Kentuckian Receives MOH after 20 Years
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I’m Gonna Be A Secret Agent – Yeah Right
By Henry Bodden – Historian

In the fall of 1960, I enrolled in the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M at my father’s urging. My Dad saw the Aggie senior boots during halftime football games and he said “your going to A&M”. Texas A&M in 1960 was still a non-co-ed military school with mandatory ROTC training and only 8,000 students, as opposed to now a co-ed school of 50,000 students. My dad was a WWII Lt. Commander in the Merchant Marine, shipping oil up and down the coast of the Eastern seaboard and the Gulf of Mexico from Port Arthur, Texas. For the first three months after Pearl Harbor, his ship and other vessels dodged German U-Boats sinking anything that floated, but especially oil tankers. After the war I never really talked much with my Dad about the war because I just was just not that interested at the time growing up. I only attended A&M for two years and got married.

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The 7th Machine Gun Battalion at Chateau-Thierry

Henry Bodden – Historian

I have been meeting weekly with the Tulsa veterans of WWII for about eight years, and in the beginning when this group was formed about 22 years ago, their number was about 120 WWII veterans from all fronts of WWII. Now we are down to about eight of our “greatest generation.” However, three weeks ago Forest Landis joined our group. Forest served in the Navy in the Mediterranean during WWII in North Africa, Italy, and Southern France. Forest told me his father had served in five campaigns in France during the First World War with the newly organized Third Infantry Division. When he told me that his father Roy Landis was with the 7th Machine Gun Battalion at the Second Battle of the Marne at Chateau-Thierry, I was really excited and told him our upcoming June issue of “The Watch on the Rhine” will cover the 100th anniversary of that historic battle that marked the turning point of the First World War. The next meeting Forest brought me a plethora of his father’s photographs and medals of his service in northern France. But first, the 7th Machine Gun Battalion of the Third Division was formed at Camp Greene, North Carolina on November 21, 1917, and then left for overseas service on April 2, 1918. It arrived in France, via England on April 18, 1918, and proceeded to the Chateau-Villian area
I have always believed that service to our country and to our Veterans is one of the noblest toils we can undertake. Who better to serve than those who serve, or have served, to protect our liberties and ideals? They are the most honored of citizens in our country. It is, therefore, that I am most honored to be nominated and elected to serve another term as your President. I will endeavor to continue to focus on the three main areas, I believe, are most critical to our Society:

1: Increasing our membership
2: Strengthening our Outposts
3: Building strong relationships with our Active Duty Division, Soldiers and their families.

I can only do this with your help. The Society is a team that consist of Veterans from WWII all the way to the present. I know we can accomplish these three endeavors, if, and only if, we all work together. If we are able to construct a virtuous circle of members dedicated to the cohesion that binds us as Dogface Soldiers, we will make our Society a strong organization for the future.

How can you help? Accomplish these three things this year:

1: Recruit one member into the Society
2: Participate in your Outpost and work to make your Outpost initiatives successful
3: Wear your 3rd ID hat or shirt when you are out and about and if anyone asks you about the 3rd ID, invite them to be a Society member.

These are just little things that we all can do, but they add up. I would like to have 2,000 active Society members by the end of 2019. We are at around 1,600 members right now, so I know we can recruit 400 members in two years. Please help us to achieve this goal!

This edition includes IMPORTANT Constitution and Bylaws additions/revisions. PLEASE cut our your ballot and send in your vote on these very important issues. Last year we had very little participation in these votes. Please participate in this process.

Our raffle tickets have been sent out. There are great cash prizes available to our members who buy these raffle tickets and this is an important source of income for our Society to ensure that we are able to provide the continued services and support you have come to expect, like the publication of the “Watch on the Rhine.”

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This July marks 100 years since the second battle of the Marne that baptized the division in war and earned it the moniker “Rock of the Marne.” We have a special report of this battle in this edition and I hope you enjoy reading about it. This report was compiled from historically accurate sources that were published directly from division reports. Please enjoy.

In April 2018, the congress and the President approved the awarding of the Medal of Honor to another 3rd ID Soldier from WWII. LT Garlin Murl Conner, a member of K Company, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, volunteered, on January 24, 1945, to run 400 yards through “an intense concentration of enemy artillery” in Houssen, France. Along the way, he unrolled a spool of telephone wire so he could use a field telephone to direct attacks on the enemy. Conner directed friendly artillery fire to hold off six German tanks and about 600 German infantrymen. As shells exploded 25 yards from him, he set up an observation post, where he stayed for more than three hours, the citation said. Conner was individually credited with stopping more than 150 German troops, destroying the tanks and “disintegrating the powerful enemy assault force and preventing heavy loss of life in his own outfit,” the citation said. He will make the 56th member of the division to receive the Medal of Honor.

One of our members recently reach the age of 103! Harold Nelson and OP 88 recently celebrated his birthday in Colorado Springs, Colorado. We are proud of Harold and look forward to seeing him at this years reunion.

Speaking of which, registration is now open for our reunion in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Medal of Honor recipient, Hiroshi Miyamura, will be our guest of honor and many wonderful events are planned. Make your reservations early as this will be a popular reunion, in a great place with wonderful people. The presidents reception will feature an amazing BBQ dinner and a traditional Indian Dance show provided from one of the local Native American tribes. As always, our hospitality room will be filled with great snacks, complimentary moral boosting beverages, our Quartermaster store, our Historian display and great conversation. Please review the registration form and send in your payment soon. We look forward to seeing you!

Our Centennial Legacy Book needs your support. We need members to submit their stories for publication. We have not received the required amount...
for its training in that sector until May 30th, of 1918. When the great Hun offensive began and brought the Germans again to the Marne River, it necessitated the dispatch of all available American units to that front. The motorized 7th Machine Gun Battalion travelled overland on its own and reached the Marne late in the afternoon of May 31, 1918 and immediately took up a position in the historical city of Chateau-Thierry which had become partly occupied by the German Army. Having gained almost immediate contact with the enemy, the Battalion weary and with no sleep for 36 hours from their travel, went into action and their stubborn resistance prevented the Germans from crossing the Marne at this point inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. Glorious as had been the history of Chateau-Thierry, another page was added with vicious hand to hand fighting. Commenting upon the action of the 7th Machine Gun Battalion at Chateau-Thierry, Marshal Petain of France gave the following citation: “The Commander-in-Chief of the American Expeditionary Force in France under the command of Major Taylor, barred to the enemy the passage of the Marne. In the course of violent combat, particularly May 31st and June 1st, it disputed foot by foot with the Germans the northern outskirts of Chateau-Thierry, and covered itself with incomparable glory, thanks to its valor and to its skill, costing the enemy sanguinary losses.” – THE GREAT GENERAL HEADQUARTERS – November 21, 1918, PETAIN – THE MARSHAL OF FRANCE – After being relieved from Chateau-Thierry, the battalion was placed in the Corps reserve and was subject to call at any time for duty in the area. And then the last German offensive starting on July 15th of 1918, they were called upon again for more than ordinary duty. They found themselves in position as a part of the Corps reserve at the “center of resistance” near the Marne. Thanks chiefly to the other units of the Third Division who withstood the onslaught of the enemy offensive, checking them and throwing the Huns back in confusion, although the Battalion did receive heavy losses from enemy shelling. After the great battle of Chateau-Thierry, the Battalion moved on to the assault on St. Mihiel which I will cover in the August issue. It is always so exciting to travel and cover these battle sites in Europe and the Pacific like I have been doing for the past twenty four years, but meeting “the greatest generation” and descendants of those who served in “The Great War” add so much to my research, handing down their firsthand accounts as told to them by their father as Forest related to me. So one hundred years later, we are remembering the exploits of one of our Third Infantry Division’s soldiers who participated in one of the most decisive battles that brought Germany to surrender at the railcar in the forest at Compiengne.

EDITOR’S NOTE – Private Roy Landis, Company A, 7th Machine Gun Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, was awarded the Croix de Guerre with Silver Star under Order No. 11.933 “D” dated November 27, 1918, G.H.Q. French Armies of the East for his actions of May 31, 1918 at Chateau-Thierry.
Greetings to all Dog Face Soldiers, families, and friends of the Marne Division! I hope this message finds you in good health and spirits as The Marne Division conducts operations in 13 countries and territories around the world.

I am pleased to report that the Division Headquarters has returned to Fort Stewart following a successful nine-month tour in Afghanistan as the U.S. Forces – Afghanistan (USFOR-A) Joint Headquarters and the Command and Joint Operational Headquarters of Operations Resolute Support and Freedom’s Sentinel. We are all grateful to be home with our loved ones while preparing for our next mission. We officially marked the Division Headquarters’ return and the stand down of Task Force Marne with the Colors Uncasing and Transfer of Authority Ceremony on May 18.

The Falcons of 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade (3CAB) and the Providers of 3rd Sustainment Brigade (3SB) remain deployed to Afghanistan, and the Raiders of 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team (1ABCT) continue their operations on the Korean Peninsula. I remain in awe of the hard work and dedication each Dog Face Soldier demonstrates every day as they strive for mission success in a complex and dangerous security environment.

The Spartans of 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team (2ABCT) continue to tackle the training that comes with receiving newly-arrived armored vehicles and associated equipment. As the Spartan’s fleets of M1 tanks and Bradley Fighting Vehicles (BFVs) grow, so do the Brigade’s mastery of maintenance procedures, communications, and gunnery skills. The Spartan Brigade continues to build the readiness needed in their new configuration to answer the Nation’s call as the Army’s 15th Armor Brigade Combat Team.

Last month, the Volunteers of the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (48IBCT) of the Georgia Army National Guard tested their skills and training at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, LA. To prepare for their JRTC rotation, the Volunteers conducted Live Fire Exercises, Counter IED Training, Horizontal Equipment dig missions with their Engineers, Convoy Operations, and a Command Post Exercise at Fort Stewart’s Mission Training Complex. Over the past few months the Volunteers have balanced their commitments as professional Soldiers with their civilian occupations. The 3ID is honored to continue our relationship with the 48IBCT and to count them among us.

Your Marne Division continues moving forward – always ready to fight and win our Nation’s wars. As always, I ask that you continue to keep our deployed Soldiers and their Families in our thoughts and prayers.

Rock of the Marne! Army Strong!
Leopoldo A. Quintas, Jr.,
Major General, U.S. Army, Commanding

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of submissions, to date, so please send in your story of service in the 3rd ID. It is FREE to do so. When will you have another opportunity to publish your story for posterity? Probably never. This is a book dedicated to the 100th Anniversary of our Society and Division and this opportunity will NEVER come around again. Don’t let it slip past. Submit your story today. We will be conducting a competition among the Outpost’s for the most amount of stories submitted and prizes will be awarded to the Outpost with the most amount of bio/stories submitted. All OP President’s will be receiving a package in the mail soon concerning the details.

Let’s make 2018 the year we work on making our 100th anniversary the best possible. In 2019, the Society will become a centurion organization. This is no small feat and we need to make this a special occasion. Please find ways that your Outpost can mark this achievement and work to ensure that we are prepared to grow our Society for the next 100 years. I want our Society to be a rally point for cohesion and camaraderie among our Veterans and to repel the fragmentation that sometimes infiltrates our ranks.

We have been through so much as Veterans and most Americans will never know the private battles we have endured, the pain commensurate with our service, our fear in battle nor the pride we feel in our hearts for surviving the bleakest of times. These badges of courage propel us to grasp in our hearts the freedoms we enjoy and compel us to hold these liberties as the most sacred ideals we enjoy. God bless all of you and God bless our United Stares of America!
Meet the Newly Elected Western Region VP CSM (Ret) Robert Stark

CSM (ret) Robert Stark was drafted into the US Army in 1965. He did his basic combat training at Fort Ord, California and AIT at Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he graduated and was assigned the MOS was 13 A10 (Cannoneer). On June 2, 1966 he reported to B Battery, 3 BN, 76th Artillery, 3rd Infantry Division in Kitzingen, Germany and was immediately sent to Grafenwoehr for field maneuvers. He spent the next 2 years training in Grafenwoehr, Wildflicken and Hohenfels Germany.

CSM Stark separated from active duty in 1967 and was assigned to the 40th DIV of the National Guard. After 2 weeks with them he transferred to the USAR.

During the next 28 years he served with the 91st DIV at Concord BCT Committee Group, San Jose, CA. He served as the S2 & S3 Senior SGT of the AIT Committee Group, Camp Parks MTC, and the 124th ARCOM at the Presidio, San Francisco, CA.

While at the MTC he served as Senior Administrative Supervisor of the Office of the Commander, Senior NCO of the Combat Arms Division, Senior NCO of the Combat Support Division, Senior NCO of the Combat Service Support Division, Command Retention NCO, S1 & S4 Senior

CSM (ret) Starks medals include: Legion of Merit (1), Meritorious Service (2), Army Commendation (3), Army Achievement (3), USAR Achievement (6), National Defense (1)

His ribbons include: Army NCO Professional Development, Army Service (4), Army Overseas (1). Letters of Achievement and Commendation (5) and the Pewter mug award of the 91st DIV.

He now currently serves as Outpost 54 President and newly elected Western Region Vice-President.

2018 Society Election Results

As you all know, every year we have elections on a rotating basis. This year the office of Society President and the three regional Vice-President offices were open for nomination/election. We only had one nominee for each office therefore, no ballot is sent to the membership in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws, Section V para 5.3b which states “if there is only one nominee for an office, no ballot will be published for member vote.” The following nominees are automatically elected to their respective office:

Society President: 1SG (Ret) Toby Knight
Eastern Region Vice-President: David Pope
Central Region Vice-President: Lynn Ball
Western Region Vice-President: CSM (Ret) Robert Stark

1SG (ret) Toby Knight, Dave Pope and Lynn Ball have served in these positions for the last two years and have faithfully and dutifully executed their duties. They are dedicated Society members who are committed to protecting the Society and serving the membership.

CSM (ret) Robert Stark is new to the executive committee and has also accepted the position of President of Outpost 54 in Northern California. Please read his bio above.

Thanks to all of our National leaders for their dedication to the Society and their commitment to the membership.

Respectfully submitted
Ed Conley, Nominations and Elections Chairman
Call for Awards Nominations

This is the second 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 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. 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 August 10, 2018

Mail all nominations to SFC Ken Drake, Society Awards Chair, 3604 Herndon Lane, Wahiawa HI 96786 or at email: Sgttuba1@earthlink.net. 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.

—Submitted by Award Chairman SFC. Ken Drake

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EXCOM Actions
June 2017 - May 2018
The following are proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws and Executive Committee Actions to be approved by the membership. Please vote on each of these amendments no the official mail-in ballot in this issue. ONLY the official mail-in ballot may be used to vote. Cut out the ballot along the scissors line. Removing the ballot won’t destroy your Watch.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS
EC Action 1. 6/10/2017 EXCOM voted to establish a permanent Fundraising Committee.
EC Action 2. 7/5/2017 EXCOM voted to approve the 2017-2018 Society budget.
EC Action 3. 9/30/2017 EXCOM voted to make the Active Duty lifetime membership fee to $100 permanent.
EC Action 4. 9/30/2017 EXCOM voted that Outposts will only have 90 days to cash any checks for membership dues coming from the national Secretary-Treasure. After that time has expired, the Outpost will forfeit the monies send to them.
EC Action 5. 9/30/2017 EXCOM voted to add to the C&BL’s a requirement for the Society Scholarship foundation to submit to the Society EXCOM a copy of their annual budget and an annual report of receipts and disbursements.
EC Action 6. 9/30/2017 EXCOM voted to require the Society Scholarship foundation raffle to be held and the prize winners announced at the annual reunion.
EC Action 7. 3/23/18 EXCOM voted to disapprove a motion to amend Article V: Management, paragraph 5.2a.1 Term of Office for the President and Society Officers.
EC Action 8. 4/18/18 EXCOM voted to approve funding of travel expenses for the Society President to travel on Official Society business.

CONSTITUTION CHANGES:
Motion to add para 3.11 to the ARTICLE III of the Constitution
Current Reading: None
Proposed Reading:

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP
3.11 It is the policy and commitment of the Society of the Third Infantry Division, US Army that it does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, color, sex, national origin, physical or mental disability, or religion.
Reason for Addition: To ensure that a policy of non-discrimination is clearly delineated in the Society and to align the C&BL’s with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.
Motion to add 5.1d to the C&BLs

ARTICLE V: MANAGEMENT

Proposed Reading:

5.1d. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:
Definition: a situation in which a Society officer, chair, staff member or member is in a position to derive personal benefit from actions or decisions made in their official capacity.
Whenever an Officer of the Executive Committee, chair, committee member, staff member or member of the Society has a financial or personal interest in any matter coming before the Executive Committee or General Membership, the Executive Committee shall ensure that:
1. The interest of such officer, chair, staff member or member is fully disclosed to the Executive Committee or the membership.
2. No interested officer, chair, staff member or member may vote or lobby on the matter or be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at the meeting of the Executive Committee or General Membership meeting at which such matter is voted upon.
3. If an Executive Committee Member, chair, staff member or member fails to recuse him/herself from a matter or motion and/or vote of which they have an obvious or established conflict of interest, the Chairman of the Executive Committee will have full right and obligation to recuse the member without their voluntary consent.
4. Any transaction in which an officer, chair, staff member or member has a financial or personal interest shall be duly approved by members of the Executive Committee not so interested or connected as being in the best interests of the Society.
5. Payments to the interested officer, chair, staff member or member shall be reasonable and shall not exceed fair market value, if justified and approved by the executive committee.
6. The minutes of meetings at which such votes are taken shall record such disclosure, abstention, recusal and/or rationale for approval.

Reason for addition: To align the Society with current IRS policies and recommendations concerning conflict of interest situations in nonprofit organizations.

BYLAWS CHANGES:
Bylaws para 5.4b
Current reading: 5.4b. The Awards Committee and the Executive Committee shall select award recipients in accordance with the Awards Protocol. The Awards Committee shall select the recipients of the Society Service Award and Outstanding Associate Member Award. The Executive Committee shall select the recipient of the Audie Murphy Achievement Award. No Society Member may be awarded the Audie Murphy Achievement Award more than once in their lifetime.
Proposed Reading: 5.4b. The Awards Committee and the Executive Committee shall select award recipients in accordance with the Awards Protocol. The Awards Committee shall select the recipients of the Society Service Award and Outstanding Associate Member Award. The Executive Committee shall select the recipient of the Audie Murphy Achievement Award. No Society Member may be awarded the Audie Murphy Achievement Award more than once in their lifetime.

Reason for the addition: To eliminate the duplicate presentation of awards due to the absence of a majority on the Awards Committee.
Rescind paragraph 1.6 of the By-Laws.

Current Reading: 1.6 Annual reunions will be held on a rotating schedule. A reunion will be scheduled in each region on a rotating three-year basis. The Reunion Committee or the professional planner will make a short presentation to the Executive Committee at the reunion with recommendations. The Executive Committee chooses the reunion city. Locations will be chosen two years in advance. Each region will host a
Proposed Reading: None

Reason for the change: Each year, for the last several years, attendance at the annual reunions has been dropping. The Society must make a drastic decision to improve this trend. The central region failed to support the 2017 reunion. The survey conducted with 188 WR members showed that 83.3% did NOT want to attend a reunion in Albuquerque in 2018. This has created a crisis that the Society must respond to before a major financial situation threatens the solvency of the Society.

Motion to Amend SECTION III:
GOVERNANCE BETWEEN ANNUAL MEETINGS, para 3.5 previously adopted

Current Reading: 3.5 Written complaints and/or charges against a Society member shall be referred to the Chairman of the Executive Committee. Upon receipt of the written complaint and/or charges the Chairman of the Executive Committee will consult with the Judge Advocate as to the legitimacy of the charges. The Judge Advocate will provide an opinion which will be attached to the charges/complaint. If the Society President is the object of the charges, the National Secretary/Treasurer will serve as the Executive Committee Chair. A copy of the complaint and/or charges along with the opinion of the Judge Advocate shall be sent to the Society member so charged, along with the name of the complainant. After a fair and impartial study, it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to take whatever action is deemed necessary and warranted. The Decision of the Executive Committee shall be by a simple majority vote of the ballots cast with a quorum of six. This may include expulsion from the Society. The Membership of the member charged shall remain active during the review and appeal process, except in cases of fraud or theft. In cases of fraud or theft, the membership is suspended pending a final decision. Written notice of remedial action must be given to the member who may, within thirty (30) days, protest to the Committee in writing. If the protest is denied, the Committee decision will be subject to approval by the General Membership at the Annual Meeting. If the member requests this in writing to the National Secretary-Treasurer. The decision of the General Membership shall be by simple majority. Also, the Committee may “Remove for Cause” any officer of the Society who shall have failed to perform his official duties as stated in these By-Laws or shall have abused the privilege of his office in a manner which the Committee deems to be detrimental to the Society. All “Remove for cause” actions shall be sent to the Executive Committee Chair with a copy to the officer being accused. “Remove for Cause” actions against the Society President shall be sent to the Secretary who will chair the removal procedure. The accused will not participate in discussions or voting on removal actions. Decisions on “Removal for Cause” must be by a 2/3 majority of the ballots cast with a quorum of six. The membership of the member charged shall remain active during the review and appeal process, except in cases of fraud or theft. In cases of fraud or theft, the membership is suspended pending final disposition.

Proposed Reading
3.5 Complaints

a. Members of the Society are encouraged to make every attempt to amicably resolve disputes without the Society’s formal intervention. Members should resort to the complaint process under this Section only with respect to matters of significant importance which could not be resolved otherwise. Careful consideration should be given as to whether application of the complaint process is in accordance with acceptable rules of due process for all those involved.

b. Complaints against Society members, Officers, Staff or Outpost Leaders must be done in writing and received by the Chairman of the Executive Committee within 30 days of the perceived infraction. In cases of fraud or theft, local laws will determine the statute of limitations. All complaints must be accompanied by evidence to support the complaint. If the complaint entails an egregious violation of these Constitution and Bylaws, the exact article or section must be cited in the complaint with evidence to support the complaint. Complaints received after 30 days from the infraction will be considered closed, unless they entail fraud or theft.

c. If the complaint is against the Society President, the complaint must be submitted, in writing, to the National Secretary-Treasurer and all other requirements for complaints in para 3.5b are applicable. During the processing of the complaint against the President, the National Secretary-Treasurer will serve as the Chair of the Executive Committee for only motions pertinent to the complaint. The President will remain the Chair of the Executive Committee for all other motions, but will be recused, IAW Article V: Management para 5.1d, from any discussion or vote on complaints conferred against the President.

d. During the complaint process, the membership of all those involved remains in effect pending the outcome. In cases of fraud or theft, the individual accused will be immediately removed from their position, if applicable, pending the outcome of the investigation.

e. Upon receipt of the complaint and evidence, the Chair of the Executive Committee will inform the accused in writing and will provide a copy of the complaint and the evidence submitted. The accused will have 30 days to submit a formal rebuttal, in writing, to provide evidence on their behalf. If no rebuttal or evidence is received from the accused the process will continue and the accused shall forfeit their right to provide statements or evidence.

f. Upon receipt of the rebuttal and evidence from the accused, the Chair of the Executive Committee will forward all documents, including the original complaint and evidence and the rebuttal statement and evidence, to the Society Advocate. The Judge Advocate will have 30 days to render a written opinion to the Chair.

g. If the opinion of the Judge Advocate is in the negative against the complaint and an obvious preponderance of the evidence is established against the complaint, it may be vacated by the Chair with no further action being taken. If the opinion of the Judge Advocate is in the positive and the preponderance of the evidence is established in favor of the complaint, the Chair will forward a motion to the Executive Committee to deliberate charges against the accused and shall provide all written complaints, rebuttals, evidence and the Judge Advocate opinion along with the motion.

h. The Executive Committee will have 30 days to deliberate conferring charges. Only the Executive Committee may prefer charges against a Member, Officer, Staff or Outpost Leader in accordance with the procedures set forth in these Constitution and Bylaws and Robert’s Rules of Order, latest edition. A 2/3 majority vote must be attained in order to confer charges against any Member, Officer, Staff or Outpost Leader. The Executive Committee may, if decided, convene a hearing and assign a panel to investigate further, the charges.
i. If the Executive Committee votes to confer charges, the accused must be informed of the charges, in writing, and will have 15 days to submit any rebuttal or evidence on their behalf.

j. Once charges are preferred and the rebuttal from the accused is received, the Executive Committee will have 15 days to decide the guilt or innocence of the accused for each charge. The rules of due process and the preponderance of the evidence must be used in deciding guilt or innocence.

k. The Executive Committee will have 15 days to impose punishment and the following may be imposed: letter of reprimand, censure, revocation of membership, temporary suspension of membership, remove for cause any officer of the Society or, in cases of criminal conduct, the pressing of charges with law enforcement. A 2/3 majority vote must be attained in order to impose punishment to any Member, Officer, Staff or Outpost Leader.

l. The member convicted by the Executive Committee will have the right to appeal his/her conviction of charges and punishment. They will have 30 days of receipt of the punishment decision to appeal, in writing, directly to the Chair of the Executive Committee. If the appeal is denied, the member so punished will have the right to appeal to the General Membership at the General Membership Meeting held during the National Reunion. The member must inform the Chair of their desire to appeal to the General Membership at least 30 days prior to the reunion and be physically present at the General Membership meeting, present their case, with evidence, to the General Membership. If a motion to reconsider the Charges are duly seconded and a 2/3 majority vote is received from the members present, the General Membership may vote to overturn any decision taken concerning the charges or punishment imposed on the member.

Reason for the Change: To eliminate the ambiguity of handling complaints, establish a clear procedure for the processing of complaints and ensure that due process is inserted into the complaint procedure which will protect the Society from legal repercussions and protect the rights of the accused.

Army First Lt. Garlin Murl Conner will posthumously receive the Medal of Honor after more than 20 years

By GREG KOCHER | The Lexington Herald-Leader (Tribune News Service) | Published: March 28, 2018

A Kentucky man will posthumously receive the Medal of Honor after his family and others pressed for the recognition for more than 20 years.

Army First Lt. Garlin Murl Conner, credited with demonstrating acts of valor during World War II, will be recognized in a ceremony later this year.

President Donald Trump telephoned Conner’s 88-year-old widow on Monday to tell her the news. Sunday was National Medal of Honor Day.

“I think it’s one of the most wonderful things that ever happened to me besides marrying my husband. That was best,” said Pauline Conner in a telephone interview. “He said my husband had one of the best records that he had seen.”

Garlin Conner, a Clinton County native, died at age 79 in 1998. The Medal of Honor is the nation’s highest military distinction, given by Congress for life-risking acts of valor above and beyond the call of duty.

On Jan. 24, 1945, while recovering from a battlefield wound near Houssen, France, Conner ran away from his field hospital to rejoin his unit, and thereafter, single-handedly held off the advance of six German tanks and 600 German infantrymen. Unrolling a spool of wire so he could use a field telephone, he directed artillery to fall onto his own position, killing 50 enemy soldiers and wounding another 100.

“He called for artillery fire upon himself, determined to destroy and smash the Germans even if it cost him his life,” wrote 1st Sgt. Harold J. Miller in an eyewitness statement.

Conner also earned four Silver Stars, four Bronze Stars, seven Purple Hearts and the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions during 28 straight months of combat during World War II.

The effort to see Conner recognized began when Richard Chilton, a Green Beret from Wisconsin, wrote the Army Board for Correction of Military Records saying that Conner should be honored. While researching the military career of his uncle, Chilton met and talked with Conner before he died. Conner knew Chilton’s uncle.

The Army board rejected Conner’s application for the Medal of Honor in 1997 and turned away an appeal in June 2000.

In the years that followed, lawmakers in Kentucky, Tennessee and other states passed resolutions backing the effort to see Conner receive the Medal of Honor. After three eyewitness accounts to Conner’s deeds were obtained in 2006, Pauline Conner resubmitted the case to the board in 2008—two years after the statute of limitations expired.

In 2014 a federal judge said Pauline Conner had waited too long to present new evidence to the Board of Correction for Military Records. But in 2015, the board went against the advice of its staff and voted unanimously that the evidence “was sufficient to warrant a recommendation” that Conner receive the medal.

Kentucky Sens. Mitch McConnell and Rand Paul sent a letter to Defense Secretary James Mattis supporting the effort to recognize Conner, said Dennis Shepherd, a retired Air Force colonel and attorney with the Kentucky Department of Military Affairs.

McConnell attached an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act of 2018 that cleared the way to legally recognize Conner, Shepherd said.

“It’s been a very long process with a lot of bureaucracy to go through and a lot of boards to go through,” Shepherd said.

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Editor’s Note: Lt. Conner was assigned to 3rd BN, 7th Inf Regiment.
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I hope everyone is doing OK. Life can throw curve balls at us when it comes to our health, so I sincerely hope that God has blessed you and your family with health. We recently experienced the passing of Barbara Bush, the wife of former President George H.W. Bush, so it got me to thinking that we must keep each other in our prayers.

I know that I must sound like a broken record sometimes when I say to you all to please try to recruit a new member into the Society. It sure helps when our members wear hats or lanyards with our patch and logo on them as you are out and about. People will ask you questions. Just think, we would double our membership if everyone one of us recruited just one person this year! So please try for our sake.

We had a long winter this year. I know some people thought that spring and summer would never come. Here in Florida, the weather was way above normal. It was in the upper 80’s near 90’s very early on in the year and that was not normal.

Did anyone attend the funeral of our beloved friend Gen. Maurice Kendall? If so, could you send a few pictures of what took place? He was a good friend of Kathy and I and we do miss him.

Well, please pray for all of our troops. May our good Lord keep His loving arms around all of them until they return home.

God bless all of you. I have a little prayer I want to share with you:

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To think and meditate,
Walking along the ocean’s shore
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The calm and peace surrounding me
And blue expanse of sea,
Let’s me feel His presence,
And know He walks with me.

I speak to Him with words of love
For no one else can hear;
I watch the moon’s reflection
On the driftwood lying near.

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Now we’ll talk of many things -
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Chaplain’s Corner
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The Scholarship Foundation Fundraising Raffle will kick off soon. We have over 30 prizes, including two weapons: A fully operational, semi-automatic Korean War Commemorative Thompson Submachine Gun in a custom display case, and a fully operational 1911A1 pistol. The Thompson Submachine Gun was donated by Thomas Maines, and a 1911A1 pistol was donated by Bob Barfield. Tom also donated several military books, and several Korean War Commemorative coins—all proofs. We thank our many donors for providing the prizes to be awarded.

The deadline for applications for scholarship grants of $1000 is June 1, 2018. The application and instructions can be obtained through our website at http://www.3idScholarshipFoundation.org, or by contacting Lynn Ball, Chairman, at 972-495-1704. Please urge your eligible applicants to enter as soon as possible. The Foundation must receive applications by June 1, 2018. A sponsor’s letter is required. The instructions packet explains the requirements for the sponsor’s letter.

We also have sponsored awards honoring:

- LTG William G. Webster and the Men and Women of the 3rd Infantry Division,
- “Award Honoring Kimberly Shawn Grugin Webster, former First Lady of the 3rd Infantry Division.”
- “Joe Ball Award honoring Lynn D. Ball, Chairman, Scholarship Foundation”
- “Award in Honor and Memory of 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers for Their Meritorious Services in the Evacuation of Military and Civilian Refugees from Hungnam, North Korea, December 1950”
- “Award in Honor and Memory of SFC Ralph E. ‘Rick’ Richenbacher”
- “Scholarship Foundation Award Honoring the Active Duty Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division”
- “Award in Honor and Memory of Sherman Pratt”
- “The Michele and T.A. Smith award honoring the 184th Inf. (4th BCT, 3rdID) OIF 2005-2006, a Valorous Unit.”
- “Memorial Award” honoring friends and relatives who have passed away and were memorialized through donations to the Scholarship Foundation.
- “Award in Honor and Memory of Abraham ‘Abe’ Friedman”
- “Award in Honor of Thomas R. Maines, Trustee Emeritus, Scholarship Foundation”

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—Submitted by Joe Ball

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http://www.3idscholarshipfoundation.org
Mr. Bodden,

While reading The Watch on the Rhine newsletter yesterday, I noticed you were our new Editor and Historian. Congratulations! My Lifetime Associate membership in the Society of the Third Infantry Division, started when I began researching into my Dad’s combat history. As the case with the majority of veterans, he did not talk about his experiences when I was a youngster. Only after some 50 years later, I was able to hear and record some of his stories.

Using the Archives and Records Administration in College Park copies of their Division’s G-3 Reports, 30th Infantry Regiment’s S-3 Reports, some 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalion Message Reports, their recorded officer interviews, and many books relating to the Third Infantry Division, I was able to retrace my Father’s combat history from December 1943, from their encampment at Pietravariano, Italy to October 1944, in LeTholy, France.

Of the thirty or so pages of written recordings of his stories that he told me around the time the media was honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Normandy Landings, I was able to meld some of it with the Official Records. Granted this project has been touched upon off-and-on, but most of the time, over the years I have been in contact with several veterans and their families requesting information of what had happened. Without charging anyone for the information sent to them, this has become one small way of paying them back.

Milo Moyano

Saw on the net a few minutes ago about Garlin Conners going to receive the Medal of Honor soon. All of you who worked so hard for this are to be congratulated! It’s a shame that he didn’t live long enough for him to receive the medal in person!

I saw on the news last night that a British soldier sold Britons 2nd highest award for valor for the equivalency of our money in the amount of 160,000.00 so he could buy a house! I guess his award would be equivalent to our Distinguished Service Cross. I don’t think I could have sold mine if I had one, but, who knows? No! I couldn’t have sold it.

I wonder if Audie Murphy receiving the Medal of Honor at about the same time of Garland’s heroics might have been part of the reason it took so long for him? Also the fact that both of them were members of the “famed” 3rd Inf. Div. at the same time. Give Pauline a kiss for me! I already congratulated her about a week or so ago

Walter Haddix

Forwarded to Deborah Barfield

‘In The Footsteps Of Valor’

This hardcover coffee table book by author Henry Bodden details his travels to Europe and the Pacific photographing WWI & WWII battle sites, buildings, and members of “the greatest generation” interviewed by the author. Of interest to our readers of the 3rd Infantry Division is the twenty five color pages dedicated to Audie Murphy, whereas the author has researched Hunt & Collin Counties in Texas where Audie grew up before joining the Army, and trips to Holtzwihr, France where America’s most decorated soldier earned his Medal of Honor

The book is 224 color pages and over 700 photographs printed on heavy glossy paper, because the author wanted to produce a quality and nominally priced book dedicated to our veterans and their families. The book is priced at $34.95 (includes shipping) and is available through the author’s website – www.inthefootstepsofvalor.com – It is also available directly through the author: Mail check or money order for $34.95 to Henry Bodden – 9610 N. Dover Pl. – Owasso, OK – 74055

‘Human Statue of Liberty’ - this photo was taken in 1918 when 18,000 men training at Camp Dodge in Iowa staged this incredible staging photo. Courtesy of Margie Mathisen via Kathy Daddato.
On July 14th, 1918, the Division held a sector extending along the Southbank of the MARNE River from the eastern edge of CHATEAU-THIERRY to a point on the River, one kilometer due west of VARENNES, a distance of 9 kilometers on an east and west line and of almost 12 kilometers measuring along the river bank.

The Division sector was divided into four subsectors, each held by one regiment with one battalion in the front line one battalion in support, and the third battalion in reserve. Machine gun battalions were assigned to brigade sectors and the guns employed for the defense of the sectors were echeloned in depth to provide a deep checker-board formation. The Division Reserve consisted of only three companies of the 4th Infantry, located in rear of the left subsector. From west to east the subsectors were held by the 4th, 7th, 30th and 38th Infantry Regiments, respectively. The 10th Field Artillery had taken position in the eastern half of the division sector and had been assigned to the support of the 6th Brigade; the 76th Field Artillery in the western half of the sector was assigned to the support of the 5th Brigade. The 18th Field Artillery was on this date just coming into position, the last battery being caught on the road by light bombardment of the night of July 14th/15th. The units of this regiment and the French Artillery units already in the sector were given the mission of general support in the zone of the Division.

Four general lines of defense had been organized, but the defensive works constructed were in a rather elemental stage, due to several circumstances, the most important of which were the more or less open character of the recent fighting, the lack of engineer personnel and the constant shifting of units in the early stages of organization and the continual changes in sector limits, occasioned by the Army or Corps organization and reorganization. The first of these lines, consisting of isolated pits and machine gun emplacements along the river bank, was intended to serve principally as a line of observation. Close in rear of this line a more strongly garrisoned defensive position providing a more or less continuous line of rifle fire (in compliance with orders 38th A. C.) had been established along the railroad track. The so-called main line of resistance extended along the slopes of the first hills south of the MARNE; although this line was intended to be continuous eventually; the main reliance was placed upon certain groups or strong points fairly well organized. The 4th (or support) line
Division orders outlining the plan of defense prescribed that all units hold the ground entrusted to them and that lost ground be immediately regained by local counter-attack.

followed the slopes about the crest of the 2nd ridge to the south of the MARNE, extending into the SURMELIN Valley on the east. In rear of the Division, a fairly strong position on the reverse slope of the hills had been organized by the VI. Army, and was garrisoned by the 28th Division, U. S. and the 73rd Division, French.

As stated above, the organization of the position held was far from being completed. Dugouts for use as P. C's. and dressing stations and a number of splinter-proofs had been installed. Fire trenches existed along the front edges of the woods and at certain isolated points, but were not of sufficient depth to afford reasonable protection from shell-fire. The small, isolated pits in the forward areas were, however, much nearer completion and were all fairly well camouflaged. A bretelle position garrisoned by three companies of the 7th Infantry and a Machine Gun company, was in process of construction from Le ROCQ Chateau to BOCHAGE Farm, and another bretelle garrisoned by one battalion of the 38th Infantry had been commenced with a view to extending it along the eastern edge of BOIS de la JUTE and the northern edge of the woods south of ST. EUGENE.

Four battalions of the Division had been retained by the Corp’s or the Army for the purpose of garrisoning Army positions but, on the 13th of July all but one of these battalions were returned, to the Division and on the night of the 14th of July, this one remaining battalion had been put at the disposal of the division commander to accomplish the relief of one battalion the 30th Infantry. Each subsector was held in general by one battalion in the forward area, and one battalion in support. Three companies of the 4th Infantry constituted the garrison of the Le ROCQ bretelle position. Two companies of the 38th Infantry, were in the BOIS de la JUTE on a short bretelle and the remainder of the units were in position at the disposal of the Regimental Commanders.

Division orders outlining the plan of defense prescribed that all units hold the ground entrusted to them and that lost ground be immediately regained by local counter-attack. Pursuant to Corps orders, it was directed that this stubborn defense begin at the most advanced line and be continued by each unit, however small, even though the enemy succeeded in gaining ground to both sides, and in rear of that unit. The use of gas and smoke had been foreseen and subsector commanders had been directed to prepare their plans of defense accordingly.
but this particular point was not, yet sufficiently covered so that proper precaution could be taken without loss in personnel and great confusion resulting there from.

The enemy artillery was known to have been heavily reinforced during the first part of July, and every prominent point in the 3rd Division sector had been accurately registered upon. Just previous to the 14th of July, there was considerable decrease in enemy’s artillery activity, with a corresponding increase in his aerial activity. On a number of occasions, reports of observers indicated that “metallic cylinders” were being handled from wheeled transportation on the north bank of the river and that work, accompanied by pounding upon iron, was progressing. Although absolutely no movement was noted during the day, every night reported movement of individuals, groups, wagons and forms of transportation. Prisoners taken by our patrols had crossed the river on several occasions, reported having heard remarks of an offensive, but were unable or unwilling to definitely locate the objective of this offensive. Information was, however, finally gained by the Army from a captured officer who located DORMANS as one of the probable points of crossing. This information when pieced together served as a warning and enabled artillery to prepare and open their counter-offensive preparation before the enemy’s bombardment had commenced.

On July 14th a gas-shell attack on the enemy’s positions north the MARNE had been ordered by the 38th Army Corps, to begin at 8 P. M. Shortly after the shelling commenced, telephone orders were received directing that general counter preparation fire be delivered, to commence at 11.30 P. M., as a German attack was expected before daylight. At this time all of the 3rd Artillery Brigade, with the exception of one battery of the 18th Field Artillery (155’s) was in position, and, thanks to the data secured by the French units which had previously occupied these positions and to the careful dispositions made by the Commanding General, 3rd Artillery Brigade, all of the artillery supporting the division was able to open at once a very effective concentration of fire upon all of the avenues of approach on the north bank of the MARNE and upon suspected points of enemy concentration. At midnight, the enemy commenced a violent bombardment with gas and high explosive shell. Bombardment was especially violent on the rear line of defense and in the wooded areas, and lasted for about four hours.

The enemy bombardment extended from CHATEAU -THIERRY to DORMANS and well into the fear areas. This preliminary bombardment gave way shortly to a barrage which continued upon the front lines until about 3.30 A. M., and upon the rear lines until after 10 A. M. About 3.30 A. M., July 15th, the enemy commenced his crossing by means of boats and pontoon bridges. One regiment of his troops was caught by our artillery fire at the exits of BOIS de BARBILLON and suffered very severe casualties, according to statements of prisoners. Another regiment, after three attempts had been made, gave up the plan of crossing opposite the 38th Infantry, due to our heavy artillery and machine gun fire and moved to the east where crossing was finally effected, resulting in a mass movement upon the positions of the 38th Infantry. Shortly after the first troops of the enemy crossed the river, the troops on the right of this division gave way, with the result that at 5 A. M., July 15th, the 38th Infantry was devoid of any support on its right flank and was forced to present a line of resistance facing the east to resist enemy pressure from that direction. In the meantime, the enemy had crossed the Plain of MEZY, and his heavy masses of troops were hurled against the advanced elements of the 30th Infantry and the 7th Infantry. Such of these elements as were not entirely destroyed were finally forced to retire to the woods on the slopes north of CREZANCY and in the vicinity of FOSSOY. This in turn
exposed the left flank of the 38th Infantry which still held its ground. At this time the 7th Infantry started a movement to regain the lost terrain and was successful after twelve hours of effort, during which a number of patrols and small, bodies of troops penetrated into the woods east of FOSSOY, and on to the Plain of MEZY. The lines of the 30th Infantry, in the woods north of CREZANCY maintained their position and delivered a deadly machine gun and rifle fire upon the advancing German troops, with the result that no German reached the FOSSOY-CREZANCY road at any time and that no German reached our positions in the woods and remained alive and uncaptured. The advanced elements of the 38th Infantry were withdrawn toward evening on the 15th and that regiment was directed to prepare for resistance along the western crest of the SURMELIN Valley in the event of a heavy German attack delivered from the east.

From patrols that had penetrated into the woods east of the SURMELIN 1 Valley and the statements of prisoners cross examined, some estimate of the German forces which had crossed the river was made possible. The Division Commander wished to secure at least two fresh battalions from the Army Corps Reserve, 28th Division, and some French units, with which to make a counter-attack in the direction of REUILL Y and clean out the Jaulgonne salient. After repeated requests, permission was finally obtained to deplete the strength on the left of the Division (4th Infantry) and with the troops so obtained, coupled with a few divisional reserve units which still remained available, to make this attack. It was then too late however, as the German troops had already commenced their re-crossing of the river. The Division immediately moved forward to keep contact with the retreating enemy and crossed the river; the 4th Infantry, by means of the Chateau-Thierry bridge on July 21st, and late the same evening, one battalion of the 7th Infantry near FOSSOY by boat.

From this date until the Division was relieved in the line, the fighting assumed a more or less open character and consisted almost entirely of machine gun fire and flanking movements directed by our small units upon the positions assumed by the rear guard of the enemy. The Division was finally relieved by the 32nd Division, U.S., the last unit being relieved early in the morning of July 31.

The casualties of the division were heavy, amounting in all to approximately 7500 men and 205 officers. No attempt was made to compute the number of German killed. It is known, however, that a great many German killed and wounded were carried off by the retreating troops and in the few trenches along the banks of the river, German bodies were found piled several deep. A great many bodies that fell in the MARNE were carried downstream. Approximately 700 prisoners were taken by the division and a great number of machine guns with their equipment and ammunition, several one pounder cannon, and three 77 fieldpieces.

Countless feats of courage, fidelity, and duty well done could be told of the individual officers and men. For instance, certain officers of the 10th F. A. commandeered and served abandoned French batteries on two occasions, and the artillery liaison agents, after all wire communications had been completely wiped out, showed remarkable fidelity and an utter disregard of personal danger.

An examination of a map showing the line held by the enemy before and after the “Battle of the MARNE,” makes clear the fact that the 3rd Division not only effectually stopped the two German divisions opposed to it and thereby rendered possible the stopping of the German advance, but also that the advance made toward the VESLE River...
My wife and I became so addicted to the James Bond movies, that in 1965 when our first son was born in Dallas, we named him Kevin SEAN Bodden, after Sean Connery and the seed was sown for a future “secret agent” unbeknownst to us.
Lt. Audie Murphy was the gold standard of the 3rd Infantry, and so he and I visited Holtziwirh, France on one trip to the spot where Murphy beat back six Panther tanks and 250 infantrymen in a one hour one man stand that earned him the Medal of Honor and he became America’s “most decorated” soldier of WWII. After about eight trips to Europe, I now wanted to turn my attention to the Pacific to photograph WWII sites. Then in 2008 I toured the Philippines with five veterans of the Bataan Death March and survivors of “The Great Raid” by Army Rangers at Cabanatuan in Luzon, which rescued all 502 American POW’s set to be executed in days as Gen. MacArthur had landed at Leyte Gulf. Being with these five heroes for two weeks transformed me from an adventurer and tourist, to an advocate for our WWII vets of “the greatest generation.” I wanted to do something for them to keep their memory alive, but what? Then in 2010 I joined another tour to Hawaii, Guam, and my dream destination – Iwo Jima. After returning from Iwo Jima, I sat down and began organizing my photos and began writing the narrative of my trips, and eighteen months later I published my book “In The Footsteps of Valor” – a “then” and “now” color coffee table book dedicated to the WWII veterans. I now had a vehicle to do programs at schools, veteran groups, and other venues to present my programs to honor our WWII vets. ENTER THE THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION SOCIETY- I also had been posting on face book, seven days a week for almost two and one half years, my photos and history of my travels. When an opening for Historian for the 3rd Infantry Division magazine “The Watch on the Rhine” became open, I received an e-mail from Society President Toby Knight who had been following my face book page. Toby and Lynn Ball asked me to step in as Historian, even though I had no military service background. I accepted the position that Historian Tim Stoy admirably filled for many years and I now hold to this day. It is just so ironic how fate forcefully directed my son out of the Third Infantry, and how fate led me into the Third Infantry Society staff that I never sought nor wanted, but that’s how things work out sometimes for the best. My book also opened the door for me to become a tour leader to Normandy, Paris, and Germany, and this year will be a special trip for me as we visit and honor the 100th anniversary of Belleau Wood and Chateau Thierry where the 3rd Infantry Division became ‘The Rock of the Marne.” I will publish my photos of this upcoming trip to Chateau Thierry in our August issue.

EDITOR’S NOTE – Kevin was a 1st. Lt. Armor officer and Platoon leader in the 2nd Battalion - 37th Armor Regiment in the 3rd Infantry Div. The 37th Armor was the same unit that Creighton Abrams led in WWII. During a Presidential campaign a few years ago, Secret Service agent Kevin told Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf that he was a good agent because you would be good at running over things with your tank training.
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Thursday September 27th
2:00pm Registration and Hospitality Room Opens
5:00pm-6:00pm No Host Social Hour
6:00pm-8:00pm President’s Reception Dinner

Friday September 28th
9:00am-4:30pm Optional Old Town/Lunch/Winery & Tasting
5:30pm-10:30pm Optional Sandia Casino

Saturday September 29th
8:30am-10:30am General Membership Meeting
9:00am-10:30am Ladies Breakfast
10:30am-12:00pm Executive Committee Meeting
1:30pm-4:30pm Optional Tour National Museum of Nuclear Science & History
6:00pm-7:00pm No Host Social Hour
7:00pm-10:00pm Reunion Banquet, Program, and Awards

Sunday September 30th
8:00am-10:00am Memorial Breakfast and Reunion Farewell

Optional Tours

Old Town & Winery Tour with Tasting
Friday September 28th 9:00am-4:30pm Price $38.00
Old Town today looks much like it did when it was built centuries ago. Stroll the Plaza, visit the museums, or shop at over 150 stores and galleries for unique gifts from the Southwest and around the world. Quiet hidden patios, winding brick paths, gardens and balconies are waiting to be discovered. After lunch we will visit the Casa Rondell Winery for a tour and wine tasting.

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Friday September 28th 5:30pm-10:30pm Price No Charge
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National Museum of Nuclear Science & History
Saturday September 29th 1:30pm-4:30pm Price $35.00
The National Museum of Nuclear Science & History was established in 1969 as an intriguing place to learn the story of the Atomic Age, from early research of nuclear development through today’s peaceful uses of nuclear technology. Visitors can explore how nuclear science continues to influence our world. The museum strives to present, through permanent and changing exhibits and displays, the diverse applications of nuclear science in the past, present and future.

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The first meeting for 2018 and luncheon of Outpost #1 of the Society of 3rd Infantry Division was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018. Minutes will be in the next issue of Watch on the Rhine. Other locations for future Outpost 1 Meetings were discussed at the Spring Outpost 1 Meeting and also will be in the next issue of Watch on the Rhine.

We will be firming the location for our second meeting of 2018 that is tentatively set for Marseilles, Illinois with the meal and meeting location to be decided at the Spring Outpost 1 Meeting. The reason for the selection was the opportunity to see the Middle East Conflicts Memorial Wall, Marseilles Veterans Memorial, Illinois Fallen Soldiers Tree and the Marseilles Illinois National Guard Training Center. Additional information on these sites can be found on the internet.

We will be electing our officers for the next year at the Fall Meeting. So, please try to be there and step up to the plate to become an officer of Outpost 1. The officers are: President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer.

The spring meeting for Outpost 15 was held on Sunday April 8th with six in attendance. A potluck noon meal at the home of Curtis Gentry with good conversation and fellowship was enjoyed. Also, elections were held with the following results; Bob Johnson, President, Mike Grimes, Vice-President, and Curtis Gentry, Secretary-Treasurer. These positions are in a two year cycle so the next elections will be held in 2020.

The deadline purchasing or contributing to 3rd Infantry Division Commemorative Legacy Book has been extended to 30 May 2018. Details can be found on page 25 of the April, 2018 issue of the Watch on the Rhine.

A detailed report and pictures of the meeting will appear in the July Watch.

Submitted by Gordon Draper, Vice President
Greetings to all Society members and in particular to the Veterans and War Veterans. I welcomed the proposal to write an article to all of you following the birth of our outpost in Italy. For all of us, it is a great honor to be part of this great family.

In past years I have always followed the events of the US Third Infantry Division, but always looking at Anzio and the landing, the Winter Line and in particular at the Mignano Gap.

One day looking at the list of Medal of Honor recipients in my region, I noticed with great surprise that an Officer and a Private had received the medal of honor in Monterotondo and the great Audie Murphy started the second chapter of his famous book talking about the same mountain. That hill became the center of my research and two names began to be a part of my passion for historical research. They were Floyd K Lindstrom and Maurice Footsie Britt.

When I found their story, I got excited in discovering the life, the actions, and the courage of these two American boys, to the point of wanting to build a monument for them.

From the publication of their stories and photos of the monument there was born a friendship with the staff of the American Embassy, then with Keith Lamee, of Colorado Springs, Lindstrom country, later with the Britt family and finally with our Society President-Toby Knight.

I was filled with great emotion, their story came out of books and became real life again. It continued the message of peace and freedom that Floyd and Maurice had left us; their spilled blood will always be remembered in Italy and not only in the USA.

I received a Certificate of Appreciation from Toby from the Society of the Third Infantry Division and I immediately registered as a member of that great American story.

Then one evening I received an email from Toby with the proposal to open an Outpost in Italy and today, after a year from those first steps on Monterotondo, we are 12 to represent history, sacrifice and love for freedom and home of many young Americans of the Third Infantry Division who landed in Gela in Salerno and then in Anzio!

The elements that make up this Outpost are different and they all bring a great contribution of experience of history and professionalism and as president of Outpost no. 16 I have the pleasure of presenting them to all of you.

Paolo Farinosi and Claudio Vigna are President and Vice-President of the Association of the 51st official Bersaglieri Battalion. They are the sons of the Bersaglieri who fought in Montelungo, the hill in front of Monterotondo. When the night of December 7, 1943 arrived, at the foot of Monterotondo and Montelungo mountains, the exhausted Soldiers of the 15th regiment of the Third Infantry Division were relived by the 51st Bersaglieri. They were the Italian soldiers who freely chose to fight with the allies. The boys of the Third Division greeted them wishing them good luck; unfortunately they were not lucky and many died the next day on that hill in front of Monterotondo.

Two of these Bersaglieri had children after the war, they are Paolo and Claudio and we have them with us, a sign of the story that continues.

In the foxholes of Monterotondo and Montelungo excavated by the boys of the Third Division, the Bersaglieri found shelter and recently their sons, Paolo and Claudio entered.

Alessandro Querci, Paolo Franceschi, Luigi Malfi, Paolo Medani, Andrea Morbidelli are part of the Gothic Line Pistoiese Onlus. An association that has been working for years to preserve and honor the memory of American Soldiers who fought along the Gothic line.

With them a great friendship was born and together we are organizing various events, meetings and history lessons, to tell what happened to our nation.

In the near future, we will have, in the Pistoia area, also an institutional seat of the Third Division of the Italy section, while at the Historicus Museum of Caspoli, near Monterotondo, we already have the operational headquarters.

Maria Cristina Verdone, together with her husband, have collected for years all the findings in the mountains of the Winter Line and created the Historicus Museum visited by American Veterans, Englishmen, Germans and their relatives, as well as schools.

Next November, in addition to honoring the attack of the Third Division on Monterotondo, we will host the First Special Service Force military departments that come to render the honors for the 75th anniversary of the La Defense mountain attack.

A Third Division wall was set up in the Historicus museum, with photos of Floyd K Linstrom and original autograph photos by Maurice Footsie Britt as well as the Third Division objects we found on the battlefield.

Susan Meggiolaro, of our association, owns a Best Western Hotel, where every year military, Veterans and children of Veterans are hosted.

The hotel is located in Cassino and is our preferred locale for lunches, dinners, conferences and all the activities of the association. For all of our friends in the Society, who will then make a trip between Monterotondo, Cassino and Anzio, we are ready to receive you and give maximum support.

I would like to tell you about this adventure when Keith, from Colorado Springs, asked me to collect a little earth from Monterotondo and Anzio and send it to him. It was a wonderful gesture that thrilled me, picking up the earth and the sand and send it to Colorado Spring ... we collected the earth in silence, almost religious, while the sun was setting on the sea.

But it was still a bigger thrill, when Keith sent me photos of the two glass bowls over Floyd K’s grave. Lindstrom, it seemed to me, to be there, to honor and remember my American hero.

In the next article we will tell you about the Battle of Monterotondo and a Soldier who passed by ... He was called Audie Murphy ...

Submitted by Luigi Settini, President
ancestral home, The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens, classic car shows, enjoyed hiking, and bicycle riding, etc. Our members attended the following festivals: The “Dickens’ Festival” (in Riverside, CA), the “Holtville Carrot Fest”, the “Scott’s Fest & Highland Games Festival” (at the Queen Mary, Long Beach), and the “Veteran and Military Expo” (in Indio, CA). They enjoyed the St. Patrick’s Day Barbeque, a Luau, the “Butterfly Fest” (at the L.A. Natural History Museum), a senior citizen “Surfing Competition”, and participated in the VA’s “National Veteran Creative Arts Competition.” Ron Greenwood won two blue ribbons, with two short stories. And, we attended a “Tet Lunar Festival,” where we saw the “Super Moon,” “Blue Moon,” and the “Total Lunar Eclipse.” At the “Wisteria Festival,” we saw a 123 year old Wisteria “vine,” with 500 foot long branches, which covered more than one acre, weighed about 250 tons, that was “dripping” with about 1.5 million purplish-white blossoms. The Guinness Book of World Records called it “one of the seven horticultural wonders of the world.”

**Next Mini-Meeting:** Please contact Harvey Krasner, at 1-(747) 226-0975, or e-mail him at theuncleh@aol.com, if you would like to attend the meeting at either The Ronald Reagan Library, or the Sepulveda VA Medical Center.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on July 4, 2018, at the Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center, 5901 E. Seventh St., Long Beach, CA 90822, on the Main Patio, at 11:00 AM. Free lunch, musical entertainment (on two stages), a car show, free parking, and admission for all veterans (10:00 AM to 4:00 PM). Sign in at the 3rd ID booth, on the south end of the Main patio, at 10:30 AM. For more info, call: Ron at (562)-804-2023, or Walter at: (909) 693-9854.

**Audie L. Murphy**

Audie Murphy Outpost #35 met at Sushi Japon in Austin, Texas, on March 24, 2018, hosted by Joe and Lynn Ball. In attendance were Joe and Lynn Ball; Milt and Barbara Carr, with sons Curtis and Sean; Paul and Jude Grabert, Lucia and Joe Hilderbrand; Jerry Kraft: Sue Sack and daughter, Peggy Malloy; Ali and Shirley Nazim, with son Kazam Nazim and his spouse Irene; Karen and Shawn Burleson; Jim and Linda Reeves; and Justin Valle and mother Laurie Valle.

Following the delicious meal and wonderful performance by the restaurant’s hibachi chefs, the meeting was called to order at 12:25 by Joe. The meeting began ceremoniously with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Ali Nazim, the singing of Dogface Soldier, and the opening invocation, by Justin Valle. Paul Grabert’s name was drawn for the door prize (a 3rd ID Challenge Coin; however, he presented the coin to Sean Carr, a Wurzburg Baby.) The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as written. Lynn then delivered her current report verbally. Dues status reports are included in this mailing.

Joe asked attendees to introduce themselves and told a bit about each attendee.

**Scholarship Foundation Highlights:** The Foundation has
some exciting news. Trustee Emeritus Tom Maines has donated a number of articles to the Foundation. Several valuable books about regiments, a huge box of military documents, and three wonderful weapons: a Korean War Commemorative Thompson submachine gun, a Korean War Commemorative M1 Garand Rifle, and a 1911-A1 pistol in a display case. All of the weapons are fully operational, have 24 carat gold fittings, and all are quite beautiful. The Thompson submachine gun will only fire semi-automatic. Also included in the shipment was one display case for one of the larger weapons. The

Foundations Directors are, hopefully, thinking about the best way to raffle these prizes. How much should we charge for tickets? When should we raffle them? Suggestions are welcome.

54 Golden Gate
San Francisco, CA

On Saturday, April 28 members and guests got together for Golden Gate Outpost 54’s meeting at the Brass Door steakhouse in San Ramon, California. As always, it was a fun time to meet old friends and make new ones.

Outgoing President John Shirley introduced our new President Bob Stark, who thanked John for his decades of service to the Outpost. Bob served two years as a Cannoneer with the 3rd Division in Germany in the late 1960s, then another 28 years in the Army Reserves, both a source of many colorful stories.

Every year at this meeting the Outpost awards scholarships to outstanding JROTC cadets from Skyline High School in Oakland and San Francisco’s Lowell High School.

This year, Cadet LTCs Ivy Tu and Jason Laxa (Skyline) and Cadet LCDR Hillary Lee (San Francisco) each received $500. It was a great pleasure to hear the students tell what the program meant to them and about their plans for the future.

The meeting ended with the raffling off of the many nice items people donated in support of the scholarship fund. Many thanks for your participation!

From left, Bob Stark, Jason Laxa, Ivy Tu, John Shirley at OP 54 meeting.

THE SOCIETY OF THE 3ID IS LOOKING FOR YOU!
The Society of the Third Infantry Division has existed for 98 years and is the oldest continuous Army Association.

Members receive a first-class publication six times a year. Members support a scholarship foundation. Members meet with local outposts at least once a year, and all members are invited to a national reunion held annually. Dues are minimal.

If you wore the Marne Patch or if you are a family member or friend of a Marne Soldier, you are invited to join the Society!

There is a membership application on p. 30. Join today!

Now Hear This!

Due to heavy focus on the 100th anniversary of the 2nd Battle of the Marne, reunion, voting information on constitution and bylaws, ballot, etc., many news submissions and stories could not be published in this issue of The Watch-on-the Rhine. Look for them in next issue.
Last Call

During Jan-Feb 2018, the following personnel were identified as deceased. 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 Membership Manager John Weis. Contact information is on page 2 of the Watch.

Richard F. Wagner
Submitted by: Barbara Wagner
Date of Passing: October 10, 2017
Heighter Purks
Submitted by: Eric Roque
Date of Passing: February 12, 2018
Clyde O. Wagner
Submitted by: Mary Jo Wagner
Date of Passing: October 23, 2017
Duquesne Wolf
Submitted by: Myong Wolf
Date of Passing: December 26, 2017
Michael J. Vodnar
Submitted by: Robert Vodnar
Date of Passing: March 26, 2016
James P Seibert, Sr
Submitted by: Maureen R Golden
Date of Passing: June 11, 2017
Mitchel “Mitch” Chockla
Submitted by: Andrew Lerch
Date of Passing: March 21, 2018

Please report deaths of members to John Weis, Secretary/Treasurer. Contact information on page 2.

Roll Call

New Members — Society of the 3rd Infantry Division

Listed below are all new members who enrolled during January-February 2018

Regular Annual
9289 Janet Keiser
2220 Gloria Circle
Pensacola, FL 32514
Outpost ............. CR – FBR
9295 Charles Kernet
289 Garfield Street
Kahoka, MO 63445
Outpost .............. CR – 12
9281 Mauro Medani
Firenze, Italy 50141
Outpost .............. Int – 16
9288 Glenn Shields
7359 Manatee CT.
Maumee, OH 43537
Outpost .............. CR – 13

Regular Life
9291 Bianca Wanamaker
24832 Mithra
Mission Viejo, CA 92691
Outpost ............. WR – 22
9296 Suzanne Hickey
919 Niblik Way
Newport News, VA 23602
Outpost ............. ER – 3
9286 Timothy O’Neil
12301 Starling Lane
Laurel, MD 20708
Outpost ............. ER – FBR
9276 Hector Perez
37010 Amateur Way
Beaumont, CA 92223
Outpost ............. WR – 22
9292 Daniel Quinones
Urb. Ciudad Centro
Carolina, MX 00987
Outpost ............. ER – FBR

Active Duty Life
9285 Walter Alvarenga
1916 Buffalo Soldier Parkway
Junction City, KS 66441
Outpost ............. CR – FBR
9293 Jason Anderson
6204 Fushimii CT
Burke, VA 22015
Outpost ............. ER – FBR
9282 John Kline
8109 Jeffrey CT
Fairfax Station, VA 22039
Outpost ............. ER – FBR
9294 Robert Marshall
Outpost ............. ER – FBR
9283 Alexis Peres-Cruz
4710 Bethesda AVE
Bethesda, MD 20814
Outpost ............. ER – FBR

Associate Annual
9290 Steven Steinkamp
1625 Dunwich DR
Liberty, MO 64068
Outpost ............. CR – 17
9287 Putnam Monroe
4705 Balcones DR
Austin, TX 78731
Outpost ............. CR – 35
8510 Joe Sinnott
39 Simmons ST
Apt D
Saugerties, NY 12477
Outpost ............. ER – 5
9296 Hector Perez
37010 Amateur Way
Beaumont, CA 92223
Outpost ............. WR – 22
9292 Daniel Quinones
Urb. Ciudad Centro
Carolina, MX 00987
Outpost ............. ER – FBR

Update Your Contact Info

Update your email, phone, and mail contact information. Send changes to the Society Database Manager.

Your ID Number

Dues Date: Paid until date shown or LIFE

Outpost Affiliation

Region:
Er = Eastern
Cr = Central
Wr = Western

Delivery Point Barcode

Check your name and address (Apt/Bldg/Lot No.). If your zip code does not contain 9 digits (zip+4), it is incomplete. Check http://zip4.usps.com/zip4/ or contact your local post office for your zip + 4.
Society of the 3rd Infantry Division
Commemorative Legacy Book
An Invitation to Preserve Your Legacy of Service!

We are proud to announce that work is beginning on a new book to document the history of the “Rock of the Marne” and the men and women who have made this one of the most elite fighting forces in the world.

In addition to the Division’s colorful history, this exciting book will feature a special section showcasing biographies of 3rd Infantry Division veterans, with “then and now” photographs, and YOU are invited to participate. There will be no cost to have your 150-word bio included!

Our book will feature veterans from all eras, from WWI, WWII, Korea, the Cold War years, Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Global War on Terror. Note: all 3rd Infantry Division veterans are encouraged to participate, even those who were active in peacetime — all served with honor and distinction.

Widows, friends and family members are also encouraged to send in biographical portraits and materials for their loved ones now passed on—a perfect tribute to your veteran’s service to our nation. Gold Star families will also be included.

The book will also include special after action reports, stories and photographs from the membership, tributes to our fallen brothers, and much more!

Members are also encouraged to order a copy of this one-of-a-kind book through the publisher for $59.95 (see contact information below). The deadline for biography submissions and book orders is

Detailed brochures with a sample biography and easy fill-in-the-blank form will be mailed to all members in December, and extra brochures are available through the publisher. Contact Acclaim Press at:

WWW.ACCLAIMPRESS.COM • 1-877-427-2665
3RDINANTRYBOOK@ACCLAIMPRESS.COM

Acclaim Press • PO Box 238 • Morley, MO 63767

SAMPLE BIOGRAPHY — Follow this sample in writing your own bio. Send with two photos (then and now) to Acclaim Press, and be part of OUR book!
MIKE (MCGEER) MCCLINTOCK served with the Division in W. Germany from June 1961 until mid-January 1964, following in the footsteps of his father, who served in the 3rd ID’s 9th Field Artillery Reg. at Ft. Lewis prior to WWII.
Assigned to D Company, 2nd Battle Group, 38th Infantry Regiment at Ledward Barracks in Schweinfurt, Mike served as a rifleman, was trained to drive the M-113 armored personnel carrier (APC), and fired the M60 machine gun on the Battle Group’s marksmanship detachment in preparation for NATO’s Prix LeClerc marksmanship competition. Mike volunteered for duty with the 3rd ID’s Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRRP) Detachment billeted at Dale Barracks in Bad Kissingen. He joined the “larp” in March 1962 and never regretted his decision.

Although not on TDY status, all of the men of the 3rd ID LRRP Detachment were volunteers, but still remained assigned to their TO&E units. Mike was assigned to his original unit (D/2/38) until he was reassigned to C Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment in 1963. At the tender age of 19, Mike was promoted to SGT (E-5) and became a patrol leader. In mid-January 1964, he rotated home to San Diego, CA, where he served for a short time as a radio operator on a B Team with the Army Reserve’s 17th Special Forces Group (Abn) stationed at Fort Rosecrans. He is a graduate of the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare School’s Special Forces Extension Course.

Mike has been married for over 50 years and resides in Mount Vernon, WA with his wife Gloria. He has three children and four grandchildren.

Over his long and varied career, he has worked as a city planner, airport planner, community college instructor, and Forest Ranger/Forest Protection Officer. He is proud of his service with the 3rd Infantry Division and contributes occasional articles to The Watch on the Rhine. He has also served as the editor of the U.S. Army Ranger Association’s (USARA) Ranger Register, and is the Unit Director for the 3rd ID LRRP Detachment within the 75th Ranger Regiment Association, Inc.
The Society of the Third Infantry Division, United States Army, was founded in 1919 and incorporated in 1958 as a non-profit, fraternal, social, educational, patriotic, military service organization and shall always remain non-profit and non-political.

Specific objectives are:

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

The Society is divided into chapters, called outposts, which members are entitled to join. Outposts, at their discretion, may charge a small additional fee beginning with the second year’s dues; Outpost #3: $24.00; Outpost #12: $25.00; Outpost #4, #7, #60: $25.00; Outpost #22: $22.00. All other outposts pay $20.00 annually; all new members pay $20.00 for the first year.

Purpose

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 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.

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 have fallen gave to the Division and to the cause for which they fought.

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General Information

All members in good standing receive the official bimonthly publication, The Watch on the Rhine. Life Members shall receive The Watch on 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 2021.

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Eligibility

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

Associate Membership: Spouse, parents, brother, sister, children, grandparents, grandchildren of any person eligible for Regular Membership and any person with an interest in, or an affinity for, the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division.

Life Membership: Available to both Regular and Associate Members.

Dues

Annual dues: Regular, Active Duty, Associate Members $20.00
Annual dues: Overseas Members $35.00

Some Outposts charge an additional fee beginning with the second year’s dues; making the total annual dues for Outpost #3: $23.00; Outpost #12: $24.00; Outposts #4, #7, #60: $25.00; Outpost #22: $22.00. All other outposts pay $20.00 annually; all new members pay $20.00 for the first year.

Dues for Special Life Membership

Recipient of Medal of Honor No charge
Recipient of Purple Heart or Silver Star No charge
Recipients of the Bronze Star or other awards recognized by the Society $15.00
Recipient of Medal of Honor..............No charge
*Active Duty Lifetime Membership..............$100**
*For any AD Soldier currently on Active Duty
**Will only receive digital copies of the “Watch on the Rhine” magazine via email

Annual dues are payable before July 1st each year. Life dues are applicable for Regular and Associate Members. Life Member dues can be paid in one lump sum or in four quarterly payments over a 12 month period.

For information, please visit our website: www.society3rdid.org

Membership Application

Date: ___________ New Regular Annual or Life Member (Circle Annual or Life) New Associate Annual or Life Member (Circle Annual or Life)

Name ___________________________ (Last) ______________________ (First) ___________________________ (Middle Initial) ___________________________

Phone No ___________________________ E-Mail Address ___________________________

Home Address __________________________________________________________________________________________

(Street) __________________________________________________________________________________________

(City) ___________________________ (State) ___________________________ (Zip +4) ___________________________

Unit(s) Served with: ___________________________ Served From ___________________________ To ___________________________ Rank: ___________________________

Current/Former Occupation ___________________________ Spouse’s Name ___________________________

Amount Enclosed: _______________ Referred by ___________________________

Please print clearly, detach, and mail this application for membership along with a check or money order payable to Society of the Third Infantry Division to: The Society of Third Infantry Division, 8893 Filiz Lane, Powell, OH 43065

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CAMPAIGNS OF THE THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION

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 Morroco (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 Counter-offensive
- CCF Spring Offensive
- U.N. Summer-Fall Offensive
- Second Korean Winter
- Korea, Summer-Fall 1952
- Third Korean Winter
- Korea, Summer 1953

WAR ON TERRORISM [1 Medal of Honor]
- Liberation of Iraq
- Transition of Iraq
- Iraqi Governance
- National Resolution
- Iraqi Surge
- Iraqi Sovereignty
- New Dawn

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