Tell America

By Curtis Pilgrim

[I had asked Curtis to send me news of his offspring, Nicole Winkler, a previous recipient of a Scholarship Grant, and I also asked for information about his efforts to spread information about the Korean War and his related participation in community events. He responded promptly, but we have not had space to publish his valuable comments until now. We will publish Nicole’s amazing story in a future issue. Curtis and Anne Pilgrim are in the farming business. It is not always profitable, but it is wonderful work.]

Curtis writes: “In 1997, a 25th I.D. Forward Observer Veteran of the Korean War chartered the Northwest Illinois Korean War Veterans Chapter 150 in Freeport. I eagerly became a charter member and became useful as chairman of the “Tell America” committee (We have told of “our war” to countless numbers of students in all the schools of the area).

We built a beautiful float for parades throughout northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. We took the lead in building one of the nicest veterans’ memorials you will ever see, “All Veterans Memorial Park,” in Freeport. In 1998, I founded a color/honor guard—outfitted us in uniforms, obtained the

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100th Anniversary Coin Struck

Introducing the 3rd Infantry Division 100th Anniversary Challenge Coin.

This coin has been struck to celebrate the centennial of our great Dogface Soldiers. Each one comes in its own customized case and each are individually numbered.

Only 500 coins will be made available

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Remember the Alamo!
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The tradition continues...


Obersalzberg, Outpost International group commemorates the raising of the Flag, 5 May 1945. [Please see story in Outpost International Outpost News.]
One year ago, I was humbly elected as your Society President. As I look back on what we have accomplished in the last year, I am amazed. We have accomplished much at the National level and I am thankful to the Executive Committee Members, our Committee Chairs and our hard-working Staff for making sure that the Society continues on the strong path that we are on.

But we must not rest. We are still in need of recruiting more members and in diversifying our Society to reflect the wishes of our membership. I asked the Outposts to become more involved in their communities and many responded with innovative and pragmatic programs that are worthy of duplication by other Outposts. I thank all of you for your efforts and your dedication to our Society. Thank you.

The future looks bright and we are working on several new initiatives. First, this year marks 100 years since our great division was activated at Camp Green, N.C. Only seven months after being formed, the division would experience combat in the trenches of WWI. The Marine Express has not stopped since.

To celebrate the centennial of the division, we have struck a centennial challenge coin that is currently available online at our website. You can find out. Otherwise, we will announce this program in our October issue. It is truly magnificent!

We are also planning an “Outpost Rendezvous” at this year’s reunion. This first-ever event will happen on Friday night, September 29, 2017 from 6 pm until 9 pm. It is designed to bring together the various Outposts in the hospitality room for an informal event. We plan to have a guest speaker: we will recognize a Vietnam Veteran who is currently a Texas Ranger; we will have free hors d’oeuvres along with the free beer and wine. Each Outpost is asked to “decorate” their table or bring their colors to show their pride. This will be an informal Social event and it is hoped that new friendships will be established and old friendships strengthened.

The Executive Committee recently approved the formation of our new fundraising Committee. The overall tasks of this committee will be to help the Society raise funds for its various activities and to help reduce costs of others, such as the reunions and printing costs. We need people who are interested in serving on this committee to contact me. This needs to be a nation-wide effort. Outpost Marine Association President, Jeff Ashmen, has graciously agreed to serve as the Chairman. Thank you, Jeff.

We would also like to welcome our new Awards Chair, Sergeant First Class Ken Drake. Ken currently serves on Active Duty with the 3rd ID Band and his nomination has been confirmed by the Executive Committee. You can read more about him in the following pages. Welcome Aboard, Ken.

I have received two requests for assistance from members trying to reserve Handicap Accessible rooms at the hotel for the reunion. When booking one of these types of rooms, central appointments will quote a higher price than what is contracted with the Society. This is due to a system error that blocks any reduction in price for those rooms. If you have this same problem, please make the reservation and then call Trish Blanton at the reunion Brat who will coordinate the lower price with the contract representative at the hotel. Her contact info is: Phone: 360-663-2521 or Email at: thereunionbrat@hotmail.com

Speaking of the hotel reservations. If you have not made your reservations, I advise that you do so soon. San Antonio is a very popular city to travel to and many hotels fill up quickly. Please do not wait.

I hope all of you enjoyed your Independence Day activities. Many Americans forget that the enjoyment of this day has come at a high price. Tens of thousands of Men and Woman who have served in our countries cloth laid down their lives to ensure that July 4th is enjoyed by so many millions in our country. And please do not forget the Men and Woman who are currently standing guard on freedoms frontier around the world. They sacrifice for us and we are indebted to them. May God bless you and your family and may God Bless our great country. Rock of the Marine.
On June 28th, The Scholarship Board of Directors sent out 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 more entries than we could serve. Since the applications were all quite good, it was very difficult for our judges to determine the best-of-the-best. Our judges this year were Scholarship Foundation Trustees Jeff Danby, Earl Killen, Thomas Maines, and James Reeves. We thank them for their hard and faithful work. Those candidates who did not receive grants this year were encouraged to apply next year, and we provided some guidance for improving their submissions, both to the Foundation and to other agencies providing scholarship grants.

Every one of the recipients below demonstrated excellent community service and academic ability. All were on various honor rolls and all demonstrated leadership ability. The 2017 recipients’ photos and profiles follow, in alphabetical order, and these are on our website at www.3dscholarshipfoundation.org.

Taylor Avaritt, of Midlothian, Texas, received the “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.” His sponsor was his grandfather, Korea War Veteran Frank Avaritt (now deceased). Taylor’s essay, “The Importance of Patriotism,” defines patriotism: being a patriot is more than just celebrating holidays. “It’s about the little things one does day-in and day-out.” The essay mentions the patriots serving in our military. Those who support our troops are patriots. A patriot prioritizes one’s country over oneself. Loyalty to country is unconditional and never betraying. We can be outspoken or display our patriotism discreetly. Patriots honor the flag and respect active soldiers, veterans, and their families; a patriot stands with pride and reverence during the National Anthem and encourages others to do so. The author quotes classical writer and Civil War Soldier Ambrose Bierce: Patriotism is “fierce as a fever, pitiless as the grave, blind as a stone, and irrational as a leadless hen.” Without patriotism, there would be no United States of America. Without the courage of our founding fathers, there would be no patriotism. He quotes Navy Seal Chris Kyle’s endorsement of patriotism and explains Kyle’s history.

Haley R. Blanchard, of Lithun, Georgia, received the “Scholarship Foundation Memorial Award in Honor and Memory of MG Maurice Kendall.” Haley was sponsored by her grandfather, Korea War Veteran Bob Barfield. Her essay, “Freedom,” praises the freedoms we have and remembers that not all world citizens have the same freedoms. An example used is North Korea where freedom are virtually unheard of. The author mentions her grandmother and her influence on her views of countries like North Korea and America and the price that was paid by our Soldiers so that not all of Korea would have to live under a communist dictatorship. It cost $50 billion dollars and 33,000 American lives to pay for South Korea’s freedom. She talks about the families left behind when their loved ones were among the 33,000 killed. She will always support the world views of freedom and capitalism and thanks her grandfather for that. “The concept of freedom and the challenge to work hard to earn success are timeless concepts that make up the American dream.” These concepts are a huge part of what makes America the country that it is. These are the things that my grandpa fought for during the Korean War and these are the things that I continue to fight for, over 60 years later.”

Gizangely M. Marrero, of Fort Stewart, Georgia, was sponsored by her father, Heriberto Marrero, currently 3rd I.D. Electronic Warfare Officer. She received the “Award Honoring LTG William E. Webster (Ret.) and the Men and Women of the 3rd Infantry Division.” Her essay, “American Patriotism” discusses patriotism, its meaning, and its force. The author admits that some countries frown on patriotism. “American Patriotism, however, is rooted in conservative values such as honor, integrity, loyalty, and bravery. It serves to unify citizens of this country under one flag as we celebrate our entitlement to freedom and the pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness.” “Our realm, in which patriotism is a dominant force, is within the United States military.” She describes the role of the military in her definition of patriotism and shows how they guarantee our freedoms. She discusses the issues that create divisions among citizens which must be resolved in order to secure solidarity. One such issue is gun control which she defines and explains. Another issue is the American Press. To paraphrase, fake news misleads Americans. This issue “pits fractions of American citizens against each other and must be resolved in order to preserve and perpetuate the influence of patriotism.” “If every citizen embodied honor, integrity, loyalty, and bravery in all they do, we would ensure that future generations will be inspired to continue to protect and defend this country that we share.”

Grace M. Maurer, of West Des Moines, Iowa, was sponsored by her father, Thomas V. Maurer. Maurer served with the 3rd I. D. in Germany, 1989-1991. Grace received the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division Scholarship Foundation “Award in Honor and Memory of Scholarship Foundation Trustee Dr. Marco Montoya.” Grace’s essay, “National Pride” discusses our liberties and credits the military and our officials. Grace compares America to other countries and quotes Tony Blair: “A simple way to take measure of a country is to see how many want in and how many want out.” She mentioned fellow stu-
students from other countries who say, “We love it here.” She also discussed the extensive work she did in becoming informed before she voted for the first time, and she mentioned relatives who have served our country and noted that dedication such as theirs creates “The American Way.” She believes that our National Pride started with our forefathers who wrote a brilliant Constitution, and she believes National Pride “brings people together and prevents us from being a divided country.”

**Stephanie Nussio** of Woodbridge, Virginia, was sponsored by her father, Col. Ricky Nussio who served with the 64th Armor, 2nd Brigade, during the run on Baghdad. She received the “Legacy Award in Honor and Memory of MG Maurice Kendall.” Her essay, “The 3rd Infantry Division: Remembering One Hundred Years of Unparalleled History and Heroes” walks us through WWI and explains how the Division got the name “Rock of the Marne.” She covers key conflicts in Europe during WWII and in Iraq and the Middle East: “After the terrorist attacks on 9/11, the 3rd Infantry Division was the vanguard unit in the attack on Iraq. Stephanie covers a good deal of ground in her essay and even describes recent conflicts. ‘Over the last hundred years, the 3rd Infantry Division has played a key role in American military history and has achieved unparalleled success in combat…Through their heroic impact, the 3rd Infantry Division has arguably changed the course of world history.’” She closes her essay by urging readers to study the history of our great Division.

**Alec Roach** of Roanoke, Virginia, received the “Award in Honor and Memory of SFC Ralph E. ‘Rick’ Richenbacher.” He was sponsored by his grandfather, Paul M. Roach, who served in G Company, 15th, during the Korean War. Alec’s essay, “Honor,” discusses honor and how the subject is treated at VMI. Upperclassmen are responsible for instilling in the “ratline” (new cadets) the traits and qualities vital to the essence of every cadet. This creates a transformation centered in honor. The honor code is simple: “A cadet will not lie, cheat, steal, nor tolerate those that do.” This code is the first of many lessons taught to all rats during Hell Week, the first nine days of the year for incoming freshmen. At VMI, the Honor Court is cadet-run to investigate and pass judgment on all honor-related offenses. “Drum-outs” are enacted when a cadet is found violating the honor code and is then subsequently expelled from the institute. The essay describes the ceremony around which the Honor Court passes its judgment. This lesson in honor changes one to want to do the right thing all the time and to hold oneself to a higher standard. On the VMI class ring there is an inscription: “Death Before Dishonor.” “Not only is this a slogan, it is our creed, our words to live by. They remind us that it is better to die with our honor intact than to live knowing we have chosen to forsake our honor.”

**Katherine Spellmon** of Belton, Texas, received the “Legacy Award in Honor and Memory of Thomas W. Mason.” She was sponsored by her father, Scott A. Spellmon, who served with the 3rd I.D. in Germany (1990-1993) and at Fort Benning (2003-2006). In her essay, “Patriotism,” Katherine develops a very personal definition of patriotism. It began when she was a first-grader saying “goodbye” to her father who was deployed to Iraq with the 3rd Infantry Division. “I will never forget the tears that filled my eyes as my dad hugged my mother, my brothers, our Golden Retriever, and me.” “It was that day when I truly realized the sacrifices men and women selflessly make in order to protect the freedoms of our nation.” She talks about what goes on at home when a Soldier is deployed and explains one symbol of freedom and patriotism with which all Americans are familiar “The Star-Spangled Banner.” She ends her essay with, [Patriotism] is what unites us; it is what protects us. God Bless America.”

**Sierra Wright** of Pasco, Washington, received the “Scholarship Foundation Award Honoring the Active Duty Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division.” Sierra was sponsored by her great-grandfather, Dale Mc Graw, who served in Korea with the 9th Field Artillery (1953-1954). Her essay, “Third Infantry Division Scholarship Essay,” talks about the freedoms we are given and what the country expects of good citizens (get an education, enter the workforce, and obey the laws); however, some Americans follow a higher calling. They serve in the military. Sierra views this commitment as the most honorable form of loyalty and duty to one’s country. She sees patriotism and nationalism quite closely connected. She mentions that people do not show
enough patriotism and says we have “constant reminders such as The American Flag, The Statue of Liberty, our National Anthem, and the Pledge of Allegiance to show our patriotism and recognize what our country was established upon. We use these to pay respect and increase our knowledge of our country’s history and values...Patriotism is something that runs deep in my blood and will run deep in my children’s blood and generations beyond that, because it is a flame that will never die within the heart of proud Americans.”

Our directors are already planning the 2018 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. We received notifications on December 9th and again on June 26th. We sent letters as soon as we were notified. If you donated to the Foundation and did not receive a letter, please let the Foundation know of your donation and the amount. We will issue your tax-certification letter. We are very grateful to our donors for their help. Following is a list of those who have sent contributions since the last issue of the Watch on the Rhine.

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Outpost Rendezvous
Come join us for the 2017 Outpost Rendezvous being held at the annual reunion on Friday, September 29, 2017, at 6:00 PM. This first-ever event will bring together members of their outposts for an evening of socializing, outpost representation, and camaraderie. Outposts are encouraged to bring any colors or flags they may have, decorate their tables for the evening, hold an informal “mini-meeting” along with the other outposts represented, meet and get to know a Texas Ranger, and hear an informal talk by our guest speaker. The event will be held in the hospitality room; there will be free, substantial hors d’oeuvres, beverages, and snacks. Don’t miss out on the opportunity for your outpost to gather together with other outposts at this first-ever event held by the Society. We expect the event to end at about 8:30 PM so members can make other evening events or stay to visit in the hospitality room. Please let Reunion Chair Toby Knight know if you and your outpost members plan to participate. Also, if you have questions, please contact Toby. Toby’s contact information is on page 2 of the Watch on the Rhine. —Submitted by Toby Knight, Chair

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I will not be attending the Society Reunion this year. I will miss seeing all of you and hearing stories from our members. Due to my absence, I ask that you keep me apprised of what is happening, with pictures and notes, so that I can stay up-to-date with all the Society’s news. In the past, I have taken photos and gathered information which I then used to write articles for the December Watch on the Rhine, but since I will not be attending, I will count on all of you to provide this vital input. Also, if you have suggestions for future reunions, including things that we can improve upon, please let me know.

At the reunions, I always accept requests for help from members. I am still working on trying to find a Soldier who has been MIA since the Korean War based on the request I received in Harrisburg last year. On a previous occasion, we accepted the request for help from Member Krista Ingram who was looking for her uncle, Cpl. Clifford W. Fielding, a Soldier of H Company (81mm mortars), 7th Infantry Regiment, who was MIA in 1951. After months of research and the cooperation of Krista, who deposited her DNA for comparison, we found him buried at the Punch Bowl. We hope for similar success with our present project. Clifford was originally from Oklahoma. Finding out what happened to them is never a happy result; nevertheless, it is quite worthwhile to help members find out what DID happen. It gives them a measure of closure.

Usually, at reunions, I receive stories or clippings for the Watch on the Rhine. Please send them to me. My contact information is on page 2 of the Watch. Yes, I did talk to several members about my plan to chair the ladies event on September 30th and talk to attendees about the American women in combat. The Reunion Chair has a very interesting program to replace mine. I will present my program at a future date. It is quite interesting as well, thanks to those of you who offered suggestions.

We have been extremely busy during June. June 1st was the deadline for scholarship grant applications. We reviewed all of the submissions and then shipped them to the judges. We selected eight recipients. I say “we” because we had a tie for the 8th award; I vote when there is a tie. Letters were sent to all recipients and checks were mailed to their student accounts on the 28th. The very deserving recipients are posted on the Foundation website at www.3idscholarshipfoundation.org.

The recent Scholarship Fundraising Raffle closed with the drawing for prizes on June 15th. We drew 55 names and shipped the prizes to all winners. The results are also posted on our website. Then we had an outpost meeting on the 21st. We met in Fredericksburg, Texas, three hundred miles from home. It was a lovely trip, and it was good to see our outpost members. We stopped at the Nimitz Museum Gift Shop to purchase a gift for a friend and did some shopping. Fredericksburg is a very unique town and shopping is interesting—many items not available elsewhere and a marvelous quilt shop.

I must return to teaching college on July 11th and prepare for the October Watch on the Rhine so a different routine will present itself.

John Shirley wrote in the S.O.P. years ago “The Watch is the glue that holds the Society together.” This has not changed. I serve the members of the Society. With your help, I can produce a quality publication. Keep sending me messages and stories. Also, we need new members. Please try to recruit members to our fine Society.

The C&B and Executive Committee Actions presented for membership votes in the June Watch will be incorporated into the C&B and S.O.P. by C&B Chair Amy McKenna and the amended documents will be placed on the Society website: www.society3rdid.org. You will be informed when these are available and Amy can e-mail copies at your request. The Watch editor does not distribute these copies. Yes, I did when I was C&B Chair, but Amy McKenna is the current chair and she is doing a wonderful job. Please thank her when the opportunity arises; hers is a tough job.

Over the past year, I have had a few questions regarding the next National Roster. First, I do not publish the National Roster. Our Roster Manager publishes that document. Second, the date of the next release of the National Roster is printed on page 30 of every Watch on the Rhine and is required in the Society Bylaws. Stated under “General Information” on page 30: “The next National Roster will be in printed in 2018.” I don’t want to take credit for something that I do not do. Publication of the National Roster is a big job. I am happy to help, but the credit for the publication goes to Sonya Frickey. Sonya has done a sterling job as Roster Manager. We are fortunate to have her in that position.

I hope many of you can attend the 2017 Reunion in San Antonio. Reunion Chair Toby Knight has an interesting program planned. I look forward to seeing everyone in 2018 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I like that town very much.

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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 Division embarks on its 100th Anniversary. The Marne Division continues to set the standard for the U.S. Army as we execute several key training events at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield in preparation for vital missions across the globe.

The Headquarters has transitioned several key personnel over the last 90 days. We welcomed Command Sergeant Major Daniel Hendrix as the 28th Third Infantry Division Command Sergeant Major on 10 July. His most recent assignment was the Senior Enlisted Leader for Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan. His experiences are exactly what this Division needs as 3ID is fully engaged across the world. We officially welcomed Colonel Sean Bernabe, Commander of Task Force Marne, Colonel Christopher Boyle, Division Chief of Staff, and Colonel Scott O’Neal, Task Force Marne Chief of Staff, and their families to the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield team on 21 July. They join us at a critical time, as the Division Headquarters prepares for a deployment to Afghanistan and the remainder of the brigades in the Division continue to build readiness. Simultaneously, Task Force Marne (Division Rear Detachment) is standing up, and they prepare to assume the command duties and responsibilities at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

The Division staff recently returned from a Pre-Deployment Stakeholder Survey in Afghanistan. The 3ID Staff worked with their counterparts on the 1st Cavalry Division Staff at Bagram Airfield to prepare for our upcoming United States Forces – Afghanistan (USFOR-A) deployment. Simultaneously, the Division facilitated the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team’s (Georgia Army National Guard) annual summer training event at Fort Stewart, to prepare the Volunteer Brigade for their upcoming rotation at the Joint Readiness Training Center. Finally, the staff supported Operation Marne Resolve, a Mission Readiness Exercise for the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade and the 3rd Sustainment Brigade. The exercise incorporated support from across the Division and prepared these two brigades for deployment.

The Raiders from the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team completed the Leadership Training Program (LTP) at the National Training Center (NTC) in June. This training enabled the brigade and battalion staffs to exercise and refine staff operating procedures while allowing key leaders to conduct reconnaissance of the training areas to better prepare for a successful rotation. Upon completion of LTP, the Raider Brigade returned to home station and began gunnery operations to train and certify lethal crews, platoons, and companies prior to their October NTC rotation.

The Spartans of 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team provided the preponderance of support to the Volunteers of the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team during their XCTC exercise in June. Spartan Soldiers served as Observer Controller/Trainers throughout the training exercise, while commanders at all echelons partnered with their Volunteer counterparts to accelerate learning. This collective training event solidified the bonds between the Volunteer Brigade, the Spartan Brigade, and the Marne Division – a relationship that will continue to set the standard for the National Guard – Active Duty partnership under the Associated Unit Pilot. While supporting XCTC, the Spartan Brigade continues to transition to an Armor Brigade Combat Team, to greatly increase the Marne Division’s and the U.S. Army’s armored combat power.

The Volunteers of the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) successfully executed a rigorous 21-day XCTC rotation from 5-25 June at Fort Stewart. The Volunteers executed over 615 training events, successfully leveraging this opportunity to build and sustain readiness for their brigade collective level training event in May 2018. Following XCTC, the Volunteer Brigade looks forward to their Command Post Exercise at Fort Stewart in September, where they will incorporate lessons learned into a staff focused training event. The Soldiers of the 48th IBCT continue to set the standard for National Guard integration, increasing the readiness for both the 3rd Infantry Division and the 48th IBCT.

The Falcons of 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade (3 CAB) and the Providers of 3rd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade (3ID...
SB) continue to provide aviation and logistical support to all Brigade Combat Teams within the Division. The 4th Assault Helicopter Battalion and 87th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion successfully supported the 4th Brigade, 25th Infantry Division rotation 17-07.5 at the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC). This high intensity training increased the Division's readiness and prepared these two battalions for future deployments. Following recovery operations and XCTX support, 3 CAB and 3ID SB executed a comprehensive pre-deployment Mission Readiness Exercise (Operation Marne Resolve). Operation Marne Resolve, consisting of real, simulated, and constructed injects, served as the culminating training event for the brigades.

The Division Artillery Brigade (DIVARTY) continued to provide essential fires in support of the Division's maneuver training and live fires. 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery Regiment was instrumental in training 1st Battalion, 118th Field Artillery Regiment, 48th IBCT. 1-9 FA OC/Ts increased the Hickory Battalion's readiness and ability to provide field artillery support to 48th IBCT. Additionally, DIVARTY conducted a change of command on 13 July and we bid farewell to Colonel Todd Wasmund and welcomed Colonel Robert Marshall to the Marne Team.

Your Marne Division continues to move forward, always ready to fight and win our Nation's wars. We currently have Soldiers deployed to over ten countries in support of rotational and contingency missions. I ask you to remember all of our Soldiers currently deployed, and the sacrifices they and their Families make. Please also remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice—I ask that we honor all Gold Star Families and their Service Members, to include keeping them 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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Curtis and Ann Pilgrim at the Illinois National Guard Christmas Ball.

proper flags, trained them to look sharp, and I commanded them for 12 years. We've had a lot of fun marching in the annual parades of eight Illinois towns, three Wisconsin towns, at two Memorial Day Parades in downtown Chicago, before the grandstand at five Illinois State Fairs, and we have conducted military rites (and one entire funeral) for buddies who have died; we have presented the colors for many conventions, meetings, concerts, and so forth. But our old legs just won't stand the strain of marching in two-mile parades in 90-degree heat carrying those big flags on windy days any longer. We just had to quit. It was very nice while it lasted.

Our chapter began with 103 members: because of deaths, only 42 remain. Our monthly meeting attendance has diminished from 45-50 on average to 15-20. We are attempting to appeal to "Korean War Veterans" as well, but these younger guys don't seem to be "joiners."

Isn't it remarkable how the public's attitude toward veterans has improved these days? I had a wonderful time again last year celebrating Veterans Day. I was the main speaker at West Carroll School's veterans program. The parking lot and gym were overflowing. The VFW presented the colors, we all recited the Pledge of Allegiance, the kids sang patriotic songs, every veteran was recognized, and my 14-minute talk was well received.

At one event, Anna and I joined my Thomson American Legion Post for their annual dinner.

That Sunday was the annual Veterans Observance Service at our church. I set up a "Missing Man Table" in the fellowship hall; the sermon was replaced with a talk by a 10-year veteran of the Marine Corps in the 1960s. In Vietnam, on patrol, Sgt. Kness turned to his radio man to send a message, and a sniper put a bullet through his chest. Falling face down into the swamp water, only the fast action of his buddies saved his life as he went through a near-death experience. At the end of the church service, ten of us veterans (members of our congregation) lined up at the alter and were honored for our service; very nice.

Four years ago, our pastor started this annual Veterans Day observance by asking me to give the sermon on "How God Helped Me to Survive the Korean War." That was easy. I have pondered that subject for 60 years. I sat down at the computer and let my thoughts flow through my fingers. I got a long, standing ovation after that "sermon." Word got around, and I presented the same talk to my American Legion Post in Thomson, the Chadwick Lions Club annual dinner, and at the annual Christmas Ball of the Illinois National Guard in Sterling.

At the Fulton Historical Society Museum, I was one of three Korean War Veterans to present a program explaining "our war" to about 120 people attending. They were interested and asked good questions." All of these efforts and experiences have been very rewarding and I hope other veterans will make an effort to share their experiences and educate the younger generation about our "forgotten war."

Harvest at Pilgrim's "Mayflower Farms." Curtis is unloading corn from the combine into a 50-bushel wagon. Anna is unloading a wagon of corn through grain cleaner into a 10'x72' auger into drying bin for storage. Harrow-to-timber: swine building and feed in background.
Bob Barfield wrote: “I was at a bird aviary in Apopka FL and had my picture taken with a five-year-old Bald Eagle named ‘Windy.’ She seemed entranced by my spit-shined brown Army jump boots; she kept looking at them. Bald eagles are magnificent birds of prey.

Daughters of the American Revolution sent a business card with the following message: “Dear Military Veteran, thank you for your service, sacrifice, and commitment to the preservation of our freedom. From a grateful American, Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR, Lansdale, Pennsylvania.”

George Bjotvedt wrote, “Thanks again and the front page too.” [Reference to the Scout Dog story in the June Watch.]

Phil Weitlauf wrote “I received a call from the Southfield Police Department last Thursday informing me of “End of Watch” on June 1st for K9 Axe. Officer Raby requested a full Police honor burial for his partner of many years who was so honored on June 17, 2017 at 12:00 noon. May he Rest In Peace.

Rolla Shaller wrote, “Thanks for the note with the dues reminder…. I enjoy reading the outpost newsletters as well as the Watch on the Rhine. Both, well done as usual. That is from your and Joe’s dedication to the Society. [Editor’s note: Rolla included some information for those traveling through the Texas panhandle on their way to or from the reunion. I have included it elsewhere.]

Phil Weitlauf reported that MWD Spaulding K419 SSD - US Army was interred on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 12:00 noon with full military honors. Attendees supported his handler, SSgt Lee McCoy.

Robert Meganck wrote” Thanks for doing such a great job for the 3rd I.D.”

Mike Kendall wrote to inform us of the time and place of MG Maurice Kendall’s interment. Maury Kendall will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery, with full military honors, on October 18th. The service will be in the Old Post Chapel at 1:00 PM.

Curtis Pilgrim wrote: “I can’t miss this opportunity to try to express to you my admiration and appreciation for all the planning and fine work you put into the Watch on the Rhine. Your skill and determination to do the best possible job is evident in every issue. I read every issue from cover-to-cover with great pleasure—and keep on file every issue I’ve ever received. We members of the Society of the Third Division owe you more thanks than we’ll ever be able to convey to you. And Joe, I include you in this praise also. You two make quite a team. Many thanks to both of you.”

Richard Wren wrote to thank us for our help. Richard wanted a 7th Infantry Regiment Crest. He was directed to Leonard Collins and also to Jeff Ashman. The Korea Cottonbaler now has its crest, thanks to Jeff Ashman.

240mm Howitzer

Col Thaddeus H Sobieski

This is a follow-up to the 240mm Howitzer item in the April Watch on the Rhine.

In May 1953, I was CO of “G” Company, 7th Infantry Regiment, on the MLR, on hill “Boomerang.” One day, I jeeped off line to see the 240s which were emplaced about five or six miles south of the MLR.

Previously, I had gone to see the 105s and 155s that supported us on line with fire support.

At the 240s’ site, I was approached by an officer, also a First Lieutenant like myself, and I told him I thought I’d see a fire mission. However, there were no fire missions on tap. I looked at the welcoming officer’s name tag, and it was the same as mine SOBIESKI. His first name was “Henry”—the same as my younger brother. I took his address and upon returning “stateside,” I have always communicated with him every Christmas.

Enclosed is a photo of the actual 240mm emplacement. On the barrel is painted “Bunker Buster.” With a magnifying-glass it can be made out. The shell it fires weighs 250 pounds and takes four men to carry and two men to ram. The range is about 15 miles. I thought this might be of interest if printed in the Watch on the Rhine.

I served in the Army Reserves after Active Duty and was promoted to Full Colonel.

240mm Howitzer
On May 25th, we organized a ceremony to show the public 1300 pictures of our soldiers buried in Epinal American Cemetery. Some of the photographs were sent by relatives and some were found on American sites.

American families wanted to say “Show the public these real people before the war took them away.” We were very pleased at the turnout of visitors who really loved the display. It lasted a week, and we are going to search for more photographs in the hope that we will have more to present next year. Everyone thought it was very moving to see the faces of the soldiers coming out of the mist of time and looking so youthful and proud in their military uniforms.

Jocelyne again served a Master of Ceremonies at the Memorial Day events. I asked her to send some notes about what took place. She responded: “The children of Chantraine and Dinouze elementary schools came to Epinal a day prior to events to put the U.S. and French flags on rows of Plots A and B. They also put flowers on the grave of the soldier they adopted.

The daughter of Sergeant Medlin of the 3rd Infantry Division (Allic La Borde) and her son came from Louisiana to Epinal to visit her father’s grave on Memorial Day. Accompanying them was Sergeant Elders (a distant cousin), 36th Infantry Division, currently based at Ramstein Air Force Base.

The children of two elementary schools sang “Thank You Soldiers” in English and the son of Col. Jean Patrice Le Saint recited a poem written by a Soldier of the 100th Infantry Division entitled “Where Have Our Comrades Gone?”

The children of Dinouze elementary school made an American flag of patchwork which was presented to the 45th Division and that I will bring with me to deliver to the Division in Oklahoma.

We put the 34 flags mentioned previously on each side of the plots to honor our fallen from 50 states plus one Canadian, one British, one MIA-POW, and one DC flag.

During the Adoption Ceremony on March 27th, the graves of many soldiers were adopted by French citizens.

The elementary school in Tholy, France, adopted the gravesite of PFC Lloyd V. Johnson in 2016 as a duty of remembrance, known as “devoir de mémoire” in France. Johnson died long before these students were born, and they know only peace in France because of men like Johnson. The school brings students to the cemetery at least once a year to place flowers at his gravesite and to read poems. They were joined by members of the city hall during their visit. Johnson, who served in the 30th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, died October 1, 1944.
To be held at The Holiday Inn Riverwalk Hotel located at 217 N. St. Mary’s Street San Antonio, Texas 78205. Room rates are $119 per night, plus tax. Parking at the hotel is $12 per night.

**Thursday September 28th**
2:00pm Registration and Hospitality Room Opens
5:00pm-6:00pm ~ No Host Social Hour ~ 6:00pm-8:00pm~ President’s Reception Dinner ~ River Barge Cruise

**Friday September 29th**
9:00am-4:00pm ~ San Antonio City Tour
6:00pm – 8:30pm: Outpost Rendezvous: Hospitality Room

**Saturday September 30th**
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 Fort Sam Houston
6:00pm-7:00pm ~ No Host Social Hour ~ 7:00pm-10:00pm ~ Reunion Banquet, Program, and Awards

**Sunday October 1st**
8:00am-10:00am ~ Memorial Breakfast and Reunion Farewell

★ Call the Holiday Inn Riverwalk at 210-224-2500 no later than August 28, 2017 to make your hotel reservations. Be sure to mention you are with the 3rd Infantry Division to receive the group rate of $119 plus tax per night.

**Optional Tours**

**San Antonio Tour**
Friday September 29th 9:00am - 4:00pm Price $40.00
The first stop on the tour will be Mission San Jose, known as the queen of the missions, where you will learn the history of the Spanish missions in Texas and watch an award winning video about the first people of South Texas. Next we will travel to Mission Concepcion built in 1731. Mission Concepcion is considered the most beautiful of the missions and is the oldest un-restored Catholic Mission in the U.S. The next stop will be the Mercado, which is the largest Mexican market outside of Mexico. In reroute we will do a window tour which includes Main Plaza, San Fernando Cathedral and the Spanish Governor’s Palace. Lunch will be on your own at the Mercado Market. After lunch we will tour the Alamo, Guenther House and the Guenther Family owned Pioneer Flour Mill in King William District.

**Fort Sam Houston Tour**
Saturday September 30th 1:30pm-4:30pm Price $24.00
The Fort Sam Houston Museum collects, interprets, preserves and displays materials related to the history of Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and of the United States Army in the San Antonio area from 1845 to the present. This includes the military units and organizations stationed there, the significant events which occurred there, the distinguished soldiers who served there, and the influence of Fort Sam Houston on the Army and the Nation. The Museum promotes stewardship of the 900 historic structures on this National Historic Landmark site.

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San Antonio, Texas, September 28- October 1, 2017

Address ___________________________ City __________ State __ Zip __________

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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 ___________________________

☐ Gulf War ☐ Iraq War ☐ Afghanistan ☐ Peace Time ☐ Active Duty
☐ WWII ☐ Korea ☐ Cold War

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 __________

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 28th ~ President’s Reception Dinner River Cruise.......................... X $63.00 = $

President’s Dinner Is Non-Refundable After July 25, 2017

☐ Saturday September 30th ~ Ladies Breakfast............................................................ X $26.00 = $

☐ Saturday September 30th ~ Banquet Dinner .............................................................. X $54.00 = $

Banquet Meal Selection: Beer Brats & Sauerkraut (or) Chicken Schnitzel

☐ Sunday October 1st ~ Memorial Breakfast ............................................................... X $27.00 = $

Optional Tours

☐ Friday September 29th ~ San Antonio Tour ............................................................ X $40.00 = $

☐ Saturday September 30th ~ Fort Sam Houston Museum ......................................... X $24.00 = $

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

Required Information For Fort Sam Houston Museum Access.

If you have more than two people attending, please put information on separate sheet.

Legal Name (Last, First, Mi) ______________ Dob (MM/DD/Year) ______________

Driver’s License# ______________ State Issued ________________________________

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Payment Is Due No Later Than August 28, 2017

Please send payments, made payable to: The Reunion Brat, 16817 Mountainside Drive East, Greenwater, WA 98022.

• Confirmation of Registration and Itinerary will be sent out by September 4, 2017
• A $20 per person cancellation fee will apply to all cancellations received within 30 days of the event. Cancellations received within 15 days of the event will be non-refundable.
• Call the Holiday Inn at 210-224-2500 no later than August 28, 2017 to make your hotel reservations. Be sure to mention you are with the 3rd Infantry Division to receive your group rate of $119 plus tax per night, including double occupancy. Based on availability the group rate is available 3 days before and after the reunion.
Dear Fellow Veterans:

Your Chaplain is very sad as I write this to all of you. I know this pain will pass in time; it is the first shock when we heard that our General Maurice Kendall has passed away. We know he is with our dear Lord; because, that is the way he was in this world. If you never met him, you don’t know what you missed. Your chaplain and my wife, Kathy, have known him for 15 years, and the first time, at a reunion, he welcomed us like he had known us forever. We sat and talked about the Society and the Soldiers and the difference that he made during WWII. He made history come alive with his insight and personal comments. We will miss him dearly. He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery in October with other outstanding Soldiers and comrades.

We will keep him and his family in our prayers; he will now be taking his command to his heavenly home; God Bless General Kendall.

Until we meet again: God Bless all of you and God Bless our country.

Your Chaplain Jerry Daddato, ROTM

### Travel to Reunion

**By Rolla Shaller**

I would like to give a little heads up for people who might be traveling through the Panhandle of Texas in the vicinity of Amarillo, Texas. In Amarillo, located at the intersection of Interstate 27 and Georgia Street, is the Texas Panhandle War Memorial. The names of Panhandle Veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice are etched on stone markers dedicated to each conflict in which they served. [www.texaspanhandlememorial.com](http://www.texaspanhandlememorial.com).

About 15 miles south of the War Memorial on Interstate 27 is the town of Canyon, Texas, the home of West Texas A&M University and the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum located on the university campus at 2303 4th Avenue. The PPHM is the largest History Museum in the state of Texas. [www.panhandleplains.org](http://www.panhandleplains.org). Allow yourself at least four hours and that won’t be enough time for some people. Helping to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of WWI, several galleries within the museum are dedicated to exhibiting artifacts and memorabilia connected with the Great War. PPHM is the Blue Star Museum: there is free admission for active duty soldiers and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2017.

Twelve miles east of Canyon, Texas, and the museum on State highway 217, is beautiful Palo Duro Canyon State Park, and the long running outdoor musical drama “Texas.” Golly, just come to the Texas Panhandle and plan to stay a few days.

[Editor’s Note: Joe and I have toured Palo Duro Canyon. It is beautiful and well worth the time it takes to drive along its many roads. The rock striations and formations are spectacular. Google Palo Duro Canyon to see photos of the many amazing sights. We hope those traveling through the area on their way to the reunion can spend some time visiting the sights and sites Rolla mentioned. Rolla is the Adjunct Curator of PPHM. Thanks, Rolla and Sidney.]
August 14, 2017: Outpost #63 will hold its luncheon meeting at Carr’s Restaurant, located at 1106 Bridgeport Way SW, Lakewood WA 98499. All members and friends are invited to attend.

September 12, 2017: The Marne Outpost will meet at the 3rd Infantry Division Museum at Fort Stewart at 1:00 PM.

September 14-16, 2017: 9th Annual Historical Operation Dragoon Seminar and Commemoration will be held in Springfield, Virginia, and at Arlington National Cemetery. Contact Tim or Monika Stoy at timmoni15@yahoo.com for information.

September 26, 2017: The fall meeting of Outpost #1 will be at Al’s Steak House, 1990 W Jefferson, Joliet, IL 60435 Phone: (815) 725-2388 or email: www.alssteaks.com. If you plan to attend, please contact Richard Longfellow email: dlongfel1776@gmail.com, phone: 1-815-973-0201 or by mail at 807 Washington Avenue, Dixon, IL 61021-1230 or Secretary/Treasurer John Spratt at email: jpspratt@gmail.com.


October 11-14, 2017: Korean War historical seminar and commemorative ceremony hosted by OP International at the Hilton Hotel, Springfield, VA. Contact Tim and Monika Stoy at timmoni15@yahoo.com or (702) 912-4218 for details.

October 14, 2017: Outpost #13 will meet at Baker’s of Milford at noon. The restaurant is on Milford Road three miles north of Exit 155 off Hwy I-96.


November 11, 2017: Please join Outpost 7 on November 11, 2017 at 2:15 PM at the 3rd Infantry Division Monument for the Division Wreath Layning. The placement of the Society’s Wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns will be held at 3:15 PM.

November 16, 2017: The 15th Infantry Regimental Dinner will be held in conjunction with Marne Week activities and the celebration of the Division’s 100th birthday at Fort Stewart, Georgia. Tad Davis and the committee are working with LTC Fran Marks, Commander 3-15 to develop a meaningful program for Veterans of the 15th Infantry Regiment. Everyone is welcome to join us on the 16th, the night before the Division Ball. Details will be available on the Association website and in the next edition of the Watch on the Rhine.

November 2017 is the 100th Anniversary of the 3rd Infantry Division. There will be many activities at Fort Stewart. More to come.

December 12, 2017: The Marne Outpost will meet at the 3rd Infantry Division Museum at Fort Stewart at 1:00 PM.

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Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal Available

By Joe Ball

The Government of the Republic of South Korean would like to show its appreciation to the US service men and women who helped in the noble effort of preserving freedom and liberty in the southern half of the Korean Peninsula. They are awarding the “Korean Ambassador Peace Medal” to eligible veterans. It is a handsome medal suspended from a multi-colored ribbon.

To be eligible, the veterans must have served in the country during the Korean War from 25 June 1950 to 27 July 1953. It is also available for the veterans who have participated in UN peacekeeping operations until the end of 1955.

If a veteran was a Navy service member and served aboard a naval vessel, then he or she is eligible if the naval vessel was assigned into Korean waters during the 1950 to 1953 timeframe.

Military support positions, such as nurse, clerical, and administrative are also eligible; these positions were held predominately by women service members.

To establish eligibility, you need a copy of your DD 214. This form does not have to be certified or notarized, but it must be legible. There are no costs or fees to the recipient. There are no legal agreements that need to be met, nor any documents to be signed. This is an appreciation in the form of the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal from the Republic of South Korea for the sacrifices, service, and friendship of our American service men and women who served in the Korean War.

Send the name of the recipient, his/her name and address along with a copy of his/her DD 214 to the following address: Embassy of the Republic of Korea, Office of Defense Attaché, 2450 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington, DC 20008.

You may also email this to: koreadefense@mofa.go.kr.
Outpost #1 met at Elgin Public House in Elgin, Illinois, on 23 May 2017. The meeting started at 11:50 AM with the members reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendees introduced themselves and stated their time in service and how they are connected to the 3rd Infantry Division.

Phil Quarnstrom bought his friend, Chuck Pickens, who was stationed in Bamberg, Germany, from 1967-1969. Chuck submitted an Associate Membership form and paid his first year’s annual dues of $20. Chuck was welcomed into the outpost. Bill Burns moved for the Outpost to pay for lunch, seconded by Wally De Jongh. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

President Richard Longfellow read a letter from the author and publisher that are preparing a book for the 100th anniversary of the 3rd Infantry Division. They are asking for stories and input from Society members to include in the book. The outposts are being asked to promote the book. A motion to support and promote the book by Phil Quarnstrom was seconded by John Spratt. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. By a show of hands, members voted on their preference of three choices for the book’s cover. The example labeled Cover #1 won by overwhelming majority. The popular book cover includes the Society logo and the Walt Disney bulldog caricature. [Editor’s note: It was reported that members would receive 40% off the price of the book; however, we have verified that this is not correct. If the Society bought books, which they do not intend to do, the Society could receive 40% off. This has been verified by President Toby Knight. The Society does not intend to purchase books for resale.]

The meal was served and members conversed with one another. Following lunch, several members made donations to offset the cost of the lunch. The total donations received were $158.00. The group sang the “Dog Faced Soldier” song, and the meeting was adjourned.

Following the meeting the group drove to Veterans Memorial Park where they walked around enjoying the memorial and the riverfront. A small group then went to the Elgin American Legion Post to help John Keller celebrate his 93rd birthday.

On Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 11:30 AM, the fall meeting will be at Al’s Steak House, 1990 W Jefferson, Joliet IL 60435 Phone: (815) 725-2388 e-mail www.alssteaks.com.

If you plan to attend, please contact Richard Longfellow email: dlongfel1776@gmail.com, phone: 1-815-973-0201 or by mail at 807 Washington Avenue, Dixon IL. 61021-1230 or Secretary/Treasurer John Spratt at email: jpspratt@gmail.com.

—Submitted by Richard Longfellow, President
The group then moved to the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier** and placed the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division Wreath at the Tomb. OP #7 activities concluded by moving to the gravesite of Audie Murphy where COL(Ret) John Insinni and LTC(Ret) Tim Stoy (OP 5845) provided details of his life and service as a Marneman.

—Submitted by Dennis Barletta, Vice President

[We thank Dennis Barletta and Pat Williamson for their dedicated service to the Society and for attending and presiding over this important event on a continuing basis.]

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**Charles D. King**

The spring gathering of Outpost #13 was held on 13 May at Baker’s of Milford. There were 63 members and guests in attendance. Vice President Gordon Draper opened the meeting and introduced the Huron Valley American Veterans AmVets Post 2006 who conducted an impressive Presentation of the Colors Ceremony. This was followed by the singing of the National Anthem and “Dog Faced Soldier” lead by Gordon Draper. Sergeant Joseph Salvia, commander of Post 2006, then lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The invocation was given by Gerry Mantela, Chaplain of Post 2006. President Richard Faulkner introduced the many guests present.

Then came the highlight of the gathering, the presentation of the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medals. These were awarded by the Government of South Korea to veterans who served during the Korean War from 25 June 1950 to 27 July 1953 or participated in the UN Peacekeeping operations until the end of 1953. The procedures for receiving this medal for qualified veterans will be covered in a separate article in this issue.

Following the meal Gordon Draper told of his experiences when visiting Panmunjom, the site of the negotiations which...
resulted in the truce which ended the fighting. He visited the room where the talks took place. In the center of the room is the table around which the negotiators sat. Half is in South Korea and half is in North Korea. If one walks around the table one can say, “I was in both Koreas,” which of course everyone did. At each end of the room are doors, one leading to South Korea and one leading to North Korea. A very stern-faced soldier stood in front of the door which led to the north making sure no one wondered out. This would have caused an international incident which could have had very serious consequences. Draper was surprised by how tense things were even half a century after hostilities ceased. When they were outside looking across the border, he saw a group of people and rather naively pointed to them, asking the lieutenant guide what they were doing. The officer shouted, “DON’T POINT!” No one wanted to do anything that would get the other side excited. This was even before the present ruler started firing rockets.

A report from Secretary/Treasurer Amy McKenna was given. We now have 73 members in our outpost and have $947.80 in the bank. Door prize and 50/50 drawings then took place.

A video of the song “God Bless the USA” was shown by Sgt. Salvia. “Taps” was played in memory of all deceased veterans and especially for Terry Tenant, Jake Bates, and Henry Waddell.

Post 2006 then retired the colors and the meeting was closed. As usual, members posed for a group photo immediately after the meeting. Parked outside was a World War II jeep belonging to Sgt. Salvia which everyone enjoyed seeing along with a camera, mess kit, and entrenching tool of the era.

The fall meeting will take place on 14 October 2017. The next spring meeting will be held on 12 May 2018. Both will be held at Baker’s of Milford which is three miles north of Exit 155 of Hwy I-96.

Submitted by Gordon W. Draper, Vice President

Outpost #15 will participate in the 2017 Phoenix Veterans Day Parade in November with a meeting to follow. We urge all outpost members, relatives, and friends to consider joining the festivities. It is a rewarding experience.

—Submitted by Curtis A. Gentry, Secretary-Treasurer

President Bill Vanark opened the Outpost #18 meeting at 10:30 AM with the playing of the “Star Spangled Banner” and a prayer. Bill then informed the members of the passing of Member Bob Larsen and delivered an eulogy for Bob, including a summary of his military service. Bill also noted the passing of William Hutschenreuter and shared a card from William’s wife.

Committee Reports: Neither Vice President Mike Bopray nor Secretary Bob Meganck had reports. Treasurer Marv Kostka reported $475.01 in the outpost treasury. Historian Warren Fast played a recording of the 3rd Division song and talked about WWII Hero Audie Murphy. He asked for any old information on Outpost #18 and spoke about his father, a WWI soldier and his unusual WWI collection.

Vice President Mike Bopray reviewed his military career: He joined the Army in 1956, in Upper Michigan, and took basic training and training to become an Army medic. After duty at several military posts, he went by ship to Germany. There he experienced lots of training, bivouac, and many red alerts. He also served with the military color guard. In 1959, he bought a motorcycle and toured Europe as time permitted. He again traveled by ship to New York and was discharged as a PFC. President Bill thanked Joan Ingram for the quilt he won at the previous meeting. Joan said, “There may be more coming.”

New Business: Election of officers resulted in the reelection of the current officers. The raffle of a bottle of brandy donated by Bill Vanark was won by Bob Meganck. The raffle produced $20.00 for the treasury. Bob Meganck spoke of attending Bill Larsen’s funeral and his recent talk with Jerry Daddato. It was decided to send a sympathy card to the family of any member upon his/her passing. Mike Kostka displayed a patriotic plaque made by his granddaughter. He will donate one at the next meeting for a possible raffle prize.

President Bill Vanark closed the meeting with the playing of “Taps” and a brief prayer. The next meeting will occur on October 29, 2017, at 10:30 AM at Five Pillars. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM as lunch was served.

—Submitted by Bob Meganck, Secretary

Outpost #22 members have been actively enjoying summer, by playing more. We have enjoyed numerous cultural festivities (i.e.: the Lompoc and Carlsbad Flower Festivals, the Lily and Lotus festivals, food and wine festivals in San Diego, Los Angeles, and Paso Robles). We attend plays, go cherry picking, go to marathons, enjoy visiting museums, fishing, photographing nature, competing in the Golden Age Games, the National Veteran Wheelchair Games, attending county fairs, parades, 4th of July programs, and more. We are spending more time with family and friends; we eat right, take long walks, and try to enjoy life. Outpost #22 wishes our 3rd I.D. brothers and sisters improved health, happiness, and improved quality of life. Thanks for your service.

—Submitted by Ron Greenwood, Secretary-Treasurer

Audie L. Murphy

Audie Murphy Outpost #35 met at Mamacita’s Restaurant in Fredericksburg, Texas, on June 21st hosted by Lucia Hilderbrand and spouse Joe Hilderbrand a WWII Veteran. In attendance were Joe and Lynn Ball, Kayla Cain, Milt and Barbara Carr, Bob Dalton, Paul Grabert, Lucia and Joe Hilderbrand, Linda and Jim Reeves, Keith Schmidt, James Timmens and guest Becky Godina. and Justin Valle.
Following an excellent luncheon, Joe Ball called the meeting to order at 12:40 PM with an Invocation by Justin Valle. Lucia and Joe led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, and the group sang “Doughface Soldier.” Kayla Cain’s name was drawn for the first door prize (a book about WWII) and Joe Hilderbrand received the second door prize, a 3rd I.D. Flag. The Minutes of the previous meeting was accepted as written. Lynn then delivered her current report which follows Joe’s Reports.

**Outpost President Joe Ball’s Reports**: Joe started his reports with a few words about Eileen Hill, spouse of deceased George Hill, who wanted to attend the meeting but was visiting with her daughter who came from Australia. Joe briefly reviewed some speeches he delivered for Memorial Day services. Next was a discussion of articles about the implementation of a new policy clearing the way for transgender men and women to join the armed forces (according to Military Times). This led to some brief discussion of the new policy. Joe also discussed an article about Defense Secretary Mattis' statement that he intends to bolster the military’s size, strength, and war-fighting capabilities while curtailing expenses. There are some changes coming to your Medicare card. The Social Security number will be eliminated. Instead the new card will have an MBI (Member Beneficiary Identifier) used for billing and for checking eligibility and claim status.

Jim Reeves, who is quite knowledgeable in the areas of finance, led an informative discussion on the DoD’s Basic Pay to Salary Conversion due to be implemented in January 2018. Joe briefly discussed military base closures planned from now through 2021. Finally, Joe reviewed some very interesting facts about “Decoration Day,” now known as Memorial Day. He included mention of various locations where Memorial Day events were held this year and informed us of a resolution requiring Americans in all time zones to observe a national moment of remembrance at 3:00 PM. He also recognized the regiments that fought alongside the 3rd Infantry Division during WWII and listed the numbers of casualties they sustained and the Battle Credits they earned. He concluded his discussion with facts about the “Adopt a Grave” program, led by Member Jocelyne Papelard, at Epinal American Cemetery, and he provided some facts about the numbers of deaths due to hostile actions, non-hostile, and totals, as well as the number of those who died worldwide in all services. Throughout the meeting there were many comments by attendees. We were very pleased to hear their views.

Secretary/Treasurer Lynn Ball reported on membership and new members, Joe’s greeting card program, Society reunions (2017 and 2018), requests for stories for the Watch on the Rhine, highlights of the Scholarship Foundation Fundraising Raffle and the Scholarship Grants Program, and highlights of Audie Murphy Day in Farmersville, Texas.

**TAPS**: Outpost member **Dr. Marco Montoya**, 72, of Austin, Texas, passed away on November 17, 2017. Marco served with the 3rd Infantry Division and was discharged with the rank of 1st Lieutenant. He then served with the U.S. Public Health Service as a Captain. Marco was also a former Trustee of the Scholarship Foundation. The Foundation awarded a scholarship grant in honor and memory of Marco.

**New Program**: Lynn announced the Scholarship Foundation’s program to send small gifts of thanks to those who contribute $100 or more to the Scholarship Foundation. This program is not intended to entice people to contribute more; it is intended as a means of thanking those who contribute so generously.

**Treasurer’s Report**: We have sufficient funds to continue outpost business as usual through November of 2017. We thank everyone who has sent donations to enable us to send mailings to all members of Outpost #35. In a perfect world, we like to send 10 communications per year (including anniversary, birthday, and Christmas cards).

**Outpost Fall Meeting**: We discussed the fall meeting and identified Fort Worth or Austin, Texas, as possible meeting sites. A meeting invitation will be sent with a newsletter one month before the meeting.

**Motion to Close**: At 2:05 PM, Justin Valle moved to close the meeting, seconded by Bob Dalton. The meeting adjourned with a benediction by Justin Valle, followed by photographs of our group.
awarded the Silver Star for Heroism. A plaque commemorates his heroism in the Warriors Walk of Fame in front to the Group Headquarters.

The participants in the jump attended the required briefing on safety aspects of the jump and what to expect, and they met the Golden Knights team members with whom they were to jump. Hershey jumped with Gregg Windmiller, Marissa jumped with Mark Crawford, and Joe jumped with Mike Elliot. (Mike Elliot had tandem jumped with former President George Bush, Sr.)

Joe said, “It was an exciting and exhilarating experience for all of us that jumped—one we will never forget.” Major Falkel also jumped with them that day. On the following day, Hershey, Jeff, and Joe visited the Special OPS Escape and Evasion School. They spoke to the Cadre about their experiences as POWs. They had a great time and met many truly dedicated troops during their visit.

—Submitted by Joe Annello, President

French nor the U.S. 101st Airborne captured Berchtesgaden. The credit belongs to the Cottonbalers of the 7th Infantry Regiment.

On 5 May 2017 Outpost International conducted its 10th annual commemoration of the liberation of the Obersalzberg/Berchtesgaden, Germany, and the raising of the Stars and Stripes over Hitler’s residential compound by the 7th Infantry Regiment the morning of 5 May 1945. 2017 is the 72nd anniversary year of the end of WWII. The 3d Infantry Division tablet was dedicated on 5 May 2008 with the permission of the Bavarian State Government to honor the Division and correct the misinformation spread by the book Band of Brothers and the subsequent drama series of the same name.

Speakers at this year’s special 10th anniversary ceremony were OP President Monika Stoy; LTG Keith W. Dayton, retired, Director of the Marshall Center for Eurasian Security Studies in Garmisch; Consul Scott Woodard from the US Consulate in Munich; Brigadier Rob J. Rider, CBE, the British Defense Attaché in Berlin; and Colonel Kai-Uwe Mater, the Deputy Commander of the Bavarian Territorial Command and Garrison Commander of Munich. Although unable to attend the ceremony, the President of the Government of Upper Bavaria sent remarks which we read during the ceremony. The 7th Army NCO Academy in Grafenwoehr and the 232nd Mountain Infantry Battalion provided a combined color guard while musical support was provided by the Chamber Ensemble of the Mountain Military Band of the German Army from Garmisch.

Although no 3d Infantry Division WWII veteran was able to travel to Germany, Colonel, retired Douglas C. Dillard, a WWII Airborne veteran of combat in Southern France, repre-

Presenting certificate of appreciation to Dr. Mitterer in the Salzburg Military History Museum.

(Editors Note: For those who are not familiar with the flag raising at Obersalzberg/ Berchtesgaden, the 3rd Infantry Division landed in Southern France on August 15, 1944. After an unbelievable advance of 249 miles in 30 days, by September 14, the Division had reached the foothills of the Vosges Mountains. After months of heavy fighting in the bitter cold of the German winter, the Division broke the German resistance at the Colmar Pocket and drove across the Rhine through Germany, arriving at Obersalzberg and the Eagle’s Nest at Berchtesgaden on May 4, 1945. The French 2nd Armored Division entered the city later in the day. The French Division joined the 7th Infantry Regiment, the liberator of Berchtesgaden, in the flag raising on May 5th. Neither the presented the WWII generation and raised the 48-star flag as the highlight of the ceremony.

We remain very grateful to the many people who have supported this ceremony the past 10 years, but especially, we thank the Bavarian State Government, the Bavarian State Bank, Dr. Bernhard Oswald, Mr. Andreas Peter, Mr. Stefan Hackel, and our 3d Infantry Division veterans.

On 4 May the Stoy, COL Dillard, Paul McIlvain, and COL

BELOW: Joe Annello and Mike Elliot tandem jumping at Ft. Bragg.
RIGHT: Hershey and Joe display their certificates earned for tandem jumping.
McHale were received by Mayor Heinz Schaden, the Mayor of Salzburg, in his presentational hall in the Mirabel Palace. 4 May is the anniversary date of the city's peaceful surrender to the 3d Infantry Division in 1945. In 2010, the city dedicated its own commemorative plaque honoring the 3d Infantry Division's liberation of Salzburg.

After the reception with Mayor and Mrs. Schaden, the group traveled to the Austrian Army Schwarzenberg Kasern on the outskirts of the city, near the airport, to visit the Salzburg Military History Museum. They were escorted by Mr. Gernod Fuchs, a longtime friend of the Society in Salzburg, and Colonel (Dr.) Kurt Mitterer, the director of the museum. One section of the museum is dedicated to the 3d Infantry Division for its role in the liberation of the city, and the 42nd Infantry Division, which served in Salzburg for two years on occupation duty. The 3d Infantry Division display has pictures from the Division's time in the city.

The outpost plans to conduct a historical seminar along with the museum and the city in Salzburg next year. This will be our second historical seminar in Salzburg.

―Submitted by Monika Stoy, President

[Editor’s Note: We commend Tim and Monika for their diligent efforts to keep alive the history of WWII and the 3rd Infantry Division.]

New Awards Committee Chairman
By Ken Drake

I am Ken Drake from Birmingham, Alabama. I have been a life member of the Society since 1956. I joined the Army in 1996 as a member of the 313th Army Reserve band in Birmingham, Alabama, while working on my Bachelor Degree in music performance at Samford University. After graduating, I joined the active duty ranks where I was a four-week accelerated graduate from the Armed Forces School of Music in Little Creek, Virginia. I have served in the Army music system ever since, from places such as Fort Lewis, Fort McPherson, Schofield Barracks to Iraq and Afghanistan, to name a few. Currently I am assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division Band, where I have had the honor and privilege to serve as a Dogface Soldier and to represent my fellow Dogface Soldiers from Fort Stewart to Afghanistan and beyond. I have performed for Presidents, Senators, Congressmen, and Ambassadors, but the highlight so far has been performing as a member of the 3ID Band for the historic NATO ISAF RS change of mission ceremony in Kabul, Afghanistan. I am married to my wonderful wife, Gena, and have the best daughter in the world, Cathleen. “Rock of the Marne”

O.C.S.

By Joe Ball

Outpost #35 Member David McPeake called to discuss several subjects. During the conversation, we were made aware that David served during the Cold War and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant through Army Officers Candidate school.

David is very proud, as he should be, of his service during the Cold War. We thank him and all others who served during this difficult time.

We did some research and will share with you some things you may not know about O.C.S. We will discuss only Army O.C.S. O.C.S. was started by George Marshall in July 1941 for Infantry, Artillery, and Coastal Artillery. Other branches soon followed. The first class graduated at Fort Benning in September 1941. The class began with 204 candidates with 171 being graduated as 2nd Lieutenants.

After WWII, Infantry O.C.S. was moved to Fort Riley, Kansas, and other branches were closed. Infantry O.C.S. was eliminated on 11/1/47. For the period of July 1941 through 11/1/47, 100,000 Soldiers were commissioned as Army 2nd Lieutenants.

A shortage of junior grade officers and platoon leaders, during the Korea Conflict, led to O.C.S. being re-opened at Fort Benning on 2/18/51. Class time was lengthened to 22 weeks (originally, class time was 17 weeks). O.C.S. grew to 29 companies and one company completed training every week. Over 7,000 new 2nd Lieutenants were trained and deployed in slightly more than two years.

During the Vietnam period, only Infantry and Artillery branches were offered. An astounding 7,000 new 2nd Lieutenants each year were commissioned and assigned from five battalions’ classes.

Female and Male O.C.S. merged in 1976. The 14-week course offered the choice of sixteen Army branches. Presently, Army O.C.S. is twelve weeks of very difficult training. It is a demanding course to earn the single gold bar. Graduation rates vary wildly, and the average success rate is 67%.

Eligibility is open to enlisted male and female non-commissioned officers and civilians with a four-year degree. Not all who apply are accepted. A requirement is that all must have successfully completed Infantry Combat Training. The goal of officers Candidate School is to develop leaders.

O.C.S. is divided into two phases: phase one is to learn leadership skills through mental and physical tests. Phase two will develop these skills into the qualities needed to lead Soldiers in the successful completion of the assigned missions.

The Program:

Weeks 1-3: obstacle and confidence courses, individual skills, combat water survival ethics, six-mile foot march, three-mile run, leadership reaction course, map reading and land navigation.

Weeks 4-6: eight- and ten-mile foot marches, three-mile run, warrior ethics, creative thinking, military values, military intelligence, leadership skills, tactics, and operations—physical training and fitness.

Weeks 7-9: 12-mile forced march, three-mile run, recovery operations, branch selection and specialty, military history, leadership, and training management.

Weeks 10-12: overview and review. Graduation and assignment to a duty station.

Our compliments and congratulations to those of you who entered and completed this demanding school.
Anzio by Ian Blackwell is a very well written book. It covers a very complex subject very well in only 190 pages. It includes a Contents and helpful Index, as well as many maps and photographs that lend presence to the saga.

In the Introduction, the author sets the stage for the entire story. “It goes almost without saying that all battles take place in a wider context of the war being fought and of the political and strategic aims of the warring nations, but Anzio, perhaps more than most, was both the result of, and affected by, the sometimes-conflicting agendas of the British and American political and military leaders. The planning and execution of Operation SHINGLE were directly influenced by, on the one hand, the American belief that the war against the Germans was best carried out by running down operation in the Mediterranean Theatre and diverting as many resources as possible, and at the earliest opportunity, to the United Kingdom in preparation for OVERLORD. The respective champions of these standpoints were Winston Churchill, the British Prime Minister, and General George C. Marshall, the Chief of Staff of the American Army.”

In an attempt to outflank the German Gustav Line running across Italy, Operation SHINGLE was launched on January 22, 1944. Achieving complete surprise, the Allies made a successful landing at Anzio, but paused rather than pushing quickly inland, a delay which gave the Germans time to seal off the area and to counterattack the beachhead. Heavy fighting took place until early March, during which the Americans and British were nearly driven into the sea, before a stalemate was reached. In the following months, the Allied forces were reinforced, and in late May, a breakout was made with the strategic intention of cutting off the Germans retreating from the Gustav line, which had now been pierced. However, General Mark Clark redirected the main effort of the Anzio forces towards the capture of Rome, permitting most of the enemy to escape and to fight another day. An operation that cost thousands of lives for disputed benefits, SHINGLE remains a controversial subject.

Anzio is available from most booksellers and through Amazon.com. The paperback book I read cost $12.99 and was well worth the price.

Change of Command Ceremonies

By Jeff Ashmen

Over the past two months, several Change of Command Ceremonies were conducted on Ft Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. While a Change of Command Ceremony can happen at any time, the months of May through July typically see the highest number of ceremonies at the battalion-level and higher as senior leaders make the rotation in and out of command.

A change of command is a military tradition that represents a formal transfer of authority and responsibility for a unit from one commander to another. Great symbolism is attached to the ceremonial aspects of a change of command. An inspection and review of soldiers, and gun salutes, as well as a military band are often incorporated into the ceremony depending on the unit and reviewing officer participating in the ceremony. The passing of colors, from an outgoing commander to an incoming one ensures that the unit and its soldiers are never without official leadership, reaffirms a continuation of trust, and also signifies an allegiance of soldiers to their unit’s commander. In addition to the changes of command there were a number of changes in responsibility where the senior enlisted advisor to the commander also changed from one senior NCO to another.

If you wanted to catch one of these ceremonies there were plenty of opportunities this year. The Division kicked off the flurry of ceremonies beginning with the Division Change of Command between MG James E. Rainey and MG Leopoldo A. Quintas Jr on 8 May 2017. That was followed by four brigade-level changes of command in the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division...
An Intrepid Hero

By Dan Wolfe

Memorial Day brought me back 65 years to when I was with Company L, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, in the Chorwon Valley.

I would like to introduce you to Wayne Caton from Frackville, Pennsylvania. He was my bunker buddy on the MLR, and our 2nd platoon medic.

The 2nd and 3rd platoons were assigned to attack Chinese-occupied Hill 121 in the Chorwon Valley. A Centurian tank zoomed in its cannon then showered the hill with .50 caliber bullets. A forward observer was accurately zeroing in the 105mm howitzers on our target, and then we were given the command to move out.

Upon approaching the hill, I fired a flare as a signal to halt our supporting fire. Lt. Theiss gave the signal to attack. Wayne and Sgt. Flaherty were ahead and to my left. We gave each other a “thumbs up” then crawled up the hill.

A concussion grenade exploded where I thought Wayne and Sgt. Flaherty might be. I waited, then I crawled to the area but no one was there.

“Hey Gus. Did you see Flaherty or Caton?”

“Caton’s probably with the wounded down the hill. I didn’t see Flaherty.”

I.t. Theiss signaled to withdraw. As I reached the bottom of the hill I saw Sgt. Flaherty on a litter. His jaw, resting on his chest, resembled a bloody sock.

Where was Wayne? I ran for the Jon Boats that brought us across the Imjin River. To my far right was Ed Heister carrying a mortally wounded Truman Bastin on his shoulders. Upon reaching the Jon Boats three of our men joined me to pull ourselves across the river.

Where was Wayne?

Mrs. Caton received a telegram stating that Wayne was Missing in Action.

Two years later, when a truce was declared, Mrs Caton sent photos of Wayne to the repatriated prisoners. Perhaps they could identify him. No response.

Fifty-three years later, prodded by Wayne’s niece, I decided to call Ed Heister.

“Ed. Do you remember when you carried Truman to the Jon Boats?”

“Yes, and the GI who was assigned to the Jon Boats told me to wait until three more men came to fill up the boat. Truman was gushing blood. Wayne, who was treating the wounded came over, stuck his .45 into the GI’s gut and said, ‘If you don’t get him into the boat now, you’re a dead man’.

Truman was ferried across the river and, after three years at Walter Reed Hospital was discharged.

He lived until he was 79 years old.

But what happened to Wayne?

Prompted by Wayne’s niece again, I called Ed Heister to uncover the end of the story. Wayne went back to Hill 121 to see if there were any wounded that were left behind.”

That was Wayne, AN INTREPID HERO who, unfortunately, was never recognized for his valor.

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Scholarship Foundation Fundraising Raffle Results

By Lynn Ball

Following is a listing of prizes and the names of the winners in the 2017 Scholarship Foundation Fundraising Raffle. The drawing was on June 15th; Lynn Ball and Justin Valle drew the tickets and Joe Ball acted as recorder. We drew 55 names: All prizes have been shipped to the winners. Bob Barfield won the 1911, .45 Cal semi-automatic pistol, which he donated to the Foundation for its next raffle. We sent Bob a gift of thanks. We have received some very nice comments from some of the winners who like their prizes. We hope to hear from more winners. As you know, our supporters donate all of the prizes and we appreciate their gifts of kindness very much. The money raised by the raffle will be used to provide scholarship grants for our deserving offspring. We are all volunteers so our overhead is very low.

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Audie Murphy Day

by Lynn Ball

Again this year, on June 17th, Joe and Lynn Ball attended Audie Murphy Day in Farmersville, Texas. This was the 18th celebration honoring Audie Murphy by his hometown. Actually, the event also honors veterans of all branches of service.

Festivities began with breakfast at the First Baptist Church, accompanied by much conversation and camaraderie. There was much excitement when members of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, from Fort Hood, arrived. The club was founded in 1986 at Fort Hood, and it embodies the following principals: supporting the soldiers, their families, and the greater Fort Hood community; preserving the spirit of fellowship among former, present, and future members; and fostering confidence between superiors and subordinates by teaching loyalty, discipline, professionalism, and caring.

Following breakfast, the attendees moved to the parade area downtown Farmersville. About 70 Veterans boarded the floats, military vehicles, and automobiles to join the 40-some entries in the parade, which began with several fly-overs by the Commemorative Air Force. Each entry in the parade was announced by Jim Foy who did a wonderful job of informing the viewers.

Farmersville honored Greg and Tim Barber as Mandy and Becca Barber led the parade as grand marshals. Greg and Tim were both killed in an airplane crash. At the time of their deaths, Greg was an Air Force veteran and Tim was a cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy. Greg was also an active member of the Farmersville Main Street Committee representing Scout Troop #310.

After the parade, attendees retired to one of the many Farmersville Onion Sheds for the program. Following the proclamation naming June 17, 2017 as Audie Murphy Day in Farmersville, Texas, the Farmersville Quilt Guild presented three handmade quilts to fortunate recipients. The quilts represented a year long effort on the part of the guild. Wylie, Texas JRROTC members presented the colors, followed by the First Baptist Church choir singing the National Anthem.

The program speaker was Ron Brown who shared his thoughts about PTSD and how families and friends can help prevent veteran-suicides. Brown stated that, every day, 22 veterans kill themselves. He described the five signs that family and friends should look for including withdrawal, poor self-care, hopelessness, not feeling like oneself, agitation, and extreme mood changes. Brown concluded his talk by stating, “one veteran committing suicide is one too many.”

The names of Veterans attending and deceased veterans were read and the ceremony concluded with the playing of “Taps” by Marine Corps League of Collin County member Brandon Deffibaugh. Following the program, veterans enjoyed lunch provided by Collin County 4H groups at the First Baptist Church.

[Source: Much information in the article and both photographs were contributed by Wyndi Veigel, News Editor, Farmersville, Times.]
Crosses Grow on Anzio

"THE CROSSES GROW ON ANZIO"
Oh, gather 'round me, comrades;
And listen while I speak
Of a war, a war, a war where hell is
Six feet deep.
Along the shore, the cannons roar. Oh
How can a soldier sleep?
The going's slow on Anzio. And hell is
Six feet deep.
Praise be to God for this captured sod that
Rich with blood does seep.
With yours and mine, like butchered
Swine's; and hell is six feet deep.
That death awaits there is no debate;
No triumph will we reap.
The crosses grow on Anzio, where hell is
Six feet deep.

Audie Murphy, ......1948

Tribute to PFC Joe L. Keith

World War II cost America over 400,000 of its finest men in uniform, with almost one fourth of those whose bodies were never found and given a proper burial. PFC Joe Keith of Collinsville, Oklahoma, was one of those who never thought his life would be ended at the age of twenty.

Joseph Lathan Keith was born on August 5, 1924. Joe was baptized and graduated from high school in Collinsville before entering Drury College in Springfield, Missouri. While in college, Joe enlisted in the Army Reserve Corps. on December 5, 1942 at Camp Crowder, Missouri.

On December 8, 1941, the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor, President Franklin Roosevelt and Congress declared war on the Empire of Japan.

America's young men from all walks of life rushed to the recruitment centers to join in the fight for freedom. Most Americans could not tell you where Pearl Harbor is, and America's young soldiers were sent to fight for freedom in faraway places like Guadalcanal, Bataan, Iwo Jima, Normandy, Bastogne, and beachheads like Anzio on the Italian coast.

Joe was called to active duty on March 12, 1943 and reported to Jefferson Barracks in Saint Louis.

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Missouri. He was assigned to the Infantry and transferred to Fort McClellan, Alabama. After thirteen weeks of training, Joe was given a ten-day furlough, his last visit home. On July 4, 1943, Joe was transferred to Camp Shenango in Greenville, Pennsylvania, before setting sail for Oran, North Africa and then Italy in November 1943. In Italy Joe was assigned to the Third Infantry Division, 30th Infantry Regiment. Both sides were bogged down at Monte Cassino. "Operation Shingle," planned by Winston Churchill, called for Allies to bypass Monte Cassino and launch an amphibious landing at Anzio. This would put the Allies behind the Germans at Monte Cassino and cut off the German defense. "Operation Shingle" was launched on January 22, 1944 with Allied troops hitting the beaches totally unopposed. The two main elements for success were surprise and swiftness. They achieved surprise so much that a lone jeep patrol even made it to the outskirts of Rome. But General Lucas wasted the opportunity to advance and diluted on the beach to solidify and strengthen the beach for several days. This gave German General Kesserling time to send his troops to the beach area and ring the beachhead with his artillery units gaining a clear view of every Allied position on the beach. Kesserling also stopped the drainage pumps and flooded the marsh with salt water and destroyed many Allies by epidemic. For weeks, artillery blasts fell on the beach, marsh, and harbor. After a month of heavy but inconclusive fighting, General Lucas was relieved of command and replaced by General Lucian Truscott who had previously commanded the 3rd Infantry Division. The Allies finally broke out in May and liberated Rome, but as a result allowed the Germans to retreat and join the withdrawing German troops north of Rome.

Because of General Lucas's tepid response to get off the beach at Anzio and engaging Kesserling's troops, many deaths occurred which many believe were avoidable. One of those deaths on January 25, 1944, just days after the landing, was PFC Joseph Lathan Keith. A letter from Lloyd E. Langford, Chaplain of the 3rd Infantry Division, states in part as follows: "My purpose in writing is to assure you that Pfc. Joseph L. Keith received a Christian service in keeping with the high principles for which he made the supreme sacrifice. He was laid to rest in a cemetery that is nicely

By Henry Bodden, Society Historian
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located, and the surroundings have been made as beautiful as possible. His grave is cared for with all the respect and honor which is due our national heroes.” Joe Keith is buried in the beautiful Sicily-Rome American Cemetery at Nettuno near Rome.

The personal information about Pfc. Keith was provided to me by his cousin, Society Associate Member Nancy Hauger of Tulsa. The VFW in Collinsville, Ok. is named after Joe Keith. I visited the VFW hall and viewed his Purple Heart and death certificate inside the hall. His glasses that he wore in battle and in his picture are also displayed in the hall.

“Bloody Anzio” took the lives of 7,000 soldiers (43,000 total casualties) who participated in “Operation Shingle.” It was similar to the bloodshed at Iwo Jima, which took 6,821 lives of the Marines and Navy in vicious fighting. Every battle has personal anecdotes that are recorded and become part of history. For example, Stars and Stripes cartoonist Bill Mauldin landed on the beach at Anzio. James Arness, star of the popular TV series “Gunsmoke,” was seriously wounded at Anzio which left him with a limp for the rest of his life. The poet of the title of this article “The Crosses Grow on Anzio” was none other than Audie Murphy who was in the hospital with malaria and high fever, causing him to miss the landings at Anzio by one day. It has been reported that after the war, Gen. Lucas visited a movie set during an Audie Murphy movie filming. In spite of all the combat that hardened Audie Murphy for three years, he was a very sensitive leader who valued the well-being of his men, and suffered greatly at their deaths. When Gen. Lucas approached Audie with a handshake, Audie refused the General’s gesture and forced the General to salute the Medal of Honor recipient as required by anyone regardless of rank. Audie returned the General’s salute and walked away, blaming the General for too many and unnecessary deaths at Anzio.

PFC Joseph L. Keith was killed shortly after landing approximately 3 ½ miles from Campo Morto while his company was under heavy artillery barrage. In reading through some of Joe’s letters to his parents, he was like any typical soldier missing his home, friends, and his girlfriend in Missouri, and looking forward to someday returning to loved ones and without the thought of death and being buried on foreign soil at age twenty.

[Please see the author’s website at www.inthefootstepssofar. It explains how one can order his excellent book, In The Footsteps of Valor.]

**Camp Greene Centennial**

The Camp Greene Centennial, which started at Dowd House, was held on July 15, 2017. The 3rd Division was organized at Camp Greene on November 21, 1917. Dowd House was the early headquarters for Camp Greene and later Army headquarters during WWI. Today, Dowd House has been restored and equipped with various modernizations such as electricity and plumbing.

Among the events was singing of “My Country ’Tis of Thee” and “She’s a Grand Old Flag.” The burying of a time capsule at the base of the CG Monument was accompanied by remarks, prayer, and acknowledgements. The Parade March back to the Dowd House included the playing of “The Caisson Song” and “Stars & Stripes Forever.”

Lunch was served in the mess tent and tours of Dowd House included WWI displays and WWI re-enactments on the grounds; there was continuous playing of WWI era music. The bugler sounded Assembly for the closing ceremony. After remarks, acknowledgements, and the benediction, the bugler sounded “Taps” to conclude the event.
During may-Jun 2017, 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 editor, Lynn Ball. Contact information is on page 2 of the Watch.

**LIFE MEMBERS**

**JAMES M. ALLEN**
71NF/G, WW2, PFC, DOD - February 3, 2016
Reported by his son James K. Allen

**FRANK R. AVARIT**
32ND AAA BDE, KOREA, Mar53-Feb55, SGT, DOD - May 20, 2017, Reported by Lynn Ball

**WALTER A. BJEKELUND**
30INF/A, 71INF/L, WW2, Mar36-Mar39, PFC/TC (Airforce), DOD - August 2015, Reported by his daughter Beverly Walsh

**HERMAN B. COBLE**
71INF/TK, WW2 & KOREA, Feb51-Apr52, 1LT
DOD - March 9, 2017, Reported by his wife Sue Coble

**CHARLES J. FAGAN JR**
30INF/L, WW2, Sep43-Nov44, PFC
DOD - November 6, 2012, Reported by Gin Fagan

**GLENN H. HUBENETTE**
71INF/F, KOREA, Nov60-Jul61, SGT
DOD - January 16, 2017, Reported by Chad Vogel

**MAURICE W. KENDALL**
15INF/3BN HQ, WW2, May44-Aug46, MGEN
DOD - May 17, 2017, Reported by Tom Heltzer

**CHARLES L. MCKEE**
71INF/HQ/A, DOD - July 13, 2016, Reported by his wife Carol

**IRVIN E. NEY**
DIV/MED KOREA, SGT, DOD - March 1, 2016, Reported by returned dues card

**ROBERT A. NICOLSON**
39FA/A Btry, KOREA, Oct50-Nov51, SGT
DOD - July 6, 2016, Reported on the Internet

**GEORGE H. PRUETT**
DIV/HQ, KOREA, 52-53, SGT
DOD - April 17, 2017, Reported by his wife Carol

**RALPH C. WAARA**
64ARM/4 3BDE, CW, 68-71, LTC
DOD - March 29, 2017, Reported by returned dues card

**ANNUAL MEMBERS:**

**LEON DAVENPORT**
64TK/B & C, KOREA, MAJ
DOD - January 5, 2017, Reported by his wife Barbara

**JOHN F. ETHEN**
15INF/F, WW2, Jun40-Aug45, SSGT,
DOD - May 16, 2017, Reported by Tim Stoy

**WILLIAM J. HUTSCHENREUTER**
1-7INF, CW, 83-89, SGT
DOD - January 26, 2017, Reported by returned dues card

**RICHARD T. KLEIN**
15INF/1BDE/E, CW, Dec60-Dec62, PFC
DOD - May 7, 2017, Reported by returned dues card

**MARCO MONTOYA**
3 MED BN/C, CW, 66-68, E6
DOD - November 16, 2016, Reported by Lynn Ball

**LARRIER G. WALKER SR**
71INF/C/2BN, PT, SP4
DOD - August 13, 2016, Reported by his wife Shirley

**CECIL H. MARTIN**,
Former Member #6278
DOD 2007 Reported recently by a family member

**Non-member Passing**

Jerome “Jerry” Turner Loomis (81) passed away on April 28, 2017. Jerry served with the 3rd Infantry Division in Wurzburg, Germany, during the Cold War, where he sang tenor in the Third Infantry Division Glee Club, performing throughout Europe. In civilian life, Jerry enjoyed a career in high-tech photography.

—Submitted by Ernie Buckholz

Former Member Girard L. Yager (78), of Seattle Washington, passed away on March 10, 2017. He served with the rank of Sergeant in 68th Armor, C Company, during Peacetime.

—Reported by his twin brother, Gary L. Yager

Luis B. Nigro, 93, passed away on May 18, 2017. Nigro served in the 3rd during WW 2. He immigrated to the US at age 14 and joined the Army at age 19. His military awards include a Purple Heart, five battle ribbons, and the French Fourragere.

—Reported by his son, Ronald L. Nigro

**Results of C&BL and E.C. Actions Votes**

The results of voting on the C&BL and E.C. Actions Ballot published in the June Watch on the Rhine follow. In accordance with the Society Constitution and By-laws, a 2/3 vote of approval (67%) is required for passage of each proposal submitted. Ballot passage ranged from a low of 80% (Ex-Com Action #4) to a high of 100% (Article 3.10b). All proposed changes passed. We thank everyone who voted in this important election. The Constitution and By-laws will be updated with the changes approved by our membership and made available on our Society website at www.society3ridid.org. Many C&BL changes require changes or additions to the President’s Guide and S.O.P also. Both documents are available on the website.

The Executive Committee Actions for fiscal 2016-2017 were approved by the membership by a simple majority vote. We thank all who participated. Only 56 members cast ballots, which is less than 4% of all members in good standing.

—Results of election reported by C&BL Chair Amy McKenna.
Legion of Honor Awarded

Conrad “Connie” Newgren was awarded the French Legion of Honor for his service with the 3rd Infantry Division during WWII in Italy, France, and Germany. Connie contracted malaria in Italy, was wounded by shrapnel in France, and suffered a broken back in Germany. He definitely deserves recognition. He was named a knight of the Legion of Honor, France’s highest distinction. Newgren believes he is the last surviving soldier to have served shoulder-to-shoulder with Audie Murphy. Connie is proud that he was among those in the first boat from Strasbourg, France, across the Rhine River into Germany, making him among the first to set foot on German soil in his sector.

Drafted in June 1943, he completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He deployed in March 1944 with the 10th Combat Engineer Battalion on a Liberty ship bound for Naples, Italy. His first taste of battle occurred when the 100-ship convoy was attacked by six German planes off the Rock of Gibraltar. All six planes were shot down before they could hit any of the ships.

Connie was an 18-year-old kid, scarred to death throughout the ordeal at Anzio Beachhead. That is where he met 19-year-old Audie Murphy, who was with a squad of riflemen providing cover for soldiers stringing miles of barbed wire. He described Audie as “fearless, reckless, and luckier than hell.”

The Allies broke the German grip on Anzio in May 1944 and captured Rome on June 4, 1944—two days before northern forces stormed the beaches of Normandy on D Day. Connie said he went to Rome on his 19th birthday, but he had to shoot his way in.

After amphibious training, Connie was shipped to the coast of southern France, eventually reaching the heavily fortified Maginot Line near the France-German border. The main body of infantry went around the German moats and bunkers. Newgren was among those who stayed behind to neutralize the Germans. Eventually, the soldiers captured a German halftrack, loaded it with explosives, dropped it down the moat, set it off, and enemy soldiers came out bleeding. He said it was terrible.

His brush with death came on Thanksgiving Day 1944 when an enemy shell hit the area where six soldiers were eating. One was killed. The others were wounded. After a brief recovery, he was sent to Strasbourg. After crossing the Rhine River, he and others confronted the Siegfried Line, a defensive line of forts and “dragon’s teeth,” separated by rows of pyramid-shaped concrete obstacles designed to stop Allied tanks. He said, “We crawled up to them with cone charges in an effort to break them.” Later, when the war was supposed to be over, Connie was riding in an ambulance to a hospital in Germany for a recurrence of malaria when an explosion blew the ambulance off the road. It rolled four times and he broke his back.

While Connie has been reluctant to talk about his war experiences, only recently has he described some events to his son, Michael. Michael said, “I’m proud as hell of my father. He’s truly a hero.”
Purpose

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 have 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 2018.

The Society is divided into chapters, called outposts, which members are entitled to join. Outposts, at their discretion, may charge a small additional amount for outpost activities. At Large members do not belong to outposts but are referred to as “Footsie Brit At Large” (named for Lt. Maurice Britt, MOH, WW2).

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

Dues for Other Life Memberships are based on the following scales:

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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 contact The Society of the Third Infantry Division, 510 W. York Street, Blue Hill, NE 68930-7488.

Membership Application □ □ □ Society of the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Army

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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, 510 W. York Street, Blue Hill, NE 68930-7488

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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

KOREAN WAR [13 Medals of Honor]
- CCF Intervention
- First UN Counteroffensive
- CCF Spring Offensive
- U.N. Summer-Fall Offensive
- Second Korean Winter
- Korea, Summer-Fall 1952
- Third Korean Winter
- Korea, Summer 1953

WORLD WAR II [39 Medals of Honor]
- Algeria-French Morocco (with arrowhead)
- Tunisia
- Sicily (with arrowhead)
- Naples-Foggia
- Anzio (with arrowhead)
- Rome-Arno
- Southern France (with arrowhead)
- Ardennes-Alsace
- Rhineland
- Central Europe

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

Rock of the Marne
- WWI 1917-1918
- Peacetime 1919-1941
- WWII 1941-1945
- Korea War 1950-1953
- Cold War 1945-1991
- Desert Storm 1990-1991
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