The Third Infantry, Brother Marinus and ‘The Ship Of Miracles’

As told by RADM J. Robert Lunney, NYNM (Ret.) in a speech at the MITAGS Conference Center, Lithium, Md. on Thursday, April 20, 2017 – An officer on the S.S. Meredith Victory that set a Guinness World Record recognized “performing the greatest rescue operation ever by a single ship by evacuating 14,000 refugees from Hungnam, North Korea in December of 1950.”

I recently received an e-mail from J. Robert Lunney with his account of an extraordinary rescue of 14,000 refugees from the besieged North Korean port of Hungnam. Here is his story of this incredible, but yet little known miracle that needs to be shared:

At 17, during WWII, I enlisted in the Navy and was assigned to the Amphibious Forces-Pacific, serving in the Marshall Islands, Mariana Islands and Iwo Jima. Later while attending college under the GI Bill I sailed in the Merchant Marine at various times and later was commissioned as a Naval Reserve/Merchant Marine Officer. The Korean War began on 25 June 1950 and that July I was one of twelve officers along with 35 crew flown to Norfolk, VA to take the S.S. Meredith Victory out of the laid-up fleet in the James River. The Meredith Victory, a merchant ship operated by Moore-McCormack Lines, had been chartered to the Military Sea Transportation Service. She


By Henry Bodden - Historian

I just returned from touring France and Germany covering many sites. I always enjoy visiting WWI sites in northeastern France like Belleau Wood, Chateau-Thierry, Verdun, Reims, and others. But this trip I zeroed in on St. Mihiel, France which has a rich history during WWI. Right after the Second Battle of the Marne at Chateau-Thierry, there was the great battle of St. Mihiel which featured a young Brigadier General by the name of Douglas MacArthur, who would rise to fame during WWII. I had this photo of MacArthur posing in a chair in all of his splendor, like the “royalty” he would become. So after touring Verdun, our group headed southeast to stop at the

World War II Canteen Returned to Family

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By Jon Baker Times-Reporter.com staff writer

NEW PHILADELPHIA: Roy Gallagher’s service canteen has been returned to his family 73 years after he lost it in France during World War II.

The battered aluminum canteen was given to Gallagher’s 90-year-old widow, Joan, of New Philadelphia, on Thursday, along with a letter from French college student Florian Crouvezier, who spent two years tracking down the Gallagher family so he could return it to them.

Joan Gallagher was pleased to receive the canteen.

“I just wish I could have had it when he was alive,” she said.

The canteen underwent a long journey before it reached Ohio.

Roy Gallagher, a medic, likely lost it while his unit, the 7th Infantry Regiment of the 3rd Division, was fighting the Germans in eastern France in October 1944.

Florian shows the lost canteen of 3rd ID soldier Roy Gallagher found by his grandfather.
Summer is certainly here in Texas. We had 100 degree heat in early May! Life is good, though, and I hope it is for you also. There is lots to inform you about so let me jump right in.

First off, is our reunion registrations. Please register for the reunion and make your hotel reservations prior to August 27th. This is going to be a great reunion, with great people and one you don’t want to miss. Let’s have a great showing from all of our Outposts. Please register today.

Please accept my apology for the lateness of the annual dues cards. They usually come out in May and this year were sent out in June. We changed the format somewhat and this added time for the printer to readjust and mail. If you are an annual paying member and have not paid your 2018-2019 dues, please do so. All members who have not paid their dues by August, will not receive the October WOTR. You can pay online at our website if you wish. We had 104 members renew their annual membership via our online dues feature.

In the past, part of the dues cards contained a section for members to donate to our various funds. This led to all members receiving a dues card and this caused confusion and consternation with our life members who yearly complained about receiving a notice in the mail to pay their dues. It also added to our postage expenses unnecessarily. We have stopped this practice. From here on out, only annual paying members will receive a dues notice in the mail.

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The results of our Constitution and Bylaws vote are included in this issue. For those of you who voted - Thank you! I must address one error on the ballot. There was a proposal to rescind Bylaws para 1.6 but it was accidentally omitted from the ballot. Since this error precluded members to vote on it, I have decided that the motion to rescind bylaws paragraph 1.6 is disapproved, by default.

Please welcome our new Roster Manager Frank Ugolini. Frank lives in Washington state and volunteered for this position. We are indebted to him for his willingness to support our Society in this position. Please read his Bio in this edition. Thanks Frank!

We also welcome Robert Venables as the new President of Outpost 57. He replaces long time President Regis Rocco who stepped down recently. We thank Bob for stepping up and leading this great Outpost.

Sadly, we report that the members of OP88 recently voted to dissolve their Outpost and rescind their charter. This OP is made up of wonderful members, but unfortunately due to age and health reasons, they decided to disband. We salute these wonderful members and thank them for their continued membership, albeit in another OP. Their final report is included in this WOTR.

In this edition you will also see an ad for our new Society coin called the “Marne Battle Coin.” As many of you know, in July of 1918, the division was hastily moved onto the Marne river line in the vicinity of the town of Chateau-Thierry, France. During the German onslaught known and the second battle of the Marne, the division was the only unit to NOT be dislodged from their positions.

The Germans later said that the 3rd I.D. was the “Rock of the Marne.” This coin has a portion of the famous painting by N.C. Wyeth titled “The Americans at Chateau-Thierry” and is used by permission from the copyright holder who gave special permission to the Society for its use. There are only 300 of these coins and when they are gone, there will be no more. Orders yours today.

I also have to report that our National Secretary-Treasurer has asked to step down. John Weis has done a magnificent job and his departure in this position is a great loss. John has served in this position for over five years and, together with his wife Maggie, has been a stalwart of support to the Society, the Executive Committee and, most importantly, the membership. I can not express my gratitude enough to John for what he has done. Thanks John and Maggie for all that you have done for our great Society. You have made it a better organization for all of us!

Until a replacement is found for the National Secretary-Treasurer, please forward all business normally associated with the National Secretary-Treasurer to me. If you are interested in being our Secretary-Treasurer, please contact me as soon as possible. This is a critical position in our Society and we need someone dedicated in this position. You will have my full support.

Lastly, don’t forget to register for our reunion and make your hotel reservations. This will be a magnificent reunion with Medal of Honor awardee Hiroshi Miyamura as our guest of honor.

Please take good care of yourself and thanks for your membership to our great Society!

Rock of the Marne,

Toby Knight
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rier, destroyer and rocket ship support. The constant naval air and gunfire support enabled us to embark 14,000 refugees including 4,000 infants and children plus 17 wounded. Soon after we departed the entire port was blown up. It was because of the brave men of the 3rd Inf. Div. defending the perimeter that we were able to rescue so many refugees from annihilation.

The refugees were loaded like cargo as Captain LaRue ordered them put into our five hatches on pallets. They were placed into every cargo hold as well as the open deck. We had little food or water for them – the holds were not heated nor were they lighted. They brought many of their earthly possessions with them – children carried children – mothers breast fed their babies with another child strapped to their backs – old men carried children together with whatever food they had saved. The winter was bitter cold and a real problem we encountered were fires started by the refugees to keep warm and heat food. Unknowingly, they set the fires atop drums of the jet fuel, so it was with great trepidation that we were able to put them out. We had no interpreter, but they must have had some understanding that we were taking them to safety. In the meanwhile the Chinese were closing on the beach and had closed off all land routes south.

We departed Hungnam on the afternoon of 23 December, the last ship to leave with refugees, and after Captain LaRue safely navigated us through the minefields arrived safely in Pusan on Christmas Eve. However, Pusan was extremely overcrowded with large numbers of UN forces and refugees. We were ordered not to disembark our precious cargo. Just as in Bethlehem on Christmas Eve at the birth of Christ, “there was no room in the inn.” On Christmas day 1950 we were ordered to Geoje, an island about 38 miles southwest of Pusan, where on 26 December we disembarked all the refugees, plus 5 babies born en route from Hungnam. Because there was no pier at Geoje we safely unloaded the 14,005 refugees into two LST’s, one on each side of our ship, for transport to the island.

The battle of the Chosin Reservoir involved about 20,000 UN troops, made up of approximately 17,000 men of the 1st Marine Division and attached British Royal Marines (the 41 Independent Commando), plus the Army’s 7th and 3rd Infantry Divisions, all of whom had faced communist forces estimated to have been 10 divisions. The communist orders were to annihilate the X Corps “to the last man”. The historic battle was fought in the mountainous terrain of North Korea in sub-zero winter conditions.

The Campaign has been termed by historians as one of the most savage battles in modern warfare. It was cited by President Reagan in his first inaugural address as being among the epics of military history. A total of 17 Medals of Honor and 70 Navy Crosses were awarded to the campaign – the most for a single battle in modern military history. Time Magazine described it as, “unparalleled … an epic of great suffering and great valor”.

An historical humanitarian feat occurred that Christmas in 1950 when a total of about 98,000 Korean refugees were saved from North Korea as the UN forces evacuated. Never in recorded history have combatants rescued so many civilians from enemy territory in the midst of battle. It is estimated that over one million descendants of these stoic and courageous Koreans whom we rescued are living productive lives in the Republic of Korea today.

The Korean Presidential Unit Citation awarded to Captain LaRue and to our ship states that this rescue was a “true example of Christian faith in action.” By a special Act of the U.S. Congress Captain LaRue and our crew were decorated with the Gallant Ship award for their, “courage, resourcefulness, sound seamanship and teamwork”. The Guinness Book of World Records has certified that the Meredith Victory under the command of Captain LaRue “had performed the greatest rescue operation ever by a single ship.”

In 1954 Captain LaRue, a WWII veteran of the Murmansk run, left the sea and joined the Benedictine Order, St. Paul’s Abbey, Newton, NJ, where he took the

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**S.S. Meredith Victory Capt. Leonard P. LaRue aboard ship**

**14,000 Korean refugees jam the S.S. Meredith Victory to safety**
For decades, the canteen was left lying on the ground, a forgotten relic of the liberation of France. In 1978, Noel Crouvezier, a railway worker and Florian’s grandfather, found it along the railroad tracks between the French towns of Cornimont and Remiremont. He put it away in his attic and forgot about it.

Then in 2016, his grandson, a student of history, discovered it. Florian became fascinated with the canteen and set about finding who its owner was. He was helped by the fact that Roy Gallagher had carved his name and Army serial number into the canteen.

After conducting lengthy research, he found a Roy Gallagher who was born May 30, 1922, and died Sept. 24, 1988, in New Philadelphia. Using Facebook, he contacted several Gallaghers in New Philadelphia, but none of them was familiar with Roy.

Then he found a photo of Roy’s grave on the website Find A Grave, posted by Bud Winn, a retired schoolteacher from New Philadelphia. Winn got Crouvezier in contact with Roy Gallagher’s family, and on Thursday Winn returned the canteen to Joan Gallagher in a wooden box made by Crouvezier’s father, Patrick. The canteen will join other mementos the family owns of Gallagher’s service in the war, including his Purple Heart and a large collection of letters he wrote to Joan while he was in Europe.

Roy and Joan met before the war. Joan Fisher was living with her family on Crooked Run Road west of New Philadelphia, and Roy lived over the hill from them. Roy was friends with Joan’s brother, Gene.

“He’d come up and I’d giggle,” she said of her husband. “I was only 16 at the time.”

Roy and Gene went into the service together. Roy wrote to Joan frequently during the war. In one letter, dated July 9,
1945, from Paris, he wrote to tell her that he would be coming home soon.

“So I’m here waiting for a boat back to the states,” he wrote. “I’ll be in some hospital for awhile, then I’ll get a discharge. Then I’ll be free to do whatever I want in the good old civilian way. It’s going to feel funny to be a civilian again and not go by a number anymore. I’ll have to give myself a number and dig a foxhole in the back yard or pitch a pup tent or something or another to get used to it again.”

Roy and Joan were married in 1947 and had two children. He worked as a coal miner and in various factories. For the past 10 years of his life, he worked as a Times-Reporter route driver in the Bolivar area.

He liked to do woodworking in his spare time, building an entire garage by himself and a small merry-go-round for his son, Rodger.

EDITOR’S NOTE – I have been in contact with Florian who lives in Strasbourg, France and we have agreed to meet there in mid June. I just returned from Strasbourg, France and did meet with Florian and girlfriend Marine in the square next to the beautiful Strasbourg Cathedral and the Kammerzell House restaurant. We took photos and Florian told our tour group the story of the Gallagher canteen.

I just returned from Strasbourg, France and met with Florian and girlfriend Marine as we posed in front of the magnificent Strasbourg Cathedral. The Nazis had taken all the stained glass panels of the Cathedral. later found by the US “Monuments Men” in a salt mine.

National Secretary-Treasurer Needed

We are hiring for a new Secretary-Treasurer. This volunteer position is critical to the operations of the Society. It is not a demanding position, but does require someone who is responsible and dedicated to helping take care of the Society.

If you are looking to become part of the national leadership team, then this is your opportunity. John Weis has done a brilliant job, but has asked to be replaced since he has spent many years in this position. This position is one of the most critical we have. As a member of the Executive Committee, the Secretary-Treasurer has enormous influence in the decision making processes of the Society. He/She is also responsible for the financial management of the Society accounts and investments. As John likes to say “If you can balance a check book, then you can do this job.” John has done a magnificent job and has kept everything “dress, right, dress.” This is an easy job to assume and if you are interested, please let me know immediately. The Society will do whatever necessary to insure you are trained and qualified to take on this important position.

The Secretary-Treasurer is authorized reimbursement for attendance to the annual reunion.

Rock of the Mame!
Toby Knight, President

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from St. Mihiel. I thought it would be fun to find this Chateau since we were in the area. We then drove to the tiny village of St. Benoît on Woeure which was literally built surrounding a round-about which consisted of about twenty homes or so – very small. We did find the Chateau, but I was not prepared for what I found when we arrived. The “then & now” photo depicts the Chateau as it was 100 years ago when MacArthur sat in the original chair of the old Lord of the Chateau, and now the land was for sale with the Chateau in ruins. There was no roof, no interior left, just the pictured three walls which did make it possible to identify to the original Chateau. We were all kind of taken aback as I told them “just think, one of the giants of history, Douglas MacArthur sat in this very Chateau 100 years ago as he began his extraordinary military career here during WWI.” And his young tank Commander, Col. George S. Patton help him win the victory at St. Mihiel and broke the trench warfare tradition that kept both sides in a stalemate. I thought to myself how I would love to have bought this piece of property for history’s sake and restore it, and wondered what will happen to this once magnificent Chateau. I have photographed “then & now” sites all over the Pacific and Europe, but I must say finding this surprising site ranks as one of my favorite finds – the thrill of the hunt is what is most exciting.

Chateau St. Benoît in 1917 “then & now.”

MACARTHUR from page 1

A brash young tank commander named Col. George S. Patton poses in front of his French Renault tank at St. Mihiel.

OP International Rep Published by Monika and Tim Stoy

On 27 May 2018 the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) held 100th anniversary commemorative Memorial Day ceremonies in each of its WW1 American Military cemeteries in France. The Army Center of Military History and the WWI Centennial Commission conducted activities in conjunction with ABMC, including terrain walks led by historians from the Center for active duty soldiers from the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Infantry Divisions who were in France supporting these commemorations. Monika and Tim Stoy, accompanied by Monika’s mother, Mrs Haesook Choi, participated in three cemetery ceremonies – those at Aisne-Marne American Cemetery and Memorial in Belleau, Oise-Aisne Cemetery in Seringes-et-Nesles, and Meuse-Argonne Cemetery in Romagne-sur-Montfaucon - and the grand opening ceremony of the new AMBC visitors’ center at the American Monument on Hill 204 above Chateau-Thierr.

The ceremony at Aisne-Marne began at 1000. The United States Marine Corps has claimed full ownership of this ceremony for years as the cemetery is located at Belleau and Belleau Wood, where two USMC regiments fought under the command of the 2nd Infantry Division in June 1918. The ceremony was supported by a USMC honor platoon from the 5th and 6th Marine Regiments and the US Marine Corps Band. The Commandant of the US Marine Corps, General Robert B. Neller, delivered a memorial address. Superintendent Shawn Williams did an excellent job organizing this event. This was an excellent ceremony, and included representation from the French and German armies. The German Army provided an honor platoon from the 292nd Infantry Battalion and the senior German representative was Lieutenant General Carsten Jacobsen, the Commander of the German Field Army and Deputy Chief of the German Army. LTG Jacobsen also delivered a memorial address. The ceremony at Aisne-Marne began at 1000. The United States Marine Corps has claimed full ownership of this ceremony for years as the cemetery is located at Belleau and Belleau Wood, where two USMC regiments fought under the command of the 2nd Infantry Division in June 1918. The ceremony was supported by a USMC honor platoon from the 5th and 6th Marine Corps Bands. The Commandant of the US Marine Corps, General Robert B. Neller, delivered a memorial address. Superintendent Shawn Williams did an excellent job organizing this event.

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Deputy Chief of Staff of the French Army, Major General Vincent Guionie, also delivered a memorial address. We found it particularly poignant that the Bundeswehr participated, showing how onetime enemies can become long-time, trusted allies!

ABMC Secretary William Matz, Jr. delivered the welcome address and the mayor of Belleau also delivered an address. Over 60 memorial wreaths were placed in front of the Memorial in the cemetery. Monika placed a wreath in the colors of the 3rd Infantry Division during the wreath ceremony. Her presence was important, showing not just the Division colors but also those of the US Army in the overwhelming sea of US Marines. The outpost had been concerned the Marines would complete ignore the Army’s role not only at Belleau but also in nearby Chateau-Thierry and ensured there would be a 3rd Infantry Division wreath at the ceremony. We also assisted the 2nd Infantry Division Association in ordering a wreath and worked with their representative, Mr. Aves Thompson, a former national president of their association, in ensuring they also participated in the ceremony.

We learned three active duty divisions had been tasked to support events in France and wondered why neither the 2nd nor the 3rd Infantry Divisions had soldiers at the Aisne-Marne cemetery, where most of the personnel buried there are from these two units. After asking various dignitaries why no Army personnel were at the ceremony, we were quickly informed the USMC had insisted there would be no official Army participation in the Aisne-Marne ceremony, raising the issue to the Secretary of Defense, Secretary Mattis (USMC, retired).

While Monika represented the OP and Society at Aisne-Marne, Tim participated in the ceremony at Meuse-Argonne cemetery, where MG Quintas, Commanding General of the 3d Infantry Division, his Command Sergeant Major, CSM Hendrix, the Chief of Staff, COL Boyle, and an honor detachment from the Division also participated. Senior American participant was Admiral James G. Foggo, III, who delivered his comments in both French and German. The Admiral is Commander, Allied Joint Force Command Naples/Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe/Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Africa. Superintendent Bruce Malone did an excellent job organizing the ceremony.

One of the highlights of this ceremony was a flyover of 4 F-15s, despite the low ceiling which presaged the rain which fell during the second half of the event. Tim placed a blue and white wreath during the ceremony, with the 3rd Infantry Division Society being the only unit association to place a wreath! The French also provided an honor detachment while there were two platoons of firemen in the formation. The color guard was provided by the US Navy.

That afternoon Tim and Monika participated in the ceremony at Oise-Aisne Cemetery. All three Army division delegations were present, with the senior US Army representative being the US Army Europe Commander, LTG Christopher Cavoli. Strangely, apparently once again due to inter-service rivalry, the senior US military speaker was MG Russell Sanborn, Commander of Marine Corps Forces Europe/Africa. Senior US representative ABMC Secretary Matz, the mayor of Serignes-et-Nesle, Mayor Didier Fernandez, and Sous-Prefet of Chateau-Thierry Ronan Leaustic delivered remarks. The French Army provided an honor detachment from the 94th Infantry Regiment and the French Army Band. The American honor detachment came from USMC Forces Europe/Africa and musical support in the form of a bugler and brass quartet from the 1st Marine Division Band. Superintendent Bert Caloud did a great job organizing the event.

Tim and Monika placed the Society’s wreath, again a blue and white floral arrangement in the form of our patch. Aves Thompson placed the 2ID Association wreath – again the only units to have wreaths placed during the ceremony. It was great to see our patch in the middle of all those other wreaths! The weather was very hot and the ceremony took 90 minutes – several of the Marines went down during the ceremony, luckily with no serious injuries.

There is a major American memorial on Hill 204 above Chateau-Thierry. This memorial was completed in 1930 and has a magnificent view of the town and the Marne valley. ABMC held a grand opening ceremony for a newly built visitor/interpretive center in the space underneath the memorial the evening of the 27th. The Stoys attended this impressive ceremony, in which all three active duty division’s delegations participated and at which LTG Cavoli delivered a memorial message. Secretary Matz delivered ABMC’s welcoming remarks, as did the Mayor of Chateau-Thierry, Sebastien Eugene. ABMC Deputy Secretary Robert Dalessandro gave an excellent address on the purpose of the interpretive center and the continuing impact of WWI on today’s world.

It was a very full day with the Stoys representing the Society and the Division at four high-visibility ceremonies. We were honored to prominently show the Division colors at all four events.

Editor’s note: I saw the ceremony at Belleau Wood on the news, and that American Cemetery is one of my favorite ones to visit.
I would like to introduce you to our new Roster Manager - Frank Ugolini.

Frank was recently approved by the Executive Committee as the new Roster Manager and we appreciate his acceptance of this critical Society position. Frank is a life member of the Society and has served in the 64th Armored Regiment and is a Combat Veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Please refer all of your roster questions, Outpost change requests, Outpost roster request, membership renewals, new membership requests etc...to Frank for processing. His contact information is as follows:

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Please send him an email, letter or phone call welcoming him to the national leadership team.

Toby Knight, President
Harold Nelson turns 103 years young!

Society member and WWII Veteran Harold Nelson turned 103 years young and numerous members of Outpost 88 and friends and family traveled to Colorado Springs, Colorado to celebrate this auspicious event.

In attendance was Medal of Honor recipient, OP#88 honoree and Society Life member Hiroshi Miyamura.

Harold spent several years fighting with the 3rd Infantry Division during WWII. His D-Day experience happened FOUR times with the division. In North Africa, in Sicily, at Anzio and finally in Southern France. His life was in danger numerous times, but Harold once told me that he was just doing his duty and serving his country.

Harold tells group how this helmet saved his life.

Harold attends every Society reunion and our members thoroughly enjoy meeting with him and hearing about his experiences. Our Society is bursting at the seams with great Americans and Harold represents the greatest generation!

We wish Harold health and happiness and many more birthdays to celebrate with the Society!

Toby Knight
President

Results of the C&BL & EC Votes

The results of the voting on the C&BL's and E.C. Actions Ballot published in the June edition of the Watch on the Rhine are as follows.

In accordance with the Society Constitution and By-laws, a 2/3 vote of approval is required for passage of each proposal submitted. Ballot passage ranged from a high of 95% (E.C. Action #1 and 2) to a low of 70% (E.C. Action 3). All proposed C&BL’s changes passed with a 2/3 majority vote except for the proposed change to By-Laws article 1.6. This change was accidentally omitted from the ballot and is therefore declared disapproved. We thank everyone who voted in this important election.

The C&BL’s will be updated with the changes approved by our membership and made available on the Society website at www.society3rid.org. Many C&BL’s changes require changes or additions to the Society SOP also. This document is also available on the website.

The Executive Committee Actions for fiscal year 2017-2018 were approved by the membership by a simple majority vote. We thank all who participated. Only 44 members cast ballots which is less than 3% of all members in good standing. —Results reported by C&BL Chair Amy McKenna.

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Now Hear This!
I am writing you to once again say thank you for all you and the 3rd Infantry Division Society have done for me over the past four years.

My grandfather and member, Paul Roach, wanted me to write to you saying that I have now commissioned into the U.S. Army as a Transportation Corps officer. I am honored to be able to serve in the greatest fighting force on the planet. My grandfather has requested that you pass this information on to the current editor of the newsletter, and have them place this thank you letter in the newsletter. I will attach pictures to this email of my grandfather commissioning me, as well as my first salute. Thank you again for everything.

Yours,

2nd Lieutenant Alec Roach
United States Army

Dear Henry, Just a note to tell you how much I enjoyed the June issue of the Watch. I obtained a copy and as soon as I opened it I read it cover to cover. I am sort of a World War I buff and enjoyed the WWI information and stories.

My father was drafted in WWI but never left Fort Dix, New Jersey. I still have his original draft notice and Honorable Discharge papers that are about 100 years old and they kept well. Anyway, it was a great issue and look forward to many more as the Society was my life. About ten years ago (I am looking for them) a series of letters from a WWI person were in the Watch. If I find them, I will mail you a copy.

Yours in the 3rd ID,

John Fisher

Editor’s note: John was Society President for four years, from 2008-2012 and we thank him and appreciate his service.

‘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
Greetings to all Dog Face Soldiers, Families, and friends of the Marne Division! I hope this message finds you in good health and spirits.

I am pleased to report that as of July 8 many of our Afghanistan forward deployed Division Soldiers have returned home after spending nine months in country. All of our 3rd Sustainment Brigade Soldiers were welcomed home on July 3 when they marched onto Cottrell Field, uncased their colors and then reunited with their families. Additionally, the remaining Soldiers in the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade returned home on July 8. Both of these units had significant missions while deployed. Their responsibilities and missions directly impacted the area of operations throughout Afghanistan and contributed to the countries security and stability. Dogface Soldiers of Task Force 1-28 Infantry remain in Afghanistan in support of the 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, and will complete there deployment by the end of the year.

In South Korea our 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team (1ABCT) “Raiders” continue their rotational mission, conducting themselves as professional Soldiers during a very sensitive time in history on the Korean Peninsula. As they continue to train alongside their Republic of Korea counterparts they stand ready to fulfill any mission required of them.

The Marne Division continues to celebrate our Centennial anniversary. To honor our Division’s rich history and contributions to Europe during World War I, a group of us traveled to France to participate in a week-long centennial commemoration of WWI, May 23-29, sponsored by the U.S. Center of Military History. We were all awe-struck by the stories of bravery and humbled as we visited many battlefields, cemeteries, and memorial monuments dedicated to those 3rd ID Soldiers who came before us. I will remember this trip for the rest of my life and so will all who attended with me.

We will also never forget the 3rd Infantry Division’s 56th Medal of Honor recipient ceremony held at the White House on June 26, 2018. 1st Lt. Garlin Conner was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions near Houssen, France, January 24, 1945. His wife of 58 years, Pauline, accepted the Nation’s highest military honor for her husband from the President of the United States. 1st Lt. “Murle” Conner was a man of strong character and defines the Army Values: Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage. Dog Face Soldiers of today stand on the shoulders of 3rd ID giants, such as Conner, who inspire us to uphold the legacy of this storied division.

As I look at the future of the Army and the 3rd Infantry Division - and having recently spent time with a large number of West Point Cadets, future Army leaders - I am encouraged and excited. However, our work and our legacy is never finished.

With a large part of the Division returned from overseas, the Marne Division begins an intensive training and exercise phase to build combat readiness. Our realistic training and comprehensive

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**Chaplain’s Corner**

Jerry Daddato

Hello Everyone,

No Chaplain report this month, I had my right knee totally replaced at the VA Hospital and boy does this one hurt. I will be back in order soon. I will miss everyone till next month. Please keep me in your prayers.

God bless everyone.

Your Chaplain, Jerry Daddato

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MajGen Leopoldo A Quintas, Jr.

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The Watch on the Rhine
On June 28th, The Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors sent all letters to this year’s recipients, and we sent checks in the amount of $1000.00 each to the recipients’ student accounts at the universities they specified. There were eight recipients; this year, again, we received fewer entries and more funded grants so we were able to serve all deserving applicants. All of this year’s submissions were quite good. It was very difficult for our judges to determine the best-of-the-best. Outstanding applicants received two grants. Our judges this year were Scholarship Foundation Trustees Jeff Danby, James Reeves, Justin Valle, and Lynn Ball. Sadly, Trustee Earl Killen passed away this previous June. We hope to find a suitable replacement soon. We thank our Trustees for their hard and faithful work. Those candidates who did not receive grants this year were encouraged to apply next year. We provided some guidance to these candidates for improving their submissions, both to the Foundation and to other agencies providing scholarship grants.

Every one of this year’s recipients demonstrated excellent community service and academic ability. All were on various honor rolls and all demonstrated leadership ability. The awards given this year are listed below, followed by a brief profile on the candidate who received the award. The recipients of these awards will also be highlighted on our website www.3idscholarshipfoundation.org.

“Scholarship Foundation Memorial Award in Honor and Memory of MG Maurice Kendall” funded by The Family of MG Kendall

Haley R. Blanchard, of Lilburn, Georgia, was sponsored by her maternal grandfather, Korea War Veteran and Medal of Honor nominee Bob Barfield. Haley’s essay entitled “Honor” calls honor a distinguishing characteristic in today’s society, due to its rarity. She then goes on to describe the actions of her grandfather, and how she believes he epitomizes honor. Haley’s essay, in addition to her many hours of community service and her many academic honors made her an outstanding candidate for this award. Haley will use this award to further her education at the University of Georgia.

“Award in Honor of Trustee Emeritus Thomas Maines”

Sedona Bulle of Seligman, Arizona, received the “Award in Honor of Trustee Emeritus Thomas Maines.” Sedona was sponsored by her father, Shawn Marshall Bulle. Her essay “The Importance of Accountability” describes accountability as a vital part of everyday life. “Whether we make sure we have our keys and wallet or that we show up on time for a job interview, our responsibilities play an important role in maintaining our lives.” She explains how accountability is vital in life, but especially in the military. Sedona currently attends the Northern Arizona University, where she is an Air Force ROTC candidate studying Psychology. She intends to commission as an officer in the Air Force upon graduation.

“Thomas W. Mason, Old China Hand” Award

Stephanie Nussio of Woodbridge, Virginia, was sponsored by her father, LTC Ricky Nussio. Her essay, “Capturing 3rd Infantry Division History in Miniature” walks us through Division history from WWI through the conflicts in Iraq and the Middle East. Stephanie is currently attending Christendom College as did her two sisters before her.

“LTG William G. Webster and the Men and Women of the 3rd Infantry Division” Award

Danielle Edwards of Box Springs, Georgia, was sponsored by her father, Dominick L. Edwards. Her essay, “Fighting Across the Isles, Let’s Reach.” Stephanie’s essay tells of her trip to Washington D.C. during the Women’s March following the election of President Donald Trump’s. She explains that, what was meant to be a memorable, historical trip was marred by the anger and hatred shown to the newly elected president. Danielle will be attending The University of North Carolina this year.

“Award Honoring Kimberly Shawn Grugin Webster, former First Lady of the 3rd Infantry Division”

Emily Kolasheski of Ft. Bragg, North Carolina was sponsored by her father, John S. Kolasheski. Her essay, “Patriotism and Service to the Nation,” is excellent and personal. “Growing up, I have been surrounded by some of the bravest people in the world, who selflessly serve and defend our country. It has been inspiring and has driven my passion for service to others.” She will be
attending Texas A&M University this year, where she plans to study kinesiology and motor behavior.

“Award in Honor and Memory of Abraham ‘Abe’ Friedman”

Gillian MacNeil of Dexter, New York was sponsored her father, SFC Gerald W. MacNeil. Her essay “Through thick and thin” describes loyalty as “an attribute that defines many successful people.” “Some people are defined by an absence of loyalty. Throughout life, one may face challenges in areas in which he or she is dedicated, but dedication must never dissipate. Loyalty comes in various forms, but each is just as important as the others.” Gillian will be attending Saint Bonaventure University this Fall.

“Scholarship Foundation Award Honoring the Active Duty Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division”

Sierra Wright, of Pasco, Washington was sponsored her great-grandfather, Dale McGraw. Her essay, “Third Infantry Division Scholarship Essay,” Land of the Free” talks about the rights and freedoms given to all Americans and what the country expects in return. She says we should show our patriotism and recognize what our country was established upon. Sierra will be attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa later this year.

“Joe Ball Award Honoring Lynn D. Ball, chairman, Scholarship Foundation.”

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“Michelle and T.A. Smith Award honoring the 184th Infantry [4th BCT, 3rd ID] OIF 2005-2006, A Valorous Unit”

Lauren Harrington from Middletown, Maryland was sponsored by society member, Jason W. Harrington. Her essay “SFC Paul R. Smith” describes the events that earned him the Medal of Honor. It is an excellent account. Smith was the only soldier from the 3rd Infantry Division to be awarded the Medal of Honor during the Iraq War. Lauren will be attending the University of Maryland – College Park this year.

“Bae Suk and Miyong Lee Award in Honor and Memory of 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers’ Meritorious Services in the Evacuation of Military and Civilian Refugees from Hungnam, North Korea, December 1950.”

Haley R. Blanchard, of Lilburn, Georgia, was sponsored by her maternal grandfather, Korea War Veteran and Medal of Honor nominee Bob Barfield. Haley’s essay entitled “Honor” calls honor a distinguishing characteristic in today’s society, due to its rarity. She then goes on to describe the actions of her grandfather, and how she believes he epitomizes honor. Haley’s essay, in addition to her many hours of community service and her many academic honors made her an outstanding candidate for this award. Haley will use this award to further her education at the University of Georgia.

“Award honoring Sherman Pratt” funded by Tom Maines.

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“Tom Maines Award Honoring Rick Rickenbacher”

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Our directors are already planning the 2019 Scholarship Grants Program, and we are currently receiving donations in support of this new project. We send tax-certification letters, by return mail, to those who donate directly to the Foundation. Members sending donations to the Foundation through the Society do not receive letters until the Society informs us of donations. With the current changes in Society staff, these have not been reported as yet.

Please send donations directly to the Scholarship Foundation, so that we can send tax certification letters and recognize you on the website and in the Watch on the Rhine.

SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION DONATIONS

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- Earl Killen/Joe and Lynn Ball

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- Barbara Alcorn

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Platinum Star, $50,000–$99,999; Gold Star, $10,000–$49,999; Silver Star, $5,000–$9,999; Platinum, $1,000 to $4,999; Gold, $500–$999; Silver, $100–$499; Bronze, $1–$99.
OP International conducted its 11th annual Obersalzberg liberation ceremony on 5 May 2018 in conjunction with the 73rd anniversary of the 3d Infantry Division’s liberation of the Obersalzberg. OP President Monika Stoy served as host for the ceremony while Tim Stoy served as master of ceremonies. The speakers were Monika; the US Consul General in Munich, Mrs. Jennifer Gavito; the Deputy County Commissioner of Berchtesgaden Country, Mr. Rudolph Schaupp – who was Mayor of Berchtesgaden when the outpost began the project of emplacing the commemorative tablet on the Obersalzberg; and Colonel Kai-Uwe Mayer, who represented the Bavarian Territorial Army Command in Munich.

We conducted a POW-MIA ceremony which touched everyone’s hearts as Germans and Austrians do not have such a ceremony. We raised a 48-star US flag in honor of the flag-raising ceremony held by our soldiers on 5 May 1945.

The honor guard of the 529th Military Police Company from Wiesbaden, Germany, under the leadership of SGT Nicholas Brown, provided the color guard and an honor detachment. Musical support was provided by the Brass Quartet from the German Army’s Mountain Band. Other guests included the commander of the Berchtesgaden police station of the Bavarian State Police, Hauptkommisar Handke; LTC Oliver Muhs, G-3 of the 12th German Armored Brigade in Amberg; LTC Georg Michael Posch, the German military liaison to the civil authorities of Berchtesgaden County; Mr. Markus Rosenberg, from the nearby Documentation Center – Obersalzberg; LTC Gerhard Severin, and Salzburg historians Gernod Fuchs and Pilar Kuschweg.

Despite early morning overcast, the ceremony took place in bright sunshine and clear skies with wonderful views to the Watzmann Mountain across the valley and up to the Eagles Nest! Each speaker emphasized the continued importance of the German-American military and political alliance which developed after WWII. Deputy Commissioner Schaupp expressed his continued support for the ceremony and plans for the coming years, especially for the 75th anniversary in 2020! Colonel Mayer also promised continued Bundeswehr participation for future ceremonies. The Kempinski Hotel staff provided its habitual outstanding support for our event. We are working on displaying all 50 state flags on the mountain for the ceremony participants with the 3d ID tablet on the Obersalzberg, 5 May, 2018.
ny, so please contact us and ask whether we have your state flag, and if not, please send us one to complete the display.

Two special guests joined us for the ceremony, and had been with our group for the past week, Mr. Bill Hamner and Mr. Win Dodge, both Cold War veterans of the 3d ID’s 2nd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment stationed in Wildflecken, Germany who served as Lieutenants in the period 1963 to 1965. Tim also served in that battalion in his first assignment as a Lieutenant in the Army! This year is the 35th anniversary of 2-15 Infantry’s departure from WTA in 1983, and the 55th anniversary of its arrival in Wildflecken in 1963. Thanks to coordination by former mayor of Bad Brueckenau, COL Hans Rohrmueller, the group visited the former Wildflecken Training Area, now the German Army’s Rhoen Kaserne on 30 April. We were met by the Wildflecken Military History Museum curator, Mr. Adolph Kreuzpaintner, and spent a nice hour walking down memory lane before taking a driving tour of the main post. We then met the Mayor of Wildflecken, Gerd Kleinhenz, at the town hall for a short ceremony at the memorial tablet honoring the US units which had served in the kaserne during the Cold War. We topped off the day attending a May tree raising festival in Oberwildflecken.

While in Wildflecken Mayor Kleinhenz mentioned there will be a volksmarch through the kaserne the last weekend of July next year and he would like to have more American veterans who served in Wildflecken to come and participate in the march and an accompanying fest. OP International finds this to be an excellent idea! Join us!

On 3 May our group visited the Salzburg Military History Museum in the Schwarzenberg Kaserne on the outskirts of the city. This kaserne was the base for US Army Forces in Austria until 1955. We received an excellent guided tour of the museum and the armored vehicle collection by Mr. Gernod Fuchs; Dr. (COL) Austrian Army, retired, Bruno Koppensteiner; and Mrs. Pilar Kuschweg. We were hosted for a delicious lunch in the officers’ club on the kaserne, being joined by the Austrian Army’s head of recruiting, COL Wallner, representing the Salzburg garrison commander.

Later in the afternoon we were received in the Mirabell Palace in Salzburg by the city’s new mayor, Mayor Preuner, continuing a tradition started by his predecessor, Heinz Schaden. The reception is in honor of the 3d ID’s liberation of Salzburg on 4 May 1945. It is always an impressive visit as the Marble Hall of the palace in which we are received is beautiful. The mayor indicated he will continue receiving our groups visiting in conjunction with the city’s liberation anniversary.

Tenor Paul McIlvaine sang the American and Austrian national anthems. Life member Hae Sook Choi joined us as always. Win Dodge, Bill Hamner, and Paul McIlvaine signed up to be members of the Society.
The Third Infantry Division Celebrates Independence Day

The Division kicked off their 4th of July events with a Division Run. In the early morning, soldiers formed in front of the Division Headquarters for Reveille. Just prior to raising the Garrison Flag, the Division Commander, MG Leopoldo A. Quintas spoke to the formation and thanked the soldiers for their service. He spoke about our country’s independence and said “today is all about you and the things you have done to keep this nation free.” The Division Command Sergeant Major, Command Sergeant Major Daniel Hendrex, highlighted all the free events taking place throughout the day and thanked the many sponsors for supporting the events.

After Reveille, the Division made its way through main post and into the housing area. Families and friends of the division lined the streets to cheer soldiers as they chanted cadence calls. After the run, soldiers were released to enjoy the activities on post with families and friends.

The installation’s Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) partnered with community sponsors to offer a fun filled day of events. Military families were invited to a free Family Picnic on post that included inflatables, arts and crafts, backyard games and free access to the pool and bowling alley. The Hinesville Military Affairs Committee and its many community volunteers, organized, prepared, and provided over 4000 free meals to military families during the picnic.

Capping off the evening, the Fort Stewart MWR team welcomed the Marne community on post to celebrate Independence Day with a free concert and fireworks. The concert featured rock band 3 Doors Down, the country band LOCASH, and the blues group Jagged Edge. They finished off the evening with a spectacular fireworks display. It was a great day for all who came out to celebrate our countries independence.
Gift Shop Goes Online

The 3d Infantry Division Museum Gift Shop is proud to announce the rollout of our online store. We understand the difficulties for many of our society members to make the trip to Fort Stewart so finding a way to bring the store to you has been our goal since we opened.

At our site you will find the Marne Patch and Rocky on flags, stickers, pins, jewelry, apparel, household items and more. By the time you read this article we hope to have over 100 items available with many more to come. Ultimately, we want to offer everything online that’s available in our store so keep looking.

With every new endeavor there will be some growing pains, but we feel that’s worth the undertaking to bring our store to you. Here are a few things we ask that you take into consideration as we roll this out. Our profit margins are small and the prices you see online are what we charge in the store. With each order, we’ve included a flat $5.00 shipping and handling fee but that may not work for every order. If that is not enough to cover the packaging and shipping of your order, we will contact you to explain any additional costs prior to accepting your order online.

Our goal is to meet your desires for shipping in a timely manner, and get your order delivered at the least expensive rate possible.

We look forward to helping you fulfill your desire to proudly displaying items that showcase the Marne Division. You can view our inventory and place online orders at: https://squareup.com/store/3id-museum-gift-shop

If you have any questions regarding the Museum Gift Shop you can contact Jeff Ashmen by email at jeff.ashmen@gmail.com or call 912-271-5861.

MARNE BATTLE COIN

The Society is proud to offer a new commemorative coin to our members! The Marne Battle Coin is in remembrance of the 100th Anniversary of the Second Battle of the Marne in 1918 that forged the Division’s rich legacy. This coin is 3" in diameter and made of polished brass.

The back side features a portion from a painting by N.C. Wyeth titled “The Americans at Chateau-Thierry.” The owner of the panting/copyright has given special permission to the Society for its exclusive use on this coin. It shows two Marne Soldiers charging in battle and their faces demonstrate the strength and determination of all Marne Soldiers in WWI during this German vicious attack

Each coin is individually numbered and comes in its own plush velvet bag. You can purchase your coin at our website www.society3did.org or by mailing your check or money order to:

Toby Knight
5339 Osprey Oak
San Antonio, TX 78253

Each coin is $20 and checks needs to be made payable to the “Society of the Third Infantry Division.” Be sure to list the number of coins you would like and the serial number you desire - subject to availability.

Get yours today. Only 300 are available and they will sell out fast!
Eddie Kearse  
Ballplayers Wounded in Combat  
Date and Place of Birth: February 23, 1916 San Francisco, CA  
Date and Place of Death: July 15, 1968 Eureka, CA  
Baseball Experience: Major League  
Position: Catcher  
Rank: Sergeant  
Military Unit: Company C, 125th Armored Engineer Battalion, 14th Armored Division USA  
Area Served: European Theater of Operations  

“Three years ago a doctor told me Eddie Kearse would never play ball again. In fact, the doc intimated Eddie’s condition was so serious the kid might never get out of bed. And look at him, will you! Hitting that ball and moving around as though he never had an injury.

Edward P. “Eddie” Kearse was born in San Francisco, California, on February 23, 1916. He was signed by the New York Yankees and his minor league career began with the Rogers Lions of the Class D Arkansas-Missouri League in 1936, appearing in 87 games and batting .257. In 1937 he played with the Joplin Miners of the Class C Western Association (in 104 games he hit .248) and spent 1938 with the Wenatchee Chiefs of the Class B Western International League, where he hit .319 in 103 games. Kearse joined the Fort Worth Cats of the Class A1 Texas League in 1939 (he hit .277 in 88 games) and was with the Seattle Rainiers of the Pacific Coast League in 1940, where he batted .302 in 86 games. In 1941, he was with the Kansas City Blues of the Class AA American Association - one step away from the major leagues - and batted .239 in 69 games.

Kearse, 26, began the 1942 season with Kansas City, but by early June, the New York Yankees’ catchers - Bill Dickey and Buddy Rosar - were both out of action and Kearse received his big league call-up. He made his debut behind the plate in a game against the Tigers on June 11, handling Lefty Gomez for the third inning before the game was halted due to rain. His official debut took place on June 13, against the St. Louis Browns and he appeared in 11 games before the Yankees acquired 15-year big league veteran Rollie Hemsley. Kearse spent the rest of the season with the Seattle Rainiers of the Pacific Coast League.

On December 7, 1942, Kearse joined the Army. He served at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, where he was behind the plate for Warren Spahn on the 1850th Service Unit baseball team before going overseas in 1944. Kearse served as a sergeant with the 125th Armored Engineer Battalion, 14th Armored Division. They landed along the coast of Southern France in August of 1944, and advanced up the Rhone Valley in pursuit of the German 19th Army. Sergeant Kearse was seriously wounded during a mortar barrage in France on November 22, 1944. He underwent several operations that left appalling scars on his back and shoulders. But he was determined to play baseball again and against all odds he did so.

On June 18, 1945, Kearse joined the Oakland Oaks as a back-up catcher to Billy Raimondi. In 43 games he batted .226. The combat veteran was given the night off on August 14, to celebrate the end of the war, and on October 21, he was selected to play in the annual Majors versus Minors game at Oakland. In 1946, Kearse played 73 games with the Oaks and batted .273. The following season he appeared in 58 games producing a .252 average.

“You know what got Eddie back into baseball?” Yankees’ scout, Joe Devine, told the Oakland Tribune in 1947, “Sheer courage, that’s what. He wanted to play and he made himself well in spite of any predictions made by a smart doctor. What a guy!”

There is little doubt that Kearse had incredible will and determination, in addition to being a tough competitor. “I remember one day,” recalled Oaks’ owner, Vince Devincenzi in the same Tribune article, “when he went after a foul ball and his right hand was practically split open when he misjudged the catch. Did Eddie ask to be taken out of the game? He did not. We held up the contest until the hand had been taped and Eddie went the distance.”

Kearse joined the Cost League’s San Diego Padres in 1947, and became player-manager with the Ventura Yankees of the Class C California League in 1948. The following year he was player-manager at Paducah and Grand Forks, before retiring from the professional game. However, he was still playing ball with Eureka VFW in 1954, and played semi-pro baseball in 1958.
with the Humboldt Crabs at the age of 42.

Eddie Kearse lived the last 17 years of his life in Eureka, California, with his wife, Helena, and worked in the plywood industry for Mutual Plywood in Fairhaven, California. They had three children Edward, Claudia and Kathleen. Kearse passed away on July 15, 1968. He was just 52 years old.

“Humboldt County lost one of its most prominent,” wrote Don Terbush in the Eureka Times on July 18, 1968. “He was understandably proud of his days with the Yankees but chose, instead, to discuss baseball in general rather than his personal career. He was an avid fan of the game from the Midget to the Major League level. He was never too busy to lend a helping hand to the budding player and to the local baseball programs as a whole.

“Only last summer Ed donated an oversized baseball bat which had been presented to him during his playing days in New York to the Eureka Midget League. It is to be awarded annually to the city champion.

“He was a friend indeed to the national pastime and to the multitudes associated with it.”

Eddie Kearse is buried at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward, California.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Right after Pearl Harbor, movie stars and professional athletes rushed to join the service to do their part at the beginning of WWII. Movie stars like Clark Gable and baseball superstars like the great Ted Williams interrupted their prime years to fight for their country. The list is long and hardly no one did not serve after Pearl Harbor. Third Infantry soldier Mike Kearse provided this information about his Dad who was a professional ballplayer when WWII broke out. Mike provided me with photos of his Dad who caught the future Hall of Famer icon Warren Spahn, who became the winningest left handed pitcher in history with 363 victories. Mike also provided the photos when the cast of “Happy Days” visited his unit in Germany. As a baseball fan I really enjoyed listening to Mike’s stories about his growing up while his father pursued his professional baseball career. Mike said he has a photo of himself as a child sitting on the lap of Marilyn Monroe with Joe DiMaggio, who Ed Kearse knew among other famous players and celebrities.
To be held at the Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel is located at 2910 Yale Blvd SE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106. Room rates are $109 per night, plus tax for single or double occupancy. Breakfast is included in the room rate. The hotel provides free parking and a complimentary airport shuttle. **Call the Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel at 888-625-4937 no later than August 27, 2018 to make your hotel reservations. Make sure to mention you are with the 3rd Infantry Division to receive the group rate.**

**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. **Lunch will be on your own in Old Town.** After lunch we will visit the Casa Rondena Winery for a tour and wine tasting.

**Sandia Casino**
- **Friday September 28th**
  - 5:30pm-10:30pm
  - **Price ~ No Charge**
- Spectacular Sandia Resort and Casino offers a refined and sophisticated atmosphere inspired by Albuquerque, New Mexico's pueblo culture. If you plan on going on this tour you must sign up on the registration form so the casino can send the appropriate transportation. **Dinner will be on your own at the casino.**

**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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99th Annual Reunion
Society Of The 3rd Infantry Division
Albuquerque, New Mexico, September 27 – 30, 2018

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If You Served In The 3rd Infantry Division Fill Out This Section
Name ____________________________________________Preferred Name On Badge ____________________________________________
Unit Served In ______________________Outpost ______Please Check One Or More: ☐ WWII ☐ Korea ☐ Cold War
☐ Gulf War ☐ Iraq War ☐ Afghanistan ☐ Peace Time ☐ Active Duty

If You Are An Associate Member Fill Out This Section
Name ____________________________________________Preferred Name On Badge ____________________________________________
Associate Member: ☐ Yes Outpost ______

If You Are A Guest Fill Out This Section
Name ____________________________________________Preferred Name On Badge ____________________________________________
Please List Any Special Needs: __________________________________________________________________________________________
In Case Of Emergency Notify: __________________________________________________________________________________________

Registration

Required Registration Fee (Per Person) ................................................................. X $39.00 = $
Thursday September 27th ~ President’s Reception BBQ ........................................... X $45.00 = $
Saturday September 29th ~ Ladies Breakfast .......................................................... X $7.00 = $
Saturday September 29th ~ Banquet Dinner ........................................................... X $50.00 = $
Banquet Meal Selection: Beef _____ (or) Chicken ____ or) Vegetarian _____
Sunday September 30 ~ Memorial Breakfast (Please mark if you will attend.)......................... X NC = $

Optional Tours

Friday September 28th ~ Old Town/Lunch/Winery & Tasting ........................................... X $38.00 = $
Friday September 28th ~ Sandia Casino ............................................................................ X NC = $
Saturday September 29th ~ Nuclear Tour ........................................................................ X $35.00 = $

Total Enclosed .................................................................$

Payment Is Due No Later Than August 27, 2018

• Please make payment payable to The Reunion Brat
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• The Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel is located at 2910 Yale Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106
• Room prices are available 3 days prior to and after your reunion depending on availability should you choose to extend your stay.

Cancellation Policy

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• A $20 per person cancellation fee will apply to all cancellations received within 30 days of the event.
• Cancellations received within 10 days of the event will be non-refundable. Cancellations can ONLY be requested over the phone at 360-663-2521. You will receive a cancellation number; no refund will be issued without this number. Please make sure to keep this number for verification of your cancellation.
Outpost 1 Spring 2018 Meeting Minutes

The first meeting for 2018 and luncheon of Outpost #1 of the Society of 3rd Infantry Division was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at the Coopers Corner, 27 W 150 Roosevelt Rd, Winfield, IL 60190 at www.cooperscorner.com. Before the meeting everyone introduced themselves. The American Flag and Outpost 1 flags were setup using Dixon American Legion Post 12 standards. President Longfellow is having ones for Outpost 1 made.

The meeting opened at 11:40 am by President Richard Longfellow with nine in attendance: Edward Dybala and wife Joanne, Wally de Jongh, Richard Longfellow, Carl Qualeatti and daughter Gail, Phil Quarnstrom and wife Beth, and Chuck Stonnis. Secretary/Treasurer John Spratt could not attend as he was working. Bill Byrnes and daughter could not attend as Bill was celebrating his 95th Birthday with family and close friends. The Pledge of Allegiance was then said by all. Donations would be taken after the meal and Outpost 1 would pay for any difference between bill and donations made.

Nominations and Elections will be held at the Fall Outpost 1 Meeting. After the conclusion of the Outpost 1 Meeting the group would then go to Cantigny Park to see the renovated 1st Division Museum. A motion was made by Phil Quarnstrom and seconded by Edward Dybala to have the Fall Outpost 1 Meeting in Marseilles at the Bobaluk’ Beef & Pizza restaurant with visits to see the Marseilles Veterans Memorial, Middle East Conflicts Memorial Wall, Illinois Fallen Soldiers Tree and if possible the Marseilles Illinois National Guard Training Center. The motion was passed unanimously. Additional information on these sites can be found on the internet and information was passed around with a request to have it emailed to members. Other locations for future Outpost 1 Meetings will be discussed at the Fall Outpost 1 Meeting.

A motion was made by Carl Qualeatti and seconded by Phil Quarnstrom to have the meeting at Bobaluk’s Beef & Pizza Place, 458 Main St, Marseilles, IL 61341-1455, phone 1-815-795-5272 on Thursday, September 20, 2018 with meeting starting at 11:15 am. Motion passed unanimously. More information can be found at the end of these minutes.

Meal was then eaten. Donations were collected of one hundred forty-two dollars. The meal and gratuity was paid in the amount of one hundred and thirty dollars ($130.00). The additional twelve ($12.00) dollars will be deposited into the Outpost 1 checking account. The meeting concluded with the
singing of the original Dog Face Soldier, 3rd Infantry song. The group then loaded up and went to the Cantigny Park to visit the 1st Division Museum, 1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton, IL 60189-3353 about one/two blocks from restaurant: Phone: 630.260.8185: http://www.firstdivisionmuseum.org/

All veterans were given a Cantigny 1st Division Museum salute to the Veterans pin. The group then started with Post Vietnam War section. A very interesting virtual reality experience of a simulated Middle East helicopter raid that was conducted at the 1st Division facility in Kansas. There was many more information available in this section and it is highly recommend that you take a visit to this 1st Division Museum.

If you plan to attend the Fall Outpost 1 Meeting on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 11:15 am at Bobaluk’s Beef & Pizza Place, please indicate who will be coming and then either mail, email or phone back to me or John Spratt. In order to give a count to the restaurant and visiting sites, please contact one or both of us at your earliest convenience.

- Richard Longfellow; Phone: 1-815-973-0201; 807 Washington Avenue, Dixon, IL 61021-1230; dlongfel1776@gmail.com
- John Spratt: Cell: 224-430-1174; email: jpspratt@gmail.com 1430 Bull Valley Drive, Woodstock, IL 60098
- Middle East Conflicts Memorial Wall: https://www.facebook.com/MiddleEastConflictsWallMemorial
- Illinois Fallen Soldiers Tree: https://www.facebook.com/illinistateparkfoundation2/
- Marseilles Veterans Memorial, corner Main and Washington Streets
- Bobaluk’s Beef & Pizza, 458 Main St, Marseilles, IL 61341-1454 Phone: 1-815-795-5272; http://bobaluks.com/

Temperatures in Florida in July and August are in the high nineties. We are staying indoors with air conditioning.

Rock of the Marne!

Submitted by Robert Gibson, Secretary/Treasurer

Outpost 13 held its spring meeting on May 12th at Baker’s of Milford. President Richard Faulkner was in the hospital with an aneurism operation. Secretary/Treasurer Amy McKenna’s sons were all involved in soccer leagues, with games at different places. Thus it fell on to Vice President Gordon Draper to run the meeting. He opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Michigan flags and the singing of the Dog Faced Soldier.

All members introduced themselves and shared their experiences when they served in the Third Division. A special welcome was given to a new member, Glenn Shields. Thirteen people were in attendance, eight of whom were members.

The blessing was given by a visiting chaplain, Ronald Allen, and lunch was served.

The need to recruit new members was discussed. Instructions on how to go on line and join our society were passed out for people to be used when getting new members.

Information about a proposed Third Infantry Division overseas style cap was distributed. There was little interest in the design. People preferred the baseball type of head gear.

As there is such a distance for the 13th Outpost members who live in the Upper Peninsula, very few make the six hour drive to our meetings. One member, James Mead, asked if it would be possible to have separate meetings in the UP for members who live there. No one had any objections to forming a separate outpost for the UP if that seemed feasible.

The ongoing Army Historical Campaign to establish the National Museum of the United States Army was then discussed and written materials were given out.

The 99th Reunion of the Third Division was then promoted. It will take place in Albuquerque, New Mexico on September 27 to 30, 2018. Members were urged to attend.

The problem of having our spring meeting scheduled right after the deadline for articles for the Watch was discussed. The possibility of meeting in April was explored. It was found that we would lose a significant number of people attending as many “snow birds” don’t get back to Michigan until May.
Rollie Elenich gave the history of his time of service with emphasis of his experience in the 3rd Division. Rollie had basic training of 14 weeks at Fort Riley, KS followed by 7 weeks of Leadership School followed then by sea on the Marine Serphant to Pusan. He was assigned to an AAA Unit in the 3rd 10 in 1953. When the war ended, Rollie spent several sessions of training in Japan and Korea. The 3rd ID left Korea in the Fall of 1954. Rollie was then assigned to the 26th ID. When his tour of duty was completed, he tried to fly home from Korea, but finally ended up a board a ship heading home.

Historian Warren Fast shared that a lot of information on the 3rd ID which is available on the internet.

Two raffles were held for books, “The Last Calvryman,” which was won by John Cseri. “A Foxhole was My Home” was won by Bob Meganck. The raffles netted $30 towards our treasury.

Lunch was served. Next meeting: Sunday, October 14, 2018

Meeting adjourned: 12:05pm

Submitted by Secretary Bob Meganck

I Represented OP #22 at the 2018 Memorial Day Ceremony at the Riverside National Cemetery, where hundreds of people gathered to salute our brave men, and women, who served in the military service. Society member Travis Gammill piloted a C-17 in the aerial salute. We visited the grave sites of past members Jim Jarboe, and Andy Scullion. As we saluted the flag next to the lake, we admired the black granite memorial stone that OP #22 placed there about ten years ago. We conducted our annual meeting, and maned a booth, at the Long Beach VA Medical Center’s 4th of July Celebration to salute veterans from all branches of the military service.

OP #22 salutes the US Army for 242 years of service to Americans, and we salute The Society of the 3rd Infantry Division for 99 years of continuous service to Veterans. Happy Birthday America.

Submitted by Walter Mendoza, President, OP #22

Mike Bopray donated many “Army Times” newspapers to the group. Mike noted that the 3rd ID is back in Germany and has been in Afghanistan six times.

Treasurer Marv Kostka reported we have a balance of $495.72.

Bob Meganck made a motion that we donate $100.00 to Joann Ingram for supplies for the “Quilts of Valor.” The motion was seconded by Jim Bartholomew. Motion carried unanimously.
Outpost 88 Hiroshi Miyamura: Final report

In March of 2018 I sent out 29 letters by US Mail requesting a vote by OP Hiroshi Miyamura members about deactivating our outpost. The letter explained the many reasons and requested volunteers to hold the three officer’s positions. The letter indicated that a non-vote was a vote to deactivate.

As of 11:30 am May 18, 2018 I have received 13 responses. All 13 of the 29 with a heavy heart, voted to deactivate. The remaining 16 of the 29 did not vote, which was a vote to deactivate.

Therefore, at the 2018 Business Meeting held today (May 18, 2018) at the Biaggi’s Ristorante Italiano Restaurant in Colorado Springs, Co the final official business of OP Hiroshi Miyamura was to announce the results of the votes to the members present.

OP members present were:
• Joe Annello, President
• Lou Schindler, Vice President
• Bill Buntrock, Secretary
• Carolee Soden
• Harold Nelson
• Lyle Adams

We also had family and friends of the OP members attend this last official business meeting. There was talk of having an ongoing lunch gathering at Biaggi’s on the last Friday of each April. Each individual would be responsible for their own tab.

There was also a very strong reminder that Harold Nelson’s 104th Birthday would be celebrated next year.

I would like to thank Severin Harmeyer (who was not able to attend) the gift of $20.00 that was applied to the business lunch. I would also like to thank all the individuals who left heartfelt notes, emails and phone messages about the dedicated service of Joe Annello and Lou Schindler for the years they dedicated to the Society of the Third Infantry Division.

I would also like to thank all the active and non-active members who keep the Society of the Third Infantry Division alive by being members and reading the Watch on the Rhine. And lastly, I would like to thank Command Sergeant Major (ret) Joseph Annello for being a friend over the last 10 years.

Submitted by Bill Buntrock, PLS, Secretary
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 Wei. Contact information is on page 2 of the Watch.

**Last Call**

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**

**CPL Lionel W. Barrick,** Korea, 15INF/A, Reported by Tom Heltzer

**PFC Michael J. Bodnar,** WW2, 30INF/B, Reported by: Robert Vodnar

**Bob Boucart,** Korea, 7INF/BELGIAN BN, Reported by: Anne Boucart

**SFC Bernard J. Brown,** Korea, 10ENG/D, Reported by: Spouse

**SFC Robert J. Budde,** Korea, 64TK/C, Reported by: Spouse

**1LT George S. Burks,** WW2, 15INF/L, Reported by: Tom Heltzer

**SGT Mitchel, Chockla,** WW2, 7INF/A, Reported by: Son

**PFC Forrest D. Claussen,** Korea, 39FA/B BTRY, Reported by: Luvern Sohn.

**1LT Herman B. Coble,** WW2, Korea, 7INF/TK, Reported by: his wife Sue Coble

**PFC Roy A. Cochran,** Cold War, 38INF/D, Reported by: Spouse

**PFC Rueban L. Covington,** WW2, 15INF/G, Reported by: Son

**Civilian Robert, Daspres,** Associate- French Navy

**SGT, Derk, Doornbos,** 15th INF/3 BN HQ, Reported by: Spouse

**PFC Robert J. Dunn,** Korea, 7INF/1BN HQ, Reported by: his wife Teresa.

**COL James F. Dunn Jr,** Peace Time, 26FSB/DISCOM, Reported by: Family

**PFC Orlov F. Garrett,** WW2, 30INF/I, Reported by: Ron Greenwood

**COL Robert, Jenksen,** Korea, 7INF/

**SSG Earl E. Killen,** Korea, 7TH Regt, Reported by: Spouse

**SGT Earl E. Killen,** Korea, 7INF/HQ, Reported by: Spouse

**CPL George, Knight,** Korea, 15INF/K, Reported by: Wife Ruth.

**1SG Tito C. Labra,** Cold War, 1-4/INF/B/HQ & Co, Reported by: Lynn Ball

**Civilian Edouard D. Lampel,** ASSOCIATE, Reported by: Spouse

**Civilian Edgar C. Loeber,** WW2, 9FA/C, Reported by: Son John Miller

**Civilian William F. Long Jr,** Korea, 7INF/1BN HQ, Reported via website

**CPL, Edward J. Madden,** WW2, ASSOCIATE-36DIV/636TD/BN, Verified deceased from obituary

**PFC Carmine D. Marinelli,** WW2, 30INF/MED, Reported by: J.B.

**Civilian Walter C. (Patricia), Miers,** ASSOCIATE, Reported by: Patricia Miers.

**SFC, John J. Miller,** WW2, 7INF/L, Reported by: Son John Miller

**1LT Frederick W. Moehle Jr,** Korea, 64TK/C, Reported by: Family

**CPL Warren D. Nichols,** Korea, 7INF/A, Reported by: Bradford C. Denny

**1LT Heighter L. Purks,** WW2 7INF/L, Reported by: Eric Roque

**PFC Lewis E. Rose,** WW2, 30INF/L&M, Reported by: Son.

**PFC James J. Scholfield,** Korea, 10FA/SV, Reported by: Maureen R Golden

**CPL James P. Seibert Sr,** WW2, 7INF/F, Reported by: Maureen R Golden

**CPL, Sinclair W. Stickle,** Korea, 7INF/ L, Reported by: his son Scot

**PFC Richard F. Wagner,** Korea, 15INF/MED, Reported by: Spouse, Barbara

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**Roll Call**

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

Listed below are all new members who enrolled during May-June 2018

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**Life Members**

**8981 1LT Philip Quarnstrom** Cold Wa, 2ID/38INF/1BNr .........CR 1

**8997 1SG John F. Lagow** Cold War, 1/15INF/ACO/HHC CR 57

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**Annual Members**

**7696 SGT Perry Quigg** FBR WR

**6195 SPC William G. Buntrock** 88 WR

**9356 Civilian Thomas Fogerty** 60 ER

**9355 Civilian Andrea Schuessler** 18 CR

**9354 SFC William Diriengo** 5 ER

**9346 SPC Jane Dunn** FBR WR

**6302 CPT Francisco Marroqui** 2 ER

**9332 CPT Robert Hyde** FBR CR

**9331 1SG Timothy Branch** 7 ER

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**9320 SPC Robert R Prosser (Bob)** 5 ER

**9317 SSG Dennis Bender** 35 CR

**9152 Civilian Luigi Settimi** 16 INT

**9310 Civilian Jeffrey L Danby** 57 CR

**9297 SPC Justin Hokamura** 22 WR

**9295 CPL Charles Kerner** 17 CR

**9288 CPT Glenn Shields** 13 CR

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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 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:

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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 (MCGEES) MCLAINTOCK served with the Division in W. Germany from June 1961 until mid-January 1964, following the footsteps of his father, who served in the 3rd ID’s 9th Field Artillery Regt. 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 Prax LeClerc marksmanship competition. Mike volunteered for duty with the 3rd ID Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRRP) Detachment billeted at Daley Barracks in Bad Kissingen. He joined the “larps” 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 T/O&E units. Mike was assigned to his original unit (D/2/38) until he was reassigned to C Company, 1st Battalion, 39th 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 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.

### Pledge

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

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

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

### General Information

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

The Society is divided into chapters, called outposts, which members are entitled to join. Outposts, at their discretion, may charge a small additional fee to join.

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### Dues

#### Annual dues:

- **Regular, Active Duty, Associate Members**: $20.00
- **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; 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.

#### Dues for Special Life Membership

- **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

**Society of the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Army**

**Date:**

**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:**

Please print clearly, detach, mail this application along with a check or money order payable to Society of the Third Infantry Division to: **The Society of Third Infantry Division, 12420 W Tower Ave, Airway Heights, WA 99001-5063.**
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WORLD WAR I [2 Medals of Honor]
- Aisne
- St. Mihiel
- Champagne-Marne
- Meuse-Argonne
- Aisne-Marne

WORLD WAR II [39 Medals of Honor]
- Algeria-French Morocco (with arrowhead)
- Tunisia
- Sicily (with arrowhead)
- Naples-Foggia
- Anzio (with arrowhead)
- Rome-Argro
- 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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