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## Meet our Central Region VP



1SG Toby Knight

1SG Toby Knight was born in Medford, Oregon, a few months before his father re-entered the U.S. Air Force. Toby joined the U.S. Army in July of 1989 after passing the Armed Forces Instrumental

Audition at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Upon graduating basic training at Ft. Sill, O.K. he attended the Armed Forces School of Music on Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and was awarded MOS 09L Saxophonist.

His first duty assignment was with 101st Airborne Division Band at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, where he served as saxophonist, unit armorer and supply specialist. During his time at the 101st he participated in welcome home parades in Chicago, Nashville, Washington, D.C. and New York City. Due to the national patriotic fervor following Operations Desert Shield/Storm, he accomplished more than 400 missions in just one year. In 1993, he reported to the 79th Army

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### Important Announcement

The 2015 Society of the 3ID Roster Book will be distributed to all Society Members in January 2015. Please look at your address label on the back of this issue of the *Watch*. Roster Manager, Rich Heller, has put your unit, service period and rank, followed by your name and address. If it is not correct, contact Rich Heller at [roster3id@warfoto.com](mailto:roster3id@warfoto.com) or 630-837-8871. He needs the changes before December 15th.

## Charleston Reunion: First Notice

By Lynn Ball

This reunion is being conducted by all-volunteers so there is no “mark-up” of prices. Chair Leonard Collins refused a fee and committee members Lynn Ball and Paul Grabert always work for the Society on a volunteer basis.

We are fortunate to be able to visit a city that offers so much to tourists at such reasonable prices. Our hotel rate of \$129.00 plus

tax is quite a bit lower than average daily rate of \$219.00 advertised by Embassy Suites on their website. All other charges for the reunion are equal to or lower than we have paid in the past. I know that Leonard worked very hard to obtain the best prices he could in this high-tourist environment, and Leonard is quite experienced as he has done many reunions for other groups.

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USS Yorktown

## Harold Nelson: Centenarian



Harold Nelson: 1945

Harold was born on 28 February 1915 in Walbach, Nebraska, on the first day in his family’s new farm house. His mother told him that he should have been born in March, but due to the rough ride on a lumber wagon going to the new home, she gave birth early.

Harold was one of the first draftees from Walbach, Nebraska, a very small farming community. He was sent to Camp Roberts, California, for basic training and then assigned to Fort Ord, California. He was serving in Ft. Lewis, Washington, when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, but he was

soon sent to San Diego for amphibious training and then to Camp Pickett, Virginia, for assignment overseas.

He landed in Africa and was assigned to F Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd ID, as a BAR man. He served two years with the 3rd ID in combat including the invasion of Sicily and on through Palermo to Rome. He was wounded three times, once in the chest by shrapnel in Sicily and once in the abdomen by small arms fire in Italy. The third occasion was by an incoming shell that burst next to his foxhole and left him deaf in his right ear. However, he only received two awards of the Purple Heart due to paperwork errors. Harold had a bit of good luck too: he escaped serious injury when his helmet received small arms fire on three sep-

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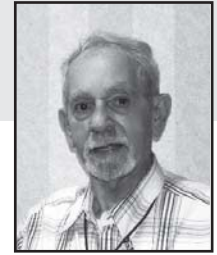
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# President's Message



Joe Ball  
Society President

**T**ime flies: It is difficult to believe that our Society will hold its 96th annual reunion in June 2015. Ours is the oldest continuous Army association in history. Many military organizations have discontinued annual reunions or have chosen to hold their conventions only every other year. We have no plans to do that at this time. With the active involvement of the Veterans, Families, and Friends of the Division, we will continue our annual reunions.

Make your plans as soon as you can to attend the Annual Reunion on 6/11 – 6/14, 2015, in historic Charleston, South Carolina. More details are in this issue.

Calls for Award Nominations and Officer Nominations as well as the Call for Proposals for change to the Society Constitution and By-laws are in this issue of the *Watch*. Be sure to review the Scholarship Foundation article. Applications for Scholarship Grants are being accepted now.

Our Society and members were active in the observance of Veterans' Day. Members of Outpost #7 conducted the annual Wreath Laying at the *Tomb of the Unknowns* and at the *3rd Infantry Division Monument at Arlington National Cemetery*. The ceremonies were conducted by John Insani and Pat Williamson. Many Society members participated in events held in several areas of the country. Past President David Mills was scheduled to represent the Society at a WWI Monument Dedication in Cambridge, Maryland. The program was cancelled.

Society Active Duty Liaison CW3 Shelia Hearron represented the Society at two important events at Fort Stewart. Marne Week began on 11/17 (the birthday of the 3rd Infantry Division) with four days of activities. The closing ceremonies were held on Cottrell Field at 2:00 PM on Thursday, 11/20/14.

Shelia attended and represented the Society at the 3rd Infantry Division Ball and Commanding General's Reception. This was a formal social event held on Friday 11/21/14 at the Jekyll Island Convention Center. We are pleased that the Society was represented.

Be sure to read the message from MG Murray, "Marne 6 Sends." The announce-

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ments from our C.G. are powerful and will confirm our pride in the Soldiers currently serving in the 3rd Infantry Division, United States Army. There are many unit designation changes and some deactivations. Headquarters, Sustainment, and Transportation units have already deployed to the Middle East.

An interesting story came across my desk recently. I want to share it with our members.

"Martha Cothren, a history teacher at Robinson High School in Little Rock, did something not to be forgotten. On the first day of school, with the permission of the school superintendent, the principal, and the building supervisor, she removed all of the desks in her classroom. When the first period kids entered the room, they discovered there were no desks. 'Ms. Cothren, where are our desks?'"

She replied, 'You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to sit at a desk.' They thought, 'Well, maybe it's our grades.' 'No,' she said. 'Maybe it's our behavior.' She told them, 'No, it's not even your behavior.'

And so, they came and went, the first period, second period, third period. Still no desks in the classroom. Kids called their parents to tell them what was happening and by early afternoon television news crews had started gathering at the school to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of her room.

The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the desk-less classroom, Martha Cothren said, 'Throughout the day no one has been able to tell me just what he or she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now I am going to tell you.'

At this point, Martha Cothren opened the door of her classroom and twenty-seven (27) U.S. Veterans, all in uniform, walked into that classroom, each one carrying a school desk. The Vets began placing the school desks in rows, and then they walked over and stood alongside the wall. By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place, those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the right to sit at those desks had been earned.

Martha said, 'You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. They went halfway around the world, giving up their education and interrupting their careers and families so you could have the freedom you have. Now, it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education. Don't ever forget it.'

By the way, this is a true story, and this teacher was awarded Veterans of Foreign Wars Teacher of the Year for the State of Arkansas in 2006. She is the daughter of a WWII POW. The freedoms we have in this great country were earned by our U.S. Veterans. Let us always remember the men and women of our military and the rights they have won for us."

This is the last time that we can visit before the upcoming holidays in November and December. We hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. Hanukkah is observed as a Jewish festival for eight days beginning on 12/17. Hanukkah was established in 165 BC to celebrate the dedication of a new altar in the temple at Jerusalem. Happy Hanukkah to our Jewish friends. Merry Christmas to our Christian friends and Happy New Year to all.



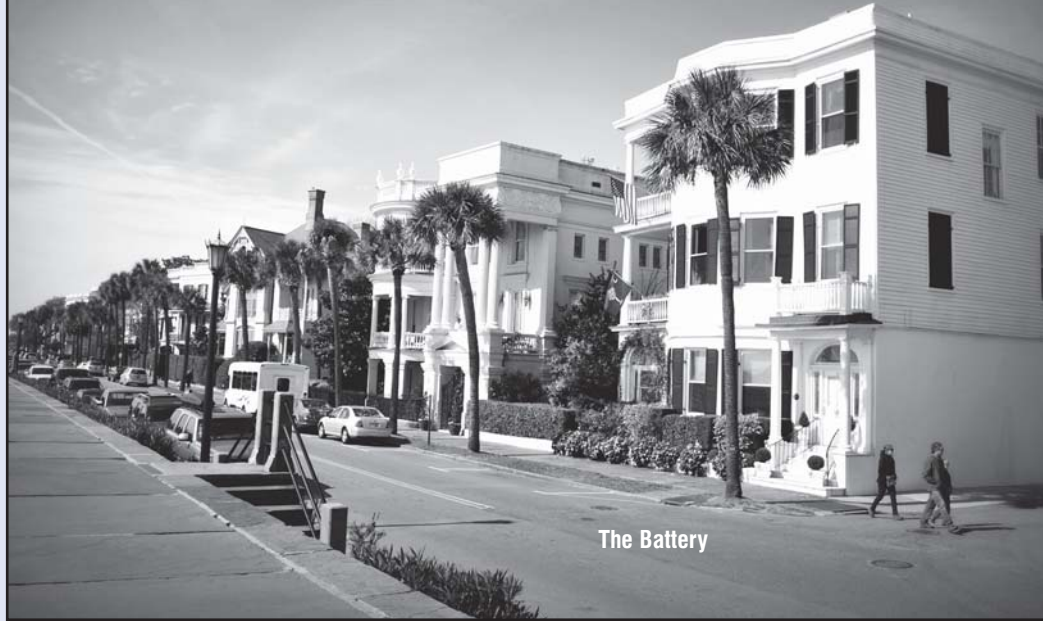
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The Ladies' Program on Saturday morning is "no charge" because, included in our room charge is a full breakfast. Ladies can eat breakfast before the event or bring trays to the meeting room. The hotel also conducts a complimentary Manager's Reception each evening from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. I have used Embassy Suites when traveling professionally and can vouch for the excellence of the food offerings at both the breakfast and the reception.

The tours planned by Leonard are excellent. The following are just hints of what we will see on the Charleston City tour and Middleton Place. We can eat lunch aboard the *USS Yorktown* on Friday and at the Middleton Place Restaurant on Saturday, if we have not already eaten. There are elevators on the *USS Yorktown* to move visitors between decks. "Lunch is on our own." There are three options for lunch on the ship: a sit down lunch, a canteen, and a bag lunch on the hanger deck. Of course, those of us who want to explore or shop can visit Tanger Outlet or Charleston City Market. (The hotel charges a \$3.00 transportation fee to take us to Tanger Outlet.) There is much to see in the Charleston area. We hope many reunion attendees are able to stay another day or two to explore and learn more about Charleston. Our rates are good for two days before and after the reunion—just be sure to mention the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division when registering.



The Battery



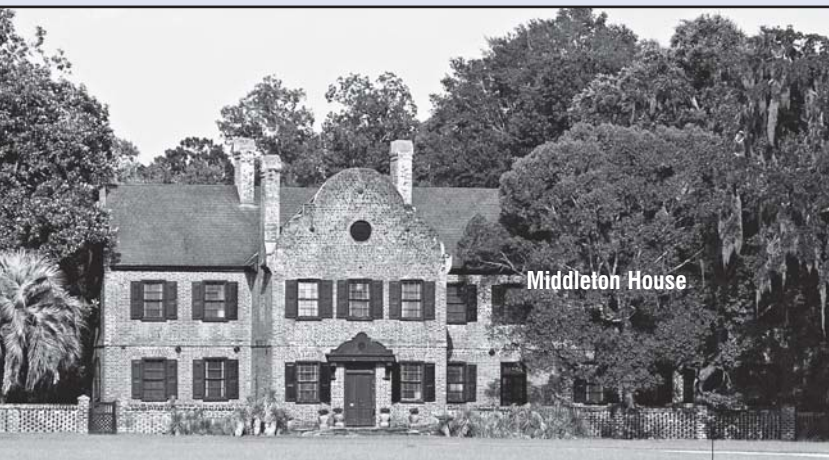
Boone Hall Plantation



Waterfront Park



Tanger Outlet



Middleton House



Middleton Place



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Band in the Republic of Panama where he served until 1998, as saxophonist in the unit's Jazz Combo, Salsa/Merengue Band, and Ceremonial band. Due to the strategic position of the unit in Latin America, he toured to numerous countries, including Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Belize, and Bolivia in support of nation-building exercises, strategic outreach initiatives, and public relations operations. He participated in Operation Safe Haven which housed and transported over 10,000 Cuban refugees to freedom in the United States. During his tour in Panama, 1SG Knight met and married Velkis, his wife of 18 years.

1SG Knight's next tour was with the 4th Infantry Division Band at Ft. Hood, Texas. It was there that he began to lead Soldiers from the front as unit Drum Major, Squad Leader, and NCOIC of the Showband "Ridin' with Pride." He also received a letter of recommendation from the CG, MG Raymond T. Odienro, for the Warrant Officer Bandmaster course. While at Ft. Hood, 1SG Knight served as the renovation project liaison NCO for the \$500,000 renovation of the unit's rehearsal facility which is still in use today. It was during his tour here that his daughter, Daniella, was born in July of 2000. While preparing to deploy with the division for OIF he received orders to report to Korea in 2003. Serving with the 8th Army Band in Seoul, 1SG Knight toured throughout the peninsula and participated in two peninsula-wide exercises providing security and access control for the 8th Army Command Post. With the war in Iraq continuing to develop, he requested a change to his return assignment for a unit that would deploy shortly after his return to CONUS and, therefore, was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division Band at Ft. Stewart, Georgia, in March 2004, and he deployed in support of OIF III in December of that year. While a Dogface Soldier, 1SG Knight instituted, organized, and led the unit's Salsa/Merengue Band that became the unit's most highly requested and popular group during the deployment.

Upon returning from Iraq, 1SG Knight returned to South Korea for a Command-Sponsored assignment to 8th Army. This tour lasted four years and he participated in the first-ever performance by an 8th Army Unit in international Tattoo's in Shanghai and Nanchang, China. He was further assigned as

Drum Major, Platoon Sergeant, and unit training manager responsible for the accomplishment of more than 150 individual and collective training tasks.

In 2010 1SG Knight and family reported to Heidelberg, Germany, to begin his tour with the U.S. Army Europe Band and Chorus, which has the distinction of being the largest Army Band outside of Washington, D.C. During his tour he led the band as Drum Major for ceremonies commemorating the D-Day invasion in France and the first ever performance of a non-British military band at the Beating Retreat for members of the Royal Family. He was also the leader of the unit's New Orleans Style Jazz Band and led them during tours of England, Poland, and the Ukraine. As the unit's Operation Support Supervisor, 1SG Knight was instrumental in coordinating and accomplishing full unit tours to the UK, Slovenia, Holland, Serbia, Qatar, Italy, and France. In this position he coordinated the operations of a full lighting crew, sound crew, and a transportation department with six 88M drivers assigned and three tour buses. Due to his previous renovation experience, he was called on to liaison the unit's 1.3 million dollar building renovation project.

In April 2013, 1SG Knight was recommended by Army Music Branch CSM to interview for the position of Army Entertainment NCOIC and First Sergeant of Headquarters and Headquarters Company for Installation Management Command. Under his prevue he is responsible for the management and supervision of 110 Enlisted Soldiers and Officers, most of whom were senior ranking members of our Army. He recently returned from Kuwait and Afghanistan while touring with the US Army Soldier show for its first ever performance in theater, a history making event.

1SG Knight holds a Bachelor Degree in Music and Master in Educational Leadership and Administration. He is a graduate of the Advanced Non-Commissioned Officers Course, Basic Non-Commissioned Officers Course, Primary Leadership Development Course, and the Air Assault Course. His awards included the Meritorious Service Medal (5OLC), Army Commendation Medal (3OLC), Army Achievement Medal (2OLC), Iraq Campaign Medal, Korea

Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, and the Joint Meritorious Unit Award. He also earned the Gold German Marksmanship Badge (Schützenschnur). He is fluent in Spanish and enjoys playing jazz and teaching his daughter to play Saxophone.

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arate occasions. He was returned to the states and discharged in July 1945.

Harold was married to his childhood sweetheart for 65 years. She passed away in 1991. They have two daughters and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Harold likes to hunt and fish. He has taken a buck deer every year for the last 47 years



**Harold Nelson: Centenarian,**

and plans to get another this year. At the time of this writing, Harold was planning to go pheasant hunting near the Kansas border with his family.

Harold will celebrate his 100th Birthday on 28 February 2015. Outpost, Hiroshi Miyamura, #88, will host a party for him on 27 February 2015 at 11:00 AM at the Academy Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado. All outpost members will receive a letter from our secretary, Bill Buntrock, giving the details, and all Harold's friends in the Society are invited. Please bring Harold a card—no presents, please.

# Marne 6 Sends

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

November 21 marks the Marne Division’s 97th year of service to our Nation, and what an incredible year it has been. We celebrated our birthday with Marne Week from November 17-21, beginning with a Division Run on Monday, culminating with the Marne Division Ball on Friday evening.

As we closed out our 97th year of service to our Nation, we have made some significant changes to the Marne Division’s task organization under the ongoing Division reorganization. On October 17, we activated 3d Infantry Division Artillery – Marne Thunder – in a ceremony at Marne Gardens. The last three DIVARTY commanders prior to its reorganization and re-designation in 2004, MG(R) Kevin Bergner, COL(R) Thomas Torrance, and COL(R) Dan Grimes, were present to see the DIVARTY Colors uncased by its current command team, COL John O’Grady and CSM Delmer Traylor. The Marne Division’s Field Artillery Battalions, 1-10, 1-41, and 1-76, are now reconsolidated under DIVARTY, enabling the Marne Division to better support our combat commanders’ requirements as part of the Joint Force. Our Field Artillery Soldiers will experience more synchronized, standardized, and better-resourced training, resulting in more technically and tactically proficient field artillery soldiers at every echelon.

On October 24, we held a reorganization ceremony for 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team—the Spartan Brigade—on Cottrell Field. During the ceremony, command responsibility for 1-64 Armor was transferred to the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team and 1-30 Infantry to the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. The remaining Spartan Brigade battalions and the Spartan Brigade Headquarters will case their Colors during a ceremony that will be held on January 15, 2015.

Our Division Headquarters has again received our Nation’s call to support

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MG John M. Murray

operations in Afghanistan. The Division Colors were cased, for the sixth time since 2003, during Marne Week on November 20. CSM Christopher Gilpin and I, along with approximately 180 Soldiers from the Division Staff, deployed to Afghanistan, Kuwait, and Qatar to establish the U.S. National Support Element in support of Operation Resolute Support. This command has replaced U.S. Forces–Afghanistan and will focus on the continued development of the Afghan National Security Forces, while simultaneously and responsibly reducing the U.S. footprint and continuing the transition from a combat to a supporting role as well as the retrograde of equipment.

BG Christopher Bentley, the Marne Division Deputy Commanding General–Support, along with approximately 60 Soldiers from across Fort Stewart, deployed to Afghanistan in mid-October to transition Regional Command–East to Train, Advise, and Assist Command–East. Over the next year, this command will be responsible for providing security force assistance to enable the Afghan National Security Forces to protect the Afghan people, neutralize insurgent networks, and deny safe havens for transnational terrorists. They will also support

the Afghan government institutions as they continue to develop legitimate, credible, and enduring governance and sustainable economic growth.

These two headquarter elements will support operations in support of Operation Resolute Support, while our Brigade Combat Teams continue ongoing overseas and regionally aligned missions and training at Fort Stewart, Hunter Army Airfield, and Kelley Hill. Task Force Marne, led by BG James Blackburn and CSM Stanley Varner, will assume command and control at Fort Stewart during the deployment.

These three separate simultaneous missions for our Division Command Group and Staff highlight the requirements of our Army, and the Marne Division, to be innovative and adaptive, as we move forward in a constantly evolving operating environment. I am positive that we have the right leaders, in the right positions, across all three of these elements. I am proud of the planners involved in creating the courses of action to provide each element with what is required to ensure mission success.

Following an early-October deployment, 3d Sustainment Brigade Headquarters has established operations in Kuwait and will support Army Central

### Watch Schedule

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

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and Central Command Operations over the next year by providing mission command for sustainment operations and supporting reception, staging, and onward movement of troops and equipment. They will also reassume command of the 396th Transportation Company, which deployed to Kuwait in August.

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Over Columbus Day Weekend, the Marne Division had a five-Soldier team complete the Army Ten-Miler in Washington, DC. PFC Basil Melek, from 1ABCT, ran the fastest time on the team, completing the course in 55:46, finishing 88th out of the 26,238 registered runners who finished the race. The weekend concluded with SFC Brian McClanahan, assigned to 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, receiving the SGM Larry Strickland Educational Leadership Award from SMA Raymond Chandler at the Association of the United States Army Annual Meeting. This award is presented annually to a Noncommissioned Officer who best exemplifies the Army's vision and influences others in shaping future leaders while practicing excellent stewardship of the nation's most precious resource—our Soldiers.

I am proud to be the commander of these fine Soldiers and to represent the Marne Division as we celebrate our storied 97-year history. I would like to thank all of the Veterans of the Marne Division for your dedication and service to our Division and our Nation, and for establishing the legacy we cherish and work hard to uphold every day.

As always, I am proud to say, I am a Dog Face Soldier! Rock of the Marne-Army Strong!

*John "Mike" Murray*  
Major General, U.S. Army Commanding

## Call for Nominations for Society National Officers

Nominations for 2015-2017 Secretary/Treasurer and six Regional Committeemen will be accepted from now until March 1, 2015. Any Society Member may nominate any Regular or Associate Member for the office of National Secretary-Treasurer. There are no Regional restrictions. Please send your nomination and the nominee's letter of acceptance to the Nominations Chairman listed in the *Watch* on page 2. The term is for two years, and the Secretary-Treasurer can be reelected.

Nominations for Regional Committeemen must be for candidates determined by their outpost regional affiliation. If you are unsure of your outpost's regional location, please check page 31 of every issue of the *Watch on the Rhine*. At large members can be nominated based on the region in which their state of residence

is located. Two Regional Committeemen will be elected to represent each region: Eastern, Central, and Western. Associate Members can be nominated and serve, if elected, as Regional Committeemen. If you have questions, call Chair Joe Ball at 972-495-1704. The Committeemen's terms are for two years, and they can be reelected.

All nominations should be submitted with a written Acceptance Letter from the nominee and must be received by the Nominations Chair by March 1, 2015.

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Voting, if necessary, will be by Mail-in Ballot published in the April issue of the *Watch on the Rhine*.

## Call for Constitution and By-laws Proposals for Change: 2015

Members may submit proposals for Constitution and By-laws changes now. Your proposed changes must be received by February 14, 2015. The Constitution and By-laws under review can be found on the Society website at [www.3rddiv.org](http://www.3rddiv.org), under "Content." Please send proposals to the Constitution and By-laws Chair Lynn Ball by e-mail ([LDBall1@msn.com](mailto:LDBall1@msn.com)) or U.S.P.S: 2010 Worcester Lane, Garland TX 75040. Please also send a copy to the Society's Secretary, John Weis. Contact information for both Lynn Ball and John Weis is on page 2 of the *Watch*. Please use the following guidelines when composing your proposals for change:

1. State the Article or Section to be

changed and its present wording.

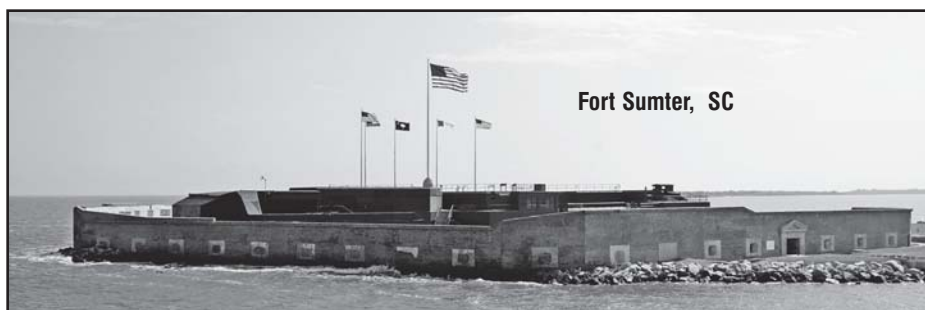
2. State the new, proposed wording.

3. State the reason for the proposed change.

The Constitution and By-laws Committee will consider all proposed changes, and a draft of the proposed changes will be voted upon by the Executive Committee.

The draft approved by the Executive Committee will be presented in ballot form for membership approval. The mail-in ballot will be published in the April *Watch on the Rhine*.

**Remember that the deadline for receipt of proposals for change to the C&BL is February 14, 2015.**







# From the Editor



Lynn Ball  
Society Editor

### Report on October *Watch* Delivery:

The postal authorities have informed Roster Manager Rich Heller that many issues of the *Watch* were not deliverable. He checked and addresses seemed to be correct so the non-delivery is puzzling. Among us, we did not have enough copies to mail the *Watch* a second time to all members on the list so I tried to send electronic copies to some of the members. That effort was only partially successful because quite a few of the members now have different e-mail addresses. Also, Joe Ball and John Weis mailed 21 copies via U.S.P.S. First Class. None were returned

The Society has an obligation to deliver a copy of every issue of the *Watch* to every member. We certainly try to do that. We have three ways of contacting our members: mailing address, e-mail address, and phone. We understand that some members do not have e-mail addresses so, in those cases, we have only two avenues of contact. If members move their residences and change their phone numbers and e-mail addresses, we have no way to contact them. When members do this, they should send a notice to Rich Heller, our Roster Manager. If changes are sent to me, I forward them to Rich. The same is true of our president and secretary-treasurer. If they receive change notices, they send them to Rich who, as I said, maintains our Society Roster.

The October *Watch* was “on the street” in late September, but at this writing we are still trying to track down members so we can send them the October *Watch*. We need the help of all of our members to keep our contact records up-to-date. Our members are important to us, and we want to be able to contact all of them.

**Who needs to notify us of changed contact information?** If you have moved within the last year or changed other contact information since you last sent it to the Society, you need to send Rich Heller your updated information. His contact information is on page 2. The

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**3rd I.D. Birthday:** This November 21st was the 97th birthday of the 3rd Infantry Division. We will have photos of the celebrations during Marne Week in the next issue. The week culminates with the Marne Division Ball. Our Liaison Officer will represent the Society at all activities during this week..

**Watch Articles:** This issue includes several very interesting excerpts from contributors’ about their military experiences, and we thank the authors for their wonderful stories. Please remember to send articles and photos to the *Watch*. Our members like to read about the experiences of others, and I will return your photos after publication.

I might mention, again, that I do not

knowingly publish stories and photographs that have been published in other avenues of publication—including the Society website. There are copyright laws that few observe for various reasons including the fact that observing these laws take much time to obtain permission to reprint and then properly cite. I do obey these laws if I find something submitted to the *Watch* that has been published elsewhere. If you want to publish your articles in several sources, submit to the *Watch* first, wait for publication, and then send your articles to other magazines, newspapers, and journals. Copyright laws are very serious; for instance, in addition to the above mentioned, did you know that we may not share correspondence sent to us without the permission of the writer?

**Holiday Wishes:** Joe and I wish everyone a very Wonderful Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and a Peaceful Happy New Year. We hope that this winter will not produce as much snow and as many ice storms as we had last year. Stay warm and safe so you can enjoy an early spring, hopefully.

**Update Your Contact Info**  
Update your email, phone, and mail contact information  
Send changes to the Society Database Manager

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# Call for Nominations for Society Awards

This is the first call for nominations for annual awards. The Awards Committee, consisting of the three Regional Vice Presidents, will select the recipients of the Society Service Award and the Outstanding Associate Member Award. The Executive Committee will select the recipient of the Audie Murphy Achievement award from nominations submitted to the Awards Committee. These awards will be presented at the Reunion Banquet on June 13, 2015. The annual Society 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 by April 18, 2015

Mail all nominations to Joe Herron, Society Awards Chair, P.O. Box 179, Lakeville CT 06039-0179 or at email: [jwherron73@gmail.com](mailto:jwherron73@gmail.com)

So that effective evaluation of nominations and determination of recipients can be accomplished, nominations must include the following general information as well as the specific information mandated in the award criteria to which the nomination is directed.

- Nominee's outpost affiliation and precise information about his/her qualifications for the award
- Nominee's achievements (details relative to the Society's objectives and/or to the benefit of all veterans)
- Only nominees whose dues are current and who possess the established qualifications per the By-Laws and per awards protocol as stated in the S.O.P. will be considered for an award.

**The Audie Murphy Achievement Award** is the highest award the

Society presents each year: The requirements for the Audie Murphy Achievement Award are as follows: the recipient must have been a member in good standing of the Society for at least three years or a former distinguished member of the Third Infantry Division or worthy national leader. Some of the considerations for this award are exemplary military service; service as an elected national Society officer, appointed or elected, including Outpost officers and members; outstanding service by Society members to their community, state or nation.

**The Society Service Award:** may be presented to a member in good standing of the Society for exceptional service to the Society. The recipient must have been a member of the Society for a minimum of three years.

**The Outstanding Associate Member Award:** may be awarded to an Associate Member in good standing of the Society for exceptional service to the Society. The recipient must have been a member of the Society for a minimum of three years.

**President's Special Award:** Special service awards are given at the president's discretion.

**Nominations:** If you are active in your outpost, you probably know of an outstanding worker who deserves recognition. If so, please nominate that member. You may make the nomination for a specific award or just name the person and tell what he or she is or has been doing for the Society, and the Society Awards Committee can make the determination.

Thanks in advance for your help.

—Joseph Herron, Awards Chair

## Watch Requirements Schedule

ISSUE	TOPIC	REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY
All issues	Taps and New Members	Roster Manager
December-June	Upcoming Reunion	Reunion Committee
February	Call for Nominations for National Officers	Nominations Chairman
	Scholarship Foundation Call for Applications	Foundation Chairman
	2015 Call for Society Awards Nominations	Awards Chairman
	Call for Changes to the Constitution and By-Laws	
April	Ballot for Election of National Officers	Elections Chairman
	Scholarship Foundation Call for Applications	Foundation Chairman
	2015 Call for Society Awards Nominations	Awards Chairman
June	Announcement of New Officers	Elections Chairman
	Actions of Ex-Com during Fiscal Year 2014-2015	Secretary/Treasurer
August	Society Budget for Fiscal Year 2016	Secretary/Treasurer
	Scholarship Recipients Report	Foundation Chairman
October	Minutes: Ex-Com Reunion Meeting	Secretary/Treasurer
	Minutes: General-Membership Meeting	Secretary/Treasurer
	Society Financial Report for Fiscal Year	Secretary/Treasurer
	Auditor's Report for Fiscal Year	Auditor
	2015 Call for Society Awards Nominations	Awards Chairman
December	Call for Nominations for National Officers	Nominations Chairman
	Call for Scholarship Grant Applications	Foundation Chairman
	2015 Call for Society Awards Nominations	Awards Chairman
	Call for Changes to the Constitution and By-Laws	



## Looking for...



1949: Soldiers of Company D, 7th Infantry Regiment, and their girlfriends/wives, at Fort Devins, Massachusetts.

As promised in our last issue, here is the photo Ronald L. Mc Cleary sent of some members of Company D, 81 Mortar Platoon, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division and their girlfriends/wives. It was taken at Fort Devins, Massachusetts, where the platoon

was stationed in 1948-49. This picture was taken in 1949, in the midst of the Cold War, and Ron sent it after seeing the photo of our mystery soldier in the June *Watch*. It is great to be able to publish this memory of such happy soldiers and several pretty ladies. Thanks, Ron.

## No Time to Pray

by K. J. Koshy

I knelt to pray but not for long,  
I had too much to do.  
I had to hurry and get to work  
For bills would soon be due.  
So I knelt and said a hurried prayer,  
And jumped up off my knees..  
My Christian duty was now done  
My soul could rest at ease.....  
All day long I had no time  
To spread a word of cheer  
No time to speak of Christ to friends,  
They'd laugh at me I'd fear..  
No time, no time, too much to do,  
That was my constant cry,  
No time to give to souls in need  
But at last the time, the time to die  
I went before the Lord,  
I came, I stood with downcast eyes.  
For in his hands God held a book;  
It was the book of life.  
God looked into his book and said  
'Your name I cannot find  
I once was going to write it down...  
But never found the time'

## Return from Kelly Hill

By Joe Mc Roberts (15th  
Inf/39FA/F.O./LNO)

We were heading back from Kelly Hill (Lt. Flanagan, myself and my radio operator), after spending five days out there under day-and-night Chinese mortar, artillery, and sniper fire. Night was closing in. I was hoping to arrive at my grassy knoll objective at the base of the safe lane leading to our front line before a probable Chink ambush squad-detail-platoon, whatever, beat us to it. I was sure they had the same objective.

Flanagan (15th Infantry platoon leader) had volunteered to stay with me (B company forward observer) when I told him I would stay an extra day to provide artillery/mortar cover for B Co on its way back after being relieved by a 65th Infantry Regiment company that was new to Kelly duty. We had no

time to waste in my estimation, even though Flanagan and I had spent a couple hours that afternoon studying the route back to our lines with my binoculars.

All of a sudden I found myself in what I believe was a God-knows-how-old sump pond of some kind. I was sinking fast in a mixture that made me glow in the dark—a perfect target for a Chink burp gun to drop me into what felt like a bottomless pit. But Flanagan and my radio man were right on my rear and caught me as the unsavory slush got up to my chest. "Quick now! Get moving!" was my mantra as my boots hit dry turf. We made it to the knoll. No Chinks, but I was beat. Dead tired....But somehow we were up and away again. Me in the lead, then our radio man, then Flanagan constantly watching our rear. Then....."Blue!" A heavy whisper from above... First word of a pass word...Then me thinking in microseconds,

what if this guy is new, nervous, been told don't hesitate if...if.... Almost immediately I hear "ka jung! My God, he's racking a shell into the chamber...He should have had one in there to begin with I thought. "It's Lieutenant Mc Roberts, Lt. Flanagan...just coming back from Kelly...Been out there five days...Don't know the God damned password. It's Lt. Mc Roberts...Lt. Flanagan"..... An old movie I had seen as a boy years before about an identical situation flashed through my mind...World War I. Front line guard. Hears movement in front. Soldier last member of patrol into German lines; figures he's made it, but no, not quite. Guard squints hard as he looks into the darkness... Sees movement from no-man's land. Must be German raiding party. Lieutenant said take no chances. Bam! Neither man ever knew it was a mistake.





# News from France



**News from France:** Little Lea, representing France, and little Aaron, representing the United States, prepare to place wreaths at *Epinal*. Aaron is discouraged from picking up a flower by Member Jocelyne Papelard who acted as emcee for the day's events at *Epinal American Cemetery*.

*Information supplied by Jocelyne Papelard*

Society Member Jocelyne Papelard led the inauguration of a plaque honoring 1st LT Leroy Sasse, 7th Infantry Regiment, who was KIA in France on September 22, 1944. Sasse was an engineer and had been wounded three times before being killed. The plaque honoring him is mounted on the wall of a property owned by a French family and was paid for by two generous Frenchmen. Jocelyne reports that the ceremony was very nice. The temporary pages of information displayed are typical of pages that Jocelyne and staff prepare for those who adopt the graves of our Soldiers.

She also reported several ceremonies at Epinal American Cemetery honoring mayors of villages or towns who adopted several graves at Epinal.

“On October 18-19, three veterans of the 100th/442nd came from HAWAII to Bruyeres and the town’s leadership inaugurated the town square with the name of SGT Tomosu Hirahara who was KIA in Bruyeres.

On November 15th, we were in Le Tholy to inaugurate a stele for 63 soldiers of the 30th and 15th Regiments of the 3rd Infantry Division who were KIA during the liberation of the village. The town is going to adopt the grave of PFC Lloyd

Johnson, 30th Infantry Regiment, who was killed while liberating Le Tholy; he is buried in *Epinal*. The two regiments were stalled for almost a month going up the mountains to liberate Le Tholy which is situated on both sides of the small river, La Cleurie. The 15th Regiment was on the right and the 30th on the left. They met strong enemy forces and were stalled in the Cleurie quarries. This was where 1st Lt. Victor Kandle earned his Medal of Honor. Kandle was later killed in the Colmar Pocket and is buried in *Epinal*.

Our next project, ‘5,700 Roses for Epinal,’ is being kicked off. We want to put a rose on every grave, and at every name on the MIA wall, to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the end of WWII. While those who have adopted graves will pay for their roses, we must raise money to pay for the rest. Since we need about 3000 Euros, we plan to solicit donations from American companies operating in France. If you have any other suggestions, please let me know.

I believe I mentioned before that the town of Holtzwihr would like the names and addresses of Audie Murphy’s sons so they can be invited to the ceremonies commemorating the liberation of Holtzwihr. *[If anyone has this information, please send it to the editor of the Watch on the Rhine.]*

Of course, we have more projects planned to honor our American heroes in 2015.”

*[Jocelyne sent the photo of Lea and Aaron to provide some human interest.]*



Plaque honoring 1st Lt. Leroy Sasse, 7th Infantry Regiment.



Men of the 100th/442nd display banner announcing the 70 Anniversary Tour of France. Photo taken at Bruyeres



Good news for those hoping to win one of the weapons included in the 2015 Scholarship Foundation Raffle: We now have a third weapon. James and Ann Beckworth have donated the U.S. Army Colt .45 Caliber revolver, Model 1917, with a custom grip (removable) shown here. Jim used this weapon when he participated in U.S. Army marksmanship activities as a trainer. Jim said the last time the weapon was fired was in 1972. It is in very good condition. We are very grateful to Jim for his wonderful donation, and we thank all those who are donating to the raffle, either by providing our prizes and/or by purchasing tickets. We are equally grateful to those who donated money for our grants. Thank you. Please contact Lynn Ball (page 2) for additional tickets.

The raffle includes many other prizes that are very nice so be sure to buy your tickets. A list of most prizes currently on-hand (and the names of their donors) was included in the October *Watch on the Rhine* and will be featured in upcoming issues.



It is now time to urge your offspring who are eligible to compete for the 2015 Scholarship grants to begin preparing their submissions. All submissions for 2015 must be received by the Foundation by June 1st. Each candidate must also submit a letter from his/her sponsor which states the relationship of the candidate to the sponsor. The candidate must be a biological or adopted offspring. The "Application and Instructions" lists all categories of individuals who are eligible to compete, in addition to our offspring. The "Application and Instructions" is available on our website, [www.3idscholarshipfoundation.org](http://www.3idscholarshipfoundation.org), or from Lynn Ball at [LDBall1@msn.com](mailto:LDBall1@msn.com) or by phone at 972-495-1704. Other contact information for Lynn Ball is listed at the bottom of page 2 of every *Watch on the Rhine*. If the candidate's sponsor is deceased, contact Lynn for instructions in preparing the "Sponsor's Letter."

## Monument at Sarasota National Cemetery



On November 15, 2014, Outpost #2 members dedicated a monument at Sarasota National Cemetery honoring the 3rd Infantry Division. The monument is installed on Memorial Walk. There will be photos and a story in the next issue of the *Watch on the Rhine*.

We are able to offer scholarship grants annually only through the kindness and support of our donors and we are very grateful to them. Those who have donated to the Foundation since publication of the last *Watch on the Rhine* are listed below.

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS

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1. **Inside Window Decal with Society Emblem:** 3" round, self-adhering, easy to remove and reuse.
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3. **3rd I.D. Patch:** 2 1/4" or 2 5/8" or 3" with permanent adhesive.
4. **Society Inside Window Sticker:** 3" round with permanent adhesive.
5. **Society Emblem:** 3 1/4" or 4" with permanent adhesive.

Donations are accepted and a portion will go to the Scholarship Foundation. The names of donors to the Scholarship Foundation are listed in the *Watch*. Make checks payable to Society of the 3rd Infantry Division and mail order to Joe Ball, 2010 Worcester Lane, Garland TX 75040. If you have questions, call 972-495-1704.



# Memories of a Veteran of Anzio

Cindy Pask Moore wrote about her father, WWII Veteran Kenneth C. Pask. Kenneth is having some health issues and only recently has spoken about some of his battle experiences in Italy.

Cindy wrote to say how much she and her dad enjoyed the *Watch on the Rhine* articles about the Anzio Beachhead. His memories are about how cold, wet, and dangerous it was. He tells of lying very still at night, listening as the German patrols searched the bodies of dead G.I.s looking for American cigarettes.

During a skirmish while still on the beach, Ken's position was overrun and he was captured, spending the remainder of the war as a German P.O.W. Two fellow P.O.W.s that he frequently mentioned were Augie Machito and Felix Rakstis (now deceased). Ken and Felix remained close after the war and, both living in Michigan, were able to meet occasionally.

Ken could not master playing a harmonica despite the best efforts of Felix to teach him at the prison camp. One day, Ken sat in the window at the barracks and pretended to play while Felix sat outside and played flawlessly. The other prisoners were not fooled for long, but everyone got a good laugh out of it.

Ken was fortunate, as a P.O.W., to be chosen by a German farmer to work on his farm. He was treated well by the family, working six days per week. The prisoners were given Sunday as their day off. The grandchildren of the Hemlich family still communicate with Ken and his family.

Cindy closed with "We are all very proud of him and indebted to him and all Veterans who put Country before Self for our Freedom."

## Rupt-sur-Moselle

By Robert O. Ziebart (30th Inf. Rgt. WWII)

"While reading 'News from France' in the October *Watch on the Rhine*, I read the story about the monument at Rupt-sur-Moselle.

I was headed toward Rupt-sur-Moselle on September 30, 1944, with the 3rd Infantry Division, 30th Infantry Regiment, Company B., when Lt. Standish informed me that morning that my platoon would lead the assault ordered to begin at 8:00 AM. I was hit within the first 15 minutes by shrapnel from artillery shells. I was jumping into a hole after being invited in by Bob Nickels. I woke up in the hole. Bob Nickels was lying dead on the ground about three feet away. I was hit in my right shoulder, back, left foot, and left elbow. I made it to a first aid station near the road. Nearby, there was a small barn with bales of hay. I remember leaning against a bale of hay, frozen in a fetal position until two guys picked me up. The next day, I woke up briefly, before surgery. I was able to lift my head enough to notice two rows of wounded soldiers. Eight pieces of shrapnel were removed. I didn't remember much about the next three days, other than knowing I was on an airplane. I was flown back to the 103rd Station, Naples, Italy, for three months of recovery. I returned to my company, stationed in the Colmar area around the first of the New Year."

# Homecoming: 1945

By John Ethen (15th Inf/F)

After many rough days at sea, we finally docked in New York. However, before we landed, the sailors told all the returning G.I.s that our luggage would be opened on the dock and all the souvenirs we brought home would be confiscated. They offered an alternation: we could sell our souvenirs to them at cheap prices; they said they could bring them home without being subject to inspection. When I looked down at the luggage on the docks and saw no one checking it, I knew the sailors got a lot of really nice souvenirs very cheaply. I was glad I had nothing to lose—or sell.

As we approached New York, the first thing we saw was the *Statue of Liberty* and all the green grass in Brooklyn. The war torn country we left was brown and muddy due to artillery fire and truck movement. The grass looked really different and quite pretty.

In New York, we loaded onto busses and went through a tunnel to New Jersey, to an army camp for a few days. From there, we went to Chicago to be reassigned to posts in the United States. The room I was in was really hot, and I fell asleep while waiting to be assigned. When I awoke, they said I was assigned to Texas, but I was given an 11-day, delay-in-route, so I could go home to Minnesota for a visit. I was told these days would not count as vacation time. (This was the first "free time" I had since I joined the Army.) Of course, when I got to Texas, they counted it as leave so I lost 11 days but enjoyed my visit at home.

With all my time in the Army as an infantryman, it was a surprise to be sent to tank destroyer school—no wheels on these units, just tracks. No steering wheels either—just two levers that controlled the tracks for steering or for starting and stopping.

It was a long time ago, but I still remember my old address: T.D. T.B. T.D. R.T.C. No. Camp, Camp Hood, Texas. The upper part of the camp was the tank destroyer training battalion, while the lower part was larger and reserved for infantry training units. The name of Camp Hood covered both parts and the name remained after it became Fort Hood.

### Society Bumper Sticker

The Society has developed and has available a new Society bumper sticker. The new bumper sticker shows the 3rd I.D. Patch, and the Society website address, and it is 3" x 11 1/4". It is available for a donation to the Society. Please see the Decals Ad elsewhere in this issue. To order a bumper sticker, send your order and donation to Joe Ball, 2010 Worcester Lane, Garland TX 75040-3331. You can contact Joe at 972-495-1704. You can also order Society decals and patches.



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UNIT SERVED IN \_\_\_\_\_ OUTPOST \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE CHECK ONE OR MORE: WWII \_\_\_\_\_ KOREA \_\_\_\_\_  
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SATURDAY JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup> ~ LADIES PROGRAM \_\_\_\_\_ X No Charge

SATURDAY JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup> ~ BANQUET DINNER \_\_\_\_\_ X \$47.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

SUNDAY JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> ~ MEMORIAL BREAKFAST \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 7.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTIONAL TOURS**

FRIDAY JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> ~ City Bus Tourists' Tour (Seven attractions: See facing page) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$29.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

SATURDAY JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup> ~ Middleton Place (See facing page) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$29.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: It is suggested that men wear jackets to the Awards Banquet

★ **PAYMENT IS DUE NO LATER THAN MAY 15, 2015** ★  
 PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS AND MADE PAYABLE TO:

Society of 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division  
 2010 Worcester Lane  
 Garland TX 75040

- Confirmation of Registration and Itinerary will be sent out by May 21, 2015
- A \$20 per person cancellation fee will apply to all cancellations received within 30 days of the event. Cancellations received within 10 days of the event are non-refundable.
- Call the Embassy Suites (843) 747-1882 no later than May 20, 2015 to make your hotel reservations. Be sure to mention you are with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division to receive your group rate per night of \$129.00 plus tax.
- The Embassy Suites (North Charleston Airport) is located at 5055 International Blvd., North Charleston SC 29418
- These prices are available two days prior to and two days after your reunion, depending on availability, should you choose to extend your stay.





**96<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REUNION**  
**SOCIETY OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION**  
 Charleston, South Carolina  
 JUNE 11-14, 2015



To be held at the Embassy Suites Airport/North Charleston SC 29418. Room rates are \$129.00 per night, plus tax for single or double occupancy. The rate includes breakfast each morning and a Manager's Reception each evening from 5:00 – 7:00 PM., as well as a complimentary airport shuttle and complimentary parking.

**Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup>**

2:00 PM Registration and Hospitality Room Opens  
 6:00 PM -7:00 PM ~ No Host Social Hour ~ 7:00 PM -10:00 PM~ President's Reception Buffet and Program

**Friday June 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM ~ Optional bus tour: Downtown Charleston and Patriot's Point (Details below)  
 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM ~ Regimental Dinner and Program Hosted by 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment

**Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM ~ General Membership Meeting  
 9:00 AM -11:00 AM ~ Ladies Program  
 10:30 AM -12:00 PM ~ Executive Committee Meeting  
 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM ~ Optional Bus Tour of Middleton Gardens (Details below)  
 6:00 PM -7:00 PM ~ No Host Social Hour ~ 7:00 PM -10:00 PM ~ Reunion Banquet, Program, and Awards

**Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM -10:00 AM ~ Memorial Breakfast and Reunion Farewell

*Note: There is no dress code at the reunion, but it is suggested that men wear jackets at the Saturday Banquet.*

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**Charleston City and Patriot's Point Tour**

**Friday June 12<sup>th</sup>                      8:30 AM - 4:00 PM                      Price \$29.00**

A bus will take us to Charleston where we will see The Battery, once a military fortification where the Ashley and Cooper Rivers meet. It is now lined with historic antebellum homes. Rainbow Row is a series of thirteen colorful historic houses. It is the longest cluster of Georgian row houses in the United States. The Citadel (the West Point of the South) was established in 1830 as a Federal Arsenal. In 1842, it became the military academy of today. Patriot's point is home to the *USS Yorktown* and several other vessels. *The Medal of Honor Museum* is also there. Lunch will be on-board the carrier but is not included in the price of the tour.

**Middleton Gardens Tour**

**Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>                      1:00 PM - 4:00 PM                      Price \$29.00**

A bus will take us to Middleton Place, a National Historical Landmark and home to America's oldest landscaped gardens. Once a low-country rice plantation, it is now a living view of the past. Craft artisans and farm hands will tell us about plantation life. Seeing them working with farm animals gives us a glimpse of the day-to-day chores performed by all that lived there. This tour is truly a glimpse into yesteryear. Lunch is on our own, and there is a very nice restaurant at Middleton Place, for those who have not eaten.

**For More Information Contact:  
 Reunion Chair Leonard Collins**

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

# Cold War: Building Friendships

*From materials sent by Mino Mancino (15 Inf/A; 10 Eng/E; HHC 3 ID)*

**In the late 1980s, our Soldiers had a club that built friendship between the U.S. and Germany in the Wurzburg area as well as camaraderie among its members.**

The Kontakt Club coordinator was then Staff Sergeant Nino Mancino. On December 20, 1989, Nino and club members distributed 2,000 fliers, written in German, to the automobiles of East German citizens. The fliers invited them to the German-American Club for a Christmas get-together, offering food. The invitations were also presented to AFN, German radio and television stations, and a German newspaper. *Stars and Stripes* carried the story with a photo of Nino placing a flier on the windshield of a citizen's car.

In December 1990, Nino and Kontakt Club members published a review of events that took place over the previous year. Not all involved German citizens; however, most did. The year started with a traditional New Year's reception on January 13th. It reminded readers of the Sunday Morning Social held for three hours every Sunday throughout the year. The Club tried a video evening that was less successful, but our relentless Soldiers, determined to have a good time, staged a party in February—a huge success.

In March, they built much camaraderie with the Country and Western Club from Heidingsfeld, and the party streetcar "Schoppen Express" in mid-March was another great success with everyone having loads of fun riding through Wurzburg. March ended with a dance party.

April featured an Easter Egg Hunt co-sponsored with the City Youth Office. The Easter Bunny (Nino) hid the small baskets, and later he and club members visited children in local hospitals. He

reported there were no children in the Wurzburg Army Hospital.

In May, the Club joined with the City Youth Office to stage the City Youth Fest. The Club sold Bratwurst and Steak. During the German-American Friendship Fest at Leighton Barracks, the club sponsored Coffee, Cake, and Bingo. In mid-May, the Club hosted Kontakt Wildflecken for a Wurzburg city tour and evening activities.

In June the Kontakt Club engaged in environmental clean-up which amounted to much more than simple trash gathering. They removed all sorts of debris and fallen trees as well as planting a few. On the 16th, Club members enjoyed their monthly "dining out" which consisted of Turkish roast pig.

In July, they conducted another city tour for members. This time, they were visited by Kontakt Ansbach. After their visit, club members continued the day with a Franconian dining out at the Gasthaus "Loewen am Stein." Later that day, they were off to the "Kiliani Fest."

August featured only their weekly activities, but after the summer break it was back to food and a Mexican dining out on September 8th. On the 22nd, they had a grill party and "Salza" (Disco).

On November 24th, their Thanksgiving Dinner was a huge success. Although it was cold on December 1st, the club again engaged in environmental activities during which, they planted approximately 100 trees and bushes at the Rotenbauergrund (grounds of the Fire House). The event was co-sponsored by the City Environmental Office.

On December 8th, the Children's Christmas Party was held. Santa Claus came and brought the children bags of goodies and toys. After spending time with us, Santa went to the pediatric clinics. Mid-December featured the Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony, and the year, 1990, ended with a New Year's Eve party. Most sources show the Cold War ending in 1991. Our Soldiers in Germany certainly did their best to pave the way for those who followed.

# The All-Important Physicals

*By Richard "Gus" Gustafson (10th Eng/H/HQ)*

"As everyone remembers, there is the pre-induction physical where it is determined whether or not you are alive enough to train. I knew I had a heart murmur, diagnosed at age 10. Several years later, I was drafted in November 1961, at the end of the 'Berlin Wall' build-up. The medic conducting my pre-induction

**The medic conducting my pre-induction examination did not pick up the murmur when he checked to see if I had flat feet.**

examination did not pick up the murmur when he checked to see if I had flat feet. So, in I went to another room. I was immediately told, 'Take off your glasses and approach the wall chart until you can see the big E clearly.' I had 20/660 vision so I was about five feet away when I said, 'Pretty sharp.' At that point, someone behind me mumbled something, and I turned and asked, "What?" I heard someone else say, 'He can't hear either.'

I drove Jeep for the S3, 3/10/E, and had no problems with sight or sound for about a year. We were on maneuvers and had a simulated gas attack. I put on my mask as ordered and was told "Let's go." I said, "Sorry Sir, but you'll have to drive. I can't see anything clearly much beyond 10 feet in front of the Jeep." No one told me I could get eyeglass inserts for the mask. I don't remember them arriving before I returned home.

The Pre-discharge Physical: Remember the heart murmur? My physical was done by a German doctor—very efficient. He discovered the heart murmur. 'Ve vill haf to tast you to see how baddd it iss.' 'But I know I've had it since I was 10 years old.' 'But they did not hear it when you were drafted!' 'But it was there!' 'Ve must tast you.' 'Will I miss the troop ship?' 'You can get another in 10 days.' 'Is there something I can sign that says I knew it was there?' 'Yesss, sign this.'

I'll always wonder how much I gave up in disability payments to be honest and to stay on the boat."



# Training Jump Disaster



Preparing for the jump that killed seven men. Center: Augustine; Right: Bob Barfield.

*Submitted by Bob Barfield (7th Inf/F)*

*[Bob served with both the 187 Airborne and the 3rd Infantry Division during the Korean War]*

“This is about a training jump we made near Chickamauga, near Beppu, near our base in Japan. We had seven men drown! In fact the wind dragged me into the water and the water helped me collapse my chute. What a jump! It was very windy, but we had orders to jump so out we went. We were hitting air pockets like crazy. It was hard even to stand up. We had several others hurt and a few men blew clear across the water and landed on other land. The picture is mainly of a buddy, Augustine (center). I am on the right side putting on my parachute harness. I already had my “Mae West” life vest on. It is the only pho-

tograph I have of me getting ready for a jump. It happened to be just before the jump that cost us seven men.

A really good buddy of mine quit jumping that morning. He never even put on his gear. After the jump, we had several men quit jumping. They had their wings taken away, their boots and patches ripped off, and immediately shipped off to the 1st Calvary Division. My buddy, Bastinneli, was one of them. We were made to stand at attention while they rolled the drums in disgrace of these men. When General Westmoreland heard about this, he made the officer who led this affair give back the men’s wings and apologize. The word was out that “Chesty Westy” almost court martialed the officer for demeaning the guys who quit jumping.

General Westmoreland was quite a guy: he loved boxing and was always at ringside during the bouts. One night our team was short our light heavyweight (He was in the stockade). Our coach talked Gen. Westmoreland into letting “Chapman,” our light heavyweight, out of the stockade just long enough for the fight. Of course, there were armed MPs all around the ring. Chapman won by a KO and was then escorted right back to the stockade. He was sentenced to 20 years for stabbing a guy. This was in late 1952, just before I got my transfer to the 3rd Infantry Division.

Not long after this jump, I asked for a transfer to any outfit on the front lines and was sent to the 3rd Infantry Division (7th Infantry Regiment, F Company). After the battle for Boomerang in June of ’53, the 187th asked for all their jumpers to return. I volunteered (again) thinking we would be making a combat jump. If so, I wanted to be part of it. Instead, we were put on the front lines as regular infantry. “Boomerang” was over on the 15th of June 1953. After the battle for “Boomerang,” what was left of Company F was pulled off the line and was in reserve.

Shortly after I returned to the 187th, we lined up to greet General Westmorland. When he got to me, he shook my hand and said I looked familiar. I told him I had been at Camp Chickamauga and was on the boxing team. He asked what rank I held at that time. When I said, “PFC,” he looked at my SFC stripes and said, “You must have done a hell of a job; welcome back.” What a compliment that he remembered me.

One week before the truce was signed, I got my rotation papers home and spent my last year in the Army with the 82nd Airborne at Ft. Bragg.”



**Fateful jump near Camp Chickamauga: 30 jumped; seven drowned. This tragedy came during a severe Army crackdown on training accidents. Higher headquarters began insisting on formal reports on deaths, with the implication that blame had better be fixed, and fast. Photo supplied to R. Barfield by General Westmorland.**



# News From The Outposts

## 2 John S. Cole

Tampa, FL

Look in the February *Watch* for a report on the dedication of our monument at *Sarasota National Cemetery* in memory of Third Infantry Division Soldiers on Saturday, November 15, 2014. Rock of the Marne!

—Submitted by Robert Gibson, Secretary

## 4 Fort George Wright

Spokane, WA

President Don Tesch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

All reports were approved as presented. The members were proud to welcome new members by transfer; James B. Van Delden and Michael R. McClintock. Outpost 4 appreciates the items for the Watch from Michael.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2015, at the Washington Vets. Home, Spokane Washington.

Having completed the business meeting, adjournment was at 12:35 p.m.

We hope Chaplain Daddato is doing well.

Congratulations to President Joe Ball and all new officers, also to all award recipients. ROCK OF THE MARNE!

—Submitted by Dale L. McGraw, Secretary

## 13 Charles D. King

Michigan

The latest fall meeting of Outpost #13 was held on October 11, 2014. We had 28 people in attendance, 15 members and 13 guests. Among the members were three veterans of World War II (John Miller, Cecil Gilbert, and Jessie Sparkman), all of whom served under Gen. George Patton.



Outpost #13 members gather for fall meeting.

Treasurer Amy McKenna reported that we have raised \$280 more to pay for the monuments we placed at the two military cemeteries in Michigan. That leaves of balance of only \$390 of the total cost of \$2750.

The next meeting of our group will be 16 May 2015 at noon. It again will be at Bakers of Milford which is three miles north of Exit 155 off Hwy. I-96.

—Submitted by Gordon W. Draper, Vice President

## 15 Arizona

Phoenix, AZ

On November 11, 2014, Outpost 15 participated in the 2014 Phoenix Veterans Day Parade; the theme of the parade was "Duty, Honor, and Sacrifice: Celebrating Our World War II Veterans." We had vehicles in which to ride the parade route. We met at the staging area at 8:30 AM and were in line for the 9:45 AM deadline. Everyone was reminded to wear hats and clothes that display a Society of the 3rd Infantry Division logo. Following the parade, we met at Curtis Gentry's home for lunch and our November meeting.

—Submitted by Curtis Gentry, Secretary-Treasurer

President Richard Mc Kiddy sent the following message to everyone: The fall meeting was held at the residence of Curtis and Margaret Gentry. A delicious potluck was served, fellowship was shared, new acquaintances were made, and outpost business was conducted.

In the second year as president of Outpost 15, I would hope our attendance at Outpost 15 scheduled activities improves. Although the fall 2014 meeting had a dozen in attendance, it would be nice to see consistent attendance.

Outpost 15 has a current enrollment of 60, composed of 20 out of state, 21 from the Phoenix area, 12 from Tucson, and 7 from other parts of Arizona. Therefore, it is understood that many either live far away or are "snowbirds" and it is not possible to attend outpost functions.

If outpost members, living within a reasonable distance can help improve meeting attendance, it will be appreciated very much.

—Submitted by Richard Mc Kiddy, President

## 18 Giovinazzo-York

Milwaukee, WI

Outpost #18 held its fall meeting at the Five Pillars Supper Club, in Random Lake, Wisconsin, on October 5, 2014. The meeting opened at 10:30 AM with a prayer and the National Anthem. Those in attendance included Michael Bopray, John Cseri, Roland Elenich, Jerry and Kathy Daddato, Warren Fast, Melvin Ingram, Charlotte Koerner, Ed Koleske, Marvin Kostka,



Bob Larsen, Bob Meganck, and Bill Vanark.

Secretary Bob Meganck gave a report on the Vets Roll reunion. It was held in Janesville, Wisconsin, and all five groups were represented. The program was run by Mark Finnegan and he hopes to continue the reunion every year. Treasurer Marv Kostka reported that the outpost receives \$60.00 from National annually. The current balance in the outpost account is \$535.00. Mike Bopray reported on his efforts to recruit members from upper Michigan for Outpost #18. Bill Vanark reported on the current deployment of units of the 3rd Infantry Division. Bill also reported the Society has several one-year gift memberships available. After discussion, it was decided that Bill will send all delinquent members a letter.



L-R: Melvin Ingram, Bob Meganck, Roland Elenich, Marvin Kostka, John Cseri, Bob Larsen, Kathy Daddato, Michael Bopray, Jerry Daddato, Bill Vanark, Charlotte Koerner, Warren Fast, and Ed Koleske.

Roland Elenich participated in the Honors Flight on November 1. To date, six of the outpost members have gone on the Flight, and Warren Fast reported that he enjoyed the trip. Kathy Daddato, President of Outpost #2 reported that their outpost is dedicating the 3rd I.D. monument at *Sarasota National Cemetery* on November 15th. National Chaplain Jerry Daddato reported that his recovery is progressing but he has a ways to go. He also gave the history of Outpost #18 which was founded by Wil Quick. President Vanark then re-presented the Outpost #18 plaque to Past President Jerry Daddato. (It was originally presented by Bill while Jerry was in the hospital.)

Jeff Kostka won the raffle, a one-liter bottle of liquor. \$33.00 was donated to the outpost treasury. Jeff returned the bottle which was re-raffled and won by Warren Fast. An additional \$15.00 was donated to the treasury.

President Vanark played “Taps” and the National Anthem to close the meeting at 12:05 PM—just prior to lunch being served. The next meeting of Outpost #18 will be at Five Pillars Supper Club on April 12, 2015.

—Submitted by Robert Meganck, Secretary

## **35** Audie L. Murphy

Outpost #35 held its fall meeting on October 25, 2014, hosted by Jude and Paul Grabert at Mamacita’s Restaurant in Fredericksburg, Texas. According to reports, the food was excel-

lent. Those in attendance included Joe and Lynn Ball, Kayla Cain, Milt and Sean Carr, Bill Driggers, Jude and Paul Grabert, Bob Harbour, Joe and Lucia Hilderbrand, David and Harriet Houston, Jim and Linda Reeves, Bob and Reyna Reynolds, and Justin Valle. Illness and transportation problems defeated the efforts of the following to attend: Danny Boukhrits, Jerry Kraft, James Timmens, Dick and Deveny Wells, and Jack Wold. We missed all of you. It was a wonderful meeting made possible because many people spoke up and shared their thoughts with us. We need a lot more of that kind of camaraderie.



Some of our group in Fredericksburg for our fall meeting

At 11:00 AM the meeting began with a social hour, followed by lunch. Joe Ball called the meeting to order at 12:55 PM; Justin Valle delivered the Invocation and Jude and Paul Grabert led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; everyone sang “Dogface Soldier” (We sounded pretty good.) Lynn Ball drew Kayla Cain’s name for the door prize, a copy of *Faces of War*, and Joe Ball led introductions of all attendees. The Minutes from our July 12th meeting in Austin were accepted with no changes. Lynn Ball then delivered the current Secretary-Treasurer’s report, noting one informational error. The report included an overview of the status of the Outpost (current number of members, new members, TAPS recognitions, 2015 reunion, current *Watch* articles, and an update on the fundraising raffle and 2015 Scholarship Foundation Grant Program).

Joe Ball presented the following reports: full reports are available upon request. History of the Combat Infantry Badge; Status of 7th and 15th Infantry Regiments; new rules concerning prescription painkillers: Replacement of Trees at Warrior’s Walk; Immigrants and Enlistments; Military History Anniversaries and Significant Events; “Adopt a Grave” program in France; news about former 3rd Division CG LTG Rick Lynch; President Reagan’s definition of Victory; Comments on the history of the 3rd Infantry Division—an article to be included in the 2015 Roster; V.A. Claims Backlog; Military Retirement Pay; Mobilized Reserve, and the MXT135 Counter Defilade Target Engagement System

**Spring Meeting:** Members approved a meeting in Fredericksburg, Texas, on March 20, 2015, at K-Bob’s Steakhouse. (Easter Sunday is April 5, 2015.) The summer meeting has not been scheduled; however, Paul Grabert is looking into holding it in The Woodlands, near Houston.

**Meeting Close and Convocation:** Jim Reeves moved to close the meeting at 2:25 PM, seconded by Bill Driggers. Justin Valle delivered the Convocation.

—Submitted by Joe Ball, President

## 63 Fort Lewis

Tacoma, WA

Outpost #63 members met at Carr's Restaurant in Lakewood, Washington, on October 30, 2014. At the 11:30-1:00 PM luncheon, Sergeant Major (retired) Harry W. Schreiber was selected to the Outpost office of Vice President. We still need an Adjunct and Chaplain to fill our vacant offices; we hope to fill those positions at our next meeting.

We also hope to recruit some younger soldiers from Fort Lewis.

We discussed obtaining the Third Infantry Division Battle Streamers for our new Third Infantry Division Flag. We plan to solicit members for donations necessary to purchase the streamers. We now have a USA Flag, a US Army Flag, the Third Infantry Division Flag, the Outpost #63 Flag, the State of Washington Flag and flags of the following Infantry Regiments: 7th, 15th, 30th, and 65th. We also have the flag of the Battalion from Belgium that was with the 7th Infantry Regiment during the Korean War.

Our next luncheon meeting will be on January 3, 2015, at Carr's Restaurant, located on Bridgeport Way SW, Lakewood, Washington 98498, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The restaurant is located at 1-5 Exit 14. It is not required to be a member of Outpost #63 to join us for lunch.

Anyone wanting to make a donation for the Third Infantry Streamers should send their contribution to Society of the Third Infantry Division, Outpost #63, PO Box 97033, Tacoma, Washington 98497

—Submitted by James Bourgeois, President

## 88 Hiroshi Miyamura

Colorado

Since the last report Joe Anello and I had breakfast in Castle Rock, Colorado, to start the planning process for a birthday celebration for Harold Nelson (Denver, CO – 7th INF WW2) who will celebrate his 100th birthday on February 28, 2015. See "Upcoming Events" for details about Outpost #88's celebration on 2/27/14 and the 2015 Outpost Annual Meeting in May of 2015.

—Submitted by Bill Buntrock, Secretary

## 5845 International

On 26-29 July, Monika and Tim escorted two Korean War Medal of Honor Recipients and the son and daughter of retired LTG Edward Rowny to Korea to have the MOH recipients receive the Korean equivalent of the Medal of Honor, the Medal of Military Merit, Taeguk. The Society's very own Hiroshi Miyamura was one of the recipients. Outpost International assisted the Korean Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs in honoring these veterans and organizing the trip, which though short was very memorable. The Prime Minister of Korea presented the awards.

The Outpost hosted its sixth annual Operation Dragoon commemoration and historical seminar in Arlington, Virginia, 30 July to 3 August, including historical presentations on the entire 6th Army Group campaign in France from 15 August 1944 to 9 February 1945. This year was special as it was the 70th anniversary of the invasion of Southern France. We were fortunate to have 13 WWII veterans participate. Besides the annual commemorative ceremony in the Memorial Amphitheater in Arlington Cemetery and the commemorative banquet, this year we included a visit to the Liberty Ship *John W. Brown* in Baltimore, which actually participated in Operation Dragoon in 1944. We were honored to have 96 year old former 3/7 Infantry Commander in Dragoon MG Lloyd B. Ramsey, retired, join us once again.

Between 13 and 30 August, OP International participated in 47 ceremonies honoring the 3rd Infantry Division's fighting in Southern France, as well as the 36th Infantry and 45th Infantry. We are happy to report that 13 communities dedicated commemorative plaques honoring the 3rd Infantry Division, including a massive monument as well as a traffic circle in Cogolin and a bridge outside of La Londe named in honor of MOH recipient SSG Stanley Bender.



Dignitaries render honors to 3ID memorial plaque on 30 August 2014 during commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the city's liberation. L-R: General A. Roche, Tim Stoy, Mayor F. Reynier, Monika Stoy, Claude Bourry.

On September 16, the town of Lure dedicated a plaque at the request of OP International, honoring 15th INF Regiment Medal of Honor recipient 1LT Donald Schwab. The town's project officer, Mr. Thierry Juif, worked with OP International in the design of the plaque and organized the dedication ceremony. Lure is very proud to be associated with LT Schwab, the 15th Infantry, and the 3rd Infantry Division. 3-15 Infantry received a Presidential Unit Citation for the fighting around Lure.

—Submitted by Monika Stoy, President

### So that his brethren shall know...

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



# Letters Home



L-R: Robert Lynch and Anzio Beachhead Museum Curator Alfredo Rinaldi

tank and anti-personnel mines strewn all over the area by both sides. It was hard to miss one. In addition, the snipers were as thick as flies (Italian flies). They clipped our wings, but we never faltered.”

“The breakout attack was to feature a revolutionary idea in tank warfare. Each regiment had assigned to them a battle-sled team of sixty men. One medium-sized tank pulling twelve armored sleds with an infantryman on each sled would cross the minefields and, hopefully, set off the mines, thus clearing the way for the infantry. A great idea on paper; however, to my knowledge, our tanks were quickly knocked out. The extensive minefields had to be crossed

without any assistance, other than prayers.

“On June 4, 1944, our reconnaissance patrols reached Rome. Two days later, the Allies landed on Normandy. Italy became second-rate news.”

*[It wasn't long before the Italians began preserving history, and they have done a fine job of it at the Anzio Beachhead Museum. On one of Robert Lynch's many trips to the area, he collected wonderful photographs of the Museum. From time-to-time, we will share these with our readers.]*

Submitted by Robert Lynch (15th Inf/F)

Following are some excerpts from letters Robert Lynch sent to his family during WWII.

“Every infantry company has several soldiers fully trained to fire the bazooka. Our commanders felt it would be advisable to have more than one trained bazooka team when the final battle to breakout [of the Anzio Beachhead] was underway.

“PFC. Hudson and I were chosen to trade our light machine-guns and ammunition for a bazooka. ‘Extensive’ training consisted of learning the mechanics of this weapon and firing the bazooka once. I’ll never forget my one and only shot. I placed the bazooka on my shoulder and aimed it at the objective 100 yards away. Hudson loaded the weapon and tapped me on my shoulder to let me know it was fully operational. I pulled the trigger and the missile flew forward perhaps 20-30 yards before gently landing on the ground and running ahead another few yards. Not too auspicious a start, I must say. Hudson and I were the new bazooka team for ‘K’ Company. God help us!

“As soon as I heard we would be leaving Anzio, I placed another ‘For Sale’ sign on my foxhole. There was no question it was a quaint, cozy room with an indoor pool. No one seemed interested, and I left without obtaining a single bid. It was the location, I guess.”

“Dear Folks: Today, we launched a ferocious assault on the entrenched Germans. Our lives would never be the same again. The machine-gun, mortar, automatic rifle fire, and mine fields were horrendous. The enemy never let up and kept pouring artillery barrages on us in the open fields, and we had to walk right through them. The German 88mm shells kept screaming at us. Death was all around. I saw a body blown at least 50 feet in the air. He looked like an old sack of clothes coming down. [We] kept hearing soldiers screaming for medics or holding their mangled leg with blood spurting. One of my buddies showed me what was left of his legs, and he thought he was lucky to get away so easily. It only cost him his leg while others had to pay with their lives. Evacuation was just as rugged, and many died along the way to the hospital. There were literally thousands of anti-



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## Letters to the Editor

**Charles Lamlein** wrote to Joe and me: Thanks for all your work for the Scholarship Foundation. We are proud of you both.

**Lewis W. Rose** wrote: "I received the Legion of Honor Medal last month [in September]." *[If Lewis sends a photo and a little story about the event, we will put a notification in the Watch.]*

**Bob Barfield** wrote: I finally received my *Military* [magazine] today. How long ago did you get yours? Anyway, that was an excellent review you did on the book "Navy Seal Dogs." I think I'll order it. You make it sound really interesting!

**MG Tony Cucolo** wrote: "Thanks for all you do for the Society. Rock of the Marne! *[General Cucolo is now retired and has moved to San Marcos, Texas. If anyone wants to send him a congratulatory message, please contact the Watch editor (page 2) for his address.]*

**Hulin Bundy** wrote: Another great one, Lynn.

**Bill Driggers** wrote: The magazine is exceptional as usual *[Bill also extended a very nice compliment to both Joe and me.]*

**Jerry Kraft** called to say he reads the *Watch* from cover-to-cover. He said the *Watch* is better than ever. He enjoys the stories and appreciates its non-political bent which allows the reader to make up his/her own mind. Jerry just returned from a lengthy stay with his daughter at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. He plans to attend the Charleston reunion and hopes Kimberly will be able to attend with him. Jerry also had high praise for our Active Duty Soldiers. *[You will remember that Jerry was our Judge Advocate for several years.]*

**Bruce Monkman** sent several WWII news clippings with comments about his personal experiences at the time. We will work these in as space permits.

**Bob Poydashoff** called to say he liked the October *Watch*. He also mentioned the article about Charleston and said there are activities at The Citadel on Friday afternoons. Bob is a graduate of The Citadel and suggested that we contact the university president for more information about what is planned for the Friday when we will be in Charleston.

**Richard "Gus" Gustafson** wrote: "The last couple of 'Watches' have been superb!"

**Don Bettine** wrote "Hi Lynn, Just wanted to thank you for another GREAT issue of "Watch." I found the last item, "Letter from the Past," especially interesting, especially the "Note" from Joe. The Hungnam survivors are getting fewer in number."

**Bruce Monkman** wrote:" Just noticed this in the latest issue of the *Smithsonian Magazine*; thought it was interesting so am passing it along.

Why is the word 'colonel' pronounced with an 'r' sound when it is not spelled with an "r"? The magazine stated, 'Colonel' came to English from the mid-16th Century French word 'coronelle,' meaning commander of a regiment or column of soldiers. By the mid-17th Century, the spelling and French

pronunciation had changed to 'colonnel.' The English spelling also changed and the pronunciation was shortened to two syllables. By the early 19th Century, the current pronunciation and spelling became standard in English (But in part of Virginia, where the author lives, there is no "r" sound; it's pronounced 'kuh-nul.')

**Bruce Monkman** also sent an article about a portion of Fort Ord being turned into a memorial in 2012. The proclamation reads, "... the Fort Ord area will maintain its historical and cultural significance, attract tourists and recreationalists from near and far, and enhance its unique natural resources for the enjoyment of all Americans." Bruce said that California State University occupies a portion of old Fort Ord, but he doubts it is part of the national monument. Apparently, this monument development is under the control of the Bureau of Land Management. You can read more about this via the Internet: Google "Outposts Memorial Monuments and Plaques."

**Nile Stuart** wrote (some time ago) that Life Member Isadore Valenti celebrated his 100th birthday in January 2014. Nile said "the whole town turned out."

**Several people have written** that Outpost #88 Member Harold Nelson is celebrating his 100th birthday on February 28, 2015. A nice party is planned with Hiroshi Miyamura Outpost #88 members in attendance. We hope many OP #88 members and others will attend this wonderful event. Congratulations, Harold, in advance.

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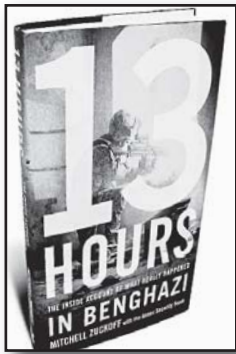
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# Book Reviews

By Lynn Ball



*13 Hours*, by Mitchell Zuckoff with members of the Annex Security Team, is well written and very interesting. It is the “Inside account of what really happened in Benghazi and is, at this writing, number one on the “Best Seller” list. The book contains 303 pages of text, a table of contents, an index, and a “Select Biography.” We bought our copy at Sam’s Wholesale, Inc. for 40% off the list price of \$28.00—plus tax, of course. The book is not political and

does not blame any of those making decisions. However, based on what happened and how events unfolded, readers are free to attach blame if they choose to do so.

It is the story of the September 11, 2012, terrorist attack on the US State Department Special Mission Compound and a nearby CIA station called the Annex in Benghazi, Libya. The author provides a “Cast of Characters” to orient the reader and a brief history of the region. Based on the history alone, the events at Benghazi were predictable to anyone who has a smidgen of interest in history.

The CIA operators were Station Security at the Annex. When they became aware of the attack on the Diplomatic Compound where Ambassador Stevens was residing, they immediately prepared to leave. Their Station Chief forbid them to leave with a “stand down; wait” order. After 45 minutes, they disobeyed the order and went to the Diplomatic Compound to defend it. (The local Security Force responsible for protecting the compound was ineffective and, in most cases, absent.)

One of the CIA operators locked himself, Ambassador Chris Stevens, and Sean Smith in a “safe” area of the Diplomatic Compound. When the attackers could not breach the “safe” area enclosed in the main section of the Diplomatic Compound, they used diesel fuel to set fire to the building. The smoke and toxic fumes drove the three out of the locked area. The black smoke was so thick that the ambassador and Smith became separated from the CIA operative who was leading them to safety. While several operators searched through the thick smoke for two hours (seconds at a time), they were unable to locate either man. Later, Sean Smith was found, dead of smoke inhalation. After the fire died down and after the operators had returned to defend the CIA Annex which was coming under attack, Ambassador Stevens was found by civilians who took him to a hospital. After a lengthy effort to revive him was expended, he was pronounced dead, presumably of smoke inhalation.

There are sections of the book that leave the reader frustrated on behalf of the operators who were being held back by a Section Chief that seemed to be a person who “does nothing and therefore can’t be wrong” and higher ups who seemed to be practicing the same methodology.

In addition to Smith and Stevens, two CIA operators died

after returning to defend the Annex where some 20-30 civilians worked. They were Tyrone “Rone” Woods and Glen”Bub” Doherty. Suffering very serious injuries were two more CIA operators, Mark “Oz” Geist and David Ubben. (Over the past two years both injured men have endured many surgeries to repair their very serious injuries.)

When the CIA operators were finally being evacuated with the four dead and the civilian workers, CIA Operator Kris Paranto “Tanto” formed the following belief: “If it had been any other six guys, I don’t think any of us would have made it. We lost Rone, we lost Bub, and Oz got hurt, but it could have been worse. We all could have been gone [...] If we were given what we asked for in the beginning, air support, you name it, we would not have lost Rone and Bub. And if they’d let us leave the Annex at the beginning, the ambassador and Sean would be alive.”

Read the details of what happened at Benghazi. The book is well worth cost and the time it takes to read it.

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They served us gladly when we asked  
But now their serving days are past.  
Life’s pleasures not within their grasp,  
They’re tired and long for peace at last.

We’ve known so many, then and now  
With bodies bent, spirits unbowed.  
When phone calls come to say they’ve passed,  
We go hear bugles play their Taps.

Another Patriot fades away,  
Receives His peace and rest today.

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# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 6, 2014:** Outpost #5 will hold its annual holiday luncheon/meeting (11 a.m.-2 p.m.), at the 76 House, 110 Main Street, Tappan, NY 10983. Phone: 845-359-5476. The cost for the sit-down luncheon is \$10.00 per person. Please make checks payable to Society of the 3rd I.D., OP #5 and send to Al Julia, Treasurer, 278 Baywood Drive, Baiting Hollow, New York 11933.

**January 3, 2015:** Outpost #63 will hold its next meeting at Carr's Restaurant, located on Bridgeport Way SW, Lakewood, Washington 98498, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. (Use 1-5 Exit 14.) It is not required to be a member of Outpost #63 to join us for lunch.

**February 27, 2015:** Outpost #88 will honor Harold Nelson's 100th birthday at the Academy Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Contact Joe Anello for more information. See page 31.

**March 20, 2015:** Outpost #35 will hold its spring meeting in Fredericksburg, Texas, at K-Bob's Steakhouse, 518 E Main Street—near Mamacita's, across Main Street from Sunday House motel, one block east of *Nimitz Museum*. We will gather at 11:00 AM. Separate checks. In case anyone is wondering: Easter is April 5th.

**April 12, 2015:** Outpost #18 will meet at Five Pillars Supper Club, 2990 W County Road K, at Hwy 57, Random Lake, Wisconsin. We will gather at 10:30 AM.

**May 2015:** Anzio Beachhead Veterans of 1944, WWII, 70th Anniversary Reunion is being held in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. The dates will be announced soon. All WWII veterans who served on Anzio Beachhead in 1944, please contact Clyde E. Easter, 299 Panorama Drive, Fancy Gap, Virginia 24328. Phone: 276-728-7293. Guests are most welcome. This is not a Society-sponsored event; please address questions to Clyde Easter.

**May 2015:** Outpost #88 will hold its annual meeting at the Academy Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Look for more information in future issues of the *Watch on the Rhine*.

**May 16, 2015:** Outpost #13 will meet at Bakers of Milford on 16 May 2015 at noon. The restaurant is three miles north of Exit 155 off Hwy. I-96.

**May 25, 2015:** Outpost #7 will conduct Memorial Day ceremonies at the *Tomb of the Unknowns* at 4:15 PM. Members will meet at the *3rd Infantry Division Monument* at 3:30 PM for ceremonies there before moving to the *Tomb of the Unknowns* for our wreath-laying ceremony. Members are urged to attend. For more information, contact John Insani ([marneop7@comcast.net](mailto:marneop7@comcast.net)) or Pat Williamson ([army3rddivtanker@gmail.com](mailto:army3rddivtanker@gmail.com)).

**May 28-31, 2015:** The 7th Infantry Regiment Association will hold its 2015 reunion in the New Orleans area. 2015 is the bicentennial of the Battle of New Orleans (8 Jan 1815). Since we are "New Orleans' Own" and the Cottonbalers, we will return to the city of our "roots." We are looking for people willing either to act as the local host or to help in the coordination beforehand. Certainly, we will visit our monument at Chalmette, Louisiana. That is where the Regiment was nicknamed the "Cottonbalers" while participating in the last major battle of the War of 1812. This is not a Society-sponsored event.

**June 11-14:** The Society of the 3rd Infantry Division will hold its annual reunion in Charleston, South Carolina. Check elsewhere in the *Watch* for more information.

**June 8-18, 2015:** The Battle of the Bulge/Eagle's Nest Tour, presented by Valor Tours Ltd. and escorted by Henry Bodden (Audie Murphy biographer and Society Associate member): Our group will meet in Paris for dinner and introductions. We will visit WWI sites at Chateau Thierry and Belleau Wood, then on to Reims (Allied War Room, site of the German surrender). We will tour the Bastogne area, the Malmedy massacre site, the Siegfried Line, and much more. We will visit Patton's grave in Luxembourg, followed by a tour of the Maginot Line. We will tour from Strasbourg to Holtzwihr, France, and visit Audie Murphy's one-man-stand battlefield. Then we will stop in Herrlingen, Bavaria, to visit Erwin Rommel's house, his suicide monument, and his grave. We will tour Hitler's mountaintop Eagle's Nest and the Obersalzberg compound area of Berchtesgaden. We will stop for a tour of Dachau and on to Munich, the birthplace of the Nazi movement. For full details call 1-800-842-4504 or visit website: Valor Tours Ltd. You can also contact Henry Bodden at 1-918-376-9417 or e-mail [hebodden@gmail.com](mailto:hebodden@gmail.com). This is not a Society-sponsored event; please address questions to Henry Bodden.

**June 27, 2015:** "Audie Murphy Day" in Farmersville, Texas, began in 1999 as a solemn remembrance of Audie Murphy, the most decorated soldier of World War II, who came home to a hero's welcome in downtown Farmersville in 1945. Today, this Main Street Program draws thousands and honors our local veterans as well as our "hometown hero," Audie Murphy. Popular activities over the years have included a parade (complete with local Vets riding in historic vehicles), a military flyover, a brief program giving biographical information about Audie Murphy, a roll call of local veterans, military exhibits, and special receptions for the Vets provided by local churches and service organizations. For more information, contact Farmersville Main Street Program: 972-784-6846. This is not a Society-sponsored event.



# ARLINGTON

By Bob Barfield

What a solemn sight to see  
 So many tombstones row-by-row  
 Because of them we all are free  
 Heroes lie in the ground below

Unearthly quite, the only sound  
 That breaks the stillness of the day  
 Taps resound through this hallowed ground  
 For a soldier died today

The old Guard walks the unknown's tomb  
 Throughout the day and night  
 Though weather fair or dark storms gloom  
 They keep the tomb in sight

The caisson rolls, the horses proud,  
 Of the burden that they tow  
 A casket covered by a shroud  
 For a soldier died you know

A father sobs a mother weeps  
 A flag clutched to her breast  
 A hero to his country  
 Their soldier is laid to rest

So many men have gone before  
 And now at last we pray  
 No more to hear the sounds of war  
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Author Bob Barfield.



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# Chaplain's Corner

**Jerry Daddato**



Dear Fellow Veteran's, Active Duty Soldiers and Families:

I wish to thank everyone for their kind concern and prayers. I am making a slow but steady recovery but am realizing how much I have missed. Missing the reunion, I believe, is my biggest regret, and of course, I wanted to make the journey to Europe with John Shirley's group. I had planned to visit the cemeteries of the war zones including *Epinal*. The graves there have been adopted by families with school children, and I wanted to stop by the schools to thank them for honoring our brave soldiers. My uncle is buried at *Epinal*, and I wanted to shake the hand of that young person who adopted my uncle's grave and any others that show such dedication to our war heroes. Perhaps, after I make a full recovery, I can go and show my appreciation to such fine young people.

As we move into the Holiday Season, Kathy and I want to wish everyone a very Blessed Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and a Safe and Happy New Year. We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Truly, we have much for which to give thanks. Remember that the Holiday Season is the most difficult time of the year for our Soldiers away from home and for their families left behind. Please keep them in your prayers, help them when possible, and above all remember them as you celebrate with family and friends.

I would like to include a prayer for our troops who are protecting our freedoms and those who have just joined them in the Middle East as well as in Africa.

Dear Heavenly Father: Please keep your protective hand on all the troops who are deployed to serve as guidance advisors for freedom. They are giving of themselves to protect women, children, and families. The people that they are advising are there to protect their people from tyranny and to bring freedom to all in their country. With God's blessing we pray.

*Your Claplain, Jerry Daddato, ROTM*

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# Benny Hoover

By Dan Wolfe

He had a porcelain-pink complexion draped with an awning of blond, edging towards white, wavy hair. If there was a casting call for a wizened, angry WW II veteran who disregarded his own safety in order to protect his men, Sgt. Hoover's heroics would have defined that man.

When Company L, was finally sent into reserve, we familiarized ourselves with the men we had hardly met while on line.

Sgt. Benny Hoover was a very private person, but when he spoke, gales of laughter swirled around him. Although we had been on numerous patrols, hardly a word passed between us.

During the placid nights in reserve we didn't listen for intrusive sounds. There were no artillery shells hissing above us, no incoming mortar shells, no crackling of rifle bursts, no bells, no drumbeats from huge empty cans. Food was the usual Army mess, but it was hot. In the luxury of our squad tent, Benny's cot was within talking-distance from mine.

"Hi Benny, I'm Dan Wolfe. Charley calls me 'Reilly.' I guess you didn't see too much of me on the MLR (Main Line of Resistance)."

"Yeah. I saw you around."

Not too friendly I concluded, but I continued.

"Whenever I see you, Jungles, from the third platoon, is attached to you like a barnacle."

"That Jungles; I can't get rid of that snaggletooth scalawag. I tried everything—even the insecticide we were issued last week."

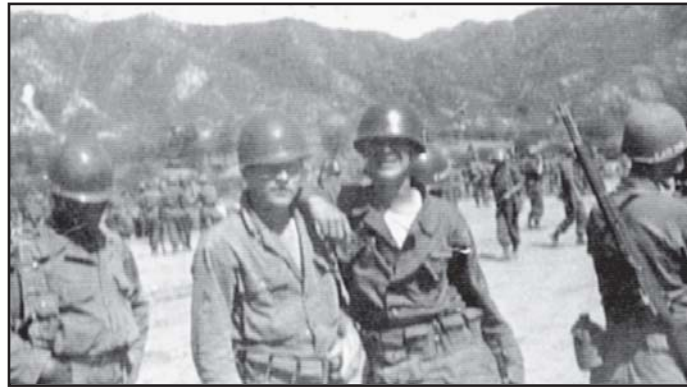
"He told me you were the funniest guy he ever met."

"Did you ever hear him laugh? Every time he laughs, it puckers every sphincter in my body. How do we ship that bucket of lard back to Wisconsin?"

"Where are you from Benny?"

"Hinton - Hinton, West Virginia. Did you ever hear of it?"

"No."



Left-center: Benny Hoover.

**Sgt. Benny Hoover was a very private person, but when he spoke, gales of laughter swirled around him.**

"I didn't expect you would. It's so small that we have a bale of hay for a passenger station. When a passenger wants to get off, the train slows down, the passenger squats, the conductor kicks him in the butt; he lands on the bale of hay, and then the train speeds up."

Sundays, after lunch, "Organized Athletics" was on the schedule. We called it "Organized Grabass." During a softball game, in a cloud of dust, a Jeep commandeered by an officer pulled up near home plate.

Sitting alongside him was the raggedy likeness of Benny Hoover. His nose, lips, forehead and cheeks were smeared with lipstick. His pale hair pointed to every graduation on a compass, his pants and shirt appeared as if he had just crawled through a muddy infiltration course.

"Benny, what happened?" asked Sgt. Staszewski.

"First of all, he was out of uniform," said the officer.

Benny interrupted.

"Sorry Sir. I forgot to starch and iron my corduroy spats."

"You'll pay for this! Where's your commanding officer?"

"In a tent down that path," replied Staszewski.

Lt. Sidney knew the value of Benny to our company. He sent him by Jeep to a shower point where he soaped up, rinsed, shaved and was given a clean uniform.

After three weeks, Company L was sent to the MLR. We returned to the Chorwon Valley, but our new commander, Lt. Sidney, was far more aggressive than "Command Post Smith," our previous commander.

Hill 117 (No Name Hill) was Company L's target on the night of August 8, 1952. As we made our way over a cliff overlooking the Imjin River, our company was ambushed before we reached 117. We sustained numerous casualties. Among them was Sgt. Robert Massengale, whose body lay on the open field between us and the Chinese.

I crept about ten yards to retrieve Sgt. Massengale. When possible, our company never left our dead.

Since we were getting low on ammo, Lt. Sidney ordered the company to withdraw. He stood with Benny Hoover atop the 80' cliff overlooking the Imjin River. To prevent another ambush, he directed our men to scale down the cliff and wade back to our position on the MLR.

Dragging Massengale's body, I passed Lt. Sidney and began to descend. Scaling down the cliff with Massengale, Benny Hoover, hidden by the bushes, was about ten feet below me. When he approached the river, a Chinese soldier tried to ambush him. I could hear Benny empty his M1 magazine. The soldier floated down the river. ([danielwolfebooks@aol.com](mailto:danielwolfebooks@aol.com) [danielwolfebooks.com](http://danielwolfebooks.com). 914-961-5709.)



## 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

*We no longer list the addresses of our deceased members. This is being done to curtail predators and people who victimize our members' survivors with schemes. If you need an address of one of the following, you can find it in your Roster or you can contact the editor, Lynn Ball, or our Roster Manager Rich Heller. Contact information for them is on page 2 of the Watch.*

#### LIFE MEMBERS

RAYMOND M. ALTRINGER OP 63-WR  
 30INF/1BN HQ WW2 SSGT  
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PETER BECK OP 5-ER  
 7INF/I KOREA/Aug48-Apr52 PFC  
 DOD- Unknown Reported by Lynn Ball

MAURO CAPPITELLA OP 5-ER  
 DIV/HQ CW PFC  
 DOD - September 3, 2014 Reported by Joe Todisco

ARDELL T. DALLY OP 63-WR  
 DIV/MED/ WW2/1940-46 SGT  
 DOD - June 22, 2014 Reported by Robert Dally

LOUIS J. DERCOLA OP 5-ER  
 15INF/SV KOREA PFC  
 DOD - OCTOBER 15, 2010 Reported on the Internet

RALPH W. FRANCK OP 63-WR  
 30INF/A WW2/Feb41-Sep45 SFC  
 DOD - August 17, 2014 Reported by Jack Sneddon

JAMES B. NAUSS OP 2-ER  
 9FA/C BTRY WW2/Sep43-Jan44 PVT  
 DOD - July 5, 2014 Reported by his wife Freda

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 30INF/K WW2/45-46 CPL  
 DOD - October 3, 2014 Reported by his wife Anne

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WILLIAM C. ELLEDGE OP 17-CR  
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 DOD - October 14, 2014 Reported by his spouse Dolores

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 DOD - October 13, 2014 Reported by 3ID Alumni on Facebook

BENJAMIN A. KESSNER OP 5-ER  
 9FA/ KOREA/Mar49-Jun52 1LT  
 DOD - May 23, 2014 Reported on the Internet

JOHN R. LOVE OP 15-WR  
 15INF/ WW2 PFC  
 DOD - September 17, 2014 Reported by Roberta Love

JOHN B. PIRRONE OP 13-CR  
 DIV/ARTY HQ WW2 T4  
 DOD - April 16, 2014 Reported by his daughter Ann

JAMES D. STEINLE SR. OP 5-ER  
 15INF/E KOREA/52-54 SFC  
 DOD - May 13, 2013 Reported by Al Julia

## The MXT135 Counter Defilade Target Engagement System

The MXT135



The MXT135 Counter Defilade Target Engagement System has a range of roughly 7,800 feet and is to be deployed in Afghanistan soon. The writer called it the "Equalizer." Some call it the "Punisher." The rifle's gun sight uses a laser range-finder to determine the exact distance to the obstruction, after which the soldier can add or subtract up to 10 meters from that distance to enable the bullets to clear the barrier and explode above or beside the target. Soldiers will be able to use them to

target snipers hidden in trenches rather than calling in air strikes. The 35-millimeter round contains a chip that receives a radio signal from the gun sight as to the precise distance to the target. LTC Christopher Lehner, project manager for the system, described the weapon as a "game-changer" that other nations will try to copy. The Army plans to buy 42,500 of the MXT135 rifles this year, enough for every members of the infantry and Special Forces, at a cost of \$11,900.00 each.

Lehner told Fox News: "With this weapon system, we take away cover from [enemy targets] forever. Tactics are going to have to be rewritten. The only thing we can see [enemies] being able to do is run away."

Experts say the rifle means that enemy troops will no longer be safe if they take

cover. The MXT135 appears to be the perfect weapon for street-to-street fighting that troops in Afghanistan have to engage in, with enemy fighters hiding behind walls and only breaking cover to fire occasionally. The weapon's laser-finder will work out how far away the enemy is and then the U.S. Soldier would add one meter using a button near the trigger. When fired, the explosive round would carry exactly one meter past the wall and explode with the force of a hand grenade above the Taliban fighter. The Army's project manager for new weapons, Douglas Tamilio, said: "This is the first leap-ahead technology for troops that we've been able to develop and deploy."

—*Edited from internet sources and the RAO Bulletin*



# Dominic Giovinazzo

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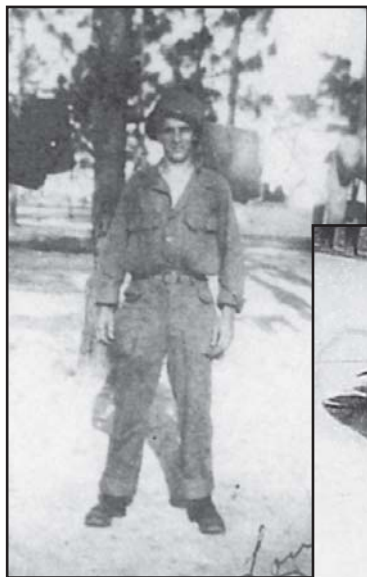
Prior to being drafted into the Army, Dominic “Dom” Giovinazzo worked at Peerless Machine in Racine, Wisconsin. Because of his line of work, his draft was deferred twice, but upon the third draft attempt he was called to serve his country. At the time, at the age of 19, he had been married to Antoinette “Toni” Daddato for seven months.

He was sent to Camp Balding, in Stark City, Florida, for three months of basic training. His wife joined him in Florida, living just 50 miles from the camp. When he was not on duty, they were able to spend weekends together, and on most Wednesday nights Toni and other service men’s wives travelled by bus to visit their husbands in camp.

In June 1944, with his training completed, Toni returned to Wisconsin, and Dom joined her for a 30-day leave. In July, Dom left for overseas duty as a member of B Company, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division.

On January 15, 1945, Toni received a telegram informing her that Dom was killed in action in the vicinity of Sigolsheim, France. On January 23, Toni and Dom’s daughter, Phyllis Jean Giovinazzo, was born.

Dom is buried at Epinal American Cemetery where an adoptive parent cares for his grave, and there is a living memorial to him in the form of our Society of the 3rd Infantry Division Giovinazzo-York Outpost #18, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Dom is the uncle of our Society Chaplain Jerry Daddato.



Dominic Giovinazzo



## After Operation Market Garden

About six miles from Maastricht, in the Netherlands, lay buried 8,301 American Soldiers who died in “Operation Market Garden” in the battles to liberate Holland in the fall and winter of 1944-45. “All of the graves in the American cemetery at Margraten have been adopted by the Dutch,” stated a young man who has cared for a grave for ten years. “There is a waiting line of Dutch who want to participate in the program.”

Every one of the men buried in the cemetery, as well as those in the Canadian and British military cemeteries, has been adopted by a Dutch family who cares for the grave, decorates it, and keeps alive the memory of the Soldier they have adopted. It is even the custom to keep a portrait of “their” American Soldier in a place of honor in their home. Annually, on “Liberation Day,” memorial services are held for “the men who died to liberate Holland.” The day concludes with a concert. The final piece is always “Il Silenzio,” a memorial piece commissioned by the Dutch and first played in 1965 on the 20th anniversary of Holland’s liberation. It has been the concluding piece of the memorial concert ever since.

This year the trumpet soloist was a 13-year-old Dutch girl, Melissa Venema, backed by André Rieu and his orchestra—the Royal Orchestra of the Netherlands. This beautiful concert piece is based upon the original version of “Taps” and was composed by Italian composer Nino Rossi.

For those who wish to listen to the excellent rendition via computer, here is the link: <http://www.flixxy.com/trumpet-solo-melissa-venema.htm>.

**American Soldiers Buried Abroad:** *the following is a listing of European Theater American Soldiers buried abroad during WWII. [This may not be all inclusive.]*

The American Cemetery at Aisne-Marne, France: A total of 2,289  
The American Cemetery at Ardennes, Belgium: A total of 5,329  
The American Cemetery at Brittany, France: A total of 4,410  
Brookwood, England - American Cemetery: A total of 468  
Cambridge, England: A total of 3,812  
Epinal American Cemetery, France: A total of 5,525  
Flanders Field, Belgium: A total of 368  
Florence, Italy: A total of 4,402  
Henri-Chapelle, Belgium: A total of 7,992  
Lorraine, France: A total of 10,489  
Luxembourg, Luxembourg: A total of 5,076  
Meuse-Argonne: A total of 14,246  
Netherlands, Netherlands: A total of 8,301  
Normandy, France: A total of 9,387  
Oise-Aisne, France: A total of 6,012  
Rhone, France: A total of 861  
Sicily, Italy: A total of 7,861  
Somme, France: A total of 1,844  
St. Mihiel, France: A total of 4,153  
Suresnes, France: A total of 1,541

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U.S. Army

## Purpose

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

Specific objectives are:

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

## Pledge

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

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

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

## General Information

All members in good standing receive the official bimonthly publication, *The Watch on the Rhine*. Life Members shall receive the *Watch in the Rhine* with no further dues payments during their lifetime. The National Membership Roster is printed every three years. All members receive a copy of the roster on the three-year cycle. All new members receive a copy. The next National Membership Roster will be printed in 2015.

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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### WORLD WAR I [2 Medals of Honor]

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

### WORLD WAR II [39 Medals of Honor]

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

### KOREAN WAR [13 Medals of Honor]

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

### OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM [1 Medal of Honor]

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

### AFGANISTAN

- ★ Operation Enduring Freedom

Rock of the Marne	
◆ WWI	1917-1918
◆ Peacetime	1919-1941
◆ WWII	1941-1945
◆ Korea War	1950-1953
◆ Cold War	1945-1991
◆ Desert Storm	1990-1991
◆ Peacetime	1992-2000
◆ Bosnia	2000-2001
◆ Peacetime	2002-2003
◆ Middle East	2003-present

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