-1412 *Referred by Ray Hergenreder	OP7	6383 GILBERT BLANC ASSOCIATE 2 RUE DE ST VALETE PORT AU SHONE, FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE
6408 FRANKLIN D. JORDAN 26FSB/2BDE/B OIF1-3 1SGT 975 FOX HAVEN CT HINESVILLE, GA 31313-4950 *Referred by CSM Tolbert	OPMA	6323 ROBERT G. PROCTOR 7INF/B DIV/SIGNAL KOREA PFC 6961 DANVERS DR GARDEN GROVE, CA 92845-2950 *Referred by Rich Heller Website Invitation	OP22	6372 GERARD E. BOURKE ASSOCIATE 726 ROYAL PALM AVE LADY LAKE, FL 32159-1321 *Referred by Frank Kane	OP2
6376 ADAM A. KHAN 3OINF/2BN/C CW SP4 8319 SE SANCTUARY DR HOBE SOUND, FL 33455 *Referred by Website	OP2	6343 JAMES M. RICKARD DIV/MP HVYMRTR/PLT CW SP4 16508 SPIELMAN RD WILLIAMSPORT, MD 21795-4111 *Referred by Website	OP7	6384 CHRISTIAN BRESSON ASSOCIATE 7 GRANDE RUE SAULX, 70240 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE
6354 DAVID A. KITCHENS 41FA/2BN CW SFC HC 64 STAR CITY, AR 71667 *Referred by Robert A. Devito	OP35	6344 JOSEPH C. SASSO 7INF/3BN OIF1 MAJ 14 RUTH PL GLEN HEAD, NY 11545-1031 *Referred by Bn Cmr Camp Baylor Iraq 2003	OP5	6385 GUY BUECHER ASSOCIATE 3 ROUTE DE WETTOLSHEIM TURCKHEIM, 68230 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE
6405 ALLAN F. KOTASH DIV/MP CW SP4 9 GREXA PL CORTLANDT MANOR, NY 10567-1148 *Referred by Website	OP5	6367 RICHARD A. STANFORD 39FA/ KOREA SGT PO BOX 215 RUSHSYLVANIA, OH 43347-0215 *Referred by Jim Kress	OP57	6386 CHRISTIAN BURGERT ASSOCIATE 34 RUE DES TUILLERIES TURCKHEIM, 68230 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE
6361 RAMONALISA N. LIZAMA DENTAC OIF-3 SPC DENTAC Fort Stewart, GA 31314 *Distinguished Grad. - Prim. Ldrsp. Develop/Jerry Cunningham	OPMA	6310 KEITH L. TAYLOR 3OINF/ WW2 CPT 1371 BERGER RD PORT BYRON, NY 13140-9622 *Referred by Dick Guimond	OP5	6387 CHRISTIAN CALABRESE ASSOCIATE 2 RUE ST LAURENT WINTZENHEIM, 68920 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE
6356 JAMES M. MC GOVERN 15INF/3 1/9FA 4/64AR GW CPT 2304 NE 9TH ST LAWTON, OK 73507-1801	OP35	6325 RICHARD M. THUNE 300AFA/BN KOREA SFC 5880 PARKWOOD CT BAXTER, MN 56425-8114 *Referred by Dick Gallmeyer	OP12	6409 KURT J. CONOVER ASSOCIATE 2215 FOGGY RIDGE PKWY LAND O' LAKES, FL 34639-5412 *Referred by Frank Kane	OP2
6412 GEOFFREY L. Mc MURRAY 7CAV/3 PT CPT 4620 N. BRAESWOOD BLVD #457 HOUSTON, TX 77096-2857 *Referred by Website	OP35	6373 BOBBY L. VENTREY 15INF/1BN CW SGT 19504 CAROLINA CIR BOCA RATON, FL 33434-2611 *Referred by Harry Silk	OP2	6388 FRANCIS DELOCÔTE ASSOCIATE 13 RUE DU VIEUX MUHLBACH COLMAR, 68000 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE
6314 ROBERT W. MILBURN DIV/HQ/39FA KOREA 1LT 1777 E. GLIDER LN SANDY, UT 84093-1432 *Referred by Jim Kress	OP88	<b>Associate Members</b>			
6311 DAVID A. MILLER 224MI/BN/B OIF3 SGT COMPANY B, 224TH MI BN, HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD SAVANNAH, GA 31409 *PLDC DIST. HONOR GRAD.	OPMA	6330 PIERRE BADEROV ASSOCIATE 2 RUE DU AUGUST BALTZENHEIM, 68320 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE	6389 THIERRY FUCHS ASSOCIATE 2 RUE PRINCIPALE APPENWIHR, 68280 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE
6360 ROBERT E. MITCHELL 10ENG/B KOREA CPL 984 S 13TH ST NILES, MI 49120-3424 *Referred by Junir Schmit	OP13	6381 PATRICK BASS ASSOCIATE 4, RUE DES CHARRONS APPENWIHR, 68280 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE	6332 ROBERT FURDERER ASSOCIATE 12 RUE DE CHARMES DUNTZSHEIM, 68320 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE
6346 DONNIE H. MORGAN II 4INF/1BN CW SSGT 1405 FALL BRANCH DR PHENIX CITY, AL 36867-1573 *Referred by Website	OP60	6382 PATRICK BAUMANN ASSOCIATE 5 COL CADE STRABE HOLTZWUHR, FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE	6333 CHRISTIAN GALLI ASSOCIATE 11 RUE DE 11EST JEBSHEIM, 68320 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE
6357 CARL R. OAKLEY DIV/3BDE 4/66ARMOR HHC GW PFC PO BOX 8021 COLUMBUS, GA 31908-8021 *Referred by Website	OP60	6353 MARIA L. BENAVIDEZ ASSOCIATE 129 HOWLAND AVE RACINE, WI 53404-3707 *Referred by Virgil Pelon	OP18	6334 CLAUDE GEBHARD ASSOCIATE 57 A RUE DU SPORECH ARTZENHEIM, 68320 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE
		6366 ROBERT E. BLACK ASSOCIATE 129 BOUTWELL CT LOVELAND, CO 80537-3312 *Referred by Ed Dojutrek (Grandfather served in WWI)	OP88		

6390 BERNARD GERBER ASSOCIATE 180 GEN DE GAULLE HOLZWIHR, 68320 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE	6355 HELEN R. LEA ASSOCIATE 412 BAGNAL ST MANNING, SC 29102-2402	OP3	6359 TERESA SANCHEZ ASSOCIATE 1157 MALONE RD SAN JOSE, CA 95125-3452 *Referred by Tony Leanos	OP54
6358 ELSIE GREENWOOD ASSOCIATE 532 RIMBY AVE LODI, CA 95240-6012 *Referred by Ruth De Bord	OP54	6350 RONALD L. MARTZ ASSOCIATE-EMBEDDED JOURNALIST 1-64 ARM OIF1 4340 ASHWORTH DR CUMMING, GA 30040 *Referred by LTC Mike Birmingham	OP60	6339 ALBERT J. SCHERER ASSOCIATE 1 RUE LT DURRMAYER JEBSHEIM, 68320 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE
6308 A VON HABSBURG-HOHENBERG 26PZ 298ENG/BN 298INFDIV/ BRANDEN- BURG/PZDIV WW2 LTC 4906-22ND CT E BRADENTON, FL 34203-3819 *Referred by Ray Anderson & Jim Tiezzi	OP2	6336 JEAN-CLAUDE MUHÈ ASSOCIATE 6 RUE DU MUSCAT COLMAR, 68000 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE	6345 PHYLLIS SMITH ASSOCIATE 1722 AVENUE F KEARNEY, NE 68847-6243 *Widow of George D. Smith	OP17
6363 EILEEN C. HEARD ASSOCIATE 1010 ESSEX CT BRANDON, FL 33510-2709 *Referred by Mitch Chockla	OP2	6406 DONAL J. O'CONNOR ASSOCIATE/346SIG 932 SIG/BN SEP TAC WW2 SSGT 2 RIDGEMONT RD NORMAL, IL 61761-3967 *Referred by John Shirley	OP1	6400 ERIC STRAUMANN ASSOCIATE 11 RUE DES JARDINS HOUSSEN, 68125 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE
6391 CLAUDE HEROLD ASSOCIATE 2 RUE D'AMSTERDAM COLMAR, 68000 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE	6396 JEAN-PIERRE OHRETT ASSOCIATE 24 RUE DE E'EST HOUSSEN, 68125 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE	6377 MARK C. TROMBITAS DIV/92FA (Reserves) CW SP4 2261 HAMILTON POLAND, OH 44514-1728 *Referred by Rich Heller	OP57
6368 JAMES O. HOWELL ASSOCIATE 739 BLUEWOOD DR SE HUNTSVILLE, AL 35802-3601 *Referred by MG Grayson D. Tate Jr. (Son in 1-10FA-3ID in Iraq)	OP60	6337 HUGUES PECHE ASSOCIATE 19 RUE LT DURRMAYER JEBSHEIM, 68320 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE	6340 JEAN-PIERRE ULSAS ASSOCIATE 16 PRINCIPALE BALTZENHEIM, 68320 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE
6312 KRISTA INGRAM ASSOCIATE 1727 COOK RD ZEBULON, GA 30295-3407 *Referred by Lynn Ball	OP35	6317 DARLENE PIERCE ASSOCIATE 7709 JOHN T. WHITE RD FORT WORTH, TX 76120-3420 *Referred by Lynn Ball	OP35	6401 JEAN-MARC WECKNER ASSOCIATE 2 RUE DU PFLIXBOURG TURCKHEIM, 68230 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE
6364 RICHARD JOHNSON ASSOCIATE 406 DE WOLF RD BRANDON, FL 33511-6807 *Referred by Dick Guimond	OP2	6397 YANNICK PIERRON ASSOCIATE 23 RUE DE LA GENDERMEIRE MULHOUSE, 68100 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE	6402 GILBERT ZAHNER ASSOCIATE 9, RUE DU MUGUCT APPENWIHR, 68280 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE
6335 GERARD JOURNET ASSOCIATE 1 RUE DES SORBIERS HORBOURG-WIHR, 68180 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE	6398 CHRISTIAN REBERT ASSOCIATE 8 RUE DE COLMAR ANDOLSHEIM, 68280 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE	<b>Associate Life</b>	
6392 JEAN-CLAUDE KLOEPFER ASSOCIATE 1 C GRAND' RUE JEBSHEIM, 68320 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE	Associate to Life		6327 SERGE BAESLER 2 RUE DES LILAS BALTZENHEIM, FRANCE 68320 *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE
6393 ROGER LAUFENBURGER ASSOCIATE 62 GRAUOL RUE JEBSHEIM, 68320 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE	6399 ALEXIS REINOLD ASSOCIATE 48 RUE DE PIPP ANDOLSHEIM, 68280 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE	6328 CHRISTIAN REBERT 8 RUE DE COLMAR ANDOLSHEIM, FRANCE 68280 *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE
6394 VINCENT LAUFENBURGER ASSOCIATE 30 RUE DU BELCHENTAL MURBACH, 68530 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE	6338 PAUL RITZENTHALER ASSOCIATE 2 RUE DE BENNWIHR COLMAR, 68000 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE	6329 YVES MÜLLER 1 RUE VICTOR HUH COLMAR, FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE
6395 YUES LE CLAIR ASSOCIATE 1 RUE DESVIGNES DOMMARTIN LE FRANC, 52110 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE	6318 AUDREY RODEMANN ASSOCIATE 149 DEWEESE DR WESTWEGO, LA 70094-2403 *Referred by Lynn Ball	OP35	6379 JEAN-JACQUES RITZENTHALER 85 GRAND RUE JEBSHEIM, FRANCE 68320 *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE
		6341 BERNARD ROST ASSOCIATE 5 RUE ROERTHAL BUHL, 68530 FRANCE *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE	6380 ALBERT REIS VELLEMINFREY, FRANCE 70240 *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE
				6403 HANS SEITZ KLETTENBERG STR 51 KITZINGEN, GERMANY 97318 *Referred by Monica Stoy	EUROPE



### Terror in Berlin

*By Ed Plaisted [OP 2]*

I am a life member [of OP 2] having served in the 7th Inf BG at Fort Benning and Aschaffenburg, Germany, from 1956-1959.

My latest novel is in print, *Terror in Berlin*. It is a historical novel featuring the MPs of the Berlin Brigade during the time the Berlin Wall went up.

It is available at [www.xlibris.com/bookstore](http://www.xlibris.com/bookstore) or [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com), [Barnesandnoble.com](http://Barnesandnoble.com) and [Borders.com](http://Borders.com).

Better yet for any fellow Marneman, I'll send him [or her] an autographed copy at my cost of \$20 and pay the postage. The book retails for \$32.

Also available is *Disaster Plan* and I'm working on *Checkpoint Charlie's Angels*.

If interested, just send a check, money order or cash to: Ed Plaisted, Ed Fiction, Inc., P. O. Box 844, DeLand, FL 32724



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

*By Daniel Wolfe [OP 52]*

Many of you will remember yourself on the Confidence Course, the General Simon Buckner, and all that being a young man getting ready for war entails. Dan wound up a BAR man. Somehow the small guys always wound up with the big Browning Automatic.

After decades teaching high school, Dan Wolfe decided to take lessons on writing books. During that process he discovered that he had been put up for the Bronze Star while serving with the 15th Infantry Regiment, L Company, 3rd ID, in Korea.

Found on the Korean War project's website.

*Submitted by Martin Markley*

### More on Daniel's book

A nice kid from the Bronx grew up fast on the battlefields of Korea. A phrase from a blues song sung by his first bunker buddy on the front line gave him a name for his book. He speaks to the conditions experienced by soldiers when suddenly faced with the reality of war.

Bronze Star recipient Wolfe tells his story

with boyish innocence gone awry, injecting gallows humor into the heartbreaking pathos of daily life in reserve and in combat. In recounting his story, he never pretends to be more than he was, a young man shocked and shaped by the brutality of war.

Now 55 years later, on the anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War, he recalls the chilling silence as Company L, 15 Regt, 3rd Division walked warily along a ridge above the Imjin River. Over his left shoulder, the glow of light from the fruitless Panmunjom peace talks mocked the operation, as his company headed into an ambush by the Chinese.

"We walked into a crescent of blue flashes from the Chinese burp guns," said Wolfe. He was the last man out once the withdraw-

al began. He crawled over a fire-swept terrain to retrieve the body of his sergeant, then drag him down a 60-foot cliff, and wade with the body into the Imjin River, while overhead fire tried to stop him from reaching the safety of his outpost. It was for such bravery and selflessness that Wolfe received the Bronze Star with a "V" for Valor, presented by Congressman David Price 46 years later in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, where the Wolfes lived briefly.

Today Wolfe keeps track of the survivors of Company L and publishes a newsletter for them full of reminiscences, corny GI humor, and reports of knee replacements, by-pass surgeries, and visits to VA hospitals.

He is also president of OP 52.

### 15th Infantry Regiment Association Dinner

#### RESERVATIONS

### Thirteenth Annual Regimental Dinner of the 15th Infantry Regiment Association

**Red Lion Hanalei Hotel  
San Diego, California**

**7:00 P.M., Friday, 16 September 2005**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Unit \_\_\_\_\_

- WWII    Korea    Cold War    Gulf War
- Iraq War    Peace Time    Active duty

Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Choice Of Entrees:    \_\_\_\_\_ London Broil @ \$32.00 .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

   \_\_\_\_\_ Lemon Pepper Chicken @ \$32.00 .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Dinner reservations and payment must be made prior to September 5, 2005.**

We would like very much to avoid 'walk-ins' this year

*Members of other units are welcome to join us! ! !*

Make your Check or Money Order payable to: **Treasurer, 15th Infantry Regiment Association.** Send your dinner reservation and payment to: **Lloyd D. Whitmer, Treasurer, 7500 Mose Street, Navarre, Ohio 44662 330-756-2803**  
[whitmerld@ssnet.com](mailto:whitmerld@ssnet.com)

*Room reservations must be made with the hotel*



# 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

- BRUNSTAD, Irving O.** OP 63  
LTC 39FA/HQ WW2  
3610 Lamont Rd.  
Meridian, ID 83642-6430  
DOD: Unknown  
Reported by the USPS
- CARR, William E.** OP 22  
SSGT 15INF/E WW2  
3901 E. Platt Ave  
Fresno, CA 93702-2840  
DOD: Unknown
- GILLESPIE, Donald M.** OP 5  
30INF/E WW2  
170 Beaver Dam Rd  
Selkirk, NY 12158-9780  
DOD: October 3, 1999  
Reported by Morris Kirk
- KELSEY, Walter E.** OP 7  
COL 30INF/AT WW2  
12261 Roundwood Rd, Unit 1513  
Timonium, MD 21093-3821  
DOD: 2004  
Reported by Morris Kirk
- MATTHEWS, Paul J., Jr.** OP 3  
CPT 10th FA WW2/Korea  
19906 Medicine Bow Dr.  
Humble, TX 77346-1407  
DOD: February 7, 2005  
Reported by his family
- PECHIN, Frederick W.** OP 7  
MAJ 15INF WW2  
PO Box 460  
Wicomico Church, VA 22579-0460  
DOD: April 3, 2005  
Reported by his cousin Ann Wiggins  
Ms Wiggins related that her cousin was born in 1916. He was 88 when he died. She said he had served in North Africa and Italy. He was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.
- SCHELLENBERGER, Arthur** OP 13  
PFC 15INF/K WW2  
46462 Greenbriar Dr.  
Chesterfield, MI 48051-2867  
DOD: August 2004  
Reported by his daughter
- WILSON, Woodrow K.** OP 54  
15INF/L WW2  
18 Las Casitas Dr  
Rohnert Park, CA 94928-3944  
DOD: January 2005  
Reported by his wife

### ANNUAL MEMBERS

- BASS, James E.** FBA  
TSGT 15INF/L WW2  
485 Los Alamitos Dr.  
St. George, UT 84790-7427  
DOD: March 3, 2005  
Reported by his wife Molly to Richard Guimond  
Richard wrote that Jim was his platoon Sgt in weapons platoon in Italy. We made the D-Day H-Hour landing together at Anzio.
- HILL, Eugene** OP 33  
PFC 7INF/G WW2  
PO Box 3116  
Paducah, KY 42002-3116  
DOD: November 3, 2004  
Reported by his wife Mary
- KEESE, Elmer D.** OP 17  
E4 30INF/1 WW2  
16994 Ferrells Creek Rd.  
Belcher, KY 41513-8400  
DOD: September 26, 2004  
Reported by Morris Kirk
- KYLE, Kenneth Lee** OP 60  
PFC 15INF/G WW2  
PO Box 342  
Englewood, TN 37329-0342  
DOD: March 11, 2005  
Reported by Bob Bailey
- NEDDERSEN, Richard H.** OP 54  
BGEN 30INF WW2  
13956 San Pablo Ave.  
San Pablo, CA 94806-3600  
DOD: Unknown  
Reported by Morris Kirk
- SMITH, George D.** OP 17  
CPL 7INF/HQ Korea  
1722 Avenue F  
Kearney, NE 68847-6242  
DOD: February 20, 2005  
Reported by his wife Phyllis

### ASSOCIATE MEMBER

- JONAS, Andrew S.** OP 2  
2931 Bluff Blvd  
Holiday, FL 34691-9708  
DOD: May 7, 2005  
Reported by Frank Kane

### NONMEMBERS

- BELL, Jack N.**  
Former member of OP 63  
DOD: February 25, 2005

Reported by George Goldstone  
George enclosed the obituary that reads that Jack joined the Army at age 17 and toured Europe the hard way during WW II. He served in the 3rd ID and was attached to the 3rd Signal Co. George corrected the obit with a note that said Jack served in all 10 campaigns.

**ROOK, Don**  
9th FA Bn WW2  
DOD: March 22, 2005  
Reported by his friend of 63 years, Bruce Monkman. Bruce wrote that Don had fallen recently and fractured both legs. He had a heart condition and was blind in one eye. Bruce said Don was not a joiner so he wasn't a member of the 9th group or our Society. Don and his wife Jeanie lived in Meadville, PA.

**SAINT, Erna**  
wife of Gordon Saint, OP 60  
1609 S. 7th St.  
Phenix City, AL 36869  
DOD: March 30, 2005  
Reported by Bob Bailey  
Bob wrote that Gordon and Erna had been married 52 years. Erna was born in Lausel, Germany. They have a son, Richard, and she leaves three sisters who live in Germany.

**UNGER, Tilly**  
wife of Harold Unger, OP 54  
18670 Harleigh Dr.  
Saratoga, CA 95070-5268  
DOD: March 20, 2005  
Reported by Leonard Sidock. Leonard reports that she died after a lengthy illness at age 82.

**WHETZEL, Marjorie Locklear**  
Wife of the late Bill Locklear  
DOD: March 31, 2005  
Reported by Glenn Rathbun. Glenn reported that Marjorie's husband Bill Locklear was "Mr. 15th Infantry." A thoughtful friend, Glenn believes friends of Bill and Marjorie would like to know of her passing.

### 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."

## Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain Chuck Trout

As many of you know, I have a Veteran's group that meets each month at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California. The veteran's are from several wars, including World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the Gulf War. One of these veterans, Richard C. Smith, served in World War II and continues to volunteer even today. Each Thursday morning he mans the telephones, beginning at 4 AM, and helps those in need. As I was trying to figure out what to put in the newspaper for this edition, I received the following letter from Richard which gives us some great advice for all of our lives. I hope you enjoy his words.

### "The Best Days of My Life"

Today, when I awoke, I suddenly realized that this is the best day of my life. There were times when I wondered if I would make it to today; but I did! And because I did I'm going to celebrate! Lord, I'm going to praise you for the unbelievable life you have given to me: the accomplishments, the many blessings, and yes, even the hardships that have made me stronger. Your Word changes my heart for the better. I will go through this day with my head held high and a happy heart.

I marvel at God's seemingly simple gifts; the morning dew, the warm sun, the gentle breezes, beautiful sunsets and majestic mountains capped by snow—all to Your Glory.

Today, none of these miraculous creations will escape my notice for I will share my excitement for life with other people.

Lord, today my longing for You exceeds all my selfish desires. I will go out of my way to perform an unexpected act of kindness for someone I don't even know. Today, I'll give a sincere compliment to someone who seems down. I'll tell a child how special he or she is, and I'll tell someone I love just how deeply I care for them and how much they mean to me.

Today, is the day I quit worrying about what I don't have and start being grateful for all the wonderful things You have given me. Lord, You are my anchor of my mind. My love for You exceeds anything I can express. I believe You are love and I believe that Love is at the center of my life. I accept Love as the healing power of life. I permit Love to reach out to every person I meet. I believe Love is returned to me from every person I meet. Love opens the way before me and makes it perfect, straight and right.

And tonight before I go to bed, I'll go outside and raise my eyes to Your Heavens. I will stand in awe at the beauty of the stars and the moon, and I will praise You for these magnificent treasures. I know there is no perfect life, for You are perfect. There is only one source of life, substance, supply and that Source is within each of us.

As the day ends and I lay my head down on my pillow, I will thank You for the best day of my life. And I will sleep the sleep of a contented child, excited with expectation because I know that tomorrow is going to be the best day of my life, ever!

Why? Because You are within me, next to my heart. There is no time but now; there is no place but here. There is no self but You, no mind but the Divine, no soul but You, dear Lord.

I hope you enjoyed these words by a fellow World War II veteran, heading toward his ninetieth birthday. My prayer is that all of us might have the "eye-sight" Richard Smith has as evident by is wisdom.

God Bless You



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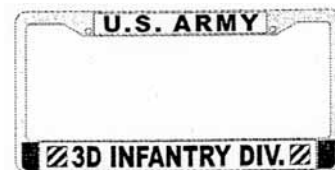
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# Society of the 3rd Infantry Division



## 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](http://www.hanaleihotel.com) by using group code "Infantry3".

- ◆ Room rates are available 3 days before and 3 days after the reunion should you choose to extend your stay.

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

- ◆ Airport Transportation runs approximately \$8 one way per person.

**COME JOIN US AS WE SHARE OLD  
MEMORIES AND MAKE NEW  
ONES!!!**

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Dinner Preference:  Beef  Chicken  Vegetarian

Please list any special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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	# 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>				
★ Sept 15th Presidential Reception	_____	x \$38	=	_____
★ Sept 16th Guided City/Midway Tour	_____	x \$36	=	_____
★ Sept 17th Harbor Cruise Tour	_____	x \$33	=	_____
★ Sept 17th Ladies Luncheon	_____	x \$27	=	_____
★ Sept 17th Dinner Banquet	_____	x \$42	=	_____
★ Sept 18th Memorial Breakfast	_____	x \$21	=	_____
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THE REUNION BRAT  
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Confirmation of Registration and Itinerary will be sent out by Sept 1, 2005. A \$20 per person cancellation fee will apply to all cancellations received between August 15th and September 6th. Cancellations received September 6th will be non-refundable. Call the Red Lion at 1-800-882-0858 no later than August 15, 2005, to make your hotel reservations. Be sure you mention the group code Infantry3 to receive the group rate of \$99 a night, plus tax. These prices are available 3 days prior to and after your event should you choose to extend your stay. We'll see you soon in beautiful San Diego, California!!



# 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.

**Associate Member:** Spouse, parents, children, or siblings of any person eligible for regular membership, and any person with a special interest in, or an affinity for the Society of the Third Infantry.

## Dues Information

**Annual Membership (per year):**.....\$10.00

**Overseas Members (per year)**.....\$20.00

### Life Membership

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Veterans of World War I .....No charge

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70-79 .....\$100.00

Over age 79.....\$75.00

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- ★ Champagne-Marne
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- ★ Champagne

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- ★ Naples-Foggia
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- ★ Rome-Arno
- ★ Southern France
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