Challenge Coins

Several weeks ago, Central Region Vice President 1st Sgt. Toby Knight suggested to Society President Joe Ball that the Society should have a Challenge Coin. Joe agreed and asked Toby to spearhead the project. Once approved by the Executive Committee, Toby did all of the work of design, finding a manufacturer, getting good prices, and seeing the project through to completion. Toby handled every aspect of this project, and the Society is now offering the Challenge Coin to Veterans, Society Members, and the general public. They are 1 ½ inches in diameter and display the Society Logo on one side and Rocky. Please turn to COIN on page 3.

Robert D. Maxwell Honored on 95th Birthday Dedication of Oregon Medal of Honor Exhibit

Robert D. Maxwell, 3rd Infantry Division WWII, 7th Infantry Regiment, Medal of Honor recipient and resident Oregonian was honored on the occasion of his 95th birthday during the dedication of the Oregon Medal of Honor Exhibit at the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum in McMinnville, Oregon on October 24th. 162 persons attended the dedication and joined in the observation of Maxwell’s birthday. Participants included Oregon political figures, American Legion dignitaries, Naval Junior ROTC representatives, and Tim and Monika Stoy, with Mrs. Susie Choi.

Please turn to MAXWELL on page 5.
As we attend the various activities inherent to the season, many Veterans will think back to their holidays spent while in the service. The national religious holidays seem to be recalled in detail when they are remembered each year. The times spent away from family and friends is part of the price of serving. Many of our WWII Members spent four years in Africa and Europe. I can only have admiration and respect for them and their loved ones. At the 2015 reunion, I was privileged to speak to the attendees at the Saturday banquet to honor those who served. It does not matter if your service was Combat or Peacetime or Cold War. It does not matter what your job consisted of. It does not matter if you volunteered, were inducted, or were called up as a reservist or National Guard. It does not matter if you served a short time or retired after a career in the service. The important thing is that you served. You will forever bear the proud title of “Veteran.” Our heartfelt thanks to those who supported and continue to support our men and women who now serve or have served. It is reported that there are currently 21.4 million Veterans and/or Veteran’s dependents in the U.S. (Source: Military Magazine). We wish them well.

A Society Member and WWII Veteran who served in the Infantry made a statement that many of our folks can relate to. He said that most Soldiers who saw battle, “Don’t remember much about what went on there, but there are some things that the Soldier will never forget.” He is correct, of course. Many things that we remember from our service are funny incidents. Many were not humorous at the time they occurred but, looking back, every Veteran can remember humor in some events. Send Lynn a short article of the funny things that you witnessed or, better, that happened to you.

There are many Dogface Soldiers now serving and protecting those who can no longer protect themselves. The blue and white Patch is ready and willing to serve the Flag whenever called upon to do so since November 21, 1917. The final chapter of the legend and glory of the 3rd Infantry Division is yet to be written. We should remember: Lead, follow, or get out of the way.

This issue of The Watch on the Rhine contains the first call for proposals to the Society Constitution and By-laws. These documents are available on the website at 3rddiv.org and I urge you to review them. If you cannot access them, please call or write to me or Lynn. I will send them to you via U.S.P.S.

The Society has developed a new Challenge Coin that is now available to Society members. The information needed to obtain one or more is available on the front page of this issue.

Each year the Society presents awards to deserving Society members. The awards are in the form of plaques that are presented to recipients at the annual Reunion Banquet. Please review the Call for Awards located elsewhere in this issue. Send nominations to Awards Chair Joe Herron. His contact information is on page 2 of this issue.

The Executive Committee voted to change By-laws Section I to require that Society reunions be held on a rotating basis among the three regions of the Society, with exceptions to be permitted. The Society Annual Reunion in 2016 is in the Harrisburg/Gettysburg area (Eastern Region), the 2017 event is in the San Antonio, Texas, area (Central Region). And the 2018 location will be in the Western Region at a city to be determined. An effort will be made to give our members and planner a two-year advance notice of reunion locations.

The website has, for many years, been owned by a third party. I discovered this when I asked the webmaster to remove some items and he did not do so. The society is now open for bidding on establishing and maintaining a website by a third party. Competitive bidding is the American Way. An announcement is in this issue of the Watch.

Thanksgiving is behind us and we hope that your holiday was all that you hoped it would be. It is a precious time for family and friends to share thankfulness. We hope you had your family with you for this important holiday. A large number of our Soldiers are serving overseas and separated from their families and loved ones. Be sure to remember these proud Americans as we thank them for serving.

Our Society Officers, Staff, and Committee Chairs join me in wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year.

In God we Trust.

Yours in the 3rd,
Joe Ball, President

COIN from page 1 on the reverse side. The Coins are available for a donation of $12.50 for one Coin or $10.00 each for two or more Coins, postage included.

To obtain your Coins, send your order and check or money order to Toby Knight, 5339 Osprey Oak, San Antonio TX 78253-6380. Please make checks payable to Society of 3rd I.D. If you have questions, call Toby at 210-885-2137. (Toby’s Address is also on page 2 of every issue of The Watch on the Rhine.) These will make great gifts for all Veterans and anyone interested in the 3rd Infantry Division or in collecting Challenge Coins. Challenge Coins are a source of great pride to the recipient. Get your Coins while they last.
With the immense flooding in our neighbor to the north, South Carolina, 3ID Sustainment Brigade jumped into action. Within 24 hours of the emergency situation declared across the state, members of the Sustainment Brigade water purification team of more than 100 Soldiers was headed north to assist.

Howard, symbolizing the relinquishing of operational authority from one leader to another. This ceremony concluded a successful year-long deployment for 3ID troops at Tactical Base Gamberi. The 3ID troops spent the following two days traveling aboard a U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster aircraft with stops in Turkey and Spain before returning to Hunter Army Airfield on the morning of October 8 where they were greeted by Families, Leaders and Soldiers during a heartfelt welcome home ceremony at Cottrell Field. The 3ID members assigned to TAAC-E then turned to reintegrating into the Division and reuniting with their Families. With their deployment to Afghanistan under NATO’s Resolute Support mission complete, the 3ID troops assigned to TAAC-E add to the rich history of the Marne Division’s accomplished service.

Command Sgt. Maj. Walter A. Tagalicud, who most recently held the positions of TAAC-East and 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne Division Command Sergeant Major, was selected to be the next Command Sergeant Major of 3rd Infantry Division. I have complete faith that Command Sgt. Maj. Tagalicud will continue the ever improving standards of excellence in the Marne Division, leading well, developing others, and remaining focused on our mission to deploy, fight, and win, while always fostering the Army Values and supporting the Army Profession.

Since September, the Raider Brigade has deployed for their second rotation as the Regionally Aligned Force for U.S. Army Europe. Soldiers are exercising throughout nine countries, spread out over more than 3,800 kilometers from Spain to the Baltics. The “Cottonbalers” of 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment are in Spain participating in Exercise Trident Juncture 2015, the largest NATO exercise in over a decade. More than 30,000 troops from over 30 troop contributing NATO member nations and partners are conducting land, air and maritime exercises to enhance interoperability and teamwork between the NATO alliance and partners. Soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment and 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment are conducting Operation Atlantic Resolve, a demonstration of continued U.S. commitment to the collective security of NATO and to enduring peace and stability in the region, in light of Russia’s illegal actions in Ukraine. “Speed and Power” Soldiers brought tanks and Bradley’s back to the Baltics as they conduct multinational exercises in Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and Poland. The Troopers from “War Paint” squadron assumed the mission in Romania and Bulgaria while expanding Operation Atlantic Resolve into Hungary. The remainder of the Raider Brigade is participating in Combined Resolve V at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Germany. The exercise includes approximately 4,000 participants from 9 NATO and European partner nations to prepare forces in Europe to operate together to promote stability and security in the region.

The Spartan Brigade recently returned from the Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, La. During training, the Brigade went through realistic training scenarios tailored to what a unit would face while deployed. This training prepares the Brigade as it assumes its new responsibility to help support U.S. Africa Command’s mission in Africa to promote stability in the region. In the upcoming year, the Brigade will deploy small groups of Spartan Soldiers to Africa. One of the first groups to leave, a Company from 3rd Infantry, 15th Regiment, assumed the East Africa Response Force mission in Djibouti. Additionally, the Brigade was chosen to represent the Division at the 2015 International Sniper Competition, at Fort Benning, exemplifying
the readiness of the entire Brigade.

The Sledgehammer Brigade began the first phase of its transformation to a Battalion-sized task force. During this phase, the Brigade identified all personnel that will become assigned to the new TF, as well as began the technical inspections and turn in of excess equipment. Furthermore, all subordinate Battalions continued to train Soldiers on individual tasks as well as collective training up to squad/section level in order to maintain proficiency in their warrior tasks and drills.

With the immense flooding in our neighbor to the north, South Carolina, 3ID Sustainment Brigade jumped into action. Within 24 hours of the emergency situation declared across the state, members of the Sustainment Brigade water purification team of more than 100 Soldiers was headed north to assist. These Soldiers assisted in water purification, clean water distribution points, and laundry facilities, purifying over 227,500 gallons, distributing over 85,000 gallons to 16 different sites on Fort Jackson, and washing almost 3,000 bundles of laundry. After 17 days of non-stop effort, our Soldiers returned to Fort Stewart to the heroic welcome they much deserved. The Provider Brigade also recently deployed 24th Financial Management Support Unit to Kuwait to oversee theater financial operations and 24th Ordinance to Camp Buehring to oversee the Ammunition Supply Point. These units prove top notch support to our teammates overseas and we are proud of our Dog Face Soldiers all over the world.

The 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade conducted a Change of Command to farewell Col. John Kline. Marine Air’s new commander, Col. Jeff Becker, most recently served as the executive officer to Lt. Gen. Donahue at U.S. Army Forces Command. We look forward to the great things to come for the CAB. The 3rd CAB Soldiers also supported 2nd BCT at the Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, La. in August and September. During this time the 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment sent AH-64 Apache Attack Helicopters and flight crews to train with 2nd BCT’s ground forces. Additionally, 1-3 welcomed home one Company from Afghanistan while deploying another Company to continue to support operations in country. The 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment deactivated due to the retirement of the OH-58D Kiowa Warrior Helicopter. The unit did not remain inactive very long as 1-3 reflagged as 3-17 a month later. The Brigade saw two Battalion changes of command in October. The 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment bid farewell to Lt. Col. Jason Roncoroni, who is now retired from active duty, and welcomed the new Knighthawk commander Lt. Col. Jason West. Lt. Col. Scott Liblond, now the Brigade deputy commander, passed the 603rd Aviation Support Battalion colors to Lt. Col. Daryl von Hagel making him the new Workhorse commander.

During this holiday season, I ask you to remember all the deployed Service Members and their Families and the incredible sacrifices they make in defense of our freedom. Please take a moment to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy as Americans and what it costs to gain and maintain them. Lastly, I ask that we all honor the Service Members who made the ultimate sacrifice, and the sacrifices their Gold Star Families make every day. We must always keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Rock of the Marne! Army Strong!

Jim Rainey, Major General,
U.S. Army, Commanding

Call for Constitution and By-laws Proposals for Change: 2016

Members may submit proposals for Constitution and By-laws changes now. Your proposed changes must be received by February 14, 2016. The Constitution and By-laws under review can be found on the Society website at www.3rdiv.org, under “Content.” Please send proposals to the Constitution and By-laws Chair Lynn Ball by e-mail (LDBALL1@MSN.COM) or U.S.P.S.: 2010 Worcester Lane, Garland TX 75040. Please also send a copy to the Society’s Secretary, John Weis. Contact information for both Lynn Ball and John Weis is on page 2 of the Watch. Please use the following guidelines when composing your proposals for change:

1. State the Article or Section to be changed and its present wording.
2. State the new, proposed wording.
3. State the reason for the proposed change.

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

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

Remember that the deadline for receipt of proposals for change to the C&BL is February 14, 2016. These must be sent to Lynn Ball, Constitution and By-laws Chair. If you have difficulty finding the current C&BL, send Lynn a note. She will attach a copy to an e-mail and send the document to you.

—Submitted by Lynn Ball

MAXWELL from page 1


Maxwell received his Medal of Honor for actions on 7 September 1944 in fighting for the city of Besancon, France. While defending the 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry’s forward HQ outpost in the assault on Besancon, Maxwell jumped on a grenade to protect his fellow soldiers in the position, including then LTC Lloyd B. Ramsey, Battalion Commander. Robert participated in the North African, Sicilian, and Italian campaigns (including Anzio) and landed in Southern France on 15 August 1944.

At 95, Maxwell is the most senior of the nation’s 78 still living Medal of Honor recipients. He remains active in the Congressional Medal of Honor Society’s Character Development Program for high school students. Maxwell taught automotive mechanics at Lane Community College for 20 years and in 2000 at age 79 he received his high school diploma from Bend High School.

—Submitted by Tim Stay
Call for Nominations for Society Awards

This is the first call for nominations for annual awards. The Awards Committee, consisting of the three Regional Vice Presidents, will select the recipients of the Society Service Award and the Outstanding Associate Member Award. The Executive Committee will select the recipient of the Audie Murphy Achievement Award from nominations submitted to the Awards Committee. These awards will be presented at the Reunion Banquet on September 24, 2016. The annual Society Awards Program recognizes and honors those members of the Society of the Third Infantry Division who have contributed their energy and creativity to further the Society’s objectives.

Nominations must be received by August 5th, 2016

Mail all nominations to Joe Herron, Society Awards Chair, P.O. Box 179, Lakeville CT 06039-0179 or at email: fherron73@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thanks in advance for your help.

—Joseph Herron, Awards Chair

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Recently, I received a request that I include “current events” in the *Watch on the Rhine*. I devoted a great deal of thought to this request and realized that I cannot honor it. Here are the reasons why current events cannot appear in the *Watch*: First, from the time I release the document to our publisher and printer, approximately three weeks pass before our members begin to receive their copy of the document. By then, any current news I am permitted to print would be old news. I could write about the Trojan Horses arriving in each country currently, or about the *faux pas* of our government, or about the spread of diseases being introduced into many countries, or about the rules of engagement currently being adopted by our local police departments—these would be current news as they are being repeated daily. Therefore, they remain current news. However, according to the guidelines of a fraternal publication, I cannot publish any political information or opinions. All of the above would be considered “political.” I cannot even publish news about these issues as my own personal opinion. Therefore, I am sorry to report, the *Watch* will not carry “current news.”

I also cannot give medical advice because I am not a physician. My doctoral studies are limited to all literature and many other related topics—but not medicine. Nevertheless, I would like to share some family news with you and urge all the ladies in your families to religiously get their annual mammograms. Recently, a family member was diagnosed with breast cancer. She always went annually for her mammogram. Because of this practice, the cancer was caught very early—stage one, less than a centimeter, and not aggressive. It was completely removed and she underwent five days of radiation (twice per day) to ensure that any cancer cells deposited during surgery were eliminated. She tells me that breast cancer can occur in the liver and the bones as well. I had never heard that startling fact. Her doctors performed several tests to ensure that the cancer had not achieved a foothold elsewhere. As I understand it, some agency is pushing to eliminate insurance coverage of mammograms for women of certain ages based on the idea that they do not need the test every year. I would suggest getting the test, even if you have to pay for it without insurance coverage. I know that I will have the test every year. I do not want to chance burdening my family with having to deal with an ugly disease that can be controlled if dealt with early. When we get sick, it impacts the entire family.

This issue of the *Watch on the Rhine* contains several very important articles. There is a “Call for proposals to change the Society C&BL.” If anyone needs help with this issue, please let me know. I am the C&BL Chairman so it is my job to collect everyone’s desired changes to our governing documents. There is also a “Call for Nominations for Society Awards.” I know that there are excellent members in every outpost who deserve to be recognized. I will be happy to help anyone who wants to nominate a member. I am available at any of the contacts on page 2—U.S. Mail, e-mail, or phone. If you need help composing the nomination, just let me know, I will be happy to help. Let’s get busy and recognize our deserving folks. Joe Herron is the Awards Chair. All nominations should be sent to him. His contact information is also on page 2 of the *Watch*. Nevertheless, I can still help anyone. Joe would like to receive many nominations. Check the *Watch* carefully for other important documents.

As you know, all directors and staff of the Scholarship Foundation are volunteers. They receive no compensation for what they do. It is hard to thank them because they all view their work for the Foundation, including judging the grant entries, as an honor. Nevertheless, an opportunity to give them a token of appreciation presented itself this past month when the Society Challenge Coins became available. Joe and I bought a coin for each of the directors and our Foundation webmaster. It was a small gesture, but we know they are proud of their coins, and we hope they know how much we appreciate all they do.

There is a nice story in “Scholarship News” that I believe you will find interesting, and the “Outpost News” section is especially interesting this issue. There are several photos included in that section, and the reports demonstrate the good job the outposts are doing. We commend their leaders and their supporters.

Our president, Joe Ball, has provided the book review for this issue. His help with the *Watch* is never ending, and I am grateful for the time he sacrifices to help me turn out a good document. If anyone wants this job, please let me know.

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### 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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It is time to get our offspring busy compiling their scholarship grant applications. The application and instructions are on our Foundation Website at www.3idscholarshipfoundation.org or you can contact me for a copy. My contact information is on page 2. The deadline for entries is June 1, 2016. We must have an official college/university student number to pay grants. Those about to graduate from high school need to set up an account at the college/university/technical school of their choice. Once the institution of higher learning receives money from a new student, the institution sets up a student account. We pay grants to the recipients’ accounts so that is why we need the official student number.

Currently, the Scholarship Foundation directors and staff are working on the 2016 program. We are hoping to receive more sponsored grants for 2016. Now is the time for donors to send their scholarship grant donations to the Foundation. This should be done before the end of the year so you can deduct the donation from your Income Tax. The Foundation issues a tax-certification letter for every donation received. If you are donating to the Foundation, don’t fail to apply for matching funds from your employer or former employer.

We received the following wonderful letter from Karen and James Van Delden. They are sponsoring the “Karen and James Van Delden’s Award in Honor of Uncles Marinus and Theodorus Van Delden.” Here is a brief story about these two gentlemen:

“Both of my uncles were in military service with the Dutch-East Indies Armed Forces in the 1940s. Oom (Uncle) Marinus served as a machinist aboard the Dutch light cruiser HMS De Ruyter, the flagship of Admiral Karel Doorman. The Dutch admiral commanded a small combined American-British-Dutch-Australian task force against the invading Japanese. Oom Marinus lost his life in the Battle of the Java Sea in February of 1942. Oom Theodorus served in the Dutch Colonial Infantry. His unit was eventually captured defending the country, and he was subsequently sent to India as a POW. He died in a camp near the former city of Saigon, date not precisely known.” It is wonderful to know a bit about those we honor. So many of our donors want to remain anonymous. If so, we learn little about those being honored with their wonderful gifts, and our readers don’t know who provided the gift for our young people. We thank the Van Deldens for these brief comments about their uncles and we are proud to honor them and their service with the grant the Van Deldens are sponsoring.

It is a bit early to list our 2016 awards as our program is developing. Nevertheless, we want to share the awards we have so far. Our two Legacy awards and other grants that have been pledged follow: If you intend to sponsor a grant this year and it is not listed below, please let us know.

“Award in Honor and Memory of Thomas W. Mason” and “Award in Honor of Major General Maurice W. Kendall”; “Karen and James Van Delden’s Award in Honor of Uncles Marinus and Theodorus Van Delden,” “Award in Honor and Memory of SFC Ralph E. ‘Rick’ Richenbacher,” “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 Memory and Honor of Robert M. Wittig,” and of course, our “Scholarship Foundation Memorial Award.” This year, the Foundation will also honor Robert M. Wittig and others with the Scholarship Foundation Memorial Award. Mr. Wittig made out his check to sponsor an award just before he passed away. His daughter sent the check and his letter to the Foundation when she discovered it. She is also honoring her father with the award.

In addition to planning our scholarship grant program for 2016, we are also collecting donated prizes for our 2017 raffle. To date, we have one weapon (donated by Joe Ball), a queen-size 3rd I.D. quilt (donated by Kathy Daddato), a beautiful, hand-crocheted tapestry or lap cover (donated by Shirley Conley), Henry Bodden’s book about WWII battle sites then and now (donated by Dick and Deveny Wells), and several books (donated by Dan and Cleo Callahan). We thank our donors and are grateful for this nice start to our collection of prizes. We look forward to receiving more prizes for this important fund-raising event. Money received from the raffle ensures a strong scholarship grant program for the coming year.

Following is a list of those who have contributed to the Foundation since the last Watch on the Rhine. We are very grateful for their kind gifts in support of our young people.

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- Gold, $500–$999; Silver, $100–$499; Bronze, $1–$99

**THE SOCIETY OF THE 3ID IS LOOKING FOR YOU!**
The Society of the Third Infantry Division has existed for 97 years and is the oldest continuous Army Association.

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

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

There is a membership application on p. 30. Join today!
Member Jocelyne Papelard has emceed or participated in several ceremonies in France in September. At the ceremony in Luxeuil les Bains honoring the 36th Infantry Division of Texas, the city adopted the grave of one soldier, 1st Lt. Melvin Clemens of Texas, who was deceased on the very day of the liberation, September 16, 1944. Clemens was the recipient of the DSC, Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart.

On September 20th, Jocelyne attended the ceremony at Vy Les Lure, a small village where the 7th Regiment suffered greatly with many casualties while fighting against the Germans entrenched on the hill above the village’s main road.

On September 23rd, Jocelyne and others visited the cemetery at Epinal. In attendance were 26 French veterans, 70-80 years old. Jocelyne said, “We made the tour of the cemetery and drew their attention to several graves; in particular were the graves of 1st Lt. Victor L. Kandle and SSgt. Gus J. Kefurt, both were recipients of the Medal of Honor. Both served with the 3rd Infantry Division.”

“The September 24th ceremony held at Epinal commemorated the liberation of the town of Epinal by the 45th Infantry Division. Superintendent Anderson and I went downtown for the Franco-French ceremony of the liberation of Epinal. We also attended the cocktail party hosted by the mayor of Epinal and his council.”

“On the 26th we attended the ceremony at the Epinal American Cemetery. A nearby village, Archelettes, adopted the grave of Bernardino Petracca, a Soldier of the 45th Infantry Division. It was the 45th that liberated the village. Participating with the mayor and the council members were inhabitants of the village, flag bearers, the village band, and school children who recited poems for the Soldier. Petracca’s parents had emigrated from Italy to America.

On the 27th, members of the Adopt a Grave Association were invited by the president of the French War Veterans to represent the Association during ceremonies at the Epinal American Cemetery.”

At the Village of Raddon commemoration, Jocelyne, local children, dignitaries, and reenactors commemorated its liberation by the 3rd Battalion of the 30th Infantry Regiment. It was during this liberation that Sgt. Harold Messerschmidt’s heroism earned him the Medal of Honor. The village people gathered around the monument dedicated to Messerschmidt; the village choir sang songs, and the mayor delivered a speech saying, “We will never forget these young Americans who came from so far away to free our country and who died for the freedom of our village.” Children attended and several local people were clad in GI uniforms with vintage 1944 jeeps and other vehicles.

Jocelyne and Vice President of the “Adopt a Grave Association.” The photo was taken where the soldiers of the 36th and 45th Divisions crossed the Moselle River; the 3rd I.D. crossed just south of this spot.

September has been a busy month. After filing this report, Jocelyne went to Paris to assist her daughter following the birth of her first child. However, big plans are underway for December. On the 13th of December, Jocelyne, the Adopt a Grave Association, and many other Epinal supporters will light the whole cemetery with an LED candle illuminating every headstone, as well as all 424 names on the “Wall of the Missing.”
June 13, 2015, Charleston, South Carolina

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by President Joe Ball. Chaplin Jerry Daddato delivered the Invocation. Secretary-Treasurer John Weis announced that a quorum was present. Executive Committee members present were Joe Ball, John Weis, Kathleen Daddato, Louis Bravos, Pat Williamson, Paul Grabert, and Tom Heitzer. In addition James Straw gave Louis Bravos his proxy. Lynn Ball and Leonard Collins were invited to the meeting as advisers.

President Joe Ball stated that there has been a change to the Constitution and By-laws (C&BL) whereby committee chairs will serve the same 2 year term as the President. Committee chairs were approved as follows:

- Joe Herron - Awards chair
- Bill Buntrock - Nominations & Elections
- Lynn Ball - C&BL chair
- Tom Maines - Public Relations chair
- Leonard Collins - Reunion chair
- Kathy Daddato - Membership chair

Joe Ball introduced the idea of a Society Challenge Coin. Toby Knight got prices for a Society challenge coin, and Joe passed around examples of coins from other organizations. The face side of a Society coin would have “Society of the 3rd Infantry Division U.S. Army” and on the reverse side would be “Dogface Soldier – Rock of the Marne” along with the Division Symbol. The estimated cost of 100 coins would be $439.00 ($100 for dye and $3.39 for each coin. The Society could sell the coin much like we sell decals. They could also be given to outgoing Society officers. A price of $20 was suggested for the coin, and ground rules would have to be developed for the use of the coins. Leonard Collins said that he would also do some research for a coin and submit a price. The Executive Committee approved going ahead with the project.

Joe received a proposal from a company for setting up and maintaining a web site for the Society. This would take the place of the web site we currently have administered by Rich Heller. The cost of setting up a new web site would be $2000. After the initial setup there would be charges on the order of $100 per month to make changes and maintain the web site. After much discussion of cost and web site deadlines Kathy Daddato moved that for the present time we keep the current web site arrangement. Tom Heitzer seconded the motion and the motion passed 8-0.

Joe received a letter from a member who stated that the Society should look into the possibility of a Society personalized auto license plate. Joe mentioned that we would have to have an agreement with all 50 States to do this. The initial charge would be approximately $500.00 per State. The return to the Society would be approximately $5.00 per plate sold. Pat Williamson mentioned that his State required a veteran to belong to a veterans club such as the American Legion or VFW to be eligible to purchase a plate. After much discussion it was decided that the Society plate idea be tabled. Joe mentioned that the outposts may want to pursue the idea of a Society plate in their State.

A gentleman wrote to Kathy Daddato about the idea of giving a free one year Society membership for a 100% disabled person. The VA makes disability determinations for veterans. Paul Grabert raised the question of eligibility for only veterans of the 3rd Infantry Division or to include associates of 3rd Infantry Division veterans. There was also the issue of current members of the Society that are 100% disabled. Many of the executive committee members felt that a one year $20 gift membership was somewhat of a nominal amount to make an issue of. No motion was made and the idea was withdrawn for lack of support.

Joe received a flyer from the American Divisions Association. They have a reunion every year. Last year it was held in Branson Missouri. Carl Topie used to go to these reunions every year. The Association pays for the hotel room, meals, and tours for 3 days for the Society representative who attends. Next year the reunion will be in Charleston, West Virginia. The local Chamber of Commerce will donate up to $350 for transportation. The public relations chair will be given first opportunity to attend the reunion. If the public relations chair is unable to attend, a member of the executive committee will have an opportunity to attend.

The next item on the agenda was the 2016 and 2017 reunions dates and locations. The members attending the general membership meeting voted to have the reunions after the 15th of September. Joe moved that the 2016 and 2017 reunions be held after the 15th of September at a location to be determined. Paul Grabert seconded, and the motion passed 6-0. John Weis presented the results of the general membership voting for locations. The top three locations were Gettysburg 32, Fort Stewart 26, and San Antonio 25. A discussion followed regarding the availability of facilities and of obtaining an honor guard at Gettysburg. Leonard Collins mentioned that the reunion for the 7th Regiment was held at Gettysburg and that facilities were more than adequate to host a reunion. Joe Ball said that an honor guard could be obtained at the local American Legion or VFW post. Joe also mentioned that next year Leonard would have the assistance of a reunion planner. Joe moved that the 2016 reunion would be held in Gettysburg after September 15th. John Weis seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a vote of 6-1. The executive committee further agreed to hold the reunion September 22nd – 25th 2016.

Since the general membership voted Ft. Stewart and San Antonio as 2nd and 3rd place locations it was felt that one of these locations should be chosen for the 2017 reunion. Given the fact that the 2014 reunion was held at Ft. Stewart the discussion centered on San Antonio as the location. The availability of facilities is very good in San Antonio and Ft. Sam Houston would be able to provide an honor guard. Tom Heitzer moved that the reunion be held in San Antonio and Paul Grabert seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0. It was further decided that the dates for the reunion would be September 21st – 25th, 2017.

The last item on the agenda was the 2015-2016 budget. Joe went over next year’s proposed budget by line item. Receipts will fall somewhat short this year due to lower raffle ticket sales and
lower roster donations than budgeted. The budget for next year reflects the lower than anticipated receipts from these two budgeted items. Based on input from Pat Williamson and Rich Heller the disbursements for Memorial Fund was increase to $700 and the disbursements for the Keep in Touch Cards was increased to $460. Joe mentioned that reunion costs would be higher than anticipated due to poor communications by the Embassy Suites & The Charleston Convention Group staff. John Weis moved that the 2015-2016 budget be approved with noted corrections. Pat Williamson seconded and the motion passed 8-0.

Jerry Daddato led the committee in the benediction. Joe thanked the committee and adjourned the meeting.

—Submitted Secretary-Treasurer John Weis

General Membership Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2015, Charleston, South Carolina

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by President Joe Ball. Bart Viruso led the “Pledge of Allegiance,” and Jerry Daddato delivered the Invocation. Joe Ball made the following acknowledgments:

Rich Heller—for his work on the 2015 roster.

Joe Sinnott—Roster graphics

Dave Mills—Event Representation

Lynn Ball—Editor, Watch on the Rhine

Tom Maines—Public Relations

Kathy Daddato—Membership Chair

Secretary-Treasurer John Weis conducted the roll call of national officers which included Joe Ball, John Weis, Kathy Daddato, Bart Viruso, Paul Grabert, and Louis Bravos.

John Weis and Bart Viruso conducted the count of outpost members attending the meeting and were as follows:
OP#1-4, OP#2-3, OP#3-4, OP#4-0, OP#5-6, OP#7-2, OP#11-1, OP#12-0, OP#13-1, OP#15-0, OP#17-2, OP#18-0, OP#22-1, OP#33-0, OP#35-4, OP#52-0, OP#54-1, OP#57-5, OP#60-0, OP#63-0, OP#88-0, OPMarine-1, and OP#5845-0.

Joe Ball expressed his appreciation to two new outpost presidents: Richard Longfellow of outpost #1 and Jeff Ashmen of outpost Marne Association.

There were no changes to the minutes of the 2014 meeting in Columbus, Georgia and they were accepted by the membership. John Weis read the 2015 Executive Committee Actions and they were accepted with no changes. The actions were printed in the June Watch.

National Officers reports were as follows:

• ER Committee and Membership Report: Kathy Daddato. Kathy had no report for the eastern region. Kathy gave the membership chair report: deceased members were 114 for the year. There are 377 unpaid members, and current membership stands at 2007.

• Bart Viruso, ER committee had nothing to report. Louis Bravos, WR Committee mentioned that he was very much involved in executive committee actions. Louis also gave a report for WR Committee James Srawn who could not attend. In April Outpost #22 had a medal awards presentation to Korean War veterans given by the Korean Embassy.

Staff Reports were as follows:

• Watch on the Rhine Editor: Lynn Ball. Six issues of the Watch were published for the year. Lynn received many kind words about the Watch which are very much appreciated. Lynn said she is particularly grateful to those who sent personal stories for publication. Lynn mentioned that she along with Rich Heller, and John Weis performed a review of the current publisher. Finisterre Publishing. The outcome of the review was very favorable. Finisterre will continue to publish The Watch.

• Active Duty Liaison: Sheila Hearron. Nothing to report

• Chaplin: Jerry Daddato. Jerry reported that 114 sympathy cards were sent out. A widow of a WWII veteran contacted Jerry about a German flag that had flown over Berchtesgaden. The widow would donate the flag on the condition that it would go to Ft. Stewart to be placed on the wall, under glass, with a picture of her late husband underneath the flag. Jerry said that the 3rd Infantry Division was the first Allied unit to enter Berchtesgaden, and that the 101st Airborne was the first visiting unit.

• Historian: Tim Stoy. Tim Stoy was not able to attend the reunion. He was in Korea. Joe Ball read a report sent in by Tim.

Tim conducted research at the National Archives on the 3rd Division’s operations in WWII, Korea, and the Cold War. He assisted in Korean Ministry of Patriot and Veterans Affairs to award the Korean Medal of Honor to Hiroshi Miyamura, and escorted Mr. Miyamura to Korea to receive it. He assisted the City of Nuremberg with the dedication, and coordination with the Battle Monuments Commission, and the Center of Military History for the 100th anniversary of the Army’s participation in WWII. Tim assisted in five European events held by Outpost International.

• Judge Advocate: Harvey Sladkus. Harvey could not make the reunion and had nothing to report. Joe mentioned that he had asked Harvey to review a proposal by one of the outpost’s wanting to take title to an old Post Office in California that the Government was giving away, free. Harvey recommended that the Society not get involved with this due to potential liability. Harvey also reviewed the Embassy Suites contract for the reunion. Harvey’s only comment was that the contract was written in such a way that mostly benefited the hotel.

• Auditor: Steve Sullivan. Steve reported that he and acting Treasurer Dave Mills went through an audit of the 2014 books and that the audit was clean which is standard for the Society. Based on what Steve has seen he doesn’t anticipate any problems with the 2015 audit. Steve added that retired military people and other organizations are very impressed with the Watch on the Rhine issues and the Society web site.

• Medical Officer: James Van Delden. Joe mentioned that he received a note from Jim expressing his regret at not being able to attend the reunion.
• Sergeant-at-Arms: Bart Viruso. Bart suggested that at the reunion membership meetings that after everyone was seated he would bring in the American Flag and place it in the meeting room just before the Pledge of Allegiance. The membership agreed to this. Prior to this, the Colors were pre-set.
• Webmaster – Rich Heller. Rich reported that the web site is averaging 1000 visits per month. He mentioned that he does not have a deadline for submitting information so time sensitive submissions are not an issue, A Face book page was added last year which has been successful. Current and past issues of the Watch on the Rhine can be accessed on the web site. Rich stressed the need to recruit members through the internet.
• Data Base Administrator/Roster Manager – Rich Heller mentioned that a check scanner has made it much quicker to process checks. There are still 370 members that owe dues for next year. Emails have been sent to the outposts to remind outpost leaders of the members that still need to pay their dues.

Committee Reports were as follows:
• Awards Chair: Joe Herron mentioned that a total of five award plaques and two checks will be presented at the awards banquet. Joe said that he received a lot of help from Lynn Ball. Joe Ball said that Henry Burke will have a cane presentation at the banquet.
• Constitution and By-laws Chair: Lynn Ball mentioned that there were 18 proposals for change to the C&B submitted by members and published in the April Watch on the Rhine. A 67% approval is required for passage. All proposals passed with an 89% approval rate or higher vote. The new changes will be incorporated within the next 30 days and will be published on the Society website. The “President’s Manual and Standard Operating Procedures” will be updated within the required 60 days.
• Scholarship Foundation: Lynn Ball. Lynn reported that the Scholarship Foundation has completed 10 years of existence. Currently, the judges are striving to select the recipients for this year. There will be 8 awards of $1000 each. The awards are as follows: “Award in Honor and Memory of Thomas W. Mason,” “Award in Honor of Major General Maurice W. Kendall,” “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,” “Col. and Mrs. Terrence A. Smith Award in Honor of the 184th Infantry Assault, OIF 2005-2006, a Valorous Unit,” “Award in Honor and Memory of 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers for Their Meritorious Services in the Evacuation of Military and Civilian Refugees from Hungham, North Korea, December 1950,” and “Scholarship Foundation Memorial Award”
• Nominations Chair: Joe Ball: Elections were held this year for committee men and Secretary-Treasurer, each for a two-year term. There are two committee members changes this year: Tom Heitzer is a Central Region Committee and Pat Williamson is an Eastern Region Committee man. The new nominations chair is Bill Buntrock.
• Public Relations Chair: Tom Maines. Tom was unable to attend the reunion. Joe stated that Tom has placed the following ads and paid for them himself: 8 ads in Frontline, National Enlisted Association, National Newspaper Association, Viet Nam Veterans Association, and Sounds of Philly – Philadelphia, PA.
• Reunion Chair: Leonard Collins will report on the current year reunion next year.

Elections: Joe Ball. Joe stated that Tom Heitzer, Pat Williamson, and John Weis will be sworn in and will serve on the Executive Committee starting tomorrow.

Discussion on 2016 and 2017 reunions: Joe Ball presented the survey that was sent to random members earlier in the year. Gettysburg received 183 points, Ft. Stewart 172 points, and San Antonio 174 points. Joe called for a vote as to how many of the members present would attend each city. Cities and voting results follow: Gettysburg (32), Savannah (26), Fort Stewart (26), San Antonio (25), Kansas City (15), Branson (10), Ft. Benning (20), West Point (24), Washington D.C. (18), and San Diego (17).

Date of Reunions: The reunion members present were then asked to vote on whether they would rather have the reunion in September (after the 15th), June, or Marne week (1st week in November). September received 32 votes, June 10 votes, and Marne week 5 votes. Joe stated that these results would be discussed in the Executive Committee meeting and a final decision would be made.

Comments from the Floor – Joe Ball
1. There was a lengthy discussion on having a reunion in the center of the United States so that it might appeal to more of the membership.
2. A suggestion was made that those members who served in Viet Nam (not necessarily while with the 3rd) have it indicated on their reunion badge.
3. A suggestion was made to have the name on the reunion badge made larger.
4. Jim Hafer announced that the Outpost Harry Survivors Association is expected to join The Society as Outpost #53. Joe mentioned that there must be at least 10 members in the outpost.
5. Joe Ball stated that the Anzio Beachhead Association may also be incorporated within The Society. Joe said that through family and friends of the two survivors associations the Outpost Harry and Anzio Beachhead outposts could live on indefinitely.
6. Pat Williamson stated that the membership is welcome to attend Outpost #7’s laying of the wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknowns and the 3rd Infantry Division Monument at Arlington National Cemetery.
7. A lively discussion occurred concerning the order of the various Allied units into Berchtsgaden.

Installation of Officers by Jerry Daddato: Pat Williamson, Tom Heitzer, and John Weis were sworn in as officers.

Closing Prayer – Jerry Daddato. Jerry led the membership in a closing prayer.

Adjournment – Joe Ball. Joe thanked everyone who attended and adjourned the meeting.

—Submitted Secretary-Treasurer John Weis
It’s a Small World

By Frank Klappert

S
mall World stuff here: I was reading in the Watch about “Duty in Korea” by Larry Chouinard and his memories of the USS Frederick Funston: Me too—in September 1954. I went to Japan—stopped at ARAK in the Aleutians for a couple of hours for whatever reasons. The fog was so thick we could hardly see the pier and that poor sentry walking guard.

Anyway, one day, on our way, with hundreds and hundreds of guys on deck, someone yelled, “Whale Ho!” Every guy on deck ran to the port side to see the whale. The ship listed to the side so steep that the captain ordered everyone to center “immediately!” “Anyone at the rails would be court martialed.” Things returned to normal; but not for too long.

Someone yelled “Whale” on the starboard side. Almost the same thing happened. After that it became a game. “Whale Ho!” was yelled at the stern. Guys ran to the back, then to the bow laughing and carrying on. Great sport: something to do out of boredom. And so—my experience with the USS was motor-homing throughout the U.S. 20 years ago. I went into a barbershop and asked how they named the town “Malta.” The barber said that they put a whole bunch of names in a bucket and that’s the name that was picked.

Later, we went into a small store that sold a variety of things. The owner was there, and while browsing, I started chatting with him. I noticed he had an accent. So I asked him where he came from originally. He said, “Europe.” That accent sounded familiar so I said, “from Malta?” Surprised, he said, “Yes, See that lady over there? This is my wife. She is from Malta.” He couldn’t have been happier. It made his day. My wife came over and they talked and talked. It is a small world, indeed.

Frederick Funston. You might pass this on to Larry.

Looking through the Watch, I read “Teenage Tankers,” by RB Sanford. I stopped in his hometown, Malta, when I
The next morning, I was shown where the Chinese positions were. They weren’t more than five hundred yards to our front on a small hill. I was shown where the defensive artillery concentrations were located. After we settled in, I decided to fire a couple of rounds into each concentration to make sure they would impact where I wanted them. As each concentration was fired to my satisfaction, it was given a number which was marked on my map.

All of this activity took about 30 minutes. I could see no enemy movement on their hill and felt quite safe. I was standing in a trench about four feet deep on the front of our hill. Evidently I was seen by a Chinese forward observer. Suddenly there was a big whoosh, indicating incoming mortar rounds. The rounds impacted about five yards behind me on the upper slope of my hill. Needless to say, I’ll never forget how close I came to meeting my maker.

When a mortar shell explodes, all the fragments move out horizontally from the point of impact. Lucky for me, the round was about five yards higher than me, on the hillside to my rear. Thus, all the fragments whizzed over my head. Before I could get in a bunker, close by, three more rounds came crashing in. My crew and I waited out the shelling. We probably got another 10 rounds which fell all around us. Luckily, there were no hits on the roof, which wasn’t very thick. When things quieted down, we got our equipment together and moved out of that particular area with as much stealth and haste as we could manage.

My carelessness in overexposing myself while firing the defensive concentrations almost “did me in”—a lesson I didn’t forget. That was one of the closest calls I had while I was in Korea. One hundred-twenty millimeter mortars were the biggest the Chinese had and to have that much land within five yards of you and not get a scratch is amazing.

While I stayed on that outpost (I guess I must have been out there at least 10-to-15 days) my crew and a platoon of infantry were all by ourselves. The chow was brought up to us twice a day, in the morning and in the evening, in insulated food containers, which keeps the food fairly warm. It wasn’t great, but it was something to keep us going. One day we sent a platoon patrol out and they came back with a Chinese soldier about one or two o’clock in the afternoon. When he was interrogated he told us we were going to be attacked that night at 10 p.m. by his battalion. We dug our holes a little bit deeper and more ammunition was brought up to us. I fired in more artillery concentrations and waited. Of course nobody went to sleep that night. I told my crew to stay close because we might be overrun and I wanted to know where they were. The closer it got to 10 p.m., the tenser we became.

At exactly 10 o’clock, we were hit by a rain of artillery and mortars. I can still remember explosions, dust, yelling, and a rush of adrenalin as I began calling for artillery. Flares were going off overhead so we could see the Chinese attacking. I had placed my F.O. crew out on the perimeter about 10 yards from my foxhole. I told them to keep watching down the sides of our hill to see if any Chinese were climbing up to attack us. Our hill was very steep and about three hundred feet above the valley floor. My intention was to keep firing artillery until we were under direct attack. Then I would help out on the perimeter.

One of my men came to my hole and told me they were climbing the hill. When I joined my men on the perimeter, all I could see were shadows moving on the hillside. These were caused by the flares swinging from side to side. It made the shadows look like men crawling up the hill. I returned to my business of directing fire.

Somehow during this action, my radio antenna was broken off the radio. The antenna normally screws into a fitting on top of the radio case. It was a desperate situation as I could not contact my guns if the radio didn’t work. I finally solved the problem by holding the antenna in place with one hand while transmitting with the microphone in the other.

There were quite a few wounded guys on our hill because of the mortar and artillery fire we received. The Chinese broke off their attack as dawn was breaking. This incident was the closest I ever came to being overrun in Korea. It was a very tense night, from 10 p.m. to about five a.m. That’s seven straight hours under attack. We were constantly shooting, but they didn’t take our hill and they didn’t take the hills next to us.

It was getting on towards Christmas time. We were getting ready to attack a hill out in front of us. It was a pretty good sized hill and we could see Chinese emplacements all over it. We were going to take that hill with a platoon. The plan was to have an infantry platoon move up to the base of the hill. I was to put artillery fire directly on top of the hill. I was to stop firing and the infantry would start moving up. As soon as the Chinese came out of their holes to fire at them, I was to resume firing artillery again.

At the top of the hill we zeroed our artillery the day before Christmas. On the hill where we were going to observe the fire, there was a pole stuck in the ground. On top of it was something that looked like a mailbox. It was red and white and it had Merry Christmas on it. We thought it was a booby trap. Someone had a big, long stick and knocked the mailbox down off the pole. When it hit the ground, there were presents in it! Each present had “For the U.N. soldiers” written on the paper. I got one of the presents. It was a handkerchief. It had some candy in it, and it was wrapped in a propaganda leaflet. It showed a big fat guy sitting beside a pool smoking a big cigar and he had a good-looking woman right next to him and written in English it said, “What is your girlfriend doing now?” We all had a good laugh.

I zeroed each of my six guns in on the top of the enemy hill. At about four o’clock the next morning we moved up to our observation hill. I had with me a new replacement 2nd Lieutenant. I’d finally gotten a replacement forward observer. He was from New York City and didn’t know much about combat because this was his first time. He had a camera and he was taking pictures. Chinese MG bullets were cutting the leaves all around us and the leaves were coming down on us out of the trees. I told him to get down. He
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asked why. I told him he was being fired at by an enemy MG. Finally he realized what was going on and hit the ground.

Since I had zeroed all six of my guns exactly on top of the hill the day before, all I had to do was request fire on that concentration. I could see our infantry guys working their way up the hill. When they were about two-thirds up, I requested two rounds per gun. As soon as the rounds began to hit the hill, I was astounded to see some falling among our soldiers. I called back to battalion for a cease fire. By this time, all 12 rounds had been fired, some on our own troops. Of course the attack bogged down as there were wounded and maybe killed. To this day, I can't recall how many casualties there were. My mind won't let me remember.

We finally got back to our positions and everybody wanted to know what the hell went wrong. Who did it? Who was the forward observer? Since I was the forward observer, I got orders to get in the jeep right now and report to the division artillery commander, who is a Brigadier General. I was really shaking in my boots because I didn't know what went wrong.

I got back to the rear about eight or nine o'clock that night. I was told to report to the Division Artillery Commander and explain what happened. I told him exactly what I did. I told him all guns were zeroed in on the same spot on top of the hill. When I fired the next day, they landed about 25 yards short. He asked me why. I told him I thought it was because the weather had changed. When I fired in the afternoon, it was probably about 40-45 degrees. When we went into the attack the next morning, it was well below freezing. Cold air can cause shells to fall shorter. The people back at battalion fire direction who do all the fire direction computations should have taken that into account. Someone takes the temperature and the wind and they make corrections for that. I told the General that I did exactly what I was supposed to do. Those rounds landed short and I stopped the fire as soon as I could. I don't know what they did at battalion. The General dismissed me and I now had to drive back to my unit.

It was about midnight and I had to drive from division rear all the way up to the front lines. There were always Chinese running around at night. Our map wasn't too good and, of course, there were no road signs or lights. We eventually came upon an artillery unit shooting their guns. They were able to tell me how to get to the 58th Field Artillery Battalion. We finally arrived at our own battalion after a short ride. It was a night to remember. It was just me and my driver. He never said a word during this scary ride. We were two happy guys when we got back.

To be continued in the February Watch.

Running with the Bulls

By Paul Desroches
15th Inf., 3rd I. D. 1957-59

I t was the second week of July in 1959 when Sam Fry and I left Paris, France, and headed for the Spanish city of Pamplona, for the annual festival. We were members of the U. S. Army, having both been drafted in 1957. We were on a 30-day leave after one and one-half years of intensive duty on the “Iron Curtain” with the 3rd Infantry Division.

The countryside was quite picturesque and the ride was very smooth; however, our entry into Spain was a different experience. Guards with machine guns searched us, questioned us, and finally believed that we were only tourists and let us pass.

We stopped for the night in San Sebastian and continued the next morning to Pamplona. We parked the car outside of town and headed for the arena where we met an American girl who sold us tickets to the day’s bullfight which was a sellout. We were so lucky to get the tickets.

We then headed to the narrow lane where the bulls would be running into the arena. We heard the hoofs beats, the cheers of the crowd, and we felt the danger as we started to run with our bolsas of wine and red neckerchiefs on display.

It was really happening. Then I came to my senses and yelled at Sam, “Let’s get (the heck) out of here.” Sam wanted to continue the run, but I convinced him it wasn’t worth getting gored by those angry bulls.

We then went to the arena entrance. Our tickets were accepted and we found our seats. It was a full stadium—perhaps 100,000 people, all celebrating, passing food and wine, and good cheer.

It was a spectacle like I had never before seen—a combination of ballet, rodeo, Broadway show, World Series Game, all with a very gory ending.

After the fights, we left the arena and headed for the town square for a drink. We ordered Cuba Libres, as that was the drink Spanish people drank in those days—to promote the overthrow of a very oppressive Cuban government. Little was it known that the following Castro Regime would prove to be even worse.

We were on about our 3rd drink when Sam leaned into my face, and with a very excited voice said, “There’s Papa!” I said, “Who is Papa?” He said, “It’s Ernest Hemingway.” I looked over, and sure enough, Ernest Hemingway was sitting at the next table with his wife, Mary, and others. Sam reminded me that I had a copy of Hemingway’s The Old Man and the Sea in my car, and said we should have “Papa” sign it. I thought about it, took a sip of my drink, and said, “Sam, let’s leave him alone, and let’s have another Cuba Libre.”
Bruce Monkman wrote a little history of the 30th Infantry Regimental crest: Assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division at the Presidio after WWI, the shield of the 30th infantry coat of arms featured the division’s shoulder sleeve insignia and a canton and a broken chevron to commemorate the regiment’s role in turning back the July 1918 German assault on the Marne River. The mess jacket piece shown is gold rather than silver (as on the approved crest) with three bars on those shoulder enameled white instead of silver. This un-catalogued variation is based on the organizational painting of the coat of arms given to the Quartermaster General around 1921, featuring decorative scrolls flowing from behind the boar’s head crest and a white scroll inscribed “Our County, Not Ourselves.”

Bob Lovner called for another reason, but he praised the Watch. He looks forward to each issue, and he likes the nostalgia and memories that we have been fortunate to print—thanks to our contributors. He mentioned travelling to and fro on the USS Buckner when he served in Germany from 1958-60. He mentioned a German family with whom he became friendly and said he and his wife visited them in 1998. He hopes to write us about his time in Germany and also about the German family.

Gabe Gaevarra wrote: “Your article on “Bonus Army” from the October issue is wonderful and informative. I hope that you will consider publishing Ernest Hemingway’s angry article regarding the tragedy that happened to the veterans in the Florida Keys.”

Jerry Daddato called with interest in the 3rd ID Jacket that the Scholarship Foundation has for sale. He praised the “Bonus Army” article and the Watch in general.

John Weis wrote “I enjoyed your article on the Bonus Army. Back then our government said that our veterans had to wait for their bonuses. Today we hear about our veterans having to wait to receive medical attention at our VA hospitals. Funny how things never change.”

Allen Collins wrote to thank us for providing some copies of The Watch for his recent military reunion. He reported that everyone really liked the publication. Allen also complimented us concerning the recent issue of The Watch. We hope some of his attendees join the Society so they can continue to receive The Watch.

Paul Desroches sent a story for the Watch on the Rhine and included this comment: “Thanks for putting out a good publication.”

James Timmens wrote with nice compliments about the Watch on the Rhine. The rest of his note is of interest to those who served in or near Wurzburg during the Cold War period. There was an old pre-war hospital that later became a military hospital. The C.O. was from Finland. He had served in Hitler’s army and was awarded the Iron Cross. James knew him as a colonel in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. He later retired and remained in Wurzburg, Germany.

Jude Grabert expressed her pleasure in reading about the “Bonus Army” in the last Watch on the Rhine, and several members at the recent outpost meeting agreed and extended their compliments about the article. Several members also complimented Keith Schmidt on the article he wrote about his brother, Jack. It was an excellent 1st person article. We don’t often have the author of an article present at our meetings.

Bill Driggers wrote: “I enjoyed the current issue of the magazine very much, thank you for the tremendous job you are doing. Best wishes to you and Joe for the tremendous job y’all are doing for the Association.”

Old Veteran Pride

[The following article, written by Dan Bartlett, Department Service Officer, Topeka, Kansas, was sent to us by Dale McGraw. Outpost #4 members thought it might be nice to have it published in The Watch.]

Actually, it is not a bad thing to be called [an Old Veteran], as you will see. Old Veterans are easy to spot at sporting events, during the playing of the “Star Spangled Banner” (or “O Canada”). Old Veterans remove their caps and stand at attention and sing without embarrassment. They know all the words.

Old Veterans remember WWII, Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Normandy, and Hitler. They remember the Atomic Age, the Jet Age, and the Moon Landing. They remember the 50 plus Peacekeeping Missions from 1945 to 2005, not to mention Vietnam.

If you bump into an Old Veteran on the sidewalk, he will apologize. If you pass an Old Veteran on the street, he will nod or tip his cap to a lady. Old Veterans trust strangers and are courtly to women.

Old Veterans hold the door for the next person and always, when walking, make certain the lady is on the inside for protection.

Old Veterans get embarrassed if someone curses in front of women and children and they don’t like any filthy or dirty language on TV or in movies.

Old Veterans have moral courage and personal integrity. They seldom brag unless it’s about their children or grandchildren.

It’s the Old Veterans who know our great country is protected, not by politicians, but by the young men and women in the military serving their country.

This country needs Old Veterans with their work ethic, sense of responsibility, pride in their country, and decent values. Thank God for Old Veterans!

Pass this on to all the Old Veterans you know. I was taught to respect my elders. It’s just getting harder to find them.
Midwest

Outpost #1 had eight in attendance at Spanvoes, 266 W. Lake Street, Bloomingdale, Illinois, for our meeting on Saturday, September 14, 2015. Bill Byrnes, Mary Fran Collier, Ed Dybala, Richard Longfellow, Vic Noto, Carl Qualeatti, Charles Stonis, and John Spratt. It was the first meeting for Vick and John. The meeting started at 12:20 PM with the members reciting the “Pledge of Allegiance.” Again, we introduced ourselves and stated our time in service and how we are connected to the 3rd Infantry Division.

The group discussed Cantigny Park and the 1st Infantry Division Museum. Applications were distributed by President Longfellow for the park’s Honor Club which grants free parking and discounts for military veterans. The group discussed the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery and our upcoming spring meeting.

L-R: Richard Longfellow, Mary Fran Collier, Bill Byrnes, John Spratt, Carl Qualeatti, Vic Noto, Edward Dybala, and Charles Stonis.

The fall meeting will likely be at Cooper’s Corner Restaurant which is located a few blocks from Cantigny Park in Wheaton, Illinois, with a tour of the museum following the meeting.

After lunch, a raffle was held, with President Longfellow providing door prizes. Restaurant owner, Tony Spavones and the group sang “God Bless America,” and Tony thanked everyone for his service. Ed Dybala presented each member with a homemade natural olive oil soap bar that was neatly packaged with a photo of the 3rd ID. Patch on the box. Soap making is a hobby of Ed’s and he enjoys making and sharing his soaps. The group sang “Dogface Soldier” and the meeting was adjourned.

The Outpost #1, 2016, spring meeting will be at 11:00 AM on May 11th at Alexander’s Steak House, 1990 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL 60435. Phone number (815-725-2388. We will then go to the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery for a short talk and tour of the facility. It is about 15 minutes from the Steak House.

Please Contact President Richard Longfellow or Secretary-Treasurer John Spratt at addresses on page 31 of The Watch on the Rhine.

—Submitted by President Richard Longfellow

John S. Cole

By the time you read this message, we probably will have had our Tuesday, December 1 meeting at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida, to view our memorial there. Watch this space in the next issue of The Watch on the Rhine for a report. Keep in touch; your comments and suggestions are always welcome. Rock of the Marne

—Submitted by Robert Gibson, Secretary/Treasurer

Fort George Wright

Present at the September 9th Outpost #4 meeting were Jerry Clayburn, Dale McGraw, Don Schafer, Don and Evie Tesch, Bob Valen, and John Weiss. President Don Schafer opened the meeting with the “Pledge of Allegiance” to the Flag of the United States of America. Outpost #63 dedicated a Third Infantry Division Memorial on Memorial Walk Way in March 1999, in Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent Washington. It was one of the first five to be dedicated in the cemetery. Since then 32 more memorials have been placed. Dale McGraw created a photo album to share at the September meeting. Jerry Clayburn moved to donate a 3rd I.D. “Rocky” plaque to the Washington State Veterans’ Home. The motion carried. Also carried was John Weiss’s motion to donate $500.00 to the Wildfire Relief Fund. President Schafer presented a plaque of appreciation to Don and Evie Tesch for their long outstanding service to Outpost #4. Dale McGraw moved to close the meeting at 1:00 PM, seconded by Don Tesch. Our next meeting will be on April 6, 2016 at the Washington State Veterans’ Home in Spokane, Washington, at 11:30 AM.

Submitted by Dale McGraw

Washington, DC

By the time The Watch on the Rhine goes to press, Outpost 7 will have again honored our fallen veterans by holding our traditional meeting and wreath laying ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) on Veterans Day, November 11. We are expecting a good turnout with President Pat Williamson bringing a van load of veterans from the Pennsylvania area and again the usual crowd of tourists who are always in attendance. Our next meeting
will be on Memorial Day, May 30, 2016. We are still negotiating with ANC for an early time which will be announced in a follow up Watch.

In August, we were able to assist in getting a veteran’s funeral with military honors for Emory C. Burkett, a Marne vet with over 20 years of service. His caretaker was unable to locate his form DD 214 nor any other document about his military service. However, after many phone calls and e-mail we were able to prove his military service and arrange for burial in a state veteran’s cemetery with military honors. Marne men are again reminded of the importance of the DD Form 214 and that our next of kin (NOK) know where it is located.

A recent law directs the VA to issue a veterans’ identification card which will display the veteran’s name and photograph and serve as proof that the veteran has a DD Form 214. That should augment but not replace the DD Form 214. For those still on active duty, pay close attention to what is listed on you DD Form 214 when you are discharged. All too often, important details about awards and decoration and service overseas are omitted.

A need continues to exist to expand the slate of officers for Outpost #7. So, forget the old saying, “Never volunteer…” and consider volunteering to serve as an officer of Outpost #7. Warm regards to all and remember, “Once a Marneman—Always a Marneman.

—Submitted by John L. Insani

Charles D. King
Michigan

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Outpost #13 had its fall meeting on Saturday, October 10th at noon at Bakers of Milford. Twenty-five members, friends, and family attended. President Richard Faulkner was at a wedding in Arkansas; Secretary/Treasurer Amy McKenna was at a wedding in the Upper Peninsula. Quartermaster Neff Norrup was called in to work. Thus, Vice President Gordon Draper held down the fort and wore all four hats during the meeting.

First on the agenda was the “Pledge of Allegiance.” The meeting was two days shy of the 123rd anniversary of the initial recitation of the Pledge held on Columbus Day in 1982. It was written by Francis Bellamy to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Columbus’ first landing. The wording has been changed several times through the years. The last was in 1954 when the words, “under god” were added. Before we entered World War II, we were taught to start out with our hands over our hearts while saying, “I pledge allegiance…” and then while saying ‘to the flag...’ point to the flag with the arm full extended and keep it in that position for the rest of the Pledge. This looked very much like the Nazi salute. Therefore, this was changed in 1942 to keeping your hand over your heart for the entire pledge.

We then sang “Dogface Soldier.” Three different versions were discussed. During World War II when we were fighting Germany, we didn’t eat “raw meat” for breakfast but rather used a derogatory name for Germans. When they became our NATO allies, this was very inappropriate, and raw meat went on the menu. When most of us were on active duty what we read on all the posters was, “The Army builds men.” When the Army went coed and women began to take important roles, the line was changed to “Be all that you can be!”

Everyone at the meeting introduced himself/herself and guests. Some related events that happened during their service.

After lunch was served, elections were held. The four incumbents had agreed to serve another term and were unanimously reelected for another two years.

The balance in our treasury is $977.00.

We then finished with more “war” stories. The meeting ended with the playing of “Taps” and a prayer supplied by Immediate Past President George Knight. George pointed out his photo in the October issue of The Watch. It was taken at St. Mark’s Square in Venice, Italy, and showed him with a pigeon on his shoulder. He previously had had a photo published when he had two birds on his shoulders making him a “Bird Colonel.” The recent shot had only one bird so he said he was demoted to a “Half Bird Colonel.”

Before everyone left, members posed for a group picture.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, May 12, 2016 at Baker’s of Milford.

—Submitted by Gordon W. Draper, Vice President

Arizona
Phoenix, AZ

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Outpost 15 will once again participate in the Phoenix Veterans day Parade on November 11th. This year’s theme is “No Longer Forgotten, Honoring our Korean War Veterans.” A luncheon and business meeting will follow at the home of Curtis Gentry.

—Submitted by Curtis Gentry

GIOVINAZZO-YORK
Milwaukee, WIS

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Outpost #18 held its fall meeting on October 4, 2015, at the Five Pillars Supper Club in Random Lake, Wisconsin. There were 18 members and guests in attendance. President Bill Vanark opened the meeting at 10:30 AM with a prayer and playing of the “National Anthem.” Historian Warren Fast asked for any old memorabilia to fill his many openings.
Marv Kostka gave the Treasurer’s Report stating a balance of $612.06 in the outpost treasury. Status of membership: 31 members paid dues for 2016 and the outpost has 12 Life Members. A question was asked: “What is the current refund to the outpost for Life Members?” [Editor’s note: the Society refunds 20% of all dues to the outpost].

VP Mike Bopray reported that he now has no cancer in his body. President Vanark opened a discussion on how many countries were attached to the 3rd I.D. during the Korean War. There were many. President Vanark read an article on the death of MOH Recipient Einar Ingram Jr. He was the last Korea War Soldier from Wisconsin to receive the Medal of Honor. Ed Koleske knew Ingram personally. Marve Kostka reported on his military career, including his time in Korea with the 65th Infantry regiment from April 1952 to March 1953. President Vanark spoke on the “Vets Roll Reunion” held on September 27th in Beloit, Wisconsin. He and Bob Meganck represented Outpost #18.

Marv Kostka donated a 3rd I.D. tie clasp that was raffled. Mike Bopray was the winner. The $12.00 from the raffle was donated to our treasury.

A motion by Bill Vanark, seconded by Warren Fast to make Past president of Outpost #18, Jerry Daddato, a Life Member of the Outpost passed unanimously.

The Benediction was delivered by Bill Vanark followed by the playing of “Taps.” Lunch was served at 11:25 AM and the meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM. The next meeting of Outpost #18 will be on April 17, 2016 at the Five Pillars Supper Club.

—Submitted by Bill Vanark, President

Outpost #22 members join others celebrating Oktoberfest at the Phoenix Club in Anaheim, California, on October 4, 2015.

Mini Meetings: we celebrated Oktoberfest on Oct. 4, 2015 (at the Phoenix Club, Anaheim, CA), and Dune Buggy desert racing (with gold mine cave exploring and weapon shooting, on Oct. 11th). Thanks to Jim Ott (a “Doctors’ Without Borders” volunteer) for transporting California OP #22 members (in his 6 seat airplane) to Arizona for this fantastic adventure. The next Mini-Meetings include: Dec 6, 2015, “A Civil War Christmas” (11am-4pm), meet at the rear entrance of the Civil War Drum Barracks (11 am), 1052 N. Banning Blvd, Wilmington CA. 90744. Then visit the Banning House Museum, at 401 E. “M” St. Wilmington, CA 90744, 1 (310) 548-7509. Free museums, dancing, music, and more. Free admission to two museums, horse carriage rides, food, dancing: Christmas at the Banning House. On Dec. 12, 2015, (10:00 am): Free admission to Knott’s Berry Farm Amusement Park for each veteran, and one free guest, with reduced $30.00 tickets for your next six guests. Veteran Appreciation Days (Nov. 1- Dec 20, 2015), with reduced hotel price of $84.00 per night in the Knott’s Hotel. (714) 220-5200. Meet at the front entrance Christmas tree at (10:00 am).

Birthday Salutes: for OP #22 members with birthdays in October and November: Bob Baker, 10/1; Charles Friedlander, 10/5; Harvey M. Krasner, 10/12; Carmine Marinelli 11/4; Rudolfo Martinez, 10/17; Morris S. Rosen, 10/6; Charles Savery, 11/19; Steven A. Sisneros, 10/11; Jack Sneddon, 10/25; Charles C. Trout, 11/4; and Maurice V. Wilson, 11/13. Happy Birthday.

Reports and hopefully photos concerning Outpost #22 events will appear in the February Christmas.

—Submitted by Ron Greenwood

Outpost #35 held its fall meeting on October 24, 2015, hosted by Jule and Paul Grabert at Babin’s Seafood House in The Woodlands, Texas. Those in attendance included Joe and Lynn Ball, Mel Brown, Kayla Cain, Jule and Paul Grabert, Carol and Tim Linehan, Linda and Jim Reeves, James Timmens, and Keith Schmidt. Several members were unable to make it to the meeting due to the torrential rain and flooding in Texas along the access routes to Houston and all along Interstate Routes 35 and 45. We thank those who braved the
storms and drove over 200 miles (400 round-trip) to join their comrades. It was a wonderful meeting with much camaraderie. Adding to the meeting was 1st Sgt. Toby Knight’s discussion of our new Society Challenge Coin. Toby sold several coins at the meeting, and Jim and Linda Reeves purchased two coins for the outpost to present as door prizes at future meetings. Jim and Linda also provided donations for the Scholarship Foundation and the Outpost, and Keith Schmidt donated to the Outpost. Jack Doherty could not come to the meeting but sent us a check to pay for everyone’s lunch. That was very kind and we thank Jack. We all expressed our appreciation. Jude Grabert brought homemade brownies for dessert. Everyone enjoyed them and some of us took home the leftovers.

Scholarship Foundation Highlights: Report on the upcoming Scholarship fundraising raffle and reminder to have our offspring submit their applications for 2016 scholarship grants. The deadline is 6/1/16.

Treasurer’s Report: Currently, we have sufficient funds to continue outpost business as usual through January.

Spring Meeting: Outpost #35 had planned to hold our spring meeting in Abilene, Texas; however, our host for that meeting will be unable to make arrangements. Jim Reeves and Toby Knight stepped up to host the spring meeting at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club on April 9, 2016. We will gather at 11:00 AM.

Meeting Closure: The meeting closed at 2:27 PM, following the motion by Keith Schmidt, seconded by Mel Brown.

—Submitted by Lynn Ball, Secretary-Treasurer

Western Reserve

Outpost #57 Western Reserve held its fall luncheon at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Bellville, Ohio (Exit 165 off I71) on October 28 at Noon. Rege Rocco made a brief presentation on his recent experience in Europe on the “Band of Brothers” tour this past June. The tour followed the progress of the 101st Airborne Division in Normandy, Belgium (Operation “Market Garden”), the Battle of the Bulge, and, finally, to Berchtesgaden at the end of WWII.

—Submitted by Rege Rocco

Hiroshi Miyamura

Hershey Miyamura celebrated his 90th birthday on 6 October. Approximately 300 people from all over the country gathered in the Hiroshi Miyamura High School on 10 October to help celebrate the event. We thank Joe Anello and Bill Buntrock for providing this report and photos for all of us. We wish Hershey a belated Happy Birthday and many more healthy ones.

—Submitted by Joe Anello and Bill Buntrock

L-R: Seated in front: Kayla Cain, Lynn and Joe Ball, Back Row: Toby Knight, Keith Schmidt, Mel Brown, James Timmens Carol and Tim Linehan, Linda and Jim Reeves, Paul and Jude Grabert.

L-R: Joe Anello, Hershey Miyamura, and Superior Court Judge Vincent Okamoto standing next to Hershey’s statue at the Hiroshi Miyamura High School where the party was held.
17 September began with historical seminars. The Commander of the 1st Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment, LTC David S. Taylor, provided a briefing of the Old Guard's mission in the National Capital Region. LTC Clayton Newell, U.S. Army, retired, former Marne Man, provided an overview of the global strategic picture at the time of the campaign in Iraq. Col. Didier Gros, French Military Attaché, reviewed the French Army’s operations. LTC Allen K. Goshi, U. S. Army, retired, and former Marne Man, gave a briefing on the 442nd Infantry Regiment in France. Colonel Wasmund gave an overview of today’s 3rd Infantry Division.

18 September the group attended the Military District of Washington’s Spirit of America show at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. This two-hour show traced the U.S. Army’s entire history with music, reenactments, marching, and singing. The day concluded with several more historical seminars.

19 September the outpost and French Embassy conducted a memorial ceremony in the Memorial Amphitheater of Arlington National Cemetery. The Keynote Speaker was LTG John M. Murray, U.S. Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8 and a former 3rd I.D. CG. LTG Murray emphasized that soldiers today still strive to emulate the WWII generation. Co-host Colonel Gros told veterans France still remembers them and honors their sacrifices. The U.S. Army Brass Quintet provided musical support and played rousing renditions of the Dogface Soldier. Tenor Paul McIvaine sang the French national anthem. The Color Guard was provided by The Old Guard.

The memorial was followed by a wreath ceremony at the

OP #5845 Participants at the 3rd Infantry Division Monument after the ceremonies in the Amphitheater and at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

3rd Separate Armored Brigade Command, Staff, the Stoy's, and Hae Sook Choi.
Tomb of the Unknowns. The morning’s activities concluded with the placing of wreaths at the 3rd Infantry Division Monument and the grave of Audie Murphy.

The final event was a banquet the evening of 19 September. Troy Failmezger conducted a ceremony honoring the various units and battles of the 6th Army Group in France. The group watched a documentary film on Operation Dragoon and the evening concluded with the presentation of certificates of appreciation and gifts to attendees and supporters of this event.

In October, during a visit to Korea, Monika and Tim, accompanied by Susie Chio, briefed the Brigade Commander, Outpost International member Colonel Kieob Shin, officers and soldiers of the 3rd Separate Armored Brigade, ROK Army, in Hongcheon, Korea, on the 3rd Infantry Division’s operations in WWII, and have been invited back next summer to brief on the Division’s operations in the Korea War.

—Submitted by Tim and Monika Stoy

Member Help Needed

Lost Patrol

This is a list of people who no longer have the addresses given to the Society. Do you know any of the people on this list? If so, please send Rich Heller information so he can get in touch with them. The addresses he has are bad. Their issues of the Watch are being returned. Since The Watch is sent 3rd class, it is not forwarded. Additionally, the Society has to pay return postage when The Watch is returned as non-deliverable. Your help is appreciated.

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Society Bumper Sticker

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

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Book Reviews

By Joe Ball

The Battle of Sicily by Samuel W. Mitcham, Jr. and Friedrich Von Stauffenberg is one of 41 titles written about WWII that are part of the “Military History Series” by Stackpole Publishing. The authors state the Sicily invasion was blundered, poorly planned, and lacked aggressive moves. From the invasion on 7/10/43 through-out the 38-day campaign, only four German Divisions held up the Allied advance and then escaped to the Italian mainland. 60,000 Germans, and a few Italian units, successfully engaged the American 7th Army and the British 8th Army consisting of 12 Allied Divisions. With full control of the air and sea, the planes and off shore ships delivered devastating fire in support of the ground forces. Particularly hard hit were the German Panzer units. The 115 Panzer Grenadier Regiment lost 641 men and the 71st Panzer losses were 33%. The Hermann Goering Division was reduced from an authorized strength of 18,500 to just over 12,000. The four German tank battalions lost two-thirds of their armor.

The outcome of the invasion was never in doubt. The British and American troop strength numbered well in excess of 400,000. German defenders numbered 65,000 at peak strength. The Italian Army, anti-aircraft, armor, and artillery units on Sicily did not play a significant part in the battle.

The victory at Sicily established the American Army as a force in the theatre. The American defeat at Kasserine Pass was avenged with resounding victories at Gela, Palermo, and Messina. American Soldiers established a reputation as tough, disciplined, and effective in combat against the German Army.

The order of battle included the Third Infantry Division commanded by MG Lucian Truscott. The 3rd Division landed at Licata with the objective of securing the port and nearby airfield on the left flank of the invasion. The reinforced division with attachments, numbered about 45,000. The invasion force left from North Africa. The western convey, carrying the 3rd Infantry Division was discovered by a fleet of Italian ships, including torpedo boats. The Italians did not attack. They returned to port alleging “A violent enemy reaction.” Neither side had suffered any casualties. How different the invasion might have been if the Italian ships had pressed their attack on the ships carrying the 3rd Infantry Division.

The battles on the island are described in great detail by the authors. Locations, units involved, weaponry, and situation commanders on the German and Allied sides are detailed. The strategic placement of troops and guns for battle is noted as well as the use of terrain and armor by each of the armies.

The bottom line is that the American and British soldiers performed as expected. British commanders Sir Harold Alexander and Sir Bernard Montgomery as well as American generals Patton and Bradley overran the island in 38 days. The highly skilled German commanders were Edwin Rommel and Albert Kesselring.

The German high command was very pleased with the engagement. Four German divisions tied up 12 Allied Divisions, with attachments, for over a month by staying in contact with the invading force and fighting a skilled delaying action. Most importantly, the Germans, while gradually reducing their defensive perimeter, ferried across the Messina Strait, to safety in Italy, over 39,000 German and 62,000 Italian Soldiers, 9,800 vehicles, 47 tanks, and 4,600 tons of fuel, supplies, and ammunition.

Author’s Summary: It was a mistake going into Sicily. Impoverished before, it was now devastated. The ports and infrastructure must be completely rebuilt as well as our leaving a permanent occupying force.

The book is well researched. The details of each battle are amazing. Sicily is easy to read, and it is available through most book sellers and Amazon.com.

Looking for...

David Kaufman is looking for any veterans who served in Battle Patrols during WWII or who served with 3rd Recon (7th, 15th or 30th Regiments). He wants to ask them questions. If you have knowledge of the Battle Patrols, you can contact Kaufman at 10605 Jordan Ave., Chatsworth, CA 91311-2134. e-mail- tpedito@asmic.org. David is affiliated with American Society of Military Insignia Collectors.

Hulin Bundy is looking for anyone who was in Company A 30th Infantry Regiment on January 23, 1945. He would like to hear from anyone. He wrote “On January 23, 1945 Companies A and B of the 30th Inf. Regt. were the extreme left side of the attack on Colmar. My platoon was the first platoon of Company A, and we were sent to attack the town of Reithwir. Everyone in my platoon was either killed or captured. I would like to know what happened to the rest of Company A after my platoon was lost. The history books are rather vague. Is anyone alive who was actually there? I would like to hear a firsthand report from him. If you want to write to him via U.S.P.S, see your Roster.”

Outpost #35 Member LTC James Timmens (Ret.) wrote asking for information. James would like to know what became of the “Rock of the Marne” monument that was located outside post headquarters when the 3rd was in Germany during the Cold War Period. He would be interested in what became of this very impressive monument when the post closed. Please address replies to the Watch Editor. Contact information is on Watch of the Rhine, page 2.
A Cold War Experience: 3rd Infantry

By Robert Valen

We published parts one and two in the October Watch on the Rhine.

Part Three

A year or so had passed and I gained some rank. No more kitchen police, KP duty – thank goodness. I got orders to attend Tank Commander School. I can’t recall where it was located. I think near one of the training centers. It was good training and I learned a lot about the operations and crew work needed to make the M-60 Patton effective. By this time I was an E-5. Our company armorer was getting ready to rotate back to the states for discharge. I had asked around who was going to fill the company armorer’s slot stating that I had done that work in basic training. To my surprise, my asking turned into “volunteering” so I got the slot and the duties of mail clerk too. I had two jobs that I hadn’t received any training in. On the job (OJT) training would do and it began immediately.

The arms room was in the basement of our barracks. Next to the arms room was our supply room, down the basement hall at the opposite end was Company C’s equipment. There I was from inside a tank into a basement. The departing armorer gave me enough training for me to assume “command” of a good collection of personal weapons. The weapons collection was: a pistol rack holding all the M-1911 .45 cal. pistols for our company. A few racks holding M-3A1 .45 cal. machine guns a.k.a. Grease Guns, a couple of rifle racks with M-14’s for the company personnel and a few M-79 grenade launchers as I recall. We had a couple of M-2 .50 cal. machine guns for the gun ring on the company trucks. I also had the responsibility of the weapons aboard the company’s 15 tanks. Aboard the tanks were one each, M-85 .50 cal., M-73 7.62mm, and the M-68 105mm main gun. I had some basic spare parts for repairs and that was it. The work was mostly paper accountability of weapons and verification of their working order. Any major work required the weapons be shipped to a depot for repair. Eventually, I received Armorer’s training at the Seventh Army Arms Training School in southern Germany. I did well there and received top graduate honors which brought a nice letter from the commanding general of Third Infantry Division, Major General George P. Seneff Jr. heaping praise on me.

We had battalion-wide inspections at least once a year. The division would send in a slew of inspectors to look over everything. There was an Army acronym for this event which I believe was something like MCM. I did rather well with these inspections as an Armorer. During inspections, I’d hide some of my spare weapon parts though. These were parts that I wasn’t supposed to use or keep in any quantity.

Mail clerk duties were fine. During Christmas, like any other “post office,” it got busy. Hauling canvas postal bags from battalion headquarters to our company full of Christmas boxes, cards, and letters always reminded me of Santa Claus. Our Christmases were usually white and snowy. Mail call was daily during the week. I was open for business for about a half hour or so each mail call. The guys would gather round and mail was passed out by name. Some got grumpy if they didn’t get that letter or package from home. “Sorry, I’m just the delivery guy,” I’d say.

Part Four

Here, I want to recall some incidents that still stand out in my memory.

We were on a long road march. I don’t recall if it was the whole battalion or just our company or a couple of companies that were involved in this vehicle movement. I don’t recall where we were going either; just that it was a long drive. During the road march our tank got into a really tight spot; the road was narrow and there was traffic in this town. As we proceeded we drove into the back of a small car. Actually, our tread crunches the back of the car. I was acting Tank Commander. I recall yelling at our driver through the tank intercom to turn left, left! I took a photo of that incident – still have it.

There was another tank-car incident. We had returned to Aschaffenburg with several vehicles both from our battalion and that of another Army outfit stationed near Ready Barracks. We had stopped to allow this other group who were in front of us to turn
into their barracks area. They had Armored Personnel Carriers and other vehicles. After they had cleared the road we began to proceed to Ready Barracks. As we started B-21, the tank in front of us (B-22) began to move and at the same time a civilian in a car was heading down the road rather fast. There was a head-on collision and the car literally buried itself almost completely under the tank. B-21 backed up off the car and we all ran to see what we could do. The car was a goner. I don’t know what happened to the fellow driving it, I do recall seeing him crushed down inside the car.

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tance was called for by Israel, the 3rd Infantry Division was going to send the 3rd Brigade to help. As we know, the war was short lived so we didn’t go anywhere. The thought of sending our dark, Army Green tanks to a desert environment has always intrigued me. Would they be painted before leaving or after arrival in that light sand colored setting? Who knows! Maybe no one even thought about it.

Once, we trained in basic tactics and maneuvers with the German Bundeswehr 363rd Panzer Battalion and a unit of 3rd Infantry Division, the 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry. The location was in Kulsheim, Germany. This area was to the southeast of Aschaffenburg. I was still Company B armorer. After we had set up our operation and got settled in, I ran into a German soldier who spoke English very well. As we spoke we learned that we were both armorer. We ended up showing each other our respective weapons “collections.” I was very impressed with their weapons and this fellow’s enthusiasm for his work. He was doing his mandatory military time or Bundeswehr time as was required in Germany. He was like our draftees. Only our draftee’s expressed hatred for their situation daily. I often thought, “You’re here in West Germany, not Viet Nam, stop whining already.”

August 1968 caused me and likely everyone else a few days of angst. Again, history shows us that there was unrest in some Eastern Bloc countries. The USSR was being tested by countries who were looking beyond communist rule to quasi-democracy. One such country was Czechoslovakia. The movements made by Czechoslovakia’s ruler did not sit well with the USSR. On the night of August 20–21 the USSR and several Warsaw Pact nations invaded. The preverbal “balloon” went up, well, a bit at least. The alert was given and we moved out. This alert was a long road trip; I can’t tell you where we went. I would guess the information is available in the National Archives. (I do have a CIA report with declassified documents addressing the invasion.) The tension in the company was rather thick. I think we were close to the border between East and West Germany. Those maps I had seen in the “War Room” would have been handy. It was different territory for us. I don’t recall how long we were there. We did return to Ready Barracks and no rounds were fired by anyone.

Spring 1969 – I was a short-timer. The saying then was, “X number of days and a duffle bag drag.” I was looking forward to returning to the U.S. We had just gone through one of those MCM inspections and Company B did well, again. I did so well that I was transferred to Battalion HQ as the new armorer, and I only had a few

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August 20-21, 1958 saw the Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia. While it was a “Cold” war invasion, 108 Czechs and Slovaks were killed and around 500 wounded in the invasion. Russian presence in Czechoslovakia endured until 1991.
Dear Soldiers, Veterans, and Family members:

Just a few notes to let you know that we celebrated the coming of Pope Francis to America and to the White House. We wish that we could have met him, it was a once in a lifetime opportunity. We especially enjoyed his speeches ending with “God Bless America.”

Now that most of America’s summer has ended, here in Florida the temp has lowered from the 90’s to the 80’s during the day and 60’s and 70’s at night. The hurricane season is almost gone and the good Lord has kept us safe again for another year.

Last week your Chaplain got a message from an old friend from the Society who is in assisted living, who would love to say “Hello” to all of the 3rd Infantry Division Members and their families. He has not been able to attend the reunions due to bad health but wants me to say a big “hello” from Derk Doornbos. He went through WWII and all landings with no major injury: some guys sure are lucky. So God bless to Derk. We hope Derk has the time to record some of the information from his tours to fill in the history for future generations.

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months to go in country. Damn, this was the last thing I wanted. The armorer I replaced hadn’t done too well with the inspection; the command at battalion wanted change, and I was the change agent. We deployed on a battalion-size training mission to Graf within a few weeks of my move. Ultimately, I ended up going through all the weapons for battalion command, with some assistance, conducting individual weapons inspections, making some repairs and tagging a bunch of weapons for deferred repair or maintenance.

One day, while working on this little project in Graf, a young officer, a fellow I knew, came in and told me to pack up and get ready to leave for Aschaffenburg. I was driven back to A-burg. It was a nice trip back with this officer and my duffle bag in his M-151. Within days of getting back, I had packed a few boxes of personal things and sent then back to the states. I flew back on May 5, 1969, according to the Military Air Command bag tag that I still have. We flew into McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey. I had orders transferring me to Fort Knox to serve my last 6 months in the Army following my 30-days leave at home.

I was discharged in Mid-December 1969, at Fort Knox and returned home. I used the G.I. Bill and started attending a university where I received my B.A. in 1975. I married, we raised a family. I had a wonderful career as a park ranger with the National Park Service, now retired. Of course, there’s a bigger story following my time in the Army and the 3rd Infantry Division. Someday I’ll write that down.

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As you read this many holidays have come and gone (Halloween, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving). We hope everyone had a meaningful holiday with friends and family. Please remember our troops away from their families during this holiday season; please keep them in your daily prayers. We also hope to see more of our members at our meetings; we hope that there are people out there to help them get to the meetings. That would make their day.

Lord, you said, “There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

Today we pray for those men and women who have, in their military service, sacrificed their time, strength, ambition, and even their lives on this earth to benefit ‘friends’, known and unknown.

Many of our warriors carry scars in their hearts as well as on their bodies. Dark memories haunt their dreams at night. Fears cloud their waking hours. Lord, you came to give us abundant life by providing a way for us to release our pain to you. You bore our sorrows and brokeness and when we trust you, we can exchange our wounds for your joy in a future unhindered by fate. Bring this gift now to the veterans of our nation who bear tangible and intangible wounds. Heal them, Lord. Bless the families of soldiers who bear these pains, create good in the families of veterans who have experienced pain and loss. We honor our Veterans in your name. We thank you, as we thank them, for their sacrifice. We ask that you give our Veterans a peace beyond the peace they fought to secure, a peace in their own hearts, wrapped in the joy of a life touched by your strong hand, in the Lord’s name we pray.

Your Chaplain, Jerry Daddato

Merry Christmas
Happy Holidays

To all our Society Members from
The Members of the Executive Committee,
Staff, Committee Chairs,
Officers of the Outposts
and the Directors and Staff of the Scholarship Foundation

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December 1, 2015: Outpost #2 will hold its fall meeting at Sonny’s BBQ 2684 W. C 48, Bushnell, Florida. Information about the restaurant is available at www.sonnysbbq.com.

December 12, 2015: Outpost #5 will hold its fall meeting at the Holiday Inn, 7736 Adrienne Dr, Breinigsville, PA (Lehigh Valley), 18031. The phone number is 610-391-1000. For members who would like to stay overnight, the room rate will be $104.00 for OP #5 members. We will have a sit down luncheon before the meeting. There will be a choice of entrees. The cost of the meeting/luncheon will be $20.00 per person. Please forward your check made out to the Society of the 3rd Inf Div., OP #5 and mail to Al Julia, Treasurer, OP #5, 278 Baywood Dr., Baiting Hollow, NY 11933. Please include with your check, a contact phone number and/or email address where I can contact you for your meal choice. BE A BUDDY: If there are any members who are coming and can take any other OP #5 members who are unable to come on their own, please ask them if they would like to attend.

April 6, 2016: Outpost #4 will meet at the Washington State Veterans Home in Spokane, Washington, at 11:30 AM.

April 9, 2016: Outpost #35 will meet at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club for a luncheon meeting at 11:00 AM. Some may want to visit the museum nearby after the meeting.

April 17, 2016: Outpost #18 will hold its spring meeting at 10:30 AM, at The Five Pillars Supper Club, located at Highway #57 and County Truck Highway “K.” Our officers have a great meeting planned, and we hope all members will attend.

May 11, 2016: Outpost #1’s spring meeting will be at 11:00 a.m. at Al’s Steak House, 1990 W Jefferson St, Joliet, IL 60435 Phone: (815) 725-2388. We will then go to the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery for a short talk and tour of the facility. It is about 15 minutes from Al’s Steak House. Please contact President Richard Longfellow or Secretary Treasurer John Spratt at addresses on Page 31 of The Watch on the Rhine.

May 14, 2016: Outpost #13 will meet at Bakers of Milford at noon. The restaurant is three miles north of Exit 155 off Hwy. I-96.


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The Society has a variety of new Society stickers available for a purchase with a small donation. You can choose from:

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**Membership is Our Strength**

It’s not the price you pay to belong, it’s the price you paid to become eligible to join.
The Italian Garden

Sent by Larry Whitten

[Italians are resourceful. See the following.]

An elderly Italian man lived alone in New Jersey. He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work, since the ground was hard. His only son, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament.

Dear Vincent:

I am feeling pretty sad, because it looks like I won’t be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I’m just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days.

Love, Papa.

A few days later he received a letter from his son.

Dear Pop: Don’t dig up that garden. That’s where the bodies are buried.

Love, Vinnie.

At 4 a.m. the next morning, FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man and left. That same day the old man received another letter from his son.

Dear Pop:

Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That’s the best I could do under the circumstances.

Love you, Vinnie

3rd ID Trains with NATO

U.S. Soldiers, assigned to the 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, conduct gunnery training with M1A2 Abrams tanks during exercise Combined Resolve V at 7th Army Joint Multinational Training Command in Grafenwoehr, Germany, Oct. 8, 2015. Combined Resolve is designed to exercise the U.S. Army’s regionally aligned force to the U.S. European Command area of responsibility with multinational training at all echelons. Approximately 4,600 participants from 13 NATO and European partner nations will participate. The exercise involves around 2,000 U.S. troops and 2,600 NATO and Partner for Peace nations. Combined Resolve is a preplanned exercise that does not fall under Operation Atlantic Resolve. This exercise will train participants to function together in a joint, multinational and integrated environment and train U.S. rotational forces to be more flexible, agile and to better operate alongside our NATO Allies. (U.S. Army photo by Visual Information Specialist Gertrud Zach/released).

Royal Air Force Flight Sergeant Embarrassed

By Roy A. Cochran, Winchester Hampshere, England

One day, when all of the airmen were summoned to go on Parade, Flight Sergeant Clifford promptly reported to the parade ground, snapped to attention, and hurriedly placed his pipe that he had been smoking into his uniform pocket. Unfortunately, his pipe had not been fully extinguished, and it burned a hole in the bottom of his dress uniform pocket allowing it to fall to the cobblestones with a loud “clunk.” When others attending the formation realized what had happened, they all broke into laughter. That is, all except Clifford. He was not injured, but he did learn a valuable lesson.

While setting up barrage balloons, this dedicated friend to America was shot through the arm, from which he recovered. The balloons were to protect Allied service personnel and Londoners during a bombing raid. In the military hospital, American military brass were visiting the wards of the wounded Americans, and awarding Purple Hearts. He received one but admitted that he was not eligible and said, “I would love to have that, but I must decline acceptance. The RAF would not approve.”
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### 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.

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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.”
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 given 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 “Footsie Brit At Large” (named for Lt. Maurice Brit, 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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Annual dues are payable before July 1st each year. Life dues are applicable for Regular and Associate Members. Life Member dues can be paid in one lump sum or in four quarterly payments over a 12 month period.

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CAMPAIGNS OF THE THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION

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

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

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

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

Rock of the Marne

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

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

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