Memories of Leighton Barracks

By Sgt. Anthony L. Adkins

I arrived home from Wurzburg, West Germany, 41 years ago: February 11, 1971. I had spent 18 months at Leighton Barracks with 3rd Administration Company, 3rd Infantry Division. Lt. Roy Whipple came to the replacement center when I arrived in October 1969. He said he needed an armorer for the company and knew my MOS was 76Y30, Armorer. He asked if I wanted to stay there and take the job or go somewhere else in the Division. I decided to stay there and grabbed my duffle bag and followed him to the CO’s office and checked in.

I had never been very far from home until I entered basic training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. I will always remember my DI, SSG. John T. Booker. He was tough but fair and helped me grow as a person and accept responsibility. I got to know a great group of guys at Leighton, and they soon became my family. I know there must have been some bad times, but I don’t remember them much. We spent a lot of

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Strykers ‘Road March’ Across Eastern Europe

Submitted by Charles Stonis

[This story was printed in the Lithuanian Draugas News: Charles thought we would like some news from the ‘other side of the Atlantic’—since the 3rd will participate.]

Columns of Stryker vehicles are moving across Eastern Europe in an unprecedented exercise designed to assure America’s allies of U.S. support.

Operation Dragoon Ride began March 21, one year after Russia annexed Crimea in an action condemned by Kiev and the West, as an illegal land grab, but heralded by many Russians as correcting a historical injustice.

“The whole purpose is to assure those allies that live closest to the Bear that we are here,” said Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges, commanding general of U.S. Army Europe. “You heard our president say, very clearly,

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A column of Stryker vehicles marching across Eastern Europe.

World War I

Sergeant Stubby

Compiled by Lynn Ball

Sergeant Stubby (1916/1917 to April 4, 1926) was the most decorated war dog of World War I and the only dog to be promoted to sergeant through combat, we are told. As America’s first war dog, Stubby, served with the 102nd Infantry Regiment in the trenches in France for 18 months and participated in four offensives and 17 battles.

The men of the 102nd Infantry, found Stubby, a pup, wandering the grounds of Yale University campus in New Haven, Connecticut, in July 1917, while they were training. The dog hung around as the men drilled, and one soldier, Corporal Robert Conroy, developed a fondness for the dog. When it came time for the outfit to ship out, Conroy hid Stubby on board the troop ship. Upon discovery by Conroy’s commanding officer, Stubby saluted him as he had been trained to do in camp, and the commanding officer allowed the dog to stay on board.

Stubby entered combat on February 5, 1918, at Chemin des Dames, north of Soissons, and was under constant fire,
I am pleased to report that our Society is sound and continues to be a source of pride to its members.

The Active Division has units on deployment to the Middle East and to Eastern Europe. MG Murray leads this HQ battalion, air, and support units in Afghanistan, while 3,000 Marine Soldiers are moving by ground through the former Soviet Bloc Nations during Operation Atlantic Resolve.

It is reported that some of the Army training programs will be reduced in the near future, and the Army numerical strength will continue to decline. Our enemies continue to recruit and remain a significant hostile force. Is reducing our military a good option? I don’t know. Your call.

Roster Manager Rich Heller reports the annual member dues renewal results are very good and the early renewal rate is encouraging. Be sure to send your annual member dues before 6/30/15. Mailing of The Watch and other Society mailings will be discontinued, after the August issue, to members who are not current on their dues.

The Annual Meeting of the Army Division Association was held in Branson, Missouri, from May 14-17, 2015. The Society was not able to send a representative this year. The Association will meet in May 2016, and the Society will be represented. I hope to receive minutes of the 2015 meeting to share with you.

Some years ago, the W.A. Sidney Outpost #52 was chartered. This was a very special outpost in that it was comprised only of Korea Vets who served in L Company, 15th. The outpost recruited over 70 Vets who were spread over the entire U.S. Dan Wolfe and John Hollier served as officers until mid-2014 when membership declined to nine members. In April 2015, Outpost #52 was dissolved and the remaining members, after being consulted, were moved into the outposts nearest to their homes or to be “At Large” (Footsie Brit).

Korea: the “forgotten war”: send your stories to the Watch editor.

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All member ballots for C&BL proposals that have been received by the C&BL chair by the 4/25 deadline are compiled and the results will be announced at the reunion.

Those to receive Society awards will be announced at the Awards Banquet on 6/13/15.

We hope to visit with you in Charleston, South Carolina, during the Society Reunion. The Society Reunion Chair, Leonard Collins and his committee, consisting of Paul Grabert and Lynn Ball, have set up a fine schedule of events for the Reunion. Charleston is a great location. I look forward to visiting “The Battery,” The Citadel, and Patriots’ Point—the home of the carrier USS Yorktown.

“Murphy’s Law” that applies to our Division and has been true in all of our conflicts: If you take more than your fair share of objectives, you will get more than your fair share of objectives to take.

That is true.

Yours in the 3rd,

Joe Ball

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Duty in Korea

By Larry Chouinard

Thanks for the info regarding the USS Frederick Funston. After my journey on her, I would have guessed she was restored from WWI. [Actually, the Funston, an attack transport, was launched in September 1941, commissioned in April 1943, and scrapped in 1969. She was capable of transporting 2,200 troops. During her proud history, she won six battle stars for WWII and one for the Korea War].

My resume of war experience would probably put the reader to sleep. I was never exposed to combat. After leaving Camp Drake in Japan and two train rides and another short trip on a ship, I wound up at the 3rd Infantry Division Replacement Depot near Seoul. They must have not needed any artillery Soldiers at the time, as they assigned me to the AG section of the 3rd Infantry Division. For most of my tour, we were located in an old school building not far from Seoul.

Later, we moved to a camp north of Seoul. My duties with the AG Section involved processing deserving Soldiers, with problems at home, with hardship discharges and reassignments to the U.S.

I met a number of good friends during my service and corresponded with them for a number of years, until they passed away. I came home from Korea in May 1953 and was discharged.

I enjoy hearing about the adventures of the 3rd Infantry Division. Keep up the good work.

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USS Frederick Funston.
Greetings to all Dog Face Soldiers – past and present, Families, and Friends of the Marne Division. The Division Headquarters is nearing the midway point of our deployment in Afghanistan, and I could not be more proud of the continued progress of our Soldiers and our partners in the Afghan National Security Defense Forces (ANSF). On April 6th, the Taliban officially announced the start of the annual fighting season; however, this is the first year since 2001 when the ANSF will truly be in the lead of security throughout the country. After meeting with the local Parwan Provincial leadership over the past couple of months, I have observed an earnest effort not only to preserve security, but also to pursue justice through an effective judicial system.

BG Christopher Bentley and the Train Advise Assist Command – East (TAACE) leadership have reported similar advancement in eastern Afghanistan, where internal training and logistical systems are in place to sustain the security of the Afghanistan/Pakistan border region throughout the future. The TAACE Soldiers have done outstanding work with their Afghan counterparts, as well as conducting force protection and medical training with Soldiers from the Polish Army.

We have had our fair share of senior leaders visiting Bagram recently, as well as celebrity and sports stars supporting USO tours. We also had the honor of hosting five Wounded Warriors, including two Medal of Honor recipients, as part of the Operation Proper Exit program. This program allows Soldiers to return to the theater where they were wounded, visit with currently deployed Soldiers, and leave the operational area on their own terms. These Soldiers had meaningful interaction with our Soldiers and provided everyone good insight into the sacrifices made during the combat in Afghanistan over the past 14 years.

More than 2,600 Soldiers from 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, DIVARTY, and 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade have been conducting exercises with NATO partners in Europe since the middle of April. Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment are conducting Operation Atlantic Resolve alongside host countries in the Baltic states of northern Europe. BG Blackburn and CSM Varner hosted a delegation from one of these countries, Latvia, in April at Fort Stewart. The Latvian Minister of Defense, Raimonds Vējonis, toured Fort Stewart and met with the spouses of Soldiers currently in Latvia to thank them for their Soldiers’ service and their support.

Meanwhile, Soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 69th Armored Regiment, are taking part in Combined Resolve IV during May and June at the Joint Multinational Training Command in Germany. Ten NATO countries and three partnered nations will contribute to a combined force of more than 4,700 Soldiers to increase this regionally aligned partnership. These two Raider Brigade missions have increased the partnership capabilities with our European allies, and have highlighted the importance of regionally aligned missions to increase the combat commanders’ ability to shape their operating environments and prevent conflict.

On April 9th, the 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, the Sledgehammer Brigade, welcomed CSM Samuel Roark as its new Command Sergeant Major and bid farewell to CSM Michael Green. The Sledgehammers are moving forward on a timeline to transition, officially, from an Armored Brigade Combat Team to an Infantry Brigade Combat Team in September. In May, the 11th Engineer Battalion will rejoin the 3rd Infantry Division under the Sledgehammer Brigade as part of the Army’s conversion of Brigade Special Troops Battalions to Brigade Engineer Battalions. The 11th Engineer Battalion was inactivated at Fort Stewart in 2004 after eight years with the Marne Division and reactivated at Fort Benning in 2007. The Battalion’s storied history includes participating in the invasion into Iraq in 2003, during which SFC Paul R. Smith received the Medal of Honor for his actions in a battle near the Baghdad International Airport. I am honored to welcome the Jungle Cat Battalion back to the Marne Division.

The 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, the Vanguard Brigade, welcomed CSM Scott Cahill as its new Command Sergeant Major on April 7th, assuming responsibilities from CSM Alan Hummel. The Vanguard Brigade has completed Vanguard Focus and is preparing for Marne Focus, all leading to a Joint Readiness Training Center rotation in August to certify the Brigade for its follow-on regional alignment with U.S. Africa Command.

The Vanguards are also in a period of transition, but in name rather than structure. On May 18th, the Vanguards were officially re-designated as the 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team and, with the new designation, will become the Spartan Brigade. The 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team’s 11-year history in the Marne Division was crucial to the Division’s success in both Iraq and Afghanistan. As its colors are cased, it is important to remember that the inactivation of a unit does not imply the end of a unit, but a temporary break in its service.

As a large portion of our focus remains in the Afghanistan Theater of Operations, I would be remiss if I failed to mention the great work of the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield garrison team. If you follow the 3rd ID or the installation on Facebook or read the local Savannah news, you may have heard about Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield winning its sixth Army Community of Excellence gold award. This achievement by the installation team is unprecedented; no other Army installation has won as often as ours. Truly, Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield is the best installation in the Army to train, deploy, live, and raise a military
From the Editor

Outpost Meetings: When scheduling an outpost meeting, first reserve the room before you give the date and meeting information to the editor for publication in the Watch on the Rhine. Two of the last three issues of the Watch have had incorrect meeting dates because the outpost planner could not secure a meeting room on the date advertised. We suggest that meeting arrangements be made at least three months in advance. Restaurants book their rooms quickly so the earlier we call to reserve a room, the more likely we are to get the date we prefer. Certainly, the editor would change the date in the Watch if notified in time. However, the Watch enters its publication process three weeks before it begins to arrive at our members’ homes. The deadline for all Watch publications is the 5th of the month before the month of publication. This issue entered its publication routine on May 5th. It is best to schedule the next outpost meeting immediately after the one just held. If, by some unfortunate chance, a wrong date cannot be changed, someone should go to the meeting place on the advertised date to meet those who arrive expecting to have a meeting. While a meeting may not be possible under such circumstances, we can at least have lunch with those who arrive. To disappoint our members discourages them from attending future meetings. Always, also, provide contact information, preferably a phone number, where members can call to verify before traveling to a meeting. In some of our outposts, members travel hundreds of miles to our meetings.

2015-2016 Fiscal Year Dues: Please renew your membership with the Society before June 30th. Dues for the previous fiscal year expire on that date. If you have already renewed your membership, thank you very much. Each of you is very important to the Society and the Outposts. Those wishing to receive communications from Society President Joe Ball should send him their e-mail addresses. He sends news issued by Fort Stewart Public Relations office to everyone on his distribution list. Many such mailings contain information about our Active Duty Soldiers both here and abroad.

C&BL Ballots: I want to thank those who sent in their C&BL votes for the proposed C&BL changes. Results of the voting will be announced at the reunion in Charleston, South Carolina on June 13, 2015 at the General Membership Meeting.

New Committeemen: I have listed our two new committeemen on page 2 of this issue of The Watch. Pat Williamson (Eastern Region Committeeman) and Tom Heitzer (Central Region Committeeman) will serve from 2015 to 2017. If you wish to contact the outgoing committeemen, Bart Viruso or Clay Earnest, see page 2 of a previous issue.

Society Reunion: We hope to see many of you at the Society Reunion in Charleston, South Carolina, June 11-14. It will definitely lead to more interesting stories from our members. We have excellent speakers at both the President’s Reception and the Awards Banquet, and the entertainment is outstanding. Dr. O. Maxie “Max” Burns, Dean of the Mike Cottrell Business School, North Georgia College and State University, and Col. Mike D. Raschke, Professor of Military Science, The Citadel will speak at the President’s Reception. Jason Sikes will provide vocal entertainment with songs from the ‘50s to ‘70s. The Awards Banquet will feature Keynote Speaker BG James D. Blackburn, Deputy Commanding General-Maneuver, 3rd Infantry Division. Entertainment will include a vocal quartet led by our own Pennie Burke, and a wonderful Korean group will introduce us to authentic Korean entertainment—dancers, drums, and more. Of course, the highlight of the evening is the presentation of Society Awards.

In This Issue: Two book reviews are featured in this issue: American Sniper by Chris Kyle with Jim DeFelice and Scot McEwen, and The Last Cavalryman: The Life of General Lucian K. Truscott, Jr., by Harvey Ferguson. Both are excellent books and well worth the time it takes to read them. Chris Kyle’s book provides an excellent picture of our “modern day” Soldier and his “tools” of operation. Harvey Ferguson’s book and Truscott’s life advance from the days of Pancho Villa, through the successes of the cavalry soldiers, to the mechanized warfare of WWII. Even though WWII saw much mechanization, there were still a lot of mules and a few horses involved in the conflicts. We were not quite ready to eliminate those critters from our war plans—especially in the mountains of Italy. Both authors do an excellent job of bringing their wars into the safety of our homes where we can understand and appreciate the sacrifices that are always present in every conflict.

Also included in this issue is the story about our Active Duty Soldiers serving in Europe, a Cold War view of “Leighton Barracks” in Germany (1969-1971), a story about Sergeant Stubby (the famous WWI war dog), and many other truly interesting submissions from our members. We hope you enjoy this issue; it was wonderful to have the privilege of putting it together for you.

Watch Schedule

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

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<td>The Executive Committee approved John Weis as Secretary-Treasurer and all of the President's appointees of staff members and committee chairs.</td>
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<td>a review and evaluation was completed on the current publisher of <em>The Watch</em>, Finisterre Publishing.*</td>
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<td>• Society raffle tickets will be mailed in December</td>
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<td>Majority approval was received for 18 proposed changes to the Society’s Constitution and By-laws. [Referred to the C&amp;BL Chair for Membership approval.]</td>
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<td>Minutes of the 2013 Executive Committee Meeting were accepted with no corrections.</td>
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<td>7/8/14</td>
<td>The Society Surety bond amount of $125,000 was approved.</td>
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<td><em>The Secretary-Treasurer, per By-laws 4.4.a, formed a committee consisting of Lynn Ball and Rich Heller for the purpose of reviewing the performance of the publisher of <em>The Watch</em> on the Rhine. Committee actions with recommendations were sent to the Society President for a final decision. The committee decision was that our present publisher be retained. The president was in agreement, and the committee was dismissed with thanks.</em></td>
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<td>Constitution Article 8.1 was changed to allow proposals for changes, deletions, and/or additions to be announced to the membership every year rather than only in even-numbered years. [Referred to C&amp;BL Chair for Membership approval.]</td>
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Our New Committeemen: 2015 – 2017

Tom Heitzer
Central Region Committeeman

Tom says, I grew up in Saint Louis, Missouri and graduated from high school in 1965. Two days later I started working for the Frisco Railroad as a switchman. About nine months after that I received my draft notice and enlisted in the Army in March 1966. After Basic Training & Clerk Typist School at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, I sailed on the USNS Samuel B. Buckner to Germany.

I spent eighteen months in Kitzingen, Germany, at Harvey Barracks with Company A 1-15th Infantry. I was the motor pool parts clerk and dispatcher. I also spent one year in Viet Nam with the 9th Infantry Division before leaving the Army in February of 1969.

I went back to work for the railroad and married Susan on July 14, 1973. In May 1975 we had our first child, Dawn. Ben, our son was born in January 1978 and in January 1981 Cristina was born.

Susan and I went on a sixteen-day bus trip through Germany, Austria, and Switzerland for our 25th Wedding Anniversary in 1998. After the tour, we rented a car and drove first to Kitzingen and then spent six days in the small town of Beilngries. When we got back home, I started looking for guys I served with in Kitzingen. This is when I joined the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division and the 15th Infantry Association. Using the internet I was able to locate about seventy guys I served with in the 15th Infantry.

In 2007, after forty two years working for the rail-

road, I hung up my switch lantern and retired. With extra time on my hands I volunteered to be the Database Administrator for the 15th Infantry Association. Since retirement Susan and I have traveled, spoiled the grand kids, and attended many Society Reunions.

Pat Williamson
Eastern Region Committeeman

I entered the Army on January 2, 1975, and was sent to Fort Jackson for basic training. After completing A.I.T. at Fort Knox, I was assigned to 1/64th Armor in Germany. My service in Germany ended in December 1978, when I returned to the United States and was Honorably Discharged.

Since joining the Society in 2007, I have served our members as President of Outpost #5, the largest outpost in the Society; Eastern Region Committeeman, and later, as Vice-President of the Eastern Region. My Society service also includes four years as Society Quartermaster. I am currently serving as President and Secretary-Treasurer of Washington DC Outpost #7. It has been my honor, along with John Insani, to represent the Society in the laying of wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknowns and the 3rd Infantry Division Monument, located at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day and on Veterans’ Day.

I thank everyone for their concerns during my recent health issues. These are now behind me, and I look forward to serving the Eastern Region on the National Executive Committee. I appreciate your support.

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Family. It took the hard work of the garrison’s Soldiers and Army Civilians, along with our community partners, to make the installation number one in the Army. This sixth ACOE award comes to us during our diamond jubilee; this year, Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield celebrates 75 years of service to our nation. As many of you know, our installation began defending our freedoms back in the 1940s. We could not have asked for a better birthday gift.

With all of the activity going on around the Marne Division and within our personal lives, I ask that you not overlook the sacrifices our Soldiers have made, and continue to make, in defense of our freedom. Take time this spring and summer, as we observe Memorial Day and celebrate Independence Day, to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy as Americans and the cost it took to gain and maintain them. Remember all of the Service Members who made the ultimate sacrifice, and remember the sacrifices their Gold Star Families continue to make today.

As always, I am proud to say that I am a Dog Face Soldier!

Rock of the Marne! Army Strong!

John “Mike” Murray,
Major General, U.S. Army, Commanding

Finally! Spring Has Sprung!

Photo from Skagit Valley. The Skagit Valley Spring Tulip Festival in the Skagit Valley of Washington State. It is held annually, April 1 to April 30. Photo sent by Mike McClintock.
Grant Recipients: The Society of the 3rd Infantry Division Scholarship Foundation will announce recipients of this year’s awards in the August issue of the Watch on the Rhine. The reunion, this year, is too early for recipients to be selected and announced on June 13th. The deadline for grant applications was June 1st, and the voting members of our Board of Directors are reviewing them now. As soon as recipients are selected, they will be notified and checks in the amount of $1000.00 each will be sent to the institution of higher learning that each specified. Next year’s deadline is June 1, 2016.

This year’s grants will honor those named in our Legacy awards “Award in Honor and Memory of Thomas W. Mason” and “Award in Honor of Major General Maurice W. Kendall,” as well as those named in the following sponsored grants: “Award in Honor and Memory of 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers for Their Meritorious Services in the Evacuation of Military and Civilian Refugees from Hungnam, North Korea, December 1950,” “Award in Honor and Memory of the 10th Combat Engineer Battalion,” “Award in Honor and Memory of Sherman Pratt,” “Award in Honor and Memory of SFC Ralph E. ‘Rick’ Richenbacher,” and the “Award in Honor of Our Active Duty Soldiers.” We are continuing to present the Scholarship Foundation’s Memorial Award. The Memorial Award recognizes those who were remembered and honored with memorial donations to the Foundation (as well as the donors) during the previous fiscal year.

Scholarship Foundation Raffle: In odd-numbered years, the Foundation conducts a fund-raising raffle to support its efforts to provide scholarship grants to our deserving offspring, Soldiers of the Division (past and present), spouses of Active Duty Soldiers, and the unmarried spouses and children of Soldiers killed in action or who died of their wounds while serving with the 3rd Infantry Division.

The drawing for more than 50 prizes was conducted on May 25th and prizes were shipped immediately. In the case of the weapons being raffled, recipients must select a gun dealer, undergo a background check, and provide the gun dealer’s name and address and the results of the background check to the Chairman of the Foundation (Lynn Ball). We will then have the Foundation’s gun dealer ship the weapon to the recipient’s gun dealer where the recipient may claim the weapon. This sounds complicated, but it is really a very easy and safe process. The winners receive written instructions from the Foundation as soon as their winning ticket is selected. The names of winners and the prizes they won will be posted in the Hospitality Room at the Society’s Reunion in Charleston. The list will be repeated in the August Watch on the Rhine. (Just before the drawing, we received four copies of The 7th Infantry Regiment by John McManus, donated by Murray Simon. Thanks, Murray.)

Election of Officers: Recently, the Scholarship Foundation held an election meeting to select the current voting members of our Board of Directors. Those members include Lynn Ball, Chairman; Jeff Danby, Trustee; Earl E. Killen, Trustee; Thomas R. Maines, Trustee, and James A. Reeves, Trustee. Also serving on the Board are Joseph W. Ball, CFO, and Justin D. Valle, Webmaster. The voting members of the Board are our judges who select our grant recipients.

Lynn Ball votes only when there is a tie.

Newest Board Member: James A. Reeves is our newest board member. Jim began his military career in 1969 among the ranks of the enlisted. He was commissioned in 1974 and began a distinguished military career of 27 years, ending in retirement in 1996. His career specialty was in Administration, including Personnel, Budgeting, and his primary specialty, Finance. Overseas assignments were at the US Army Finance and Accounting Center, Europe, as Deputy Director, Executive Officer, and Detachment Commander, and at Leighton Barracks, serving as Commander, 3rd Finance Support Unit. He has served at several posts in the U.S. with two assignments at the Pentagon. Along the way, Jim completed a B.A./Trinity University and a Master Degree of Administration at Central Michigan University. Additionally, he attended many military sponsored courses and received many decorations, commendations, and awards. Jim is recognized by the Finance Regiment as a “Distinguished Member” of the Regiment. Jim and his lovely wife, Linda, reside in San Antonio, Texas.

Former Board Member Has Passed Away: On March 13, 2015, we lost a former member of our Board, Whitney “Whit” Mullen. Whit served on our Board of Directors for several years before retiring for health reasons. He was instrumental in designing several policies that are still in use. We missed Whit when he retired, and we miss him more now. He was one of the good guys.

Our directors want to thank everyone who has purchased raffle tickets and/or sent donations to the Foundation to help with this year’s awards. A list of recent donors follows. Again, thank you very much.

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News from France

5,879 Roses for our Boys at Epinal American Cemetery.

Outpost #35 Member Jocelyne Papelard has spearheaded the effort to honor our fallen Soldiers by putting a rose (in a water vial) on each grave at Epinal American Cemetery, as well as at the names of those on the Wall of the Missing, marking the 70th Anniversary of the end of WWII. With nearly 6,000 fallen American Soldiers, this was a daunting effort now achieved. The roses were in place for the May 8th commemoration ceremony (a Friday), and the Committee urged visitors to come to the cemetery on both Saturday and Sunday. The roses, now wilting, were removed on Monday, May 11th. We congratulate and thank Jocelyne and her committee for making this wonderful event happen.

Details: On May 7th, volunteers laid the roses on each of the nearly 6,000 graves and at the Wall of the Missing. The florist placed the number of roses needed per row into buckets. Two volunteers per row (one to carry the bucket) placed each rose over the heart of the fallen Soldier. At the Wall, vases contained nine roses for each row of names of those Missing in Action. Many people who adopted graves at Epinal placed photographs of their Soldier at his headstone.

For the May 8th ceremony, a joint Color Guard came from Stuttgart, Germany. Following introductions of VIPS, Jocelyne delivered a welcoming speech, followed by a flyover by the French Air Force. Both National Anthems were played by a French band. High school students read a poem by Paul Gunn, whose name is on the Wall of the Missing, as well as a poem by Joyce Kilmer (WWI). Our President Joe Ball's speech was read in English and in French by, Benoit Howson (French/American), as were messages from other divisions, a bomber group, and a fighter group. Jules Ferry sang “Sweet France” in French and “America the Beautiful” in English. Throughout the Ceremony, two drones hovered overhead, one taking photographs, and the other recording the event with a movie camera. It was a beautiful ceremony that closed with a convocation, a wreath laying, “TAPS,” and a flight of doves.

Moneygrams: Several of our members, and the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division, sent moneygrams to France to help with the expense. (The roses with their water vials cost about $1.25 each.) If you contributed to this effort and your name is not listed below, it is because we did not know of your donation. The contributors we know about include Joe and Lynn Ball, Members of James S. Cole Outpost #2, John Shirley, Toby and Velkis Knight, Jim and Karen Van Delden, Louis Schindler, Tom Maines, Members of Audie Murphy Outpost #35, Ron Smith (Austin, Texas), John and Maggie Weis, and Jerry and Kathy Daddato, in the order the names of the contributors were given to me. The Society recognizes and thanks each of you for your help in honoring our fallen Soldiers on this important date. We must never forget our fallen Soldiers. We honor them on Memorial Day and remember them and all of our Veterans on Veteran’s Day, but on the days in between, they remain our Wall of Freedom. They gave their lives so all of us (in America and elsewhere) could live free.

Character: To our men and women in our armed services, character matters. I believe each service has a creed:
- “Duty, honor, country” is the motto of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point
- “Integrity first, Service before self, Excellence in all we do”: values of the Air Force
- “Non sibi sed patriae,” “Not for self but country” is engraved over the doors to the chapel at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis
- “Semper Fidelis,” “Always faithful”: the battle cry of the Marine Corps
- “Semper Paratus,” “Always prepared” is the standard of the Coast Guard

—by Robert Patterson
time training, cleaning our weapons, and going on “alerts” that seemed always to come in the wee hours of the morning. The year, 1969, was a tough one in Vietnam so I guess I was fortunate to be in Germany. I still wonder about that. I lost three high school friends in that war.

We were not a line company, but I think we would have done what was required if we were needed. Most of the guys were dedicated and did good jobs. We had some good NCOs that shepherded us and kept us on the right path. I keep in touch with three of the Soldiers I served with on a regular basis. We talk mainly about our children and grandchildren. I have a scrapbook of pictures and post cards that I look at often; that brings back good memories. We are all older now, but when I think of them, I see young, 19-20-year-old boys that were there to go into harm’s way if the need arose. I am a member of the DAV Honor Squad and have gone the last mile with many Veterans. Last year (2014), we held 45 funerals for Veterans in our area.

I attended the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division reunion in New Orleans a few years ago, but I did not see anyone I knew. I sure got to meet a lot of good Soldiers, young and old. I follow the news of the Division and am proud to have been a part of it many years ago.

[Anthony included, with his story, three photographs of his fellow Soldiers taken in Germany, a photo of the 1942 Willys MB (Jeep) he restored in honor of “all 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers,” and a January 1970 Leighton Service Club Program that lists the month’s activities, ranging from archery lessons to tours and skating.]

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that we will defend our allies, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and Poland.”

The ride, which is the first for many soldiers, will test the unit’s maintenance abilities, while providing a “very visible” show of assurance to local residents, Hodges said. “They will be able to see Stryker vehicles and talk to American soldiers.”

Soldiers from the 3rd Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment, who are currently supporting Operation Atlantic Resolve in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland, will participate in the Operation Dragoon Ride. The mission’s name is a nod to the unit. A “dragoon” is a mounted soldier, and the “2nd Dragoons” are “the oldest mounted regiment on continuous active service in the US Army,” according to the unit’s official website.

The Dragoons will road-march back to their home station in Vilseck, Germany, after they are replaced in those four countries by soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division’s 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment.

For the soldiers in Estonia, the farthest away, the ride will take 13 days and cover nearly 1,200 miles, Hodges said. Hodges predicts the soldiers and their Strykers will travel for half-a-day at a time, before stopping at the nearest village or town, giving them time to interact with the local population.

Operation Dragoon Ride also will test the Army’s ability to move from one country to another freely, he said.

“President Putin exercises freedom of movement all the time. He moves troops and stuff around Russia whenever he wants,” Hodges said. “For the alliance, we’ve got to do that by moving from country to country, and what we discovered, even though these are all NATO countries and EU countries, each one still has different diplomatic clearance requirements and that sort of thing.”

The convoy of US Army armored vehicles [has] been drawing crowds, cheers, and tears.

“I’ve read about the former times. For me, what’s happening now is a little scary. I think (the American presence) makes people feel safer,” Viktorija Maciulyte, 18, told Stars and Stripes newspaper at a stop in Panevezys.
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day-and-night, for over a month. In April 1918, during a raid to take Schieprey, Stubby was wounded in the foreleg by a grenade thrown by retreating Germans. He was sent to the rear for convalescence and, as he had done on the front, was able to improve morale. When he recovered from his wounds, Stubby returned to the trenches. Ultimately, he had two wound stripes.

After being gassed, Stubby learned to warn his unit of poison gas attacks, locating wounded soldiers in “no man’s land,” and — since he could hear the whine of incoming artillery shells before humans could — became very adept at letting his unit know when to duck for cover. He was solely responsible for capturing a German spy (by the seat of the spy’s pants) in the Argonne. Due to his capture of the enemy spy, the commander of the 102nd Infantry nominated Stubby for the rank of sergeant. [Whether or not Stubby was actually promoted to sergeant or was even an official member of the Army has been disputed; however, the Smithsonian Institution did recognize Stubby as a member of the U.S. Army and a Sergeant in its WW1 exhibit.]

Following the retaking of Château-Thierry by the U.S. Army, the women of the town made Stubby a chamois coat on which were pinned his many medals. He also helped free a French town from the Germans. He was later injured in the chest and leg by a grenade. At the end of the war, Robert Conroy smuggled Stubby home.

Stubby was the official mascot of the 102nd Infantry, assigned to the 26th (Yankee) Division. Back home his exploits were front-page news in every major newspaper. Stubby was described in contemporaneous news items as a bull terrier or Boston bull terrier. Describing him as a dog of “uncertain breed,” Ann Bausum wrote, “The brindle-patterned pup probably owed at least some of his parentage to the evolving family of Boston terriers,” a breed so new that even its name was in flux: Boston round heads, American bull terriers, and Boston bull terriers.

After returning home, Stubby became a celebrity and marched in, and normally led, many parades across the country. He met Presidents Woodrow Wilson, Calvin Coolidge, and Warren G. Harding. In 1921, General John J. Pershing presented a gold medal to Stubby (from the Humane Education Society) that was the subject of a famous photograph.

Starting in 1921, Stubby attended Georgetown University Law Center with Conroy, and he became the Georgetown Hoyas’ team mascot. He would be given the football at halftime and would nudge the ball around the field to the amusement of the fans.

Stubby died in his sleep in 1926. After his death, he was preserved with his skin mounted on a plaster cast. (Conroy presented Stubby to the Smithsonian Institution in 1956.) Following his death in 1926, Stubby received a one and one-half-page obituary in the New York Times, which was much longer than the obituaries of many notable people of the time period.

Stubby was the subject of a portrait by “Capitol artist” Charles Ayer Whipple, and he was featured in the Brave Beasts exhibit at the Legeruseum in Delft, The Netherlands, held from July 18, 2008 - April 13, 2009. During the 2006 ceremony on Armistice Day, a brick was placed in the Walk of Honor at the Liberty Memorial in Kansas City to commemorate Sergeant Stubby. He was the subject of at least four books, and in 2014, BBC Schools’ World War One series used Stubby as a “Famous Figure” to help teach children about the war. They also created an animated comic strip to illustrate Sergeant Stubby’s life.

[We are always amazed by the intelligence, loyalty, and bravery of some horses and dogs. We hope to discover more of them in the pages of history.]

Miracle in Flight

[I cannot authenticate this story; however, true or not, it will bring a smile.]

Elmer Bendiner was a navigator in a B-17 during WWII. He tells this story of a WWII bombing run over Kassel, Germany, and the unexpected result of a direct hit on the plane’s gas tanks.

Our B-17, the Tondelayo, was barraged by flak from Nazi anti-aircraft guns. That was not unusual, but on this particular occasion, our gas tanks were hit. Later, as I reflected on the miracle of a 20 millimeter shell piercing the fuel tank without touching off an explosion, our pilot, Bohn Faukes, told me it was not quite that simple.

On the morning following the raid, Bohn went down to ask our crew chief to give him that shell as a souvenir of unbelievable luck. The crew chief told Bohn that not just one shell but 11 had been found in the gas tanks. Eleven exploded shells, when only one was sufficient to blast us out of the sky.

It was as if the sea had parted for us. A near-miracle, I thought. Even today, so awesome an event leaves me shaken, especially after I heard the rest of the story from Bohn.

He said the shells had been refurbished by the armormen. The armormen told him that Intelligence had picked them up. They could not say why at the time, but Bohn eventually sought out the answer. Apparently, when the armormen opened each of those shells, they found no explosive charge. They were as clean as a whistle and just as harmless.

Empty? Not all of them. One contained a carefully rolled piece of paper. On it was a scrawl in Czech. The Intelligence people scoured our base for a man who could read Czech. Eventually the note was translated: “This is all we can do for you now. Using Jewish slave labor is never a good idea.”
Dangers in the Night
By Dan Wolfe

Tuesday, August 5th, 1952: The 2nd and 3rd platoons gathered around Lt. Sidney, our company commander.

“This Friday we’re going to raid Hill 117. The 3rd platoon will provide the base of fire, and I will lead the 2nd platoon in the attack. It’s flat ground with some bushes. Don’t forget to save some ammo when we withdraw, and try to get a prisoner. Any questions?” No questions.

Unless one has experienced it, the dread of walking into darkness towards a waiting enemy, is beyond comprehension. The fright joins every molecule of the air we inhale. It forms a composite that dominates every ounce of our persona. Oh no, I didn’t curl up in my bunker and wait for that dreaded night. I made small talk with my buddies, but the night of Friday, August 8, lurked behind every syllable.

The heat was oppressive, and our horrible haluze drinking water provided no relief. Last week, in the scorching heat, Nunns was sent to our aid station. He was familiar with the water, thus, he was dehydrated.

Write a letter; it will get your mind off Friday night.

Dear Elaine,

I just ate the foulest tasting thing that ever passed my lips. It’s called Corned Beef Hash hidden inside of a C-ration can. I tried to kill it with jelly on top of a C-ration cracker, but the accompanying iodized water from the Lister water bag was too strong an opponent for my digestive system. I barfed.

I haven’t had a shower since we landed in Japan a month ago. I’d take a picture, but my camera rusted from the dampness in my bunker.

No more good news, so I’ll sign off.

Love, Danny

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Creek of the Dead Woman
By Frank L. Klappert

[This is a follow up to a story we ran several years ago. It is about two close friends, Frank Klappert and Al Curial. Many years ago, Al interested Frank in joining our Society by taking his Watch on the Rhine to his American Legion Post and sharing it. Al was in a nursing home for quite some time with a variety of issues, but Frank was a faithful visitor and friend. Recently, Al passed away and Frank sent the following story in memory of him and to let us know the ending of the story we ran previously.]

Al Curial was in the 15th Infantry Regiment at Anzio in 1944. That is where he took a bullet in the leg. He told me that he saw the rifleman who shot him. Al was off to the aid station, the hospital, and then home. He also told me he was glad he was shot as that was his ticket home. “I’m outta the Hell!” he said.

In one issue of the Watch, I read that a trip was planned for the 60th Anniversary of the landing at Anzio. Al couldn’t go. “I can’t walk that well,” he said. So my wife and I went. It was a very memorable trip. Al had told me that he was wounded at a place called, in English, “The Creek of the Dead Woman.” It is part of the Mussolini canal system (for irrigation in the area.) The “Creek of the Dead Woman,” in Italian is “Fannima Morta.” [There may not be a space between these words in Italian.]

Before I left on this visit, Al asked me to bring back some earth from that canal. I said, “Sure.” He told me he wanted it placed in his coffin when he died.

I took a little jar with me for the earth, or as Al put it, “Some dirt from the creek.” One day, while on a bus going somewhere, I happened to ask the English-speaking Italian guide if we would be going near “Fanninamorta” canal. He got excited and said, “It is on this road, and we will be crossing over it.” When I told him the story about Al and the earth, he got really excited and ran to tell the driver to stop by the canal. What a coincidence!

The bus stopped, I jumped out. The people on the tour bus wondered what was going on. I hopped over a little wall, looked down, and saw the canal. There were very steep banks to descend. I looked around among the weeds, undergrowth, and sticker bushes. I spotted a small clearing and scooped up some “dirt,” put it in the jar, and scrambled out of there and back into the bus. Meanwhile, the tour guide explained why I got off the bus. The passengers were very appreciative of what I had done.

When I got home, I went to the Legion Post, and there was Al, as usual, behind the bar. It was early; no one was there. Al got excited and asked me all about the tour. I told him every detail and then handed him the little box that contained the soil from “Fanninamorta.”

He asked, “What’s this?” Then, after opening it, he stared down at it for a while. It must have caused him a flood of memories, because when he looked up at me, his eyes were full of tears. He was crying.

He couldn’t thank me enough, and through his tears he sternly proclaimed, “This is going in my coffin, when I die!”

Well, he did die and the “earth” was with him. God bless you, Al. Your friend, Frank.
Fire and Forget

**US** military research agency DARPA says it is honing in on its long-term ambition of producing self-guided bullets, after staging a test in which a sniper was able to shoot at a target at a radically wrong angle, and yet still hit it perfectly.

“DARPA’s Extreme Accuracy Tasked Ordnance (EXACTO) program recently conducted the first successful live-fire tests demonstrating in-flight guidance of .50-caliber bullets,” said the organization.

While the exact technologies used remain classified, an automatic aiming rifle consists of two parts: a guidance system and the bullet. The first tracks the target, meaning that the sniper simply has to “see” it with a sophisticated optical sight, and send signals to the bullet. With a number of fins and an on-board computer, the bullet, which may also calculate air pressure, constantly re-adjusts its path to home in on the target. To make rapid fire even simpler, it may simply react to any heat or movement near the target area, in what is known as “fire-and-forget.”

Currently, US Army snipers are expected to hit a target 600 meters away, nine times out of ten. But after a certain point, about a kilometer away, accuracy falls off sharply, even in perfect conditions. Besides, current technology simply does not easily allow snipers to estimate the impact of humidity and cross-winds on the bullet trajectory, meaning that even the best will often have to fire several bullets before they even get close – ruining the surprise factor, and placing themselves in danger of return fire. EXACTO promises a range of up to 2,000 meters, as well as a virtual indifference to conditions.

—Compiled from Internet research prompted by Bruce Monkman

Korea: 1952-53

**By Ben Farnan**

My outfit, while in Korea, provided most of the night patrols in support of the 65th Regiment. On September 18, 1952, I was on an ambush patrol at the base of Outpost Kelly in the Yonchon area. We were ambushed while Kelly came under attack. My charge N.C.O. panicked and left our squad, along with two ROKs. I took the remaining nine members and moved them into a water ravine runoff. When a grenade was thrown in on us, I decided to move them upstream to a defensive position in the reeds. I was able to get all back safely the following morning. I was written up for the Bronze Star “V” device; however, my records were destroyed in the 1973 fire in St. Louis.

On October 28, 1952, we were moved to Jackson Heights (Iron Horse Mountain) in the Chorwon Valley region: We were to assist in the assault on the hill. During the middle of the night, I discovered a 65th Regiment soldier wounded in the middle of the MLR minefield in front of my position.

At sunrise, Captain John Davis, Jim Wheeles, Henry Davis, and I went out the safe-lane while fighting was in progress. I located the troops who had also detonated a mine; his leg was partially blown-off. It was obvious he was going into shock. As the fog rose, I noticed that multiple dew drops were clinging to the trip lines, making them very visible.

I volunteered to go into the minefield, making large, exaggerated footprints in the soft earth. I indicated that if I reached the soldier (not knowing where pressure devices were buried), then someone could come in with a stretcher in my prints. We would walk out in them also. We were successful and handed him over to a M.A.S.H. helicopter.

**Correction**

The address listed at the bottom of the April Book Review (Remembering World War II by Murray Simon) is incorrect. Murray’s street number and address is 6089 Majors Lane, Apt. #6, Columbia, MD 21045. If you want to order Murray’s book, or send him comments about it, use the street number 6089 and Apt. #.
Korean War National Museum

The Denis J. Healy Freedom Center, located at 9 South Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, is free and open to the public Tuesday-Saturday from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Its mission is to provide a better understanding of the Korean War.

The Museum is far beyond a collection of war memorabilia and artifacts. Historically significant pieces and supporting stories bring to life a conflict that united many nations around the world to combat Communism. The sacrifices of over one million Koreans, 33,686 Americans, and scores of allied troops and support personnel is a large measure of how the free world views the expansion of oppressive and combative regional powers. To this day, North and South Korea have not signed a peace treaty officially ending the war between the two nations, and the world has kept a watchful eye on the 38th parallel.

The transformation South Korea has undergone in the six decades since the truce is remarkable. Now a beacon of freedom and democracy in Southeast Asia, South Korea has also become a global business leader with its three largest companies: Samsung, LG, and Hyundai.

Naples Harbor

By Bruce Monkman

When I was in Naples, Italy, during WW II, we attended a ceremony that awarded medals to soldiers, mostly infantrymen who really earned them. This occurred just before we boarded the ships on our way to our last amphibious landing (southern France). I believe there were three generals as speakers: Gen. Truscott, Gen. Patton, and one other. When Patton made his speech, he used an inordinate number of inappropriate words. Even though we used the same words within our group, we didn’t expect our generals to use such language in public. One could hear mumblings of disapproval all through the ranks.

The first time I saw Patton, I was helping one of our guys get some water for our battery. All of a sudden, we heard sirens and horns. We saw a few motor cycles, a couple jeeps, three command cars followed by a couple more jeeps, and then motorcycles. In the middle command car was a man standing up, staring straight ahead. Some of us commented, “Who is that? God?” No, it was Patton. He was a good military man but, as an individual, something was missing. A lot of us thought that way.

By contrast, while we were on board ship in Naples Harbor, waiting for other ships to load so we could proceed to southern France, a motor boat came alongside the ships, and a man was standing up. With his right arm raised, he gave us all the “V” for victory signal. It was Winston Churchill.

General Eisenhower Warned Us

It is a matter of history that when the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces, General Dwight Eisenhower, found the victims of the death camps, he ordered all possible photographs to be taken and for the German people from surrounding villages to be ushered through the camps and even made to bury the dead.

He did this because he said in words to this effect: “Get it all on record now; get the films, get the witnesses because somewhere down the road of history some bastard will get up and say that this never happened.”

Recently, the UK debated whether or not to remove The Holocaust from its school curriculum because it ‘offends’ the Muslim population that claims it never occurred. It is not removed as yet. However, this is a frightening portent of the fear that is gripping the world and how easily each country is giving in to it.

It is now more than 70 years after the Second World War in Europe ended. During the rise of Nazism, six million Jews, 20 million Russians, 10 million Christians, and 1,900 Catholic priests were murdered, raped, burned, starved, beaten, experimented on, and humiliated while many in the world looked the other way!

Now, more than ever, with Iran, among others, claiming the Holocaust to be “a myth,” it is imperative to make sure the world never forgets. How many years will it be before the attack on the World Trade Center and 9/11 are said to have never happened?

Unit Wins Commendation

[Orlando Segura shares a news clipping entitled “Orlando Segura’s Unit Wins Commendation.” The article may have appeared in a Marfa, Texas newspaper no longer publishing. Its dateline is “Tokyo, June 12.” We don’t have the year of publication. It is interesting to see how hometown newspapers treat military news.]

Pfc. Orlando A. Segura, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. F.E.D. Segura, of Marfa, is serving at Camp Tokyo, Japan, with the U.S. Army stockade which recently received the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

His unit was cited for “exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea” from January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1953.

Segura, a 1948 graduate of Marfa High School and former student at the University of New Mexico, is a personnel clerk with the unit. He entered the Army in December 1952 and completed basic training at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, before arriving overseas in June of last year.

A Family Prayer...

Our Father who art in heaven, as you walk into my home, please take all my worries, diseases, and fears; and please protect my parents, brothers, and sisters, my children, my friends and all my family, in the name of Jesus! Amen.
On and Off the Boomerang

Submitted by Bob Barfield. Written by Ex-battalion Commander 7th Regt. 3rd Infantry Division Colonel James Kerr.

Seems like the 3rd Infantry Division was always in the “iron Triangle,” 1952-3. The 7th Regiment Cottonballers centered on the Boomerang, with Harry to the west, bare knob Olga to the east, and “Papason” dominating the whole area. It must have been early July ’53 when the 2nd Division replaced us with the usually ignored security reasons for wearing the other guys’ shoulder patches, and so forth.

By June 1953, the Reds decided when they would sign the armistice and were trying to push us back so that when the armistice did kick in, we would be at a disadvantage when both sides pulled back to create the DMZ. For the 7th Infantry Regiment, it meant ceaseless pressure 10-15 June—90% of it on the 2nd Battalion, code name, “killer white.” The CO was Major Whiting of Chadron, Nebraska; the XO Major James Kerr of Maryland. We never gave an inch. By 14 June our rear areas had been badly shelled, though the CP survived in fair shape. The CO spent nights in his Outpost close to the line, and he slept days. The XO ran the joint, and slept seldom—never, because the Chinese attacked all night and we had to pick up the pieces by day.

We had an old WWII SCR-300 radio which was manned 24/7 by an educated Korean who listened in on CCF radio traffic. It was that old-type hardware. When a patrol was ambushed and captured, Lt. Marcantonio would assure us that all were alive. The Big Deal was late afternoon, 14 June, when he heard them say that the CCF attack signal was to be “two red Flares.” The CO and the XO discussed the situation and formulated a plan to deceive the CCF. With no Regimental approval, the XO decided to execute the plan. He had G Company fire two red flares when they were all set to defend. The CCF was nowhere near ready to attack, so our two red flares set the enemy into a mad scramble, as reported by our radio surveillance. On the line, our guys were asking, “Where are the Chinese?” because they would normally have attacked by this time of day. Finally the attack came in the usual human waves, but our flares had bought us a real advantage.

During the night it became evident that they were in the F Company area in some strength. Three things were done then: E Company counterattacked to plug the hole, 10th FA (LT. Foster) fired the prearranged fire into the Gap, and the XO formed HQ people into two platoons and moved the little group into the position vacated by E Company.

E Company lost its CO but retook the area aided by the artillery fire. The HQ force found stacks of ammo abandoned behind E Company’s area and hauled it forward to the rifle companies. The old 1913 topographical maps saved many lives that night. The map showed a road hugging the left (west) side of the valley, whereas it really was on the east side. The CCF could not see into the valley, so they poured hundreds of rounds of artillery and mortar fire into the area they thought held the road. Actually, we were all on the east side and took very few HQ casualties. The XO was one.

About dawn 3rd battalion relieved the 2nd battalion, and we got some sleep. The end battalion casualties totaled a couple of dozen KIA and almost 200 wounded. There were over 1000 dead CCF, by actual count, in and around our positions. Medals awarded for our action were one DSC, a dozen or so Silver Stars, and about the same number of Bronze Stars. We wrote up the 2nd battalion for a Unit Citation, but Regiment expanded it to include all 7th Infantry, and 3rd Division expanded it to include everyone. That is what came out, eventually, from Syngman Rhee, not from the U.S. It is too bad it got diluted. It would have held for 2nd battalion if sent up as submitted.

Soon afterward, the 2nd Division took over, and we pulled back a couple miles to breath. The CO went home. The 2nd battalion was tapped to provide a task force to guard the strategic tungsten mines in the southwest mountains. The XO took two companies and a small HQ unit and covered the area for several weeks. We were doing K Company MZ work but were denied the unit citation that they got for the time we were there. One GI shot in hand, probably SIW.

By August, things settled down. XO, S2 Mc Cunnily, and G Company CO Simpson rotated.
A Bale of Cotton

By Major James Beckworth (Ret.)

The mystery of the disappearing cotton bale in April 1955 was not solved until many years later.

As a newly commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, I reported to 4th Infantry Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment at Ft. Benning, Georgia. As the assigned O.G., 30 minutes before the mounting of the guard, I attended a briefing by the regimental XO. After installing the guard, I was making my rounds when a guard reported suspicious activity near Regimental Headquarters.

He was 300-400 yards away, at approximately 2340 hours, when a dark station wagon drove up and parked near a canopy where a 500-pound cotton bale (the symbol of the 7th Infantry Regiment Cottonbalers) was located. Three or four men, dressed as civilians, jumped out and loaded a white object into the vehicle.

I departed immediately to investigate the scene. Upon my arrival, exactly as the guard had reported, the bale of cotton was missing. It was gone. I reported the missing bale to the XO at approximately 0030 hours. I was directed to continue the search for the missing bale.

Later that morning, the M.P.’s reported seeing a large white object on the lawn of the 15th Infantry Regimental Headquarters. I volunteered to take a guard detail, pick it up, and return it to the canopy. The XO refused, saying that the thieves must return it themselves.

Within 15-20 minutes, a 3/4 -ton truck from the 15th Regiment arrived and asked if I would sign for the 500-pound bale of cotton. I signed and they departed very quickly.

I reported to X.O. Utley, presented my report, and requested that I be relieved from duty. Utley refused. He looked me in the eye and said, “Lt. Beckworth, you are not relieved from duty. Go find out who stole the bale of cotton. I am going to Court Martial them.” I checked around, but no one would reveal who stole the 7th Regiment symbol.

Four and one-half years later, in Graffenwoehr, Germany, an officer of the 15th asked if I would like to know who took the bale of cotton. I said, “Yes.” He said that some officers of the 15th, during happy hour at the “O” Club, dared each other to steal the cotton bale from the most decorated regiment in the U.S. Army. The thieves were never apprehended, to their great relief.

Many years later, in 1997, Henry Burke confirmed the story. Henry had served in the 15th. The theft was simply a prank to poke fun at the Cottonbalers glorious past.

I have never been relieved as Officer of the Guard at 7th Regiment Headquarters located at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Teenage Tankers

By R.B. Sanford

My name is RB Sanford and my twin brother is RD Sanford. Why the initials for our names? I don’t know. We were born in a little community in deep east Texas called Malta. They did not have a population sign; you could count the residents on one hand.

We went to Houston at the age of 14 to live with our father. The next-door neighbor was in the National Guard. We decided, at age 15, to join, but our father would not sign. The neighbor did. We went to meetings once a month and two weeks for an armored division tank company. After two summers, we entered the Army at age 17. Our dad signed that time.

My brother and I were sworn in and boarded a train for Ft. Ord, California. It was my first train ride. After three weeks we were back, by way of a troop train. What a blast.

Camp Carson was next, for basic training. After eight weeks, we were off to Camp McCoy in Wisconsin for two months. After a seven-day delay, we were routed to Ft. Lewis, Washington, to wait to ship out to Korea. It was a great time with 24 hour mess hall and waiting a month to ship out from Pier 91. I lost a lot of weight on that journey as I was seasick a lot. My brother never got sick so he kept me alive by bringing me food on the deck of the ship. (The guys got crazy if you called it a “boat.”)

When the 3rd Infantry Division finally unloaded, we were given three bullets for the 11-months we were there. My brother and I were in the RCT Tank Company, RD and I only saw each other about four times since I was in the 1st Platoon and he was in the 3rd. We went home for 30 days to rest, then to Camp Polk, Louisiana. We went to the administration building to request Korea again. We were sent to Camp Stoneman while the peace talks were going on. Then we were sent to Okinawa for nine months and were discharged from the Army at Ft. Sam Houston.

We were respected as platoon sergeants at the age of 19-20. At age 14, we stopped picking cotton in East Texas never to go back. Getting out of Camp Polk, Louisiana, was great, since the mosquitoes were so big you could saddle them and ride them. They made Korea seem like a dream. We had a blast in Okinawa—even though it was the end of WWII in the Pacific. At our age, training was a dream. Not so much with getting seasick the four times across the ocean.

I worked in the oil fields for a few years before becoming a Houston Police Officer. I served 25 years in Houston. My wife of 44 years is deceased, as is my twin brother. I am living in a nursing home now, but doing quite well. I enjoy The Watch, newsletters from Outpost 35 and the Regiment, and the Division. We are kept well informed.
News From The Outposts

Midwest

Chicago, IL

Outpost #1 held its first meeting since reorganization on May 27th at 11:00 AM at Coopers Corner in Winfield, Illinois, and after lunch we went on a guided tour of the 1st Infantry Division. We hope to have a meeting report and next meeting information in the August Watch on the Rhine.

—Reported by Richard Longfellow, President

Fort George Wright

Spokane, WA

Outpost #4 met 8 April, 2015, 11:30 AM at the Washington State Veterans’ Home in Spokane, Washington. President Don Tesch opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America. All reports were approved as presented. The Secretary reported the passing of William J. Morrelle on 12/23/2014.

Having no old business to discuss, new business included the election of officers: Don Schafer, President; Don Tesch, Vice President; John A. Wiess, Treasurer; Dale McGraw, Secretary; Robert Valen, Historian.

OP #4 was pleased to welcome New Member Jerry Clayburn to the meeting. Jerry gave a verbal presentation on free travel to Korea for Korean War Veterans.

Our next meeting will be 9 September 2015, 1:30 AM at the Washington State Veterans’ Home, 222 E. 5th, Spokane, Washington. The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM.

—Submitted by Dale McGraw, Secretary

John S. Cole

Tampa, FL

Nine members and friends met on Tuesday, April 28, at the Sarasota National Cemetery to view our memorial to the Veterans of the Third Infantry Division. We were greeted by John Rosentrater, the Cemetery Director, and assembled at the monument—the second one installed at the Memorial Walk. We then toured the magnificent Patriot Plaza there. Unfortunately, a light rain shower turned into a heavy rainstorm and our tour became a quick overview. We decided that a visit on a sunnier day would be a better idea. We jumped forward in our planned schedule, and met for lunch at Der Dutchman in Sarasota. Five more members and guests joined us for a splendid buffet lunch, compliments of Outpost 2 for all the dues paid over the years.

Outpost #2 Members and guests gather at the 3rd Infantry Division Monument they recently dedicated in Sarasota National Cemetery

Members and guests were Jerry and Kathy Daddato, Bob Gibson, Dorothy McDaniel and son, Dave Gindlesberger, and daughter, Pat Bachtel; David and Terri Petrelia, Daniel and Susan Silvia, Herb and Kelly Welsh, Jane Burns, Betty Reid, and special guest, Cemetery Director, John Rosentrater.

Our brief meeting included a quick summary of our financial statement, a recap of events since our previous meeting, plans for our fall meeting in November at Bushnell Cemetery to view our memorial there, a wish that more of our members could have attended, a moment of remembrance for members who have heard the Last Call, and a rousing rendition of Dogface Soldier.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. Rock of the Marne!

—Submitted by Robert Gibson, Secretary/Treasurer

George G. Frost

NY & North East

We will hold our summer luncheon/meeting at 12 noon, on July 11, 2015, at the Courtyard Marriott located at 140 Rt. 17 South, Mahwah, NJ 07430. The cost of the luncheon is $20 per person. Please make checks payable to the Society of the 3rd ID, Outpost #5, and send to Al Julia, Treasurer, 278 Baywood Drive, Baiting Hollow NY 11933. We hope to have a good turnout, and a good time will be had by all. The Courtyard Marriott, located on Rt. 17 South, is close to several highways from NJ, NY, CT and PA. For additional info, please call the Courtyard Marriott at 1-201-529-5200.

—Submitted by Al Julia, Secretary-Treasurer

3ID TAPS on the Web

http://www.warfoto.com/3rdtaps.htm
On March 22, 2015, Outpost #15 Members gathered poolside at the home of Curtis Gentry for their spring meeting and potluck luncheon. It was a beautiful Arizona spring day. In attendance were Richard and Barbara McKidd, Bob and Margaret Johnson, Mike and Debbie Grimes, Curtis and Margaret Gentry, and 100-years-young Donitza Williams—nine in total.

A business meeting and outpost officer election was held. The following officers were elected for two-year terms: President Robert (Bob) Johnson, Vice-President Mike Grimes, and Secretary-Treasurer Curtis Gentry.

The outpost would like to thank Dr. George Bjotvedt for a $50 donation and Mike Grimes for providing the photos at this spring event. We can see Mike’s professional photography work at mjgimages.smugmug.com.

The next meeting will be held in November following Outpost #15’s participation in the Phoenix Veterans Day Parade.

Donitza will turn 101 years on October 5th, and we will schedule an outpost celebration for this historic event.

—Submitted by Curtis Gentry, Secretary-Treasurer

Outpost #18 held its spring meeting on April 12, 2015, at The Five Pillars Supper Club, Hwy 57 and County Road K, Random Lake, Wisconsin. Fifteen members and guests attended the meeting that was opened at 10:30 AM by President Bill Vanark with the playing of the National Anthem, with a Salute. Chaplain Warren Fast led the group in prayer. Warren is also the Outpost Historian, and he asked members for all outpost information. Bob Meganck gave him a binder containing much information.

Outpost #18 members and guests gather for spring meeting

- Marvin Kostka gave the Treasurer’s report. The outpost started the year with $600.00 and has a current balance of $557.00.
- President Vanark gave a report on the current 3rd I.D. assignments.
- Old Business: None.
- New Business: Several of our members have had major health issues; some gave reports of their current health conditions.
- A raffle netted the outpost $31.00 with the following winners: Warren Fast, A bottle of wine; Char Koerar, a Tee shirt, and Roland Elenich, a 3rd I.D. medal.
- Our next meeting will be determined when the Packers’ schedule comes out.
- The meeting closed with President Vanark having “Taps” played with the proper salute, followed by a prayer by Chaplain Warren Fast.

—Submitted by Robert L. Meganck, Secretary

Outpost #22 and the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division congratulate those Korean War Veterans who received the South Korean “Ambassador for Peace Medal” presented on April 26, 2015, at the Long Beach VA Medical Center in Long Beach, California. As you can see, some of our Korea Vets have senses of humor: Robert Tidwell portrays McArthur—right down to the sunglasses, and Michael J. Moore is a nice double for FDR—complete with wheelchair.

—Photo sent by Andy Scullion, President
At 11:00 AM the meeting began with a social hour, followed by lunch. Joe Ball called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM; Justin Valle delivered the Invocation and David Houston led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; everyone sang “Blood of Our Fathers.” Lynn Ball drew Rowenia Ely’s name for the door prize, a photo album with the 3rd I.D. Patch mounted on the cover, and Joe Ball led introductions of all attendees. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

Lynn also discussed Jocelyne Papelard’s efforts to raise money to put a rose on every grave at Epinal American Cemetery in honor of the end of WWII. While Jocelyne is advertising in France, she asked if members of the Society would also help. There are nearly 6,000 American graves (including those listed on the Wall of the Missing). [Update: several members of the Society donated to this effort. Their names are listed in the “News from France” article.]

Joe Ball discussed the following: page 32 of the Watch on the Rhine which has been updated with the Division’s campaign credits; 3rd Brigade Combat Team (Fort Carson) will deploy to Kuwait; more than 3,000 soldiers from Fort Stewart deployed to Europe in March; Army games in the Pacific (Pacific Pathways) have been underway; Fort Gordon’s mission; battle casualties in WWI and WWII; history of the Medal of Honor; Bronze Star for WWII Veterans, and discussions on base closings in Europe, Veterans’ Choice program, caffeine powder, and the MXT135 (new Infantry rifle).

Lynn’s Secretary-Treasurer’s report covered TAPS” for Gordon N. Morgan and Cy Hanover, current membership, new members, recruitment, Joe’s greeting card program, Society Reunion in Charleston South Carolina, 2015-2017 CR Executive Committee officers, Treasurer’s Report, and upcoming meetings.

Our summer meeting, hosted by Justin Valle, will be held on July 18, 2015, at the Golden Corral, at 4675 Highway 21, The Colony. We will gather at 11:00 AM for a social hour and have lunch at 12:00 noon, followed by our meeting. The Colony, Texas, is located north of Dallas on Highway 121. We hope that many of our members can attend.

—Submitted by Joe Ball, President
OP 54 held its spring meeting on Saturday, April 25. We kept “Memorial” in our minds, but had to schedule our meeting to accommodate our scholarship recipients. We had two fine students, the most outstanding in their school’s JROTC program. Cadet Col. Jarod Tang, Lowell High School, San Francisco, was presented a certificate and check for $450 for his fine accomplishments and record as the top student in the San Francisco JROTC department. The scholarship is presented in memory of the 30th Inf. Regiment, “San Francisco’s Own.” Maj. (ret) Jerry Paratore, director of the San Francisco ROTC program, gave a very positive report on his program that is of great leadership and social benefit to over 1,000 students.

Our raffle produced $150 for our scholarship fund. We would like to give more, but at our level of giving, we can keep the program going for another five or six years. I gave a talk about the history and activities of Memorial Day Programs in the US and abroad.

Our 2015 Veterans Day Program will be held Saturday, November 7th at the Brass Door Restaurant in San Ramon, CA. We hope many members and guests can attend.

—Submitted by John Shirley, President

By the time you read this issue of the Watch, the OP Hiroshi Miyamura Annual Meeting will have passed; all the great food, drinks and fellowship will be over and plans and excitement for next year’s meeting will be in the works.

In the forthcoming issue of the Watch you will find pictures of attendees along with their names and of course a snap shot of the Annual Meeting Report. It would be so wonderful if we could report that 100% of the OP Hiroshi Miyamura members were present.

As many of you know, on March 6, 2015 at the Academy Hotel in Colorado Springs, we celebrated Harold Nelson’s 100th birthday party. The party was well attended with many of Harold’s loved ones and family along with our Chapter’s namesake, Hershey Miyamura, and Jim Hoffsis, our members from New Mexico.

Please contact me at BillB@TRUEONTHESURVEY.com, or another officer with questions or how to get involved with our Society.

—Respectfully submitted, Bill Buntrock, Secretary

The outpost participated in a commemorative ceremony in Augsburg, Germany, for the 70th anniversary of the city’s peaceful surrender to the 3rd Infantry Division on 28 April 2015. Two veterans of the 7th Infantry Regiment, Robert Dutil (90) and John Miller (89), traveled to Germany with Monika and Tim Stoy, Monika’s mother, and Society member, Hae Sook Choi.

The commemoration in Augsburg began with a Bavarian Radio interview, followed by an ecumenical church service. The highlight of the service was the reading of excerpts from the journal of the Lutheran Parish Pastor who served during the period of the city’s final surrender, 25-29 April 1945. On 29 April, one of the 3rd Infantry Division chaplains held a worship service in the church for Division soldiers prior to the Division’s attack toward Munich.

The City of Augsburg’s commemoration took place in city hall. Lord Mayor Dr. Kurt Gribel hosted the event, which included comments by the US Consul General in Munich, Consul General William Moeller, Outpost President Monika Stoy, and a presentation by Professor Sues of the University of Augsburg. This impressive event included musical performances by students at St. Stephan’s Middle School.
The following day the group traveled to Munich where it joined Society Member Dr. Bernhard Oswald for a driving tour of downtown Munich. This was followed by lunch at the Consul General’s residence.

The group visited the towns of Altotting and Neuentotting the following day, 30 April. On 1 May, the May Day holiday in Germany, the group visited a museum in the town of Massing dedicated to Sister Berta Hummel, the famous artist. At noon we met with another outpost member, COL Steffen Rohde, retired German Army, who took us to a traditional May tree raising ceremony outside of Massing. In the afternoon we adjourned to COL Rhode's home where our veterans were interviewed on their experiences in the final days of the war in Bavaria.

On 2 May the group traveled to Berchtsgaden where it was met by the commander of the 232nd Mountain Infantry Battalion of the German Army, LTC Dirk Borg. He hosted us for lunch and then gave us a tour of his kaserne in nearby Bischofswiesen.

On 4 May the OP participated in the City of Salzburg’s 70th anniversary commemoration with a large ceremony on the location of the city’s surrender to the 3rd Infantry Division.

On 8 May (V-E Day) the village of Ried, east of Augsburg, dedicated a commemorative plaque honoring the town’s peaceful surrender to the 3rd ID on the 29th of April 1945. That evening the town of Bad Tolz dedicated a plaque honoring the US units which served in Flint Kaserne during the Cold War. Flint Kaserne served as Patton’s Headquarters during the first six months of the allied occupation of Germany.

On 9 May the group flew to southern France and participated in three V-E Day commemorations in the Vacluse near the base of Mont Ventoux — in the villages of Malemort du Comtat, Blauvac, and Methamis. Blauvac and Methamis dedicated commemorative plaques honoring the communities’ liberation by the 3rd ID in August of 1944. Malemort du Comtat dedicated a commemorative plaque last year.

On 28 May we joined the Austrian Embassy in Washington to commemorate the liberation of Salzburg. In June we will turn our attention to Korea, escorting MG John K. Singlaub, his wife, and daughter to Korea on a revisit program sponsored by Hong Beop Sa temple in Busan. Rock of the Marne!

Medics: 65th Regiment
by Royal Myers, Sgt. Medical Company, 65th Regt. Outpost #11

[Royal wrote this article as a personal letter to the editor. His opening comments are in "Letters to the Editor."]

I was a medic attached to Medical Company, 65th Regiment Collecting Station, from April 1953 to July 1954. We had a great medical team of doctors, medics, ambulance drivers, and chopper pilots.

I give my special thanks to the ambulance drivers, as they had the difficult task of finding us, driving by “cat’s eyes at night,” and traveling the many “paved roads,” and also to the medics on the hills. Because of their expertise and dedication we were able to care for and transport many casualties.

During the month of June-July, we were just coming off line to go into reserve. We pulled up to the CP to get our directions concerning where we were to set up our aid station. We had our own Deuce-and-a-half and were able to set up wherever we needed to. We didn’t even shut off the engine when we were told to move out to the capital ROK Division area that was overrun.

Just after dark, it began to rain. Driving at night in the rain and muck, we finally arrived at our destination, the ROK HQ. Somehow we got lost but were able to skirt the main assault. There was dead silence as we came up the driveway. No one was there. We slept near the truck that night and no one dared to snore. I think we all slept with one eye open and an ear to the ground to detect any sounds.

We were awakened at one point in the early dawn hours by choppers arriving at the helicopter pad. We were checked out from the air by the circling gunships. As they circled overhead, a third chopper arrived and landed. We recognized the markings and knew that a senior, high-ranking officer had arrived. It was General Maxwell Taylor.

After the formal salutes, introductions, and hand-shakes, he informed us that we were very close to being cut-off. He said that our medical team from the 65th was the first to arrive and we were his welcoming committee. This has always been a memorable experience for me.

The article about the end of the War, dated July 28, 1953, in the San Francisco Chronicle, stated that Baker Company got hit between the hours of 10:00 and 11:00 AM—sometime after breakfast. We experienced three of the worst casualties that were under our care. These men were thought to be the last casualties of the war; however, this was not the case. We had additional casualties before the end of the “Police Action” on July 27, 1953.

Thank you for remembering us; thank you for remembering our fallen heroes.
**American Sniper**, by Chris Kyle with Jim DeFelice and Scott McEwen, is the autobiography of Kyle. It contains, in paperback, 466 pages including bonus material: “Behind the Making of the American Sniper Film”; “From the Depth of Grief, a Legend,” by screenwriter and producer Jason Hall, and “An Excerpt from American Gun” by Chris Kyle with William Doyle.

Chris Kyle is credited with being “the most lethal sniper in U.S. History.” The Pentagon confirmed more than 150 of Kyle’s kills, during his four tours to the Middle East, and every confirmed kill has to have a witness. Certainly, the prestigious medals awarded to him (a Silver Star and several Bronze Stars for Valor) and the testimony of others support that unique title. Kyle’s personal record was a 2,100-yard kill shot outside Baghdad. The insurgents feared him so much that they named him “the devil” and put a bounty on his head.

Since it is an autobiography, it begins with a bit of Kyle’s early life (growing up, rodeo exploits [champion saddle-bronc rider], ranch hand [“cowboy”], and his entry into the U.S. Navy.)

Chapter 2 begins with his entry into BUD/S training, becoming a SEAL, early assignments, getting married, and qualifying as a sniper. While quite unusual, throughout the book there are short passages written by his wife, Taya Kyle. These provide a good bit of insight into the emotions endured by spouses while our Soldiers are deployed.

After 9/11 Kyle was thrust into the War on Terror, and that is certainly what it was and, while renamed a few times, lingers today. The insurgents Kyle and our Soldiers encountered were vicious, evil, ruthless, and determined. Kyle talks a good bit about the Rules of Engagement. Those ridiculous rules apply to snipers too. Before he could take his shot, he had to wait until the insurgent did something threatening. By then, the insurgent sometimes had the opportunity to harm someone. As Kyle put it, “I’m not saying war crimes should be committed. I am saying that warriors need to be let loose to fight war without [having] their hands tied behind their backs.” Actually, Kyle seemed to fear our lawyers more than he did the enemy. The people making these rules have never fought in combat, and they are imposing idealistic rules that paint Americans as something they are not. Our Warriors are not as kindly, unrealistic, and inept as the ROE suggest. How is it politically expedient to paint us as such?

Most of the book covers the actions in Fallujah and Ramadi. In Fallujah, Kyle fought alongside mostly Marines. In Ramadi, he fought alongside Army Warriors. In Fallujah, he braved heavy fire to rescue a group of Marines trapped on a street. In Ramadi, he faced insurgents with his pistol in close combat. He praises both the Marines and the Army Soldiers highly. He did not give high praise to the insurgents. They proved themselves to be cowardly when they used children and adult females as human shields or sent small children into the fray with explosives.

Kyle speaks about a sniper assigned to work with him. He calls him “Runaway.” That is because he ran into a protected area every time someone shot near where he and Kyle were operating. Kyle knew he could not depend on “Runaway.” Eventually, “Runaway” was reassigned. Later, he was again assigned to work alongside Kyle. When he ran that time, Kyle confronted him. “Runaway” said, he “could get killed up there.” Realizing that the asset had lost his nerve, he refused to work with him any longer.

The last chapter describes Kyle’s extreme stress and mixed feelings about returning home. He explains how difficult it is to leave those still fighting and return to a place in life where everyone has done well without his presence. This chapter could help spouses understand the trauma their Soldiers are going through trying to reenter home life.

American Sniper is an extremely interesting and insightful book. One reviewer called it “adrenaline-charged and deeply personal.” It is that. It is the best eyewitness account of war in the Middle East that I have had the pleasure of reading. I hope you have an opportunity to read it. The book is readily available. I bought my copy at Sam’s Club.

The Last Cavalryman: The Life of General Lucian K. Truscott, Jr., by Harvey Ferguson, far exceeds a simple rating of “excellent.” This is without a doubt the best-written and most thoughtfully planned book I have ever read on any subject. I congratulate the author.

When reading The Last Cavalryman, one must stay focused. It is a book about Truscott: his battle plans, the men who carried out his plans, and his dealings with politicians. If he made one mistake that cost lives, it was not getting rid of General Almond. However, Almond was one of Eisenhower’s favorites (politics rears its ugly head). Truscott’s association with Clare Boothe Luce is described well, and she seems to have been a good friend and confidant for Truscott through some very trying times.

Truscott served from 1917-1947, spanning our difficulties with Mexico, WWI, WWII, and the beginning of the Cold War. He served in various command positions during WWII: 2nd Bn 13th Armored Regiment; IX Corps; Allied Combined Staff; U.S. Rangers, and VI Corps. Specifically, he held commands in the 3rd Infantry Division; U.S. VI Corps (Italy and France); 15th U.S. Army (October 1944); Fifth U.S. Army (Italy, December 1944); and Third U.S. Army
(Bavaria, 1945). These dates included Operations Torch, Husky, Shingle, and Dragoon. Post War, he received his fourth star, and after retirement, he was called back to monitor the newly formed C.I.A. which was in its fledgling stage.

The Last Cavalryman covers, briefly, Truscott’s early years. We pick up his life in detail when he became a school teacher at the age of 16 and follow him through his duties in America, and then into combat in Italy and Europe. He was happiest when he was commanding his beloved 3rd Infantry Division or training our soldiers to manage mules (much needed in the mountains of Italy and an easy task for the “last cavalryman”). As the author states in the “Afterword,” “Lucian Truscott’s journey through life was not an express ride but a local run with lots of stops: teenaged teacher, cavalry officer, polo champion, premier army instructor, founder of the U.S. Army Rangers, battle commander, army commanding general, visitor to the pope, CIA insider, and confidante to a president. When life let him step down, those around him remembered him as a loving husband, a dedicated father and grandfather, a good friend, a talented leader, and an exceptionally bright star to his country.” Yes, Truscott earned all of those titles.

Harvey Ferguson covers each phase of his life, summarized above, in detail and with authentication that is impeccable. Read the book. You won’t be disappointed. It is a great read and a very informative view of Truscott’s life and wars.

The book consists of 367 pages of text, 28 pages of notes, and 17 pages of biographical information, followed by an extensive Index. Every page of text provides a clear account that is heavily documented. The book is available through most book sellers and Internet sources. It was published by the University of Oklahoma Press; its ISBN number is 978-0-8061-4664-5.

**Looking for...**

**Ben Farnan** is looking for Capt. John Davis who served with Ben in Korea from June 1952 to April 1953. They were members of the Scout Section of the 3rd Reconnaissance Company. Capt. Davis was Ben’s platoon leader, and Davis rotated home to Texas in 1953. Today, Davis would be 83-85 years old. If anyone knows a John Davis who served as an officer in Korea during this time period (’52-’53), please notify Ben Farnan (address is in the Roster) or notify the Watch editor, Lynn Ball. See Ben’s story, “Korea: ‘52-’53,” elsewhere in this publication.

**Larry Chouinard** wonders if other Society members sailed aboard the USS *Frederick Funston*. His contact information is in the current Roster should you wish to contact him.

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

There is a membership application on p. 30. Join today!
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

June 8-18, 2015: The Battle of the Bulge/Eagle’s Nest Tour, presented by Valor Tours Ltd. and escorted by Henry Bodden (Audie Murphy biographer and Society Associate member): We will meet in Paris. Tour will include WWII and WWI sites, as well as Hitler’s mountaintop Eagle’s Nest, the Obersalzberg compound, Dachau and Munich (the birthplace of the Nazi movement). For full details call 1-800-842-4504 or visit website: Valor Tours Ltd. You can also contact Henry Bodden at 1-918-376-9417 or e-mail heboddend@gmail.com. This is not a Society-sponsored event; please address questions to Henry Bodden.

June 11-14, 2015: The Society of the 3rd Infantry Division will hold its annual reunion in Charleston, South Carolina. We also expect to have “Witness to War Foundation Interviews” so be sure to tell YOUR story.

June 20, 2015: Outpost #17 will hold a meeting to elect officers. Our June meeting will also include our annual service at the 3rd ID monument located in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. The service will start at 11AM and lunch will follow. Contact Jim Meeker, President, for more details. (Contact information is on page 31.)

June 27, 2015: “Audie Murphy Day” in Farmersville, Texas, will include a parade (complete with local Vets riding in historic vehicles, escorted by Jim Foy), a military flyover, military exhibits, and special receptions for the Vets provided by local churches and service organizations, as well as a brief program under the Onion Shed featuring a speaker quite knowledgeable about Audie Murphy’s life and times, and a roll call of local veterans. Visit the Historic Bain-Honaker Museum, 108 College Street, and the Audie Murphy exhibit at Rike Memorial Library 203 Orange Street. For more information, contact Farmersville Main Street Program: 972-784-6846. This is not a Society-sponsored event; please address question to Farmersville Main Street.

July 11, 2015: Outpost #5 will hold a summer luncheon/meeting at 12 noon at the Courtyard Marriott located at 140 Rt. 17 South, Mahwah, NJ 07430. The cost of the luncheon will be $20 per person. Please make checks payable to The Society of the 3rd ID, Outpost #5 and send to Al Julia, Treasurer, 278 Baywood Drive, Baiting Hollow NY 11933. We hope to have a good turnout and a good time will be had by all. The Courtyard Marriott, located on Rt. 17 South, is close to several highways from NJ, NY, CT and PA. For additional info, please call the Courtyard Marriott at 1-201-529-5200.

July 18, 2015: Outpost #35 will hold its summer meeting, hosted by Justin Valle, at the Golden Corral, at 4675 Highway 21, The Colony, Texas. We will gather at 11:00 AM for a social hour and have lunch at 12:00 noon, followed by our meeting. Contact Joe or Lynn Ball to let us know you are coming to the meeting: 972-495-1704. The Colony is just north of Dallas on Route 121, and there are several inexpensive motels in the area to accommodate those staying overnight.

August 2015: Outpost International will participate in several plaque dedications in southern France.

September 9, 2015: Outpost #4 will meet at 1:30 PM at the Washington State Veterans’ Home, 222 E. 5th Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

September 17-19, 2015: 71st Anniversary Commemoration of the 6th Army Group’s campaign in France 15 August 1944 to 15 March 1945. Includes seminars on the Southern France Campaign, the Vosges Campaign and the Battle of the Colmar Pocket, ceremony at Arlington Cemetery; banquet; and historical tour. Hosted by OP International and the Embassy of France in Washington, DC and the Army Historical Foundation. Please contact Monika or Tim Stoy at 571 419 8915 or timmoni15@yahoo.com. This is not a Society-sponsored event.

November 7, 2015: Outpost #54 will hold its Veteran’s Day luncheon meeting at the Brass Door Restaurant, San Ramon, California. We start gathering at 11:00 AM with lunch at noon.

November 11, 2015: Outpost #7 will meet on Veterans Day, November 11, 2015 at 3:30 p.m., at Arlington National Cemetery to conduct its traditional wreath ceremonies. Members will gather at the 3rd Infantry Division Monument at 3:30 PM for ceremonies there before moving to the Tomb of the Unknowns for our wreath-laying ceremony at 4:15 p.m. Members are urged to attend. For more information, contact John Insani (marneop7@comcast.net) or Pat Williamson (army3rdtivtanker@gmail.com).

November 11, 2015 (Date uncertain at this time as Phoenix has not yet announced): Outpost #15 will hold its next meeting at the home of Curtis Gentry, following Outpost #15’s participation in the Phoenix Veterans Day Parade.

Membership is Our Strength
It's not the price you pay to belong, it's the price you paid to become eligible to join.
LIFE
8996 WALTER H. FLANNERY OP 11 38INF,30INF/CW/May61-Dec66 PFC Referred by Website/LIP

ANNUAL TO LIFE
8259 EDWARD L. CONLEY OP 17 39FA/28N/HHB CW/69-71 SSGT Referred by Society Website
7711 CHUCK S. DINGES OP 57 3AVN/BN/B CW/Aug66-Oct67 SP5 Referred by Society Website
8663 COLBERT P. GRABERT OP 35 DIV/ADMIN CW/Jun68-May70 SP5 Referred by Society Website
3389 DAVID F. JONES OP 2 7IN/HQ KOREA/Sep48-Nov51 LTC
8895 STANLEY A. KNAPP OP 11 15INF/HVTANK/C KOREA/Sep52-Jun53 CPL Referred by Harry Kocinich
8994 JAMES K. McQUEEN OP 3 15INF/L KOREA/Oct52-Oct54 PFC Referred by OP Harry Survivors Assn

REGULAR ANNUAL
9025 MARK BAKER OP 5845 3/15, 1/15, 3/3/PDLC OIF/08-04 CSM Referred by Monika Stoy
9020 REGINALD E. BARNES OP 35 269AR/BN OIF/09-10 SSGT Referred by Bill Driggers
9009 ALEXANDER C. BARRON OP 60 1-15INF OEF/2012-2015 CPT One-year Gift Membership/James Van Delden Referred by Monika & Tim Stoy
9014 IAN D. BECKER OP 60 1-15INF/C OEF/Sep14-Present SFC One-year Gift Membership Referred by Monika & Tim Stoy
9011 RADAMES BERROA OP 60 1-15INF OEF/2013-Present E4 One-year Gift Membership/James Van Delden Referred by Monika & Tim Stoy
9026 MICHAEL A. BROWN OP 35 7ENG/236 ENG CO OEF/2010-16 CPL Referred by Lynn Ball
8812 CHAD C. CAMPBELL OP 60 1-15INF/BN CW/May93-Apr15 CSM One-year Gift Membership/James Van Delden Referred by Monika & Tim Stoy
9019 GERALD E. CLAYBORN OP 4 405 ENG/BN WW2/43-46 SSGT Referred by Don Tech OP4
8988 WILLIAM A. CRUMMETT OP 7 30INF/B 1ST BATTLE GRP CW/61-64 SP4 Referred by Society Website
8991 WESLEY A. GORNALL OP 35 3BC/1/10FA/HHB OIF/May06-Jun08 MAJ Referred by Society Website
8989 ROBERT G. GRAHAM OP 60 555FA/BN KOREA/Oct52-Aug53 PFC Referred by OP Harry Survivors Assn
8990 RALPH F. GUPTILL OP 11 15INF/E KOREA/Jun53-Aug54 CPL Referred by OP Harry Survivors Assn
9028 JOHN F. HAMILTON OP 1 15INF/TC CO KOREA/Nov52-Sep53 1LT Referred by OP Harry Survivors Assn
9010 KRISTOFER L. HARTVIGSEN OP 60 1-15INF/3AB CT OEF/Jun13-Present 1LT One-year Gift Membership/James Van Delden Referred by Monika & Tim Stoy
9013 BRIAN E. HUEFNER OP 60 1-15INF OEF/Mar13-Present 1LT One-year Gift Membership Referred by Monika & Tim Stoy
9097 JOHN F. LAGOW OP 57 1/15INF/ACO/HHC CW/64-67, 83-85 SGT/1STG Referred by Website
9012 BRADFORD L. MC KNIGHT OP 60 1-15INF/3BDE OEF/2013-Present PFC One-year Gift Membership Referred by Monika & Tim Stoy
8992 VINCENT J. MEADS OP 3 58FA KOREA/Nov52-Oct53 1LT Referred by OP Harry Survivors Assn
8974 STEVE STEININGER OP 5845 HHC/3ID PT/1993-1996 LTC One Year Gift Membership/Murray Simon Referred by Tim & Monika Stoy
9015 ALLEN D. STEWART OP 60 1-15INF OEF/2014-Present SSGT One-year Gift Membership Referred by Monika & Tim Stoy
9022 ROBERT C. VANCE OP 5845 1-15INF/3ABCT/HHC OEF/Mar13-Oct15 SPC Referred by Monika Stoy
9008 STEPHEN M. WELLING OP 60 1-15INF/HHC OEF/Jul14-Present SGT One-year Gift Membership/James Van Delden Referred by Monika & Tim Stoy

ASSOCIATE ANNUAL
9021 HAE SOOK CHOI OP 5845 Referred by Monika Stoy
8998 GERARD DELOCHE OP 5845 One Year Gift Membership/James Van Delden MD Referred by Monika & Tim Stoy
9023 DAN DUTIL OP 5845 Referred by Monika Stoy
9005 GERARD FUCHS OP 5845 One-year Gift Membership Referred by Monika & Tim Stoy
9017 SERGE GOUTEYRON OP 5845 One-year Gift Membership/Jim Strawn Referred by Monika & Tim Stoy
9001 PETER GROESBECK OP 5845 Referred by Monika & Tim Stoy
9003 COL ERIC MONGNOT OP 5845 One-year Gift Membership Referred by Monika & Tim Stoy
9006 LTC TAECHOON PARKER OP 5845 One-year Gift Membership Referred by Monika & Tim Stoy
9024 LYNN REISTER OP 5845 Referred by Monika Stoy
9007 COL STEFFEN RHODE OP 5845 One-year Gift Membership Referred by Monika & Tim Stoy
9004 DR HEINZ SCHADEN OP 5845 One-year Gift Membership Referred by Monika & Tim Stoy
9018 COL KIEB SHIN OP 5845 One-year Gift Membership/LTG Dean R. Tice Referred by Monika & Tim Stoy
9000 BROWNWYN SPIEGEL OP 5845 Referred by Monika & Tim Stoy
9002 DON THOMAS OP 5845 Referred by Monika & Tim Stoy
8999 GARY THOMAS OP 5845 Referred by Monika & Tim Stoy
9016 PASCAL VERRELLE OP 5845 One-year Gift Membership Referred by Monika & Tim Stoy
8993 MARGARET A. WEIS OP 57 Referred by John Weis
9027 GENE WILK OP 60 Referred by Robert F. Graham/OP Harry survivors
Chaplain’s Corner

Jerry Daddato

Dear Veterans, Families and Active Duty Soldiers,

I hope that everyone had a nice Easter like the Chaplain and Kathy did. We, along with Charlotte (our service dog in training), headed out nice and early for our sunrise service. With our chairs and a blanket for Charlotte, we went to the lawn of St. Vincent’s Catholic Church to watch the sunrise with the rest of our parish. (People are always watching to see if Charlotte will attend services.) It is great to welcome the dawn and celebrate the “Risen Lord.”

That thought brings up all of the families who are without all of their members because some are serving to protect our freedom. Keep these families and our soldiers in your prayers so that, at our next holiday, everyone can be together.

David McPeake sent the following Veteran Suicide Prevention message to the Watch and Lynn Ball forwarded it to me for my Chaplain’s Message. There are many people who experience suicidal thoughts: David’s story is inspiring and should be shared. Thanks, David.

“When I was attending annual training, the Red Cross contacted me with terrible news: someone I loved dearly was fighting for his life. I went to the hospital immediately; he died three days later. I was so devastated by his death that I wanted to die with him. I was lying on my bed with my pistol in my hand, and I cried out to the Lord Jesus one last time. “Lord Jesus, if you have anything to say to me before I pull this trigger, please say it now.”

I took the Bible beside my bed and opened it. He put my eyes on John 16:22 and then moved my eyes to verse 33. Jesus saved my life through these verses. I never put a gun to my head again.

Even though Jesus saved my life, he hadn’t saved my soul yet. I kept living a sinful life for seven more years, until one day he spoke to me and seemed to say, if I didn’t repent and get saved, he would kill me and send me to Hell where I belong.”

When I felt those words, I started begging him to save me. I was sitting on my mother-in-law’s loveseat, reading the Bible: “Come unto me all that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.”

I repented of my sins and confessed to Jesus that I was a sinner; I asked him to save me, and forgive me, and come into my heart, and make me a Christian. I believe that I was saved right then and there, and I haven’t been the same since that moment. I’ve been living for Jesus since that day.

If one Veteran reads this article and decides not to end his or her life, then everything I have been through has been worth it.”

God Bless David McPeake.

Until next time, I remain Your Chaplain, Jerry Daddato ROTM

Honor Flight

By Don Bettine

I was selected to go on the “Old Glory” Honor Flight on May 8, 2014. I arrived at the airport, was checked in, photographed, received my ID and seat assignment, and met my “Guardian,” my daughter, Diane and her other veteran. All Korea Vets were given polo shirts to wear, as were our guardians, so our group was easily recognized while in DC.

We arrived in DC at 9:00 AM EDT and deplaned to three busses. The compartment below the seat-level was filled with wheelchairs. Our flight included 17 WWII Vets and about 90 Korea War Vets, plus the guardians; due to age, many would be unable to walk for all of the tour and would need the chairs, pushed by the guardians.

First, was a stop at the WWII memorial where our WWII Vets were guests of honor at a special ceremony. At the Lincoln Memorial, a group photo was taken. Next was the Korean War Memorial where we were greeted and thanked by many of the tourists. Many of the children and young people who greeted us thanked us for our service and had their pictures taken with us.

We then toured the Viet Nam Wall, FDR Memorial, Martin Luther King Memorial, and the Marine Iwo Jima Memorial. Once back on the busses, we had a short tour of DC and then Arlington National Cemetery to see the “Changing of the Guard,” and the lowering and folding of the flag.

Once we boarded the plane at Reagan Airport for our return trip to Appleton, Wisconsin, we had “mail call.” Friends and relatives had sent us letters thanking us for our service; these were saved to present to us during “mail call.” At Appleton Airport, at 8:30 PM, we were greeted with cheers from family, friends, and well-wishers; a band playing, Veterans, Color Guards, and cheers of thanks that we had never received before.

The flight took one, long day: it was very well planned, organized, and executed. For me, this was the fulfillment of a long-standing wish to see MY Korean War Memorial. Adding to the already wonderful trip was the presence of my grandson, Matt, who came from Philadelphia to spend time with me. He even pushed my wheelchair. My son-in-law, Mike, Diane’s husband, also accompanied us as a guardian.

So that his brethren shall know...

Please report the death of any member of the Society of the Third Infantry Division to Richard W. Heller, Database Manager (address, p.2) for listing in the “Last Call.”
Ed Loh shared this photo taken on the grounds of the Beijing Bell/Drum Tower on his recent trip to Shanghai and Beijing. He reminded us that the 15th Infantry Regiment (“Old China Hands”) was in China during the 1900 Boxer Rebellion as part of eight nations punitive expeditionary forces (Britain, France, Russia, Germany, Japan, Italy, US and Austro-Hungarian Empire). From 1925 to 1929, the 15th Regiment was dispatched to northern China again to protect U.S. interests and local areas from marauding warlords’ armies.

“As you know, I enjoy reading The Watch on the Rhine—every single issue.”

Don Bettine wrote: Received my April issue of the “Watch” on the Friday before Easter. Another great issue with, again, a nice assortment of articles. I especially enjoyed your article about Air Force One. Thanks for all your work.

Royal Myers wrote: I want to thank you, Lynn, for your guiding hand in the publication of the Watch. As I was reviewing articles from the December 2013 Watch, Outpost #35 news, I was greatly moved to read the comments about our medics, ambulance drivers, and chopper pilots.

Anthony L. Adkins wrote: I sure enjoy the Watch and read it through several times. I appreciate all the work you do on it.

Willard Alberson, a phone conversation, said he really looks forward to the Watch and reads it from cover-to-cover. He said, “You do a great job.”

Murray Simon wrote: “Lynn, Thank you for the wonderful review of my book. You may not believe it, but it was the first book review I had. Since your review, I’ve had some sales. Thank you!”

Charles Stonis sent a note with an article, “Stryker Road March,” which appears in this issue. Charles wrote: “Thank you for the work you do (and Joe) on behalf of the Society.”

Earl Killen wrote, “Lynn, Thank you very much for the picture of the Gen. Buckner. [The ship was pictured in the front-page article, “Far Away Places...” in the April Watch] That’s the ship that brought me home from Korea. I was told that was the last trip it made and it was scrapped.” [Actually, it was not scrapped until a couple of decades after WWII. We have received several comments about the U.S.S. General Simon B. Buckner. Apparently, she took many 3rd I.D. Soldiers to and fro. This ship served under Army or Navy designation at various times: USS or USSN.]

Andy Scullion sent an article which discusses flour and its beneficial application to burns. It really works. I was preparing a glaze for our Easter ham and managed to burn my hand through carelessness. I opened our flour jar and stuck my hand into the flour. The pain immediately disappeared. I kept my hand in the jar of flour for about 10 minutes. When I took it out, the burn was not even red. While the skin did not feel normal at that moment, within about an hour, all signs of the burn had disappeared. Thanks Andy.

Ron Greenwood wrote: If your outpost is interested in coordinating a community project that saves lives, please consider donating blood to The Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP). Please Google <www.militaryblood.dod.mil>, to locate one of the 20 ASBP blood donor centers, nationwide. In the USA, 10.4 blood units are needed every minute. If there is no ASBP blood donor center near you, please consider donating your blood at your local VA Medical Center or at an American Red Cross mobile donor center.

Larry Chouinard wrote: The article in the April Watch, by Dan Wolfe, regarding his trip to Japan and Korea brought back memories of a similar trip I experienced in December 1951, aboard the U.S.S. Frederick Funston. Lots of seasick Soldiers the whole trip. I am curious to know if any Society members were on this ship. As I recall, the U.S.S. Frederick Funston should have been put into mothballs after WWII! [Actually, the Frederick Funston was not around during WWII; she was commissioned in 1943, served during WWII and Korea and was scrapped in 1969. If you sailed aboard the Frederick Funston, please let Larry know. His address is 2210 Dahlia Lane, Billings MT 59102.]

Bob Poydasheff said, during a phone conversation, that he enjoys the Watch very much. “You are doing a good job,” he added.

John Weis extended a very nice compliment about our Watch on the Rhine.

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Last Call
All of us in the Society of the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Army, extend our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of those listed below. May they rest in peace.

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

Life Members
DAVID C. ARTHUR 15INF/C WW2 CPL
DOD - December 15, 2014 Reported on 2015-16 Dues Card

JOANNE G. CRAMER ASSOCIATE
DOD - November 20, 2014 Reported on 2015-16 Dues Card

GEORGE B. DEXTER
601TD/BN WW2/May42-Nov45 T5
DOD - December 14, 2014 Reported by his wife, Jean

D. CHARLES DRAKE
DIV/INANCE CO CW/Dec80-May84 SP4
DOD - November 5, 2014 Reported by his brother, Michael

WILLIAM ENGLISH
9FA/A KOREA 1LT
DOD - February 15, 2015 Reported on 2015-16 Dues Card

DOUG HARDY
39FA/HQ WW2/June41-43 COL
DOD - July 30, 2010 Reported by his son-in-law, Lloyd Anderson

HOMER HUNGERFORD
15INF/1BN/A & 30INF/1BN/B KOREA/Aug50-Aug52 1LT
DOD+ December 11, 2014 Reported by John Burke

TONY E. LEANOS
7INF/G WW2/45-Jul46 PFC
DOD - January 23, 2015 Reported on the Internet

MIKE MAGATELLI
39FA/A WW2 T5
DOD - March 23, 2011 Reported on the Internet

 MARTIN A. MARKLEY
15INF/K & M KOREA CPT
DOD - April 14, 2015 Reported by Louis Bravos

WILLIS M. MOORE
10FA/SV KOREA/Jan49-Jul51 SFC
DOD - June 2014 Reported by his Widow

WILLIAM J. MORRELLE
15INF/CN/C WW2 CPL
DOD December 23, 2014 Reported on Internet

WHITNEY P. MULLEN
15INF/F WW2 PFC
DOD - March 13, 2015 Reported by his son, Dick

JOHN MUNIO
7INF/SV KOREA CPL
DOD - December 16, 2014 Reported on 2015-16 Dues Card

LUCIAN B. PERREAULT
30INF/G WW2
DOD - December 18, 2014 Reported on Internet

CHARLES W. PHALLEN
601TD/A WW2 TSGT
DOD - March 7, 2015 Reported by his daughter, Annalisa Kieskowski

FREDERICK F. QUATTROCCI
703ORD/ KOREA CPL
DOD - MAY 24, 2007 Reported on the Internet

A. J. SHEEHAN
4INF/1BN CW LTC
DOD - JANUARY 6, 2011 Reported on the Internet

AMES J. TIEZZI
15INF/2BN HQ KOREA CPT
DOD - APRIL 29, 2015 Reported by Robert Dornfried

DALTON W. WHEELER
30INF/CN WW2 TSGT
DOD August 27, 2006 Reported on the Internet

Annual Members
THEODORE J. BARBELLA
30INF/I WW2/Sept43-Dec44 SGT
DOD+ March 6, 2015 Reported by his wife, Josephine

LAWRENCE J. BOTT
30INF/I WW2 CPL
DOD - September 5, 2014 Reported by his wife, Lois

ARTHUR L. BRANNON
7INF/D WW2 CSM
DOD - March 17, 2015 Reported by Major David L. Brannon

HAROLD W. CORKRAN
15INF/C &1BN HQ KOREA/Mar53-Dec54 SSGT
DOD - January 6, 2015 Reported by his wife, Wanda

JOHN C. HERRERA
30th INF/444-46 PFC
DOD - December 21, 2014 Reported by Richard Longfellow

KIRK A. JORDAN
39FA/KOREA/Jul50-Feb52 CPT
DOD - August 22, 2014 Reported on 2015-16 Dues Card

MICHAEL LEMME
7INF/E WW2 PVT
DOD - August 1, 2014 Reported on 2015-16 Dues Card

KEITH E. LERUM
58FA/ATy KOREA/Apr51-Dec53 SFC
DOD - December 29, 2014 Reported on 2015-16 Dues Card

CLARENCE W. MAI
7INF/G WW2/Jan45-May46 TSGT
DOD - March 2014 Reported on 2015-16 Dues Card

KENNETH C. PASK
30INF/ WW2/Mar43-Nov45 PVT
DOD - March 4, 2015 Reported by his daughter, Cindy Pask Moore

Non-Members Passing
CSM (Ret) Robert “Bob” Gallagher, 52, of Georgia, passed away on October 13, 2014. He was a former Ranger and “Black Hawk Down Hero.” Gallagher was awarded the Silver Star and two Bronze Stars for his bravery in battle in the Middle East. He was interred with full honors at Arlington National Cemetery on April 27, 2015. Reported by his Ranger buddy, Larry Moore.

Amy Scardella, of El Cajon, California, passed away on March 24th. She is the spouse of Society and Outpost #22 Member Frank Scardella. Reported by Joe Amello

Eddie Hupp, 95, of Denver, Colorado, passed away on March 27, 2015. He served in the 9th Field Artillery during WWII. He is survived by his wife, Doris. Reported by his Army buddy, Bruce Monkman.

John R. Munkttrick, 87, passed away in Monsey, New York, on March 29th. He served during the occupation in Italy and Yugoslavia following WWII. A member of the Army Reserve, Munkttrick was called to serve with the 3rd Infantry Division in Korea. There, he earned the CIB and a Purple Heart. Reported by his nephew, Keith Montanye.
10th and 39th Field Artillery Reunion

By John “Allen” Collins

We are going to have our 45th Army Buddies Reunion in Gatlinburg, July 19-26, 2015. This is an annual event attended by family, including children and grandchildren. We enjoy the time together. Some stay the whole week, but others come for a few days. We will share with the attendees the copies of the Roster the Society sent. Thank you for sending them.

In all of the years we have been meeting, we did not know about the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division. Most of us were drafted in 1958 at the age of 23. We were sent to Fort Benning, Georgia, for basic training and then for advanced training. Later, most were trained on the 105 and 155 artillery, except me. I was sent to the Post Office at Sand Hill to train for battalion mail clerk and then went to the 10th Artillery in Schweinfurt, Germany, with the 3rd Infantry Division. We all stayed together and were sent as a “package” to Germany. This was special because we formed many friendships while there and then formed our present Buddies Reunion, after we were discharged.

While in Schweinfurt, the 10th split to form the 39th Artillery (10th and 39th). Boy, was this a special time in the mail room to find all the boys and get their mail to them. While there, we were sent to the Grafenwoehr training area for one month at a time, for a total of three of our 18 months in Germany.

We had Elvis Presley there in a tank outfit. He was six months older than me at the time. We are all close to 80 years old now. Some have died, but the time together as family has been very special in our lives and at the reunions.

There were other units there at the time: the 30th Infantry Regiment, 584th Transportation, 3rd Aviation, and 37th Armored Division.

We also went over on the USS Simon B. Buckner in 1959.

Thank you so much for the tribute to the boys who served their country for two years or more at their particular time.

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Origin of Penicillin

[Outpost #22 Member Jack Sneddon shared a story referencing an Irish Blessing, “Honoring National Friendship.”]

A Scottish farmer, named Fleming, heard a cry for “help,” while he was working in his field, near a bog. He dropped his tools, and ran to the bog to give his assistance. There was a lad, mired up to his waist in black mud. The terrified boy was screaming, and struggling to free himself, when Mr. Fleming saved him from what could have been a terrifying death.

The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman’s humble house. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out of the coach, and said: “I want to repay you. You saved my son’s life”.

“No, I can’t accept payment for what I did,” the Scottish farmer replied. About that time, the farmer’s own son came to the door of the hovel.

“Is that your son?” the nobleman asked.

“Yes,” the farmer said proudly.

“I’ll make you a deal. Let me provide him with the level of education that my own son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he’ll no doubt grow up to be a man that will make us both very proud.” And that he did!

Farmer Fleming’s son attended the very best schools, and in time graduated from St. Mary’s Hospital Medical School, in London. He went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin.

Years afterward, the same nobleman’s son (who was saved from the bog), was stricken with pneumonia. What saved his life? Penicillin. The name of the nobleman was Lord Randolph Churchill. His son’s name was Sir Winston Churchill.

Someone once said, “What goes around, comes around”: “Work like you don’t need money; love like you’ve never been hurt; dance like nobody’s watching; sing like nobody’s listening; ... and live like it’s heaven on earth.”

An Irish Friendship wish: “May there always be work for your hands to do; May your purse always hold a coin or two; May the sun always shine on your windowpane; May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain; May the hand of a friend always be near you; May God fill our hearts with gladness to cheer you; and May you be in heaven a half hour before the devil knows that you’re dead.”

—Submitted by Ron Greenwood
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 in the Rhine with no further dues payments during their lifetime. The National Membership Roster is printed every three years. All members receive a copy of the roster on the three-year cycle. All new members receive a copy. The next National Membership Roster will be printed in 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 “Footie 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, children or siblings of any person eligible for regular membership, and any person with a special interest in, or an affinity for the Society of the Third Infantry Division.

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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For information, please contact The Society of the Third Infantry Division, 1515 Ramblewood Drive, Hanover Park IL 60133-2230.

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Membership Application

Date: ___________________________ [ ] New Regular Annual or Life Member (Circle Annual or Life)
[ ] New Associate Annual or Life Member (Circle Annual or Life)

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

Phone No ___________________________ E-Mail Address ___________________________

Home Address ___________________________ (Street) ___________________________ (City) ___________________________ (State) ___________________________ (Zip+4)

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

Current/Former Occupation ___________________________ Spouse’s Name ___________________________

Amount Enclosed: ___________________________ Referred by ___________________________

Please print clearly, detach and mail this application for membership along with a check or money order payable to Society of the Third Infantry Division to: The Society of Third Infantry Division, 1515 Ramblewood Drive, Hanover Park IL 60133-2230.

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CAMPAIGNS OF THE THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION

WORLD WAR I [2 Medals of Honor]
- Aisne
- St. Mihiel
- Champagne-Marne
- Meuse-Argonne
- Aisne-Marne
- Champagne

WORLD WAR II [33 Medals of Honor]
- Algeria-French Morocco (with arrowhead)
- Tunisia
- Sicily (with arrowhead)
- Naples-Foggia
- Anzio (with arrowhead)
- Rome-Arno
- Southern France (with arrowhead)
- Ardennes-Alsace
- Rhineland
- Central Europe

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

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
- Peacetime 1992-2001
- Bosnia 2000-2001
- Peacetime 2002-2003
- Middle East 2003-present

WWI, WWII, Korea, Cold War, Peacetime, Bosnia, Iraq, Afghanistan

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